

# Graduating class faces an uncertain job market

Continued from Page 1.

— business, engineering and computer science.

Another reason is because University graduates often prove to be assets to the company that hires them, he said.

"We don't have a visibility problem — employers know we exist," Bucher said. "The problem is they don't have the money to come up here."

James Slick, University assistant director of career information systems, agreed: "Companies have colleges in their own district, but they still come up here to recruit. We're not as bad off as other places."

The number of offers companies are making is down as well, Slick said. The decline is caused in part because employers know students are receiving less offers and are therefore more likely to accept an offer. If during a normal year a company might have extended five offers to get one employee, this year the ratio is more like 2:1 or sometimes even 1:1 because students are aware of job market, he said.

"Students are accepting offers earlier in the year and not shopping around," Slick said. However, all the news is not bad. "Even in instances where we're seeing decreases in placement rates, in general, we're seeing increases in salaries," Slick said.

Starting salaries are a better long-term indicator of the job market while placement rates are short-term indicators, he said. Not all the salary news is positive. The survey by Michigan State's placement office reported that although starting salaries will increase this year — by an average of 2.8

percent — the increase will be the smallest in the past 10 years. And although the number of recruiters and offers coming through Penn State's Career Development and Placement Center has decreased, the number of students looking for jobs through the center has increased, Bucher said.

In Fall Term alone, 4,883 students registered for interviews compared to about 3,900 in 1981.

Other schools have reported that some companies are coming to campus to maintain a presence on campus, with no intention of extending any offers, the Journal also reported. However, Bucher said this has not happened at Penn State because some companies have had poor results when they tried this in the past. The companies lose credibility with students and spend money for nothing. If a company simply wants to keep its name on campus, it can do it for a lot less money by sending speakers to various club meetings.

However, he said, "A number are saying, 'We're hiring fewer.'" According to the College Placement Council, the job market declined in almost every field this year with the exceptions of math and science graduates. The council is projecting a 5 percent decline in 1983 overall.

The number of openings for engineers will decline by 12 percent this year, and the number of jobs for

forms for companies they are interested in — and research the companies more extensively. "Do your homework. Research the company. It'll really pay off later," Bucher said.

The problem of too many students wanting interviews is not unique to the University either. At some colleges where no pre-screening is done by the company, students have camped outside placement centers overnight to sign up for interviews. Other schools have started bidding systems where students are given a certain number of points per term with which to bid for interviews, according to "The Wall Street Journal."

Commenting on the job market for 1983 graduates, Louise Sandmeyer, a counselor at the Career Development and Placement Center, said: "The expectation has been that when you graduate from college, you'll have a job. That's probably less true now. Even some of the majors that are traditionally seen as marketable have seen some (slippage)."

## in-field placement percentage for penn state grads

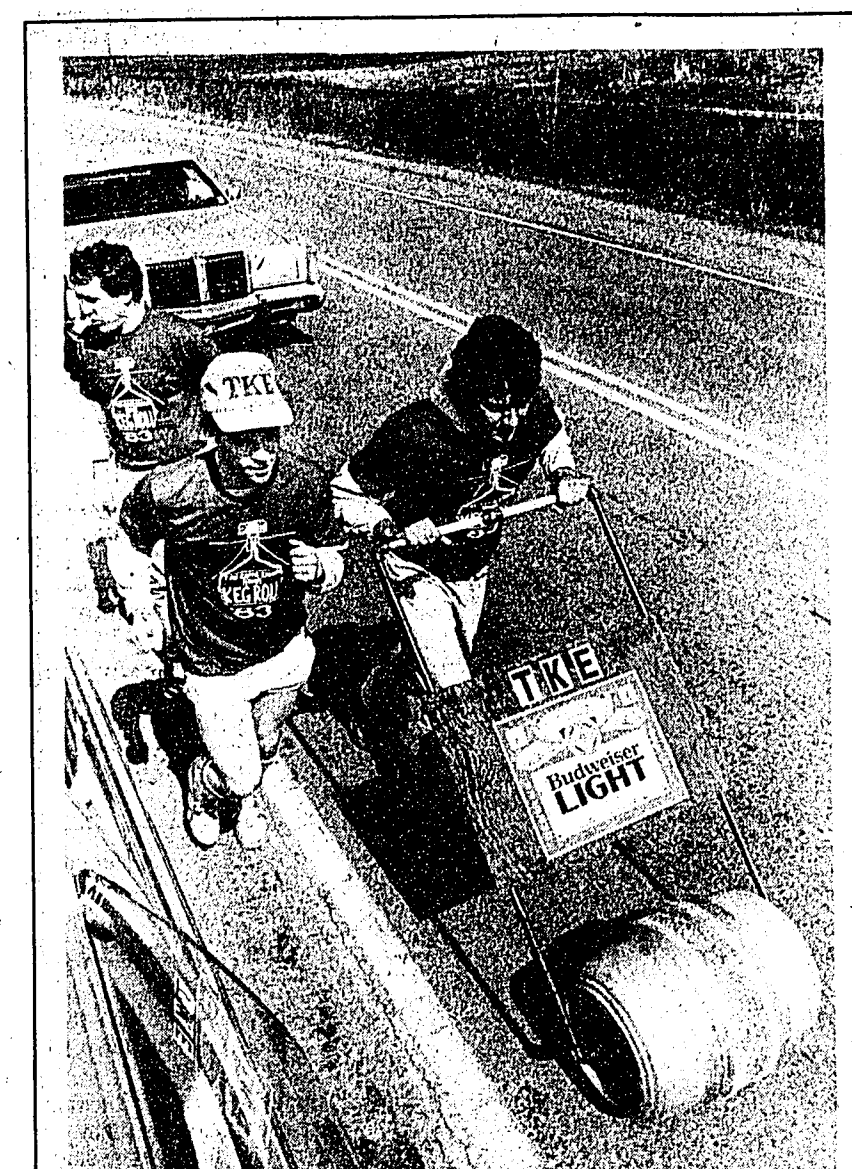
Undergraduate Degree	Class of 1981	Class of 1982	Class of 1983*
Chemical Engineering	77%	51%	16% drop in offers
Electrical Engineering	88%	84%	big decrease in hiring
Computer Science	90%	81%	12% drop in offers
Civil Engineering	84%	67%	sharp plummet in hiring
Math	65%	55%	modest decline expected
Marketing	62%	55%	small cutback in jobs
Business Administration	62%	52%	large cutback in offers

\* Source: Career Development and Placement Center, Post-graduation study of Penn State graduates  
\*\* Projected from Michigan State University nationwide employment survey

business majors will drop 4 percent. Jobs for those in non-technical fields, such as liberal arts majors, will drop 9 percent, the council reported.

Among the Michigan State study findings were the following forecasts:  
• Physics: "Steep decline in opportunities."  
• Personnel administration: "Big slide in work opportunities."  
• Communications: "Modest cutback in hiring."  
• Hotel and restaurant management: "Small drop of 7 percent in jobs."  
• Social sciences: "Decline of less than 10 percent."  
• Education: "About one-tenth fewer jobs."

Students realize this and are turning to a variety of programs the Career Development and Placement Center is offering to aid in their job search, Sandmeyer said. "Everything is up except the number of recruiters coming to campus."



Rolling for dollars  
Tau Kappa Epsilon members rolled the keg about 38 miles on Saturday to raise money for handicapped preschool children. Scott Clark (12th-geology) takes charge of the keg as Dave Gutekunst (7th-business administration) keeps the pace.

# Marathon keeps going all night

## 31 lap total best showing in 2 divisions

By MARIA NICOLO  
Collegian Staff Writer

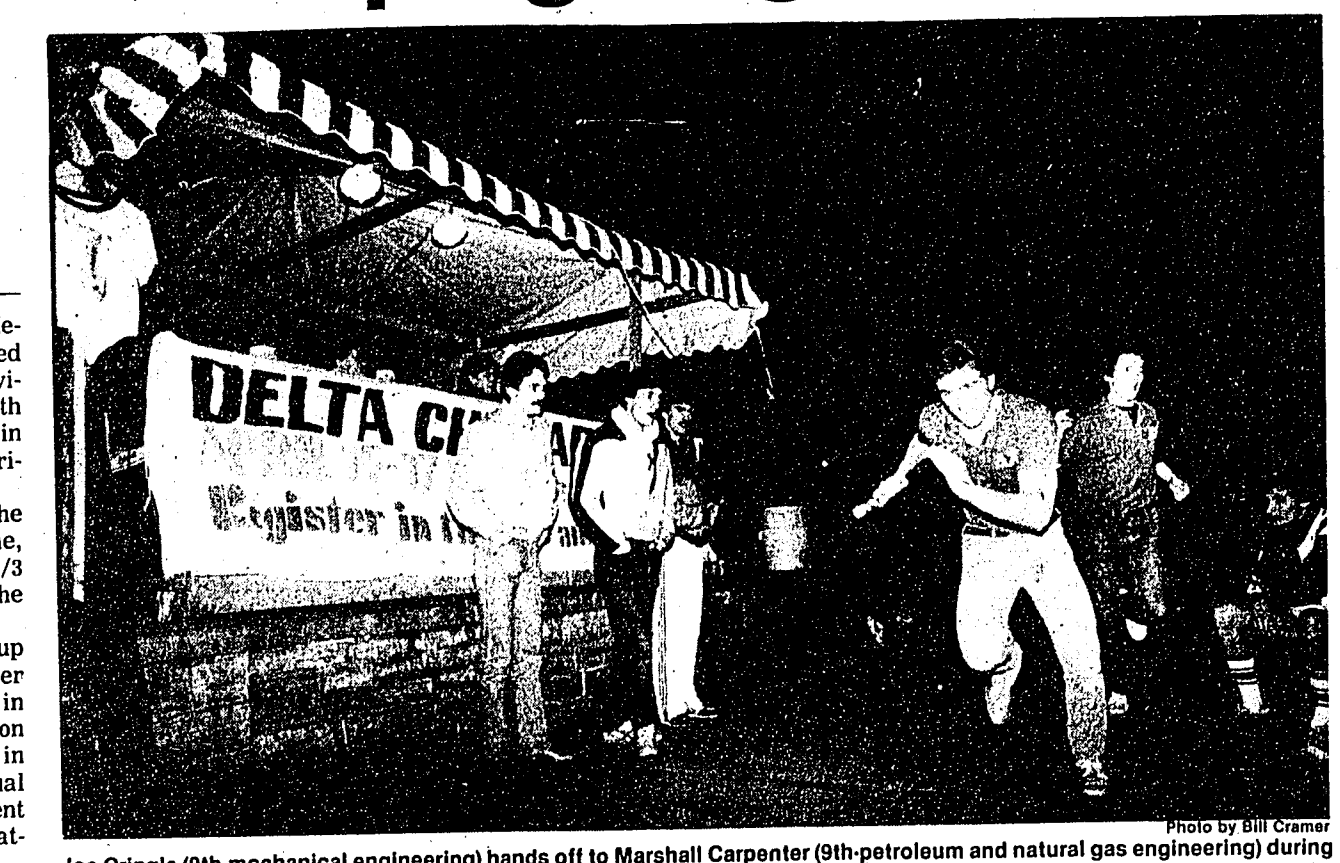
Sigma Pi fraternity and the independent "Elliott's Boys" captured first place in their respective divisions by running 31 laps in the 9th Annual Delta Chi Marathon held in conjunction with Kappa Delta sorority this past weekend.

By shaving 13 seconds off of the fraternity division's winning time, Elliott's Boys performed the most 1/3 mile laps around Old Main in the shortest time.

In the two other divisions a group representing the Women's Soccer Team ran 24 laps to cop first place in the independent women's division and Phi Mu sorority took first place in the sorority division with an equal amount of laps. The independent team clocked in the faster time, beating Phi Mu by 4 seconds.

Event Chairman Andy Nacemie estimates that through gaming and the entrance fees from the 67 participating teams, about \$5,300 was raised for the fraternity's scholarship program for University handicapped students.

Nacemie said the event went smoothly and the marathon was a "very fun and competitive event." He said not many runners complained about the cold, adding that at least the weather was an improvement on the rain, sleet and snow endured last year.



Joe Cinglo (9th-mechanical engineering) hands off to Marshall Carpenter (9th-petroleum and natural gas engineering) during the Delta Chi Marathon this weekend.

After a ceremony last night to award trophies and medallions to first, second, and third place winners, Chi Omega sorority team member Melissa Wiedemann said: "Mentally, I felt really good, but physically — ough." She said the encouragement of her friends kept her going. Monica Seelaus said her team ran Saturday at 1:30 a.m.

"All the drunkards were out cheering for us," she said. Marathon winners are as follows:

- Fraternity Division: (1) Mike Hanlon, Wail Kleemeter, Bill Kleemeter and Pete Dooley of Sigma Pi; (2) Acacia fraternity; (3) Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.
- Sorority Division: (1) Marcy McCormick, Jenny Reest, Tammy Klase and Karen Ann Dallas of Phi Mu; (2) Chi Omega; (3) Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.
- Men's Independent Division: (1) Dave Long, Dan Green, Joe Racama-

- to, and Bruce Kowalzyk of "Elliott's Boys"; (2) K.P. Gang members Seberlin, Parmelee, Nichter and Cham; (3) McCoogan, Murach, Reiss and Knott of Short Circuit.
- Women's Independent Division: (1) Bonnie Fuhrman, Nancy Getchell, Monica Seelaus and Barb Henry of the women's soccer team; (2) Speicher, Powlen, Boggs and Klingler; (3) Scarcia, Reimer, Sweet and Bauer.

**UNDER THE COVERS**  
**marimekko**  
at factory outlet prices  
caldor square II  
lower level • 238-5232  
mon.-sat. 9:30-5:30, thurs. 11:18  
a division of Kmart's K's Offroad Shoppe

**Allegheny Women's Center**  
• abortions  
• free pregnancy  
and related counseling  
Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 10-4  
Call collect 412-352-2920

**Hurricane Night**  
at the  
**Corner Lounge**  
Hotel State College

**The Wine Cellar**  
(Downstairs beneath La Bella Vita)  
**Blue Mondays**  
2 for 1 Drinks  
5pm until close  
119 S. Atherton St., State College 237-6191

**FSHA 410 Presents:**  
**An Evening at the BROADMORE Hotel**  
April 20th  
Come and enjoy a fine French meal  
Costs only \$7.95  
Seatings at 5:30 and 6:30  
Call between 8am-5pm (865-1736), After 5pm (234-0755 or 234-2152).

**E-Z OFF WEIGHT CONTROL**  
**DIET AIDS BY MAIL**  
Now you can order by mail, in the privacy of your own home.  
No Pills — No Problems  
Our diet aids — capsules and tablets — contain the strongest appetite suppressant without prescription. Different formulas, including Time Release, are GUARANTEED, MEDICALLY PROVEN EFFECTIVE, to help you lose weight and increase alertness. ALL ARE SAFE WHEN USED AS DIRECTED.  
**SEVEN DIFFERENT DIET PLANS**  
1. Pink Speckled Tablets  
2. Green Speckled Tablets  
3. Blue Speckled Tablets  
4. Yellow/Black  
5. Black 10-1123 (Stimulant)  
6. Red & Clear Capsules  
7. Blue & Clear Capsules  
8. Black 10-1123 (Stimulant)  
Send \$10.00 for 100; or save money by sending \$25.00 for 500. Money Back Guarantee if not completely satisfied.  
**Lancos**  
P. O. Box 680  
Bethlehem, PA 18016  
Phone Toll Free 1-800-523-9689  
(In PA, 1-215-866-2291)

**GOLDEN DOME VIDEO ARCADE**  
**ZAPS**  
THE COMPETITION  
**10 GAMES \$1 EVERY DAY!**

**LIONS PRIDE**  
HAPPY VALLEY'S SPORTS CENTER  
**Trophies & Awards**  
In Recognition of Distinguished Service and Outstanding Achievement...  
State College's most complete custom trophies & awards center.

**New at Danks. Waterville Separates by Pandora... Junior Size Style That's Timeless and Affordable!**

**ACTIVE JACKETS \$55**  
Navy jackets are 65% polyester and 35% cotton with a sporty plaid lining. Machine wash, tumble dry in sizes 7-13.

**BELTED TROUSERS \$35**  
**BELTED SPORT SKIRTS \$33**  
**CUFFED SHORTS \$28**  
Navy, khaki, and kelly are the classic colors for these 100% cotton twill separates. Machine wash, tumble dry in sizes 5-13.

**SWEATERS \$29-35**  
Great little sweaters for Spring in solid colored crewneck, striped boatneck, or vee-neck cable cardigan styles. All in 100% cotton, sizes S,M,L.

**KNIT TOPS \$20-34**  
Solid and striped polos, boatneck tops with three quarter length sleeves, and long sleeve kangaroo pocket tops come in bright red, kelly, navy, khaki, and yellow.

**Danks**  
DEPARTMENT STORES

DOWNTOWN STATE COLLEGE: Shop Thurs. 10-9, Sat. 10-5, other days 10-5:30. FREE parking every Thurs. evening.

**OshKosh B'GOSH**

**MADE IN U.S.A.**

**The name says quality. The price says Hills.**

OshKosh B'Gosh... It's not just for play, because fun is in fashion with bright colors for spring and low prices every day. Just part of Hills selection of OshKosh quality fashions for toddlers, girls, and moms too. **No need to wait for a sale. Ever.**

Girls' Interlock Knit Top . . . . . **9.58**  
Girls' Drawstring Slacks . . . . . **11.38**  
Toddler's Tops . . . . . **8.97-9.58**  
Other Styles Available

Toddler's Denim Overall . . . . . **11.97**  
Ladies' Denim Skirt . . . . . **14.47**  
Girls' Shorts . . . . . **5.97**

**Hills**

State College: Hills Plaza - South Atherton St. (Rt. 322E) & Branch Rd. Store Hours: 10-10 Monday-Saturday/12-5 Sunday