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## Faculty finds new meal plan unsavory

By Dariush Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Apathy and annoyance are the emotions of choice for UK faculty members who have to deal with the school's new meal plan system. This year's version of the meal plan system is set up so faculty, staff and students can buy a set number of meals per semester. The

plan is required for students living on campus, while those not on the meal plan face higher prices at campus establishments. Some faculty members feel the university does not consider them a target group for the meal plans.

"I didn't even know it was available to faculty," said Donald Gross, director of graduate studies in the

political science department.

The meal plans range from 123 meals a semester (7.7 meals a week) for \$863 to 336 meals a semester (21 meals a week) for \$1,873. Commons and Blazer dining halls have all-you-can-eat meals, while other dining choices like the Student Center and K-Lair have a set amount you can buy for one swipe of an ID, or

the price of a set meal.

"I don't have any reaction to it," said Topher Rice, a political science professor. "It's hard to give a reaction without knowing the details."

Rice doesn't feel any effort has been made to attract him to the plans, or even inform him and other faculty members of the plans.

"I just don't feel it's been mar-

keted in a way to draw me in," he said. "I'm a little surprised by not having gotten the information."

Some professors are upset because it has inconvenienced them. "What bugs me is no water," said Suketu Bhavsar, director of the honors program. "Water is healthy, and what is our university

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## RACE TO THE FINISH



Members of Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma check out the progress of their soapbox car at the Delta Tau Delta house yesterday in preparation for today's Soapbox Derby. The team has worked everyday since Tuesday to finish their car in time. **KEITH SMILEY | STAFF**

## Sororities and fraternities put finishing touches on this year's Greek Week

STAFF REPORT

As part of Greek Week, sororities and fraternities on UK's campus have been fighting a "Battle of the Sexes."

That battle concludes today at 2 with a soap box derby on Administration Drive. Twelve teams of sorority and fraternity pairs will race and be judged on most creative design.

Throughout this year's Greek Week, sororities and fraternities have gathered to compete and socialize at events around campus, while also collecting dona-

tions for charities.

"We're promoting the Greek community," said Erin Carr, an accounting senior and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who has helped organize the week. "We're letting people know we are Greek and we are proud."

On Wednesday, the Greek God and Goddess Date Auction was held, with more than \$3,000 collected for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Organizers collected more than 500 pounds of canned goods to be donated to God's Pantry as well.



Derek Smith, a junior agriculture major, cuts a "K" out of plywood to help decorate a soapbox derby car yesterday at the Delta Tau Delta house. **KEITH SMILEY | STAFF**

## Students turn to bikes for cheap ride to class

By Ryan W. Evans  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK is facing an invasion of the two-wheeled kind.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the rise in gas prices, many UK students have taken to bicycling to class. Previously empty bike racks are now filled almost to capacity on a daily basis. Students have begun securing their bikes to hand rails outside buildings and along sidewalks and walkways across campus.

While students all across Lexington have adopted bikes in order to save money, many students do so out of convenience. Students living close to campus claim that the daily ride is more efficient and convenient than driving or walking.

"I live just a few blocks

off campus and just think it's a lot quicker than walking," said Mike Tuttle, an undeclared freshman.

Many areas, such as the exterior of the Classroom Building, are off limits to bikes. If a student leaves a bike in an area not designated for bike parking, it could be impounded by Parking and Transportation Services.

"A lot of the complaints we've received are with students locking their bikes up on the handrails outside the Classroom Building," said Don Thornton, the director of Parking and Transportation Services.

Even with the increase of riders on campus, the number of bike impoundments has remained relatively unchanged, Thornton

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Rachel Ward, agricultural biotechnology freshman, locks her bike to a rack outside of the Chemistry-Physics Building yesterday. The number of bike riders on campus has increased this year following a rise in gas prices. **MILO LUTHELL | STAFF**

## DanceBlue keeps groups on their feet for charity

UK groups are raising money with a dance marathon for UK Hospital

By Megan Stanley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Groups at UK will be on their feet without sleeping or sitting for a 24-hour period in a dance marathon to raise money for local families with children battling cancer.

"This will give the kids something to be excited about, and will allow them to be kids again," said Shelby Dehner, family relations chair of the marathon.

DanceBlue, a year-long fundraising event, will begin on UK's campus in October and will end with a dance marathon in February.

All groups participating in DanceBlue will be assigned a family from the UK Children's Hospital, and will raise money throughout the year on their behalf. The money will go to the Golden Matrix fund, which assists children treated at UK Children's Hospital Cancer Department and their families through superior care, comprehensive support and innovative research.

DanceBlue was inspired by Penn State's "THON," a 48-hour dance marathon to raise money to conquer childhood cancer, which raised over \$4.1 million for last February's marathon for Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pa.

UK and UK Children's Hospital are working together to make DanceBlue possible. It's the first time UK has hosted the DanceBlue dance marathon. It's a student-run organization open to all campus groups, Pfeifer said.

"We hope to recruit 50-60 student organizations," said Emily Pfeifer, overall chair

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## Senior leader pulls double duty for women's soccer

By Ryan Wood  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

On a hot, sunny Tuesday afternoon, Ashley Schillig was in a playful mood after soccer practice as she posed for her portrait shot.

"Am I smiling?" the UK senior forward/defender asked as she grinned from ear to ear. It's easy for her to be upbeat; heading into conference play this weekend, her Cats are sporting an undefeated record of 4-0-4. Last year at this time they were 3-3-1.

"This is my first winning season," Schillig said. "Finally all the puzzle pieces are falling into place. (I'm) not saying the teams in previous seasons were bad, but this year we have great team chemistry."

After starting her collegiate career at Marshall University, Schillig transferred to UK as a sophomore. She made an immediate impact at forward, scoring four goals in the 2003 season.

During her junior year, Schillig decided to switch to defense.

"There were seniors ahead of me at forward (so) I just decided to play D," she said. "I put myself back there in practice and played pretty well."

"I got my chance in a game, played well and stayed there through (this) spring."

All through grade school Schillig was a forward and a natural goal scorer.

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## Faculty

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doing? Promoting soft drinks."

Bhavsar said the combination of price and quality of food also keeps him away from campus eating loca-

tions. "I've never found it so expensive (elsewhere)," Bhavsar said. "It's usually not good, but it's cheap (at other institutions). This is a double whammy."

"I very seldom eat on campus because I feel it is overpriced, and the quality I get is in more places than my pocketbook."

Other professors were

openly upset with the meal plan system.

"I think it's a rip-off, quite frankly," said sociology instructor Jeremy Kerr. "I can't believe how much students have to spend for a couple of square meals a day."

Kerr said he also believes this new plan will affect students in more places than their pocketbook.

"Especially the price for

healthy food is ridiculously high, and (it's) discouraging students from eating healthy," he said.

Kerr said he sees only one group benefiting from the plan, and it's not faculty and students.

"For the people running it, yeah, it's obviously making a killing for them."

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## Dance

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of the marathon.

"Every organization on campus can take part in this event," said Dehner. "The university needed something everyone can participate in."

This is an opportunity to

show there is more to college students, and that they care about other people, said Pfeifer.

DanceBlue isn't setting a specific goal for the fundraiser. Instead, they are working hard to make a connection and be a support system for the families involved.

"We do not have a goal set right now, it is more about focusing on the families," Pfeifer said.

Lauren Scott, Chi Omega's DanceBlue chair, is organizing the event for her sorority. The number of groups registered has not been tallied yet.

"We want to spread the word, we want everyone to be involved, not just Greeks. It's going to be a blast, everyone loves to dance."

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### DanceBlue

- Registration ends today
- Marathon start: Friday, February 10 at 9 a.m.
- Marathon end: Saturday, February 11 at 9 p.m.
- Where: Memorial Coliseum
- For late registration and information contact Emily Pfeifer, emily\_pfeifer@hotmail.com

## Bikes

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said. He said there were eight bike impoundments on Tuesday and two on Wednesday. He said there has been an overall decrease in bike impoundments over the past

five years.

"We haven't seen much of an increase in the number of bike impoundments this semester in comparison to others," said Thornton. "We typically see a temporary increase at the beginning of each semester, but it usually drops off as students become more familiar with the bicycle regulations."

While students enjoy be-

ing able to ride to campus, some feel more could be done to accommodate the growing biking population. Many complain there should be more paths open to bikes, that there are too few racks and many of the current racks are too clustered around specific areas of campus.

"They are starting to work on it, like when they

repaired Avenue of Champions," said Lauren Raupach, a communications disorder junior. "But, there's still a way to go, and campus still isn't real bike friendly. But, like I said, there's work being done."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WILD nights continue

The second of UK's "Wildcat WILD Nights" will start at 10 p.m. tonight at Pieratt Student Recreation Fields behind the Johnson Center. The event features basketball tournaments, an obstacle course, cornhole, movies, volleyball, kickball and a dunk tank. Admission for UK students is free with a valid student I.D. The first 300 students will receive a free T-shirt at the gate.

### Dinner honors Fellows Society

A dinner at Rupp Arena tonight will honor donors to the UK Fellows Society who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the university. Since the program began in 1966, more than 6,000 fellows have pledged gifts in excess of \$600 million.

### Tennessee-LSU game postponed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southeastern

Conference has determined that the Tennessee at Louisiana State football game that was scheduled for Saturday has been moved to Monday, Commissioner Mike Slive announced.

The change in the date was caused by concerns about Hurricane Rita. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. and televised by ESPN2.

### UK hosts Family Weekend

This weekend is the UK Family Weekend sponsored by the UK Parents Association. Events include the annual Family Weekend Tent Party, the UK vs. Florida football game, a Sunday brunch at historic Spindletop Hall with UK faculty and administrators, family night in the Cat's Den, movies, UK soccer and volleyball games, horse farm tours and open houses.

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## CORRECTION

In Wednesday's article "Board extends Todd's contract through 2006," The Kernel incorrectly stated the starting date of President Todd's new contract. It took effect immediately.

To report an error, please call The Kernel's newsroom at 257-1915 or e-mail asichko@kykernel.com.

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A chef prepares a plate of sushi at Tomo, located on High Street. Tomo serves Asian cuisine, including sushi, sashimi and other authentic dishes.

## Tomo an artistic dish

All eyes were fixed on the steady hands of a sushi chef. Businessmen, couples and friends lined the sushi bar watching men transform slabs of raw fish into intricate delicacies.

At most restaurants, customers nibble on dinner rolls or engage in a conversation to pass the time waiting for a meal. But tonight's entertainment was a man who called himself Mia — an artist working with flavors and colors in the same instance, focused on each plate as an empty canvas before him.

I was among the guests who packed the sushi bar Tuesday night at Tomo on High Street to engage in the creation of something too pretty to be termed "a meal." Conversations remained quiet while customers followed the work of the artists, like patrons observing a golf game.

As a sushi amateur, I was anxious to try every option. Upon my first bite of

sushi, a potent spice bit my tongue and tears started forming in my eyes. This was enough to catch the attention of the silent old man.

He laughed and spoke for the first time. "Drink this," he said, holding a bottle of the bright red concoction. "And go to the hospital."

The little man laughed again and returned to his task, balancing his glasses on the tip of his nose and tossing finished pieces onto square-shaped plates. The rarity of sushi in Lexington makes Tomo an authentic dining experience. First-time sushi experimenters may enjoy the variety of tastes and textures offered on the sushi menu without facing the repulsive reality of eating raw fish.

For a Southern girl accustomed to fried chicken and well-done burgers, it's hard to come face to face with idea of consuming meat that hasn't visited a broiler, grill, deep-fryer or spent significant time in an oven.

But rare, raw and straight off the skin of a slippery salmon — regardless of repulsive implications — sushi is a true exception to the traditional "rules" of sanitation. There is an apprecia-

tion for the overall design and effort displayed in the construction of a sushi roll.

The delicate process of preparing sushi makes it more appetizing. The food often arrives too beautiful to eat.

Mia sliced even portions of fish, rolled the sushi, stuffed the sushi with cucumbers, seaweed and other fillings. My favorite part of the show was when the chef grabbed bottles of multicolored sauces and sprinkled the finishing touches on each masterpiece.

After two hours sitting at the Tomo sushi bar, I was mesmerized by the skill and care that sushi chefs exhibit when working with raw fish. There was beauty in the variety of colors and textures of the fish in their naked form, which were open for view, laced with leaves of lettuce in a glass display behind the bar.

Beyond the aesthetic beauty of sushi, it is an unparalleled meal that allows participation and creativity that cannot be found in any other dining experience.

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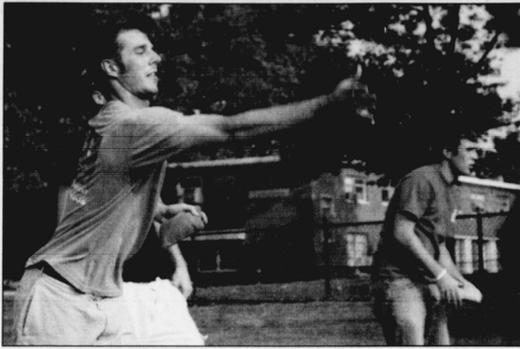
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## CORNHOLE FOR A CAUSE



Above: Dave Wright, psychology sophomore, participates in yesterday's ADP cornhole tournament to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass.

Right: Thomas Cunningham, biology sophomore, and Tim Markey, a 2004 UK graduate, get down to business while competing in the tournament at Haagin Field.



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## Apple puts music on your phone

By John M. Moran  
THE HARTFORD COURANT

Apple Computer has been rightly applauded for its technological prowess and cutting-edge designs. Perhaps it's time the company was also recognized for its business savvy.

The latest evidence of Apple's sure feel for the marketplace comes in the form of its snappy new iPod Nano portable music player and the ROKR, a white-and-gray iPod cellphone produced in conjunction with Motorola and Cingular.

At just over a quarter-inch thick, the super-slim iPod Nano is barely one-third the size of the iPod Mini, which it replaces. It comes with either 2 gigabytes or 4 gigabytes of storage. It sports a color screen, up to 14 hours of battery life and the famed iPod "click wheel" for scrolling through your song collection.

The Motorola ROKR cellphone isn't technically an Apple product, so it isn't quite as stylish as Apple might have made it. It permits you to play — but not wirelessly download — songs bought through Apple's iTunes music download service.

Together, these products represent a strong advance in convenience for those who want to carry their music around with them.

That evidently isn't enough for some critics, however. Already, there's been carping that the new products don't hold enough songs and the ROKR phone can't download music directly from iTunes.

Such complaints miss the point.

With the iPod Nano, Apple has continued pushing the design envelope on standalone digital music players, raising a new defense against the growing legions of would-be competitors. Such a move is particularly important moving into the holiday shopping season, when sales of those players skyrocket.

And with the ROKR, Apple has established an important beachhead in the market for cellphones that double as digital music players.

The ROKR does have shortcomings. But what's more important is that Apple is now a participant in what will surely be a huge-market for music-playing cellphones. After all, who wants to carry two gadgets — a cellphone and a digital music player — when they can own a combination device that performs both functions?

That's where Apple's business savvy is most obvious. Apple's iPod line of digital music players and its iTunes download service are far and away the biggest

players in the industry. By some estimates, the company holds about three quarters of the world market for both digital players and downloaded songs.

Perhaps Apple won't be able to hold on to all of its current market share as competition intensifies. But it's essential that the company be seen as moving forward technologically by consumers, many of whom have come to regard iPod and iTunes as the only digital music products worth owning.

Taken together, the iPod Nano and the ROKR phone accomplish that objective, while giving consumers access to a stylish new player on one hand and an edgy new cellphone on the other. Ultimately, that kind of steady progress is the bottom line for most consumers.

Sure, it would be nice for Apple to launch a quantum-leap device that wirelessly downloads from iTunes, holds many gigabytes worth of music and sells for less than \$200.

But the Nano and the ROKR demonstrate that Apple isn't resting on its lead in the digital music arena. These new products should be more than enough to persuade iPod-loving consumers to stick with Apple, for now and for innovations yet to come.

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## IN OUR OPINION

# It's time for SG, SAB to roast Gator Roast

After all the time and energy wasted on sorting out the Student Government election debacle, one positive offshoot has emerged: Avenue of Champions wasn't the site of yet another useless \$45,000 street party last night.

In 2001 and 2002, SG sponsored the first Gator Roast and Hoosier Daddy, respectively, which each cost the organization \$17,000.

Since 2003, SG and Student Activities Board have both rashly budgeted \$25,000 from student-fee funds to throw Gator Roast 2 and Hoosier Daddy 2.

This year, on Sept. 2, SAB wisely decided to cancel Gator Roast, because the legal battle over the SG presidency stalled the organization's operation until Sept. 9.

SAB President Meredith Hughes said

the event usually takes several weeks of planning, and without funding or help from then-defunct SG, Gator Roast wasn't feasible.

Right decision — wrong reasons. An SG-SAB partnership for a glorified pep rally makes for inappropriate bedfellows. It's a misuse of money and authority.

SG's job is to advocate on behalf of the students in dealing with the university — not provide student entertainment.

And we're of the opinion that SAB can

provide entertainment with a more reasonable price tag.

But don't think the irresponsible spending won't continue. Hughes wants to use the money for a similar event in the spring.

"We hope we can have something later that could replace what Gator Roast could have been," Hughes said.

And SG President Becky Ellingsworth said she'd like the tradition to continue next year.

The student-fee money SG and SAB would have poured into last night's hypo-

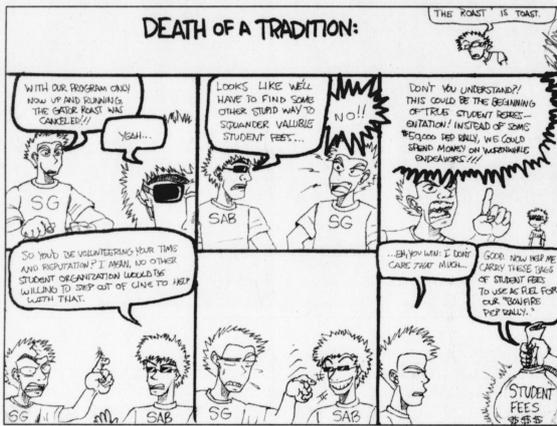
thetical Gator Roast 3 can be spent in a much more effective, pragmatic manner.

With the surplus, SG could completely revamp their archaic voting procedure with its inherent Greek monopoly and allow students to cast their ballot online. This option is not only more convenient than voting booths, it also fits nicely into the schedules of everyone, from the most devout flyer pusher to a lethargic potential voter — and there would be no poorly defined polling locations and/or times.

Whatever SG and SAB decide to do with their respective \$25,000 budget openings, it should keep the students, and not another mindless partying foray, in mind.

Showing fiscal responsibility in the face of the temptation to spend massive amounts of money would be a remarkable

**Students don't need SG and SAB forking over large amounts of their money for an annual street party.**



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## U.S. far from reaching its founding principles

It has been two and a half years, \$169 billion and 1,904 U.S. military deaths since the war in Iraq began. In that time, the United States and its motley crew of allies in the "war on terror" have conducted a fruitless search for weapons of mass destruction and succeeded in turning what was incorrectly believed to be a spawning ground for terrorism into a haven for terrorists.

With the original reasoning for the war refuted by reality and public support for the war waning, the U.S. involvement in Iraq has seemed to take on a new purpose — one which aims to bring freedom and democracy to a country liberated from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein. Although these goals were originally included in the Bush administration's war cry in March 2003, humanitarian rationalization and regime change have conveniently been converted from effects of U.S. self-interest into a U.S.-led movement to spread democracy.

But then the question presents itself: if this is the role of the United States in Iraq, why does it not play this role in other parts of the world? Although the humanitarian situation in Iraq was (and still is) dismal, there are other regions in which the situation is much more dire and urgent.

If the United States is justified in playing world police in Iraq, there is more than compelling evidence to justify our intervention in Sudan, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Sierra Leone. Under these circumstances, one cannot help but conclude that the United States refuses to intervene in regions where there is not a reward to be reaped.

In the case of Iraq, oil and government contracts are an evident driving force behind American perseverance to somehow stabilize the country. If U.S. assistance were needed in an impoverished country that had nothing to offer our economic interests, would we come to the rescue? I think we all know the answer to that.

The moral ambiguity of American foreign policy has dramatic implications for our self-perceived notion of our place in the world community.

How can we, as a nation, pride ourselves on being a beacon of freedom when our foreign policy decisions are so heavily influenced by our economic self-interest?

How can we allow our leaders, past and present, to conduct matters abroad in such a way that it goes against the very ideals that this nation was founded on?

All men are created equal? Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

Although the United States does make contributions to the world community and provides aid in certain situations, the amount of assistance we provide is grossly disproportionate to our ability to help other nations; our common values demand that we do more.

Americans should strive for this country to be more than what is it. This country is a grand experiment of democracy, a concoction still boiling in the graduated cylinder of the Enlightenment.

The United States of America has existed for 226 years, and only during 142 of those years have blacks lived free from the bonds of slavery.

Women in this country have only been able to vote for 85 of those years, and blacks have only been allowed to enjoy the same rights and freedoms as whites for 41 years.

The United States government has massacred Native Americans, held Japanese-Americans in internment camps and withheld justice based solely on the color of a person's skin.

We still have much to learn about democracy. We can only hope that the true America will one day reveal itself to represent what we all stand for and not what we should all stand against.

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## What if Americans knew their rights?

The fight against a mandatory pledge to the American flag is not one of religious freedom alone.

American citizens have the right to express their opinions, including one that might be opposed to pledging allegiance to a government.

But school-aged kids, and apparently college students, aren't aware of their rights, and aren't learning about them in school.

Students obviously don't know what they pledge when they stand for the flag, because if it were a salute to "freedom," then they'd recognize the hypocrisy in a government requiring its "free" citizens to pledge allegiance to any symbol, not just a religious one.

I wonder what would happen if we were straight-up with our citizens and their children from the beginning... What if the First Amendment rights weren't just taught in school, but reinforced by the actions and policies of those responsible for education?

What would happen to public policy if adult public opinion were, for example, informed?

Would people still be making a religious issue out of the pledge

when doing so still leads credence to the unconstitutional demands of recitation otherwise existent in the schools' practice?

What would happen if teachers thoroughly explained to children the rights protected in the Constitution?

Teacher: (After leading a class in The Pledge of Allegiance) Class, please be seated.

Johnny: I have a question: If the Constitution expressly protects our right to speak freely, and freedom of expression has subsequently been inferred, and reinforced by the Supreme Court, then under what circumstances is it legal for government establishments, such as public schools, to require its U.S. citizens to speak unfreely — that is regurgitate a poem reinforcing ideals not necessarily belonging to the orator?

Teacher: That's an excellent question, Johnny. You see, the United States, aside from its crime, fattasses, and dumbasses, is the best and most powerful country in the world.

The idea that two words in a pledge somehow establishes religion is akin to saying that a public library's copy of "Dianetics" establishes Scientology.

The chief danger of removing all reference to religion from the government sphere is the creation of a moral vacuum. By what authority will our government tell right from wrong? In the modern parlance, the tautological morality of intolerance of the intolerant seems to prevail as the enlightened path.

The moment our benevolent government mother differentiates between those things we must tolerate and those we must not, a far more dangerous thing than religion has been established. The result is a nationalist morality, a cult of the politically elite, untested by time, philosophy and open public discourse, and inflicted on the moral minority.

our American rights, which include the implied right not to be forced by the government to celebrate.

Teacher: Not quite, Johnny. Do you know what a legislature is?

Johnny: No, I'm afraid my over-education in English literature combined with a useless French vocabulary provides little practical or applicable knowledge of even basic government workings.

Teacher: Well, the legislature is the branch of government that is responsible for writing and passing laws, Johnny.

To make a career doing such, it is generally assumed that legislators have 1) extensive knowledge of U.S. law, and 2) a high-school diploma from somewhere other than Kentucky or West Virginia.

Johnny: (interrupting) So I can never be a legislator?

Teacher: Johnny, quit picking your nose, and listen. Congress passes unconstitutional, and otherwise contradictory laws constantly, like the "Constitution Day" mandate.

So what I am saying is that the general assumption that legislators have better education is a faulty one.

Your recognition of blatant legal inconsistencies makes you more capable of writing sensible legislation than today's Congress.

That, Johnny, is ridiculous.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Pledge doesn't constitute 'establishment'

In response to Emily Hunkler's Sept. 21 letter to the editor: Congress — the elected representatives of the American people — decided an appropriate response to the Communist threat was to insert the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. It is interesting that the Senate voted 99-0 passing a resolution condemning the 9th Circuit Court's initial determination that the pledge containing the words "under God" was unconstitutional.

Michael Newdow is a non-custodial parent. It is also not entirely clear that his daughter objects at all to saying the Pledge of Allegiance. In fact, an article from FrontPage Magazine, dated July 19, 2002, states that the child's mother said the daughter attends a Christian church and enjoys saying "under God" as part of the pledge.

As a journalism major, to make the blanket assertion that Newdow's daughter is forced to affirm her faith in a God she does not believe in shows a complete lack of research about one of the central facts of this story.

There is abundant evidence that the establishment

clause of the First Amendment, which was supported by several members of the First Congress, who came from states which had established religions, was inserted to prevent federal interference with the individual states' established religions.

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## Online Poll Question

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# Soccer

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but in high school she played defense, so she had experience at both positions before playing in college.

"This isn't news to UK head coach Warren Lipka, who plays Schillig at both positions.

"She gives us some maturity (at forward)," Lipka said. "She can hold the ball, and with her up top...maturity up top and athleticism in the back."

"We need both of them on the field at the same time to help the team win — maturity up top and athleticism in the back."

In addition to being the team's unofficial utility player, Schillig also enjoys being a senior and the role it carries as a team leader.

"I like it when the younger girls come to me and ask questions, because I remember asking the same questions," she said.

"It's kind of like returning the favor... (Plus) seniors get priority when it comes to gear and lines for food. The small things are rewarding," Schillig said.

Equally rewarding is the impact she has on her team. "She's an awesome player," junior goal keeper and roommate Anne Ogunde said.

"She leads by example with her technical ability and also her demeanor off the field," Ogunde said. "We



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Senior forward/defender Ashley Schillig relishes her role as a team leader for the undefeated UK women's soccer team. "I want to help create a lot of opportunities and help the team keep momentum," she said.

need girls like her who are always positive and always ready to step on the field anytime we need them."

Heading into tonight's game against Louisiana State, the Cats will need to bring their 'A' game, Lipka said.

"It's going to get a lot more difficult," he said. "The competition level is going to rise. Everybody is now fighting to go to the Southeastern Conference tournament... the work is going to start tonight."

The Cats welcome LSU (4-2-1) to the UK soccer complex at 7:30 tonight, immediately following the men's soccer game against Western Michigan. Conference play continues for the women Sunday at the UK Soccer Complex, as the Arkansas Razorbacks come into town at 1 p.m.

"Our season starts now," Ogunde said. "We have to get mentally prepared... (Coach) told us to get ready for tough, physical play."

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# Volleyball brings new attitude to SEC

By Chris DeLottell  
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The time is now. For new UK volleyball coach Craig Skinner and his team, it's time to prove that 10 years of Southeastern Conference futility has come to an end.

In the preseason, members of the team praised Skinner for the winning attitude he brought to the program, which finished last in the SEC in 2004 and has not had a winning record in the conference since 1996.

The Wildcats' two-match conference opening weekend begins tonight against Auburn (6-3, 0-1 SEC) and continues Sunday against Alabama. Skinner understands the necessity of a fast start.

"We have to do well early," he said. "It's a chance for us to do well. We have to compete this weekend."

Skinner believes it is necessary for his team to increase its work ethic as the Cats begin the league schedule.

"It's important in the league that we have great ef-

fort," he said. "We have to be a little more intense in practice and have a little more focus in breaking down opponents. Our excitement and intensity needs to go up a notch in the SEC."

Senior middle blocker Amy Kaplan agreed that a quick start is vital.

"It's very important," she said. "We've showed we can compete at a high level. We want to get off to a strong start (in conference play)."

There are similarities between the Auburn and UK programs. Both are in a stage of rebuilding. The Tigers won six SEC matches last year, their highest total since 1999. Kaplan noted, however, the Wildcats won't be underestimating any opponents on their SEC slate.

"We can't take anyone lightly," she said. "We're looking to make an impact this year, and so is Auburn."

"We'll compete our butts off against Auburn and then get ready for Alabama."

After dropping its opening match, Alabama (13-1, 1-0 SEC) has run off 13 consecutive victories, losing only a

single game in the process. While Skinner said the team isn't looking past Auburn in its preparation, he acknowledged the challenge of playing the Crimson Tide.

"They've had a great pre-conference season," he said. "But we just have to focus on Auburn first and then worry about Alabama."

UK, attempting to become a factor in the SEC again, seemingly doesn't have much to lose against the Crimson Tide. However, according to senior outside hitter Danielle Wallace, Alabama has plenty to put on the line.

"They have something to lose," she said. "That's their 13-game winning streak. We're looking to take that winning streak away from them."

The UK-Auburn match is tonight at 7, while Alabama visits Lexington on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Both matches will be played at Memorial Coliseum. The Alabama match will be televised locally on UPN.

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