

Demonstrators duel over war

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From the halls of government to a basketball arena, Texans showed support Thursday for U.S. troops fighting in the Persian Gulf. Others joined demonstrations calling for peace.

Two rival rallies on the University of Texas campus, staged less than 100 yards apart, clearly illustrated the split in public opinion.

"USA! USA! USA!" chanted a crowd of about 500 students at a rally on the west steps of UT's main administration building, while a like number on the south steps responded, "No blood for oil!"

Dueling groups of demonstrators later converged on the Capitol. Those backing President Bush's policies waved American flags, while anti-war protesters waved black flags.

The anti-war group then marched down Congress Avenue, Austin's main downtown street, and blocked traffic.

Paul Yioutas, chairman of the College Republicans, said, "Although we are reluctant to sacrifice American lives, we realize that sometimes these sacrifices, and even war, are necessary."

Said Julie Lemay, one of about 200 anti-war demonstrators who converged on the Capitol, "This war, the minute it began, began destroying lives, began destroying families. This isn't right, and it's destroying lives in all kinds of ways."

The Texas House of Representatives opened its session with a prayer for the troops, and Speaker Gib Lewis called for a moment's silence "in memory of those servicemen and women who are serving our country in the Persian Gulf."

Across Texas, security was beefed up at airports and military posts.

Dallas police increased protection of President Bush's son, George W. Bush.

In Austin, the Sematec semiconductor research consortium evacuated some 700 employees after receiving a bomb threat. Spokesman Buddy Price quoted the caller as saying, "The war has just begun. There is a bomb. This is no joke." No bomb was found, he said.

The University of Texas Longhorns basketball team added yellow patches to their uniforms in honor of U.S. troops before a game against the University of Houston.

What's Up

Friday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: general discussion at noon. Call C.P.D.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: Supper club meeting with country and western dancing to follow at 6 p.m. at Garfield's in the Holiday Inn. Call 845-1741 for more information.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: weekly Bible study at 6 p.m. in A&M Presbyterian Church office. Call Stacy at 847-5300 for more information.

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM: Twelfth Candle Yuletide Celebration in Middle Ages style. Come join us for food, dancing and fun at 7 p.m. in the Wellborn Community Center in Wellborn. Call Star at 845-7768 or 846-3113, or Michael at 845-1365 or 268-7737 for more information.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: Dinner Club at 6 p.m. at the Longhorn Tavern, Highway 21 and Texas Avenue. Call Brian at 823-6517 for more information.

Sunday

INDIA DAY: vocal recital — Indian classical music — by Shweta Jhaveri at 1 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Call 846-2757 or 845-5982 for more information.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Pizza Lunch and Family Group information at noon in the University Lutheran Chapel. Fellowship Supper and Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Lutheran Student Center. Evening prayer and supper at 6:30 p.m. in the University Lutheran Chapel.

OCA: Domino tournament at 6 p.m. at the Dixie Chicken. \$4 per person. Call Carol at 845-0688 for more information.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER: choir at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. (\$1.25). Vespers at 7 p.m., Recreation at 8 p.m. all in the Methodist Student Center. Call Max at 846-4701 for more information.

Monday

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: fellowship for all transfer and freshman students at 7:45 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 203 College Main (behind Loupots). Call 846-7722 for more information.

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Everyone welcome. Call Amy at 776-4242 for more information.

OCA: membership drive at 7 p.m. at Taco Cabana. Bowling at 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Pen Creek Center. Call Keith at 845-0688 for more information.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION: weekly meeting open to everyone at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.: Aggeland photo at 8:15 p.m. in the MSC flagroom and election of new vice president and secretary at 8:30 p.m. in 352 MSC. Call Katsy at 696-3530 for more information.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: membership sign-up all day in the Blocker Lobby. Call Jeff at 764-6850 for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. The King Holiday Video will be shown at noon. Guest speaker Dr. Norma Guerra, asst. vice president for student development, University of Texas at San Antonio at 3 p.m. Call Denise, 845-2235, for more information.

FITLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION: enroll now for FITLIFE exercise classes. Call 845-3997 for more information.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: general meeting at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. Call David at 693-6368 for more information.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

COLLEGIATE 4-H: meeting in 123 Kleberg. Call Toby at 696-4416 for more info.

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