and Placement Center is here. Gudelman says he helps students plan a strategy for approaching interviews and helps with resumes.

"The number one thing students need to know before they go in for an interview is themselves," he said. "They have to have a good grasp of where they want to go, then establish priorities to take steps to get that first job.

"Students need to have an understanding of the industry they are interested in. If they don't have a firm grasp they might end up with a job they don't want.

"If students don't know enough about the job they want, they go to our library here and read up. We want them to understand that if they are informed enough about what they want, they are in control of their own destiny."

So say the experts. But no matter what people say, graduates still have fears about getting jobs, and they want their jobs to be good ones. Senior John Cones, a scientific nutrition major, said job prospects look good for him.

"I am interested in pharmaceutical sales," he says. "I have a strong science background, which will really come in handy. But I already have a job offer, and things are looking really good for me."

But while job offers are good, graduates don't want to take the first thing that comes along. Although doing so may give a sense of security, the first offer is not always the best.

Mike Derr, a senior mechanical engineering major, says although he has gotten a job offer from a firm, he is still interviewing.

"Interviewing really wasn't a scary thing for me," he says, "because I had two summers of experience in my field, and the interveiwers talked about that.

"One offer is nice, but I'm not ready to decide. I have done five interviews so far, and I have two more this week. I'd like to get three or four offers and choose, and not just stick with the first thing I get."

Job offers don't always come with the first round of interviews, however. Gala Jones, a senior business analysis major, says she is still waiting to hear from people.

"I have done four interviews, and I think they went well. It

usually takes about a month to hear back from people," she says.

Jones says interviewing gets easier with practice.

"The first interview is a little nerve-racking," she says. "But after the first two or three, the questions get a little routine, and the answers come easier."

Jones says grades are

important in her major.

"Students who have over a 3.0 have a better chance at the good jobs," she says. "I don't have a 3.0 overall, but I do in my major, and that is important, too.

"One company told me they were looking for people who could communicate. Also, a lot of companies look at campus leadership, so even though grades are important, they aren't the only thing."

