

## Blood drive organizers hope to poke hundreds

By JOSH KNAUB  
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Hundreds of students are expected to willingly subject themselves to nurses with needles today and Wednesday in the Nebraska Union.

No, a miracle grade-boosting serum has not been discovered. But the annual campus blood drive could cause literally hundreds of miracles across the Midwest.

One of those miracles is Ben Norton of Lincoln. Norton, 8, survived heart surgery as an infant because of donated blood.

Marj McKinty, director of donor resources at Lincoln's community blood bank, said Norton will visit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln drive Wednesday after school to witness the kind of generosity that saved his life.

McKinty said drive organizers are hoping to see numbers similar to last year's drive when more than 600 students and faculty members donated.

Nearly 80 percent of participants were first-time donors, she said.

Organized by UNL's Red Cross campus chapter and the residence hall health aide program, the blood drive is in its 28th year.

Phlebotomists, or blood technicians, for the drive are professionals associated with the Red Cross or the community blood bank.

Deb Myatt of the Red Cross said the UNL drive is one of the biggest drives of the year in Nebraska. For comparison, she said, a three-day communitywide blood drive in Columbus this week is expected to draw 100 donors.

Both McKinty and Myatt said cold weather adversely affected donor numbers.

Myatt remained optimistic, though.

"A lot of students are on campus anyway, so weather will hopefully be less of a factor," she said.

The community blood bank and the Red Cross will each receive half of the blood donated during the drive.

Anne Echnacht, sophomore psychology and pre-medicine major and co-chairwoman of the blood drive, said this year's drive was a huge learning experience.

This was Echnacht's first year in charge of the drive.

"Organization was the hardest part," she said. "You work at it, and somehow it comes together."

McKinty said the student organizers had done a good job.

"They are wonderful," she said, adding that the student leadership had been very consistent from year to year.

Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room and ballroom.

## UNL Police say found remains don't violate law

By LINDSAY YOUNG  
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University Police found no violation of federal law in its investigation of the recent discovery of American Indian remains in Bessey Hall.

Sgt. Bill Manning said Monday that the remains found in the room did not violate the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Bone fragments and a tooth were discovered Feb. 5 in Room 109. The room was supposed to have been cleared of all remains Dec. 21.

NAGPRA required institutions that received federal money to inventory human remains and associated funerary objects, and report it to the National Park Service by November 1995.

At the request of affiliated tribes, the remains were to be returned. After 1995, if more remains were found, the tribes were to be told and may repatriate them.

Manning said the police would not be investigating further how the remains got into the room.

At the investigation's start, Manning said, he wanted to find out if the remains were planted in the room, brought into the room or were there when the room was cleared in December.

Anthropology Department Chairman Robert Hitchcock said he would not comment on the results until he received an official copy.

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## HOW TO LAND YOUR DREAM INTERNSHIP (Even the one you didn't know existed)

If you're starting to think about your career, even just an inkling, it may be time to focus on finding a summer internship. Following are some "insider" insights about how to land your dream internship in some of today's fast-forward industries like media, entertainment, fashion and high-tech, that likely don't recruit on campus.

### WHAT TURNS YOU ON?

Not the typical first question you might think of when plotting your first career experience, but you really should think about it. The best places to work are often the places that make or do things that already interest you. And who wrote the rule that work shouldn't be fun? "It helps to start by thinking about which classroom topics interest you the most and what hobbies get you excited," says Samer Hamadeh, President of Vaultreports.com and the co-author of "America's Top Internships" and "The Internship Bible," two of the most useful books on the subject. Take his advice and ask yourself some questions. Do you spend a lot of time listening to music and going to concerts? Maybe you should check out working for a local radio station, a record label or a music publishing company. Are you a devoted athlete? Try contacting a fun sporting goods company, a fitness magazine, or a sports talent agency.

### CREATE YOUR OWN JOB

After you've asked yourself what you like, and thought of some of your favorite products and activities, you may find that many of your choices lead to smaller or less structured companies that likely don't recruit on campus, or that don't have a formal internship program. Don't get discouraged!! In fact, think of it as a huge opportunity because you can potentially create your own job! There's nothing wrong with calling or writing a company out of the blue and letting them know who you are and what you're interested in. Many of the smaller companies will be thrilled to have been approached and more than likely can use the extra hands for the summer. One of Hamadeh's favorite stories is about a college student who was interested in sports law. The guy figured that Michael Jordan's lawyer must be pretty good at it, so he read a bunch of newspaper articles until he found the guy's name, then he wrote him a letter explaining why he wanted to work

for him. "The lawyer had never received a letter like that from anyone before," Hamadeh says. "So he brought him in for an interview and was so impressed that he hired him for the summer."

### SELL YOURSELF, NOT YOUR NUMBERS

Just because you may not graduate *cum laude* doesn't mean you won't qualify for some of the most selective internship programs. "You have to make yourself sound interesting," says Price-Hicks, who hooks students up with summer jobs at places like Warner Brothers as part of her work with the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. "The guy who wrote about growing up on a dairy farm is the one we remember best." The people, who may have the best grades, but drone on and on about why they want to be television directors all tend to blend together, she says.

### SCIENTISTS CAN BE JOURNALISTS

Remember that the purpose of an internship is to gain experience. The idea is to "test drive" career options that you think might interest you for your future. And what interests you for a career may have nothing to do with what interests you in school (How many psych majors actually become psychologists? How many history majors become historians? You get the point.) You never really know what someone might be looking for, so don't feel intimidated by internships that aren't directly in your field of study. Case in point, a biology major beat out a slew of journalism majors for one of three highly coveted internships at the Center for Investigative Reporting. Out of approximately 90 applicants, she was among those with the least direct experience. "It just so happened we were working on a project about chemicals in the environment, so her skills came in handy and she ended up playing a big role in the reporting," said Maryann Sargent, who is the internship coordinator at the Center.

### REMEMBER THAT SMALL CAN BE BIG

Sometimes, you really may be better off going to work for a company where the duties of an intern aren't well defined. In small but super fast-growing internet companies, for instance, there's always a lot going on, so interns can often show up on day one and pick the things that interest them the most. "Our interns will always be working on several different projects," says Jeff Daniel, who runs a cool new service called Collegehire.com that helps match up undergrads with high-tech and internet-related internships and entry-level jobs. "We look for people who can adapt well to the culture of fast-moving companies and can excel in an environment that's changing rapidly." Big change means new opportunities, and that's where a hungry intern can step into new, exciting areas and make a big contribution.



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### CHECK IT OUT.

Below are key resources for your internship hunt, including specific listings for openings by company, industry and location.

#### BOOKS:

**America's Top Internships** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh

**The Internship Bible** - Mark Oldman and Samer Hamadeh

#### WEB SITES:

**www.internships.com** - Comprehensive city and regional guides to internship opportunities nationwide

**www.emmys.org/ops/index.html** - If you're interested in the television world, check out this site, which posts internships available through the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

**www.aaf.org** - For aspiring advertising and marketing execs, this is the site for The American Advertising Federation. It offers a comprehensive directory of internship opportunities in the advertising and media industries.

**www.review.com/career/find/intern.cfm** - This is the "Princeton Review's" on-line database of internships. You can search for openings on a city-by-city basis and by industry. Listings are highly descriptive and candid.

**www.interns.org** - Ideal for budding politicians, civil advocates and lawyers. The Washington Intern Foundation posts internship available both on and off Capitol Hill.

**www.inprostate.org** - Tells about national corporate-sponsored internship programs that give preferred placement to talented African-American, Hispanic and Native American students.

**www.vaultreports.com** - An invaluable way to learn more about specific companies where you may want to explore possible opportunities.

**www.collegehire.com** - An awesome site for anyone who wants to work in the high-tech industry. Submit your resume and a detailed form describing your background and interests. Collegehire will e-mail you with opportunities that match your qualifications and interests.