

Student soldiers involved in war

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Carolina Life Editor

Sixty-seven USC students and 23 students from USC's regional campuses are in the Saudi desert or on their way to it, and many National Guardsmen and reserves still on campus will be deployed if combat begins.

"Their empty seats in the classrooms are evidence that what's going on over there is very real and that their training here is very real," said Lt. Col. John Lockard, who is in command of USC's ROTC unit.

The students who went to Saudi Arabia this past semester and those who are preparing to ship out in the next month are in infantry, medical and civil affairs units. Fifteen of the students are in USC's ROTC program, which trains future Army officers from USC, Frances Marion College and Columbia College.

Lockard said the students deployed to the gulf face a "double-edged sword."

"Not only are they now deploying to fight for their country in a dangerous region but they are also losing time from their education," Lockard said.

USC is trying to make the transition from student to soldier as smooth as it can for students who are sent to Saudi Arabia. The registrar's office is fully refunding tuition expenses for these National Guardsmen and reserves, and professors are offering military science classes in the fall to ensure that the ROTC students get credits they'll miss this spring, if they don't get back to the United States.

"It's hard enough on them as it is," Registrar Luther Gunter said.

Lockard, who was an infantry platoon leader in Vietnam, said he will miss the students but knows they're needed. "I've seen war up close and personal, and I'm the last person to want it to occur, but if we have to fight, we've got to put our full force on the enemy and bring him home — fast," Lockard said.

For relatives and friends, pray-



ing helps them cope with the fast-paced changes in the political world. "No words can say or describe how you feel about having someone close to you over there. You can just show the positive attitude that they'll come back safely," said Junior Wright, uncle of Army ROTC and Columbia College senior Tethra Joseph.

Joseph is in Columbia preparing to deploy to the gulf. She has one semester left at Columbia College before earning her degree in biology, but her education will have to wait until the conflict subsides.

Gaillard Waterfall, whose son Charles is also preparing to leave for the gulf, also said that keeping faith strong is important. "Our son is very upbeat about his situation — probably to keep us from worrying," he said.

As the January 15 deadline for

Saddam Hussein's withdrawal from Kuwait looms closer in the next 24 hours, National Guardsmen and reserves on campus are scanning the headlines with their lives on their minds.

"We're ready . . . if we have to go," are the words from these students, whose units will most likely be called if a fighting war ensues in the Middle East.

"Of course I'd much rather stay at school and go to Five Points every night. But I'm definitely ready to go if I'm called," international studies junior Sgt. Brandon Newton said.

"I think something's going to happen — a lot of people are upset on both sides," Newton said. "I try not to have an opinion as to

whether it's right for us to be going to war because it's my job to go and to defer to civilian control."

"The hardest part if I do get called up will be making arrangements for my car bill and other bills. I just bought a stack of books, and I'll need to get my money back for them. You don't know if you'll have two to three days or two to three hours to take care of these things," Newton said.

History senior Sgt. Eddie Murphy, whose father died this month, said leaving his mother alone will be very hard if he's called for deployment. "I don't see any peaceful way out — we're dug in too deep. The United States has fought to create world order in the U.N., and I don't think the U.N. can survive without the United States," said Murphy, who has written a paper on the United States' policy role.

The possibility of more than 70 USC students in the Saudi Arabian desert scares friends as well as family of the deployable students.

"How would you feel if one of your best friends was sent, and something happened to him because of oil?" political science senior Thomas Rainey, a friend of Charles Waterfall and an ROTC cadet. "Last semester we were talking and joking around, and now they're gone — just like that," he said. "I don't think the United States is giving peace a chance."

The cadets' officers feel a unique sense of loss for the students, in some cases a wish that it was them, not the students, who were deployed. "It's always in the back of your mind that our cadets will go to war and put to use the things we've taught them," Capt. Kent Holman said.

PRAYER VIGIL SCHEDULE

WHEN	Tuesday, Jan. 15, Noon - 7 PM
WHERE	Chapel of Washington Street Methodist Church, between Marion and Bull Streets
WHAT	Ecumenical prayer service for peace in the Middle East. By bringing seven religions together in prayer, leaders hope to present a united Christian stand for peace. Public invited to come and go throughout the day.
SCHEDULE	PRAYER LEADERS
NOON - 1 PM	United Methodist Bishop Joseph Bethea
1 PM - 2 PM	Dr. John Livingston, Trinity Presbyterian, and Rev. John Smithwick, Columbia Baptist Association
2 PM - 3 PM	Rev. David Donges and Rev. Robert Dasher, Bishop's assistants of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
3 PM - 4 PM	Father Leighhechock Eleanor Lewis, St. Peter's Catholic Church
4 PM - 5 PM	Rev. James Abbott, St. Martin's In The Field Episcopal Church, and Rev. Susan Henry-Crane, SCUMC
5 PM - 6 PM	Bishop Frederick C. James, African Methodist Episcopal Church
6 PM - 7 PM	Rev. Dr. Wayne Bryan, executive minister, SC Christian Action Council

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USC faculty, social leaders gather to speak against war

By NANCY MARZULLI
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As the media remains focused on maps dotted with silhouettes of tanks, planes and projected casualty figures, USC is calling upon faculty, students and local religious and community leaders to participate in the "Teach-In Against War in the Persian Gulf."

Gambrell Hall will transform into a listening and learning forum

Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with speakers and small group discussions in room 250, videos in room 429 and information tables in room 428, as well as a conclusion to the day's programs.

Discussions will focus on various topics, including "Would war further American foreign goals?" "Is war a moral and ethical option?" and "What can be done?" Speakers will be Jerel Rosati, Shahrough Akhavi, John Creed, Janice Love, Hal French, Stan Green and the Rev. Otis Scott.

Further information about the "Teach-In Against War in the Persian Gulf" can be obtained from Natalie Kaufman at 777-3108 or the Carolina Peace Resource Center at 779-3640. Prayer vigil information is available by contacting the Rev. Tom Wall, the United Methodist campus minister, at 799-7363.

TEACH SOMEONE TO READ

Training Sessions begin next week:

Jan. 19 - 10:00am - 2:00pm RH 201
Jan. 22 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm RH 306
Jan. 26 - 10:00am - 2:00pm RH 302

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You can always pick up three game tickets in advance. For example on Jan. 14 you can pick up a ticket for Virginia Tech, Florida State and Tulane. After the Virginia Tech game, The Clemson game will be added and available on Jan. 17. On the day of a home basketball game there will be no basketball tickets distributed at the Russell House Mall. The only ticket available will be that days game and it will be distributed at the coliseum ticket office from 9:00 am until half time or until tickets are gone.

You must be a full time, fee paying, USC Campus Student to pick a ticket. A student cannot use more than two ID cards for tickets and one of them must be theirs.

Students are not guaranteed an student ticket to each game, only the right to a ticket as long as student tickets are available.

You must have your student ID card with you to get into the coliseum with your student ticket on game day.

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