

Halpin Buzzes with the Bees all summer long

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This summer, Gavin Halpin, a Monmouth College senior from Pittsfield, IL, found out what minor league baseball can be like for a summer. Burlington, IA became Halpin's home for two and a half months, as he worked for the Burlington Bees.

Halpin learned about the internships in baseball by attending a Bees game during his freshmen year. His application was bolstered by some of his involvements at Monmouth, including Residence Life, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and WMCR (student radio station), in addition to the Scotsmen (all male a capella group) and the Fighting Scots Marching Band.

Halpin's responsibilities included collecting statistics, concession stocking and selling, stadium operations, ticket sales, and in game promotions. The array of duties kept Halpin open-minded and positive about the everyday tasks of preparing for a minor league baseball game.

Halpin says it was a hard working experience but a rewarding one at the end of the day. "Working 10-12 hour days for a 12 game home stand wore us all down...but it was all worth it to see the fans leave the ballpark after an enjoying evening of baseball".

The internship began on May 16, and Halpin's internship was completed at the end of July. Now that he's had time to think upon the internship and his future plans, he is not ruling out the possibility of working in sports, but is also interested in College Student Personnel work.

As his college experience winds down, Halpin wants to press the most rewarding lessons he learned while in Burlington. "Positive attitude and doing all of your work as hard as you can will get you big attention...you might not like what you have to do sometimes, but hard work and positivity do NOT go unnoticed."