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BANK ON THIS -- America's troubled banking industry would become "less efficient and less competitive" if we go to war in the Persian Gulf, according to a financial historian at the University of Dayton. Larry Schweikart, associate professor of history, says he is less concerned about what would happen to the securities market than he is about whether war would be used "as an excuse to re-regulate" banking. "We're returning to the situation before the Great Depression," says Schweikart, who has written half a dozen books on the history of banking. In addition, Schweikart warns that war creates inflation and often leads to higher taxes.

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BABY BUSTERS -- Differences in values between baby boomers and baby busters--people less than 25 who have rejected the breakneck pace of their predecessors in the business world--can make for conflict in the workplace, according to the director of the MBA program at the University of Dayton School of Business. As long as employees can "demonstrate that the quality of their work is just as good as if they'd sacrificed everything else in their life," and as long as "it's done in a timely fashion," Rebecca Yates sees no harm in the busters' approach. While emphasizing that it is unacceptable to flat-out refuse employers' requests, Yates notes that UD was teaching the new values long before they became mainstream.

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UP WITH STUDENTS -- Prospects are improving for an increase next fall in the number of students in UD's freshman class. Applications have risen 33 percent compared to last year, and inquiries to the admission office have surpassed 55,000--an increase of 9 percent, according to Richard T. Ferguson, associate provost for enrollment management. Since last June, more than 2,100 students and their families have visited campus, a 33 percent increase compared to last year. UD hopes to enroll 1,680 freshmen in August.

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