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a work schedule.

Clerical workers should be available either in the mornings or afternoons, while industrial workers should be available for shift work, Murphy said.

It is best to find a job as soon as possible, Murphy said, because there is a job shortage here, compared to the Portland and Seattle areas.

Professional work may be available, he said, but added employers usually contact universities, not employment or temporary agencies about such opportunities.

"One of the things we do is help people find internships," said Gina Huston, a career counselor at the Career Planning and Placement Service.

But most paying internships are in the summer, she said, adding more winter opportunities are being developed.

Leslie Wright, who does part-time and work-study job referral for students at Career Planning and Placement, said work-study students are most likely to work in their field during the academic year, but part-time professional jobs do occasionally appear.

Current University students should go to her office, fill out

job-skill cards and regularly check the job-listing board.

"The bulk of our calls fall into child care, clerical, moving and yard work," Wright said. "We may get a (professional) non-work-study call for something in their field. If students have filled out a job-skill card we can call them and let them know about the opportunity."

"We don't place people; we're a resource," she said. "It is up to the students to present themselves to the employer. We seem to be getting a reputation on campus for filling jobs very quickly with good people."

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opt to rent in the summer" to secure a place and handle the increase when fall comes around." However, many apartments listed are available only during the summer, he said.

Property managers painted a picture of a somewhat more desperate situation. Poust said Spyglass rentals were "thinning out" in mid-August, and she expected 100 percent occupancy by the end of this month.

Jennings echoed Poust's predictions of zero availability of housing near campus by September.

"Before the University moved back the enrollment cap, if you came in July, you'd probably do OK," Jennings said. But this year, he said, "a real together student would secure housing by June."

The story is much the same for University-owned housing. Marjorie Ramey, director of University Housing, said housing is booked for fall 1990 and students on waiting lists will most likely stay on that list throughout fall term.

"We don't anticipate any vacancies for the 200 to 300 transfer or upper-division students," she said. However, she added, students who drop out of school or find off-campus housing usually provide openings in the residence halls in winter and spring terms. Whether attrition will provide openings in family housing is "hard to say," Ramey said.

The vacancy rate in Eugene has hovered near the 1 percent mark consistently for the last few years, said Jim McCoy of the Lane County Housing Authority. "July has traditionally been the off time," he said, but even then the number of available units is not substantial enough to affect the vacancy rate.

McCoy said 13 of 1,182 units were vacant in the Ferry Street Bridge area as of July 30. A survey by Duncan, Morgan & Brown found only nine of 1,674 units vacant in South Eugene.

In spite of these discouraging findings, students have many alternatives for housing at any time during the school year.

The Rental Housing Office is a free listing service that helps connect people who have housing to offer with those who are searching for it. Listings include one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, studios, roommates wanted, houses, duplexes, quads, group living and rooms for rent.

"Generally speaking, houses are the least available," Chupa said. Rent for one-bedroom houses starts at \$200-350 a month, he said.

Sharing or renting a room is the least expensive way to live, Chupa said.

Rental rates that were raised this fall are unlikely to increase again during the school year, Jennings said, but rents have been steadily increasing annually to keep up with the current market rates.

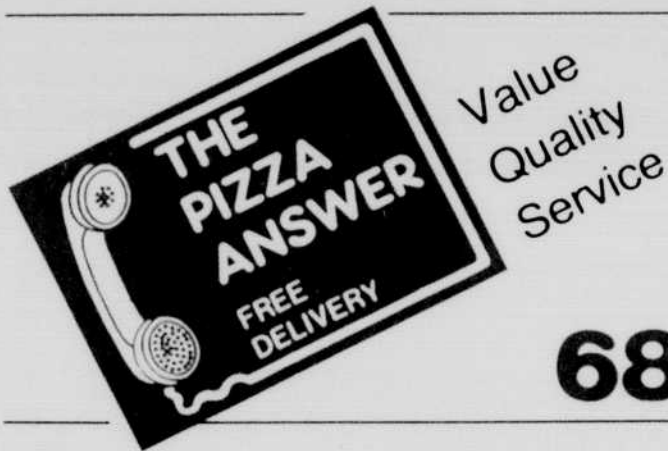
If a student is looking for bargain rates, an agency is not the place to look, Jennings said. "With agents, you get good service and repairs for a fair price," he said.

Rentals managed by Jennings & Co. are priced from a low of \$350 for a one-bedroom to a high of \$765 for a three-bedroom on campus. Quads run from \$225-265.

"As a general rule, you're certainly paying a premium to live near campus," Jennings said. "Campus is campus; it's all equally popular." Some other choice Jennings properties are in the Ferry St. Bridge area, Coburg Road, North Green, Delta Grove and near Autzen Stadium.

University housing rates are on the low end of the spectrum. The 1990-91 rate to share a two-person room in a campus residence hall is \$2,863 per term; \$3,664 at the University Inn; and \$139-350 a month for family housing, including East Campus houses.

For students worried about unexpected rent increases, Jennings and Spyglass offer several units on lease, which "assures no increases and that they'll stay until June," Poust said.



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