

## Panel

Khosrowpour, chairperson of the information systems program, discussed the eight year Iraq-Iran War and Iran's current position.

Khosrowpour, a native Iranian, said both wars started in a similar manner. Khosrowpour, who recently returned from a trip to Iran, said that in 1980 Hussein broke a treaty and occupied part of Iran in the same manner he now occupies Kuwait.

He said 138 SCUD missiles and chemical weapons killed innocent people in the Iranian capital, Tehran.

"The U.S. made a mistake," Khosrowpour said, "arming a known loose cannonball in that part of the world."

As for the Iranian position now, he said Iran doesn't have the resources due to a \$300 billion war debt.

Offering a German perspective on the War, Alex Hartzler, a 1990 Penn State graduate currently studying in Germany at the University of Cologne, broke the German reaction into three sections: the popular support of the War, the peace movement, and the government position.

Hartzler said 60-70 percent of the German population supports the Allied position but only 28 percent support German troop deployment.

"It's hard for them to understand we have a volunteer force," he said, "because they're required to serve."

He said German students protest so adamantly because they are required to serve either 12 months military service or 18 months civilian service like hospital or forestry work.

"In January, they [German students] were very hostile about American imperialism," Hartzler said.

The movement turned away from "anti-America" towards peace in general when it was discovered the German government had helped build Hussein's bunker and supplied him with chemical weapons, he said.

Hartzler added that the German government was caught off guard due to reunification, but they have now contributed \$5.5 billion to the war effort plus aid to Israel.

"Germany is not ready to take a world leadership role like the U.S. would want," Hartzler said.

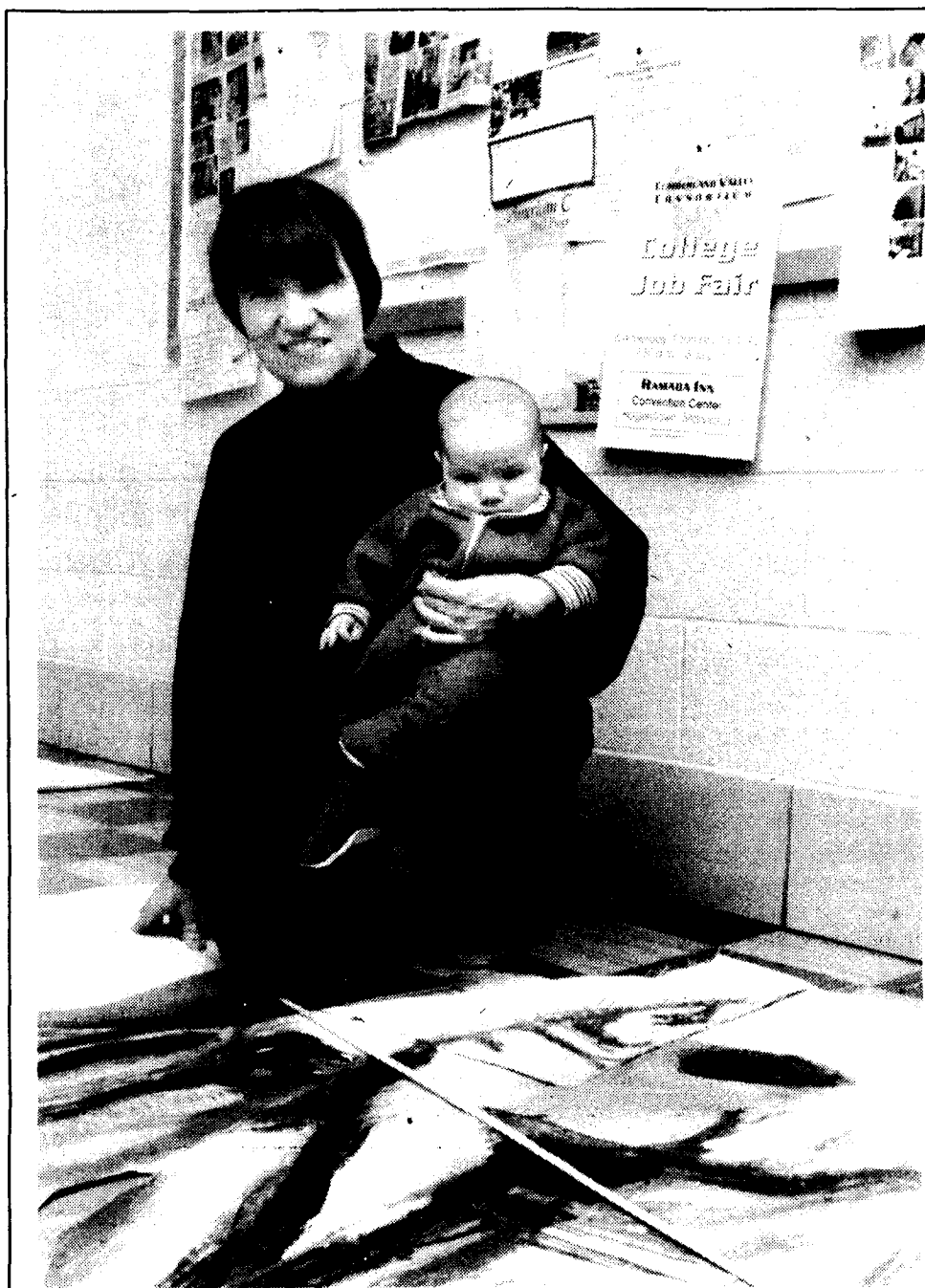


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Harrisburg artist Susan Morrison, with 7-week-old Ian James under her arm, measures painted canvas and paper for her collage to be hung in the Humanities Gallery. Morrison's energetic, multi-color works in oil, latex, pastel, acrylic, chalk, and charcoal, will hang in the gallery until Mar. 15.

## Call-up

required when students register for admission.

Students in the reserves know that a phone call ordering them to report could come at any time and any number of them could be confronted with being called up. Greg Norris, 22, a Penn State Harrisburg student and member of the National Guard, explained how he is dealing with the possibility of being called to active duty.

Generally, after being ordered to report, you'd get 72 hours "to take care of business," Norris said. "This time could be shorter, depending on the situation."

"My unit has not yet been activated - it has not been put on alert," Norris said.

Norris, of Saxton, Pa., lives at Meade Heights and is a business/management senior serving with the National Guard's Company C, 1-110 Infantry Unit, in Everett, Pa.

Norris joined the Guard when he was 18. "This March, I'll have five years in," he said. "When I joined, I didn't really believe I'd ever be called up."

"I joined to say that I served my country and because I needed money for college, using G.I. benefits," Norris said. "I'm not exactly sure what enticed me to join. I kind of jumped on it a little hastily, I guess."

"I saw this opportunity when I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but I knew college was in the future," he said. "I thought, 'I can do this and still go to school and in the meantime get my military service out of the way,' instead of joining the Air Force for four years, then going back and taking four years of college - taking care of two birds with one stone."

Norris also works at United Parcel Service. He says he has not experienced any changes in his studies or work since the Gulf War began.

"It's been business as usual," he said. "There isn't any sense worrying about something you don't know will come about. I may go and I may not go. I'm not going to sit around and worry about it."

"I try not to think about it," he said. "Life goes on as usual. If I'd dwell on it, I'd probably go nuts thinking about everything that could happen."

Norris said his family is more concerned.

"My grandparents worry about it," he said. "Dad doesn't say anything, but Mom's a nervous wreck. Mom panics easily. If she sees a guy in uniform driving down the road, she thinks I'll be activated. I tell her, 'Look, Mom, if I have to go over, there's nothing you or I can do about it.'"

casualties of this conflict, like many of those in the past, will not be restricted to just the participants. The collective human conscience will also be a casualty even though this war "may" have a "just" cause.

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## Letters

each other.

After having been feverishly attached to both the television and the radio in trying to find out as much as one can about the progress of the war in the Gulf like everyone else, now I find myself completely repelled by all utterances of the war, for I do not want to know anymore about it; for I can't help but think over and over that one way or the other, whether we (the allies) win or not, we (humanity) will all lose once again through our own destructive nature. The wailings and cries of the people, both wounded and killed and those that remain behind who have lost someone will echo throughout many years of the world's future history in ways we cannot even imagine now. And what about the assault on Mother Earth--ecological warfare--which we now only began to see the horror of? Thus, the

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