

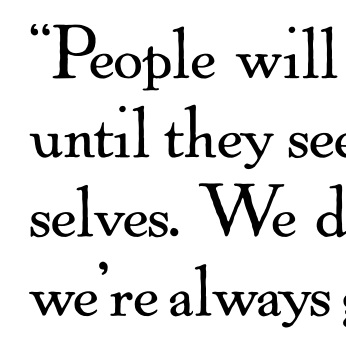
# VIETNAM to IRAQ

Eugene's peace activism  
spans generations.

PART ONE

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Clockwise from top: Mande Bish, Dinae Horne, Carol Van Houton, Emily Howard, Dan Goldrich, Ryan Duff, Marion Malcolm, Ana Rolka, Sara R. Taylor



**T**he students in UO instructor Chuck Hunt's sociology class want to start a movement. They're upset about a range of issues, from the erosion of civil liberties to military recruitment to corporate control of the government, but they are united in their opposition to the Iraq War. And it's hard for them to find an outlet for that energy, because there is no anti-war group on campus.

"It's been my experience that it's very hard to get people involved in a movement that's only partially organized," says Dinae Horne, a petite 21-year-old with a septum ring and earnest blue eyes. After the class watched films about the civil rights movement and Berkeley in the '60s, Horne asked her 95 classmates if they were really serious about organizing *now*. Almost every hand went up. The students asked their instructor if they could use the class as a forum for organizing.

Hunt gladly acquiesced. "I don't think I had a choice," he says. "There was a great deal of concern

"People will be pretty comfortable with things as they are until they see a direct connection between the war and themselves. We don't live in a bubble, and if we don't act early, we're always going to be too late." —RYAN DUFF

and a sense that things weren't going to change unless they did it." He gave the students the next class period to begin to hammer out the details.

But the next class was a bit chaotic. Some students worried that their pet issues would be sidelined; others bickered over the amount of class credit that they would receive for their activism. "What we're having trouble with is finding a common focus," one student said.

Hunt, a gray-bearded man wearing suspenders and a gold earring, assured them that frustration is a part of activism. "This is what it feels like," he said. "You're concerned about getting a night's sleep, and you have an exam the next day. You're confused. You're not sure what the outcome will be five years down the road. It's so much easier in retrospect."

And Eugene is swimming in retrospect about Vietnam War-era activism. Although times are different, the local anti-war movement of the late '60s and early '70s offers lessons for today's nascent movement against the Iraq War.

**M**arion Malcolm and Dan Goldrich sit in Allann Bros. Coffee shop talking about old times. Malcolm, 65, has been a key player in Eugene's activist community since 1966. During the Vietnam War, she was a core activist with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Today, she works with Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC). Goldrich, 71, came to Eugene in 1963 to teach political science at the UO and got involved with a spectrum of social justice and anti-war organizations. Now retired, he continues to do peace work both on campus and in the greater community.

Malcolm and Goldrich describe the '60s as a time when young people, impatient with their parents' generation, believed that they had to make change. Social movements rage on many fronts: civil rights, women's liberation, rock 'n' roll and psychedelic drugs.