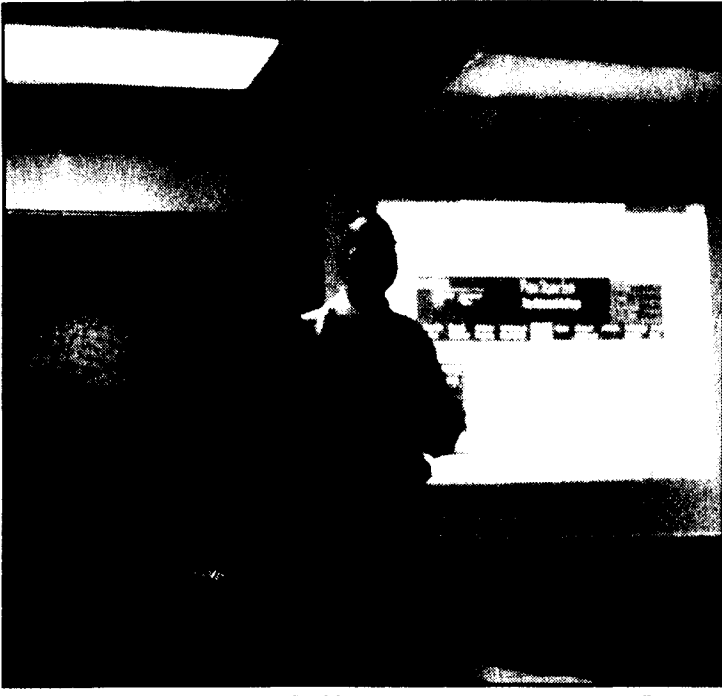


# CAMPUS NEWS

**Career development seminar aims to help students impress employers**



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A seminar on Thursday gave students tips on getting employed.

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Tucked away in a desolate corner of a Reed hallway, the Career Development Center (CDC) held an informational session in Reed 3 Thursday night.

Andrew Watters, the Associate Director of CDC, walked participants through the Nittany Lion Recruiting website as well as Indeed.com, a successful job search website.

The session offered helpful tips and suggestions for creating and presenting resumes and cover letters to prospective employees. Watters covered everything involved in a successful search for an internship, from the initial search for specific internships all the way down to the job interview that will land the internship.

The CDC informational session provided a huge packet for all students who attended.

The resume and cover letter are the first glance an employer has of his/her potential employee. Therefore, it is very important for an applicant to perfect his/her skills in preparing the best resume and cover letter possible.

Some of the obvious suggestions for writing a better resume and cover letter are to include accurate and similar information in both documents.

When looking through the numerous applicants, an employer does not usually start with the resume and the cover letter. The employer begins by reading the resumes of all the applicants, and after weeding out all the non-applicable candidates, moving onto reading the cover

letter.

It is very important, therefore, to include all of the important information in the resume and then elaborate on those important points in the cover letter. The cover letter is an indicator to the employer that the potential employee has adequate writing skills.

The aim in writing a cover letter is to keep it as short as possible so that the employer is more inclined to read it.

All of these points and more were offered at the session. The next informational sessions being held by the CDC are happening Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week.

Monday's session is titled "Resume, Cover Letter, & Employer Contact: How to Connect with and Impress Employers Through Mail and Email" and is being held in REDC 236.

Tuesday, CDC is holding a session entitled "Career Fair Preparation: What to Expect...and What Employers Expect" in Reed 3.

Wednesday's session is titled "Graduate School: Strategies for Finding and Applying (co-presented with the Learning Resource Center)" and held in Reed 113.

The last session of the week is held on Thursday in Reed 3 and titled "Ace the Interview: Winning Ways to Handle Tough Questions."

The CDC recommends that students take advantage of these informational sessions. They say that it is never too early or too late to prepare for the future.

**Blue and White Society plans to increase membership at luncheon**



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Kristen Comstock, adviser for the Blue and White Society, speaks to the group's members during their meeting on Tuesday.

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The Blue and White Society held its first luncheon this year in the Reed Union Building. Close to 30 members took part in the luncheon. Members enjoyed free pizza and soda and also the opportunity to watch the Steelers parade held in Pittsburgh, Pa. Members of the society went over future plans to make the society bigger and stronger, including planning for future events, and preparation for new leadership. This year's officers of the society

are Nicole Ehrheart as President, Brittany Guianen as Vice President, Jenna Benzenhoefer as Treasurer, and Jennifer Ehrheart as Secretary. All officers are seniors this year, and all positions will be open to members of the society for next year's leadership.

"The society's future plans are to get all the members involved and get all the members to connect on a social level," says Nicole Ehrheart, the president of the Blue and White Society. There are about 200 members of the Blue and White Society on the Behrend campus alone, making

up a large part of the society for the university as a whole.

"I like the Blue and White society because it really brings the alumni and students together to interact with each other, and you get a free t-shirt," says Heather McGovern, a new member of the society. "White and blue, go figure!"

The society discussed their upcoming events, one being the Erie Bayhawks basketball game set to be open to all students on campus. The basketball game is being held on February 27. Members of the society can sign

up for tickets to the game at the RUB desk. The deadline to sign up for tickets is February 18. Members of the society can meet in the Reed Union lobby at 6 p.m. if rides are needed in order to attend the game.

The society discussed sponsoring one of Behrend's baseball or softball games as an opportunity to recruit new members for the society.

"Brian Streeter is interested in letting us sponsor baseball and softball games," says Kristen Comstock, the society's advisor.

## U-Gates excitement attracts police

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communications major. "People were starting fires with cardboard and shooting off fireworks. After a while a ton of cops showed up."

Once police arrived, the crowds were quickly broken up and spectators were ordered to go inside, witnesses said.

"We were all outside and then the state police came and an officer said 'go inside or get arrest-

ed,'" said Matt McLouth, a sophomore plastics engineering major.

"I was just walking to the apartments when all of a sudden a bunch of cop cars come flying past me," said Greg Matson, a sophomore Kinesiology major. "I know there were a lot of people outside being loud, but the Steelers just won the Super Bowl. They should let people celebrate."

Other students who witnessed

the event commented on a number of occurrences, including snowball fights and couches nearly being lit on fire.

"People were setting off fireworks," said Allen Swanson, a sophomore majoring in software engineering. "Big deal, I'm not going to leave my room for a couple colorful bursts of light. But when I saw a riot and heard talk of couches burning I came running. People were chanting Steelers songs until the police

came and then everyone scattered."

"It was pretty crazy," said Matt Kirkpatrick, a sophomore majoring in plastics engineering. "There were a couple pretty big crowds in the parking lot and people were throwing snow balls back and forth."

The Pennsylvania State Police could not be reached for comment.

## Fortunes of Gender:

**A Day-Long Gathering of Roundtables and Panels in the Behrend Community**

**Friday, Feb. 13 2009  
9am - 5pm, Smith Chapel**

**Sessions Include:**

- **Student Roundtable on Gender & Sexuality on Campus**
- **Keynote Talk on Gender and Japanese Cinema by Professor Kristi McKim (Penn State Behrend '99)**
- **Community Panel featuring the Ophelia Project, Erie DAWN and more**
- **"How Men Won the Sexual Revolution" and other papers**

**Full Schedule available after February 3 at  
<http://behrendgenderconference.wordpress.com>**