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Smashing Success at career fair

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"Life is too short, so don't waste it living someone else's." The founder of Apple, Steve Jobs, said this during one of his speeches and believes that everyone has the potential to be the best in their career if they start living and doing for themselves. A career fair was held at IIT on February 4, 2016 at Herman Hall between 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. It opened doors for many students, and offered not only for full time jobs, but even summer internships. Both the students and the number of companies that turned up were more than compared the previous career fair, last fall.

Enercon was a company that seemed to catch an eye amongst the architectural engineers, environmental and management students. WI Tronix had a motivating quote, "Changing the world with exceptional people," just like the students at IIT. Aerospace engineers seemed to all be queued up in front of United Airlines in dreams of pursuing piloting as a career. Mid Electronics was another crowd favorite, especially amongst mechanical and electrical engineers. All students standing in line were in intense meditation on what to say, and were fidgeting with their beautiful and perfect clothes.

WW Grainer had three people

interviewing multiple students, yet their line never ceased to exist, and they seemed enthusiastic about their upcoming interns and workers. For all architects, the American Institute of Architects was present and seemed to be talking to students about their interests and the inspiration behind selecting architecture as a major. They said, "The students here are great with their own unique ideas. Also, the students from all over the world bring in different perspectives which creates greater scope for architecture in the future." Looks like all the sleepless nights spent drafting by the architects is worth it in the end! Texperis Inc was also favored, it had three lines and was another crowd favorite, especially amongst mechanical engineers and computer science majors.

SPR consulting, yet another crowd favorite, was impressed with its candidates and said, "All students here are so motivated that it changes our perspective as employers." Motivation is the key to getting all students through college with a single competitor, ourselves. Perkins Eastman Architecture was another favorite amongst young budding architects who were nervously smoothing their dresses and revisiting portfolios. Our sponsor for the afternoon, Sargent and Lundy, expressed a keen interest in our students. Their vice president said, "Our company is as old as

IIT, 125 years, and we are still counting. As a result, the bond we share with IIT is deep and a good working relationship. Yet after these many years, IIT never ceases to amaze me with its talented students. It is because of this we sponsored the career fair and hope that the bond runs forever."

Students were busy walking from company to company, either turning in resumes or reviving old relationships with employers.

The environment was intense yet had a certain calming effect in the air. The bright sun was also a huge motivation factor after the previous gloomy days and seemed to inspire our students.

Akshar Patel at career services said, "The career fair offers opportunities for students to interact with employers and help to build working relationships. Depending on the time of the year, the fair seems to interest different students. This year, students were more motivated and came through our doors with all sorts of questions. We tried our best to answer their questions and give them tips on how to approach the interview. There are many stories to tell and I believe that it is a grand success." In a nutshell, the career fair was a great success and we hope that all students who pass out this year have a successful career and future!

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