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## Nash renamed SG president

By Maggie Fincel  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

On May 12, more than a month after the SG presidential election, Will Nash was named SG president when the University Appeals Board reversed the SG Supreme Court decision to disqualify Nash because of a spending violation. Nash and his running mate Michelle Bishop defeated opponents Becky Ellingsworth and Kyle Burns by 171 votes in the election that ended March 31. The Nash/Bishop ticket was then disqualified by the SG Board of Elections for using an SG tax-exemption certificate that was not available

to other students, resulting in a spending violation that was \$18.37 over the limit for presidential candidates. After Nash was disqualified, Ellingsworth was sworn in as SG president. The SG Supreme Court voted 4-2 to uphold Nash's disqualification. On April 18, Nash and Bishop filed a grievance against their disqualification, which led to an appeal to the University Appeals Board. After reviewing the case, the board recommended that Nash be reinstated as president. In a letter to Nash, Ellingsworth, and the SG Supreme Court, Joseph Fink III, chair of the University

Appeals Board, wrote, "The SGA process was fatally flawed and should be critically reviewed. The Board recommends that the Nash/Bishop ticket be considered the winners of the election." While Nash said he was elated by the news, he'd hoped for a smoother end to his campaign. "We had hoped for a fair beginning," he said. "Students shouldn't have had to wait 40-plus days to see who was their president." Some members of the SG Supreme Court were unhappy with the decision to name Nash as president. Clint Quarles, a supreme court member, voted for Nash's dis-

qualification. Quarles said he believes that no one is exempt from the codes of conduct. "We have very clean rules about elections and election violations," Quarles said. "As far as I'm concerned, Nash should not be president." Quarles also said he disagrees with the actions of the Board of Appeals. "There is no express right to be an officer of SG, which would give the board zero legal jurisdiction over the matter." Quarles said he was sympathetic to the Ellingsworth/Burns campaign. "Whenever a student — any student — feels that his

or her rights have been violated, the appeals board has the avenue to assist them," he said. "Whether it is the presidential nominee or a normal student, the board would be the place to find help." "If I were in their position, I would file for a suit in the circuit court of Fayette County as an administrative injunction," he said. "I would also bar Nash's voting ability at the Board of Trustees meetings." While Nash has said that he had no knowledge of the tax violation, Quarles disagrees. "He can not claim to have had no knowledge of the infractions," Quarles said. "He

wrote his own ticket into of force." Nash said he regrets the spending mistake made during the campaign but is looking forward to his upcoming year in office. "We feel as if our hard work has paid off," he said. "We have a year to fulfill and capitalize on all of the promises that we made during the campaign." One of those promises was to make SG a more "student-friendly" organization. Nash said this includes remodeling the SG offices in the Student Center by making them more open and comfortable for students to

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## Men's golf ranks 7th nationally

By Ryan Wood  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's golf team closed the year with the successful third of a long putt settling into the hole. On the closing hole of his last collegiate competitive round at the NCAA national tournament, senior Matt Wells drained a 45-foot putt. The birdie gave Wells a score of 68, the best score by a UK player at the tournament and one shot off his career best Sunday at the Caves Valley Golf Club in Hunt Valley, Md. UK finished in seventh place, the best showing in the school's history, after shooting its tournament low round of 284 (4 over par) Sunday. Southeastern Conference rival Georgia won the team championship, beating UK by 26 strokes. Washington's James Lepp won the individual title after three playoff holes with Pepperdine's Michael Putnam. "Georgia got off to a great start," UK head coach Brian Craig said. "We felt we had a chance to finish better, we weren't disappointed, we just want-

ed to do better ... We got off to a slow start." Fellow senior John Holmes, a four-time All-SEC selection, tied for seventh place individually, earning him All-American honors. He shot two over par Saturday and finished three-over for the tournament. The men's golf program hasn't always been ranked in the top 10 nationally but in four years under head coach Brian Craig, the Cats have competed in three consecutive national tournaments. Last year, the team set a school record by finishing eighth. Matt Kohn, UK's lone returning starter for next season, said Craig is the reason for the golf program's turnaround. "He is absolutely the right man for the job," Kohn said. "His first year, UK was what the 120th ranked team? Now we're top 10." Craig, however, picked the regional tournament from 2004 as point when the program shifted to a contender.

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UK golfer Matt Wells practices his chip shot. The senior sank a 45-foot putt in Sunday's NCAA tournament in Maryland.

## Board OKs tuition hike with caveat

By Tiffany Stephens  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, Kentucky's public universities must submit any proposed tuition increases to the Council on Post-secondary Education to allow enough time for public debate on their justification. On May 22, the Council approved all increases for the 2005-2006 school year, and voted to create a process that requires public universities in Kentucky to submit proposed tuition and fee rates to the council to allow sufficient time for debate. This also gives the council time to notify students of changing tuition rates in a timely manner so

they can plan ahead for college. This process will help the council decide if tuition and fee increases are sufficiently justified. Justification for tuition increases will be based on student affordability, institutional missions, fiscal responsibilities and other factors, according to a news release from the council. Russ Williams, a senior trainer for the UK Human Resource Department and member of the Board of Trustees, said it would be impossible to know if UK's tuition rates will increase for the 2006-2007 school year right now. On March 29, UK's

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Full-time tuition rates since 2000		
Year	Resident	Non-resident
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2002-'03	\$1,987.25	\$5,263.25
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2004-'05	Lower division	Lower division
	\$2,582.25	\$5,972.25
	Upper division	Upper division
2005-'06	\$2,657.25	\$6,047.25
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	\$2,906	\$6,399
	Upper division	Upper division
	\$2,990	\$6,485

## Blood, sweat and spelling? ESPN covers the bee



Chris Johnson  
SPORTS EDITOR

Your palms are sweaty as you white-knuckle the La-Z-Boy armrests, leaning forward and clenching your teeth. The suspense builds. Time slows. You watch, leaning forward a little more, as he looks toward the heavens for inspiration, for that defining moment when it will just click. Just as you think it isn't going to happen, he smiles, showing silver braces and adolescent enthusiasm. He slides his finger along the back of the light-blue placard in careful, invisible dictation, much the way a golfer traces a 10-foot putt's line with his eyes before starting his backswing. And then he begins to spell. Welcome to the cultural event that, for the 78th time last weekend, tried to sweep the nation much the way Texas Hold 'Em did two years ago: The Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. This year, it got a little closer as a few of those who watched it took a big risk and admitted to their friends that they did. Their friends immediately and brutally cut them down for it, then two days later casually stopped channel surfing when they came across it. It's slowly gaining momentum, becoming the next craze of terrible television, that somehow producers and directors figured a way to make interesting.

It's not even that it's fun to watch. It isn't "SportsCenter" or "Family Guy." There aren't any caustic jokes or flashy lights. There aren't beautiful, scantily clad women, small fortunes changing hands, or people eating animal intestines. It's just that it sucks you in. You see these kids — these normal, bespectacled and orthodontic kids — trying as hard as they possibly can. They rack their brains for the right French clause, the right Latin derivative. They can't take a play-off, run a decoy route. That's the one thing about the spelling bee, one mistake in the 16th round can drop you from first to third, from \$28,000 in scholarships and cash to \$5,000, just like it did for third-place finisher Aliya Deri of Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton, Calif. You can't have "not your best stuff." You don't get to hit the rim and get a new shot clock. You have to go undefeated. You have to be perfect. And by the time most of the participants make it to Washington, they've been through more qualifiers than your local driving-range pro trying to make the US Open. What's amazing is that it's televised. Nationally. On ESPN2, no less. You can look through TV Guide and see the Memorial golf tournament, followed by Cubs vs. Cardinals, followed by "Baseball Tonight," followed by the Scripps

Howard National Spelling Bee. Which of these doesn't fit? This year's took place June 1 and 2. After 19 rounds, the original 273 spellers had been siphoned to one, the last man in Poway, Calif. Kashyap, whose biggest challenge during the competition was probably the spelling of his name, correctly dictated "appoggiatura" to win. Appoggiatura is a musical term; it's a note of embellishment preceding another note and taking part of its time — which is a useless bit of trivia no one would really give a damn about except the balance of the competition depended on it. At the end, Kashyap picked up a gigantic trophy, a good chunk of his English teacher's yearly salary in scholarships and cash and a permanent target on his back for bullies. The second-place finisher, Samir Patel from Patel Achievement Academy in Collierville, Texas, confidently uttered an assuring, "Yes!" and pumped his fist whenever given a word he knew he had studied. He would then, instead of asking the interminable amount of questions the spellers generally ask, would do the opposite, asking if the roots and languages of origin were the same as he remembered. "French, right?" he would say. "Yes," the moderator

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**Backstreet Boys, Never Gone**

**The Coors, In Blue**

**June 23**  
**Blindside**  
Jillian's, Louisville

**June 24**  
**Movies**  
*Bewitched*  
*Herbie: Fully Loaded*

**George A. Romero's Land of the Dead**

**June 24**  
**John Mellencamp**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**June 25**  
**Aqualung**  
The Mad Hatter, Covington

**June 26**  
**Garrison Keillor**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**June 28**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
*Diary of a Mad Black Woman*

**The Pacifier**  
Dolly Parton, *The Essential*  
Fountains of Wayne, *Out of State Plates*  
Atreyu, *Curse*  
CKY, *Answer Can Be Found*  
Yellowcard, *Where We Stand*

**June 28**  
**Stevie Nicks**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**June 29**  
**Gwar**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson**  
Louisville Slugger Field

**Movies**  
*War of the Worlds*

**June 30th**  
**Wilco**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**June 10**  
**Movies**  
*The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl*  
*The Honeymooners*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

**June 11**  
**Jesse McCartney**  
Kings Island

**Madeline Peyroux**  
Bomhard Theater, Louisville

**June 14**  
**Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers w/The Black Crowes**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**DVDs and CDs**  
*Hitch*

**June 15**  
**Seether**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**Deep Purple**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**Movies**  
*Batman Begins*

**June 17**  
**Cedric the Entertainer**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**Jackyl**  
Annie's, Cincinnati

**June 21**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
*Coach Carter*  
*Hostage*  
*The Jacket*

**Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous**

Keith Urban, *Days Go By*  
Dropkick Murphys, *The Warrior Code*

Billy Corgan, *The Future Embrace*  
The Rolling Stones, *As It Happened*

James Taylor, *Carthage*  
*Milk*  
Transplants, *Haunted Cities*



Backstreet Boys will release their newest album, *Never Gone*, June 14. This is the boy band's first release since 1999.

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### July

**July 1**  
**Switchfoot**  
Jillian's, Louisville

**July 2**  
**G. Love and Special Sauce**  
Jillian's, Louisville

**Rusted Root**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**July 5**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
*Hide and Seek*  
*Bride and Prejudice*  
Sufjan Stevens, *Illinois*  
Missy Elliot, *Cookbook*  
Tears for Fears, *Everybody Loves a Happy Ending*

**July 6**  
**Howie Day and Gavin DeGraw**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**July 7-10**  
**"Suessical the Musical"**  
Iriquois Theater, Louisville

**July 8**  
**Movies**

**Dark Water**  
*Fantastic Four*

**July 9**  
**Reel Big Fish w/American Hi-Fi**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**July 12**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
*Million Dollar Baby*  
*Royksopp, The Understanding*  
*Rufio, The Comfort of Home*

Daniel Lanois, *Belladonna*  
Yerba Buena, *Island Life*  
Ace of Base, *Da Capo*  
A Ha, *Definitive Singles Collection*

The Go-Betweens, *Oceans Apart*  
*Grateful Dead, Truckin' Up To Buffalo: July 4, 1989*

William Hung, *Miracles: Hung in the Sun*  
Willie Nelson, *Countryman*  
Rufus Wainwright, *Want Two*

Xiu Xiu, *Foret*

**July 14**  
**Dave Koz and Friends**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**July 15**  
**Movies**

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
*Hustle and Flow*  
*The Wedding Crashers*

**July 16**  
**REO Speedwagon**  
Kings Island, Cincinnati

**Chevelle**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**Lyle Lovett**  
Whitney Hall, Louisville

**Les Claypool**  
Jillian's, Louisville

**July 17**  
**Toby Keith**  
Riverbend Music Center  
**Michael Buble**  
Palace Theater, Louisville



Dave Matthews Band will perform July 21 at the Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati.

**July 19**  
**Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**Say Anything**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**DVDs and CDs**  
*Constantine*  
*Man of the House*  
*Ice Princess*  
*DMX, Here We Go Again*

**Books**  
"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

**July 20**  
**The Killers**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

## July

**Allman Brothers Band and more.**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**July 21**  
**Dave Matthews Band w/ O.A.R.**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**July 22**  
**Kasabian**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**Vans Warped Tour**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**Movies**  
**Bad News Bears**  
**The Devils Rejects**  
**The Island**

**July 26**  
**Widespread Panic**

Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati

**Jewel**  
Palace Theater, Louisville

**July 7-10**  
**"Little Shop of Horrors"**  
Whitney Theater, Louisville

**July 29**  
**Randy Travis**  
Caesars, Indiana

**DVDs and CDs**  
**The Upside of Anger**  
**King's Ransom**  
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**Blind Boys of Alabama, If I Had A Hammer**  
**The Game, Untold Story, Pt. 2**

**Movies**

**Stealth**  
**Sky High**  
**Must Love Dogs**



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The sixth installment of J.K. Rowling's wildly popular "Harry Potter" series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," is released July 19.

## August

**Aug. 1**  
**Rob Zombie**  
Bogart's, Cincinnati

**Aug. 2**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
**Alexander**

**Aug. 3**  
**3 Doors Down w/Staind and Breaking Benjamin**  
Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati



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Rob Zombie will perform at Bogart's in Cincinnati on Aug. 1.

**Aug. 5**  
**Movies**  
**The Dukes of Hazzard**  
**The Underclassman**  
**Junebug**

**Aug. 5**  
**Shadows Fall**  
Bogarts, Cincinnati

**Killswitch Engage**  
Jillian's, Louisville

**Aug. 12**  
**Movies**

**Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo**  
**Four Brothers**  
**The Great Raid**  
**Skeleton Key**  
**Supercross**

**Aug. 16**  
**DVDs and CDs**  
**Sin City**  
**The Wedding Date**

**Aug. 18**  
**Gretchen Wilson**  
Freedom Hall, Louisville

**Aug. 19**  
**Hilary Duff**



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Country superstar Alan Jackson will perform Aug. 20 at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

**Aug. 20**  
**Alan Jackson**  
Freedom Hall, Louisville

**Movies**  
**The 40-Year-Old Virgin**  
**Red Eye**  
**Valiant**

**Aug. 26**  
**Movies**  
**The Brothers Grimm**  
**The Cave**  
**Undiscovered**  
**The Constant Gardner**

**Aug. 20**  
**Alan Jackson**  
Freedom Hall, Louisville

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## Nash

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come and talk to their representatives. "We will hopefully have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new headquarters," Nash said. "There will be special welcome days with food and discussions so that students (who) are interested can come and voice their opinions on different issues. We hope it will be a great way for students to get involved." Student involvement is a topic in itself for Nash. With non-Greek students making up a small fraction of voters in

the SG elections, Nash said he hopes that students will come together during his term. "Only when students get involved will changes be seen," he said. "Students complained to professors and friends about SG, but no one came to us looking for policy changes. Only when we all can gather under the umbrella of Student Government will new ideas begin to show." "We are hoping to evoke changes that will last a long time," he said. "When all students are involved, we will have a more productive and credible student government." Nash's running mate and SG Vice President Bishop said she was excited to get to work. "We are going to work extremely

hard under our administration and have already gotten to work on many of the initiatives we promised students," Bishop said.

"It is going to be a great year and the students are going to see many positive changes throughout our term," she said. "It has definitely been a roller-coaster ride through all of the processes but ultimately, the students' voice was heard."

Nash echoed Bishop's sentiments. "When you are as stressed out as we were at that time, it was easy to make a mistake, but it did not alter how the students voted," he said. "The right candidate is in office."

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## Tuition

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Board of Trustees approved a 12.5 percent tuition and fees increase for students, submitted by the UK Administration for the 2005-2006 school year. The increase translates to an additional \$647.50 per year for lower-division students, and \$665.50 for upper-division students. Tuition for out-of-state students attending UK will increase by 7.1 percent in the coming year. Fees will increase by \$853.50 for lower-division students and \$875.50 for upper-division students. Williams, who voted for the tuition increase, said the Board works hard to contain costs for university students. "Working more efficiently and cutting costs will only get you so far," he said. "We got to the point where we had no choice." He also said that public universi-

ties in Kentucky are in competition with other institutions for state funding, including Medicaid and corrections facilities.

"There are always compelling and competing causes going for tax dollars," Williams said. UK used part of the \$13 million it received from state funding to minimize the tuition hike, though the rates from last year were still increased.

"Our tax base is not as large as our dream," Williams said. Williams stressed the importance of funds generated by the tuition increase that will go to the improvement of faculty salaries and benefit packages.

"Staff faculty have not had decent raises in three years," he said. Williams also said the salary increase will help UK develop and encourage the best faculty, which will benefit the student body overall. Brandon Wallace, a psychology senior, said he's not looking forward to paying more for tuition. "Every year the tuition increases have gone up, it has put a tighter strain on my budget," he said.

Although Wallace "wasn't thrilled" about the increase, he said he understands that funding for the university is necessary and has to come from somewhere.

"Unfortunately, someone has to carry the burden," he said. Wallace also said he believes enrollment would not be affected by the increase of tuition and fees, although some students might choose to enroll at other state schools like Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University or the University of Louisville.

Williams said that UK staff members work hard to ensure that students who have limited monetary resources receive the most support. "We are very sensitive to the needs of low-income students," he said.

Wallace said that the raise in tuition costs would affect low-income students negatively. "Students who don't have scholarships will have to find alternatives for education," he said. "You have to go to college — you can't afford not to."

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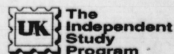
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IN OUR OPINION

## SG election soap opera finally ends

After more than a month of controversy, the University Appeals Board overturned the Student Government Supreme Court's decision and reinstated Will Nash as SG president.

The SG Supreme Court had disqualified Nash after claims that the Nash/Bishop campaign overspent their election fund limit and illegally used a tax-exemption certificate to purchase campaign materials.

The members of the second place ticket in the April election, SG presidential candidate Beck Ellingsworth and vice-presidential candidate Kyle Burns, had been sworn in by the SG Supreme Court in an unpublished, closed door ceremony before Nash

and Bishop could exhaust all of their out-lets for appeal.

That ill-timed and unprofessional move showed a complete lack of respect for those students that voted in the SG election, the candidates that were affected by the decision and the entire appeals process.

Although Nash was in clear violation of SG election rules, previous campaigns that have won elections have overspent and still been allowed to take

office with little more punishment than fines and community service.

Rachel Watts, who just wrapped up her two terms as SG president last month, was found guilty of similar spending violations in her 2003 campaign, but she and running mate Matt Rippetoe were simply fined and forced to participate in a limited amount of community

Bishop should have been the same, instead of this prolonged and unnecessary soap opera.

The SG Supreme Court's apparent vendetta against Nash for a negligible spending oversight was unfair and reckless. Not only did they defy precedent, they also defied the will of the clear majority of students who cast their vote for Nash.

In the grand scheme of things, violating campaign expenditure laws pales in comparison to violating students' rights.

Hopefully the SG Supreme Court can put the student body higher on its list of priorities than enforcing arbitrary election protocol.

**The reinstatement of SG President Will Nash was the right ending to the SG election mess.**

The sentence for Nash and Michelle

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## First month of summer saw no shortage of news

For those of you who may have used the four-week summer session as a means to sleep 12 hours a day, stay out until 3 a.m. every night, and completely ignore all the important

news that happened around campus and the state, you missed quite a bit.

The last month has seen scandal in Kentucky state politics, a disput-

ed Student Government re-election here at UK, possible bad news for next year's basketball team, and so much more.

So if you're just coming out of your summer haze, and you've already grown bored of what your professor is saying, read on and get caught up on what happened while we were away.

### Scandal in state politics... it can't be true.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher arrived in office after winning the 2003 election with a vow to clean up state government and keep politics out of the state's merit jobs.

It looks as if he wanted to achieve that goal by making sure he knew everyone in those merit jobs.

A whistleblower employed by the state's Transportation Cabinet released records and documents to the press last month that show the Fletcher administration may have filled hundreds of merit jobs after Fletcher got to office.

Attorney General, and possible Fletcher challenger in 2007, Greg

Stumbo has been overly vocal in his condemnation of the hiring practices and a special grand jury is looking into the allegations.

While this situation doesn't look like it will be as bad as some recent state scandals, it might not look good for Fletcher's re-election bid. And, if the governor loses in two years, it's doubtful the next occupant of that office is likely to throw any state jobs Fletcher's way.

### Will Nash is SG president... again

After more than one month of claims, appeals, closed-door meetings by just about everybody associated with Student Government, SG President-elect Will Nash was finally reinstated as the rightful leader of next year's student body by the University Appeals Board.

Nash and vice-presidential candidate Michelle Bishop narrowly defeated the ticket of Becky Ellingsworth and Kyle Burns in the April election, but the SG Supreme Court negated the Nash victory and handed the presidency to Ellingsworth after claims of improper spending during the campaign were filed against Nash.

Ellingsworth and Burns were even sworn in as president and vice-president by the SG Supreme Court before Nash had gone through all his mediums for appeal.

While hardly anyone actually voted for any of the candidates in the SG election and even less people probably care about the outcome, it's reassuring that some group exists on campus that has the sense to put SG in its place when it screws

up. And that's a job that never ends.

### Morris the Cat a Cat no longer?

UK basketball coach Tubby Smith knew he was going to lose team leader Chuck Hayes after the end of last season. And he probably expected that leading scorer Keleena Anzubeke would throw his name in the NBA Draft. But he surely didn't think that starting center Randolph Morris, who progressed at UK about as slowly as Darko Milicic has in Detroit, would leave Lexington for the pros.

But it looks as if that's exactly what Morris is going to do.

Since the UK big man faxed — that's right faxed — a letter to Smith last month informing the coach of his intentions to test the draft waters, no one associated with the UK basketball team has had any contact with Morris.

After averaging 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game last season, and spending just about as much time on the bench in foul trouble than on the court, Morris never really looked like an NBA prospect after just one season.

But Wildcat fans shouldn't fret just yet. Morris has not attended a single pre-draft workout and was AWOL when the Chicago draft camp, regarded as the most important in the league, kicked off two days ago.

So either he doesn't know how to get from Atlanta to Chicago, or he's realized that NBA coaches like their centers to average more than four rebounds per game.

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## A visit to the 'Church of Disney'

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls and otherwise, welcome, all of you, to the First Church of Disney!

It's a wonder you've made it inside, what with the Florida heat and brimstone and the lines and all. Have you paid your membership fee? If so, we are glad to see you. If not, then lie flat upon thee, go to the back of the line! Do you not see it? Feed those five-dollar bills into this huge pair of binoculars mounted on a pole. There it is, out there! Can you find it? It's there! Yes, past Cinderella!

Those of you remaining with us, begin making your way to the pews. Be sure to move all the way to the ends of the rows, filling every available space. Strollers must be folded, and watch your children. Scoot over all the way and make sure all the seats are filled. There will be no empty spaces in the pews!

And now, before we proceed with our service, we have some rules for you. Let us lay them down!

Safety is our number one priority, here at the First Church of Disney. It is for this reason that we will tell you please to remain seated while your service is in progress. Keep your arms, legs, feet and hands inside the pews at all times, and strollers must be folded and you must stay behind the yellow lines until the service comes to a full and complete stop. There will be no eating, drinking, smoking or flash photography or shrieking at the pastor throughout this morning's service.

Please remain seated throughout the opening liturgy. And please remain seated at all times while we sing this morning's opening hymn, called *A Medley to Everything!*

Thank you very much, although you've done nothing. Now we will proceed with this morning's sermon, based on an actual fireworks show at the Magic Kingdom, called "Wishes."

You see, during that evening fireworks show, instead of just shooting some fireworks into the air above Cinderella Castle and watching them blow up, the Disney people have affixed some system of meaningful theology to that fireworks show. This doctrine is presented by a nearly incomprehensible recording of Jiminy Cricket on the theme park speakers, accompanied by several other unrecognizable acoustic-echoic, auxiliary Disney characters.

During the sermon, be sure to take plenty of notes in your autograph books! If not, ushers dressed as Minnie Mouse, Flur, Daisy Duck or that fool Englishman from *Pocahontas* will come to assist you.

Let's begin now:

Wishes really can come true. You just really need to wish very, very hard, and believe strongly in yourself. Sometimes the bad guys will come, but your wishes can overpower them. Remember to keep on wishing.

*Ka-boom! Ka-boom!*

**Wishers!** Now there is one solid, valuable worldview from the Magic Kingdom fireworks show, as presented by that lovable and comical Jiminy Cricket.

Now we move on to the prayer, as publicized in the fireworks show at Epcot Center, whose message is pretty much a more-mature version of the Magic Kingdom fireworks doctrine, in that the script sounds like it was written by the late Isaac Asimov. To whom, then, will we pray? Why, ourselves, of course!

Dear ourselves: Let us never forget where we came from and who gave us life — namely, nonliving matter, which did explode during the Big Bang, represented by a single firework over the Epcot Center lake. Let us also never forget how wonderful the Earth is and how we have come originally out of the caves all by ourselves and without any help, as also represented during the show. And let us especially reminisce on all that we have done, what with our technologies and airplanes and all, and let us press onward with these exalted things and continue to improve ourselves and evolve further into the future age of global peace! Amen.

As the closing hymn plays, please exit the pews to the driver's left-hand side and step onto the moving platform. That platform is moving at the same speed as your pew. Make your way to the exits to our gift shop, remembering to take small children by the hand as well as your husbands, ha ha!

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Thank you very much, and have a magical day!

*Author's note: Recently I returned from a two-week sojourn in Florida with my family, and so once the Disney Magic had been cleansed from my body, I couldn't help but feel slightly sarcastic. However, it's certainly a fantastic place down there, with lots of very fun things to do, such as riding The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror on the afternoon of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Just watch out for that Disney Religion — it can become most problematic, sometimes.*

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## Spelling

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word answer, to the giggles of the rambunctious, librarian-dotted crowd. "From the Latin before that?" he would ask, usually more for show than anything, to give the impression that he was pondering. Then Patel would assure the anxious audience with a second "yes" before mowing the word down letter by letter. Usually he would barely get the word out of his mouth the second time, after his spelling, before he was on his way back to his seat on the stage.

Those spellers do so love the limelight. Patel succumbed to "Rosclan" in round 16, opening the door for Kashyap. Before missing his fateful final word, he made sure of the identity of Rossis, a Latin somebody or something that did something significant to

someon at some point. He was right on the money with the identification, but simply missed the word.

Can you imagine the amount of hours this kid put into studying all of that useless knowledge? He's going to chronically forget where he left his car keys when he's 30, but while he's looking for them, he'll sure be able to tell anyone who asks who Rossis was.

Kashyap is a straight-A student who also visited state-level Mathcounts and Science Olympiad competitions, and also represents his school in the Geography Bee, according to his bio page on [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

In other words, he's going to be my first pick next year in my Academic Competitions fantasy league.

It doesn't say much for our society if the only time a kid with this much potential is recognized is during a trumped-up game show version of a spelling bee, where the winner takes home fabu-

lous cash and prizes.

Part of me wants to throw heavy things at the screen, because the kids are once again being exploited and it's terrible television anyway, but the other part of me sits and watches, pulling for a pubescent preteen I'll never see again once I change the channel to correctly spell a seven-syllable word I'll never hear again after I change the channel.

If they ever screw one up, then they don't win the prizes and they go home with an interesting line for their resume and something to share with Alex Trebek during the "meet the contestants" portion of "Jeopardy."

I have one thing to say to those brave children who tried their hardest but were obliterated by the academic juggernaut that is Anurag Kashyap. Congratulations. You can spell.

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## Golf

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"Going back to the regional last year, May of '04, that was the turning point (for the team)," Craig said. "We were doing well but hadn't done anything real special. When we won the regional that year, went on to the NCAAs and came in eighth — that's when we really started believing we could compete with anybody."

Having a national champion from the SEC is a testament to the toughness of the conference, Craig said.

"First and foremost, our goal is to win the SEC," he said.

"If you compete well in the SEC, you're going to be one of the best teams in the country ... We have everything we need at UK to be a national contender: good facilities, good competition,

even a taste of winter."

The Cats return eight players next season, but lose much of their core group of starters with seniors Holmes, Wells, Brandon Waldrop and Mark Blakelock all leaving.

The only returnee next season with NCAA tournament experience is Kohn, who was crucial in UK's run to the SEC championship this season.

Senior-to-be Kohn played his role in winning the SEC title.

"I had a hand in it," he said. "I placed fourth overall but without the other guys it couldn't have happened. It takes all five guys to win."

Georgia finished third in the conference showdown.

Craig noted that the team will lose experience with just one returning starter.

"Next year will clearly be a rebuilding year," Craig said.

"But we've got some

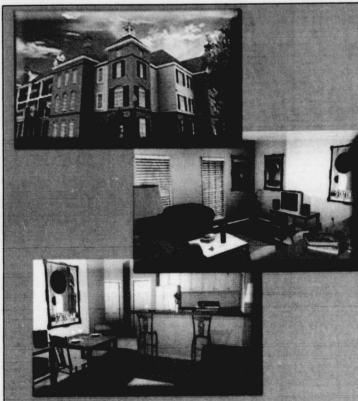
guys who can play, who were behind seniors this year. Not to mention three freshmen coming in who are very capable. I look for at least one of them to start by next season."

Kohn agreed. "I'll be the one everyone looks to for experience, but I don't see myself as the go-to guy. You need all five starters to play well to win. We'll lack experience but be very talented next year."

While Kohn didn't say exactly how close UK was to becoming a national golf powerhouse, he said he was pleased with the team's progress.

"Well, I wouldn't put any certain number of years on it," he said, "but we've made great strides the last few years and we will always continue to compete and strive to stay atop the SEC."

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