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Campus protest highlights crisis in Persian Gulf

By JULIA LAWSON
Staff Writer

Over the hum of the Beatles' "Revolution" playing on the public address system, students — as well as other community members — debated the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf last night at a peace rally in the UK Student Center Ballroom.

About 500 people, ranging from young to old, filled the room with all the same thoughts on their minds — will there be a war in the Gulf, and if so, how can we stop it?

"This crisis could have been avoided, but Bush didn't want to," said Vish Bhatt, president of Student Organizations Assembly. Bhatt said he is concerned about the effects a gulf war will have on his homeland, India. Although the country is not directly involved in the conflict, he said its citizens will, nevertheless, feel the effects of a war.

Jerry Moody, a member of Socially Concerned Students, said he thinks the campus needs a new vision.

"It's a pity that (Student Government Association President) Sean Lehman hasn't come out on the issue. He'll take sides with the one who he can get a good job," Moody said.

Moody said the rally was a way for UK students to express themselves and to participate in the demonstrations that are happening throughout the world.

Julie Blackburn, president of Students Against the Violation of the Environment, said she thinks the recycling effort will help decrease the need for oil, which plays a major role in the gulf crisis.

"Because we're so addicted to this thing called oil that it's partly our fault — not just (President) Bush's," Blackburn said.

"Try to do less consumption or write your (Congress), but don't just sit there," she said. "It's gonna take all of us to do something about this."

The band "Real World" performed '60s revival music and sang songs of encouragement, saying that "we ain't gonna lay down our life for oil."

But the crowd responded the most to statements made by UK student Alan Creech, also a member of Socially Concerned Students.

"We have made cars our home — we can now eat, sleep, and shit in

Deadline passes

By LAURA KING
Associated Press

Diplomats appealed to Iraq to relent as the final hours ticked down yesterday on the midnight U.N. deadline to get out of Kuwait. But the Baghdad government rebuffed the pleas and vowed that the "furnace of hell" awaited America and its allies.

France said its last-minute initiative to avoid war in the gulf had failed. "There is a fatal moment where one must act," French Premier Michel Rocard told lawmakers last night. "This moment has, alas, arrived — after we have done everything to avoid it."

Rare rain fell in the reaches of the Saudi Arabian desert, where hundreds of thousands of American troops stood grimly ready to do battle in the Persian Gulf. In Washington, a somber President Bush watched the "White House grounds at dawn, beginning a day that could end with a call to war.

"I would say that the president is at peace with himself. He's ready to make the tough decisions ahead that are necessary," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Fitzwater said a decision on launching an attack against Iraq was likely to

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them," said Creech, concerned that oil use won't be decreased.

Creech said that Bush "scrambled for another crisis" since the Cold War had ended. He said that funding allotted for the crisis could have been used for education reforms or to alleviate homelessness.

"This is about economic dominance and again, no dividends for the poor," said Creech, who believes that Bush is willing to "sell" the military to retain dominance.

PEACE STRIKES OUT



STEVE McFARLAND/Kernal Staff

U.S. troops receive support at UK vigil

By S. DAVID BLAKE
Staff Writer

Gathering to support American troops in Saudi Arabia, more than 500 students assembled outside North Campus residence halls Monday for a midnight vigil.

"Everything came together beautifully," said Angela Potter, director of Jewell Hall and one of the organizers of the event. "We're really excited about the turnout. We've got people here from the other side of campus."

Amy Player, an advertising sophomore said she also was impressed by the student support for the soldiers.

"I don't think people come out at midnight to stand in the cold for something they don't believe in," she said.

The vigil, hosted by residence hall advisers on North Campus, began at 11:30 p.m., when hall directors gathered on the Patterson Hall porch and lit their candles.

The lightings continued around a circle of students, which wound through most of a North Campus courtyard, until they reached an American flag held by students on the side of the circle opposite Patterson Hall.

As more and more candles were lit, the crowd slowly grew somber. By the time

the last candle was lit, students were completely silent, except for a small group singing "America the Beautiful."

"This is neither a peace demonstration, nor a pro-war rally," said Karen Brown, director of Boyd Hall, to the crowd of students. "Regardless of your beliefs, we should support our troops."

After Brown's introduction, Holmes Hall director Tom Mathews read an excerpt of a letter from a serviceman whom he had written as a part of North Campus' green ribbon letter-writing campaign.

The serviceman wrote that he had received four letters from people he did not know and that he and his comrades appreciated the support of the American people.

Following the reading of the letter, Brown requested a period of "quiet meditation for hope of a peaceful tomorrow."

As the students finished meditating, they quietly laid their candles under a tree and left the courtyard.

All of the students interviewed at the vigil said they supported the idea

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STEVE McFARLAND/Kernal Staff

Cheri Tichenor sheltered her candle during the midnight vigil Tuesday morning outside the residence halls on North Campus. Pictured in the top photo are John McCrane, Tyrone Beason, Bo Farmer and Kelly Johnson.

UK TODAY

There will be a reading of a speech originally given by former CIA Agent Phillip Agee at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

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No. 9 Cats to battle Ole Miss on enemy ground

By AL HILL
Senior Staff Writer

Nobody's happy about the possibility of war with Iraq, but there's nothing the UK basketball team (12-2 overall, 4-0 in the South-eastern Conference) can do but continue its own battles on the basketball court.

Tonight, UK coach Rick Pitino's ninth-ranked Cats will travel to Oxford, Miss., to face Ole Miss (6-7, 0-4) at C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

"Playing or not playing in all war situations, sports have gone on," Pitino said. "I do think all we can do is play. It's a very sad situation to be involved in. I just hope and pray that if there is a war it's not a prolonged war, and it's a very short one."

Although the Rebels don't possess many victories, they do have

height and experience. Their starting lineup consists of a pair of 6-foot-11 senior bookends — Patrick Eddie and Sean Murphy.

Sophomore forward Joe Harvell ripped the Cats last season for 25 and 17 points in their two games and has been lighting it up again this season, averaging 18.5 points a game.

"They're a dangerous opponent, they rebound the ball very well, and that's something we're very concerned with in our preparation, and they also have excellent three-point shooting in Harvell," Pitino said.

Though dangerous, the Rebels' fuse hasn't blown out many opponents — none of their six victories have been in SEC competition. They have come close in their last three games — losing to Alabama and Mississippi State in overtime and falling to Auburn by two to the



PITINO



HANSON

ABOUT THE GAME

Matchup: Kentucky (12-2 overall, 4-0 SEC) vs. Mississippi (6-7, 0-4).

Tipoff: 8:00 p.m. EST.

Place: C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum, Oxford, Miss.

Radio Coverage: Live on the UK Radio Network, WVUK-AM 590 and WHAS-AM 840, with Cawood Leford and Dave Baker.

TV Coverage: Delayed (10:30 p.m.) on the UK Television Network delayed with Ralph Hacker and Jim Master.

road. "If a team isn't playing well, it's a terrifying feeling," Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy said. "But we've played well in the last few games, so it is a little frustrating. With a little bit of luck this game is for first

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Rick Pitino,
UK Basketball Coach

place — of course it's not."

UK comes into the game averaging 84.9 points a game while playing a schedule that Jeff Sagarin — the famed computer whiz — deems the toughest in the nation. Sagarin ranked the Cats fourth in the nation behind UNLV, North Carolina and Arkansas.

"Kentucky is no bargain if you're coming off three wins," Murphy said. "You have to play great to even have to stay in the game with them... We're going to come out and fight Kentucky."

The Cats will be out to stop a two-game losing streak in Oxford. Senior center Reggie Hanson scored 25 points in last year's loss at Ole

Miss. Hanson only needs seven points this year to become the 37th UK player to reach 1,000 points.

Come from last year's Ole Miss team is All-SEC performer Gerald Glass, a 6-5 swingman, who is now in the NBA.

Senior Tim Jumper has tried to replace Glass and is averaging 12.5 points a game.

"Tim has been a little inconsistent offensively," Murphy said. "He's taken Gerald's spot in the offense, which means he's playing against the best on the other team.

(Jumper and Harvell) are not shooting the percentage they have to for us to win, but then again nobody is."

DIVERSIONS

Diverse Big Shoulders features 'urban roots'

Staff reports

If you like music influenced by the blues, traditional rock and roll, street blues, jazz and polka, Lynagh's Music Emporium may be the place for you tomorrow night. Chicago band Big Shoulders will stop into town as part of its tour of the lower-Midwest to give Lexington a taste "urban roots" music.

Larry Clyman, who plays guitar for the five-member band, said "urban roots" is about as close as anyone has come to describing Big Shoulders' sound accurately.

"That's not a bad start. That's kind of unclear enough so that people can get away with it, it'll make them read on," said Clyman in a

phone interview yesterday from Bloomington, Ind., where the band was preparing for a concert. (They play tonight at the Cherokee Pub Louisville, Ky.)

The band was named one of the "Top Two Rock Bands Deserving Wider Recognition" in the August 1990 issue of *Downbeat Magazine*, and their self-titled debut album was the top-selling release in the company's "New American Roots" series. Big Shoulders has toured nationally, and last summer they played at two festivals in Osaka, Japan, as Chicago's official musical ambassadors.

The band's second album, *America, Meet Me Tonight*, is due out in April. (Clyman said the band is

willing to change the title to *America, Eat Me Tonight* if the American Dairy Association will sponsor it.)

The band was formed about four years ago by Clyman and Ken Saydak, who sings lead vocals and plays keyboards.

"When we put the band together, it really was not with the idea of doing a band," Clyman said. "We just wanted to get a group of players together who we admired to play because we wanted to explore some different kinds of music that we hadn't had a chance to do for a long time.

"And we starting sounding so good that we said, 'Maybe we ought to make this a band.' And it took off from there."

Attempts have been made to classify the band's sound, but after listening to *Big Shoulders*, labeling the band's sound is not unlike describing a pastel color to someone.

"We've had people say that if you listen to just one tune off the record it just gives you one idea of what we are," Clyman said. "But if you listen to the whole thing, it does all make sense. It's been a little bit of a problem when you try to compartmentalize like that, but the reactions we've been getting have told us that people are taking us as

a whole as oppose as trying to just pigeonhole us.

"We don't necessarily make categorizations," Clyman added. "To us there's only two kinds of music — there's good music and there's bad music."

The following Big Shoulders has is about as diverse as its musical influences. Clyman said they have strong followings the upper-Midwest, Pacific-Northwest, Nashville, Tenn., Texas, Louisiana and the East Coast.

While attending a Big Shoulders concert may be a little different than most standard club shows, Clyman said that audience responses have been positive on the tour.

"If you are playing in a club where people are used to hearing original music, then people are pretty open to us," he said. "But if you wind up getting booked in some kind of club where they are normally have cover bands, then the initially reaction might not be that good, but even then we tend to win over people."

Big Shoulders plays at 9 p.m. tomorrow at Lynagh's Music Emporium, 388 Woodland (University Plaza). Admission is \$5. No admission to people under 21 years old; ID required.



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Chicago-based Big Shoulders plays at 9 p.m. tomorrow at Lynagh's Music Emporium. From left, Gary Krolak, Larry Clyman, Ron Siron, Ken Saydak and Lenn Marsh.

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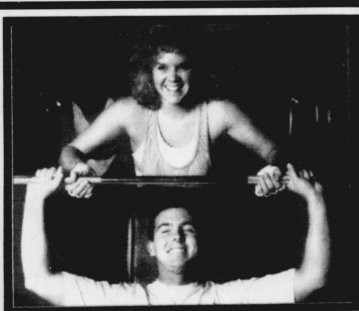


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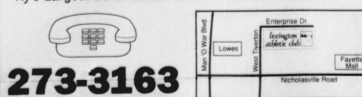
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PEOPLE TO HATE!



UK food prices low, director tells panel

By TOM SPALDING
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and MARY BETH MAZZEO
Contributing Writer

The director of UK Food Services told an advisory panel last night that students are getting "the best deal" when it comes to paying for food at the 10 eateries on campus.

Responding to a charge made by about 2,000 students via a petition last fall that UK charged too much for food, director Robert Braun told the group — members of the Housing and Dining Advisory Committee — that the claim simply wasn't true.

"I was quite surprised by the petition," he said, "because I know if we do legitimate comparison pricing... we're going to prove to you this is the best deal" in the state and possibly the nation.

Supporting his argument, Braun compared almost every food item UK sells with the school's competition, which includes area businesses. Charts seemed to indicate UK does charge less.

A petition had been circulated last October asking that Food Services decrease its prices, and the Student Government Association reactivated the defunct advisory panel to address the issue of food prices.

None of the students on the panel objected to Braun's testimony. Alan Corbett, who was elected chairman at last night's inaugural meeting, said he was "not sure" whether a petition protesting prices was warranted.

He said it was "inappropriate" for whomever started the petition to do so without investigating first. Interviews by the Kernel in October indicated that most students had mixed emotions on the issue.

"I think the data presented was helpful," said Jodi Frazier, a freshman from Richmond and panel member. "I don't think the students

are informed about the prices." She also supported Braun's contention. Corbett said the panel "can take (Braun's) word" but will continue to investigate until all its questions are answered.

Jack Blanton, UK's vice chancellor for administration, told the panel that although "all of us would like lower food prices" it wouldn't be feasible to make sweeping changes.

Blanton did give the board the option of proposing changes, but reminded them that lower prices would result in a reduction in the number of eateries on campus and/or a decrease in the quality of food.

"And I don't think anybody wants to do that," he said.

Blanton and Allen Risman, director of auxiliary services, spent a large part of the nearly two-hour meeting describing how that division works. The panel had not met since last spring, and appointments to the panel weren't made until last December.

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The proposed agenda, which will be advertised each fortnight in the KERNEL, is as follows:

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World shouldn't forget Baltics' democracy cries

When Iraqi troops invaded neighboring Kuwait, the world was quick to act to prevent Saddam Hussein's troops from advancing any further. Several world leaders pledged not to allow another Kuwait happen.

But unless the world gets over its infatuation with Mikhail Gorbachev, more blood may be spilled — this time in the Soviet Union's Baltic Republics — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

On Sunday, Soviet troops stormed a TV tower in Lithuania, killing 14 people and injuring 230. Now it appears that the Soviet Union will try to flex its military muscle in Latvia and Estonia.

Latvia's president, Anatolis Gorbunovs, appealed to the world's leaders to prevent a Kremlin crackdown in his country.

"At this severe hour, we are addressing all the nations of the world... not to allow another Kuwait to happen," Gorbunovs said, adding that "reactionary circles of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. and Soviet armed forces are preparing a murderous coup d'etat" in the Baltic states.

Gorbachev has defended the Soviet army's weekend assault in Lithuania, adding that he did not order the storming of Lithuania's broadcasting center.

Perhaps Gorbachev is telling the truth when he says that he did not order the military crackdown. And from what he tells the world, he probably did not.

But the fact that the military can act in such a fashion without feeling compelled to answer to Gorbachev suggests that Gorbachev is not in complete control of his disintegrating empire.

The only solution Gorbachev has to quell world fears about another crackdown in the Baltic states is to grant them the freedom they want, and deserve.

If you recall, the Baltic states did not enter the Soviet Union freely but were coerced into becoming part of it in 1940. Since then, the world has given too little attention to demands the Baltic states to be set free.

People can be held hostage only so long. And after more than 50 years of being held hostage, it is time that Gorbachev allow a little glasnost and perestroika to seep into Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

The world has received conflicting messages as to whether Gorbachev is being forced to pander to the military and communist hard-liners within the cracking Kremlin walls. If he is indeed having his hands tied by those groups, then the world must come to his assistance by applying international pressure on the Soviet Union.

The world, especially the United States, also must be willing to tell Gorbachev that he has done all he can it might be time for him to step down and allow someone who is not so easily persuaded by the military to run the country.

There have been other times in the Soviet Union's history when the country stood on the brink of change, only to swing back toward the communist hard line. And each time the Kremlin put down democratic resistance — Hungary, Czechoslovakia — the world stood by and watched.

This time, the world must ensure that change takes place in the Soviet Union — too much has happened for it to go back to the dark ages.

Fans the big losers in UK -Soviet game

On one of Rick Pitino's many commercials on television, the UK basketball coach promises Lexingtonians that if they switch to a certain long-distance company, they won't have any more bad calls.

Perhaps he should go back on television and promise no more bad games.

Last week's loss by then 11th-ranked UK to the Soviet National Team — an 87-58 pummeling at Memorial Coliseum — may have been a time for UK's reserves to get needed playing experience, but at what cost to the fans who shelled out \$15 a ticket to watch the Cats?

To his credit, Pitino assured — almost promised — UK fans to expect that kind of game. Carlos Toomer isn't Sean Woods, Todd Bearup isn't John Pelphrey and Gimel Martinez isn't Jamal Mashburn. It was an exhibition — nothing more, nothing less.

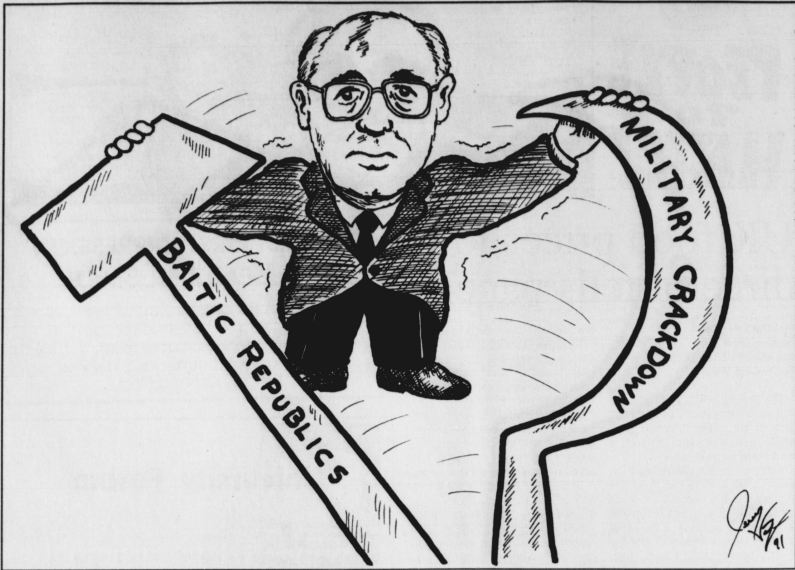
But the setup should have been handled differently. It was a chance, after all, for those fans who aren't season-ticket holders to get a glimpse of their beloved Wildcats. The 7,000 showed up — and for that matter, the viewers watching it on television — got cheated.

One has to wonder who the real loser was in that game — UK, or its fans?

The UK Town Meeting

By the time you read this, the nation may be at war with Iraq. We all have opinions about what should — or should not — be done concerning U.S. involvement. From noon to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in 206 Student Center, the campus will have the opportunity to talk about what we think at the first "University Forum" of the semester. The forum, sponsored by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Students offices, provides the campus with an opportunity to discuss current events in a rational, intelligent way.

No "experts" will make formal presentations that appeal to a select few. No matter what kind of degree you have, take a few minutes to sit in on the discussion, speak your mind and listen to what others have to say. The forums will be held on alternate Thursdays, and if everyone takes part, we hope the "spirit of the town meeting" will prevail.



2001

The next future promises a better life than this one does

Is it just me, or does this "1991" jazz give you the willies? This can't be 1991; 1991 is some year way off in the future somewhere — the kind of year in which bizarre science fiction novels and movies are set.

If this really is the future, where are those robot servants that we were promised? What about the exciting vacation getaways to the moons of Mars or Jupiter, the personalized hovercrafts and the miraculous conveyor belts that were supposed to gracefully transport us to and fro — a la George Jetson?

None of that socko future stuff came my way when the new year hit. I still own the same car — a Bulgo, the finest model of car manufactured at the Bulgarian Motor Works, which is at last available to motorists in the Western Hemisphere now that the Iron Curtain has crumbled.

Now that we're in the future, I assumed I wouldn't have to roll down the street in a vehicle that looks like a giant stove. There's no high-tech compact disc player in my roadster — believe you me. There's just an old, dilapidated record player. You call this the future?

So, since the 1990s get a big thumbs down from this critic, I guess all we can do is look forward to the next milestone in the march of time — the new millennium.

Where will we be 10 years from today — in January of 2001? Let's take a look.

Nationwide, 261 million Americans anxiously await Inauguration Day, when Chief Justice Bork will administer the oath of office to re-elected President Quayle.

The armada of pollsters, pundits, media advisers, spin doctors, speech writers, joke writers, advertising experts and communications consultants working in the White House have promised the nation that a "new Quayle" will be in charge.

More patriotic photo ops are on the way, they say, along with more macho one-liners, more inspiring sound bites and more convincing excuses.

But the nation isn't exactly confident about the vice president, former California Sen. Sonny Bono.



Toby Gibbs

Will the veep be able to fulfill the duties of his office, including successfully sitting at funerals, going on goodwill tours of nations that start with "z," being grand marshal of key parades and addressing luncheons of the Republican Women's Tea and Crumpets League?

President Quayle is confident about his vice president, he says during a key photo op with the Super Bowl winners.

Secretary of State Oliver North, in the meantime, is testifying before a Congressional committee on the need to build the important B-4 bomber, a craft that cannot be seen, heard, tasted or smelled by enemy radar.

The trick? There's no plane. Proposed cost? \$50 zillion.

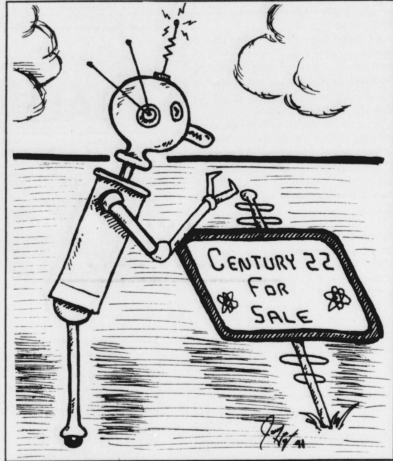
Meanwhile, on the UK campus, activists, some of whom are actually students, will stage a sit-in to demand an immediate American withdrawal from the United States.

But changes go beyond the world of politics. Fads and fashions are as big as ever.

A computerized version of *People* magazine, for example, is transmitted directly to your home or car computer terminal via satellite in an instant. In seconds, you'll know what's in, what's out, what's hot and what's not, allowing you to dress for success using up-to-the-minute fashion hints.

Granted, the ensemble that was "in" when you left the house is "out" when you get to the office, but the lightning speed with which fashions change in 2001 means that the outfit will be in and out of style at various times throughout the day. Just change accordingly.

And for the 21st century yuppie on the go, 2001 means personal accessories galore. Need a car phone? In 1991, that might cut it. But in the world of the future, the suit phone is a must during that



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power lunch or power coffee break. Too busy to gab on the phone while hobnobbing with key clients? No problem, Mr. and/or Mrs. Businessperson: a state-of-the-art answering machine fits nice and snug in your shorts.

Technological breakthroughs mean more leisure time. The wrist TV set eliminates the need for those nagging conversations you engage in when you don't have access to a TV. Just sit back and enjoy CNN, the USA Network, The Barometer Channel, The Brady Channel or a new cable network that takes you through Ted Turner's entire day.

The compact disc player will be obsolete by 2001. As soon as every yahoo in America shells out several hundred clams to buy one of the blasted things, the powers that be at the big electronics companies will reveal they have something much better: some kind of quadraphonic laser whatchamabob that sounds

better than live music. It costs an arm and a leg (though the choice of body parts could be worse, to my way of thinking), but it's worth it. Everyone will buy one, just in time for the electronic bigwigs to introduce something better.

Will there be new advances in dental technology which will reduce human pain and suffering, allowing mankind to receive proper care without the sense that they've been through something worse than the Spanish Inquisition? Nope.

So look forward to the amazing world of tomorrow. The wonder and mystery of it all fills each of us with many questions. For example, will Century 21 Realtors change its name? Will the Student Center grille salad bar change its lettuce? Only time will tell.

Senior Staff Writer Toby Gibbs is a journalism student and a Kernel columnist.

Our Elders Lead Us To War

"Our elders lead us to war," he said, as he sharpened his golden blade.

"But why must you follow?" I asked the young lad as I sat by his side in the shade.

"The elders, our leaders, are wise," he told me, "and they know the path we must walk."

"So you take up your sword and march to the fight while the old ones stay home and talk."

"Our elders lead us to war," he said as he loaded his rifle with rounds.

"What land do you battle, young soldier?"

"I've never been there," he said with pride. "But we'll surely win the fight."

"How brave you must be to give up your life and believe it's absolutely right."

"Our elders lead us to war," he said, boarding the desert-bound plane.

"Why must we fight?" I wondered aloud, "Does this world not have enough pain?"

"My father fought wars," the young soldier said, "and so did his father before."

"Is this a tradition we need to uphold? A fate we can never ignore?"

I cry for lost soldiers and the whole human race. For our elders lead us to war ...

—John Fultz is an advertising senior.

Pin-up girls

Thanks Kernel, now I don't have to check out any gory horror flicks. You sickened me enough to last until the next prom queen you put on the page.

Was there some hidden message in last Friday's ("Being a beauty queen takes 'a lot of guts,' student says") cover story (she did look cute)?

I certainly hope you are planning more beautiful human interest stories for the future — maybe a depressed male who is refused to compete in beauty pageants, or how about a woman who protests beauty contests by stripping nude on stage. Its out there — keep working.

Marry Woolley is a psychology junior.

Gulf

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come "sooner rather than later" after the midnight EST deadline.

The United Nations has authorized use of force after that time to dislodge Iraq from Kuwait, the emirate it overran 5 1/2 months ago.

World financial markets were mostly quiet, with investors sitting out the deadline.

Oil prices were down slightly, the dollar was mostly lower and stock prices steadied.

In Baghdad, thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in a government-orchestrated show of defiance. "The holy war is about to begin!" said one man, waving his AK-47 rifle.

Iraq's army daily, Al-Qadissiya, said of Bush: "Let him know that the furnace of hell will be open to the Americans and to their allies when they come."

But many Iraqis fled the capital, where the deadline expired at 8 a.m. local time today. Shops were closed and parks and playgrounds were deserted.

Allies in the 28-nation coalition arrayed against Iraq were girding for battle.

"We are not thirsting for war, though if it comes ... I believe it would be a just war," British Prime Minister John Major told the House of Commons.

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said Canada, which has

about 1,850 troops in the gulf region, will join in any military attack against Saddam.

At the United Nations, the Security Council considered a final call for an Iraqi withdrawal. The proposed statement makes "a last urgent, solemn appeal to President Saddam Hussein ... to display wisdom and responsibility and to take the only necessary step, which is to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait."

If Saddam withdraws, "he can still avert war," it says.

Some other nations said they were continuing diplomatic efforts. Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said the Tehran government was in touch with a number of unidentified countries, trying to stave off war.

There are more than 415,000 U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region, the Pentagon said yesterday. In all, more than 630,000 soldiers make up the multinational force arrayed against Iraq's estimated 545,000 fighters in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

"The Department of Defense is ready to execute any order we receive from the president," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams told reporters in Washington. He said U.S. forces had taken security steps as the deadline drew near, but would not specify them.

Some Pentagon and administration officials have privately predicted that Bush would wait for several days after the deadline before making a military move.

But the White House has said

publicly that Iraq would be on "borrowed time" from the moment the deadline expired.

It has also been suggested that a night strike is likelier because of the West's more sophisticated aircraft and night-vision technology. But a new moon came last night — and it will grow brighter each night until the end of the month.

Amid the escalating preparations for war, tens of thousands of demonstrators in cities on five continents rallied for peace.

Church bells pealed across the United States as the war vigil began. In San Francisco, riot-clad police made dozens of arrests after thousands of activists blockaded entrances to the Federal Building.

In Israel, which Iraq has said it will attack first in the event of war, about 20,000 Jews prayed at Jerusalem's Western Wall. Across the Persian Gulf region, people sealed their homes against possible chemical attack, and flights out of the area were heavily booked.

The State Department extended a travel advisory already in effect for much of the Middle East, saying Americans should leave Pakistan and Sudan because of unstable conditions related to the gulf crisis. Dependents of remaining U.S. Embassy employees in Pakistan were ordered to depart.

Kuwait's government-in-exile said "the hour of liberation is near." The Kuwaiti ambassador to Syria, Ahmed Abdul-Aziz al-Jassem, added that if there is war, Saddam would bear full responsibility.

U.S. troops will receive home mail

By JOETTA LYNN SACK
Staff Writer

Despite rumors on campus that mail to U.S. troops on the front line in Saudi Arabia has been halted, all APO and FPO mail will continue to be delivered.

The mail will continue as in any war situation, Chris Britton, director of marketing and communications at the Lexington branch of the U.S. Postal Service, said today. He did note, however, that civilian mail may be delayed.

"I can't imagine why they would stop the mail," said Judy Forbush, director of services to military families at the Bluegrass Chapter of the Red Cross. "You will hear a zillion things that aren't true at all."

Forbush said that the last two shipments of mail sent by the Red Cross had been delivered.

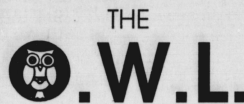
The letters sent during recent letter-writing campaigns will not be affected. Cynthia Cross, coordinator of the "Letters From Home" program held here last fall, reported that she would be receiving about 290 additional names from the Frankfurt Red Cross.

Anyone interested in writing to a soldier may contact her at 258-8374. Cross currently has 130 names available.

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Vigil

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behind it.

"I don't believe in war," said English junior Pam Williams. "But I don't want the soldiers to feel like soldiers from Vietnam. I think the treatment of Vietnam soldiers is one of the greatest tragedies in American history."

Nicole Buckner, a journalism sophomore, said she also feels support of American soldiers is important.

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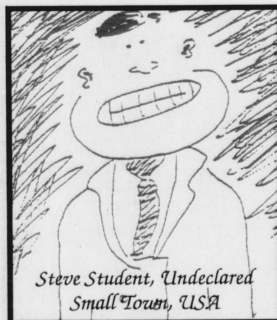
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