

Faculty research ideas plentiful on campus

Looking for students to help

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During each semester and through the summer, faculty members continue their research in pursuit of knowledge and publications.

As the faculty explores and creates, they also keep an eye out for students who are interested in helping them with their research.

"The students on this campus are very fortunate because of the research opportunities" said Dr. John Fizek, assistant professor of economics.

"Faculty-student research doesn't only boost confidence and writing and analytical skills," said Fizek, "in many cases, students become inspired to go on to graduate or professional school."

Dr. Margaret Thoms, assistant professor of management and

two Behrend students have recently submitted a proposal for an undergraduate research grant.

Once the grant is received the team will begin its research in an attempt to prove that format and information included in a resume can determine one's likelihood of receiving an interview.

"No research has ever been done on the 'psychology of resumes'," said Thoms. For this reason there is a good chance of publication and award which average undergraduates don't have on their resumes.

The students who are currently working with Dr. Robert Tauber, professor of education, are earning college credits for their assistance.

"Student support helps me do a better job as a teacher and helps me fulfill my academic requirements to publish," said Tauber.

"Opportunities to help professor research are unavailable to undergraduates at University Park," said Tauber, "but here it is a possibility."

In offices all over campus, and in every department, professors are developing research ideas and looking for students to participate.

Dr. David Roth, associate professor of engineering, is currently working closely with an Erie-based company and invites students to participate. "Behrend students are fortunate because our technology and ability is top of the line" said Roth.

"This particular company is the main supplier of senior applied-research projects," said Roth. "Interested students get the chance to work in their field, directly applying what they learned in class today."

Externship program in second year

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The externship program, in its second year at Behrend, offers students the opportunity to experience one to three days in their career fields.

The program is co-sponsored by the Career Development Center, Development and University Relations and the Penn State-Behrend Alumni Society.

Mary Beth Peterson, director of the Career Development Center, said the externship program is geared toward freshmen, sophomores and juniors, and "helps somebody make the decision whether she/he wants to go into a field."

The program places students in a setting "like they would experience in the field."

Externship experiences may include informational interviews, meeting colleagues, observations of a staff meeting and a "typical day," tours and small projects related to the field.

Students interested in being externs need to make a career counseling appointment with

Peterson in which the externship program will be discussed.

Once students complete an application it is reviewed by the Career Development Center and then forwarded to the Penn State-Behrend Alumni Society.

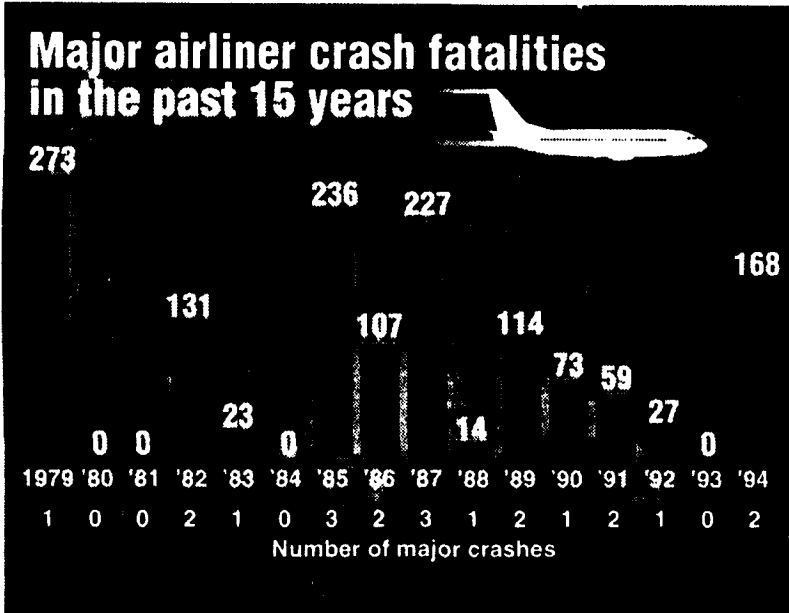
Students are then "matched with a Penn State alum in that occupation or with a friend of the University that'd be happy to host them," Peterson said.

She said an attempt is made to "match students specifically" with the type of organization and geographical location they prefer.

"Students can shadow them (the hosts) for a day and learn as much as they can," she said.

Peterson said students who participated in last year's externship program "were just 100% thrilled with their experiences," and that "the alumni sponsors who participated said they'd be happy to have another extern."

There is no application deadline for the externship program. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Career Development Center, located in the Reed building, at x6164.



Lion Ambassadors host Founder's Day

by Loretta Olson
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Founder's Day will be held on Monday, in the Memorial Room of the Glenhill Farmhouse from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to celebrate the 46th birthday of Penn State-Behrend.

The Lion Ambassadors will sponsor an open house to honor Mary Behrend for her gift her family estate to the University in

1948. "Founder's Day is important to raise awareness of Behrend's history," said Lion Ambassador Heidi Dyne.

Associate Director of Development and University Relations Bonnie Fagan said, "Founder's Day is an annual appreciation of what students and staff experience every day."

"It is a celebration of the 15,000 alumni that have

graduated and the many other lives that have been touched by the gift (of the estate)," Fagan added.

Scrapbooks and fact sheets will be on display with articles from the days of Mary and Ernst (her husband) Behrend.

"We have tried to go into the archives to find interesting history that students may not be aware of," said President of the Lion Ambassadors Marcos Lopez.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the open house. Refreshments will be provided.

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