

## Wichita State Report

Most of the passersby commented on how futile it seemed to be collecting signatures for a petition against the war, but we reminded them that our purpose is to raise awareness, educate, and inform people. We engaged a number of people, among them a recently-enlisted serviceman, a veteran who had just returned from overseas, and the wife of a man currently serving in Iraq. Ironically most of them agreed with us on every single point, except that we should bring the troops home. Most of them war as a "necessary evil" and our current occupation of Iraq/Afghanistan as necessary to ensure "stability." When asked what would signify a clear end the conflict and cause for bringing our troops home, none were able to provide an answer, just ambiguous, nationalistic rhetoric of how it is our job to be policemen of the world since we are a "superpower." We drew with sidewalk chalk on the patio surrounding our demonstration and encouraged people add to our graffiti wall. We also distributed slimjims from Campaign for Liberty on Civil Liberties, Economic Freedom, and Foreign Policy; the latest edition of the Young American Revolution; Pocket Constitutions; and cards containing questions that prospective enlistees should ask their recruiters as well as the answers recruiters should give them.