

For Denny Smith's office

Internships now available

Senior citizen and students internships are available in the Washington, D.C. office of U.S. Rep. Denny Smith, R-Ore.

A two-month L.B.J. Internship is offered to a college student whose home is in Oregon's 2nd District. The recipient receives a salary of \$740 per month for work in Smith's congressional office. "There's no better learning experience than being directly involved in the process," Smith said. "That's why the L.B.J. Intern in my office will be directly involved in the hectic, day-to-day workings of Congress during the two months he or she is on Capitol Hill."

College students should send letters and resumes to

Smith's office in Washington, D.C. before April 1.

Two internships are also available for 2nd District residents 60 years of age or older. However, no funds are available for these positions. Senior interns spend May 11-15 in Washington, D.C. attending lectures, working in the congressional office and learning about the legislative process, especially in terms of aging and related issues.

"The senior citizen internships provide a means for older Oregonians to share their wealth of knowledge and experience with me and my office, and to take back with them a better understanding of how the

federal government functions and can be influenced," Smith said.

Smith said letters of interest from senior citizens should be received before April 1 at his Washington, D.C. office.

Smith said he plans to offer various other internships in Washington, D.C. and in some cases may be able to pay \$400 per month stipend.

"Space and expense limitations restrict the number of paid intern positions available, so I anticipate much competition for these few positions," Smith said.

Letters should be addressed to Rep. Denny Smith, 1207 LHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Average refund increases

Oregon income tax payers who have already filed their returns are receiving refunds averaging \$181 this year, up from the \$156 average refund last year at this time.

Since processing began on 1980 state tax returns, the Oregon Department of Revenue has issued more than 93,000 refunds totalling more than \$16.8 million.

Returns which are filed early in the tax season are generally processed quickly, with most refunds issued in less than six weeks. Closer to the April 15 filing deadline, the huge volume of returns

received by the revenue department slows down processing.

"Taxpayers who have refunds coming have an additional reason to file early," according to revenue Director Robyn Godwin. "For the first time, the department will process estimated tax returns, which also are due on April 15. These returns will take priority over refund returns, so taxpayers will have to wait longer before getting their refunds if they file late in the season."

Taxpayers can help get their refunds issued earlier

if they remember to sign the return (both husband and wife must sign joint returns), include Social Security numbers, attach W-2 wage slips, attach copies of federal returns if they file Oregon Form 40 or 40NR and double-check computations. Arithmetic errors are common.

The return should be sent in a stamped envelope to the address shown on the return. Taxpayers sometimes mistakenly send their state return to the federal Internal Revenue Service, causing lengthy delays.

Unemployment policy changes this week

Out of work Oregonians who receive unemployment insurance benefits can expect to receive bigger checks in the mail.

But the fatter checks won't cost the taxpayers a thing.

Check amounts will be larger, but claimants won't be getting more money. They will just receive it in one check instead of two.

Although benefits are paid on a weekly basis, most claimants file claims for two weeks at a time. In the past, the Oregon State Employment Division has mailed out two separate checks in separate envelopes. Now most recipients will get a single check for twice their weekly benefit amount.

Savings in printing, postage and handling are expected to total \$5,000 a week.

"We have notified the major banks of this change so claimants who cash their checks there shouldn't have any problem," said division administrator Ray Thorne. "But the neighborhood grocer and other merchants who cash unemployment checks for their customers are used to seeing the

smaller amounts and might get a little nervous at first about taking the bigger checks."

The double checks are only for consecutive weeks on continuing claims. If a claim is interrupted, the recipient will still get separate checks for each week.

When a claim is held up for some reason and several weeks of accumulated benefits are paid in a lump sum, unemployment checks could be as much as \$999.

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School menus

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Lettuce and Pickle Relish
Seasoned Green Beans
Applesauce
Milk

Tuesday, March 24
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Fruit Salad
Garlic Bread
Ginger Bread with
Whipped Topping
Milk

Wednesday, March 25
Chicken Chop Suey
Chinese Noodles
Fruit
Oatmeal Cookie
Bread and Butter
Milk

Thursday, March 26
Fish Wedge
Tartar Sauce
Buttered Corn
Sliced Peaches
Hot Roll
Milk

Friday, March 27
Beef Tostada with Lettuce,
Tomato and Cheese
Mixed Fruit
Bread and Butter
Milk

Welches

Monday, March 23
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Cole Slaw
Garlic Bread
Peaches
Milk

Tuesday, March 24
Tuna-Ala-King
on Biscuit
Buttered Peas
Carrot Coins
Cheese Stick
Pears
Milk

Wednesday, March 25
Hamburger on Bun
Relish — Catsup
Tater Tots
Lettuce Wedge
Rocky Road Pudding
Milk

Thursday, March 26
Beef Raviolis
Popeye Salad
Cinnamon Toast
Cherry Cake
Milk

Friday, March 27
Pork Gravy
on Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Crisp Mixed Vegetables
Fruited Jello
Milk

Cottrell

Monday, March 23
Cheeseburgers
Lettuce Leaves
Pickles
Scored Potatoes
Italian Vegetables
Pears

Tuesday, March 24
Corn Dogs
Buttered Corn
Celery Sticks
Popeye Salad
Peaches
Milk

Wednesday, March 25
Macaroni and Cheese
Hot Rolls with Jelly
Buttered Green Beans
Carrot Sticks
Whipped Jello
Milk

Thursday, March 26
Vegetable Soup
Crackers
Egg Salad Sandwich
Cottage Cheese with Pears
Crazy Cake
Milk

Friday, March 27
Pizza
Potato Rounds
Buttered Peas
Turnip Wheels
Pumpkin Pudding with Top-
ping
Choice of Milk

Insulation to blame
in Eagle Creek blaze

A fire, which began in the attic of an Eagle Creek home early morning, March 3, was caused by a woodstove vent coming in contact with cellulose insulation, according to Matt Shields, Boring fire chief.

Damage to the home of James Rogers, 27110 S.E. Holt, was estimated at \$2,000.

Shields said that the fire retardant inside the insula-

tion had been baked out from heat exposure, making the insulation extremely flammable. When the heat vent came in contact with the insulation, it smoldered, Shields said.

Shields added that if any one has cellulose insulation, to sure that it is not in contact with heat vents, recessed bathroom heaters or lighting, electrical motors or fire vents.

Gospel singer to hold concert

A sacred concert featuring Keith Foster, a gospel singer from the Portland area, will be performed Sunday, April 5, at the Haley Baptist

Church in Boring.

The concert will begin at 11 a.m., and a potluck will be held afterwards.

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