

District race draws prof's candidacy bid

Carl Hosticka, University assistant professor of public affairs, became the first announced Democratic contender Thursday for the University-area District 40 seat in Oregon's House of Representatives. Hosticka said he has no specific legislative plans, but energy use will be one of his major concerns.



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Vets teach the other side

By SALLY HODGKINSON
Of the Emerald

Three Vietnam veterans are trying to "scare a few people" through a class they are teaching on the politics of the military.

"We're getting them to think," says Dave Isenberg, one of the instructors. "Everything the military does affects you whether you know it or not, and you can't fight what you don't know or understand."

The class is also designed to "tell the side of the military the military science classes won't talk about," Isenberg says.

"They don't deal with the effects of the military and its tie to foreign and domestic policy," he adds. "We're talking about war and what it's like to be in a war."

Veterans are "qualified observers because we've been in the military. We lived it."

Isenberg admits the class is slanted against the military.

"We make it very clear to the class that we have our biases. But we don't say anything without being able to back it up with factual evidence."

The class is scheduled to look at military sexism and racism, the proposed return of the draft, current military legislation, military spending, military experiments, delayed stress in veterans and military structure and strategy.

Also scheduled is a visit by military recruiters from Portland. Local recruiters are under orders not to talk about plans to reinstate draft registration and declined the invitation to speak, Isenberg says.

Last week, a former drill instructor put students through a few minutes of drills common in basic training. The exercise was intended to give the class a sample of the pressure and harassment that recruits encounter in armed forces basic

training sessions, according to the instructors.

Response to the class, a 400-level SEARCH political science course, has been good, Isenberg says.

During a recent class session, students were asked their reasons for taking the course. Many said they just want to know more about the military, the draft and war. Others said they're frightened about the amount of control the military has over citizens' lives.

"I don't want to graduate and find someone telling me what to do. That's a scary feeling," said one student.

John Lawrence, director of the University Veterans' Association and an instructor for the class, says the purpose of the class is to get information to people that may prompt them to do something.

"To question authority is a way to survive," he told the class. "And believe me, it comes down to survival."



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