Council hosts ‘supermarket’ of OSU majors

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It’s time to choose a major.

The Arts and Sciences Student Council is sponsoring a major- awareness fair today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ohio Union Tavern.

Representatives from the business college, college of the arts, the college of humanities, the college of social and behavioral sciences, college of biological sciences, department of mathematics, pre-med, pre-law and career services counselors will be available to answer questions and promote their colleges.

Garrett Schwartz, arts and sciences student council executive director, said, “This is a great opportunity for students who don’t have a major, want to change their major or just have questions about a particular program.”

This is the third year for the program and Schwartz is hopeful that it will be as successful as it has been in the past.

Manu Raj, the arts and sciences committee chairperson said, “Students aren’t aware of all the programs available to them.”

“If you want to change your major or explore other opportunities, this is your chance,” he said. “We have representatives from every college and career service in one place.”

Pam Park Curry, assistant director of career services said, “It’s not too early to think about your career even if you haven’t decided on a major yet.”

She said career services can help students with intern and co-op opportunities, general information about careers, resume workshops and career counseling.

Frank Mitchell, of the college of biological sciences said, “This program is a supermarket of majors.”

Handouts on career possibilities, an outline of course offerings and general information on the college of biological sciences are available for interested students, Mitchell said.

“We’re not here to pressure students into joining a particular program but we are anxious to let students know what we offer,” he said.
OSU professor honored for outstanding teaching

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A six-time nominee and four-time finalist for the coveted Outstanding Teaching Award, given annually by the Arts and Sciences Student Council, was overwhelmed as she accepted the award.

Phoebe Spinrad, associate professor of English, received the award Wednesday night during the College of the Arts and Sciences Honors Reception.

"I still don't quite believe it," she said.

Spinrad said her specialty is 17th-century Renaissance literature: "Shakespeare and those guys." She has also taught classes in business and technical writing and writing for the computer industry.

Contact with students is what teaching is all about, Spinrad said. "Part of my fun is getting to know students," Spinrad said.

Even when she is on leave for a quarter, as she is now, Spinrad holds office hours once a week to help students.

Other finalists also shared their feelings about teaching and the award.

Robert Wing, a professor of astronomy and a finalist for the award, said he has been teaching mostly large lecture classes for the last few years. But he said he enjoys the teaching experience in both large lectures and small seminars.

He tries to get more personal by learning students' names.

"It makes a difference in the atmosphere of the class," he said.

Roland Williams, an English instructor and another finalist, teaches African-American literature and post-Civil War American literature. He said he was very flattered and happy to have his efforts recognized.

"I feel inspired to become an even better teacher," he said.

Other finalists were: Alan Bayerchen, associate professor of history; Bruce Bursten, professor of chemistry; Susan Fisher, associate professor of entomology; Debra Moddelmog, associate professor of English; Alayne Parson, professor of mathematics; Joy Reilly, associate professor of theatre; and Joseph Scott, associate professor of sociology.

Phoebe Spinrad, a professor in the Department of English, accepts the 1992-93 Outstanding Teaching Award from Amy Probasco, vice president of the Arts and Sciences Student Council.