

Students earn credit, experience in UYA

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University Year for Action (UYA), a program that gives students a chance to earn academic credit while employed full-time, will still accept applications for admission into the program this spring, according to Linda Gebhardt, administrative assistant for UYA.

The program, which operates this term through the Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs, (CSPA), is federally funded to serve a low-income population by employing University students in experienced-based learning.

The 1978-79 grant period will begin spring term with a year-long placement of 50 students.

The program will move to the Division of Developmental Studies in the College of Education but applications are available in the CSPA office, Hendricks Hall.

Students who apply must be either juniors or seniors in any academic field. They are screened for motivation, maturity, skills and past experience.

Those accepted are placed into schools or social service agencies for a full year to develop new programs or expand existing services. They earn \$215 per month in addition to health benefits and one year of civil service credit.

The student volunteers work four days a week and spend a fifth day attending seminars. Each term they receive six hours credit for work experience and six hours credit for a theory-practice integration seminar. Students are encouraged to take other classes and practice the theories they have learned in class.

Field instructors, members of the UYA staff who arrange student placements and agency supervisors, meet with the students several times a year and provide necessary guidance and support. The field instructors also conduct the integration seminars.

Gebhardt says UYA has a very low dropout rate because most students are enthusiastic about the program.

Cliff Jones, a senior majoring in community services, works at Whiteaker Community School, coordinating, developing and organizing volunteer programs for people of all ages.

Jones says UYA is a good program because it involves and integrates the University and the community.

Jones says the seminars are beneficial, providing an "academic framework" and positive support group to turn to. The seminars help the volunteers work out frustrations because students are empathetic with each other's problems, he says.

The greatest benefit the UYA provides, Jones says, is it gives students a chance to go to school and work in the community at the same time.

"It's nice to be able to have your feet in both worlds," he explains.

Linda Mann, a senior in sociology, is an assistant coordinator for the Springfield Big Brother/Big Sister program. Her job is to develop new projects, expand publicity, screen interviews and recruit new volunteers.

Mann also believes students can become too "isolated" while at the University, and through UYA, students have a chance to "remove themselves" from campus.

"It's the smartest thing I've done since I've been in college," says Mann. "It's also valuable in terms of knowing the different jobs that are available in agencies. And some people find out that they don't really want to do this kind of work at all."

Larry Sutherland, a senior in public affairs, agrees the program gives students exposure to job opportunities in other agencies.

Sutherland works in the Springfield office of the Oregon State Employment Division. He also planned, organized and developed Youth Employment Services while supervising a staff of four.

Sutherland says he was given "total flexibility" in developing the program for economically disadvantaged youth, and says working with them is "a very satisfying experience."

Travel center picks new head

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The International Education Center (IEC), a campus organization that helps students with the travel bug, boasts a new director this term.

Kathleen Keating, a junior in international business, has returned from a trip to Asia to head the center.

She explains the purpose of the IEC, saying, "We are really a travel referral service." She calls it a travel agency where students can get trips to the places they want with arrangements to fit their budgets.

"A student might have \$1,000 to go traveling on and will want to know what to spend it on," she says. "We can find the cheapest way for the student to get where he is going, plus since the staff here is well-traveled, we can advise him on where to go and what to see."

Keatings travel credentials include jaunts to Australia, South America, Europe and Asia.

The center also issues two valuable cards. The first is the \$3 International Student Identification card.

"There are enormous benefits, such as reduced airfare, trainfare, and boatare, and reductions in admission to places such as museums and churches," says Keating.

The other card is the American Youth Hostel card, which can be used to get cheap lodging throughout Europe. This card costs \$11 and will provide food and lodging for between \$2 and \$5 a night.

Keating has a few new ideas she will try to implement.

"I would like to get a list of students who have traveled, so I can refer prospective travelers to them," she says. "That will give

the student a more personal perspective of the places he wants to see."

She also plans to design a standardized form for students so that the center can be more efficient in helping make travel arrangements.

The center plans to set up a travel fair booth in the EMU lobby during the Feb. 4 Duck Preview, when prospective students will be shown around the campus.

Prospective travelers are advised to plan in advance.

"Some people come in a week before they want to take a trip," Keating says, "and it's pretty hard to make arrangements by then."

The center is located at 202 EMU, and its telephone number is 686-3721. Office hours for the center are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays.

SALSC to hold demonstration

The Southern African Liberation Support Committee (SALSC) urges students to join in a demonstration today in front of Johnson Hall to demand that the question of South African stock divestment is answered soon.

The State Board of Higher Education's November decision to sell its stock in those corporations doing business in South Africa has come to a standstill pending Attorney General James Redden's formal opinion on the legality of the action.

The demonstration is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on the EMU terrace. It will include skits and speeches by various student organizations. From there the students will march to Johnson Hall.

John Lanier, one of the coordinators of the event, says the demonstration's purpose is to force Oregon Daily Emerald

the state board to "quit stalling" and "let them know the students haven't forgotten about the issue."

Ed Branchfield, chief counsel of higher education says it is unfair to claim the board is stalling because members sent a letter requesting Redden's opinion almost two months ago.

However, Branchfield says Redden is currently waiting for the first draft of the Attorney General's formal opinion, which is being prepared by Branchfield. The Chief Counsel says he has been waiting for letters from the ASUO and the People for South African Freedom (PSAF), which will be included with the draft.

SALSC will also provide rides to Friday's state board meeting in Monmouth. Rides will leave from the EMU terrace.

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