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Administration warns of future ground war

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker warned Wednesday of "many casualties, great hardships" ahead in the war against Iraq, as the Bush administration said ground warfare was almost a certainty.

In an apparent effort to prepare Americans for the pains of a ground war in the Persian Gulf, Baker underscored the burdens yet to come.

"The military actions now under way necessarily involve many casualties, great hardships and growing fears for the future," Baker said.

At a White House briefing, presidential press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said there probably would be a ground war — an acknowledgement the administration had shied away from.

"It's no secret that at some point, it probably will require ground forces to reach our final conclusion of getting Iraq out of Kuwait," he said.

President Bush said a day earlier that he was "skeptical" the war could be won solely through the bombing campaign, but he declined to say a full-scale ground offensive would be required.

Jordanian leader shifts support to Iraq

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein's stance in the gulf war shifted sharply in favor of Iraq on Wednesday, as he described the Persian Gulf war as an effort to destroy Iraq and called on Arabs to demand a cease-fire.

"As developments of the war have proved, they want to destroy Iraq to prepare the situation in the region in a much more dangerous way for our nation's future and present," Hussein said in a televised speech to his nation.

He accused foreign powers of plotting to carve up the Arab world's resources and to control it politically.

"This war is a war against all Arabs and all Muslims and not against Iraq alone," said the king, who has been a bulwark of pro-Western moderation for his 37 years on the throne.

The speech was a radical shift in approach for Hussein. While before the war he favored a negotiated settlement to get Iraqi troops out of Kuwait, recently he had been critical of Saddam Hussein and essentially neutral in the war.

U.N. to offer Iraq emergency supplies

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. agencies will send emergency medical supplies to Iraqi children as early as next week, officials said Wednesday.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met Monday with James Grant, the director of UNICEF, to assess needs in Iraq, which claims a dire need for emergency relief.

"A decision was taken to send a joint World Health Organization-UNICEF mission to Iraq, which would deliver a shipment of emergency medical supplies to assist in the care of children and mothers and ascertain essential health needs," U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani said.

"Subject to finalization of the arrangements, it is hoped that the mission could arrive in Baghdad by the end of next week."

Iraq's government made a request last week for UNICEF and World Health officials to assess the need for emergency aid.

— From Associated Press reports

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Candidates speak out at BSM forum



RHA presidential co-candidates Christy Pons and Scott Peeler and candidate Charles Streeter at BSM forum

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Daily Tar Heel Editor

A spirited debate took place at the Black Student Movement election forum Wednesday night, as the candidates for editor of The Daily Tar Heel fielded questions about minority coverage and staff diversity.

Alisa DeMao and Jennifer Wing expressed their individual concerns over different issues during the discussion held in the Upendo Lounge.

Wing said internal changes over the past year had hurt the quality of the paper. "My platform is working to improve what you read every day," she said.

Changing the focus of the features desk toward more in-depth stories and promoting a higher visibility for minority groups and leaders on campus were among her priorities, she said.

Wing also wants to stop the practice of individually signed editorials and "come out with a solid, solution-oriented editorial page."

DeMao said she thought the paper had become too self-centered. "We've drawn away from our readers," she said. "We're doing it for ourselves."

Inaccuracies, especially those related to minority coverage, is the number one problem that needs to be corrected, DeMao said. Staff members may believe

a mistake may be an isolated incident or something to be expected, but the paper's credibility is damaged with each error, she said.

BSM members also expressed dissatisfaction over the apparent lack of sensitivity and accuracy in the coverage of minority issues.

"It is unacceptable to have errors," Wing said.

Writers have to be trained to call sources back to double-check names, titles and other important information, she said.

DeMao said correcting mistakes "is as simple as proofing each page." She did this as editor of Omnibus and would make it a priority for the whole paper if she became editor.

More diversity in the DTH staff is critical, many BSM members said. Minority reporters should also be allowed to cover minority issues and events because they are more knowledgeable of the subject matter, according to many audience members.

Corey Corrwel, a senior, said he felt non-minorities are inherently less qualified to cover minority issues because they don't completely understand the issues involved.

Both candidates said this was an important goal, but cautioned that conflicts of interest would arise if reporters covered organizations of which they were members.

Some BSM members wanted to know

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Student elections ballot to include 6 referenda

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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When students go to the polls Tuesday, they will find six referenda on this year's ballot.

A referendum must pass through four channels before it can be enacted. It must receive a majority student vote, be approved by the Division of Student Affairs and receive approval from the Board of Trustees and the Board of

Governors. The six referenda that students will vote on are:

■ Allowing People to Plan Learning Experiences in Service referendum

Contrary to popular belief, a.p.p.l.e.s. is not a name brand computer. a.p.p.l.e.s. is a program that supports integrating community service through academic classes, said Tony Deifell, a.p.p.l.e.s. co-chairman. There is a pilot program

of six classes using community service as a basis of learning this year, he said. The a.p.p.l.e.s. referendum calls for a 90-cent student fee increase.

Supporters of the program would like to increase the number of service courses offered at UNC, Deifell said. If the referendum passes, the student fees would be used to hire a service learning coordinator who would supervise the program, he said.

The service learning coordinator position would be open to recent graduates for a two-year term, he said. "This person would be a liaison between the faculty, the community and the students."

Joel Schwartz, a political science professor who teaches a service and learning class, said it was important for students to serve the community.

"Most students at UNC come from a

rather comfortable and privileged family background," Schwartz said. "It is a great learning experience for students to receive some exposure to other ways of life through direct interaction."

■ Constitutional clarification referendum

This referendum, if passed, will change the wording of the student

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Make someone's day: write to a soldier in Middle East

By JENNIFER MUELLER
Staff Writer

Twenty-nine cents can make a world of difference to a soldier stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The charge for mailing a letter to military personnel stationed in Saudi Arabia is the regular domestic rate, if the Army Postal Office (APO) number is on the letter, said Jim Carter, superintendent of postal operations at the Chapel Hill Post Office.

"Basically, (the APO) is a military zip code," he said. "It's even more important than a regular zip code; that is the destination (of the mail)."

Fleet Post Office numbers (FPO) serve the same function as APO numbers.

The mail's destination is often not a town marked on a map, Carter said. "It might be a camp or even less than a camp."

It takes mail about three days to reach Saudi Arabia, he said. After it reaches the country, the amount of time it takes to reach the recipient depends on where his or her unit is based.

Gene Sexton, public affairs officer for Fort Bragg, said he heard that mail takes anywhere from four to 20 days to reach its destination in the Persian Gulf. "They're getting a couple of hundreds of tons of mail per day over there," he said. "It's causing delays. We're asking people to slow down on packages. Soldiers are moving around right now and need to travel light."

Postcards, letters and audio cassettes are all acceptable.

Lt. John Steckle of the UNC Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps said people should be careful about the content of what they write and send.

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Forum focuses on AIDS

By HEATHER PHIBBS
Staff Writer

People with AIDS face a wider scope of problems than people with other diseases, speakers said at a forum at the law school Wednesday night.

A presentation entitled "The Path of a Person with AIDS" was part of a series given for AIDS Awareness Week, Feb. 4-8, sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild and the School of Law.

Brinkley Sugg, community disease control specialist at Orange County Health Department, and Suzi Wilson, clinical instructor in the School of Medicine, spoke.

The talk focused on the path of counseling given to AIDS patients after they had been diagnosed as HIV positive.

"We'd like people to become aware of problems faced by those with

AIDS," said Rachel Phillips, member of the National Lawyers Guild.

Sugg discussed the drug abuse, sexuality and hospital care associated with AIDS patients. He described the counseling given to patients at the health department.

"Coming to see me is sometimes the first time people have discussed their sexuality," he said. "We talk about risk factors, and we talk about the process at the health center."

About 98 percent of people tested at the health department are negative. People who test positive are assigned to a counselor, he said. Once diagnosed as having AIDS, a patient is automatically eligible for Medicaid.

About 16,000 North Carolina residents have been diagnosed as HIV positive, and about 7,500 in the Tri-

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UNC junior reported missing from Denmark study abroad program

By MATTHEW EISLEY
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A UNC junior missing from a Copenhagen study abroad program apparently left to travel across Western Europe without telling program directors or his family, American and Danish authorities reported.

Scott Lamb, 20, was reported missing Jan. 28 when he did not return as expected for dinner with his host family in Copenhagen, said Craig Calhoun,

director of the Office of International Programs. Lamb spent the night of Jan. 27 with the host family, Calhoun said.

Lamb disappeared five days after his arrival in Copenhagen, Calhoun said. Lamb's reason for leaving and his whereabouts are unknown. "The formal statement from the police is that they have tentatively concluded that his disappearance is voluntary," Calhoun said. "You can draw from that whatever conclusions you want to."

Police said credit card records show Lamb received cash from financial institutions using a Visa card in Hamburg, Germany, and an American Express Card in Holland within the past few days, Calhoun said. Lamb was positively identified during the credit card transactions, Calhoun said.

Lamb has not contacted his parents, Theodore and Mardine Lamb of Brandon, Fla., since his disappearance, Calhoun said.

"We don't have any other evidence of where he is," he said.

Police have other leads, but Calhoun said he could not discuss them. "The family has asked us not to give out much information," he said.

Mardine Lamb, Scott's mother, declined to comment Wednesday.

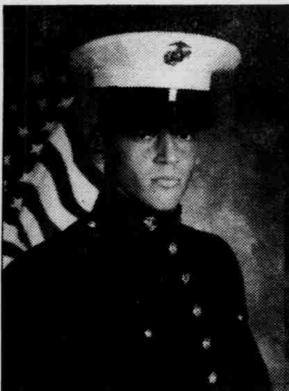
Calhoun said he didn't know if Lamb had traveled in Europe before or if he had friends there.

Lamb is one of nine UNC students

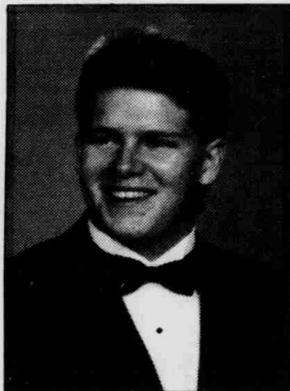
enrolled in Denmark's International Study Program at the University of Copenhagen, Calhoun said.

When Lamb's host family reported him missing Jan. 28, Danish police, Interpol and American authorities began investigating his disappearance.

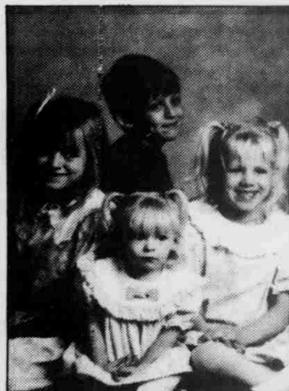
Lamb's family, the U.S. State Department, the American Embassy and Danish police jointly released information about Lamb's disappearance to Danish news media Monday.



Michael Carreiro



Roger Nixon



Rusty Wagner's children

Air Force pilots destroy 4 Iraqi jets

From Associated Press reports

A U.S. AIR BASE IN CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA — Flying combat patrol in the skies east of Baghdad on Wednesday, "Vegas" and "Gigs" spotted four Iraqi fighters on their radar screens sneaking toward Iran.

Within minutes, the two U.S. Air Force F-15C fighter pilots closed the gap from 60 miles to about seven miles, rode in behind the Iraqi jets and destroyed them with air-to-air missiles.

"It was just the most spectacular thing I have ever seen," Gigs said just after climbing out of his cockpit and giving Vegas an exuberant high five on the tarmac.

The pilots, who fly daily intercept missions from the largest U.S. air base in Saudi Arabia, asked that their names not be used for security reasons, preferring their radio call signs.

"I felt kind of cautious for starters,"

said Vegas. "We had to make sure there were no others around that we didn't see."

The four kills, the first for the two pilots, brought the base total to eight. The pair was greeted by a jubilant squadron commander and ground crew members, who immediately started painting two three-by-five-inch Iraqi flags below the cockpit of each plane.

The pilots identified the downed Soviet-made single-seat planes as two MiG-21s and two SU-25 attack planes. They said they saw no parachutes.

Vegas, 30, a captain from King of Prussia, Pa., and Gigs, 26, a first lieutenant from Cincinnati, talked with reporters right after climbing down from their cockpits.

Their tired faces were lined with the marks of their oxygen masks and they wore tiger patches on their green flight suits, a symbol of the 53rd Tactical

Fighter Squadron, based in Bitburg, Germany.

The fast-paced aerial fight involving one of the top-of-the-line fighters in the U.S. Air Force began about 8:45 a.m. Wednesday after the pair of fighter jets had been aloft for hours, the two said.

"Our mission is to prevent these jets from leaving the Iraqi theater, and that's what we did," Gigs said. "They were eastbound, obviously heading toward Iran, and we were able to push it up enough to go ahead and cut them off before they were able to make it."

About 110 Iraqi aircraft have taken refuge in Iran since the allied air war began three weeks ago. U.S. military officials say the planes are either waiting out the war or planning to come back and attack allied forces.

Gigs said a major concern for the

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If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? — Abraham Lincoln