

Behind The Scenes At The DFH

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Although some students may think working at the Davis Field House is just a desk job that allows students to do homework on the side, it turns out there's more to it than meets the eye.

From working at ECOR (the DFH's Equipment Check-Out Room) to getting ice and gauze for injured athletes, DFH employees rarely sit still for long. Considering the many different jobs around the field house, workers always have something to do. Overseeing the men's and women's fitness centers, managing sports games, watching the track and arranging access to the lower fields are just a few of the tasks.

Ryan Baisley, one of the DFH's evening supervisors said, "On a typical evening we make sure the operations of the field house run smoothly." Fellow evening supervisor Kristen Clark added that the workers make sure people use equipment properly as well. Mr. Wyatt Parker, head supervisor of the DFH employees, said the various jobs teach students leadership skills, attention to detail, customer service and completion of assigned tasks and duties.

Clark said some unexpected events have included a broken collar bone and seizures. "A few weeks ago a boy got a concussion and [injured] knee and was convulsing on my gym floor," she said. "Talking to him and keeping him calm was rough."

Running ice, applying bandages and conversing with injured, incoherent athletes are urgent, important tasks not listed in the job description. Clark said knowing when and where to get immediate help has been an important part of her job.

Another unique job DFH employees have is hosting visiting teams. Workers set up and tear down everything needed for the teams during their stay, even down to delivering players their pizza at the end of the game. "It's really cool to get to be one of the few students [that visiting teams] see from BJU," Clark said. Baisley agreed, saying, "You get to minister to [visiting teams], and you might be the only contact they have to the University while they're here, and your impression is going to make or break their overall perception of what Bob Jones University is."

Not only do DFH employees have some interesting job experiences, but they also have an interesting method for divvying out hours. All the employees come in early in the morning the day before school starts. During that first meeting, head supervisors will auction work hours off one at a time. "They'll call 'Women's Fitness Center, 6 a.m.,' and the first hand seen gets it," Clark said, "So it's when you want to work and where you want to work." The catch is you have to get your hand up fast enough and frequently enough so you can get the number of hours you want.

If you're interested in joining the hour auction, helping out with injuries and hosting teams at the DFH, job applications are available in the DFH office the week after Bible Conference for the Fall 2015 semester.

