

Openings for English majors

Writing jobs exist for graduates

This article is one of a series on the job-market success of University graduates.

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As the English department enters the 1980s, its enrollment outlook is neither good nor bad — it's stable, says department chairer George Wickes.

The number of English majors has remained steady for several years, although the current enrollment of 274 English undergraduates is only half that of the 1970 enrollment.

Economic decline will have a definite effect on liberal arts enrollment, Wickes predicts. During a recession, most

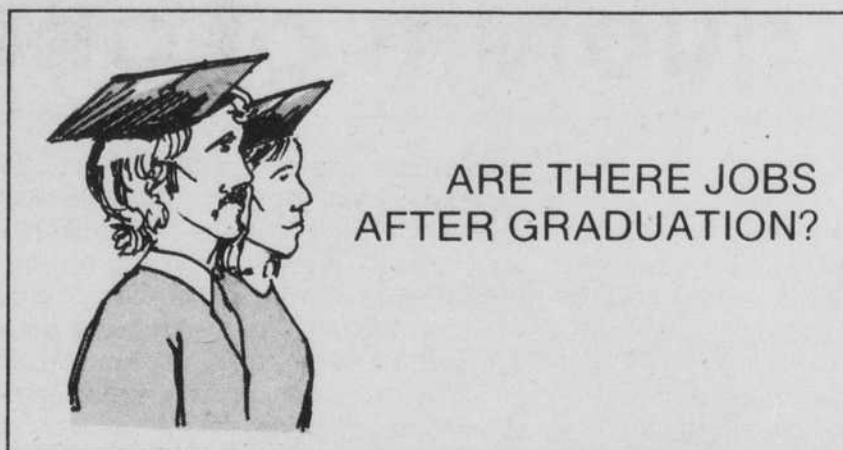
students look for vocational programs that will lead to definite jobs.

"If prosperity comes back, there will be more English majors."

While the job market for English teachers remains "poor" at the college level and "average" at the primary and secondary school levels, English graduates should explore an increasing demand for writing skills at the corporate level, Wickes advises.

"Unbeknownst to many students, there are many writing jobs out there."

Wickes attributes this trend to the increased awareness of businesses to their image and the general public's increased



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consciousness of grammar.

Commercial and technical writing are skills that generally pay better than teaching, he says.

Although the college-level job

market remains poor, University graduates typically have had good luck because of the broad teaching experience acquired by University GTFs, Wickes says.

But most graduates have to leave Oregon to find the jobs. The Midwest and West typically have been good placement areas, but few graduates go to the East Coast, Wickes says.

Salary prospects for English graduates are not as good, Wickes cautions. Professors' salaries are poor and are falling steadily compared to the inflation rate, he says.

"I'd call it a state of stagnation."

At primary and secondary teaching levels, the chances of finding a job are "even," says English Prof. Roland Bartell.

Teachers willing to leave Eugene have good luck and are frequently placed by the

University's English department, he says.

Teachers may have to settle for jobs outside of major population areas, Wickes says.

"There are always jobs for people willing to move. No one wants to live out in the sticks."

The best job outlook in the field is for teachers who combine journalism and English experience, Bartell says. And training in an additional field, such as speech, also is valuable.

English majors sometimes feel they have no "know how" or concrete training but, "you know more than you realize," Wickes says.

Much of the vocational training takes place on the job — it may take several years to find the right job, he says.

Teaching and writing aren't the only professions encompassed by English degrees, Wickes says. English, he says, generally prepares students for many careers and also provides two valuable vocational skills: the ability to analyze and the ability to write.

"Everyone forgets you go on writing after you leave the University."

Wickes says the ability to write a good letter of application and to "sell yourself" to the employer has led many English graduates to diverse fields, including public relations, sales and consulting.

New childcare head begins

A University graduate will take over as the University's new childcare coordinator beginning today.

Mary-Curtis Gramley, who holds a master's degree in counseling, left a job at a Springfield childcare center for mentally handicapped children to take the University position.

Gramley says she is especially interested in promoting more parent education and involvement in the center.

"It seems to be the direction that childcare centers are tak-

ing," Gramley says. "I'm really interested in developing that type of a program."

A native of South Carolina, Gramley has lived in Oregon since 1969.

Before settling in Eugene to work with childcare programs, Gramley lived a different life in another part of the state.

"We tried to be ranchers for a while," Gramley says of her family's life in Eastern Oregon. "It was neat for the kids."

The mother of five children ranging in age from 10 to 19,

Gramley says being a parent gives her the best experience for understanding a childcare program.

Gramley says she hopes to incorporate her interest in children and family counseling in her new position and stress the child-parent relationship. "I'm looking forward to working with the parents."

Gramley will be responsible for managing the Child Care and Development Center and the EMU Childcare Center. She replaces Rachelle Katz, who resigned at the end of fall quarter.

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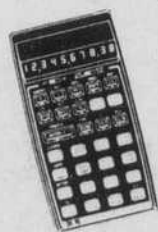


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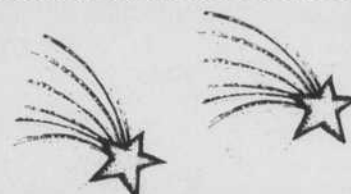
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