

Letters...

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I don't plan on joining peace marches because there is little peace in public displays of dissent. However, I believe in peace with all my heart, and I will continue to pray for it everyday. My husband believes in peace too; as a Vietnam veteran, he also believes in fighting for his brothers, here and around the world, to free them from the oppression of men like Hitler and Hussein in order that people be allowed to live peacefully within an "unoccupied" homeland. Lastly, we both believe in the words spoken by the most peace-filled Person who ever walked the earth, "Greater love than this no man has, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Sincerely,
Nancy J. Jones

Editor responds

First of all, my sincere apologies to anyone who felt the purpose of the editorial mentioned in Heather's and Nancy's letter was to insult the intelligence or sensibilities of the reader.

The night of January 16 found another reporter and me walking through almost every residence hall specifically to ask the opinions of the students willing to talk to us. Many said they were against the United States' involvement in the war.

I asked students why they thought that, if there is a body of students on this campus who felt that way, there was not more of a visible presence of that opinion. A sophomore suggested that "there is a girl school mentality that says you shouldn't go against authority or be aggressive." Another student, a senior, said that she felt "the politics of the war were too complex for most people, not just students, to understand and so it's hard to take a stand on something that is ambiguous to them."

As for the war being a peripheral event for women in general, in no way do I suggest that having friends and loved

ones serving in harm's way is not a tragic and extremely painful event.

A friend of mine suffers from post-traumatic stress syndrome and I am aware that the onset of this disorder happens *after* an event as Nancy states and as the prefix *post-* implies.

Indeed the effects of this war are and will continue to have a devastating impact on all of us. Some of us will lose a brother, a son, a boyfriend, a husband, a friend. Just as our Iraqi sisters will lose theirs.

If the alleged loss of student self-government could galvanize last year's student body into a resounding chorus of protest leading to a sit-in in Johnson Hall, it just seemed to me that the possible loss of the lives of our loved ones might prompt even a small vocal response from this year's student body. If I'm wrong, so be it. Everyone is entitled to respond to a crisis in whatever fashion they choose. Even saying, "I don't know how I feel" is fine.

Your Letters Welcome

The Herald welcomes all letters from students who wish to voice their opinions and feelings about the Gulf crisis.

It is only through dialogue and discussion that we can gain a fuller and broader appreciation of the way in which this unfortunate crisis affects each of us.

Please carefully read the Letters to the Editor Policy on page three. While the editor doesn't mind printing "scathing" letters directed towards her, please be well aware that the rest of you are protected from such a response. No letter which attacks another student for voicing her opinion will be published in this newspaper.

Classifieds

Personals



Happy Birthday Haven! Best Wishes! Your Big Sis, Marybel

For Sale

GE portable radio, double cassette, AM/FM. Only one month old. Originally \$89-now only \$45. Call Leigh at 7918.

Beauty Services

Inexpensive manicures and facials! I'll come to your dorm room or meet you on campus any day of the week. Call Stephanie at 859-1793.

Classified rate for students: only \$1 for up to 20 words.

Volunteer Help Wanted

Volunteer copy editor for the Meredith Herald desperately needed. Prefer English major. Macintosh word processing skills helpful, but not required. 2-3 hours per week on Thursday or Friday.

Paid Help Wanted

Come to New Hampshire for the summer. An outstanding girls sports camp, located on New England's largest lake and near the White Mountains, is presently recruiting all staff positions. For information, contact Kyle Lawrence at 847-8047. 2/11

Art student needed to create original fairy-tale type pen and ink sketches for small book. Call Julia at 833-5525.

Middle East Careline

The Middle East Careline has been organized to offer support to those of us who have friends and loved ones in the Middle East or who are on alert.

The Careline offers several resources:

- Small groups where you can share your concerns with those who have similar needs.
- Individual support people who are concerned about you and want to listen.
- Various programs coordinated by faculty and Student Activities to provide current and accurate information to address your concerns about the draft, history of the Middle East situation, religions, etc.
- Student organizations are providing various activities for you to become involved in; video

tapes of many of these programs will be available in the library.

• An advisory committee of students and faculty has been established to consider the ways by which we can best serve the needs of our community.

We would like to know who you are. If you would like a volunteer to contact you or you would like more information, please contact Sam Carothers, Campus Minister, at 829-8346 or Gina Robert, College Counselor, at 829-8427. Please give your name, telephone number and relative.

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