Faculty experts comment on Persian Gulf war
Washington University faculty experts on the Middle East, defense issues and presidential politics, among other areas, have been interviewed by media around the country since the Persian Gulf conflict began. The following are recent comments made by John University faculty.

Peter Heath, Ph.D., assistant professor of Arabic language and literature, has lived and worked many years in the Middle East. A research associate at Washington University's Center for the Study of Islamic Societies and Civilizations, Heath commented on the possibility of hostility toward the United States, and on the stepped up FBI scrutiny of Arabs.

"The positive thing about the FBI's action is that they seem to be doing a direct job. It should just as easily have been done so. I find that hopeful. It allows the issue to be discussed before it reaches any crisis stage. Given the general anti-Arab feeling among Americans for the past decade, it's understandable that this would make at least some Arab-Americans more paranoid, but if it has to be done, it's better if it done publicly.

"When you take into account the internal civil war in Lebanon, the continuing Israeli/Palestinian question, and the lack of distinction in the mainstream media between different kinds of Arabs and Muslims, it would be surprising if there weren't anti-Muslim or anti-Arab feeling among many people. The history of the relationship hasn't been very good in the last decade. Prior to that, most American Arabs thought the world was either non-existent or was a stereotypical camel-jockey or terrorist."

"There may be instances of violence, but it's not that we don't think it's going to go out and beat people up. I think that there may occur in those areas where there is already tension anyway, the large amount of Americans in both California and on the East Coast. I think it depends on the number of casualties. If a lot of Americans are killed or wounded, there is going to be a desire to take it out on people who are a convenient target."

"Many Arab-Americans I've met have expressed concern about the negative reaction to their being Arab, to the extent that they may say: 'If one of them told me that he was Arab and school because he looked Arab. To some extent, this has mobilized the Arab-American community and has helped to activate them as a political force. But it is an unfortunate way to be activated as a political force."

Gary J. Miller, Ph.D., Reuben C. Jr. and Anne Carpenter Taylor Professor of Political Economy at the John M. Olin School of Business, is a political economist who has worked on the Middle East, defense issues and the role of leadership in presidential politics.

Miller's research, which is generally in the area of experimental social sciences and international behavior, has been funded by the National Science Foundation. He is working on a book about the impact of leadership, culture and politics on economic effect, and another about the role of leadership in presidential politics.

Miller says that by failing to make clear points about the American public, the Gulf war will have a huge economic impact on the United States, President

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Celebration pays tribute to cultures, human rights

Listen to a reggae band. Measure your flexibility in a limbo contest. Try a Hawaiian dish.

These activities may sound more like a Caribbean cruise than life at Washington University, but during Feb. 12-17, members of the University community will have a chance to experience cultures from across the globe. Internationally acclaimed on-campus and off, will present glimpses of their homeland to the University.

Cultural Celebration is an annual weeklong event that highlights human rights and pays tribute to the diverse cultures represented by students, John Jacob, National Urban League Inc. president and chief executive officer, will keynote Cultural Celebration during an Assembly Series lecture at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in Graham Chapel. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and open to the public.

Anthea Henderson, program director for the Campus Y and an organizer of the celebration, said the week is an excellent opportunity to help people become aware of cultures around the world. She feels this is a very creative way of helping people become aware of the importance of the cultures. The fact that these are very significant cultures, Henderson said. Students, faculty, and faculty walk around the world and find several student organizations.

The week begins on Monday, Feb. 11, with "Taste of the World." From 6 to 8 p.m., booths featuring international foods will fill all three floors of Mallinckrodt Center. People can visit different booths and taste to their heart's content — free of charge. A discussion of the Persian Gulf crisis will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Wydown A Multipurpose Room. William Lowry, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science at the University, will facilitate the discussion.

For a relaxing evening, the David Hines Jazz Ensemble will perform during the Cultural Celebration Coffeehouse, from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Gaggenau in Mallinckrodt Center. International coffees and tea will be served, along with a selection of French pastries. Jacob, the keynote speaker on Feb. 14, heads one of the most respected community-based social service and advocacy agencies in the country, the National Urban League. Founded in 1910, it is the oldest of the community service organizations concerned with improving the socio-economic status of African-Americans and other minorities in the United States. A "Marshall Plan-like effort" from the federal government to restore urban infrastructure and achieve full employment through public works and job-training programs.

Hines, a chair Howard University's board of trustees and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. An International Fashion Fair will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in the lower level of the Mallinckrodt Center. Art is sponsored by the sQ & Shop and A Seta.

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Basketball teams are in good standing

With just under three weeks remaining in the regular season, Washington University basketball teams are in a strong position to win conference championships, and subsequently, automatic NCAA tournament berths.

The men's team, ranked fourth nationally in the latest NCAA Division III poll, stayed in contention for a league title with victories over Rochester in a regular season match and over St. Olaf, 76-54. The team, winners of seven games in a row and 10 of its last 11, moved to the top of the University Athletic Association standings.

The women's team, ranked fifth in the country, defeated Carleton College 77-68 on Feb. 9, improving to 13-7 overall. The team faces three home games to close out the regular season, including a game against the University of Chicago, who is currently the league leader.

Washington University's Record will provide detailed updates on the team's progress leading up to the NCAA tournament. Stay tuned for the latest news and updates on the men's and women's basketball teams.
Thursday, Feb. 7
5:30 p.m. School of Medicine Transplant Program Seminar, "A Model for Organ Transplantation," Robert Ackerman, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston. (Also Feb. 14, same time and place.) Room 308 School of Medicine.
2 p.m. WRAC Colloquium, "The Evolution of Anuran Advertising Call Structure," Andrew Kramer, visiting assist. prof., U. of Tenn.-Knoxville. (Also Feb. 4, same time and place.) Room 308 School of Medicine.
11 a.m. Thursday Talk, "Laughter," Carl F. Winman, founder, president, Plumternity. Open only to members of the campus community with current ID. Graham Chapel. For more info., call 889-4121.
4 p.m. Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Seminar, "Integrator: The Molecular Pathway From Sunlight to Skin Cancer," John Taylor, WU prof. of Chemistry, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. (Also Feb. 14, same time and place.) Room 107 School of Medicine.
4 p.m. Dept. of Pharmacology, "Studies of QCD at Low Energies at CERN," Robert Ellis, CERN Theory Group, CERN. 415 Cross Rd. (Refreshments, 3:30 p.m., Room 245 Compton.)
Thursday, Feb. 14
4 p.m. Assembly Series Lecture with John Jacob, president, and CEO, National Urban League. Inc. A session is in conjunction with the Cultural Celebration Week, Feb. 11-17. Graham Chapel.
4 p.m. Dept. of Cell Biology and Physiology Seminar, "G Protein Receptor Channels in Central and Peripheral Nervousness," Jim Hurteau, prof. of pharmacology and biochemistry, University of Illinois-Chicago. McDonnell Medical Sciences Bldg.
4 p.m. Dept. of Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar, "The Study of the State of Nature," William Gass, prof. of English, the University of La Verne. (Also Feb. 21, same time and place.) Room 100 Graham Chapel.
Friday, Feb. 15
6:30 p.m. African and Afro-American Studies Program Presents "The Adversary," an Italian film with English subtitles, directed by Marco Bellocchio. Room 100 Busch Hall. For more info., call 726-6177.
5 p.m. Dept. of Biology Seminar, "Sugar Cane Alley." (Also Feb. 16, same time, and Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.) Room 100 Busch Hall. For more info., call 726-6177.
5 p.m. Cultural Celebration Presents "Annual High School Art Competition." Graham Chapel. For more info., call 889-5639.
Saturday, Feb. 16
8 p.m. Music: Black History Month, several Washington University organizations are sponsoring a tribute to African-American composers and an evening of poetry readings by African-American poet Nikki Giovanni. Both events are free and open to the public.
8 p.m. Dept. of Theatre, "The Play's the Thing," WU theatre Arts program. For more information on both events, call the African and Afro-American Studies Program at 889-5690.