

PSU TWO-YEAR PROGRAM SHINES

University Park, Pa.--Graduates of two-year college technical programs are in nearly as great a demand across the country as engineers.

Not only is competition for the two-year technical graduates keen, but starting salaries are at an all-time high, fringe benefits are increasing, and more companies than ever before are recruiting.

These are some of the findings in a survey conducted by the Placement Service at The Pennsylvania State University. The survey included nearly 700 students who were graduates from the University's 19 branch campuses last June with two-year associate degrees.

Starting salaries for the graduates increased 25 per cent over the past four years, according to the report.

The median monthly starting salary was \$526 per month, with some salaries ranging to a high of \$7,800 per year for the first full-time job. Three years ago, the medium starting salary was \$425, and only 17 graduates reported starting salaries of \$500 or more.

Graduates found employment conditions "extremely favorable" with a "record number" of employers exceeded the number of graduates, according to the report.

"It was noted from employer feedback," says the report, "that competition for well-qualified engineering technicians is now nearly as great as for engineers."

Other findings indicate that nearly 50 per cent of the employers invite students to visit company locations, and a larger number of employers invite students to visit company locations, and a larger number than ever before are paying expenses for moving a graduate to his employment location. The need for technicians was so great, said the report, that most employers, especially larger national firms, did not consider draft status a deterrent to hiring.

Greater recruiting activity is also reported from both Federal and State agencies since recent salary revisions have enabled these agencies to compete more closely with business and industry.

A total of 91 per cent of Penn State's two-year June graduates had accepted full-time positions, while the remaining nine per cent had one or more employment offers but were not committed to any specific position at the time of the report.

While more than 200 different companies across the Nation interviewed the technical graduates, the seven largest employers were

Eastman Kodak, Newport News Shipbuilding, Bell Telephone Labs, I.B.M., Xerox, Pennsylvania Power and Light Co., and Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

The majority of students--51 percent--accepted employment somewhere within Pennsylvania, with 28 per cent of these finding jobs within the immediate area of their campuses.

The survey included graduates from two-year programs in the fields of drafting and design technology, manufacturing technology, and surveying technology, in addition to chemical technology, forest technology, agricultural business, hotel and food services, retailing, and business.

BEHREND PLAYERS VOTE FOR "CINDY"

The Behrend Players have voted on "Cindy" as the Spring play to be produced on the Campus. This play ran for 1½ years off Broadway. It is a play written for simple staging, with twelve character parts, and is a modernization of the Cinderella story as seen through the eyes of a New York delicatessen owner. The set will be built by the Main Campus, according to Mr. Ellis M. Grove, advisor to the group and director of the play. These productions are always something to look forward to in the Spring.

BEHREND HOST TO LIBRARY HOST TO GROUP

The Behrend Campus Library hosted the meeting of the Northwest District of the Erie Chapter of Special Librarians Association from the Erie area, which includes The American Sterilizer Company, Lords, Gannon College, Hammermill, General Electric Company, Hamot Hospital and The Behrend Campus librarians, and others, on Tuesday, November 7 in the Memorial Room. Mr. Anthony Venett, program director, Library Information Service at Pattee Library, spoke to the group on library information service.

STUDENT AFFAIRS ELECTION TODAY

Voting for the one open position on the Student Affairs Committee will be held today from 8:00 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. in the O. B. building lobby. The position is a very important one as the Student Affairs Committee is composed of students and faculty, and this student position represents the equalizing voting factor on the committee. The Student Affairs Committee is "the law" (continued)

