

It's a jungle out there

Seniors face a tough job market after graduation

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So you're graduating. Moving out. Moving up. Moving on to that great job market in the sky. But, chances are you're not as prepared as you could be for the job search. And in light of a shaky economy and tight job market, prepared graduates are employed graduates.

Mary Beth Peterson, Career Development director at Behrend, recommends a nine month preparation time for graduates.

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"If you're not in touch with what you want to do there are plenty of people who are," she said. "Choosing a major is only half the decision. The second half is targeting



specific job titles".

This can be done in the Resource Room of the Career Development Office, where books containing specific occupations and their requirements line the shelves. Their file cabinets are packed with over 1,500 pamphlets from various companies.

Also available for job hunters is a national computerized career system called Discover, which can

help students make decisions regarding their career plans.

The placement office educates people about what employers are looking for. Peterson pointed out that employers aren't simply looking for good grades but that they are also looking for related experience, proven abilities, leadership skills, and a high level of energy.

"Employers in all areas are looking for people who are

able to speak and write proficiently. I recommend students in all majors to take communication classes. Computer and language courses are also helpful in today's market," she said.

Special workshops on dressing for the job, resume writing, interviews, graduate school and many others are available throughout the year.

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Tuition creeps ever skyward

PSU blames state budget problems for hike

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Students returning to Penn State this fall found an almost nine percent tuition hike waiting for them. The increase, brought on by Pennsylvania's budget problems, should be a one-time deal, according to Penn State administrators.

Although the initial shock of the increase has subsided, student reaction is greater than one might think. Randy Schmoyer, a 5th semester communications major, said "Penn State had no choice but to raise tuition. If this pattern continues, though, some students will not be able to afford school."

Other students were less understanding. Brad Kane a 3rd semester journalism major said, "It's bad enough that we have to pay out the nose for everything else; what do they want next?"

Penn State President Joab Thomas had requested \$284.4 million for the university last fall. However, as the state budget crisis grew bigger and funding cuts made deeper, only \$250.4 million was offered by the state. In order to make up the difference, increased tuition was one endeavor taken to make up for a loss of almost \$30 million.

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