

ECONOMY

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Michael Miller, chairman of the Department of Economics at DePaul University in Illinois, also said the money Bush asked for is negligible.

"Seventy-five billion dollars is a drop in the bucket in regard to the world's financial market," he said. "Most people realize that this war will be expensive in terms of absolute dollars. In terms of (the gross domestic product), it's only 0.071 percent of the GDP."

He said other wars, such as those in Vietnam or Korea and World War II, cost more than 1 percent of the U.S. GDP.

But Salemi said the Federal Reserve Board cannot keep interest rates down because of supply and demand. Because the United States is running on a large deficit, Salemi said he expects higher interest rates, a decrease in capital

values and lower stock prices. Irwin Stelzer, director of regulatory studies at the Hudson Institute, a think tank addressing domestic and international policy issues, also said he thinks the key question will be whether the projection of deficits will reflect on the stock market.

Salemi said he cannot forecast the market's future because that relies on the war's outcome, but he said market behavior is linked to consumer and investor confidence, interest rates and oil prices.

Salemi said he expects that the economy will grow 6 percent to 7 percent per year after the war ends.

Norbert Michel, a policy analyst at the Center of Data Analysis at the Heritage Foundation, said he estimates a recovery in two or three years. "After the conflict, I'd expect the market and economy to bounce back, but not right now," he said.

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WAR

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al-Sahhaf said in an interview with Al-Jazeera, an Arab satellite television network.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others have warned of a possible humanitarian crisis in Basra. The International Red Cross said during the day that it had begun repairs at a war-damaged water-pumping station serving the city.

Annan told Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, that the United States is legally responsible for providing humanitarian aid to Iraqis in areas controlled by coalition forces.

The United Nations cannot provide humanitarian assistance until security conditions allow the safe return of U.N. staff, Annan told Rice. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer blamed Hussein for slowing the flow of goods by placing mines near Umm Qasr.

Thus far in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Americans said they had

taken nearly 4,000 Iraqi prisoners. There was no accurate death toll among Iraqi troops or civilians.

U.S. losses ran to 20 dead and 14 captured or missing. The remains of the first two to die were flown overnight to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Twenty British troops had also died, including two killed Monday by friendly fire.

The U.S. Central Command, which oversees the war, announced the capture of an Iraqi military hospital used as a military staging area. Officials said Marines confiscated more than 200 weapons and stockpiles of ammunition and more than 3,000 chemical suits with masks, as well as Iraqi military uniforms. The Marines also found a T-55 tank on the compound.

Secretary of State Colin Powell predicted that the coalition eventually will find weapons of mass destruction, saying, "There will come a time, when the enemy has been defeated, to make a more thorough search."

LEJEUNE

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poral in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, said the deaths have hurt the Camp Lejeune community.

"I feel for the Marines and for their families," said Sutton, now a service manager at a tire company. "I anticipated casualties. It's not a piece of cake like it was last time."

Pokorney, 31, lived in a cream-colored house outside Camp

Lejeune. A white mailbox at the end of the driveway was adorned with a pink bow, interlaced with a red, white and blue ribbon.

Pokora knew Pokorney's name, but didn't know him personally; the two were in different battalions.

He said he was torn between grief for his lost comrades, joy at the arrival of his baby girl and his own preparations for war.

"The training is a lot more seri-

ous that we're doing now," he said. "There's a bigger reason to train harder."

Among the Camp Lejeune Marines still overseas is Pvt. David Stone, 32 — on his first combat operation, his wife said. Sharea Stone said her husband is assigned to field artillery in Iraq.

"When my husband left (in January), I just thought of him being overseas. I never looked at it as I look at it now," said Sharea

Stone, 29. His absence now is "stressful, very stressful. I think about him, whether he is OK."

In a Jacksonville trailer park, children's toys dotted the yard outside the mobile home Sgt. Michael E. Bitz shared with his wife, Janina, and their four children.

The family included infant twins Michael Bitz never saw. He left for Iraq in January, the babies were born in February, and he died in combat on Sunday.

COST

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and reconstruction in a free Iraq."

The bulk of Bush's spending request, \$62.6 billion, is slated to support U.S. troops both in Iraq and in other operations related to the broader war on terrorism for the next six months, the White House said. The rest of the money is marked to go to humanitarian assistance in Iraq, other foreign aid and homeland defense programs in the United States.

Steven Miller, director of Harvard University's International Security Program, said the appropriation is necessary because the military is consuming "millions to tens of millions of dollars" per day.

"Bush was worried about assigning a real price tag before," he said. "It would have given the critics something to shoot at."

Former U.S. Assistant Secretary

of Defense Lawrence Korb said in an interview that fear of public reaction prevented Bush from assigning costs to the war earlier. "We should have known (the price) before we went to war," he said.

Korb served under President Reagan from 1981-85.

It is a political advantage to appropriate money in small sections, said Carl Kaysen, professor emeritus for the program in science, technology and society at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

But most of the \$75 billion is allocated to actual military expenditure, and more funds will be needed to complete the military aim of the war — regime change in Iraq, Kaysen said.

"We did it in Germany," he said. "We did it in Japan. We are doing that in Afghanistan, although not to a large scale."

Bush did not specify an amount of time the money will last, Kaysen

said.

Kaysen, who also worked on a December study titled "War With Iraq: Costs, Consequences, and Alternatives," said Bush probably will ask for more money in six months.

"This is a number that is relevant to the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30," he said. "No one can say what it will be in the next fiscal year."

But opinions on the total cost of the war remain divided.

"(Bush's request) is about right," said George Horwich, professor of economics at Purdue University. "My guess is it may turn out to be too much if the war ends within a week."

Others say the war will last much longer than one week. "It is the first request," Miller said. "Further augmentation will be necessary."

Korb said he expects further appropriation requests regardless

of the duration of the war because the \$2.5 billion earmarked to rebuild Iraq is too low. "They are trying to hold down the total cost."

Oil revenues could bolster reconstruction funds, but their influence will depend on the condition of the oil fields, Korb said.

Kaysen said Bush probably hopes to use oil revenues for reconstruction efforts. "Iraq is ordinarily a major exporter of oil," he said. "It generates a lot of income."

"The question not answered at this moment is who will get control of that Iraqi oil."

But Miller said there is conflict about the best use of oil revenue. "Bush has repeatedly said that the oil belongs to the Iraqi people."

"There is some tension between the assumption that we can use the revenue to rebuild Iraq and the idea that it belongs to the Iraqi people."

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ABROAD

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Study Abroad Office follows the State Department's safety guidelines, he said.

"There are no students studying where there is a State Department travel advisory," Miles said.

This includes Iraq and the surrounding area, where UNC students have not studied for the past 18 months.

Try as they might to stay away from the protests, many students have found it difficult to avoid them completely. Fischer said some protests have left her feeling frustrated.

"It isn't the protests that bug me; it's the fact that I often feel like people aren't against the war so much as they are against our country and our culture," Fischer said.

Not all foreign protests are vocalized. Fischer has seen many war posters hanging on the sides of buildings in Copenhagen, but the language barrier has proven to be a problem when interpreting them.

"It is frustrating to see 'USA,' 'oil' and 'Bush' but beyond that not able to read the signs because they are in Danish," Fischer said.

Garren said that the phrase "no war" has been scorched on the grass in front of the library in Sussex but that there are equal anti-American and anti-English sentiments.

"Being in a nation whose government is supporting the war but whose populace is actively against it leads to little open hostility toward Americans," Garren said.

Even by avoiding the protests, students studying abroad have not been able to avoid the pressing

issue of war. Fischer said it is rare she can tell someone she is American without discussing the war.

But Fischer called the Danes "extremely friendly and mild-mannered" and said she has not been treated in a negative manner.

"Nobody is mean; they are simply interested," Fischer said.

Tindel has had similar encounters in Spain. Although people never have been rude to him directly, Tindel said, the most common phrase in Sevilla has been "No a la guerra" — no to the war.

"Whenever I meet a Spanish person at a bar or club, the conversation always ends up being about politics," Tindel said.

Regardless of the war-related conflicts she has run into, Fischer said she does not regret studying abroad.

"Although I did not choose for this to occur during my time here, it has given me the opportunity to broaden my political views and reflect on how other countries perceive America," Fischer said.

Fischer said that although her parents seem "a little on edge" with her in another country, they are trying to remain calm.

"They have been giving me the same advice as the embassy and the Study Abroad Office has," Fischer said.

Despite the war and the controversy he has encountered, Tindel said he has tried to remain open-minded.

"My experience here has definitely opened my eyes to other viewpoints," Tindel said.

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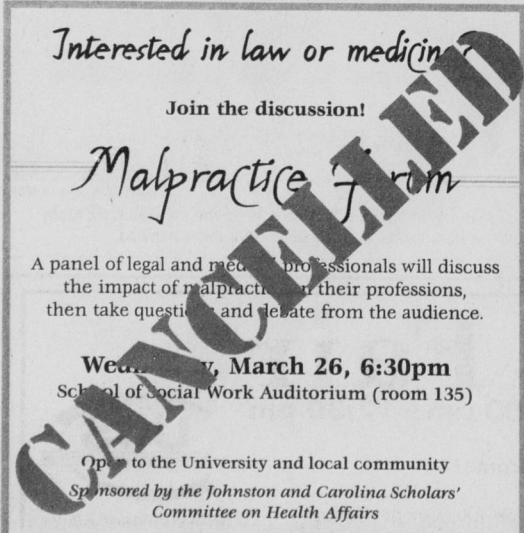
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