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the LONG ROAD to D.C.

By Gail Colwell

After weeks of frantic planning and fundraising, a 26-hour bus ride, and up to four days of brushing their teeth in fast food restaurants, about 250 Macalester College students were finally in Washington, DC.

They joined thousands of men and women from across the country and the world as they marched April 9 in an abortion rights rally sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW).

According to the United States Park Police, the march attracted 300,000 people, one of the largest demonstrations ever in Washington.

NOW estimated the crowd at 600,000.

"[The Park Police] have traditionally quoted numbers low," NOW Campus Coordinator Kara Gaziano said.

About 1,000 Minnesotans attended the march, the bulk of them college students, Planned Parenthood Public Affairs Director Connie Perpich, said.

"Without a question, Macalester did the best in organizing," she said.

Macalester was the Minnesota school with the most students attending the march, Gaziano said.

She said Carleton College, with about 80 See MARCH, page 7

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"If you loose your rights, we lose our rights," one gay Macalester man said. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force marched to support sexually oppressed women, and to encourage understanding of their own plight. Photo by Luke Walden