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Some students simply sit back and wait for job offers to roll in

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For many soon-to-be graduates, suitable jobs may seem as elusive as Oly's Artesians.

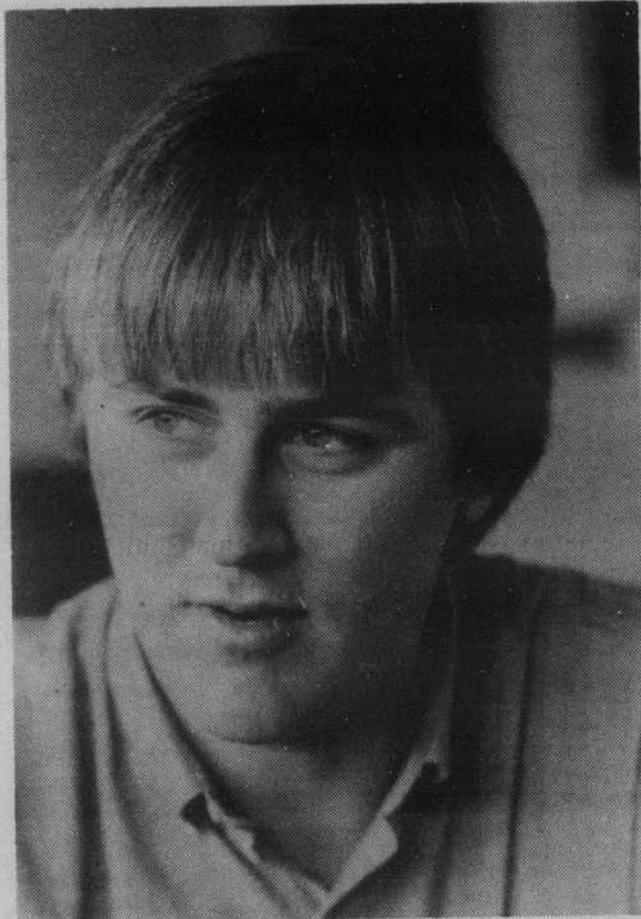
Still, there are a lucky few who discover employment looking for them.

"I've already had two job offers," says Steve Schader, an architecture almost-graduate. "One was in Anchorage and the other was in Honolulu, but I turned down both because of the locations."

However, the offers didn't take Schrader completely by surprise. The healthy batch of resumes he sent out is now paying off.

"I've probably sent out about 21 or 22 (resumes)," Schrader says. So far, he says, he's received five replies and has four interviews lined up — all with no previous contacts. Though these prospects aren't in the Northwest, they are in prime locations such as San Diego and San Francisco.

According to Schrader, replies to 2 percent of job inquiries is considered good; thus, he's more than delighted to be receiving a 25 percent return.



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His success rate comes as no surprise, however. The University's architecture department is well-known and highly respected nationally.

"The U of O ranks in the top five (architecture) schools in the U.S.," Schrader says. "When they look at U of O grads, they really look with awe."

He attributes the school's reputation to professors and the University's unique design instruction.

"I think the professorship here is really

good — there's a wide variety of tastes and interests presented there," Schrader says.

Others in the department are having similar luck (if it can be so termed), as "one guy got four job offers in four days," he says.

And extra options allow for extra discrimination. "Sometimes I feel guilty, but you can't take the first thing that comes along," Schrader says.

Physics doctorate student Roger Connolly has a more relaxed view toward the job market. Connolly hasn't sent out resumes yet and may never have to.

"I don't think there will be any problem at all," he says of securing a job in his field. "I think the job market is pretty good."

What is difficult for Connolly is leaving his "plasma lens" project at the University. "It's hard to voluntarily pick up and leave a project you've been doing," he says. "I've had a great time out here and have thoroughly enjoyed my research project."

According to Connolly, his basement-lab group has created one of the finest "proton micro-probe" lenses in the world, of which only about 40 currently exist.

"We've got the best heavy ion lens in the world. It's the best that's ever been built," he says.

Like Schrader, Connolly credits in part the program and his professors with his accomplishments.

"The department here has had a very good reputation in solid state physics," he says. Recent budget cuts have succeeded in reducing its status, though, he says.

Although Oregon is his chosen home, Con-

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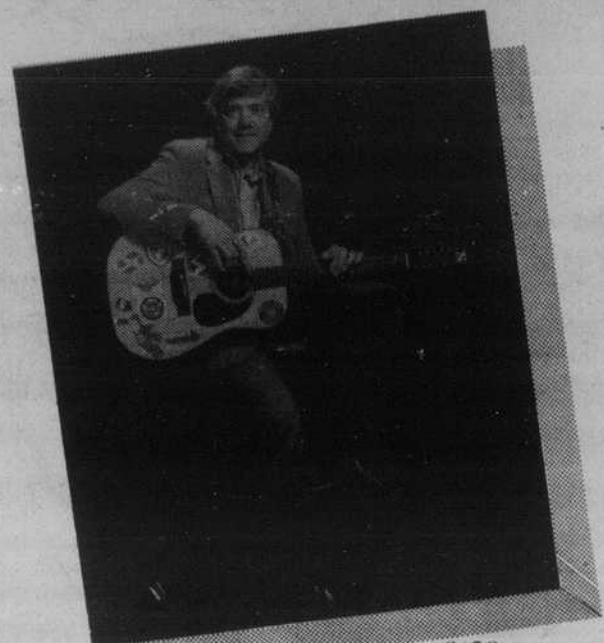


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