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working more, and families are more stressed than in the '60s. "We could move in and out of the work force, and that has really changed," she says. "I think there's a fear of job insecurity. And there isn't the energy left for activism."

But Malcolm senses a shrewdness among today's youth that was largely absent during the Vietnam War years. "We thought the process of social change could be accomplished over a relatively short period of time, and I don't think anybody feels that now," she says. "There are still plenty of idealistic young people who have a sense of what a just society ought to look like, but nobody could be deceived about the power of the state at this point."

Rather than feeling discouraged, Howard applies the lessons from the Vietnam War protests to her peace work today. "Activists before us have uncovered things that gave us the ability to see more clearly," she says. "Hopefully other people will learn from us and be able to take it further than we did."

Malcolm takes heart in the knowledge that there is still massive global opposition to the Iraq War. "I'm assuming that the 10 million people who opposed the war going into it continue to think that it's a dreadful thing," she says. "And it's important to remember that 40 to 50 million people got through their fear and voted against Bush. I have a very strong sense of being part of something way bigger than myself that existed before me, will exist after me, and exists internationally. I just have to do my part; I don't have to do it all."

Malcolm hopes that activists will continue staging demonstrations in the street, hosting community education events and working on media reform — while taking the time to breathe.

"War itself is not the problem; it a symptom of a foreign policy bent on domination," she says. "I realized that I was going to have to be struggling against that my entire life, paid or unpaid. If I was making some sort of lifelong commitment to justice and peace, then it was okay to take a weekend off."

Faced with a mess that wraps around the globe, Duff chooses to focus on his own form of activism: writing for local, alternative media. "I just have to keep doing my thing, whether it's going to result in the change I want to see or not," he says. "If we believe in that change, that's all we can do."

Howard suggests that activists avoid feeling overwhelmed by focusing on the local. "A lot of times it's more romantic to be working on an

international cause," she says. "It's important to provide solidarity, but there are people here in our own neighborhood who are struggling."

Even as she warns against putting too much emphasis on the past, Howard gleans inspiration from the tenacity of the Vietnam War protesters. "I can't expect other people to pick up my fight because I'm too tired to fight it," she says. "The legacy of the '60s reminds me, 'Hey, if you don't like it, get out and do something about it.'"

Barely more than a rumor trickles through campus: that there will be a rally against the Iraq War in the EMU amphitheater on Nov. 12 at 3 pm. UO student Sara R. Taylor, 25, organized the event on her own impulse. "I'm trying to get different organizations here to work together to create an anti-war movement," she says.

On the day of the rally, about three dozen people show up and wait for something to happen. Several students hold signs, and one woman splatters an American flag with red paint. Bo Adan, a ponytailed member of the UO Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice, leans against his bike and offers heartening words to those disappointed by the small turnout.

"Anything that's important will start small because it's a radical idea," he says. "The Civil Rights movement started small. César Chávez's labor movement started small."

Ana Rolka, 19, a student of English and medieval studies, looks worried but resolute. "I can't believe that people aren't protesting the war more," she says. "I'm very upset about how most people my age are apathetic about everything."

Mandee Bish, 19, a pre-law student, chimes in. "Maybe it'll take more time," she says softly. "I think we haven't seen something like the Vietnam protests for so long that we don't know how to organize. I want to see people in the streets. I want to see the war end. People like my mom will say, 'War is a part of life.' But I can't let this happen in my name and on my watch."

The struggle goes on.

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Part II next week: Former Congressman Jim Weaver discusses the challenges politicians face opposing a war in progress, Carol Van Houten talks about how technology is changing the anti-war movement, and Marion Malcolm and Dan Goldrich continue their conversation about Vietnam, Iraq and Eugene's activist community.

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