

Stop the Persian Gulf madness Support all-out attack on Iraq

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Oh, no! It's Mr. Bush!
Such are the cries from the zealous Iraqis and sympathetic arab allies as the United Nations' deadline draw strings tighten around Saddam Hussein's neck. If Hussein does not remove his hostile troops from Kuwait and allow the republic government to return, President Bush and his allies have a "go ahead" nod from the United Nations to use force to push the Iraqis back to Iraq. Despite the recent defection of Iraqi troops to Saudi Arabia, Hussein has made it quite clear that the arab nations are a band of brothers that should not be controlled by the evil of the Americans. These are the accusations which Hussein levels against Mr. Bush, the big bully, and the American people. The way Mr. Bush has been acting during the Persian Gulf crisis warrants such accusations.

Hold on! That's un-American. Coming from a former Marine, that is un-Godly.

From Day 1, Mr. Bush has done everything within his power to keep the fuels of war stocked in the Gulf. From the initial pressure on Saudi Arabia to beg for American troops to the last tiny push of over 200,000 more troops deployed

in Saudi Arabia, President Bush has tried to and succeeded in making the Arab states including Saudi Arabia feel invaded, overpowered, helplessly occupied.

Hussein acts like a badger cornered. Why shouldn't he? He is. Hussein cannot go home with a sizable enemy force at his front door. There is no guarantee that this force will leave; there is no guarantee that this force will not attack him at home. There is no option but to fight.

Mr. Bush has really been in control all along. Bush has been calling the shots. Bush did have options which he quickly snuffed with escalation of troops. Mr. Bush came down heavy with his fist, crushing all hopes of peace.

Of course, I am not an expert in Arab or American affairs, but how would you behave if you believed that your home was invaded and occupied? Not like backing down, I suppose. Options would be nil, I would think. Now, neither side has an option. Both are strapped into a bloody tiff.

Both sides will feel the

pains of war.

Unless...

It's a dove. It's Freedom Bird. It's Super-Concession Men.

Oh, please, Mr. Bush, please.

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President Bush has committed over 400,000 troops to the region, while U.S. allies have chipped in another 220,000 personnel. It makes almost no sense to this writer to think that if we are going to commit such a large force to a very hostile region, that after a few months, we are going to tell them that it was just an exercise (a very costly one, at that).

The troops are there, the equipment is in place, the opportunity is at hand. If Hussein decides to tough it out, then the allied forces should make it very tough

on him.

As a soldier in the Oregon Army National Guard, I am directly involved in whatever happens over the next few weeks. But as a soldier, I also know that if put to the test, I could do the job that I might be asked to do.

No one in their right mind wants to go to war, but if the order is given, the allied forces will need our support.

The Clackamas Print would like to know your views on the Persian Gulf Crisis. Does it directly affect you? If it does, how?
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Attendance policy should not be necessary for college students

by Jennifer Soper
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There is a problem at our great institution of higher learning. Although we have been told as college students we are old enough and mature enough to be making our own decisions about at least our academic life, many instructors have issued attendance policies. In essence this conveys the message that we may not be capable of choosing whether or not it is in our

best interest to be in class.

As most students know, there is a direct correlation between making it to class and making the grade. Those people who choose to register for classes and then show up for only the mid-term and the final don't really expect to excel academically.

One of the responsibilities a student undertakes when she begins a course is to learn the material. The course work goes on whether she is in class or not. If she can

satisfy the academic requirements without attending the class regularly but is penalized for poor attendance, there is more than one problem.

Instructors would like to believe what they teach in class every day is important. Students who choose to attend classes probably hope the same thing. We want to be stimulated and educated; we don't want to hear the same things in class that we have read in the text.

It seems that there are better things for instructors to do than worry about attendance. We get what we pay for, and instructors don't give grades. If, by not attending class and learning the material, I pay for an "F", that is the grade I earned. There is no one to blame for my grade other than myself.

Don't give me some policy telling me to attend. Give me new material and a desire for learning. Make me want to attend class. Make it worth my while to be there and I'll make the effort to learn.

Motherhood is chosen profession

By Heatherle Himes
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When I say that I plan to be a full time Mommy please don't look at me as if I just fell off of a turnip truck piloted by Donna Reed, and please, please don't ask me if "that's all" I'm going to be.

It seems to be a trend of our generation to think of motherhood as less than an honorable pursuit. In my own experience people seem to think that because I am intelligent and ambitious that I should find a "better" thing to be. I would receive encouragement if my choice of lifestyles included becoming an investment banker, a police officer, or a stuffed suit. I could even announce that I wanted to be a truck driver or a professional rodeo queen and no one would raise an eyebrow, but declaring my desire for motherhood sends people's little furry appendages shooting skyward.

I am met with disdain for choosing to be a full time mother instead of a full time something else on top of being a mother. The women's movement gave me the opportunity to be both a career woman and a mother or even a childless career woman, but being solely a mother seems to be something society questions. I guess what they're saying is that I can be anything I want to be as long as it's something that everyone else is being, and women who are full time mothers are in the minority of the population. According to U.S. government statistics, 65 percent of married women with children held down jobs in 1988, an increase from 10 years ago. Nine out of ten college aged women plan to resume work after the future births of their children, and over half of all new mothers plan to remain in the job market.

The choice that I have made for my life includes marrying a man who will give me

the opportunity to stay at home with my kids. This is a decision that I have made for myself, and I try not to force my values or views on anyone else. My life goal is that I want lots of kids: kids with sticky fingers and imaginary friends, kids with tricycles and third grade science projects, kids with blue eyes and brown eyes and puppy dog eyes when they beg for the latest Ninja Turtle bathtub toy. I want kids that call me

Mommy, kids that graduate from high school with an honor cord, kids that bring me grandkids and buy me ugly corsages for Mother's Day.

I want to spend my life intertwined in the lives of my kids, and I want people to stop looking at me as if I'm only looking forward to a life of playing house.



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