

Career fair brings opportunities

The event is now two days because of last year's overwhelming turnout

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Today marks the beginning of the Graduate School and Career Fair, a two-day event put on by the Career Center, which is designed to provide a forum for students to visit with representatives from 60 graduate schools and more than 70 employers.

The fair takes place in the EMU Ballroom today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and with more than 130 different schools and companies represented "it will be the biggest Career Center sponsored fair in history," said Virginia Garrison, Career Center event planner.

The two-day format is new, a change prompted by the overwhelming turnout last year and the expectation for an even bigger event this year, Garrison said.

Today 60 graduate schools will have representatives on hand to answer questions about a wide range of programs. Some of the schools represented include Co-

lumbia, Hastings, Annenburg School for Communication and Vancouver Institute of Animation.

On Wednesday, the event will feature representatives from local and nationwide employers. The Career Center encourages students to dress professionally and to bring 10 to 15 resumes.

"I am planning to spend the whole day Wednesday talking to companies," said University senior Rachel Bridges. "I am not necessarily looking for a job; just seeing what's out there."

Garrison also recommends that students plan ahead and prioritize their time.

"Think about what you are interested in and be specific because there may not be enough time to talk to everyone," Garrison said. "This is probably the only time in your life that the job is coming to you rather than you going around and knocking on doors."

The Career Center has been providing students with workshops designed to prepare them to meet with schools and employers.

"Close to 150 students have received instruction on everything from constructing a resume, to personal appearance," Garrison said.

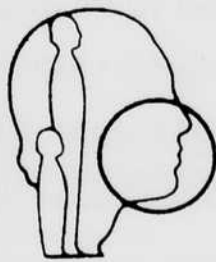
For students who missed the workshops, drop-in counselors will be on hand to provide information and feedback on interview techniques.

"A lot of the response that is making this fair so popular is because of the thriving job market," Garrison said. "It is still a good time to find a job despite the ups and downs of the stock market."

The Career Center has three major events a year, one each term. Winter's event, the Career and Internship Fair, will take place in January. That fair incorporates more non-profit and social service organizations. In spring, the center will host the Summer Job and Career Fair.

Over the years, the fair has become a popular place for schools and employers to look for new talent.

"We are gaining a reputation for having one of the best career fairs in the country," Garrison said.



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person who's suffering and subject them to criminal prosecution," said Geoff Sugerman, a member of Oregonians for Medical Rights.

The measure allows patients to grow a small amount of marijuana on their own, but they are not allowed to grow numerous plants in one location.

Opposition to Measure 67 comes from Oregonians Against Danger-

ous Drugs, an organization formed specifically to oppose the measure.

Jennifer Hudson, member of the organization, said the measure exhibits a lack of regulation for marijuana. The organization does not want to support laws that will make more drugs available to young people, she said. The organization is afraid that the measure will lead to increased use of the drug, Hudson said.

"You don't practice medicine at a ballot box," Hudson said.

Burt is also opposed to Measure 67. Smoking marijuana is not medicine, he said, citing studies that show it is harmful and damaging. This measure gives "blanket legal protection" to anyone, he said.

"We don't vote on penicillin, and we don't allow people to grow their own opium," he said.

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