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BY KELLY PREISER The Battalion

s the end of the spring semester approaches, most students cannot wait for the school year to end. After May 10, the last day of finals, students can begin their sumner break — three months of relaxation. But for many students, this is not the case.

ome students have to work during the summer months to

ip money for the next school year, among other reasons.

owever, if a student chooses his or her job carefully, he or

lim Pike, a junior computer science major, has worked at

World in San Antonio for the past four summers as a life-

"The best part about the job was working with the other guards," Pike said. "Most of the guards were either high

nool or college age. We'd always goof around before and af-

Pike said one of the major benefits of the job was that all

He said he even had the chance to mingle with the animals

"The park offers a program for kids called 'Camp Sea

ras nothing serious, but if I didn't go in, it could have been,"

Brent Haas, a chemical engineering major, has said he also

"Some benefits of being a lifeguard are that you can get a

od tan, it's easy, and you get to meet a lot of different peo-

ple. Plus you get really good break times. You get about a half

hour for every hour you work. But, you don't get paid a lot.

The summers in Texas are really hot and the job can get kind

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can still have an enjoyable summer.

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of boring; you just kind of sit there sweating if nothing happens," Haas said.

Haas said the rewards of working as a lifeguard outweigh the discomforts.

'When you actually get to save someone from drowning, the job can be really rewarding. It gives you a really great feeling to know you just made a difference in someone's life. The family is really appreciative and it makes you feel

really good," Haas said. Working at a summer camp can also provide students with an opportunity to work outdoors. Jill Sawyer, a junior history major, worked as a camp counselor at a

YMCA day camp in Houston for the past two summers. "It's a great summer job because you don't have to work nights or weekends.

the dolphins. They would ask for a lifeguard to be in there with You also get to go hiking and on really cool field trips once a week with the kids [for He said that while his job was fun and offered many perks, free]. Last summer we went to [Six Flags] AstroWorld, The only major drawback of the job was when I'd have to and to a few [Houston] Asch the wavepool. Being a lifeguard can be relaxing but also tros games," said Sawyer. ressful. Most of the time when something would happen, it

'You have to really like kids and playing outside. You

also get a really good tan and the staff you work with is mostly college kids. We became really good friends over the summer and went out on the weekends," Sawyer said.

But far more important to some students than having their fill of fun and sun are the benefits of working at a job that not only provides valuable experience in one's future career, but one that may provide an edge when potential employers look at their resume.

For example, many museums offer summer work. They provide an interesting atmosphere while also looking good on a resume.

"We normally need students to work at summer camps," ivia Maldonado, the operations manager at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

'We hire a lot of education and wildlife majors. It's great experience working with children. Plus the hours are flexible JEFF SMITH/THE BATTALIO

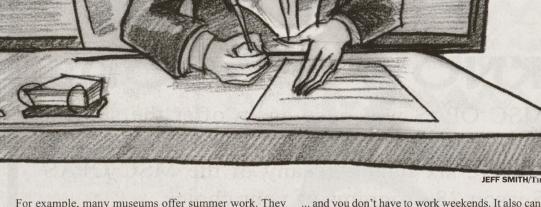
.. and you don't have to work weekends. It also can look really good on your resume.'

It's a lot of fun working with the kids, they are so fun, they give us a little chuckle every day," Maldonado said.

Students should be aware that there are summer jobs that have the potential to fulfill both the desire to have a relaxing summer and allow them to gain experience that will impress future employers.

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