

# Eugene author revisits the '60s with new book

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Twenty-five years ago, Gregory Calvert was at the forefront of the Vietnam war opposition and was highly involved in the political struggles of the 1960s.

He is a University graduate that once called Sheldon Hall home, and he's just written his second book titled, "Democracy from the Heart, Spiritual Values, Decentralism and Democratic Idealism in the Movement on the 1960s." The book is currently available at the University bookstore.

"The book was written to build a bridge between the '60's movement and the activism of the 90s," he said. "It is written for politically aware young people who want to learn about the '60s and for the veterans of the '60s who need to heal old wounds and move on."

"Historians haven't taken spiritual convictions behind political activism seriously," Calvert said. "That is why it is called 'Democracy from the Heart' because the heart is a symbol of spiritual sensitivity and awareness."

"The book's basic argument

is that the politics of the '60s, combined with spiritual values, moral principals and radical democratic goals, is a comprehensive whole. People writing about the '60s have failed to account for what motivated people," he said.

Calvert graduated from the University in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in history. He lived in Sheldon Hall his freshman year, a dorm that consisted of three student groups: "jocks, jewish students and smart students."

He came from a left-wing background and is the grandson of Finnish-American activists. His father was also a union activist, in the 1930s and '40s.

By the time he came to the University, he was very politically aware for his age. "I hung around with the Bohemian left-wing students," he said.

While teaching history at Iowa State University, Calvert became involved with Students for a Democratic Society. "I was encouraging my male students to resist the draft," he said. "Since I was beyond the draft age, I wanted to do more, so I took a job with SDS," Calvert said.

In August of 1966 he be-



Gregory Calvert spent an afternoon at Peralandra Books and Music, 1016 Willamette St., signing his latest book for fans.

came the national secretary of SDS. "Suddenly, quite unintentionally, I found myself the head of the most left-wing organization since the demise of the communist party," he said. "We were the forefront to the opposition of the Vietnam war. We started a comprehensive draft resistance program."

"We supported all forms of resistance — even deserters — which was illegal," he said. His companion, Ken Carpenter, ended up in a maximum

security prison for 14 months due to the draft resistance that they were both encouraging.

It took Calvert three years to write his latest book. His first one, which was co-authored by his ex-wife, talked about the '60s movement while it was happening. It is titled "A Disrupted History: The New Left and the New Capitalism."

It took Calvert three years to write his latest book. He also ran into publishing problems. Due to the controversial nature of the book, Calvert and

Carpenter started their own publishing company to publish it. "We had trouble finding a publisher for the book because everyone wanted to change it," Calvert said.

In the end, it wasn't changed, and the two men and their publishing company can now lay claim to the many copies of it on bookstore shelves.

"It analyzes the '60s after 20 years of reflecting," Calvert said.

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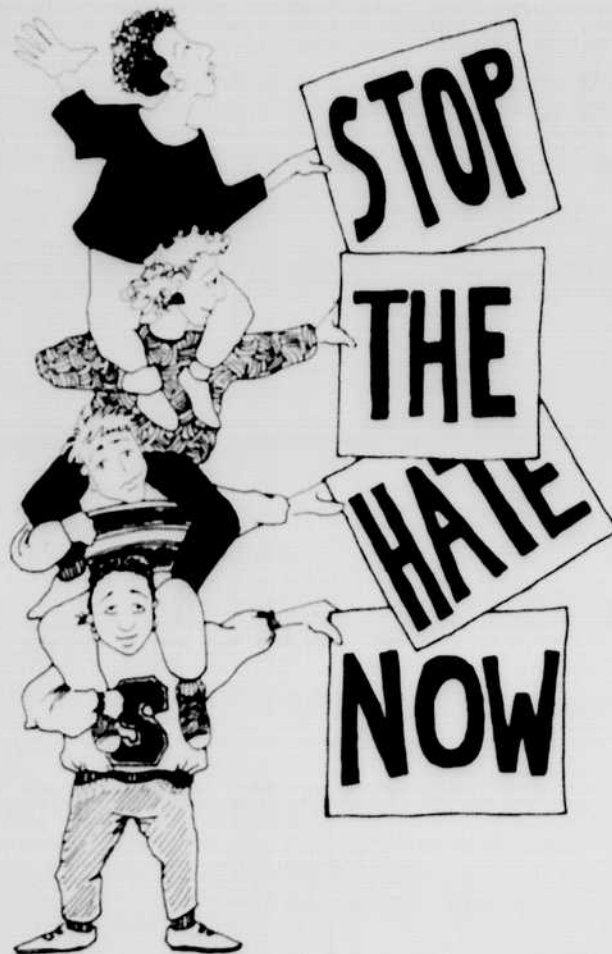


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