

Career 911

Alumni can use the Career Center's resources for one term after they graduate

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Graduation is the time when many students are thinking about a job or career. In some cases, students have no idea what to expect or what field they want to enter after graduation.

The Career Center, located in 220 Hendricks Hall, has a number of tools to help students realize and allocate their strengths toward a major or future job.

"I suggest for freshman to come in and get an orientation of what the Career Center has to offer," Career Center adviser Kassia Dellabough said.

One of the programs the Career Center offers is the Mentor Program, which provides students the opportunity to meet professionals in a particular field.

"The Mentorship Program connects students from a local lawyer to someone in D.C.," Dellabough said.

In addition, counselors at the center offer critiques of cover letters and résumés.

"I did the Mentor Program, and I learned a lot about the kind of services and resources the Career Center has to offer," senior Jonah Lee said.

The center also provides students and graduates the opportunity to develop their interviewing skills and potentially get a job through the

Campus Interview Program. The program brings employers from leading companies and businesses to campus to look for students to fill jobs and internships.

The Career Center uses a Web-based program called UO-Job Link, supported by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, to connect students and employers. The center also puts on workshops for students to allow them to meet with potential employers, learn appropriate dinner etiquette or learn to overcome a fear such as public speaking. These workshops are geared toward students of all majors looking to improve their personal skills.

"I found these workshops to be helpful and beneficial," Lee said.

The Career Center has services for alumni for up to one term after graduation.

"If the graduate has no clue as to what they want to do, they can sit down with a counselor and get a direction. They can also come to the career library and find out about the job they are interested in and make an educated decision as to what they want to do," Career Center employee Jennifer Sowins said.

Visit the Career Center Web site at <http://uocareer.uoregon.edu> or call 346-3235 for more information.

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Force-fed liberalism results in bitter taste for one conservative

Now that I have just a few short days left of my college career, I know I should be thinking about the good times, but I find myself reflecting on all the things that pissed me off the past four years.

First of all, the group commonly referred to as "hippies." These people are not hippies. Hippies were a peaceful, kind and loving group. These unfortunate souls, better named "granolas," can often be found harassing, insulting and defacing property, such as those who tore up signs at a recent conservative rally.



Lisa Catto

Conservative wacko

This hypocritical crowd preaches diversity and acceptance. What a load of crap. Diversity includes various beliefs, even those that aren't liberal. How can people claim to be accepting when they pick and choose who can belong?

Even worse, many professors have tried to force-feed me information without discussing opposing views.

During my first term at the University, I took a philosophy course. In the first weeks of the discussion class, I found myself ganged up on, with the graduate teaching fellow putting me on the spot.

"You're a conservative. How could you possibly think Bush would make a good president?"

Mind you, this happened in the fall of 2000. I'm a shy person who doesn't

speak up in class, and yet here I was, forced to defend my beliefs to a sea of scowling faces staring at me with hate in their eyes. I simply raised my hand one day when he asked who was voting for whom in the presidential election; I regretted doing so on that day. What does the 2000 presidential campaign have to do with an introduction to philosophy class, anyway?

I also remember attending a get-out-the-vote rally that fall. Bill Bradley was speaking, and the band Everclear was playing. I attended, curious to hear what Bradley had to say and to watch the band.

In the back of the crowd, there was a small group of the College Republicans waving Bush-Cheney signs and a group of Ralph Nader supporters. Art Alexakis, lead singer of Everclear, began a liberal rant putting down the gutsy Bush and Nader supporters, when he should have been encouraging all students to vote for who they believed in.

I have dozens of experiences like this that make me cringe when I think of this place. I cherished the professors and classes that taught both sides of an issue and encouraged students to form their own beliefs.

I came to the University knowing full well how liberal it was. I thought that by hearing the opinions of others, I could become more solid in my beliefs and develop reasoning to why I felt the way I did.

I leave the University a bitter conservative, tattered and worn by the liberalism shoved down my throat and the lack of acceptance of my beliefs. I hope that when I have children and they go to college, people will at least agree to disagree.

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