

Career Center provides help with job searches

Workshops, counseling and job and internship listings are available

By Maggie Young
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Those who are frantically scraping together resumes and searching the classified ads for jobs need to look no further than Hendricks Hall for a career solution.

The University Career Center is an on-campus resource designed to aid students in the process of finding jobs and internships. Resources include an extensive Web page, drop-in counseling, a resume databank, classes and workshops.

"A lot of students come to the University not having a clear idea of what they want to do when they graduate," said Larry Smith, Career Center director. "We provide opportunities to explore different careers and make an informed decision."

Smith likens the career center to brokers acting as intermediaries between employers and students.

"We gather the resources," Smith said. "Many industries don't have recruiting on campus as an employment strategy. We bring the students and the companies together."

Those who utilize the services of the Career Center are typically juniors and seniors; however, the center provides a career plan for all four years of school.

"It's never too late to come to the Career Center," Smith said. "We can't do several years of work in 15 minutes, but we can get a solid start."

One major feature of the Career Center is the mentoring class. This is a one-credit course that pairs students with professionals who share the same career goal. Michelle Martin, a junior and former mentoring student, said that it was the most beneficial class she has taken at the University.

UO Career Center

Recommendations for achieving success beyond college:

■ **Freshman and sophomore year:** Explore interests and skills through classes and resources in the Career Center Library. Discuss career options and major selection.

■ **Junior year:** Register yourself and career plans with the Career Center.

■ **Senior year:** Design and begin a job search and meet with a career counselor for help.

"I loved my mentoring class," Martin said. "I met with someone in the profession I was interested in. I learned what it meant to do that job. Because of this, I decided to go into that field."

But Smith acknowledges that the Career Center may not always play the main role in a job search.

"Most students will find employment using a variety of job search strategies," Smith said. "The Career Center can act as a job-finding consultant in providing information and strategies to help students go out and get their own job."

One negative image that the center may hold on campus is that of a focus on business-oriented job placement, Smith said.

"The resources and programs here were developed and designed because of the wide range of interests students at the University have," Smith said. "Our goal is to work with all students."

Smith said that one statement he hates to hear is that of shock and surprise about the services available.

"My lament is that the level of awareness of resources available through the Web, as well as on-site, is not high," Smith said.

For more information about the Career Center, call 346-3235. The center's Web site is www.uo-career.uoregon.edu.

Today's Events

Thursday, May 27

■ Robert Deane, a candidate for the vacant Office of Public Safety director position, will be available to the campus community during his final interview. After making a brief presentation, Deane will answer questions to OPS. The interview is 3-4 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room.

■ The President's Council on Race meeting will be held in the EMU Maple Room from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ The monthly Elder Caregiving Support and Discussion Group meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 461 Oregon Hall. Drop-ins are welcome, and there is no charge. For more information, visit darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanres/workfamily.htm or call 346-2962.

■ The UO Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association will cosponsor the annual Senior Send-Off, a congratulatory bash for seniors, at 2 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater. Graduating students will receive bev-

erages, snacks and a pack of "cool stuff" as well as a shot at winning some door prizes. The event is free. For more information, visit alumni.uoregon.edu, or call 346-5656.

■ The Oregon Opera Ensemble, directed by Francis Graffeo, will present Mozart's comic opera "Cosi Fan Tutte" at 7:30 p.m. in the Hult Center's Soren Theatre. The cost is \$14 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens and students. For more information, visit music1.uoregon.edu, or call 682-5000.

■ The Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tom Dye, will perform at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. The cost is \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students. For more information, visit music1.uoregon.edu, or call 346-5678.

■ The first annual World Marball Championships will take place at 1:45 p.m. in the Gilbert courtyard. The event is a relay-type sport that will be played by members of the Oregon football team, the Oregon women's

golf team, Delta Gamma sorority, Alpha Kappa Psi and children in the Kid-sports program. There will be a raffle for prizes and refreshments. The event is to raise money for the Kid-sports organization. For more information, call 302-1218.

■ Tim Wise will present a video, followed by an open discussion on diversity. The event is sponsored by the YWCA and the Multicultural Center. For more information, call 343-4603.

■ Catherine Harris, owner of Peralandra and Margarita Donnelly, Director of Calyx, Inc., will discuss recent media megamergers and lead a discussion about what can be done locally to maintain independent voices and real freedom of speech. Peralandra was a small, independent bookstore for more than 20 years until recent market forces pushed it out of business. The discussion will take place at Mother Kalis Books, 720 E. 13th at 7 p.m. Free parking is available in the basement. The event is wheelchair accessible and free. For more information, call the YWCA at 346-4439.

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But Smit said the gradual increase of officers is intentional.

"We have made projections as to the needs of individual of communities," Smit said. "We are trying to meet the most critical needs at this time. Depending on the needs of the community, the numbers could change a little."

When the number of police officers is low, the effects are felt by other law enforcement branches, Smit said. For example, members of the sheriff's office are forced to respond to incidents individual police departments should be covering.

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Capt. Bob Smit
Oregon State Police

able difference," Smit said. "When we bring more officers in we are able to return other law enforcement officials to their role serving the community."

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