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**Above:** Over 20,000 Portland residents joined national efforts to march for peace on Saturday. Portland's rally was held downtown. The peaceful protest was amongst the largest in the country. **Right:** A single protestor finds a solitary place to make his statement.

## WAR & PEACE

### Gulf War vet speaks of 'poisoned patriots'

PTK sponsors symposium on campus to educate about 'What really happened in the Gulf War'

Daisy Bain  
Editor-in-Chief

In light of the recent threat of war in Iraq, students from Phi Theta Kappa gathered information from the American Cancer Society and teamed up with the Northwest Veterans for Peace to hold an anti-war symposium entitled, "What really happened in the gulf war...poisoned patriots symposium."

The symposium, held at Clackamas Community College, was nearly packed Thursday, Jan. 16. Students from all over campus, as well as members of the Northwest Veterans for Peace, gathered to learn about the effects of the Gulf war on American and Iraqi citizens alike.

"I really believe it's a time for questions and not answers," said Jennifer Nelson, president of Phi Theta Kappa. "We are trying to open up the doors for discussion. We need to have enough courage to think independently and to get the word out. This isn't something you are going to see on CNBC."

Guest speaker Will Campbell is a veteran of the Gulf war. He spoke of the terror he encountered in the Middle East and on how people's lives were and still are affected.

"I know exactly what happened over there...we dumped our shit on them and we're not going to clean it up,

because we are America, the land of the free," Campbell said sarcastically. "Everybody has gotten a little taste of it. This stuff (nuclear weapons, uranium, ect.) doesn't discriminate. The department of defense is in complete denial about this."

After the 1991 Gulf War, American troops destroyed a large munitions depot called Khamisiyah in southern Iraq. Some of the Iraqi rockets stored at the depot contained a mixture of the chemical nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin. In 1997, six years after his term in Iraq, Campbell received a letter from the Office of the Secretary of Defense informing him that he might have been exposed to the nerve agents.

"When rockets were destroyed in the pit area at Khamisiyah on March 10, 1991, the nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin may have been released into the air. If you were with your unit at this time, you may have been in an area where exposure to a very low level of nerve agents was possible. However, our analysis shows that the exposure levels would have been too low to activate chemical alarms or to cause any symptoms at the time," wrote Bernard Rostker in the letter he sent out to Campbell on behalf of the Office of Secretary of Defense.

Three years later, Campbell received another letter stating: "Using state of the art computer modeling

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## Marchers say no to war

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Citizens ranging from Buddhist to Christians, and war vets to teachers all came together Saturday, Jan. 18, for one cause: to protest waging war against Iraq.

Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Washington, San Francisco and many other cities nationwide, including over 20,000 people in the park blocks of southwest Portland, to promote peace in the Middle East.

Many people carried signs bear-

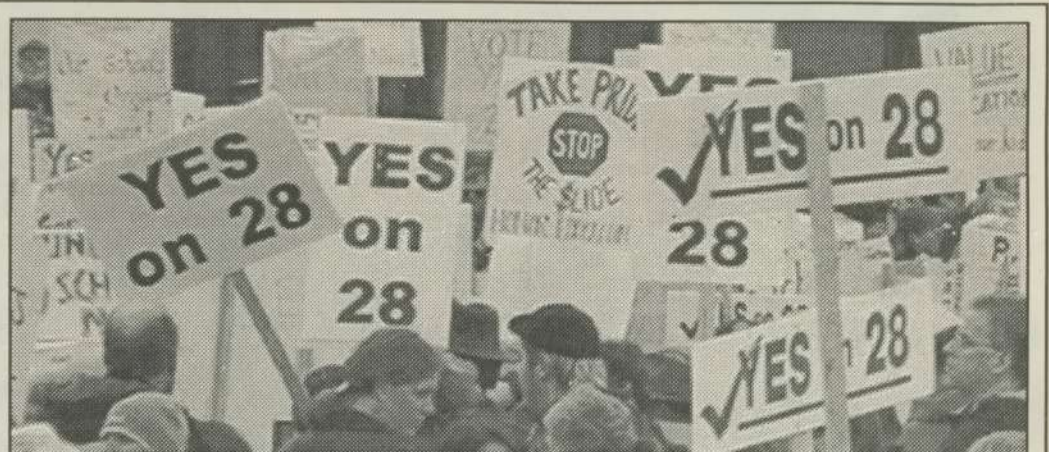
ing messages including "keep Enron out of Oregon" and quotes from Ben Franklin stating, "There never was a good war nor a bad peace." Amongst the crowd stood a man holding a sign with a simple message, "No peace and love for tyrants."

A man who would not identify himself stated, "Our primary goal for this rally is to get Portland to unite with other cities from around the country to take a stand against the war in Iraq. Chicago has already stepped forward and thirty other cities are predicted to do the same."

The rally consumed four blocks as the guest speakers said their piece, and the march stretched over ten blocks. Amazingly, with all these different cultural groups no major problems arose.

After the march through Portland a celebration started, which had a live band for everyone's listening enjoyment. People danced and enjoyed themselves, celebrating what they called a victory for the fight for peace and freedom.

City Council will meet today to decide if they will join the other cities in a stand against the war.



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Voters gather on the steps of the State Capitol building on Monday to lobby for a 'yes' vote on Measure 28. If passed, taxpayers will see a temporary income tax increase until the year 2004.

## Voters rally for Measure 28

Pete Ford  
News Editor

More than 6,000 people assembled for a rally on the steps of the State Capitol building to "demonstrate the need for adequate and stable funding for public education."

The gathering, funded by the

Oregon Education Association (OEA) hopes to salvage as much money for the future of education as possible.

Currently, Oregon's economic recession has caused the state and local services' budget to be reduced. Income tax revenues for the state's 2001-2003 budget have been slashed by 16 percent (an approximately \$1.8 billion deficit).

This is one of the reasons for Measure 28 and Monday's rally. Measure 28, if passed, will raise personal and corporate income taxes for 2002 until 2004. Any individual with a taxable income over \$6,450, or couples with a joint income over \$12,900 will be affected. The tax raise will be

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