

Taken out in Tempe

Cats squander 15-point lead to lose rivalry game on final field goal

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Cats come back in second half to outpace Cavaliers by 30
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Kolbe resignation

After 21 years of congressional service, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., said in a press release last week that he will not seek re-election to Congress in 2006. Kolbe, an openly gay congressman, said though he is confident he would win again if he were on the ballot, he felt the decision to step down was best for himself and the people of Arizona.

"I am making the announcement now so that there will be adequate time for the many talented people who might serve in Congress to come forward and make their views known to voters, as well as give time for people to make their own thoughtful evaluation and choice in the next election," Kolbe said in a press release.

Coed fraternity hosts holiday food drive

The Gamma chapter of Alpha Theta Delta is continuing to host its food drive this week for the holiday season.

The coed multicultural Christian fraternity is hosting the Theta Food Drive until Dec. 21. The food donations will be delivered to the Tucson Community Food Bank where the volunteers will sort through the donation and packing boxes.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Blue Chip Area near the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership on the fourth floor of the Student Union Memorial Center.

Donations can also be dropped off with the African-American Student Affairs in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center, Room 209.

The Community Food Bank is requesting donations of canned vegetables, boxed breakfast cereals, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tomato products and canned soups.

Bush to visit Tucson today

President to discuss border security at Davis-Monthan

By Joe Ferguson
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

President Bush is expected to give a speech today in Tucson at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base about his concerns with current border security.

The speech, which is not open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 2:40 p.m. and will focus on border security as well

as comprehensive immigration reform, said White House spokesman Blair Jones.

In addition to the president, Jones confirmed the Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff are scheduled to appear alongside the president.

Jones would not comment

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Survey: national Bush opinion mirrored at UA

By Ariel Serafin
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Student opinion at the UA regarding President Bush's performance thus far mirrors national trends that show college students are rating the president at all-time historic lows.

A recent poll by Harvard University's Institute of Politics found that college students, like most Americans, rate Bush at the lowest point in his presidency, with

about 41 percent of college students saying they approve of his performance.

Out of the students polled in the Harvard survey, 62 percent said they support withdrawing some or all of the troops from Iraq, and 58 percent said they feel the country is headed down the "wrong track."

To find out the UA's stance, staff members of the *Arizona Daily*

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SURVEY RESULTS

DO YOU APPROVE OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S PERFORMANCE SO FAR?

Yes: 42.6%

No: 57.4%

fi HOW WOULD YOU RATE HIS OVERALL PRESIDENCY SO FAR?

(1= WORST, 10=BEST)

Average score: 4.96

DO YOU APPROVE OF BUSH'S DECISION TO INVADE IRAQ?

Yes: 39.6%

No: 60.4%

*Not all respondents answered all of the questions.

Jacob Konst/Arizona Daily Wildcat
President Bush speaks to supporters at the Tucson Convention Center on March 21 as part of his tour around the country to support his plan for Social Security reform. Bush plans to speak about his concerns with current border security at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base today. The speech is not open to the public.

First home game has small student turnout

Thanksgiving holiday may have been factor

By Katie Miller
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Even though yesterday marked the first regular-season home game for the UA men's basketball team, the line for students wanting to occupy the new student section in McKale Center was less than expected, according to on-site security.

Only about 75 students lined up at the northwest entrance to McKale Center at 1 p.m., the earliest time ticket-holders could begin waiting for the game, which began at 5 p.m.

Students attending men's basketball games this season are

sectioned on the north side of McKale Center instead of being dispersed throughout the arena.

"It raises the spirit and gets people more excited," said Colbi Brown, a senior majoring in ecology and evolutionary biology.

Security guard Donna Shelby said she was surprised to see so few students waiting, especially on a day when no classes were scheduled. She said the turnout was roughly equal to those seen at the team's exhibition home games in the last couple of weeks.

A contributing factor, Shelby said, might have been the Thanksgiving holiday because many students were still out of town. As the season goes on, the line should fill up more quickly, she said.

"The real test for the student

turnout will be the next major home game," Shelby said.

But the die-hard fans who were in town lined up hours before the game started to get a good seat.

Senior Brian Leahy said he arrived at 12:30 p.m. and was the first person in line.

"We wanted front-row seats for the first home game," Leahy said.

Those who showed up early also had another incentive: The first 700 students to arrive got a wristband for the lower-level section.

"It's a sacrifice to get here early, but it's worth getting our own section and great seats," said Adam Collins, an undeclared sophomore.

Nick Vanslyke, a media arts

Claire C. Laurence/Arizona Daily Wildcat
A UA fan looks up from the student section during the introduction of Virginia's starting lineup while other fans pretend to be distracted and yawn into open newspapers. Many students crowded the courtside seats, but left the upper levels nearly vacant during last night's 81-51 win over the Cavaliers in McKale Center.

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