

CAMPUS CACHE

People in the United States just don't understand war. We are insulated—though far less so after September 11—from its reality. We think that because we watch a live report from an embedded reporter that we're “there.” But war is not two-dimensional. Andrews University, with its large international student population, and a correspondingly large international alumni population, has members of its community who do understand war. The CC just wanted to pause to honor those who live with, and through, war. Although there are many different, and credible, views of war, all of us really do prefer peace. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Campus Craze—War & Peace Edition

War! What is it good for? Absolutely Nothin'. Now, say it again! Or don't.

Campus debate		A student debate on the war in Iraq was one of the most well-attended and talked-about departmental assemblies in AU history! The CC loves to see the students engaged . . . and not just to be married.
Selective Service		Come on! Only males aged 18-25? In today's technologically-advanced military age, the CC thinks that females can just as effectively enter the coordinates into the computer.
Canada		As the Vietnam-era's primary escape country . . . well . . . O.K., the CC just wanted to use this as an excuse to say that it loves Canada, Canadian students and Canadian alumni. Shameless, sure, but the chair of the AU Board of Trustees is from Canada and, well, the CC knows who pays the bills!
Third Amendment		An under-appreciated and largely unknown amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Third Amendment guarantees that “[n]o Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner.” The CC is thankful that Josh Gracin can't just move in . . . even if he was an American Idol finalist.
The “V” Sign		Does it mean “peace,” or “victory” or “five” (for you roman numeral fans)? Whatever—at least it's all positive. Much better the “v” sign than the “L” sign placed against the forehead....
War and Peace		If you are not intimidated by its length or large cast of characters, the CC highly recommends Leo Tolstoy's classic.

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Fun-da-mental Facts

- With the money spent by the United States government on ousting Saddam Hussein's regime, Andrews University could raise faculty salaries, give every student free tuition, and operate in the black for the next 1250 years. "Shock and awe" describes the look on the U.S. taxpayer's face.
- More than 92% of AU undergraduates were born after the Selective Service System resumed its registration requirement in the summer of 1980. Do you feel old?
- The refrain of the school song, "Our Dear A.U." begins: "Our hearts beat high . . ." Hmmm.
- Sixty-six countries were represented by the graduates at the Spring 2003 AU commencement. It is not quite trombones-in-a-parade territory, but that's pretty impressive.
- There were 13 undergraduates who completed their degrees at Andrews University during the Spring of 2003 who earned the designation "summa cum laude." To earn that designation, a student has to have a cumulative GPA between 3.90 and 4.00. There were no sumo cum laude graduates (those with weights between 390 and 400 lbs.).

A Frowzy Fallacy (or a silly syllogism)

A diploma is referred to as a piece of "sheep skin."
Sheep skin is smelly.
Therefore, a diploma is smelly.

Speaking of . . .

"[T]he use of war tactics as [a] means of bringing about democracy, in all of its irony, puts us behind in attaining one of our main goals: winning the hearts of Iraqi citizens. I fear we don't express the joys of democracy when we drop bombs in popular neighborhoods and market places."

Ben Zork

("Democracy or Hypocrisy," *Student Movement*, April 9, 2003.)

"What is so profoundly misunderstood is that those who spew pacifism at all costs have blazed the trail for utopian political movements like communism and fascism."

Steven Peck

("Flawed Pacifism," *Student Movement*, April 9, 2003.)

"Go out and make a difference. But don't try to save the world . . . that has already been done."

William G. Johnsson

(Commencement Address, May 4, 2003.)

"There's one thing we still can do . . . confer degrees."

Niels-Erik Andreasen (after facetiously citing the loss of power by university presidents. Undergraduate Commencement, May 4, 2003).

[Perhaps it wasn't so facetious since the President asked the commencement audience to refrain from applauding each individual and ...the first name announced drew cheers and applause.]

"The greatest thing you can do is to throw yourself into a dream and do everything it takes to make it happen."

William G. Johnsson

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