

# Students air opposing war views

By Lori Stones  
Staff Reporter

Driving Iraq from Kuwait is praiseworthy, a UNL sophomore National Guard member said at an open forum on the Persian Gulf war Wednesday, but a junior student and peace activist argued that the war is ludicrous.

"I firmly believe that it is a just and admirable cause . . . to restore Kuwait," Steve Thomlison said at the forum in the Nebraska Union.

Junior Nell Eckersley, a member of Early Warning!, responded that the U.S. reasons for entering the war were unsound.

Americans believe the United States is involved in the Persian Gulf war, she said, for three reasons: oil, self-determination and stopping Saddam Hussein and the spread of nuclear weapons.

But the oil from Kuwait isn't needed, she said, because other sources

of energy are available.

And Americans' idea that the war is to stop the spread of nuclear weapons stems from the Cold War mindset, she said.

As for the concept of stopping Saddam, Eckersley said, "Saddam Hussein isn't a Hitler. We need to know his reasons and realize that."

Saddam wasn't justified in invading Kuwait, she said, but some history of the area should be considered when evaluating the situation.

In 1921, Great Britain drew a line separating Iraq from Kuwait to make Iraq's access to the Persian Gulf more difficult. This hurt Iraq economically, Eckersley said.

During the Iran-Iraq War, Kuwait had signed a treaty with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to sell only a specified amount of oil, but violated that quota, also hurting Iraq economically, Eckersley said.

Thomlison argued that no amount

of understanding of the situation would have made the war avoidable.

"Every avenue of peace has been tried, and we are at a dead end with Saddam Hussein," Thomlison said. "The ball still remains with Saddam."

Everybody speaks about the importance of sanctions, he said, but the military action has taken care of in one month what could have taken months for the sanctions to accomplish.

Protesters accomplish little, he said. "I believe in peace and freedom and the right to disagree. There is a better means and time to protest. This drags down the morale when the troops need our support," Thomlison said.

The servicemen and women in the gulf are brave and "the majority of them are proud when called on," he said.

Thomlison encouraged protesters to use their energies for developing solutions, not dragging down the American effort.

## Bills would hurt students

By Adeana Leftin  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Legislature is punishing students for poor governance by University of Nebraska administrators, an ASUN senator said.

College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter said the firing of Ronald Roskens as NU president in 1989 and the controversy surrounding Martin Massengale's appointment to the post last fall were fiascos that led state senators to consider legislation that would harm students.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed a bill Wednesday that urges the Legislature to separate students from administrative actions.

General Studies Sen. Andrew Sigerson agreed with Potter.

"Students are going to hurt the most from what the Legislature does and the budget that Gov. Ben Nelson

proposes," he said.

The Legislature is considering bills that would eliminate central administration, provide for gubernatorial appointment of the NU Board of Regents and empower the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The Legislature also will decide the NU budget, which, as proposed by Nelson, would freeze the Nebraska Research Initiative at \$12 million and increase faculty salaries by about only 4 percent per year.

All the legislation was designed to get back at the regents, Potter said, but students will be the ones hurt.

"There is a legitimate dissatisfaction among the citizens of Nebraska," he said, but it is important for the Legislature to separate the students from their governors.

In other action, the senate passed a bill that will change references to he or him in the ASUN constitution to he/she and him/her.

## Books help CIA to bluff

By Wendy Mott  
Staff Reporter

The Central Intelligence Agency may be bluffing its way through some subjects.

According to a CIA mail room library order form, last-minute procrastinators and corner-cutting English students aren't the only people patronizing the Lincoln-based company Cliff's Notes.

The form shows that the CIA ordered three books — "Bluff Your Way in the Occult," "Bluff Your Way in Computers" and "Bluff Your Way in Public Speaking" — from Centennial Press, a division of Cliff's Notes.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said he did not know why the books

were ordered.

"We certainly read a lot of stuff," Mansfield said. "It's hard to say who ordered them or for what reason."

Barbara Buzzell, spokeswoman for Bluffer's Guides, said the company found the CIA order amusing. The books are written to "poke a little fun at a subject's devotees."

Although they are written satirically and "tongue-in-cheek," Buzzell said, the bluff books provide humorous and truthful information on their subjects. The books average 80 pages, and the series includes 25 titles.

Mansfield, though unsure about who ordered the books or why, said, "I'm sure whoever ordered it had a good reason."

## Official says crime bill won't affect UNL police

By Carissa Moffat  
Staff Reporter

A new provision in Congress' campus-crime bill would strengthen campus security and expand rape programs, but UNL's police chief said the legislation would have little effect on sexual assault policies at the university.

Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is reintroducing the Violence Against Women bill. A section of the bill would close a loophole in the existing campus crime reporting law by requiring campuses to report not only rape but also any form of sexual assault.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department Chief Ken Cauble said the department already reports incidents of rape and assault. The reports are filed in the Uniform Crime Report and sent to the FBI, he said.

Only about 10 percent of U.S. colleges file the report, and UNL has done so for at least nine years, Cauble said.

The bill also would require colleges receiving grants to list sexual assault as a violation of the student disciplinary codes. Colleges still would be required to disclose to rape victims the outcome of disciplinary proceedings against their attackers.

Another provision would grant \$20 million for college rape education programs.

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said the funding for rape prevention and education programs is a good idea.

"Despite what people think, rape does exist at UNL," she said.

Hindmand said many cases of rape are occurring despite the reports. Rapes aren't reported either because women are too embarrassed or humiliated to say something or because they are being discouraged from doing so, she said.

"A lot of women that are raped do not consider it rape," she said, "like in cases of date rape."

Cauble said the majority of sexual assaults are date rape, and those cases are hard to prevent except through education.

"Any law that is broken and isn't reported is unable to be enforced," Cauble said. "The statistics can only go by what is reported."

The bill also would authorize \$300 million for law enforcement efforts to combat sex crimes.

Cauble said UNL police officers go through a 14-week certification program and are trained continually, part of which updates their skills on combating sexual assault.

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Source: Violence Against Women bill

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3:37 p.m. — Phone stolen, Andrews Hall, \$40.

5:18 p.m. — Jacket stolen, Lee & Helene Sapp Recreation Facility, \$60.

7:43 p.m. — Male trespassed, Bob Devaney Sports Center.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Hiss to speak

Tony Hiss, a reporter for The New Yorker magazine, will deliver the first spring Hyde Lecture today at 4 p.m.

Hiss' lecture, titled "The Experience of Place," is derived from years of research and writing that produced a book by the same name.

The book explores the social and psychological effects that urban and rural environments have on people.

Hiss will speak in the auditorium of UNL's Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.