Crying for justice

I can still hear them, the unwaranted tears of teenage girls crying for justice. Their stories of sexual betrayal are hand written in my memory, their tears leave permanent stains on pillows that question why the pillows never answer back. Sexual assault can have that effect most times, the feeling that as a female, “You may never trust another guy.” This week’s column is dedicated to all the victims of sexual assault on this campus and off. Over the past two years here at Rider University, I have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a few females on this campus. Sadly enough, the ones I remember most are those who have had the so-called men of this campus leave permanent wounds to the soul. Do not mistake my tone, who have had the so-called men of this campus leave permanent wounds to the soul. Do not mistake my tone.

And the Beat Goes On:

function under democracy. Furthermore, Ritter explains that “other countries are following suit, and there is no justification reason for a nation to go to war against another nation based on speculation alone.” In fact, according to Ritter, “other countries are following suit, and there is no justification reason for a nation to go to war against another nation based on speculation alone.”

continuous inspection activity by the United Nations (UN). Iraq had been certified as being disarmed to a 90 percent to 95 percent level, a figure which includes all of the factories used by Iraq to produce weapons of mass destruction, together with the associated production equipment, as well as the vast majority of the products produced by these factories.

Furthermore, the unaccounted-for material in itself does not constitute a viable weapons capability. This truth alone is probably why Hussein and Iraq decided to reopen its doors to U.N. weapons inspectors without conditions. Despite this clear absence to defuse war before it happens, Bush and the “Republicans” have decided that this was not enough and we are going to attack anyway. We must keep in mind that, with the exception of jolly old England, every single nation on earth is against us fighting this war. Even Kuwait is against us and they are the reason we are told we began to mix it up with Iraq in the first place. Going against the U.N. and continuing on with this war would not only be a gross violation of world democracy, but set a precedent for other countries to follow suit and violate national law. So why would Bush continue to push this war despite this information? It’s quite simply an old political tactic dating back as far as ancient Rome. Bush does not want to end up like his father. If you remember, George Bush Senior was doing terrible in regard to public approval until he started Desert Storm. However, after Desert Storm was over, people began to notice things here at home and Bush’s approval rating fell lower than it ever was. He was not re-elected. There is no use denying that things here after current George W. are very bad and getting worse. Thus, in order to not fall victim to the same fate as his father, George W. needs a new war. One that has no foreseeable end and the war time powers capability to do whatever is necessary to keep us watching it.

There is no doubt that continuing on with this war will, and already has, served as our bread and circuses to distract us from Bush signing authority for free trade over fair trade, expanding tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations while running up the deficit, drifting for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, rounding up detainees and depriving them of due process, unraveling environmental regulations, union-busting, and curtailing privacy rights while ignoring education spending all our money on Star Wars toys.

Should we go to war with Iraq? Just like your television or high speed internet connection, it will keep you from being outraged enough to actually participate in your own democracy.