

# Recent graduate praises internship for current career

Matt Propeck reflects on friends, finance classes and his current career at a music delivery company

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Despite graduating from the University less than a year ago, Matt Propeck has already established a solid career, which would never have been possible without a summer internship.

Propeck graduated from the University in December 2003 with a bachelor's degree in political science. During summer 2003, he had the opportunity to intern for a music company in Portland called Rumblefish. The internship later led to a career. Propeck, director of operations and catalog for the company, has worked there for just under a year. Rumblefish is a music delivery company that provides other businesses with music for all kinds of uses, Propeck said.

"As an intern I did bookkeeping and general office tasks ... I did everything I could, working long hours for free," Propeck said.

Upon graduating, Propeck was immediately offered a permanent position at the company, which he began promptly after completing his final day of classes at the University.

"I guess I was at the right place at

the right time," Propeck said. "It's ten times harder, ten times faster, but ten times more fun than school."

Propeck encourages current undergraduates to meet as many people in their desired profession as possible.

"Start networking and growing professional and business networks so you have resources to fall back on when you graduate," Propeck said.

Propeck said either accounting or a Japanese art history class he took was his hardest class at the University, but he really liked the personal finance class taught by Jeanne Wagenknecht.



## Where are they now?

"The teacher made that class good; I took more classes because of her," Propeck said.

"Matt's just a good guy, outgoing, fun-loving, just a really personable guy," said Robby Schutte, one of Propeck's longtime friends and a fellow University graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing in 2003.

In the future, Propeck hopes to go back to school to get his master's of Business Administration.

"I want to get my MBA and take it to own my own company," Propeck said.

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# Health: Contraception availability is a third issue

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to choose," he said.

Furthermore, Feldkamp is against the federal funding of abortions, and supports parental notification for minors. He said he supports the Bush Administration's bill to ban partial birth abortion because "technology is so far advanced you don't need to use such a grisly procedure."

## State Senate, 4th District

Democratic State Sen. Floyd Prozanski said he feels sex education needs to be "very broad-based" and should include education on contraception as well as encourage abstinence.

Prozanski said he believes the state should fund contraception for low-income individuals through programs like the Family Planning Expansion Project because access to contraception should not be based on an individual's ability to pay. He said he would support making emergency contraception available over the counter if individuals received good information about the drug.

He added he supports a woman's right to choose to have an abortion but emphasized the importance of women having proper support networks to advise them in making the decisions. He also supports state funding to assist a woman in obtaining an abortion under the Oregon Health Plan.

Republican state Senate candidate Norm Thomas said, "If the family is teaching (sex education) as they should, I don't think the school needs to teach it."

He said he does not support state funding of contraception and feels that contraception should be "left up to the family." He added, "It's just encouraging things that should not be encouraged." He also said he does

not support making emergency contraception available over the counter, saying unwanted pregnancies would not occur "if the families are teaching the proper values."

Thomas said he doesn't feel he has "the right to choose for women what they want to do with their bodies." He does not support state funding to assist women in obtaining abortions because he said people should start "accepting personal responsibility." He added that he felt late-term and partial birth abortions "are appalling" and supports the Bush Administration's bill to ban them.

## State Representative, District 8

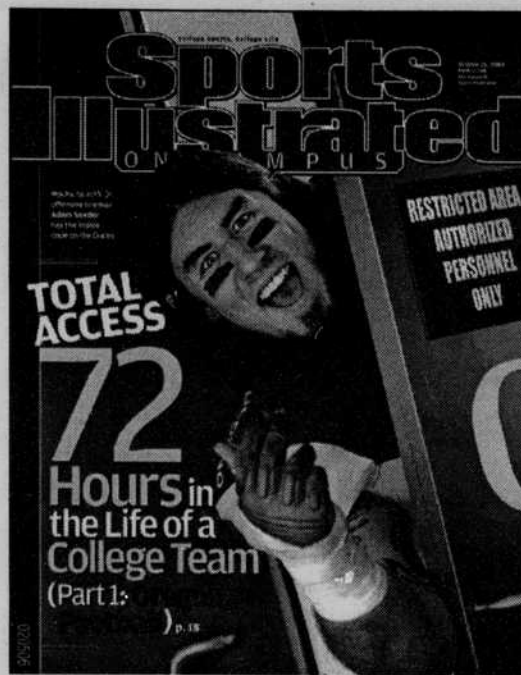
Democratic State Representative Paul Holvey called abstinence-only sex education "archaic," and said that information on contraception should be included in sex education.

Holvey said he supported state funding of contraception through programs such as FPEP, citing that "as with all preventative health care, I think it's a good investment." He said he thinks emergency contraception should be made available because many cannot afford to see a doctor to obtain a prescription.

Holvey said it should be a woman's choice to have an abortion.

"I think that's a personal decision and a philosophical decision that should be made by the individual." He also said he doesn't believe minors should have to obtain parental consent to get an abortion. Holvey added he supports state funding that assists women in obtaining abortions. He doesn't think "we should limit the ability of that individual to have a procedure."

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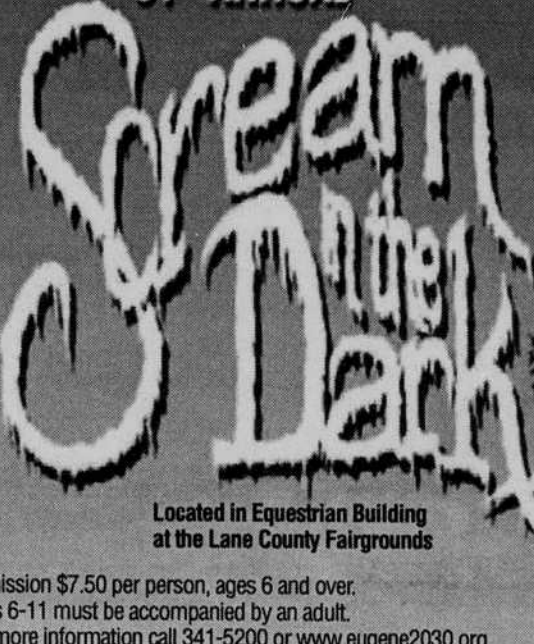
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