

Teach-in

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level for peace," Wells said. "We are all part of the brotherhood of man, and we have to get concerned with the electoral process to elect people who are going to do things in the best interest of the people."

Wells said he hopes the day will come when the United States has no disabled veterans. But he said as long as there is greed, there will be war.

Assistant Professor of History Larry Yarak said the United States has a record of intervention and support of regimes in Third World countries.

And the two reasons the United States continues to intervene is to secure reliable allies and make access to raw materials and open markets, he said.

"The United States has to begin a process of disarmament," Yarak said. "We still have today a war time economy to feed the military. And if you are going to feed that military, it is going to be used."

Yarak said the only way to stop the United States' desire to intervene is if the Persian Gulf War is bloody and has many casualties — a quick victory will mean war only will be repeated.

Other speakers for the teach-in included Garland Cannon, a professor of linguistics who has lived in three Moslem societies including Afghanistan, Kuwait and Malaysia; Mike Worsham, a graduate student in civil engineering who spoke on wartime effects of energy, environment and humanities; Irwin Tang, a political science major who read an argument called "Common Ground" that asks war supporters and demonstrators to agree that there is a lesson to be learned from the Persian Gulf War, and to work together to achieve peace.

Chase said she wanted people leaving the teach-in to have a greater consciousness of the situation in the gulf, and that she hoped they take action by contacting their senators and state representatives.

Chase referred to the State of the Union address Tuesday night, in which President Bush said, "Our cause is moral. Our cause is just. Our cause is right."

Chase said the teach-in was organized so people could decide if the Persian Gulf War was "just, moral and right."

Media

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searcher. He was named head of A&M's journalism department in December.

As a specialist in new communications technologies and their influence on public policy, Self has traveled to London and Japan frequently during the last seven years to address the issue.

Technology is changing the way news is reported, Self says. News reporting today is a different world than when he covered the 25th Infantry incursion into Cambodia.

Self was later stationed in Saigon, South Vietnam — now Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — for the Stars and Stripes.

During the Vietnam conflict, there was no live coverage. Television news always was a day or two late. Today's instantaneous communication has created a different type of coverage, Self says.

"In previous wars or conflicts, for example, we would not have been able to witness CNN's Peter Arnette reporting live from Baghdad; followed immediately by expert military and political commentary from New York and a press conference with military personnel in Saudi Arabia — all before the pilots who bombed Iraq had returned from their raids," he says.

The constant change of opinion and events creates a "liquid" view of the war, Self says.

"Our images and opinions are disrupted, twisted and changed over and over," he says. "Many experts on the same issues disagree, and then it gets harder for the military to predict how the public will react."

Based on its experiences in Vietnam, the government has resolved to limit the flow of certain kinds of information, Self says.

"It's apparent the government doesn't want the public to be confronted with the type of footage — dead bodies and the like — we saw every night on newscasts during the Vietnam conflict," he adds.

The Department of Defense set up press pools of reporters escorted by military personnel and forbade the press to take pictures of casualties. The journalists also must clear their broadcasts or stories with military censors.

The pool system of war reporting allowed by the Department of Defense is said to be designed to protect allied forces from disclosing sensitive information, Self says.

The media has been cooperative up to this point, Self says.

"It's obvious they (the media) are under much heavier-handed control than they expected," he says.

There might have been a specific instance in past wars when an enemy used the media to get information, but Self says he has not seen any evidence Persian Gulf reporting has given anything away that helped the

enemy.

Self says allied troop movements should not be disclosed for obvious reasons, adding no reporter would want endanger the lives of military personnel.

"No one in the government has suggested the media have given anything away," Self says. "They may have said we are too sympathetic to groups opposed to the war, but censorship of these groups by the media would detract from the war effort in the long run."

"If coverage is not given to these groups, these protests go underground and grow," he adds. "Out of the public eye, dissenters cannot be confronted by those who support the war and given a chance to understand why war is necessary or air their opinions."

"If you believe in the basic premise of democracy, the truth will come out if we talk about our feelings," he says. "It's vital to discuss dissenting views. Saddam Hussein does not accept dissension, but that doesn't make his cause just."

Modern technology, however, can circumvent censorship, Self says.

"In a long war, the tendency is for the information to outpace the censorship," Self says.

"In that scenario, the government risks losing control of media images flowing back to the public," he adds. "There is a strong possibility the void will be filled with inaccurate in-

formation causing a lack of confidence in the military."

Self says the government should adopt a more active stance toward news coverage instead of focusing on restrictions.

"It's important for the government to work with the media in channeling images toward the American public," he says. "That's difficult to do when imposing so many restrictions."

Self says these restrictions combine with high technology coverage to work to the advantage of the military in the short term. In the long run, more independent thought replaces conflicting images and the military image suffers, he says.

"There is a vast body of evidence that shows censorship results in a collapse of support," Self says.

Modern communications technology creates challenges that do not exist during Vietnam, he says.

"The media must determine which of these new technologies make us, the American public, better able to understand the war and which technologies turn the war into a real-life video game."

"The tendency of these new technologies — when overused — is to fictionalize reality," Self says. "The danger there is that such coverage can defeat the purpose of journalism — to allow citizens of a democracy to make better-informed decisions."

Hispanics

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Keynote speakers will be Linda Guerra Matthews, chairwoman of San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Lauro Cavazos, former U.S. Secretary of Education.

Separate discussion panels for people attending the conference will be led by A&M faculty and staff members both days. Lopez-Aguado says one of the topics is "multiculturalism."

"We are an awareness committee, and we do not want to limit ourselves to only a one-sided Mexican-American issue," she says. "CAMAC has the unique opportunity to engulf the entire Hispanic experience. We are trying to bring in the Hispanic culture as well as the multicultural aspect with our panel discussions."

The conference begins Friday with all activities taking place in the

MSC. The conference will move Saturday to Rudder Tower.

Lopez-Aguado says CAMAC is expecting 225 to 300 conference attendees. Hispanics and non-Hispanics can benefit from attending the two-day series, she says.

"During the conference, there is a lot of time to interface with the speakers one-on-one," she says. "These are people who have an impact on state economy and where our futures lie — not only for Hispanics, but Anglos, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and international students."

Registration for the conference is \$10 for A&M or high school students and \$15 for faculty members, staff and non-A&M delegates. For more information, call the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.

A&I official hopes community support lifts law school

KINGSVILLE (AP) — The fate of legislation that would create Texas' only law school south of San Antonio could hinge on how much community support it garners, officials said.

University President Manuel Ibanez said he wants to take advantage of a favorable political climate in Austin by organizing regional support for a law school at the Kingsville campus.

South Texas lags behind other regions of the state in the number of graduate and post-graduate professional schools.

Upon hearing that Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and at least 20 senators would support a law school bill sponsored by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, Ibanez Tuesday formed a citizen committee to generate donations for the proposed law school.

Truan has said additional private contributions would help passage of the law school bill. He suggested a goal of \$1 million.

Bullock has said the fate of the law school bill could be tied to the Legislature's ability to solve budget problems.

Clash

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gan. As the ground battle broke out, air-sea clashes were reported in the gulf, and bomb-laden allied warplanes thundered off runways in Saudi Arabia to strike targets deep in Iraq.

A Pentagon source characterized the Iraqi ground action as a "probing attack" aimed at assessing allied strength and weaknesses — not meant to seize and hold ground.

Reports from Marines on the ground spoke of street fighting in Khafji. Marine Lt. Col. Cliff Myers described the fighting as "hellacious" as the Marines battled Iraqis in the moonlight in the freezing temperatures.

About 20 Iraqi armored vehicles were destroyed and 25 Iraqi soldiers were reported captured, according to pool reports. Army Lt. Greg Peppin told reporters at the Pentagon that allied "casualties appear to be less than 20." He did not elaborate.

According to government sources in London, Iraqi fatalities could run into the hundreds, the British news agency Press Association reported.

In an apparent ruse, an Iraqi armored force of up to 80 vehicles and 3,000 to 4,000 troops approached Saudi troops with the tanks' turrets turned around as if they planned to surrender. However, the Iraqis engaged the Saudis, who were backed up by Marine artillery and air support.

Marines in a small weapons and scouts platoon said the two sides exchanged artillery and small arms fire throughout the day. The Iraqi forces also fired rockets toward the rear positions of the allied units around the town, the Marines said.

Platoon commander Lt. Michael Ragoza, 26, vowed the allies would push the Iraqis out of Khafji. "If they control the town for the moment, it's only going to be for the moment," he said.

A Saudi tank stood at the entrance to the city and the Marines said at least 10 others had surrounded the town to cut off any retreat or advance by the Iraqi forces.

What's Up

Thursday

A&M MAGIC CLUB: attention all magicians, conjurers, escape artists, professional and amateur in the Bryan-College Station area who are interested in starting a magic club at A&M. I am looking for anyone who has had a serious interest in these fields and wants to get together with others to practice and learn. Call David at 847-2688 for more information.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: weekly Life Line meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 108 HECC. Everyone welcome!

POLITICAL FORUM: informational meeting at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Call Luke at 845-8770 for more information.

PI SIGMA EPSILON, BUSINESS FRATERNITY: new member orientation at 7:30 p.m. in 206 MSC. Business attire. Call Jennifer at 764-2914 for more information.

FOURTH DAY: at 6:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call 846-5717 for more information.

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: Forest Committee will begin Adopt-a-Park Program at 4 p.m. for location and more information call Wallin at 847-6460. Education Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 205-206 Engr. Physics Building. Call Mike at 847-1531 for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Follow Jesus! Free concert featuring Michael James Murphy at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Call 846-7722 for more information.

TAMU BOXING CLUB: we will be conducting a boxing exhibition and wish to invite all people interested in learning the sport to attend and receive more information at 5 to 7 p.m. in 260 G. Rollie White. Call Keith at 775-2032 for more information.

OCA: social at 8 p.m. in the Texas Hall of Fame. Call Keith at 845-0688 for more information.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS: dinner social at 6:30 p.m. at Cafe Eccell. Call Christy at 847-2029 for more information.

CLASS OF '92: Elephant Walk shirts still are available in the MSC Student Programs Office. Junior Night at the Hall at 9 p.m. at the Hall of Fame. Call Greg at 847-6048 for more information.

AGGIELAND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: We provide support to people with friends and family members in the Middle East. The next meeting will be today in the College Station Community Center, George Bush Drive at 7 p.m. in room 101. Call 845-3711 for more information.

DPMA: information on careers in Data Processing by SSBA at 7 p.m. in the Former Students Center. Call the BANA office at 845-1616 for more information.

TAMU BAHAI' CLUB: open discussion meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 138 MSC. Call Craig at 845-5242 or 846-8250 for more information.

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SOTA: supper club meeting at 6 p.m. at Fuddrucker's, 2205 Texas Ave. in College Station.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: weekly Bible study at 6 p.m. in A&M Presbyterian Church office. Everyone welcome! This week's topic "Philippians." Call Stacy at 847-5300 for more information.

MSC LITERARY ARTS: deadline to submit poetry, prose or graphics for inclusion in Litmus, A&M's literary magazine. Bring best work to 223 MSC by 5 p.m. Call Katy at 846-7901 for more information.

OCA: dinner club at 6 p.m. at Casa Tomas. Call Brian at 823-6517 for more information.

ALPHI PHI OMEGA: parent's night out, free babysitting with APO watching the children from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Entertainment, refreshments for children of all ages. Call Jon at 847-5439 or Steve at 847-5239 for more information.

CLASS OF '92: Junior Night. \$1.92 cover for all Juniors at 9 p.m. at Sneakers. Awareness Week "What's in the Box?" contest prizes awarded at 11 p.m. Call Greg at 847-6048 for more information.

LITERARY ARTS: poetry read-off, participants compete for cash prizes at An Nam Tea House.

BOWLING CLUB: leagues start at 6:30 p.m. at Wolf Pen Bowling Center. Call Randy at 822-4113 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

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