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Student **persisters** wae **requested** to **list the first**, second and third factors **concerning** satisfaction that if changed would have better **served them** at the University. **Their** responses are **graphically communicated** in **Figures 4-6**. **Student** persister **respondents listed** the following as the most **frequent** items to **be changed** first: (1) **registration** processing. (2) parking availability, (3) and **television courses**. The second factors frequently cited by student persisters concerning satisfaction with fhc **University** that if changed would have better **served them** included the Following: (1) registration **processing**, (2) parking availability, **and** (3) television courses. The third factors most often stated by student persisters were identical to the **first** and second factors

## CONCLUSIONS

Student nonpersister respondents most frequently cited "Conflict with job and studies." and the least cited items were "Courses too difficult" and "Child care not available or too costly." Student persisters cited fewer personal items and services to be changed than did their nonpersister counterparts. Counseling and advising services, financial aid opportunities, and quality of instruction were mentioned with greater frequency by the student nonpersister respondents than student persisters. However, in both cases, most of the items concerning degree of satisfaction with the University that were cited to be changed fell within the realm of control of the University's administration, staff. and faculty.

## **Book Reviews and Notes**

Patricia W. Lunneborg and Vicki M. Wilson. *To Work:* A *Guidefor Women College Graduates*. Prentice Hall, **Englewood** Cliffs, N.J., 1982. Pp. vi-222, \$6,95.

Accompanying the increased focus on careers available to college graduates, there has been a proliferation of popular reading materials designed to assist the graduates in their career pursuit. Separating Lunneborg and Wilson's book. To Work: A Guidefor Women College Graduates, from those already flooding the marketplace. is their concentration on career issues and concerns central to women. Supplementing this, the authors approach career planning In a way which is congruent with the career options. We well as the barriers, of today's woman.

Although the **editors** announce that the **book** "To Work" is for women college graduates, it **appears** as though it would be of more assistance to women who are in the process of **identifying** (or redefining) what **career path** would be **most** suitable to them **and** their life goals. For example, one audience. who could thoroughly utilize the **information** provided in the book, is **re-entering** adult women. Useful **tools**, which enables **the reader** to **conduct** a **self-directed** career search. are available to the reader. The career search thus becomes **non-threatening** and **self-contained**, which may be important factors to women about to enter a major life transition. Another example might be undwgraduates who are in the process of choosing life goals.

"To Work" outlines both personal and social barriers confronting women in their career development and suggests methods by which they can be overcome. Exercises, which provide assistance to the reader in assessing her abilities and establishing a match between these abilities and the world of work. are included. The book is aimed toward facilitating women's wise decision making, goal setting and eventual goal attainment.

Supporting a lifespan approach to career life planning, the authors outline the various "career patterns" women choose in Chapter I. Several written exercises encourage the reader to clarify what priority work wilt assume in her Ilfe. Although this chapter challenges the reader to visualize what she wants included in her future, it could have been strengthened if the authors had also focused on ways in which women can negotiate with their significant others, who may be instrumental in seeing that these ideals are translated into reality.

Chapters 2 and 3 center on personal barriers to career development. which women confront. and strategies for overcoming these barriers. The authors effectively outline these barriers and encourage the readers to understand and accept their limitations. instead of Feeling defeated by them. Techniques to assist the woman in overcoming (or perhaps lessening) these barriers are included in Chapter 3.

Reading Chapter 4 may disillusion women, when facts about the incongruencies between job benefits for women and men are presented. The purpose of the inclusion of such facts is not to elicit a reader's anger but to assist her in realistically assessing the world of work. Readers challenged by these discouraging statistics will find strategies for conquering these inequalities in Chapter 5. This Chapter (5) outlines tactics for overcoming social barriers, found both on and off the job.

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Not unique to this career life planning book is the focus on the reader as an individual. However, the approach to this topic extends beyond those activities normally suggested by most authors. The exercises facilitate the reader's exploration of her interests, abilities, and both strengths and weaknesses without the necessity of a career counselor. The inclusion of various references to "resource guides" will also prove useful in the reader's career search.

Once this self-evaluation has been completed, Chapter 7 generates the opportunity for readers to test their interests with career opportunities. A clear and concise discussion of the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) is included to broaden this exploration. Through the inclusion of short discussions on horizontal versus vertical career development, life transitions, and the impact of external events on employment opportunities. women are confronted with issues which may impact their career path.

Chapters 8 and 9 promise to be the most beneficial to academic advisors, since they are geared towards the undergraduate student. Lunneborg and Wilson's perspective on the liberal arts student will be of special interest to some advisors. Direct feedback, provided by interviews of graduates from varied disciplines, may also give insight to the advisees' needs.

Although the majority of the readers of "To Work" will not equally benefit from Chapters 10 and 11, since they focus on race segregation and re-entry women, these chapters do present some valuable information for these populations. Awareness of unique situations. confronted by minorities and re-entry women, will assist advisors and counselors in addressing these concerns with such students.

Chapter 12 is designed to assist the reader in synthesizing the information they gained in the previous chapters. Secondly, the chapter focuses briefly on putting this information into action, i.e. locating that first job. A lifespan approach to decision making and goal setting is also included.

Several summative comments seem appropriate. Women, who fail to "buy into" the feminist movement, may find the authors' feminist perspective abrasive and consider it to be an inadequate representation of the world of work. In fact, a non-feminist reader may find herself angry with the authors' viewpoint, instead of challenged and stimulated to change the situation. "To Work" presents a broad overview of the many facets involved in career life planning. When covering many issues there is a limit to the amount of information which can be delegated to one individual subject. However, the book does stimulate the reader to further investigate the issues, which are pertinent to her and does provide references for doing just that.

Overall, Lunneborg and Wilson's "To Work" doesn't break any new ground in the field of career guidance, however the book is significant in several ways. The focus on women is refreshing in a field whose information is grounded in male career patterns. It manages to summarize and consolidate a wide range of literature into a concise presentation for the career seeker. Lastly, the focus on application fills a critical void in the literature on women's career choices.

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Margaret G. Anslin, VOYAGE: A CHARTBOOK FOR CAREER/LIFE PLANNING. Kendall/Hunt, 1980, Pp. v-173 (no price given).

Voyage uniquely articulates the basic components of career development. The first half of the workbook progressively leads the student through the stages of Self Awareness and Assessment followed by Career Awareness and Assessment. The remaining chapters focus on the Decision Making process and concludes with the activities associated with Career Placement.

Anstin does a good job of tying together, in a creative and refreshing way, basic concepts of career development and planning. Viewing and utilizing as a focal point the career planning experiences of others in tandem with the students' use of the workbook, provides a sense of identity with and realism of the career planning process and illustrates the developmental approach to career planning. She appropriately sets the stage for student involvement by emphasizing the idea of personal empowerment and control in planning. one's career.

The workbook sets forth its objectives early and clearly provides a way for them to be accomplished. Each chapter logically leads to the next; and the assignments throughout the workbook are articulated, creating a developmental learning approach. Many of the exercises pose questions and situations that require a careful examination of one's belief system about career planning. The exercises are cumulative, leading to a summary at the end of the workbook of the "whole" person as related to the career planning process.

Perhaps the most significant contribution of Anstin's workbook is the opportunity given each student to personally examine several career planning stereotypes or assumptions. Early in the workbook, Anstin effectively deals with the reality of change and the viewing of life as dynamic rather than static. Assessing and dealing with the many false premises associated with career/life planning is a step in the right direction for eliminating self-defeating behaviors and in improving successful career planning.

On the other hand, some of the workbook exercises appear to be too elementary or simplistic, lacking somewhat in substance. The job market is a trifle more sophisticated than is suggested and career planning is more complex than just tuning into oneself. Assessing where students are (career) developmentally, what their needs are, keeping them involved and moving progressively through the workbook are areas that are not adequately addressed. In any case, advising delivery systems incorporating career guidance would di well to be familiar with Voyage. It depicts accurately the developmental process of career planning and many of the exercises and approaches to thinking about career/life planning can be easily used by the advisor. Advising systems that do not provide career guidance services directly would also benefit from its contents. The information would be helpful if used only to assist students to become aware of the importance of blending academic and career planning together.

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The Learning Traveler. Vol. f. U.S. College-Sponsored Program Abroad: Academic Year. Gail Cohen. Editor. Institute of International Education. 1982 pp. 191, \$8.00 The Learning Traveler. Vol. If. Vacation Study Abroad. Gil Cohen, Editor. Institute of International Education, 1982, pp. 178 \$8.00.

Essentials for the bookshelf of any advisor counseling students for studying abroad are the two volumes of *The Learning The weller*. They are updated annually by contributors and edited by Gail Cohen of (he Institute of International Education. Volume I is a comprehensive listing of 832 programs offered during the academic year in foreign countries by U.S. degree-granting institutions. More than 900 programs are catalogued in Volume II.

The listing **for** each program includes the eligibility **requirements**, fields of study, credits, teaching methods, costs, **scholarship** and work-study opportunities, housing. and application information. **Organized** by location of the program, the listings are **handily** cross-indexedby sponsoring institution and by **field** of study. Thus, an **interested student**, with a minimum of **instruction**, may find **programs** that **meet his** or **her** particular needs and contact the directors for further **information**.

The guides may be used Independently by the student, but the advisor has an important role in the ultimate selection of an appropriate program. Wisely, the editor has made no attempt to evaluate the programs listed. Although Volume III includes summer programs sponsored by a variety of American or foreign institutions, organizations, and agencies, all of the academic year programs of Volume II are offered or co-sponsored by accredited U.S. institutions. It remains the perogative of the student's home institution III determine the transferability of the credit. Thus, the advisor plays a vital role III helping the student use the guides as a tool for finding an appropriate program that fits within the institutional criteria III acceptance.

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Student Development in Higher Education: Theories, Practices and Future Directions. Edited by Don G. Creamer, American College Personnel Association, 1980. Pp. 312. \$1800.

One glance at the contents and authors of this collection will tell you that you are reading "quality stuff." This examination of the limits surrounding student development (or do you call it "student personnel services," or just "student services'?) will give you much food for thought, but it will not solve some of the problems that it raises. For example, the definition of terms: "just what are we going to call what we will doing?" There are supports for and opposition to each term. As the editor puts it, this book "may even enliven" the debate. The collection of solicited papers is wellorganized and nicely ordered within each section. The editor has done the preliminary work for the reader by reviewing the content of each chapter in enough detail to let you decide whether you want to read all or part of each one. Readers should read all of them because of the inter-relatedness of this issues and problem covered. To maximize the thought-provoking nature of this collection, all points of view need to be considered. The reviewer round five issues especially well done:

- (I) ethics in student development;
- (2) looking at the **entire** environment—campus ecology:
- (3) delivery of services in light of decreasing budget support;
- (4) preparation of future professionals in student development; and
- (5) (he place of student services in institutional organizations.

Readers will find many other issues equally well treated that are important to them. In which which work is worth its price and the time required to read it carefully. The editor is to be complimented for bringing together the work of so many persons knowledgeable in student development issues. The book would bean excellent lent for "issues" courses in graduate programs, because of its content and the exposure to experts it would give students, and for the bibliographies at the end of articles.

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