

Career planning offers workshops

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What should you wear to that important job interview? What should you say to a future employer looking over your resume? Should you volunteer information about yourself, or simply answer whatever questions are asked with no idle conversation?

Eileen McGarry, director of the office of Career Planning and Placement, would like to answer those questions.

On Sept. 25, in room 201 of the Meyer Student Union, a workshop devoted to interview etiquette will feature information on what to wear, what to say, and how to say it when facing a job interview.

Michelle Comeau, a professional consultant, will speak on her specialty: building a professional image and using voice and

body language to have the desired effect.

A short fashion show will open the workshop, with clothes from C&R Clothiers and Casual Corner designed to impress prospective employers followed by an employer's forum.

The forum, featuring such local employers as Southwest Gas, the California Hotel, United Parcel Service, and the City of Las Vegas, is part of Career Planning's annual efforts to help students prepare for their post-graduate careers. Questions and answers about hiring practices and what an employer looks for in an applicant can make a big difference in a competitive field, according to McGarry.

"We'll be having four different workshops the week of Sept. 17," she said. "There will be an interviewing techniques workshop and a resume writing workshop.

It's all part of trying to get students ready for interviews."

McGarry said she feels that students cannot plan too early for the day they leave school and face the competitive marketplace that awaits them.

"One thing we really work on with students is to find a balance between what is desirable for a career and what is marketable," she said. "Most students look at marketability and ignore what is desirable to them. They don't look for a balance."

To meet the challenge of a demanding marketplace, she recommends that students look for an edge over other applicants and start doing so right away.

The College Placement Council puts out a yearly report on estimated job demand and the numbers of applicants expected to fill those positions.

There were nearly 25 percent

more jobs than applicants in the field of business and management, but 10 percent more applicants than jobs in social sciences. Clearly, the graduate seeking a job in the social sciences must rise to the top of the field or face a grim future. McGarry has some suggestions on how to do just that.

"It's important to do things while you're in school to make you more marketable. Internships, work experience, community work, and volunteerism can help," McGarry said.

"Take people in 'helping' professions," she said. "If they're thinking of going into social work they should, during their program, volunteer at a social service agency."

Such a commitment can pay off in fields with more applicants than jobs.

McGarry said, "They are not going to have the opportunity to

pay for many positions, but volunteering gives you the experience and the exposure."

The same is true for other majors as well. A political science major may volunteer to work during political campaigns. Teachers can gain practical experience by offering to lead community classes.

"A lot of students think that what school is all about is to go through, take all your courses, and by the time you're through you should be able to get a job, right?" McGarry asked.

"It doesn't work that way. There's too many people with degrees out there. They need something to set themselves apart."

A sign on Eileen McGarry's wall sums it up:

"What happens after you graduate? It depends on how well you plan before you graduate."

Funding scuffle

Student Affairs' operating budget, Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman later said Student Services is taking care of salaries and office equipment, to the tune of over \$70,000.

Sen. Rob Fitzpatrick (Student Development) said one of the reasons he abstained was the possibility of organizations receiving money from Minority Student Affairs—on top of what they get from the Organizations Board.

To avoid the problem of "double funding," Nunnely said he will try to get groups to let the office sponsor certain events. Any event that a group wanted to hold for itself wouldn't be funded by

the program.

"Just because the administration can't come up with all the necessary funding doesn't mean Minority Student Affairs should be put on hold," Ackerman said. "I'm in a no-win situation," he said. "No matter what you do, it just isn't enough."

"The university should be doing more in a lot of areas," he said. "But you can only do what you can do."

Minority Student Affairs, which started last summer, would offer workshops, career development and self-esteem seminars, talent shows, speakers confer-

ences and panels. Although it's targeted towards Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians, Nunnely stressed that it would benefit every student on campus.

Nunnely later said the senate meeting made him even more committed to his job. "The meeting was positive because it brought out an awareness that there is a need for a minority student affairs program," he added.

Ackerman said Nunnely wanted student involvement. "What better source to go to?" Nunnely asked. "I'm about helping students."

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Lawsuit

tions, such as T.R.W., that have been told that Jose Garcia Jr. of Las Vegas has defaulted on a student loan.

Garcia has no idea how such a mistake was made, but is making progress with at least one of the institutions involved.

"First Wachovia called me two weeks ago. They didn't even know who I was. I said, 'I'm Jose Garcia, the guy you've been bothering for so long.' They said, 'No, no, no, you're the wrong person.'" Garcia laughed. "I know I'm the wrong person!"

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Bradley

ism, you have to have some talent."

"Hard work is also necessary. It requires a lot of hard work to find that talent, to take what you have and make it better, and to take that talent and use it better than you did yesterday. Each day has to be seen as an improvement on what you did the day before,"

he said.

"Thirdly, journalism requires a lot of fortune and luck. Being in the right place at the right time and knowing you're in the right place at the right time is necessary before you can take advantage of it," Bradley said. "I have always found that the harder I work, the better luck I have."

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