

Job opportunities for grads increasing

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles prepared by Colleges for Oregon's Future, a citizen's organization formed in 1964 to contribute to public understanding and support of post-secondary education in Oregon.

The unemployed college graduate -- so widely publicized during recent employment slumps -- may be becoming a thing of the past, at least according to placement directors of public and independent colleges and universities and community colleges in Oregon.

A typical comment is that of Richard Traylor, placement director at Southern Oregon College: "I would say this about the next two years' employment—I think it is going to be an improvement over the past two years."

"Things are looking up in many fields, particularly engineering, business, forest products, health professions, vocational education, computer science and

the agricultural sciences," according to Louis Edwards, director of Oregon State University's Careers Planning and Placement office. Employers can still be selective, though, he says, and graduates must put full effort into job hunting.

Portland State University reports that public accounting job opportunities are up about 17 per cent over last year. Engineering job offers, in a slump in past years, are up about 25 per cent. Opportunities in the business field offer the greatest number of jobs to students this year. Teaching opportunities are also up over last year, but the true picture is just now emerging as the peak of the hiring season is in mid-March.

Verlin Odell, University placement coordinator of the Career Planning and Placement Service, notes the best job opportunities are in accounting and management training.

Oregon Technical Institute boasts that 97.6 per cent

of 1972 graduates obtained employment and, of those, 98 per cent were employed within their major field of study.

"I think we're in for a boomer of a year. We just closed the books on the biggest February ever since 1967," says Wilber Bailey, director of placement at Lane Community College.

Lane County employers are asking the LCC placement office for auto mechanics with specialties in transmission or wiring, body and fender men, color TV technicians and secretaries with training or experience in the lumber, medical or legal fields, Bailey says.

These statewide figures are in line with the national trend measured in January by the College Placement Council, a national nonprofit council which helps with career planning and placement. The council also anticipates that jobs for those with master's degrees will be up 22 per cent and Ph.D.'s up 20 per cent.

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Briefs

MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the undergraduate Anthropology Student Union at 4:30 p.m. today after a film. The film will be shown in a studio at the library, which will be posted on the bulletin board.

Amphibians, the synchronized swimming club, will meet at 7 p.m. today at Leighton Pool. Newcomers are invited to attend.

The Eugene Gay People's Alliance meets at 8 p.m. today at 1236 Kincaid St.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War—Winter Soldier will meet at 7:30 p.m., tonight at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. All ex-servicemen and women from the period of Indochinese hostilities are invited to attend. For further information, contact Al Tlusty, Oregon Region Coordinator, at 686-0028.

Women in Communications will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the EMU. Room to be posted. Members and initiates please attend. We'll discuss "On the Job Day," election of officers, and our spring banquet.

MISC.

The Study Skills Center, 256 Condon, is offering a class in spelling. Spelling principles will be stressed, but work will be tailored to the individual student's needs. The \$7.50 fee for the class, which meets at 8:30 p.m. MWF, also covers any other class at the Study Skills Center for two terms. Other classes include speed reading, text-book study, listening, vocabulary, research paper writing and individual reading. To register, or for further information, call the Center, 686-3226.

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WOMEN & MINORITIES

Softball umpires are needed for WRA intramurals. Pay is \$1.74 per game. Interested women should leave their names with Karla Rice, 171 Gerlinger or call Mary Helles at x6661. Games begin April 10.

Women in architecture, landscape architecture, interiors and urban planning are

invited to meet for lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Faculty Club. Room number will be posted. Informal topics of interest in these fields will be discussed.

There will be a women's studies meeting at 3 p.m. today in the EMU.

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