

Register links students, jobs

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Attracting foreign students back to their home countries can be difficult, but an international employment service is available to help college-educated students locate suitable jobs in their own countries.

"There's nothing to lure them back and get them active in their society," says Peter Briggs, advisor in the International Services Office.

Foreign students, after being somewhat "Americanized," need to feel their new learning will be relevant and that they will not be "out of it" upon their return, he says.

A survey taken by the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA) confirms Briggs' observations: many foreign students have a hard time finding jobs that use their new skills once they return to their home countries.

To alleviate this problem, NAFSA funded the Home Country Employment Registry in 1974 and has recently requested that all foreign student offices

publicize its service.

The registry's aim is to match foreign students with multinational corporations that are recruiting employees to go overseas. The service is free and open to junior, senior and graduate foreign students.

Those registering are filed in the registry's computer according to their nationality, field of study, degree earned or expected, and date of availability. The records are made available only to those companies the association terms "bona fide employers who can list a specific position or vacancy."

Since the registry started, about 16,000 students from 116 countries have registered, some 150 from the University. All fields are represented, but the bias is toward business, math and engineering, according to the registry. More than 400 employers have used the service, with Proctor & Gamble one of the largest.

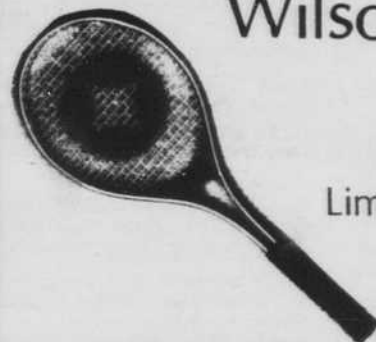
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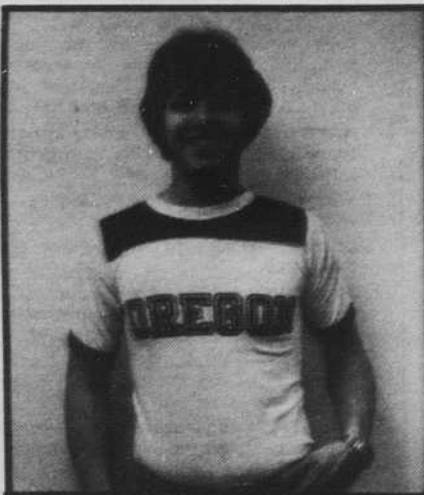
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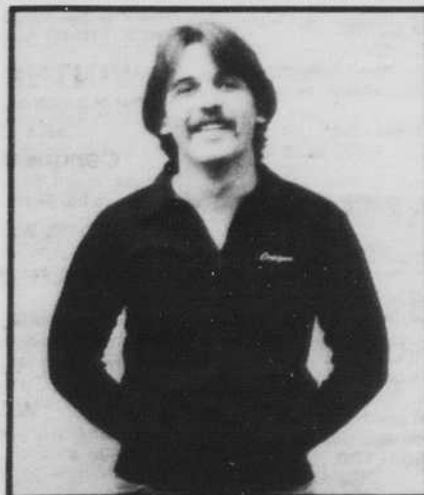
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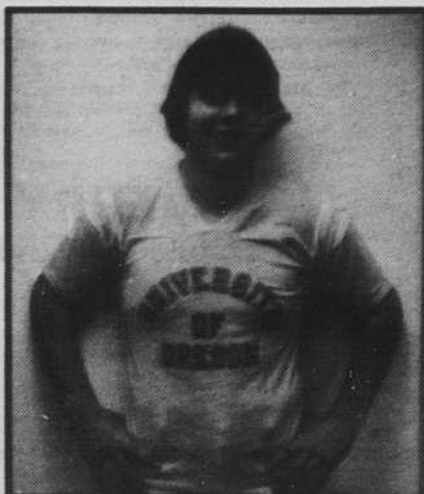
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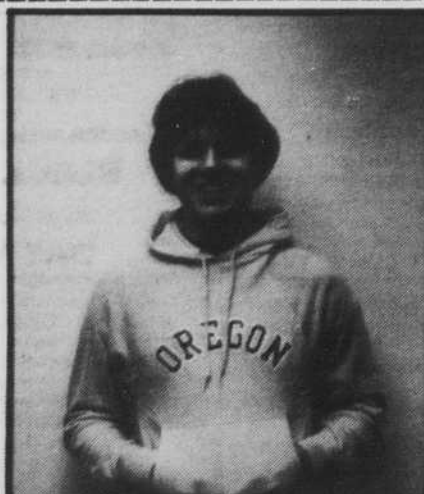
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