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About 400 people gathered on the steps of Low Library yesterday to continue the campus protests against the U.S. attacks on Iraq.

Author and noted feminist Barbara Ehrenreich urged continued resistance to the war, although she said she recognized the invasion had handed the anti-war movement an early defeat. Ehrenreich said, however, the movement will eventually be victorious.

“There is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there is no Lyndon Baines Johnson Day. Millions worship Jesus Christ. No one prays to Caesar. History will honor the peace movement,” she said.

Ehrenreich and others attacked the government for waging a war against the Iraqi people.

“Contrary to what the media has told us, there is not only one person in Iraq,” Ehrenreich said.

“The Iraqi people aren’t our enemies. They are our brothers and sisters,” Larry Everest, a writer for the Revolutionary Worker, said.

Sheila Ryan, a program host on WBAI radio, added further links between the American and Iraqi people.

“We too, in this country, are governed by a reckless man ...without regard to any kind of human life,” she said.

Speakers at the rally criticized the U.S. government for spending money on war which could be spent on social programs.

Crowds chanted “Money for peace, not for war,” and then substituted “housing,” “AIDS,” and other causes for “peace,” in the chants.

“I’m here to say we can’t fight what’s out there without fighting what’s here,” Emily Carter, former chair of the New Alliance Party, said.

Carter linked the attack on the Iraqis to racial injustice in America by referring to the Gulf War as another attack on people of color around the world.

Members of the crowd said they were not discouraged by the start of the war and still had hopes of stopping the war through their efforts.

“So much of this war has come about because people think it is inevitable. It’s important that inevitability as a concept only exists when you say it does,” Kirsten Scheid-Crowell, CC ’92, said.