



# Iraq teach-in provides forum for war talk

Professors gave various views on using force in Iraq, followed by speakers at community and student discussion groups

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University professors made an emotional and academically oriented case against a unilateral U.S. war with Iraq Tuesday at a teach-in titled "Is War Necessary?"

The event, sponsored by the University's Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice, featured five speakers, including University professors and ASUO President Rachel Pilliod. Students and community members filled the EMU Ballroom and surrounding overflow rooms to hear the speakers as they covered many aspects of the Iraq conflict.

"I am not a pacifist," geography Professor Alec Murphy said. "I respect those who are, but I believe there are times when force cannot be avoided."

"Having said these things, I also believe that force should be a response of last resort and should only be used after the most careful assessment of options and consequences."

After a brief explanation of Iraq's history and the potential effects of launching a war, Murphy concluded that an attack on Iraq would lead to more insecurity for the lives of "everyday Americans" and foster more anti-Americanism.

A poster was also hung in the ballroom lobby so attendees could comment on the conflict.

"Iraq soldiers bleed and Iraqi families grieve, just as we do," wrote one person. Another attendee wrote that he was a

U.S. Marine and offered his reasoning.

"When I have to do my job, the politicians have failed."

Physics Professor Gregory Bothun used his time at the podium to demonstrate America's dependence on oil and how it affects foreign policy.

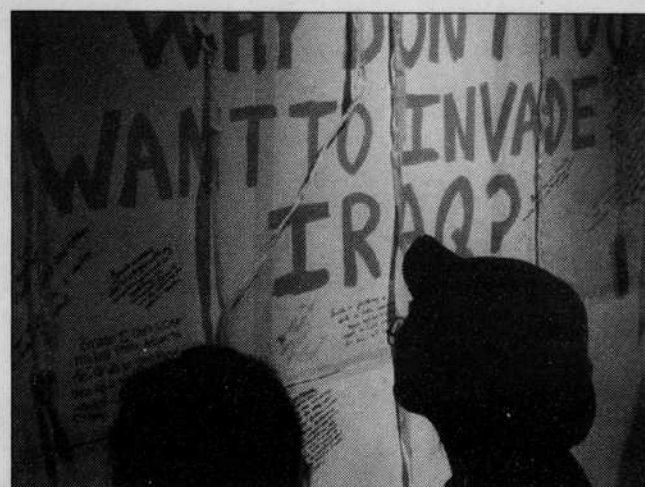
According to Bothun, U.S. reliance on foreign oil — currently about 50 percent — is increasing because of a growing consumption rate in America.

"This is not rocket science — if we consume more, we need more foreign oil," he said.

Bothun suggested that more fuel-efficient cars and research into alternative fuel sources would reduce America's need for foreign oil, which he says adversely affects its foreign policy.

Political science Assistant Professor

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Students at the "Is war necessary" teach-in about the possibility of war with Iraq look at posters about the event.

# Taking a bite out of riots

Two community and campus task forces are seeking ways to prevent riots from happening again

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The September riot ignited more than a few Dumpsters — it uncovered inherent problems in the West University neighborhood, according to city and University officials.

Two community task forces are planning to come up with ways to prevent riots in the immediate future and establish long-term proposals for problems with crime and housing trends in the area. One of the groups will come together Wednesday in the EMU Fir Room for a public meeting.

"This neighborhood has a high transient population and there is virtually no home ownership," Acting Assistant City Manager Jim Croteau said. "It is mostly students who live there and for only a few years, and there just isn't a lot of investment in the area."

The University has been plagued by student rioting for several years. On Halloween in 1996, a crowd of about 200 alleged party-crashers rioted on University Street. The following year, approximately 300 partygoers rioted on the corner of East 17th Avenue and Alder Street, and in 1998, at the same location, 80 to 100 people gathered, uprooting street signs and vandalizing the area.

With the most recent riots drawing in more than a thousand people and resulting in 35 arrests, the West University area has been placed under increased scrutiny.

According to reports from the newest task force made up of University and city officials, the neighborhood has more than 5,200 residents and nearly 3,000 housing units, but has the lowest percentage of owner-occupied housing in the city at less than 2 percent. The city average, on comparison, is 54 percent owner-occupied housing.

University junior and West University resident John Symes said he thinks

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## West University neighborhood crime January 2002 - August 2002



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housing in the area needs to be upgraded, but he does not think that this will necessarily help reduce disturbances.

"I don't think crimes such as the riots are really related to the neighborhood — it's related to alcohol," he said. One of the groups working to prevent future riots will have a task force of 12 to 15 people

from neighborhood businesses, residents and possibly representatives from the Eugene Planning Commission, Eugene Police Department and the University.

"I think that the idea is to get all the people interested in the area together, and put our heads together to discuss

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# Campus offers more wireless networking

To use the wireless Ethernet, students need a computer and wireless card to get connected

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The University has a technology available to students that many may not know about. It's called wireless networking and enables students to use the Internet without having to use a wire or physical connection.

Currently there are approximately 14 different buildings on campus that receive coverage in at least one area of the building. Microcomputing Network Specialist Dan Albrich said that Network Services is actively expanding current wireless coverage on campus.

"Wireless deployment has been increasing this year fairly dramatically," Albrich said.

In the future, Network Services wants to expand wireless coverage to eight new locations, including the Student Recreation Center, Hendricks Hall, Straub Hall and a number of other campus buildings.

"Ultimately, we would like to have wireless networking available anywhere on campus that students may choose to study," Smith said. "This will be a many-year process, though."

Albrich said the two-way radio technology used by the wireless network is not hard to understand because it basically works in the same way as digital cordless phones.

"The base is called an access point and needs hard-wired Ethernet connection and power," Albrich said. "Access points share a connection wirelessly with those within range who are using a compatible wireless card and computer."

In order for students to be able to utilize the wireless network

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## WEATHER

**Today:** High 77, Low 38,  
 sunny and unseasonably warm  
**Thursday:** High 73, Low 40  
 patchy clouds forming in the evening

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Thursday**  
 Energy-boosting Yellow Jacket pills may not be on shelves for much longer  
**Friday**  
 Emerald election coverage continues with the race for a U.S. Senate seat