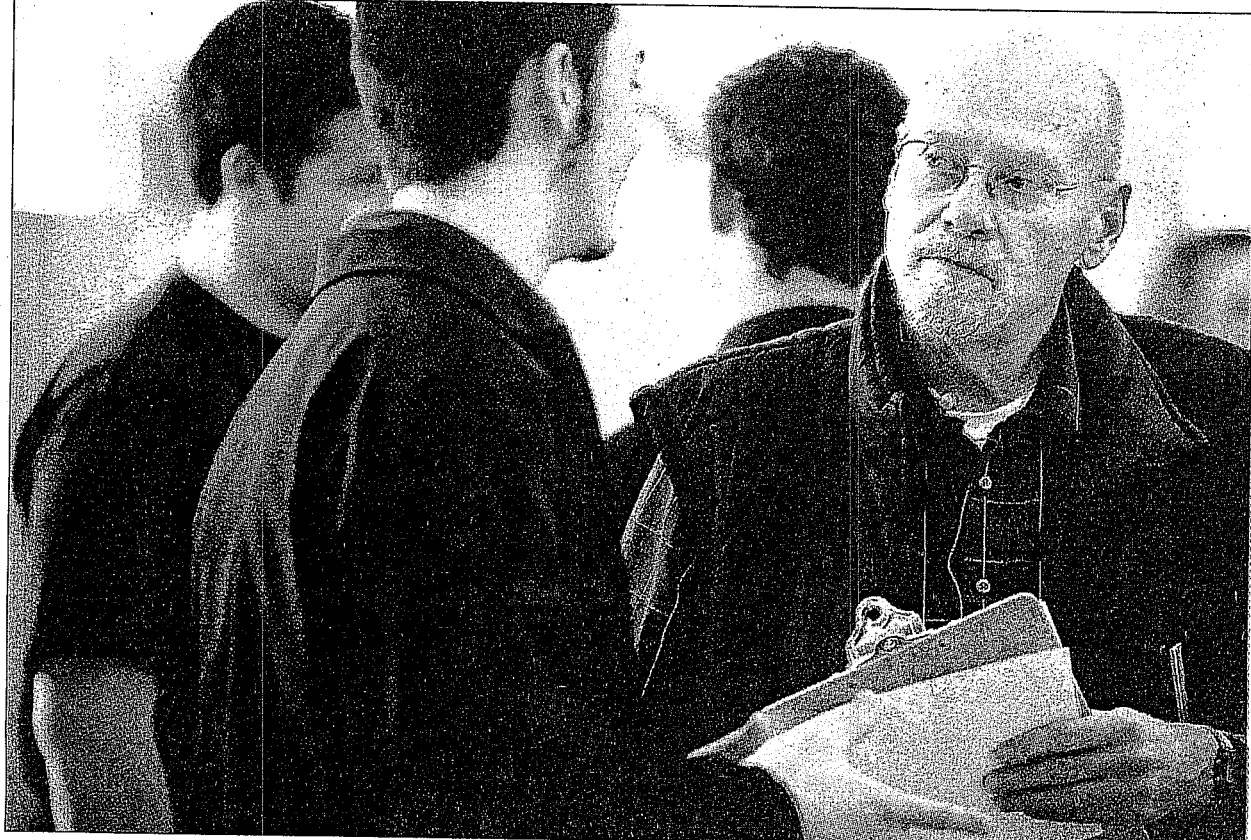


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John Brockman, right, interviews Brady Brunner during the reverse job fair held Wednesday in Post Falls. The job fair brings professionals to students who practice their interviewing skills while also gaining insight into their area of interest.

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Pick me, pick me!

Reverse job fair brings employers to students

By RICK THOMAS
Staff writer

POST FALLS — These kids weren't looking for jobs. They are looking for careers.

Turnout nearly doubled, with 140 high school students participating in the second annual Post

Falls Reverse Job Fair, to answer and ask questions of their future peers.

A senior project for students of Post Falls High School, New Vision High School in Post Falls and Mountain View Alternative School in the Lakeland School District, the event allowed students to display their goals,



Keane

accomplishments and talents as they prepare for a career.

Students set up booths and potential employers came to them.

"It gives businesses a perspective on the quality of our young people," said Jerry Keane, superintendent of the Post Falls School District.

About 80 students participated last year, setting up booths at the

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missioners consented.
Wells have been scrapped
in favor of a water system,

to have extensive landscaping
that requires a lot of water.”
Some neighbors worry
about traffic on Greensferry

start, fire and road districts
and the applicant started in
2006, when the plan was for-
mally submitted.

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Kimball furniture manufac-
turing plant.
“The first time, many were
apprehensive,” said Jennifer

Maddy, English teacher at
PFHS. “They were enthusias-
tic this year.”

Future lawyer Zack
Goytowski from PFHS
eagerly pointed out his
background as a three-sport
competitor and coach, where
he said he learned the mean-
ing of hard work. He was also
unabashed in discussing his
talents.

“I’m good with comput-
ers,” he said. “I can use
multiple programs. I know
communication skills are
important in law.”

Others demonstrated they
have already become astute
in the wicked ways of the
world.

Danielle Lundquist, also
from PFHS, has a goal to
become a writer, but the tall,
slender 18-year-old has also
tried out the modeling world.

“I love doing it, but not as
a career,” she said. “It’s not
who I am.”

An expensive trip to New
York City taught her to be
on the lookout for agencies
who promise more than they
deliver, and who often are
only interested in separating
potential clients from their
money.

Now, she works through
a Spokane agency that looks
out for her.

“They’re good at watching
out for scams,” she said.

As a writer for the school
newspaper, she reported on

misperceptions of the indus-
try.

“There are always stories
on how they are all anorexic,”
Lundquist said. “That’s not
true.”

Eventually, after graduat-
ing from college, she hopes
to become a magazine writer.

“If they give me a topic,
I could write about it,” she
said.

Jamie Stiner of PFHS has
a goal to become a teacher,
most likely at the elementary
school level.

She has already begun
preparing, job shadowing
teachers and working with
before- and after-school
programs helping kids with
homework and activities. The
children were the focus of
her presentation.

“My display is symbolic,”
she said. “The kids are the
apple of my eye.”

It has taught her a lot.
“It’s very interesting,” she
said. “Patience is an issue.
I’ve grown a lot.”

As she gains experience
she may gravitate toward
high school students.

“Middle school kids are
awkward,” she said. “They
don’t know who they are. I
don’t know who they are.”

Stiner’s maturity and the
attitude of other students
impressed the organizers
of the event, the Post Falls
Area Chamber of Commerce
business, education and
workforce development com-
mittee.

“We get the cream of the
crop,” said Ann Hagman of
STCU, volunteer with the
project.

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