

# Perspectives

# Will Work for Food

## Many options await students seeking employment

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It is the beginning of the school year, a time for purchasing new text books, eating out with friends and shopping for the perfect dorm room accessories. At this same time, many students wonder how they are going to pay for the same text books, meals and accessories, among other living expenses.

All those students driving BMW Z3s better sit down before reading this — many students on this campus have to work during the school year to support themselves.

Whether it is to buy books or clothes, to go clubbing or to the movies, for car insurance or to pay tuition, many students need the right job that pays the right amount of money. Other students are looking for experience, for resume boosters or just for a chance to meet new people or do something worthwhile.

At most universities up to 65 percent of full-time students have jobs in addition to their classes according to a 1993 study of the Student Employment Office of Career Development and Placement Services at the University of Michigan.

Though some students are able to do work study through their financial aid package, other students must scour the city for the right part-time job.

And just what exactly is the right part-time job?

That depends on the student's goals and objectives. There are many factors that should be considered when job hunting: location, time flexibility, skills required and the pay.

### ON CAMPUS:

There are numerous on-campus jobs, but they can be difficult to find. Nearly every department has some sort of position that must be filled, from assistants for professors to students to aid in trash disposal for facilities management.

With work only a few steps away, the benefits of an on-campus job are clear: good location, no car or gas money needed.

Also, many on-campus jobs allow students to study during slow times, and on-campus employers realize that their employees are students first.

"They're great during exams. They understand that you can't work as many hours as normal," said sophomore Surupa Dasgupta, a Z. Smith Reynolds Library employee.

These reasons are part of why 58 percent of students who work hold positions on campus, according to the University of Michigan study.

However, one main drawback comes with working on campus: Students can be almost certain that the pay for any on-campus position will be no more than minimum wage.

### Z. Smith Reynolds Library

Some on campus jobs are more visible and coveted than others, such as library positions. Dasgupta works in the library at the welcome desk.

"My position is pretty fun. I get to see a lot of people, and that makes the time go by aster," Dasgupta said.

There are numerous positions in the library from shelving books to working behind the checkout desk.

Although, "it's kind of hard to get into the area you want," Dasgupta said.

Because of the high demand for such jobs, library positions are often difficult to receive; however, applications are always accepted.

The contact for a library position is Lisa Meyers, a Reynolds Library administrative assistant. "Either come by my office or call me at Ext. 5480."

### Benson University Center

Several other well-known student jobs on campus

are housed in the Benson University Center. Benson Fitness Center and the Information Desk provide sought-after positions due to their close location and ample study time.

"It's nice because you get to see a lot of people and there's not too much to be doing all the time so you can study," said senior Andrew Tapp, a Fitness Center employee.

Beyond being able to fit in some schoolwork, fitness center employees have several responsibilities.

"We are responsible for taking IDs, handing out lockers and making sure everything down here is working well, and we also clean all the machines on Sunday nights," said senior Meredith Burleson, a Fitness Center employee.

At the information desk students must juggle several responsibilities from handing out Benson keys to authorized personnel to providing all sorts of campus information.

"Basically we just answer the phone, if students call and ask for a student number or a professors number, and if anyone comes to the desk trying to find out where a meeting is located, we try to advise them.

Basically, we just give

**"Some internship sites do not pay because they are a not-for-profit organization, or because they have so many applicants, payment is not necessary to attract qualified interns. Certain careers, such as advertising, public relations, and human resources require an internship before you will be considered for a job"**

"Career Guidebook"  
Office of career services

Presently numerous fall sports positions are open. "We're looking for water polo and flag football officials and later we will need volleyball and soccer officials," said Chris Hutton, intramural coordinator.

### ARAMARK

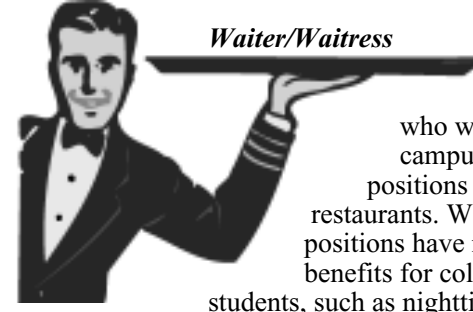
ARAMARK also offers several positions for students. Presently positions are available for both catering wait staff and line servers

assistants, wait staff, conference set-up crews and dishwashers.

"You will be surrounded in elegance as you work in an award winning facility where business leaders from around the world enjoy excellent customer service. We are looking for friendly, outgoing people to work in various departments," reported a Graylyn International Conference Center brochure.

"We offer a fun work environment in a historical setting," said Christie Lennon, the head of Graylyn Conference Center human resources.

If interested, call Lennon at 757-2513.



Waiter/Waitress

Many students who work off campus choose positions in local restaurants. Wait staff positions have many benefits for college students, such as nighttime and weekend shifts and potentially high earnings via tips during peak working hours. Though the North Carolina pay rate for wait staff is \$2.13, at moderate to upscale restaurants, good servers can expect to earn much more.

"It's good because you get out of the Wake Forest bubble and you get to see real hard-working people; just remember that tipping means at least 15 percent," junior Jennifer Andeson said.

### Career Services Bulletin Board

The Career Services Bulletin Board is located on the second floor of Reynolda just outside the Career Services Office. Positions ranging from baby-sitting for professors' children, to tutoring positions are posted there throughout the year. They can be great for someone who wants to pick up a few hours here and there, but does not have time for a year-long commitment.

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information," said junior Pamela Balkins, an Information Desk employee.

Much like the Fitness Center position, this job is sought for its moments of potential study time.

"At the information desk I find out a lot of information, and during slow periods you can get some homework done," said senior Michelle O'Connor, the Information Desk manager.

Fitness center and information desk positions are usually filled at the end of the previous school year.

However, should students choose to leave or a scheduling conflict arise, there is still hope for a Benson job this year.

"If positions open up, they keep all applications on file," O'Connor said.

The contacts for these positions are the facilities coordinator, Gale Newport, at Ext. 5230 for the information desk; and James Buckley, the Benson associate director, at Ext. 4853 for fitness center positions.

### Intramural Department

The intramural department, located in Reynolds Gymnasium, also hires numerous students throughout the year as intramural sports officials.

No experience is needed since training is provided, and provisions can easily be made so employees can both play and officiate any sport.

Officiating also has occasional downtime between games or forfeits during which studying can be done, and there are great benefits and pay increases for returning officials and potential for higher-paid supervisor positions.

for the Benson dining area.

ARAMARK employees enjoy benefits such as free meals while they are working and flexible hours.

If interested contact Jay Warren, Director of ARAMARK Campus Dining Services Ext. 5595. Also, Pizza Hut in Benson hires numerous

students.

"At night a lot of students work here. They try to hire with in the school as much as possible," said junior Lynette Kirk, a Pizza Hut employee.

Unlike most on campus jobs, Pizza Hut usually pay new employees at a higher rate than minimum wage.

### OFF CAMPUS:

According to the 1993 University of Michigan study, "On-campus wages averaged \$5.16, while off-campus employers paid between \$5.66 and \$6.16."

At an average difference of \$1 per hour, it is easy to see why many students look beyond campus walls for employment opportunities.

With the present thriving economy, almost every business has positions available; however, students can make their job search more convenient by considering the following potential positions.

### Graylyn International Conference Center

The Graylyn Center is owned by the university and located just down the street off Reynolda Drive. The center is presently looking to fill numerous positions such as front desk clerks, transportation

