

# Guilford Students Join Mass Protest

By PHIL EDGERTON

"Peace -- Now!" "All we are saying is give peace a chance." "1, 2, 3, 4, Tricky Dicky, stop the war!"

With these chants, the largest peace demonstration in the history of the United States took place in this Nation's Capital.

The Washington police estimated around 250,000 citizens marched on the White House, but people who had seen the Woodstock and other pop festival crowds expressed the opinion that the crowd was much larger. New Mobilization to End the War in Viet Nam (MOBE) officials estimated the flood of people that surrounded the Washington Monument to number over 800,000.

### GUILFORD REPRESENTED

Guilford College was represented at the demonstration by at least 50 students and faculty members. The Guilford delegation was loosely organized and members left the school at all hours on Thursday and Friday.

It was hoped that those participating in the demonstration from Guilford could assemble at a pre-designated area and march together. However, this effort proved futile due to the confusion caused by the flood of people in Washington.

"Guilfordians" had a variety of arrangements for places to stay in Washington. Several people had friends either at homes in the Washington area or at Washington university with whom they planned to stay. Many Guilford students preferred the nomadic life and arrived in Washington with no planned accommodations. These students had perhaps the most adventurous experiences.

## Quaker Quotes

By PATTY LYMAN

This past weekend saw many Guilford students participating in the New Mobilization. These are some of their comments on it.

"I really can't describe it.. it was unreal." - Lucy Tinker  
"I feel it was tremendously successful. Even though the size of the crowd was enormous, the most entirely peaceful demonstration truly showed the great concern of America's youth on the War in Vietnam." - Lynn Griffith

"I really think it's the most beautiful thing I've ever seen, to get that many people together for one cause. I think it's sad that some people took advantage of the situation and caused trouble, but as a whole, the march was a success." - Mary Ella Tetterton

"I thought it was the most beautiful and intellectually stimulating class I'd ever been to." - Alan Haines

"When I saw a crowd of 10,000 people throwing bricks and running a Viet Cong flag up the flag pole of the Justice Dept.-you have to come away with a different view of America." - John Kuzma

"It could have been another Woodstock, if it hadn't been such a serious matter. All sorts of people coming together for one goal. Whether the President noticed it or not, it was surprising to see so many people coming together for one thing." - Tod Kight.

### SLEEP IN CHURCH SANCTUARY

One group arrived in Washington around 10:00 on Friday night and joined the March Against Death which was taking place from Arlington Cemetery to the Capitol.

At the end of the march this group rode buses to New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, which served as the central organization spot for the North Carolina delegation. There the students met a minister and asked if he had a place for three people to sleep.

He replied with a grin, "I have a place for 30 people to sleep."

The three Guilford students accompanied by a group from Kansas City then proceeded to a church where they spent the night in an unheated sanctuary. Somehow they managed to keep warm.

### MOBE FINDS ACCOMODATIONS

Another group of Guilford students arrived at the Capitol at the ending point of the March Against Death. They joined the march as it swung around the Capitol Building to end with the placing of the names of war dead in coffins.

After hearing a MOBE marshal ask if anyone needed a place to stay, these four Guilford students and two other activists came forward.

The group followed a jeep out past Arlington into Virginia. Here they spent the night in an apartment belonging to a group of California "hippies" who had migrated to Washington to live.

The "hippies" provided blankets, mattresses, and even food for their Moratorium guests. One

guest at the apartment had spent Thursday night in the open in a sleeping bag and had awakened to find himself in the midst of snow flurries. Another guest, prior to his host's offer of hospitality, had planned to spend the night in the Union Bus Terminal pretending to be waiting for a bus

### SATURDAY MARCH

On Saturday morning the mass march began at the 6th Street Mall. A tremendous mass of people waited patiently, sometimes for more than two hours, to be funneled into Pennsylvania Avenue to march.

At 12:00 noon, MOBE officials announced that the march had to end at 12:30 because the parade permit expired at that time. The multitude, many of whom had traveled hundreds of miles to march, immediately burst into the chant, "End the WAR at 12:30!" MOBE officials had no choice but to let everyone march.

### VARIETY OF PEOPLE MARCH

The demonstrators seemed in a happy frame of mind as they stepped off down the street, but there was still a very resolute and determined air to the march as a whole.

All kinds of people, including mothers with baby carriages, ministers, long-hairs, short-hairs, and even members of "Veterans for Peace" had come from across the nation.

Perhaps the most eloquent and touching point was made by a man who carried a sign reading, "My son died in Viet Nam--Why?" Other signs criticized the President; and the vice-president had his share of criticism.

Signs such as, "Stop air pollution--Gag Agnew!" or "For sale--Used TV--Call Spiro," were evident.

As marchers passed TV cameras, the slogans "Fuck you, Agnew", and "NBC--Spiro T." resounded and the amused cameramen waved back the traditional peace sign as if in agreement.

### MARINE SIGNALS PEACE

Cheers also went up as a Marine on a balcony guarding the Justice Department waved the peace sign. Someone made the remark, "That guy will probably be in Levenworth by tonight."

Still, the jubilation could scarcely mask the uneasiness of many demonstrators over the Marines standing atop the buildings. Sentries surveyed the crowd with binoculars or stood with rifles held across their chests.

Anxious glances were also cast at olive drab helicopters which crisscrossed the skies over the demonstrators' heads.

### WHITE HOUSE HIDDEN BEHIND BUSES

After marching past the wall of buses that sealed off the White House, the march ended at the Washington Monument. Here people huddled together on the grassy slope and listened to speakers and singers who denounced the war from various viewpoints.

The speakers included David Dellinger and Abbie Hoffman, who are two of the "Chicago Eight" on trial for riot conspiracy at the Chicago Convention, Mrs. Coretta King, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Arlo Guthrie, Sen. George McGovern, and others.

The rally ended with the demonstrators joining the cast of the musical, "Hair" singing chorus in a chorus of "Let the Sunshine In".

### JUSTICE DEPT. VIOLENCE

Unfortunately, the peace demonstration did not really end on a peaceful note. Shortly after the rally, a group of "Mad Dogs", "Crazies", and "Weathermen" who are the most "freaked out" of the militants, led an unscheduled march on the Justice Department Building.

The fears of the seemingly paranoid marchers were proved somewhat grounded when the opponents of the "Chicago Eight"

trial began throwing paint on walls and smashing windows.

Stu Sherman, a GUILFORDIAN photographer, was trapped in a doorway while attempting to get a closeup of the action. As tear gas canisters were thrown by police, Sherman huddled under a blanket in an attempt to escape the fumes.

When police poured from the building to drive back the militants and four thousand curious onlookers, Sherman was struck by police wielding nightsticks.

Several other Guilford students reported that they were choked by tear gas fumes as they observed the confrontation.

### MILITANTS DISPERSED

Although police acted quickly and effectively with this unruly outbreak, most people commended police restraint in handling the potentially dangerous situation.

Physical violence was kept to a minimum as police dispersed the militants and onlookers with tear gas.

Despite isolated incidents of unruly behavior, relations between demonstrators and police were very good. MOBE marshals and demonstrators swapped jokes with police and generally cooperated with each other.

The parade marshals, indistinguishable from the hairy demonstrators, both accepted and passed out food along the parade route.

They linked arms in an effort to keep militants from reaching the Justice Buildings and shouted, "Cool it!" as the violent activists attacked the building.

The feeling of good will and love was expressed very aptly by one "freaky" demonstrator perched in a tree.

He was asked by a person on the ground, "How does it look from up there?"

The happy youth replied ecstatically, "Beautiful! All these people are really beautiful!"



photo by Sherman



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