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The Student Professional Development Center is now open in Moseley Center.



Ashley Pinney, career counseling fellow, works in her office in the Student Professional Development Center for the first time Friday.

New home for Career Services

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Relations, the new branch of the Student Professional Development Center. He is the newest staff member to the center.

This branch of the center may play a significant role in students' search for jobs under the current economic situation, bringing in more employers and opportunities for internships and full-time positions, he said.

"Even though our internship ratio is pretty high here, we would like to see it even higher, and we would like to increase the quality of those internships so that (students) are better matched up with something (they) have a vocational interest in," Brinkley said. "We want it to be a meaningful internship."

Not only will there be a focus on more employment opportunities for students, but also on developing the skills that students will need to thrive in these jobs.

"It's not just about the first job, but about life skills — people will change careers, but what we can do here is help them to develop their own repertoire of skills," he said.

The Revson Family Gift, a \$100,000 gift, is being used toward transitional courses designed to build financial

literacy and understanding in students.

"This will help bring in speakers who can target and address some of the practical concerns that many students leave here without having addressed," Vecchione said.

Several courses will be available throughout the academic year and focus on a series of topics: law, insurance, personal finance, investments, civics and politics, real estate, health and medicine and negotiations. Courses target

students in particular majors, according to Rhonda Kosusko associate director of the Student Professional Development Center.

"We plan to continue to expand this aspect of the program," she said.

The transitions strategy ran a single course in 2008, and has now expanded to 30 courses a year, Vecchione said.

Other changes within the center include development of new positions such as Arli Eicher, recruiting

event Coordinator and Kim Giles, resources and communications specialist.

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