

# We asked and here's what you said

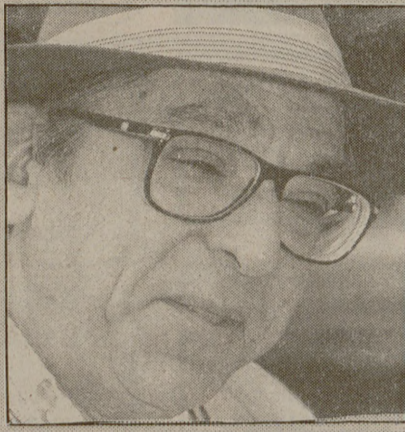
## Do you support the president's decision to attack Iraq?



**Ted Phoummarath**  
Freshman — Zoology  
Houston  
*"I support Bush because I wouldn't allow Iraq to do that to another country. If someone took over your country, would you like it? It happened to my country of Laos. Vietnam took over my country, and I can't live there anymore."*



**Dr. Kathy Dettwyler**  
Assistant professor of anthropology  
*"I do, even though I do not approve of warfare in general. But I think Hussein is doing wrong; and, unfortunately, we are the only country in the world with the manpower and firepower to stop him. But I think it is too bad because I know a lot of innocent people are being killed."*



**Dr. Raymond Petrillo**  
Assistant professor of Italian  
*"If we hadn't have gone in there now and tried to take care of it, then it would have been much harder later on. And besides, the president of Iraq is really a creep. He is a bad guy."*



**Jill VanAuken**  
Senior — Recreation and Parks  
Atlanta  
*"Yes, I do support the invasion, but I don't know if I think we should retaliate because it is a waste of lives and money that we are spending."*



**March Kimmel**  
Sophomore — Political Science  
San Antonio  
*"I thought it was justified, and we can't let these kind of people get away with this kind of aggression. He (Saddam Hussein) had plenty of warning to get out, and he knew his consequences. But I think he wanted war. He deserved what he got, except I'm surprised Israel didn't attack."*



**Robert Partin**  
Senior — Agriculture Economics  
Houston  
*"I support him for the simple reason it had to be done. If it is the only way to get Hussein out of power and achieve world peace, then it is worth it. The only problem I have is whether someone is going to help these kids mentally when they come back to handle life. I have a lot of respect for them."*



**Heather Ridenour**  
Sophomore — General Studies  
Indonesia  
*"I'm sad we have to go to war, but I think it is something that has to be done because we have to stop countries from invading other countries. That is why I support his decision because I don't think it's right for any country to try to take the power and land of another country."*



**Dr. Henry C. Schmidt**  
Associate professor of history  
*"Originally, I was in favor of giving sanctions more time, at least a year, and better dialogue (between the countries). Now that it has occurred, I support the president and the troops, but I certainly hope a truce can be called right now to resolve the conflict."*

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## University tackles MSC lock-in woes

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Lance Parr, a Texas A&M senior engineering technology major, found out the hard way the MSC closes at 11 p.m. — he got locked in. Parr, entertainment vice president in the Student Programs Office, says he was a little surprised to discover metal gates blocking his way out. Parr had been working late on the second floor of the MSC. "I was working late one night, and when I got ready to leave, I found myself trapped inside the MSC," Parr says. "All the gates were closed, and the elevators were locked. When I called the Physical Plant to let me out, they told me that I had no business in the MSC after 11 p.m., and that I was trespassing on University property. "I finally got out by climbing down the construction scaffolding," Parr says.

Steven Hodge, manager of the University Center, acknowledges there have been some problems since the Physical Plant took over custodial duties Jan. 1 but says everything is being worked out. "When you have a change of this size, there's always going to be problems in transition," Hodge says. "The University's goal is to provide better services, and we feel this will improve the operation of the MSC." Hodge says it still is too early to tell if the change has had the desired effect.

"One thing has become obvious, and that is none of us fully understood the wide range of users the MSC had," Hodge says. "Now we have to get (the) Physical (Plant) to understand what the MSC is, and what we are doing." Don Powell, director of A&M business services, says students occasionally get stuck in the MSC, but when they do, they should not panic. If students get trapped, they should call the MSC's main desk. He says University Center personnel still are responsible for the MSC's security and will be more than happy to assist anyone who has been locked in. He also says A&M officials will not file charges against any individuals who have been accidentally trapped.

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# WAR in the Gulf

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Mosher Institute of Defense Studies

**Dr. Roger Beaumont**  
Department of History

**Dr. George Edwards**  
Department of Political Science

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Department of Political Science

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