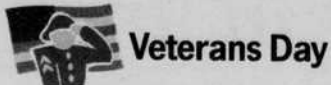


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Veterans Day

WAR-TIME reflections, FROM SOLDIERS TO veterans

Jason Washburn spent over one year serving in Kuwait, Iraq with his National Guard unit

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Like many University students, Jason Washburn spent a little more than a year abroad, ultimately delaying his graduation. Unlike those students, Washburn spent his time serving in Iraq.

Washburn, who is in the National Guard, was deployed in February 2003, just half a term from graduating. His time was split between Kuwait and Iraq; he was stationed about a 30-minute drive south of Baghdad.

"I was nervous, it being my first deployment," Washburn said. "I knew when I signed that it could happen anytime."

Washburn said that going to Iraq was calmer for him than for other soldiers who had to leave wives, kids and permanent jobs.

"Anytime, it's difficult to leave family, especially when you're going into a situation you don't know much about, but the Army helped in letting us know what to do before we left," Washburn said.

Master Sgt. Daniel Kramer, a senior military science instructor at the University, said that because Washburn was a senior at the time he did have the option to stay and finish his studies rather than go to Iraq.

"He thought it would be more honorable to serve with his unit," Kramer said. "He has a lot of character, he chose to do the hard right, rather than the easy wrong."

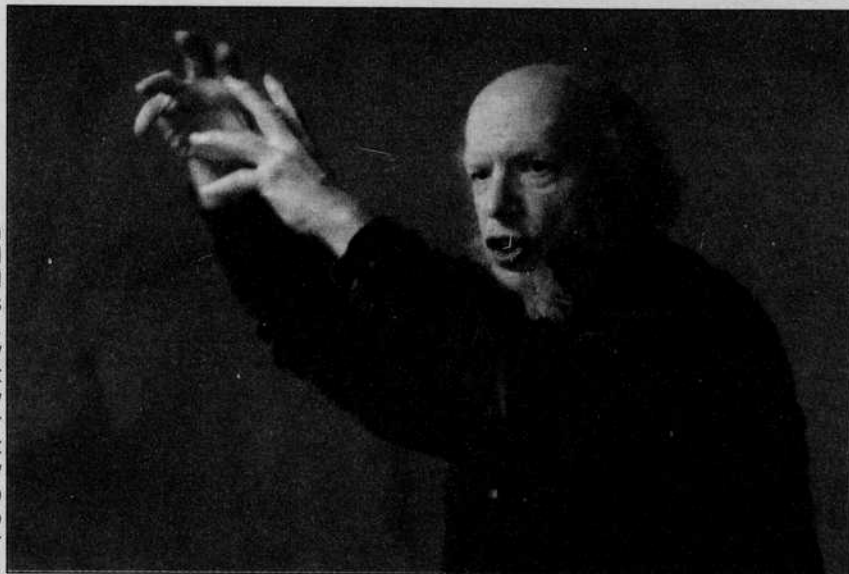
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Economics senior Jason Washburn, who returned from service in Iraq in April, reflects on the sacrifices of war veterans as he looks up at a monument to soldiers who fought in the American Civil War. Washburn is a fifth-generation soldier, who followed in his family's footsteps when he left for Iraq to serve in the National Guard.

Lecturing in his Social Issues and Movements class, University Adjunct Sociology Professor Chuck Hunt explains why he plans to move to Canada after he retires.



LAUREN WIMER | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Professor migrates toward better health care, morals

With Bush's re-election, Chuck Hunt adds another item to his lengthy list of reasons to move back to Canada, where his wife is a citizen

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Chuck Hunt is no stranger to Canada. In 1973, Hunt, who is currently a University adjunct sociology professor, moved up north to escape the perils of the Vietnam War. There, he met his wife, Kathy, before returning to the United States in 1985 to pursue a doctoral degree from the University.

Now, at a time when thousands of Americans

say they are considering relocating to Canada because of President Bush's re-election, Hunt says he will be returning. But his reasoning isn't as simple as his timing makes it seem.

Hunt said the sociology department is "phasing out" adjunct faculty positions so retirement is imminent and the cost for both he and his wife to stay on a health care plan would be almost \$1,100 per month.

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Disgruntled Americans seek asylum in Canada

Dissatisfied with the re-election of President Bush, many want to head for Canada; few understand what immigration entails

BY PARKER HOWELL
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Americans hoping to escape four more years of President Bush by moving to Canada should be prepared to get a job and wait in line, just like immigrants from any other country.

Some people disgruntled with the outcome of the Nov. 2 presidential race have since broached the idea of moving across the border, but don't expect an exodus anytime soon — obtaining a permanent visa to live in Canada takes about a year.

America's neighbor to the north offers not only hockey, but a public health care system, legalized same-sex marriage and looser marijuana laws similar to those desired by some of the more left-leaning voters in last week's election.

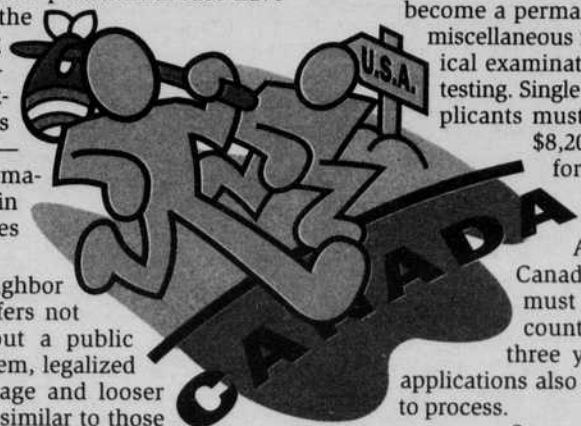
Despondent U.S. citizens have a few options when considering a move northward. U.S. citizens can visit Canada for up to six months, but need a permit to stay longer. All long-term immigrants need either a work

permit sponsored by a Canadian business or to apply for residency as a skilled worker, which requires applicants to have had at least one year of paid, full-time work experience within the last 10 years.

Permanent residency in Canada doesn't come cheap. Applicants for permanent residency should be prepared to fork over a \$460 application fee, about \$800 for the right to become a permanent resident and miscellaneous fees to cover medical examination and language testing. Single skilled-worker applicants must also have about \$8,200 saved up to pay for living expenses while they search for a job.

Applicants for Canadian citizenship must have lived in the country for at least three years. Citizenship applications also take about a year to process.

Some people interested in immigrating also hire legal representatives, such as Vancouver, British Columbia-based immigration lawyer Rudi Kischer. Kischer, who charges \$250 for his consultation, said his office has received dozens of inquiries and that interest



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