

Annual Event Draws Over 100 Employers

Alumni, grads and undergraduates are invited to utilize information offered through Career Day

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UNLV's 16th Annual Career Day is for Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union (second floor) and

the T. Beam Engineering Great Hall (T. Beam is for science and engineering majors only.)

Sponsored by the UNLV Career Services, CSUN, Multi-cultural Student Affairs, Environmental Students & Minority Engineering Program and the UNLV Alumni Association. Last year's Career Day brought together more than 120 employer participant and 4,000 UNLV students and alumni.

While the majority of students attending Career Day will be graduating seniors and alumni, undergraduate students are encouraged to attend as well. Career Day is an excellent way to gather career information or identify potential internship/career related opportunities.

Personnel Manager Donna Miller, from Enterprise-Rent-A-Car in Southern California said, "It is important to look at the long term opportunity when investigating career choices."

Cliff Calhoun, recruiting manager with Deloitte & Touche, also encourages freshmen, sophomores and juniors to attend Career Day. "Challenge yourself and set goals, because without challenge there is no achievement, no success."

Preparation for Career Day, 1995 actually began on Feb. 13-15, when students interested in participating filled out interest sheets provided by the CSC department. Students listed companies they would like to know more about in descending order from 10. All the data went

into a computer which then generated lists of interview schedules that will be posted today outside the CSC office.

Students are required to pick up their interview schedules at the front desk. Those who meet the companies' criteria can be added to schedules through the CSC office if space remains or a waiting list has been established after the schedules are posted.

Students are encouraged to become familiar with their interviews and to notify the CSC staff if there are any conflicts in their schedules.

There is a no-show policy for Career Day. Students who register for interviews and then miss one will be purged from subsequent interview opportunities.

Career Services: On a Mission for Students

CSC's Career Day and job search seminars designed to increase students' job market potential

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The UNLV Career Services Center is a career planning and development program available to all full-time UNLV students.

The mission of CSC is to educate, prepare and assist students as they pursue a place in the job market. CSC is located inside the Reynolds Student Services Center, suite 300 or reached by phone at ext. 3495. CSC serves all majors and students from freshmen to alumni. The following services are available as listed in the handbook:

1. Learning about one's self to assess personal needs, skills, abilities, interests, values and

goals related to a career choice.

2. Understanding the world of work, occupations and opportunities. Exploring demands and rewards of occupations, options for training and advancement and the job market outlook.

3. Developing experience in career fields or interest to enhance employment potential through internships, cooperative education, volunteer work and/or other related opportunities.

4. Implementing a career decision by acquiring job seeking skills and competing in the job market.

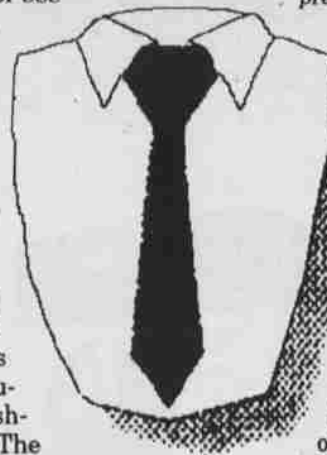
In addition CSC offers the following:

- Personalized career planning
- Workshops/seminars/outreach presentation to address career planning

- Resource center containing occupational information
- State of the art computerized career guidance system

Eileen McGarry, director of the UNLV CSC, encourages "all students of all majors to register with our office at least one year

prior to graduation, attend our annual Career Day offered every spring and go to job search preparation workshops and seminars we offer to increase your chances of success."



River guide as well as jobs in food and beverage services are some of many positions available this summer at the Denali National Park Resort in Alaska. For more information, please contact Denali Part Resorts, Human Resources (907) 272-9653.

Companies Support This Year's On-Campus Career Day

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UNLV's 16th Annual Career Day will attract over 100 businesses from all over the country, who will speak to UNLV students and alumni regarding employment.

Employers attend the UNLV Career Day for a variety of reasons. Many will be interviewing for existing openings in their company. Others will attend to generate interest in their company. And still others will appear at the UNLV event to distribute information of a specific career. Some will direct their attention to graduating seniors and alumni only and some will only be interested in underclassmen.

Whatever their intent, the human resource professionals attending Career Day from a company will want to speak with as many student as they can.

Companies that see lots of students get a big picture of the types of people entering the job market

Students should try and speak with as many companies as possible to have a basis of comparison when considering a specific major or career. No matter when you expect to graduate or what your major is, there is a possibility of benefiting greatly from contacts made with the employers represented at Career Day.

If the job market appears to be over-crowded and discouraging, look again. A recent employment survey conducted by Manpower Employment and Michigan State University look for a small but steady pace of employment growth that will be at its best in 10 years. Industries expecting the biggest gain in graduate hiring for the Las Vegas area include hotels/motels, followed by petroleum, tires, chemical and

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electronics.

Grade point average is not the only thing potential employers look at. Recruiting companies sought after by college students continue to focus on candidates with "well-rounded backgrounds." A recent College Placement Council survey of 422 college recruiters confirms that few companies place emphasis on GPA as a stand alone qualification. Many look for cooperative education/internships or career related experience to screen for candidates with balanced creden-

tials.

Students attending Career Day 1995 should treat the conversations with companies as a series of "mini-interviews." Carla Chitwood, a human resource representative from Southwest Gas, will be interviewing in the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex for two engineer interns.

"The first thing I look at is how a candidate presents themselves. I don't expect to see expensive suits, but I would like for the students to treat this as a professional meeting. After that, I like for the applicant to have some working knowledge of our company. It's always easier to talk to someone who knows a bit about our business. If they know a little, we know they have researched the company independently, which is good."

"Also, anyone in our booth is interviewing if the student is

talking to them. We all make notes on the conversations we had and compare impressions later on."

"This year we will be looking for one, maybe two paid engineering internships. Our internships are excellent. We rarely have people leave after their year of paid internship with us. This is a really good company with excellent working conditions."

Troy Naylor, Assistant Director of the UNLV Career Services Center adds, "This event is a career day, not a job fair. Regardless of their needs, we are delighted that the companies enrolled chose to visit our campus. Students should appreciate the career information they bring as well as the many employment opportunities."

CSC is located in the Student Services Complex. For more information, please call 895-3495.