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"Speak for yourself"

Adilah Barnes of the African-American Drama Company portrayed several black leaders at a one-woman dramatic presentation titled "Sister, Can I Speak for You?" in the EMU Ballroom Thursday night. The presentation was followed by "Speak for Yourself," a forum on racism in the Northwest. For information on events planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, see page 4.

Photo by Sean Poston

Students active in war protests

By Daralyn Trappe and Bob Waite
Emerald Reporters

Students plan to walk out of classes today and Tuesday as a protest against the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, several student groups announced Thursday.

Also Thursday, the International Student Association, including students from the Middle East, expressed its opposition to the war with a draft resolution, and other students gathered at an open mike rally in the EMU Courtyard at noon to talk publicly about their reactions to the U.S. attack on Iraq.

"I don't feel I have a place to talk," University student Brenna Hansen told the audience in the courtyard. She also said she felt ashamed to be an American on Thursday in the wake of the U.S. air strike on Baghdad.

Christopher Nelson asked people to protest the actions of world leaders but not U.S. soldiers who are doing their jobs.

"The enemy is not the U.S. soldier, it's not my friends on the U.S.S. Midway," said Nelson, who recently spent two years in the Navy.

"We have a police force that is acting as a peace force," said Bo Adan of the No Gulf War Coalition.

Today's walkout is being advocated by the No Gulf War Coalition and the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee. Students are asked to leave their classes to join a peace rally in the EMU Courtyard at noon. The rally will be followed by the Martin Luther King Jr. March to downtown Eugene.

"Martin Luther King advocated peace and anti-war sentiments," said Shelli Romero of MEChA, explaining why organizers had planned to coordinate the peace rally with the MLK march.

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Profs analyze war in gulf

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Associate Editor

If Israel enters the war with Iraq on the side of the United States, the results could be devastating, said Anita Weiss, assistant professor of international studies at the University.

Weiss and many other faculty members have been closely following developments in the Middle East as scholars of global politics and foreign policy.

"Depending on what the Iraqi bombing of Israel (will be), it will play on the world opinion," Weiss said. "I doubt that any Muslim country can come out and defend the United States when the United States is defending Israel against Iraq."

"If Israel is going to get involved, then the United States will lose support on every

front," she said. "It depends on Israel's response."

Weiss said the United States would lose the support of several nations it now counts as allies if it enters a war on behalf of the Israelis.

These allies include countries such as Morocco, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Pakistan, long an ally of the United States, has already staged several anti-U.S. rallies, Weiss said.

Many North African and Middle Eastern countries view the U.S. bombing raids on Baghdad as attacks on all Muslim nations, she said.

"Muslim countries are going to look at this as an invasion," Weiss said.

The key to a U.S. victory is to disarm Iraq as quickly as possible, leaving Iraqi President Saddam Hussein little time to

pull any surprises, said political science professor William Baugh on Thursday.

One such surprise could include mobile missile units used in the attack on Israel on Thursday, he said.

"It is noteworthy that the president has said that one of the war goals has been to eliminate nuclear and chemical war capabilities," Baugh said.

Political science professor James Klonoski said Thursday that he hopes the war ends soon so that U.S. and allied troops can return home to their families. He said he was not caught off guard by the U.S. air strike against Iraq.

"I was ready for anything at anytime," he said. "Most people figured that it was going to happen."

Army center bombed Extent of interior damage unknown

By Bob Waite
Emerald Reporter

Unknown subjects firebombed the U.S. Army Reserve Center at 13th Avenue and Chambers Street on Thursday night, prompting Eugene police to call in FBI agents to aid the investigation.

People driving past the reserve center about 6:30 p.m. saw several people throw something against the south side of the building. They saw a flash and immediately went to a nearby pay phone to call 911.

While firefighters worked to control the blaze, police blocked off the intersection to traffic and began to investigate the site. Chambers Street was closed for about two hours and two blocks of 13th Avenue were closed for about one hour, said Eugene Police Sgt. Ken Heide.

"It went pretty well," Heide said. "The fire department got out here and knocked it out pretty quick."

Firefighters discovered two fires, one in an office, and another in a storage area in a building behind the building facing Chambers Street, said Eugene police and fire spokesman Capt. Tim Birr.

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Gulf Crisis

Iraq struck back early Friday against a non-stop hammering by American warplanes the way it said it would — by lobbing missiles into Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The early-morning attack on the Jewish state threatened to turn the Persian Gulf war into a wider Mideast conflict.

At least eight missiles launched from Iraq landed in Tel Aviv and elsewhere in

Israel about 2 a.m. today (4 p.m. Thursday PST).

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Almanac

Today is the last day to register, add courses or

change from audit to credit. Today is also the application deadline for spring term graduation.

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Regular classes will not be held; alternate activities are planned.

Sports

The Oregon women's basketball team takes on 13th ranked Washington at McArthur Court tonight at 7:30 and the Washington State squad on Sunday at 2 p.m.