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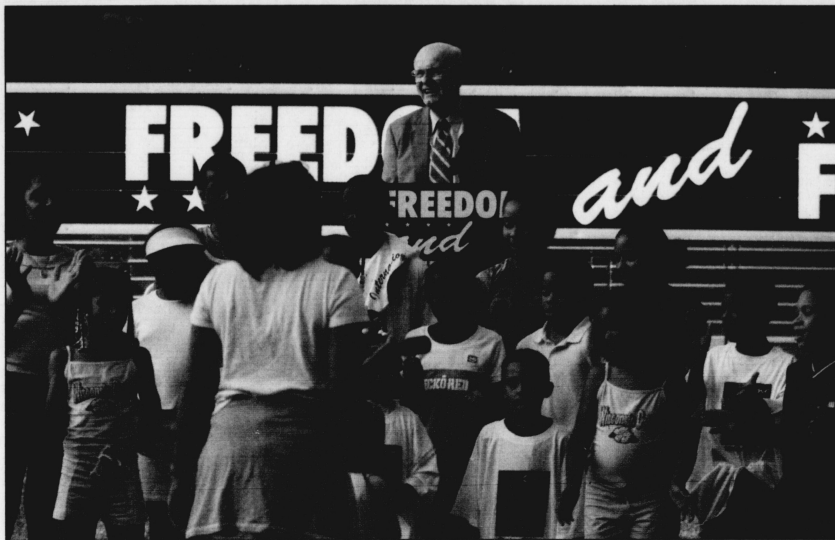
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Speaker Rev. Albert Pennybacker listens to some young singers attending the Freedom and Faith tour on its stop in Lexington.

JEREMAN OSCHWALD | STAFF

Religious groups protest war

By Bennie Mills
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Followers of several different faiths gathered at Red Mile on Monday when the Freedom and Faith Bus Tour: Break the Silence Rally stopped in Lexington.

The rally was to protest American involvement in Iraq. The Freedom and Faith Bus Tour was coordinated by the Building the Beloved Community, which was organized by the Clergy and Laity Network.

The Clergy and Laity Network was organized in 2003 by members of the progressive religious com-

munity who are opposed to the Bush Administration.

Speaker Cindy Sheehan, whose son was killed in Iraq, is a founding member of the Gold Star Families for Peace — an organization that aims to implement a plan to bring home the soldiers from war.

Other speakers at the event were Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, the director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, Kathy Stein, representative for Kentucky Legislature and Rev. Albert Pennybacker, CEO of the Clergy and Laity Network of Kentucky.

"There's no question that the United States did not go through

all of the rigorous questioning before it went to war in Iraq," said Rev. John Rausch, coordinator for the Peace and Justice Office of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington. "It used preemptive strike as just one more weapon in their arsenal of how they're going to control the world."

Speakers at the rally said the decision to go to war was one of arrogance and faithlessness.

"I know that all the people have come to this rally tonight to break the silence to begin a movement that will spread and spread and spread until we win," Kemper said.

The bus tour also visited Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Ohio and Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

"We are talking about a religious community that looks for political change that reflects the values of progressive people," Pennybacker said, "and we are concerned about a broad agenda of deeply held religious concerns for the well-being of all people."

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SG appointments delayed by suit

By Doug Scott
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK Student Government Senate met Sunday to debate and vote on a budget for the upcoming school year and appointments to the Supreme Court and executive branch.

Without enough senators to have a quorum and with a lawsuit pending, Will Nash couldn't take a vote on his appointments to the Supreme Court and executive branch Sunday.

The injunction placed on Nash's presidency on Tuesday will further delay the appointment of the new SG Supreme Court. Although the senate failed to meet quorum, the members still debated and approved an interim budget for July, August and September, but could not vote on judicial and executive appointments.

The 2005-2006 SG budget includes funds for operating costs within the Student Government body, as well as services, such as SafeCats and 221-RIDE, and events such as Welcome Week activities and Gator Roast.

SG's budget this fiscal year is estimated at \$355,146 — of which an estimated \$30,146 will come from revenue in the form of students fees.

The allotted budget also includes \$50,000 from former president Rachael Watts' administration and \$4,000 carried over from last year's funds.

According to the budget

proposal discussed at Sunday's meeting, \$83,000 will be spent on SG operating costs, which includes \$10,000 to support LCC student government and \$30,000 for public relations.

The proposed budget also includes a \$186,300 allotment for campus services and \$8,000 for election expenses next spring.

If SG follows the proposed budget, it will be left with a \$77,046 surplus.

If the Ellingsworth administration is reinstated, Nash's choices for those positions may be overturned. "If that (Ellingsworth's reinstatement) were to happen, I think the person has the right to fire his or her staff," Nash said, "at their own will for various reasons."

"The head of the executive branch should be allowed to have folks work for him or her that are at his choosing," said Senate Operations and Evaluations Chairman Benjamin Carter. Carter voiced his objection to Nash's appointments before, during and after the Senate meeting.

"This right here would have been very presumptuous," Carter said.

"With the controversy we're having in court and the problems we're having in determining the exact authority of the exact, how can you turn around and appoint four justices?"

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After U.S. protest, Pakistan allows rape victim to travel

By Glenn Kessler
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—After a stern protest by the Bush administration, Pakistan lifted travel restrictions imposed on a Pakistani gang rape victim, freeing her to visit the United States for a high-profile series of speeches.

Mukhtar Mai earned international renown after she demanded the prosecution of men who had raped her on the orders of a traditional village council in June 2002.

According to testimony, the council ordered the rape as punishment after Mai's teenage brother allegedly offended a powerful clan by having an affair with the sister of one of the accused men.

But last Friday, a court ordered the release of 12 men connected with her case, and Mai was reportedly detained and refused permission to leave the country after she indicated she planned to speak out about the plight of rural women in her country.

She is an illiterate laborer's daughter who now runs two primary schools in her village with help from the government and private donors.

U.S. criticism of Pakistan in the case contrasted with President Bush's praise of the country's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, as a visionary leader trying to moderate his country's image.

Pakistan has also played a key role in the battle against al-Qaida, but U.S. officials said they were appalled by the government's actions in this case.

"We were confronted with what I can only say was an outrageous situation," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters.

"Her attackers were ordered to be freed while she had restrictions on her travel placed on her."

"We conveyed our views about these restrictions to the senior levels of the Pakistani government."

McCormack, who opened his daily briefing Wednesday with the statement on the case, described Mai as "a courageous woman who is a victim of a horrendous crime."

He said the Pakistani government told U.S. officials she had been removed from the exit control list that prevents overseas travel.

Mai is expected to speak next week in Washington and five other cities at events organized by the Asian-American Network Against Abuse of Women.

The Asian American Network Against Abuse of Women is a group that promotes human rights and social justice for South Asian women.

The Pakistani Embassy in Washington issued a statement late Wednesday that depicted Mai's situation differently.

Mai was "not under detention and has no bar on her traveling abroad," the statement said, but had asked for "police protection after being threatened by the relatives of the accused in the case."

The embassy said that rather than being under house arrest, as was widely reported, she was attending a luncheon at the time in Islamabad.

Mai had not traveled to the United States because of "the illness of her mother" but would come to the U.S. soon, the embassy said.

The embassy, calling Mai "a woman of great courage," asserted that the "misstatement of facts in her case" had caused her "great mental agony."

Judge grants injunction on SG president

Tricia Spaulding
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

An injunction to keep Will Nash, newly elected Student Government president, from being sworn in was granted Tuesday in Fayette Circuit Court.

The injunction was granted so Judge Gary Payne could review the case brought by SG presidential candidate Becky Ellingsworth against UK for the school's involvement in the election.

Payne's injunction came just before Nash was to be sworn in at the Board of Trustee's meeting on Tuesday. Ellingsworth's suit charges that UK acted outside its jurisdiction by allowing the University Appeals Board to reverse the SG Supreme Court decision to disqualify Will Nash from the presidency over a campaign spending violation.

"I am happy with the court's decision. My next move is to see what the university has to say," Ellingsworth said.

"We maintain
and always
have maintained that the university has the right to hear appeals by students."

Jay Blanton

UK spokesman

Ellingsworth claims the university interfered because the SG Supreme Court is "the final arbitrator" in all student government decisions.

Nash said he respects the circuit court's decision and "looks forward to the next hearing."

UK spokesman, Jay Blanton said, "UK is disappointed in this decision. We are taking time to review our legal options, but we maintain and always have maintained that the university has the right to hear appeals by students, faculty and staff and act on those appeals in accordance with our governing regulations."

This injunction may mean there will not be a SG president sworn in when Rachel Watts, SG's current president, leaves office on June 30th.

"There will be a vote. There will be no president," Ellingsworth said.

Ellingsworth also said Rachel Watts cannot remain president until a decision is made because the court has ordered the position remain empty.

Blanton said the next Board of Trustee's meeting isn't until September and he is expecting the issue to be resolved by then.

"Our hope and expectation is that this issue will be resolved by school and it won't present a problem," Blanton says.

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TONIGHT

Club Dub
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Neko Case with Johnny Dowd
8 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$15

FRIDAY

Cedric the Entertainer
8 p.m. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$38 to \$45.

Kool and the Gang
9 p.m. Caesars Indiana, Elizabeth, Ind. Tickets cost \$35 to \$45

Jackyl
8 p.m. Annies, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12

Holmes Brothers
7 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10

Stoll Vaughn w/American Ambulance
10 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5

SATURDAY

John Michael Montgomery
8 p.m. Kentucky Horse Park. Tickets cost \$35.

Buddy Guy w/Eric Johnson
8 p.m. Frazee Pavilion, Kettering, Ohio. Tickets cost \$27

Roddy Walston and the Business w/De Yona Dahik
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5

Deana Carter
8 p.m. Madison Theater, Covington. Tickets cost \$17.50

Monday
Warmer Milks w/Glaz Almaz,

Irene Moon, and Malachai
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3

Alanis Morissette w/Jason Mraz
8 p.m. Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$39.50 to \$59.50

TUESDAY
Stars w/The Most Serene Republic and Scourge of the Sea
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10

WEDNESDAY
Melissa Ferrick w/Blake Snowden
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$8

Xavier Rudd
8:30 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$12



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Cedric the Entertainer will perform on Friday at the Louisville Palace.

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MOVIES YOU MISSED | Go rent them

By Tiffany Stephens
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Before you decide to see the latest *Star Wars* installment six times this summer, consider broadening your cinematic horizons.

See movies you would never otherwise see by exploring those neglected shelves (you know, the ones that block your path to the new releases) at your nearest video store.

Or, you can check out the movies I discover each week on my journey to find great entertainment that didn't make billions at the box office.

Not only will you improve your movie trivia skills, but you may also find a new film favorite that will stick with you for life.

This week's recommendation is *But I'm a Cheerleader* (1999).

This film, directed by Jamie Babbit is not your typical teen comedy. Starring Natasha Lyonne (from *American Pie* fame) and Clea Duvall (*The Grudge*) as two star-crossed lesbian lovers, this satirical film explores the world of sexual orientation gone awry, and how society deals with those who don't conform to America's cookie-cutter idea of life and love.

Lyonne plays Megan Bloomfield (interesting last name, huh?), a fresh-faced, naive teen cheerleader who seems to have the perfect life. Although she appears to be blissfully happy, her friends and family become worried when they discover that Megan doesn't necessarily act like other girls.

For one, she thinks about her busy counterparts while making out with her

boyfriend. She also has pictures of other girls taped to her locker door, loves Melissa Etheridge, and is "too friendly" with fellow cheerleaders.

To address this "strange" behavior, Megan's parents send her off to a *Willy Wonka* and the *Chocolate Factory*-esque rehabilitation center called "True Directions."

At True Directions, camp counselor Mike (played appropriately and brilliantly by RuPaul) helps to straighten out Megan and a whole league of sexual misfits by making them participate in various exercises that traditionally fit their gender.

This backwards camp is run by the close-minded Mary J. Brown, who is blind to the fact that her own son is a ("gasp") "girly-man," who comically struts around the camp all day long, teasing the boys with his cut-off blue jean shorts.

Megan and Duvall's character Graham meet in the camp, initially hating each other (in typical romantic comedy fashion), but soon fall deeply in love and go through great lengths to be together, sometimes at the risk of being caught by "Crazy Mary."

Although this film has a serious message and deep undertones (the way society responds to homosexuality; viewing homosexuality as a sickness or something that can be changed), it remains mostly light and attempts to stay on the path of an eccentric romantic comedy.

Although society may succeed in ending contact between the lovers, they can't stop Graham and Megan's "blooming" (I told you the



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"But I'm a Cheerleader" explores society's stereotypes of homosexuality and sexual orientation.

last name was relevant) love. So, do Megan and Graham end up together, or does True Directions succeed in brainwashing these "confused kids" into heterosexuality, inevitably keeping these lovebirds apart?

You'll have to see the movie to find out ... This witty, insightful, and laugh-out-loud movie is worth a try. Friends I expected to hate it actually enjoyed the satirical, campy humor.

Also, on a shallow note,

the boys will really enjoy a saucy make-out fest between Megan and Graham. I can't believe I just stooped that low.

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But I'm a Cheerleader

Available on VHS in the Young Library's basement at the Audio Visual Services desk for free with a student ID.

Making 'The Cut' with Tommy

By Kara A. Medalis
THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE

Sixteen Tommy Hilfiger wannabes have 13 weeks to impress the designer without getting snipped on "The Cut."

The hopeful designers will compete in a series of challenges while living in New York City, vying for a \$250,000 salary and the opportunity to design clothes under the Tommy Hilfiger label.

"They're going to live my life in fast-forward," Hilfiger says.

"This is not about designing clothes, this is about designing a lifestyle."

In the premiere last Thursday, Hilfiger singled out his two favorite people based on first impressions, Julie and Rob.

Each picked teammates from the remaining candidates and the groups were given the task of creating an original Tommy Hilfiger billboard in Times Square, with \$3,000 each, in 48 hours, in the snow (it's all very "apprentice"-like).

Chris C., who originally hails from Bridgeport, Conn. (he calls it "the ghetto"), appoints himself the leader of the Broadway team.

They create a large, multicolored, painted canvas, in which they imprint Hilfiger's mostly unknown crest logo. The canvas is tacked onto the billboard, which isn't distinctly "Tommy Hilfiger-ish."

On the 50th Street team, Felicia dreams up a new slogan for Hilfiger: "TOMMYNY," which is incorporated into the team's bright New York City skyline design.

Tommy creates a Hilfiger logo flag, but changes its signature red, white and blue to orange, purple and green.

"I don't think you should impose your colors on... an established brand name," Hilfiger later chastises Tommy.

During the Style Forum (think "The Apprentice" boardroom, only no one's sitting and the set is much flashier), Hilfiger says, "Quite frankly, both billboards were underwhelming."

He says the Broadway team's abstract billboard lacks "focus and direction," and the 50th Street team's "looks juvenile."

"But the TOMMYNY logo you came up with is outstanding," he tells the 50th Street team, and declares it the winner.

Hilfiger recognizes that



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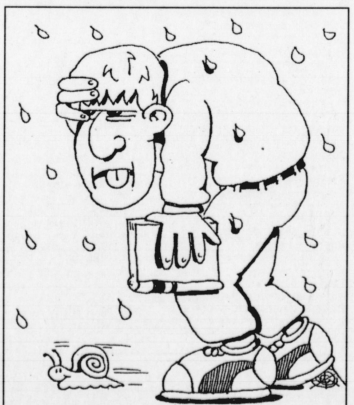
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Stand Up, Dave Matthews Band

A complete overhaul of the normal DMB sound has happened once again. Just like in 2001 with *Everyday*, they have brought in a new producer to work with the band. And just like in 2001, the results stray from what would be considered DMB material. Producer Mark Batson, who has previously produced albums for Eminem, Seal, and India.Arie added hip-hop beats and more rock riffs to the traditional folk/jazz music that DMB produced. The lyrics on this album are the major downfall of the album. While Dave has never been the strongest lyricist in the world, lyrics like "I would dig a hole all the way to China, unless of course I was there, and I'd dig my way home" don't exactly scream deep thinking.

The Woods, Sleater-Kinney

Who knew Corin Tucker and Carrie Brownstein knew how to solo? While not a serious departure from their riot grrrl roots, Sleater-Kinney's new album blends together their traditional sound with the sounds of what appears to be a touch of Led Zepelin and maybe some Van Halen for good measure. In a change of pace from their last album, this is not an overtly political album but comes back to the angst ridden songs of their past albums, with subjects ranging from suicide to making a comparison of love to games of poker and a boxing match.

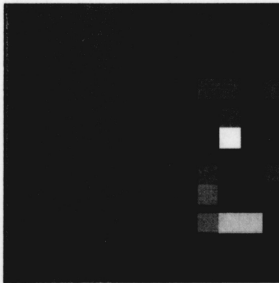
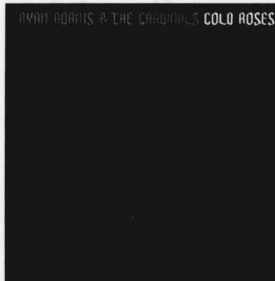


Get Behind Me Satan, The White Stripes

With *Elephant*, the White Stripes defied their critics by creating an album that went from blues to garage to country and threw in some psychedelic music on occasion. With this new album, Jack White decides to sing falsetto, experiment more with guitar solos, and lets Meg sing some more and play a marimba on "The Nurse." The best track on this album is "My Doorbell" which is sure to catch on as well as "Fell in Love with a Girl" for their album *White Blood Cells*. The usual themes are here however, with songs about breakup, heartache and jealousy all leading the pack. It's definitely an album to pick up.

Cold Roses, Ryan Adams and the Cardinals

This is Ryan Adams' first album that is actually a collaboration with other artists since *Whiskeytown*'s final album. This is a good thing, as this new album is a definite improvement over his last full-length album *Rock N Roll* and is on par and perhaps better than his two "Love is Hell" EPs. Ryan and company have gone back to their country roots and have successfully integrated them into Gold's more rock and roll feel. The combination results in the single "Let It Ride" being an anthem for his most recent concerts and songs such as "Meadowlake Street" and "Magnolia Mountain" screaming Strangers Almanac at long time fans.



X&Y, Coldplay

Did you enjoy *A Rush of Blood to the Head*? If so, you will probably enjoy this new disc by Coldplay. It is more of the same style of music that made them into the superstars they are today. While the music is quite good, it almost feels like you are listening to a collection of b-sides taken from their last album. Even the new single "Speed of Sound" just sounds like an early take of "Clocks." Even the opening lyrics of both albums talk about space. It's nice that Coldplay has finally released a new album after three years of waiting, it would have been nice if they had decided to experiment with their sound just a bit. People are billing them as the new U2, but U2 spent the '90s making *Zooropa* and *Pop*, which were vast departures from their normal sound.

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IN OUR OPINION

SG election dispute must end now

Just when we thought that we were out they pull us back in.

As Michael Corleone thought he was through with the mob business and prepared to live a clean life in *The Godfather, Part III*, we thought Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Trustees would put an end to the disputed Student Government presidential election so we could move on to more important matters.

We both should have known better. The ending of the final chapter in the Godfather saga showed us that Corleone never did escape organized crime, and, judging from the happenings of the past few days, it looks like the chances UK students will escape from this election insanity anytime soon aren't too good either.

But as far as the latter goes, that's not the way it should be.

It has now been 77 days since Will Nash and Michelle Bishop were announced the winners of the SG presidency and vice-presidency, and students still don't know who

will represent them when the fall semester begins.

That's because, in the days following the March election, presidential candidates Becky Ellingsworth and Tommy Cunningham set into motion a series of appeals that have deadlocked the student organization, as well as the university administration and now the Fayette County Circuit Court, ever since.

While it was found the Nash/Bishop ticket violated election rules during the campaign, the extent of the infractions should not have resulted in their disqualification from holding office.

But the SG Board of Elections and SG Supreme Court, both of which now seem to hold either a clear pro-Ellingsworth or anti-Nash bias, say otherwise and overturned

the election results, declaring Ellingsworth SG President.

The University Appeals Board set things straight last month when the group consisting of both students and faculty reinstated Nash as the proper winner of the election, calling the process SG used to overturn the election in favor of Ellingsworth "fatally flawed."

The appeals board got it right, and it should have ended there. But it didn't.

Ellingsworth actually took the matter to Fayette Circuit Court, filing a suit that named President Lee Todd, Vice President of Student Affairs Part Terrell and Vice President of Student Affairs Victor Hazard, among others, in hopes that the court would issue an injunction barring Nash from taking office and

eventually declare Ellingsworth the winner. Amazingly, Fayette County Circuit Judge Gary Payne granted the first of Ellingsworth's requests Tuesday, issuing the injunction barring Nash from assuming his presidential duties at the same hour he was due to take the oath of office at a Board of Trustees meeting.

This cannot go on any longer. Seventy seven days is much too long to wait and see who will represent the student body on the university's decision making council. The longer this mess drags on in the courts, the less credible whoever actually takes office will be viewed by the university trustees.

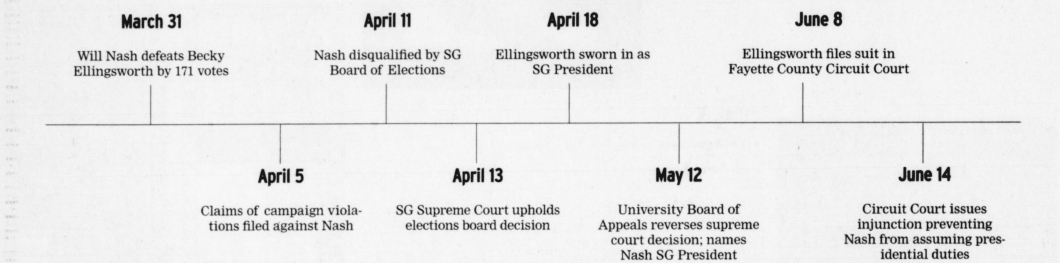
That's something we can't afford. We have one voice on the Board of Trustees and it must be heard.

For the sake of this university and the well being of all students, Ellingsworth must end her attempts to overtake the SG presidency.

And the sooner that happens, the better off we'll all be.

Ellingsworth needs to give up on the SG presidency so UK students can move on to more important matters.

The Disputed Student Government Presidential Election



Ellingsworth suit belongs in the toilet

In his 2004 attempt to thwart the re-election bid of then-Student Government President Rachel Watts, Shamus Greene based his campaign around an idea that was, well, a little odd.

The Kirwan Tower resident advisor simply wanted to provide every bathroom on campus with toilet seat covers.

Greene didn't come close to winning, but I would still be interested to hear the outspoken former candidate's take on the current situation regarding the office he unsuccessfully pursued.

My first question: Is there a big enough toilet seat cover in existence to shield the UK student community from what is quickly devolving into the rankest lavatory on campus — the Student Government office.

Every time our endless SG election soap opera seemed to draw toward a close, a more and more asinine development popped up to prolong the show even longer.

So why should this week have been any different? Two days ago, the Fayette County Circuit Court granted an injunction sought by presidential candidate Becky Ellingsworth to prevent SG President Elect Will Nash from assuming his presidential duties.

That move came 75 days after Nash and running mate Michelle Bishop received 171 more votes than Ellingsworth and vice-presidential candidate Kyle Burns, 64 days after the SG Board of Elections disqualified Nash and Bishop for campaign violations, 62 days after Ellingsworth and Burns were sworn into office in a closed ceremony before the appeals process was exhausted, 33 days after the University Appeals Board decided Nash's violations did not warrant disqualification and that he should be SG President, six days after Ellingsworth took the matter to circuit court, and just minutes before Nash was to be administered the oath of office.

How could all of this happen, you ask? It's quite simple really. Virtually no one occupying the festering stinkpot that is room 120 of the Student Center has faintest idea of what they're doing.

In the written decision explaining the rationale behind the University Appeals Board decision the reinstated Nash, board hearing officer Joseph Fink III offered that

the process used to disqualify Nash "was fatally flawed and should be critically reviewed."

Of course the process was "fatally flawed" — it was overseen by imbeciles. And what needs to be "critically reviewed" is the mental capacity of the members of the SG Board of Elections, the four SG Supreme Court justices who voted to uphold the board's decision and every other SG lackey who, when forced to make a decision regarding this case, managed to make the wrong one.

But the scary part isn't the past actions of these fools, it's the reality that this mess hasn't ended and they'll surely find some way to make things worse before it does.

We already have President Lee Todd and two vice presidents for student affairs named in a circuit court lawsuit that has no timetable for conclusion. And now, with Tuesday's injunction, we have a situation where the only student voice on the decision-making Board of Trustees is being silenced because one candidate cannot come to grips with the fact that she lost the election.

That's not what we need. We need closure. We need to move on.

Yes, Will Nash violated campaign rules. He utilized a tax-exempt certificate apparently not available to the other candidates to fund campaign materials. As a result, the Nash/Bishop ticket surpassed the \$600 spending limit by a matter of no more than \$20.

So did that extra money lead to 171 Nash votes that wouldn't have been there otherwise? Surely not.

Nash should be punished, but it should be a punishment that fits the crime. The office that is rightfully his has seen much worse than this in the past few years. Something about voter registration cards comes to mind.

The outcome of this situation should not be decided by the Fayette County Circuit Court. The outcome should be decided by the students who voted in the March election, and they have already spoken.

If Ellingsworth cares at all about this university, and if our only student representative on the Board of Trustees is to be regarded with any seriousness or legitimacy, she'll put an end to this madness.

Just flush it down the can like one of Shamus Greene's toilet seat covers.

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Republicans should let Dean scream

I'm finally going to write about a relatively famous and extremely white person who has gotten away with way too much during the past several months, and whose disgusting behavior has just recently been implied as legitimate by most of the media. I'm referring, of course, to Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean.

In recent weeks this screaming little man has made quite a few headlines after answering all the unspoken questions about the Republican Party that other Democrats were simply afraid to discuss.

Such as this one: Do you like Republicans, Mr Dean?

Answer: No, they're evil and racist, they don't work and they're all white Christians. Yeeeahigh!

That's a summary quote, compressing all of Dean's rants of the past few weeks. Ergo, I will not expect any silly letters announcing the really original claim that I've taken the comments out of context.

And those comments, of course, resulted in conservatives like Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, Vice President Dick Cheney and such, all complaining about how rhetoric like this isn't good for the country.

Guess which political side warrants some in-print criticism here.

That's right — conservatives — like Hannity, Ingraham, Dick Cheney and such.

Conservatives: Leave Dean alone. Stop waving in front of the camera during the bad comedian's monologue in order to attempt explanations of all the jokes — doing that ruins all the fun. Worst of all, continued expressions of distaste might actually result in a big old insincere apology from Dean, or worse, his resignation from the DNC. That would be awful.

It's even more absurd to castigate Dean for making such silly comments when it's much more amusing to nuke them into submolecular-sized shards.

Most entertaining is Dean's assertion that the Republicans are "a pretty monolithic party. They all behave the same... It's pretty much a white Christian party."

Unfortunately, the standard conservative pundit response to this fool comment has been something like, "Not!" followed by multiple explanations about Jewish, agnostic and just plain faith-indifferent members of the Republican Party, along with those annoying secular libertarians who spend most of their time whining about the FCC and things.

While certainly agreeing that in no way are all Republicans like this, so what if they are?

I suppose there's now supposed to be some negative connotation to declaring that all your political enemies are just Christians! Yes, in effect, Dean's suggesting that the "enemies" are followers of the most moral Man (God) in history, redeemed from sin by His grace and doing their best to listen to His words and pattern their worldview, love and actions after His — what exactly does this say of Dean?

Not very wise. Furthermore, even if Republicans are solidly Christian — does this prove they're all alike?

I count several hundred denominations that call themselves Christian, all of them with multiple differences and disagreements among themselves. We have churches that believe in infant baptism, churches who think the Holy Spirit's chief goal is to knock people down, churches that only put on Sunday morning rock concerts, churches that think all movies are sinful — black churches, white churches, Hispanic churches, Asian churches, interracial churches, tiny little churches and churches the size of the Houston Astrodome.

Myth-conception of Christian unity: nuked. And Dean especially demonstrates his outrageous ignorance of the faith yet again, when while blasting his "brothers" in the "faith" he claims to be a Christian himself.

I imagine these absurdities aren't going to stop anytime soon. Excellent.

Meanwhile, for all you observers still appalled at what the former Vermont governor is daring to say, please, just laugh, nod and silently recognize this pathetic, stone-cold rhetoric for what it is, as I'm sure more people have than we realize. But cease trying to explain the jokes.

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LOS ANGELES — Tommy Lasorda's wife and John Shelby have two things in common: they can both do what they love all day long.



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He never said much, never popped off much," Lasorda says of Shelby.

He played the game like my wife shops — all day long."

Shelby, who played outfield for Lasorda's Los Angeles Dodgers from 1987-1990, earned a World Series ring in 1988. He had 130 hits that year, including 64 RBIs.

Shelby's son won something during those years too — the love for baseball. All day long.

"He's going to be an outstanding player just like his dad," Lasorda says of John Shelby III. Shelby III ran around the clubhouse like any four-year-old would in a new world with big guys and fun games.

Lasorda calls Shelby's son "Junior." Junior's father called his manager "Skip," just like most other Dodgers Lasorda has led. "He's a great

family man," Skip says of Junior's father.

Junior is a sophomore infielder at the University of Kentucky. He started 55 games for the Wildcats this year and had 77 hits, 42 runs, 10 homers and 52 RBIs.

He hit .344 and in 29 attempts, Junior has 23 stolen bases.

All day long. Junior's father was no-nonsense in the Dodger clubhouse.

"Hi Skip. Goodnight Skip," was his come-and-go lexicon to his captain.

Lasorda has something in common with Junior's father as well.

"We played all day long," Lasorda says of falling in love with baseball on the sandlots as a kid. He was in love with the game's heroes; he would go to bed and dream of pitching in Yankee Stadium. His dream came true in the mid-1960s during his three-year stint in the majors.

"I've been here many times," Lasorda told his manager before taking the mound. "Dreams become a reality, but you've got to believe."

Surrounded by Dodger blue, Junior fell in love with baseball.

Shelby spent 11 years in the major leagues and while Junior runs in his dad's spike

paths at UK, Junior's father is back with Lasorda, the man he calls "Skip."

Skip says he put Shelby back in Dodger blue the first chance he had.

Shelby has been a coach with Los Angeles for eight years — the last six seasons at first base.

Baseball and inspiration went hand-in-hand while Skip was a manager to those who believed.

Junior's father believed in 1983 when Lasorda and the Dodgers rolled all the way to a world championship.

Lasorda is well-traveled giving speeches. He befriended UK basketball coach Tubby Smith during the 2000 Olympics and boasts a record of .340 when giving Smith's team pre-game pep talks.

Lasorda believes in himself and he believes in the Dodgers.

"I love the Dodgers and that's what motivates me," Lasorda says.

Shelby III has highlighted the Wildcats with walk-off homers, stolen bases and a hot bat. If Junior believes, before long he'll be just like his dad.

All day long.

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Perry to polish off Pinehurst

One thing is for sure: the Epcot Center-shaped greens of Pinehurst No. 2 will inspire the annual "this just isn't fair" whines from guys who have jaw-dropping wives and make stupid amounts of money playing golf for a living.



Chris Johnson
SPORTS EDITOR

My give a damn's busted, Phil.

But who will be holding the gigantic trophy and the mattress-sized check on Sunday afternoon?

Since last year's predictions went so well (grand total of the five players predicted that finished in the top-5? One, Retief Goosen, the winner) here is the 2005 installment of the Kernel's U.S. Open preview.

Winner: Kenny Perry Kentucky-boy Perry will solve the kitchen-floor greens and hit enough fairways to be one of the four players under par. Coming off his coast-to-coast at the Colonial three weeks ago, Perry is striking the ball well, coming into the Open leading the

Tour in greens hit in regulation (72.9 percent). He will win in a playoff over Sergio Garcia, extending Garcia's majorless streak to 0-for-life.

Second: Sergio Garcia. The time is ripe for Garcia, who burst onto the scene at the 2000 PGA Championship running toward the green and jumping to see where his ball landed, like the annoying sixth-grader at your local municipal course. But when you're 21, good-looking, and actually are good at golf, you can get away with things.

Third: Tiger Woods. You can't bet against him. The most talented player in the field, and thus, the world.

Woods can hit the ball further than most anyone else on Tour, which can be more of a blessing than a curse at Pinehurst if you aren't accurate. The biggest challenge Woods will face will be getting his irons out of the rough when he misses the occasional fairway. If he can do that without losing too many strokes, he'll be on top of the heap when the dust settles early Sunday evening, because he holds a large advantage over the rest of the Kernel Preview's top five in putting (64% on Tour).

Fourth: Retief Goosen. Goosen will trump country-

man Ernie Els with his accurate drives and meticulous short game. Chipping will become an issue, but in the pressure-packed conditions, Goosen is arguably the steadiest player in the field.

Fourth (tie): Fred Funk. Funk has been in the shadows this year after playing the best golf of his career in 2004. The search for a major continues for Fred, but he may surprise some people.

He'll have an advantage over the rest of the field, as he comes into the week leading the Tour in percentage of fairways hit (76 percent), but drops to 37% in greens hit in regulation (67.6).

The cream will rise to the top at the U.S. Open, but one player who could be classified as a dark horse is Darren Clarke. Clarke is 12th on the Tour in driving accuracy and 51% in greens hit in regulation. When he does miss a green, he is 12% on the circuit in scrambling (making par or better after missing a green), which is partly because he is 33% on the Tour in putts per round, at 28.62.

Clarke has all the tools to be successful at Pinehurst, but the most fun to watch will be touring pros whining about the slippery greens. Cry a river.

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