

Some Advice To Graduates

By Michele Hart

Graduating soon? Not quite sure how to find a job? An article in the Fall, 1986 issue of *National Business Employment Weekly* has some much needed advice about what not to do when entering the job market for the first time.

The article, written by Adele Scheele, lists the top ten things not to do after graduation. According to Scheele the list contains the most common mistakes made by many fresh graduates.

The list should be followed, she said because many students erroneously take high-paying summer or weekend jobs instead of finding internships in their fields, leaving themselves with no experience in the competitive job market.

The first item on her list not to do is relying on your professors to discover "hidden talents" and start you in the right direction. This won't work she said, because often times professors do not know their students. Her advice is to get to know instructors, volunteering to do work for them, and then ask for letters of recommendation and advice.

Another common mistake that Scheele noted is the tendency of students to drop out of activities in the hopes of improving grade point averages. It may already be too late and prospective employers look not only at grade point averages, but also at extra-curricular involvement.

Treating assigned papers lightly is also a no-no on her list. Instead, papers should be treated as a starting point into a discipline, industry, or organization that you may be interested in.

Procrastination can also be a student's downfall. Scheele stated that

individuals should visit college placement offices early in their college careers for information, advice, workshops, and any other pertinent information. Too many students wait until the last minute.

According to Scheele, graduates should not despair if they don't know what job to go after. Her suggestion is to look into many different jobs and not to rely solely on your major as enough experience to choose a career direction. Getting internships will help you find out what different career options entail.

Students should not take meetings with people already in their perspective fields lightly. Instead meetings should be treated as interviews with the students asking questions about the person's experiences, what they do, and job satisfaction.

Another item on Scheele's list is not being overconfident at interviews. She said that just because a student has learned to speak up in class does not mean that he or she will do well at an interview. The best thing is to practice before going to the interview and prepare answers ahead of time. Once prepared for interviews, she said it is important to not restrict yourself to only a few interviews and allow too much time to lapse between them.

The last item mentioned in the article is not to rely solely on the prestige of your college or university to launch you into the outside world. It is more important to be independent and confident in your abilities.

Scheele said in her article that landing that first job should not be an obsession, but it is something that should be treated carefully and professionally.

Campus Living is What You Make It

By Ronda Graby

People often say that college is the best time of your life. For those of us living on campus at the Capital College, we know it is true. As one new campus student says, "Penn State Capital College is a 'fun place' to live because we make it so."

Going to basketball games, Meade Heights parties, movies, and local nightclubs are all enjoyable ways to spend an evening, but you might like it better if you go where other Capital College students go.

The most popular form of weekend entertainment on the campus is often a Meade Heights party or a local nightspot, according to the majority of dormitory residents. The most frequently mentioned spots were Paradise Alley, Metron, Rosie's Lamppost, Spanky's and the Sunburst. "Students like the Metron because it offers popular dance music and a good mix of people," according to Mike Dahm. "Rosie's and the Sunburst are popular because they are cheap, local, and a 'great' place to meet other college students."

Going out to the movies is still a popular activity for college students. However, with the cost of movies today, many students are found in the dormitory lounges catching a "free flick." And, with the advent of campus movies, they are also found in the Olmsted Auditorium on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Road trips to other colleges were also mentioned as a good idea for a great time. Tom Nagy likes to go to the University of Delaware for the weekend, and Tom Minto and Joe Adams prefer U. Park for a weekend of non-stop partying. Shippensburg University, Millersville University, and Dickinson College were also on the list of "fun college weekends."

"Hanging out with friends and cheering on the basketball team,"

according to both Wendy Saxe and Sheila Caskins, is also an inexpensive enjoyable way to spend an evening. In fact, almost everyone agreed hanging out in someone's room, the Den, or the gym is the greatest source of free fun on campus.

Whatever type of entertainment you enjoy, Heights parties, campus movies, or going to basketball games, look for other Capital College students. All of these activities give you a chance to get to know other students and have a great time, too!

Capped Enrollment May Be In Business Division's Future

By Kathleen Riley-King

In an interview with Dr. Blumberg on February 6, 1986, Blumberg stated, "There is intense pressure on Business schools these days because of the popularity of the major, and in fact at University Park they have capped enrollment. That means they have limited the number of people who can become Business majors. And that's increased our enrollment and put more pressure on us. . . . We haven't done that here yet, but we're facing the same dilemma that they are. . . . We can't grow any more with the level of resources that we have..."

Blumberg said that unless there's significant change in the level of resources and funding from the state, he sees no choice but to cap enrollments in Business.

"Penn State as a whole is grossly underfunded by the state, which means that when we make our budget request, we don't get it; when we ask for additional faculty, we won't get it."

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