

HER OUTFIT

Floppy silk bow by Brian — \$19

Kenneth Gordan blouse — \$50

Polywool blend suit tailored woman collection by Kricketeer — \$240

Tassel Shawed pumps — \$130

Clothes from R. Rush & Company

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White Oxford shirt by York — \$24

Silk Foulard tie by Kenneth Gordan — \$22.50

Bond Street briefcase — \$180

Black Saddle Oxfords by Keith Highlander — \$64

Polyster/Wool blend two-piece suit by H. Oritski — \$220

Looks that work

by Karen Schrimsher
Battalion reporter

You never get a second chance to make a first impression — that's what College Station clothing specialists are saying about the importance of dressing properly for a job interview.

Managers at R. Rush and Co. and Shellenbergers, two College Station specialty shops, have definite ideas about how perspective employees should dress for interviews.

The managers of these stores have given fashion shows and clothing seminars for various campus organizations using John T. Molloy's *Dress for Success* as a guide.

Judy Rush, co-owner and manager of R. Rush and Co., says women should dress in a traditional, classic style.

Classic clothing is investment clothing that will not be out-dated in the years to come, Rush said. She suggests a navy blue suit, a white blouse with matching tie, a tailored blazer and shoes with a closed toe.

Rush said a contrasting tie might give a masculine appearance, although looking too feminine might be just as detrimental.

"You want to get away from looking too feminine," Rush said. "If the interviewer is a man, he may look at the woman as someone he would like to date, not as someone he would hire to do a job."

As for make-up and hair, it is best to keep it as simple as possible, Rush said. Hair should be kept at the shoulders in a simple style — not too curly. If nail polish is worn, it should be in a neutral color because dark colors are too easily noticed.

"I wouldn't wear a lot of jewelry, simply because it distracts," Rush said.

Tierni Morton, manager of Shellenberger's, says a woman should dress "like a man in a skirt" since most bosses are men.

Women's suits sold in the area range in price from \$96-\$320, and dress shirts range from \$32-\$74.

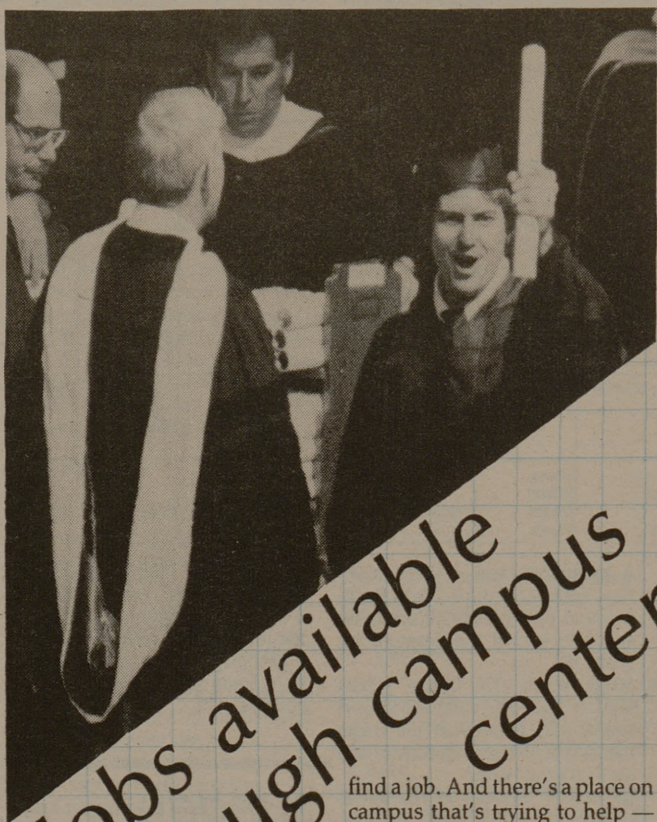
As for men, R. Rush manager Brad DuPlantis says the best choice would be a solid navy or grey suit.

"A navy pin stripe commands the most power — the most respect," DuPlantis said. The suit should be worn with a light blue or white dress shirt, and the shoes should match the belt. A vest is not necessary.

"Basically, you should dress for the type of job for which you are interviewing," DuPlantis said. "If it is an accounting firm, you should dress as conservatively as you can."

Also, it is not advisable to wear flashy jewelry.

Area prices for men's suits range from \$175-\$325. Accessory prices include: shirts-\$19-\$37.50, blazers-\$105-\$215, ties-\$13.50-\$22.50, and shoes-\$35-\$85.



Jobs available through campus center

by Carol Smith
Battalion staff

It's almost time for graduation and you're probably excited because then you won't have to worry about studying. But life's no free ride — you still have to

find a job. And there's a place on campus that's trying to help — the Placement Center.

Each year the placement center helps students to get interviews and find jobs. John R. Gudelman, associate director of the placement center, says the interview process is the most visible service of the center.

Gudelman suggests that the student register with the center one year prior to graduation.

"Registration is getting a registration packet, filling out the

appropriate forms and then turning it back in," he said.

In the registration packet there's a card which is sent over to the registrar's office when the center orders an unofficial transcript for the student. The transcript is free. There is another card for office work and a resume form that is placed in the student's file. Gudelman said that the student should submit five copies of the resume form into the file.

Gudelman said, "A lot of these recruiters will go through the files and identify prospective employees."

Each file also contains letters of recommendations. A student is encouraged to use three to five recommendations from former employers and faculty members, he said. The recommendations can be sent either to the center, or the students can bring them in.

Once the student has the file in order, the hard part begins.

"Three weeks prior to the interview date, the pink sheets come out and those pink sheets are the formal announcements of who's going to be here when and the majors they're interested in," Gudelman said. The pink sheets are then sent to the appropriate academic department and are posted on the departmental bulletin boards.

"The students need to be watching for those pink sheets on the bulletin boards," he said.

Master copies of the pink sheets also are kept in the lobby of the placement center on the

tenth floor of Rudder Tower.

Two weeks prior to the interview date, first time sign-ups are conducted at 6 p.m. on the second floor of Rudder. Any schedule that has any kind of major in the college of engineering goes out at 6 p.m., and schedules offering interviews for all other majors (ones which have no engineering disciplines) have sign-ups at 7 p.m.

"The reason for this is the mass numbers of people on one big station," Gudelman said. "Spreading out the time and space will make it a lot more convenient for the students."

The bulk of activity at the center revolves around the engineering disciplines and business majors — primarily accounting and computer science, he said.

"The high-tech fields right now are in high demand," Gudelman said. "What we do here is really supply and demand. About a year-and-a-half ago, engineering was extremely lucrative, but that has tapered off somewhat with the recession. It really depends on the economy and who needs who and when."

The students should bring a resume when they sign up for an interview. The resume form will be given to the recruiter. If students want to attach a personal resume to the center's resume form, they are free to do so, he said.

If the students miss sign-ups at 6 p.m., the schedules are

available the next day for sign-ups from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the tenth floor of Rudder.

As for getting sign-ups the next day Gudelman said, "It depends on the company, the organization, the disciplines recruited and whether there are spaces or not," Gudelman said. "Most of the time, if you are not there for the first night sign-ups, chances are that you will not get an interview."

Once the students have gotten their interviews, the placement center is through with them unless they ask for some additional help or some additional information, he said.

"We are available to them if they need someone to help them further, if they have any problems with their interview or if they change their goals," Gudelman said.

Three weeks ago, the placement center was running at approximately 75 percent capacity of the previous spring, he said.

"We've had an awful lot of additions, and we've had some cancellations so we haven't had an accurate study since," Gudelman said.

The center has two recruiting seasons — the spring and the fall. It also has a short summer recruiting season.

"The summer is somewhat different in that most employers are geared for the May, December graduates," he said. "My recommendations for an August graduate is to interview, interview, interview."