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Taking on the World in a Month

Students immersed themselves in academic experiences, including study abroad, internships and classes.

Former Israeli Prime Minister speaks

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Ehud Barak, a former prime minister of Israel, said Jan. 16 that although terrorists are highly capable individuals, the United States can win the war against terror with the help of strong leadership and organized goals.

"American leaders must have the iron spirit of leadership and be steady under pressure, determined and confident," he said. "America has a top-notch A-team for this mission that will be focused on the target until the objective is achieved."

Barak addressed a throng of students, faculty and guests Wednesday at Koury Center. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who introduced Barak at the ceremony, called the former leader "one of the great soldiers and peacemakers of the modern world."

Speaking as part of the university's Globalization and Culture series, Barak stressed the global implications of Sept. 11 and the importance of eliminating terrorism in Afghanistan, as well as around

the rest of the world.

"The only way to fight this war is to carry it through until unconditional surrender will be the result," he said vehemently. "We must destroy world terror or be destroyed by it."

After receiving the news that he was soon to become a first-time grandfather, Barak said he questioned the significance of terrorism on his grandchild's life.

"I wonder into which kind of world this young baby will be born into," he said. "Sept. 11 has changed everything. Freedom, liberty, the sanctity of human life and the very essence of our way of life, by their very structure and complexity, are exposed and vulnerable to this elusive enemy."

Barak, who ended his 36-year military career with the Israeli De-

fense Forces as the most decorated soldier in the army's history, gave firsthand examples of terrorism from his work in undercover operations, including the Entebbe Operation in 1976. During the operation, Barak and his forces successfully rescued the passengers of a hijacked Air France aircraft in Uganda.

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Tim Rosner / Photographer
Ehud Barak spoke Jan. 16 about the war on terror and offer encouraging words to the American people.

Globalization proves true for Winter Term

Kate Botty
Reporter

Although the 2002 Winter Term has come and gone like the snow on the ground, this year's theme, Globalization and Culture, has provided many new opportunities for the 3,784 students enrolled.

For the last three years, Winter Term has taken on a theme. During the 2000 and 2001 Millennium Winter Terms, students opportunity could select from special millennium-themed courses. This year, students had the opportunity to select from 35 Globalization and Culture courses. The theme will continue through the 2003 Winter Term.

More than 1,000 students are taking a Globalization and Culture course. Aileen Schmitt a senior education major, is enrolled in globalization and the third world victimization. Schmitt says she decided to take a themed course because she likes learning about other cultures.

"I don't know much about other countries' politics," she said. "I wanted to learn about other disciplines that I don't always have the opportunity to read about in other classes."

Five hundred students are studying abroad in 20 different international courses. New Winter Term study abroad courses include "Classics in Context in Greece," "Archeology and Culture in Peru" and "Comparative Field Biology in the Galapagos Islands."

"I'm not sure about 2003, but I expect we will have even more travel abroad programs," Bettina Brown, assistant dean of international programs, said.

To support the theme, Gilbert Grosvenor, chairman of the Board of the National Geographic Society, spoke of the "The Role of Geography in Global Citizenship" on Jan. 9 and Ehud Barak, Former Prime Minister of Israel, spoke Jan. 16 on "Peace of the Brave: Prospects for Peace in the Middle East."

Registrar Mark Albertson says that in addition to visiting speakers, there are more than five visiting faculty members teaching over the Winter Term. In addition to Grosvenor and Barak, students in seven classes had the opportunity to work with visiting experts.

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