

Opportunity, information abundant at fair

You cannot expect merry-go-rounds and ferris wheels at this fair, but what you can expect is a whole lot of opportunity.

On October 19 and 20 the main floor of the EMU, including the Fir Room, will be lined with booths. These booths will give students the opportunity to talk to companies and corporations from all over the nation.

The fair, which has been run more than 12 years, will be the University's largest ever, with more than 90 companies represented. The types of companies range from government agencies to non-profit organizations to companies specializing in science and technology. Representatives will also be available from several graduate schools and the Northwest Law School Consortium, which includes the top six law schools in the Northwest.

"The most important thing for

students to focus on when approaching one of the booths is to get information," said Beth Swank, a career counselor at the University Career Center. "What they need to remember is that this not a job fair."

The fair is an opportunity for students to wander around in a relaxed atmosphere and ask questions concerning what the companies present are all about.

"It brings together people who have things to show - career opportunities" said Larry Smith, the Career Center director. Students should feel free to ask the representatives questions regarding positions available at their particular company or about recent hiring trends in their career field.

The atmosphere will be relaxed, but, as Swank emphasized, that doesn't mean you need to be completely unprofessional.

"Someone who feels that they may be interested in one of the companies that is going to be present may want to bring a resume," she said.

An important thing to remember is that one of the most important parts of finding a career is making contacts, she stressed.

The career fair is definitely a place to make these contacts. Representatives will be looking for people who may want to work for their company, so some students may be concerned about their first impression.

"This an increasingly important part of companies recruiting strategy," Smith said.

Most of the companies will be on campus later in the year with the intention of finding people to interview with them. Some companies will be taking resumes and many will be handing out cards as invitations for students to send their resumes in.

Wednesday, October 19

Andersen Consulting	7 to 9 p.m.	EMU Cedar Rooms C and D
NW Law School Consortium	3 to 4 p.m.	EMU Walnut Room
Meier and Frank/May Dept.	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	EMU Maple Room
International Careers Presentation - Monterey Institute of International Studies	3:30 to 5 p.m.	EMU Cedar Room E
Osrose Wood Preserving Inc.	5 to 6 p.m.	Room 203 Chapman

Thursday, October 20

BMA/General	6 to 7:30 p.m.	EMU Century Room A
International Careers Presentation - Monterey Institute of International Studies	3:30 to 5 p.m.	EMU Cedar Room E
The Principal Financial Group	7 to 8:30 p.m.	EMU Cedar Room C
Travel Careers Program	6:15 to 7:30 p.m.	EMU Cedar Room F
University Continuation Center		
Wallace Computer Services	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	EMU Cedar Room D

Representatives will also be willing to answer questions regarding what they look for in a resume. For those concerned about interviewing they will also be able to discuss their interviewing process and what they look for from prospective employees in an interview.

For students not quite ready to decide which career area they would like to pursue, the fair can

offer some advice. The representatives are willing to talk to students not only about job opportunities but internships also.

In fact, internships will be one of the main career facets they will be focusing on. Representatives will be able to tell students how their internships work. There are both paid and non-paid intern-

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