



My hero

Comic book college

Recently I received an e-mail from a fan of "Left of Center" suggesting that I do an article about the superpowers of college students. At first I thought, "Who is this person telling me how to do my job? Why would I even give this nobody the time of day?" Well, after I took my daily medication and calmed down a bit, I realized that Chris Brinkman was just trying to be helpful. The following is a list of college superheroes and villains that you might see on an average campus.

Procrastination Boy - Nobody can put off doing homework like this superhero, not even a freshman. Be thankful he is around; otherwise there would be no reason to have the library or Tolly Ho open all night.

Captain Binge - By consuming all the alcohol he can, he keeps it out of the hands of underage students and pregnant women. I salute you, you double-vision-having lush.

Miss Marathon - You can easily spot this hero jogging her way to justice all over campus. She doesn't really serve much purpose but at least she already has the skin-tight costume.

Goth-Man - This all black leather-wearing evildoer mostly resides in his hideout on North Campus. He's actually a nice guy if you get to know him, but he makes that difficult with his anti-establishment aura.

Telescopical - Under normal circumstances, this crime-fighter would be considered a pervert. However, he's actually just keeping a close watch on the female dorms with his trusty 10X telescope. I've never seen him stop a crime though. Himmmin.

The Dockers Squad - This villainous team of thugs use their powers of conformity to turn average students into beer drinking "pledges," as they like to call them.

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CRIME

Man assaulted near Donovan

Another attack: Research scholar stabbed in his hand on his way home from lab

By Patrick Avery

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When 31-year-old Ramakrishna Badagu offered someone his last cigarette he didn't get a thank you. Instead, he was attacked.

A Sunday night attack left Indian-born Badagu, a research scholar in the UK biology department, questioning campus safety.

After finishing his work in the lab at 9 p.m., Badagu smoked a cigarette as he walked to his car. He said he was startled when approached by a strange man.

The man asked him for a cigarette.

Badagu agreed and handed him the smoke. The stranger then hit Badagu's hand and the box fell to the ground.

Badagu stood motionless until he realized a shiny knife-like ob-

ject was headed toward his chest. He brought his arm up to protect his chest from the knife, which pierced his hand instead.

Badagu attempted to grab his attacker, but the assailant was too fast and got away.

Blood gushed from the wound as Badagu made his way across Rose Street to Donovan Hall shouting "please call the police, someone just scratched me on my hand."

A group of students gathered outside the residence hall took him inside to the front desk.

Resident adviser on duty Amanda White, an integrated strategic communications senior,

took action. She called 911 and put a bandage on Badagu's wound.

An ambulance arrived and took Badagu to UK Medical Center where he received six stitches.

Badagu said the event left him feeling violated.

"I felt cheated," Badagu said. "He smiled at me and then he did this to me. It was more like a cheating activity."

White agreed the situation was unsettling.

"When you hear about crimes on campus, you don't think too much of it," White said. "But when you actually see it, you

want to do something about it."

A colleague of Badagu, Mohammed Shareef, said he questions the safety of his routine, which includes walking from Cooperstown Apartments on Woodland Avenue to the Biological Science building.

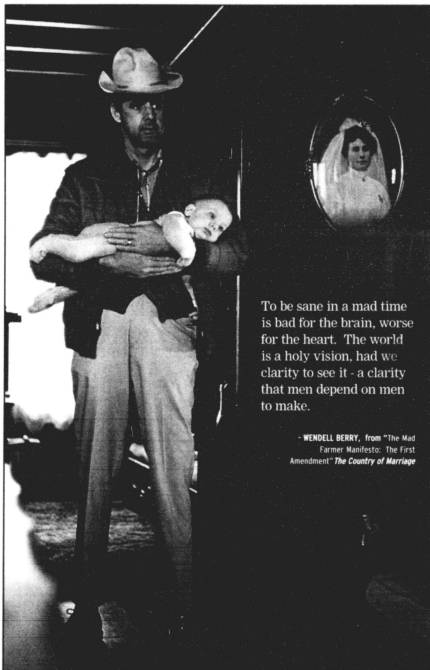
"I don't feel safe working late and walking in the evenings now," Shareef said.

Badagu said he believes hate or racism could have instigated the attack. "I don't know if this is profiling, but it looks like a hate crime," Badagu said.

Anyone with information should call UK Police at 257-1616.

KENTUCKY LITERATURE

Forty years of friendship link writers



To be sane in a mad time is bad for the brain, worse for the heart. The world is a holy vision, had we clarity to see it - a clarity that men depend on men to make.

WENDELL BERRY, from "The Mad Farmer Manifesto: The First Amendment: The Country of Marriage"

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A picture of a young Bobbie Ann Mason, author and UK's first university writer in residence, from James Baker Hall's book *A Spring-fed Pond*. Mason studied at UK in the late 1950s and has written several novels, short stories and a Pulitzer Prize finalist memoir.

PHOTO FURNISHED BY JAMES BAKER HALL

It began at UK: Five Kentucky writers, all friends since the 50s, will do a reading Thursday night

By Tracy Kershaw

MANAGING EDITOR

In all, they've published more than 60 novels, books of short stories, poems, essays and autobiographies.

They've become professors, and earned titles and awards.

But for Wendell Berry, Bobbie Ann Mason, Gurney Norman, James Baker Hall and Ed McClanahan, perhaps the most amazing accomplishment is their 40-year friendship.

The five writers, who met at UK as students in the 1950s, have been in a continuous conversation over the past four decades; their connection has withstood distance and other inevitabilities that cause most friends to fall out of touch.

"I think that it is a remarkable thing," said Norman. "In this day and time that we have begun to call the 'throwaway society,' it is special when a

group of friends can remain together in this way."

This Thursday, these five writers will read from their work in the Singletary Center, it's the first time they have all appeared on the same program.

The event is part of the English Department's celebration of 50 years of excellence in the creative writing program. "It promises to be a really amazing occasion for those of us who are performing in it," McClanahan said. "The very fact that we have survived for 50 years and that our friendships have survived is equally astonishing."

They've sent more than 5,000 letters to one another in those 40 years, said Norman, who is an English professor and director of the creative writing program.

"It is a sign of cultural health in a confusing and fractured era," Norman said.

Each studied at UK under creative writing professor Robert Hazel, and published their work in the UK literary magazine *Stylus*. After graduating from UK, Berry, Hall, Norman and McClanahan attended Stanford University on Stenger Fellowships for Creative Writing. Hall and Berry went first, then Norman. By the time McClanahan went in 1962, Hall and Berry had left and Norman had joined the army. He was stationed him at Fort Ord, just south of Palo Alto.

"Every weekend he would come to Palo Alto and hang out with me and our other friends," McClanahan said. "We kept turning up in the same places together."

Berry, Hall, Norman and McClanahan have taught creative writing at UK for many years, and this year began Ma-

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WORLD NEWS

U.S. bombards Kabul with heaviest attacks yet

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Huge explosions shook the Afghan capital throughout the day Monday with two more jets reported attacking the northern part of the city early Tuesday.

The Monday air strikes sent terrified residents scurrying for shelter, as U.S. jets pounded suspected weapons storage sites in Kabul and across the country.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, speaking at the Pentagon, suggested U.S. airstrikes could start targeting Taliban front-line positions facing Afghan opposition fighters in the northeast of the country.

The opposition alliance claimed Monday it had ad-

vanced close to Mazar-e-Sharif, the largest city in the north, and that some 4,000 Taliban troops defected over the weekend. The Taliban denied the defection claim.

The attacks Monday against Kabul started just before sunrise and continued through the day into the night. Taliban gunners fired in vain at the attacking planes, some so high they could not be heard from the ground.

The attacks in Kabul appeared to be directed at weapons and ammunition storage sites in the hills north of the city of 1 million people and around the airport.

In one nighttime raid, 10 huge explosions in the direction of the airport shook buildings miles away.

One bomb exploded near a U.N. World Food Program warehouse on the northern edge of Kabul, slightly injuring one Afghan employee. U.N. spokesman Khaled Mansour said in Pakistan. In the Jalalabad area of eastern Afghanistan, U.S. jets struck the regional military headquarters near the airport and Tora-Bora, a suspected terrorist training camp of Osama bin Laden.

An Afghan refugee arriving in the Pakistani border town of Chaman said a suspected ammunition depot in Kandahar, the southern city where the Taliban leadership is based, was ablaze after a hit Monday by U.S. missiles.

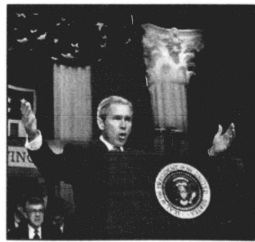
The United States launched

the air campaign on Oct. 7 to root out bin Laden - the top suspect in Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States - and to punish Afghanistan's rulers, the Taliban hard-line Islamic militia, who harbor him.

Rumsfeld said warplanes had dropped leaflets over Afghanistan for the first time Monday.

In neighboring Pakistan, pro-Taliban Islamic militants closed thousands of shops throughout the country and clashed with police to demand an end to the bombing campaign.

But compliance with the strike was limited, and some shops were open even in border cities where sympathy with Taliban is high.



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Gratitude

President Bush thanks the government's Senior Executive Service workers during a ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington on Monday.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

"What can you say about a society that says that God is dead and Elvis is alive?"

- Irv Kupcinet

Terrorism forum tonight

UK is hosting a symposium and forum for public discussion on America, terrorism and the Middle East. Four distinguished experts from regional universities will present political and historical perspectives. There will be time for questions. The forum is 7 p.m., tonight in the Worsham Theater.

State's literacy training rate increases

FRANKFORT — More than 62,000 Kentucky adults took part in literacy training or pursued a high school equivalency diploma in the last fiscal year, a 23 percent increase that surpassed expectations, the Workforce Development Cabinet reported Monday. A literacy and adult education initiative launched in 2000 has a goal of 900,000 adult learners by 2010. The first-year goal was 60,000. Actual enrollment was 62,734, up from 51,177, the report said. A 1996 literacy survey found that nearly 1 million of the 2.4 million Kentuckians of working age read poorly or not at all. Figures released Monday were for the fiscal year that ended June 30. At the same time, 13,939 people completed high school with General Educational Development certificates. That was an increase from 12,444 GED graduates in fiscal year 2000.

McConnell not shocked by anthrax

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Anthrax-contaminated mail sent to the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was predictable, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell said Monday. "We knew the Capitol would be a target. It was a target of one of the planes on Sept. 11, and it's not surprising we'd be getting this kind of mail," McConnell, R-Ky., told WDRB-TV of Louisville. McConnell was referring to hijacked airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural Pennsylvania on Sept. 11. It has been speculated that the U.S. Capitol and the White House were possible targets. A letter opened in Daschle's office Monday tested positive for the potentially deadly anthrax bacterium. People who were exposed were treated with an antibiotic. McConnell said Congress has "a good plan in place to deal with it." He declined to elaborate. "It's important we not get the whole country in a panic here," McConnell said. Terrorists win "by having all of us covering at home."

Dead body probably there for weeks

FRANKLIN, Ky. — Kentucky State Police say they believe a person whose body was found along Interstate 65 last week had been dead some three to five weeks. Police say the body has been determined to be that of a woman, but they do not yet have an identification. The body was found Oct. 9 along the shoulder of the interstate,



HULKAMANIA: Little-known Australian actor Eric Bana will play the coveted title role in Ang Lee's big-budget adaptation of "The Incredible Hulk," which is on track for a March start. Many young actors in Hollywood chased the Marvel Comics role after Lee decided to make the Universal Pictures project his follow-up to "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon".

Bana's emergence as the front-runner was a surprise, given the relative brevity of his film career: he started out as a comedian and television host. While busy, he was not the stature for macho roles until killer Mark "Chopper" Reid personally endorsed Bana to play him in a feature film that was being shot in Australia. Bana auditioned and got the role; the film became a critical sensation Down Under. Marvel is also eyeing a 2002 production start for the Artisan-based "Iron Fist," directed by Kirk Wong and starring martial artist Ray Park.

about 12 miles north of the Tennessee border.

Man accused of killing girlfriend's dad

ASHLAND — Authorities have issued warrants charging an Ashland man with setting a fire that killed his girlfriend's father and injured her mother and two brothers Sunday morning. Investigators believe Matthew Frazier, 21, of Ashland, intentionally set the fire that killed John Trout, 37, of Fort Gay, W.Va., a small town on the West Virginia-Kentucky border. Wayne County, W.Va., Sheriff David Pennington said Frazier is the boyfriend of Trout's 15-year-old daughter. Pennington said Trout was attempting to keep his daughter from seeing Frazier. Deputies had interviewed witnesses who told them Frazier had threatened to kill Trout and to burn the family's mobile home. Authorities don't know the whereabouts of Trout's daughter, but they believe she may be with Frazier. Norma Trout was listed in stable condition Monday at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. The 12-year-old twin sons were flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., where Jonathan Trout was in critical condition and Jeffrey Trout in serious condition.

College prep plan in the works

FRANKFORT — Political rivals shared a stage Monday to launch a college tuition preparation program. Money is invested in the program on a schedule reflecting current tuition rates at public and private colleges and universities. Earnings are exempt from state and federal taxes. When the time comes, benefits can be used at any institution of higher education in the country. But payment of full tuition and fees is guaranteed at any public college or university in Kentucky. The program is titled Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition, or KAPT, pronounced "capped," to emphasize guaranteed payment. "Kentucky parents have a powerful new tool," said U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican, who appeared at the kickoff with Gov. Paul Patton and state Treasurer Jonathan Miller, both Democrats. Prepaid tuition was Miller's initiative, and his office will administer the program. The General Assembly enacted it in 2000 with a state tax exemption. But McConnell supplied its crucial component - legislation to make investments exempt from federal taxes as well.

Kentucky gets grant for AP exams

FRANKFORT — Kentucky has received a federal grant of \$619,500 for use in raising participation in Advanced Placement - AP - courses through the Web-based Kentucky Virtual High School. The three-year grant is to fund AP workshops for teachers and scholarships for students, especially minorities and those in high-poverty areas, the state Department of Education announced. The AP program, administered by the College Board, enables students to take college-level courses while still in high school. The College Board recognizes 35 AP courses, in which students take examinations to qualify for advanced placement upon entering college. The vir-



ALL ACCESS: Bob Dylan wanted tighter security for his current tour, but he didn't expect to be held up at the door before his own show because he didn't have a backstage pass.

Dylan, traveling in support of his new album "Love and Theft," was set to play the last Oregon stop on his tour Tuesday night when he had trouble getting through a checkpoint at the Jackson County Exposition Center. It wasn't clear whether the three security guards, all in their 30s, recognized Dylan. "If it was George Strait, they probably would have recognized him," said venue manager Chris Borovansky. But even if they knew who Dylan was, the guards had strict orders from Dylan's security director that no one - no one - was to get backstage without an official credential. So when a slight, wide-haired man tried to walk through the checkpoint, the guards stopped him. Dylan was surprised, and a brief scene ensued. But then later told the guards they did "a great job."

Kashmir dispute worsens

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Secretary of State Colin Powell's South Asia visit got off to a rocky start Monday as Indian troops opened fire on Pakistani positions in the Kashmir region just hours after Powell appealed for restraint. In Washington, President Bush urged India and Pakistan to try to avoid military conflict over Kashmir, because fighting there "could create issues" for the anti-terrorism campaign. A senior Indian army official said Indian forces shelled Pakistani military posts across the cease-fire line Monday in Kashmir, destroying 11 posts. The Pakistan army was returning fire as midnight approached Monday, a Pakistani army spokeswoman said. Bush said Powell's mission was "to talk to both sides about making sure that if there are tensions - and obviously there are - that they be reduced." Monday's action in Kashmir followed a terrorist bombing there Oct. 1 that killed about 40 people. It left U.S. officials worried that India and Pakistan would turn their attention on each other instead of cooperating in the global counterterrorism effort.

Nation's No. 3 steelmaker bankrupt

PHILADELPHIA — Bethlehem Steel Corp., which launched more than 1,000 ships during World War II and made girders for the Golden Gate Bridge and Empire State Building, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday. The nation's third-largest steel company was reeling from five straight quarters of losses blamed on competition from low-cost foreign steel and high labor and retiree-benefit costs. The company, headquartered in Bethlehem, 50 miles from Philadelphia, was once a symbol of American industrial and military might. But it is now a shell of what it once was, with about 15,000 employees and 74,000 pensioners. Chapter 11 enables a company to hold off its creditors and continue operating while it tries to work out its problems. Robert S. Miller Jr., chief executive, said the company hopes to reduce debt, work with its unions to address money owed to retirees, and find buyers or merger partners. Bethlehem has lined up \$450 million in financing in the meantime. "I believe that consolidation of the American steel industry is absolutely required. There are far too many players, and they are all small and weak compared to their global competition," Miller said.

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Detecting caves tough in Afghanistan

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President Bush is vowing to smoke Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants out of caves, but detecting subterranean lairs is no small feat.

Under ideal conditions, high-tech tools can reveal the location and structure of underground cavities by measuring subtle changes in the force of gravity, seismic waves and electrical resistance.

"It's a real easy job if you have a bunch of graduate students and you can walk around on the ground taking measurements," said Antony Fraser-Smith, a Stanford University geophysicist.

Afghanistan today is hardly the place for such field trips.

Meanwhile, almost all U.S. reconnaissance tools - including radar and communications interception devices - are built for detecting something. Caves are all about the absence of something.

During the Vietnam conflict, U.S. soldiers faced enemies adept at tunneling. One of the most successful detection techniques involved carefully observing entrances for smoke or body odor.

In the early 1990s, a tunnel apparently dug by North Korea was found hundreds of feet beneath the Demilitarized Zone. Seismic testing and radar confirmed the location.

Smugglers also move drugs through underground passages from Mexico into the United States. These have usually been discovered through tips, rather than technology.

In all those cases, however, the cave-detectors were people on the ground.

To be most effective, cavern-hunting in Afghanistan would require much the same - while likely employing methods originally designed by geologists to find pipes, oil deposits and earthquake faults.

A common technique for mapping the underground is to monitor seismic waves produced in earthquakes, or simply thumping the ground with a large sledgehammer.

But small explosions near a suspected hide-out would attract unwanted attention as well as produce results far from conclusive.

Larry Watt, with PGS Onshore Inc., holds one of the geophones used in recording seismic vibration to map subsurface geology. He explains how and where the seismic crews will place the sensors in their search of natural gas on Alaska's North Slope. Finding the subterranean lairs in Afghanistan where Osama bin Laden might be hiding will be more difficult.



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"Seismic techniques are not ideal at all for detecting a cavity in the ground because the seismic waves don't go through the cavity - they go around it," Fraser-Smith said. "You tend not to see it."

Ground-penetrating radar, which works like underwater sonar and has been used to find archaeological treasures, is most effective on flat surfaces and has limitations.

"It can't get to the depths that you would need," said Roy Greenfield, a geosciences professor at Pennsylvania State University.

In another technique, researchers measure very slight fluctuations in the pull of gravity, which changes with variations in the planet's mass.

"It will show you oil deposits. It will show you lots of structures in the ground," Fraser-Smith said. "But they're not so good at picking up the absence of something."

And though possible to perform from the air, the technique is far more conclusive done on land.

It's also possible to detect cavities by measuring how electrical currents change as they pass through the ground, said Mats Lagmansson, a geophysicist and president of Austin, Texas-based Advanced Geosciences Inc.

"I can't really say our troops can use this in a battle

situation," he said. "They could use it when things have calmed down," because of danger to those who would administer it.

The U.S. military may have other, secret technologies at its disposal.

In the Gulf War, soldiers faced enemies in underground bunkers, which led to more research into detection and destruction techniques.

U.S. Defense analysts, meanwhile, scour high-resolution satellite images for telltale signs of underground life, such as smoke rising from an entrance and roads that seem to lead to nowhere.

Infrared sensors also might spot the heat of cooking fires, electrical generators or people.

"The tough aspect is doing it quickly," said William C. Martel, professor of national security affairs at the Naval War College. "I think the consensus probably is that if you have sufficient time, you can find these things."

Afghanistan should be well-covered by spy satellites given its Cold War history, particularly after the Soviet invasion in 1979, said Tim Brown, senior associate at GlobalSecurity.org, a security issues think-tank.

"The Afghan war was just a practice," Brown said of the conflict that ended with the Soviets' 1989 withdrawal. "There should be a wealth of data, imagery left behind."

MIDDLE EAST

Israel takes some steps to end violence in Bank

Progress: Israel pulls back troops, removes checkpoints in West Bank

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JERUSALEM — Israel made it a bit easier for Palestinians to move around the West Bank, pulling back troops and removing checkpoints Monday as part of an effort to patch up a frayed Mideast truce.

But there was also violence: for the second straight day, an Islamic militant with the Hamas movement was killed in the West Bank, this time in a car explosion in Nablus. Palestinians blamed Israel.

But Israel, which took responsibility for a killing Sunday, refused to say whether it was behind Monday's attack.

Speaking to Israel's parliament, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the security measures were being scaled back for Palestinians who "want to bring home a crust of bread and bring up their children in peace."

But he warned that Israeli troops would be sent back if Israeli civilians came under attack.

"We made it very clear that if there is firing, (the army) will return and immediately 'take control'."

The Palestinians, meanwhile, said the Israeli moves fell far short of their demand for a complete lifting of a security cordon that prevents at most all Palestinians in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Israel, where many had jobs before the violence erupted a year ago.

"It's a mistake to say that we have reached an agreement with Israel," said Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief on the West Bank. "The Israelis have proposed only some small steps."

The Israeli moves mostly involve removing roadblocks that have prevented internal Palestinian movement inside the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

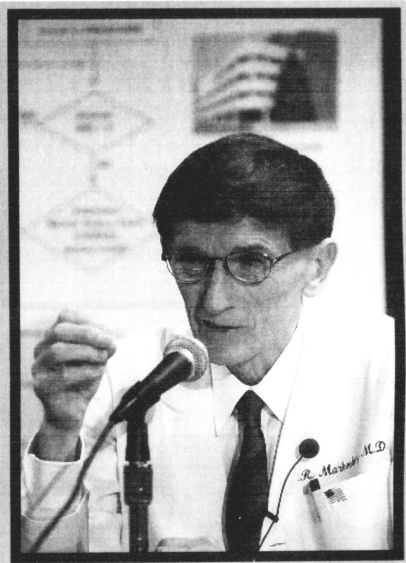
For now, Israel will remain off limits for most Palestinians, though limited numbers of businessmen will be given permits to enter.

Palestinians consistently cite restrictions on their movements as one of their greatest frustrations. Israel says the rules are necessary to prevent, or at least limit, attacks.

Research

Dr. William Markesbery, director of UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, speaks at a news conference Monday, announcing a major new study of Alzheimer's disease. Funded by a \$5 million grant from the National Institute on Aging, the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging is spearheading the largest-ever study on the prevention of Alzheimer's disease.

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ANTHRAX

Anthrax scare reaches Congress

Letter sent to Daschle tests positive

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WASHINGTON — A letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax on Monday as the bioterrorism scare rattling the nation reached the halls of Congress.

President Bush said there might be a link with suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

The discovery of anthrax in Washington followed earlier instances in Florida, New York and Nevada in which at least 12 people either have anthrax or were exposed to spores of the potentially deadly bacteria.

The piece of mail, which contained a powdery substance, was dispatched to an Army medical research facility at Fort Detrick, Md., for further examination after a pair of preliminary tests in Daschle's office came back positive, said Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols.

The Fort Detrick findings could be available as early as Tuesday, officials said. Nichols and others warned that the initial tests were not necessarily accurate.

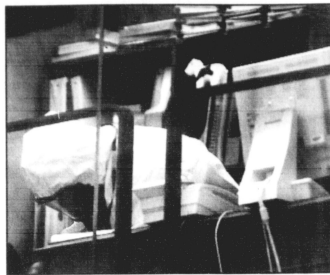
Bush told reporters "there may be some possible link" between the spate of anthrax incidents across the country and Osama bin Laden, who administration officials say was behind the Sept. 11 airline hijack attacks.

"I wouldn't put it past him, but we don't have any hard evidence," Bush said.

Daschle was in the Capitol and was not exposed to the letter, which was opened in his other office a block away in the Hart Senate Office Building.

Officials would not identify the person who opened the letter, though Nichols referred to the aide as a female. Aides who may have been exposed to the letter were tested with nasal swabs and being treated with the antibiotic Cipro as a precaution, said Dr. John Eisold, attending physician in the Capitol.

"They are innocent people caught up in a matter for which they have nothing to do," a somber-looking Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters at a news conference outside the Capitol. "I am very, very disappointed and angered."



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After a letter opened in the office of Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Senate Majority Leader, tested positive for anthrax, an inspection on the floor where Daschle's mail is handled continues on Capitol Hill on Monday.

Nichols said a criminal investigation led by the FBI was under way.

The Daschle letter - and similar scares in other congressional offices - prompted a halt to all mail deliveries in the Capitol and raised the angst there. Many lawmakers, aides and other employees already were nervous about working in a building that could be a high-profile target for terrorists.

In a further security measure, all public tours of the Capitol were halted indefinitely, Nichols said. Individual visitors will still be allowed access if they obtain passes to the visitors' galleries from their home-state lawmakers.

The suspension of the tours - which had already been curtailed after the Sept. 11 attacks - was planned before Monday's incident, Nichols said.

Explaining anthrax

A disease with an ancient history, anthrax has been modernized as a potential weapon of bioterror.

Anthrax Q&A

How do people get anthrax?

About 95 percent of all cases worldwide result from skin contact - bacterial spores that land on a scratch or other broken skin. It can also cause infection if breathed into the lungs or eaten, but these are much less common.

Does the same germ cause all forms of anthrax?

Yes.

Is it contagious?

No. Infected people do not spread the bacteria to others.

How is it treated?

A variety of antibiotics are extremely effective for skin anthrax. Among them are doxycycline, penicillin and Cipro.

Should I take antibiotics now, just in case I might encounter the germ?

No, people should not take antibiotics unless they have reason to think they were exposed to the bacteria. The treatments can cause side effects and should not be used inappropriately.

Should I keep a supply of antibiotics at home? Health experts recommend not, since plenty of medicine is available if needed.

Who usually gets skin anthrax?

The disease is uncommon, but it is mainly among ranchers, veterinarians and others exposed to infected animal skins.

What are the symptoms?

It starts with a painless blister that is red around the edges. A day or two later, this becomes a black open sore, which dries up to leave a black scab, which falls off after a week or two.

What happens if I don't get treated?

Usually, the sore clears up on its own. About 5 percent of cases become highly lethal bloodstream infections.

How long has anthrax been around?

Anthrax is thought to have been one of the Egyptian plagues at the time of Moses. The ancient Romans recorded cases.

How does it get its name?

It comes from the Greek word for coal. It's called this because of the black scab it leaves on the skin.

SOURCE: Associated Press

WRITERS

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son's five-year stay as UK's first writer-in-residence.

"We have never thought of ourselves as any kind of group," Norman said, "for us it just a circle of friends who are all from Kentucky all of us graduates of the University of Kentucky who all have Kentucky as common subject for writing."

Hall, who is also a photographer, has chronicled his friendships with Mason, McClanahan, Berry and Norman in a new book, *A Spring Fed Pond*.

The book features photographs of all the authors, and Hall's wife fiction writer Mary Ann Taylor Hall, throughout their lives.

In the book's foreword, Hall writes about his friendships with the writers.

"... we were innocents traveling abroad under the same passport, which made us treasured allies; we were ever-closer friends, tied together for life by the mid-60's," Hall writes of Berry, McClanahan and Norman.

If you go

Ed McClanahan, Bobbie Ann Mason, Gurney Norman, James Baker Hall and Wendell Berry will read from their work at 8 p.m., Thursday at the Singletary Center. Admission is free.

GOOFS

Corrections

A photo outline in Monday's paper misspelled Blaine Ayers' nickname. His nickname is Boomer.

To report an error call *The Kentucky Kernel* at 257-1915.

LOCAL

Suspicious envelopes at Lexington clinics test negative

Two suspicious envelopes sent to the Palomar Family Health Centre on Lyon Drive and the Lexington Clinic East on North Eagle Creek Drive have tested negative for the deadly bacteria anthrax.

The envelopes were received by the health care facilities last Wednesday. They did not contain any white powder like the last suspicious package, said Christa Patterson, the marketing associate at the Lexington Clinic.

Patterson said they were predated for Sept. 11 and the return address was to South Africa. The workers who received the envelopes double bagged them and covered them with biohazard bags. They then called the Lexington Fire Department to test the envelopes for anthrax.

Both locations closed their sites until Wednesday afternoon, when the results tested negative for anthrax.

Patterson said a memo has been sent to all Lexington Clinic sites warning the workers to carefully monitor any suspicious mail. "For our sites this is over with ... I hope so anyway," Patterson said.

- Andrea Uhde

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HIKING

UK men's cross-country eyes SEC Championships

Vindication: Men's cross-country team still feels sting of last season's failure

By Chris Markus
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

October 30, 2000 is a date that haunts members of the UK men's cross-country team. The runners were at the Harry Pritchett Golf Course in Tuscaloosa, Ala., competing in the Southeastern Conference Cross-country Championships. Head coach Don Weber called the event "one of the most important meets of the year."

Rival SEC schools were gunning for bragging rights. The 8-K course would settle season-long disputes of "who was better than who" and give coaches a preview of the next season's top competitors.

There was little discussion over who would win the meet. Since their shift to the SEC in 1991, the Arkansas Razorbacks had won the championship every year. There was little evidence to suggest that this year would be any different.

"Arkansas has always been dominant on the national level," said Weber, who has coached the cross-country teams at UK since 1978. "There haven't been too many years that they haven't won it all."

The Razorbacks were regular winners of the NCAA championship and had assembled and maintained an unprecedented sports dynasty. No team in the field was after Arkansas; no one could keep up.

But tensions between other teams were high. UK had a long-standing rivalry with Florida and it was looking to beat any SEC team they could. Alabama and LSU were having good seasons, as was Tennessee. The battle for second place would be fierce.

In less than 40 minutes, the disputes were put to rest. Arkansas had won its 10th straight championship, with five runners finishing in the top 10. Alabama finished second and Florida slid by LSU for third. UK beat one team, Vanderbilt.

"It was by far the worst race of the year," said Weber. "We were expecting to do a lot better."

Arkansas went on to win the NCAA Championship, solidifying its status as the best team in the nation, and UK was left to ponder how a good season was left marred by a single race.

Runner Jack Morgan recalled the dismal mood after the meet.

"We choked, that's all you can say," said the first-year graduate student.

The memory of last year's SEC Championships lingers but has made the team focus more clearly. Weber said that for his team regular season meets are just a means of preparation. Weber is looking forward to taking the team to the SEC Championships on Oct. 26 in Auburn, Ala., and putting an end to any questions about the team's ability to compete.

"This is potentially one of our better teams. It's the best group I've had as far as enthusiasm," said Weber. Junior Hunter Spencer gave the team its best finishes at last year's SEC Championships (38th), and he is one of the team's leading runners. The psychology major from Willington, Conn., won the Woodford County Cross-country Trials two weeks ago as UK beat Louisville and Eastern Ken-



Newcomer

Sophomore middle-distance runner James Doaty paces himself during a cross-country meet earlier this season. Doaty starred for the UK men's track team last year and was persuaded by track and cross-country coach Don Weber to take a chance at cross-country this fall. He placed second at the Woodford County Trials and hopes to boost the Cats to a strong finish at the Southeastern Conference Championships on Oct. 26 in Auburn, Ala.

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tucky. Like Weber, Spencer foresees a strong showing at this year's SEC Championship. "Assuming everyone is in good health, we should finish well," he said.

The story of sophomore James Doaty is one that Weber tells when he tries to explain the team's strong potential. Doaty ran track for UK as a freshman and took up cross-

country after Weber suggested the sport. The Louisville native ran his first 5-K road race this summer, posting a scorching 15:26 finish. He finished second at the Woodford meet and is

looking forward to making an impression at the SEC Championship at Auburn. "He just decided that he wanted to do this and he's really looking good so far," Weber said.

While the Cats have run consistently well this season, Weber off-handedly dismisses the meets, keeping his focus on the championship. The meet is on Oct. 29, one day shy of the anniversary of "the worst race of the year."

"That's all that really matters," said Weber. "All of this is championship oriented."

"It was by far the worst race of the year. We were expecting to do a lot better."

- DON WEBER, UK CROSS-COUNTRY COACH

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Tues 16
MEETINGS
*Young Life - First Year Fellowship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 111
*Alpha Phi Omega Meeting, 7:30pm, Old Student Center, Rm. 102
*Green Thumb Environmental Club, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 102
*Lafayette Student Union Mtg., 8pm, Student Center Rm. 228
*Tuesday Nights Together, 7:30pm, BSU Chapel
*UK Dressage Team, 8pm, Garrigis, 2nd floor conference room
*Guides Key Recruitment Reception, Open to all 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 211
ACADEMIC
*America, Terrorism, and the Middle East: Political and Historical Perspectives, 7:00pm, UK Student Center, Small Ballroom
*Marketing Career Fair, 11am-3pm, Student Center, Grand Ballroom
*Resumes, 12:00 Noon, Career Center
*Marketing Year Test Scores, 2:15pm, Frisze Hall, Rm. 201. For more info, call 257-8869
LECTURES
*The Many Lives of the Kentucky River, 4:30-5:30pm, Mining & Minerals Building, Rm. 102
SPORTS
*UK ShinDo Karate classes, 6-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*UK Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*UK RUSBY practice, 6:30PM, Club sports field
*Men's Club Volleyball, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym
SPECIAL EVENTS
*The Affairs of Race in America: A Conversation in Black and White, 8pm, Memorial Hall
*Literary Kentucky-An Exhibit of 20th Century Kentucky Writer's, 8:00am-5:00pm, M. F. Paul Gallery, Margaret I. King Library
ARTS/MOVIES
*Guludat University Exhibit, History Through Deaf Eyes, 11am-5pm, Rasmall Gallery

Weds 17
MEETINGS
*Branches of Christian Athletes, 8pm, CSF
*Guides Key Recruitment Reception, Open to all 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 211
*LDS Institute Class, 12 Noon, Student Center
*UK Climbing Club Meeting, 6:00pm, Climb Time
*19th Open Drive, Longhorn and gear rental, \$12.50
*Pre-Physical Therapy Student Association, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
ACADEMIC
*La Table Francaise, 2:30-4:00pm, Blazer Hall, Private Dining Room
*Agriculture Career Fair, 10am-3pm, Agr. Science North
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Phi Psi 500, 4:30pm, 6-8 Goodfellow Field
*Swing Dance Lessons, 7:10pm, Student Center, Rm. 359
*Literary Kentucky-An Exhibit of 20th Century Kentucky Writer's, 8:00am-5:00pm, M. F. Paul Gallery, Margaret I. King Library
ARTS/MOVIES
*Life as a House, 9:00pm, Worsham Theater
*Guludat University Exhibit, History Through Deaf Eyes, 11am-5pm, Rasmall Gallery
INTRASPORTS/RECREATION
*UK Judo Club, 6-8:30pm, Alumni Gym
*UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Thurs 18
MEETINGS
*Devotions-Lunch, 12:00pm, BSU, \$1.00 admission
*Freshman Issues, 3:00pm, BSU
*Religion Studies/Institute, 12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
*Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 102
*Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*James' International Meeting, 8pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Counselor's Office, 8:30pm, BSU, Classroom 2
*Workshop, 8pm, 508 Columbus Ave.
*Pre-Physician Assistant Students Student Association, 8:15pm, College of Allied Health Professionals, Rm. 115
ACADEMIC
*Sports & Major, 9:00pm, Career Center
SPORTS
*UK Karate classes, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*UK RUSBY practice, 6:30pm, Club sports field
*Men's Club Volleyball, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Lafayette, Afro-Columbian leader: Racial & Economic Justice in Columbia & the U.S. Drug War, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230. For more info, Contact LAS departments at www.las.uky.edu
*Poetry Month: Margaret I. King Library
ARTS/MOVIES
*Opening reception for A Spring-fed Pond: My Friendships with Kentucky Writers, 6:30-7:00pm, UK Art Museum
*Don Giovanni, 8pm, UK Opera Theatre, Reserved Seating. Call for more info: 257-4929
*Guludat University Exhibit, History Through Deaf Eyes, 11am-5pm, Rasmall Gallery

Fri 19
MEETINGS
*Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
ACADEMIC
*Niles Gallery Series: Music of Beethoven, Brahms and Gershwin, Hayward Mickens, Piano, 12:00 Noon, Little Fine Arts Library, Rm. Niles Gallery
*La Residence Francaise, 5:00PM, Keenland Hall, Basement
SPORTS
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
SPECIAL EVENTS
*Bow! Party, 4-6pm, Rose Bowl beside W.T. Young Library, questions call 257-8867
ARTS/MOVIES
*Guludat University Exhibit, History Through Deaf Eyes, 11am-5pm, Rasmall Gallery

Sat 20
ARTS/MOVIES
*Don Giovanni, 8pm, UK Opera Theatre, Reserved Seating. Call for more info: 257-4929
*Guludat University Exhibit, History Through Deaf Eyes, 11am-5pm, Rasmall Gallery
SPORTS
*UK at Georgia Football Game
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11-1:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
MEETINGS
*University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ, Rm. Auditorium
*Discovering God Together for International Students, 8:30pm, BSU, Classroom 2
ARTS/MOVIES
*Saxton Concert Band, 3:00pm, SCFARH, Call for more info: 257-4929
*UK Percussion Ensemble Concert, 2:00pm, Singletary Center, Concert Hall
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*UK Aikido Club, 1-3:00PM, Alumni Gym Loft
*UK Judo Club, 6-7pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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Born into fraud ...

Fertility doc to the stars loses suit

NEW YORK — A Park Avenue fertility doctor whose patients have included singer Celine Dion and actress Liv Ullmann was sentenced to more than seven years in prison Monday for tricking insurance companies into paying for procedures that were not covered. Dr. Niels Laursen, 64, was also ordered to pay \$3.2 million in restitution and \$17,500 in fines. Tearful former patients called out to Laursen and wished him well as the man dubbed the "Dyno Gyno" by the tabloids was led away. Laursen was convicted in January. According to prosecutors, he helped couples get pregnant by providing fertility treatments not covered by insurance. Then, he submitted bills for reimbursement for various covered treatments. Prosecutors said he pocketed \$2.5 million illegally between 1987 and 1997. The case was closely watched by other doctors. Some experts said that what Laursen did is a common practice among many doctors.

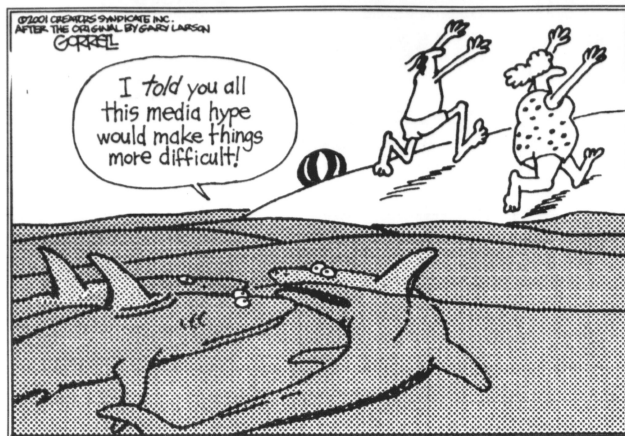
Now that's entertainment ...

Crowds come and witness elk calling

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Tourists are staying away from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park this year, except in one of the most remote sections where a herd of elk is living. Visitation in the Cataloochee Valley section of the park has nearly doubled since February while overall visits to the huge park straddling the Tennessee-North Carolina border are down 10 percent. Average annual visitation is 10 million. "We believe it's a combination of the downturn in the economy and higher gas prices as well as competition with some new major attractions outside the park," said park spokeswoman Nancy Gray, adding that those reasons are just speculation. Park officials know the elk have attracted visitors to the Cataloochee area. Before the elk were released, visitation in Cataloochee was about 85,000 people a year, said Ranger Matt West, who with one other ranger patrols 60,000 acres of land and manages the elk herd. "Now, it easily eclipses 150,000. We're probably going to exceed our annual visitation by 90 percent." Starting around the first of September, even more tourists have been drawn to Cataloochee to hear the elk baying, a call that challenges other males to stay away.

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 —Compiled by Jenny Robertson

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IN OUR OPINION

We need help, not hysteria

Fear over multiple anthrax cases unjustified, warnings create hysteria among viewing public

With recent events dogging the heels of America's anxiety, we find ourselves thrust into a world of suspicion, anger, resentment and even paranoia. Biological warfare threatens terror on every American. But in the midst of the treacherous turmoil, Americans must find strength in their minds to control their emotions.

Postal workers have grown wary in past weeks because of evidence of anthrax, or what is suspected to be anthrax, circulating via our country's mail system. Powders of all shapes and sizes, though not necessarily lethal, have come to be an enemy if found inside an envelope accompanying a threatening note. Precautions are used at all times, no matter what the substance may turn out to be once tested.

Not since the '60s has a case involving anthrax found its way into American heads and hearts via headlines. Yet, within the past month four cases of dueling anthrax strands have been discovered, causing fear to blossom anew in American society.

That Tuesday in September will forever serve as a reminder to a nation's broken security. America's fear grows in recognition of the possibility of follow-up attacks as well as cases of biological terror, which have blasted across radio waves and adorned the screens of America's TV sets. The question preceding these warnings is this: What good has it done?

Besides making American citizens cringe at the sight of daily broadcast interruptions, what purpose does excessive harping on these threats serve beyond sending shivers up the national spine while they wait idly for the latest update on America's War on Terrorism?

The idea of chemical warfare causes most every hair prickle on the back of every neck, regardless of race, color and religion, to stand.

In times of terror it's important to recognize America's ability to triumph as one nation by banding together as one, ready to take on the formidable foe. Americans should congratulate themselves for their ability to confront adversity.

It must also be acknowledged that imaginations may tend to run away.

It is a sad and twisted being that would send any poison to a fellow human, regardless of citizenship. While America must consider all threats as such, it must be wary, distinguishing hysteria from fear and fear from reality.

Robert Brammer
 CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Agreement does away with freedom of press

The federal government reached a voluntary agreement with five major media news organizations on Thursday, stating that the American media will refrain itself from broadcasting any more of what the White House considers "inflammatory" taped statements by Osama bin Laden in the interest of "patriotism."

The details of how this "voluntary" agreement was reached are unknown, but it is reasonable to assume the White House used its strong influence to make the media agree to betray its fundamental obligation to our democracy.

You probably remember hearing about the importance of a free media and its obligation to inform our democracy in your American government classes. If not, here's a quick review: Giving the American pub-

lic all of the relevant news there is to report (whether government likes it or not) is a fundamental obligation of the media; it helps inform the American people so they can make fully informed decisions at the ballot box. If government is able to control or censor the information that the media reports, it can (and history shows will) end up censoring criticism of its own policies so that it can keep the public in the dark, all in the interest of retaining its own power.

This is why we have the freedom of the press listed in the First Amendment. The founders knew how important a free media was to informing our democracy.

To illustrate this point, consider what would have happened if government controlled the media through "voluntary obligations" during the '70s. Do you think that

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James Hanlon
 CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

We shouldn't be playing into his hands

The war on terrorism has begun in earnest and it won't likely end anytime soon. Thus, there is a lot about Sept. 11 and our response to it that is important to understand. One issue we should be aware of is Osama bin Laden's agenda.

Two points need to be made from the start. First, we should know this by now, but it bears repeating: Bin Laden is not by any stretch of the imagination a representative of Islam. Extremism is an element of all religions, political ideologies and worldviews, and no single worldview has ever cornered the market on it.

Second, there is an enormous difference between being aware of or trying to understand someone's motivations and justifying or condoning the actions carried out in their name. Conflating the two is what leads us to the naive conclusion that bin Laden (assuming he is behind the events of Sept. 11; the evidence remains circumstantial) is simply an apocalyptic embodiment of pure evil whose sole aim is to wipe the United States off the face of the Earth.

As unpardonably heinous as the Sept. 11 attack on America was, even recent history is full of despicable characters who have committed horrific crimes against humanity with particular agendas in mind.

We can rank him among them if we like, but stopping there leaves us with a dangerously incomplete understanding of why the terrorism strikes happened.

As he has stated in several interviews, bin Laden is angered by what he sees as U.S.-led Western imperialism in the Middle East. He has made specific reference to the U.S. government's military presence in Saudi Arabia, its partiality toward Israel, its treatment of Iraq and its oil-influenced political alliances with several Middle Eastern states.

Consider, then, the Sept. 11 targets: symbols of U.S. economic and military might. If the aim was to kill as many civilians as possible, a late morning or early afternoon attack, or a far more volatile target such as a nuclear power plant, would have resulted in much greater loss of life. The Indian Point nuclear power plant stands a mere 35 miles up the Hudson River from New York City and is within 50 miles of 8 percent of the U.S. population.

All that bin Laden needed was to provoke the United States into responding in such a way that would promote a second aspect of his agenda. Corresponding with his view of an imperialistic and meddling West is his extremist belief that the Islamic world has become too moderate and too subservient to Western interests. What he is seeking, then, is social and political upheaval within the Islamic world.

He cannot incite his revolution on his own, so he is using the most powerful country in the world, and its predictably militaristic response to Sept. 11, to help him do his dirty work.

Longstanding wariness toward U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East has been sharpened by yet another military intervention, such as the attack on Afghanistan, and any support of it on the part of Islamic states is viewed by some as an attack on Islam.

Reports from Pakistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey, Sudan, Bangladesh, India and the Philippines suggest the attack on Afghanistan is beginning to have the desired disruptive effect, and Pakistan could soon be facing a political crisis.

If the second part of his agenda succeeds, the first will take care of itself. Islamic states with more extremist leanings, irrespective of the sentiments of their general populace, will be much less tolerant of U.S. and Western involvement in their affairs.

The prospects of such a scenario remain relatively slim for the time being, but the duration and geographical scope of U.S. military operations (which might be expanded at least to Iraq, and perhaps to other countries) will have a direct bearing on the outcome.

However that may play out, there is one other aspect of bin Laden's agenda we should consider. U.S. military retaliation is a far better recruiting tool than bin Laden could have ever come up with on his own. For anyone who believes the United States to be imperially meddling and overbearingly militaristic, the attack on Afghanistan serves as further confirmation of those beliefs.

Even if we were to succeed in capturing or eliminating bin Laden and in dismantling al Qaeda, there is a rapidly growing number of individuals and groups who are ready and willing to take his place in the wake of military retaliation.

The key to bin Laden's agenda is to sustain U.S. military retaliation and popular support for it — whether through political defiance or through further terrorist attacks — because this is the most effective means by which bin Laden can see his agenda fulfilled. By not pursuing alternative means for bringing bin Laden and his associates to justice, it appears the U.S. government is effectively helping him fulfill his agenda.

James Hanlon is a geography graduate student. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Robert Brammer is a political science junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

DRIFTING TO TOWN

Five Scots came over and rocked the house

By Antti Pentonen
STAFF WRITER

Travis singer Fran Healy asked someone to turn the lights on so he could see the audience.

Healy was in musical heaven and wanted to see the reactions of the packed crowd of Bogart's. An hour earlier, Healy, with an honestly cool-looking purple Mohawk, had saluted the audience by saying, "this is almost as in Glasgow," with an accent that broke hearts of many of the ladies in the house.

The band opened with its first single from the album *The Invisible Band*, "Sing," which surprisingly was not one of the most anticipated songs of the night. It seemed like the enthusiastic audience was more fa-

miliar with the band's second album, *The Man Who*.

"Writing to Reach You," "Driftwood," "Turn" and "Why Does It Always Rain On Me?" were among the songs that brought musical happiness to the crowd.

Musically Travis was at the top of its game. Healy's charisma and voice lasted throughout the show and the rest of the band was no worse. A multi-talented bass player Douglas Payne got the spotlight when Travis performed David Bowie's "All the Young Dudes." Lead guitarist Andy Dunlop made Travis's music sound even stronger than it does in the record. Travis looked good, sounded well and performed even better.

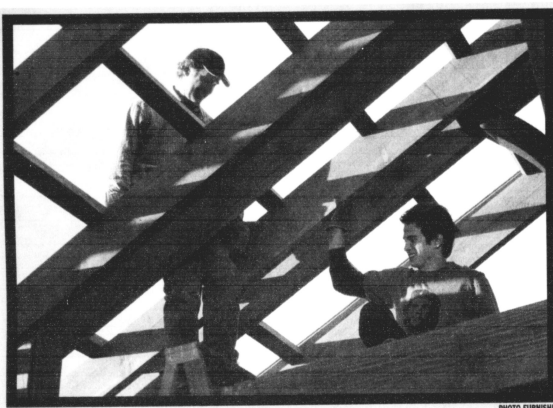
Everyone in the audience

could sense the organized happy-chaos Travis utilized in their performance. There was a moment when Healy played an air-guitar after his real one was out of tune. He also asked the audience to give each other "rock signs."

No fancy setting or thunderous lighting prevented the show from being electrifying. It was just five guys from Scotland playing their own music (the four members of Travis were joined by a keyboardist).

On Travis' official Web site, Healy said the worst thing of being in Travis is that, "I never get to see Travis live, because I am told that we are a pretty good live band."

His misfortune is our fortune. It was a magnificent night, a magnificent show and Travis is a magnificent band.



"I fell on my head doing this once, son."

Life as a House, starring Kevin Klime, Kristin Scott Thomas and Hayden Christensen, puts a terminally ill dad and troubled son together to build a house. Showing at 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Worsham Theater.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Celebrity bites

Folk singer stopped

MEDFORD, Ore. — Bob Dylan wanted tighter security for his current tour, but he didn't expect to be held up at the door before his own show.

Dylan was set to play the last Oregon stop on his tour Tuesday night when he had trouble getting through a checkpoint at the Jackson County Exposition Center.

It wasn't clear whether the three security guards, all in their 30s, recognized Dylan. "If it was George Strait, they probably would have recognized him," said venue manager Chris Borovansky.

But even if they knew who Dylan was, the guards had strict orders from Dylan's security director that no one — no one — was to get backstage without an official credential.

"He said no exceptions," Borovansky said. "Absolutely none."

So when a slight, wild-haired man tried to walk through the checkpoint, the guards stopped him. Dylan was surprised, and a brief scene ensued. One of the guards put her hands up and gently stopped Dylan. After his security director came over, increased, both he and Dylan demanded that the guards be thrown out.

Borovansky complied, although he said, "We prefer the term 'relocated.'" But he said he later told the guards they did "a great job."

Madonna sells song

REDMOND, Wash. — Madonna's Grammy-winning song "Ray of Light" is the theme for Microsoft's advertising campaign for Windows XP.

which the company toned down after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but still promoted as its biggest pitch since Windows 95.

A line from the upbeat electronic dance song sets the pace: "Faster than the speeding light she's flying ..."

"You soar," bright white letters read. "Yes you can."

Microsoft's 60-second TV spot, which starts airing Monday, begins with a guy leaping through a green field and then lifting off into a sunny sky — a landscape lifted from Windows XP's default "bliss screen."

Then there's a series of images of people using Windows XP for real-time communications, to collaborate in an airy restaurant, to relay digital images of flying people, watch video, listen to music and more.

"Ray of Light" won the Grammy for best dance recording in 1998, and the album of the same name won for best pop album.

Kidman's final stand?

LONDON — Nicole Kidman has moved on since her divorce to fellow Hollywood star Tom Cruise, and she hopes others will follow suit.

"Everyone keeps asking me all the time, 'How are you? How are you?' I mean divorce is divorce and it's a really tough thing to go through," Kidman said in a television interview aired Saturday on the British Broadcasting Corp. "You have to pick yourself up and move forward and that is what I am doing."

Did the divorce sour her on the institution of marriage? "Oh no, I'd love to get married again," she said.

Kidman described her 11-year relationship with Cruise as a "fish bowl" that sometimes forced the couple to take extreme measures to protect their privacy. But it was an obstacle that often proved to have romantic consequences.

"We would see cities at night," she said. "We broke into the Coliseum — climbed the fence and broke in. It's a way of dealing with being really well known, but still being able to see a city like Rome."

Work better than sex?

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The dirt on gardening is that for many home enthusiasts, it's better than sex.

That doesn't come as a surprise to Burton Jablin, president and general manager of Knoxville-based Home & Garden Television, which has built a cable network reaching 73 million U.S. households since 1995 based on such insight.

The network conducts an annual Lifestyle Trends Report, a compilation of polling and other research.

This year, yet again, making love did not come in No. 1 among home enthusiasts, Jablin said. "Working in the yard actually beat having sex."

Yard work was the most popular answer among home enthusiasts to the HGTV question: Which activities are you most likely to do in your spare time "for fun and enjoyment?"

Forty-one percent gave a green thumbs-up to mowing the lawn. Sex was second at 37 percent, followed by gardening at 34 percent and redecorating, 23 percent.

"When we look at the rest of the survey and at other research that we do for HGTV, what we find is that people really get a great deal of personal satisfaction out of what they do around the house."

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