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## 2,000 gather at Federal Building to protest war

Protests continue into evening on I-5.

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Police arrested 51 protesters, including 15 juveniles, at an anti-war march and rally that attracted more than 2,000 people to the Federal Building on Tuesday.

Tuesday night protesters blocked Interstate 5 at an exit near the Eugene Springfield border at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. State, Eugene and Lane County police in riot gear forced the protesters off the highway after 11 p.m., using tear gas, according to KEZI-TV. Authorities arrested some people, while most retreated to the University of Oregon campus, the television station reported.

The incident was preceded by an anti-war protest at the county courthouse, attended by about 800 people. An unknown number of people then left to march through the city, winding up at Interstate 5.

Listening to the blare of an air raid siren, the drone of a helicopter, the sound of machine gun and mortar fire while standing amid protesters dressed as blood-stained sol-

diers, one could almost imagine a war zone at the morning protest.

"It had the desired effect," said rally organizer Willow Kjellberg. "I'm heartened and amazed by the turnout."

The protest started with a police-escorted march from Alton Baker Park early Tuesday morning. At 7:30 a.m., organizers set off an air raid siren, during which 50 "soldiers" — wearing bandages soaked with theatrical blood — froze in place.

When the siren stopped, the actors fell to the ground, writhing in mock agony. Taped sounds of warfare blared over a loudspeaker.

After the actors "died," protest organizers using loudspeakers urged participants to block entrances to the Federal Building, but advised them repeatedly that to do so would be against the law.

The Eugene Police Department moved in about 11:30 a.m. and asked the protesters to leave. When they refused, they were arrested under Section 101-20.305 — a federal distur-



Eugene Police officers make one of 51 arrests at Tuesday's anti-war protest. The United Nations resolution deadline passed at 9:05 PST Tuesday night.

bances statute.

The arrested juveniles were sent to the Skipworth Juvenile Home in Eugene where they were booked and released. The rest were taken to Lane County

Adult Corrections facility where they, too, were booked and released. All participants in the sit-in were removed by 3:30 p.m.

Kjellberg said in an interview

before the rally that relations between the protesters and the EPD had been friendly. Sgt. Becky Hanson, field public in-

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## MLK day offers time to learn

By Tammy Batey  
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Some University students may use Monday's holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. as an extension of their weekends. However, many University officials and students hope more will be gained than an extra day away from classes.

University President Myles Brand hopes students take advantage of the special programs planned Monday to celebrate the life of a founder of the civil rights movement in the United States.

Ironically, Brand said, the celebration of King — a man who stressed the importance of solving conflicts peacefully and civilly — comes at a time when the world is preparing for war.

"I hope students will take a minute from their busy schedules and reflect on Martin Luther King's life and loss of life and reflect on his sentiment of bringing about peaceful change," Brand said.

Members of the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee hope students "will be tuned in to some of the ideas that King lived for," including civil rights, cultural

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Marie Jones, director of the Black Student Union, begins the Martin Luther King celebration by slicing the first piece of a birthday cake honoring King.

## Student groups push for campus Coke boycott

By Paula A. Green  
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The ASUO Executive, the Black Student Union and Students Against Apartheid have called for a boycott today of all EMU food services facilities to protest the state's contract with Coca-Cola, Inc.

The protest will continue for subsequent Wednesdays "until Coke is removed from this campus," said Killjan Anderson, ASUO programs coordinator. Portland State University, Western Oregon State College and the Oregon Institute of Technology have already established campus boycotts.

A flyer distributed by the student groups opposed to Coca-Cola says that "in 1986, (Coca-Cola claims) it divested from South Africa because of international pressure over South Africa's policy of apartheid. Yet today Coca-Cola controls 69 percent of the soft drink market in South Africa."

Another memorandum released by the ASUO reads that "Coca-Cola is involved in South Africa and ... are (sic) profiting from a system that establishes Black South Africans as second-class citizens through apartheid."

Anderson said today's protest is the "first major thing we've done in terms of a protest," and he doesn't know yet what other action may follow. He did say that he hopes to raise the issue before the state legislature, and is working to initiate a protest at Oregon State University.

Dennis Carr, EMU food service manager, was not aware that a boycott had been planned saying that "Contracting with Coke is beyond our control because it is a state contract. No one has ever come to us to ask us how to handle this in the most effective way."

Carr said when the state

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### Gulf Crisis

(AP) — The midnight deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to pull his forces out of Kuwait passed Wednesday and more than 680,000 U.S. and allied

troops began a new countdown to war.

Barring an attack by Iraq, the start of a Persian Gulf war lay in the hands of President Bush and allied leaders. Bush, armed with congressional authorization to drive Iraq from Kuwait, was

described Tuesday as resolute and "at peace with himself."

Iraq declared a "furnace of hell" awaits anyone trying to dislodge its 545,000 troops from Kuwait, taken over in an Iraqi blitz on Aug. 2. What Saddam faced was

thousands of combat aircraft, scores of warships and some of the world's most sophisticated weapons, spearheaded by 415,000 U.S. troops.

Baghdad's shouts of defiance combined with a

worldwide clamor of last-minute appeals to Saddam and anti-war protests.

The deadline expired at 8 a.m. Wednesday local time in Baghdad.

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