Mideast-born professor analyzes of Gulf situation

by Jim Monnett
arts editor

Agreeing to give insight into the Gulf Crisis, sociology department chair Dr. Donald Luidens said the present Persian Gulf war in the end will be less important to the region than how the U.S. deals with the Palestinian question.

Luidens lived in Iraq for five years and spent a total of 14 years in the Middle East while growing up with his missionary parents between 1947-1964. He has since spent seven months in Jerusalem in 1984-1985. His brother was born in Iraq while he himself was born in Bahrain. Because of his parents' work in the Middle East, his own upbringing there and the work of some childhood friends who have continued with missionary work in the Middle East, Luidens has followed the events of the region.

"In a sense my knowledge has more to do with avocation than vocation," Luidens said, "I'm not a formal student."

"In order to begin to comprehend what is happening in the Iraq-Kuwait crises (indeed in the Middle East in general), one must begin by recognizing that an entirely different image of time is operating," Luidens said.

The Iraqis and the rest of the Arab world have a strong sense of time as part of a long continuum. To Saddam Hussein and the other Iraqis "the individual becomes a temporal player in the long sweep of things," Luidens said. This might account for Hussein's willingness to have an estimated 1 million people in his armed forces of a population of about 17 million.

Another way time enters into the discussion is with Hussein's response to the U.N.'s belief that Iraq started the war when it invaded Kuwait. Hussein might respond, "That may be, but in the longer sweep of things, you've ignited something that transcends this time," Luidens said.

To Hussein, Luidens said, Iraq has as much claim on Kuwait as any other Arab country since both were established by British and French treaties at the conclusion of World War I. From the 1920s onward the British and French continued to cut deals in London and Paris about which Arab rulers to install and support in which Arab countries.

"From the early 1920s until 1958," Luidens said, "Iraqis did all in their power to unseat 'foreign' kings in their midst."

Finally the Iraqi military in a ‘bloody and vengeful coup,’ overthrew King Feisal II and drove all westerners out. From then on Iraq had a series of military dictators who turned to Iraqi self-interest and to Moscow for support and military assistance," Luidens explained.

Hussein is the most recent of these military leaders. Just because Kuwait and Iraq, as well as the other Arab nations, have been cut up and parcelled around by the European nations for the last century does not mean that they have no past beyond those nations. Their history goes much further back.

Back beyond the time when the land of Kuwait was under the Persian Gulf, before the rise of the Ottoman Empire, Kuwait was formed from the expanding delta of the Shat al Arab River, which is formed by the juncture of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

With this type of history, Hussein, Iraq and Iran can wait another century or so to take Kuwait or any other land they feel a right to, Luidens said.

Finally, the other major way time fits into the Gulf War is the West’s desire to "get on with life," Luidens said.

"We want things settled, we want them settled finally and we want to get onto the next things," he said. This makes the idea of a sustained war difficult to support in the U.S. especially.

Another important point, Luidens made, is that many Iraqis do not like Hussein any more than his enemies do. But he is their leader, and they rally around their leader and their country out of nationalism, just as Americans who may not like George Bush rally around the idea of "America."

Part of the reason Hussein has remained in power, Luidens said, is because he has rallied Iraqis support by being for a resolution to the Palestinian question.

"I am personally convinced," Luidens said, "That if there were no Palestinian injustices, if they had their own homeland and the U.N. had dealt with Israel, Sad-dam would not be around."

Luidens referred to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank in 1967 during the Six-Day War. This occupation displaced and relegate the Palestinians who lived there to second class citizens. The U.N. passed a resolution ordering the Israelis to pull out. The Israelis have refused, saying they need the land along the west bank of the Jordan River to ensure their national security.

There are 3 to 4 million Palestinian who have no country. That Hussein does not have total support is evident from the numerous coup attempts since he took over the presidency for life in 1979, part of which was in the last five years.

It is possible, Luidens said, that one of Hussein's motives for invading Kuwait was to keep his generals occupied rather than face another coup attempt from the military. However, at this point, it is just a theory.

Luidens emphasized that the Palestinian question has been linked in the Arab mind and that of the rest of the world for a long time.

"Hussein has linked his injustices (in Kuwait) with the ones Israel is doing to the Palestinians," he said. This linkage appears to be finally made in American minds.

Senator Albert Gore, part of the strong Congressional Israeli contingent, said last Thursday that the Palestinian question S

See, 'Professor,' P. 2
by Beth Pechta
editor in chief

Hope Chaplain Gerard Van Heest is urging all men and women who believe it is morally wrong to kill to fill out cards and inform their pastors that they do not wish to serve in the military.

Such actions, said Van Heest, could be an important factor should the U.S. Congress pass a law instituting the draft.

"I'm saying do this early so that you'll have a record of something so that it doesn't just appear that 'now that I'm called up, I'm trying to find a way to escape this whole business.'"

Persons who do not wish to serve in the military must petition their local draft boards for conscientious objector status.

Forms and letters of recommendation, as well as a personal appearance before the draft board, are required.

Each draft board looks at this and they'll do their own study as to whether they believe you really are (a conscientious objector) or whether you're looking for a way to get out of this without going to Canada," said Van Heest.

"You can't be a conscientious objector to this war; that doesn't go with the government. You can't select which wars you think are just wars and which aren't. You have to be a conscientious objector to killing, to taking a life."

--Chaplain Gerard Van Heest

The more people who know of a person's objection to war, the better, emphasized Van Heest, who appeared with conscientious objects before draft boards in Albany, New York, during the Vietnam War.

"They (the draft board) will check with your church to see how the church feels about it and whether the minister knows you are or not.

"They will check with your family and if your family has a history of being conscientious objects, that helps you."

But," he cautioned, "each draft board is different. Some are very lenient, some are very tough.... And draft boards want as many eligible young people as they can get in their jurisdiction because they all have quotas.

One of the primary ways for conscientious objects to provide historical documentation about their opinions against military participation is to register with the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO). This requires the mailing of a card to the national office in Philadelphia, Penn. which states, "Because of my beliefs about war, I am opposed to participation in the military."

CCCO also provides a card which a conscientious objector may mail to any religious or other group with which he or she is affiliated. CCCO will also provide information about the Selective Service, the national registering of all men eligible for military service, and about "issues of conscience."

Such cards are available through the Chaplain's office in the basement of Dimment Chapel. Status as a conscientious objector is not a stigma, according to Van Heest. Potential employers and institutes of higher education cannot ask for such information on applications.

"You're much worse off if you get busted for dope or drunk driving," he said.

Still, persons who are conscientious objectors may have to face some consequences. Granted, some are completely absolved from any type of service, but others are required to serve a branch of the armed forces in a noncombat position. Other conscientious objectors may find themselves assigned to a federal group like the Peace Corps, to an urban social services agency or to a veterans' hospital where they will serve out their normal two-year "tour of duty.

"The exact details of such requirements will be spelled out by members of the U.S. Congress in a draft law. Van Heest said he does not believe a draft law will be passed any time soon, but suggests women as well as men apply for conscientious objector status.

"When the next one's passed, I don't think women should at all assume that it will be only men called up." He also does not believe that people should try to outwit the draft, either by thwarting the selective service and draft process or by applying for conscientious objector status only as a way to avoid military service.

"You can't be a conscientious objector to this war; that doesn't go with the government. You can't select which wars you think are just wars and which aren't. You have to be a conscientious objector to killing, to taking a life."

Also, Van Heest recommends that conscientious objectors register with Selective Service and also go through the draft board process as such status cannot be obtained otherwise.

In essence, however, Van Heest believes early action is the key.

"People need to be thinking about it now," Van Heest concluded. "What we're saying now is that you gotta let some people know that that's what you believe and that that's what you are."

Professor

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Luidens went further saying, "How we deal with the Palestinians after this thing is done will be more important than it is now."

He explained that until the Palestinians have a homeland, other leaders, like Hussein, can get a toe-hold in countries using that issue as a springboard. Therefore, this war might be just another battle if people like Hussein can use the Palestinian question as a step toward power.

The linkage that the U.S. refuses to discuss between Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the Palestinians on the West Bank was graphically shown, Luidens said, by the "almost 400,000 Palestinians" who were "thrown out of work" in the Israeli Occupied Territories (principally the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) following the Palestinian Liberation Organization's mistake of supporting the Iraq invasion.

Finally, Luidens wondered what the U.S. or the U.N. planned to do with Iraq if the U.N. forces won the war. He doubted a military occupation would do much besides keep Syria and Iran from carving up chunks of Iraq.

Sexual assault group aids healing process

Sharon Roehling
Staff Writer

Statistics say, that one in four women will be subjected to sexual assault in their lifetime, said Dr. Patricia Roehling, a psychologist at Hope's counseling center. Roehling directed a support group for survivors of sexual assault last semester, which consisted of seven people and met for 10 weeks. Now, a new group will be forming for the Spring semester.

Roehling said that the group is specifically for "people who have been involved in some form of sexual assault; including stranger rape, date rape, incest, molestation, basically any form of unwanted sexual contact."

The purpose of the group, Roehling said, is information sharing, support and emotional healing. It is often difficult for friends and family to understand what a loved one is undergoing; sometimes friendships are even lost because of the difficulty in communication under such circumstances.

"It (sexual assault) changes people's lives forever," Roehling said. There are emotions that a person goes through after an assault that may make them feel alienated and alone, she stated, as if they were the only ones experiencing such feelings. By being in a support group, counselors like Roehling believe students will find that their feelings or emotions are commonly shared by others who have gone through a sexual assault themselves. "They can support and assist each other in the healing process," Roehling said.

As a result of last semester's group, Roehling believes that lasting friendships were formed and important hurdles overcome.

If students are interested in being in the group, they can call Roehling at x7945 and schedule an appointment to talk to her. She is also available to provide information and indicated that she would work out a schedule that is convenient for all who are interested. The counseling center is located in the Sligh Building on East 11th Street.
Faculty panel talks about Gulf War

by Carrie Maples
associate editor

As Americans watched the war in the Persian Gulf unfold, Hope students and faculty gathered in Winants Auditorium to discuss the situation. A panel of eight professors were asked to address the issue in a five minute statement which was followed by a period of questions from the floor.

Dr. Jack Holmes, chairperson of the Political Science Department, was the first to speak. He stressed the importance of acting now to stop Saddam Hussein "to avoid having to take greater action in the future." Holmes also said, "Being a superpower is not an easy job," but without a superpower the world might revert to a "might makes right" situation.

"I believe what is justified and what makes sense for war only is justified when American security is threatened," said Dr. Earl Curry, chairperson of the History Department. He said, "Iraq presents no threat to the United States. I am opposed to the use of force as a resolution to this problem."

Dr. Jane Dickie, professor of psychology spoke of the costs of war. "Every war has a large direct and even larger indirect costs. The indirect costs are enormous." She said it is necessary to remember the human quality of our enemy because technology impersonalizes the deaths of thousands of Iraqis.

"If I were your age and called to go to the Persian Gulf tonight, I would go," began Dr. Wayne Boulton, professor of religion. He spoke of the gravity of the decision to kill, "if you decide to kill, and do it, it is probable a moral suicide will take place."

Boulton quoted last week's "Slip of the Mind" saying, "Iraqs are people like us." Dr. James Allis, professor of philosophy, talked about the necessity of war at this point. "If we do not stop him now, it is likely that we will have to fight him in a costlier and bloodier war, with even more death, with even more indirect costs, sometime in the next five years," he said.

"If by some quirk of logic I were called up tonight, I would say no," said Dr. Boyd Wilson, professor of religion. He said he was called up in 1968 and again in 1970 but refused to go both times. "I cannot support my government and I cannot support this war," he said. "Two things are sure right now: the United States cannot lose this war, but the United States cannot win this situation."

Dr. Allen Verhey, professor of religion, discussed the criteria for a just war, a Christian war, where violence is only the last resort. "Peace deserved a better cause given for attack but some people like us," said Dr. Larry Penrose, professor of history. He called this the "Nintendo war" because of the tremendous technology used in fighting. "The issue in the Middle East remains today what it has been for forty years, what to do with the Palestinians," he said.

The issue of economic sanctions was discussed by the panel. The failure of sanctions was the cause given for attack but some believed they had not been given enough time. "In the long run, sanctions would not work, but they haven't been given enough time," said Curry. But others felt it was a failure of diplomacy that would have to be dealt with after the war.

When the floor was opened for questions, many felt concern over a reinstatement of the draft. Tom Boyer ('91) said, "We blew it. I blew it. We didn't write our congressmen. This could be another Vietnam."

Wayne Boulton, Larry Renrose, Jane Dickie, Boyd Wilson, James Allis, Jack Holmes, Earl Curry, and Allen Verney answered questions about the situation in the Gulf during the Persian Panel discussion last Wednesday.

Hope student receives one-year jail sentence

(from Grand Rapids Press News Service)

KALAMAZOO—A Hope College student and football player has been sentenced to five years probation and one year in jail for the January 1989 baseball bat beating that nearly killed a Western Michigan University Student.

Richard Blesch, 20, of Battle Creek received the maximum sentence short of a prison term from Kalamazoo County Circuit Judge Philip Schaefer for assaulting David Geib outside of Geib's former college home in Kalamazoo.

Blesch was also ordered to perform 200 hours of community service by Judge Schaefer. A jury last September found Blesch guilty of felonious assault for hitting Geib in the side of the head with a baseball bat after a fight had spilled outside Geib's house.

Blesch's sentencing, originally scheduled for late October, was delayed so that Blesch, a junior at Hope, could complete the semester. Blesch was the second-leading rusher for the Flying Dutchman football team this past fall.

Geib has sued both Blesch and Ronald Briery, a 21-year-old Navy seaman from Richland, who was also involved and earlier convicted for an illegal entry misdemeanor for forcing his way into Geib's house. That civil suit is pending in the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court.

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**Job market tightens**

**Recession affects number of job recruiters**

by Scott A. Kaukonen
news editor

With the economy in a recession, Hope seniors are anxiously peering around the corner to graduation and the uncertainty of the job market that lies beyond.

The recession, officially pronounced by the White House the first week of January, has forced hundreds of companies to scale back and even drop their plans to hire newly minted grads.

The lack of jobs that will be available to fresh college graduates is reflected in the drop in recruitment by employer's on Hope's campus. According to Dale Austin, director of Hope’s Career Planning and Placement Office, the number of recruiters on Hope's campus is down by about 10 percent. This is consistent with reports from other colleges across the country.

According to Austin, "Some of the companies will just cancel wholesale. Some that have hired 10 to 15 in the past few years, may cut that in half this year." Most recruiters continue to visit campuses, though more likely they will be found at the more cost-efficient job fairs.

Most recruiters have long-standing relationships with the college and since they are not sure which campuses will provide the select student they are looking for, they will continue to visit campuses.

"In general, it isn't the case that they'll just go through the motions for public relations. It would be inappropriate," said Austin.

"We’ve had a couple of Fortune 500 companies...and banks, which are typically involved in training programs, cancel their recruitment," said Austin. "Not only are they cancelling their recruitment, they're laying people off."

"Dating back to 1982-83, the past two years have seen the most serious drop in hiring quotas for new college graduates," said Patrick Scheetz, author of "Recruiting Trends 1990-91." Michigan State University's national survey of 549 employers' hiring plans for the year.

In 1982-83, the last time the U.S. was officially in a recession, student job opportunities dropped 16.8 percent from the previous year.

Last year the drop was 13.3 percent, the MSU survey found.

"In general, it isn't the case that the prices of oil goes back up...as in those related to alternative fuels and oil exploration will be in demand," said Austin.

According to Austin, "People will need to look at as many opportunities as possible to make themselves visible. People should also be aware of the relative economic situation across the country.

Austin said that New England was the least promising especially: Massachusetts. The Southwest followed by the Northwest, are the relatively strongest regions.

The budget cuts at the state govern nem level will hurt those seeking employment in Michigan, due to the laying off of state employees, cuts in grants and rev nue.

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"Window to the Womb"
The annual Hope College Winter Happening will be held on January 26. Among the events and activities scheduled for the day are three seminars concerning contemporary topics, a review of the history of puppetry, a luncheon featuring musical entertainment and a men's varsity basketball game in the Holland Civic Center. The event is sponsored by the college’s Alumni Association, but is open to all interested persons. Except for the basketball game and the Winter Happening Luncheon, admission to all events is free.

The three seminars, featuring presentations by members of the Hope faculty, will be given concurrently at 10 a.m. The locations of the seminars will be available on the day of the event at the Winter Happening registration desk in the lobby of Van Zoeter Hall.

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor, the college's Frederich Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology, will examine the flora and fauna of the Galapagos archipelago in "Today's Garden of Eden." The series of volcanic islands, which lies off the coast of South America, is famous for its endemic plants and incredibly game and unique wildlife. Slides taken during the college's May Term course at the islands will accompany the presentation.

Dr. Thomas Ludwig, associate professor of psychology, will present "Hands-On Learning: Psychology Made Easy." He will demonstrate his award winning computer program "PsychSim II," winner of the 1990 EDUCAȚIONAL CRITICAL Higher Education Software Award for Best Psychology Software. Up to 28 participants will be able to test their susceptibility to visual illusions, measure the effect of interference on memory or get a rat's-eye view of a maze learning task.

Dr. Ion Agheanu, born and raised in Romania, will discuss "Romania: Democracy's Odd Man Out." Agheanu, professor of romance languages, will examine the changes in which nationalism, under which the old communist regime deceitfully hid, undermines the fledging Romanian democracy.

At 11:15 a.m. in the college's Knickerbocker Theatre on Eighth Street, theatrical designer and craftsman Brad Williams will trace the history and explore various techniques of the ancient art of puppetry. Masks, shadows, marionettes, hand and rod puppets will be demonstrated, as well as old and new construction and performance techniques. Williams' puppets have appeared on national cable television, in commercials, in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and in theatres nationwide. A 1973 Hope graduate, Williams has also designed sets for the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre and the Children's Performance Troupe, and created the elaborate puppets featured in the college's popular Christmas production, "The Nutcracker: A Play."

During the lucheon in the Mass Center auditorium, which begins at 12:30 p.m. and costs $6.50 per person, the college's Saxophone Quartet will fight the January blues with jazz. Having performed at the college's Musical Showcase at DeVos Hall, the group is a favorite, and its music encompasses a wide variety of styles and popular composers. The four student members are senior Elliot Church of Traverse City, junior Frank Magnotta of Grand Rapids, senior Kevin Rosenau of Cadillac and junior Philip Waalkes of Wyoming.

Another highlight of the day will be the men's varsity basketball game against Kalamazoo College's varsity team in an MIAA league match-up in the Holland Civic Center at 3 p.m. Halftime will feature a free throw shooting contest for "randomly-chosen children age eight through 12."
Editorial

Draft law should mandate service for objectors

Young men are scared. Young women are scared, too. They're afraid they'll be called upon to die for their country. They're afraid they'll be forced to kill for their country.

Many are investigating the option of declaring themselves conscientious objectors.

A conscientious objector is someone who may or may not be opposed to war, but who is above all opposed to the Persian Gulf War, but who is above all opposed to killing. A conscientious objector is not someone who agrees to serve but not to shoot or carry a weapon.

A conscientious objector is not someone who will defend, but not invade. A conscientious objector is not someone who believes in God. A conscientious objector is someone who refuses to kill.

And it stands to reason that the U.S. government would want to exempt true conscientious objectors from military service. It is not necessary, however, for conscientious objectors to be excused from serving the people of their country like any other draftee.

Should the Persian Gulf War drag on, the U.S. Congress will undoubtedly need to implement a draft law under which those men and potentially women who are registered with the Selective Service would be called to military service. Already, reports of personnel shortages exist.

Within this draft law should be language which exempts true conscientious objectors from serving in any branch of the armed services. Within this draft law should also be the requirement that conscientious objectors exempted from military service be assigned to a federal program for a "tour of duty" paralleling that of those draftees into military service.

Potential federal programs which could benefit from the services of a conscientious objector are urban renewal programs, social services organizations, drug intervention and counseling centers, environmental action agencies, literacy programs or other such nonmilitary-related causes.

Conscientious objectors drafted into these federal programs would of course draw service pay and could be made eligible for treatment at veterans' hospitals, benefits and pensions.

Because conscientious objectors are ultimately opposed to the taking of life, such service would not disrupt their beliefs.

Such a requirement would, however, provide a greater sense of parity to a generation which is already showing signs of being torn between patriotism and peace.

Letters to the Editor

Students explain collection of pop tabs

We, Shawn and Jennifer, would like to thank the Hope College Community for their generous response to our project of collecting pop can tabs. Because we have received many letters requesting more information on our project, we thought we would share it with you all through this letter. The pop can tabs we collect through two Holland residents then reach a Hope grad who is the choir director at the First Reformed Church in Holland and who also teaches a third grade class in Ravenna. When we began collecting the tabs, we were under the impression from the information given to us by one of our go-betweens that they were primarily to help fund kidney dialysis. After receiving several letters from skeptical students and faculty members, we decided to contact the teacher directly. We were told that he originally began the project with an educational purpose in mind. His intent was to have the children collect the tabs until they reached a total of one million. He said that the children and adults don't realize how many one million is. In order to visually demonstrate it for them, he began the pop tab collection project. Soon after beginning, he started receiving phone calls suggesting that when they reach their goal of one million, they use the tabs to benefit a charity. One suggestion discussed was that they be sold for scrap and that the money be donated for kidney dialysis.

The American Legion collects the tabs, sells them for scrap, then helps purchase machines for hospital pediatric units.

Questions arose, however, as to whether or not that was still done. Both the teacher and (Jennifer) did some calling, and it was discovered that although this used to be done, it is no longer necessary due to changes in the Michigan Medicaid system. If someone does not have insurance to cover the cost of the dialysis, Michigan Medicaid now covers it. Shawn and I are both very sorry that we misleading you due to the misinformation we received. The teacher has, however, found another comparable and legitimate charity to which to donate the tabs. The American Legion collects the tabs, sells them for scrap, then helps purchase machines for hospital pediatric units. He also said that if another legitimate charity were to come up, it would also be considered.

Again, we would like to apologize for having originally misinformed you. We will be changing our signs and collection envelopes to read "Pop Tabs for a Cause", and we do encourage you to keep questioning anyone else who does claim to be collecting the tabs for dialysis. Someone could easily sell the tabs for scrap and keep the money for themselves.

Thank you again for your support in the past. We hope that you will continue to support us in our project and that with your help and our dedication, we can lead the project to a successful end.

Have a good semester and God Bless you all.

Shawn Callaghan (93) Jennifer Bigler (93)
As expected, church was standing room only. It seems that in times of crisis people turn to the church hoping it might give them something to hold on to.

Other people turn to the church for a different reason. They turn to see if any of the clergy or regular church-goers can explain, "How could God let this happen?" or "If Jesus is Christ really did rise from the dead, then where is He now?"

Let me tell you where He is:

Washington D.C.: Jesus is standing with George Bush and his advisors in the Oval Office. Jesus is there knocking, asking to be let in to help them deal with their decisions, their joys, their tears, and their entire lives. Whether they open the door to Him or not, He is working in and through their lives to bring good through their decisions, their joys, their tears, and their entire lives. We wish to respond to the article "Right of Freedom" and still a little afraid of the world community has.

Aurora, Ohio: Chris Rodricks comes home from high school and flocks on CNN. He pauses to see what new events have happened. Chris silently says another prayer for his mother, Pat, who is a nurse with a medical crew in Saudi Arabia. He tries not to think about it. He tries not to cry, to not be overwhelmed. Christ holds him up.

Baghdad, Iraq: As with George Bush, Jesus stands beside Saddam Hussein. With his eyes, Hussein is poring over a strategic map of his SCUD missile trucks. But with his ears, he's listening to an advisor explain the destruction of an airfield.

Forty-two men are dead and 177 are wounded. There is a blood shortage. Jesus says, "My blood is here for my people in Iraq too." As in the Oval Office, few are listening. God works around them.

Hasfa, Israel: Bobby lays in his bed. It's his bed but it has been carried to the basement. He's 11 and still a little afraid of the dark. But his father tells him not to be afraid because God will guard his people. Bobby says his prayers, but he also listens for the explosions that he knows are coming. He runs his fingers over his gas mask. He knows how to put it on. He waits for the air raid signal. Jesus waits with him.

Kuwait City, Kuwait: Steve, a U.S. pilot, checks his instruments as autopilot carries him to the right path to hit the SCUD missile truck. It sickens him, but he will do his duty. Jesus reaches out to Steve and hugs him saying, "Do not fear, I will be with you.

The Kuwait-Saudi Arabia border: Amal, a Iraqi tank commander sits in a bunker behind the front line. He is listening for the explosion of a tank. A camouflage net covers the tank and the bunker. Amal slowly chews his bread. He bites his tongue as the ground shakes and sand falls onto his head. "Two miles," his gunner guesses. Amal wishes the bombing would end. Jesus wipes the dust from his beard and wishes they would let Him take their war away.

Montgomery, Alabama: Ruth Lancaster gazes sadly at the television in her nursing room. This is her fourth war. The television is playing Gulf news on all of her three stations. She wishes she could watch something else. She has had enough coverage of death. It depresses her. Soon it will be her turn. She turns off the television.

After watching one particularly violent peace demonstration (yes, VIOLENT peace demonstration) on the news, my mother, outraged to the point of tears, sat down and wrote a letter to my father.

She expressed her frustration and anger at these demonstrators and questioned their right to be so cruel and to say such things about their own country.

My father's reply was not what my mother expected to hear. He said that he was glad that those Americans could do what they were doing. He was able to express every voice in America, no matter how strongly it speaks out against any government, is allowed and has been allowed to demonstrate, then he didn't want to defend our country.

Since Vietnam, many people have spoken about the war overseas as well as the war that raged within the States for peace. But I don't believe there were doing there. I don't believe that Saddam Hussein was the reason he fought. He was happy that the U.S. broke off talks which depended on the oil that it produces.

The last thing I ever wanted to see was a war. And I still don't like it. I am for peace as much as anyone else. But to me, having peace includes having freedom. What good is a peaceful country that is suppressed? I don't believe there is such a thing.

There are few things worth fighting for, the freedom I enjoy as an American is one of those things.

Saddam Hussein has shown us that we will not voluntarily stop. There is a war going on. We must stop him. I equate Hussein with Hitler. Hopefully, we will never know if Hussein would go quite as far as Hitler. We must learn from history.

We are all praying for peace. But now that there is a war going on, we should show our support for our FREE country.

While you are demonstrating against the war, you are pleasing with Washington to withdraw, while you are speaking out against your own democratic government, also thank them for letting you do what you are doing.

Jerusalem students disagree with column, offer new perspectives

Dear Editor:

We wish to respond to the article "Freedom" in the previous Anchor.

As four students who have recently returned from the Middle East after a semester of intensive study and analysis, we feel that we have different perspectives to offer that hold some validity.

The author has raised some arguments which we find questionable. Firstly, there is the argument that this war is a "material" and, of principle, and that Iraq's invasion and subsequent occupation of Kuwait are brutal and inconsistent with international standards. While that is certainly true, it must be pointed out that the U.S. itself has violated international treaties in recent history, and is not really in a position to justifyably enforce any sort of "morality." Also, in the Middle East itself, Turkey and Israel (both U.S. allies) occupied Cyprus (partially, since 1967) and Palestine (since 1967) respectively, without the consent of several UN resolutions. It must be recognized that there is no "benign" invasion or occupation, and that both communities have done precious little to redress these injustices in decades. The

The argument that the U.S. is trying to set a new precedent is belied by the fact that the U.S. broke off its dialogue with the only recognized moderate Palestinian leadership that has compromised time and again for peace.

While Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was not justified by any means, it needs to be recognized that there was some provocation. Kuwait broke OPEC agreements and lowered oil prices in the Iraqi territory. It would have been wise to use this as a negotiating counter.

By rejecting an immediate Peace Conference when the opportunity presented itself, the U.S. is encouraging the preservation of the present status quo in the Middle East, thus ignoring the anchor

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President Bush addresses reasons for war

Dear Editor:

If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted and then announced the house was now theirs -- no one would hesitate about what must be done.

And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must be done halfway around the world: in Kuwait.

There is much in the modern world that is subject to doubts or opinions -- washed in shades of gray. But not the brutal aggression of Saddam Hussein against a peaceful, sovereign nation and its people. It's black and white. The facts are clear. The choice is ambigous.

The terror Saddam Hussein had imposed upon Kuwait violates every principle of human decency. Listen to what Amnesty International has documented: "Widespread abuses of human rights have been perpetrated by Iraqi forces - arbitrary arrest and detention without trial of thousands, widespread torture...imposition of the death penalty and the extra-judicial execution of hundreds of unarmed civilians, including children."

There's no horror that could make this a more obvious conflict of good verses evil. The man who used chemical warfare on his own people -- once again including children - now oversees public hangings of dissenters. And daily his troops commit atrocities against Kuwaiti citizens.

This brutality had reverberated throughout the entire world. If we do not follow the dictates of our inner moral compass and stand up for human life, then his lawlessness will threaten the peace and democracy of the emerging New World Order we now see: this long dreamed-of vision we've all worked toward for so long.

A year after the joyous dawn of freedom's light in Eastern Europe, a dark evil has descend ed in another part of the world. But we have the chance -- and we have the obligation -- to stop ruthless aggression.

I have been in war. I have known the terror of combat. And I tell you this with all my heart: I don't want there to be war ever again. I am determined to do absolutely everything possible in the search for a peaceful resolution in this crisis -- but only if the peace is genuine, if it rests on principle, not appeasement.

But while we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are putting their own lives on hold in order to stand for peace in our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of them. Doing their duty for something they believe in.

Let me tell you about one of the soldiers over there, S.F.C. Terry Hatfield, a young man from Georgia. He sent me a Christmas card. And this is what he wrote.

"Mr. President, I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do whatever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are separated from family, friends, loved ones, we will do what must be done... We stand ready and waiting. God Bless you and the U.S.A."

Terry understands the moral obligation that has compelled our extraordinary multi-national coalition to make this stand in the Gulf. To look this international terrorist straight in the eye and say: no concessions. To proclaim for now and for the future: no compromises. To bear witness by our presence to the fact that aggression will not be rewarded.

Terry waits thousands of miles from the White House, yet share the same thoughts. We desperately want peace. But we know that to reward aggression would be to end the promise of our New World Order. To reward aggression would be to destroy the United Nation's promise as international peacekeeper. To reward aggression would be to condemn the acts of those who would desecrate the promise of human life itself.

And we will do none of this. There are times in life when we confront values worth fighting for. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day for Iraq's forces to dig deeper into their stolen land. Another day Saddam Hussein, his own people - once again in another part of the world, could become a more obvious concern.

And daily his troops commit atrocities against the civilized world. As students recently back from the Middle East, we feel it is important to realize that there are people - mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters -- that live there: the suffers of whom are easily ignored by the use of clinical, sterile words like "surgical strikes"; "carpet bombings" and the like. There are wounds being created and reopened in that part of the world that will take generations to heal.

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Sincerely,

George Bush
President of the United States

Jerusalem

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the very factors that led to the situation as it stands today. It is ludicrous to suggest that Iraq is attempting to preserve the status quo - they have already changed it drastically (however unappealingly) since August 2, and are the people clamouring for an International Peace Conference to redress the status quo.

While the U.S. understandably finds it repulsive to give Iraq any credit for raising the Palestinian issue back to the top of the international agenda, the uncomfortable fact remains that it has, and there is no reason why the Palestinians should be denied their rights simply to spit the person who has voiced concern - whether genuine or not.

We feel that the U.S. has gravely misinterpreted Iraq's willingness to negotiate, an analysis that has been arrived at by both Western and Mid-Eastern scholars of the present crisis. Such notably scholars as Rashid Khalidi, Ron Steen, and Anthony Sullivan etc. It is therefore disconcerting to see that U.S. policy makers have decided that Iraq is not going to negotiate.

Regarding the question of economic sanctions, they may take years to work, as in the case of South Africa. Not enough time was spent to see it they would have had an effect. In fact, there were already indications of their efficacy. Iraq's GNP has dropped by 5%-60 percent in the last six months. There is a chronic shortage of milk - children are being fed rice water instead, and are suffering from malnutrition.

It has also been pointed out that even if they had been effective, economic sanctions were not necessarily the best way to pursue a peaceful resolution of this conflict, and that other more productive diplomatic channels were available.

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Great Lakes Jerusalem Program, 1990
Quality Christian rap disc arrives

Chris Pendleton amused a crowd on the street talk of the members. SFC's 1990 disc "A Saved Man (In The Jungle)" may begin to change this reputation. SFC (Soldiers for Christ) is radical music that will not be found on most Christian music stations because it is professional sounding and written in the street talk of the members.

The disc is over an hour long and filled with raps like "Peculiar" about being a born again Christian on the street, life on the street and "Idiot Box" about the junk on television telling people how to live.

But SFC's 1990 disc "A Saved Man (In the Jungle)" was especially original and filled with raps like "Jesus, yeah, that's the main topic I hip hop it." from secular stations for being Christian. He raps, "Jesus ya thats the main topic I hop it and then I drop down and watch eyebrows raise, won't play me on their airwaves but if I get perverted and act like a freak then 24-7 they'll play my beat, explicit lyrics, they get mad when they hear it, well I'd come clean and get thrown off the scene, why oh why, I don't know the answers, you say the name Jesus get cut off like cancer."

Besides Jesus Christ, SFC is proud of their heritage with lots of Martin Luther King Jr images and raps about unity of brothers before Christ.

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Sports

Dutch down Alma in last minute of play

by Dan Combs
staff writer

The Flying Dutch basketball team won its fifth straight game and continued its unbeaten streak at home by pulling off a close victory, 61-59, over an MIAA opponent, Alma. The game was played Saturday at the Center.

Hope overcame a five point deficit at halftime to win this game. Lissa Nienhuis ('91) scored the game winning basket with fifteen seconds left to play. The basket put the Flying Dutch ahead 60-59. Alma had a chance to take the lead back, but Jolene Kanary ('91) missed a jump shot with three seconds left. Kristen Roeters ('91) then made one of two free throws to make the final score 61-59.

Coach Sue Wise said of the win, "This is a test for us to be behind. This is the first time we've been behind and been able to come back and win this year. So I think that was a real confidence booster."

The Flying Dutch had a real scare in the first half when Nienhuis went down grabbing her leg. She was helped off the court and missed the remainder of the half.

Vredevelt added, "A couple of people swam their personal bests, like Monica (Bullard) in the breaststroke and I think Jennifer Noorman in the butterfly in 1:08 with little competition." 

"She had never swam before her breastroke and I think Jennifer Noorman did very well in her breaststroke," said Vredevelt. "The Dutch's poise, was their shooting percentage. After only shooting 39 percent from the field in the first half, Hope made 50 percent of their shots in the second half.

Sarah Hokert ('92) presses Alma in the first half of the game. Millinda Mauritis ('92) cuts off the pass in the background. Hope defeated Alma last Saturday with a final score of 61-59 Photo by Lance Evert

Women swimmers score double

by Rochelle Anderson
sports editor

The women's swimming team left seven swimmers home last Saturday to take on the Olivet Comet's at Kresge Natatorium in the Dow Center while the rest of the team and the men's team travelled to the University of Indianapolis. The team was successful in both places.

Kristin Caldwell ('92), Monica Bullard ('94), Shany Froyssland ('93), Caryn Borchers ('92), Cristy Vredevelt ('91), Tamara Luehrs ('94), and Jennifer Noorman ('94) took first place in every event they did not swim for exhibition against Olivet.

Vredevelt, who was the captain for the home team said, "We did what we expected to do. It was just a fun meet."

The final score finished closer than expected with the Dutch defeating Olivet 84-72.

"We swam a lot of people in exhibition," said Vredevelt, "and this made the score closer. We also wanted it to be more of a competition."

Due to lack of swimmers, each swimmer had to swim a variety of events. "A lot of people had to swim what they usually don't, but we also swam at least one of our own events," commented Vredevelt.

The only person who did not get to do what she normally does was Luehrs. Luehrs not only diversified for the team, but since there was no diving competition she swam in the 200 freestyle relay and the 50 freestyle.

"She never swam before and did very well for never having swam before," said Vredevelt about Luehrs.

Vredevelt added, "A couple of people swam their personal bests, like Monica (Bullard) in her breaststroke and I think Jenn (Noorman) did very well in her fly." Bullard swam the 100 breaststroke exhibition in 1:14.54, while Noorman swam the 100 butterfly in 1:08 with little competition from Olivet.

Vredevelt thought the meet was harder than it looked. She said, "The team is in the hard stretch of days. I know she will have to sit out a couple of days. I know this, she will be ready Wednesday."

The Flying Dutch had an unbalanced scoring attack. Eight different players scored for the Dutch. Nienhuis paced the team with 14 points. Michele Sterk ('94) and Robin Schout ('91) each had 10 points.

According to Alma Coach Charlie Godfret his team did well, but gave Hope credit. "I think the difference today was that they had a little bit more poise than we had. Their players didn't hurry anything, they worked the ball well and took good shots in the last seven or eight minutes."

The pose truly showed down the stretch. After taking a time out with 8:45 left in the game, Hope went on a 9-0 run. From that time out until the end of the game, the Flying Dutch outscored Alma 16-6. Hope's defense only allowed two field goals by Alma in the same time span. Another thing that showed the Dutch's poise, was their shooting percentage. After only shooting 39 percent from the field in the first half, Hope made 50 percent of their shots in the second half.

Dutchmen take second at Invitational

(100)

HOPE - Hope College swimmers got a taste of the future as they had outstanding performances at an invitational meet at the University of Indianapolis over the weekend.

"This two-day meet was an excellent opportunity for our athletes in a championship environment," said coach John Patno. "This was good preparation for the league and national championship meets."

The Flying Dutch won the women's team championship while the men finished second in their competition. The 14-team field included 12 of the top 12 colleges in the nation.

In the men's competition, Matt Dahl ('91) set a Hope record in the 200breaststroke with a winning time of 2:02.31 by Scott Spear in 1987.

A meet highlight in the men's competition came in the 50 yard freestyle between Hope's Jeff Bannink ('91) and 50 yard freestyle between Hope's Jeff Bannink ('91) and Adrian's Mike Schwies. Schwies won the first place with a time of 22.36.

Jeff Bannink ('91) won the 200 yard freestyle in 1:46.42. The 400 free relay also took first in the 4x100 medley and 400 freestyle relays. The team of Hargreaves ('94), Koloski, Bannink and Von It's set record in the 400 free at 3:12.18.

Hope will then travel to Kalamazoo for another MIAA game this Saturday.

Cristy Vredevelt ('91), Tamara Luehrs ('94), Jennifer Noorman ('94), and Caryn Borchers ('92) competed in the 200 freestyle relay against Olivet. Photo by Lance Evert
Hope's intramural program has been under the direction of
Anne Irwin for three years now
and has been growing ever since.
The program offers 10 different
sports all together, with a wide
variety of variations on each sport.
For instance, volleyball is offered in five different forms. There is an activity for incoming
students, three on three for women, men's, women's, and
coed. Basketball is similar in its
set up, allowing many chances
for anyone to play.
Intramurals serves more than
one purpose. "It is an outlet for
them (students, faculty, and
alumni), not only physically, but
socially too," said Irwin. "It's a
chance to meet new people and
spend time with friends while be-
ing active."
According to Irwin the pro-
gram is growing every year. "I
have been the director of in-
tramurals for three years," said
Irwin, "and each year we have
more participation." Men's soc-
netball doubled in size from 1988-89
to the 1989-90 year from 107 to 214 people partici-
paring. The second fastest growing sport for the men is three
on three basketball. In the 1988-89 school year 59 students par-
cipated and last year 151 students participated. This year 38 teams have signed up.
Although that might seem a
decrease when you count three per team (114), more than
three people can be on the roster. The final total won't be known
until the season is over.
The women's program has undergone some adjustments in
the last three years. Two years ago 42 women played indoor soc-
cer while three on three volleyball was not offered. Last year indoor soccer was not of-
f ered and the volleyball was with
29 women participating. That number jumped to 49 women this
year. The success of the program is
credited to hard work and organization. "The hard part is
getting it set up," commented Ir-
win. "It runs itself once you get
it going."
Irwin added, "I had never done
anything like this before so I
looked at Adrian's and Calvin's programs and used their rules
and parts of their point struc-
ture." The final result came from a
variety of places. "I took a com-
poosite from a book from the late
70's, and memories from the
system I participated in when I
went to MSU along with the
Calvin and Adrian programs to
make up this program."
"Drawing from a variety of
sources can be very beneficial,
like getting the best of all the pro-
grams. When comparing our
program to Calvin's and
Adrian's Irwin said, "I think we
have the better program because we have more participation. We
have just as much, if not more,
participation than Calvin and
their school is twice the size of
ours. They also don't offer as
many activities to get involved in.
Irwin went on to say, "We may
be one of the top in the country.
That's why I am anxious to get to
the NIRSA (National Intramural
Recreational Sports Association) conference this spring. I'm an-
xious to see if maybe our program is
a better one." The conference
is for Division 1, 11, and Ill schools.
Before Irwin became the direc-
tor of intramurals, the program
was student run. "It was basic-
ally students that just decided they
wanted to get together and play. They didn't have a schedule." -Irwin
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