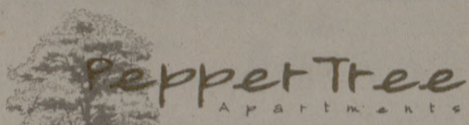


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MSU study finds tougher labor market creating problems for college seniors

By Marianne George
KRT CAMPUS

Adrienne Brown has sent out more than 40 resumes and been on four job interviews recently. But if she doesn't land a job by the time she graduates from Michigan State University next month, she'll be working as an office assistant at a campus dorm.

Brown, 22, is one of thousands of college seniors searching for jobs in a tough labor market. Although hiring of college graduates with bachelor's degrees is expected to increase overall between 3 and 8 percent, it is declining in some fields, according to a study released Nov. 20 by MSU.

The 33rd annual survey of 450 employers by MSU's Collegiate Employment Research Institute found that while the job market is improving in areas such as biological and physical sciences, computer science graduates will find few openings.

Among the study's findings: Employers with hiring plans will create an approximately 9-percent expansion in jobs.

Graduates are more likely to find jobs in retail, construction, finance, health and hospitality and less likely to find spots in manufacturing, transportation, professional services and information services.

Internships and co-op jobs are the preferred path to a job.

Employers want candidates who communicate well and are willing to learn new skills.



Adrienne Brown, 22, of East Lansing, Michigan, a senior and communications major specializing in public relations, is a graduate from Michigan State University on Dec. 6. Brown will be competing for jobs with people who have been in the job market for five or six years.

Starting salaries are increasing only 1-2 percent and decreasing in some fields compared to last year.

Brown, who majored in communications at MSU, is amazed at the competition.

"There aren't as many openings now," said Brown, who lives in East Lansing and works part time at MSU's office of university relations and as an office assistant at the Case-Wonders residence hall on campus.

"I'm competing with people who speak three languages and

have had more internships or have been in the job market for five or six years. I'll just keep trying until I find a job."

Phil Gardner, director of the research institute and author of the study, said given the poor labor market of the last three years for college grads, the 3-8 percent hiring increase is good news.

"But we have engineers working at Home Depot making half of what they expected," Gardner said. "Seniors need to do some soul-searching about what makes them unique and how they can

match up with the companies seeking those talents."

Andrew Patterson, who graduated from MSU next month with a bachelor's degree in marketing, is confident he'll find a job soon. On Thursday, he interviewed with World Kitchen, a Chicago-based distributor of kitchenware. The company expects to hire 30 new sales managers nationwide in June, according to Mike Miller, a company recruiter who interviewed Patterson.

Federal agents raid Hells Angels sites

By Tim Molloy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — Law enforcement agents raided Hells Angels motorcycle gang hangouts across the West on Wednesday and made at least 57 arrests after a two-year undercover investigation into drugs and guns.

Federal agents hit Hells Angels headquarters and clubhouses in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Arizona, Washington state, Nevada and Alaska in pre-dawn raids.

Forty arrests were made by federal officials, and local police arrested another 17 in California on state charges. It was not immediately clear how many people were arrested on local charges in other states.

The investigation included law enforcement agents who offered to buy explosives from members of the motorcycle gang, Donald R. Kincaid, special agent in charge of the FBI's Los Angeles office, said at a news conference.

"We purchased some stolen military explosives," he said, adding that they were identified as military property by lot numbers and other distinguishing marks.

Items seized in Los Angeles included about 50 firearms and a quarter-pound of suspected methamphetamine, bureau officials said. At the news conference, agents displayed motorcycle jackets, memorabilia and rifles, shotguns, semiautomatic weapons and pistols seized from the clubhouse.

Helmeted ATF agents raided the Hells Angels headquarters in Sparks, Nev., making one arrest and confiscating several items. One member of the club told KRNVTV the agents took mostly clothing and trophies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alleged cannibal says victim wanted to be killed

KASSEL, Germany (AP) — A German computer expert — charged with killing, dismembering and eating the flesh of an Internet acquaintance — made a detailed confession at the opening of his murder trial Wednesday. The accused said he was only doing what the victim wanted.

Armin Meiwes, 42, gave chilling testimony about how his fantasy of finding someone to become "a part of me" turned real.

Meiwes described matter-of-factly how Bernd Juergen Brandes, 43, traveled from Berlin to visit him in March 2001 in reply to an Internet advertisement seeking a young man for "slaughter and consumption."

SARS aftermath: no snake soup in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Nothing holds off Hong Kong's winter chill like a hearty bowl of snake soup. Many restaurants are missing the main ingredient.

Hong Kong's snake trade is suffering a severe crunch after mainland authorities banned exports during the SARS outbreak. Research suggested the respiratory illness was spread by wildlife in southern China.

The global epidemic declared under control and snakes have gotten a SARS-free bill of health. The ban still stands. Officials have told Hong Kong snake dealers it's a conservation measure following a ban in mainland consumption.

New bill requires children's dosage tests for medicines

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush Wednesday signed legislation giving the government the authority to require drug companies to test medicines to ensure dosages are appropriate for children.

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