

Students' opinions

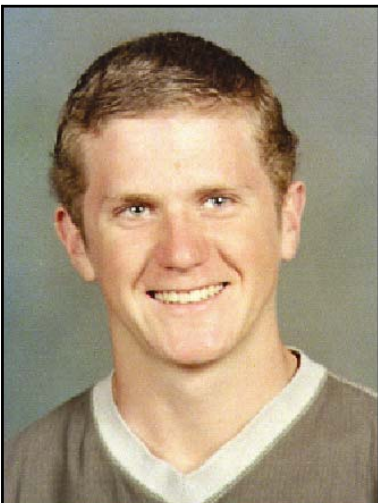
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"He's (President Bush) rushing into things a little too fast" even if weapons of mass destruction are a possibility, said seventh-grader Shaun Williams, who has been against the war from the beginning.

But giving U.N. weapons inspectors more time, would have allowed Iraq more time to prepare for war as well, said seventh-grader Rene Eichmann.

The problem could have been solved, and the U.S. would have more allied support, had it dealt with the issue years ago, he added.

Even if no weapons of mass destruction are found, seventh-grader Derek Gregg said that the war is a good way to deal with Saddam Hussein.



DAVID PECKHAM

'Saddam Hussein does not deserve to be alive,' said Peckham.

"I support this war 100 percent," he said. "I think Saddam Hussein is a really bad person."

Fellow seventh-grader Kyle Burgess, however, disagreed that war is the best way to handle the situation.

"He (President Bush) likes the idea of war," Burgess said, adding that because Bush isn't actually fighting in the war himself, he feels safe.

The decision of whether or not to go to war should be decided by the American people, even voted on by people her age, said eighth-grader Savannah Bassett.

"It affects our future," she stressed.

Like their high school counterparts, the younger group said that they don't really fear more terrorist attacks because of the war.

That isn't to say, however, that some of the students aren't frightened.

Dunham noted that several of his students have privately, or quietly, told him they are scared about what could happen. He tries to de-

escalate those fears, he said.

Dunham said he is using the current situation indirectly to teach his students important life skills, such as knowing that there are always two sides to every story.

"I give them a somewhat balanced perspective," he said, adding he wants his students to know that they need to often ask their own questions to learn the truth about something. "Don't be afraid to ask. The media are not all knowing."

Dunham's method seems to have left a big impression on the students in the current events class, which is an elective course for seventh-and eighth-graders.

Most of the information she has received about the war has been from Dunham in class, Bassett said.

That also seems the case for the students in Morgan's second period.

Teunissen, Eaton, Yanase, and Brittany all referenced their teacher's honest and objective way of teaching as their primary, and perhaps most respected, source of education on the war.

"He treats us like we actually have opinions," Robertson said.

The students are turning to resources such as newspapers, magazines, T.V. news and the Internet for information, however, it seems to be to supplement what they have learned or discussed in class.

The views and of family and friends also seem to shape the students' own opinions, whether they are in agreement, or disagreement with what others think.

Raised in Takilma, Eaton said many of her values closely follow with those of the adults in her life.

"That's how I am, how I was raised," she said.

McMahan said she seems stronger in her support of the war than her parents.

Yanase doesn't agree with the war, while her parents support it.

Despite their differing views, though, the students seem in agreement on one aspect - the need to end the war as quickly as possible and bring the American soldiers home.

"Regardless of (our) opinions, (we) need to support the troops over there," Eaton said.

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JOINT gets \$50K worth of meth; six arrested

Six illegal aliens were arrested and methamphetamine with a street value of \$50,000 seized by Josephine Interagency Narcotics Team (JOINT) on Friday, March 21.

The arrests and seizures, the culmination of a six-month investigation, were at two Grants Pass locations, said JOINT Cmdr. Ron Goodpasture.

Four of those arrested were held on immigration charges; two were held on immigration and meth charges, said Goodpasture.

Facing two charges are Juan Carlos Martinez Garcia, 29; and Juan Diego Contreras, 26, Held on immigration charges only: Adrian Diego Contreras, 18; Ambrosio Salazar Gonzalves, 20; Salvador Martinez Garcia, 26; and Alicia Martin Garcia, 23.

"Those involved," said Goodpasture, "were part of a very active and prolific meth distribution network. More than a pound of meth was seized, as well as several stolen weapons, money believed to be from drug sales, and numerous other items of evidence.

"The seizure of more than a pound of meth represents a significant disruption of the meth trade in the county. It is not known if the meth was manufactured locally or elsewhere."

Goodpasture said that a phone call was received at one location, and that when advised that the person answering is a detective, the caller hung up. The comment then was made, "This meth store is closed."

Investigation continues. Tips about meth operations can be phoned to (541) 474-5151.



Ingredients used in the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine

Manufacturing meth a dangerous business

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solid on the bottom; coffee filters containing white pasty substance, a dark red sludge, or small amounts of shiny white crystals; and an unusually large amount of Coleman fuel, paint thinner, acetone, Red Devil Lye, Heet automotive additive and muriatic acid containers.

Other indicators of a meth lab include strong chemical smell (ammonia or acetone); blacked-out windows; renters who pay in cash; short-term traffic to and from a residence; and residents staying up all night.

"JOINT detectives have several different ways of obtaining information about the location of meth labs," said Vorver.

"Reports from citizens, confidential informants, other police officers, controlled

drug buys, probation searches and precursor purchases by suspects are all very helpful," he said.

"We have what we call a 'knock and talk,' where we knock on a door of a house and talk to the resident and ask if we can come in," he said.

"If they have nothing to hide then they should have no problem about letting us in," said Vorver.

If the detectives smell what they believe to be meth manufacturing fumes, and there are children or adults they feel are in danger, they can kick in a door.

"The toxic fumes and chemicals used in manufacturing meth can permeate the wood in the walls, floors and surrounding area and can remain dangerous for a long time, said Vorver.

There is terminology out

there that clues us or anyone in on the possibility of meth being in the vicinity or a meth buy going on," he said.

Some names for different amounts of meth for sale are 'twenty paper,' 'teener,' or 'eight ball,'" Vorver said.

"So if you are somewhere and you hear one or two of these terms you can be pretty sure that meth is the subject of the conversation," he said.

When a lab has been located and everything has been seized and taken away then the clean-up begins and can cost in excess of \$3,000.

The Senate passed House Bill 3661 limiting the purchase of Pseudoephedrine to nine grams per transaction and requires the purchaser to sign a form each purchase. The bill also reduces the amount of iodine, iodine crystals or tinctured iodine to two ounces per purchase.

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WOMEN'S CAFÉ - Dome School held a successful fund-raiser on Saturday, March 15. Numerous pieces of varied art works were displayed, and some of those attending the annual event had dinner. The art show was



followed by an evening of homegrown entertainment. It included belly dancing, poetry and essay readings, singing and comedy. Proceeds from a Women's Café are used to help support Dome School operations.

Peace is a safe state of mind. - (Anonymous)

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