

UA students mixed over war in Iraq

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UA students had mixed feelings on U.S. involvement in Iraq after a series of suicide bombings yesterday that left 68 Iraqis dead, including 16 children.

Although Keith Whitten, a creative writing junior, said he thinks the invasion of Iraq was a bad idea, he said the United States cannot pull out of the country now.

"Once you've gotten involved, you have an obligation to stay," Whitten said. "Iraqis see us controlling them and not giving them the power they deserve, but they can't pull this off themselves."

But Matt Lorimer, a pre-business freshman who supported the war when it began last year, said he wonders why troops are still in Iraq.

"I always thought we should be there and Bush had every right to invade, but we should've pulled out by now," Lorimer said, adding that he will continue to support President Bush's decisions.

Yesterday's attacks in Basra — which wounded about 200 people, 168 critically — marked a revival of devastating suicide bombings, which U.S. officials blame on foreign militants and which had not been seen during this month's widespread battles with homegrown guerrillas across Iraq.

In Fallujah, the bloodiest battlefield in April, an

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Nader campaigns at UA

350 attend speech by presidential candidate

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Independent presidential hopeful Ralph Nader answers questions at the College of Law building yesterday afternoon before an estimated 350 people. Nader criticized both President Bush and Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry for being swayed by special interests.

Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader called for President Bush's impeachment yesterday afternoon while speaking to more than 350 people crowded into the courtyard of the College of Law building.

"We have a president who plunged us into a war that was based on fabrications, lies and deceptions day after day," Nader said. "If that isn't an impeachable offense, it is hard to find what is."

Although the Nader campaign arrived 45 minutes late to the UA after attending a campaign event in Phoenix, the crowd, who was mainly composed of college-aged people, welcomed him with cheers and applause.

Nader took on the issue of corporate power for the first half of his speech, which he said was his central issue.

"Our government is supposed to represent the people," Nader said. "There is not much of a contest when the political system allows corporations to have freedom of speech. Are we going to have the sovereignty of corporations prevail over the sovereignty of people?"

Nader pointed out several examples of corporate influence on America. Because of the North American Free Trade Agreement, corporations outsource jobs, leaving many Americans jobless.

There is no national health care system, Nader said, because corporations do not allow it to be created. And since the

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Woman identified as UA student in deadly motorcycle accident

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A woman who died in a motorcycle accident early Sunday morning was identified as a UA student yesterday.

Lindsay Schiffman, who was a media arts senior, died after the motorcycle she rode with a UA resident assistant crashed near North Euclid Avenue and East Edison Street, said Michelle Pickrom, spokeswoman for the Tucson Police Department.

Joseph Johnson, a Graham-Greenlee Residence Hall RA, was driving the motorcycle.

According to police reports, the motorcycle was northbound on Euclid when it went off the road and hit the brick wall of a house. Both Johnson and Schiffman were thrown from the vehicle on impact.

Schiffman, who was wearing a helmet, was taken to University Medical Center, where she died at 11 a.m. Sunday. Johnson died at the scene.

Schiffman was 21 years old.

Noelle Gaffney, a close friend of Schiffman, said Johnson and

Schiffman dated for five years when they lived in Phoenix. Gaffney, a senior majoring in English, said the two were no longer dating at the time of the accident, but had remained friends.

"They would see each other every few months and hang out. They were both secretly in love with each other but too scared to get back together," said Gaffney.

A memorial service is being held for Schiffman at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Paradise Memorial Gardens in Scottsdale.

Gaffney said Schiffman loved to help people and wanted to be a lawyer for battered women.

"Everyone who met Lindsay just fell in love with her," she said.

John Malek-Ahmadi and Kevin Berkwitz, friends of Schiffman, said they will miss Schiffman and give their condolences to the family.

A memorial service is being held for Johnson at 2 p.m. today in the St. Bernadette Cathedral in Scottsdale.

Johnson's parents ask that people donate money to the Salvation Army instead of bringing flowers.

Johnson's namesake was his grandfather, a man assisted by the



Salvation Army, said a friend who asked not to be named.

The friend said Johnson loved flying and wanted to own an airline someday.

Another memorial service for Johnson will be held April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Graham-Greenlee courtyard. The service will be open to anyone and will include a barbecue. Attendees are asked to bring canned food, which will also be donated to the Salvation Army.

Pickrom said the cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Man with toy gun surrounded by police at Old Main

By Jesse Lewis
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Police surrounded a man carrying a fake plastic gun near Old Main yesterday afternoon after someone mistook the toy for an actual weapon.

At least five police cars and several officers with their guns drawn surrounded Servant Bishop Chicago near the building.

Chicago walked with the gun in a holster attached to his hip when a person called police to report a man carrying a gun.

Robb Fountain, a UAPD motor officer, said the gun turned out to be a fake.

"It turned out he did (have a gun), but it was a toy that shoots rubber bands," he said.

Michael Golden, a political science junior, said he saw police out in a full force of unmarked vehicles.

"I was leaving my class, and I saw a cop coming from behind Old Main and two cops with their guns drawn," he said.

Chicago said it didn't matter that he had a toy gun. He also said that he was racially profiled.

"It's the same treatment I get when I go to suburbia," he said. "People don't want to see people like me so they call the police."

But Fountain said UAPD takes every report seriously because of recent events and the fact that weapons are not allowed on campus. Police take all possible precautions to ensure campus safety, he said.

"With the College of Nursing shootings and Columbine, people are more cautious," he said.

Police determined that no one was in any danger and released the suspect.

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