opinion

Bullets that wake the young

On the morning of March 31, 1987, Soofl 5. Gregory A. Fron- detected the reality of war. Awakening to the 39, discovered the sound of explosion was the roar of a war plane, an air-trench, past the military barracks of his home base in El experience. Racing up a flight of Paraiso. Racing up a flight of steps, he was hit by the first shot from a rifle, steps, he was hit by the first shot from a rifle, and became the first American soldier to die in combat in El Salvador.

You may remember when you were a little boy or little girl. I know I did. And, I didn't have to go far.

In the Indian town where grew up, there was a hill that lay like a sleeping giant behind our elementary school. Every day, after school, my friends and I would roam the woods that covered the back of that hill. From behind their gnarled branches we would fire invisible bullets at each other, wielding rifles and submachine guns fashioned from twigs and branches.

If you got shot, you'd howl. You might think you imagined the splattering of blood. But you already knew that you could get up again a few seconds later.

Blessed with this invulnerability, we could romancify such a warplane. The fast, Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, we hoped to attend our own funerals and watch the people cry for us. We could find out and meet the marks that the president would bestow upon us.

What could be more romantic, more heroic, than dying for our country? For, I saw when I was news rep- cast announcing the cease-fire in Vietman, but it didn't register. What cease-fire? In 1975, I watched the Marines exit from Saigon, but it didn't register. So-

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the movie "Platoonm" With its graphic scenes of warfare and its technical accuracy, "Platoonm" rep- resents the state-of-the-art in the movie "Platoonm."

You watch a young soldier best at employing the new in the film. You imagine someone saying, "God, those explosions are awe-

"tacular, even though I knew it wasn't Oliver Stone's intent to glorify war.

Arrest of student was not racist

To the Editor:

A letter from Stephen Fernan-
dez* claims that he was accused of racism, April 7* alleged that he was harassed and arrested by the Campus Police because he is a minority.* It sounds, as it means to us through his professed ignorance of his minority status,

Fernandez stated that he was first involved, when he heard the Campus Police talking to someone, and "being a member of People Against Racism, I was scared that minority might be getting harassed.* He stated that many minorities have been harassed by police in the past. While this is true, it is no reason to suspect a police officer of harassment. If we have not been questioned, someone, no matter what an individual's race may be, could be "getting harassed.* After all, he stated that many minorities have been harassed by police in the past.

Fernandez made the point that several officers present at the arrest knew he was a student, and did not say anything to the arresting officer. This may be or may not be true. But it is hard to claim that the reason they did not speak up was because the arrest was racially motivated, yet not also to see the evidence of this accusation. Throughout the Thursday column/Thomas T. Huang

Framers' intention not always moral

The framers of the Constitution had a number of goals in mind when they wrote it. One of the goals was to create a government that would be strong enough to protect the nation from foreign enemies, while at the same time preserving individual rights. Another goal was to provide a framework for a system of laws that would be fair and just.

One of the most controversial issues in the drafting of the Constitution was the issue of slavery. The framers were divided on this issue, with some arguing for a gradual abolition of slavery and others supporting the right of states to enslave their citizens.

The framers also had strong beliefs about the role of government in society. They believed in a limited government, one that would not interfere too much with the lives of its citizens. They also believed in the importance of property rights, and that individuals should be free to own property and sell it as they wished.

The framers also faced the challenge of creating a government that would be capable of dealing with the complex problems of the day. They had to create a system that would be able to adapt to new situations and changes, while at the same time remaining true to the principles of liberty and equality.

The framers of the Constitution were not always successful in achieving their goals. There were times when the framers made mistakes, and the Constitution had to be amended to correct these mistakes. But overall, the framers of the Constitution worked hard to create a government that would be strong, fair, and just.

The framers' intentions were not always moral, but they were certainly designed with the best intentions in mind. The framers of the Constitution were not perfect, but they were able to create a government that has served the nation well for over 200 years.