

Volunteers to 'clean up' for local hungry

By Sarah Kitchen

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Eugene's first hunger clean-up day, co-sponsored by Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger, is planned for this Saturday.

Hunger clean-up day is a national event in its third year. USA for Africa and Hands Across America are also sponsors of the event.

Following a hunger symposium it sponsored last term, OSPIRG decided to coordinate an event in which people could become involved with the effort to reduce hunger in the county.

Students, faculty and community members can participate in the hunger clean-up day by volunteering to work for three hours on Saturday either painting, tending lawns, removing trash or cleaning up a park. Each volunteer has several people sponsoring him or her.

Half the money raised will be given to Food For Lane County, and the other half will be given to Hands Across America and USA for Africa.

"We decided that hunger was a problem that we did not just want to focus on either in Ethiopia or on a national scale," said Kim Wong, hunger project coordinator. "We also wanted to focus on hunger at home."

Food for Lane County is the organization in charge of USDA food distribution within the county as well as the allocation of donated food products to the 32 emergency food box centers in the county. Hands Across America makes donations to food banks across the country.

"Instead of holding a bike-athon or a dance-a-thon, we decided that we wanted to have something that would benefit the community," Wong said.

OSPIRG has received 16 work-site applications from

organizations and groups in the area. For example, one application is for some paint work to be done on a new emergency shelter, and another application is for four people to do some clean-up work in Hendricks Park. Generally the work people can volunteer for is either painting or gardening, Wong said.

"We would like to fill all our work-site applications. We have room for 70 to 100 people, and so far we only have 25 volunteers."

However, people do not have to work on Saturday to participate in the program.

"A lot of people who already work in the community are doing their jobs on Friday and are getting pledges for doing their own work," Wong said.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can do so by signing the volunteer sign-up sheet by Friday in the OSPIRG office, Suite 1, EMU.

Agencies help students find jobs for summer

By Alicia Gano

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The rent's due, the bank says you're overdrawn and tuition for next year is a steady worry.

How does an overwrought, broke college student find work in Eugene this summer?

Start at the University Job Service, 1511 Agate Street. The job service is open for summer job referrals to students who are enrolled during spring term or who will be enrolled in the fall. The service is not open to the general public or to those students who have already graduated, according to Julianna Svetich, an employee of the service.

Graduate students must seek job referrals from the University's Career Planning and Placement Center, Svetich said. Returning or new students who will be enrolled in the fall, but not in the spring, must show proof of their upcoming enrollment. All other qualifying students must show proof of current enrollment, according to Svetich.

The job service typically handles only part-time jobs for students, Svetich said, but it does provide referrals for full-time summer work. The job service has a wide variety of jobs available in Eugene, from office work to child care as well as jobs in and out of the state, like summer camps and work in casinos.

The job service also has postings for state and county part-time jobs.

Another good job resource in the area is Isha Rakim, youth representative for the State Employment Division, 2510 Oakmont Way. Rakim has access to summer jobs for anyone age 14-22 but also handles jobs for non-skilled youths, those from low-income families and those with more refined job skills.

Yard work, babysitting and litter patrol jobs are only a few of the jobs currently available, Rakim said. If a student qualifies for skilled work, Rakim will refer them to a group registration program through the state office.

For low-income students, the employment division participates in a Target Tax Credit program whereby employers can get tax credits for hiring low-income persons 18-24 years old, according to Rakim. The Army Corps of Engineers also hires seasonal, low-income workers through the employment division, she said.

Both federal and state minimum wages remain at \$3.35 an hour, according to Rakim.

Rakim also refers low-income students to the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council, which actively recruits through local public schools and campuses for young people age 14-21. It provides jobs including forestry, child care, and parks and recreation work. For information about these jobs call 687-3651.

Corrections

•The Outdoor Pursuits Program, a physical education program, sponsored a mountain trip to Eastern Oregon's Middle Sister, not the Outdoor Program, which is located in the EMU. Also in that story, Jim Blanchard is not the program's director, but one of two co-directors. The other is Michael Strong.

•A story on revised teacher education requirements should have said the State Board of Higher Education's revised plans call for the elimination of the bachelor's degree in teacher education.

•A name was left off of a letter to the editor. Gerard Barry wrote the letter titled "Cola angst."

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Today is deadline to apply for position on ASUO staff

By Carolyn Lamberson

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Students have until today to apply for available ASUO positions in the incoming Kasey Brooks/Karen Gaffney administration.

Currently, applications are being accepted for the following coordinator positions: minority affairs, finance, assistant finance, program, events, publicity, fund raising, University affairs, Women's Task Force and state affairs. The next administration is also hiring editors for The Record and The Course Guide as well as a comptroller.

Gaffney wants to see many excellent applicants in each position, but so far, turnout has been somewhat disappointing, she said.

"It (application turnout) has not been as strong as we hoped it would be," she said.

People have nothing to lose by applying, and they hope to attract people from groups who don't usually get involved, Brooks said.

"We are looking for a broad base of people; people from different backgrounds who complement each other well," she added.

When describing what they are looking for in applicants, Gaffney stressed responsibility as being of utmost importance, but they also are looking for

other qualities.

"(We're looking for) people with inspiration, who can see the office operations in a different way" than currently may be the case, she said. Innovation also could be a quality to have, she added.

In terms of actual job skills, Brooks said qualifications depend on the position applied for, but overall, dedication and "commitment to our belief in open and responsible government," also will be looked at.

The hiring committee is composed of Brooks, Gaffney, EMU Board Budget Chairwoman Laura Romano, Incidental Fee Committee member-elect Sandra Thompson, Student Senator-elect Peter Nisbet and Mike West, who worked in the Julie Davis administration in 1984-85.

Gaffney said the committee will be holding interviews next week and will hopefully have all positions filled by Thursday, May 21.

At the end of this month, with approval from the new IFC, Brooks and Gaffney hope to create a few new positions including Athletic Department liaison, dormitory liaison and elections coordinator, Gaffney said. If the IFC agrees to adjust the budget to allow the positions, applications will be available at the end of this month, she added.