

# When the Games begin . . . so will the jobs

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1987 will be a monumental year in the history of North Carolina sports.

The United States Olympic Sports Festival will bring its 3,000 athletes, 34 Olympic and Pan American sports events, and more than 300,000 spectators to the Triangle area for its summer games. Held annually except during Olympic years, the Festival is expected to have a nine million-dollar impact on the state.

"This is the biggest event that has ever happened to North Carolina," said Tony Britt, media relations assistant for North Carolina Amateur Sports, the local organizing committee for the Festival.

Along with the joys of an Olympic-sized sporting event comes the collective energy of thousands of people to make the event work. The US Olympic Sports Festival will need more than 7,000 college students for summer internships. The chance to work with such an event may be a once-in-a-lifetime thing.

"The experience is invaluable," said Britt, whose employment with NCAS is a direct result of a summer internship with the US Olympic committee he worked with as a college student in 1985. "We have plenty of opportunities, in many different facets of the operation."

Although the internship is voluntary, college credit can be arranged, depending on the time put into the

Festival. One student from NCSU is getting 9 hours of college credit, working 40 hours a week. Students are used in capacities that serve their respective needs, and work in every aspect of the Festival operation: media relations, transportation, hospitality, etc.

For instance, a student interested in journalism or marketing could get involved in the department of media relations and work on such projects as the North Carolina Amateur Sportsletter. Students interested in administration could be used in operations or transportation, gaining hands-on experience of coordinating a large-scale sports function.

"We let the student work out the

details he needs to get credit with the school," said Britt. "Then we give the student the work."

"I'm not getting credit, but it's a great organization and I'm getting a lot of experience," said Julia Ritchey, a senior at UNC and Festival volunteer. Aside from the experience, the intern will be a part of the NCAS staff and will have access to many events of the Festival.

The US Olympic Sports Festival will be held in selected sports facilities in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and Greensboro. The games will begin July 13th and run through the 26th. Along with the sports events, the Festival will feature a month-long "North Carolina Arts Celebration,"

and a state-wide Torch Run involving 8,000 runners covering 2,800 miles through 375 North Carolina cities. There will even be disabled competitions in tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. In last year's Olympic Festival, Jackie Joyner-Kersey broke her own world record in the women's heptathlon.

Students interested in applying for a summer internship should contact Bob McBee, Director of Operations for NCAS. The number is 1-800-223-USOF.

"We are looking for good students who are willing to work," said Britt. "I feel the experience, the contacts, and the fun will make it all worthwhile."

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## Internships give experience in a wide range of occupations

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Students can try out careers ranging from arts to zoology by participating in summer internships, according to Robin Joseph, experiential learning coordinator at the University Career Planning and Placement Service (CPPS).

"There are internships in communications, business, politics, government, the sciences — physical, life and computer — and just a wide range of fields," Joseph said. "Most internships are career-related."

"A lot of students look for something cross-disciplinary," she added. "I think there's a lot of crossover (in career interests)."

Joseph added that students can create internships from just about any type of work, whether it be volunteering with Special Olympics, the Big Buddy program, or working for a law firm.

Students should begin researching internships early in their sophomore year to determine particular skills and identify potential internship employers, Joseph said. "We (CPPS) have all kinds of workshops and information sessions that we hold."

"(Starting early) helps students build a foundation for future career decisions," she added. "This preparation can lead to an internship that helps them get a jump on the post-

graduation competition."

Joseph said deadlines for internship applications differ, with some being as early as November or December. But students shouldn't be discouraged over rejections or missed deadlines. "There are many opportunities available after school gets out," she said.

One of the keys to obtaining a summer internship is looking beyond bulletin boards. "For every internship listed, you're going to find three or four that are not," Joseph said. Seeking out these internships shows initiative on the student's part, and companies look for that in an intern, she added.

Although as many as 60 percent of internships do not pay, Joseph said it is better for students to sacrifice finances now than end up in a career they hate a few years down the road.

"It's a bridging of the gap between the classroom and the office with no career commitment," she said.

"If you do something now and you hate it, it's OK. If you wait till you graduate, you're stuck."

Jackie Jarvis, a senior from Kingsport, Tenn., said her experience working for the International Law Institute in Washington, D.C., last summer couldn't have been any closer to her career plans. She plans to enter law school next fall at either Vanderbilt University or Cornell

University.

"It was an incredible experience," she said. "Even if you come away thinking this isn't the career you want, the experience is still beneficial."

Senior journalism major Guy Lucas worked for The Phoenix Gazette in Arizona last summer. He said being a "real reporter" dealing with the public was different from his work with campus publications. "They (the public) didn't treat (me) like a student," he said. "They treated me with a great deal of respect."

Joseph emphasized that internships aren't limited to the summer. There are many opportunities awaiting students during the school year. "I encourage a student to take a semester off and work in a field of interest," she said.

Every year the number of students applying for internships increases because students are giving more consideration to future careers, Joseph said. CPPS even has a counselor who helps students decide on potential careers.

"Experience is a key today," she said. "Having a degree is no guarantee anymore, and there has never been anything detrimental about doing an internship."

"It's kind of like test-driving a car you're thinking about buying."

## Town center needs camp counselors

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The Chapel Hill Community Center not only offers a variety of recreational activities for people of all ages, but summer job opportunities for UNC students as well.

The community center is offering three types of recreational camps this summer with about 25 job openings for students.

The eight-day camps will need counselors for participants ranging in age from preschoolers to teenagers, recreation specialist Bill Webster said. This includes a camp that will need counselors for handicapped children. The camps begin June 22 and end Aug. 7.

To qualify for the jobs, applicants must be at least 17 years old and have worked before with children, Webster added.

"We look at anyone who has had

past experience with children," Webster said. "We hire people for one job during the summer and if they want to apply in the fall, they are seriously considered."

The pay is \$4.25 per hour for assistant counselors and \$5.25 for counselors, Webster said. Counselors usually have more experience than assistants or have worked with the program before, he added.

A camp needing coaches is the USTA National Junior Tennis League, which is in its second year, recreation specialist Karen Burky said.

"We are seeking team leaders with work and playing experience," Burky said.

The camp is for young people between eight and 18, three days a week, Burky said. Participants will practice two days and scrimmage on the last day, she said. Coaches are

paid \$4.50 or more, depending upon their experience, she added.

Like the day camps, the tennis league will start June 22 and last six weeks, recreation specialist Laurie Anderson said.

Another community camp in need of counselors is Sports Exploration, which is scheduled to explore a diversity of sports from softball to croquet, Anderson said.

The weeklong camp for 11- to 13-year-olds will last five sessions and participants will learn to play a variety of sports, Anderson said.

"The more sports an applicant is familiar with, the better his or her chances will be," Anderson said.

Sports counselors' pay starts at \$4.50, she said.

Other positions offered by the community center are park aides for custodial duties and maintenance aides.