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RECRUITER: "I like my job, and I like telling people about it"

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"I like my job, and I like telling other people about it," said Hurst, when asked why he continues to attend what can be an uncomfortable situation.

A recruiter's job is to present the organization to interested people and answer questions, he said.

Linda Plumb, the district manager for Spaghetti Factory, sees the career fair as the first "hello" step of getting to know an organization.

"I don't think a student should make a decision based on one 30-minute meeting with one person who represents the company," Plumb said. "I am not a professional recruiter; I'm an operations manager. I often bring [to a career fair] a department manager, who holds an entry-level position, and we just try to be ourselves." Honesty about the organization and the workload also are stressed by Plumb when she travels to career fairs.

If an applicant seems interested and has the necessary education and work experience, Plumb sets up an interview. The next step is having the applicant visit a store on a Friday night to shadow a manager, tour the place and give them an opportunity to jump in and bus tables, if needed.

"A person can decide why they want to work for us, and it saves everyone time and money in the end," Plumb said.

There are some specific things recruiters are looking for when they meet interested applicants. Applicants should be "serious about the position," said Jacci Ellis, a recruiter from Cactus Pete's Casino.

"I look for prior experience in the job a person is applying for, one's dress for an interview and appearance standards such as no visible tattoos or body piercing,"

"We are trying to find people who like working 45-50 hours per week in a very busy atmosphere, and are passionate about their work," Plumb added.

"We are looking for people who are physically fit, and they have to be able to solve problems," Hurst said. "For the U.S. Border Patrol, a college degree is not required, but it (the degree) will start you out at a higher rate of pay."

Cactus Pete's Casino is looking for hotel and restaurant, computer science, accounting and marketing majors to intern next summer. They also have two fulltime computer programmer positions open, Ellis said,

The U.S. Border Patrol is recruiting for the department as a whole, not for agents to start work here in the Northwest. It employs about 8,000 agents, all who are required to start on the southwest border.

Hurst spent 14 years in El Paso, Texas, before joining the Bonners Ferry, Idaho division. "The ideal stations are in the northwest. It is a much different pace," Hurst said. The patrol arrests 600 to 1,000 people everyday along the southern border of the country, but only arrested 38 the first year Hurst was on the northwest border.

WSU students can ride the Wheatland Express to the Career Expo, without charge with their student ID card, to the door of the Kibbie Dome. More than 150 employers are expected to attend, said Dan Blanco, the Expo's coordinator at UI.

Speaker helps ease others pain

BY BECKY MUHLENKORT The Daily Evergreen

Foundation, eye-liner, blush and mascara are the lessons Daphne Scholinski learned in her high school years she said in a speech in the CUB Auditorium last night,

At 15-years-old Scholinski was admitted to a Chicago mental hospital and diagnosed with "gender identity disorder." Living with anorexics, schizophrenics and psychotic patients, Scholinski received points for acting feminine.

"They taught us how to sit, how to put on make-up in a girly-girl way," Scholinski said.

Without these points for acting feminine, Scholinski was punished and locked up in a seclusion room. Doctors would watch her in the tiny, closet-sized room and try to formulate a plan for her treatment, she said.

Scholinski was institutionalized from 1981 to 1984. Her parents admitted her when she became severely depressed and attempted suicide. She said her parents trusted the medical system and believed they were doing the best thing.

The treatment from the hospital focused on appropriate gender presentation, Scholinski said. For three years she lied to doctors and therapists questions and analysis.

"I didn't spend three years of my life trying to get more comfortable with my self. Instead I spent three years trying to get people more comfortable with me."

Three years and \$1 million later, Scholinski was released. From there she went to college and studied art.

Now Scholinski is a multi-media artist who wrote a book entitled, "The Last Time I Wore a Dress." In the book, Scholinski tells about her threeyear experience in the mental hospital.

Also in her book, she says 5,000 kids are admitted to hospitals and diagnosed with "gender identity disorder" per year. Scholinski offers support to kids who are going through the same experiences she did.

She said she has answered some 2,500 e-mails from kids around the country who are being kept in mental hospitals.

"I couldn't write my book without leaving open an avenue for communication, Scholinski said,

The book is available in the GLBA program's library in the CUB.

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