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STARTING COLLEGE ACTIVITIES is like breaking into the professional world—and where can you begin? Usually one begins at the bottom and works up to the job of better pay and greater responsibility. In college your start is through experience—working on committees in preparation for bigger challenges and the top campus positions.

The starting place is the application. Set your sights and then apply for a job to get the know-how and inner workings of bigger and advanced positions. Only, remember to narrow your choice to the specific type of work which interests you.

To the freshman who is primarily the beginner in college activities your best bet may be the Freshman YWCA and Freshman Home Economics Club. In these organizations all positions, including the top ones, are handled by freshmen. Secretarial positions for small organizations are good for beginners, too.

Investigate

As you begin to fill out your application be prepared with some previous study and thought on the job. You'll obtain specific information by calling the person whose name is given with the announcement of applications due.

Talk With

For an outline of the job's scope, ask former committee members in your classes or residence; and for the most complete report on the activity and its requirements refer to records filed by former chairmen. They're placed on reserve in the College Library before applications are called for.

When filling out the actual application form, type or write neatly in ink. Fill all blanks completely and if necessary attach a second sheet to the form to avoid crowding your comments. The form will ask for your college grade-point average. If you're a freshman, you can also list your high school average.

List

When listing your past activities name those you hold now and those you held in high school that required responsibility. After your first year in college activities,
the committee head is more interested in your activities showing qualities of leadership and organization. Any past experience similar or related to the position is important.

Another major portion of the application is your statement of ideas for improvements. New ideas, small as they may seem, give the chairman an indication that you want to make something of the position and will work to achieve its goal. If you've read former reports of the job you will know what has been tried, successful or not. With this background you can work on original ideas. Rather than merely saying that you will state these ideas or suggestions in the interview give them in outline form on the application.

Prepare for Interview

The committee now knows about you, the work you've done and what you can do. The best preparation you can make for the personal interview, which follows, is to be well-versed on the job and its activities. The committee may toss you a few surprise questions asking for additional suggestions.

Be prepared with an elaboration of your application. The questions you ask of the chairman give you a chance to learn more about the job and the plans of the committee. Try to point out how your suggestions can affect their plans.

You've as good a chance as the next person when applying for a job. It might as well be yours. Be interested in working on the committee: even if you don't get the original job, you're on the way.

There are about 400 different activities on campus and within the organization of one or several is the spot for you. Don't hesitate, apply.