Employers seeking skills, not robots

There is a new obsession among high-level government administrators, educators and the politicians who oversee them. That new obsession can be summarized as follows: Colleges must prepare students for jobs. While this new mantra might seem innocuous and even well-intentioned, there is more to it than meets the eye.

In the first place, in the world we live today the specific requirements for different jobs continue to change at a dizzying pace. What we think is most important today will most likely not be tomorrow. Leading to these changes are factors including technological developments, as well as social and legal foundations of society. Those who are able to produce graduates with the precise know-how needed to be competitive will be good. And that is the ability to gather the correct information, despite the changes, and to use that information appropriately, and that can only be achieved through well-designed, targeted training.

So, what are the skills that we intend to impart to our students? First and foremost, is thinking that is able to gather the correct information, and question conventional wisdom. Life is full of surprises with new problems arising at every turn, and the ability to analyze the composition of an issue is the best decision possible, while being conscious about the fact that there is no such thing as a perfect solution. Third is the ability to work in teams. Because every job problem is becoming more and more complex, we need the knowledge, experience, and insight from people with different backgrounds. And to that one we have to be able to reach out and seek advice and alternative approaches, and that can only be achieved through well-designed training.

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Do their part

The Troy/Edwardsia Shrine Club would like to thank Troy Dunkin Donuts for donating two dozen donuts for the Shriners Free Screening Clinic March 3 at Anderson Hospital. In back from left are: Wayne Miles, Jim Akers, Jay Keenean (chairman of the event), George Brunner and Brian Brown. In front are Dunkin Donuts employees.

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“The event is still in the planning stages and will probably be held in the spring,” said the Winfield police. “We are trying to get donations from local businesses, organizations and even well intentioned, there is more to it than meets the eye.

There will also be giveaway items with the campaign. “The event is still in the planning stages and will probably be held in the spring,” said Brian Brown.

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