

# Kentucky Kernel

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## On call and on edge, allied troops await fateful 'go'

By JEFFREY ULBRICH  
Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — On call and on edge, U.S. and allied troops awaited the fateful "go" order yesterday along the northern front. The Soviets handed Iraq a new, 11th-hour peace plan in a bid to head off an all-out ground war in the desert, but the White House said

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meanwhile "the war goes on." On land and sea, preliminary spar-

ring went on. President Bush's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said the Soviets did not ask Bush to hold up any war action while Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's proposal was considered in Baghdad — but just not to comment on the plan. Earlier yesterday, the White House said the best hope for forcing Iraq out of Kuwait was "conflict in

the air and on the ground." American gunners pounded Iraqi positions with artillery fire. Iraqi mines afloat in the Persian Gulf damaged two U.S. Navy warships — a billion-dollar missile cruiser and a Marine assault ship. And an American pilot went down deep inside Iraqi-held territory, to be plucked to safety by U.S. rescue helicopters.

Up on the northern sands, the troops of Desert Storm were ready to launch a broad offensive. "We are prepared to attack if necessary ... tomorrow," said Brig. Gen. Daniel Gazeau, deputy commander of the French contingent. The U.S. 2nd Marine Division repositioned its forces yesterday to prepare for the cross-border assault, and sent reconnaissance teams be-

yond a 12-foot protective berm and into a no-man's-land between the opposing lines, Associated Press correspondent Denis D. Gray reported from the front. The allies were ready, too, to defend against any Iraqi pre-emptive attack aimed at disrupting their plans. "Most of us believe he will

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## Pilot visits UK, says U.S. ahead

By NICK COMER  
Staff Writer

A jet fighter pilot who spent four months in the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield said Friday he was confident that Iraq's air force is no match for the technology of American weapons systems.

In an interview on campus, Lt. Commander Casey A. Gagan, an F-14 pilot stationed aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*, said the superiority of the U.S. air force has come as no surprise to him.

"In an all-out air war, the technology of the U.S. aircraft is such that you can see the results immediately," he said. "With our technology we are able to eliminate (Iraqi planes) before they get off the ground."

Gagan, who was in Louisville and Lexington last weekend, came to UK to speak at the February meeting of the Midshipmen's League.

"Iraq was talking tough initially but with the ... hammering effects of the Stealth and Tomahawk weapons systems, we never really had any competition in the air," he said. "If you have all the toys, you might as well use them."

Rear Admiral Henry C. McKinney, who also spoke at the meeting,



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UK student Rob Mathews watches Lt. Commander Casey Gagan prepare his aircraft, a F-14 Tomcat, Sunday afternoon at Standiford Field in Louisville. Gagan flew the aircraft on several missions for Operation Desert Shield. He was stationed on the *U.S.S. Independence* in the Persian Gulf.

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## Computer speeding up mail for soldiers in gulf

By WM. DARIN NASH  
Staff Writer

"Letters From Home," a system for sending computerized mail to troops in the Persian Gulf, kicked off its free service yesterday at Turfland Mall.

Six IBM PS/1 computers were set up in the center of the mall, which will be used this week to send electronic mail to military personnel from family and friends in Central Kentucky.

U.S. Rep. Larry J. Hopkins initiated the program. In a recent visit

to Saudi Arabia, he heard numerous complaints from military service personnel about the lack of mail, Hopkins said in a brief kickoff speech.

"People have been bitching since World War I about mail not getting to the troops," a spokesman for Larry Hopkins said. "So, why not use current, existing technology and send electronic mail?"

A letter will be typed into the computer and sent to Saudi Arabia in three days. Traditional letters have been taking as long as three to four weeks to reach the troops, if

they make it at all. The problem is that about 80 tons of mail arrive in New York and San Francisco every day, and military transportation space is limited, the spokesman said. Medical supplies and troops have priority over mail, so there is a backup of letters.

"We're taking care of the bottleneck," he said.

The letters will go to a mainframe in White Plains, N.Y., where they will be bunched together and sent by satellite to another mainframe in Saudi Arabia, where the letters are printed. An addressed envelope will

also be printed. The letter will be folded and put in the envelope by machine.

"The letter will not be touched by human hands until the military picks it up at IBM in Saudi Arabia," the spokesman said.

"I think this is wonderful," said Heather Wilson, a Lexington Community College radiology student. "I've sent at least 24 letters to my fiancé, Sgt. Jeffrey Alan King, a UK student. He had only gotten four the last I heard."

Maribeth Caldwell was the first to

get the opportunity to send an electronic letter. Her husband, PFC Dillard Caldwell, has been in Saudi Arabia since November and hasn't seen his five-week-old son, Cameron.

"You go to the mailbox each day to mail a letter and wonder when it will get there or if it will get there at all," she said. "This gives us the assurance that the letters really will get there."

IBM, GTE, GE, Turfand, Lexington and Fayette mails, The Bluegrass Chapter American Red Cross and LCC are the chief volunteers.

LCC is providing volunteers from its computer classes to man the computers. Dale Underwood, coordinator for CIS at LCC, is in charge of enlisting the volunteers.

"Dale asked professors to recruit students from their classes to volunteer," said Debbie Howard from the LCC Office of Administration.

"We've been asking for volunteers since Feb. 8 and have had quite a few students sign up," Underwood said.

The response by students has been See LETTERS, Back page

## Peer educators provide insight

By CAROLINE SHIVELY  
Staff Writer

Kappa Sigma social fraternity watched a film of swollen gums, bleeding mouths and cancerous throats last night after their weekly dinner.

This film was part of a presentation on smokeless tobacco given by the Peer Educators, a group of UK students who lecture on various health issues.

"It (the presentation) went pretty well," said Gregg Potter, member of Kappa Sigma. "Seeing people with their mouths rotting out (in the video presented) really got to a lot of guys."

Potter, director of in-house programming at the Kappa Sigma house, requested the peer educators to speak on smokeless tobacco at his fraternity dinner.

The topics discussed by the

group include alcohol, other drugs, steroids and tobacco products.

The group was formed under a Lifestyle Leaders state grant because of a lack of education on health issues on UK's campus.

"The peer educators program is needed," said member Jenny Mackethen, a graduate student in higher education. "As far as I'm concerned, all I want to do is get out there and make people think, give them the information to make choices."

The peer educators have been thoroughly trained to speak on those topics according to Cheryl Tuttle, substance abuse prevention coordinator and head of the program. "They (the educators) had to put in an awful lot of training," she said. "These are

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## Anti-discrimination laws questioned

By JULIE ESSELMAN  
Senior Staff Writer

Anti-discrimination laws are a "mistake and probably should be repealed," a legal scholar said in a speech at UK yesterday.

In the first lecture of the Bicentennial Lecture Series on the Bill of Rights, Richard Epstein, the James Parker Hall Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, spoke on "The Constitutionality of Anti-Discrimination Laws."

Epstein, who has studied an economic analysis of legislation and the Constitution, said that some form of anti-discrimination laws, like assuring voting rights and public accommodation, "is absolutely indispensable."

However, he said that in the area of employment relations, anti-discrimination laws fall outside the traditional scope of federal government power and may even lead to more, rather than less, discrimination.

The speech was sponsored by the Department of Economics, the College of Business and Economics and the Dean of Undergraduate

Studies.

Epstein did not say anti-discrimination laws are unconstitutional, but that they are not in keeping with the original intent of the Constitution.

"This is utterly at various with the original plan (of the Constitution)," Epstein told about 50 people at the Worsham Theatre. "You could never have it ratified back in 1787."

"I think they are a mistake and probably should be repealed," he said, adding that his argument was "not an effort to run for public office."

Epstein said that the original "commerce clause" in the Constitution restricted federal government power to interstate commerce, not individual business within states.

State governments would be responsible for measures to prevent discrimination or exploitation, as with the child labor laws early this century, with the expectation that other states then would follow suit.

He said the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids employment practices based on race, sex or creed, overstepped that legal bound-

ary set in a traditional interpretation of the Constitution.

"If anything, the statute has had exactly the opposite effect" by leading to more overt discrimination, he said. "Anti-discrimination laws would have been struck down without a second thought by both federalists and anti-federalists."

Advocates of these statutes held an attitude that "government knows best ... so we can impose these kinds of rules," Epstein said. "The federal government ... has landed us into a world of primary and unchecked federal power."

He said the natural workings of the open market would prevent discrimination in employment relations because market forces would make businesses eventually change discriminatory policies.

Without anti-discrimination laws, there would be higher wages for workers and less discrimination today, Epstein said.

Overtly discriminatory employment practices, he said, "are not likely to survive ... in the marketplace."

### UK TODAY

London Times columnist Geoffrey Smith and international relations expert Elizabeth Pond will speak on "Europe-West and East: Can the Fracture Be Healed?" tonight at 8 in the Student Center Theater.

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**SPORTS**

## Bat Cats stop Pirates in flashback to 1990

By AL HILL  
Senior Staff Writer

Last season the Bat Cats came out hot with an 11-1 first-month slate — the lone loss coming at the bats of a late Armstrong State University surge in the second game of the three-team 1990 Savannah Shootout.

The Pirates came back in that game from a 10-0 deficit going into the ninth, when they punched UK pitching for 11 runs in the top of the inning for a victory.

For a moment this past Saturday, it looked as if Savannah Shootout history might repeat itself.

But UK — behind stopper Lorhn Frazier — held on this time, overcoming Armstrong State's eight-run eighth inning to beat the Pirates 10-8. The win allowed coach Keith Madison's Bat Cats to begin the season with a 3-0 record.

"It's always good to open up early," UK baseball coach Keith Madison said.

"I was pleased with all aspects of our team — our hitting was good... and our pitchers did an exceptional job."

The Bat Cats won their season opener Friday, 7-1, over Augusta College.

In that game the Cats sophomore battery of ace pitcher Rod-

ney Henderson and catcher Billy Thompson delivered the big blows.

Henderson held Augusta College to only one run in six innings. UK had a two-run lead going into the seventh inning when Thompson tripled with the bases loaded.

The second game was the team's rematch against the Armstrong State Pirates.

UK came out early, teeing off on Pirate pitching, to take a 9-0 lead. But in the eighth inning the Bat Cats found themselves in a flashback into last season.

The Pirates scored eight runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, to pull within one run, 9-8.

In the top of the ninth sophomore center fielder Paul Corum hit a solo homer that turned out to be the game's winning run.

Frazier, a sophomore right hander, was able to nail down the victory in the ninth and pick up his first save of the season.

The save preserved the victory for starter Scott Smith, who went six innings without giving up a run.

Junior first baseman Mike Harris supplied most of the offense, going 3-4 on the day, with two 448-foot homers.

The Bat Cats completed their Savannah Shootout sweep with a 15-2 romp over Howard University.

"We learned this weekend that a lot of hard work will pay off," Madison said.

Next weekend the Bat Cats once again head south — this time for the Claude Smith Invitational in Macon, Georgia.

## Hanson is tops in SEC's week

By BARRY REEVES  
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time under coach Rick Pitino's tenure at UK, a Wildcat player has been named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week.

UK center Reggie Hanson was tabbed last week's winner, the league office announced yesterday.

Hanson, a 6-foot-7 senior from Somerset, Ky., scored a career-high 28 points and grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds, four blocks and three steals in last Wednesday's 85-74 win over Tennessee at Rupp Arena.

He followed that game up with 17 points, 11 rebounds, a career-high eight assists and a career-high seven steals in UK's 89-77 win over Ole Miss.

"I'm really happy that Reggie Hanson has won the Player of the Week," Pitino said yesterday during the SEC Teleconference. "We haven't had a player win it for the past two years."

"Because of our balance, that's been a problem we've had. And Reggie Hanson had a great week."

Hanson, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, is leading the Cats in scoring (14.6 ppg), rebounding (7.6 rpg) and blocks (48).

And Pitino said he wants to get the most out of his senior before he graduates.

"I look forward to him having four outstanding games as he ends



HANSON

SEC STANDINGS		
(Team)	(SEC)	(Overall)
*Kentucky	11-3	19-5
Alabama	10-4	17-6
Mississippi St.	10-4	17-6
LSU	10-4	17-7
Vanderbilt	9-5	15-9
Florida	7-7	11-12
Georgia	5-9	12-11
Auburn	4-10	11-12
Tennessee	3-11	9-16
Mississippi	1-13	7-16

\*UK is ineligible for post-season play.

his career," Pitino said.

UK, which is ineligible for post-season play because of NCAA sanctions, has games remaining against Vanderbilt (at Vanderbilt tomorrow night), Florida (in Gainesville on Saturday), Alabama (at Rupp Arena next Tuesday) and then ends the season at home against Auburn on March 2.

With only two weeks left in conference play, Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler said he figures UK and LSU to be the favorites to finish on top, whether it be official or unofficial.

"It's a tough call. I don't know. I really don't," Fogler said yesterday.

"Kentucky's a game up. LSU, schedule wise, has an advantage.

So I would think probably one of those two teams would have the best shot at it."

"But certainly (that) doesn't mean they will."

## Men's tennis team nails Bearcats and Cardinals during weekend matches

By DENVER BROWN  
Staff Writer

The UK men's tennis team got back on the winning track this weekend after suffering the first spring loss to Tennessee.

The Cats smashed the University of Cincinnati on Saturday and beat the University of Louisville on Sunday.

Both road victories are helping the Cats get geared up for this week's National Team Indoor tournament in Louisville.

UK defeated the Bearcats at The Four Seasons Racket Club in Crestview Hills by a score of 9-0. The six singles and three doubles victories improved the Cats' season mark to 5-1.

"Everyone is playing extremely well for us right now," said UK head coach Dennis Emery. "We are playing faster surfaces to prepare for the National Indoors this week."

Leading the Cats against UC at No. 1 singles was junior Scott Hulse, who turned back Brett De-Curtains 6-2, 6-4.

The Cats then traveled to Louisville to take on the Cards. Once again, the 14th-ranked Cats were too powerful for their opponents. UK won 8-1 as they swept doubles and won five of six singles matches.

UK's only loss came at No. 1 singles when freshman Mayhar Goodarz lost to Andy Shreker 6-3, 7-6.

UK recorded wins from Mike Miringoff, Alex DeFelipe, John Yancey, Ian Skidmore and Steve Mather at singles.

Again, the Cats captured all three doubles matches. Junior Sammy Sinnamon returned to the UK lineup at the No. 3 doubles spot. Sinnamon had been sidelined for last season and the beginning of this season with a hip injury.

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# Kentuckians continue to support Bush, poll shows

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A new survey shows most Kentuckians continue to support President Bush's handling of the Persian Gulf conflict.

The strong overall backing also appears to have bolstered support for his handling of the domestic economy.

The Bluegrass State Poll, published in Saturday's editions of The Courier-Journal, shows the president's gulf policies garnered the support of 83 percent of Kentuckians. The results were nearly the same as those recorded in a poll

conducted Jan. 30 and 31.

At a time when statistics indicate the economy may be sliding into a deeper recession, the poll showed the number of Kentuckians who approved of Bush's handling of the economy had risen slightly while the number who disapproved had dropped significantly since a November poll. In addition, Kentuckians' overall perception of their personal financial situations was less pessimistic than it had been in November.

Overall, 55 percent of Kentuckians approved of the president's handling of the economy, compared with 50 percent in the No-

vember poll; 30 percent said they disapproved, compared with 43 percent earlier. More are undecided now.

Among blacks, 61 percent said they disapproved of Bush's handling of the economy, while only 25 percent said they approved.

In addition to blacks, those groups whose support for the president's economic policies was lowest included those age 50 and over (48 percent), those who don't have a high school degree (42 percent) and those in households with incomes below \$15,000 a year (41 percent).

The latest poll was conducted Feb. 6 through 13 as Bush and allied

commanders weighed the effectiveness of the air campaign against military targets in Iraq and Kuwait, leading to Bush's decision early this week to hold a ground attack in abeyance while the bombers continue their work.

While 83 percent of Kentuckians supported the way the president has handled the gulf situation, slightly fewer — 77 percent — said they approved of the United States having gone to war with Iraq.

The president's handling of the

gulf crisis had the support of 85 percent of men and whites, and of 92 percent of Republicans. Support stood at 80 percent among women, 41 percent among blacks and 80 percent among Democrats.

Although the sample of blacks was small because they make up a small percentage of the state's population, the poll found that they were evenly divided in their support of Bush's gulf policies. How-

ever, blacks disapproved of the decision to go to war by a margin of about 2-1.

The survey, which reached 805 adult Kentuckians, has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points. That means in theory that in 19 of 20 cases the results would differ by no more than 3.5 percentage points from the results that would have been obtained by questioning all adults in Kentucky with telephones.

## Ice

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Ice bristles at any suggestions that his street persona is record-selling hype, an effort to get over with black audiences. To back up his story that he was stabbed in a street fight, Ice dropped his trousers on a nationally syndicated show to display his scars.

"My music is just the way I grew up, expressed through rap. It came from the streets, it's a black form of music. I'm just a white kid who grew up in the streets," said Ice,

whose real name — Robbie Van Winkle — doesn't exactly smack of a ghetto past.

Despite his oft-stated connection to Miami's streets, Ice was discovered by a South Dallas nightclub owner, Tommy Quon. But the 22-year-old Miami native stressed the Florida connection and the reality of his past.

"I am from Miami, I am from the streets. I read so many stories, I wouldn't know what to believe myself. The bottom line is don't believe the hype. The stuff which is out is not true," he said. Either way, Ice's future is much clearer than his past: a nationwide tour, publication of his autobiography, his second al-

bum, a bit part in a new movie all loom this year. The success has not gone to his head, Ice said.

"I'm not the kind of guy that gets big, starts thinking, 'I'm God, I'm taking over.' That's not me," he said. "I want to remain the same person. My lifestyle has changed, but I'm the same."

Ice has become the prototypical star of the 1990s: He credits television for his success; his movie co-stars are another pop phenomenon, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; he scorns comparisons with such rock icons as Elvis Presley.

"A lot of people are saying that, I don't dig it. I'm not no Elvis, I'm Vanilla Ice," the cocky rapper said.

The Doggy Bag by Kenn Minter



## Adkins

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The man is every bit as electrifying live as on record and invariably performs his most popular tunes, like "She Said," which was a minor hit in Europe and was covered by The Cramps.

"I Need Your Head," "No More Hot Dogs" and "We Got a Date" are a trilogy of tunes from Adkins' first Norton LP that revolve around depicting young women.

For the purest, rawest experience in American music, I cannot recommend anyone as highly as Hasil Adkins — at once entertaining, terrifying and educational.

## Kentucky inmates volunteering for duty

By MARK R. CHELLGREN  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Whether motivated by patriotism or just trying to pull off another con job, Kentucky prison inmates are volunteering for duty in the Middle East.

There's a catch, though. They want to be released first.

"I guess they all saw 'The Dirty Dozen' or something," said Kentucky Parole Board Chairman John Runda.

In that 1967 classic, 12 imprisoned soldiers are given a chance to clear their criminal records if they participate in a suicide mission during World War II.

The squad included a selection of psychos, closet crazies and cold-blooded killers.

Runda said the description could apply to some of the nearly 25 Kentucky convicts who have offered their war-related services.

Their crimes include the run of the mill list of offenses from theft on up. There are also a couple of murderers.

"Some people would be very good at it," Runda said.

One inmate really was called for active duty in his Army Reserve unit.

"Obviously, he can't go," Runda said.

Thousands of Kentuckians are among the military personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

They include regular Army units from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell plus dozens of assorted Kentucky National Guard, Air National Guard and reserve units from the Army and Marines.

The letters he has received all follow generally the same theme, Runda said.

The inmates offer to head off to the Middle East for battle if only the

state will release them.

"Some of them are on pretty long sentences," Runda said.

Runda said he has offered an alternative to immediate enlistment.

"I've been telling them, when they've served out their sentences, that will be a good idea," Runda said. "I don't think that's what they want to hear."

Lt. Jeff Dukes, a Marine Corps recruiting coordinator, said even after the inmates serve their sentences, the answer to their offer is generally thanks, but no thanks.

"Any person that is in jail and thinks they can get out and go to the Middle East is sadly mistaken," Dukes said.

Convicted felons generally are not accepted for military service, Dukes said.

"People have to be morally qualified."

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# Gulf

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try it," said Marine Col. Carl Fulford. "What option is left to him at this stage?"

He — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein — may have been given another option yesterday.

His foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, met with Gorbachev in Moscow and was presented with what a Kremlin spokesman described only as a "concrete plan" for settlement of the gulf crisis, based on an end to Iraq's occupation of Kuwait.

Aziz immediately flew back to Iraq, and from there he will head overland to Iraq today. The Soviets said they expected a swift response from Saddam.

Bush and his top war advisers conferred for more than two hours after receiving details of the Soviet proposal, Fitzwater reported in Washington.

A White House statement noted that Bush promised to treat as confidential a descriptive of Gorbachev's proposal, and concluded, "Our military campaign remains on schedule."

# Peer

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special students who care about other students."

The educators have attended meetings and seminars to acquaint themselves with the issues of alcohol, drug and tobacco. For information on steroids, the group recruited UK Athletic Trainer Frank Neville.

After they have researched their topic, the peer educators come up with a "script." They break the presentation down into parts, and each person is responsible for their part.

Students get paid a small fee for their presentations: \$10 for on-campus presentations and \$25 for off-campus.

"The money's not that much," Tuttle said. "I'm sure that the reason why they would get involved in this program would be because you feel so good after a presentation."

The group's presentation was the second of the semester and are hoping for more requests, Tuttle said.

At military headquarters in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, the U.S. command sounded ready for either a ground war or an extended all-air offensive.

"It's probably our advantage to have the air campaign go on," said command spokesman Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, "because ... every day our aviation elements are in the air, they're inflicting casualties."

At the command's daily news briefing, the Marine general reported that partly cloudy weather yesterday cut into the number of Desert Storm air sorties, reducing them to 2,400 in 24 hours, down from the usual 2,600 or 2,800 of recent days.

Almost 1,000 missions were flown against the Republican Guard and other Iraqi units in Kuwait and southern Iraq, where air strikes are "softening up" the dug-in defenses in advance of a U.S.-led ground assault.

A recent change in air tactics was giving American warplanes greater success against Iraqi armor and other targets, a U.S. military source said.

"We're not experiencing too many misses. We're really having a field day taking out his tanks and artillery," the source said, without elaborating on the new techniques.

The lost plane was an Air Force F-16 fighter whose pilot bailed out 40 miles inside Iraqi-held territory, Neal said. The spokesman did not specify whether the plane went down in Iraq or Kuwait, and said it was not immediately known whether the jet was shot down or had a mechanical problem.

Air Force helicopters, protected by warplanes, made a dash into "Indian country," and lifted the airman out of the desert, Neal said. "They did a superb job and there was one happy camper of a pilot," he said.

Yesterday's marine-mine explosions, the first time U.S. vessels have struck Iraqi mines in the war, came as dozens of warships crowded farther north in the gulf in preparation for a possible U.S. Marine amphibious landing.

A news-pool dispatch from the USS Tripoli said sleeping crewmen were jarred awake by a mine blast at 4:30 a.m. as the helicopter assault ship led a minesweeping operation off the Kuwaiti coast.

The explosion ripped a 16-by-20-foot hole in the forward starboard hull, 10 feet below the waterline, and flooded several compartments,

the report said.

About three hours later, the USS Princeton, a 1-year-old, \$1 billion Aegis missile cruiser, struck another mine about 10 miles away, Neal reported.

Because that blast damaged one of the Princeton's propeller screws, the high-tech ship was operating at 50-percent power, Neal said.

Four sailors on the Tripoli and three on the Princeton were slightly injured, Neal said. He said both ships remained "fully mission-capable."

The pool report said the Tripoli sat dead in the water after the explo-

sion, while work crews struggled to shore up the hole and pump out compartments on three decks. The Tripoli normally carries up to 2,000 combat-ready Marines, but military officials indicated it might not have had a full complement on board.

The Iraqis have seeded the northern gulf with mines to try to fend off a possible Marine landing on Kuwait beaches.

On the ground, meanwhile, the close-quarters skirmishing of the weekend died down. But U.S. artillery fire and attack helicopters kept the Iraqis off balance along the front lines.

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said the Navy's submarine program deserves much of the credit for the development of one of those toys — the Tomahawk missile, which has been highly successful in the gulf war.

McKinney said that in the late 1970s the Navy pushed for the development of a cruise missile that could be fired from a submarine.

"Back then we saw it as a great covert way to get someone's attention," McKinney said.

"If you don't know a submarine is out there, the first thing you know a missile is humming down the street, turning right at the next corner and hitting the target."

Gagan said his battle group was the first U.S. force to enter the gulf and on Aug. 5 was in "striking distance of Iraq."

The Independence spent four months in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman before returning to its home port of San Diego in December as part of the carrier's regular deployment rotation.

Gagan said the Independence carrier group would be returning to the gulf region "shortly."

While happy to be out of harm's way for the time being, Gagan is eager to return to the gulf.

"As a fighter pilot you want to get out there. Not so much that I'm a warmonger type of guy, but I want to have a chance to see if 15

years of training have paid off."

The Midshipmen's League is an student organization trying to raise awareness of the Navy, merchant marines and coast guard on campus.

League President David Greer said the club is open to all students.

The League's office is located in office No. 6 of the Student Organizations Office in 106 Student Center. For more information, call 257-1099.

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good, but there are many spots still open. The faculty and staff are going to help fill in where students are not signed up, Howard said.

Gloria Bronston, mother of Cpl. Greg Ousley, a UK political science junior currently on the front lines in Saudi Arabia, heard of the electronic mail service through a Red Cross support meeting on Sunday.

"Larry Hopkins attended the meeting and told us to be here to-

night," Bronston said.

Two hundred to 300 letters were expected to be sent last night, and about 1,000 will be sent this week, the spokesman said.

"Letters From Home" will be open at Turfland Mall from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. through Friday. Beginning Monday, the computers will be at the Bluegrass Chapter American Red Cross, 1450 Newtown Pike. The service will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday until March 31.

Anyone in Central Kentucky with relatives or friends in the Persian Gulf may send as many letters as they wish, but only one per day.

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