

## Neither side wanted to talk in Geneva

When two determined forces collide the result is usually disastrous. That is the direction the Persian Gulf crisis is currently taking.

Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz met Wednesday and, while they patted themselves on the back for being very civil toward each other, they accomplished nothing.

Baker held firm to the United States' demand that Iraq withdraw from Kuwait, and Aziz did not blink. Both men came away from the meeting very pessimistic about the chances toward peace.

Both sides are equally to blame for the lack of progress or compromise reached at the meetings. President Bush has said he is discouraged by Iraq's "total stiff arm," but the Iraqis were only responding to the stiff arm thrown out by Bush, through his emissary, Baker.

For Iraq's part, Aziz would not even deliver a letter from Bush to Hussein. He said the language of the letter was not polite enough.

Apparently Hussein and Aziz believe war is a more polite alternative to a letter. Sadly enough the United States may be on the verge of crushing the Iraqi military and Hussein does not appear to be worried.

Bush's threats in the game of global chicken are not working. Although Bush says, "... We ought to keep trying right down to the wire," the response he seems to favor most is war.

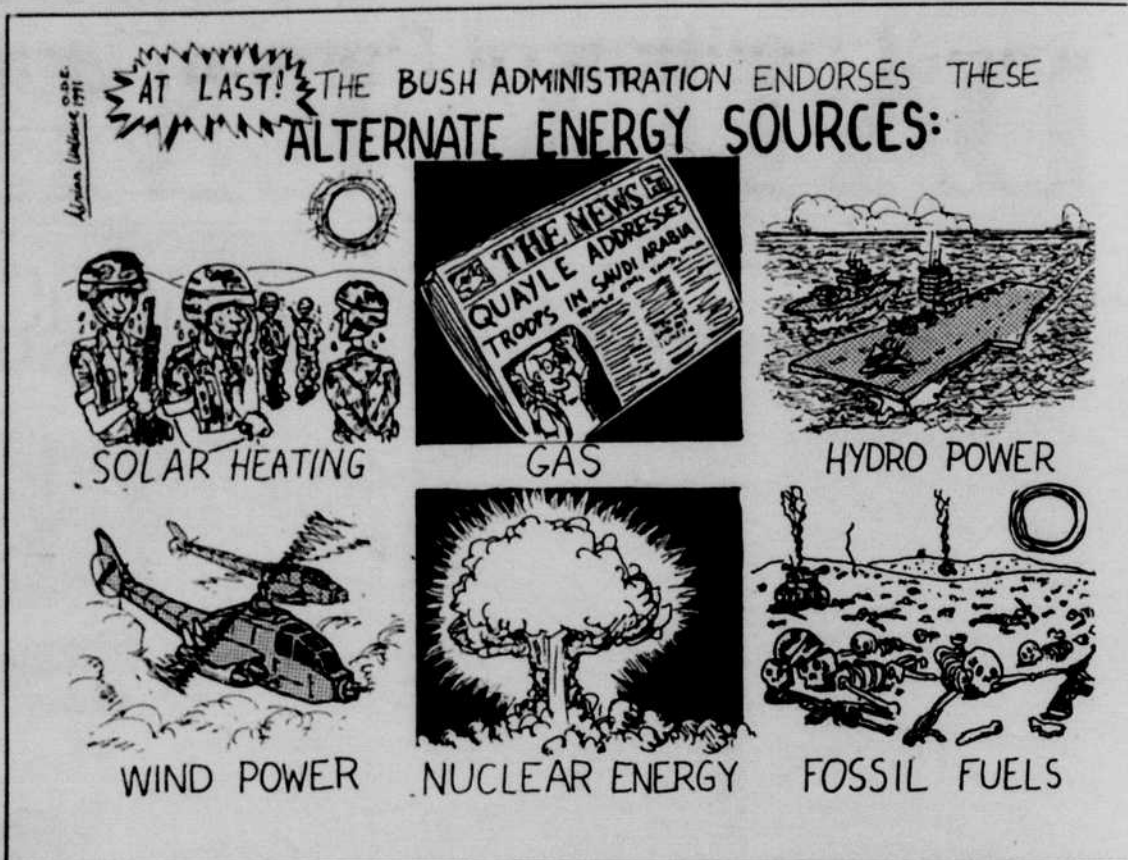
When Bush turned down Aziz's offer to come to Washington, then refused to allow Baker to go to Baghdad to meet with Hussein he contradicted his previous claim that he was willing to "...go the extra mile for peace."

Going the extra mile for peace means you will talk to anyone at anytime if you believe it will serve that end. From the beginning of this crisis Bush has leaned toward the war alternative.

Hussein and Bush need to come to their senses and realize that many innocent men and women are going to die unless the two leaders are willing to talk seriously about saving lives, and worry less about saving face.



Iraq Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz



## Good ideas to alleviate parking hassles

The University's transportation task force has a proposal to alleviate parking hassles at the University. The purpose is to reduce parking demand in the campus area. But all resolutions should encourage less driving in single, one-person automobiles.

The best part of the four-part proposal is the installation of a shuttle system. Even though all faculty, staff and students have a free bus pass for the term, there will always be people who refuse to ride the bus for whatever reason.

A shuttle system could pinpoint designated parking away from campus to relieve congestion at the University. Park-and-ride shuttles could leave every 15 minutes during peak times of the day.

Monetary incentives are the best way to go to get folks to do anything. The second part of the proposal calls for giving parking permit refunds to faculty and staff so they can try riding the bus. If even a small percentage accept the bus as a driving alternative, then it is a successful endeavor.

A third initiative is to create a permit system for metered parking spaces in the University area. Details of this proposal haven't been worked out, but the University is looking at offering permits to park at metered spots for less than the cost of depositing coins.

As most meters are good for a maximum of four or five hours, all-day parking patrons would not have to worry about running to their parking spot in the middle of the day to beat the meter police.

The remaining part of the proposal calls for the addition of 400 parking spaces on campus. This should be the last alternative because it contradicts the intent of reducing car congestion on campus.

Although students haven't commented on the parking proposals yet, the task force is planning to meet with the ASUO to include students in the arrangement.

If it means less cars on campus, go for it.

## LETTERS

### Why the move?

What's the deal at MacArthur Court. Somebody just decided to eliminate half of the best student seating available?

Moving the band was a poorly conceived idea with very little consideration for student fans. Our tickets aren't free. We subsidize them in our tuition.

But seriously, it's great to have such important things to argue about at college.

Dion Walter  
Eugene

### Enemy mine

On Jan. 7, six Iraqi helicopter pilots reportedly fled to Saudi Arabia seeking asylum.

This event supports the belief that many in Iraq's army do not wish to fight and makes it all the more critical that we do not go to war in the gulf.

Apparently many of the soldiers we would be killing, and who would be killing us, have no quarrel with the United States, or even with Kuwait. We can't solve anything by murdering thousands of "enemy" troops who don't want to

be there anyway.

I don't support Hussein or his actions — I believe he should be stopped. But trying to get at him by burning through Iraqi soldiers would be a crime against humanity.

We must solve this problem through economic means, or diplomatic pressure, or other alternative methods.

Neal Skorpen  
Student

### Penny refund

In response to Russel Barnett's letter (ODE, Jan. 7):

Thank you ever so kindly for granting Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals the right to exist on campus.

I am sorry that you feel your money has been appropriated to vegetarian terrorists from hell and personally feel obligated to refund your generous contribution — no questions asked.

SETA was allocated \$239 for 1990-91, which amounts to .01327 cents per student. Although this is less than a penny for your thoughts, quite frank-

ly, that is about all they are worth.

To collect your refund, stop by our office in the basement of the EMU (Suite 1) anytime or simply drop in on one of our weekly meetings.

I again apologize for the inconvenience.

Todd Hausman  
SETA

### Packets, please

Please publish my open plea regarding packets. Until the EMU Copy Center decides to remain open for 24 hours a day during the first week of class I, for one, would greatly appreciate it if instructors would only place packets at Kinko's.

By being open 24 hours a day, Kinko's not only gives students the option of coming in at a slack time and getting instant service but they also have shorter lines during the busy periods.

Believe me, we get more than enough practice standing in line at this school.

Michael Hoyt  
Student

### It's up to US

Lately I have been hearing a lot of comment concerning the situation in the Middle East.

Most of the comments have been opposing Bush's decision to get involved in a conflict between the Arab nations. If the United States doesn't stop Hussein (who's sane), who will?

No one. The other nations are like little brothers and sisters under the United States. And if we let Hussein stay in Kuwait he is more likely going to be able to receive enough money from Kuwait's oil fields to finish the construction of his nuclear weapons.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not favoring war. But I feel that giving Hussein Kuwait's oil fields is like giving a sniper money to buy a gun. It's an indirect means of devastation.

I once heard "savagery is never eradicated." I believe we must take this at face value.

Brett Johnson  
Psychology

### I'm so very sorry

An open letter to Alumni and friends of the University:

At the outset I would like to apologize to those of the 2,500 fans in the pre-game buffet event who were not properly served in the exhibit hall.

It is always our goal to present the very finest in food service for our guests. Rarely do we fall short of that goal; but this was one of those occasions. Our planning for and supervision of the event was substandard and has prompted this response.

Unfortunately, I do not have the ability to correct the past; however, please be assured that this organization will learn from this experience and improve its service in the future.

Our goal of providing the best food service in the industry remains paramount. I hope we have the opportunity to serve you again in the future.

Ed Elias  
General Manager  
ARA Leisure Services, Inc.  
Friday, January 11, 1991