

# Weapons

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"We have the capability to make surgical strikes and attack targets with less chance of danger to civilians and communities," Jacobson said.

"We can conduct war against war-fighting capability, not against a community."

Citizens have argued whether to use a large number of less sophisticated weapons or fewer high technology weapons, Jacobson said.

"It comes down to whether you can put a dollar value on lives," he said, because high technology weapons reduce the loss of life.

Commander Michael Dunn, executive officer of Navy ROTC, agreed that high technology has helped reduce the loss of lives in the Persian Gulf war.

The officials referred to three high-technology weapons systems that have been effective in the war with Iraq.

● The Patriot (MIM-104) Tactical Air Defense System. It is a long-range, high-speed guided weapon system used to shoot down enemy missiles.

"It's not cheap. It costs a lot of money for one shot," Dunn said. "But think of what it's done on the battlefield."

Jacobson said the Patriot system has "proven to be a fantastic system" in the war with Iraq.

● The M1A1. It is a battle tank with special ballistic protection. It

mounts a 120mm main gun and three other armament systems with shoot-on-the-move capabilities. It has nuclear, biological and chemical defense systems.

Jacobson called the M1A1 "the best tank in the world" with the most sophisticated munitions and laser guided anti-tank weapons.

Jacobson said American tanks are more accurate than any in the past because of "smart" technology.

"Smart technology" allows the user to make accurate surgical strikes, he said.

He said it's important for a tank to be able to identify its target, fire and destroy the enemy quickly from a great distance.

"Technology has given us the capabilities to do that," he said.

Using smart bombs to stop the oil spill from an oil facility in Kuwait was another example of the benefits of high technology, Jacobson said.

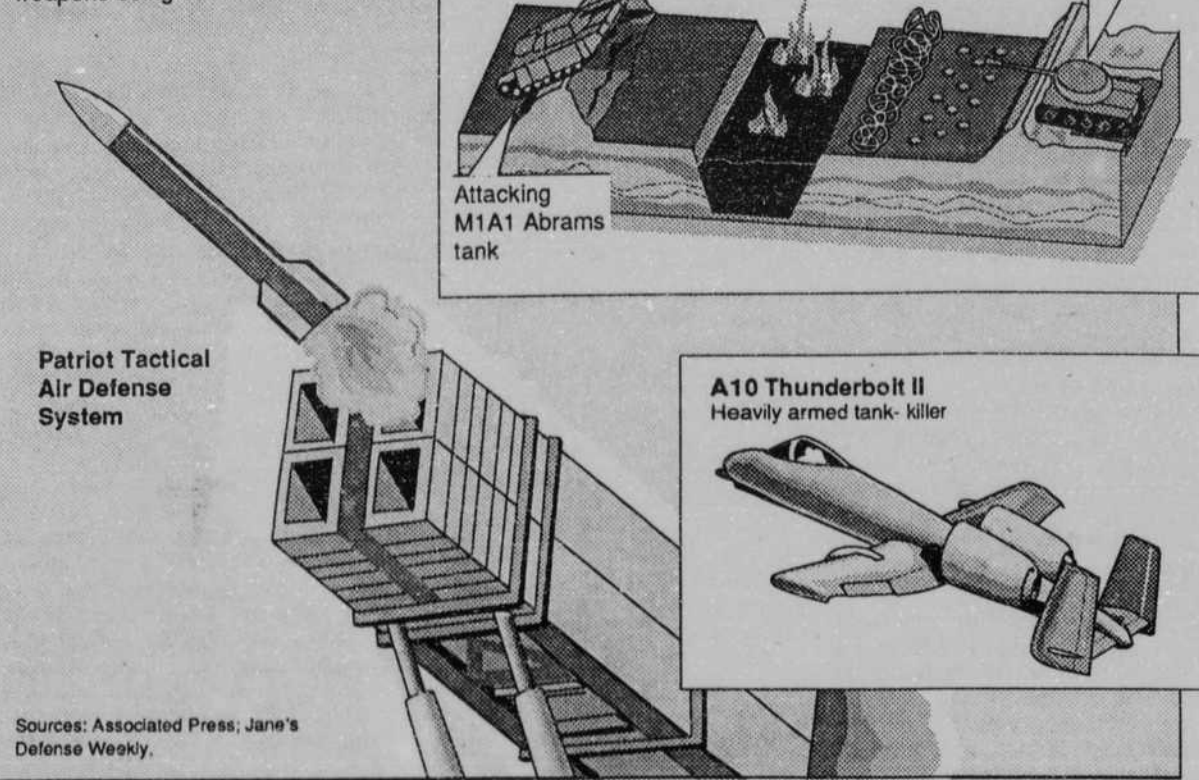
"It proves what you can do with accurate weapons. The capabilities are limited only to what's in the mind of the user," he said.

● The A-10 Thunderbolt II. It is a subsonic, conventionally armed, close air support aircraft. The pilot of the craft is protected by titanium armor plates.

The aircraft is capable of long endurance in the target area because it can be refueled during flight. It can carry non-nuclear bombs, cluster bombs and laser-guided missiles. It is equipped with a GAU-8A Avenger 30mm cannon that gives the craft

# High-tech war

Here are some of the high-tech weapons being used in the Gulf war.



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anti-tank ability.

Advanced weapons such as attack helicopters and A-10 aircraft give

soldiers the ability to lock onto targets and achieve a first-round hit.

Jacobson said first-round hits are

important. "That's what's going to save American lives," he said.

# Regents tackle student issues, questions during Friday lunch

By Adeana Leftin  
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UNL students had the opportunity to witness the transformation of Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde at a lunch on Friday.

"This gives (the NU Regents) the opportunity to show students that we're not ogres they we are," said regents Chairman Don Blank of McCook.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Omaha agreed, saying she was glad to have the opportunity to meet with students. "A regent can't be a stranger," she said.

Shawn Burnham, chairwoman of the Government Liaison Committee, which sponsored the event, said it was a chance to remind the regents of what their job was.

Questions from the more than 50 students who attended the lunch ranged from concerns about the budget and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to interest

in how the search for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's chancellor would be run.

Blank said Gov. Ben Nelson's frugal budget proposal would be a challenge for the board.

"(The board) is going to have to do some financial gymnastics to maintain educational excellence," Blank said.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk encouraged students with concerns about the budget to write their state senators.

Blank also answered questions about the chancellor search, being conducted by University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale.

"Serving on the presidential search, I'm happy (the board doesn't) have to serve on another search," Blank said.

Although the board won't be conducting the search, he said, the members do think consideration should be given to a woman chancellor.

Blank said Massengale also was

working on the problem of minority faculty recruitment.

Because Lincoln doesn't offer a strong "cultural family," Blank said, the university often has difficulty keeping the minority faculty members it does hire.

The new, strengthened coordinating commission was discussed by Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln, who used to serve on the commission.

He said the commission proposed by the Legislature contains "relatively mild coordinating efforts compared to other states."

Coordinating commissions in other states are governing, Wilson said, not just advisory.

But he said the commission's power to prevent duplication of programs was "pretty strong stuff."

Blank said that as the commission goes through the Legislature, the regents will watch carefully to ensure that the commission does not become another layer of bureaucracy.

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# Fear of liability prompts closing of handicapped elevator at Lied

By Matt Seaman  
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The handicapped elevator at the Lied Center for Performing Arts has been shut down after it was deemed unsafe by University of Nebraska-Lincoln inspectors.

D.B. "Woody" Varner, former interim director of the Lied Center, said UNL inspectors judged the elevator unsafe because it was too small to hold both a wheelchair and an attendant.

He said the elevator was meant to be larger but was scaled down in size because of budget cuts.

The elevator had passed the safety codes set for theater facilities, he said, but UNL inspectors decided to shut it down because they feared liability.

Cheryl Clark, Lied Center marketing director, said handicapped pa-

trons are entering through the Johnny Carson theater while the problem is being resolved.

Clark said she has heard no complaints and thinks the temporary solution works well since the Johnny Carson entrance is accessible to cars.

The Lied Center staff "knows a problem exists and is working with the architects," she said.

Bob Carpenter, a campus architect working on the problem, said, "I don't think it's a major problem right now because the staff has an adequate way to correct it, but we're working on it."

Carpenter said the university has three options to choose from to fix the elevator. Two of the options would expand the elevator to varying degrees and one would replace the elevator, he said.

The cost would range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, he said.

# Regents approve arts college

From Staff Reports

The NU Board of Regents on Saturday approved the establishment of a College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The proposal to establish the college will be presented to the Nebraska Legislature. The college's creation previously was included in a bill, but the legislation was withdrawn.

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