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# The Blue Banner

"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." — Kettering

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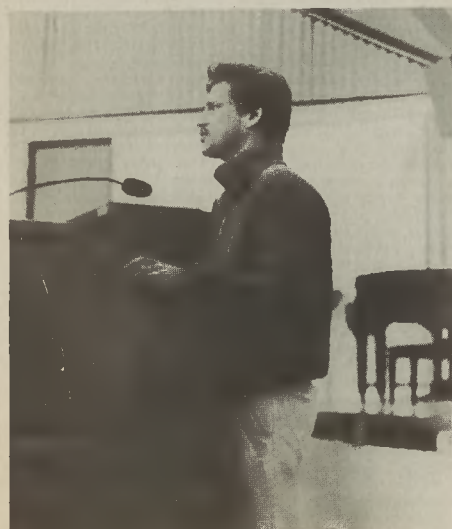


Photo by LeeAnn Donnelly

Richard Maas, associate professor of environmental studies speaks out against U.S. military build up in Saudi Arabia.

## Students voice opinions on military presence in Gulf

Steve Peake  
Staff Writer

"Students For No War," a group of UNCA students opposed to the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia, sponsored a forum Nov. 21 in the Humanities Lecture Hall. The forum focused on the prospect of U.S. military intervention in the current Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The forum featured a short tape of the recent "Berkeley Teach-in Against War" at the University of California at Berkeley, as well as live remarks from UNCA faculty members Anthony Coyne, Richard Maas, and William Sabo.

An open discussion included members of the audience, who voiced varying opinions on the U.S. role in the Middle East conflict.

Coyne, associate professor of philosophy, said President Bush has taken pains to turn American

public opinion against Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq. "We've been subjected to a carefully orchestrated campaign to make us hate Saddam," said Coyne.

That campaign, said Coyne, has portrayed President Bush as taking a moral stance against Saddam. "He (Bush) has staked out the high moral ground," said Coyne. "He's been trying to make his position the only morally credible position. To lure us into a war by making us hate someone, though, is not taking the high moral ground."

Coyne said President Bush has avoided talking about the U.S.'s real concern in the Middle East - oil. "George is telling us the war has a just and moral cause. He's not talking about oil, though. He doesn't want to talk about the prospect of fighting a war for cheap gasoline."

Maas, assistant professor of environmental studies, said the money spent on the U.S. military

buildup in Saudi Arabia could help solve the U.S.'s dependence on foreign oil. "You could take the money we've already spent (on the military operation) and put insulation in houses all across the country," said Maas. "Over the course of 20 years, you'd probably save more oil than Kuwait has beneath it."

One UNCA student in the audience said the current crisis has less to do with oil than with the continued concentration of power in the hands of a few Americans. "This whole thing is just an attempt by the few men who control the oil to hold on to what they really value: power," she said. "Anyone who thinks this is just a struggle for cheap oil is crazy."

Tempers appeared to flare at one point, as an audience member, who identified himself as a U.S. Army Reservist, expressed his support for President Bush's handling of the crisis. "I'd go and fight. All anyone talks about is oil

and money," he said. "I'd be glad to go and help someone to get their freedom back." Several other audience members responded to his remarks with jeers.

Another audience participant said the President had to respond militarily to defend the freedom of the Kuwaiti people.

Sabo, assistant professor of political science, disagreed, citing the reign of the deposed Kuwaiti monarchy. "We're talking about repelling an aggressor, not about freedom," said Sabo. "Replacing one dictatorship with another is not freedom."

To those calling for a U.S. invasion based solely on freeing the Kuwaiti people, Sabo asked, "Where was your concern one year ago? Why now?"

The same audience member said the U.S. should stop Saddam's aggression because of the Iraqi leader's willingness to use

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## Chancellor search continues

LeeAnn Donnelly  
Staff Writer

UNCA's Chancellor Search Committee continues its quest in finding a qualified individual to fill the position Dave Brown left in July, according to John F.A.V. Cecil, chairman of the committee.

According to Cecil, the committee is still reviewing applications, and plans to make a decision when the right candidate comes along. The committee, he said, could make their decision as early as February or March, but will keep looking for someone if they don't arrive at a decision by then. "We aren't on a specific time schedule. We will make the decision when we find the right candidate," he said. "If we don't find the candidate by then, we'll continue looking."

Cecil said the committee is still receiving applications and nominations for the position.

"We have had people apply from overseas and across the United States," he said.

The committee has received approximately 110 applications and has narrowed that down to approximately 40, according to Cecil. He estimates receiving many more applications and nominations before the committee meets again on Dec. 12 and 13.

"We'll cut down the next swell of applications at next week's meeting," he said.

Cecil addressed a Nov. 20 memo to UNCA students, faculty and administrators which summarized the outcomes of two open forums sponsored by the search committee in October. Students and faculty participated in the forums and discussed the qualities desired in the new chancellor. They drew up a job description for the position.

Included in the job description:

"The new chancellor should possess leadership skills to further the mission of the university."

"The new chancellor should be able to enhance both the

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Photo by Diane Maney

Here comes Santa Claus  
Santa and his sleigh full of toys reminds us the Christmas season is near. Santa is displayed in the window of the Early Music Shop in Biltmore Village.

## Gulf crisis vigil planned

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A group of UNCA students calling themselves the Concerned Students for Action will hold a ten minute vigil to help prevent loss of life in the Persian Gulf. The vigil will be held on the steps of Ramsey Library Dec. 7, according to group spokesman Mark Hopey, a senior environmental studies student.

"We're trying to pull in anybody that is concerned about actions that our government is taking in the Persian Gulf and coordinate that concern into action that makes a difference, that affects a change in our representatives," said Hopey.

The group hopes the event will heighten the level of student awareness on the seriousness of the U.S. action in the Persian Gulf and will prompt students to take a closer look at the unfolding events in the Middle East.

Hopey emphasizes that the religion or politics of a person is not important, just that they are concerned about the present situation. He urges anyone who is concerned about the actions and wants to see an expedient and

peaceful end to the crisis to attend. "We are real concerned about the loss of life," he said.

"Everyone is invited to attend, even if you are just a little unsure that we are doing the right thing over there," said Hopey. There has been a lot of positive response to the vigil, said Hopey, with about 20 faculty members endorsing the event.

He admits to having some difficulty getting official endorsement from the Chancellor's office. This was due to the fact the vigil was not sponsored by any official school organization. Oddly enough Hopey says all the members of Concerned Students for Action are members of official university groups, but none are in the individual groups hierarchy.

Hopey is quick to point out that this vigil is not a flashback to the sixties. "This is the 90s and our people are very aware of that fact," said Hopey.

Hopey feels that this is kind of a backlash to the "going to sleep" of the 80s and the Reagan era. He feels that people are just frustrated with the way things are working in Washington.



Photo by Diane Maney

Quiz Bowl champs  
(L-R) Dana Weiss, Daryl Autry and Shannon Fox are the members of the UNCA Quiz Bowl team, which was the youngest team in the competition.

## Changes made for spring semester

From Staff Reports

Due to recent budget cuts, the administration has decided to make changes in the spring schedule, according to Caroline Miller, assistant vice-chancellor for enrollment management.

Miller said the changes were implemented to assure the best possible use of resources to meet students' needs.

"The recent budget cuts have left us with very little flexibility in adding course sections, and our enrollments give us few options in terms of dropping lowly enrolled sections," Miller said.

"The following changes are being initiated so that we will better know that the students on the class rolls truly intend to take the class," she said.

Bills are due on Jan. 11 (not the 14th), which is the last day before the spring semester.

"This will allow us to know availability before the new students register," Miller said. "If students do not pay, they (their schedules) will be cancelled, and their seats will likely be given to new students."

Miller encourages all students to pay on time, saying 90 percent of

the degree-seeking students are already registered.

Payment of bills can be made by mail or in person at Phillips Hall before Jan. 11.

Classes will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. According to the spring schedule, if students have a Monday night class, it will meet the day of registration.

"This change has been made to the calendar because the Martin Luther King Holiday is the next Monday, and if we were not to start class on Monday the 14th, Monday classes would not begin until the third week of the semester," Miller said.

If students do not attend the first session of any particular class, they may be administratively dropped from the class by the instructor.

"If for some reason you cannot make the first session, you should call the department and ask that the instructor be notified," she said.

According to Miller, students may also be dropped from a class if they do not have the required pre-requisites.

Miller said these changes are an attempt to "minimize surprises" for students when they return in January.