

Seniors receive aid for jobs

Career Services expands its programs for job-hunting seniors

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In the fall, Career Services, located in Reynolda Hall 8, becomes a gathering place for seniors who are beginning the tedious process of finding a job. Career Services aims to help students graduate with the comfort of knowing that there is a job waiting for them.

The Career Services office has developed a three-stage process to aid students in the search for an appropriate career. The first recommended stage is a period of self-assessment, followed by a time to explore options and finally conducting a search. Career Services has resources to help the student in all three of these stages. "We hope that students will get involved early because this is indeed a process," said Bill Currin, the direc-

tor of Career Services.

In 1995, 92 percent of the senior class was accepted to graduate or professional schools or found a permanent job within six months of graduation. Of the remaining eight percent, six percent reported that they were seeking or currently involved in temporary employment and two percent said they were not looking for jobs at that time.

What impact did Career Services have on the 92 percent who had placement after graduation?

Approximately 32 percent of those students enrolled in graduate and professional schools, which Career Services does not deal with.

"It's hard to approximate, but I'd say that over two-thirds of those students placed in jobs went through the process here at Career Services," Currin said.

There are a myriad of resources available to students through Career Services including personal career counseling, workshops on resume writing and interviewing, career seminars and resume critiques. Career Services holds an annual Career Fest which hosts about 65 organizations on campus. Over 600 students generally participate in the Career Fest, which is viewed as the kickoff for Career Services' recruiting system.

On-campus interviews and a successful internship program are other advantages offered to students seeking help through Career Services.

"We have a very strong internship program and it is greatly enhanced through technology. We are a part of several databases which enables students to access internships across the country. In one particular database, we are a part of a consortium with six other schools. We usually see 450 to 500 students involved in internships through Career Services a year," Currin said.

Looking for internships is highly recommended, Currin said, as it puts a student in a much stronger position to get a job in that field.

Some students feel that Career Service places too much emphasis on business majors. "It's a little too slanted toward business majors," senior Andrew Eagles said.

Currin disagrees. "It's not so much the major, but rather it's the skills that the students have. Employers are looking at how well you've done, what you have done, and what skills you have developed. The opportunities are open to any major as long as the fundamental skills are there," Currin said.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the resources made available to them through the Career Services office, but are urged to begin their freshman year. "We're anxious to talk to students about their plans and help them in any way we can. Our door is always open," Currin said.

The only way for students to get help is to go after it, and many patrons of the Career Services office understand this. "As long as you stop by and see what's been posted, it'll be really helpful," senior Jeff Gullini said.

Senior John Sena agrees that opportunities are available. "The more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it," he said.

SBAC

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their ultimate goal, the publication of the student budget.

Working with a total of \$380,000, up from \$333,000 last year, the SBAC must decide how to fairly apportion this money among petitioning groups. Last year 38 groups applied for funding. This year, 60 groups have signed up for SBAC hearings. Cathcart attributed the increase to the addition of six organizations that are applying for funding and a new policy under which club sports must apply for funds individually.

Cathcart said the SBAC tries to allocate money to each group asking for aid. Generally, it is able to meet this goal. "But we can't always allocate 100 percent of the money requested," Cathcart said. Generally, the SBAC supplies about 85 percent of the amounts requested by each group.

The decisions on how to parcel out the total SBAC budget are not arbitrary ones. "The SBAC follows strict guidelines and objectives," Cathcart said.

Among these guidelines is a list of 13 criteria that student organizations must meet in order to be eligible for funding. These criteria are as general as requiring that the group be chartered and as detailed as specifying justifi-

able traveling and gas expenses.

For the first time, SBAC will also be requiring that all groups fill out a Progress and Development Report. The report encourages groups to provide a detailed summary of their activities in the past year as well as outline their plans for the upcoming one. "This report is a group's chance to say 'we are a premier group on campus and here's why,'" Cathcart said.

After having worked with an SBAC member to prepare the budget, each organization will present their proposal, budget and Progress Report at a hearing, scheduled at the middle of October.

Once the SBAC has heard all of the petitions, they review each group's proposal. First, SBAC considers whether or not a group has met the established criteria. If it has, the SBAC apportions funds.

If money is left over after the apportionment is completed, the SBAC considers decision packages. These packages are one-time expenses requested by a group to cover the cost of major items such as a computer.

Having completed the entire hearing and allocation process, the SBAC then drafts a preliminary version of the budget. The groups may then appeal to SBAC if they feel they have not received the funding they needed. After the appeals process is over, SBAC drafts a final version of the budget. This draft will be presented to the legislature for their approval on Nov. 12.

SG

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committee, said that her committee and SG acknowledged last year that the distribution policy had flaws. Students camped outside of the Benson University Center the night before the ticket distribution for the men's basketball game against UNC-Chapel Hill, in order to obtain good seats for the game.

"SG is frustrated that it was excluded from the decision," Schippers

said. "We've handled distribution in the past and it has worked."

In retaliation to the new system, SG is asking willing legislators to obtain signatures of students who are against the distribution policy.

If a significant number of signatures are obtained, SG will present them to the athletic department in hope that the policy could be revoked.

In addition to discussing ticket distribution at the Tuesday night legislative meeting, SG passed the Student Budget Advisory Committee Amendments Bill. SG approved three amendments to the SBAC guidelines. They are a 15 percent annual increase for the SBAC over the next three years, a

thorough report submitted by each organization detailing its need for money, and a limiting of funding for first-year organizations of up to three percent of the overall budget.

According to SG treasurer junior Chris Cathcart, the three-percent cap is actually an increase from the two percent that first-year organizations were allotted for the 1995-96 year, when there were no limitations.

"The reality is that the cap is enough of an increase from last year's allocations to promote the growth of new organizations, yet it protects the older, more established organizations from losing the funding that they still need," Cathcart said.



LeeAnn Hodges

Senior Carol Cash looks through the Career Services' selection of clipboards in an attempt to find employment opportunities for life after college.

Climate

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the ways (University) programs and policies encourage and discourage the service of women," said Nancy Cotton, a professor of English and a member of the Commission.

Leake explained that the Commission has sponsored lectures and discussions on various issues such as date rape, but has met with minimal response from students. They have not yet addressed the issue of female involvement and participation in academics and campus organizations. "We haven't done anything really definitive on that particular slant," Leake said. "I have no reason not to believe George Kuh's report. I don't know that I could add

to it or take from it. "It is of note that the president of the Student Government, the president of the volunteers, and the editor in chief of the *Old Gold and Black* are all women," Leake said. "That's not insignificant, but we have had that before."

DeShazer spoke about the issue of a "chilly climate," which women often encounter in school and in the work place. This term refers to a climate in which women are granted less opportunity than men, and face discrimination and sometimes harassment because of their gender.

"Educational opportunities are not always equal for women and men," DeShazer said. "Consciously or unconsciously, women are aware of this cultural disadvantage. There have been documented instances of the 'chilly climate' here at Wake Forest," she said.

Leake said she did not want Kuh's finding to negatively portray the contributions of men on campus. "We certainly have fine men students who make Phi Beta Kappa and get into fine graduate schools," Leake said.

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