

# IRAQ - Opinions Voiced

Recently students at the School of Arts and Sciences were asked two questions. "Do you have any family in the Armed Forces?" and Whether or not they agreed with President Bush's current course of armed conflict. Out of 92 respondents 58% knew or were related to someone in the armed forces while 37% did not.

From the same respondents 62% supported President Bush's war on Iraq while 17% did not and 20% were unsure.

## Yes

The People of Iraq have suffered long enough, plus it is a matter of national defense.

Saddam needs to be eliminated to eliminate further turmoil.

I'm scared.

If we were the people of Iraq we would want help too.

Because if we don't do something all of the little countries who develop ideas and think they can run over us. We need to stand firm. I will support Bush in any decision he makes.

...It is unbiblical to allow evil to continue. We should destroy evil. God gave governments authority to punish criminals.

We are in charge of policing the world, we need to go to North Korea also.

I don't agree with war but I think that it is necessary.

I just do.

He's the President. We are to support our President at all cost.

## Not Sure

I can see both sides but I disagree that innocent civilians have to lose their lives.

Maybe this needs to be done... we should trust our president.

Death will never be justified, but neither will life.

## No

... Bush is a man with an Iron Fist.

As a Christian, I strive to be like Jesus. Jesus never used violence, therefore I can not support this or any other war.

Jesus would not want us to go to war.

Because every war is the cause of Lust (Jam. 4) and this war in particular will continue to set up the stage for the Antichrist.

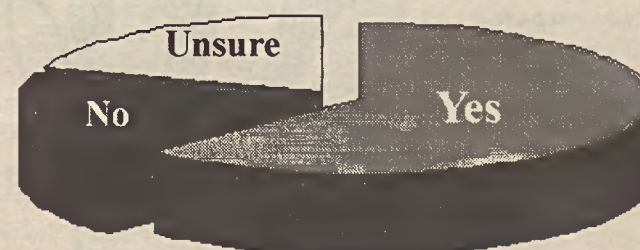
War is not the answer. I feel that war hurts more than just families, but sports, education, economy and personal relationships...

...US is a bully, we need to back off the other countries.

Do you have family or friends in the Armed Forces?



Do you agree with President Bush's current course of armed conflict?



## Creative Writing Sees Enrollment Boost

### - Staff Reports

The Creative Writing track of the English major attracted twice as many students this year, compared to its first two years. In 2000 only two students enrolled in the Short Story Writing class; this year 8 students took the course. Other courses in the track have similarly grown as the English faculty has explained to students the advantages of advanced writing skills.

Recently the chair of the English and Languages Department Dr. Rich Gray received two e-mails from high school students looking into creative writing programs. "Those were the first e-mails I have received this school year from students interested in English, and both wanted Creative Writing," claimed Dr. Gray.

Typically 1/4 of the students in a creative writing course major in some other field and want a chance for instruction in writing poetry, short stories, and novels. Careers

in management, ministry, and human services depend on top writers for interoffice communication, public information, and editing. This track educates students for these jobs, because creative writing trains a writer to cherish the power and beauty of words - the ability to articulate complex thinking clearly and eloquently.

The five courses in this track include Creative Nonfiction Writing, Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing, Seminar in Creative Writing, and a Senior Thesis, which includes new creative works.

Dr. Gray comments, "Let's remember that in creating the world, God showed that He is a creative being, and in making us in His image, we have creativity also. In this sense, this English track follows the College's mission to blend the Biblical view of life with every major."

## Mister Rogers Dies: Students Lose a Neighbor

By Becca Snyder

Fred Rogers, host of children's TV show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died of cancer Thursday, February 27 in his Pittsburgh home at the age of 74.



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The Presbyterian children's minister was diagnosed with stomach cancer after the holidays, according to David Newell, friend of Rogers' who played Mr. McFeely on the show.

*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* engaged kids from 1968 until its final episode in August of 2001. Rogers kept the trademark elements of his show consistent. He

always wore a cardigan, sang "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," and went through the routine of changing into house shoes

and feeding his fish.

Freshman elementary and Christian education major, Katie Caughman remembers, "I grew up with *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. My brother and I would take naps every afternoon, and when we woke up we'd watch Sesame Street and Mister Rogers and eat our snack. It was our family time. He was definitely a part of our lives."

Rogers' inviting, friendly conversation guided children through

lessons of sharing, fear, safety, family, and friendship. Each episode carried kids into "The Neighborhood of Make Believe," where puppet characters lead busy lives and clap with excited curiosity to hear the postman, Mr. McFeely, say "speedy delivery."

1985-86 saw the climax of the show's popularity, when about 8% of American households watched regularly. The show claimed the honor of the longest-running program on PBS, and also received four Emmy Awards and a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

President George W. Bush awarded Rogers with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, July 9, 2002. During the presentation Bush said, "Fred Rogers has proven that television can soothe the soul and nurture the spirit and teach the very young. ... [His] message of unconditional love has won [him] a very special place in the heart of a lot of moms and dads all across America."

Junior English major Moriah Geer-Hardwick says, "Mister Rogers and Jim Henson were two of the most influential people in my childhood. The world would be a less beautiful place without them."



## DAN'S GIMCRACK...

So when I was 16, I failed parking during my driving test. What is the deal with that. It is a DRIVING test, not a parking test. So I can't park, big deal. That shouldn't matter on a driving test. All they need to know is that I can drive. I mean think about it, when was a parked car ever a danger to someone. Sure, they have that joke, "Your so dumb, you ran into a parked car." But that doesn't really happen to people. Well, I mean it does, but only to real dumb people. And what are the chances of a real dumb person running into my parked car? Exactly, zero chance. So, to cover my point, parking should not be on driving tests. Just something to ponder on. Later days.