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# Specialists offer job clues

## Persistence, patience pay off

By Dave Rodewald  
Of the Emerald

With the national economy in a deep freeze and 15,000 people out of work in Lane County, finding a job in Eugene is not an easy task.

But there are a few jobs out there and a few people willing to help you find them.

Lane County labor economist Ken Rocco says that August, September, and October are the peak employment periods for Lane County, and that students may be their own best friends in the search for a job because business picks up when school starts.

It will still be tough to find a job because of the large amounts of people looking for jobs, Rocco says, and because businesses are not creating very many new jobs.

The best way to find a job, according to Ken Masterson, manager of the University branch of the State Employment Division, is to follow up on several sources.

Masterson suggests checking the job board at his office daily along with reading the help wanted ads in newspapers, and meeting directly with employers.

His office is receiving a slight increase in job orders, Masterson says, adding that he receives most of the University's non-work-study positions, except for jobs in the dormitories and at the Erb Memorial Union, both of which do their own hiring.

Masterson's office is open to the public, but there is a new service on campus that assists only students in finding jobs.

For students who need part-time employment and have a loose schedule, one of the area's four temporary employment agencies may be just the thing.

Dani Kelly, industrial supervisor for Kelly Services, says that her business has "been excellent," and that the Eugene of-



Photo by Mark Pynes

One of the keys to job hunting is patience, according to local employment specialists.

office has just been named the top office in the nation in the industrial work division.

"Temporary help doesn't suffer like other employment in a recession," explains Judith Manning, manager of Manpower Temporary Services. She adds that because businesses have peaks and do not want to hire full-time employees, they turn to the temporary employment agencies for people to work on a short-term basis.

The services are divided into two categories — industrial and secretarial. To do secretarial work, Kelly advises that the person applying should have executive secretarial skills which includes a typing skill of between 75-110 words per minute. Industrial work includes all kinds of unskilled labor, and the only prerequisites are a car and a good attitude.

Both services advise prospective applicants to have flexible school schedules, perhaps having all of their classes on two days and having three

days to work. Kelly Services is not hiring right now, but because of their high turnover rate, Kelly is optimistic that they will be hiring soon.

At Manpower, Manning says that they are accepting pre-employment applications to build up a base of workers to call upon if needed.

Rocco has a few suggestions for students to help them in their job search:

- Lower your pay expectations. Because most of the jobs available to students are in food service and retail sales jobs, the pay will not be that high.
- Don't be easily discouraged. Because of the large amount of people looking for jobs, it is an employer's market, says Rocco.
- Know how to market your skills. After you get a job interview, you will need to impress the employer. The Employment Division office has two free books on the subject.

For more information, contact Ken Masterson at 686-7969, or Emmett Williams at 686-3214.



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