California, ready to go. If any nation fits the criteria, Korea does. North Korea has a missile that can reach means to solve the problem have been exhausted.

“The war goes well and that Saddam is removed from power,” he said. “The sooner we do that, the more lives will be saved.”

Richardson next listed the reasons he felt the war was a bad idea, including lack of international support, the fact that the U.S. will be in Iraq for a long time and the amount of money and lives that will be lost in Iraq. “I fear that this war will be a colossal blunder,” he said. “I fear that the United States will be paying for this one mistake for a long time.”

The panel took questions from the audience ranging from a query on the role of Vice-president Cheney in the war to biological weapons. Burgh wanted to emphasize once again that the fact the panel was anti-war did not mean that they were anti-troops or anti-America.

“True patriotism is not agreeing with whatever your government tells you,” he said. “True patriotism is acting in accordance with what you think is your country's best interest.”