

NEWS

Wednesday's career fair met with mixed reactions

Ted Sullivan
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Darren Schuldhiss said a short chat with a company representative and self-promotion is all it takes.

A perfect resume helps too.

Schuldhiss was one of more than 1,000 UM students who were networking with around 100 companies Wednesday at the Big Sky Career Fair.

Schuldhiss, a senior majoring in finance, said students can feel pressure as they enter the real world, but he has taken steps to ease that pressure and land a job.

He is an intern with D.A. Davidson and Co., a brokerage firm, and last summer he got his broker's license as well as his investment advisor's license.

In a competitive job market, Schuldhiss is ahead of the game.

He is sporting a tie, and copies of his resume are in his hand as he chats with representatives from D.A. Davidson and Co., American Express and Edward Jones Investments.

"Ideally you come here to get a job, but it's pretty unlikely," said

Marty Jeffers, a senior majoring in marketing. "There are so many people coming to such a small fair."

Schuldhiss said he might have found an employer.

"I got some positive responses," Schuldhiss said. "I've got some interviews set up for next week."

Meeting employers gives students a chance to learn about the job market, Schuldhiss said, but he had hoped more national companies would be at the fair.

"I'm not too optimistic about a lot of the companies here," Schuldhiss said. "I kind of want to spread my wings and move out of Montana for a while."

Pam Potts, a senior majoring in marketing and management, also did some networking at the fair. She said the fair was full of companies from Montana.

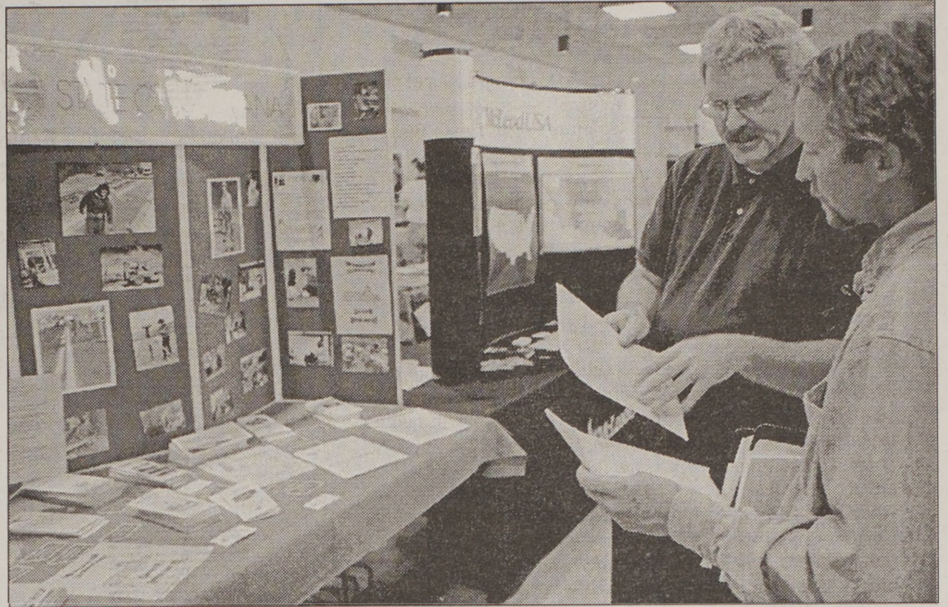
"There is not a lot of opportunities to expand out of state," Potts said. "But it's good to practice communication skills with people in the business."

She agreed that the fair is a great way to evaluate the job market.

"I'm browsing to see what is available, to see if I should go on and get a career, or if I should go to graduate school," Potts said.

Wells Fargo representatives were ready to hire.

"If we find a quality candidate,



Marty Roos of the State of Montana (left) answers questions from Erik Jacobson Wednesday afternoon at the 13th annual Big Sky Career Fair on the third floor of the UC.

we'll hire them, and we'll make room for them," said Chris Goodwin, a Wells Fargo district manager. "Is it beneficial for the students? It is for the ones who prepare."

Other companies were also hiring at the fair on Wednesday.

"We've taken some applications today for current positions,"

said Carolyn DeYoung, a human resource representative for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana. "We have hired people that we've met at career fairs."

Safeway's representative was also hiring for several open positions.

"We are recruiting for all different types of positions, but it has been a little slower than we anticipated," said Christine Miller, a human resource employment specialist for Safeway.

Sarah Raymond, the program coordinator for career services,

said the fair is not geared to Montana companies and that it is open to all students.

"We really have a good mix of local, regional and national employers," Raymond said. "We have a number of companies open to any major."

It's important for students to attend the fair, Raymond said.

"The way the economy is going, there are going to be fewer jobs," Raymond said. "This is our opportunity to bring recruiters to campus where students can have access to 100 employers."

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OUTDOORS

Bow hunting is an excellent way to hone your targeting skills

Trisha Miller
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Many hunters are dropping their rifles this season, swapping them for the good old bow and arrow.

The popularity of bow hunting continues to grow as it treks into the fourth week of the season — quickly separating the dedicated, the skilled, and most importantly the accurate from rest of the pack.

Cooper Behr, a UM junior, is in his second season with a bow and can attest that it takes hunting to a whole new level.

"It's definitely more difficult. I've killed probably 20 or so deer with a rifle and this was my first with a bow, so this was a lot more challenging," Behr said. "I was excited, thankful and proud of myself."

On a solo expedition last Thursday in the Bitterroot Valley, near a private ranch that Behr had been scouting for a couple of weeks, he sat silent in a tree stand, waiting for the deer to come.

In the evenings, the deer move to the meadow to eat through the dark, and when the sun rises they leave again. "The key to being successful is pre-season scouting. If you do your pre-season scouting you'll find a good spot and see deer every time," Behr said.

The success rate of bow hunting is much lower than the chance of "bagging an animal" with a rifle, said Thomas Baumeister, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks education coordinator. While elk hunters' killing rate is between 20 and 25 percent when using a rifle, he said, bow hunters have less than a 10 percent chance for a kill.

Even though the odds of killing game with archery are reduced, the scouting, practice and six extra weeks of hunting before rifle season, keeps drawing in hunters, including college students.

"We actually get quite a few students. In the off-season, the archery team uses the lanes for practice," said

Paul Roush, manager for the Archery Center of Montana. "We do a good student business, they come in all the time. Even some of the Griz football players come down; they all bow hunt."

Six years ago, Roush said, there were fewer than 26,000 bow hunters and this year a reported 28,000 bow hunting licenses were sold.

"I like shooting a bow, even without the hunting. It's fun and it's relaxing and challenging, like chess. Mentally, you have to use a lot of concentration and hold the same form every time," Behr said.

The precise skill of archery is a primitive technique, requiring devotion to the sport year-round.

"Bow hunting is more of a traditional way to hunt and more challenging way to hunt. It takes a lot more skill and knowledge of animals," said wildlife biology senior John Hudgens.

"Your opportunity to get one of those shots is much less than with a rifle. Bow hunting requires you out there all the time scouting out animals, so it's more time consuming and that makes it worthwhile," said Hudgens, a second-year bow hunter.

However, bow hunting can leave game injured if the shot is not accurate.

"You need to practice a lot so you don't hurt the animals. You have to shoot (the animal) in its vitals, a quick humane kill. It will always die when you shoot it, because it will hemorrhage to death because the arrow is so sharp," Behr said. Responsible shots will kill the animal quick so it doesn't run off too far before it dies.

Montana is considered one of the best states for bow hunting, said Baumeister, not only geographically, but Montana has some of the cheapest licenses in the Western states.

"(There is) hardly a better place for archery or hunting than Montana," he said, due to the abundance of access to land for bow hunters. The Lee Metcalf bow-hunting refuge surrounds the land around the Bitterroot River and is



UM graduate student Jake Hachmeister spends his Wednesday afternoon zoning in his ten-yard pen at Archery Center of Montana's indoor shooting range.

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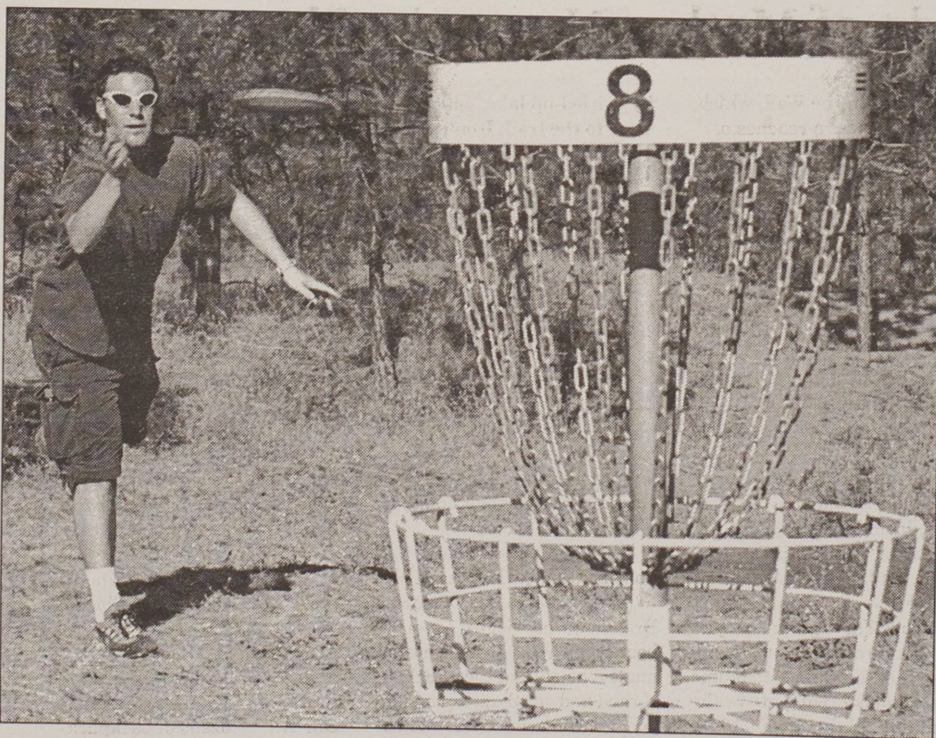
open strictly for bow hunters. A general conservation license, for Montana residents, costs \$4, and another charge from \$8 to \$20 for each animal the hunter kills.

In addition to a license, bow hunters must also complete a bow hunter education course.

"There are about 150 classes every year all over Montana," Baumeister said. "You just have to take it once and it's good for life."

The four-week class, which became mandatory in 1991, must be completed by July 31, before the season begins the first week of September.

Tossin' a round



Dax Nebel putts on the eighth hole Thursday at Blue Mountain's disc golf course.

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OUTDOOR REPORT

•The gang at Campus Rec is at it again, leading outings both this weekend and next.

On Sept. 28 they'll be heading into the majestic Mission Mountains on an 11-mile backpacking trip into Heart/Turquoise lake. The cost of the trip is \$44 and includes transportation and guides.

A class on the fundamentals of rock climbing will be held on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., with a field trip scheduled for Oct. 6, 7. The class will cover knots, rope handling, rappelling and various climbing techniques. It is sure to have you scaling walls like those cats in "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" in no time. The \$68 fee covers instruction and all the gear.

On Oct. 6 they'll be leading a mountain bike ride at Curry Gulch in the Rattlesnake, and it won't cost you a thing. Pre-register with the Outdoor Program.

For information about any of these outings stop by Schreiber Gym 201.

•The Alliance for the Wild Rockies will begin the 16th annual Wild Rockies Rendezvous at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday with a keynote address by former Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck. Other events this weekend include panel discussions, workshops and media presentations.

For a full schedule of events, visit ANR's Web site at www.wildrockiesalliance.org or call them at 721-5420. The cost of the entire weekend is \$15.

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UM's latest SPA director focused on community involvement

Carmody Sloan
Montana Kaimin

Tricia Patten, UM's new student political action director, said working as an intern at the state Legislature in Helena last spring gave her the experience she needed to take charge on campus this year. Patten, a senior in political science, was voted the new SPA director at the Sept. 19 ASUM meeting. One of the reasons Patten applied for the position was to get students informed about what is going on in the community. So far this semester,

she has worked to register students to vote and to educate them on this year's issues. Her belief that students need to be more involved in politics was Patten's major motivation for pursuing the SPA director job. While applying, she was asked what three issues she thought were most important to students. "One was rising tuition," Patten said, "We just sort of pay our bills with student loans and not pay attention; a lot of students have a huge debt. "Transportation too. We

need to come together to relieve some of the problems, and to promote biking and walking," she said. The one issue Patten is most concerned with is the proposed change in occupancy standards in Missoula. It was revamped and is on the table for the City Council. The occupancy standard would allow no more than two unrelated people to live together in the University area, she said, and no more than four anywhere in Missoula. "Our first priority is to get people motivated," she said. The SPA office will be distributing voter guides two weeks before the election, and on Wednesday, Oct. 14 they will be having a candidate forum to get students asking potential Missoula City Council members questions.

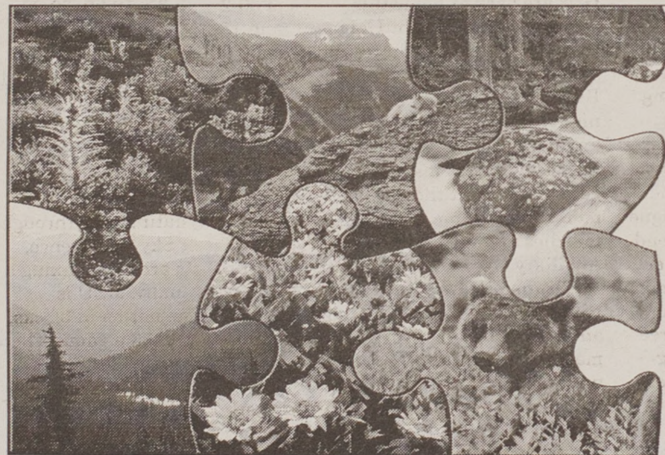
Patten had to field some difficult questions from the committee of ASUM senators that recommended her for the SPA director job. "I felt like it was kind of a challenge, kind of intimidating," Patten said. "Going in, I felt pretty timid." The interviewing committee did not see it, though. "I think Tricia is going to do really good at a lot of things," said Heather O'Loughlin, the interviewing committee chair. "I think people are really going to listen to her." O'Loughlin said Patten's great strengths are that she's very approachable and in touch with the community. "We just wanted to see someone who had the knowledge of what was going on in the community and the state," O'Loughlin said.

As for weaknesses, Patten admits she has at least one. "I like to succeed, I take on a lot and I'm really hard on myself if I fail," she said. Her biggest challenge this year might be getting students educated on the local politics for the October election, said Patten. "My main goal, I think, is to get campus more aware and motivated in terms of our role in local and state government," she said. "We have a powerful voice, and we want to be heard." Many students will not be affected by the occupancy standard because, she said, if it does pass, it will not be effective until at least 2003. "Even when you're gone, students are still going to be contributing to the community," she said. "People are going to live where it's convenient for them to go to school."

The senate has been in the UC Atrium handing out voter registration cards, and informing students of the impending ordinance all week. The deadline for voter registration is Friday, Oct. 5. In the future, too, student support will be needed, Patten said, because the city council will not vote on the proposal until December or January. "Even after the election is over we want people to go to City Council and tell them that this is important to us."

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