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Can I eat this?

As the power gradually returns to homes in Lexington, many may wonder what food to toss and what to save. Here are some tips:

•Raw chopped meats, like hamburger, spoil quickly. Pork, fish and poultry spoil quickly, too. Dispose of these foods if they have been in a well-insulated refrigerator without power for 12 hours or more. Do not trust your sense of smell. Food may be unsafe, even if it doesn't smell bad.

•Hard cheese usually keeps well at room temperatures. Other cheeses — such as cream cheese, opened containers of cheese spreads and cottage cheese — spoil quickly. Throw them out when an off-flavor or unusual mold develops.

•Milk spoils quickly without refrigeration. Throw out spoiled milk. Sour milk may be used in baking.

•Custard, gravies, creamed foods, chopped meats, poultry and seafood sandwich fillings spoil quickly when unrefrigerated. They are ideal growing places for organisms that can make you sick. Dispose of these foods if they have warmed to over 40 degrees or room temperatures. Spoilage is hard to detect since they may not smell or taste bad.

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Classes resume; ordinary life doesn't



Assistant professor of German studies Jeff Rogers grades papers while his sons, Miles (front), 4, and Ezra, 6, play games and read. Rogers, whose house was still without power and heat Wednesday, came in to the office "because it's warm."



Brandon Mason walks from the W.T. Young Library to his fraternity house on Wednesday.

Academia calls: Students, professors and staff return to school while worrying about falling ice, child care, heat and electricity

By Emily Hagedorn
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Despite resumed classes, life is not back to normal at UK.

Low class attendance, broken tree limbs and falling ice were commonplace Wednesday as students, staff and faculty returned to campus after a two-day break.

Children tagged alongside some students, faculty and staff because of the power outage and closed schools and daycares.

Many students and faculty members are still without electricity.

Some people questioned whether it was smart to have classes Wednesday because of hazards caused by Sunday's ice storm.

"There was that chance of being in danger," said Maggie Blair, a music education sophomore. "What if a limb fell on me?"

The risk of injury was low, said

Jack Blanton, the vice president of administration. Blanton is responsible for school cancellations and delays at UK.

"Of course we've heard about students getting hit on the head (by falling ice and tree limbs)," Blanton said. "We just told them, 'You need to look up and not walk under trees.'"

Blanton said classes resumed because access to campus had improved. He also noted that sidewalks were cleared and bus service on and around campus had resumed.

"And with the two-hour delay, we got back on track," Blanton said.

"From what I heard today, everything went splendidly," Keith Hautala, a journalism sophomore, agreed.

"I'm glad to see everything thawing out," he said. Hautala had been

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Party plan's first case gets lighter fine

Deterrent? Some fear precedent will reduce law's effectiveness

By Sara Cunningham
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Of the first three properties to violate the Lexington Area Party Plan, two did not receive citations and a judge fined residents of the third less than the ordinance calls for, Lexington police said.

Two residences designated "no party properties" under the ordinance had been cited for third noise violations — which would require residents to pay additional fines if convicted of the violation.

But because police officers did not specifically cite the offenders for both the noise violation and the party plan violation, the residents did not face the additional charges, Maj. Andy Carter of the Lexington Police Department told members of the Town & Gown Commission.

In another case, residents of a property cited under the ordinance were convicted and fined last month, but the fine was less than what the ordinance calls for, police said.

Second Division District Court Judge Kevin Horne fined the property's residents \$10, along with court costs, of a minimum \$50 fine, said Officer Dale Brown of the Lexington Division of Police.

Horne could not be reached last night. The address of the property was not available last night.

Some Town & Gown members said they wonder if the lighter punishment will set a precedent for future violators and make the ordinance less of a deterrent.

"We really don't know at this point," Brown said. "Typically, from my past experience in police work and just life in general, if little to none of the promised consequences are carried out, the actions you're trying to stop tend to be repeated."

If convicted a second time under the ordinance, residents would face a \$100 minimum fine, plus court costs. Some Town & Gown members questioned whether the court would lessen the second fine, as well.

The party plan, a city ordinance enacted in December 2001 despite raucous student opposition, adds an additional fine for residents of properties with two noise violation convictions. After two violations, the

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Rupp, Coliseum become hotspots for fans trying to catch the game

Watch, warm up: Tickets, TV draw students to Memorial Coliseum

STAFF REPORT

Power outages don't stop UK fans from watching the Cats.

Last night, students arrived early at the ticket lottery in Memorial Coliseum to watch the UK-Arkansas men's basketball game on a big screen TV.

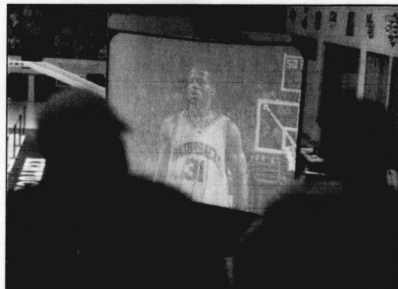
Downtown at Rupp Arena, other UK fans, most without television at home, watched the game on projection screens. "We had to cheer on the Cats," said Clint Simmons, a mechanical engineering sophomore who came early to the ticket lottery to watch the game.

At his Linden Walk apartment, Simmons has heat and hot water but no electricity.

"We have a bunch of candles lit," he said.

Laurel Gaddi, a political science and sociology senior, came to Memorial Coliseum early with her friends, fearing they wouldn't find a seat. Gaddi, who hasn't had power since Sunday, is staying with a friend from work. "We didn't want to miss any part of it," she said.

Students Derek and Alex Tingle watch the UK-Arkansas basketball game on the big screen in Memorial Coliseum Wednesday. Hundreds of UK fans watched the game in the coliseum.



UK had postponed the ticket lottery, scheduled for Monday night, because of the ice storm.

And neither the game nor the prospect of tickets could draw attention away from the icy grip of the storm. Weather talk peppered conversations: Do you think we'll have that test Fri-

day? Can you believe we had school today?

Simmons was particularly upset UK did not cancel classes for a third day. But he has a plan for Thursday:

"I'm getting a hard hat to wear to class tomorrow because of all the falling ice."

Fraternities and sororities provide shelter for members

House party: Members, pledges, alumni pack houses while city recovers from aftermath of weekend storm

By Paul Lehighy
STAFF WRITER

Fraternity and sorority houses at UK are providing sanctuary for many of their members dealing with electric power outages this week.

Brad Jones, a Kappa Sigma member and communications senior, was one of seven or eight members who stayed in his fraternity house Sunday and Monday. Jones said he still doesn't have heat or power in his home, and he planned to stay at the house again Wednesday night before starting to look for a hotel room.

"At least I had this house to shelter me," he said. "Think of all the people who had to go home."

Jones is one of many who lost power because of Sunday's ice storm and turned to Greek organizations for help. Alpha Tau Omega member Daniel Wells, a mechanical engineering freshman who lives in the ATO frat house, said that roughly 18 to 20 ATOs who live off campus have stayed at the house at least part of the time since the ice storm hit. "There were a whole bunch of us bunking up," Wells said. Wells said ATO's chef also stayed at the house.

Ashley Campbell, a Pi Beta Phi sorority member and biology sophomore whose residence is still without power, said there were too many camping out at the sorority house for her to count.

"It's starting to get really crowded here," she said. Because classes have started back, "it's going to get crazy here."

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS The Low-down

Deadline nears in literary contest

The department of English is now accepting submissions for the Dantzier-Farquhar literary competition; the deadline is March 3. Two \$200 prizes — one for poetry and one for prose — will be awarded. The competition is open to undergraduates only. Manuscripts should be sent to Gurney Norman, department of English, POT 1215. More information can be found online at www.uky.edu/AS/English.

U.S. penalizes Indian company

WASHINGTON — The United States imposed penalties on an Indian company and an individual accused of contributing to Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programs, the State Department said Wednesday. Spokesman Richard Boucher named the company as NEC Engineers Private Ltd., originally based in India but also operating in the Middle East and central Asia, and Hansra Shiv, a person previously residing in India but last believed to be in the Middle East. Boucher said he could not give details on what materials NEC Engineers Private Ltd. and Shiv sent to Iraq, but he noted Indian press reports that NEC Engineers Private had sent 10 shipments containing titanium vessels, filters, titanium centrifugal pumps, atomized and spherical aluminum powder and titanium anodes to Iraq.

Britain, U.S. plan U.N. resolution

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and Britain will introduce a new U.N. resolution in the coming days and set a deadline for Iraq to cooperate fully with weapons inspectors, Britain's U.N. ambassador said Wednesday. British envoy Jeremy Greenstock said the draft resolution will force the Security Council, which strongly supports continued inspections, to decide how much more time Saddam Hussein should have to disarm before he faces serious consequences. He predicted that debate over this crunch decision would go beyond March 1, when chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix is due to present his next written report to the council. That would put back the U.S. timetable for a possible war ruling out February and its optimum weather conditions. In the meantime, several Security Council countries, including Mexico and Chile, were reiterating privately that they would abstain in a vote on the reso-



CAT FEVER: Ashley Judd has been attached for years to Warner Bros. projected "Catwoman," but Variety reports she's now passed up the "Batman" spinoff in order to make her Broadway debut this fall. On stage, she'll play another feline role, Maggie the Cat, in a revival of Tennessee Williams' classic "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." According to Variety, Judd let the film's producers know that, in the event of a scheduling conflict, she'd pick Broadway over Hollywood. As it turns out, the studio wants to film in late summer or early fall. (Philo, the single-manned French special-effects whiz, has been signed to direct.) Two weeks ago, according to the Hollywood Reporter, Warner Bros. offered the Catwoman role to Nicole Kidman, who has yet to say yes. So Judd will play the role, made famous in the film version by Elizabeth Taylor, of a hot-tempered Southern wife fighting for status and power within her extended family.

lution unless the United States and Britain found a way to ease tensions with France, Russia and China — the three other permanent members of the council who want continued weapons inspections as a means to prevent war now. U.S. and British officials said the final language in the resolution has not yet been decided on by President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair but that both sides were getting close to agreement. A council diplomat familiar with the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he expects the deadline to be implicit — but clear. The United States, Britain and other countries willing to go to war against Iraq could issue their own deadline for enforcement of the new resolution.

Man sentenced for aiding al-Qaida

HAMBURG, Germany — A Moroccan received the maximum 15-year sentence Wednesday for helping the al-Qaida hijackers who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks — the first conviction anywhere of a suspect in the terror plot against the United States. Mounir el Motassadeq, 28, showed no emotion but occasionally shook his head or checked his watch as he listened to the verdict finding him guilty of more than 3,000 acts of accessory to murder. El Motassadeq helped pay tuition and rent for members of the Hamburg-based al-Qaida cell — allowing them to live as students as they plotted the attacks, prosecutors said. Judge Albrecht Mentz said el Motassadeq lied when he testified he was unaware of the plot despite being close friends with suicide hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and other cell members. The defendant was "a cog that kept the machinery going," Mentz said. He "belonged to this group since its inception.... He knew and approved the key elements of the planned attacks."

Iranian military plane crashes

TEHRAN, Iran — A military plane carrying 302 people, all members of the elite Revolutionary Guards, crashed in the mountains of southeastern Iran on Wednesday and all on board were killed, state-run media reported. The plane was en route from Zahedan, on the Pakistan border to Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran, state-run Tehran television reported. It crashed in a mountainous area about 20 miles from its destination. State television and radio did not offer reasons for the crash and did not address the possibility of terrorism. There was heavy snowfall in many parts of Iran on Wednesday. Tehran television quoted an anonymous official as saying the forces had visited the impoverished Sistan-Baluchistan province, of which Zahedan is the capital, for an "important mission."

Compiled from staff, wire reports

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sleeping on his mother-in-law's floor in front of her fireplace for the past few days.

But there were signs that things weren't back to normal yet.

Many classes were canceled and for those that weren't, few students showed up.

Noah Friend, a history junior, had two of his three

classes canceled. "Probably, things won't be back to normal until the beginning of next week," Friend said.

In Patterson Office Tower, older children played in the computer lab and younger kids stayed with their parents in the offices, said Jeff Rogers, assistant professor of German studies.

Rogers usually works at home, but since there was no heat and Lexington public schools were canceled, Rogers came to the office to work Wednesday. "It would have been nice to have another day off," he said. "But it was fine (coming back)."

Andrea Uhde and Jennifer Mueller contributed to this story.

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It's not like a big party anymore.

She said she wanted to stay in a hotel, but she couldn't find a room.

Jessica Tretter, a Pi Beta Phi member, is also staying at her sorority's house. "I'm just living out of a suitcase," she said. "It's kind of fun, but I really want to go home

and have my own bed."

Taylor Coots, a Farmhouse member, stayed at the frat Sunday. "Easily, there were probably 20 people here Sunday night," he said.

He said fraternity alumni also stayed at the house. "We just sat around watching everything fall down around us," he said.

Justin Schaefer, a Lambda Chi Alpha frat member, said about 10 members stayed in the house.

"It's been a lot of playing games and not doing anything," he said. "It's pretty much been a party."

olating the party plan ordinance.

So far, 28 residences in Lexington have been labeled "no party properties," but it wasn't until Jan. 27 that a property went to court for a party plan violation, Carter said. Properties are supposed to be given a minimum \$50 fine plus court costs — usually \$160.50 — if found guilty.

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residence becomes a "no party property." Residents of the property receiving three or more violations within a year can also be cited for vi-

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Best-selling authors will lecture at UK

By Brittany Clark
STAFF WRITER

It's Black History Month and UK is taking part by playing host to *New York Times* best-selling authors Michael Datcher (*Raising Ponies: A Black Man's Love Story*) and Jenoyne Adams (*Resurrecting Mingus*) on Tuesday.

Datcher and Adams, who are married, will present *Raw Life: Love, Race and Relationships* in the Worsham Theater.

The event is sponsored by Student Activities Board, the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center and the African-American Studies Program.

"We are really excited that they are going to be here," said Ricardo Nazario-Colon, assistant director at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

The lecture will explore topics revolving around issues black Americans face in today's society.

Mark Moore, SAB's director of Contemporary Affairs, said that the topics might seem geared exclusively toward African-American students, but the event should be educational and beneficial for all races.

"It's a unity event. There is a lot we can learn from different cultures. We have struggles that we all go through."

Datcher and Adams have different methods and topics to bring to the discussion, Nazario-Colon said.

Datcher's autobiographical book covers his eventful childhood and adult experiences and he uses his time at the podium to touch on everything," Nazario-Colon said.

"On the other hand, Adams is known to add singing and dancing to her lectures."

Those who can't come to the lecture can attend the informal round-table with Datcher and Adams on Tuesday afternoon in King Center.

"We want to get as much as we can out of them," said Nazario-Colon.

Lacresha Berry, a theater senior, says she will attend the lecture both



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Love and writing

New York Times best-selling authors Michael Datcher and Jenoyne Adams will present the lecture, *Raw Life: Love, Race and Relationships* in the Worsham Theater Tuesday.

to meet the authors and to enjoy what they represent.

"It's important for us as African-American students to see people who are successful as black authors."

"I want to know where their head is and why they wrote what they did," Berry said.

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MEETINGS

- *UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
- *Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
- *Devoctions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
- *Freshmen Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Synergy, 8:00pm, CSE Building
- *Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *American Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 153
- *Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences Meeting, 8:00pm, Erickson Hall, Rm. 128

ACADEMIC

- *How to "Work" a Virtual Career Fair, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
- *Math Tutoring, All 100 level courses, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB

SPORTS

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Ham Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
- *UK Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Singletary Center Free!

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *Self Defense! Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 8:00pm, Southland Bowling Lanes

MEETINGS

- *Revel Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Opening Reception "A Feast of Images" in conjunction with the Kentucky Women Writers Conference, Gallery Hop, 6:00-8:00pm, Rowell Gallery

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *LSAT Prep Weekend, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Advance registration and fees currently being accepted. Contact Central Advising Service, 257-3383
- *University of North Carolina-Greensboro Read Trio, John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, Rm. Lucille Little Fine Arts Library
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003, Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
- *La Residence française, 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall

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- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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- *College of Engineering, 9:00am-1:00pm, College of Engineering

SPORTS

- *Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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- *Day of Percussion
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- *Self Defense! Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

MEETINGS

- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Union, Rm. 205

ACADEMIC

- *Math Tutoring, All 100 level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
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- *Physics Tutoring, All 100 level courses & 2112/13, 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 level courses, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
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Broadband service no 'domestic device'

By installing a new requirement for low-income housing, Kentucky has taken socialism to a new level. The requirement has nothing to do with location or price of a house — it mandates broadband Internet connections in new subsidized homes.

Kentucky Housing Corporation's Chief Executive Officer Lynn Luallen believes high-speed Internet access is as important as running water and cheap electricity. By requiring the fast access, she literally deemed it an "inalienable right" of those who live in rent-controlled housing.

"Over time, we think that [everyone] is going to have a computer and printer, just like you have a refrigerator and range," Luallen said to a Wired News reporter.

Someone needs to point out that just because most Americans have appliances does not make the rights to those domestic devices inalienable. Ask the average Ethiopian, Indian or Croat what he'd prefer — a new Maytag washer or three square meals a day. My money's on the edibles.

The concept of luxury as necessity is a dangerous idea native to America. Too often, people in this country cling to the belief that just because their neighbors have a product, everyone is entitled to one of the same. Never is it considered that the neighbor bought the thing after earning the money to do so.

This drive for broadband Internet access is a perfect example. The most recent poll on the subject, as reported in a February 2002 Department of Commerce study, shows that 10.8 percent of the population subscribe to broadband services.

Roughly one person in 10 has the product, and now everyone is clamoring for it — and they want it cheap.

Subscription rates for broadband service typically range from \$30 to \$50 per month, depending on where one lives. The same Commerce department study notes that "individuals in high-income households, for example, [have] higher subscribership rates than individuals in lower income households." The market has already driven the prices lower for those with lower incomes.

Yet, Luallen also wants to provide those living in the newly wired homes with low-cost computer hardware and subsidized Internet service. Government interference, such as what Luallen prescribes, would only impede an already favorable market. Indeed, the Commerce report also affirms that the penetration rate of broadband service is faster than the rates of color televisions, cell phones and videocassette recorders. Interesting that low income families never received those products subsidized, yet they are commonplace today.

Even more telling is the fact that Internet use has shown a large percentage increase among those in the lowest income bracket, jumping almost 16 percentage points between October 1997 and September 2001. People are getting it on their own, and they don't need the government to do it for them.

Luallen also said in the Wired News article that the Internet is an essential opportunity for low-income families to "raise" their educational level and therefore their income level.

Why can't people who don't have broadband access use the computers at the local library? Even Nashville's library system has locations throughout the metro area. It's the same or better in every other part of the country. Those looking to raise their station in life could also take day or evening classes at a local community college or trade school. There's a worthy subsidized program.

Subsidized housing is not meant to provide a life of luxury for its tenants. It's intended to provide a cheap, stable living environment for those who are struggling to get off the government's welfare list and support themselves. The burden of supporting these families should not be larger than it has to be.

Patrick Chinnery writes for *Sidelines* (Middle Tennessee State U.) His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



Leniency from profs, honesty from students

While much of UK resumed its normal routine Wednesday, many students are far from returning to their normal lives. Despite efforts to restore power and clear streets and walkways, Lexington — and many of UK's students — is still reeling from the ice storm that blitzed the area over the weekend.

Many students living off-campus still lack power and a warm place to sleep. Many are crashing with neighbors, friends or at local shelters — environments that aren't conducive to many academic endeavors. Students who are part of this scenario may understandably be unprepared for classes.

On their behalf, we plead professors to be understanding and students to not take unfair advantage of the situation. If that happens, professors may be less willing to accommodate students with legitimate excuses for turning work in late.

What are legitimate excuses? Here are a few: having a 12-page paper saved on a juiceless hard drive; being unable to work on a group project because traveling to meet the group was too difficult; not being able to get to the library during

its limited hours on Monday and Tuesday; being stuck in their hometowns, unable to get back to campus after a weekend visit (even if the roads were clear, why return to an unheated apartment or burden a friend when you can stay home?). Or what about students who have children and had to spend the past four days in a cramped hotel room with them when Fayette County schools and day cares closed?

Students will have plenty of excuses when they return to classes this week. Professors should try to work with their students. And it's equally important that students fortunate enough to avoid many of the storm's consequences don't exploit the predicaments of other students.

This will undermine students' legitimate complaints and reinforce any negative opinions professors might already have of their students' work habits — legitimate or not.

Some professors have already extended deadlines and canceled classes. Those who haven't should consider it. A tree toppling onto your apartment is not the same as the dog eating your homework.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

U.S. could set dangerous precedent

From Rome to Seoul, Johannesburg to Melbourne, people have been calling for peace. As part of a global protest on Saturday, the streets of 150 U.S. cities and an estimated 350 cities around the world were filled with demonstrations against war in Iraq.

In Berlin, up to 500,000 protesters gathered in the city's center to support German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's calls for a peaceful solution.

In London, 750,000 people marched against war, appealing to British Prime Minister Tony Blair to reconsider his support of the use of force to disarm Iraq.

In the New York rally, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa declared, "Let America listen to the rest of the world — and the rest of the world is saying, 'Give the inspectors time.'"

The world is saying no to war, but America isn't listening. Dissenting opinions voiced in the halls of the United Nations and in cities across the globe are falling on deaf ears as the United States sets a dangerous example for future superpowers that find themselves without an equal on the world stage.

President Bush told the United Nations last Thursday that the organization must assist him to confront Saddam Hussein or "fade into history as an ineffective, irrelevant, debating society." ("Bush urges U.N. to confront Iraq," The Associated Press, Feb.

13). If the United Nations ultimately proves toothless, it will be because the Bush administration's actions have made it so.

The efficacy and power of an international organization is only as strong as its members' willingness to honor their pledge, outlined in the U.N. Charter, to combine their strength and use it through methods and at times on which the body comes to agree.

President Bush has shown that his administration's willingness to cooperate and compromise dissipates when he can't convince other U.N. member states to see things his way. His determination to oust Hussein with force — regardless of other U.N. member countries' wishes for alternative solutions — will be what robs the United Nations of its teeth and will set a dangerous precedent for future unchallenged superpowers to follow.

This precedent is that when it comes down to it, a superpower should feel free to ignore the United Nations and act unilaterally, disregarding the protests of member states and their citizens. And they have a right to protest: When the United States wages war on Iraq, it will directly affect them. Economies of the world over will be beset with uncertainty; refugees from Iraq and surrounding nations pouring into neighboring states will cause social instability. Most important, the threat of biological and

other types of warfare affect everyone — the nations in the vicinity of the warfare and in its path, not just the nations actually making the war.

In this increasingly interdependent world, no country, and especially not the only superpower in the world, can make as momentous a move as declaring war without profoundly affecting other countries. The fact that countries share fates is particularly true when speaking of developed nations that share markets, cultures and even citizens. In this kind of a world, it would only be half-facetious of a Swedish citizen to suggest that he get a vote in America's presidential elections too. After all, whose decisions ultimately affect him more — those of Sweden's president, or those of the American president?

In a way, Swedish citizens — and others worldwide — are supposed to have a vote in the United States' decisions, and that influence is supposed to be exercised through the United Nations.

Like it or not, the United States is part of a team, and as the world's lone superpower, it has to fight for the interests of all nations, not just its own. This charge takes more than the form of an unvoiced duty, a tacit expectation; it was pledged by the leaders of this nation just shy of 50 years ago. By signing the U.N. Charter, the United States pledged to ful-

fill the new body's goal of preventing war and promoting human rights. The United States agreed, along with other member states, to "unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest."

Most of the people and countries protesting the Bush administration's determination to bulldoze over everyone who doesn't agree with it in its march toward war aren't asking for the United States to ignore Hussein or stop its efforts to diminish the threat he poses. They're simply asking for time, for a chance for the U.N. inspectors to do their jobs and for what the inspectors find to be carefully considered by the United States and the United Nations. According to the precedent the United States is setting, in future configurations of international power, the United Nations and the world will speak, but the superpower will not listen. This precedent is dangerous in terms of what, under its auspices, a lone superpower has license to do; namely, whatever it pleases, at any cost to the nations whose fates are inextricably intertwined with its own.

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Tubby's first win at Arkansas extends UK's winning streak



P-I-G: Cats keep pressure on with 16-point victory, remain unbeaten in conference play by beating Hogs

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Gerald Fitch scored 17 points and No. 2 UK shut down Arkansas in a 66-50 victory Wednesday night that extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games.

Erik Daniels added 10 points and three others had at least eight for the Cats (21-3, 11-0 Southeastern Conference), who were able to pull their starters with almost three minutes left.

UK coach Tubby Smith won for the first time in six tries at Bud Walton Arena and it was the first win for any UK team at Arkansas since an 83-73 victory on Jan. 28, 1997.

UK didn't score in the second half until two free throws by Chuck Hayes with 16:29 left gave the Cats a 38-31 lead. However, Arkansas (7-15, 2-9) couldn't take advantage because it scored just two points in the first 10:22 of the half.

Freshman point guard Eric Ferguson had 13 points and Jonathan Modica added 10 for Arkansas, which shot 36 percent from the field (20-of-55).

UK, the SEC's top shooting team at 48.6 percent, finished at 45 percent (22-of-49), but its halfcourt defense secured the victory.

UK built a 48-31 lead as Hayes' eight points fueled a 12-2 run. The Cats maintained the defensive pressure as Arkansas made just five of its first 21 shots in the second

half. Fitch pushed UK's lead to 61-40 with a 3-pointer with about four minutes left in the game and the Cats coasted the rest of the way. Fitch scored six of his eight points in the final two minutes of the second half.

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Bogans a Naismith finalist

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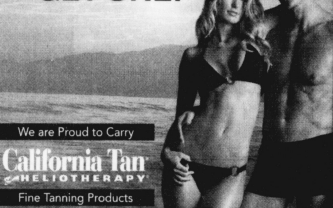
Other finalists include Florida's Matt Bonner and U of L's Reese Gaines.

Up next

UK vs. Mississippi State

The Cats will defend the nation's longest current winning streak at 2 p.m. Sunday at Rupp Arena against the Bulldogs. The Cats have won 15 games in a row and haven't lost since Dec. 28.

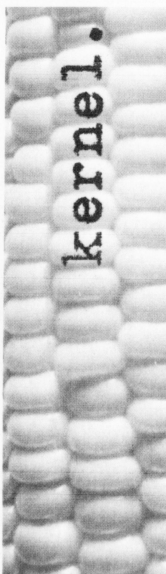
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