

Seminar focuses on international jobs

■ **CAREERS:** Four speakers will discuss the international job market

By Regina Brown
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Students interested in working abroad can get tips on how to land an international job from professionals speaking at an international career seminar today at 3 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

All four speakers have experience working abroad, said Magid Shirzadegan, an international student advisor.

They can help students who are interested in international careers develop an idea of what the international career market is like and advise students about classes they should take to help them get a

job in their chosen career, he said.

Speaker Gerald Fry, international studies director, will give students ideas about different work opportunities abroad. He wants to help students discover strategies for finding an international job, he said.

"I will focus mainly on what kinds of opportunities are out there," Fry said.

Some students who attended the seminars last year now work abroad, though their job success may or may not have been helped along by the seminars, Shirzadegan said.

This is the second year the Office of International Education and Exchange has sponsored an international career seminar, said Cathy Poole, an overseas program coordinator who helped organize last year's seminars.

Service: Fraternity to sponsor a family a month

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expressed gratitude for what they have.

"We know we have the choice of a warm bed to go to if we really need to. Some people don't, and that's why we're out here simulating that effect," said fraternity member Corey Murphy.

Steve Belhumeur, president of the University's chapter, said the theme for this event was "at least we have a choice."

"We hope the [sleepout] will help people appreciate what they have, and will stimulate activity to help change the circumstance of people in our area," Belhumeur said.

Members of the fraternity said they walked away from the event with a new appreciation.

"I can take away [from the sleepout] the joy of knowing we will help families by taking them food over the holidays," Belhumeur said.

The fraternity's motto "culture for service and service for humanity," stems from the organization's dedication to give back and empower the community. But the motivation for participating in the event was different for each individual.

Will Smith, director of social action for Phi Beta Sigma, said his intentions originated from the personal experience of meeting his homeless father. "I am not saying that I understand what it is like to be homeless, but that is why I am doing this — to make other people think

about the problem," he said.

Belhumeur said he believes the actual sleepout is symbolic — that it will be the contributions of the community that will make the difference.

"[The difference] is the hundreds of people who have sponsored us by making pledges from one dollar to twenty dollars," he said.

Throughout the night, various individuals and organizations showed their support by asking questions, making additional pledges and bringing snacks, blankets and tarps to assist with the sleepout.

Smith challenges others to become involved. "It is definitely a community effort; everyone has to take part," Smith said.

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