

Dual job programs have student listings

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Though the Eugene job market is tight, University students will find a good number and variety of job offers waiting for them in the light-blue Agate Street bungalow.

The Oregon State Employment Division and University of Oregon Job Location/Development Office located at 1511 Agate St. have lists of possible jobs available to qualified students. The type of jobs range from computer programming to yardwork.

The two offices work with area employers to find temporary and permanent work.

Jobs listed by the State Employment office are available to the general public, but 95 percent of those who come in to look over the listings are University students, according to Supervisor Ken Masterson.

The Job Location and Development Office, opened in May, lists jobs available only to University students.

However, the permanent jobs it lists are only available to those who have not yet had their financial needs met, according to

Emmett Williams, coordinator.

Any qualified University student may apply for the temporary — "Weekend Madness" — jobs, Williams says.

After getting a job order from an employer, which Williams says usually takes "hustling" and repeated contacts, particulars of the job are recorded on a 3x5 inch card.

The hours, wage, length of job, job description and qualifications, number of employees wanted, and employer identification number are written on the card before it is tacked up on the bulletin board. A job-seeking student should be neat, clean and meet dress requirements, says Masterson.

"Personal appearance is extremely important."

If the working hours, training and experience all match, the student is told how to contact the employer, Masterson says.

In addition, the financial aid records of students applying for

permanent jobs through the Job Location/Development Office will be examined to see if they are eligible to apply.

Though they may sound somewhat similar, the program is not connected to the work-study program whose office is next door, Williams emphasized.

Masterson says his office is filling about 100 jobs per month, with 95 percent part-time or temporary.

Masterson says the jobs are "generally low-skill, low-pay." But he adds, there is a "fairly wide variety."

Typing, baby-sitting, house-cleaning, dishwashing, modeling, cooking and sales are a few examples. Wages are generally between \$3.50 and \$5 per hour.

Williams says his employment figures have been improving every month since the office opened, with students earning about \$8,000 in July at the jobs

they found through his office.

"We haven't done badly, but I'd like to do better," he says.

University football games, the Oregon Jam and Eugene Performing Arts Center have hired many students, he says.

Companies who have been "very cooperative" include Westwood Industries, Kentucky Central Insurance and Financial Services, Associate Producers, and Woolworths.

Williams says he has also seen a wide variety of job openings.

"As soon as I say we don't get those kind of jobs, the job order comes in," he jokes.

Having both employment offices in the same building is "working out extremely well," Masterson says.

Students know about one program, and come in and find out about the other one as well.

Masterson says there is some trading of job orders between the two offices.



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The "right" ambiance for studying is hard to find.

Study places; the odd and usual

The University area has three types of study places: the obvious, the unofficial and the unusual.

Obviously, the University Library and the Erb Memorial Union are study places. The decaying University library has three floors resembling K-Mart, a cramped room for listening to recordings, one spacious newspaper reading room with peeling paint, a room in the basement resembling a tacky automat, a reserve book readers factory, and ironically one oasis of oak and oriental carpet known as the Oregon Room located at the front on the second floor.

Students who want quiet while studying in the EMU can find it in the International Lounge located on the second floor at the north end of the building. Students who need windows to contemplate should seek out the skylight.

Other quiet places to study are the Science Library located underneath Science II and the Law Library. The Law Library does not like undergraduates. Would-be studiers look preppy and pre-pro and they will never know.

The Art and Architecture Library, found on the second floor of Lawrence Hall, and like the rest of the building, an architect's nightmare, is a change from the University Library. Someone sells strong and cheap coffee on the third floor making it convenient for breaks.

It may not be kosher, but many departments have student lounges that have just the right amount of slouchiness to bury oneself in a book. These places may not be open to non-majors, so dress the part.

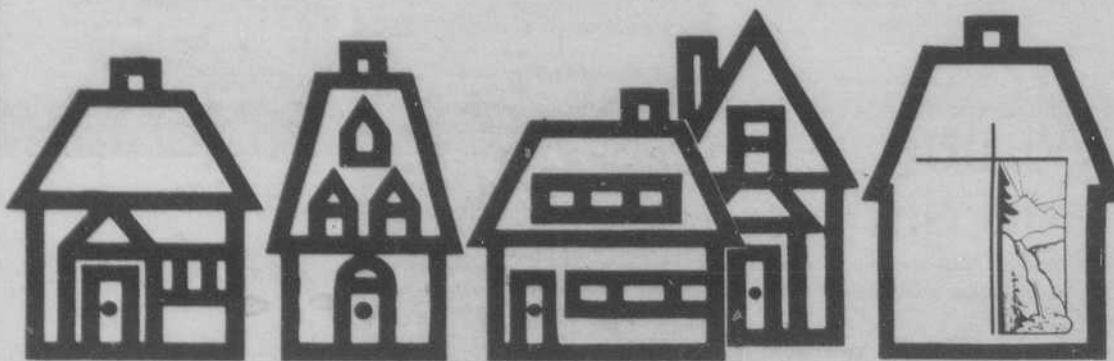
Students who can eat and think at the same time, may want to try studying at one of the restaurants near campus. Students who can drink and think at the same time may want to try studying at one of the taverns near campus. Patrons are usually expected to purchase.

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