

Fasts and Sleep-outs



Service and students: Behrend students visited Sr. Anna Mae over the weekend. She is recovering from a stroke.

by Doreen Foutz
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At 1 p.m. last Friday, twenty students began a 30-hour fast in an effort to raise awareness and funds to aid in the fight against hunger.

Participants were sponsored by faculty, friends, and family members. After the grueling 30 hours were over, participants were treated to dinner by the Olde Country Buffet which donated dinner for the twenty students.

The sleepout on Friday night was also a success.

"The suite's R.A. staff put forth a strong effort, and I'm glad they can experience the

satisfaction of a job well done," said Ross Berrier, coordinator of residence life.

"The success of the program undoubtedly is due to the strong effort of the R.A.'s and everyone who helped raise money for the Erie City Mission," said Berrier.

Twenty-six students participated in the sleep-out which raised \$300.

However, the object of the sleepover was not just to raise money, but also "to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and to recognize that this problem exists even in smaller cities like Erie," Berrier added.

Police and Safety Report

February 23: Residence Life staff from Niagara Hall reported that someone had broken the cigarette urn located outside the south door of Niagara Hall.

February 24: A student was issued a nontraffic citation for underage drinking resulting from an incident in Niagara Hall.



Equal opportunity debate: Juan Williams, author of *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, and Terry Eastland, former director of public affairs for the U.S. Department of Justice, debated equal opportunity last Thursday. The debate was part of the 1995-96 Speaker Series, "Facing Change: Generations at the Crossroads."

What employers really want

By Ronna Johnson
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NORMAN, Okla.--Phyllis Messina, a University of Oklahoma premed senior, can quickly name what she thinks employers want to see on a resume:

Good grades. Volunteer work. Community service. Leadership opportunities. Honor society memberships. Scholarships. Involvement in club activities. Work experience.

College -- from playing on a sports team and being popular to receiving scholarships and building a great resume -- seems to hinge on making perfect grades and achieving membership in the best organizations.

Experts in the field say that while a perfect grade-point average and membership in only the most elite clubs are commendable, all-around participation and involvement are what companies really like to see. Messina is on the right track.

What do employers really want?

The bottom line: Future employers are looking for highly motivated people.

Being affiliated with any club or organization is important

because it shows a level of achievement and recognition. However, affiliation doesn't indicate actual participation, which is what employers usually look for.

How important is it to graduate with honors?

Numerous honor societies are active on campus. Some charge a fee, others require students to take honors classes. The minimum criteria for entry into most of them is a high GPA.

"Companies are interested in people who are active in school," she said. "And Golden Key is very active on this campus."

Carolyn Morgan, Honors Program interim director, said membership in an honors program is a great way for employers to differentiate those students who have chosen to take the harder path from students who haven't.

Temmie said membership in honor societies can be important because they show another achievement someone has accomplished.

However, he said being active in any group, club or organization is just as important. Involvement is the key.

"Recent grads don't really have any professional experience to put down on their resume," he said. "They need to put down as

much as they can to show they've been aggressive in pursuing what they're doing."

Is it enough to just belong?

What looks good on a resume?

When putting together a resume, students agonize over what will make them stand out to an employer.

Robert F. Rowland, owner of Norman Resume Service, said grades are important but there are a number of factors that play into the overall picture of impressing an employer.

"A lower GPA is fine as long

as the person has been doing other things such as working," Rowland said.

Rowland said there is an important area in the application process called the "10-second sell,"--the time in which employers decide whether they will call you back for an interview. That is the point where listing a membership in an honor society can be important.

Temmie said once a person can list a lot of professional experience, club affiliations can be taken off a resume. But

someone just graduating should put down every possible thing they've been involved with so their resume doesn't look bare.

While making the grade may seem all-important, sometimes it gets to be too much.

Russ Koch, Goddard Health Center psychologist, said about 85 students are counseled each week for stress that is related to grades.

"Some people think they have to be 100 percent in their academics and everything else in their life," he said. "Sometimes, that is just not possible."

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