

GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS

University Park, Pa., Feb. 7 — The great demand for two-year associate degree graduates of the Pennsylvania State University has increased markedly and early indications are that June graduates in these programs will have no difficulty finding jobs.

They are also expected to find starting salaries very attractive.

A survey conducted by the University among its 14 Commonwealth campuses reveals that 62 per cent of the 442 graduates who received degrees last summer are in positions paying \$400 or more per month or better salary.

And while nearly half of the graduates accepted jobs in Pennsylvania, the remainder were sought out and employed by companies in 16 states and Washington, D. C.—including states as far away as California, New Mexico, Texas and Florida.

While the medium starting salary was \$411 per month, associate degree graduates reported a starting salary of \$500 or more and the top salary reported was \$625 per month.

Penn State pioneered the two-year associate degree programs to meet the needs of industry for young men and women with technical training to serve as engineering supporting personnel. The two-year programs are offered at Penn State's campuses at Allentown, Altoona, Erie DuBois, McKeesport, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Ogonitz (Abington), Pottsville, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Wyomissing, and York, as well as Highacres.

Six companies employed a bulk of the recent associate degree graduates. They are International Business Machines, Radio Corporation of America, Bell Telephone Laboratories, General Electric, Boeing Aircraft, and DuPont.

The majority of students in the associate degree programs at the Commonwealth campuses are enrolled in the technical courses in the field of engineering. These include drafting and design technology, electrical and electronics technology, production technology and surveying technology.

There are also programs in chemical technology and a new program in forest technology planned for the Mont Alto campus in September. Two curricula, offered on the University Park Campus — agriculture and hotel food service — also lead to the associate degree.

Mother-Daughter Tea Held at SUB

Theta Sigma Pi Sorority of the Hazleton Campus, Pennsylvania State University, held their annual Mother-Daughter tea, February 24 in the Lounge. President Kay Yenko announced the following committees for the tea during the regular sorority meeting:

Refreshments — Betsy Moore, Mary Beth Martin, Essie Nemeth, Carole Yurkovic, Geneva Avillion, Joan Iacurci.

Entertainment — Donna Foster, Diane Getz, June Fiel.

Decorations — Paulette Lindemuth, Kay Yenko, Carolyn Egger, Joanne Pretti, Marie Melchiorre.

Flowers — Stephanie Simasek, Pat Holshue.

Invitations — Darilyn Clark.

Guests at the tea were mothers of sorority members, wives of faculty members, members of the PSU Hazleton Campus Women's Auxiliary, and women of the PSU Campus.

During the last meeting preliminary plans also were made for the May Ball to be held May 25.

SIX STUDENTS TRANSFERRING

Six sophomore students will be transferring to the Main Campus at the end of the term. They are: James Salvaggio, Chemistry major; Bob Haas, Business Administration; JoAnne Pretti, Business Education; John Tarone, Pre-dental major; James Yaccino, Division of Counseling; and George Kashuta, Liberal Arts.

As a result, two positions in Student Government will be left vacant. Elections to fill the positions of Treasurer and Council Member will be held the second week of the Spring Term. Another ten Council seats will also be filled after this election. They are for the positions of President, Vice-President, and eight Council Members. Anyone desiring to run should contact Larry Lash.

EVALUATIONS SHOW RESULTS

With almost half of the evaluation program complete, it is clear that many departments of the University are endowed with the resources required to meet the responsibilities imposed by the superior students now entering the University.

However, results of the program indicate that some departments will require major overhauling if the University is to meet the challenge for greatness that lies immediately ahead.

The evaluation program has revealed itself to be a powerful mechanism for speeding up the modernization of a department. The internal evaluation program has been as valuable as the outside evaluations by instilling a conscious drive for improvement and an awareness of the need for continuing self-analysis. For their part the evaluations by the visiting teams have given the University the benefit of counsel by many distinguished scholars, drawn in large part from universities whose mission is similar to Penn State's. As a group, the evaluators have been friendly, sympathetic and honest in their appraisals. They are leaving behind a set of recommendations which, when carried out will the University a quantum jump in quality.

Some generations are beginning to stand out as the evaluation reports come in. Some of the departments which are asking for more help from the University have had their cases strongly fortified by the evaluation committees.

The evaluating committees have said Penn State salary structure is too low to be competitive with the best American universities. An average 50 per cent increase in faculty salaries in the last five years has not entirely closed the gap. With this knowledge, the University has added strength as it seeks additional funds from the Legislature and from several other sources.

One interesting result of the evaluations made so far is that the humanities have fared better in the nological departments for which reports than the scientific and technical Penn State is best known. This is difficult to understand in view of the much greater research support available to these departments. There is a temptation to say that preoccupation with research grant now available in science and technology may be subverting the whole teaching function. This view has found no supporters among the members of the evaluation committees. Two departments were taken to task sharply for their lack of aggressiveness in seeking research support. One committee reported that any mature science

professor who does not have outside research support of at least \$30,000 annually either is (1) not accepting his responsibilities or (2) not abreast of his field.

Several departments were highly commended in reports from the evaluators. These include landscape architecture, nuclear engineering, speech and Slavic languages. For even these departments, there were many suggestions for improvement.

Languages at the University were evaluated as a group by five scholars from Northwestern, Michigan, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, and Georgetown universities. This report was replete with mentions of dedicated service and outstanding performance in the face of very heavy teaching loads. In overall analysis, it was clear the committee felt that Penn State has the basic personnel and the student resources to become a distinguished center for study in language.

The committee evaluating nuclear engineering commended the department in warm terms and strongly recommended that it move immediately into a doctoral program in nuclear engineering. This has since been done.

The committee which evaluated landscape architecture included one member who serves also on the accreditation committee of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The full committee, on study of the evaluation report, decided to accredit the department through 1967 without further examination.

In contrast to these generally favorable reports, one departmental curriculum was termed "archaic" by the evaluators. Another was criticized for poor teaching of courses that should not have been offered in the first place, since the course material was properly offered by another department.

The schedule for evaluations includes:

April 8, 9, 10 — Department of Accounting for Business Statistics.

April 8, 9, 10 — Department of Economics, Department of Mineral Economics, work in Economics offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

April 8, 9, 10—Bureau of Business Research.

April 29, 30, May 1—Division of Animal Science and Industry, Animal Industry and Nutrition, Dairy Science, Poultry Science, Veterinary Science.

May 13, 14, 15—Department of Art and the Department of Art Education (including Home Art in the Department of Home Management, Housing, and Home Art).

**Authentic Ivy Fashions
For Class and Campus**

Ben Gauz

A DISTINCTIVE SHOP FOR MEN
42 W. Broad St. Hazleton, Pa.