

ENTERTAINMENT

Artists to provide weekend of alternative music

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This may be the biggest weekend for alternative music in a long time as hall restrictions in Eugene have been discouraging new music.

On Saturday, Condon School will be rocking with Snake Pit and other Dunghill recording artists. Two pioneering punk bands, D.O.A. and Nomeansno, will take their turn on the Condon stage on Sunday.

Dunghill Recordings, a local independent tape label, is trying its darndest to make the new music scene happen in Eugene.

Dunghill has been promoting shows to highlight including its own and out-of-town acts that otherwise may not have a chance to play Eugene. Dunghill gives these bands an opportunity to have their music marketed in a relatively cheap manner while still retaining some face.

On Snake Pit's second cassette, "Vegas to Memphis," the band sounds like a cross between Husker Du and REM, with a bit of a Replacements attitude, but with twice the energy. The Pit recently played to over 400 people at the Camper Van Beethoven show and will be playing with The Flatlanders and Bovine Impulse, two other local acts, on Saturday.

Dunghill's "Panic on 13th" cassette gives an aural history of alternative music in Eugene since 1983. By far, Dunghill's strongest release, "Panic," shows that Eugene had and still has in-

teresting music.

The Flatlanders is a bit more accessible venture for Dunghill. They are working on refining a new country-meets-Eugene sound instead of spreading themselves out. But like other Dunghill releases, poor sound quality on these cassettes doesn't let some of the interesting stuff out of the bag.

The Flatlanders can be seen live Saturday and Oct. 29 at the WOW Hall Medicine Show in Eugene with punk rock ukulele master Carraig Deforest and his band.

Tim Tollefson has produced about 12 medicine shows in the basement of the WOW Hall since the beginning of the summer to increase the availability of live music for all ages.

D.O.A., from Vancouver, B.C., is perhaps the oldest surviving punk rock band in North America. They are a piece of history, are still raw and carry the same hardline messages as they have been for the last nine years. Featuring original members Joey Keighley and Brian Gobble, D.O.A. is still playing for small amounts of money and moderate amounts of people across the globe.

D.O.A. has built up their sound to include all the hardest elements of rock plus working humor into their set with Frank Sinatra's "That's Life," "Singing In The Rain," and BTO's "Taking Care Of Business."

D.O.A.'s motto is "talk minus action equals nothing," and Keighly believes the group is "able to communicate to a wide variety of people other than preaching to the converted."



Courtesy Photo

Vancouver, B.C.'s hard-hitting and raw D.O.A. will perform on the Condon School stage Sunday evening.

D.O.A. spends much of its time in action playing benefits for anti-nuclear causes and political prisoners. Though constantly being compared to The Clash, D.O.A. was not allowed to open their Eugene appearance because their music was too overpowering for the then tired and dead Clash.

Unlike D.O.A., Nomeansno thrives on ingenuity. Originally containing only bass and drums, guitars have since been

included and the wild stopstart arrangements pull at your spine all the more.

Both shows start 7 p.m. and will wrap up at 10.

Tickets for the Dunghill show are \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Tickets for D.O.A. are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door, and are available at House of Records, Record Garden, and the EMU Main Desk.

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WELLNESS WEEK FALL '87

On Campus at U of O

Thursday, October 22nd

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS DAY

12:00-2:00pm PRESENTATION BY MARY HAMMOND

Mary Hammond will discuss the topic of family structure with alcoholism and adult children of alcoholics.

4:00-6:00pm STUDENT PANEL

Student Panel-recovering student addicts will share insights on their substance abuse.

7:00-10:00pm PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL LEEDS

Speaker Michael Leeds will discuss substance abuse education. Mr. Leeds has led impact training groups on campus about drug and alcohol abuse.

LOCATIONS OF EVENTS

12:00-2:00 pm Law 129
3:30-6:00 pm Conference Room-Bean East
6:30-10:00 pm 150 Geology

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