

Career hunt

Job fair may provide some answers

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If you — like many students — are undecided about your career, "Careers Unlimited" may be just the thing for you.

"Careers Unlimited" is a career fair which will be held today and tomorrow at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. About 45 employers will be represented at program.

"We feel that there are not enough students who have a clear conception of what industry has to offer, or the tools to aid them in their career choices," said Elmore Browne, director of the center.

Although the program is open to all interested people, it is primarily aimed at minority students who have not made career decisions and are in doubt as to where tomorrow's jobs will be.

More than 30 black students have been involved in the planning and the implementation of this year's program in an effort to increase participation by black students.

"Some employers feel that there are only a few black students at Penn State," said Tony Shelton, a counselor for the Career Development and Placement Center, co-sponsor of the program.

The cultural center has held the program five times before, but this year it is co-sponsored to provide better service to students attending it, Shelton said.

"We contributed our expertise both to further develop the fair and to make more black students aware of the services we have to offer," he said.

In an effort to improve this year's program, surveys were mailed out asking what employment-related issues black students are interested in. Several

workshops are the result of this survey. The Career Issues and Opportunities workshop offers current job information, such as job descriptions and salaries.

A Personnel Issues workshop will offer answers to questions such as "What's a black student's market value?" and gives clues to psychological and structural barriers he might face.

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A decision making and goal setting workshop will focus on the resources available here and how to best use them, while another workshop will allow students to talk with alumni about their careers.

A panel of recent black graduates and upperclassmen will share information and personal experiences aimed at helping undergraduates. There will also be a workshop to help students become

familiar with graduate and professional schools.

Shelton said many black students have been hired through contacts made through this program.

"We see this as an educational tool for the black student," Shelton said. "The black student gets to hear from both black role models and white employers on how to make effective career decisions. We'll address issues which will affect students in every major, especially those in liberal arts who wonder how they'll fit into the business world."

Representatives will feature displays, slide shows and literature. Students will also be able to talk informally with the representatives. Among the leading corporations which participate are Mobil Corp., Xerox, International Business Machines Corp., Eastman Kodak Co., and American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Government agencies attending the program are: the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Navy Officer Programs, Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission, and Veterans Administration.

Other employers include: AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors, Bell of Pennsylvania, Colt Industries-Crucible Inc., Corning Glass Works, General Mills Inc., Hershey Foods Co., Mellon Bank, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., the Peace Corp, J.C. Penney Co., PPG Industries Inc., HRB Singer Inc., Sperry Univac, and the State Farm Insurance Co.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow. Browne said another career fair is being planned for March.

Peanut butter cut from dorm dinner

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Residence hall students who enjoy eating peanut butter twice a day in the dining halls may be in for a disappointment.

"There is definitely a shortage," said William N. Curley, director of University Food Services.

And because of that shortage, Curley said, peanut butter will be served only during lunch. He said the peanut industry experienced a very poor growing season, and the quality of this year's crop may not be up to par.

A lengthy drought this summer plagued the South and Southwest, where most peanuts are grown.

Curley said food services had 120 cases of peanut butter on inventory at the end of November. If peanut butter is served once daily, and if it is not stolen or abused by the students, supplies should last through June, he said.

By rationing the product, food services will try to make the peanut butter available as long as possible, he said.

Local store managers say they have not yet felt the effects of the peanut butter shortage.

Ray Selfridge, manager of Majik Market, 1320 E. College Ave., said he has had no problems with distributors in obtaining peanut butter.

Alison Norris, manager of Majik

Market, 151 S. Garner St., said although there are no real problems now, a peanut butter shortage will definitely occur.

Norris said she heard "through the grapevine" that products using peanuts may experience production problems next year because of the shortage. Peanut butter prices in her store have not risen more than the prices of other products, she said.

Edward Schaffer, a buyer for Economy Wholesale Grocers Company in Altoona (suppliers to Majik Market), said the summer drought caused the severe shortage of peanuts. No type of peanuts are now available, he said.

Unknown pesticide contaminates water

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Thousands of Pittsburgh area residents did without or stood in line for drinking water yesterday, as health and utility officials searched for the source of pesticide contamination.

"It's bad enough that you have to stand in line for gasoline, but now we have to stand in line for water," said Paul Kihren as he waited by a tank truck in his neighborhood. "This is ridiculous."

Residents of the Beechview, Banksville and Greentree areas became aware of tainted tap water Sunday and swamped the Allegheny County Health Department and the Western Pennsylvania Water Co. with hundreds of telephone calls.

Since then the water company, hit Monday by an employee strike, has been flushing lines and tasting water in an effort to pinpoint the cause of the pollutant. Tank trucks with fresh water are also available in the affected areas on a 24-hour basis.

"We're working as diligently as we can, hopefully by our flushing efforts, we'll get this cleared up as soon as possible," Bob Ross, a water company spokesman, said yesterday.

The Pittsburgh Poison Center reported more than 100 calls

Monday and more yesterday from residents complaining of nausea, diarrhea and other symptoms.

"Most of our calls are informational and some people said they had ingested the water and were sick," said center spokeswoman Bonnie Dean. "We did get two reports of people with symptoms other than gastrointestinal — muscle rigidity, stiff neck and chest pains."

The Allegheny County Health Department estimated 20,000 persons were unable to use their tap water and at least 20 persons have reported illnesses believed to be related to the water.

"Our staff is in the field taking samples of tap water for laboratory analysis," said Health Department spokesman Guillermo Cole. "We're also going to all the schools, restaurants and stores in an effort to find out how the water supply was contaminated."

Two Pittsburgh schools canceled classes on Monday and yesterday because of the water problem.

Ross said the utility is unsure of how many residents are affected. And he said the water company is uncertain of the exact type of pollutant or where it entered the system.

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