

A Week To Explore

How to get the best out of your 4 years at UNCC

McKnight Lecture Hall
11:00 to 11:50
12:00 to 12:50
Durm Cafeteria
5:30 to 6:30

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"Career-Fair"

Lucas Room
11:00 to 2:00

"Jobs and You: A view of the Future Sun Belt Economy"
McKnight Lecture Hall
12:30 to 2:00

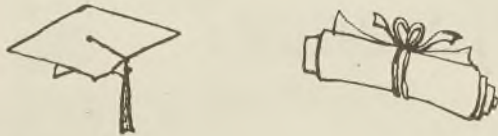
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Women Conference Room 8
Noon - 1 p.m.

Women Minorities

Lucas Room
11:00 to 2:00

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Liberal arts graduates to face tight job market

By Terri Feimster

Most of us will spend approximately 40 years of our lives working, hopefully in our chosen professions. The problem is, many times our choices don't coincide with society's need for more people in those professions. In other words, the supply exceeds the demand.

Mildred English, director of Placement, talked about the job market and UNCC. "This year looks to be as good or better as last in terms of companies coming on campus (to recruit). And last year was a record year." Representatives from 54 companies, 40 graduate schools and approximately 34 hospitals will be on campus during career week. Scheduling is incomplete so the number may increase.

"The biggest difficulty as far as the job market is concerned with our graduates is their unwillingness to relocate," English said. The demand for jobs varies geographically and a graduate willing to move will find a position more easily. Also, companies are looking for candidates with promotability prospect, many times meaning relocation. Reluctance to move eliminates more applicants than any other factor.

How does the job market look in general? Nurses will be entering a wide open field. There are more openings than graduates coming out of the schools; nurses will find it easier to get a job than anyone else. Where flexibility and number

of different career options are concerned, business majors will have the advantage. Engineering and accounting graduates will be highly sought after but the market is fiercely competitive.

Jobs abound but the companies are selective as to who they hire — if an applicant is not perfectly suitable he doesn't get the job. Background and academic standing enter the picture here, especially in accounting, where companies are more grade conscious than in any other field.

Liberal arts graduates will find jobs requiring their specific degrees scarce. They'll have to look harder and make more contacts to get positions in their desired field. However, many companies now require college grads because they know they can get them. And the companies main complaint: most university students are lacking in communication skills, verbal and written. So the liberal arts major may have an advantage in this respect.

There are some openings in almost every area of education, but here again the key is relocation. Education graduates desiring positions in Metrolina are in for bad news.

As limited as some fields are, English says she doesn't believe in selecting a career solely on the hiring process. After all, 40 years is a long time and you'd better basically enjoy your work.

Seminar aids as preparation for women

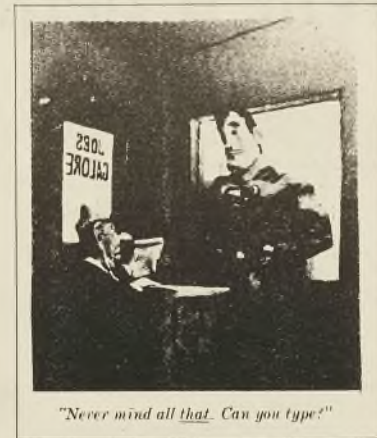
By Joyce Wright

The "Career Opportunities for Women" seminar during Career Week will be presented by Charlotte Hoffner, Counseling Center; Durant Escott, attorney; Elizabeth Randolph, assistant superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools; Jill Flynn, career planning specialist of First Union Bank; Kathy Wilmer, engineer; Patricia Lawrence, M.D., and Karen Popp, student. Each panelist will speak for 10 minutes on what it took to get where they are today, problems they encountered then and now being woman in their fields, and their feelings towards working in this position as women.

These panelists are a fairly young group of women and according to Hoffner, chairperson of the panel, they should be able to relate to the young, college woman. Some of these women are recent graduates themselves and others have experienced mid-career changes. Their topics are not restricted to their specific fields but will include various other professions.

Popp will rap-up the activities by pointing out the resources on campus that will help to prepare a woman for work while still in college. Popp will also discuss the opportunities at UNCC to start developing an awareness of potential career references and resources.

Career Week is an excellent chance for a student to make decisions regarding their future and begin preparing themselves for their chosen profession. The "Career Opportunities for Women" panel covers a broad field of careers and each member is well-qualified to share valuable information with those who need it.



More schooling after graduation?

By Luann Whitley

"Why go to graduate school?" and "should I go?" will be the theme of the program during Career Awareness Week concerning graduate school. Dr. Sherman Burson will be heading the lecture along with several other staff members from different colleges on campus.

A short presentation will be given stating the generalities of graduate school relevant to all fields of study. Some specific examples of questions or problems will be discussed dealing with individual fields. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and the procedures of applying for graduate school and criteria used will also be explained. Burson said basically this program will offer the student a chance to think about whether or not graduate school will be to the individual's advantage.