

Job prospects excellent for University graduates

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It appears the job market is not such a foreboding a place for University graduates after all.

A recent survey conducted by the University Career Planning and Placement Service discovered 89 percent of last June's graduates found employment.

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"U of O graduates do much better in the job market-place than many people suspect," says Larry Smith, University director of career planning and placement.

The quality of students attracted to the University and the high standard of education may account for University graduates' popularity with employers, Smith speculates.

"They're like any consumer,"

he says, explaining that prospective employers need to get the best value they can out of their recruiting efforts.

Not only did many grads find jobs, but two-thirds of them were hired in Oregon, Smith says. In addition, he says more than 77 percent of the employed graduates are working full-time, and 69 percent are working in career-related fields.

But neither Smith nor his department takes credit for this success. Career planning is more an intermediary between employers and potential employees than a job broker, Smith explains. The placement service merely tries to match organizational needs with the students' needs, he says, noting that most jobs are secured through personal contact with the employer, not solely through his office.

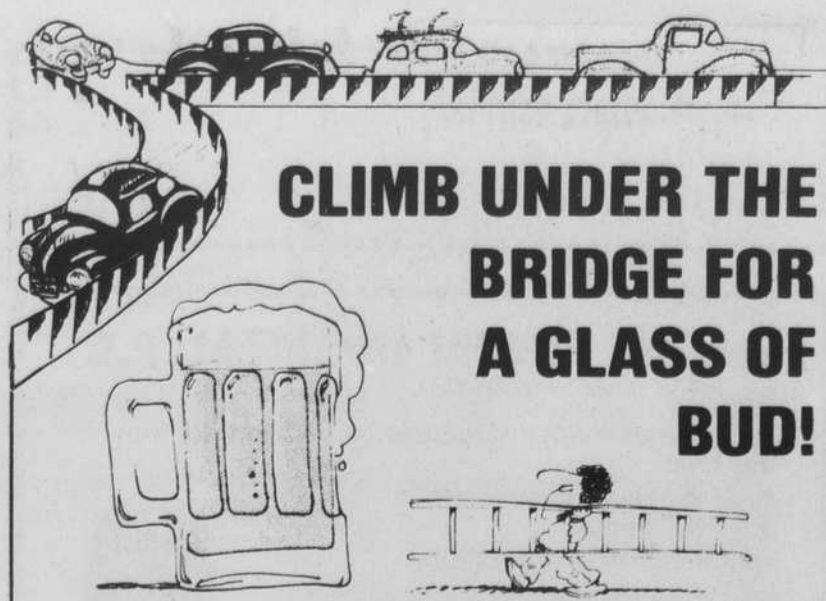
"We're trying to facilitate that personal contact through our 'day on the job'... and career information programs," Smith says.

He points out that two companies have targeted the University as a potential source of employees. Hublin Wines Group, makers of Taylors of California wine, and Soloman Brothers, an investment firm,

actively recruit University graduates, Smith says. The University is one of three schools from which Hublin searches for future employees; Soloman Brothers recruits from 28 schools.

Career planning has launched an "aggressive campaign" to bring new employers onto campus, Smith says, adding "we're bringing in new people all the time."

Career planning supplies companies with information about the University and its students. Then, says Smith, "they (the company) make the decision to come or not to come."



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At the same time, Reagan banned federal employees from "all contacts with any element of the news media in which classified National Security Council matters or classified intelligence information are discussed" unless approved in advance by an unidentified "senior official."

Meanwhile, it was reported that the Pentagon already had begun giving lie detector tests.

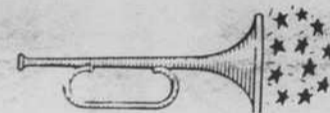
The Washington Post reported today that some members of the Defense Resources Board had been given lie detector tests over a story appearing in the newspaper last week.

That story said the board had received a projection that the administration's rearmament plans for 1984-1988 would cost \$750 billion more than the \$1.5 trillion the administration had estimated. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said later the projection was a "wish list" of what could be spent without restraint and the administration did not plan spending of such a magnitude.

The newspaper quoted Defense Department spokesman Henry Catto as saying officials were upset not over possible security violations but that "someone on the team" talked about what happened at the board meeting.

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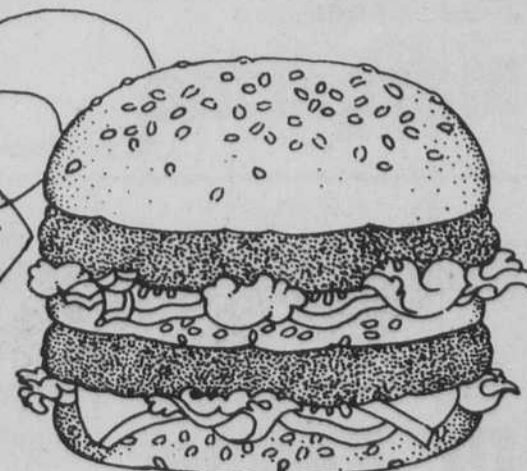
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