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## Fair to give students opportunities to gain competitive edge *Businesses looking for employees for summer job, internship positions*

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As the business world becomes more and more competitive, many students have found that simply having a college degree isn't enough.

For this reason, the Office of Career Services organizes the Summer Jobs and Internships Fair each year.

This year's fair will be held on Feb. 26 from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the University Union's Multi-Purpose Room.

"The job fair has been going on for over 20 years now," said Michelle Stenander, a member of the secretarial staff for Career Services and one of the main organizers of the fair.

Stenander said that there is usually the best turnout from the exercise science majors, but that this year the Office of Career Services is working to provide opportunities for students in a variety of fields.

"We want to entice students from outside exercise science," Stenander said. "We try to (make sure) that we have a variety of options for all the majors that may attend the fair."

Approximately 70 different businesses will be taking part in the fair.

"We have some (businesses coming from) out of state, but most of the opportunities are within Pennsylvania," Stenander said.

In addition to Pennsylvania, businesses from Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and North Carolina will be at the fair.

Stenander also said that the businesses will be looking for a variety of different things from their applicants.

"Some will be looking for professional types that require degrees, some are looking for summer positions, some are summer internships and some are looking for a combination of those things," Stenander said.

Representatives from FedEx, Kennywood, Cedar Point, Verizon, the Girl Scouts, the Butler Eagle and several YMCA branches, among others, will be in attendance.

The main goal of the Summer Jobs and Internships Fair is to help students gain a



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The Summer Jobs and Internships Fair will have tables from approximately 70 businesses looking for summer employees. Most businesses are from Pennsylvania, but others from New Jersey, New York and North Carolina, among others, will also be present.

competitive edge for when they graduate. "We want to help students start to build their résumés now so when they graduate, they have significant experience to help them secure a job," Stenander said. "The (increased) competitiveness is definitely a factor in why students need more experience right up front (after graduation)."

Luke Moskal, a 19-year-old freshman who's yet to declare a major, said he believes that the fair helps students network.

"It looks good on résumés to have a job

in the summer," Moskal said, "and you can make important contacts by working different places. The job fair also allows (students) to branch out, experience new things and meet new people, and I think meeting people is important when you are looking for a real job later on in life."

Although the Summer Jobs and Internships Fair can provide job opportunities tailored to some students' specific fields of study, Stenander believes any kind of summer work is helpful.

"Having a summer job, no matter what it is, looks good on your résumé," Stenander said. "If people put a little thought into it though, they can get a position that will give them experience that will be valuable to their field."

Michael Bloom, a sophomore safety and environmental management major, said he agrees that any sort of summer work can be beneficial for students.

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## "Beethoven, Brahms and Blues" concert helps raise money for music department scholarships

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A popular combination of classical and jazz music is preparing to hit Swope Music Hall in order to raise money for the Dwight and Jean Baker Memorial Scholarship.

The "Beethoven, Brahms and Blues" concert will be held on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The entrance fee is a minimum donation of \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

"We have been doing a Baker scholarship concert for several years now," said Warren Davidson, a member of the piano trio in the concert and a music instructor in the music department. "It is always a great experience playing wonderful music as a way to raise money to help students through school."

Dwight and Jean Baker were longtime faculty members of the SRU music department. Dwight Baker came to the university in 1949 and took on many roles during his years at SRU, including band director and chair of the music department. Jean Baker arrived at the university in 1964. She taught piano and class piano along with establishing Slippery Rock's Noteworthy Piano Studio, where she provided private piano lessons. They both retired in 1983. The scholarship was created to honor their extensive work in the department and to benefit talented SRU students who play piano and other string instruments.

The Slippery Rock Piano Trio consists of music professor Nannette

Kaplan Solomon on piano, music instructor Paula Tuttle on the cello and Davidson on violin. The trio was formed in 2002 and has since performed together at many events. They have been raising money for the Baker Memorial Scholarship annually since 2004.

Solomon is a critically acclaimed pianist and has been a faculty member in the music department since 1977. Tuttle who has traveled the world over for performances, has been a cello instructor at SRU since 2004. Davidson has been a very active conductor and an instructor of both violin and viola at SRU since 2001.

This year, the concert's performances will include Beethoven's "Trio in C Minor," Johannes Brahms' "Trio in B Major" and Libby Larsen's "Four on the Floor."

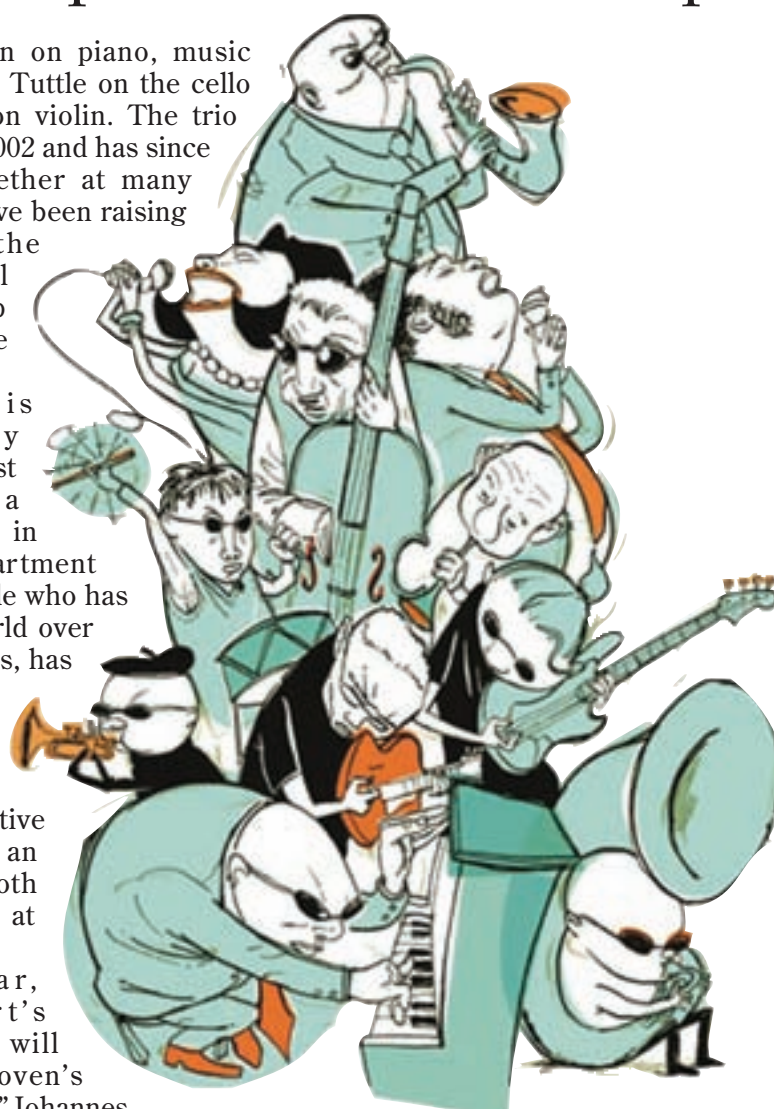
Larsen's jazz composition was chosen because it added a different aspect to the concert, Solomon said.

"This year is special," Solomon said in regard to the piece by

Larsen. "(It) is pure fun—full of energy and jazz riffs. It's going to be great for people to hear the work of a living composer."

For the part of the concert featuring

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## Student-organized program to educate on eating disorders

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Beauty. Eating disorder. Perfection. One of these terms is not like the others.

For senior psychology major Jessica Varner, 23, the odd term out is the focus of her free program, which will include the showing of two documentaries and a panel discussion on Feb. 26 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Advanced Technology and Science Hall.

The program will feature two documentaries—"Dying to Be Thin" and "Thin"—and will take place in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which runs from Feb. 24 to March 1.

"I had to do a project for the Women's Leadership Institute and it had to be on campus. The psychology department is paying for some of (my project), so they are sponsoring it," Varner said.

The institute's purpose is to provide an environment for the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education to develop the leadership potential of female students through projects, mentoring and other activities.

Though the program is a free event, donations will be accepted and given to the National Eating Disorders Association.

Varner said she feels the presentation covers an important issue that needs to be addressed, especially among college students.

"Transitioning from high school life to college life is hard, and there has been research done showing that social situations can impact eating disorders," Varner said. "The transition from high school to college can be hard on a lot of women and men. There are different pressures they are experiencing."

Varner's supervisor for the project, Jennifer Sanftner,

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