



World still unsure on U.S. war

The U.N. remains divided while the Bush administration says it will be ready to attack as soon as late next week

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UNITED NATIONS — War must be a last resort, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said Tuesday, as the sharply divided Security Council appeared headed for a showdown vote

next week on whether to approve military action against Iraq.

In London, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov warned anew that Russia was prepared to veto a war resolution.

"If the situation so demands, Russia will of course use its right of veto — as an extreme measure —

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to avoid the worst development of the situation," Ivanov said. He added that Russia "will not support any decision that would directly or indirectly open the way to war with Iraq. ... Abstaining is not a position Russia can take. We have to have a clear position, and we are for a political solution."

Nevertheless, two senior Bush administration officials said Tuesday that the United States would be ready to attack Iraq as early as late

next week, and was prepared to do so without a new U.N. resolution. Both spoke only on condition of anonymity. Another heavy Army division, the 1st Armored Division, stationed in Germany, received deployment orders Tuesday.

Hanging over the Security Council is a draft resolution submitted last week by the United States, Great Britain and Spain that effectively would clear the way to

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CODAC explores policies on race

The Center on Diversity and Community is holding a panel to discuss affirmative action admissions issues in the U.S.

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Students and staff have the opportunity today to explore the myriad issues surrounding the fate of affirmative action at a moderated discussion open to the public.

The Center on Diversity and Community is holding a panel discussion called "The End of Affirmative Action? Diversity, Higher Education and Public Policy" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in 175 Knight Law Center.

Many policy makers and school administrators have begun to focus on affirmative action admissions policies in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear oral arguments for two court cases April 1 that concern controversial affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan.

The University of Oregon's affirmative action program is relatively free of controversy because the school admits everyone who meets specific academic standards, but at the University of Michigan, race is one of many factors that can make or break an applicant.

The two court cases were filed on behalf of three white students who were denied admission into the University of Michigan's undergraduate and law programs. They contend that lesser-qualified minority individuals were admitted in their stead because of the University of Michigan's race-conscious admissions policies.

Nearly a quarter of a century has passed since the Supreme Court first established the murky guidelines concerning the use of race in determining college admissions. In 1978, the court ruled that the use of quotas was unconstitutional, but race could be employed as a factor in making admissions decisions. This ruling left room for interpretation, and many policy makers are now hoping the Supreme Court will clearly define what

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Putting the smack down on spam

Unwanted spam continues to frustrate e-mail users, but companies such as AOL and The Spamhaus Project are fighting to hold "spammers" accountable

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"It seems like every time I open my e-mail, there are 10 more pieces of junk mail," one University student said.

While this statement is true for most e-mail users, sophomore Erica Reid articulated a feeling many people have when they open up their inbox: frustration. For many e-mail users, spam — aka junk mail — has become an intricate part of an expanding computer lifestyle.

The University has taken precautions to keep offensive spam out of students' University accounts. The computing center Web site asks students to forward any spam mail to spam@uoregon.edu. The University can then file a complaint or fix the filter used to block the address that is sending the spam.

Reid has three e-mail addresses, and while she rarely uses her University-provided account, she likes that the University takes action against spam producers.

The battle against spam is growing outside of the University, as well.

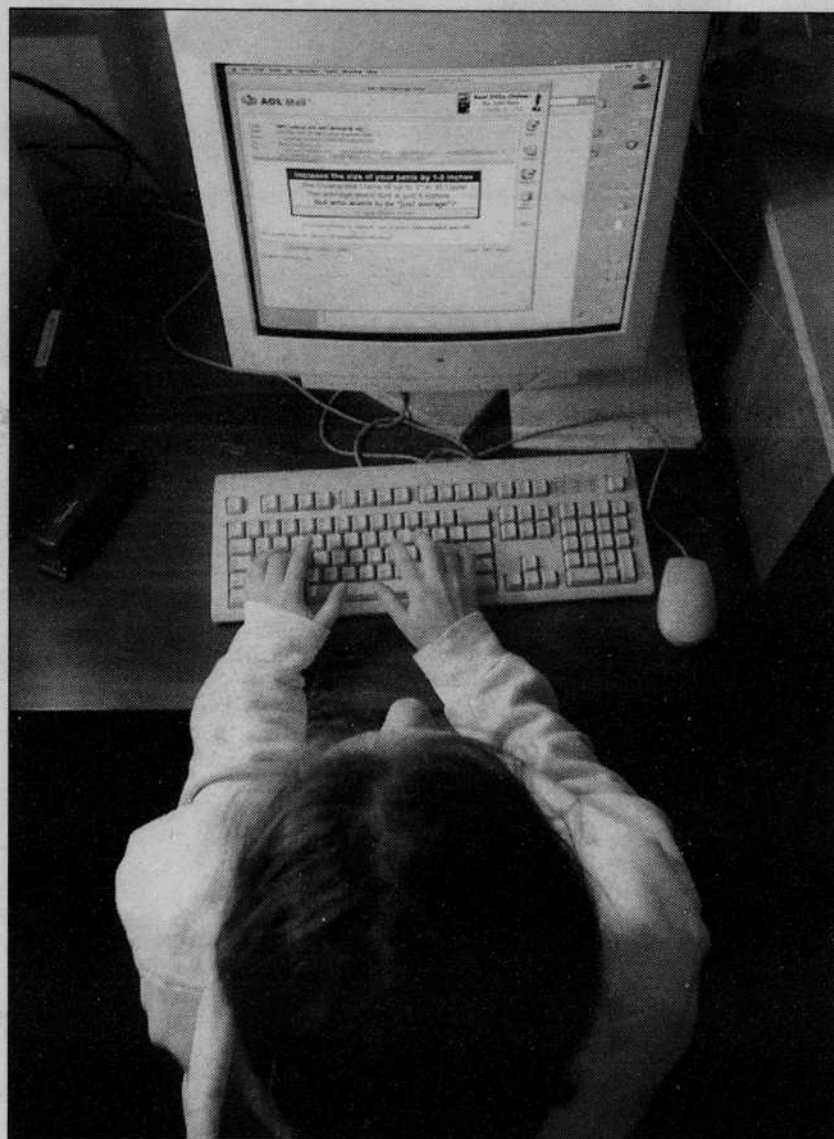
The Spamhaus Project is an Internet Web site that tracks some of the Internet's worst "spammers," companies that send out and support spam mail. Spamhaus also works with law enforcement agencies to pinpoint and remove the more persistent spammers from the Internet.

In August 2002, Spamhaus became aware of two massive spam attacks by two different spammers directed at e-mail users of hotmail.com and MSN.com.

The spammers hit Hotmail's server more than 52 million times in the first five months, using a method called dictionary attacks, said Steve Linford of Spamhaus. A dictionary attack implements computer software that opens a connection to a target mail server — hotmail.com being an example of a possible target — and then rapidly submits millions of random e-mail addresses, many of which have only slight variations. The software then proceeds to record which e-mail addresses are real, and then adds the addresses to the spammers list.

AOL is another company that has been fighting a battle with spammers. Unlike Hotmail and MSN, however, AOL

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The University computing center Web site allows students to forward offensive spam to spam@uoregon.edu where it can be used to block the address or filed as a complaint.

WEATHER

Today: High 47, Low 40, rain likely, light winds

Thursday: High 45, Low 40, rain at times, breezy

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday

Tune in to the UO's first student-run TV show — Duck U!

Friday

Coverage of the first "Bikes not Bombs" anti-war ride

Sports forum seeks community input

Members of the Task Force on Athletics will discuss the future of the task force with community members at 4 p.m.

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Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

The balancing act between the goals of intercollegiate athletics and academics has received moderate attention during the past few years, and members of both communities will get off the teeter-totter tonight to discuss the current situation at the University.

Last month, the University's Task Force on Athletics presented a 13-page report to the ASUO Student Senate on three issues regarding athletics at the University. The forum, taking place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., will host a panel

of task force members including Martin Smith, the head men's track coach. Students and community members are encouraged to attend.

The point of the forum is to get campus community input in order to see where the task force should go next.

"I have some very strong and positive thoughts on all intercollegiate sports ... in the University," Smith said.

Smith added that it is good to get thoughts from a coaching perspective out to the community, and it is also beneficial as a coach to hear the community perspective.

The task force, which was formed in December 2001 with members jointly appointed by University President Dave Frohnmayer and former University Senate President Nathan Tublitz, decided on two goals for its mission.

The first objective is to advise the University president on "significant national issues related to intercollegiate athletics, especially those involving the fiscal impact of increasing competitiveness among institutions."

The second issue facing the task force is the issue being discussed in the forum tonight: the connection between the Athletic Department and the University.

In the February presentation to the Senate, three main topics were talked over: whether the University fulfills its educational mission with respect to student athletes, whether it uses student athletes to generate revenue and whether student athletes receive inappropriate preferential benefits.

In all three cases, the task force supported the

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