

# The right career may be lurking with liaisons

■ A new program could lean on unsure students deciding their professional futures

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For students majoring in fields such as architecture or education, future job options may seem obvious. But for students majoring in various fields offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, career objectives may not be so clear.

Three new career liaison positions have been created to help arts and sciences students answer a simple question: What can I do with my major?

The positions have been filled by University graduates Liz White, Jennifer Sowins and Jessica Best. Each liaison has a separate focus modeled after the three subject divisions within the College of Arts and Sciences: science, social science and humanities.

The liaisons help students to explore future career paths within their majors.

"The College of Arts and Sciences has one of the biggest student populations, but it was one of the most underutilized," Best said.

According to Sowins, the new positions are a response to student input regarding counseling within the College of Arts and Sciences.

To ensure that arts and sciences students receive resources similar to other majors, the College of Arts and Sciences faculty and the Career Center came together to coordinate this year's new positions.

"It's a very innovative program," said Clarice Wilsey, assistant director of the Career Center. In addition to answering students' major or career questions, she said, the liaisons also provide a place where students can go for resumé questions, to get help with career development or to

get referral information.

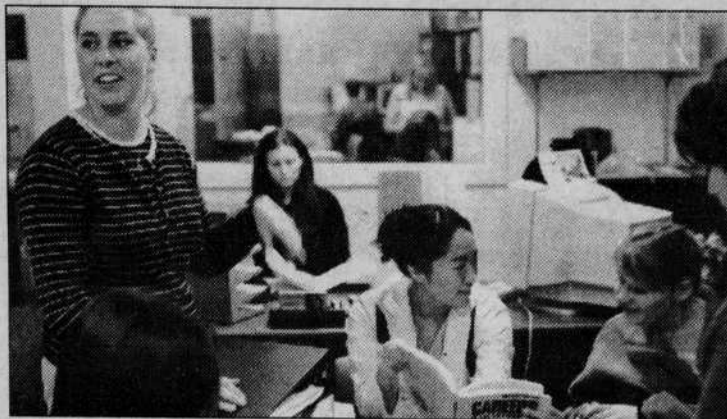
"One of my main focuses is to raise the awareness of how many opportunities and different things you can do with a social science degree," Sowins said. "I want to help students find a career that matches their interests, values and skills."

In addition to meeting with students at the Career Center during drop-in hours Monday through Friday, the liaisons also have offices in various buildings across campus in order to be more accessible to students.

Students can make individual appointments with a specific liaison or stop by the center from 11 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

"When I was a student, it would have been nice to have this outreach," Best said. "We want to help students realize we are concerned about the issues that they are concerned with."

Since the program is so new, one



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University graduate Jen Sowins (left) offers job resource information to new students.

of the tasks the liaisons are currently undergoing is letting people know that the resource exists.

"So far, we are trying to get the word out to faculty and within different departments," Sowins said.

"We have also been in contact with peer advisor groups."

The liaisons will have an information table in the EMU from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to answer any questions about the program.

# Write-in mayoral candidate big on local kids and community

■ Michael Glownia of Eugene may give incumbent Jim Torrey a run for his money as a write-in this election year

By Bennett Lacy  
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Though the ballot may indicate otherwise, voters have more than one option this Tuesday when they cast their vote for Eugene mayor.

On Saturday, Michael Glownia shared his vision of a stronger community with about 50 people at the Saturday Market downtown.

Glownia, who ran an unsuccessful primary campaign in May, has stepped it up in November with a stronger campaign against incumbent Jim Torrey.

"I believe I can offer Eugene a real solution where we can let our children play and we can be happy," Glownia told the audience with his own children by his side.

Glownia's decision to run for mayor did not involve years of planning. It wasn't until last summer when he decided to run.

Because Glownia had not garnered enough votes in the May primary to appear on the ballot, his only option to run was as a write-in candidate.

Glownia said he was inspired after losing his job to run for mayor

and decided he wanted to make an impact in the community.

"[Being laid off] set off a fire inside of me not to rely on a corporation that can, in a day, take it all away," Glownia said.

Although Glownia does not have as much political and financial ammunition as Mayor Torrey, he does have a strong support base.

Kyle Schweighauser, a Glownia campaign supporter and close friend, was on hand Saturday show-

Schweighauser said.

If Glownia wins, he has a lot of issues he will address. The most visible issues in his campaign are protecting the environment and strengthening the community.

"We need to work on reaching true sustainability," Glownia said. "In order for a society to be sustainable, we need to use resources fairly and efficiently to meet basic human needs."

Glownia also mentioned the need to maintain priorities when dealing with jobs versus the environment.

"We currently have a mayor supporting Hyundai, who is taking away our wetlands," Glownia said. "We are sacrificing our future and environment for jobs."

Mayor Torrey said Friday that although his success in the election is a virtual lock, he is not taking his opponent lightly.

"I am always concerned," Torrey said. "People can vote for whomever they want to, and until I have at least one more vote than my opponent, I will always be concerned."

With the big day coming quickly Tuesday, Glownia has high hopes for himself as Eugene's potential new mayor.

"We have had enough of business as usual," Glownia said. "We can be a model for cities throughout the nation to look at us and say 'this is how it's done.'"

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Michael Glownia  
candidate for mayor

ing his support.

"Michael really cares about young people and what they have to say," Schweighauser said. "A lot of change comes from the youth."

Schweighauser said the campaign is informal but serious about getting underrepresented voices heard.

"We laughed and thought about it for awhile and then decided it was time we had a voice,"

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