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Students going through the educational processes must have the opportunity to gain real work experience during their academic years, G. Eldon Marshall, Olympia City Supervisor, said Friday.

Speaking to more than 140 student intern supervisors in a half-day conference at The Evergreen State College, Marshall said he "appreciated the working relationship the city has with the college."

Four student interns from Evergreen are working directly with the city. Marshall said, "We feel strongly that people going through the educational process must have an opportunity to work with us in government. We find that they come up with stimulating questions that require us to put on our thinking caps."

He cited examples of the rapid changes that have been taking place in city government over the past 18 years and said that it was, "really frustrating" to keep up with the changes. "We could spend 365 days a year now just being retrained to keep up with all of them," he added.

Like many city officials, he said he could spend 12 hours a day keeping up with daily work, with no time to study the problems and rapid changes in today's world.

Student interns assist officials "a great deal" in keeping pace with those changes that go beyond the every day problems, he said.

The conference, which brought supervisors from as far as Spokane, Neah Bay, Portland, and Vancouver, British Columbia, was sponsored by Evergreen's Office of Cooperative Education and organized by Co-Op Director Ken Donohue. The guests included representatives of business, industry, the professions, education, government and social action agencies which participate in Evergreen's off-campus internship program.

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