

Meredith Herald

Volume 7, Number 3

January 28, 1991

1991: Celebrating Meredith's Charter Centennial

Other Campuses Respond to War

by **Melanie Yiasemide**

National Student News Service

As the first reports of the allied air attacks against Iraq came in on the evening of January 16th, many students throughout the country and around the globe took to the streets in demonstration.

A student rally at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts grew into a march of 500 to the state capitol building in downtown Boston. A similar march took place in Iowa City, where 500 people marched from the University of Iowa campus to the Federal Building. In Salem, Oregon and Austin, Texas, students joined protests in the rotundas of their state capitols.

Students at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire protested by blocking traffic on the morning of the 17th. In Huntington, West Virginia, student protesters from Marshall

University also blocked the city's main street and poured cans of oil on the road chanting, "No blood for oil."

About 75 University of Georgia in Stillwater, pro-and anti-war students have exchanged verbal attacks in public demonstrations for weeks. Following the assault on Kuwait, administrators urged students from Middle Eastern countries to keep away from the campus protests.

Students outside the U. S. are also taking action. In Beirut, Lebanon, hundreds of students at the American University staged a sit-in against the war. An estimated 10,000 German students participated in an anti-war march down Kurfuerstendam Boulevard in Berlin. Twenty-five thousand angry students marched through Milan following their government's announcement that Italian forces would participate in Operation Desert Storm.

Thousands to March on Washington in War Protest

For weeks before the onset of the war, student campaigns against U. S. military action began to take shape across the country. Students opposed to the push toward war are organizing large-scale demonstrations and local educational events.

Taking their anti-war concerns directly to the White House, an estimated 10,000 college students will march through Washington, D.C. on January 26th to protest the war in the Persian Gulf.

Several campus groups have helped organize students for the march, which included a rally in front of the White House with several speakers. The Progressive Students Network (PSN), an organization that networks activists on more than one hundred college campuses nationwide, has informed students about the march, planned travel arrangements, and coordinated housing for students from outside the D. C. area.

"We have an anti-imperialist, anti-interventionist stance. The U.S. should not be the police of the world," said Kim Feicke, a recent graduate of Illinois State University and a volunteer with PSN's Chicago chapter. "Our basic slogan is 'Human Needs, Not War.' There must be more funding for education, housing, and the social

programs that Reagan and Bush cut since coming into office."

Campus Ministries Organize Education and Dissent

One of the differences between the current anti-war movement and that of the Vietnam War era has been the leadership of the religious community from the beginning of the conflict. Churches of virtually every major denomination have taken official positions against the present use of military force in the Persian Gulf. At many schools, campus ministries and student religious groups are playing leading roles in educational campaigns for peace.

The Episcopal ministry at Columbia University in New York City is a member of that school's student anti-war coalition. The ministry is sponsoring an anti-war film series to provoke discussion and helping to coordinate student transportation to the Washington rally.

There is growing concern at Columbia that the conflict will result in a new military draft, according to the campus Episcopal minister, Rev. William Starr. "The mood is apprehensive," he says. The ministry is preparing forums on the alternatives of conscientious objection and draft resistance.

continued on page 5

Donate your eyes and ears!

With a smaller staff this semester, we need you to help us cover campus events. If you know of any activity of interest to the Meredith community, please call us with the details at 829-2824.

Inside:

2 Editorial: Passive Activism

3 Letters to Editor: Security and abroad

4 Campus happenings; MCTV listing; Sending food to servicemembers

6 Academic Success seminar; Meredith Abroad; Improving your GPA

7 Classifieds, Habitat for Humanity on Spring Break; Women's Studies at Duke, UNC-CH