

Eye on Campus

Get a real job: Dressing for success is key

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When preparing to graduate from college, or even reinitiating your way into the job market, you must have some knowledge of proper etiquette when going to an interview.

Penn State Delco's annual etiquette luncheon prompted students, faculty, staff and the outside community to participate and learn the importance of proper etiquette. The Career Services staff, which is Sally Ent, career services specialist; Celia Lang, career counselor; and Sharmon Bryant, assistant director of career services; organized the event. The day's events included a fashion show put on by the students, in which they modeled proper business and suit attire for going on an interview.

The Career Wardrobe, a nonprofit organization in West Chester, was there to help and assist with the outfits. Heather Bennet, program coordinator, explained that the organization helped nearly 25,000 women prepare for interviews by providing them with free clothing and accessories.

"If you want to be regarded as a professional and be taken seriously, you've got to dress like one," Bennet said.

Students modeling proper interview attire included Jamilla Bishop, Tina Nuthulaganti, Taiyyibah Malik, Deleep Nair, Uzair Qadeer, and Jonathon Toomey. Also one of Penn State's newest staff members, Jeff Bauer, assisted in modeling.

Throughout the event, there were many other tips on being successful during an interview.

"[There were] combinations of many different protocol etiquettes," Ent said. "[It] was very different from last year."

Coordinator of the campus' academic internship program Paul Stimmler was presenting information to students on how to communicate effectively, and the five most efficient ways to land a job. They included a well-organized resume, specified career goals, enthusiasm, and showing interest in salary.

"Employers make a number of decisions on your abilities based on how you come across," said Stimmler.

Another important interview role is proper dining etiquette. There to assist was consultant Paulette Battenfelder.

Here are what Battenfelder believes to be the top din-

ing mistakes and how to get around them:

- Don't rest silverware partly on the table and partly on the plate
- Don't wave cutlery in the air to make a point
- Don't use your napkin as a blotter, bib, or flag. It's meant to dab the corners of your mouth.
- Don't leave a lipstick mark on your glass, especially at a business meal. Don't apply lipstick at the table, or use a toothpick.
- Don't put anything on the table—no keys, sun glasses, cell phones, briefcases, gloves, etc. And no elbows.
- Don't slouch.
- Be on time and always write a thank-you note for the interview meal.

The event was very fast-paced and filled with many helpful tips.

"It was a community piece tied with Career Services," Ent said.

"This was a huge success and had a great impact. Students walked away with more information than they came in with," said Ent.

For more information contact Career Services or Sally Ent at (610)-892-1278.

All information provided by Career Services and the Daily Times.

Please join Career Services for the following events:

- Job Fair, Wednesday, April 9, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Career Services invite all students to the Spring JOB FAIR. Talk with various employers who represent many of our majors. These employers are offering part-time jobs, full-time jobs, and internship opportunities.

Bring your resumes and dress appropriately. Some of the companies so far include, United Parcel Service, County of Delaware, Barnes & Noble College Book Store, United Staffing, Pepp Program, Randstad Staffing (this group staffs for Vanguard), Cendant Mortgage, Girl Scouts, Step by Step, Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association, Genesis Elder Care, Devereux Foundation, People United For Social Change, Foundations, Inc. and many more.

The date is Wednesday April 9, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Sally Ent at 610-892-1278



Career Services offers many programs to help students get ahead on the job front.

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- Alumni/Networking Tea, Thursday, April 24, 2003, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This year's college graduates face stiff competition in the marketplace. Have you secured your post graduation position or your internship? If not, attend the Career Services program Alumni/Networking Tea. Networking and direct approaches to employers are the top two methods used by college grads to secure positions. Penn State Alumni enjoy helping Penn State students and this is a great opportunity for you to make important contacts that may help you with your job search.

WHAT: Alumni/Networking Tea
WHEN: Thursday, April 24, 2003
TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
WHERE: Classroom Building Lounge
HOW: Pre-registration required
Email Sally Ent at sxe6@psu.edu or call at (610) 892-1278

Campus lunch celebrates PSU women

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March 27, the Women's Commission held its annual Luncheon in the Common's Building Conference Room with this year's theme being "The History of Women at Penn State Delaware County." A slideshow was presented showing 35 years of the campus history and co-chair Meghna Vara welcomed the faculty, staff, students and guests in attendance by invitation.

Vara has been with the organization since she was a freshman. "It was a chance to get support and connections. I think it is important for women students to have mentors that are women faculty and staff."

Three recipients of the Special Pioneer Awards includ-

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ed Dr. Buckmaster, Dr. Clement and John Vairo, the first CEO of the campus. The winner of the Woman of the Year Award was Jeanette Wright.

A special presentation called "The History of Women" was given by Widener professor Dr. Norma Thomas. She explored the delicate question of the participation, or lack

thereof, of black women in women's activities. The answer included past wrongdoings and barriers that people still have to overcome and that many black women are overlooked in the history books, such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Dorothy Height and Rosa Parks.

Dr. Thomas also stressed the importance of surviving. "If we stay true to the cause we can make it better for future generations." The cause is the cause of women and the strive for equality.

Dr. Thomas concluded with the audience repeating after her, "Common blood flows through common veins; common eyes all see the same."

A luncheon buffet was provided by Catharine's Campus Catering and before the luncheon ended, the next co-chairs were revealed, Mary Alexander and Barbara-Jackson Williams.

Student Government 'engine' for successful clubs

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Do you ever go to any of the events held on campus, like basketball and baseball games or campus picnics and lectures? Hardly any school support is shown for these types of events - unless there is free food involved.

Jeff Bauer, coordinator for student leadership in the Department of Student Life, sees a problem with student support on campus and hopes to remedy it.

Bauer said he intends to help the clubs on campus become better organized and "boost production levels" among them. He said he looks at certain clubs, like the international studies club, and sees "how productive they are, because each individual involved has something to do" and there aren't members sitting in the background.

Bauer said he hopes to counsel other clubs to give stu-

dents specific tasks so that they feel like they are "a part of the team."

According to Bauer, the Student Government Association is "the engine to get the other clubs involved." He said he hopes to "create a more active student government."

Bauer wants to create more "closely linked clubs, and facilitate better communication between clubs."

"As a for-instance," Bauer said, "in order to boost attendance at sporting events, I want to try to connect all the sports clubs like basketball and hockey and see if together they can't boost their attendance."

He said he knows that, as a student here, he "missed out on great opportunities to support the school events" because he was on a commuter campus.

"I would go to class all day then work at night, and the idea of driving back up here was just no good," he said.

Bauer said he hopes to try to connect with students on campus to help them see what a great time they could be having.

Spring Week Events

April 14-17

Monday: Ice Cream Social

ice cream, water ice, sticky buns, music

Tuesday: Island Party

Mock Tails, Grass skirts, Best Dressed Raffle,

Limbo, Fishing game, Shuffle board

Wednesday: Carnival

Dunk Tank, Game Show, Cotton Candy machine,

Twister, Basketball, Costumes

Thursday: Barbecue

Free food, Q102

Friday: No event

Good Friday