Eye on Campus

A sneak peek at the real world

At job fair, students, employers look for match

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The Job Fair organized by the Penn State Delaware County Career Services department last Thursday featured more than 30 businesses and companies in the Classroom building lounge.

Many students, dressed in casual work attire, carefully handed their resumes to potential employers set up at tables scattered throughout

"I am hoping to get an internship or a decent-paying part-time job in order to get started on a positive career path," Stephen Brown, a third-year business major, said as he was navigating his way through the tables.

Most organizations were interested in students who'd completed two years of college or those who are in their final semester.

"We are really just interested in seniors who are set to receive a degree in either marketing or finance," said Elizabeth Dyer, the contact for Independence Financial Associates. "Not too many people have really fit our description."

Primerica, a division of Citigroup, was notably open in accepting people in a variety of majors. Bob Crow, the Primerica representative, said the company was interested in hiring "people who tend toward management and either aspire to be managers or were a manager in high school or college."

However, there were some chains interested in any students for part-time work and did not require any experience.

Some banks were also represented. Commerce and Bank of America were looking for students with customer-service experience and computer skills, for part-time teller positions. Although experience is always preferred, both banks boasted training programs of two weeks or less

Other companies were strictly looking for interns. The radio station 92.5 WXTU was searching for students interested in gaining work experience in radio broadcasting

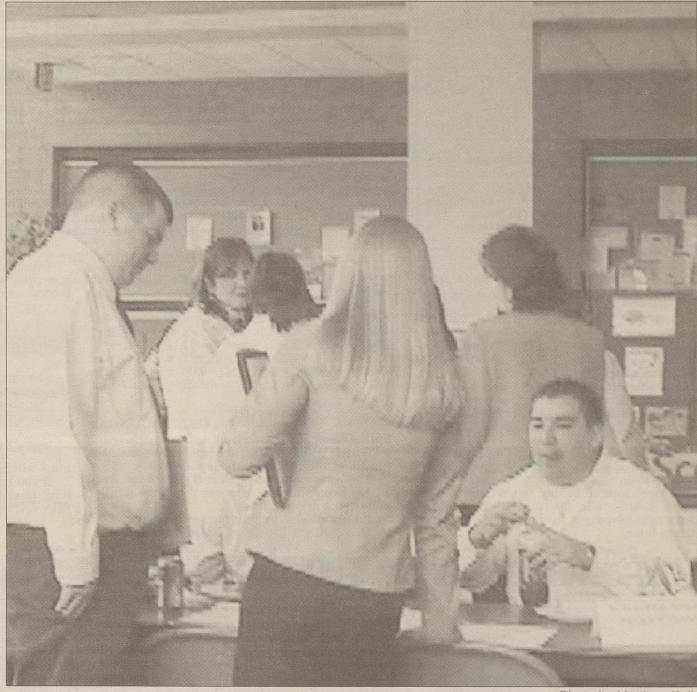


Photo by Matthew Kelly

Hopeful students mingle with potential employers at last Thursday's job fair, pursuing the ultimate purpose of college: to get a job.

and marketing/promotions. The positions available do not pay money; rather they are solely for college credit.

UPS seemed the most organized

and prepared company represented among the seven tables evaluated.

The parcel post company provided a packet of information that could answer just about any question that may arise from a candidate about the potential job, and the materials were laid out and distributed very well and neatly organized and labeled.

Lucky Seven

Seven corporations analyzed and interrogated by The Lion's Eye

Business Primerica IFA

Commerce Bank UPS 92.5 WXTU Bank of America

Barnes & Noble

Seeking
FT, & some PT
FT
PT, FT, Intern
PT
Internship

PT & some FT

PT & Internship

Training/Experience
Yes/Management
Yes/Marketing
2 weeks/ Not Required
Month/Not Required
Non-paid/College Credit
5 days/ Not Required
Yes/Not Required

Positions
Financial Services
Sales & Marketing
Tellers, Customer Service
Package Handlers
Mktg. Promotions/Broadcasting
Tellers
Cashiers, semester employees
(campus store)