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Terrorist leaves legacy of destroyed ecosystem Key U.S. airpower in Persian Gulf

by Kimberley McGee

He has now committed a crime against nature that has brought mental disaster. This smoke the war to the ocean depths. The ecosystem in the Persian Gulf has been destroyed for the sake of one man's hunger for consummate power.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, Iraq began dumping millions of gallons of crude oil from Kuwait's main supertanker loading pier into the Persian Gulf, fouling beaches and wildlife habitats. The water there is described as being so thick with crude oil that it can barely build up to a wave. What once were splashes are now gurgles.

Fortunately, the ocean currents are keeping the slick, for the most part, away from the coast. The Allied Forces have bombed the main pipes leading to the Bulf and curbed the flow of oil. As of Tuesday, there is 460 million gallons of oil which has become 35 miles long and 10 miles wide. If not kept under control, this massive slick will threaten the desalinization plants which provide fresh water to Saudi Arabia and our troops.

The oil released in the Gulf is said not to burn easily. The would rise 3,200 feet into the air, sidered as a solution to clean up searched the possibility of out the desert sun. Hussein setting ablaze the 363

produce 15,000 tons of smoke pollution hazards for the delicate the inlets and coves of Prince daily. If Hussein begins to burn agriculture and aqua systems. It Saddam Hussein has the the Kuwaiti oil refineries, the will take up to a year to cap these power to set the world on fire. pollution from the massive smoke fires, during which time the smoke plumes would create an environ- would continue to fill the sky.

Bioremediation is being con-

How Gulf war could hurt environment

1. Oil fires Iraq tries to ignite Kuwalt's 1,000 oil wells to oge them; combat starts other fires. Fire could burn anywhere from weeks to years. Massi clouds of smoke rise to the atm harmful air pollution and "greenhouse ga spur global warming Worst-case scenario: Smoke obscures the sun over such a wide a in Asia are disrupted Likely scenario: Regional crop damag

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Combat or sabatoge de that turns brackish ground xie fresh wa Worst-case scenario: Cit fresh water during extended co Likely scenario: Fresh water supplies must be imported by truck or tanker until the plant is repaired

The prevailing westerlies fineries would burn 1,593,000 Pakistan, Iran, and other Middle barrels of oil a day which could Eastern countries causing major

3. Land destructio nate the ground st-case scenario: De is decades to heal its ly scenario: Destroying

during fighting, allowing spill into the gui Worst-case scenario: Birds. ned im v scenario: Marin but important long-term damag

SOURCE: Datas Mo

Department of Energy has re- darkening the sky and blotting the Gulf. Bacteria would be introduced to the water which would "eat" the oil, emitting carbon diexisting oil refineries. These re- could carry the smoke over India, oxide, water and fatty enzymes which would become fish food.

William Sound but has never been tested on open waters. Another concern in these times of worldwide recession is who will pay for the clean up. The Valdez spill cost Exxon 3.5 billion dollars. Is there that much charity in the world today?

Hopefully Hussein will stop this "environmental terrorism" as the White House is calling it, and there will be a peaceful end to this catastrophe. However, this war has escalated to an incredibly absurd magnitude where Hussein is stepping over the line and threatening the future of the world.

The conclusion, without the assumptions and supercomputer models, is this: Hussein has committed the ultimate crime against nature. He has willfully destroyed an entire ecosystem. The slick in the Gulf is 12 times the size of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The most heavily contaminated and ecologically sensitive areas could take another 25 years for the animals and plant life of Prince William Sound to return to its healthy, clean environment.

Does this mean it will take 300 years to get the Persian Gulf back to the way it was Tuesday? Will the people of the future even remember, or really care about the battle fought between Hussein and Bush, while shores are blackened with oil?

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F-15 Eagle Land-based, air-superiority fighter used to gain control of airspace. F-15E is used for medium-range, all-weather, day or night attacks.

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Land and carrier-based, multi-mission fighter and attack bomber



A-10 Thunderbolt II Land-based, close support/anti-tank



F-16 Fighting Falcon and-l combat and air support fight

Teaching faculty calumniated (Part

by Evan Blythin

Editor's note: On Tuesday, the fate of professors more interested in teaching than research or publication. That editorial showed that UNLV professors who exclusively devote themselves to students could be considered third class citizens.

at UNLV are, in some ways, heart- tivities for students, and his office vanced to full professorship at a breakers. The William Morris was a sanctuary for students in good university. With matured Award for teaching in the College need of counseling. When I was perspective, he has published in students and faculty and screen- had changed _ ingby a student/faculty committee. the students' One would think that the nomi- lives. A new nees for the award would at least dean arrived receive tenure at UNLV be offered a token of appreciation with new stanin the institutional merit process, dards of faculty but it is possible to receive both achievement. nominated for the award for four ing receipt of the articles by pro- great faculty. consecutive years but did not re- fessional journals in the field. ceive merit in the university reward system. The UNLV Research Council says But the ideas were still half- mined. The first type of faculty in its call for projects that "funds formed, not yet matured by time member is devoted to one function every player in the game. will not be allocated for the prepa- and experience. He finished the exclusively, other faculty may take ration of textbooks at any level." five articles and sent them off just on two tasks, and some faculty Further, while a faculty member in the nick of time. But in the may want to generalize to all three may receive merit for a textbook at process, he'd been stripped of the functions. UNLV, a textbook is not likely to honors due his years of service to contribute toward the highest UNLV. As things turned out, he would not receive tenure at UNLV one more fashion. (he failed to publish). Aristotle might get tenure but he'd never of study, the rejection rate for ar- each, qualities that would deter- ber at UNLV for 21 years.

receive full professorship (he pub- ticles is 85 to 95 percent. Several mine reward and award. Teachlished textbooks).

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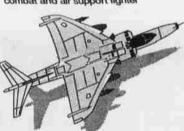
devoted his life to students and The few awards that are given He sponsored extracurricular ac- period, was both tenured and ad-(he failed to publish)."

months after his trial-by-dean, the The dishonor goes on and on. article rejections began to arrive. Yellin' Rebel ran the first half of There is no faculty center at UNLV; They were not nice. For a period of Dr. Blythin's editorial about the there are no sabbaticals for teach-six months, the rejections dribbled ing; full professorships are not and spattered in. Each rejection two outside reviewers, letters I once had a colleague who tearing the work apart.

But there is a good ending to teaching. He arrived early and the story. My colleague resigned

ing qualities, for instance, might relate to all the givens at superlative levels: superior advisement, excellent thesis contributions, etc. Research qualities could be noted granted for teaching, and so forth was accompanied by letters from in continued study, on completed study, on published study, and on exceptionally well-published study. The serving faculty might be awarded and rewarded relative stayed late, working with students. from UNLV and, within a short to successes within the university environment and service to the larger community.

We can all see the function, of Liberal Arts is a rare prize, one chair of this man's department, I his field. The story ends well for types, and awards of university award for 146 people. The Morris received letters from students and the man but it is not the kind of faculty members. I believe that Award is based on nominations by parents telling me how the teacher story that should be welcome in a the system is faltering because of young, proud, an inequality of status. If we want "Socrates would not and growing the system to work we have to honor and pay for teaching just as we honor and pay for administra-The picture tion and research.



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In the faculty member's field might advance to the qualities of study and has been a faculty mem-

"U.S. News & World Report" student and faculty nominations My colleague came up for review, tive sides of youth, pride, and in October called this university for the award and still not receive with no publications. The dean change. But there is a dream here, an up-and-coming institution of institutional merit. In addition, explained that publication was the a dream of being a great univer- higher education. We bill our-sites repeat nominations are not given new thing. If my colleague wanted sity. And that dream is within our selves as "young, proud and growany particular consideration in the to stay, he could crank out five reach. To become a great univer- ing." It's all true. But a young merit process: there is at least one articles in the next semester and sity, we need to work out the university should be able to look case where a faculty member was bring to the dean letters indicat- functions, types and qualities of down the road and see the errors made at older institutions. As a The UNLV code suggests proud institution, we should take For a semester my colleague three interrelated and co-equal care to honor the faculty members stiffed students and stoked the functions; faculty are supposed to who make the institution great. The lack of honor paid to fires of enlightenment. He had a research, serve, and teach. Using To keep growing in stature and teaching faculty can also be seen good degree from a good school, the three functions as a guide, size, we're going to have to recogin the way textbooks are treated. and he had ideas worth pursuing. three types of faculty can be deter- nize that full cooperation and success means equal status for

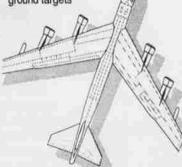
Dr. Blythin has served as chair for his department, the University Ethics Committee, and the Gradu-Once the functions and types ate College Curriculum Commitrank, full professorship. Socrates was to be stripped of honor in yet of faculty members have been de- tee. He is the author of numerous termined, then the university books and articles in his field of



F-117A stealth fighter Land-based, fighter/bomber used against high-value, strongly-defended targets such as radar and anti-aircraft



FB-111 Strategic bomber Land-based, tactical strike fighter/ bomber used to attack ground targets



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