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Student Summer Opportunities

A summer internship or temporary summer job always provides experience that helps a student in her career decision-making. It is an opportunity to experiment with job options, to learn what works and what doesn't work.

The work setting, for example: Is a corporation your style? Or do you find rigid hierarchies, nylons and high heels too confining day after day? Do you like a small office? Is 9-5 your cup of herbal tea, or do you prefer flexibility? Travel? Out-of-doors or an office with all the comforts?

As for the kind of job you choose, camping and recreation relates to teaching and management. Law offices, restaurants, and newspapers each have valuable insights to offer an open-minded student.

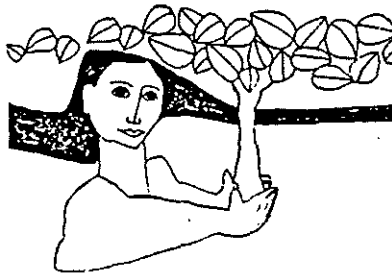
In order to maximize your summer work experience, Linda Bird at CPPS suggests that you talk to people. At work, watch, listen, and ask questions. Get to know the professionals and learn what they are doing during their work day. What are their frustrations? What are their rewards? How would the tasks, problems, and opportunities of that career suit you?

A summer job offers you an entry on your resume and a possible valuable reference from your employer who can say that you have worked hard, been responsible and reliable, and worked well with others.

Students have been looking since before spring break for jobs. It's still not too late to find one. Information about summer opportunities--

both local and out-of-town-- is available through CPPS. See Brenda Ley, or call 322-2750.

On behalf of the Women's Center staff, we wish all students a fun, relaxing, and rewarding summer.



For Graduating Students "The Woman I Am" by Damaris Stillion

The woman I am
is soft, fine sand on the
riverbed,
the first, the best,
tall and stately yucca.
She is a sound pleasure,
an equitation horse
in a spring show,
and in the fall--
a hunter.

Secretaries

"All the secretaries hunch at their IBM's, snickering at keys./ What they know could bring down the government." From "On the Watergate Women" a poem by Robin Morgan.

There are 525 secretaries currently employed at Vanderbilt. Other related clerical positions include receptionist, word processor operator, clerk, and administrative assistant. Women, who hold most of

these jobs, differ in abilities, backgrounds, lifestyles, and aspirations. As a group they are powerful. Many participate in the Vanderbilt community as students, athletes and spectators at sporting events, etc. Often on the periphery of university life are the approximately 125 clerical temporary workers, "temps", who Personnel Services send wherever needed to pinch hit.

National Secretaries' Week is April 20-26. Each of our Vanderbilt secretaries deserves to be recognized for the considerable professional contribution she makes. We at the Women's Center would like to say "thank you" to those who have helped us gather information, get messages to people, post announcements in their offices, and otherwise help us promote programs and services for Vanderbilt women.

A special thank you goes to Lisa Hinson, Women's Center Secretary, for her support, initiative, and good humor this academic year.

News Brief

According to a February article in The New York Times, the gentle male image is out in T.V. heroes, the macho image is in.

Attention Professors

Are you cleaning out your bookshelves? Take a look at your leftovers. If some materials would be appropriate for the Women's Center library, please give us a call, 322-4843.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DUTCH TREAT BREAKFAST CLUB will meet Thursday, April 17, in the Rand Faculty Room at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. At 8:00 a.m. Paddy Bowman, Assistant Director for Programs, Sarratt Student Center, will speak and then answer questions. Open to all women faculty and staff.

THE UNIVERSITY NETWORK LUNCH is an opportunity for all women staff and faculty to meet and eat together once a month for a social hour. Bring a bag lunch (you can pick up food at nearby Rand Hall cafeteria). At the Women's Center, Wednesday, April 16, noon - 1:30 p.m.

THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION met on February 22, 1986, on the Belmont College campus. Twenty-two members and friends attended. We heard two presentations: Pat Rozée-Koker of the Vanderbilt Psychology Department spoke on "Gender Issues in a Cross-Cultural Comparison of Rape," and Nancy Rupprecht of the MTSU History Department spoke on "Alienation and Girls'

Socialization in the Pre-War Third Reich."

Our next meeting will be at MTSU on April 19, 1986. The topic will be a discussion of "Women's Studies Programs--Reality and Ideal." Ruth Kornfield of Austin Peay State University is the program coordinator for the meeting.

For more information, call MTWSA Chair, Elisabeth Perry, History Department, 322-8151.

"THE WAR METAPHOR IN CRITICAL REASONING" is a Luncheon Seminar by Dell McWhorter, doctoral student in Philosophy who will be graduating this year.

Critical reasoning enables us to recognize fallacies, to construct sound arguments, and to offer counter arguments. The language of teaching critical reasoning--weak/strong, attack/defend, opponent, defeat--is closely associated with the language of war. This seminar will explore that association. What is its meaning? Is it crucial to intellectual pursuits? How should a feminist teach

critical reasoning?

Dell McWhorter will be leaving Vanderbilt in a few weeks to assume a teaching position. We wish her well and look forward to her seminar on Thursday, April 10, 12:15-1:15p.m. at the Women's Center.

Sitting Pretty
Nancy Steele, Editor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"I was chatting with a group of colleagues before the start of a rather formal luncheon meeting of our professional association, when the signal was given to take our seats. The man standing next to me turned to another man, a university dean, to ask if they could sit together. The dean replied that, unfortunately, he had already promised to sit elsewhere.

"'Oh, that's all right,' my colleague answered, turning back to me, 'I'll just sit with Nancy.'

"Again the dean was most gracious. 'Let me see if I can help you find a seat,' he said, 'because Nancy is being seated at the head table.'" --Savvy, April 1986

Edited by Joan Anderson

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