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Clackamas student Frank Jordan, also in the Army Reserves, wore his chemical suit at school last week to demonstrate its capabilities.

Hot chemical suit necessary precaution

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environment, so hot that it may seem like the wearer is cooking in his own sweat. In a cold weather environment, the suit sometimes seems like it is better than the cold weather clothing that the Army issues.

The next piece of clothing is the chemical boots. The boots are designed to be worn over the combat boots that a soldier wears. The present pair of boots are cumbersome at best, depending on where the suit is being put on. In a desert environment, the only reason that the boots are difficult to put on is that the wearer

already is wearing his protective mask and chemical suit, so putting the boots on can be a tiring adventure.

The Army is presently working on a new chemical boot that can be put on quickly, without expending so much energy in doing so.

The last item in the chemical protective arsenal are the gloves. The gloves are basically heavy, black rubber, and they come with an insert, so the gloves can be put on and taken off easier. The only real problem with the gloves is that they make it hard to hold

onto things.

All in all, the chemical suit is adequate protection in a chemical environment, but one would think that the Army, for all of the millions spent in research and development, can come up with a better alternative; let's hope so.

But the one thing that we cannot count on is whether Saddam will ever resort to using all of his poison gases. Let's hope he comes to his senses one of these days, so we can bring our men and women home to the good ol' U.S.A.

Continued bombing wears on Iraqi troops' morale

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of the bombardment because they have the best combat vehicles and top-of-the-line Soviet designed tanks, and artillery.

According to Lt. Gen. Walter Boomer, he feels that Iraqi morale is poor and that the troops are discouraged. Boomer said that the prisoners of war "tell us that morale is next to nothing."

He said that it appears that the entire navy has collapsed and the captured sailors relate tales of desperate attempts to escape allied air strikes and the wrath of Saddam Hussein.

Boomer said that the results of the allied fire is inconclusive and that he will assume, "that every Iraqi up there is going to fight like hell. If that turns out not to be true, then great." He said he won't believe it until he sees it.

So far the allied forces have only lost 27 planes. Thirty allied casualties have been reported and 39 allied troops are missing in action. The state department reported that only 12 of the 39 troops listed as missing in action, are confirmed as prisoners of war.

Iranian government continues to refuse to allow the return of more than 90 aircraft that have sought refuge in Iranian soil and demands Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. According to Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, "The only solution to war is an Iraqi withdrawal from Ku-

wait and the withdrawal of all foreign forces from the region."

Meanwhile back at the home front, President Bush declared last Sunday a national day of prayer. He said in his proclamation speech, "in this moment of crisis may Americans of every creed turn to our greatest power and unite

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Red Cross seeks blood donations

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The Portland office of the Red Cross will be here at Clackamas Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 10a.m. to 2:45pm to receive donations of blood.

The Red Cross and ASG would like to have all those interested in donating blood to make an appointment, but, as long as there is time, no one will be turned away, according to Renae Austin, ASG Assistant to the President.

Sixty-five units of blood is the official goal set for the Feb. 6 collection date, but Austin says they are hoping to collect over a hundred units.

"Seventy-one units were collected (at the last drive), and we'd

like to beat that," said Austin.

At this time, there has been no increased demand for blood from the Red Cross for the war in the Gulf but, according to Austin, that could change any day.

"There is a very high possibility that there will be a lot needed, but we can't use that as a promotional point," said Austin. "We can't get out and say 'donate blood for the servicemen' because there has been no demand yet."

The Red Cross was asked to have 100 units ready for shipping overseas last week, but then the order was cancelled.

For more information on other donation times and locations, contact the Portland office of the Red Cross ant 284-0011.

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