

## Iraqi crisis cools off; U.S. looks to future

**Relations:** Secretary of state Warren Christopher proposes buffer zone near Kuwaiti border

KUWAIT (AP) — As Iraqi troops retreated from the Kuwait border, the United States and its allies turned their focus Wednesday to heading off future crises that might be provoked by Saddam Hussein. Thousands of U.S. troops continued to stream into the region as insur-

ance. Meanwhile, six Persian Gulf countries committed their own troops to the allied effort after a meeting in Kuwait with Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

One option that Christopher pursued with the Gulf ministers and with British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd involved establishing through the U.N. Security Council a zone near the Kuwaiti border that would be off-limits to Iraqi tanks and other heavy military equipment. Iraqi

flights already are banned in the area. Defense Secretary William Perry was expected to continue those discussions when he arrived in the region Thursday. However, facing resistance from some allies, the White House was not publicly pushing the idea on Wednesday.

Although U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said she had raised the idea at the United Nations, White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers told reporters, "That is not a proposal that we have

shopped around."

The French, in particular, urged caution. Two French Cabinet ministers said that Iraq had not violated any agreements and that the West should not overreact.

Whatever the details of the allied response, Christopher said, "we are resolved and committed that Saddam should not be permitted to project the world into crisis at his own whim."

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### The Hustler



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Matt Zanger, a senior in Architecture, lines up a behind-the-back shot while shooting pool Wednesday night in the EMU Rec Center. The Center is open Sunday-Thursday until 11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 12:30 p.m.

## Director wants Women's Center full of students

**Services:** Organization seeks greater student involvement with open environment

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If Edwina Welch had her wish, the two couches in the ASUO Women's Center would never be empty.

Welch, the new director of the Women's Center, hopes women on campus will come into the center, have a cup of coffee, find out about the services it offers and become involved with the programs.

Because more than half of the University student body is female, Welch has taken on quite a challenge.

According to Welch, the Women's Center had 133 drop-in visits and 40 phone calls from people interested in finding out more about the center during the first week of classes. Welch has been pleased with the student response.

The Women's Center, in EMU Suite 3, has been on campus for seven years. The center began the 1994-95 year with major structural changes.

Last year a restructuring committee met to redesign the Women's Center. They lobbied to receive an increase of student fees, and the center is currently working with a budget of \$97,000. The committee surveyed women's centers nationwide and set up a new structure, including a director, an office manager, support group facilitators.

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### GOOD MORNING

► WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — That bottle of Mountain Dew that cooled you off in the summer may keep you warm six months later.

Wickers Sportswear Inc. is working to lessen both winter's cold and America's landfills by making thermal underwear and other products from recycled plastic.

Wickers is among a growing number of U.S. companies turning recycled plastic into underwear, T-shirts, backpacks and other products.

Navy blue and Mountain Dew green are the only colors available for its thermals — green because of the bottles' color and blue because that is the only environmentally safe dye the company has found, said quality control manager Carol Metivier.

In November, the mail-order company Land's End will begin selling 100 percent recycled underwear made by Wickers.

The fabric Wickers uses for its thermals comes from the fiber Fortrel EcoSpun, made by Well-

### Just a Reminder

Streets around campus will be closed 5 a.m. Friday through 3 a.m. Saturday to accommodate guests at The Oregon Campaign. Streets affected by the closure:  
■ University Street, from East 15th to 18th Avenues  
■ Lot 30, behind McArthur Court  
■ Lot 29A, south of the EMU

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man Inc., a plastic recycler and polyester producer. The garments are as warm as thermal underwear made from virgin material, Mazzenga said.

Wellman has been making its recycled product out of used soda bottles since 1979, but it wasn't until two years ago that it produced a fiber soft enough for clothing.

## False alarms create safety problems

**Prevention:** Sophisticated fire safety equipment is not always an accurate detector

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From discarded cigarettes tossed carelessly in the firewood to abandoned candles left in dorm rooms, fire safety and response has always been a big concern for campus safety officials.

According to Keith Richard, University archivist, the first fire on campus was started in the basement of Deady Hall when someone was sneaking cigarettes next to the woodpile in the 1870s.

Back then, water was stored in copper-lined towers in Villard and Deady Halls so that the gravitational force would pump water for efficient fire fighting, he said.

Today's fire prevention and safety has become very sophis-

ticated according to Kay Coots of the University Office of Public Safety.

But with the increased sophistication, there also has been an increase in false alarms. Willamette Hall has experienced a lot of false alarms in the past four years said Sandy Ryan, office manager.

The problem with the false alarms, Ryan said, is that most of the faculty and staff have learned to ignore them.

"The whole building feels this way," she said, "the faculty and everybody. They don't know to leave the building. Every time it's happened in the last four years, it's been a false alarm."

However Ryan said that, in the last six months, the situation has improved.

When an alarm is triggered, the dispatchers at OPS locate the source and pick up the red phone.

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**TUESDAY:** Eugene City Council discusses budget cuts to provide more money for fire protection.

**WEDNESDAY:** A profile of the Agate Street fire station and the budget problems that keep it understaffed.

**TODAY:** An explanation of administrative policy about fire safety on campus.