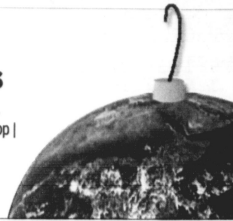


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UK launches class registration online

New service: Few students knew about the service; students can get on a waiting list for certain classes

By Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

UK launched an online registration service Wednesday — but for the most part, the only students who knew to use it were those in the Honors program.

Web registration, which allows students to register for and drop classes online, is running until Dec. 11. Online registration also allows students to get on a waiting list for certain classes. When someone drops the class, the next person on the waiting list is automatically registered for the class, a service

not available through the telephone VIP registration service.

The Registrar's Office opted not to publicize the new service to students yet, in fear too many users might crash the system.

"I didn't even know about that," said Ashley White, a marketing and finance sophomore. "I think they should have made it known to all students so

everyone could have equal opportunity to get on the waiting list."

The Registrar's Office sent an e-mail Tuesday out to student support staff and student support faculty, who they thought would tell students about the service, said Registrar Don Witt.

But interviews with more than half of the support staff who received the e-mail show that only students

on the Honors Program list-serv heard about the service.

When Honors Program Academic Coordinator Kate Johnson asked the office how students would find out about the service, Michelle Nordin, the associate registrar, told Johnson she could notify the students in the Honors Program.

"Kate, we have purposefully not publicized this yet because we wanted the activity

during the first few days to be lighter than usual. You may inform your students (the system should come up sometime tomorrow afternoon) and once we believe everything is okay, we will do massive PR to get the word out. Thanks!" Nordin wrote in an e-mail reply to Johnson.

Johnson then forwarded

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Be wary of thieves who strike at holidays

Break-ins: Cell phones, CD players among targets

By Emily Hagedorn
STAFF WRITER

Fewer daylight hours mixed with holiday shopping beckons car thieves, said UK Police.

The holiday season is one of the most active times for car thefts at UK, and UK Police warn students to be cautious this winter.

"When (faculty, staff and students) go Christmas shopping, they sometimes leave valuables in their cars," said Cmdr. Travis Manley, the head of UK Police's Communications and Information Services. "There's the potential for people to leave those things, not knowing they are providing the opportunity to get broken into."

The majority of break-ins usually occur in Commonwealth Stadium's parking lots or in the College View Lot behind Memorial Coliseum, police said.

Last year saw the highest number, with 21 reported break-ins between Nov. 15, 2001 and Jan. 15, 2002, with 11 at the stadium and five in College View. The four years before, campus averaged 11 reported thefts. So far, this holiday season has seen two thefts, Manley said.

The darkness and colder weather lead to fewer people in the lots, leading to more luck for the thieves, said Sgt. Greg Hall, a detective with the UK Police.

CD players, subwoofers, clothing, radars, cell phones and loose change are the most prevalent items stolen.

While alarms may help, Hall warns lower quality ones aren't immune to theft.

"I have even seen alarms stolen," he said. "If you buy an alarm, make it a good one."

Thieves also go after "cars that advertise," Manley said. These include cars with loud stereos and newer cars.

Manley and Hall suggest locking vehicles and parking in heavily-traveled, well-lit areas such as under light posts near the exits.

"It's more likely the thief would be interrupted in these areas," Hall said.

Also, don't leave radars in plain view. Don't assume that if you have a detachable faceplate on your stereo it won't get taken, Hall said.

Most of the holiday car thieves are caught. UK Police survey the lots often and usually catch the

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Students rally to save forest



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

Rallying support

Student supporters of saving Robinson Forest from strip mining march from the Thomas Poe Cooper building on campus Wednesday morning to the Patterson Office Tower plaza.

FUNDS: GROUP WANTS UK TO FIND ALTERNATIVES

By Steve Ivey
STAFF WRITER

The scholarship program is awesome. We just want people to look for alternative ways to fund it."

— Meagan Gibson, linguistics sophomore

About 50 students marched across campus in snow flurries Wednesday morning to show support for preserving Robinson Forest.

The marchers held signs and chanted "Save Robinson Forest" to bring attention to a possible plan to open land in the forest to strip mining in order to fund the Robinson Scholars Program. The program pays the tuition for first-generation college students in Eastern Kentucky.

Meagan Gibson, a linguistics sophomore, joined the rally, which moved from the Forestry Building on Rose Street through central campus to Patterson Office Tower. Gibson said she took a trip to Robinson Forest last month to get a look at land

that had already been subject to mining.

"It's complete devastation," she said.

Gibson said the rally was more to show support for preserving the forest rather than protest the Robinson Scholars Program. "The scholarship program is awesome," she said. "We just want people to look for alternative ways to fund it."

Ben Gramig, an agricultural economics graduate student, addressed the crowd outside Patterson Office Tower. He said he wants to see the decision making process be opened up to the public.

"Anyone outside the administrative circle has been left in the dark," he said.

Gramig said the administration faced a similar deci-

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UK computers stressed by hackers, traffic

Solutions: Policy will protect computers, users when protective software is installed on campus

By Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

UK hasn't had the Big One yet.

But the small attacks on campus computer networks are coming so frequently — at least 50 to 200 incidents a week — that UK is looking into ways to better protect the University's computers.

"We haven't had huge problems, just lots of little ones," said Robert Tannenbaum, director of undergraduate education. "People can lose all of their work, everything on a hard drive can be destroyed, private information can be accessed."

Furthering UK's computer problems is the increase in peer-to-peer file exchange traffic — such as trading music and movie files.

UK spends \$500,000 on Internet connections, but at times, more than half of the University's bandwidth has been taken up by entertainment file sharing, said Tannenbaum, who was director of academic computing services for 10 years.

"We're not saying it's wrong to do this, we're saying let's get this into proportion," he said. "We're just trying to balance things."

Yet sometimes when protective software is implemented, he said, it can keep legitimate users from accessing things they need.

A new committee has written a draft of a policy that will act as a guide for determining and implementing procedures affecting computer security and resource allocation at UK.

The President's Task Force on Computer Security and Resource Allocation is seeking input on the policy until Dec. 9.

"It's intended to dictate ... what they must consider and what steps they must take before they implement technology solutions to these problems," said Tannenbaum, who is chairing the committee.

The policy also details an appeals process for those who feel security measures penalize them.

For example, if UK banned all peer-to-peer file sharing, the School of Music could suffer, he said. The school will soon have electronic reserves of music its students can download for classes. The ban would keep them from accessing these educational files. The policy reminds technology professionals of the potential problems of security fixes.

"When you try to block something, you must balance benefits with the cost to legitimate computer activity," Tannenbaum said.

In 1993, UK was one of the first colleges to write a computer usage policy. The policy was written after a faculty member was causing problems on a server. The policy explains the rights and responsibilities of using campus computers — and the penalties for abusing them. The policy has served UK well, Tannenbaum said, but the increase in file sharing traffic and hacking from outside the University makes the new guide necessary.

To view the draft policy, visit www.uky.edu/FAIT/SRA.

World survey: love U.S. technology, hate U.S. ideas

Falling out of favor: America viewed as country with really good entertainment but really bad values

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WASHINGTON — In the eyes of much of the world, this is America: an inconsiderate lone wolf that has really good entertainment but really bad values, that wants war with Iraq just to get oil but still should remain as the only superpower on Earth.

In a broad international survey released Wednesday, the Pew Global Attitudes Project found that the United States is falling out of fa-

vor in 19 of 27 countries where a trend could be identified.

The dislike was especially striking in Muslim countries. Seventy-five percent of those surveyed in Jordan had an unfavorable opinion of America, as did 69 percent of Egyptians and 59 percent of Pakistanis and 59 percent of Lebanese. In Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Senegal, Turkey and Lebanon, the vast majority said they oppose the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

But ill will toward the United States was also found in supposedly friendly nations like Canada, Britain and Germany.

"The biggest headline is the slipping image of the United States, not simply that we're not liked in the Muslim world," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "But there is still a great reserve of good will toward the United States."

The surveys in 44 countries were conducted by established survey organizations in each country between July and October, with polls done by phone in

eight of the most developed countries and face-to-face in the others. The error margins range from plus or minus 2 percentage points to 4.5 points, depending on the sample size.

A generally favorable view of America is held in 35 of the 42 countries that took part in the survey. Among Russians, U.S. popularity has surged 24 points, from 37 percent two years ago to 61 percent today. Similarly, 77 percent of Nigerians and 85 percent of Uzbeks had pro-U.S. views, up 31 percent and 29 percent respectively.

The most common criticisms of the United States are that it acts by itself, it pushes policies that widen the gap between rich and poor nations, and it doesn't do enough to solve the world's problems.

Americans don't necessarily agree.

Seventy-five percent of Americans polled said U.S. foreign policy is considerate of others. But next door, only 25 percent of Canadians said America is a considerate world citizen. Perhaps surprisingly, U.S. foreign policy was deemed con-

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



I am concerned that terrorists have disrupted the ability for peace-loving people to move a process forward.

President Bush to reporters in a brief exchange about Iraq and the war on terrorism.

UK theatre to hold auditions

The UK theatre department will hold auditions for a spring theatre production based on Latin American Folk Tales. The auditions will be held today and tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the movement studio of Fine Arts Building. Director Nancy Jones said she hopes students from different areas of the university will get involved with the production, which will incorporate singing, dancing, puppetry, masks, acting and movement. Jones said that the production needs people with a variety of talents, including musicians and people who speak Spanish. If you are interested and cannot make the auditions for any reason, contact Jones at nancyjones@yahoo.com.

UK providing basketball rides

UK Parking and Transportation Services will be providing shuttles for students, employees and guests to and from Rupp Arena for all regular season men's home basketball games. The shuttle services, which will be available only while school is in session, will be co-sponsored by UK Athletics. The round-trip cost will be \$1 per person, per game. For information on pickup times and locations as well as return trip information, please visit www.uky.edu/parking/bball.htm.

Military experts will speak Monday

The UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce will sponsor a panel of military experts who will discuss the military aspects of a possible war with Iraq on Monday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the William T. Young Library Auditorium. Panelists include John Coburn, the former commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Lt. Gen. Clay Bailey, the former commander of U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, Maj. Gen. Russ Groves, the former Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard, and Brig. Gen. Jim Shane, the head of the Governor's Commission on Military Affairs and a former Army war planner. The event is free and open to the public.



JIM ALMIGHTLY: Jim Carrey dramatically saved Jennifer Aniston's life when he pushed her out of the way of a toppling crane on the set of new movie *Bruce Almighty*. The quick-thinking insider star sprung into action when he spotted the huge crane toppling over in high winds - and heading straight for his gorgeous co-star. An on-set source, "It was so windy, it was difficult to do the scenes. But Jennifer and Jim decided to keep going. Suddenly a gust of wind blew over a huge crane. Jennifer had her back to the crane and didn't see it coming. But thank God, Jim did - and he pushed her out of the way. Jim was a real hero. She could have been killed. It could have been a real tragedy." A relieved and shocked Aniston embraced her rubber-faced leading man after the incident, sobbing, "You saved my life. You're a real hero."

United Air plea for loan rejected

WASHINGTON — United Airlines lost its bid for \$1.8 billion in federal loan guarantees Wednesday as a major setback to the nation's second-largest air carrier in its efforts to avoid bankruptcy. The Air Transportation Stabilization Board said that despite efforts to pare costs, "the business plan submitted by the company is not financially sound." Chicago-based United had asked that the government guarantee \$1.8 billion of a \$2 billion private loan package. Without the guarantee and the loan, the airline said it would probably have to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The \$1.8 billion is the largest request received by the board, double the amount that US Airways was conditionally granted earlier this year. The board was established by Congress last year to oversee a \$10 billion loan program, part of an airline industry bailout after last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.N. inspectors accused of spying

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq protested sharply Wednesday over U.N. weapons inspectors' surprise intrusion into one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces, accusing the arms experts of being spies and staging the palace search as a provocation that could lead to war. The harshest criticism came from Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, who charged — in language reminiscent of clashes with inspectors in the 1990s — that the new teams of U.N. monitors are gathering intelligence for Washington and Israel. "Their work is to spy to serve the CIA and Mossad," Israel's intelligence service, Ramadan claimed to a visiting delegation of Egyptian professionals. Ramadan, known for his fiery statements, claimed to his all-Arab audience that the inspectors went to the palace hoping to provoke the Iraqis into refusing them entrance — something he said would be interpreted as a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution that mandated the inspections, and a cause for war.

Al-Qaida linked to Kenya attacks

WASHINGTON — In a grim update on terrorism's global reach, President Bush said Wednesday he believes Osama bin Laden's network was involved in last week's Kenya attacks, and he complained that terrorists have been able to "stop the peace process" in the Middle East. Pledging anew to fight terrorism "wherever it exists," Bush sidestepped the question of whether bin Laden's al-Qaida organization has infiltrated



BUSHWHACKER: Hollywood legend Robert Redford has accused the Bush administration in his native US of a "lack of leadership." "Beating America's failure to wean itself from dependence on fossil fuels, the longtime solar power advocate warned the nation's wasteful use of gas and oil created political problems abroad and air pollution at home. He says, "American rooftops can be the Persian Gulf of solar energy. Wind and solar power generate less than two percent of US power - we can do better." Innovation in energy policy, he concluded, "would keep energy dollars in the American economy, reduce air pollution and create jobs at home."

the West Bank but said terrorism in general has left its mark on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "I am concerned that terrorists have disrupted the ability for peace-loving people to move a process forward," the president told reporters in a brief exchange about Iraq and the war on terrorism. Bush said he understands both Israel's need to fight terrorism and the Palestinian people's desire to improve their living conditions. He pledged to continue working on both fronts.

Court hears abortion protest case

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices took on the contentious issues of abortion, free speech and violent protest Wednesday, hearing arguments on whether federal laws intended to combat organized crime and corruption can be used to punish anti-abortion demonstrators. Activists like actor Martin Sheen, animal rights groups and even some organizations that support abortion rights are siding with anti-abortion forces because of concerns they too could face harsher penalties for demonstrating. The court must decide if abortion clinic protesters who use tactics like blockades can be given large penalties under federal racketeering and extortion laws for interfering with businesses. Such laws are intended to combat corruption, not punish demonstrators, the court was told by Roy Englert Jr., the lawyer for Operation Rescue and anti-abortion leaders.

Productivity grows in third quarter

WASHINGTON — U.S. companies' productivity grew more briskly in the summer than previously thought and orders to factories rose in October for the first time in three months, suggesting the struggling economy will avoid falling into a new recession. Productivity, the output per hour of work, grew at a sizzling annual rate of 5.1 percent in the third quarter, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. The performance was even better than the 4 percent growth rate estimated a month ago and represented a rebound from the tepid 1.7 percent pace in the second quarter. Gains in productivity are helping to keep a lid on inflation, an important factor for Federal Reserve policy-makers as they try to energize the economy through low interest rates.

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Nasty weather crosses state, leaves snowy roads and wrecks

Aftermath: Two dead, more injured in storm; thousands without power

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LOUISVILLE — The season's first winter storm slammed into Kentucky on Wednesday with a combination of snow and freezing rain that caused fatal crashes, knocked out power and shut down schools.

At least two people were killed in traffic crashes blamed on the wintry blast as snow and ice covered highways across Kentucky.

Thick sheets of ice coated trees and power lines in portions of far western Kentucky leaving thousands without electricity.

"This is one of the more intense winter storms we've had in the last couple of years," said Rick Shanklin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah.

Kentucky State Police were inundated with accident reports, and some ditches were strewn with vehicles that slid off highways.

"It's nasty — sleet, snow, freezing rain, a little bit of everything," said Shari Clapp with Kentucky State Police in Mayfield.

The heaviest snow accumulations were expected on opposite ends of the state. Forecasters said 5 to 9 inches were possible in far western Kentucky, and 4 to 8 inches in parts of the Appalachian region.

A crash on the William H. Natcher Parkway in south-central Kentucky killed one person and in-



Charles Basham, a Bowling Green, Ky., wrecker operator, works to get a van out of a ditch Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, on Interstate 65, five miles south of Bowling Green, Ky. Snow and freezing rain blanketed the region and were the cause of the wreck that injured one according to Warren County Sheriff's department Sgt. Brent Brown.

jured three others, state police said.

The early morning crash near the Warren-Butler county line occurred when a northbound truck crossed the median and struck a southbound car head on, state police said. The car was struck on the passenger side by a truck carrying a propane tank, police said.

The driver of the car, Kenneth Rowan Jr., 25, of Owensboro, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Southbound lanes were closed for hours while crews cleared the wreckage.

In Laurel County, a man

was killed Wednesday morning when he lost control of his pickup truck on snow-covered Interstate 75, crossed the median and struck a tractor-trailer head on, state police said.

James E. Price, 62, of Eubank, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. The driver of the tractor-trailer, Bobby Gene Cook, 43, of Jacksboro, Tenn., was not injured, police said.

In Hardin County, a state police officer was injured while working a crash on Interstate 65. The officer was in his cruiser when it was struck by another vehicle

that skidded out of control, said Trooper Steve Pavey. The officer suffered cuts and bruises and was taken to Bradin Memorial for treatment, Pavey said.

A new traveler information service, available by dialing 611, was swamped with calls Wednesday, the state Transportation Cabinet said.

The cabinet said it was working to increase the number of lines to handle the large volume of calls.

In portions of western Kentucky, ice-laden tree limbs downed power lines, leaving thousands of people without electricity.

Mobster wife accused of sperm smuggling

Suspicious: Hit man was seen showing off his toddler even though he was in prison since 1988

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLIAMSPORT Pa. — One of five New York mobsters believed to have smuggled their sperm out of a Pennsylvania prison to impregnate their wives has been indicted, along with his wife, on a charge of criminal conspiracy.

Kevin Granato, a convicted hit man for the Colombo crime family, came under suspicion four years ago after he was seen in the visitation room at the Allenwood Federal Prison showing off a

toddler he called his child, even though he had been in jail since 1988.

Last week, a federal grand jury indicted Granato, 42, and his wife, Regina Granato, on two counts of criminal conspiracy. Regina Granato, who lives in New York, is also charged with one count of providing a prohibited object — a cryogenic sperm kit — to an inmate.

The indictments are the 13th and 14th since October 2000 related to alleged smuggling schemes at the prison. Among those indicted were

four guards who pleaded guilty; two were accused of accepting bribes to smuggle the sperm kits.

Prosecutors said Regina Granato conspired to sneak a kit in and out of the prison, then was artificially inseminated.

She could get up to six years in prison if convicted. Kevin Granato, whose current sentence runs until 2012, could get an additional 35 years. He is serving sentences for racketeering and murder.

The couple's attorney, Richard A. Rehbeck, could not immediately be reached for comment. Regina Granato did not have a listed phone number. In previous inter-

views, she has acknowledged that she and her husband had a child while he was imprisoned, but said their actions didn't violate any laws.

Mob associate Antonio Parlaevicchio and his wife, Maria, were indicted on similar charges in December 2000. He was serving a sentence at the same prison, about 60 miles north of Harrisburg.

Sperm being held in a doctor's office for Maria Parlaevicchio, who did not get pregnant, was taken by the government as evidence. She was on probation for a year; her husband had six months tacked onto his racketeering sentence and is due for release in 2004.

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 "Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
 "Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
 "Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
 "Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
 "Synergy, 8:00pm, CSR Building
 "Annex International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
 "Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
 "French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Kearsland Hall Lobby
 "Math Tutoring, 12:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPORTS
 "UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
 "Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

SPECIAL EVENTS
 "The Gift of Life Challenge
 "Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Alpha Delta Pi-Christmas Party

MEETINGS
 "Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREET

ACADEMIC
 "Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPECIAL EVENTS
 "The Gift of Life Challenge"
 "UK Residence Hall Open House, Kearsland Hall

SPORTS
 "UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
 "Tan Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
 "Viva Rocco!, Modesto Marcano, 12:00 Noon, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library

SPORTS
 "UK Basketball Game vs. North Carolina, 2:00pm, Chapel Hill, N.C.
 "UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
 "The Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft

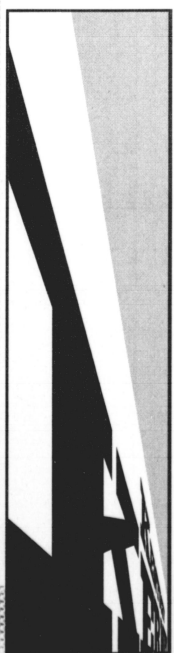
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 "Christmas College, 8:00pm, Singletary Center

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 "International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
 "Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

ACADEMIC
 "Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
 "Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
 "Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons 307
 "Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
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WORLD

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siderate by 53 percent of respondents in Germany, a harsh critic of President Bush's position on Iraq.

World citizens admire American technology and culture, but not the spread of U.S. ideas and customs: 54 percent of Canadians, 67 percent of Germans, 71 percent of the French and 84 percent of Egyptians said it would be bad to spread American ideas and customs.

But Canadians — 77 percent of them — also said they like American music, movies and TV. It was much the same for Venezuela (78 percent), Poland (70 percent), Japan (74 percent), Ivory Coast (84 percent) and Great Britain (76 percent).

U.S. officials have tried to do something about America's image problem abroad. The White House established an office of "global communications" to provide in-depth explana-

tions of President Bush's foreign policy.

Madeline Albright, secretary of state during the Clinton administration and chair of the Pew survey, said the fact that the United States is the world's only superpower may have led to the results.

"In many ways, we are viewed as the rich guy liv-

ing on the hill," Albright said. "We have seen this coming since the end of the Cold War."

"... We are viewed as the rich guy living on the hill."

— MADELINE ALBRIGHT,

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE

lar in Argentina, where 34 percent saw the United States in a good light, compared to 50 percent two years ago. In Indonesia and the Slovak Republic, favorable ratings fell 14 points.

Large percentages of Muslim respondents in several countries said they believe suicide bomb attacks are a justifiable defense of Islam. This was especially so in Lebanon, where 73

percent supported this belief.

Also, 21 countries rated the news media as a good influence, while the military was seen as a good influence in 15 countries. Five gave the top rating in influence to religious leaders. Only one, Ivory Coast, said the national government is the top influence.

In six countries — Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Turkey and the United States — the majority said Iraq poses a great or moderate threat to the world, and Saddam Hussein must go.

Only 22 percent of Americans said oil is the United States' real motive for pursuing war with Iraq, but 44 percent of the British, 75 percent of the French, 54 percent of Germans and 76 percent of Russians held that view.

When it comes to conditions at home, Uzbeks and the Vietnamese were the happiest of all. Sixty-nine percent said they are satisfied with the state of their countries. In Peru and Argentina, only 3 percent of respondents said they are pleased with the way things are at home.

FOREST

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sion 10 years ago, when the scholarship program was facing a budget shortfall.

"Back then they actively sought input," he said. "We want to see the Board of Trustees again create a formal ad hoc committee to serve as a mechanism for public discourse."

Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration, said he supports the students' right to hold a rally, but disagrees with its necessity.

"It's great that they're keeping up with the future of

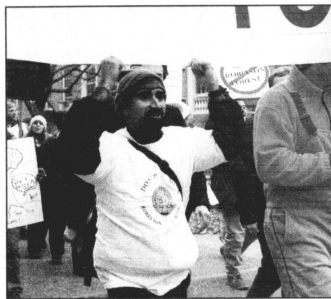
Robinson Forest," he said. "But right now we're just looking for facts; there's no need for public input yet. When we finish the report and the time comes for a decision on the future of the land to be made, public opinion will be sought."

John Cox, a forestry graduate student, said UK needs to be a "responsible heir" and protect the land that was donated over 90 years ago.

"We see opening up the land for mining as analogous to selling a wing of the Young Library for the same purposes," he said.

Cox said President Todd faces a difficult decision.

"All the administrators who squandered away the original funds are gone," he said. "There's really no one left to be held accountable."



Pawan Tyagi, a Ph.D. student in chemical engineering, helps carry a "Save Robinson Forest" sign as he marches on campus.

ONLINE

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the e-mail, which also included directions for using the service, to all Honors students, a common practice whenever she hears of something of student interest.

"I don't think it was a case of inequity," Johnson said. "I think Michelle would have told anyone who replied to her as I did that they could tell their students."

Witt said they did not target the Honors program, or any other group, with the week-long test run for the service.

"It is unfortunate that some students got the e-mail, but it is for all students," Witt said.

Other staff who received the e-mail said they were waiting to tell students once they knew the service worked or that they had no way to reach all students with the news. Others said they weren't sure if they were supposed to notify students or wait for an official announcement from the Registrar's Office.

"There's not been time or opportunity to do much at all," said Mary Sue Hoskins, director of Central Advising, which handles advising for undeclared, pre-pharmacy and non-degree students.

The office's advising list

is so numerous that a master e-mail list has never been compiled, she said, unlike the Honors program.

Peter Berres, who works in student affairs in the College of Health Sciences, said he didn't tell any students yet because he didn't know if the system was fully functional.

"I would hate to put out something and then it not happen," he said.

Witt said he hopes to add more classes to the waitlist when the add-drop window reopens in January. Eventually, all courses may be on the list, he said.

Many schools already have online registration, and UK has worked for more than a year to get its system running, he said. Students can still use the VIP system.

The Registrar's Office, Witt said, is waiting to publicize the system until all the staff knows it works well.

"If we erred in terms of being cautious, it was an err in the favor of students," Witt said.

News of the service is making its way around campus to some extent. Ernie Anderson, an arts administration and theatre senior, heard about it from her theater professor.

"It's a lot easier for me because I get web access at my apartment," she said.

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break-ins, Hall said.

"There will be more cars around, more opportunity," Hall said. "I would anticipate we will have more thefts between now and March."

Nicole Bitzer, an undeclared sophomore, leaves her saddle and riding gear in the back seat of her car in the stadium's lots. After hearing of possible thefts, though, she said she is rethinking stowing her valuables in her vehicle.

"That stuff is expensive," she said.

CRIME

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thieves in the act.

"When we make one arrest, we usually clear 10 other cases," Hall added.

With final exams later than usual, there's an increased chance for more

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CIA cleared to kill Americans found working for al-Quaida

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American citizens working for al-Qaida overseas can legally be targeted and killed by the CIA under President Bush's rules for the war on terrorism, U.S. officials say.

The authority to kill U.S. citizens is granted under a secret finding signed by the president after the Sept. 11 attacks that directs the CIA to covertly attack al-Qaida anywhere in the world. The authority makes no exception for Americans, so permission to strike them is understood rather than specifically described, officials said.

These officials said the authority will be used only when other options are unavailable. Military-like strikes will take place only when law enforcement and internal security efforts by allied foreign countries fail, the officials said.

Capturing and questioning al-Qaida operatives is preferable, even more so if an operative is a U.S. citizen, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Any decision to strike an American will be made at the highest levels, perhaps by the president.

U.S. officials say few Americans are working with al-Qaida but they have no specific estimates. The CIA already has killed one American under this authority, although U.S. officials maintain he wasn't the target.

On Nov. 3, a CIA-operated Predator drone fired a missile that destroyed a carload of suspected al-Qaida operatives in Yemen. The target of the attack, a Yemeni named Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, was the top al-Qaida operative in that country. Efforts by Yemeni authorities to detain him had previously failed.

But the CIA didn't know a U.S. citizen, Yemeni-American Kamal Derwish, was in the car. He died, along with al-Harethi and four other Yemenis.

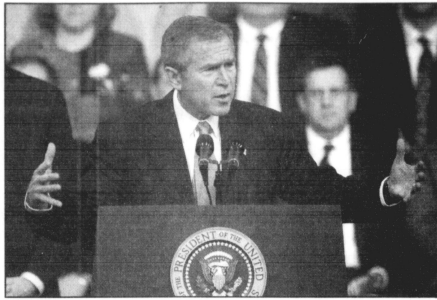
The Bush administration said the killing of an American in this fashion was legal.

"I can assure you that no constitutional questions are raised here. There are authorities that the president can give to officials," said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, after the attack. "He's well within

On the hunt...

President Bush's rules for the war on terrorism have directed the CIA to attack al-Qaida anywhere in the world, making no exceptions for Americans.

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the balance of accepted practice and the letter of his constitutional authority."

American authorities have alleged that Derwish was the leader of an al-Qaida cell in suburban Buffalo, N.Y. Most of the alleged members of the cell were arrested and charged with supporting terrorists, but Derwish was not accused of any crime in American courts.

Family members in Buffalo say they have yet to be contacted by the U.S. government about Derwish's death, which they learned about through media reports.

Mohamed Albanna, vice president of the American Muslim Council's Buffalo chapter, urged federal authorities to confirm the death.

"It's just a matter of common respect for the family here. After all, they are U.S. citizens." He added that Derwish "has not been tried and has not been found guilty so, in that sense, he's still an innocent American who was killed. That's what the law states."

The Bush administration sees it differently. In killing him, the administration defined Derwish as an enemy combatant, the equivalent of a U.S. citizen who fights with the enemy on a battlefield, officials said. Under this legal definition, experts say, his constitutional rights are nullified and he can be killed outright.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, supported this policy. "A U.S. citizen terrorist will kill you just like somebody from another country."

The government has done little publicly to justify Derwish's killing. Officials have privately suggested his association with al-Harethi is reason enough.

Other Americans have been similarly classed since Sept. 11, including Jose Padilla, accused of plotting to use a radioactive "dirty bomb" in the United States, and Yaser Esam Hamdi, who was found fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan. Both are in military custody.

However, a third American, John Walker Lindh, was turned over to the civilian courts after being found serving as a foot soldier with the Taliban.

He was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to supplying services to the Taliban and carrying explosives in commission of a felony.

While officials believe only a small number of U.S. citizens went through Osama bin Laden's camps, Americans have been associated with all levels of al-Qaida.

This includes high-level operative Wadh El Hage, a Lebanese-American who was convicted in connection with the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. A former U.S. Army soldier, Ali Mohamed, worked as a trainer and target scout for bin Laden before he was captured and convicted.

Previously, the government's authority to kill a citizen outside of the judicial process has been generally restricted to when the American is directly threatening the lives of other Americans or their allies.

Earlier presidential au-

thorizations of lethal covert action, in Latin America and elsewhere, have also tacitly allowed the killing of Americans fighting with the other side, former senior intelligence officials said.

But the officials knew of no instances where U.S. citizens were targeted.

The CIA declines comment on covert actions and the authorities it operates under.

Experts on the Constitution and the international laws of war said the Bush administration's definitions create problems.

Unlike the enemy in previous wars, al-Qaida members don't wear uniforms or serve in a foreign nation's army. Nor do they take to traditional battlefields, except in Afghanistan. But the Bush administration and al-Qaida together have defined the entire world as a battlefield - meaning the attack on al-Harethi and Derwish was tantamount to an air strike in a combat zone.

"That is the most vulnerable aspect of the theory," said Scott L. Silliman, director of Duke University's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security.

"Could you put a Hellfire missile into a car in Washington, D.C., under the same theory? The answer is yes, you could."

Human rights groups were divided on the legality of the attack on al-Harethi.

Amnesty International suggested it was an extrajudicial killing, outlawed by international treaty, while Human Rights Watch officials said they believed it was a legitimate wartime action.

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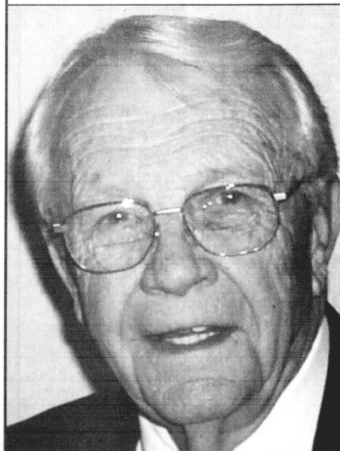
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Nations celebrate holidays globally

CHEER: CHRISTMAS IS IMPORTANT TO MANY CULTURES

By Hye-Kyung Chun
STAFF WRITER

While Americans in coats and snow boots rush into malls for gift shopping in December, Argentines drink iced beverages and stay in air-conditioned spaces to keep cool.

People around the world spend Christmas in different ways.

"Our Christmas is much more celebrated than the American Thanksgiving," said Lindy Hall, a mechanical engineering student from Bahamas.

In the Bahamas, the festival competition called Jonkonoo takes place Christmas Day.

The festivity was originally brought from Africa by people who were taken to Jamaica as slaves.

Now Jonkonoo is a traditional Christmas celebration where people dress in masquerade and have a big parade at night through the streets, including different floats made by local shops.

"Jonkonoo has attracted people from all around the world," Hall said.

However, not all countries celebrate Christmas. Prince Kowsuon, an environmental engineer,

graduate from Thailand, said 95 percent of Thais are Buddhists, and they have no Christmas.



Only 0.5 percent of Thais are Christians, including Kowsuon.

"We do celebrate Christmas like other Christians," he said.

Some UK students have experienced Christmas in other countries and have

seen how the different cultures celebrate the holiday.

Eric Wiseman, a computer science and Japanese senior, spent

Japan geared towards young people and couples that have a general interest in things western," Wiseman said.

"The weirdest thing of all was that I ended up spending my Christmas Day in an Irish Pub in downtown Tokyo with two of my best friends from America."

Japan has actually no official celebration of Christmas, because less than 1 percent of the population is Christian.

Due to the influence of Americans after the World Wars, an unofficial secular observance of Christmas was widespread.

The Japanese adopted some of the customs, such as exchanging gifts and singing Christmas carols in Japanese.

Each country has developed a way of integrating Christmas into its own culture.

Karen Slaymaker, Assistant Director for International Student Services, said having knowledge of other people's customs is important.

"When we learn about people from other cultures, we often come to a deeper understanding of ourselves," she said.

Christ-

mas in Japan a few

years ago.

Wiseman said the Japanese celebrate Christmas very differently from the way Americans do.

"In my experience, I feel that Christmas is a commercial holiday in

In my experience, Christmas is a commercial holiday in Japan."

- ERIC WISEMAN, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND JAPANESE SENIOR



JAMES DAVIS | KERNEL STAFF

Pigs are gonna' fly tonight

UK Theater's production of *When Pigs Fly* resumes tonight at the Guignol Theatre. Above, Josh Preston, Jason Roberts, Andrew Ray and Derek Keeling rehearse the zany musical revue, which features 65 different costumes. Shows will be at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. For ticket information: 257-4929



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Senior Cool Cat plays last game

So long: Hockey club honors December grad prior to Saturday's game

By Jeff Patterson
STAFF WRITER

Senior Day is usually reserved for the end of the season, but Saturday night the UK hockey club will honor one of its seniors who will graduate this semester.

When the UK hockey club hosts Ohio State Saturday night, senior defenseman Davin McLeod will don a Cool Cat jersey for the last time.

McLeod, a fifth year senior, will graduate in just a few weeks. McLeod has racked up 36 goals and 38 assists in his stellar career at UK. His solid defense and leadership will be missed the remainder of the season.

"I'll be happy and sad," McLeod said. "I have met a lot of good people here, both players and managers. I've been here a long time, and it is time to close this chapter in my life."

During his playing career, McLeod has accumulated many memorable moments on the ice.

He has scored in big games like his crucial goal against Penn State two weeks ago. When Stephenson was unconscious on the ice against Penn State, McLeod



McLeod

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JEFF PATTERSON | KERNEL STAFF

The Cool Cats host Ohio State for two games this weekend. The teams square off at midnight Saturday and Sunday for their final games of the semester.

was there when Stephenson came to. But the memory he'll take away from the game is the friendships he has made on and off the ice.

"Getting to know the guys on and off the ice is what I'll miss the most," McLeod said. "I hang out with them every single day, they're like brothers."

Two offensive juggernauts will collide this weekend. The Buckeyes are averaging 5.64 goals scored in their first 11 games. The Cool Cats are averaging 5.17 goals scored through their first 18 games. The league's two leading scorers will also be featured in OSU's Jason Brown and UK's Al Anderson. Both

have 14 goals on the year. The Cool Cats (7-11) face an old foe in Ohio State (6-4-1) this weekend. Since the 1998-99 season, the Cats have seven wins against a lone defeat to the Buckeyes. This time, the Buckeyes are ranked No. 8 in the Southeast Region. This league rival has fared similarly with the Cats when it comes to common opponents. Both teams handled Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne and both have lost to No. 3 Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The Cats have been mediocre to this point and have shown some flashes of excellent play. They need to win now to realize their slim

dreams of going to Nationals. At 7-11 the Cool Cats can't afford to make silly mistakes that have cost them against the likes of Toledo and DePaul.

This young team played its best hockey of the season over a week ago when it last took to the frozen pond against N.C. State. The Cats will need to build on that to be successful the rest of the way.

The Cats will try to send off Davin McLeod the best way they know how this weekend by beating Ohio State. The puck drops at midnight for the Cats and Buckeyes on Friday and Saturday nights.

SportsBytes

Pakulak named finalist for national awards

Senior punter Glenn Pakulak has been chosen as a finalist for the Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award that is given by the Hula Bowl to the nation's top senior special teams performer.

Pakulak is the top punter in UK history. He broke the single-season school record, led the Southeastern Conference and was third in the nation with a 45.6-yard average.

The winner of the Tatupu Award will be announced Dec. 13. The other finalists are punter Aris Comeaux of Army, kick blocker Terrence Holt of North Carolina State, kickoff returner Charles Pauley of San Jose State, and

placekicker Todd Sievers of Miami (Fla.). Pakulak is also a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, which goes to the nation's top punter. The Guy Award will be announced Dec. 12.

Football writers pick Abney All-American

After returning an NCAA-record six kicks for touchdowns this season, junior wide receiver/kick returner Derek Abney is beginning to take awards "to the house" as well.

Abney has been named first-team All-America as a return specialist by the Football Writers Association of America. Abney broke or tied four NCAA records, six

Southeastern Conference records, and 10 school records for kick returns this season.

Abney averaged 15.1 yards per punt return, including four touchdowns. He averaged 26.8 yards on kickoff returns with touchdowns against Florida and Vanderbilt and became only the seventh player in NCAA history to return a punt and kickoff for touchdowns in the same game against Florida. He is the nation's top 11 in punt returns, kickoff returns, and all-purpose yardage.

Abney also caught 40 passes for 569 yards and four touchdowns this season and ranks third in school history in pass receptions and pass receiving yardage.

Abney is the first Wildcat to earn first-team All-America honors as a return specialist. He is the first UK first-team All-American since tight end

James Whalen in 1999.

GymKats release schedule for 2003

The UK gymnastics team announced its 2003 schedule Wednesday and will take part in 11 meets, facing a total of 16 teams, including 2002 National Champion Alabama and runner-up Georgia.

UK, which finished 2002 ranked No. 23, will welcome the new year with the 20th installment of Excite Nite, its season-opening match. The GymKats will face George Washington, one of 10 opponents that advanced to the NCAA Regional Championships a year ago, on Jan. 10.

UK will play host to five more meets, including visits from 2002 SEC Champion Georgia (Feb. 14), No. 8 LSU (Jan. 17), No. 14 Denver (March 14) and No. 24 Brigham Young (Jan. 31).

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SG on the right track with shuttle proposal

After months of throwing parties and booking musical acts with limited appeal to play on campus, Student Government is finally attempting to do something useful for students.

SG members, including President Tim Robinson, are attempting to establish a new shuttle service that will cater to UK students who are out after hours.

A proposal is in the works that would create a shuttle route through popular campus destinations, as well as movie theaters and local spots frequented by students until 2 a.m. SG hopes the potential service will be free to students.

After the research stage is complete the proposal will be pitched to LexTran in hopes of bringing the company on board for the project.

It's refreshing to see SG working on an idea that could be of great benefit for a huge portion of

UK students. Schools like Northern Kentucky University, which is the model for the UK plan, have had great success with similar programs.

A shuttle service would be helpful for students who wish to avoid traffic, as well as those without their own mode of transportation.

The program would also mean that students wary of walking home after dark would have an alternative. It would also aid UK's effort to encourage students to find alternate transportation around campus.

Though Robinson doesn't want to sell the program as a cab service for drunks, routes should encompass downtown areas with bars. This program could be a great weapon in the fight against drunken driving.

Regardless of the details, it's encouraging to see SG using its clout to do something worthwhile.

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READER RESPONSE

Protect abortion; practice safe sex

The need for abortions could be greatly reduced by careful contraception. Folks, please do not have sex when under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, as this adversely affects good judgement. Use a hormonal contraceptive like the pill, the patch, an implant or a shot, plus a condom and a spermicidal insert.

The risk of pregnancy under such circumstances is virtually nil. If you have unprotected sex for any reason, take the morning-after pill. Every year, more than 1 million American women choose to have an abortion. Contrary to what the anti-choice folks want you to think, very few regret the decision or have psychological problems as a result. Most who do have only themselves to blame for choosing to buy into guilt-soaked, controlling religions.

It is important to protect a woman's right to choose, be it to abort or not to abort. The rights and interests of an independent, sentient human being are much more important than those of an embryo, smaller than and with less self-awareness than a guppy. Coat-hanger days will not return to this great bastion of freedom.

If abortion becomes illegal — be it locally or nationally — safe illegal abortions here, or transportation to safe, legal ones in "free states" or even abroad, will be made available. With millions of pro-choice Americans working together, the Bible-thumpers won't get their way.

PATRICK L. BUCK
DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES

Attack on smokers is anti-student

A dry campus, the Party Plan, lack of entertainment for students under 21, and now a proposed ban on smoking in bars and restaurants? More and more it seems that Lexington is turning into an anti-college town.

First of all, a business is a private establishment and it should be able to set its own rules as long as they are not breaking any constitutional laws. Also, don't restaurants have smoking and non-smoking sections?

If people do not want to be around smoke, they can sit in the non-smoking section of a business or choose an alternative activity where they know smoking will not be permitted. Smoking is legal. I don't like orange; it makes my eyes hurt. Can a color be banned in all restaurants in which I eat?

It is well known that Lexington economically relies on students to a degree, however students are only a small percentage of the total population. Perhaps this is why the city council continues to pass ordinances that please older citizens and hurt the college atmosphere. Knowing this could hurt local businesses financially, would an act like this pass in cities such as College Park, Md or Athens, Ga where the town relies more heavily on income from college students? I doubt it.

In bars, drinking and smoking has been going hand in hand for years. To ban smoking will further take away from the already depleted college social atmosphere in Lexington. If you are 21 and can't drink on campus or smoke in a bar, I guess you will have to go to an off-campus house to smoke and drink. However, don't make too much noise or you might have a giant orange sticker put on your house.

RYAN JOHNSON
EDUCATION SOPHOMORE

Bush's legacy will be determined in the Gulf

In the next several weeks Iraq is going to announce that it possesses no weapons of mass destruction and President Bush is going to have to decide what America is going to do. The administration knows that Hans Blix is not going to be our savior, and the U.N. Weapons Inspectors are not going to force Saddam Hussein to disarm.

Many people on the left along with some moderates have argued that Iraq is a distraction from Al-Qaeda and the war on terrorism. Liberals also charge Bush with wanting to reshape the Middle East and stake a claim to the black gold near the Tigris, and the president has not done enough to diffuse his critics.

In essence, Bush might as well be looking in the mirror and seeing Lyndon Johnson. It was LBJ's decision to fight communism through Vietnam, and it just might be Bush's to fight terrorism through Iraq. We know the legacy of the former leader; will



Edward Guest
KERNEL COLUMNIST

the legacy of our contemporary leader be the same?

Simply put, whether or not you believe in attacking Iraq rests on a single query: does destroying the regime of Saddam Hussein diminish the powers of Al-Qaeda and its similar organizations? If we can hit Al-Qaeda by marching into Baghdad, is that not the better option? Or do the two entities correlate so little that we can rightfully assert that they are mutually exclusive?

Most students of 20th century history can recollect the infamous Domino Theory: if South Vietnam fell to the communists from the north, Cambodia, Burma and other countries would become immersed in communism and soon the whole continent would go red, so to speak. Johnson made his fateful decision just a few years after the Cold War reached the boiling point, when the threat from the Soviet Union remained all too real. He decided to battle a system of government in an indirect manner.

People continue to be divided on the subject of Vietnam. Some angrily denounce those who claim America "lost" and often argue that America "had" to do what it did from 1964-1973. The debate on Iraq may not

reach that feverish pitch, but it is no less important.

The President has argued that Hussein supports terrorism and rules by the sword, but the CIA has failed to confirm any direct link between Sept. 11 and Iraq. The Bush II administration believes that Iraq (along with Iran and Syria) is a major source of Al-Qaeda strength because of its aid to terrorist-suicide bombers who continue to provoke Israelis and antagonize the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

If you follow the argument, America's fierce support for Ariel Sharon and all who have come before him alienate the United States from the Muslim world. The Islamic extremists (including bin Laden) survive and thrive on this culture, winning support from duped Muslims who believe that America is trying to destroy Islam and prevent Arabs from occupying their homeland.

Therefore, if the United States swiftly executes regime change in Baghdad, fellow suicide bomber supporters Syria and Iran will be spooked, fewer Islamic extremists will resort to murderous suicide, the boiling temperature of the Israeli-Arab quarrel will cool immeasurably and Al-Qaeda would lose

crucial grassroots followers. This analysis has the support of several war hawks as well as commentators such as Bill O'Reilly. But, is this indirect war tactic on Al-Qaeda (complete with fringe benefits of course) credible?

At this juncture, all Americans should be committed to the destruction of Al-Qaeda and its subordinate. We can never fight them on a time and ground of our own choosing, but we can send a message to the heinous organization by cutting into their base.

Attacking Iraq with the intention of regime change is not the proper course of action, but we do need to conceive a coherent strategy to find Al-Qaeda, and that can only come from calming down the fearful and paranoid Muslims in the West Bank and other occupied territories.

America's historical hypocrisy in the Middle East would only deepen with an invasion of Iraq, and we cannot afford further diminishing of our nation's prestige.

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WINTHROP EARLY PICK IN POLLS



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Sweet Sixteen. Elite Eight. Final Four. And now the Talented Twenty-Five. Will Kansas be at the center of this year's bracket? Will the girl in the mail room pick the NCAA champion? Read on for everything you ever wanted to know (but were afraid to ask) about college basketball.

1 WINTHROP

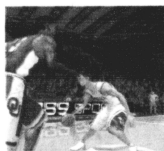
Okay, so they went 19-12 last year. And they are from the Big South Conference. But trust us, the Eagles can definitely hoop. Besides, these guys are made up of 4,500 polygons, just like any other team.

2 ARIZONA



What's the 411 on the 'Cats? Not only do they have all five of their starters returning, but they also have what most consider to be the best front-court in college basketball. Can you say Dynasty Mode?

3 KANSAS



Despite losing a key player to the NBA, look for the Jayhawks to return to the Final Four this year. We've seen what they have been doing in Practice Mode, and, trust us, we are thoroughly convinced.

4 OKLAHOMA

Another team we predict to be returning to the Final Four in 2003. Not only do they return with 70 new player models, they look good doing it, too.

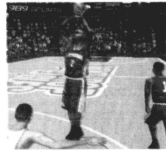
5 TEXAS



They say everything is bigger in Texas, but what we notice on this team are the little guys. The backcourt is the cream of the crop. End of discussion. Obviously, somebody did their homework before this year's recruiting.

6 PITTSBURGH

Look for what could be the most exciting duo in college basketball to rate high in the on-screen player ratings.



7 DUKE

Add the slick job done in recruiting to the usual Blue Devil talent pool, and you get a team that is bound to make some noise. Get ready to hear Billy Packer and Eddie Doucette saying, "And the Blue Devils win again," a lot this season.

8 GEORGIA

The Dawgs' poll position could change in October, depending on their front-court production. If they produce, prepare for this team to move a little higher in the polls.

9 KENTUCKY

Should come down to the wire between them and Georgia for the SEC crown. Use the over 30 new dunks (including reverses, follow-ups and 360-degree jams) and this Wildcat team might overtake that other Wildcat team.

10 VIRGINIA

The Cavs are not happy with last season's late collapse that landed them out of the tournament. Don't let that fool you; they've got the talent. Not a pushover computer opponent. Not in the least.



11 UCLA

No, it's not the 1970s Bruins, but this team ain't bad, either. Besides, the digital cheerleaders are really easy on the eyes. Definitely easy on the eyes.

12 MICHIGAN STATE

This year their most famous alumnus will make it into the NBA Hall of Fame. That just might spark the Spartans to play at an elevated level.

13 XAVIER

"Who?" That's right, Xavier. Get used to seeing this school in the polls. The Musketeers are clearly the class of the A-10. How does a team go from unranked to number 13? Practice Mode, Practice Mode, Practice Mode.

14 ALABAMA



With the return of some key players, the Tide possesses one of the best inside-outside combos in the league. If you are attending a Tuscaloosa fish fry this year, expect to see some happy basketball fans.

15 MISS. STATE

The Bulldogs, coming off a Southeastern Conference tournament championship, have a tough schedule, playing both Xavier and Oklahoma this year. Said one player, "Hey, I'm all for just selecting Tournament Mode, and just get right to the tourney."

16 OREGON

Enjoying its first league championship in 63 years and one of the last eight teams standing in last year's tourney, Oregon's picked second by us in the Pac-10, behind No. 1 Arizona. Expect a long stay in the NCAA tournament this year for the Ducks.

17 VILLANOVA



The pressure is really on to produce and get the Wildcats back into the tournament after a three-year absence. In addition to all the new faces on the team, there will also be new duds for the 'Cats as Villanova debuts a new digital uniform.

18 FLORIDA

How about that SEC? Yet another entry from a very tough conference. Tough conference or not, the Gators hold their own against some of the NCAA's best.

19 UCONN

Expect the Huskies again to be strong in the backcourt. Use the right analog stick control to perform spin moves and dropsteps out of the post to put the solid backcourt to good use.

20 MARQUETTE

The Golden Eagles open against Villanova, marking the first time the two teams have met since the 1980 NCAA tournament. Can this young team hold its own in an upcoming Conference USA? We think so.

21 INDIANA

Can they get the support they need inside? If not, the Hoosiers could be off-balance even with what should be an extremely productive perimeter.

22 GONZAGA

Can the Bulldogs get the top scorer they need to emerge? Time spent in recruiting will be time well spent. Everything else is in place for another banner season on the left coast.

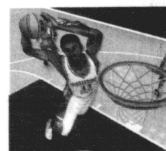
23 MARYLAND



We're considering these champs an outside shot at defending the title after losing four starters. Terps get a new arena this year. Unfortunately, they are also getting a mostly new team, as well.

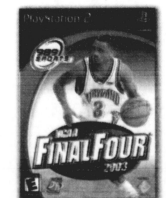
24 MISSOURI

Mizzou's run to the Elite Eight last year was the Tigers' longest stint in the tourney in eight years. And this should be another promising year.



25 USC

A long shot to win the title. Let's face it, they are no Winthrop. But don't count them totally out, either.



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