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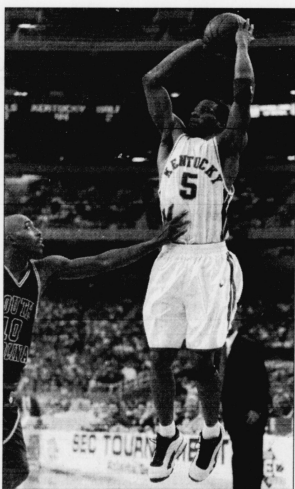
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**ONE MORE TIME** Members of the basketball team (top) celebrated a familiar thing — another SEC Tournament Title — after their 86-56 win over South Carolina. UK point guard Wayne Turner (right) pulled up for a shot over USC's Melvin Watson. Turner finished the game with 18 points.



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## Mo' Better Blue

### Win secures No. 2 seed in NCAAs, return to Atlanta

By Rob Herbst  
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — The Wildcats don't like change. Unlike past Southeastern Conference tournaments, the No. 7 Wildcats didn't come to Atlanta as the clear tournament favorite and some thought they were susceptible to a loss this weekend. Maybe UK would fall.

Not exactly. Nothing changed this year. UK earned its sixth SEC Tournament win in seven years when the Wildcats blistered No. 15 South Carolina 86-56 in front of 24,545 at the Georgia Dome.

"Without a doubt (UK) is the best team in the SEC, hands down," said South Carolina guard BJ McKie. "We just try and strive to be like them."

And just like in the past, UK dominated yesterday, never in danger. The Gamecocks never led and every healthy Wildcat scored with the exception of freshman guard Ryan Hogan.

The Cats shined despite the loss of arguably their most prolific scorer in Jeff Sheppard. The suburban Atlanta native sprained his ankle on Saturday and did not play yesterday.

No matter. Enter Allen Edwards and Heshimu Evans. And Wayne Turner. UK used a team effort to make up for Sheppard's absence. Edwards, who missed Saturday's game to be at his mother's funeral, scored 15 points and dished out five assists. Evans earned another start, scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Turner, not necessarily known as a high scoring point guard, made up for his backcourt mate's absence and put in 18 points.

"With Shep out, everyone knew that we had to play harder," UK forward Scott Padgett said. "We have so many options that nobody has to play out of his game to make up for Shep. We just came together and played team basketball and that was what we needed today."

With an exceptional weekend Turner earned the SEC

See **GAME** on 5

## Mind over money: UK ranks in top 100

By Karla Dooley  
Staff Writer

If you're a bargain hunter, it's good to know that some people think an education at UK is a steal.

America's 100 Best College Buys 1999 ranks UK among the top 100 schools in the nation in terms of quality of instruction as compared to the cost of attending.

"We go on a theory that a college can be no better than its students," said John Culler, the book's publisher.

He said UK's listing "shows that somebody's doing a ... good job. College costs have just skyrocketed in the past few years."

In order to qualify for the recognition, Culler said an institution must offer four-year courses of study, residential facilities and need-based, academic-based and athletic-based financial aid. In addition, the schools must have a freshman class whose average SAT score and grade-point average are higher than the national average, but must have a cost of attending that is lower than the national average.

Culler said 1650 schools responded to a questionnaire mailed by John Culler & Sons publishing company, which is based in Camden, S.C.

This is the book's second year. See **BUY** on 2

It's not Harvard or Yale, but for the money that you pay, it's a good value.

Lara Koenig  
UK history junior

## Wilkinson opens pages of black history

By Jill Erwin  
Senior Staff Writer

Black families in Lexington and surrounding communities have a new resource for researching their genealogy, thanks to sociology professor Doris Wilkinson.

Wilkinson parlayed her interest in skilled black workers into a five-year quest, resulting in a list of black residents of Lexington since 1893.

At the time, Lexington and Fayette County had a total population of 35,698, most of whom were descendants of former slaves and/or of African descent.

The book, *Directory of African-Americans in Lexington, Kentucky: 1893*, evolved from Wilkinson's long-term studies of the black presence in the Lexington area.

"My primary interest is in documenting the achievements and positive contributions of African-Americans," Wilkinson said.

Her studies began when she started collecting photos and biographical sketches of early physicians. The display was shown locally in the UK Medical School and the Lexington Public Library, as well as nationally at Harvard University Medical School and the National Museum of Health and Medicine. Kentucky Educational Television produced a documentary on the exhibit.

"It was somewhat unexpected that a social, local history project became national in scope," Wilkinson said. Her work led to grants from the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Endowments for the Humanities.

Her most recent project fed off of that work. The book gives a list

of black residents, their home address and occupation.

Wilkinson's main interests were the skills these residents developed and refined during the time of slavery. Occupations listed in the book include carpenters,

blacksmiths, stone masons, plasterers and barbers. Also living in Lexington, at 419 E. Third St., was the top jockey in the state at the time, Isaac Murphy, who won the Kentucky Derby.

Dr. John Hunter, the first black to perform surgery, also called Lexington home at the time.

On what is now the middle of campus, Bolivar Street, many black-owned groceries were open for business. Vine Street, then known as Water Street, was one of the main arteries for enter-

tainment, housing many saloons and businesses.

Wilkinson stressed the book can be used as a historical and genealogical resource by everyone, even outside Lexington. She also said the project has brought positive visibility to UK's sociology department, and the University as a whole.

"Someone called me and asked, 'Where is Lexington?'" Wilkinson said. "It has contributed favorably to the public images."

Wilkinson is using the project as a prelude to the re-founding of the African-American Academy. Wilkinson and Rutledge Dennis, a sociology professor at George Mason University, are working to restart the group, first known as the Negro Academy in 1897. It was re-founded in 1970 and the two are looking to do the same soon.

Dennis recently served as editor of the *New Values of The Black Intellectuals*, and is a scholar on black author W.E.B. DuBois.

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Doris Wilkinson  
UK sociology professor

## Library not only honoring to occur

### Hesburgh's work highlights Young Library ceremony

By Andrew Brown  
Contributing Writer

UK will welcome one of the most distinguished and respected figures in academia when the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh speaks at the April 3 dedication of the new William T. Young Library.

Hesburgh, 81, is the former president and current President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame.

After 35 years as president, Hesburgh retired in 1987. At the time of his retirement, he had the longest tenure by an active president at a university. "You can't top the atmosphere of the university campus," Hesburgh said. "In my capacity as president, I have visited well over 300 colleges, and there is not a better place to be."

As the featured speaker, Hesburgh will also receive an honorary degree from UK.

Hesburgh's excellence in higher education is exemplified by his 135 honorary degrees, the most ever awarded to one person.

In 1964, he was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom.

Hesburgh has advised U.S. presidents, popes and leaders around the world. He chaired the U.S. Civil Rights Commission under Richard M. Nixon, and even wrote a national bestseller in 1990, *God, Country, Notre Dame*.

Hesburgh laughed before saying, "That was my first and last attempt at an autobiography."

Over the last 50 years, Hesburgh has held 15 presidential appointments involving various social issues. He has met and talked with people from all over the world.

Hesburgh spoke fondly of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and John F. Kennedy.

"I turn 82 on May 25, and a lot of people don't know this, but Jack Kennedy was born four days before me. If he were still alive today, he would be 82 also. That's something to think about," Hesburgh said.

For such an accomplished individual, Hesburgh is a very simple and humble

See **SPEAKER** on 2



# SPORTS

## Cats' late heroics seal win

By Matthew May  
Assistant Sports Editor

The UK baseball team traveled to Nashville, Tenn., this past weekend looking to start their Southeastern Conference season off on the right foot by taking the three-game series from Vanderbilt. It didn't happen.

However, UK did have the opportunity to salvage at least one win.

After losing the first two games of the series with Vanderbilt by a total of 21-7, the Cats scored six runs in the ninth inning yesterday to beat Vandy 13-9.

The victory ended the Commodores' school-record 13 game winning streak.

With the score tied at seven, Josh Loggins tied the game in the top of the ninth gave UK the lead, and the game.

Two batters later, with the bases juiced, John Wilson had a double,

scoring all three baserunners.

Vandy scored four runs in the first three innings, but UK rallied back in the fourth.

David Cheate had a leadoff double and scored on Aaron McGlone's single. Loggins reached on a fielder's choice, and the day knocked him in. Justin Bunch's sacrifice fly cut the lead to one before he tied the game in the sixth with an RBI single.

Colemiere's hitting streak was extended to 14 games. He was 4-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBI. For the series, he was 8-for-13.

UK starting pitcher Brandon Webb went six innings, allowing five hits and two earned runs.

Josser Matt Borne went two- and two-thirds innings, allowing four hits and two runs and picking up his second victory of the year.

The Cats (6-8, 1-2 in the SEC) struggled through the first two games, dropping both to the No.

25 Commodores, who ended the weekend 13-2 on the season and 2-1 in the SEC.

After suffering a 14-2 humbling on Friday, UK rebounded to play much better in Saturday's contest, but still could not come out on top as Vandy capitalized on a UK error to score two runs in the eighth inning and win 7-5.

Despite trailing 3-1 after the first, UK did not fold, fighting back to stake a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth as Cheate smacked a two-out double. Loggins reached on an error and Bunch ripped an RBI single.

Colemiere connected on his second home run of the season in the sixth to give UK a 5-4 lead, before Vandy tied the game again at five in the bottom of the sixth. The score stayed that way for two innings, until the eighth, when UK mistakes reared their ugly head again.

Vanderbilt center fielder Josh

Adeeb led off the eighth with a double off of UK reliever Ben Shafar (0-1), then move to second on a sacrifice bunt. After a hit batter and a pop out, UK brought in Borne to end the threat.

Again, it didn't happen.

Borne induced Commodore shortstop Matt Kata to hit a ground ball back to him, but Borne threw the ball away, allowing both Vanderbilt runners to cross the plate.

In Friday's game, the Cats again took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but were maulled after that as Vandy sent nine batters to the plate in each of the first three innings.

The UK pitchers were stung by the Vandy bats, as McGlone and reliever Tim Rowland allowed 13 runs to score between them. McGlone (0-2) left after only one- and two-thirds innings, giving up eight hits and nine runs. Rowland was no relief as he gave up four more runs on five hits in only one- and one-third innings.

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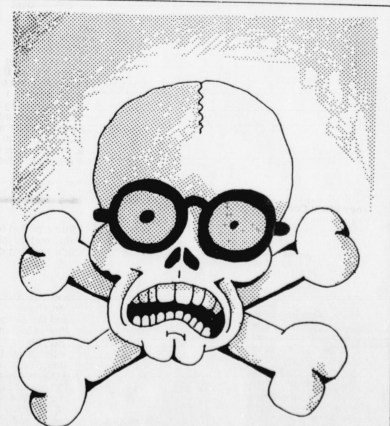
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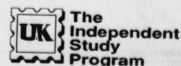
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### SPORTSbytes

#### Softball captures second in tourney

RICHMOND, Ky. — UK scored seven runs in each of its two victories yesterday on the way to second place in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

The Cats (9-12) beat Wright State 7-6 yesterday in the first game on Leslie Kwiatkowski's RBI single in the bottom of the eighth.

In the second game, UK scored five runs in the fourth inning to beat Dayton 7-1. It was UK's second win over the Flyers in six days, after splitting a doubleheader last Tuesday in Lexington. UK finished 3-1 for the tourney.

#### NCAA unveils tourney field

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas (34-3) opens in Oklahoma City on Friday against 16th-seeded Prairie View, the Southwestern Athletic Conference champion and at 13-16 the only sub-.500 in the tournament.

In the other games in Oklahoma City, No. 8 Rhode Island plays No. 9 Murray State; No. 5 Texas Christian faces No. 12 Florida State, the lowest seeded of the 34 at-large teams; and No. 4 Mississippi plays No. 13 Valparaiso.

The Midwest's other first- and second-round games will be Friday and Sunday at Chicago's United Center. Second-seeded Purdue faces No. 15 Delaware; No. 6 Clemson plays No. 11 Western Michigan; No. 3 Stanford faces No. 14 College of Charleston; and No. 7 St. John's goes up against No. 10 Detroit.

Duke (29-3) heads the South region and will open against No. 16 Radford in Lexington, Ky., on Friday. The other games at Rupp Arena feature No. 8 Oklahoma State against No. 9 George Washington; No. 5 Syracuse against No. 12 Iona in an all-New York state matchup; and No. 4 New Mexico against No. 13 Butler.

Games Friday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta feature: No. 2 Kentucky against No. 15 South Carolina State; No. 6 UCLA against No. 11 Miami; No. 3 Michigan, which won the inaugural Big Ten tournament on Sunday, against No. 14 Davidson; and No. 7 Massachusetts against No. 10 Saint Louis.

North Carolina (30-3) will open against Patriot League champion Navy on Thursday in Hartford, Conn. The other games at that site are: eighth-seeded North Carolina Charlotte against ninth-seeded Illinois-Chicago, which is making its first NCAA appearance; fifth-seeded Princeton will play 12th-seeded UNLV, which won the Western Athletic Conference tournament; and fourth-seeded Michigan State, the regular-season co-champions of the Big Ten, will face 13th-seeded Eastern Michigan.

In the other East opening rounds, to be played in Washington, D.C., second-seeded Connecticut, the Big East regular-season and tournament champions, plays 15th-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson. The other games at the MCI Center feature third-seeded South Carolina against No. 14 Richmond; No. 6 Xavier against No. 11 Washington; and No. 7 Indiana, looking to break a three-year first-round losing streak, against No. 10 Oklahoma.

Arizona (27-4), which has the top eight players back from last

year's championship team, will play 16th-seeded Nicholls State on Thursday in Sacramento, Calif. The other matchups are: No. 8 Tennessee against No. 9 Illinois State; No. 5 Illinois, which tied Michigan State for the Big Ten regular-season title, against No. 12 South Alabama; and No. 4 Maryland against No. 13 Utah State.

In the West's other opening-round games, in Boise, Idaho, on Thursday, second-seeded Cincinnati faces No. 15 Northern Arizona. Sixth-seeded Arkansas will play No. 11 Nebraska, No. 3 Utah faces No. 14 San Francisco, and seventh-seeded Temple plays No. 10 West Virginia.

#### UNC wins rubber match

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Bill Guthridge still has difficulty accepting the baton.

No. 4 North Carolina (30-3) won its 15th Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday, and the first under Guthridge, by beating No. 1 Duke 83-68, capping a three-day run in which it defeated all three teams it lost to during the regular season.

"This is still Dean's (Smith) team," said the mild-mannered 60-year-old Guthridge, who became just the third coach in ACC history to win the tournament title in his first season. "He was the one who recruited them all and trained them all. I know he's smiling."

The Tar Heels said Guthridge, the third coach in NCAA history to win 30 games in his first season, was being too modest. "For us, we know it's Coach Gut's team," said point guard Ed Cota. "He's done a great job for us. He doesn't want to take any credit but we owe all of this to Coach Gut. Part of it is also owed to us—we're a veteran team—but he's the man behind the scene."

Antawn Jamison, playing with a groin injury, was the hero as he has been all season for his team, scoring 22 points and grabbing a season-high 18 rebounds. "We may find out what that injury is and give it to everybody," joked Guthridge.

Sharrmond Williams, who scored 25 points in North Carolina's semifinal overtime victory against Maryland, added 19 points as the Tar Heels defended their ACC title and won consecutive crowns for the first time since 1981-82.

"This was one of our goals but the ultimate goal is to win the national championship," said Jamison, who was 27-for-49 from the field with 34 rebounds in wins over N.C. State, Maryland and Duke to win MVP honors. "All the work, all the hours we put into practice and what happened last week (at Duke), we just wanted to come out and give a better performance during the tournament."

Roshown McLeod led Duke (29-3) with 24 points and Chris Carrawell had 18, but the Blue Devils had another horrid shooting day—its third straight in the ACC post-season. Duke shot 33 percent and was only 11-of-32 on three-pointers.

It was the third game of high drama this season for these two big-city ranked teams and close rivals along Tobacco Road—that was before the Tar Heels used a 13-0 second-half run to pull away and move their record to 6-2 against Duke in ACC title games.

Duke's fate was sealed when it went more than seven minutes without a basket after the score was tied 57-57 with 11:38 left.

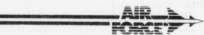
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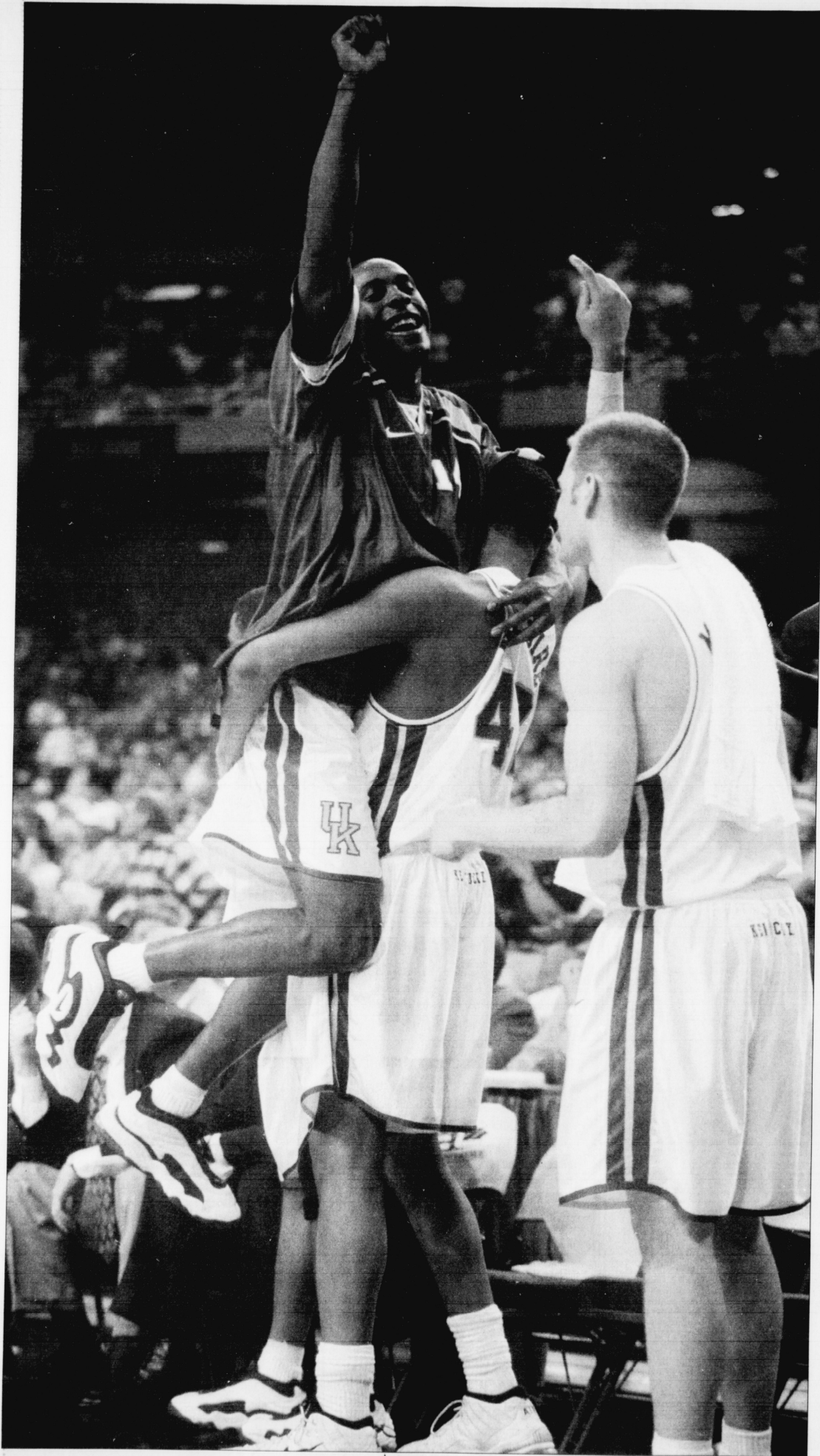
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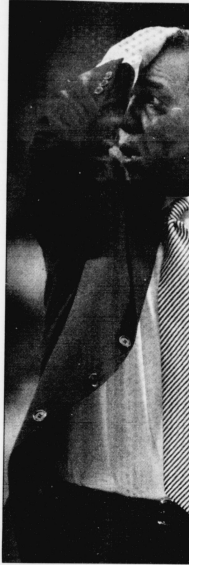
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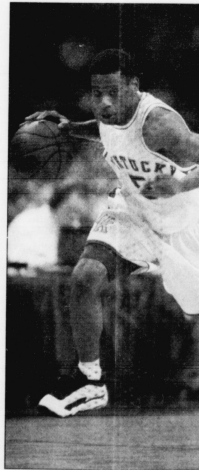


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**A JOYOUS OCCASION** Clockwise from Magloire held Heshimu Evans high as the Cats won their 21st Southeastern Conference crown. UK head coach Tubby Smith (top right) watched as his team suffered Wildcats in yesterday's SEC Championship.



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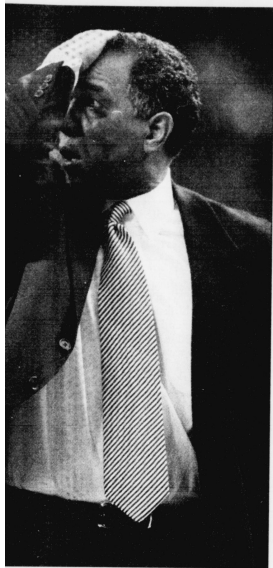
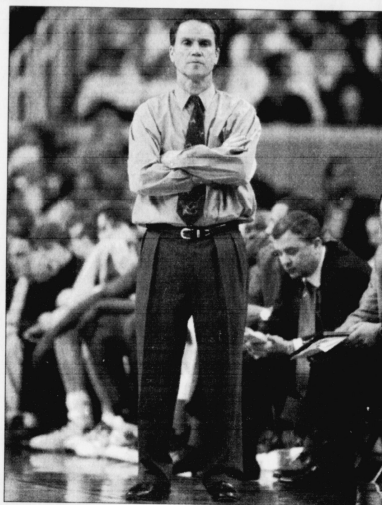
**Cats stifle USC duo of McKie, Watson**

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Tournament Most Valuable Player honors. Center Nazr Mohammed, forward Scott Padgett and Evans also joined Turner on the All-Tournament Team. South Carolina guard McKie was the only non-Wildcat to find a spot on the team after he scored 37 points in a semifinal win over Ole Miss on Saturday, including a 20-for-22 performance from the free throw line. But without Saturday's perfor-

It went to Atlanta this past weekend and decimated the SEC Tournament competition, including a 99-74 victory over Arkansas and a 86-56 thrashing of South Carolina.

# BLOWN AWAY



By Jay G. Tate  
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — Overheard at the Southeastern Conference Tournament: Alabama vs. Vanderbilt (Thursday)

After much turmoil both during the season, UA head coach David Hobbs was notified he would be terminated after the season and during its first-round SEC Tournament game (the Tide was down by eight points in the second half), the Crimson Tide headed for a brief date with tournament elation.

As Alabama pulled away from Vandy, All-SEC forward Demetrius Alexander unloaded a Heshimu Evans-like jam to move the Tide's lead to 10 points.

The game was all but over. Hobbs knew it. He pumped his fist. He smiled.

A memorable footnote to an otherwise forgettable season.

**Arkansas vs. Tennessee (Friday)**

Fifteen minutes into his team's Olympic 100-meter imitation, Arkansas head coach Nolan Richardson was unhappier than usual with referee Don Rutledge.

Situation: Richardson thinks Tennessee's Isiah Victor is habitually jumping on UA forward Nick Davis' back under the boards.

As Richardson argues, Rutledge advises him to cease.

He doesn't.

"Am I a man?" Richardson asks Rutledge.

No answer.

"Am I a man?" Richardson asks again.

Again, no answer.

"Don, answer me — am I a man?"

Rutledge nods his head.

"Then treat me like a man," Richardson added.

Arkansas went on to upend the Vols without incident, 100-96.

**South Carolina vs. Florida (Friday)**

Florida, without point guard sensation Jason Williams, came to Atlanta hoping to win a game.

They did.

But Gator fans likely weren't surprised when South Carolina ended UF's postseason hopes in the tournament quarterfinals.

The pain from that loss won't last long.

As USC pulled away in the second half, the Gator mascot was throwing a football at midcourt with two ballboys during a timeout.

Championship hope restored.

**Fogler has bite**

During USC's early warm-up 30 minutes before the game, Carolina head coach Eddie Fogler sat

on his bench and watched the Gators' shoot-around. With Fogler clearly deep in thought, it might have been bad judgment for the Florida mascot to sit next to the USC coach.

"Get the hell off my bench you (expletive)," Fogler said calmly. Point taken.

The Gator quickly vacated.

**South Carolina vs. UK**

Human victory cigar no more.

UK reserve point guard Steve Masiello had a career day against South Carolina yesterday, notching six points in just three minutes of play.

Afterward, with a silvery Superman logo hanging from his neck with a "4" in the middle, the sophomore said it was a thrill to contribute to one of his team's biggest wins of the season.

"It feels good to knock down some shots, especially in the championship game," Masiello said.

As Masiello hit his first shot — a 14-foot jumper from near the UK bench — the crowd roared as loudly as it had all day. On the next possession, he launched a three and earned his career high in scoring.

Was there any hesitation?

"I always have the green light to shoot in my mind," Masiello said. "It's open, it's going up."

Starting guard Jeff Sheppard playfully quipped that Masiello's performance may have Sheppard working harder to retain his starting position.

"(Masiello) told Coach that he deserved more playing time than me," Sheppard said. "After today, maybe he's right."

**A little Nitro should do the trick**

Though Sheppard did not play yesterday, UK forward Scott Padgett joked that Sheppard had been "soft" by not playing in the tourney championship.

Padgett, an avid pro wrestling fan, believed Sheppard could learn from Padgett's favorite wrestler, WWE star "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, about how to overcome injury.

"Look at 'Stone Cold' — he broke his neck and was wrestling the next day," Padgett joked.

**Cats rule All-Tournament Team**

UK placed four players — Padgett, Evans, Nazr Mohammed and tourney MVP Wayne Turner — on the SEC All-Tournament Team.

Surprisingly, a 4-of-5 performance from the 1998 squad isn't the best ever.

UK's 1947 squad, which finished 34-2, earned five positions on the All-Tournament Team.

**All in a day's work**

Sure the Cats won their 39th SEC regular season title.

Sure the Cats won their 21st SEC Tournament title — 15 more than second-place "Bama."

But for UK's Mohammed, those accolades are somewhere between immaterial and inconsequential.

"When you come to Kentucky, winning the conference tournament is a goal, but not the ultimate goal," Mohammed said. "The goal is to be in San Antonio (home of the 1998 NCAA Final Four). That's the real goal."

**Mohammed Okay**

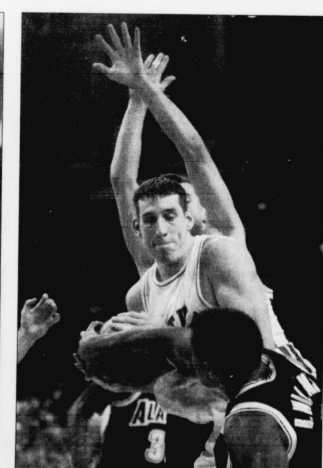
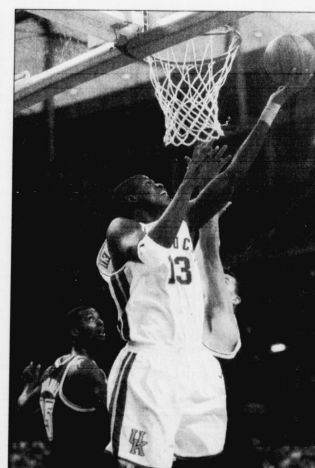
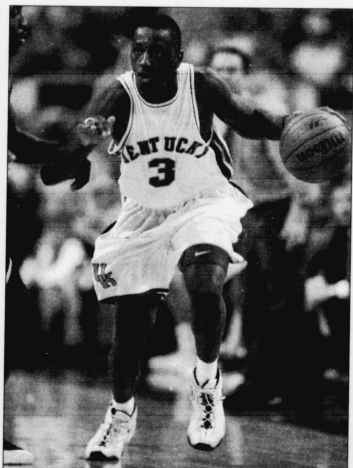
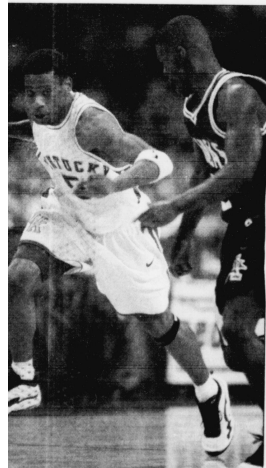
Fans breathed a sigh of relief when Mohammed arose after a first-half collision that sent to the 240-pounder slamming to the floor.

Mohammed continued to play and said afterward the injury was just a deep shoulder bruise.

But Mohammed said South Carolina frustration may have been the culprit.

"USC's [B] McKie missed a shot and just pulled me down and I just landed on it," Mohammed said. "It's nothing serious."

PHOTOS BY MATT BARTON, Kernel staff  
OCCASION (Clockwise from left) UK's Jamal McDeshimu Evans high as Cameron Mills looked on from their 21st Southeastern Conference Tournament called on Wayne Turner during Saturday's Kansas; South Carolina head coach Eddie Fogler watched as his team suffered a 30-point loss to the yesterday's SEC Championship game.



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mance, McKie wouldn't have made the All-Tournament ballot, especially after the Cats shut him down yesterday.

The Cats controlled McKie by holding him to only 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting. Backcourt mate Melvin Watson fared no better, as he struggled, shooting 3-of-11 for eight points.

"Their defense is so quick and the thing they don't do is gamble on defense," Watson said. "We use a team's gambling to take advantage but they're so patient on defense. We hope they break down defensively but they don't."

Padgett agreed. "Against Ole Miss, (USC's) game was all about penetrating. We knew we were going to have to stop that or else we would lose like

Ole Miss," he said.

In the past two battles between the SEC foes, the Cats controlled the guard duo and won both games — but used a different strategy.

UK stifled the Gamecocks with a zone defense in its first two wins and was expected to use another zone yesterday. Fogler said after his win over Ole Miss on Saturday, he expected UK to use a lot of zone on his Gamecocks.

Nope.

The Cats changed strategies and played more man-to-man defense — and it worked. "We didn't want to give them a big taste of any one thing on defense so they could adjust," Padgett said. "We changed it up and I think it caused some prob-

lems."

After the SEC Tournament, UK left no doubt it was ready for the NCAA Tournament. Forgetting a somewhat sluggish 14-point win over Alabama on Friday, the Cats manhandled No. 16 Arkansas in Saturday's semifinal game, 99-74, and pasted South Carolina.

"Everyone looked down on this team after we lost some games early in the season," guard Cameron Mills said. "But we didn't listen. We just kept working and it has paid off."

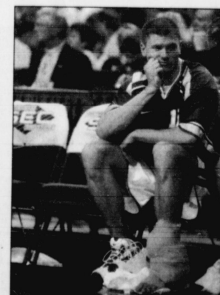
"We've been a little surprised (by the two SEC tourney blowouts), but that really gives us confidence going into the NCAAs."

Despite the impressive weekend

UK was not able to earn a No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament. The Cats earned a No. 2 seed in the South and will play South Carolina State in Atlanta on Friday. The No. 1 seed in UK's region is Duke, who last faced the Cats in 1992 in the NCAA East Regional final in Philadelphia. That game, which Duke won 104-103 in overtime, went down as one of the best in history.

South Carolina head coach Eddie Fogler said UK will do fine in the tournament.

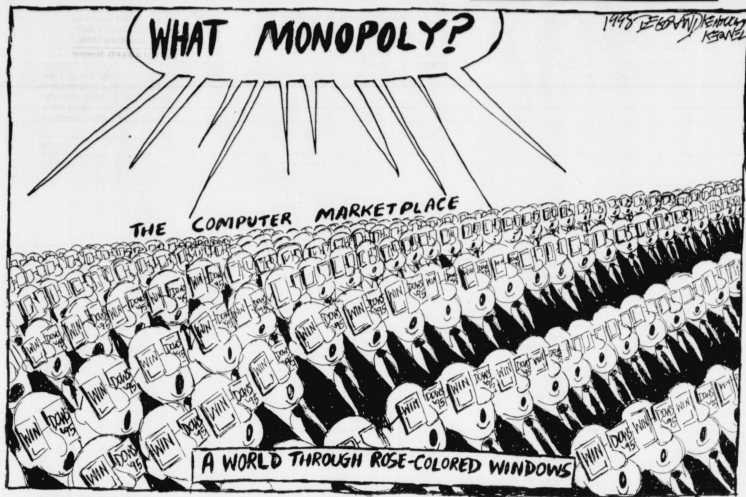
"They can play with anybody in the country," Fogler said. "I think that's obvious. They're awfully tough and will be extremely hard to beat in the tourney."



THE CHAMPS (Clockwise) UK's Wayne Turner, Allen Edwards, Nazr Mohammed and Scott Padgett all contributed to its win yesterday. Jeff Sheppard was relegated to the bench because of an ankle injury in the fifth-year senior's watch. The Cats win their sixth SEC Tournament title in the last seven years.

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ViewPOINT



# The Dead Zone



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**W**e've all heard about dead week. It's one of those mysteries like the Loch Ness Monster whose existence no one can prove. In theory, dead week facilitates study for finals without the worry of tests and quizzes. Unfortunately, the policy falls flat because professors line up to schedule lab practicals, papers and presentations during the week. Students struggle to write end-of-the-semester papers and finish projects that they undoubtedly put off until the last minute. Procrastination aside, surely professors understand that students need a true dead week to boost grades and aid retention of material. The only alternative is late night cram sessions that yield tired students and shorten retention. Ideally, dead week helps prevent shoddy study habits and for that reason students want it dead — as dead as those bird carcasses sprinkled across campus after the big snow extravaganza. Responding to the collective campus cry

against the current dead week, SGA is fashioning a policy proposal: The complete restriction of all major assignments constitutes one of two options under consideration. Now some administrators fear the result will be a massive pile-up of assignments in the week before dead week if it became truly obligation-free, but they fail to realize that we already have such a pile-up during the very week that is allegedly dedicated to study for finals. In the final analysis, the establishment of a clearly defined policy ultimately benefits both students and professors. Dead week provides more time for everyone. Professors have more time to grade papers and projects submitted before dead week, and students benefit from the extra rest and study time. If the goal of dead week involves achieving higher academic standards, then university administrators need to capitalize on the virtues of time. When it's on your side, the world of finals becomes a sunnier place to live.

IN OUR OPINION

# In our dreams, Gorman Studies adopted by UK

New standard to inject purpose into a tired curriculum

**T**he only soil in Africa that I want to study is the sand under Kathy Ireland's bikini-clad body in Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit Edition. I don't need to sit around and look at slides of old men in tights wearing wigs, nor do I have the desire to memorize the Periodic Table. You see, I have a major beef with this University and it has nothing to do with a lack of beef at the Fourth Quarter. No, my cry to UK is about these pointless University Study courses. If we already know what we want to do in life, why must I take them? I am preparing for my first internship this summer with ABC. Needless to say, there's nothing in the job description about the capital of Pakistan or raccoon mating habits. Talk about credentials. Luckily I know what I want to do and I can get some experience at the nation's finest newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel. I don't need stupid English classes and I know how to use propa' grammah. I can even spell. Just read my tagline, I am a J-O-U-R-N-A-L-I-S-T-M major, not a cross cultural or kriss kross major. You know, if I wanted to do a science experiment I would drop out of school and sit around on my fat ass in the front yard taking notes on how the rain and sun affects the growth of grass. I have come up with some original classes that would make the University Studies Program somewhat useful if UK is going to continue with this atrocity. These courses are necessary to college survival when you are concentrating on getting a specific degree. These are not meant to waste two years of your precious time, but are intended to aid you in your everyday life, something sorely lacking in today's courses. **▼PP 201 — Parallel Parking.** This course will teach you the finer points of parallel parking. Tight spaces will seem like a great window of opportunity. However, it is recommended that females take its companion course, HTD 101 — How To Drive. Both are taught by myself. **▼SSS 101 — Soap, Shower and Shave.** When all is said and

done your morning routine will take 10 minutes, so feel free to hit that snooze button a few more times. This course is recommended for both males and females so you can all get to class on time. The instructor, RuPaul. **▼MON 101 — Mooch Off Neighbors.** This course is tailored for all you lazy and irresponsible students who never go shopping or keep cash on hand. You will learn how to manipulate your "friends" to help get the one thing you really want from them, yet another favor. Taught by Mr. Mooch himself, me. **▼CR 101 — Computer Repair.** Your days of waiting in long lines to ask the lab assistant for help are over. Half of them can't tell an Apple from a PC and the other half only know how to play solitaire. So why not take this class? This is only the tip of the iceberg folks. If we work together we can save ourselves two years of meaningless hell. Teachers will benefit because their students will really want to be there! Imagine that! As for undeclared seniors, tough luck for all you snacking on cupcake courses. You've had all these years to think about what you wanted to be and your teachers probably asked you about that very dream job throughout grade school. You could have changed your mind a dozen times before you even got to UK, instead you wasted your parents' dinero. By now you should know if you want to be a fireman, a robot or a hustler like Snoopy Doggy Dogg. That is why the DeVry Institute gets so many students. They are fed up with wasting two years on drivel they will never use again. So they sign up and get paid, easy as that. Of course, some of us want to actually do something with our lives, not just sit around at a computer pumping out mindless exercises all day ... know what I mean? But for those of you who still do not know what to do by this point in your life then there is probably no hope for you. If you don't act fast and jump on the ambitious, scholastic bandwagon that I am driving, then sooner or later you will end up being an ignorant dried-up prune, "Livin' in a van down by the river!" Rest in peace Chris Farley, my mentor and hero forever. *KerNel Columnist Dave Gorman is a journalism sophomore. His e-mail is reached by e-mail at digorm0@pop.uky.edu.*



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## READERS' forum

Twist and shout

In order to better serve UK, we are asking the University community to take a few moments and look around. There has UK succeeded and where has it failed? What aspects of the University have been neglected? Below are a few topics for consideration. We encourage all members of the University community to comment on these and other issues by firing off a letter to kernelpop@pop.uky.edu.

University Studies Program

This program began 10 years ago as part of an effort to broaden student horizons through exposure to a variety of subject matter. At the urging of students and faculty, the University is now re-examining the success and failures of this program.

Health and recreation

A study released last fall documented the shameful condition of UK's facilities in comparison to benchmark schools. Plans have been pushed up for a minor renovation of the Seaton Center; however, those renovations will not rectify the situation and University officials are unsure where the money will come from to make substantial improvements that could be 10 years away.

The Student Center

UK doesn't have a true student center. Yes, we have a building that houses a bookstore, dining areas, Cultural Center and the UK Credit Union, but this building doesn't serve as the center of campus activities for students. In light of the need to find money for new health and recreation facilities, it seems unlikely that money will be available for a true student center.

Rupp Arena

The need to improve the atmosphere at UK's home basketball games has been apparent for years, yet no action has been taken to improve student seating. We beg, plead and cry our hearts out, and all we get is more silence. Is there anything that can

be done in light of the Athletic Association's refusal to act?

Food Services

Recently Eastern Kentucky University tried to force freshmen to deposit \$400 into a food account, however, students fought the proposal and it has been withdrawn for the time being. Does this have implications for UK's requirement that housing residents put \$675 into a food account each semester?

Should UK even operate its own Food Services? Last year, Aramark took over food services at Western Kentucky University and invested \$1 million for improvements without requiring a single student to put a dime into a food account.

WKU Students are now served by two Subways, two Pizza Huts, a McDonald's, a Starbuck's Coffee Café, a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop and other outlets. Is UK missing the boat or is the situation at WKU too good to be true?

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

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INFORMED SOURCES

"WE THINK the commercials portray a sort of quasi-Mexican heritage that is cool and hip."

Laurie Gannon, responding to complaints that Taco Bell commercials with a Spanish-speaking Chihuahua are racist.

# Brotherly love spans the ages, from flight to fights

**I**would like to proclaim this National Apology Week and apologize to any reader whose IQ dropped after reading my last column. Much like the writers of *The Postman*, I tried to pass off a script that I found lying at the bottom of the drawer as something of meaning. On a personal note, my elder brother had his birthday recently, so I have decided to dedicate this column to the bitter-sweet relationship that exists between siblings, particularly among those of the same sex. To protect my brother's privacy (and the fact that he would beat me senseless for using his real name), I will call him Tony. We had a pretty normal childhood. My parents gave him a four-year headstart into this world, so I had to settle for being the irresponsible and erratic Bart Simpson of the family. We never



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really got into any trouble, at least nothing that I can brag about. We did our homework, drank our milk and ate the green, leafy stuff on the dinner table. So I guess you are thinking we were just two happy, loving kids who were the apples of our mom's eyes. Wrong! You see, Tony was really good in school, especially in math. Hence, his scores would pretty much set the standard for me to follow. Somehow, he managed to convince my parents that the science of numbers was the key to success in this universe. Despite my stellar performances in every other subject known to man, I could never outsmart him in math. And this would be a source of grief for years to come. Another problem with having an elder brother instead of a sweet, dotting sister

was the intense competition to see who could stay under water the longest. To make matters worse, we were good in anything with a racket and a ball. Fate would inevitably pit us against each other in some tournament and the fireworks would light the sky. For about an hour, everything would come to a halt as people would grab their popcorn and Pepsi to watch the show. (Note to self: Send a card of sympathy to G.C. and Sam Smith.) However, despite the highly-charged moments, we would always look out for each other. I would be more daring and aggressive around people twice my size knowing that Tony was watching my back. He would not let people hurt me because he could never share his privileges of physically manhandling me with anyone else. In fact, he had certain wrestling moves that would put one of those WWF fakers to shame. His favorite was the Quarter

Nelson. This sadistic maneuver allowed him to grapple my face with his left arm while the right one had free access to bruise other parts of my anatomy. The beauty of this sick and twisted technique was that it prevented me from squealing for my mom ... *mnmpph!* Sometimes, he would get creative and apply this move under water in the swimming pool ... *mnmpph ... glug, glug!* Another downside to being the younger brother was the scarcity of new clothes. By the time those jeans and sweaters moved down the food chain, they morphed into strange dimensions and colors unknown to man. So if you ever see me walking on campus with a mold-colored jacket and green-suede shoes, I hope you understand. Overall, being the younger of two kids was not really that bad. Much to my brother's chagrin, I was allowed certain liberties that were not exactly fair, Tony,

on the other hand, was supposed to be the responsible one who had to lead by example. Also, if my parents ever made any bureaucratic mistake while raising him, they made sure not to repeat them with me. Therefore, I managed to escape scar free for the most part of my life. I love you man, despite all the traumatic trips to the emergency room. And for those who want to learn how to sabotage your elder sibling's car, I have released a book, *The Weight Brothers: Wilbur Has A Little Accident*. If you order in the next 10 minutes, you could get a limited edition copy signed by the youngest of the Hansons. It also includes a great foreword by one of the Menendez brothers. Pss ... for those of you who are curious, my brother's real name is S. ... *mnmpph!* *KerNel Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering senior. He can be reached at johndoe\_uk@yahoo.com.*



**DiVersions**

**Same Entrée**  
*Wrong Ingredients*

By Jonathan D. Gent  
Staff Critic

This week marked the return of *U.S. Marshals'* Sam Gerard (Tommy Lee Jones) and the rest of his crew that originally hunted Harrison Ford in *The Fugitive*.

In this sequel, Gerard hunts down another possibly innocent offender (Wesley Snipes).

The only problem? Snipes' character is a government agent, an expert in assassination and disguise and all that other good stuff that would make a sequel more challenging to our hero.

The major trick in this film was moving Gerard — an anti-hero in *The Fugitive* — to the hero slot, and giving the anti-hero slot to Snipes' character (who is being referred to by the actor's name because he has three last names during the course of the film).

An anti-hero, for everyone who doesn't know, is a person we're just not sure if we like or not. Lee-man (Val Kilmer) in *Top Gun*, Mister White (Michael Madsen) in *Reservoir Dogs* or anyone who may be the bad guy but is just too fuzzy to be called a villain.

The movie is full of twists, turns, jumps, thrills, spills and other action movie-type stuff. Instead of the bus escape, they use a plane crash to free the new fugitive. Instead of jumping off the dam, he jumps off a building onto a moving train.

It's really the same film with new stunts, and a harder-to-catch runner. And of course, the same chasers.

Jones won an Academy Award for his role as Gerard, and in *U.S. Marshals* he reprises the role with the same flair, the same



**FAMILIAR TERRITORY** Tommy Lee Jones, above left, reprises his role as Samuel Gerard, the man who pursued Harrison Ford in 1993's *The Fugitive*.

intensity and the same humor (different jokes though). He's a grim, determined smart-ass who always gets his man.

His lackey guys are the same: Cooper, Biggs, Noah and Cosmo (you'll recognize them). This time he has a new man, Royce, played by Robert Downey Jr., who has been assigned by the State Department.

Also new to the cast is Irene Jacob, a critically acclaimed (and breathtakingly beautiful) French actress who is simply wasted as Snipes' girlfriend. She went from

playing Desdemona in *Othello* to selling coffee beans in a Starbucks' not a career move to be proud of.

The film itself is not bad. Not

great, maybe good, but its definitely not bad. The comparison to a film nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award is really too much for the film to handle.

The film's major fault is that it starts too slowly. The pace does eventually pick up after about 20 minutes.

It's not that any thrills are missed, it's just that it seems the script didn't allow for much tension until the dramatic plane crash.

Director Stuart Baird (who also directed *Executive Decision*) does prove he can make a passable action movie even if he isn't allowed to kill off Steven Seagal (something that really should happen in all Seagal's movies).

The only real shortcoming of the film is the beginning and the end, which is almost terminal to a film. It begins and ends too late, and is incredibly guilty of being a sequel.



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