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Bookstore opens board to students

■ **BOOKS:** Nominations will be accepted today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

University students now have the opportunity to run for positions on the University Bookstore's board of directors.

Today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room, the bookstore's annual general meeting will take place. At the meeting, interested students can nominate themselves or other students for one of the eight open board positions.

The board, an 11-member committee, works throughout the year to evaluate and create bookstore policy. Recent policies the board has implemented include the decision to increase bookstore business hours from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and the decision to increase the member discount at the store from nine to 10 percent.

Jim Williams, the bookstore's general manager, said student board members have a high level of involvement in making decisions that affect the bookstore.

Students who want to affect change within the bookstore and who are responsible individuals are good candidates for the board, Williams said.

Students nominated at today's meeting will participate in elections on May 8 and 9. Voting booths will be set up in front of the bookstore and in the EMU.

Internships: Don't leave school without one

■ **CAREERS:** Whether paid or not, for credit or not, students will gain skills and experience

By Jean M. Bond
Higher Education Reporter

Students who want an edge in job-hunting after graduation should supplement their education with internships, a career specialist said.

"An internship is a real show-stopper on a student's resume," said Tina Songer, who works at the University Career Center.

Internships show employers that an applicant can do the job, but they also build students' confidence and teach students skills they can transfer to other jobs, said Deborah Chereck, associate director of the Career Center.

For example, a student who helps organize programs at the YWCA develops skills that can easily be transferred to a job at the Portland Visitors Association.

Zachary Kelton, psychology peer advisor and ASUO vice president, said internships also allow students to investigate job possibilities.

"Clearly the biggest benefit is the [student's] direct exposure to professions the student is interested in," Kelton said. "It helps students determine what they want to do."

Becca Diller, a senior in political science who interned with Rep. Peter DeFazio's office last spring, said that during her internship she gained a better understanding of politics and made good contacts for future career opportunities.

Most employers like to see internships, but in some profes-

Step right up



Working for the vote, Chris Kantowitz urges Samantha Martin, a senior majoring in journalism, to vote "Yes" in support of the United States Student Association, a group that represents students nationwide, on Wednesday. Today is the last day to vote in the Associated Students of the University of Oregon elections for candidates and ballot measures for 1996-97.

sions like journalism or technical fields, internships are almost required, Chereck said.

The first thing employers look at in these fields is the applicant's portfolio, and internships are an excellent way to build that portfolio, said Greg Kerber, assistant dean of the School of Journalism and Communication.

Students who want to reap the benefits of an internship have several resources on campus to help them find and secure these positions.

Every department offers internship opportunities, said Jed Truett, a graduate teaching fellow at the ESCAPE Program. The ESCAPE program supplements departmental offerings with hands-on experience in public schools, human services, public leadership and outdoor school, Truett said. ESCAPE programs are unpaid, but students receive credit.

University departments and schools can offer both paid and unpaid internships to students.

"A lot of people think you can't get credit if you're getting paid for an internship," Kerber said. "But that's the best situation: to get credit and get paid."

Each department handles internship opportunities differently. Psychology peer advising, for example, keeps a listing of unpaid internships, or practica, and refers students to the Career Center for paid positions, Kelton said.

The journalism school keeps a listing of all internships, paid or unpaid, Kerber said.

The Career Center is also available to help students locate and apply for both paid and unpaid internships. The center has a

library of internship directories and binders and lists available internships on their World Wide Web page, said Songer, an employee at the center.

"We have about 600 internships in our database right now, and I update it about every other day," Songer said. "Students can search through our Web page for internships in specific locations, at certain companies, or just by interest."

Other university career centers are modeling their World Wide Web pages after the University Career Center's site, she added.

In addition to internship listings, the Career Center offers workshops in internship options, resume and cover letter writing and effective interviewing, Songer said.

Once students have found an internship they are interested in, they stand a better chance of getting it if they take the time to prepare for it, Chereck said.

Chereck recommended students do research about the internship, develop a strong resume, and be clear about what they have accomplished so far.

"Being prepared really counts the most," she said. "Envision yourself in the job, so questions in the interview don't catch you by surprise."

Diller, who interned with DeFazio, said she recommends internship experience for other students.

"I was looking for something to make school a little more interesting," she said. "It was exciting to go to the town meetings [with the congressman] and meet the constituents."

"The only way you really know is to go out and do it," she said.