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## Airstrikes under way in Yugoslavia

President Clinton says the NATO attacks are meant to prevent a larger war and enforce peace.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Wave after wave of NATO warplanes and missiles struck Yugoslavia on Wednesday, pummeling army barracks, power plants and air defense batteries in an effort to force the country's defiant leader to cease his onslaught against Kosovo Albanians.

The NATO attack came after months of diplomacy failed to end a year of fighting between Yugoslav forces and ethnic Albanian separatists that has killed more than 2,000 people



and left over 400,000 homeless in Kosovo, a Yugoslav province.

"We act to prevent a wider war," President Clinton said in an Oval Office address six hours after the attack began. "By acting now, we are upholding our values, protecting our interests and advancing the cause of peace."

Yugoslavia declared a state of war shortly after the first attacks, increasing the mobilization of troops. Lt. Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, commander of Yugoslav troops in Kosovo, said 40 tar-

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## Locals react to NATO attacks

"It's such a gray area, whether we are even justified in going over there."

ALYSSA ARCHER  
UNL student

BY SHANE ANTHONY  
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Whether it was in Washington or the classroom, NATO bombing in Yugoslavia on Wednesday drew mixed responses.

Some UNL professors and students familiar with the issue reacted through the international risks and legal quandaries involved. Their responses were varied. So were the views of Nebraska's congressmen.

"Bombing will not do what we

hope it will do," said Rep. Doug Bereuter in a speech from the floor of the House of Representatives. "We do need to support our troops because they are going to be there for a long time."

He predicted that within two months U.S. ground troops would be involved.

"There is no exit strategy from this unhappy quagmire," he said. "Bombing could be focused more than anything on sustaining or build-

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## Educational antics earn award

Buhler's unique teaching methods impress students

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With a strum of the guitar, John Milton's "Paradise Lost" is metamorphosed into a foot-tapping blues tune — "The Paradise Blues" — penned and sung by UNL Associate Professor of English Stephen Buhler.

Impromptu plays in class where students speak Helena's lines in William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" or contribute to a musical adaptation of a Milton poem have kept Buhler's students entranced — or at least awake — in classes that dissect some of the greatest and most difficult plays and poems of Middle England.

Buhler's passion for Shakespeare and Milton, as well as his unorthodox teaching methods — a natural extension of his lifelong performance and musical leanings — resulted in his 1999 award for Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The great thing about Steve is he's able to make the literature come to life," said Gerald Shapiro, associate English professor at UNL.

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m., Jerusha Hancock, a freshman English and psychology major, walks not only into her Introduction to Shakespeare Honors class, but quite often onto a stage, with Buhler as director.

"It's so much easier to see what's going on in the play when you are trying to do it yourself," Hancock said.

Acting out the plays and Buhler's even mix of class discussion and lecture add to the effectiveness of the class, Hancock said.

"In his class, Shakespeare is something that anybody can understand," Hancock said.

Buhler, now 44 years old, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but left there in 1957. His family moved to southern California following his dad's job with the Dodger baseball team.

When Buhler was 10 or 11 years old, a late-night movie showing of Shakespeare's "Julius



MATT MILLER/DN

UNL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH STEPHEN BUHLER uses his guitar and his knowledge of music to help his students understand authors such as John Milton and William Shakespeare. His different approach to teaching helped earn Buhler an award for Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity at UNL.

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### Legislature



## Chambers takes aim at concealed weapon bill

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Sen. Ernie Chambers served notice Wednesday that he would be no less firm in opposing a bill allowing concealed weapons permits than in years past.

During first-round legislative debate on LB476, which would allow citizens to apply for permits to carry concealed weapons, the Omaha state senator vowed to use all available debate time to protest the bill.

The Legislature adjourned without voting on the bill, as several hours of debate time remained.

Nebraska is one of seven states that does not allow concealed weapons permits. Supporters argue the bill would allow law-abiding citizens to defend themselves against attack.

But Chambers said the bill was unnecessary and could cause an increase in crime.

"This bill is a flim-flam," he said.

Chambers said he would use all eight hours of available debate time, during both the first and second rounds, to argue against the bill.

Similar tactics by Chambers helped keep the bill from passing at the end of last year's session. This year, supporters vowed to push the bill quickly onto the floor so Chambers would run out of time to block it.

Bill supporters, including sponsors Sens. Ray Janssen of Nickerson and Stan Schellpeper of Stanton, point to a

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