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## Summer Job Opportunities

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The Placement Library, located in the Student Affairs Office, contains information on summer job opportunities, federal and state civil service employment, and labor market projections and trends.

Larry Skerlong, Coordinator of Financial Aid, has now added "and Placement" to his title. The Placement Office provides services in resume writing and interviewing techniques, counsels students in the areas of job search strategies, advertises part-time off-campus job opportunities to Behrend students, organizes the on-campus interview program, appraises graduates in the active placement file on full time job openings, maintains contact with potential employers of Behrend graduates, conducts follow-up surveys of graduates, and provides students, faculty and staff with up-to-date information related to labor market conditions and projections.

The Placement Office reports that the Department of Labor's regional Bureau of Statistics in New York City estimates that in the 1980's the number of jobs requiring four years of college will increase by 3.5 million, 29 per cent of the total new job demand. Also, by 1985, one out of every five jobs will require a person who has four years of college.

There is an optimistic outlook for college graduates for 1977-78,

reports the January 78 edition of the College Placement Council's Salary Survey. CPS reports that employers expect to hire 16 per cent more graduates this year than in 1976-77.

Presently, job offers to bachelor's and doctoral candidates are up 33 per cent and 22 per cent with respect to the same period last year. However, job offers to master's candidates are down by 20 per cent. Furthermore, the number of job offers to women continues to exceed offers to men. While men have experienced a 31 per cent gain, offers to women are up 40 per cent.

Job offers to baccalaureate degree engineering graduates currently account for 54 per cent of all offers made to bachelor degree candidates (\$17,364 - \$19,776). In the science area, computer science graduates attract the largest volume of offers and the highest average dollar offer (\$14,316). Accounting graduates currently lead in the business disciplines (\$13,128). The social sciences and humanities continue to attract the lowest average starting salaries (\$9,696).

The Placement Library also summarizes from an article taken from November 1977 issue of Money the ten best and worst careers for the 1980's. The ratings based on the growth of new jobs within a particular field and monetary rewards. The ten best are the following: doctor,

veterinarian, systems analyst, dentist, geologist, actuary personnel administrator, city manager, engineer, and pharmacist. The ten worst are school teacher, librarian, Protestant clergymen, forester, college professor, military officer, biologist and lawyer. Mr. Skerlong points out that the ratings do not imply and judgment regarding the worth of any career over another. Moreover, he says that students should not be dissuaded in the pursuit of a career where their interests lie.

A survey conducted by Frank S. Endicott, publisher of the Endicott Report, asked 225 major businesses and industrial concerns to rank, in order of importance, six factors which are commonly considered by employers in the selection of college graduates for employment. The survey results were as follows: 1) Personal qualifications including maturity, enthusiasm, poise, appearance, and the ability to work with people, 2) Scholastic qualifications as shown by grades in all subjects or in a major field, 3) Specialized courses related to a particular field of work, 4) Kind and amount of part-time or summer employment while in college, 5) Experience in campus activities, especially leadership and participation in extra-curricular life, and 6) General or liberal arts courses designed to provide a broad and cultural background.

## Iddings Carries Impressive Background

by Deirdre McCauley  
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Paul C. Iddings, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts at Behrend, comes to this campus with an impressive background in teaching, acting, and directing. Mr. Iddings has a B. F. A. from Richmond Professional Institution, Richmond, Va., and an M. A. from Catholic University, Washington, with additional work done in costume and set design from Boston University.

Mr. Iddings taught high school in Virginia and various theatre-oriented courses in Washington, D.C. From 1971 - 1975, he was the Department Chairman of Theatre Arts, Director, and a teacher at Mercyhurst College. He also owned and was artistic director for a resident year-round

company of 30, the Wedgewood Theatre, in Williamsburg, Va. Appearances in commercial and Broadway productions round out his wide range of experiences.

Behrend's winter production, "A Delicate Balance," by Edward Albee, began Mr. Iddings' career here. He taught three theatre courses during the winter term and will be teaching additional courses spring term. The spring production will be "Picnic," a Pulitzer Prize-winning summer romance. Iddings will also star as Brick in the upcoming Erie Civic Theatre production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Mr. Iddings' impressive credentials and enthusiasm are uncommon virtues in a college theatre director - teacher, and he is welcome back to the Erie area and to Behrend College.

## Honors English Offered

The Division of Arts and Humanities is once again offering an Honors section of English 20 this spring, as it did in the winter term. Any student who was nominated in the winter term, but could not then schedule English 20 may sign up for the honors section in the spring.

The class will meet MWF 4. All the student need do is to bring the

letter nominating him to the drop-add station and ask to be registered for the course.

If the student has lost the letter, he can receive another one from Dr. Michael Small, who will be teaching the course. He will gladly answer any questions students may have about honors English.

## Enrollment Officer Coming

Captain Robert E. Carlson, Enrollment Officer for Penn State Army ROTC, will be answering questions about the Army ROTC Two-Year Program and ROTC Basic Camp at Behrend on March 21 and 22, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

in the RUB.

Any students interested in Army ROTC and any of their scholarship programs can ask Captain Carlson at this time, or contact Major Small, Behrend College Army representative.

## Fatten Your Wallet

Looking for a way to take home more of your paycheck? Don't have your employer withhold income tax, suggests the IRS.

"Most students who work part-time earn less than \$2,950 a year and therefore don't have to file a tax return," according to an IRS spokesperson.

"But if tax is withheld, they have to file a return before April 15 just to get their money back," says IRS.

Students who believe they will earn less than \$2,950 in 1978 are urged to file a Form W-4 (Exemption from Withholding) with their employer. If you have any questions, call the IRS.

Single persons don't have to file a tax return if their income is under \$2,950 and their income from interest and dividends are under \$750. For married taxpayers filing jointly, the cut-off is \$4,700.

## Lambda Sigma Selection Process Begins

by Robin Baulding  
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Lambda Sigma Honor Society  
When one hears the name Lambda Sigma Society, he may think back on the big successful dance marathon, CARE packages being delivered, or he may think of a student who just managed to successfully mix academics with co-curricular activities. However, have you ever wondered how these honored people are chosen?

A full time student is eligible for active membership in the spring following the completion of two academic terms. Qualifications for active membership include a grade-point average of no lower than a 2.75, evidence of leadership, and a willingness to fulfill the purpose of Lambda Sigma Society. This willingness will be a major factor in determining one's selection into the group. Enthusiastic participation in campus activities helps a great deal. Grades are important, but participation and service in activities are a big plus.

### History of Lambda Sigma

Lambda Sigma Society was founded on March 6, 1976, in Atlanta, Georgia. This society is based on the National Society of CWENS, a sophomore women's honor society founded in 1922, which grew to 34 chapters by 1976. In compliance with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Title IX Guidelines, CWENS disbanded and formed the Lambda Sigma Society, which now includes men and women in its membership.

At the present time, there are Lambda Sigma Society chapters at the following universities and colleges: University of Pittsburgh, Miami University (Ohio), Allegheny College, Muskingum

College, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Kentucky, University of Mississippi, Westminster College, Eastern Kentucky University, University of Louisville, Northern Illinois University, Auburn University, University of Kansas, Morehead State University, Louisiana Tech, Central Missouri State University, University of Southern Mississippi, Mansfield State College, Texas A & M University, Slippery Rock State College, Union College and, of course, us, Behrend College. Each chapter has a Greek name. Behrend's chapter is the Alpha Eta chapter.

### The Purpose of Lambda Sigma

The purpose of Lambda Sigma is four-fold: 1) To foster leadership, scholarship, and the spirit of service. 2) To serve and promote the interest of the college - university in every way. 3) To promote fellowship among sophomore men and women. 4) To encourage leadership and scholarship among freshmen men and women. When the purposes for selecting outstanding freshmen students and binding them into a sophomore group are achieved, a unit dedicated to the service of its college of university becomes available to the entire campus. All members within the group are challenged to the utmost to fulfill their own intellectual and leadership potentialities. Membership in Lambda Sigma Society is not merely recognition for freshman accomplishment, but is a challenge to serve throughout one's college life and as an alumnus.

### Programs of Lambda Sigma

Activities of Lambda Sigma thus far have been the Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon, deliverance of CARE packages, free lemonade during activities

fair, pumpkin sale during Halloween, participation in open house, participation on student staff, participation in the Hanging of Greens ceremony, participation in the graduation ceremony, and the contribution to the Julie Masteller memorial scholarship fund is now in process.

What does the selection process entail? Well, first students whose grade point averages are at least 2.75 will be notified that Lambda Sigma is interested in them, and the students will be invited to an informal get together. After the students meet, all the present members of this year's Lambda Sigma, the selection committee members will review the prospective candidates, co-curricular activities background. Then the candidates will be chosen.

So, if you are interested, you may want to get to know the present members now. They are Fiona Branton, Peter Burkhard, Kathy Chapin, Robin Corey, Mary Ann Osmansky, Jeff Washburn, Cheryl Wassel, Don Bates, Ken Devore, Bruce Gamble, Ruth Haesler, Ann Hamilton, Jeff Lose, Glenn Kemp, Nancy McGuigan, Evie Perkowski, Dave Remner, Dave Rodgers, Michael Schrim, Nancy Anderson, Linda Donner, Scott Hurley, Kris Kaehler, Sallie Parsons, David Whitesmith, Sue Wortman, Larry Sawyer and Robin Baulding. The student advisors are Maggie Fischer, Bob Maas and Neil Giewont. The faculty advisors are Cathy Mester and Mr. John N. Grode. The administrative advisor is Dean Roseland Bainum. Who knows; maybe one day you will be part of planning a marathon, putting together CARE packages, selling pumpkins, participating in open house, and serving the community.

**Belated Birthday  
greetings to**

**Kim Saginaw,  
Rachel Moore, and  
Jim MacLachlan**