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Dr. King would have said about the war on terror.

Further, all Americans must ask of these "antiwar at any cost" pacifists, "**what is worth fighting for?**" The ideals of Dr. King's wildest dreams about perfect American justice and opportunity for all ethnic groups would be unrealized if we were all living in

terror or suppression by a group enthralled with the thought of their own salvation through death while killing us. *"Only the dead have seen the end of war."*-Plato

That Utopian existence that the speaker must wish for, where the rich are taxed to pay for the opportunity of the poor, where girls can marry girls and boys the same, where Global Warming is considered final and irrefutable science, and where we all gather around and sing, "Cum Bye Yah," to show the world that we mean no harm as our national defense is a fantasy land. "*It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment.*"- Dr. Martin Luther King

This liberal arts college should provide point and counter point, if it is going to present a "political" speech that is not just propaganda from the wool socks and Birkenstock crowd. And it would be great to celebrate history on MLK Day, not get an overtly political speech by a despicable opportunist.



Matt's Take: Bush's war plan canned



by Matt Rutherford Editor in Chief

It's interesting how some things turn out isn't it? Remember in 2000 when we, as barely legal voters, were astonished at the out-

come of the election—when our tyrannical leader first set foot in the white house? Who knew how much damage we could cause to other nations and to our own image? We now know more than ever how encased we are within our ideals and ourselves, not even realizing we are not the only country in the world. We see only ourselves and the countries that mean to do us supposed harm.

That aside, a stroke of luck came in favor of all those who have lost someone in the ill-prepared war. On January 24th, the President proposed his new war strategy, which included sending 22,000 more troops into Iraq. Luckily the Senate panel voted against this and dismissed the issue. Surprisingly, one of the votes was Republican. Things are changing, not quickly enough, but least things are moving in that general direction. I'm not entirely sure of what the outcome would be if we just left Iraq as is. I know it would be in a state of turmoil and a guilt we'd deal with for ages to come. However, what I know for sure is I'm glad we're not sending anymore of our youth into a death trap.

I feel as if it has become fashionable to bash our President and I am no exception from this not so sudden fad. I laugh along with the jokes and cartoons at his expense, and even sometimes when the jokes aren't funny so it appears I'm not a supporter. But in all honesty, I cannot respect someone who stands behind a bad decision and does absolutely nothing to rectify what he has done. It's sad and so is he.

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