Anti-War Activities Take Shape

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While the thought of war brews to a burnt crisp over Washington, opposition to the possible war has been brought to the forefront of attention to a large extent by students, faculty, and church groups.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, over 60 faculty, staff, students and community members met in the Campus Center to discuss how to protest a war with Iraq. The group originally formed out of a discussion group at Shalom Mennonite Church, and eventual- ly was extended to campus so others could join in.

Social work instructor Jane Wenger-Clemens, said, “I’m looking for something that is constructive and news worthy.” She also said that so far the media has not reported much on opposition to the war.

“Going to DC” was a phrase many groups threw around. Some were deliberate about joining already organized protests in DC, and others were enthused to take advantage of the opportunity.

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own are just as accessible to investigative professors. “The clever tricks work both ways,” he said.

Mark Metzler Sawin, assistant professor of History, says students’ dishonesty is “painfully obvious.”

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Nancy Heisey, associate professor of Biblical Studies and Church History, differentiates between “conscious” and “unconscious” plagiarism when penalizing students. Sometimes they simply “don’t have a very good grip on what it means to document a source,” she said.

“I would like to believe that a lot of students are truly innocent or ignorant,” said Morris.

Jeremiah Denlinger, a senior History and Social Studies major believes “it’s tough to know what is an honest citation mistake and what is deliberate plagiarism.

Certain instructors and departments have taken a more stringent stance. A first-time plagiarizer in the Business and Economics department will fail at least the assignment and perhaps the course. Their second offense may constitute dismissal from the department entirely. An appeal process offers a chance for redemption and rehabilitation though, said Yoder. “It’s not ‘out of work and you’re out.’

What motivates students to plagiarize “con- sciously”?, Junior art major Renee Glick thinks pla- giarism is “hardest to avoid when you believe you’re dealing with is relatively new. On more familiar topics, using people’s own thoughts and words.” Students who are under pressure to accom- plish a lot in a short amount of time are tempted to take shortcuts wherever possible.

“Attacking Iraq just gives other reasons for people to attack us.”

Terry Jantzi, assistant professor of Sociology, has found that specific, relevant assignments help curb academic dishonesty. “Students are more willing to plagiarize something that they consider buswork than some topic that they’re really interested in,” he said.

So how valuable is the new plagiarism policy? Landis is “glad that the Dean’s office is resurrecting the concern in a direct way.”

Some, however, envision more standardized guidelines. “The university should work at a more uniform policy so students will know what to expect and understand that plagiarism is a gross violation of academic policy,” said Sawin.

Faculty members continue to search for a way to underscore the gravity of plagiarism. However, Jantzi believes that assignments aren’t enough, especially on a student’s first offense. Landis tries “not to embarrass people publicly” but “to help the student find a basis for integrity.”

“In the long run, [plagiarism] is the student’s loss,” said Yoder.

The Transformative Approaches to Justice and Peace-Building class (a JPCS course) is working on a listening project regarding academic honesty. They will be creating an interview in order to elect student and faculty responses about this issue—how they perceive EMU’s current policy and how academic dis- honesty should be dealt with.

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Matt Kraybill, Earl Zimmerman, Devanand Ramiah, and Melody King discussed what type of action to take with regards to a possible war in Iraq.


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PHYSICAL PLANT [is difficult because] then I don’t know if I have to go to the war—on a week in jail. Spaulding would like to go back to Iraq again, but is not sure if he will be able to. But his pur- pose will still be the same.

“I do not feel enough voices are being heard,” said he in response to America’s for- eign policy with Iraq.

Spaulding hopes he can be over there: “If America does attack, I want to stand with the people there is a way to help protect life giving facilities,” he says. He hopes the US would not use force if they’re not sure that American citizens were there.

He also wants to be there: “Where the Iraqi people so he can, ‘...weep with those who weep.’” Shanti Martin, who works with the Conflict Transformation Program, says, “I’ve always been opposed to sanctions. Attacking a country that is not attacking us is a bad idea. It is not only the crew in white trucks that helps to make Homecoming possible. The Physical Plant’s Division of Business Affairs helps out in a more discrete way. Evelyn King, the Custodial Services Supervisor, said that her staff keeps busy cleaning carpets and windows, cleaning up after a reception and anything else that is needed, the Physical Plant is “prepared to do anything”.

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is that the leaf season starts,” said Hariston. “With the drought, you’ll have your August and September leaf fall” to take care of.

In addition to all the pres- sures to get the whole campus everywhere looking perfect, there’s usually a lot of extra set- up for Homecoming: putting tables here and there, setting up for banquets, setting up stages,” said Hariston. “So there’s both the outdoor prepara- tions [as well as indoor] where you feel like you need to have everything looking [good] all around.”

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