

Mentors tell about real world

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Students went outside their classrooms and textbooks this term as part of a new class that prepares students for their careers.

The Alumni Mentorship program matched up students and alumni along career lines, with students choosing a "mentor" from a list of alumni now in Oregon, California, Washington and Washington, D.C.

Student Stephanie Bugge said her mentor told her "everything I really wanted to know about my field and gave me a realistic prospective on what my career is like."

The mentors serve as ties to the business community for students trying to break into the real working world, said coordinator David Povey, who is part of Planning, Public Policy and Management.

Povey said the mentors advise students on possible strategies and classes to pursue for their respective careers.

Mentor Ken Adair said he believes everyone should have a mentor "as a friend and motivator who can connect you to your career."

After contacting their mentors, students begin a working file of alumni biographies for future students to use.

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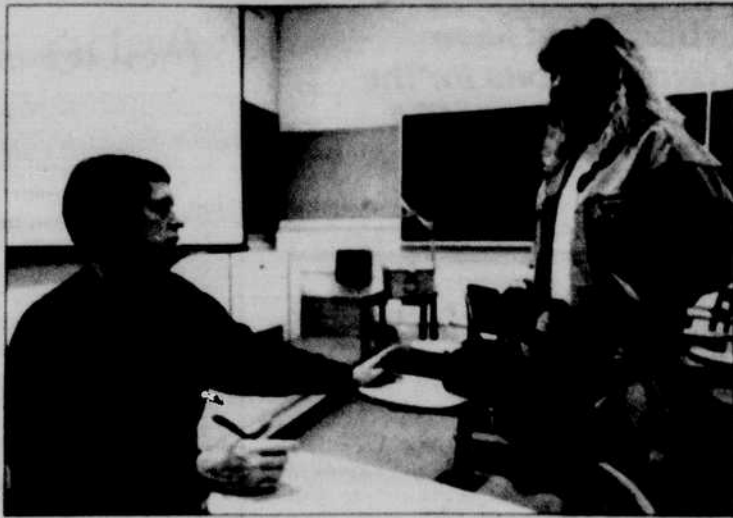


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PPPM professor and mentor program coordinator David Povey meets with student Heather Lee, who said she believes the program is bound for success.

mentor, Smith and Povey also have the students prepare an up-to-date resume and a specific position description for the job they wish to hold upon graduation.

Bugge said this gave students a "concrete direction" and a "specific plan" for pursuing their careers.

The two men who initiated the program, Povey and John Eckman, Student University Relations Council Alumni chairman, said the class is now in experimental stages, but should be back for next winter term.

The existing class has 16 stu-

dents who signed up through their connections with SURC, but future students will most likely be able to register for it like any other class.

In the future the class will offer one to two credit hours on a pass/no pass basis and give students the advantage of drawing upon either alums from the biography file or adding to the file with a new contact of their own.

The bigger the program gets, the better it will be as more alumni and students get involved, student Heather Lee said.

POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department between Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.

• A Lane Community College student was arrested and cited for burglary and unlawful possession of a controlled substance Feb. 1. According to police reports, the student was knocking on doors of an apartment complex on the 1000 block of Patterson Street.

Residents told police the suspect was trying to sell drugs. When police contacted the suspect, they said he was carrying clothing and some hashish. Police said while they were questioning the suspect, a resident came up and said, "Hey, those are my clothes," and pointed at the garments the suspect was carrying.

Police determined that the man had entered numerous unlocked rooms on the second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors of the complex and taken clothing.

• A University student reported a theft of a purse Feb. 2. The student was standing on the 1300 block of Kincaid Street when she left her purse on a bench. She looked away for a brief period of time, and when she looked back the purse was gone, the report said. The purse and its contents were valued at \$78.

• A 28-year-old man reported a harassment/hate crime on Feb. 3. According to police reports, the

man had sent out flyers advertising "Queer self-defense classes" for homosexuals. The man later received a phone call from a man who said, "If I see you out there, I will kill you."

• Two brothers, one 18 and the other 15, were arrested for a theft at Esslinger Hall, 1525 University St., that took place Feb. 3. Police said the brothers cut locks off lockers with bolt cutters and took three pairs of shoes, a pair of goggles and a jacket. The total estimated value of the stolen merchandise is \$330.

• A University student was cited for assault following an incident in Boynton Hall Feb. 3. The student was cited after she allegedly punched a fellow Boynton resident following an altercation over loud music.

According to police reports, the suspect was asked to turn her music down by one of her fellow residents and an argument followed. The woman who complained about the music allegedly said, "We don't care if you go in your room and masturbate," and told the suspect to turn down the music. Police say the suspect took offense to the statement and punched the victim in the mouth.

• A University student was cited for theft of a parking permit on Feb. 6. The theft occurred Oct. 13. Police found the permit on the suspect's vehicle. The suspect admitted to taking the permit and told police that he needed a place to park.

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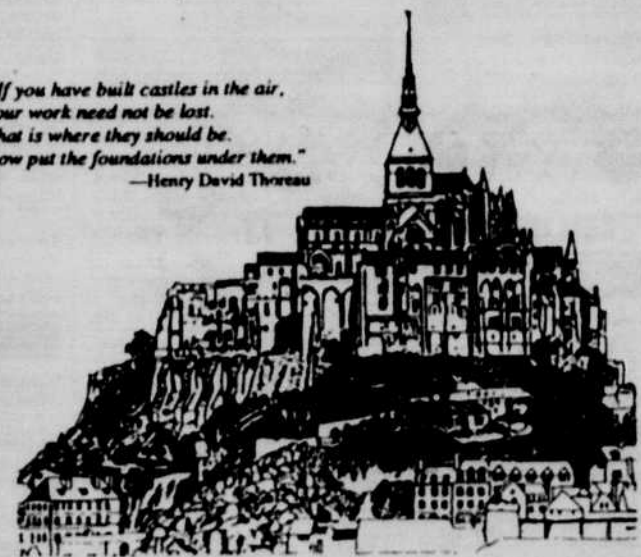
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