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Career Center director writes guide to help students find the perfect job

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Elon Career Center director, Robert Orndorff, wrote a book on finding the perfect job. The theme of "The Unofficial Guide to Finding the Perfect Job" is college seniors graduating into a favorable job market still need advice on finding the right employment fit.

In February IDG Books Worldwide Inc., (formerly Macmillan) published the book. It is a part of the publisher's best-selling Unofficial Guide series and is available in major bookstores throughout the nation.

"The news media is full of stories about the surplus of job opportunities in technology and a few other fields," said Orndorff.

"Seniors hear stories about multiple job offers and signing bonuses. But the reality is a majority of the graduating seniors are facing a very competitive job market.

They need help to land a substantive entry-level position in their field."

Orndorff's book is different from other job-search publications because it includes information from some of the nation's most prestigious recruiters.

"I interviewed eleven recruiters from such companies as Anderson Consulting, Bell Atlantic and Johnson & Johnson. You will find their comments throughout the book, giving readers more than one perspective on all key topics in a successful job search," said Orndorff.

The author also discovered that more recruiters are using behavior-based interviews to evaluate potential job candidates. Since the unemployment rate is so low, companies also are more selective

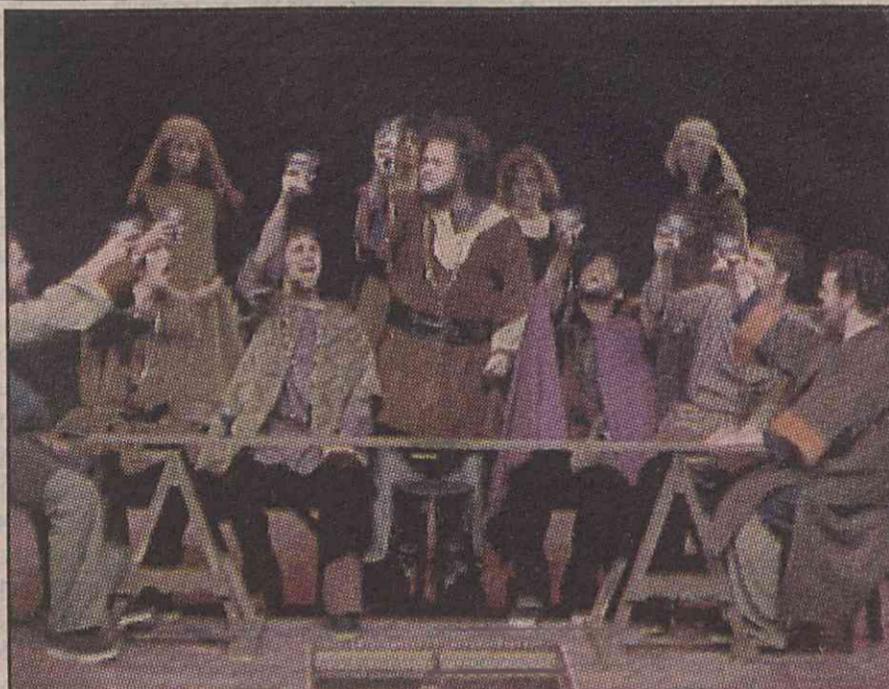


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Chuck Buckley stars in William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," which opens tonight in McCrary Theatre. The Performing Arts Department production features an incredible cast and amazing special effects. Curtain tonight, Friday and Saturday is at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are still available!

about hiring people who really want the job.

"Because employees have more options and are changing jobs more frequently, companies are concerned about employees leaving after a year or two," Orndorff said.

"Good interpersonal and teamwork skills are two of the top

skills employers are looking for," he says.

"They want employees who appreciate diversity, confront people tactfully, have a sense of humor, and maintain a positive attitude. Basically, recruiters want to hire candidates who can relate well with a wide variety of people."

Two Elon students win big over Spring Break

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Elon seniors Matt Schifano and Van Browne of Bethany Beach,

DE, found themselves not only soaking up the sun in Texas over spring break, but also playing volleyball for cash prizes on a court covered with nearly a foot of snow.

The event was sponsored by Fruitopia to promote their newest flavor of beverage, Beachside Blast.

Schifano said the volleyball court in South Padre Island, Texas, had 60 blocks of shredded ice to create a winter atmosphere. They accessorized for the event by wearing moon boots. Neither of the spring breakers slipped while playing on the snow-covered court.

Schifano and his partner Browne first competed in another volleyball tournament. They found two other teammates at the event that told them about the Beachside Blast Volleyball Tournament.

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Specialist to discuss genetic technology

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G. Terry Sharrar will speak about genetic technology on campus Wednesday in the 20th century. Sharrar is a science historian at the Smithsonian Institution and a specialist in gene therapy.

As curator of health sciences at the National Museum of History, he has the responsibility of informing the public on various topics including genetics. Sharrar is cur-

rently involved with research dealing with the history of molecular medicine and cancer epidemiology.

Sharrar's discussion Wednesday will cover scientific techniques to correct flawed genes that cause hereditary diseases and strategic advances in biotechnology, such as chimeraplasty.

Sharrar has been a part of a long list of exhibitions and he has written over three dozen publications.

He holds a doctorate from the

University of Maryland.

Sharrar is a trustee of the Immune Deficiency Foundation and a board member of the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

He will speak in McCrary Theatre in Model at 7:30 p.m. His lecture is part of the Voices of Discovery series at Elon, which is free and open to the public. This series brings predominant scientists and mathematicians to campus to share their research with students, faculty and staff.

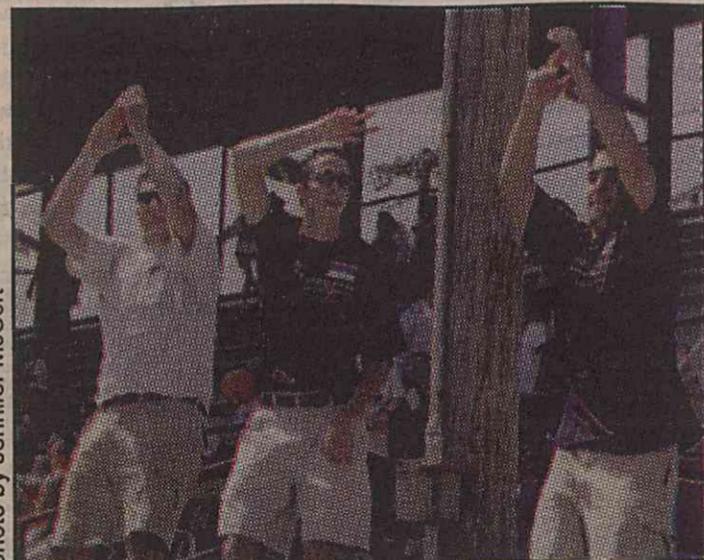


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Trent Gilbert, Matt Ritchie, Brendan Westlund show their support at Special Olympics.