

'92 CAREER FAIRS



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On-the-job training

Students have found that a variety of training opportunities are available all over campus. Adequate experience can be gained

through coursework or other work-study programs in most departments.

University services alleviate students' fears of job market

By Ted Lotchin
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For many students, facing up to the "job market" mirrors the childhood trauma of discovering Santa is really Dad dressed up in a red suit.

Fortunately, there is hope and assistance for these befuddled masses pondering between a vacancy at McDonald's and an internship at the sewage treatment plant.

University Career Services, formerly the University Career Planning and Placement Services located in Hanes Hall, offers a variety of services aimed at helping collegians locate jobs suited to their needs and talents.

"Our main purpose is to help students plan for their careers and supplement their career goals," UCS Director Marcia Harris said.

One of the biggest student concerns

is the lack of available jobs for graduates who have attended college to become better qualified for the job market.

"I have friends working full time at Great Mistakes (a retail clothing store)," Weber said. "They're retailing for a living, with degrees in business, psychology and biology."

Senior Glen Bouley echoed Weber's concerns over the dearth of employment opportunities.

"Out of 4,000 seniors that walked across the stage in May, only 30 percent had jobs waiting (for them)," Bouley said.

To help alleviate the situation, UCS focuses on matching students to jobs through a number of programs. "Our programs are designed to best prepare students for their career goals on graduation," Harris said.

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Recession takes toll on graduates

By John Davies
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Many students hail college as the best years of their lives, and the transition from college utopia to the work force can be difficult.

The recession has made this change especially challenging for recent graduates. A majority of students are leaving college without finding jobs related to their majors.

Economists agree that recent college graduates are at a disadvantage in seeking employment. "It's always hard for new entrants into the job market," said University economics Professor Roger

Waud. "(The recession) affects them disproportionately."

Companies have begun offering lower-paying, temporary jobs in the place of higher-paying, stable work. Consequently, many students have avoided entry into the job market by entering graduate school.

Although this trend will reverse in the event of a recovery, some economists predict a grim future for the economy.

Economics Professor Arthur Benavie noted that productivity among workers had failed to increase significantly. "The general, very slow increase in productivity implies that our standard of living

will increase very slowly," he said.

In Orange County, the unemployment rate remains low at 3.7 percent, below the national average of 7.4 percent. Jan Brown, manager of the Employee Securities Commission in Carrboro, said students encountered little difficulty in finding part-time work.

"There's plenty of work available," she said.

"We have traditionally had a lot of success in placing students in part-time jobs."

The Employment Securities Commission is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone may look through current computerized job listings there.

For students looking to avoid the job crunch after college, Waud recommended deciding on a major and sticking with it.

"You just can't piddle around for four or five years," he said.

Economic conditions might be improving for college students. The unemployment rate fell one-tenth of 1 percent last month.

"I think we might already be coming out of it," Waud said. He is moderately optimistic that the country should be out of the recession by next year.

Benavie saw the nation's college system as an important step in preparing Americans for an increasingly competitive global economy.

"I think our university system and college system are of the highest order," he said. "There, (students) can get the skills they want and need."

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other students might make their best case in person and will talk their way into an interview in person better than dropping a resume and hoping that will do the job for them.

"There are a number of things seniors can do differently than just business as usual in looking for a job because it is not an easy time to look for a job," Jones said.

"We acknowledge that and try to help students do everything they can to maximize their chances of finding one."



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