

Placement Center aids in career planning

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"What am I going to do when I finish college?" "I need to find a summer job." "What should I declare as my major?" "I am getting this degree but what type of work can I do?" These are just a few perplexing questions asked by college students.

The Career and Placement Center, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, is equipped with a variety of reference materials to aid you in the search of a major, career, summer job and many other areas of career and placement.

Mary Beth Peterson, assistant to the dean of student affairs, directs Career Planning, Placement and Financial Aid for Behrend College students. Through the efforts and professional aid that Peterson provides students, "You are given the opportunity to become aware of your interests and goals and to obtain knowledge of how to match these to various occupations," she said. "I believe in teaching someone how to find a job, and not finding it for them. How to actively pursue a job is important

throughout life," Peterson continued.

Among the various resources available to students are Career and Placement Workshops held every Wednesday from noon until 12:50 p.m. in the Reed Seminar Room. "The purpose of these workshops," says Peterson, "is to educate as many students as possible on the techniques of choosing a major, matching jobs to majors, and job hunting."

Additional job search materials available include DISCOVER, a computer program that enables students to learn more about their interests, skills and occupational preferences. DISCOVER provides information about job preparations, salaries and requirements.

Career guidance can also be obtained through the use of the career development books and job search guides. The Career and Placement Center recently purchased a series of books entitled "Career Choices" in which qualifications, responsibilities, salaries, job outlooks and major employers for each particular field are discussed. Additional reference materials regarding career opportunities can also be used in or out of the Career and

National sorority formed at Behrend

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A new sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, is making a name on Behrend Campus.

ASA is a national sorority on a probationary period at Behrend. The probation period will last for a one year, determining the effectiveness of the sorority on the campus and in the community. ASA has seventy-five chapters nationwide, not counting the thirty-seven members that make up the Behrend chapter.

Alpha Sigma Alpha has to write a "constitution", which com-

poses sorority guidelines. All constitutions are modeled after each other. The Student Government Association must approve the constitution, and if it does not pass, it must be rewritten.

The Committee of Student Affairs governs Greek life organizations. If the constitution passes and all goes well during the probationary period, money will be funded for newsletters and the purchase of a sorority house.

"KDR is excited about the new sorority," said Jamie Grimm, assistant dean of student affairs. KDR is also a national fraternity.

The difference between national and local frats and sororities are that nationals charge higher dues, and there are "frat brothers" or "sorority sisters" all over the country.

Jamie Grimm said, "I think having fraternities and sororities are good ideas because they are a benefit to the community." Frat and sorority members must have a grade-point average of 2.0 and the organization as a whole must have a cumulative average of 2.25.

The Little Sisters of Sigma Kappa Nu are about to become a local sorority at Behrend, also.

Placement Center on a temporary loan service.

Students considering graduate school can visit the Career and Placement Center to utilize the "Graduate School Guide" to become familiar with the specifics of the Graduate Record Examination. DISCOVER also offers an extensive list of graduate schools and programs.

The Career and Placement Center can also aid in the search for a summer job or internship. Job openings for full or part-time positions are posted on the center's bulletin board. Behrend is also involved with the University

Park recruitment program which gives students the opportunity to interview with companies throughout the country. Additionally, various employers visit Behrend College to interview Behrend students.

In order to obtain a job, students must have an organized well-written resume. Resume guides and sample resumes are available in the Career and Placement Center. A well-written resume could open doors to an interview. Once an interview is set, a browse through the center could provide interviewing advice.

The Career and Placement Center staff is well-trained to aid you in your job search. Peterson says her interests have always been in the area of Career Planning and Placement. She received a B.A. in Psychology from Edinboro State University and she earned a M.Ed. in Counseling from Slippery Rock State University. She worked for two years as Assistant Director of Admissions at Villa Maria College before coming to Behrend in 1980. "I hope to meet as many students as I can through the Career and Placement Center," says Peterson.

Behrend Rangers take winter at its worst

by Thomas Milley
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In what began with freezing rain, and ended with sub-zero temperatures and stiff winds, the Behrend Rangers took to the field practicing the skills of winter survival.

"Our purpose was to familiarize the rangers with a wide variety of survival techniques: how to move, find shelter, food and water in the winter environment," said Cadet First Lieutenant Mike Gavrilis, cadet commander of the ranger detachment.

The exercise was conducted at Wilderness Lodge, east of Erie, on the first two days of February. But prior to this, two special sessions were necessary.

Classroom training on wearing proper clothing such as the Army Arctic Parka, vapor barrier boots and snowshoes (acquired from the C Company, 1 1/2 National Guard and Gannon University ROTC), and the construction of one-man shelters was taught by Eric Blumensaadt, a local survival expert. MSG Young also provided a class on finding water and the proper way of killing and preparing a live chicken for survival food.

Properly prepared, an expedition of 14 cadets and

three cadre, Blumensaadt, MSG Young and MAJ McDavid set out on their two mile trek over varied terrain to the west of the lodge. In snowshoes they marched, single file, with an emergency toboggan in the middle, over fields, hills and through ravines.

That night, the rain caused some difficulties with the shelters. "Weston and Wagner's igloo collapsed," said Brian Anderson. "They had built it of sticks and snow, and during the night the snow on one side melted in the rain, and there they were, setting up their tent in the dark with rain pouring down."

Anderson felt the best part of the weekend was, "...Watching the people who hadn't camped out in the snow before, or worn snowshoes..."

In reference to preparing live game Anderson said, "No, I hadn't killed a chicken before, but I've gone hunting and I was used to skinning things."

Anderson added that the girls had a good time, and MSG Young noted with a laugh, "They even brought their own milk and hotdogs, and I gave them some oatmeal."

Heidi Gebhardt, another participant, commenting on the weekend said, "It was cool."




ROTC Rangers battle winter elements.

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