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Seniors Should Arrange Interviews

Graduating seniors are missing opportunity's knock if they don't take advantage of the services offered by the College Placement Service. Starting Monday and lasting throughout the semester, 250 companies will send representatives to the College to interview seniors who will be looking for jobs following graduation.

The wide-spread misconception to the contrary, most employers are very much interested in seniors even though they are destined to serve a two-or-more year hitch in the armed forces. Seventy-five per cent of the companies interviewing seniors have a policy of offering these men a contract which will go into effect two years after it's signed—when the graduate-turned-soldier will be a civilian again.

There are more jobs available this year than there are jobseekers. Although most of these are in the technical fields, many companies are in the market for non-technical men as well.

This June the College will graduate 71 mechanical engineers. Already over 200 companies have indicated they are interested in these men. The opportunity is obviously present. It's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed by the graduating senior.

Another misconception is that firms are interested only in top students. They're not. Most industries have extensive training programs, and they are willing to gamble on the final outcome of the men they hire.

The list of firms seeking graduates of the College reads like a Who's Who in American Business. Besides the 250 which will send representatives, 1000 firms have already sent inquiries about June graduates.

The placement service keeps extensive files on the job market. These are available to any student. The service will and does assist jobseekers in many other ways.

But the initiative has to be taken by the student. During registration all eighth semester seniors filled out a priority sheet. This form tells the placement service of student interest in specific industries. But it does not automatically make appointments for interviews with representatives of the firms in which the senior has shown his interest. This must be done by the student himself. Announcement of companies which will send representatives is made at least a week ahead of time on the bulletin boards in Old Main and in Gazette in the Daily Collegian. From there on, it is up to the student to make an appointment.

The placement service does a good job of getting future employees and employers together. But, in the final analysis, its usefulness can be determined only by the students themselves.

—Mike Feinsilber

Frosh Plan May Be Solution to Cheating

(This is the last in a series of editorials dealing with the recent final exam "scandal" and what can be done about it.)

The major hue and cry over the recent final exam leaks has more or less died down, but steps are still being taken to see that such an unfortunate situation does not arise again. It seems likely that this year's affair was the peak which has come before people get concerned enough to do something about it.

Throughout the campaign to put an end to such wholesale dishonesty, blame has been laid both upon the administration and the students. The administration is taking action to prevent leaks in the future. The students have learned that the best way to combat the situation is to report exam leaks, rather than to sacrifice their principles for their own protection.

Such a "scandal" as the one Penn State has just weathered causes a few people to wonder if an honor system could ever be effective at Penn State. To meet appearances, it seems it could not.

Although many schools do have honor systems, they are, in most cases, smaller institutions or institutions which have some common unifying force such as religion, family background, or similar goals. At Penn State, such things do not exist. One investigating authority has stated that honor systems are effective only at schools of 5000 students or less or at schools where common backgrounds prevail. When one considers the cribbing scandals at West Point some time ago, an even dimmer view for the honor system at State must be taken.

In addition, few students care for the idea of "squealing" on their friends and classmates.

Perhaps some form of system could be concocted which would not necessarily require this tattling, but several semesters at least would be required before the system would really work. However, a start toward this goal could be made by future orientation counselors. Freshman students should be instilled with the idea of academic honesty when they first arrive on campus. It should be continually brought before the students during their years here. Maybe, in time, the problem can be eliminated altogether.

New Registration System Is Good

Some adverse criticism has been ventured by disgruntled students over the centralized registration system which first went into effect this fall. Apparently it is human nature for students who are inconvenienced during registration to immediately declare the system cumbersome and worthless. This, it seems, has been the attitude of some students after registering last week.

While the system does have some faults, it is by far the best registration system ever used at Penn State. Students who registered early on the first day found some of the long lines and general confusion which the centralized registration system was supposed to have eliminated. These lines resulted because of machine breakdowns and other complications. But most of these defects were corrected within a few hours, and things went quite smoothly from there on.

One of the chief complaints heard, and one which ought to be easily corrected, was that the signs denoting the various departments within a school were not plainly visible. When a few persons had gathered at one section of a desk, they obscured these cards and set other students at a loss. By placing the cards above the desks this confusion can be eliminated.

A number of students have been heard to suggest that the College return to the former system of first phase registration. Their interest in this method, however, seems to lie in the fact that two class-free days would be back in the schedule rather than a real interest in improving the registration procedure.

This pre-registration period was dropped for several reasons. It was found that about 60 per cent of all students who registered made at least one change in their schedule after completing first phase registration. This resulted in places being held open for students who never showed up and at the same time depriving other students of enrolling in the course. In addition, the centralized system allows better control of section size and provides more dependable class rolls.

The centralized system is still fairly new at Penn State. The vast majority of students have found it to be highly satisfactory. There are still some kinks which will have to be ironed out, but these things take time and practice. For the most part, the system has worked, and worked well.

Gazette...

Friday, February 6

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.
WRA PLUNGE HOUR, 7:30-9 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Vitro Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in M.E., E.E., Chem. Engr., Chemistry and Physics, Feb. 10.
New Jersey Zinc Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., Metallurgy, Min. Engr., Geology, Chem. Engr., and C.E., Feb. 10.
The Ethyl Corporation will interview B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Engr., Feb. 10.
North American Aviation, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. Engr., Physics, Aero Engr., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., Feb. 10 and 11.

Lybrand Ross Bros. & Montgomery will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Accounting who are interested in C.P.A. work and Juniors interested in internships next winter, Feb. 11.

International Nickel Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. Engr., and Metallurgy, Feb. 11.

American Brake Shoe Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. Engr., and Metallurgy, Feb. 11.

Bell Telephone System including Bell Labs., Western Electric, Operating Telephone Companies and Sandia Corp. will interview B.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., C.E., Chem. Engr., I.E., Aero E., Economics and Commerce, Physics and Math, M.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., Physics and Chem. Engr., Metallurgy, Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Math, Feb. 11, 12, and 13.

Gulf Oil Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Geophysics, Physics, Mathematics, E.E., Geology, Chemistry, Chem. E., M.E., I.E., Accounting, Economics and Commerce, C.E., M.S. candidates in Economics and Commerce, Chemistry, Chem. E., and M.E.; Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, Feb. 12 and 13.

Gulf Oil Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in P.N.G., M.E., Chem. Engr., C.E., E.E., and Geology for work in Venezuela, Feb. 12 and 13.

Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company, Brown Instrument Division, will interview June and summer B.S. candidates; M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E., and Physics, Feb. 12.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates, M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Metallurgy, I.E., M.E., Chem. Engr., C.E., Marketing, Accounting, and Ind. Psych., Feb. 12.

Kelly Springfield Tire Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Chemistry, Feb. 12.

Dravo Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E., M.E., San. E., Min. E., and Accounting, Feb. 12, and 13.

Reaction Motors, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aero. E., M.E., Metallurgy, Physics and Chemistry, Feb. 13.

Philadelphia Gas Works will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Engr., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., Feb. 13.

Tubular Products Division, Boiler Division, and Research and Development Division of Babcock & Wilcox Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Fuel Tech., Metallurgy, Economics and Commerce, and Journalism, Feb. 13.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Camp Meintons, Maine, will interview men Feb. 5 and 6. All types of openings. Sign up for interviews 112 Old Main.

Boys with mornings free to do counter work.
Girl grad student wanted to work for room and board.
Male grad student to work noon hour in library.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I suppose it's good we have a student newspaper —It gives 'em something to read during class."

It's A Loux-Lu

By BETTIE LOUX



What with the current attempts at regulating social events at the College (submitting time, place, and chaperon to administration one week ahead of time and IFC's suggestion that a housemother be employed at fraternities weekends) we didn't consider too outlandish a remark we heard the other day.

After reading the following passage from Wednesday's Daily Collegian, "... Rule Z-2e, which now requires that dates and chaperones for social events be approved by the deans one week prior to the event," a sarcastic young coed mused, "I wonder if I'll qualify?"

Maybe she has something there. If unchaperoned dating and other social problems are so bad as to set the committee on student affairs' teeth chattering, perhaps the committee should start from the bottom, by approving the participants in social affairs themselves.

An official list of approved male and female dates might be maintained in the deans' offices, and one would go to this list if one wanted to take his date to an approved social function. Conversely, if the coed was in the mood for an official, College-sanctioned party, she would take utmost care to check the male list to see if her date were eligible.

Whereas in past years dateless males would mutter that they couldn't get a date with a coed if they didn't belong to a fraternity, in this new era the criteria would be the "approved" status. It follows, of course, that not all fraternity men would be on the list, just as not all independents would achieve the distinction, and therefore they would be ineligible to attend their own fraternity parties.

We are not in a position to say by what means a person would cop a spot on the LIST, but the following conversation might give some idea:

Telephone rings in the women's quarters.

"Hello, Virginia? This is Charlie... uh... Would you like to go out Saturday night?"

"Why, I'd love to go out with you, Charlie. Which party did you have in mind?"

"Uh, well, as a matter of fact, we won't be going to a party. My case won't come up in the Senate committee on student approval until next week, so you see, I don't have my papers yet."

"Oh, Charlie, I had no idea. You know that I'm an approved girl, and for you to ask me out when you don't have your papers yet! Well, I just don't understand!"

"But I'm so sure I'll get them! I don't drink or smoke. I love

my father and mother but don't have an Oedipus complex, I respect womanhood and keep bestial desires under strict control, and I am a good citizen. I always enforce freshman customs. It's really in the bag, Virginia."

"You have wonderful qualifications, and I'm sure you'll get your papers, Charlie. But you see, I'm in a spot. If I should date an unapproved fellow, I'll get a black mark. I want to keep my record clean."

"But Virginia..."
"So it's adieu until next week, Charlie dear. Call me again, why don't you, when your status has been clarified. By the way, I hate to tell you this, but you won't be able to get a date with a coed this weekend. I am proud to say that we are 100 per cent approved. Why don't you try Bellefonte?"

As Zachariah Chafee Jr. points out in "Free Speech in the United States," "In the long run, the public gets just as much freedom as it really wants."

So life goes on in State College, and this semester each woman has .07 more of a man to contend with than did her sisters last semester. And with the festival of love, St. Valentine's Day, only 8 days away, we would suggest that you hot foot it down to the nearest card shop and get a remembrance for your favorite of the 3.08 men allotted you.

Discussion Movies To Be Previewed

Ten films for use with the discussion-series "Great Men and Great Issues in our American Heritage" will be informally screened from 4 to 4:45 p.m. beginning Feb. 11 in the Audio-Visual Aids Library, 9 Pattee Library.

Faculty members are invited to attend the previews. Two films will be shown at each session.

The films are on Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, John Marshall, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Daniel Webster, John Calhoun, and Abraham Lincoln.