

Job market looking brighter

Report says more firms set to hire

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In a Michigan State University report released Monday, 60 percent of companies questioned said they expect to increase the number of people they hire or hire at the same level in 2004.

The report, written by Philip Gardner, director of MSU's Collegiate Employment Research Institute, stated that these increases will lead to heavier job recruitment on college campuses and a larger job market for college students graduating in the spring.

"We saw a turnaround in the overall direction of the labor market for college graduates," Gardner said. "Last year there wasn't a real

change in direction because the market was stabilizing."

More openings will be created in retail, finance and hospitality services than in manufacturing or technological fields.

"The economy has picked up enough to create a need for people and a need for more jobs," Gardner said. "But areas like (manufacturing) and technology are still growing slowly and making adjustments, meaning they are not ready for such growths."

The job outlook for graduates is improving, said Marcia Harris, director of University Career Services at UNC.

"I'm guessing that the job market will be up 10 to 15 percent from last year, and last year was an increase from the year before," she said. "Our economy is constantly improving and constantly moving in the right direction."

Harris said that the University is responding to increasing job openings by contacting new businesses, including those previously involved in campus recruitment.

"We have begun contacting new employers and posting many businesses on the Web who cannot come to our campus for recruitment," she said. "We're encouraging students to register their résumés and hiring information online."

Gardner said the change in the job market is a tremendous turnaround from previous years, but will affect mostly those applying for jobs at larger companies.

"The small companies will pick up people looking for work who have higher degrees of education and who have more experience," he said.

Harris said many smaller companies are hiring but do not come

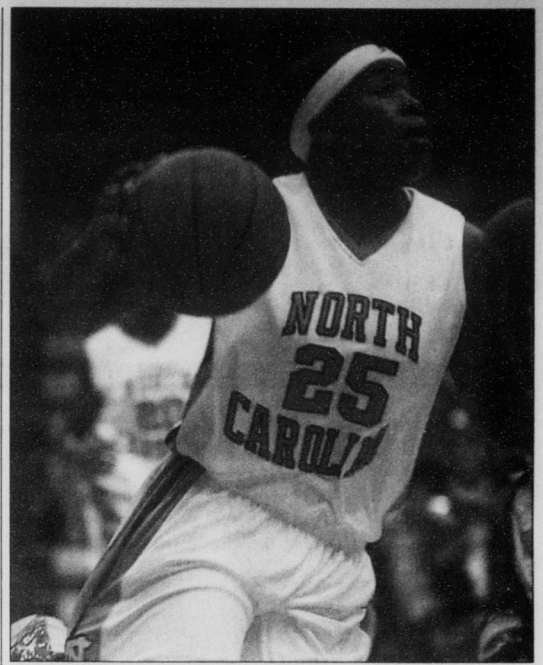
to college campuses, which makes them harder to find.

"We post a lot of information about smaller companies on our Web site, but students have to make more of an effort to look for them," she said. "The advantage of looking at the site and these smaller companies is that they are specifically for our graduates, so students' odds are much higher."

Although the demand for graduates with a bachelor's degree is larger than the demand for graduates with advanced degrees, Harris said, there are openings for everybody.

"Openings will be found in more specific fields like computer science and economics and not in general fields where many companies offer education courses."

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North Carolina junior guard Leah Metcalf scored seven points in the Tar Heels' 75-59 win against Kentucky on Tuesday night at Rupp Arena. DTH FILE PHOTO/LAUREN PARKER

THANKSGIVING

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first time this year.

Lin, who is Chinese, will mix the traditional "cover-dish dinner" with elements of both her Southern lifestyle and her heritage by serving green bean casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy and traditional Chinese dishes.

"I'm just looking forward to eating an all-good, home-cooked, wholesome meal and catching up with friends and family," she said.

But while some students on campus still are anticipating their Thanksgiving meals, junior Colleen Carboth and 13 of her friends from UNC-CH and N.C. State University celebrated the holiday at school and cooked their own Thanksgiving dinner Sunday night. The repast featured biscuits, corn bread dressing and macaroni and cheese.

"More than the food, our dinner had a Southern influence because everyone brought their own family recipe to the table," said Carboth, a communication studies major from Charlotte.

"Some people brought recipes based on the food their grandparents used to grow on their farms."

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JIM FERGUSON, HISTORY PROFESSOR

UNC history Professor Jim Ferguson, who teaches an honors food and culture course, said Thanksgiving meals in the South include more pork products and place more of an emphasis on fresh vegetables than other parts of the country.

"This is the last part of the country where we tend to take our food very seriously," Ferguson said.

He attributes these qualities to the "very agrarian" culture of the South, characterized by its history of growing produce and raising turkeys.

"We identify ourselves by our food," Ferguson said.

"Being Southern is the closest thing to an ethnicity without being one."

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TRAVEL

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Chuck Edwards, district engineer for Alamance and Orange counties, said that NCDOT is taking steps to ensure that lanes remain open and that it will halt construction along main highways.

Travelers can visit <http://www.ncdot.org> to obtain information about roads, large delays and accidents.

While UNC is scheduled to close at 1 p.m., many out-of-state students have decided to leave campus earlier to avoid delays.

Joy Diggs, a senior from Houston and co-chairwoman of the Out-of-State Students Association, scheduled the shuttles to Raleigh-Durham International Airport for students flying home for the holiday.

Although she will not be going home for Thanksgiving, Diggs said, leaving extremely early in the morning is the best way to travel.

"When you fly later in the day, tickets cost more," Diggs said.

Diggs said that the last time she left late during the day, she had to

wait three or four hours for her connecting flight.

RDU spokeswoman Mindy Hamlin said the airport is taking steps to ensure safe and convenient travel for flyers.

The airport expects to see about 200,000 people come and go between Monday and the beginning of next week.

Hamlin said there will be "holiday helpers" throughout the terminals to offer advice or aid travelers.

"Security levels are at highest possible," Hamlin said.

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration also has committed additional staff to help RDU during peak hours.

RDU recently opened a new parking garage that will allow passengers to pay their parking fees while in the terminal, reducing the time it takes to exit the airport.

But the most important tip for travelers is to arrive at least two hours before the departure of their flights, especially today, Sunday and Monday.

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SMOKING

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junior who lives in Cobb Residence Hall. "Everyone on the hall is affected."

There now are eight smoke-free residence halls for students who don't want to live by smokers. Conte said a major impetus behind the policy is that it will create uniformity throughout campus.

Payne added that it also would improve fire safety.

Some smokers, such as freshman Michael Reklis, who lives in Avery Residence Hall, are not happy with the possibility of not even being able to smoke on their balconies. "I think that's stupid," he said. "Smoking outside doesn't affect anyone. This is North

Carolina — where do they think we are, New York?"

Sophomore and nonsmoker Lydia Efrid said that she likes living in the smoke-free Hinton James North Residence Hall but that she isn't sure smoking should be banned from all buildings.

"I don't like the cloud of smoke outside buildings," she said. "But smokers should be able to smoke."

Rick Bradley, director of information and communications for the housing department, said the biggest challenge the policy will face is creating a place for smokers.

"We don't want to infringe on smokers' rights, and we don't want to make judgments."

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Cramer and Reitman for defamation.

Cramer said he believes everything he has said is true.

"We expect them to be sanctioned for filing a frivolous lawsuit," Cramer said of the defamation suit.

Nakell said he and Merritt have begun discussions about a possible settlement.

On Friday, the Orange County Superior Court ruled that APS was in violation of a previous court order requiring that Cramer and Reitman be allowed to inspect and

copy documents at APS.

The court's ruling states that Cramer and Reitman must be allowed access to the APS membership list, accounting records and financial statements by Dec. 1.

"If we do not get full compliance, our attorney has made it clear that he's going back to court to ask for sanctions," Cramer said.

The ruling also requires APS to pay some of the plaintiffs' attorney fees and other expenses.

"This case has been an exercise in paper-slinging," Merritt said at the court hearing Friday.

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HYATT

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Professor Bob McMurray cited Hyatt's ability to get along with faculty and students.

"As faculty marshal, you have to get people to work together," McMurray said. "And he's pretty good at that."

Hyatt said the faculty marshal also has to be equipped to deal with the unexpected.

A foul-up by May 1993 graduation speaker Ted Turner threw the ceremony off-track.

Scheduled to speak for about 18 minutes, the noted television personality talked about trivial matters for five or six minutes before returning to his seat.

"I don't want to say he blabbered, but that's what it was," Hyatt said.

Accompanied by actress Jane Fonda, to whom he was married at the time, Turner advised graduates — men and women alike — that

the key to success was to obtain a good wife like his own.

Another challenging situation came about at the 1996 winter Commencement, during which communication studies Professor Michael Dyson used explicit rap lyrics in order to express a specific point.

"True, he was citing language, but he used language that may well have been inappropriate for the occasion," Hyatt said.

"That did not resonate well with the audience."

Hyatt, who has no say in the speaker selection process, said many offended people confronted him afterward about why Dyson was allowed to speak.

"I had more than several members of the crowd jump all over me," he said.

Aside from this isolated case, Hyatt said, hostile feedback was a rare occurrence in his position.

"Ninety-five percent of the comments I received were posi-

tive," he said.

Despite the occasional problems during ceremonies, Hyatt said, his last Commencement experience as faculty marshal was one of his more outstanding ones.

The May 2003 graduation, which featured well-known television personality Bill Cosby as the keynote speaker, went smoothly, he said.

"The students were well-behaved, the faculty was high in attendance, the crowd was interac-

tive and the rain held off."

Hyatt, who is also a retired National Guard colonel, said he has enjoyed carrying out his duties immensely, difficult or not.

"At all times, it's been an honor and a privilege to be faculty marshal at this great University and to lead the most distinguished faculty in the United States as we honor our graduates and ourselves."

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Atkinson, Bell pace UNC win

Tar Heels take control with late surge

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — La'Tangela Atkinson and Nikita Bell led a second-half surge, and No. 13 North Carolina defeated Kentucky 75-59 on Tuesday in front of 6,223 at Rupp Arena.

Atkinson led the Tar Heels (3-0) with 17 points on eight-of-12 shooting, and Bell scored 16 points.

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Atkinson, who also led the team in assists with four, scored 13 points in the second half and Bell added 12 after the break.

Atkinson also grabbed 10 rebounds, eight of which came on the defensive end, and Bell contributed five boards for the Tar Heels.

North Carolina went on a 9-1 run midway through the second half to open a 53-35 lead. Bell had six points during the spurt, Atkinson three.

The Tar Heels continued their tough defense, holding the Wildcats (2-1) to 31.4 percent shooting in the game.

Tar Heel opponents are shooting a combined 27 percent this season. Kentucky managed to keep the game competitive in the first half despite missing its first 14

shots.

North Carolina center Candace Sutton finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Freshman guard Ivory Latta, who began her Tar Heel career with 17 points and 18 points against St. Francis (Pa.) and Hofstra, respectively, scored only nine points against the Wildcats and dished out four assists.

Camille Little, who led the Tar Heels with 19 points and 13 rebounds against St. Francis, scored 10 points but grabbed only three rebounds against Kentucky.

The Tar Heels shot 50.8 percent as a team but struggled from behind the 3-point line, making only three of 14 shots during the game. Little, Latta and Leah Metcalf hit the Tar Heels' only 3-pointers.

Sara Potts had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Wildcats. SeSe Helm added 15 points and nine boards.

Shambria Jones scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds for Kentucky, but she fouled out in the second half.

North Carolina led 38-28 at halftime and held its biggest edge at 64-43 with 7:15 remaining.

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