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WAR STIRS REACTION AMONG STUDENTS

Since January 16, much has been written regarding the Persian Gulf Crisis. Instead of restating what has already been printed in the past week, we decided to let Penn State Harrisburg students voice their concerns as we enter week two:

Mike Rineer, 22,
Senior, Communications
Enola, Pa.

"I support the president 100%. We should go into Iraq right now. The longer it goes on the polls will change."

Sherry Asberry, 23
Senior, Communications
Middletown, Pa.

"[Saddam Hussein's] out for his own fame. I support our troops completely."

Jim McGraw, 22
Senior, Environmental Engineering
Mechanichsburg, Pa.

"I think the war is going to last longer than we originally thought. [Hussein] is more powerful than we predicted."

Robert Schrof, 23
Junior, Accounting
Unionville, Pa.

"I support the president because of the nuclear potential Hussein was attempting to create. We had to go to war."

Joe Hnatishion, 21
Senior, Accounting
Reading, Pa.
"[War] is something we had to do. There were no other alternatives"

Harv Pittman
Lion's Den Cook
Middletown, Pa.

"I'm from the sixties and I was against Vietnam. I am surprised that I am in support of this war. If [U.S.

Senior, Finance
Philadelphia, Pa.
"We couldn't wait any longer, we had to go in."

Mike Watts, 20
Junior, Humanities
Camarillo, Ca.

"I Support the war because Saddam is a "mad man," he's stepped over the line one too many times and now the check's in the mail."

"If [U.S. Soldiers] are going to risk their lives over there, we should support them."

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Mark Jordan, 23
Graduate Student
Broomall, Pa.

"Saddam is a very sick man. I support Bush's resolve to liberate Kuwait and, in essence, terminate Hussein. That will be the only way to get Iraq to withdraw."

Brenda Bugdonovitch, 20
Junior, Elementary Education

"I support all of the people fighting over there and hope they all come home safely."

Steve Klein, 27

Suzanne Rosenblatt, 21
Senior, Public Policy
East Brunswick, N.J.

"I think Hussein wanted to take over the entire Middle East, so we had to invade."

Madonna Onesky, 23
Senior, Secondary Education
Camp Hill, Pa.

"I back Bush 100%. I think anti-war protesting in the U.S. is bulls--t"

Sylvia Badesso, 21
Senior, Secondary Education
Philadelphia, Pa.

"I think Hussein should have been shot a long time ago. I hope it's a short war with few casualties"

War Poll

The *Capital Times* polled 132 students at random to get their reaction on the Gulf War. The question posed was do you support the current military action taken the United States and its allies. Are you for or against the war? The staff realizes that this question may seem vague on such a complex subject, and this poll only represents a purely unscientific questioning of a portion of the student body.

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State strips University funds

Pat Byers
Capital Times Staff

Penn State University was told to return 5 percent of its state funding by Governor Casey as a part of his \$731 million deficit reduction program. This involves giving back 3.5 percent of the annual tuition challenge grant funds.

Last July the money was operating revenue at Penn State for the 1990-91 school year. Within the next few weeks it will become operating revenue for the state.

Penn State Harrisburg Provost Ruth Leventhal voiced concern over the decision saying, "a cut of this magnitude is very severe to the university, particularly coming seven months into the yearly budget."

Professor Jim Hudson, head of the college Faculty Council, said the budget cuts should not directly affect the student yet. But, he added, the freeze has put a hold on hiring new faculty, which could create larger classes and eliminate others.

The cuts will come from supplies, services, travel publications and other program expenses within each department. Expenses like photocopying, long distance telephone calls, and expensive field trips may be cut.

Hudson said he's seen worse budget cuts in his 18 years at Penn State.

More than two-thirds of the \$145,000 that the college must return to the state will come from non academic sector funds, said Elizabeth Fortner, head of the Education department.

"The university is trying to find the least painful way of finding the money to return," she said.

Professors who wish to attend expensive international conferences are being discouraged, she said.

I don't think the student will notice the differences," she said.

Leventhal agreed that the student should not be affected right now, but cautions against a future billion dollar state budget deficit.

She points out that a large portion of the deficit could again come from the educational sector and that Penn State is "vulnerable" toward losing its tuition challenge money because the state did not make the money a part of the university's operating budget.

She claims that in the past, the state simply added on new money to the base appropriation but this time with tuition challenge money. Future budget cuts by the governor may result in salary and program cuts, as well as an increase in tuition.

According to the budget document the total operating budget which annually exceeds \$1 billion for Penn State University and its branches is used to support basic teaching, research, public service programs, academic and administrative activity.

The general funds budget feeds programs in instruction, research, academic support, student services, student aid and special provisions.

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