



Former UN Chief Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter Visits UNH To Discuss Iran

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire welcomes former UN Chief Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter, who will discuss his growing concerns that the United States is preparing to attack Iran.

Ritter will be on campus Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building. He also will discuss the potential effects of an attack and what steps the United States should take to avoid a military confrontation. The event is free and open to the public.

Ritter served as chief weapons inspector for the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) in Iraq where he was in charge of searching for weapons of mass destruction. He carried out and participated in more than 40 inspections in Iraq, and eventually resigned from UNSCOM after determining that Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction.

A critic of the administration of George W. Bush and the Iraq War, Ritter is the author of a number of books, including his most recent "Target Iran." In a November story in *The Nation* about his recent trip to Iran, Ritter says, "I left with the frustrating realization that, as had been the case with Iraq, America was stumbling toward a conflict, blinded by the prejudice and fear born of our collective ignorance."

Ritter's Durham appearance is sponsored by the UNH Peace and Justice League, New Hampshire Peace Action, and Seacoast Peace Response. For more information, contact Amy Antonucci at amyla44@juno.com, call 603-750-7506 or visit www.nhpeaceaction.org.