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UK program snagged by budget delay

Money: Bucks for Brains low on cash; funds from state budget not yet approved due to partisan debate in the General Assembly

By **Rebecca Neal**
STAFF WRITER

Terry Childers was lured away from the University of Minnesota by the research advantages offered at UK through the Bucks for Brains program.

Childers, a professor in the School of Management, is researching online shopping and how con-

sumers react to e-commerce. He said he was drawn to UK by the school's investment in research.

"I was impressed with UK's commitment to the program and it showed that UK was really dedicated to research," Childers said.

But the possibility of more researchers like Childers coming to UK is currently diminished be-

cause the Bucks for Brains program is running low on funds.

The program, which has thus far created 25 endowed chairs and 72 endowed professorships for UK, is currently out \$120 million because the Kentucky General Assembly did not vote on a budget during the legislative session this year.

The program, which began in 1998 and is funded through the state and private donors, was allotted the multi-million dollar share

in the 2002-2003 state budget plan, but the plan has not yet been approved.

The plan was the subject of partisan debate and was stalled in both the regular spring session and the special summer session.

A final budget is not expected to be passed until the winter session.

In the meantime, UK officials are concerned about the delay. "Any delay in funding slows down our research goals," said Jim

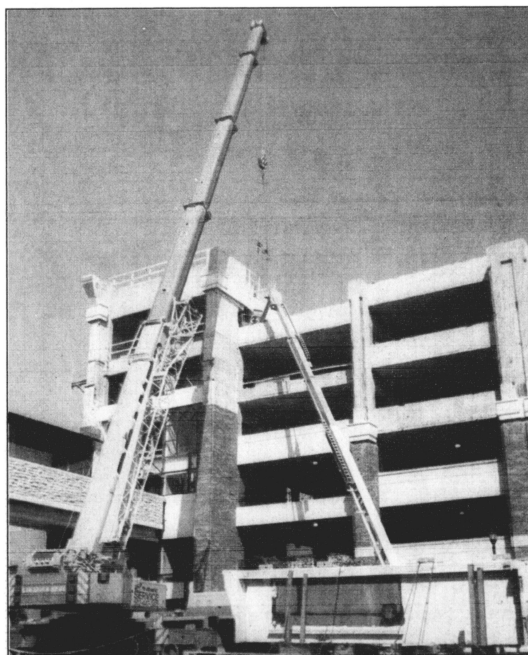
Boling, acting vice president of research at UK.

Boling said money obtained through the Bucks for Brains program is vital to the state's economy.

"Not getting the (Bucks for Brains) money would delay progress in meeting long-range goals in research, graduate education and aiding the state of Kentucky in future economic development," he said.

See **BUCKS** on 2

Students get in line instead of online



HOLLY DAVIS | PHOTO EDITOR

Space for sale

This parking structure on Limestone Street will soon have 450 new parking spaces. Levels four and five were opened on the first day of school. Students could have purchased these and other spaces online.

A click away: Parking official says many students don't take advantage of online parking applications

By **Stacie Mehaus**
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students lined the street outside the Parking and Transportation Services building this week, waiting to buy parking permits for the new school year.

Students who waited in line could have saved time by purchasing permits online.

"A large percentage of the people in line could have bought their permits over the Internet," Don Thornton, director of parking and transportation, said. "I don't know if it's students not reading the

information we provide, or maybe people just procrastinate more."

Sales from parking permits are the biggest money-makers for the parking office. The funds go to a variety of projects, including keeping the bus systems free for students, funding salaries, new parking lots, bus shelters, parking enforcement and buses, according to Thornton. None of these projects come without expense. The cheapest buses on campus still cost \$50,000 each.

Parking and Transporta-

tion officials stress buying parking passes online during student orientations and in literature passed around to returning students. Buying permits online helps students get the passes they want, and helps the parking office become more efficient.

"If you apply online, waiting is one issue you won't have to deal with," Thornton said.

The online system closed yesterday, a cut-off point necessary for the parking office to regulate their sales. The system has enabled the office to slowly change into something that is much better than ever before, Thornton said.

Sales used to begin in the

Comparison

Both UK officials and students say that on-campus parking is a problem. Along with the lack of available spaces, distance from classes and parking tickets, there are also initial fees for parking passes. Whether you wait in line at the parking office or buy your permit on the internet, the cost can put a dent in your pocket.

Here are the costs of parking permits at different universities. Prices listed are the cheapest offered.

University of Kentucky
\$16 gets residents and commuters a "K" lot pass

Eastern Kentucky University
Resident and commuter: \$30 a year

Northern Kentucky University
Resident and commuter: \$48 a year

University of Louisville
Resident: \$97 a year
Commuter: \$85 for upperclassmen and \$70 for freshmen

Western Kentucky University
Resident and commuter: \$65 a year

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Student: \$172.50 a year

University of California, Los Angeles
Resident: \$92 per quarter
Commuter: \$156 per quarter

Compiled by Stacie Mehaus

Student Center Ballroom.

"Some people used to start to stand in line at midnight, and we would open at 8 a.m.," Thornton said.

Once a student gets a parking pass, it may seem that the lots are more crowded than they should be. While the parking office does sell more commuter permits than there are available spaces, residential sales are only one permit per space. If all the spaces are taken, it's likely due to permit violators.

Once a student has acquired a permit, the office has a renewal system that lets students pay to keep that permit for more than one year.

"Many of the students do realize the advantages of applying online, especially juniors, seniors and graduate students," Thornton said.

Professor seeks to beautify campus



Professor Garry Bibbs, head of the UK sculpture department, stands next to a model of one of his upcoming sculptures, which will be located near the Allied Health Building.

SCOTT LASHINSKY
KERNEL STAFF

Work of art: Sculpture by Professor Garry Bibbs approved for construction on campus

By **Cara Blevins**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

An abstract sculpture of twisted stainless steel designed by a UK art professor will soon be a highlight of the university campus.

Garry Bibbs, head of the Sculpture Department, has designed a piece entitled "Structural Allegiance to Life and Spirit." The piece will be positioned beside the Allied Health Building on Rose Street.

The sculpture, which will be between 18 and 20 feet tall upon completion, will sit in a garden beside the building. It should be in place by spring 2003.

While Bibbs hasn't started making the sculpture, he does have a miniature model of what it will look like. The model is a twisting, twirling mass that looks like a family.

"It is my hope that I captured the true essence of the UK College of Health Sciences, and how they function toward serving families of the Lexington community," Bibbs said of his artwork.

Bibbs plans to make the full-size model using metal fabrication, a tech-

nique that incorporates tracing the pattern of the sculpture onto cardboard templates, then tracing it onto metal.

The model took Bibbs about a week to design, and he estimates the total cost of construction will be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. The piece complements Bibbs' other sculpture, located at the Kentucky Clinic.

The Committee on Art in Public Places approved the sculpture. Robert Shay and Cathy Walsh-Piper are two members of the committee. Shay, the chairman, said he liked the idea because, "the piece is a representation of a family unit and symbolic to the community that UK reaches out to families."

"It is good for the community to see works of art by the faculty," said Cathy Walsh-Piper, the new director of the UK art museum.

"The sculpture looks different from all angles. The female looks like she's standing or kneeling, depending on the viewer's position. There is also a play of light that changes the sculpture's look," she added.



RACHEL KERLEY | KERNEL STAFF

Fraternity rush week ...

Students let loose to country music at the Farmhouse fraternity house Wednesday during rush.

"I don't know if it's students not reading the information we provide, or maybe people just procrastinate more."

- DON THORNTON, DIRECTOR OF PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

SG develops Web site aimed at students

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

After spending more than \$600 on books for the past year, elementary education sophomore Sara McGarvey is fed up with book stores.

"I wish there was a way we could buy and sell books other than through the book stores," McGarvey said. "Last semester I couldn't even sell back three of my books."

An online book exchange started this semester by Student Government will help ease McGarvey's woes. The Web site allows students to buy and sell textbooks amongst themselves to help save money.

But that's not all the

site has to offer. Other services available include a "ride board," which allows students to check out whether other students in their neighborhoods are willing to carpool to campus.

The site also includes a tutoring service and a campus calendar that can be used by students to post notices of upcoming campus events.

SG President Tim Robinson said he hopes the services will go a long way in providing help for students in exchange for the fees they pay to support SG.

"If I can save a student \$10, they get back their fee," Robinson said. "The site goes more toward giving

every student a chance to get the most out of Student Government."

Students spend \$4.25 each semester for SG. The money comes directly from tuition fees.

Executive staff member Edwin Orange and SG Executive Director Eric Mills developed the Web site over the summer. Orange said the idea is to provide a way for students to have direct access to SG.

"We really want it to be something to connect students to SG," Orange said.

Mills said he hopes the changes will bring more students to the Web site.

"We are really trying to make it user-friendly," Mills said. "We put some rich con-

tent on the site to give students another source of information as well as offer helpful services."

These changes are just the start, said Mills. SG also plans to include a free movie checkout service and online classifieds at some point.

Mills said the site should be ready Sept. 3. "SG has always been the voice of students and now we are servants too," Mills said. "This is a great way to make students' money work for them."

Where to go

www.uksga.com
Available to students Sept. 3

U.S. Department of Defense asks UK researchers for help

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Defense Department wants UK to help fight bio-terrorism.

The department has asked University researchers to test a smallpox vaccine.

The vaccine will be tested on student volunteers and, if it works, it will be kept in good supply in case terrorists release the smallpox virus into the United States.

But to complete the test, more people are needed, researchers say.

Students 18 to 30 years old who have never been vaccinated for smallpox are needed for the research.

In the following phase of the test, people ages 31 to 65 who have not been vaccinated within the past 10 years will be needed.

Eligible participants in the study will be immunized against smallpox, and can earn up to \$1,100 if they attend the required 11 visits to the clinic and complete the trial.

"Students get a very thorough physical exam" in order to judge their eligibili-

ty for the study, said Dr. Richard Greenberg, director of the study and a professor in the UK College of Medicine.

"We're looking at how well their host defenses work."

Greenberg stressed that participants will not be exposed to smallpox during the trials.

According to the Center for Civilian Bio-defense Strategies at John Hopkins University, smallpox "is communicable from person to person. No one in the United States has been vac-

inated in the past 25 years."

The existing inventory of the vaccine for smallpox has expired, said Beth Plummer, UK Clinical Trials Manager.

The study at UK will compare a new version of the vaccine to the vaccine used in the last century, Greenberg said.

"The new vaccine is made from vaccinia, a weakened version of the smallpox virus," said Greenberg.

Persons interested in participating in the study should call 323-1673 or 323-5893.

BUCKS

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Boling added that the state funds would be obtained through the sale of bonds, and the next phase of the program would be labeled "Bonds for Brains."

Jack Blanton, the senior vice president of administration, said that the state is not even authorized to sell the bonds until 2003, but that, "the sale of bonds is not a controversial issue."

Blanton said that the program has helped push UK closer to obtaining the top-20 status that is an integral part of President Lee

Todd's new plans for the university.

"We have reached the \$200 million mark in research that we would not have achieved without the Bucks for Brains program," he said.

The state had already set aside \$125 million for the program, and UK had found matching funds through

donors and alumni. However, UK will only receive the matching funds after the state's budget is passed.

Blanton said that there are no contingency plans in case the budget is not passed.

"If the money falls through, then (Bucks for Brains) would be dead in the water," he said.

KERNEL KRISTAL BALL

Staff Pigskin predictions for this weekend's games

Melanie Curtsinger

PREDICTION

UK 42, U of L 41
Michigan 28, Washington 24

Travis Hubbard

PREDICTION

U of L 27, UK 17
Michigan 24, Washington 21

Steve Jones

PREDICTION

U of L 31, UK 20
Michigan 22, Washington 17

Will Messer

PREDICTION

U of L 34, UK 28
Michigan 20, Washington 16

Ron Norton

PREDICTION

U of L 41, UK 13
Washington 28, Michigan 21

Drew Purcell

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U of L 38, UK 20
Washington 27, Michigan 0

Chris Rosenthal

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U of L 28, UK 23
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Alex Williams

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Maryland 27, Notre Dame 17
Florida State 35, Virginia 17
LSU 14, Virginia Tech 10
Southern Cal 28, Auburn 21

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Virginia Tech 32, LSU 30
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Florida State 49, Virginia 6
Auburn 16, Southern Cal 14

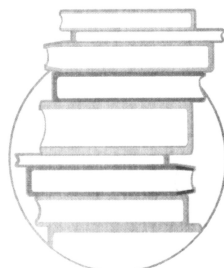
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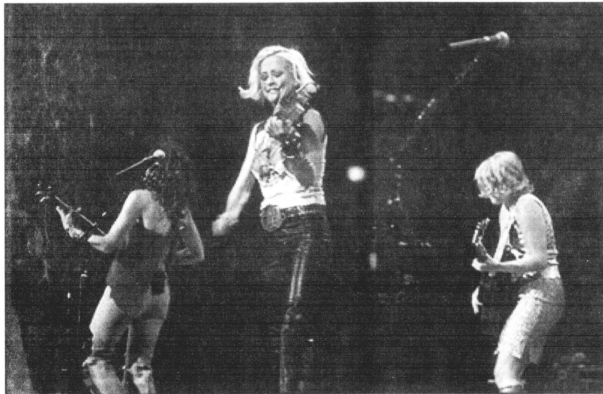
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Dixie Chicks return to their twangy roots



Long time gone

The Dixie Chicks have returned from their two-year hiatus to release their newest album, "Home."
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Going 'Home': Country trio's new album more bluegrass than girl power

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — After a two-year absence and a battle with their record company, the Dixie Chicks strut a new acoustic sound on "Home," an album steeped in bluegrass rather than the girl-power tunes that made them multimillion-selling artists.

Lead singer Natalie Maines, banjo player Emily Robison and her sister, fiddler Martie Maguire, went home to Texas after 2000's sold-out "Fly" tour to focus on family life and found a new musical direction.

"I really felt like things were getting impersonal with the audience," said Maines, recalling arenas filled with teenage girls screaming to rocking versions of "Goodbye Earl" and "Ready to Run."

"I just had an urge to play in front of however few people and make it more personal, and be able to hear what they're saying to me, and sort of make it conversational instead of a big flashy show," she said.

The Dixie Chicks were also unhappy with the mon-

ey they'd gotten after selling more than 21 million copies of "Fly" and "Wide Open Spaces." They filed a lawsuit declaring their contract with Sony Records void because of nonpayment of royalties.

Sony had previously sued, claiming the group owed it more than \$100 million for five undelivered albums.

The Dixie Chicks joined the Recording Artists Coalition, which is demanding better relationships with record labels, including fairer contracts and more oversight of accounting practices.

The yearlong dispute ended in June, with the Dixie Chicks getting a reported \$20 million out-of-court settlement, increased royalties and their own label, Open Wide Records, an imprint of Sony.

"We were hoping to change something that would somehow be precedent-setting and help other artists, specifically in how contracts are drawn up and the accountability that major labels have," Robison said. "That did not happen. That's the disappointing part of it."

Wrangling with a large record company is a long way from the cowgirl band that played on the street corners of Dallas in the early 1990s. Then, the group consisted of Robison, Maguire, and Laura Lynch and Robin Macy on guitars and vocals.

Maines was recruited in the mid-1990s. The trio released "Wide Open Spaces" in 1998. The album, winner of two Grammys, struck a chord with young women with hits such as the title cut and "There's Your Trouble."

"Fly," released in 1999, was just as big, also winning two Grammys. The Dixie Chicks headlined their first arena tour, an elaborate show that emphasized the trio's rock side.

"I remember looking out at the audience during the 'Fly' tour and seeing a gazillion 16-year-old girls dressed exactly like the Chicks and just rocking out," said Phyllis Stark, bureau chief of the Nashville office of Billboard magazine. "Home" is not that kind of album.

There are no drums, no soaring choruses and hardly any electric instruments on "Home," produced by Maines' father, Lloyd Maines, a renowned steel guitarist.

The album (released Tuesday, Aug. 27) is accessible — the first single, "Long

Time Gone," and a cover of Stevie Nicks' "Landslide" are prime examples of that — although the safe move would have been making "Fly II."

"A whole album full of sing-along songs would have been easy for them to do," Stark said. "It's risky and brave and wonderful that they went in the other direction and made stripped-down, bluegrass acoustic music."

The beginnings of "Home" can be found in the sold-out arenas of the "Fly" tour, which propelled sales to more than 10 million.

"I thought with our first two albums, I was our audience," said Maines, who turns 28 in October. "Now" — she pauses several beats, looking for the right words — "I'm not so sure who our audience is."

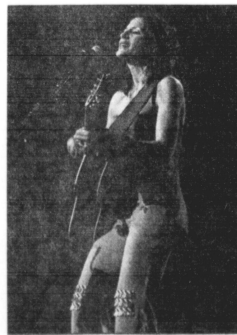
"Is our past audience going to move here with us? Did we move too fast for them? We've been away for two years, and I've been cooped up in my house with a 1 1/2-year-old... I don't know if I'm in touch with our audience."

While on hiatus, Maines had a baby; Maguire got married and Robison got pregnant. She and her husband, country singer Charlie Robison, expect their first child in November.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Columnist misjudges arms policy

Candice Jackson's knowledge of International arms control agreements rivals George Bush's mastery of the English language. In the Aug. 28 edition of the Kernel, Jackson launches into a rant berating Bush's alleged hypocrisy regarding nuclear proliferation and the "axis of evil."

Unfortunately, Jackson misinterprets the Bush administration's stance on North Korea and misses the greater good of the 1994 framework that she speaks of.

The 1994 Agreed Framework toward North Korea is a valuable policy for curbing the prospect of the very thing Jackson fears—rogue state acquisition of nuclear weapons. In the early 1990s the North Korean government withdrew from the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in order to pursue nuclear weapons.

The Agreed Framework negotiated by the Clinton administration in conjunction with traditional allies Japan and South Korea set forth an arms control agreement. According to the treaty North Korea surrendered and dismantled its heavy water nuclear reactors in exchange for certain commodities like grain, oil and two U.S.-built and Japanese-funded light water reactors.

The distinction between North Korea's heavy water and potential light water reactors is laid out by the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), which indicates that light water reactors don't produce weapons grade plutonium, the type that is typically used for bomb making.

Furthermore, what radioactive waste that is produced as a by-product of these new reactors is extremely difficult to convert into anything useable. As an effective measure of protection, Article VIII of the treaty also stipulates that the United States can have the spent fuel taken from North Korea at anytime for any reason should we suspect foul play.

The laudable goals and strict protections against abuse of the light water reactors in the Agreed Framework makes it a policy that the United States urgently needs to pursue.

Candice Jackson continues her misinformation campaign by giving the impression that the Bush administration favors the continuation of the Agreed Framework.

February's "Nuclear Posture Review" which allowed for pre-emptive nuclear attacks on North Korea and other nations, was largely seen as an act to communicate this administration's lack of willingness to cooperate with or engage North Korea.

So it remains to be seen how one could think Bush would be willing to, as Jackson stated, "give them nuclear weapons capabilities."

This Administration's position on the Agreed Framework and Johnson's interpretation of these issues is truly regrettable. The Agreed Framework offers the best chance to curb nuclear proliferation in the region and to bring about the potential for peaceful change in North Korea.

Given the current controversy surrounding "rogue" nations like Iraq trying to acquire nuclear weapons and this administration's desire to go to war to try to prevent that from happening, shouldn't we try to prevent another nation in the "axis of evil" from acquiring their own nuclear weapons?

ALEX THIELE
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FRESHMAN



IN OUR OPINION

Parking woes no new burden

Ah, the joys of a new semester. There's nothing like the first week of classes to highlight and magnify the many problems produced by campus overcrowding and university official incompetency.

The residence halls are fit to burst at the seams, and the lines at various businesses around campus rival the DMV.

Though the deplorable condition of resident life at this time is the biggest villain, many newcomers to campus may have noticed another tragedy that is synonymous with life as a UK student.

Each and every year, it seems the parking situation reaches newfound lows.

As more students enroll, parking spots for commuters become more precious, and more elusive. Compound that with the fact that meters have been popping up in spots where you could previously park for free, and it certainly seems that the situation will only get worse.

Perhaps the problem wouldn't be so outrageous if UK parking passes weren't so much more expensive than passes for other Kentucky universities.

The cheapest UK pass, for the "K" lot next to Commonwealth Stadium, is \$116. At Eastern Kentucky University a year long pass costs \$30. Forty-eight dollars will buy you a year long pass at Northern Kentucky University as well. Commuter parking passes for the University of Louisville can be purchased for \$85 (upperclassmen) or \$70 (lowerclassmen).

For the quality of parking UK students have come to expect, \$116 is highway robbery. With the funds the division of parking grosses from passes alone, not to mention tickets, university officials could come up with a parking plan that wouldn't be a thorn in the side of students.

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Anti-growth soapboxers all dried up

After focusing their attention on a PDR (Purchase of Development Rights) plan, Lexington's voices of restriction and anti-growth are at it again with a new plan to expand the scope of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's power.

The newest scheme, a forced government takeover of Kentucky-American Water Company, is potentially more harmful to the economic future of Lexington and surrounding counties than the PDR.

Government takeover of our local water utility will bring with it many short- and long-term difficulties. If the city condemns and steals Kentucky-American from its stockholders, the Public Service Commission, the agency that monitors public utility services and must approve rate increases, will no longer oversee Lexington's water utility. This situation will allow the LFUCG to impose greater taxes on the citizens of Lexington by disguising them as "rate increases."

Ownership of our water utility will also serve as a tool for anti-growth extremists on the city council, such as Gloria Martin, who voted against extending utilities to churches in an attempt to prevent growth on the borders of our city.

By controlling if and when water lines will be built, the council will be able to dictate the future of development in Lexington.

The only hope for Lexington to provide better services to citizens is to increase revenue by bringing more people to Lexington without raising taxes. Ownership of the water utility will directly impede Lexington's potential for future economic success by preventing the creation of new jobs and raising water rates.

High water prices and a lack of job opportunities will discourage families from moving to Lexington and prevent young people from establishing their own families here, leaving no hope of raising revenue without raising taxes.

Citizens of surrounding counties should be even more concerned than Lexingtonians. If Lexington confiscates the water company from investors, these surrounding counties will have no alternative other than to be at the mercy of our city council's decisions, regardless of whether they are in agreement that those decisions will have positive results in their own communities.

An overwhelming hypocrisy exists among those who wish to prevent the growth of Lexington by purchasing our water utility. When many of them moved to Lexington, they purchased houses on what was at the time the border of Lexington, and were themselves viewed as the fruits of "urban sprawl" by much of Lexington's population.

But that doesn't matter now. Since they have what they want, they are perfectly comfortable while fighting to make certain that those in succeeding generations will not have an opportunity to fulfill their wishes for a home of their own in Lexington.

At the same time that these anti-growth activists are preventing Lexington's future development, they preach the need for "affordable housing" for minorities and new families.

By aiding the elimination of acreage for housing, and leaving only small parcels of land within the city to be developed, these "compassionate" people are part of the reason land prices are shooting through the roof.

The government takeover of our water utility is likely the most important issue facing candidates this November. I urge those of you registered to vote in Fayette County to research candidate's viewpoints on this issue before Nov. 5.

Ben Ditty is a political science sophomore. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



Ben Ditty
KERNEL COLUMNIST

No room and no parking make me go crazy

After spending some time away from school and the Kernel to regain the focus needed to attain a college degree, I return this semester to find "Left of Center" gone and dead, freshmen everywhere, and buildings in places where I used to play intramural football.

Other things have changed too of course, but some things remain the same. Traffic still sucks. But I've got a solution for next year, all freshmen must get razor scooters and leave the cars at home. That would be just as

easy to implement as this Party Plan crap. Speaking of which, I ask of the older residents that chose to live near campus, were you here first or was the University?

Anyway, after adjusting to these changes, the big decision I had to make was whether to live on or off campus.

Off is the answer. (The large bag of cash marked UK housing swayed me little.) What could be worse than the perpetual need of shower shoes, possible non-coed living and being surrounded by

thousands of other people your own age? So what could possibly make up for the fact that you sleep two feet away from the snoring machine that wears twice the reasonable limit of cologne?

Maybe the food makes up for it. K-Lair, now with computers to enhance your dining experience, has some great chicken strips and cheeseburgers. I hear there are other places to eat on campus as well, but I have yet to find them.

Oh wait, my nose did lead

me to Starbucks the other day. By the way, if you live on campus, please stay on campus. I couldn't even get into DWO's a couple nights ago. I thought they only served wings (snacks) and drafts (dinner).

OK, so food is a wash. Not overly appealing, not overly repulsive. Let's look at off-campus living. Time for the good stuff—leaky faucets, blown fuses, mysterious messes left by previous tenants, the works to say the least.

It may sound bad, but at

least I do have my own fridge, stove, washer and dryer and counter space just large enough for my "Foreman" grill.

Parking is a tragedy no matter what your living situation. If you live far enough from campus that you have to drive, you have to fight for a spot. If you live close enough to campus to walk, those other guys are constantly stealing your parking spots.

You just can't win unless you work for UK parking, but selling your soul to the devil is

not for everyone. The one prevailing reason to live off campus is being able to have your own bedroom, a place of solace.

And should you need company there are people around, but they aren't constantly two feet away. So live off campus if you ever get the chance. For that, I expect one more bag of cash please.

Ben Norton is an economics junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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COMMITMENT

Morriss not treating year like it's his last

Most everyone believes this UK team will better last year's squad. If only because they can't imagine much worse than the back-to-back 2-9 seasons the Cats have posted.

And those who do predict more wins do so with humility. They reference home games against the University of Texas-El Paso, Indiana sans Handle El and the traditional November "basement bowl" against Vanderbilt.

Fans don't necessarily view these matchups as games UK will win, but believe UK can't possibly lose to these teams. Throw in the fact that UK is playing 12 regular-season games for the first time ever and you don't have to be a card-carrying member of the Cat Nation to think three wins is not a stretch.

Those expecting much else are difficult to find, unless you ask the players themselves.

"I think that this year we can have just as much success as my freshman year," said fifth-year senior safety David Johnson, who started in the Outback Bowl in 1999.

As ridiculous as Johnson's statement may sound to some jaded fans, the faith this team has in its coaches and itself is worth noting.

Consider all the talk about Coach Guy Morriss' job security. The only people who aren't wondering if he'll be UK's coach next fall are the players.

"I'm not worried about (Morriss not being retained) because I feel like we're just such a better team than last year," junior wide receiver Derek Abney said. "We were watching film of last year's Louisville game, and we couldn't move the ball at all. By the end of the year, we were a different team."

Morriss himself doesn't seem consumed with the talk about his future. He received verbal support from new Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart this summer, but Morriss knows the surest rout to job security.

"It's good to hear that, but the bottom line is we have to go out and win football games," he said.

Morriss' commitment to redshirt as many freshmen as possible is also indicative of his faith in his staff and team.

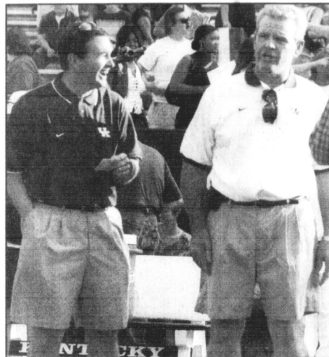
The Cats' biggest weakness is their lack of quality depth, but Morriss is doing all he can to keep his true freshman off the turf. Some freshman will undoubtedly play because of sheer skill or injuries, but Morriss is doing all he can to build for the future.

And his players will do all they can to see that he stays at UK.

For example, Morriss is the second coach Abney has played for at UK. A coaching change would result in an-



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Getting to know you

UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, left, and football Coach Guy Morriss were all smiles at UK's Fan Day Saturday. A difficult on-the-field season could change things, but the changes Morriss has made are for the program's long-term future.

other rebuilding year next fall, which will be Abney's last.

"To make a legacy you kind of have to be in a stable program for a least a couple of seasons," Abney said. "When your coach is leaving every two years, it's hard to have much of a legacy."

Abney said Barnhart had addressed the team, and he was confident Morriss and the Cats had earned the former Oregon State AD's respect.

And, when speaking of Morriss' first season as a head coach in the SEC, Abney mentioned a scenario that would cement Barnhart's faith in Morriss.

"Lou Holtz didn't win a game in his first season at South Carolina, they were 0-11. And then they went to the Outback Bowl the next year. That would be a hell of a way to turn our program around."

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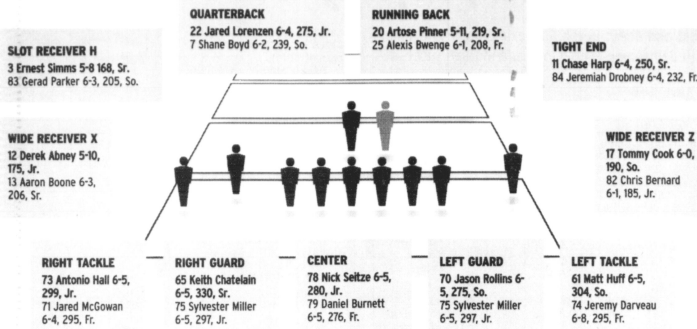
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OFFENSE



On track: After confusing introduction last fall, the 'O' gets comfortable in '02

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER



There was a time last season when the UK football team's offense looked completely out of sorts with the scheme installed by new offensive coordinator Brent Pease.

The confusion was painfully obvious in a blowout loss last September to Louisville.

Now, under the guidance of Pease and Head Coach Guy Morriss, there is a better understanding of the offense in year two.

Gone is the Air Raid attack, where if all else failed receivers scattered downfield hoping Jared Lorenzen would find them for a big gain.

The coaching staff installed a 60/40 pass/run ratio for the offense's foundation.

Morriss wants to remain committed to the 60/40 ratio as much as possible, but if the situation presents itself he would certainly abandon it.

"That's what we're shooting for: six out of 10 throw it,

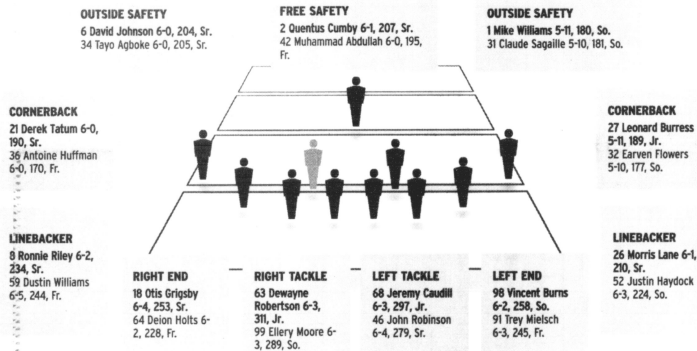
four out of 10 run it," Morriss said. "It just depends on the situation as far as we're on the field and in the red zone then the percentages may go up a little bit."

"But I think overall we'll try to keep that kind of balanced."

Incumbent quarterback Lorenzen welcomes the balanced attack.

"If (senior running back Artose Pinner) rushes for a 100 yards a game that opens up the passing game," he said. "It makes my life 150 times easier."

DEFENSE



Pressure: Shallow defense looks to improve from last year, keep players healthy

By Melanie Curtsinger
STAFF WRITER

Once again, they're left with something to prove.

The UK defense was second to last in the Southeastern Conference in 2001 and UK Defensive Coordinator John Goodner, in his second year at UK, wants to juggle a handful of players into a unit that will match UK's high-flying offensive production.

Like in past years, the

Cats will look to bend but not break in the secondary.

"One of our weaknesses is our depth, especially in the secondary," Goodner said. "We can't get anyone hurt this year."

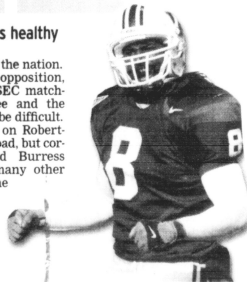
Although the thin secondary may be a weakness for the Cats, the defensive line is the strong point of not only the defense, but maybe the entire UK squad.

Tackles Dewayne Robertson, Jeremy Caudill and Ellery Moore form one of the

strongest lines in the nation. Stopping the opposition, especially with SEC matchups at Tennessee and the Florida, will still be difficult.

Eyes will be on Robertson to carry the load, but cornerback Leonard Burress said there are many other key players in the Cat arsenal.

"If all of us will step up we will be unstoppable," Burress said.



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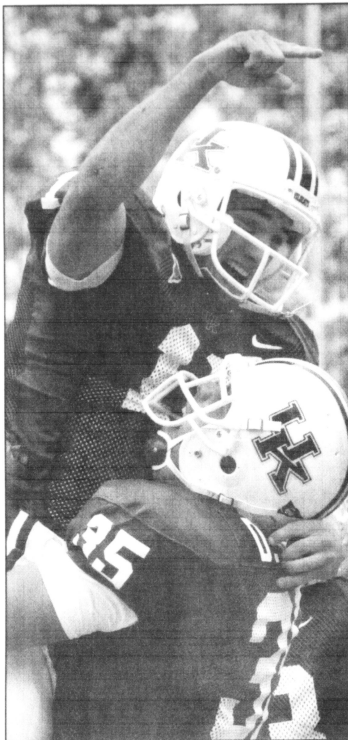
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RECEIVER/ENGINEER

UK star excels beyond the playing field



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TDs and A's

UK wide receiver Derek Abney, left, hugs former Cat Derek Smith following one of his six touchdowns last year. Abney is enrolled in a joint program of engineering and business administration.

Mind and body: Derek Abney sets positive example with demanding course load and football success

By Steve Jones
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While Derek Abney was solidifying himself last season as one of the UK football team's most talented and recognizable players, he was also completing his third year as perhaps its most stellar student-athlete.

The wide receiver, now a redshirt junior, won over coaches and fans in 2001 with his 66 receptions, rousing returns and six touchdowns. His spirited play earned him a spot on the All-Southeastern Conference First Team and secured his status as an offensive star in the league.

But while many other NCAA athletes would be satisfied merely with a strong performance on the field, Abney busied him-

self off the field in one of campus' toughest majors.

Abney, who also is a SEC All-Academic performer, is involved in a joint five-year program that will allow him to earn his bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's in business administration concurrently. The speedy receiver said he is proud to value his textbooks as much as his playbooks.

"First and foremost, my parents brought me up to think school is always first, and I guess it's always carried over," Abney said.

Abney also credited UK head coaches Hal Mumme and Guy Morris for emphasizing academics in addition to football. Though Abney's ultimate goal is eventually to play in the NFL, he said Morris has taught him the value of a fallback.

"You hear about a lot of these professional players and how they get through their NFL careers and they have to work and get a regular job, so you might as well get your degree while you're here and utilize it after you're gone whether you make the NFL or not," Abney said.

He's become increasingly interested in the business courses he's taken. When his playing days are over, he would like to consider a career in construction man-

agement, a field that encompasses both of his primary areas of study.

Abney said his problem-solving and hands-on attitude drew him to civil engineering, an academic major well known at UK for keeping its students around for five, six or even seven years.

"I like the physics and science, and the kind of logic of it. I am not a memorizing person. I have to know what's going on all the time, and with engineering you kind of have to know everything that's going with it."

Receivers Coach Harold Jackson said Abney's intelligence strengthens his play and is a big part in the success he's had so far.

"He's the type of we can expect to always be on the right page, doing the right thing," Jackson said. "He's almost like a coach."

Jackson also said Morris' habit of randomly attending players' classes to check their attendance has helped improve the overall academic performance of the team.

(Morris) shows up at these guys' classes and the cell phones start ringing, and they're warning each other, 'He's on the prowl,'" Jackson said, smiling.

With a GPA that approaches his 40-yard dash time, surely Abney is the least of Morris' worries when he makes his unannounced roll calls.

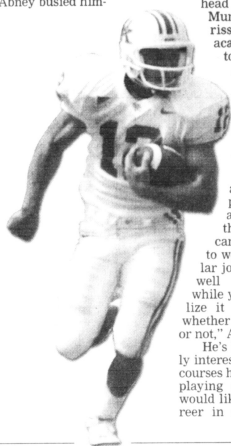
Abney said he knows he is not the first Cat to try a challenging major and achieve athletic success, but he hopes he's not the last either.

In the current NCAA world where it may seem more appropriate to use the term "athlete-student" to define the playing populace, Abney hopes his example inspires some future Cats to have balanced priorities.

"I hope maybe (my school and play) can be a starting gate," he said.



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Seniors shrug off ban, rally around coaches

Creating a legacy: Upperclassmen playing to win, save program

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Tight end Chase Harp and the rest of UK's senior class are not worrying about the NCAA-imposed bowl ban on the Cats this season.

"There's nothing they can do about it. We won't even know until the middle of the season, and if you wait until then it's too late," Harp said of UK's pending appeal. "You just look at it as you have 12 different bowl games."

So what does this class of seniors have to play for when and if the NCAA upholds the bowl ban?

Pride for one thing. Regardless of how the season ends everyone of the seniors still wants to win.

"We're playing mainly for nothing more than the victory," said offensive guard Keith Chatelein.

Fifth-year senior Ronnie Riley, a linebacker who missed most of last season with a knee injury, said it does not take much for the seniors to motivate themselves or their underclassman teammates.

Consecutive 2-9 seasons have only increased their desire to win and create a positive legacy instead of becoming 21 forgotten players from a difficult era in UK football history.

"A lot of the guys I came in with, half of them people have already forgotten about," Harp said of his 1998 recruiting class.

Some transferred, some left for the NFL early and others graduated. Now only six remain from that recruiting class.

For safety David Johnson, transferring never crossed his mind. The NCAA allows players to transfer without losing eligibility or sitting out a season if their school is banned from the postseason the remainder of the player's eligibility.

"I'm pretty sure it passed some people's minds, but for myself I never really thought about transferring," Johnson said. "I came here to play ball and I'm going to ride it out."

"If I was to transfer right now I'd be ditching my teammates. I'd be leaving

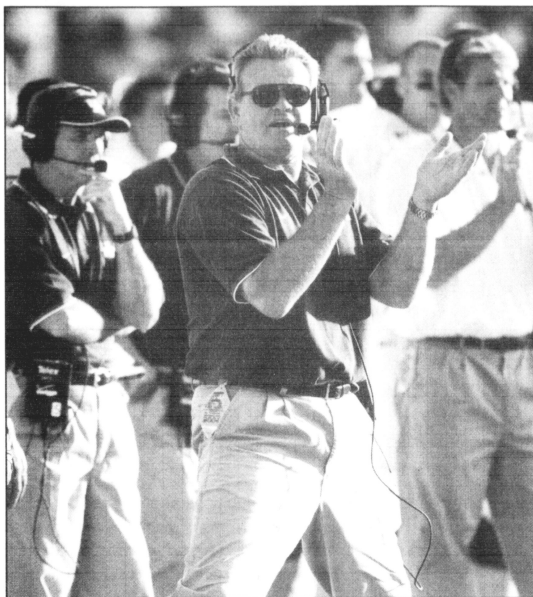


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General for now

UK Coach Guy Morriss and his coaching staff are being evaluated by Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart based on the direction of the program. The UK seniors want to play Morriss into a contract extension.

them out to dry." The players don't want to leave their coaches out to dry either. Head Coach Guy Morriss and his staff are in an undesirable situation of trying to please new Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart

back to his coaches is what drives him. Simms has struggled during his UK career with adjusting from running back to receiver. The scouting report on the 5-8, 160-pounder has been that he can run but

middle for him and he said that meant a lot to him. And I'd do anything for Coach Morriss because he's a good guy and he's got this program going in the right direction."

Simms said the team's ability to preserve Morriss' job will be the 2002 senior class' legacy. He sees himself as an example for future Wildcat players.

"Us having a big season would have a big impact on the school and recruiting," he said.

And if no one else remembers Ernest Simms, the wide receiver hopes he becomes a disappointing memory for an opponent whose bowl dreams he wrecks.

"If we can't go we might as well try to ruin somebody else's chances of going to a bowl game," Simms said.

A lot of the guys I came in with, half of them people have already forgotten about."

- CHASE HARP, SENIOR TIGHT END

while being hampered by the penalties of probation.

"We got some of the greatest coaches out there," Johnson said. "Coach (John) Goodner is one of the best defensive coordinators I've seen. You can tell he cares about the players. He's not out here to collect a check."

Senior wide receiver Ernest Simms said giving

not catch. Then Morriss hired Receivers Coach Harold Jackson.

"Coach Jackson has helped me tremendously," Simms said. "When he got up here he just showed me the little things. Now I catch with the best of them."

"Then you got Coach Morriss. I ain't that big, but I told him I'd go across the

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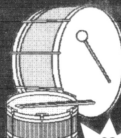
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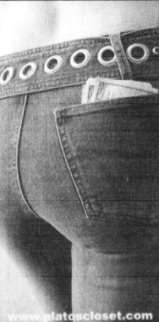
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Star quarterbacks dominate '02 scene

Field generals: Clausen, Grossman, Dorsey lead cast of pass-happy QBs

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The year of the quarterback moves into full swing this weekend, with Florida's Rex Grossman, Miami's Ken Dorsey and Texas' Chris Simms among the top passers returning from last season.

Also ready to put up big numbers are Louisville's Dave Ragone, Marshall's Byron Leftwich, Tennessee's Casey Clausen and Washington State's Jason Gesser.

These guys know how to pass, and should have a field day in season openers against overmatched opponents.

The Saturday lineup has Florida A&M at co-No. 1 Miami, North Texas at No. 3 Texas, Wyoming vs. No. 4 Tennessee (in Nashville), UAB at No. 6 Florida, Nevada vs. No. 12 Washington State (in Seattle), and Appalachian State at No. 19 Marshall. UK is at No. 17 Louisville on Sunday.

Grossman was the Heisman Trophy runner up after throwing for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns in the Gators' 10-2 season.

And with new coach Ron Zook taking over for Steve Spurrier, the junior can't wait to get going.

"I'm anxious to see how well we play," Grossman said.

"I think we're going to be good, but you just never know until you go against another team. I'm real confident in our chances and how well we're going to play."

Dorsey led the Hurricanes to a 12-0 record and a fifth national title.

He threw for 2,653 yards and 23 TDs, and says he wants to improve his completion percentage of 57.86. He's likely to do so against the I-AA Rattlers.

Simms threw for 2,603 yards and 22 TDs in the Longhorns' 11-2 season.

But it's the losses to Oklahoma, and then Colorado in the Big 12 title game, that has Simms geared for a title run in his final season.

Florida is favored by 33 points over UAB, and Texas by 37 over North Texas. There is no betting line on Miami's game.

Clausen may not have star receiver Kelley Washington for the Wyoming game, but he should find the range

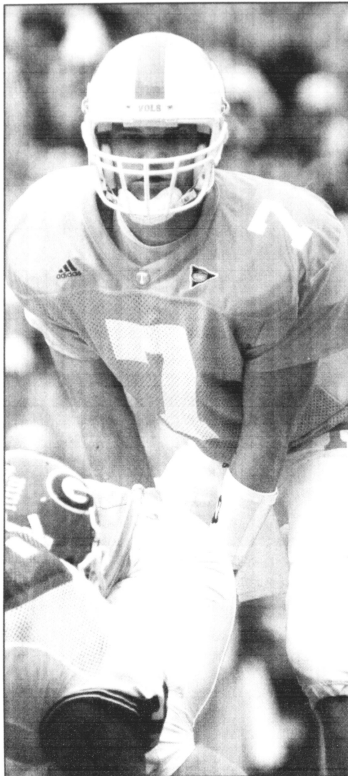


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Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen is one of a series of high-profile passers in college football this season. Clausen completed 64 percent of his attempts in 2001 for 2,969 yards and 22 touchdowns.

early and often. Clausen threw for 2,896 yards and 22 TDs last season.

Gesser, who led Washington State to a 10-2 record, looks to improve on last season's 2,729-yard, 25-TD effort that put him on most Heisman Watch lists for this season.

With the Cougars playing their opener in front an expected full house in the new Seahawk Stadium in Seattle, he'll receive plenty of attention.

Leftwich threw for 4,132 yards and 38 TDs, while Ragone passed for 3,056 yards and 23 TDs.

With so many strong arms warming up, Leftwich hopes to stay on target all year.

"Everybody has a Heisman Trophy candidate right now in August," Leftwich said.

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TENNESSEEVOLUNTEERS

Coach: Phil Fulmer (94-20, 10 years)
Last year's record: 11-2 (7-2, 5th)
Player to Watch: Kelley Washington
Outlook: The Vols finally beat Florida at the Swamp last year, and big things are expected of receiver Kelley Washington and quarterback Casey Clausen again if they are to retain their SEC East crown.



Washington

LSUTIGERS

Coach: Nick Saban (61-33-9, eight years)
Last year's record: 10-3 (5-3, 1st)
Player to Watch: Dominick Davis RB
Outlook: After a surprising BCS win last year, the Tigers return in 2002 as the standout favorite to reclaim the West. Saban will look to backfield duo of Davis and La'Ron Moore to carry the offensive load.



Davis

FLORIDAGATORS

Coach: Ron Zook (first year)
Last year's record: 10-2 (6-2, 2nd)
Player to Watch: Earnest Graham RB
Outlook: Ron Zook has big shoes to fill after the departure of Steve Spurrier, and walking into a schedule that features Florida State, Tennessee and defending champions Miami doesn't make things easy.



Graham

AUBURNTIGERS

Coach: Tommy Tuberville (46-34, seven years)
Last year's record: 7-4 (5-3, 2nd)
Player to Watch: Carnell Williams RB
Outlook: With linbacker Dontarrious Thomas anchoring the Auburn defense and the Crimson Tide feeling the ills of NCAA probation, the Tigers can use this year to solidify themselves as the kings of the Iron Bowl rivalry.



Williams

GEORGIABULLDOGS

Coach: Mark Richt (8-4, one year)
Last year's record: 8-4 (5-3, 1-3rd)
Player to Watch: David Greene
Outlook: What the Bulldogs lack on defense they make up for on offense. David Greene will be behind center and have a talented receiving corps with Terrence Edwards, Damien Gary and Fred Gibson.



Greene

ARKANSASRAZORBACKS

Coach: Houston Nutt (56-40, nine years)
Last year's record: 5-7 (4-4, 1-3rd)
Player to Watch: Lawrence Richardson CB
Outlook: A strong running game led by junior back Cedric Cobbs and a defense highlighted by Richardson could lead AU to a West run. The Hogs will welcome the Cats to Fayetteville for the first time this season and get LSU in Little Rock.



Richardson

S. CAROLINAGAMECOCKS

Coach: Liu Holtz (233-113-7, 30 years)
Last year's record: 9-3 (5-3, 1-3rd)
Player to Watch: Andrew Pinnock RB
Outlook: Holtz is faced with an inexperienced defense that lost four starters to the NFL Draft, but looks for Pinnock and first-year quarterback Corey Jenkins to lead the offense.



Pinnock

OLEMISSREBELS

Coach: David Cutcliffe (23-13, three years)
Last year's record: 7-4 (4-4, 1-3rd)
Player to Watch: Ed Manning QB
Outlook: Manning will set himself up to be one of 2003's Heisman favorites with his performance this year as he has a talented group of receivers at his disposal. The Rebels hope to sustain the high-energy offense that fizzled midway in '01.



Manning

KENTUCKYWILDCATS

Coach: Guy Morriss (2-9, one year)
Last year's record: 2-9 (1-7, 5th)
Player to Watch: Dewayne Robertson DE
Outlook: Behind quarterback Jared Lorenzen, the Cats will put points on the board, but the defense must improve drastically if the Cats want to contend in the Eastern Division.



Robertson

ALABAMACRIMSONTIDE

Coach: Dennis Franchione (145-70-2, 19 years)
Last year's record: 7-5 (4-4, 1-3rd)
Player to Watch: Tyler Watts QB
Outlook: Like UK, the Tide has to play through the pain, bearing the knowledge that they will not be eligible for a postseason bowl because of NCAA violations. Franchione will focus his sights on knocking off the top-five Sooners on Sept. 7.



Watts

VANDERBILTCOMMODORES

Coach: Bobby Johnson (60-36, one year)
Last year's record: 2-9 (0-8, 6th)
Player to Watch: Dan Stricker WR
Outlook: Johnson inherits a program that hasn't made a bowl appearance since 1982, and this year's outlook appears bleak. Stricker returns with the chance to become the SEC's all-time leader in receiving yards.



Stricker

MISSISSIPPI ST.BULLDOGS

Coach: Jackie Sherrill (175-101-4, 24 years)
Last year's record: 3-8 (2-6, 6th)
Player to Watch: Justin Jenkins WR
Outlook: With Jenkins' ability to make big plays and Defensive Coordinator Joe Lee Darr's blitz-happy attack, the Bulldogs hope to move up from the bottom of the SEC West barrel. The vast parity in the division gives them an outside shot.



Jenkins

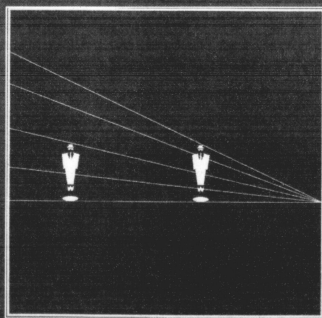


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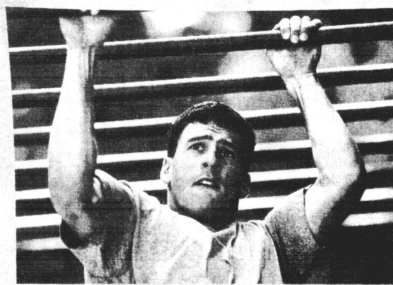
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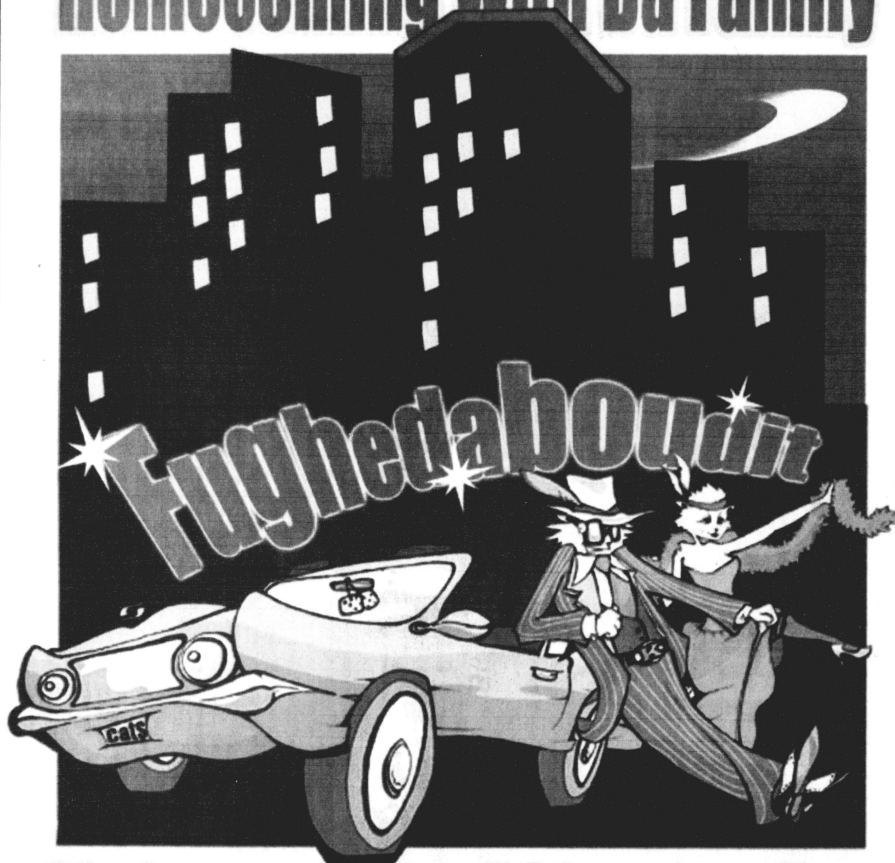


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Announced at Halftime