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UK wants to give itself total oversight of SG

Student Affairs says proposed changes for governing regulations don't increase authority

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK Student Affairs is proposing changes to UK's governing regulations that would give the university final say over Student Government's actions.

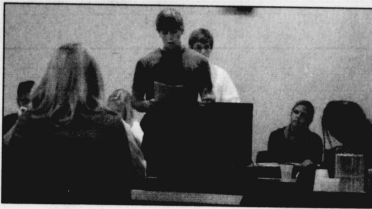
The proposal gives Pat Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, oversight on all SG affairs, including budgetary and financial issues. According to the proposal, Terrell would appoint an adviser to supervise

SG throughout the year. Terrell said the proposal puts UK's authority over SG in writing.

"I don't think it strengthens (UK's) authority; it clarifies that it existed in the past and will exist in the future," Terrell said. "They are not independent of the university. We just want to bring them back down to earth."

Rhonda Strouse, director of Student Services, is currently

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Student Government Senator Scott McIntosh speaks about an act related to holding paid staff accountable for their work during last night's SG meeting in the Student Center Small Ballroom. SG also appointed two Supreme Court justices.

SG names two new justices, aids tutoring program

By Sean Rose
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UK's Student Government filled vacant positions and allocated thousands of dollars to a tutoring program at its third meeting of the school year.

A bill was also passed appointing two new associate justices to the SG Supreme Court. These appointments fill vacancies on

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Youth (a)weight help at UK clinic

UK "active management" clinic helps patients fight obesity

By Shannon Mason
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

With a little dodge ball and the arcade game Dance Dance Revolution, a UK pediatrics professor is helping Kentucky children battle obesity.

After recognizing a growing problem in the number of overweight teenagers and children, Dr. Joan Griffith, a UK Health-Care pediatrician and UK College of Medicine assistant professor of pediatrics, developed and implemented the Teens Enjoying Active Management Systems Clinic nearly two years ago.

The clinic is a program for overweight children and teenagers to help them manage their weight and sort out its possible causes.

Griffith said the acronym TEAMS was chosen because "it incorporates our philosophy that the solution to pediatric overweight requires a multidisciplinary approach that involves changes in diet, physical activity, attitude and family to make a difference."

Griffith said the original thought was to gear the program toward teenagers.

"Originally, we developed the program to address the problem in teenagers, but quickly learned that the problem extended to other ages as physicians called requesting younger patients be evaluated," Griffith said.

Patients 21 years old or younger who are overweight are eligible to be seen at the clinic. Patients are either referred to the clinic by a physician, or they contact the clinic directly.

The clinic is open on Mondays in the General Pediatric Clinic of the Kentucky Clinic.

On the initial visit, Griffith said patients receive a complete physical examination and appropriate lab tests. She said the family meets Gantz and receives dietary recommendations.

"We make specific recommendations for increasing physical activity and offer a pedometer to help increase activity," she said. "Our goal is to get the child to record 10,000 steps a day."

The patient returns for a follow-up visit in two to three weeks and is seen at the clinic once a month after the follow-up visit, she said.

"We ask families to commit to the program for at least a year," Griffith said. "Our goal is to develop lifestyle changes that lead to a healthier approach to life, not just loss of weight."

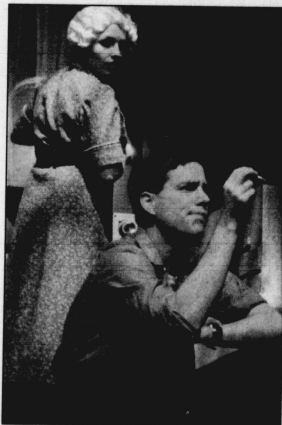
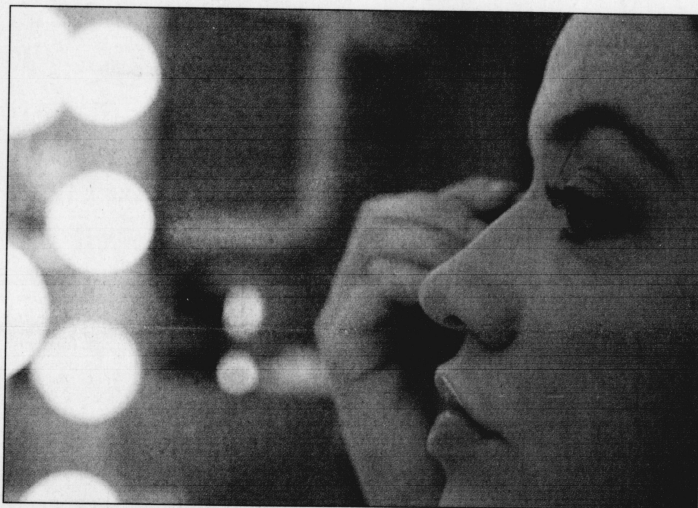
Since the beginning of the program, Griffith said about 200 children have been evaluated. The evaluation of the data for the first 100 patients has shown the average patient age as 12 years old and the average body mass index as 30, meaning patients were very overweight, Griffith said.

"The youngest patient has been about 17 months, the oldest 21 years," Griffith said.

Jennifer Liles, a second-year UK medical student, has also been working with

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the glass menagerie



BEFORE and AFTER

Photos by Chris Reynolds

Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" is a semi-autobiographical work about an overbearing mother and her struggle against her two children, the alcoholic Tom and the reclusive Laura.

The play will run at UK's Guignol Theatre in the Fine Arts Building on Rose Street on Oct. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Showtimes for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and UK faculty and staff and \$5 for students and children.

Top: Theater senior Crystal King puts on makeup before a dress rehearsal of The Glass Menagerie yesterday at the Fine Arts Building. King plays Laura in the play. Left: Theater senior Dara Tiller, left, and graduate student Fonzie Geary rehearse a scene of The Glass Menagerie last night at the Guignol Theatre.

Bush says Miers' religious beliefs played role in choice

By Maura Reynolds
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush indicated yesterday that Harriet Miers' religious beliefs were one reason he nominated her to the Supreme Court, comments that drew quick criticism from liberal groups who said religion should not be considered a qualification to sit on the United States' highest bench.

Bush's remarks came on the same day James C. Dobson,

president of Focus on the Family, told his radio show listeners that White House deputy chief of staff Karl Rove assured him in advance of the announcement of Miers' selection that she was a committed evangelical Christian.

"People ask me why I picked Harriet Miers," Bush said when asked about those assurances by reporters. "They want to know Harriet Miers' background. They want to know as much as they possibly can be-

fore they form opinions. And part of Harriet Miers' life is her religion. Part of it has to do with the fact that she was a pioneer woman and a trailblazer in the law in Texas."

Bush previously has stressed his knowledge of her character in discussing his nomination of her, but this was the first time he has publicly referred to her faith when asked about picking her.

His comment about Miers as a trailblazer refers to her being

the first woman to head a major law firm in Dallas and the first women elected president of the Texas state bar — facts he has mentioned before.

Following Bush's comments yesterday, White House spokesman Scott McClellan avoided a direct answer when asked if Miers' religion played "no role at all in the president's decision-making."

He responded: "That's part of who she is. That's part of

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NEWS BRIEFS

UK doctor featured on KET

Dr. Tarvez Tucker, an associate professor with the Department of Neurology at the UK, will be featured on the television program Kentucky Health airing on KET1 Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. and on KET2 Monday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. She will be discussing innovative new procedures for the relief of migraines and the causes and prevention of headaches. Since arriving at UK she has founded the Headache and Pain Clinic, the only comprehensive headache clinic in the state.

B&E branch names new head

UK's Center for Business and Economics Research, the applied business and economics research branch of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, has named Kenneth Troske as its new director. Troske has previously worked for the U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Missouri.

UK alumnus to try his hand at Ironman Triathlon

Chris Parks, a 2004 graduate of UK, will compete among 2,000 challengers in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship. The event begins Oct. 15 in Kona, Hawaii, with a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile run to be completed in succession within a 17-hour timeframe. NBC will cover the event, which is set to air Nov. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

World Food Day tomorrow

God's Pantry, in association with UK's nutrition department, is sponsoring a World Food Day teleconference from noon to 3 p.m. in Erikson Hall tomorrow. The event will coincide with the 25th anniversary of World Food Day and the speaker is Frances Lappe, author of Diet for a Small Planet.

Theater kicks off season

UK's Theater Department

will kick off its 78th season today with a performance of Tennessee William's acclaimed work *The Glass Menagerie*. Each day's performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Guignol Theater with the final performance on Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. Russell Henderson, an associate professor of acting and voice, will direct the production.

River science prof lectures today and tomorrow

Nick Clifford, a professor of river science at the University of Nottingham, will give two lectures at UK today and tomorrow. Clifford's talk titled "Dynamics of the Lower Mississippi River: Some Insights from a Multi-scale Geomorphological Study" will be given today at 4 p.m. in the Stone Building.

Part two will be given tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the White Hall Classroom Building.

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the clinic's patients.

Liles said she shadowed Griffith during her first year as a medical student, and by chance, shadowed her on a day she spent at the clinic.

"I loved the program," Liles said. "I knew I had to get involved."

For a project in one of her classes, Liles and a group of students from the class starting coming to the clinic and playing with the children while they waited to be seen.

"Dodge ball and Dance Revolution are the favorites right now," she said. "I think I know what a lot of the kids are getting for Christmas."

During her time at the clinic, Liles said she has seen some patients who have

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important program.

"Obesity is running rampant in the United States and in Kentucky," Liles said. "If we want to make an improvement, we need to start with the kids."

"We have to stop it while they're young."

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TEAMS Clinic Info

The "Teens Enjoying Active Management Systems" clinic is open on Mondays in the General Pediatric Clinic of the Kentucky Clinic.

Initial visits are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and follow-up visits are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (859) 323-5643.

Jennifer Liles
second-year UK med student

made great progress.

"One girl has lost 30 pounds in the program," Liles said. "She looks great."

She comes in with a smile on her face because she knows she is doing all the right things.

"And we have others that are losing weight, but at a slower rate."

Liles said the clinic is an

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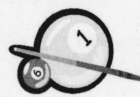
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WHAT'S THE DEAL? | Demystifying campus trends

'Winter blues' causing you to put up a cold front?

Have you ever been in one of those awkward moments during a conversation with someone when the most interesting thing the two of you have to talk about is the weather?

For some reason, one of you thought this would be an excellent starter, but unless the level of weather interest or expertise is extremely high on both sides, this conversation was doomed from that moment on.

But why do people tend to result to weather comments when out of ideas? Is it a mere result of boredom, or perhaps a lack of personality to begin with? The answer, however, is because the weather, whether you realize it or not, determines your personality thus allowing the topic to become very personal. So perhaps talking about it is actually not that bad of a way to start some chatter and get to know someone.

The cool thing about the weather is that it is one thing all humans have in common. No matter where you are from or what you do for a living, weather affects all of us. It's also one of the few conversational pieces that won't induce any sort of opposition amongst strangers (unless you are talking about the current climate of our athletic program, but that's a whole

separate subject). In the past two months, this earth has experienced massive earthquakes, flooding, landslides, golf ball sized hail, forest fires, the more common tropical hurricanes and many more natural disasters. These disasters don't pick on certain individuals and decide to only hit a specific area of the world, which makes it less offensive.

Beyond the conversation level, weather affects everything we do as humans in our day-to-day routine. It determines the clothes we are going to put on in the morning, and then perhaps what to change into in the afternoon, or whether you might stay indoors and be lazy instead of going to Keeneland on a cold and stormy day. If you traveled south for fall break this past weekend, I'm sure some of you had to leave a day early just to stay in front of the bad weather that was near.

The weather doesn't have to affect us in a negative way, either. On Tuesday communications and ISC senior Jim D'Amico decided to take a round-a-bout way to class to enjoy what pleasurable weather we have left. "I love that autumn smell of leaves falling and the sound of wind gusting through the wind-tunnel in front of the library," Jake said. "I'm just trying to take advantage of the day, not knowing what the weather will entail tomorrow."

Now that Judgment Day seems to be approaching all nations of the world, the weather has become obses-

sively abundant in our day-to-day conversation, as well as in the news. This talk can potentially put a damper on all our moods every time the topic is brought up. With the quick change in Lexington's climate over the past couple of weeks and exams becoming more and more plentiful in our school schedule, our moods have become very impressionable.

As winter approaches, many of us are experiencing what I like to call a "Summer Complaint" (not to be confused with Montezuma's revenge). The summer months, or more specifically the sunny, warm days, tend to instill a happy-go-lucky and easygoing mentality in all of us.

Regardless of our day's stressful routine, having the sun blaze on us allows anyone to become more personable and carefree. But as soon as the dark and stormy months of fall and early winter arrive, all of us can temporarily kiss those joyous moods goodbye and say hello to the "Winter Blues."

Nobody likes this transition, at least at first. Humans have never been in control of the temperature or seasonal changes, but all of us can advantage of the pleasant weather we have left by being outside and keeping good attitudes. Eventually, the winter mood will develop in all of us and we will all become prepared for the snowy ski season and holidays. But, until then, enjoy.

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'Gypsy punk' the eclectic sound of the American melting pot

By Susan Carpenter
LOS ANGELES TIMES

If Eastern Europe made a musical crash landing in the United States, it would sound like Gogol Bordello — a bewy pack of immigrants dancing their way through the streets late at night, instruments blaring. The New York City eight-piece is the American melting pot as music: a multicultural riot of violin, accordion, ska, flamenco and rock, or, as the band says more succinctly, "Gypsy punk."

"I wanted to combine most extreme sounds of the East and most extreme sounds of West," said mustachioed frontman Eugene Hutz, who sings in sneering, Ukrainian-accented English. "I didn't want it to be punk rock-flavored with accordion. That's why I went for seeking excellent musicians from Eastern Europe, putting them together with musicians that were schooled in punk and rock 'n' roll and other things."

Among those musicians: Sergey Ryabtzev, a fiddler who worked as a theater director in Moscow, and Rea Mochlach, an Israeli bass player with a background in jazz, dub and drum 'n' bass. Throw in a couple of dancing drummers, an accordionist and a handful of other musicians and the result is so irresistibly lively and welcoming that it could seduce the most recalcitrant and reserved listener into a vodka-fueled, kick-dancing frenzy.

It's this sort of pied-piper vibe that's had the group touring the world for the past half decade, from Bosnia-Herzegovina to San Diego, in venues as diverse as art galleries, Gypsy festivals, fashion shows, even this year's Warped Tour.

On Oct. 22, they'll bring their circus act of a show to the Troubadour in Hollywood in support of the group's recent third release, "Gypsy Punks: Underdog World Strike" on SideOneDummy Records.



COURTESY SIDEONEDUMMY RECORDS
The members of Gogol Bordello, an 8-piece 'gypsy rock' band whose music will be featured in the new film, "Everything is Illuminated."

"We are equally unappreciated anywhere," Hutz said. Maybe so, but the group's stock seems to be rising. Most recently, Gogol Bordello got a boost from its contributions to the new Liev Schreiber film, "Everything is Illuminated," in which Hutz also played the character Alex. Portraying a Ukrainian, Ali G wannabe forced to work for his father's tour guide service, Hutz almost steals the show from star Elijah Wood.

And Hutz isn't even an actor. At least, he wasn't. For months, Jason Schwartzman had been cast as the character Hutz eventually played. But after Schreiber approached Hutz about including Gogol Bordello's music in the film, it was clear Hutz was more appropriate for the part of the young born-and-bred Ukrainian who never identified with his home country and who speaks English enthusiastically, if imperfectly.

"I'm that guy," Hutz told Schreiber. "There is some archetypal traits that Eastern European people carry and one of the most important ones being verbal creativity," Hutz explained, unwittingly proving his point. English clearly is a second language for Hutz, 33, who grew up in Ukraine un-

til the Chernobyl disaster sent his family on a seven-year tour of Eastern European refugee camps. He moved to New York in 1998 and began gathering the musicians who would soon become Gogol Bordello. Hutz writes all the lyrics for the songs, which are, for the most part, caustic immigrant vignettes — all punctuated with unintentional malapropisms or mangled grammar.

"Legalize me! Realize me! Party!" Hutz belts out on "Immigrant Punk," a track on the new album that could easily double as the band's manifesto. Much of "Gypsy Punks" was written and recorded after Hutz had finished "Everything is Illuminated." Likewise for the movie's score, which was created in a series of late-night "gypsy sessions" at the New York office of music supervisor Susan Jacobs.

"All I needed was a wine and vodka budget, and off we'd go," said Jacobs, who recorded the sessions with composer Paul Canteloni playing piano and some of the Gogol Bordello musicians improvising on the spot. "There's something brilliant about getting back to spirit," Jacobs said. "That's what Gogol Bordello did for the film. Their spirit is there."

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Military planning bigger role for disaster relief

By Ann Scott Tyson
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is planning a more rapid, robust role for active-duty forces in responding to catastrophic disasters or terrorist attacks, a senior Pentagon official said yesterday, describing the demand for large-scale military resources in such cases as "inevitable."

Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense, stressed, however, that the expanded active-

duty military response would be limited to rare, mass calamities or attacks in which thousands of lives were at risk — such as a category 4 hurricane, or a terrorist strike involving chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

Federal troops might also play a role in enforcing a quarantine in the case of a pandemic outbreak of avian flu or other disease, McHale said, although initially that job would fall to National Guard forces under the command of a state governor.

"We are looking at a wide range of contingencies potentially involving Title 10 forces (federal troops) if a pandemic outbreak of a biological threat were to occur," said McHale, who planned further review of avian flu quarantine measures.

In contrast, the Pentagon does not intend to take the lead in responding to the dozens of "major disasters" such as floods declared every year, McHale said. And even in catastrophic events, the Pentagon's goal would be to

provide a rapid, early response and then quickly transfer responsibilities to civilian authorities, he said.

The planning for an expanded Pentagon role in domestic catastrophes comes amid escalating demands on U.S. forces, which today not only are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan but also waging disaster relief missions in Pakistan, Guatemala, and domestically along the Gulf Coast.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld yesterday advocated

closer cooperation among U.S. and Central American defense forces as a way to better address threats from terrorists and drug traffickers, as well as natural disasters. "It is clear the better the relationships and the better organized we are with respect to security matters, the better able we will be to deal with disasters, natural or man-made," Rumsfeld told a meeting of defense ministers from seven Central American nations at a conference in Florida.

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her background. That's what the president was talking about in his remarks in the Oval Office."

McClellan added: "Faith is very important to Harriet Miers. But she recognizes that faith and that her religion and that her personal views don't have a role to play when it comes to making decisions."

Liberal groups, who have taken a low profile since the nomination was announced, noted that White House officials took issue with Democratic senators who wanted to discuss Chief Justice John G. Roberts' religious beliefs during his recent confirmation process. Roberts is a Catholic.

"We were told we weren't even allowed to bring up the topic of religion when John G. Roberts was nominated for the Supreme Court," Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said in a statement. "Anyone who did was quickly labeled a bigot. Now Bush and Rove are touting where Miers goes to church and using that as a selling point. The hypocrisy is staggering."

Ralph Neas, president of the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way, cited Article 6 of the Constitution, which states that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust."

"The president and his people are using repeated assurances about Miers' religion to send not-so-subtle messages about how she might rule on the court on issues important to the president's political supporters," Neas said. "It's a shabby ploy unworthy of the debate over a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court."

Kermit Hall, president of the State University of New York, Albany, and editor of the *Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court*, said that it is unusual in the history of Supreme Court nominations for a president to emphasize a nominee's religious beliefs or affiliation.

Since President Woodrow Wilson named Louis Brandeis to the Supreme Court, "tacitly there has been some understanding that we should have some Jewish representation on the court, just as nowadays there is some representation of gender and African-American background," Hall said. "But I cannot think of any president who has ever made a nomination because of the religious beliefs that a person held...."

Miers' nomination has aroused little enthusiasm among some of Bush's core supporters, who had hoped the president would rely on Republican control of the Senate to pick a conservative with a well-known legal record. Miers, a Bush aide for several years who currently serves as White House counsel, has never been a judge.

"There are three categories of conservatives — those who are opposing her, those in favor and those taking a wait-and-see approach," Tony Perkins, president of the influential Family Research Council, said in an interview. "By far the largest category is the last one."

Miers' nomination also was promoted yesterday by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who said on MSNBC he believes Miers personally opposes abortion. Gonzales did not say whether he had discussed the issue with her.

He also said: "But the question as to whether or not she's pro-life or not has no bearing and should have no bearing as to... how she would rule on a particular case interpreting the right to an abortion."

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the body which played a decisive role in the recent controversy over the presidential election.

The Student Senate added \$8,500 in funds to the Peer Tutoring Program at the third senate meeting of the year last night in the small ballroom of the student center.

Originally called Elevation Tutoring, the Peer Tutoring Program's total funding jumped to \$18,500 after Jim Breslin, the coordinator of the program, made a presentation explaining that at the program's current rate, it would not be able to function past February. He said he was overwhelmed by the support of Student Government.

"I'm definitely thrilled," Breslin said. "This just means that we can keep helping students."

Senator Will Fuller, who co-sponsored the bill with senator Nate Thompson, said the money will be put to good use.

"It's funding that's going to go to something that's being proactive," Fuller said. "It's already helping students."

SG President Becky Ellingsworth echoed Fuller's sentiments.

"I think it's great; I think it will benefit students immensely," Ellingsworth said.

The senate also passed a bill requiring all paid senate and executive staffs to publicly post their hours of work to

make sure staffers are earning their salary. Staffers will not be paid if their hours are not posted.

The bill came after heated debate at the last Senate meeting over the increase in the executive staff's salary fund by \$2,500 from last year's total.

The bill is currently only for the 2005-06 academic year but it could return to the Senate in two weeks to become a statute to be followed by all future senates.

The Senate passed a bill confirming Ellingsworth's picks for her cabinet positions but with an amendment, approved the creation of the executive cabinets four weeks ago and approved the secretaries of Campus Life, College-Town Initiative, University Relations and Campus Outreach. Unexpectedly, the secretaries of Greek Affairs were not approved. Senator Andy Bates called for the nominees to be struck from the bill because they did not fill out applications for the position.

"I had a problem with why have an application if you're not going to appoint an applicant," Bates said.

Applicants filled all the other positions. One person applied for the two open Greek Affairs positions. Ellingsworth said she did not have to have an application system to choose positions. She added that she heard good arguments from the senators but the final decision on who should serve in her cabinet should belong to her.

"I think a lot of people had valid points," Ellingsworth said. "But I think it should be

people that are going to work on my behalf."

The Senate also passed a bill creating a Commission on Student Rights. Ellingsworth sponsored the bill and said the commission is designed "to ensure that not only are student rights not being violated, but that they are a priority."

The commission could handle many instances, from where students believe their rights have been violated by Lexington police to grading policies. Ellingsworth said she hopes the commission will continue to develop over the next few weeks and could hold five to 15 members.

The Senate passed a bill approving four people appointed to the Election Board of Claims for the upcoming freshman election. The board investigates any campaign violations by any candidates and handles punishments.

There were also motions to discuss and form a system that would allow on-line voting in future SG elections to raise voter turnout.

Senate President Nick Phelps said he was pleased with SG's performance after their third meeting of the year. "You can tell that the accountability is rising," Phelps said. "That's very important because that's the key to our success."

Terrell said the presence of an adviser at meetings is for supervision, and nothing more. "She's (The adviser is) not going to tell them what they can or cannot do, unless it's in violation of university policy," Terrell said.

Terrell is currently collecting comments on the proposal from Ellingsworth and anyone who wants to comment. She will then send a final draft to interim provost Scott Smith, and President Lee Todd. If they approve, the draft will go onto the Student Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees.

If that committee approves the changes, the full Board of Trustees will vote on it for final approval. Terrell hopes to have the proposal approved at the Dec. 6 board meeting.

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the unofficial adviser for SG. Terrell said if the changes are approved, she will still be SG's adviser, but her role would be an official one and will be supported in writing.

The proposed changes were written by an unofficial committee made up of Terrell, Strouse, UK's general counsel, Barbara Jones, and T. Lynn Williamson, UK's associate senior general counsel. Terrell said the proposal was written because SG has been asserting its independence from UK since the March election last school year.

SG President Becky Ellingsworth won the past election after she sued UK on grounds that SG was independent from UK. Presidential candidate Will Nash won the SG election last March, but was disqualified because of campaign violations. The SG Supreme Court affirmed Nash's disqualification and Ellingsworth was named the winner.

After school let out for summer break, the University Appeals Board overturned the SG Supreme Court's decision after Nash filed an appeal. Ellingsworth then sued UK in Fayette Circuit Court, maintaining that the SG Supreme Court should have had the final decision making power. She won the suit in early September.

Ellingsworth declined to comment until her staff was finished reviewing the proposal. Terrell said this controversy over the past election didn't prompt the proposed changes.

"I have more to do with SG's attitude and (the) SG Supreme Court's attitude," Terrell said. According to Terrell, SG has also been asserting its independence from UK by not allowing its adviser to speak at meetings in past instances.

"I've never been at a univer-

sity where a student government wouldn't allow me to speak at one of their meetings," Terrell said, referring to a September 2004 meeting where SG representatives declined to let her speak.

Terrell said the presence of an adviser at meetings is for supervision, and nothing more. "She's (The adviser is) not going to tell them what they can or cannot do, unless it's in violation of university policy," Terrell said.

Terrell is currently collecting comments on the proposal from Ellingsworth and anyone who wants to comment. She will then send a final draft to interim provost Scott Smith, and President Lee Todd. If they approve, the draft will go onto the Student Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees.

If that committee approves the changes, the full Board of Trustees will vote on it for final approval. Terrell hopes to have the proposal approved at the Dec. 6 board meeting.

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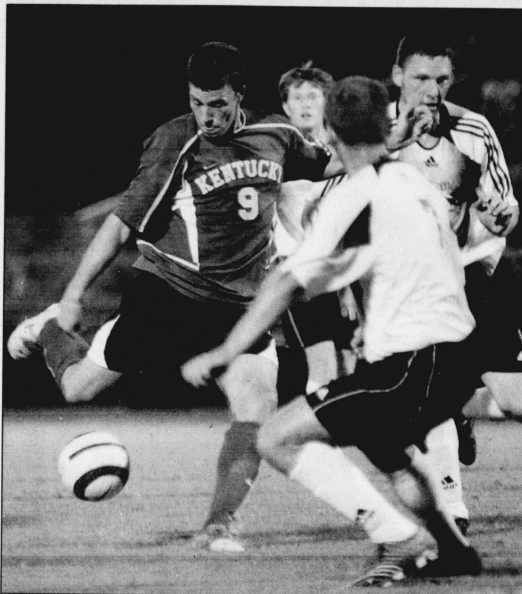
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Men's soccer hopes to finish season strong

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Junior UK soccer forward Riley O'Neill takes a shot on the goal past Georgetown College defender Sept. 14. The men's squad takes on South Carolina in Columbia tomorrow night and plays at East Carolina Sunday.

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Riding a season roller-coaster, the UK men's soccer team has had to sweat almost every Conference USA game it's played.

Going into this weekend's back-to-back away games against South Carolina and East Carolina, the Wildcats (4-4-4) can't even guess what the outcome will be.

"Both teams are good," head coach Ian Collins said. "Every team in this conference is. There aren't any easy games."

After beating No. 25 Tulsa on Friday, the Cats were jubilant with their first win in five games. It was a win that junior forward Riley O'Neill said "proved ourselves."

But less than 48 hours later, UK lost to Southern Methodist University when a head ball went to the back of the net in the last three seconds of play.

"The ride is nothing new. We played a great game against (SMU), but there's never any telling what can happen," Collins said.

South Carolina (5-5-1) has won five straight after starting the season 0-5, but East Carolina (0-9-1) is winless on the season. Hot or cold, the senior goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum wants UK to play harder.

"It doesn't matter," Gruenebaum said on the upcoming games in the Carolinas. "We need to play — like we did against Tulsa. I don't care who we're playing. We just need to go in with heart."

O'Neill said a rocky start should be finished strong. "We're good and can be great if we get our act together," O'Neill said. "We'll be playing away and it'll be a grind. It's always tough to win away."

UK will be without O'Neill Friday night. The Cats' primary offensive weapon was given a red card in Sunday's game against SMU and will serve a one game suspension as a result.

"The young players will really need to step up," Collins said on the issue of O'Neill's absence.

UK plays with 16 players who have not seen any collegiate action before this season.

"Half our team is young and inexperienced, and that's very hard to deal with," Collins said. "But still, everyone on the team has to be ready to play a tough, physical game, no matter who we play."

This has been an issue for the Cats throughout the season, who have given up numerous leads as a result. "A good solid team effort is what we need to be consistent and win," O'Neill said.

As the Cats get into the meat of conference play, they can no longer afford any slip ups if they wish to make it into the NCAA tournament, Collins said.

"We need to string some games up," Collins said. "We could use some luck. We need to make some luck."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's tennis does double duty for weekend

The UK men's tennis team will split this weekend, sending players to two tournaments.

Three Wildcats will start play today in the Region Three Indoor Championships in Memphis, Tenn., and three others will begin first round play tomorrow in the Louisville Fall Classic.

Seniors Alex Hume, ranked 68th in the nation, and Nate Emge, ranked 94th, and freshman Bruno Agostinelli will play in Memphis, while senior Casey Rubin, and freshmen Marcus Sundh and Shane Collins tee off in Louisville.

Agostinelli has won seven matches in two tournaments this fall season, while Rubin notched three wins last weekend at the Georgia Tech Invitational, bringing his season total to six wins.

Sundh won twice at the Georgia Tech Invitational. Live scoring is available

on the Web (www.ukathletics.com).

Women's tennis in North Carolina

The UK women's tennis team begins play today in the 2005 ITA Fall Regional Championships in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Wildcats will be playing in the Southeast Region.

No. 15 Kim Coventry looks to bounce back from an opening round loss last week at the Riviera ITA Women's All-American Tennis Championships to tournament winner No. 3 Nicole Leimbach of TCU.

Coventry and doubles partner junior Joelle Schwenk will play in the doubles competition. The duo is ranked 9th in the country.

Senior Danielle Petrisko, and juniors Lara Maurer, Lis Sober and Caroline Winebrenner will play in the singles draw.

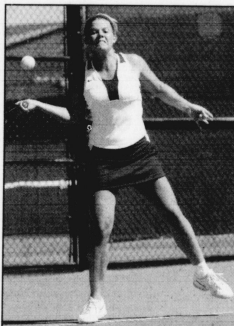
Fulmer not pleased with Vols' start

Tennessee head football coach Phillip Fulmer said the Southeastern Conference hasn't seen what his team can do and stressed consistency when the Volunteers (3-2) emerge from this weekend's open date.

"We aren't very pleased right now with where we are with where we expected to be at the beginning season," Fulmer said during yesterday's SEC coaches' teleconference. "We are using the open date to make corrections and look very hard at ourselves to see how we can get away from the mistakes that have been the issues."

The Vols take on No. 6 Alabama (5-0) in Tuscaloosa Oct. 22.

"Everybody's tough. It's been tough going on the road to LSU and Florida," he said. "Our focus is on us and what can we do better to get out of this offensive doldrums. We take the ap-



UK women's tennis junior Caroline Winebrenner returns the ball at the UK Fall Invitational Sept. 30. The Wildcats travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. to start play today in the ITA Regional Championships. Junior Kim Coventry and doubles partner Joelle Schwenk will play in the doubles competition. The duo is ranked 9th in the country.

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proach that we play what we got. We have a good time, we haven't played like we can yet."

UK head coach Rich Brooks said the team's second open date in three weeks will add to the healing process.

"It sounds like a broken record, but we had a tough

loss in a game we were in," Brooks said in the teleconference. "We did come out of the game relatively healthy and hopefully we will be able to get a few players back this week."

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IN OUR OPINION: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PART III, ALCOHOL POLICY

UK alcohol policy conducive to learning

Since 1998, UK has been a dry campus, but just because it's dry doesn't mean the alcohol portion of the student code is irrelevant to today's students.

Although the recent revision of the student code didn't change a word of the current alcohol policy in light of alcohol-related student deaths before this school year and last school year, it certainly bears repeating these guidelines and clarifying several key aspects of this part of the UK code.

Before 1998, UK fraternities and sororities were allowed to have alcohol, said Tony Blanton, associate dean of students. Residence halls, meanwhile, have always been off-limits for alcohol. Student safety was the primary reason UK made the switch to an all-dry campus, he said.

"(The fraternities and sororities) were having events at their houses that were 1,000 people big, in one house, with absolutely no regulations as to who could drink and who could not, and it was just a pretty dangerous situation," Blanton said. "All those facilities were being destroyed during those events, because you get 1,000 people in a house and things are going to get broken."

Blanton said no serious consideration has been given to allowing alcohol back on campus.

"I think it has improved the environment on campus," Blanton said. "There's not as much vandalism in residence halls,

not as much wear and tear on fraternities and sorority houses."

UK permits on-campus alcohol in three cases

Alcohol is allowed at the Hilary J. Boone Center, which has been closed since September 2004, and Spindletop Hall. Blanton explained that in a strictly legal sense, these institutions aren't a part of UK, although they lease UK property and employ UK staff.

The only time alcohol has been an issue at these sites was "when the faculty club would allow fraternities and sororities to have date parties there, which they stopped doing because of so many issues," Blanton said.

Alcohol is also allowed at the apartments of graduate students, married student housing and non-student residential housing, provided no law or UK regulation is violated. This only makes sense, as most of the people living in these areas are over the age of 21 to begin with.

Private events in UK facilities can also have alcohol, but UK spokesman Jay Blanton said the provost or another high administration official must approve the request. UK's legal office must also sign off, ensuring that appropriate precautions are taken.

The rest of campus, though, is off-limits

Aside from residence halls, alcohol is not allowed in other undergraduate hous-

ing, such as fraternities, sororities and the undergraduate section of the Greg Page Apartments. Alcohol is also forbidden in UK classrooms, labs, offices, all outdoor areas of campus and all campus buildings where the public has access. And alcohol isn't allowed at events for registered student organizations.

Basically, if you're on campus property, you can't drink.

And even if you aren't drinking, the possibility exists that you could suffer punishment under the student code through guilt by association in university housing.

Alcohol and home football games

But one final alcohol restriction presents a paradox when compared with every home football game: Alcohol isn't allowed at any UK athletic event. Which begs the question: Aren't the parking lots at Commonwealth Stadium full of drinkers on Saturdays, and aren't they all violating the law?

"Technically, according to the policy, having alcohol at the stadium, even in the parking lot, is against policy," Tony Blanton said. "For the general public, it's against the law. And an officer could walk up to any person at Commonwealth Stadium who's tailgating and write them a citation for open container in public."

"The reality is, there's 70,000 people there, and probably at most 150 police offi-

cers on a game day," he said. "That's between UK police, Lexington police, state police and the sheriff's office."

"There aren't enough officers to walk around and enforce that."

Kevin Franklin, UK's interim police chief, said the problems arise inside the stadium, and police are better able to control the situation as people enter the stadium.

"We are very strict once inside the stadium," Franklin said. "And people are typically well behaved in the parking lots, he said."

"If it's not an issue, we don't have to worry about it," he said.

In order to better ensure student safety, we find these policies to be appropriate and conducive to a productive learning environment.

You could argue that making campus wet would keep drinking more contained on campus, and would cut down on the amount of driving that occurs to get to and from off-campus parties.

But if UK can't control this issue in football stadium parking lots, they certainly can't control drinking across a campus as large as UK's. There's just not the staff to do so.

Of course, there are trade-offs with either choice, wet or dry. Alcohol isn't inherently evil, and typically few problems exist when people drink responsibly. But UK should not be condemned for erring on the side of caution.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diversity cannot trump fairness

I support cultural diversity, and I am as concerned as anyone that UK's black freshman enrollment has dropped 40 percent compared with last year, but I don't want to see UK sacrifice its level of academic fairness in an attempt to promote cultural diversity.

In Monday's issue of *The Kernel*, a front-page story addressed the concern of university officials over the issue of diversity. One of the measures President Todd has implemented to improve campus diversity is to reallocate \$200,000 worth of scholarship funds to diversity-related scholarships.

This sounds to me like awarding scholarships based on skin color instead of an academic merit. I work hard for good grades in order to keep my scholarship from semester to semester, and I know that most of my classmates who have or are hoping to receive scholarships, no matter their cultural background, do the same.

This gives us a sense of mutual respect. If UK awards more scholarships to racially diverse students rather than to students who are not racially diverse, this respect will melt into derision for those whose college career is practically a freebie.

I have a friend whose college education is covered financially, including a trip during the summer to study abroad, because she is black. This wouldn't bother me, except that my grades are better than hers. Shouldn't the admissions staff be blindfolded to not see skin color, just like Lady Justice?

Promote diversity, by all means, but not at the price of academic fairness.

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Enrollment solution not in admissions

The *Kernel* reported on the front page of its Oct. 11 issue that diversity at UK became a big issue after "a higher minimum ACT score and an increasingly selective application process were cited as possible causes for a 40 percent drop in black freshman enrollment."

Despite my Latin heritage and obvious liberal-mindedness, I have never really worried about "diversity" when it came to race.

However, that line really struck me. Common sense dictates that a more selective application process would be a good thing for a university that is striving to become a "top-20" school, perhaps even slightly more so than diversity.

It is also clearly and directly implied, by the administration's reasoning, that blacks are, because of their backgrounds, not very intelligent and perform poorly on standardized tests. I hope administrators do not believe this. It is also ludicrous to claim, as some have, that blacks may per-

form below par on standardized tests because of some flaw in the tests themselves or any other such thing.

Rosalind Welch is right in suggesting that lack of scholarship offers are probable causes of the drop. If UK really cares about diversity, it should stop looking to "dumb-down" itself and implement a more rigorous recruiting process, as well as perhaps offering some other sorts of scholarships, race-based or otherwise.

It should also look into catering to the "needs of black students," however those needs may differ from other students, if at all.

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Abortion absolutely a moral issue

Karen Lightbourne's feminist rant implied that the ability to freely have an abortion would somehow enlarge the empowerment of women.

Her argument that men cannot effectively legislate or rule judicially on abortion because they firsthand cannot choose to have an abortion is fallacious. Women do not by themselves make a child (unless they choose to use an artificial process). Excluding rape, it is a consensual decision. Men are denied say-so when a woman chooses to have an abortion.

She even goes so far as to say that if men continued to have an issue with women engaging in abortion she would restrict their rights to vote. Does anyone else see anything wrong with this?

I can assume from her argument that she is a moral relativist. If that is the case, how can she even be angry with someone who differs from her irrational opinion? She should acknowledge it as a valid point of view if there is no such thing as right or wrong.

She states that, "the abortion debate is not (and I daresay never has been) an issue of what is wrong or right."

Is she serious? The abortion debate has been from day one a moral issue. Her belief that it is not a moral issue is not sufficient grounds for it not being a moral issue in actuality.

I have a moral issue with the murdering of helpless babies. This issue does not represent a power struggle between men and women. It represents a power struggle between absolute morality and moral relativism. This as close to genocide as most citizens will ever be.

The only way to be truly empowered is to be truly free: free to do what is right.

TOMMY JUANSO
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Notions of diversity/merit dichotomy overly simple

Should UK's admissions process be totally merit-based, or should it take diversity into account?

Don't answer that question — it's a false one. The widely accepted notion that there is a dichotomy between diversity and merit is an oversimplification at best.

There will always be a certain degree of subjectivity in the college admissions process. An applicant's test scores and GPA, two of the main "objective" criteria, can tell surprisingly little. How do we know someone's ACT score didn't jump five points thanks to expensive test-preparation classes? And quality varies so much between high schools that it's close to absurd to try to compare the GPAs of students from different schools.

Even if the application to UK, like those of many higher-ranked institutions, included an extended personal essay in order to judge applicants' writing ability on a level playing field, there would still be a great degree of subjectivity. Short of calculating the average number of grammatical mistakes per paragraph, it would be impossible to objectively place thousands of essays into a rank order or even categories. Moreover, the question of high school preparation arises: Should an applicant be rejected for writing a slightly below-average essay if he or she went to a way-below-average high school?

All these problems with merit-based criteria don't mean UK should toss them out; test scores and grades can certainly predict college success to some extent. But they need context — which a student's ethnic and socio-economic background form a major part of.

Throughout the history of the United States, widespread hate and discrimination have led to the systematic oppression of racial minorities. Though it's less visible now than during the era before the civil rights movement, that system still exists today. We saw its effects in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when — even if only for a few days — politicians and the media for once couldn't ignore it.

This systematic racism also affects the U.S. education system. Urban schools — i.e., the ones most likely to have large populations of black and Hispanic students — are severely underfunded, and no one on either side of the political divide is talking about fixing them. (Republicans want to send kids to corporate-sponsored charter schools or give them vouchers to go to religious schools, and Democrats have opposed this by vigorously defending the status quo.)

Until the system of public pre-college education in the United States is fixed, which at this rate won't be for generations, if at all, a "merit"-based system of college admissions devoid of context will serve only to reinforce inequality. Those who were born into families that could afford to live in neighborhoods with good school systems will get to go to good colleges, while those whose parents couldn't pay for test prep or whose schools had a single guidance counselor for 3,000 students can go to not-so-good colleges — or straight into a service-industry career.

But who would be more likely to succeed at UK: someone from the suburbs who did the minimum work required by his or her high school and ended up with a 38 on the ACT, or someone from a poor school who worked as hard as he or she could but ended up with only a 23? Thinking about who "deserves" admission or how to define "merit" with this context in mind makes the issue far more complicated.

Like the detractors of diversity, I do hope that we can someday come to a point where applicants to college can be admitted based on academic qualities alone. But that can't happen until we fix the rest of our broken education system.

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Swimming into action

Freshman class provides optimism, questions for the UK swimming and diving team

By Jenisha Watts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's swimming and diving team only keeps track of 18 records.

Last season, the men broke 12 of them and the women shattered four.

How do you improve on that?

"It's obviously hard to duplicate that after losing half of your seniors," All-American senior Steven Manley said. "But I'm kind of nervous to see what the freshmen are going to do."

The Wildcats kick off their 2005-06 season tomorrow when the women take on Illinois. UK will then host relays on Saturday.

The swim team will be entering this season with 10 freshmen on the men's side and 5 on the women's. All the freshmen this year are on scholarship except one walk-on, head coach Gary Conely said.

But there's still a lot of upperclass strength on the team.

"We have a lot more depth on the women's side," said sophomore Heather Bradford. "Last year, we had one solid person in each event, now we have three or four."

The team also has many challenges to face this year. Both Tennessee and Georgia may prove real challenges for the swim team to compete against.

"At the conference meet, Tennessee rebuilt players," Conely said. "They are going to be a real challenge. We will have to take off (beat) Tennessee or Georgia. That will be real tough."

Despite their youth, Conely said there will be freshmen players to watch for.

"The kid that will surprise everyone is Shane Ellison," Conely said. "He came in as a backstroke (swimmer), but turned out to be a really good sprinter."

Conely said freshman Warren Grobbelaar is a strong in the butterfly and sprint freestyle, and added that freshman James Batley will be improved in the freestyle.

Diving challenges
The men's team faces some challenges this season in diving and sprint freestyle.

Conely also said the men need to make strides in



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UK diving team members practice at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. The women's team opens the diving season at 4 p.m. tomorrow against Illinois. The entire team dives Saturday during the Kentucky Relays.

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the sprint freestyle. Conely said three key newcomers to watch on the women's side are Kelly Rames, Kristina Sledge and Haleigh Kerns.

"Kelly Rames is a pretty good butterfly swimmer," said Conely. "And a key player in dual meets."

Conely hopes Rames can do the 200 butterfly this season. He pointed out that Kerns is important for the freestyle.

"She (Haleigh) will be in at least two of the five relays," said Conely. "She should be our best 200 freestyle swimmer."

With the batch of newcomers also comes optimism.

"I'm very excited," said Laura A. Graham, an All-American senior. "We have a strong group of freshmen coming in to fill the gaps that we had last year in freestyle."

Tomorrow's match against Illinois starts at 4 p.m. at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. Saturday's relays start at 1 p.m.

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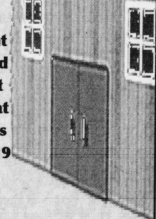
TODAY!

from 4-6pm at Goodbarn Field
variety of olympic style events with a barnyard theme.

Sometimes it's just better when it's dirty.

This event is open to all students or student organizations. To field a team please contact either Will Mattingly at 270-402-2665 or Travis Farmer at 859-321-5719 for registration info.

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