

Speaker addresses the nature of war

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On Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Dr. Joe Caddell offered his insight about war in a presentation called, "Why Study War" in the Richard B. Moffatt auditorium.

Caddell, presented by Dr. Kay Albertson, associate vice president for academic affairs, is a history instructor at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University and Meredith College.

Caddell served active duty in the U.S. Air Force as a combat intelligence officer between 1973 and 1976. He then received a bachelor's degree from UNC and later pursued his master's.

Caddell said that the many aspects and complexities of war are often misunderstood and confusing.

He said war has been defined as "policy...by other means," quoted from 19th century German warrior, Carl van Clausewitz which is the same definition used by the Air Force, Navy, Department of Defense, and CNN.

Caddell personally defined war as a conflict between two cultures with "mutually exclusive objectives." He stated that war is an essential aspect of every succeeding civilization.

He presented the audience with a list created by Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense in the 1980's. In the list were several rules that must be followed to initiate a legitimate war: the mission must be vital, the intention must be to win, there must be clearly defined political and military objectives, it must have the support of the American people, and elected representatives of Congress and combat must be the last resort.



Phi Theta Kappa advisers and officers pose following the induction ceremony for new members: (l to r) Gene Smith, adviser; Marcia Blane; Ericka Alexander; Shannon Davenport; and Michael Dubrowsky.

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Dear Sis,

Just wanted to write you a quick note in between classes here at Wayne Community College. It has been so much fun going back to school to pursue the nursing career that I postponed after getting married and having two children. Sometimes it felt like it was never going to happen. And it probably would not have happened if it weren't for the stipend program at Wayne Memorial Hospital. I am able to go to school and still keep my employment status at the hospital - which means I keep all my benefits and they continue to pay a portion of my salary while I am in school. What kind of employer would do that? (The hospital also has a great scholarship program for high school graduates pursuing nursing. They definitely believe in "growing their own" so to speak.) It is such a great place to work. I could never have done all this without their support - both financially and emotionally. I can't wait for an opportunity to "pay them back" by returning there and being a great nurse! Well, it's almost time for my next class... gotta run. Miss you. Bill and the kids say "hello." Give my love to everyone in Charleston.

Love,
Kate

P.S. Wish you were here!

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