

# CALC offers draft counseling to campus community

■ Although right now the draft is not expected to go into effect, students should know their options

By Diane Huber  
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With bombs dropping over Afghanistan, and National Guard members and reservists being called, some students are questioning whether they'll be drafted. While the chance of reinstating the draft seems unlikely — or at least distant — to most students, males age 18 and older should not completely disregard the possibility, said Ronna Friend, a psychologist and draft counselor at the Community Alliance of Lane County.

Friend counsels high school and

college students and community members who are considering pre-enlistment. She explains their options to them and also tries to describe military life in an unbiased way, she said.

"I don't take positions for people, and I don't encourage them to choose a direction," she said. "We try and present as much information as we can to show them what life in the military looks like ... the things recruiters don't say."

Friend said that during the Persian Gulf War, hundreds of people flooded into the office with questions and concerns, but since then, CALC has held few counseling sessions. After Sept. 11, however, the counseling service has picked up slightly.

Junior journalism student Patrick Adams said he hasn't been mulling over the possibility of a draft.

"I have thought about it, and I know that I would try everything I could not to fight, but I am not worried about it," he said.

Sophomore psychology major Cody Herman also thinks a draft is unlikely, although he pointed out that "every generation except ours has been subject to a draft ... why do we get out of it?"

Military Science Professor John Sneed said there has been little discussion about the possibility of a draft.

"As far as I can tell, it is nowhere on the horizon," he said.

Cadet Command Spokesman Paul Kotakis agreed that a draft is unlikely and added that it's been more than a quarter of a century since the last draft.

The last time young men halted their day-to-day lives to fight for their country was in 1973. In 1980, the government reinstated Selec-

tive Service, and since then male citizens age 18 and above have been required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

But government representatives have said a draft will not go into effect, despite military action.

"The focus of this war will be more on intelligence than massive manpower," Kristie Greco was quoted as saying in the Emerald on Sept. 25. Greco is the spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene.

If President George W. Bush did institute a draft, men who are 20 years old would be the first called upon, which is why Friend said students need to know their options so they can act quickly. She said if someone gets a notice to serve, and he hasn't filed for conscientious objector status or a medical deferment, he has 10 days before he presents his case to the Se-

lective Service board. If he meets medical criteria, he is then exempt from the draft.

Men whose moral or religious belief system doesn't allow them to participate in war can apply for conscientious objector status. The person doesn't have to be a member of a specific religion, but he must show the board proof that fighting conflicts with his beliefs. It takes time to put together a deferment once someone receives a notice, Friend said, which is why she recommends people be prepared.

"It's essential that people be thinking about their options," she said.

Students who want counseling can call CALC to make an appointment at 485-1755.

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## Prying into Oysterhead

■ Their new CD features deep lyrics and a hypnotic sound by master musicians

By Mason West  
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Before the release of Oysterhead's first CD, "The Grand Pecking Order," on Oct. 2, fans knew there was virtually no way it could be bad. Thankfully, nothing has gone awry.

Oysterhead was ensured success because the band is made up of Les Claypool of Primus, Trey Anastasio of Phish and Stewart Copeland of The Police.

Each member brings something different to Oysterhead: Anastasio is renowned for his virtuoso guitar solos that can extend for the better portion of an hour. Claypool fans recognize his aggressive slap bass and nasal voice. Copeland retains his pop-sensibilities from The Police, but also grounds his eccentric cohorts with his subtle drumming.

Certain songs on the album show obvious dominance by one of the members. "Radon Balloon" and "Birthday Boys" hearken back to folk songs of Phish. "Little Faces" and "The Grand Pecking Order" show their Claypool influence with their odd lyrics and eerie music. Copeland's influence is less noticeable because a truly good drummer is a master of blending in, not standing out. But the one song he wrote lyrics for, "Wield the Spade," is the most surprising track on the album, and it represents what could be

called "the Oysterhead sound." Its hypnotic opening refrain greets visitors to the official Web site at [www.oysterhead.com](http://www.oysterhead.com).

"Wield The Spade" is also the longest track on the CD, clocking just under six minutes. The concise songs restrain what could have become an indulgent musical expedition filled with incomprehensible jam sessions. While the brevity makes the album more widely palatable, it creates some disappointment when the listener's desire for more is unfulfilled.

In those short songs, Oysterhead has packed surprising commentary on society and politics. In "Shadow Of A Man," Claypool's lyrics declare "Now he drinks and snorts amphetamine/Just as often as he can/ He's a shadow of a man/ Spent his time in Vietnam." In the title track, "The Grand Pecking Order," the lyrics ask, "In the grand pecking order/Where is it you stand/Under foot of swollen bastards/Or on the neck of another man."

Even the band's name is deeper than it seems. The cover art of the Oysterhead CD literally displays a disembodied head with oysters coming out of it. Tubes are at-

tached to the oysters seemingly trying to suck out the pearl that is visible through open doors between the figure's eyes.

The band's live shows allow Oysterhead to break beyond the confines of the CD, not only in the length of their songs, but also in the size of their repertoire. At the



group's first performance in a superjam in New Orleans, it covered songs by Led Zeppelin and The Kinks, in addition to other covers. The current tour will make a stop at the Salem Armory on Oct. 24 with the North Mississippi All Stars. Tickets are still available at Ticketmaster outlets for a hefty \$29.75 before service charges, but it's money well spent.

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the fight for reparations would be far more valuably spent making sure that black kids have a credible education," Williams was quoted as saying.

Ogletree welcomes debate on the issue.

"If I can be persuaded that I am

wrong about history, and wrong about the facts, that is important," he said. "But I think that vigorous debate will prove that slavery is part of America's unfinished business."

The group hopes that its research, and others' — including the three Yale doctoral students who found that their school's first scholarship was funded by profits from a slave plantation — may bring to light the hidden

record of slavery.

"The history of African slavery is sort of distant, it's dry and sterile, because we don't have anyone who participated to tell us the horrors," Ogletree said. "And I fear if we don't talk about things like slavery, we run the risk that people will think it didn't happen."

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