

# University center, library offer hope for job-hungry students

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Students stressing about their futures shouldn't lose hope — the University Counseling Center and the University Career Resources Library offer help to students trying to choose a major or find a job.

The University Counseling Center, located in Nash Hall, gives direction to students searching for careers.

The center primarily is used by freshmen and sophomores deciding on a major, but everyone — including gradu-

ate students — is welcome to use the service, Assistant Director Glen Martin said.

Between 800 and 1,000 students use the counseling center each year, Martin said.

But Martin said the number of University students who used the center was low compared to the number of students who had to choose a career each year.

"Given that everyone must choose a career or major, we could help a much larger (number of students)," Martin said.

Students first speak with a counselor about their interests in a half-hour meeting, Martin said. They usually are advised to take the Strong Interest Inventory or the Sigi Computerized Interaction Program.

The tests broadly characterize the test-taker's personality type and make specific career matches. The Sigi program also allows students to explore certain career fields, Martin said.

Freshman year is the best time to begin career exploration, Martin said.

"The test is fairly brief, but checking out careers ... takes plenty of time," he

said.

After deciding on a potential career, the next source of employment information is the University Career Resource Library, located in 211 Hanes Hall.

Vergie Taylor, career planning counselor and resource librarian, said the library's programs and materials were designed to help students focus on a small list of potential careers.

"If students are totally undecided, they might want to start with Nash Hall to explore interests and values," Taylor said. "Our programs help students in-

vestigate careers or narrow choices."

The library offers a variety of programs, including an Internship Finder, the Carolina Connection, workshops and job interviews, Taylor said.

The Internship Finder offers students a variety of ways to access information, depending on criteria such as career area, location of internship, time of year and whether the internship will be paid or unpaid.

The Carolina Connection is a computer listing of UNC alumni who have agreed to answer questions and work with students interested in exploring a particular career.

The center holds workshops throughout the year about internships and job-hunting skills.

Seniors wishing to interview for jobs through the library are required to attend a 45-minute workshop called "Job Hunting 101."

Taylor said she thought the career information offered by the library was

"one of the best-kept secrets on campus." More students, including undergraduates, could benefit from the resources, she said.

"This kind of information is so valuable," she said. "So many students are not aware of our services or how many companies will interview people with any major."

Taylor said students should begin exploring potential careers as early as possible.

"We're for everyone, not just seniors," Taylor said. "It's never too early."

The University Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the University Career Resources Library is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Students specifically interested in internships should contact Internship Coordinator Robin Joseph in 211 Hanes Hall.

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## Fire

destroyed by arson, she said.

Doug Ferguson, co-chairman of Bisexuals, Gay Men, Lesbians and Allies

for Diversity, said the town should realize the fire was more than an act of random arson and should consider pass-

ing legislation to protect homosexuals.

"If it had been a random house fire, it wouldn't be a big deal," Ferguson said. "I think the town definitely should view this as an act targeting one group."

"Most likely, this wasn't something that was planned out," he said. "Somebody probably just dropped a match in out of gut-level hatred or ignorance."

Kathy Staley, co-chairwoman of B-

GLAD, said the town could help decrease the number of anti-gay incidents by increasing its police patrol force.

But Herzenberg said it wasn't feasible for the town to increase the number of police officers on patrol.

"There's no way there would be enough officers to prevent acts of violence," he said. "The most important thing the town can do is to establish a moral and social climate where vandalism, and especially vandalism against the oppressed, is not tolerated."

Herzenberg said that although the fire appeared suspicious, he did not think it was fair to speculate whether it was an act of anti-gay violence. Other news racks, including ones containing The New York Times and The Daily Tar Heel, have been set on fire, he said.

"It would be easy to say this was an anti-gay act," he said. "But I don't think you can draw any conclusions."

## Concert

eral pieces relating to the racial prejudice facing black Americans. After the performance by the Ebony Readers was one by the Opeyo! Dancers.

Kenric Maynor and Billy Strickland, members of the Carolina Indian Circle and Unheard Voices, performed pieces about the plight of Native Americans.

Maynor said Native Americans must perform informative pieces like those presented "until at last the unheard voices are no longer unheard."

SARR Co-chairman Fred Wherry,

who also served as master of ceremonies for the fund-raiser, called on audience member Larry Poston, a sophomore from Four Oaks, to read Maya Angelou's "Why the Caged Bird Sings."

Poston also recited a portion of James Weldon Johnson's "On Judgment Day," as well as his own improvisation. Poston appeared in the PlayMakers Repertory Company's production of "Prelude to a Kiss" earlier this year.

About 15 members of Tar Heel Voices performed several pop hits and concluded with the alma mater, from which the group gets its name.

Baumann said the interaction between performers and audience members and the general informal atmosphere made the evening a success.

"It made for a really fun night."

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**MONDAY**  
10 a.m. Angel Flight/Silver Wings will be selling MIA/POW bracelets in the Pit until 2 p.m.  
2 p.m. Health Affairs Committee on International Health will welcome Dr. Philip Schambra, Director of the Fogarty International Center, to lecture on "International Cooperation in Biomedical Science" in 1301 McGavran-Greenberg.  
5 p.m. Department of Allied Health Professions have representatives from various health professions available to interested students in Great Hall until 6 p.m.  
6 p.m. UNC Pre-Vet Club will meet for dinner and a movie in the basement of Parker.  
7 p.m. Tarheel Recycling Program will meet to discuss campus ecology in 517 Hamilton.  
7:30 p.m. Amnesty International will hold a discussion on torture at the Newman Center.  
8 p.m. UNC Student Committee of the League of Women Voters will meet in 206 Union.

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