

# Iraq: Bush reveals plans

America's leader explains various methods for dealing with the aftermath of a war, if necessary

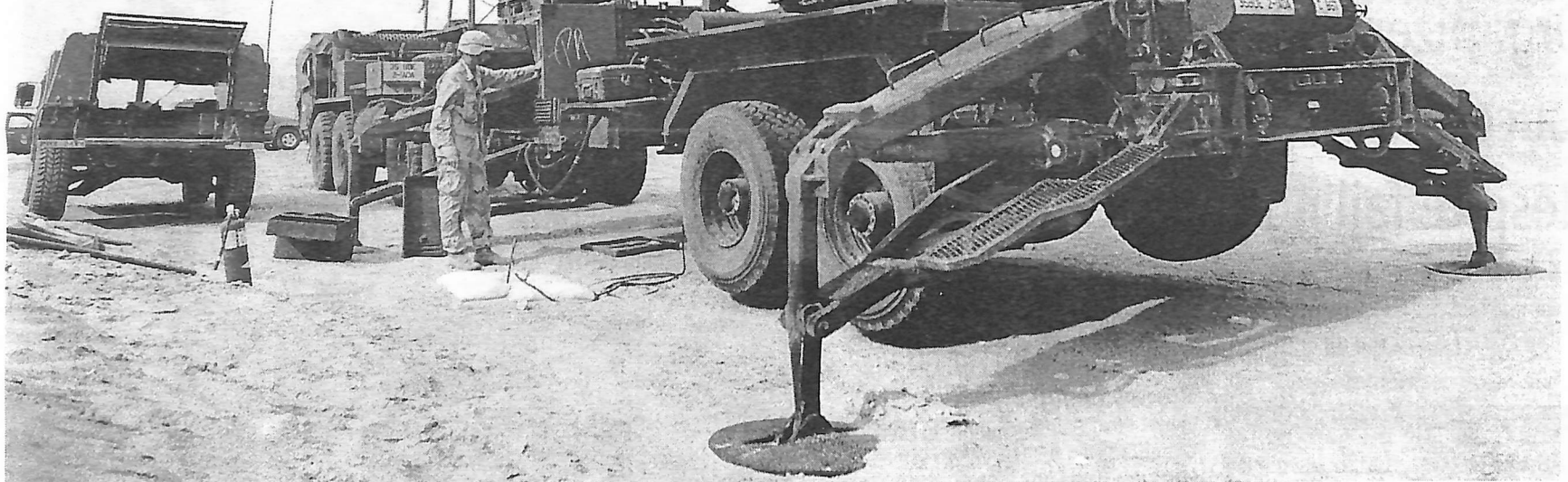
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(U-WIRE) - President Bush set out his vision of a "liberated Iraq" in a speech to the American Enterprise Institute on Wednesday night, saying that bringing about a postwar nation without Saddam Hussein would bring hope to the people of the Middle East region and set the stage for a democratic Palestinian state. He declared that "the safety of the American people depends on ending this direct and growing threat."

"We hope that the Iraqi regime will meet the demands of the United Nations and disarm, fully and peacefully. If it does not, we are prepared to disarm Iraq by force. Either way, this danger will be removed," Bush said.

"Hussein is a tyrant with ties to terrorist organizations that have weapons that cannot be ignored or wished away," Bush said. "The dangers of our time must be confronted actively and forcefully, before we see them again in our skies and in our cities."

Regarding the war's aftermath, he said the United States and its allies would



U.S. Army Specialist Brandon Sapikowski performs an operations check on a Patriot Missile Launch Station. Sapikowski is responsible for ensuring each Patriot missile located at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, is operational at all times. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of Defense.

"stand ready to help the citizens of a liberated Iraq."

Bush said the U.S. and its allies would deliver medicine to the sick, and the government is moving three million emergency rations to feed the hungry.

He promised that Iraq's 55,000 food distribution sites would be stocked and opened as soon as possible and said the U.S. and Great Britain are providing tens of millions of dollars to groups that will give emergency aid to the Iraqi people.

"We meet here during a crucial period in the history of our nation, and of the civilized world. Part of that history

was written by others; the rest will be written by us. America's interests in security, and America's belief in liberty, both lead in the same direction: to a free and peaceful Iraq."

The U.S. would neither choose the precise form of Iraq's new government nor allow one dictator to replace another, but would remain in Iraq as long as necessary to ensure peace, he said.

America has acted similarly in rebuilding other postwar nations, he said. Iraq would be like Japan and Germany, in finding a way toward democracy after a war.

"A new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom for other nations in the region," Bush said.

He opposed the idea that the Muslim culture is somehow different than that of the rest of the world and not open to peace.

A truly democratic Palestinian state could be brought about with "the passing of Saddam Hussein's re-

gime," he said, because it "will deprive terrorist networks of a wealthy patron that pays for terrorist training, and offers rewards to families of suicide bombers."

Israel and other Arab states would be expected to support a viable Palestinian state that opposes terrorism. Bush said the United States is committed to helping the two nations to live peacefully side-by-side.

The U.S. president called upon the United Nations to answer the threat of Iraq, using force if necessary, and said

one nation alone could not confront the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The United Nations Security Council would be severely weakened if it failed to respond to a resolution declaring Iraq in defiance of the body for continuing to harbor weapons of mass destruction, he said.

The military, Bush added, is ready to fight for liberty in the Middle East, and understands that action could be necessary for the stability of the region and safety of Americans.

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## Sanitization of Ammunition Depot at Taji



## Statistics show general success for Dana graduates

Comparing Employment Statistics For Graduates: 2000-2002 Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

Employment Statistics at Six Months After Graduation		2002	2001	2000
Employment or School	Employed or Continuing Studies Full or Part-Time	100%	92%	96%
	Of Those who Sought Full-Time Employment*, Those Who Have Full-Time Employment	97%	94%	89%
Career Development in Major	Employed or continuing Studies in Major Field, Full and Part Time	82%	79%	84%
	Of Those who Sought Full-Time in Major Field, Those with Full-Time Employment in Major Field	83%	85%	76%
	Attending Professional or Graduate School	12%	15%	7%
Future Educational Plans	Obtaining Further Undergraduate Educational Training (2nd BA, Teaching Endorsement, Technical Training, etc.)	7%	4%	—
	Planning to Attend Graduate School in the Future	66%	25%	50%
Unable to contact/update: counted as unemployed		0	1	4

\*Some students prefer part-time employment while attending graduate school, or doing an additional internship. Report prepared by Ann L. Nelson, Director of Career Services.

**Matt Bloomingdale**  
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Over the last three years, students graduating from Dana College have been quite successful.

As shown on the chart (right), every student that graduated from Dana last year has either continued their education by attending graduate school (or other educational training) or are currently employed. Of students that sought a full-time position, 97% received one. Of those that sought a full-time position in their major, over 83% of graduates currently hold one.

Twelve percent of last year's graduates are attending professional or graduate school, while 7% are continuing their undergraduate education, e.g. a second BA.

According to Nelson, of last year's graduates, none are currently unemployed. This should bring smiles to the faces of seniors.

## Organizers call recent Blood Drive successful, with 66 Dana donors, despite failing to reach goal of 70

**Christen Neben**  
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*"The blood drive is an important way for college students to give to the community."*

— Sophomore Jo Ellen Kanne

Though it started slowly, Dana students eventually donated enough blood Wednesday to nearly tie this year's goal.

There were many people that were involved with setting up this for this special event. The person in charge of this blood drive was Dana's own school nurse, Pattie Nielsen.

She was well supported by many of the different clubs to help transform this event into a huge success. Even though they missed their goal of 70 by four people, the American Red Cross was glad that Dana was able to help out in any way.

Junior Sarah Olson said, "The morning started out kind of slow, but it began to pick up around one, making us finish close to our goal."

Sophomore Jo Ellen Kanne added, "The blood drive is an important way for college students to give to the community. Having it on campus gives an opportunity to give blood to many who would not otherwise have the courage to do so."

Many of the students seemed happy that they were giving their blood to help people who need it the most, as well as the willingness to help plan and organize such an exciting event for such a great cause.



Junior Tiare Rodrigues smiles woozily as she gives blood Wednesday in the lobby of Argo Hall. Sixty-six Dana students helped the school to work toward their goal of 70 on the day, helping mitigate a nationwide shortage caused by blood drive cancellations on the East Coast due to snowstorms. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

## Increasing prevalence of obesity in America stems from the television

We have told our children not to play with guns; we encourage them to eat themselves to death.

Society seems to close its eyes to such a growing epidemic. Children who live in many of the underdeveloped countries around the world are starving to death, but our society is literally killing its future with an abundance of junk food and sweets. American society is abusing its children. How?

By sitting our children in front of the television as they ingest an unimaginable amount of sugar and fat.

A recent article in "Science" magazine reports that, "In the United States over the past 20 years, obesity has increased by 54 percent in 6 to 11-year-old children and by 39 percent among 12 to 17-year-olds."

It seems commonplace today to see children of all ages reaching for the French fries in the local fast food restaurant or sitting in front of the television playing with the newest video game gadget.

According to Bruce A. Epstein, M.D., in his article, "Obese Children, a Growing Problem," childhood obesity is the leading cause of high blood pressure in children, and can later lead to further health problems including hypertension, stroke and gall stones.

Where do these children get such harebrained ideas as eating potatoes covered in lard and burgers made of the cheapest processed meat money can buy?

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## On the eve of a possible war in Iraq, U.S. must use the U.N. charter as guiding light

There's one subject that has concerned the entire nation for almost a year now, and that is the possible war with Iraq. The nation seems divided on this topic, or worse yet, completely oblivious to the reality of it. A Washington newsletter put out by the FCNL states that the "political course of the most

The overt motive the Bush administration is using to justify unilateral military action against Iraq is the "threat" of mass destruction on U.S. soil. Bush attempted to legitimize this claim by saying, "Year after year Saddam Hussein has gone to elaborate lengths, spent enormous sums, and taken great risks to build

would likewise be in opposition to their charter. The UN Charter was created at the end of a holocaust to serve as a warning for generations to come, saying that war is not right in any capacity. So far the UN hasn't buckled under the pressure of U.S. diplomacy, mostly due to the success of the UN inspectors. The cost to maintain these UN Inspectors in Iraq is in the neighborhood of \$80 million, whereas a U.S. invasion will cost America alone \$1.9 trillion. Scott Ritter, a former U.S. Marine and UN Weapons Inspector, ascertained a "90-95% level of verified disarmament." In fact, UN Inspectors have destroyed more Iraqi weapons and infrastructure than all the bombs used in the Gulf War, according to Democracy in Action, a non-profit Democratic lobby. All that without the loss of a single life.

After September 11 the nation united against the immense devastation that terrorism creates. We had a chance, in that moment, to do something that has not happened in all of recorded history; to be the bigger nation. But instead we answered death with death, instead of addressing the actual motives behind the terrorist attack. I'm guilty of supporting the decision to retaliate along with most of the rest of the nation. Now that the "War on Terrorism" (which is about as fruitless and abstract as the "War on Drugs") is running out of steam, the American people are again turning their attentions to domestic concerns. They are beginning to notice the ruin that the Bush administration has created out of the U.S. economy. On July 11, in Minneapolis, George W. Bush was confronted by the



A Naval Special Warfare combatant-craft crewman fires his 50 caliber machine gun from a Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat while training. Photo courtesy of Defense Dept.

powerful nation in the world today is being determined by less than one quarter of its voting-age members" (no. 671).

Several hundred years ago we fought a very bloody war, and won independence, to have our voices heard in the halls of our government. Now much of our nation is too complacent in their comfortable, consumer-driven world to even walk to a ballot box and elect a competent President.

Our complacency has made us very receptive to "patriotic" notions concerning the war. Many Americans feel it is their duty to support Bush and his war. I'm here to tell you it's not.

When Bush took office in 2001, Clinton had left a \$127 billion dollar surplus according to Consortium News. At the end of this fiscal year it has been projected that we will have a nearly \$300 billion dollar national deficit by the Congressional Budget Office. Where has the money gone? No one seems to know, but a war with Iraq will not soften the blow to our economic well-being. It's estimated that a prolonged invasion and occupation of Iraq, which is necessary for regime change, could cost the United States \$1.9 trillion dollars according to the UK's Guardian Press. That projection is not included in the \$300 billion dollar deficit.

If the idea that our country may be reduced to a second world economic status doesn't scare you, then James Webb, a decorated Marine veteran and the former Secretary of the Navy may make some sense: "Do we really want to occupy Iraq for the next thirty years?" Unfortunately, if you are one of the many oil industry stock holders in the white house, you may very well want to

and keep weapons of mass destruction." He then stated that, "the only possible explanation, the only possible use he could have for those weapons is to dominate, intimidate, or attack." India and Pakistan recently were involved in an arms race to develop nuclear weapons, just as the U.S. and Soviet Union had done during the Cold War. In both instances weapons of mass destruction were created to prevent attack through mutually assured destruction. Therefore, to justify our attack on Iraq, we would also have to disarm India, Paki-

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stan, Russia, and ourselves.

The UN Charter was drawn up after World War II. Amidst the carnage and devastation of that war people understood the danger of countries using a militaristic approach to foreign policy instead of a diplomatic one. The Charter specifically states that it exists "to bring about by peaceful means...adjustment or settlement of international disputes which might lead to a breach of peace." The U.S. Constitution, by the same token, demands that the U.S. honor and abide by all signed treaties and charters. If our country goes to war without the consent of the UNSC (United Nations Security Council) we are shredding the very document that gave birth to this country. If the UNSC were to agree with the U.S. offensive they

terrible state of the American economy, and he had this to say; "As a result of the evil done to America [on September 11] there's going to be some incredible good here at home, too. You know, the bottom line, and that corporate American stuff, is that important? Or is it serving your neighbor, loving your neighbor as you liked to be loved yourself?" But Bush is no longer able to wave the American flag to distract the people from economic hardship.

As public opinion polls began to turn against him, Bush again put logical foreign policy on the back-burner and heated up the war with Iraq. Tying it into anti-terrorism endeavors, he asserted that Saddam and his regime were intimately connected with the al Qaeda

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Our little friend, also known as the TV, that we use to "baby-sit" our children keeps these ideas spawning with the millions of commercials seen daily. This has to stop.

Epstein said, "Lack of exercises is the number one cause of childhood obesity with children watching an average of three hours of TV a day."

What has happened to the children playing in the schoolyards after class or riding his or her bicycle to the local grocery store?

Most of the kids today are stuffing their cheeks full of the latest junk food to hit the market.

And we do nothing.

In fact, the United States readily encourages this type of lifestyle the minute children are born.

Fast food monopolies including McDonald's would be out of business if it weren't for all the little kids shouting, "Mom! I want a Happy Meal for dinner!"

Many people argue that obese people, including children, have no control over their weight because they are more genetically inclined to be obese or have hormonal problems.

One new study from Finland indicates that obesity may be directly linked to a mother's body mass index (BMI) and if that number happens to be high, she may pass a weight problem to her offspring.

Although this study may give hope to such believers, the study adds that unsatisfactory eating and exercising habits are another direct cause to obesity.

Study after study has proven that children who watch TV actually burn FEWER calories than when they are sleeping. Add some junk food and it's a recipe for disaster.

A study printed in the USA Today said that kids who watch several hours of TV a day gain a few extra pounds a year.

Society overlooks this escalating problem. It's time to take responsibility to protect our children from the physical and mental harm of obesity. We don't send our kids to school with a loaded gun, so why should we send them lunches full of something else just as harmful?

by Jaime Ellithorpe

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The Hermes Staff

# Clark and Collins lead qualifiers

Marshall Marquardt  
Sports Editor

The Vikings crowned two Conference champions last weekend at the GPAC Track Meet. The women's team found a berth in 6th place and the men ended their performance in 8th.

Garry Clark, who scored half of the men's total team points in two events, won the 600-meter dash with a time of 1:21.22, and placed fourth in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:55.69. Clark scored 10 team points for the win and four additional points for the fourth place finish.

Stephanie Collins also earned ten points for the women's team, earning first place honors in the 1000-meter run with a time of 3:03.00.

Travis Hines placed third in the long jump with a 22 foot, 2 3/4 inch jump, but just fell short of placing in the triple jump.

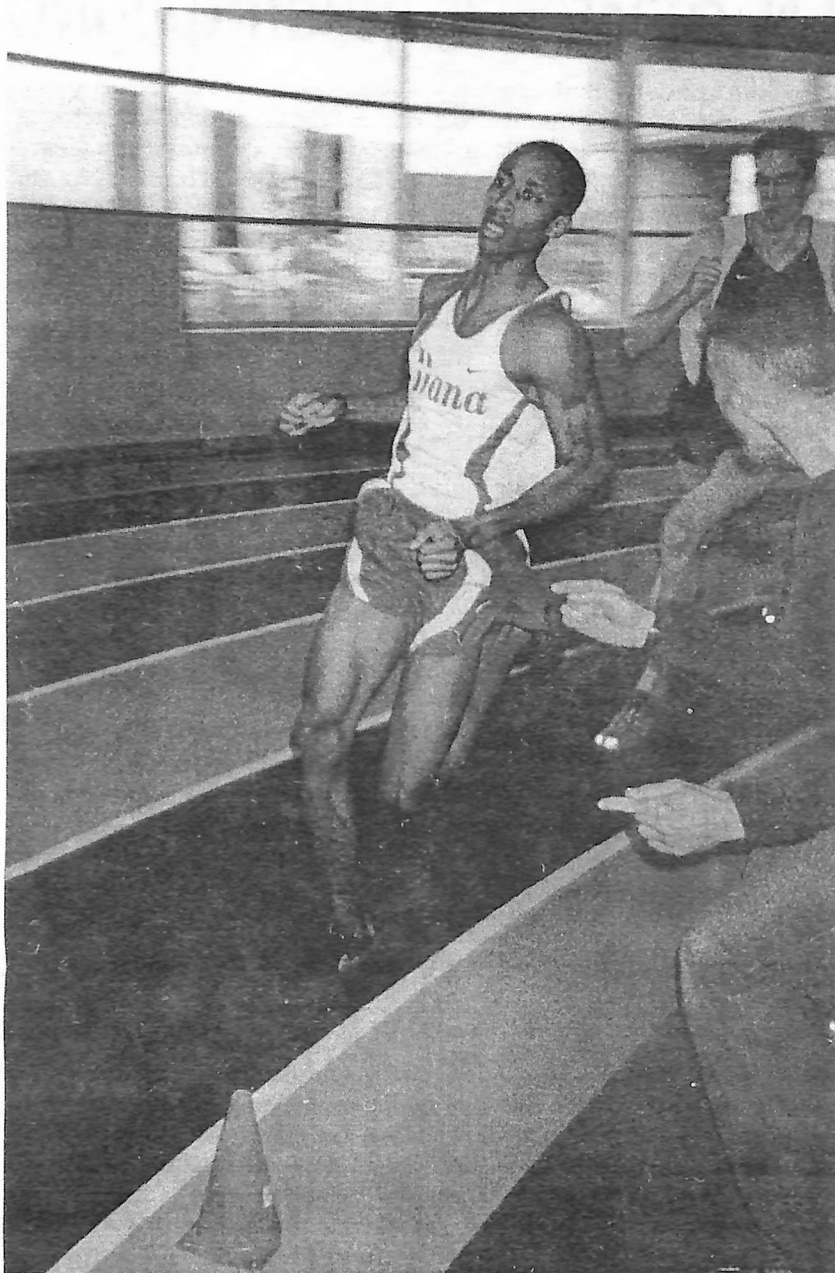
Chenel Sanders also raked in a third place finish, running the 55-meter dash in 7.36 seconds. Sanders placed 6th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.22. Sanders finished with 6.5 points for the team.

Marcie Smidt and Tiffany Poole also fared well in their respective field events. Smidt performed in the high jump, jumping 5 foot 2 inches, and Poole hurled the shot put, throwing it 43 feet 5 1/4 inches.

Matt Maltby placed fourth for the Vikings in the men's shot put, with a throw of 50 feet, 1 1/4 inches.

Chris Humphries took sixth in the 200-meter dash, finishing in a time of 22.83 seconds.

Allen Wagner placed fifth in the 1 mile run and seventh in the 3000 meter run, earning times of 4:27.31 and 9:03.71, respectively.



Junior Garry Clark raced home in the 600-meter race in 1:21.22, leading the Viking men to an 8th place finish. The women took 6th. Photo by Jay Birmingham.

The Vikings' next competition will be the all-important NAIA National Indoor Track meet, which will be held in Johnson City, TN, on March 6-8.

## On the Mat

### Women need to create own opportunities, not just compete with men

by Marshall Marquardt

The new age of sports is coming, and coming fast whether we like it or not. I don't mean new age as a revolution or invention of more sports, I'm talking about the integration of men's and women's sports.

There aren't too many sports where men compete against women, rightfully so, there aren't too many physical sports where women can compete against men head to head and win.

This concept brings me to my real point. Why are women allowed to compete against men in certain sports, particularly high school wrestling?

In colleges across the nation—though very few—women's wrestling teams are beginning to pop up.

Don't get me wrong, I think the idea is awesome, women wrestling women, but what about at the high school level where there are no women's teams?

Last December I went to my brother's high school wrestling meet, where the opposing team had a girl wrestling for them at 189 pounds. My brother moved up a weight and his team wrestled a junior varsity kid at 189 pounds to face this girl.

The junior varsity kid, whose record was not very good and well below .500, still pinned her.

This is the problem. Most girls, especially that weigh 189 pounds are just not as strong as males that weigh the same. (Although, there are a few cases.)

Usually, they aren't even close to the same strength, and really should not be competing.

I don't care either way, but how could you go out and lose every match and still want to do something, no matter how much you loved the game?

Another account goes back to my junior year in high school, when I witnessed a girl on junior varsity beat a boy on our junior varsity team. This was so demoralizing for the young man that he actually quit the sport altogether.

There is a reason that women have their own teams at all level of play; most of the time they physically just cannot compete against the man at that level, and when they can, it is so demoralizing to the young man, he often quits.

What good has that done?

Let's keep our sports teams separated and stick with our own sex.

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terrorist network, as well as other less-known organizations. A U.S. official, speaking anonymously to the New York Times, said, "We've been looking at [the al Qaeda connection] hard for more than a year and you know what? We just don't think it's there." It appears this is all another smoke screen to ignite the American people.

I believe that much of the American support that Bush is receiving for his war is due to misinformation or simply lack of information presented to the American people. It's not a coincidence that many of Bush's seasoned military staff and foreign relations people strongly disagree with unilateral military action against Iraq. Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, the former Head of Central Command for the U.S. Forces in the Middle East said, "It's pretty interesting that all the generals see it the same way, and all the others who have never fired a shot, and are hot to go to war, see it another." Despite an already crippling national deficit projection for 2003, the lack of any overt threat by

Saddam or any evidence to support terrorist links with Iraq, and the overwhelming success of UN Inspections, Bush continues his cause for war. What then is motivating this decision? The only possible benefit to the U.S. occupation of Iraq is possession of the rich

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Iraqi oil fields. So is this war motivated out of national interest, or personal interest? Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet warned, "should Saddam conclude that a U.S.-led attack could no longer be deterred, he probably would become less constrained in adopting terrorist actions."

Colonel David Hackworth is the United State's most decorated soldier, and is probably one of the most qualified individuals in the world to comment on war and its consequences. "Should

the president decide to stay the war course," he said in an interview at worldnetdaily.com, "hopefully at least a few of our serving top-uniformed leaders—those who are now covertly leaking that war with Iraq will be an unparalleled disaster—will do what many Vietnam-era generals wish they would have done: stand tall and publicly tell the American people the truth about another war that could well lead to another died-in-

vain black wall. Or even worse."

I urge everyone to become actively involved in the condemning of this war. For the next two Wednesdays there is a Vigil for Peace in the forum of DCC. If this article has sparked your interest or even changed your perspective on the war, you may find the meetings inspiring. It is every American's duty to support life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is not our duty to support a war-monger and his yes-men. by Jeremy Stoll