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## Bringing Home to the Troops

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Most people have probably heard the word floating around campus, but what does it mean? Is it a new cartoon show on Saturday morning or a new bill Congress just passed concerning the homeless?

HomeVoice is the creation of Mark Neil, a 32-year old sophomore, and Bob Graham, a 27-year old sophomore. It is a publication that is going to be sent out to the American forces involved in Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia. Neil is the editor of the Aletheia as well as Honor Court President, while Graham is managing editor of the Aletheia and Student Activities Chairman.

The purpose of HomeVoice is to boost troop morale in Saudi Arabia.

Many soldiers don't know that most Americans support them. This paper would be a way to let the troops know we, at home, are thinking of them. HomeVoice would include letters of encouragement, jokes, cartoons, and articles about current events in the States. Graham and Neil welcome any contribution anybody would like to make.

The whole project will cost between \$20-\$25 thousand/month to operate. The paper is planned to be run during the duration of Operation Desert Shield. Graham and Neil are currently in the process of finding a corporate sponsor. "We have gone to Coke, Pepsi, Hardee's and plan to go to several more. We plan to hear from Pepsi within the next week and a half.

Pepsi has been a good sponsor to the school, by providing drinks at school functions. One factor that might influence Pepsi's decision is the fact that Pepsi has a bottling company in Iraq and some of their employees are hostages.

HomeVoice would also be good publication for the college. The college is very supportive of the project. President Vaughn has given HomeVoice office space in room 13 of McGregor. HomeVoice would bring CNN, ABC, and other stations to Montreat bringing national coverage to the publication. It would be a good mark going into the 75 years of Montreat."

Graham first thought of the idea of a publication to send to the troops when he saw the advertisement to write to the

soldiers aboard the ship, U.S.S O'Brien. "I thought it would be a good idea to reach out to them as a whole. Mark thought of the name."

If you have been waiting for a chance to write to the troops in Saudi Arabia or your tired of making excuses for not writing, here's your chance. Both Graham and Neil encourage people to be thinking of ideas and writing articles. "If you would like to write an encouraging message or even a joke, anything, please submit it to M-AC box 421." The first publication is due to be printed Friday and sent Saturday. HomeVoice is an excellent way to express your Christian love and brighten someone's day, even if you can't write,