

# Peace across the nation

Rallies across the nation this weekend drew hundreds of thousands calling for a peaceful resolution to the Iraq conflict

### Staff Writers

Oregon Daily Emerald

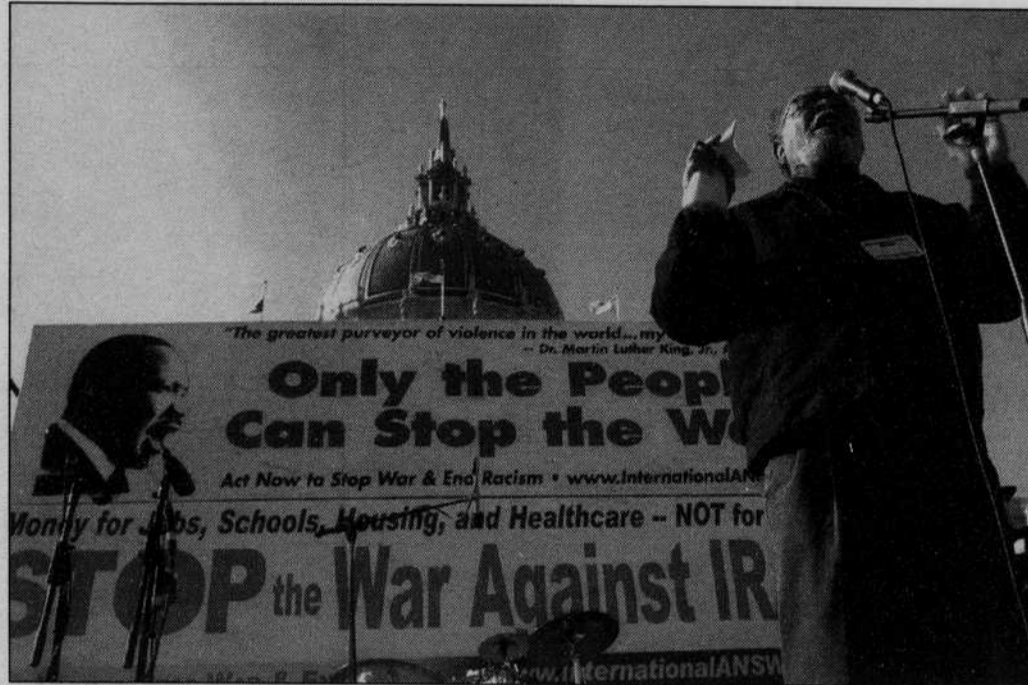
From coast to coast, a wide cross-section of Americans took a message of peace to the streets during the weekend, protesting both a potential war with Iraq and the Bush administration itself.

People from nearly every demographic group imaginable — teachers and students, grandparents and children, hippies and business people, anarchists and libertarians, suburban moms and urban 20-somethings — held peaceful demonstrations from Portland, Ore., to Washington, D.C., and the size and mood of the crowds were reminiscent of Vietnam War protests more than 30 years ago.

### INSIDE

UO students rode to and from the San Francisco rally.

PAGE 3



Photos by Danielle Hickey Emerald

Protesters marched down Market Street and ended their march in the Civic Center in San Francisco on Saturday. When they reached their destination, they listened to speakers such as Walter Johnson, who is part of the San Francisco Labor Council.

disrupting traffic and vandalizing property late in the march.

San Francisco police officials estimated 55,000 people attended the

Turn to **Rallies**, page 7

### San Francisco

Bearing signs and beating drums, tens of thousands of protesters converged in downtown San Francisco Saturday to decry possible war efforts against Iraq.

The protest, which was organized by the anti-war organization International A.N.S.W.E.R., was largely peaceful, with a small breakaway demonstration

## Students for Peace protest at D.C. rally

### Reporter's notebook

Braving freezing temperatures, University students joined an estimated 500,000 protesters at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

### Meghann Farnsworth

Columnist

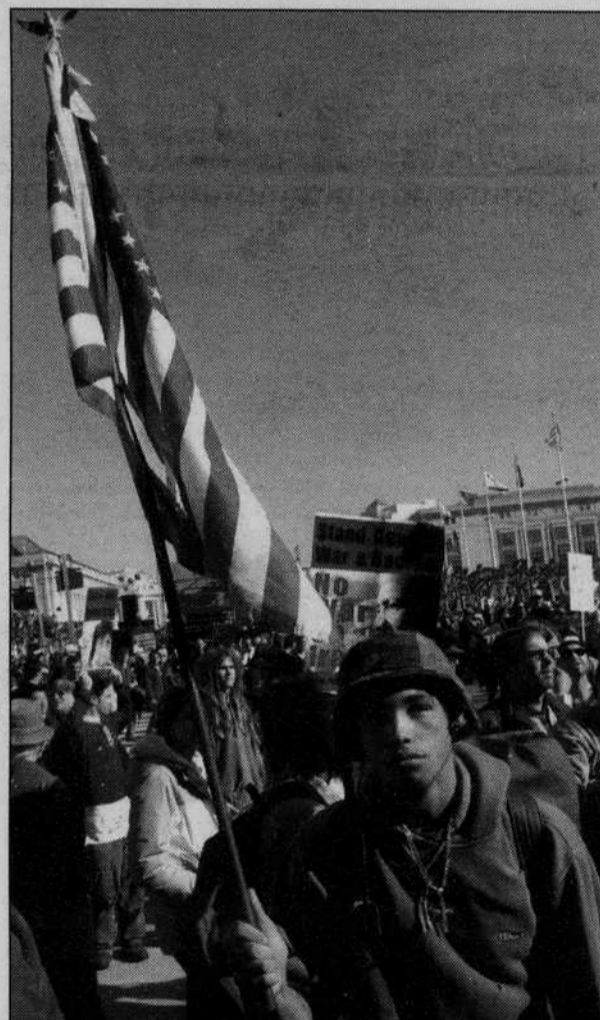
At 10 a.m. Saturday, people were already filling the Blue Line Metro in Washington, D.C. The train was more full than normal for a cold Saturday morning, and the people themselves seemed somewhat different than the typical Saturday shoppers or travelers. Dressed warmly in layered clothing with hats, gloves and thick jackets, most of the people on the Metro carried variously sized cardboard signs

reading "No Blood for Oil," "What would MLK Do?" and "Bushit."

While it was hot on the Metro, the temperature outside was a chilly 24 degrees that reached to the bone. Some skeptics claimed that no one would show up because of the freezing weather, but by the time the rally got under way, it was obvious that the thousands who had arrived — and the thousands more still arriving — were not going to be silenced simply because of some winter weather.

On Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday weekend, the organizers of the rally, International A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), estimated that 500,000 people gathered in front of the Capitol to protest the encroaching war with Iraq, and with them were 10 University students from Students for

Turn to **D.C. rally**, page 3



Protester Micheal Hamilton stood silently on the steps of San Francisco's City Hall on Saturday dressed as a soldier holding an American flag in opposition to the war.

## Protesters worldwide denounce Iraq war

### Sebastian Rotella

Los Angeles Times

PARIS — Antiwar demonstrators turned out across the globe Saturday to protest a U.S. military buildup in the Middle East widely seen as a prelude to an invasion of Iraq.

Thousands marched in Europe, the Middle East and Asia to denounce the prospect of war. They heaped abuse on the Bush administration, voicing the anti-American sentiment that has been ignited by the Iraq issue.

A German protester wore a sign branding President George W. Bush a terrorist, a refrain repeated throughout the day and around the

world. A banner outside the U.S. Embassy in Moscow declared: "Iraq isn't your ranch, Mr. Bush."

The demonstrations could be just a taste of street action to come if the confrontation with the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein escalates.

The crowds had a cheerful air in countries such as Japan, where about 4,000 marchers in

### INSIDE

ASUO and Faculty Senate host a forum about the impact of a potential war with Iraq.

PAGE 8

Tokyo's Ginza shopping district included students who wore Bush masks and playfully pulled the triggers of toy guns. The mood in the Middle East, however, was darker. In Damascus, Syria, there were shouts of "Our beloved Saddam, strike Tel Aviv!"

A crowd of marchers in Cairo, Egypt, estimated at between several hundred and 1,000 gathered in the square outside Sayeda Zeinab Mosque in a working-class area not far from the city's historical center. A massive deployment of black-clad riot police surrounded the protest, and a few students complained that police had

Turn to **World**, page 3

## Parade, speech honor MLK

MLK Day started with a parade and ended with a ceremony honoring community service leaders

### Roman Gokhman and Ayisha Yahya

Emerald staff writers

They came in droves — groups of three and six and 15, or alone. They were of different ethnicities and from every creed, and they congregated in a one-square-block patch of grass in West Eugene — MLK Park, currently the only landmark in Lane County named after the famed civil rights leader.

Nearly 200 community members including Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson, City Councilor David Kelly and Mayor Jim Torrey gathered at the park and marched to the Police and Fire Training Center on West 2nd Avenue to pay tribute

Turn to **MLK**, page 4

## Students celebrate choice

The 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade will be celebrated today, starting at the EMU Fishbowl

### Ayisha Yahya

Freelance Editor

Students for Choice will commemorate the 30th anniversary for Roe v. Wade with "Cake and Condoms" today at 11:30 a.m. in the EMU Fishbowl. The 1973 court decision gave women a federal right to voluntarily terminate pregnancies.

According to Students for Choice Director Lauren Manes, the cake is meant to celebrate women's right to choose. She said it's important for young women to recognize the significance of Roe v. Wade.

"At this point in time, a lot of people are taking it for granted, especially our

Turn to **Roe v. Wade**, page 4

### WEATHER

Today: High 47, Low 40, chance of showers,

Wednesday: High 48, Low 40, occasional rain likely

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Wednesday

Catch up on the EMU Board and PFC budget hearings

#### Thursday

Will Honda's new robot be able to take over the world?