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What are Your Options?

By: Kristin Haring

On May 8th, many students will graduate from North Carolina Wesleyan College with various undergraduate degrees. What comes next for these graduating seniors in a job market that is looking rather bleak?

There are two choices for students getting ready to graduate. One choice is to hope for a break in the job market and the other is to continue one's education by pursuing a master's or a doctorate degree.

Paula Harrell, a sociology professor here at Wesleyan, is urging her students to continue their education. She is a firm believer that the economy will eventually strengthen and, with a higher education, options are broader and pay is higher.

New presidential candidates are making the economy one of their top issues of debate. They are



December 2003 Graduates

promising improvements and new jobs to the United States in the upcoming years.

Many jobs in the technology market are being filled overseas according to CBS News reports. Jobs that used to be available for US citizens are now being given to people overseas for a fraction of the cost.

There does seem to be a bright future for the Triangle Area, however. It is reported that Raleigh/Durham will have one of the largest economic growth

spurts in the country within the next four years.

Recent graduates have been hoping for more when entering the job market but have settled for less lately. While the economy is strengthening, perhaps we should become better prepared and more educated instead of settling.

Future graduates of North Carolina Wesleyan College and colleges all across the United States have an important decision to make; what to do with their undergraduate degree.

2nd Annual Student Employee Recognition

By: Kelly Lancaster
Work Study Coordinator

Each year colleges and universities across the country recognize the importance of the student work experience during National Student Employment Week (April 12 -16).

Student employment offers students career-enhancing opportunities, the ability to develop skills relevant in any career, and better preparation for the job market upon graduation. It is appropriate to set aside a special week to draw the awareness of others, both on campus and off, to the contributions student workers make in the multitude of roles they fill.

This year will mark the second year that North Carolina

conjunction with an open house and cookout co-sponsored by the offices of Admission and Student Life that will include games, prizes, and recognition awards.

Last year's event was successful. Students and supervisors were able to mingle amongst themselves while they enjoyed freshly popped popcorn, a multitude of deserts, and beverages.

Nearing the end of the event, student and supervisors who had registered were randomly selected for "door prizes". The winners include: Susan Autry - Picnic Basket, Monique Townes- \$20.00 Outback Steakhouse Certificate, Angela Williams - DVD Player, Jamie Lewis- Candle Set, Amber Lesane- 1 year magazine subscription,

recognized and sponsored by the National Student Employment Association.

In order to qualify for this award, the student must be enrolled at NCWC as least part-time and must have completed, or is expected to complete, a minimum of six months of employment in his or her present position between June 1, 2003 and May 3, 2004.

The Work Study Coordinator will provide supervisors with nomination forms that will be evaluated by selected staff and faculty members. One winner will be selected and named North Carolina Wesleyan College Student Employee of the Year and have the opportunity to be considered for the State award, and possibly the Regional and National Student Employee of the Year.
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