



# WTF? No WMDs!

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It has been said that true freedom is not the right to do what we want, but the want to do what is right; I would therefore be remiss as a journalist, nay a patriot, if I let the issue of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq pass without comment.

America's stated purpose for involvement in Iraq has, from day one, been to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of terrorists. When U.N. weapons inspectors were denied access to some of Saddam Hussein's factories, America saw it as proof positive that somewhere amongst the sands there were nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

But soon after our troops set foot in Iraq, the focus of our efforts seemed to switch from eliminating leaders who

hoarded WMDs to making Iraq a free nation and a safe haven for democracy. The only thing about our involvement in Iraq that has remained static is President Bush's resolve to sustain an American presence therein.

Under the guise of punishing terrorists, who are said to still be in Afghanistan, U.S. troops have committed atrocious acts on Iraqi prisoners, with minimal response or outrage from Americans and only one person involved facing serious charges. The American public seems to lose interest in things that make the United States appear, from a global standpoint, as bullies or hypocrites.

I don't know Mr. Bush as a person; I haven't met him on the street, borrowed his lawnmower, or asked his daughter on a date. What I have deduced from watching his interviews and staring into his eyes from thousands of miles

away is that he has lied to us. It seems that the majority of Americans have forgotten just what put our soldiers (our brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors) into the line of fire.

**WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR NUKES! WHERE THE HELL ARE THE NUKES!?!?**

The media demonized former President Clinton for screwing an intern and lying about it, but Bush's lies screwed all of us. He pushed the issue by claiming that he was making America safe from nuclear terrorists; his decision resulted in the deaths of thousands of American troops... and there were no weapons of mass destruction.

His foreign policy has not only alienated Americans, but made us seem a country of hypocritical, apathetic twits. I'm no twit; are you?

For some reason, many Americans think that Saddam

Hussein was the one who felled the towers, and Bush doesn't do much to dissuade this belief. People are more outraged in Britain over Bush misleading us than we are.

I have no clue why we really went to Iraq. Was it for WMDs? Was it for terrorist leaders? Was it to liberate oppressed people? Was it for oil? Was it a personal vendetta? Was it Halliburton? I have no clue whatsoever, and honestly, it is more important to me that I be told the truth.

What does matter to me is that I was misled. I thought that Iraq was chock full of chemical weapons. I thought that radiation from secret factories was leaking into the school lunches, and that terrorists were saying "Ni!" to little old ladies.

Incidentally, we actually have found many weapons of mass destruction. They're hidden in silos across the United States.

## Lack of technology leaves students wanting

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In the cafeteria on campus, it has been brought to my attention that there is a significant problem that many students, myself included, are faced with on a regular basis. And no, I'm not talking about the quality of the food, but rather the fact that they do not accept anything other than cash as payment.

This is quite an inconvenience in an era when plastic has almost completely replaced cash; often you find yourself without sufficient funds to pay for your meal. All restaurants, and even most fast food joints, now allow you to pay by other methods of currency.

It's quite agitating when you have a short, specified amount

of time between classes and you want to grab a snack but only have your debit card. You are then stuck between a rock and a hard place, and must choose either going off-campus, at the risk of being late to your next class, or going on with the rest of your day without adequate nutrition.

Now it might seem like I'm being extreme, but in order to evoke change, or even a second thought, one must be adamant about their feelings. In a society where such great emphasis has been placed on easy access to your finances, thereby fueling our blatant capitalist nature, one would think one could get away with using some plastic to charge for things on campus. Without

this option at our disposal, it will end up hurting the school more, in the long run, than the cost to install some card-swip-

ing students from purchasing items, which in turn stunts the income for the school and everyone involved. If the school is serious about wanting to accommodate the students to the best of their ability they should start by looking into this glaring inconvenience.

Installing new technology could greatly assist in the betterment of everyone's on-campus experience and it is something that I believe should at least be taken into consideration.



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ing mechanism. By not having other means for payment it is discourag-

### Student Poll:

Where is your favorite place to study?



"I would have to say probably the library."

Michelle Isom



"Wherever there is a table and chair."

Kevin Lillson



"I don't technically have one because I do four things once!"

Kimberly Dodd



"My car, I guess."

Jason McNamee



"At home."

Kylie Osterhoudt



"Upstairs in [Rook Hall]; I come up here and read."

Ryan Stanley

This week's poll compiled by Piazzisi and Stephen Hayes

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