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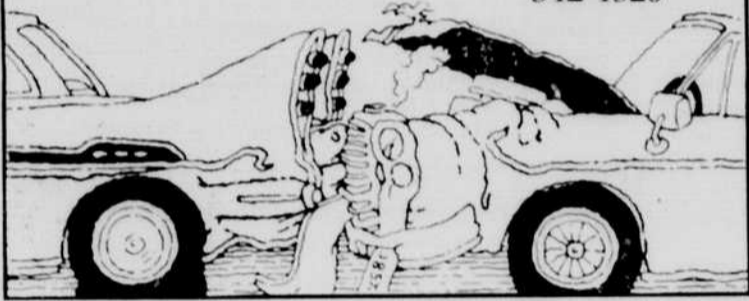
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throughout most of the 15 years she has been working on her degrees.

Echols, who graduated from high school in 1975, attended a small liberal arts college in Ohio for two years before she moved to Oregon at her parents' request. Once here, she attended community college and then Oregon State University.

"A lot of my time in school was interspersed with working," Echols said.

Aside from working to pay tuition, Echols halted her studies altogether for two years when she worked in a California bank, trying to overcome some bad experiences at OSU and "trying to figure out what I wanted to do," she said.

Since coming to Eugene in 1984, Echols has worked and taken classes at the University, at times both working and attending school full-time.

She has also postponed completion of her studies to go to Thailand, work two years for

the Peace Corps in Cameroon and spend eight months on a research ship, tracking dolphins and whales off the coast of South America.

"All along I've known what I want to do," Echols said. "But I didn't have the financial freedom to go straight through. ... I also feel like I have put aside my education to take advantage of opportunities -- like going to Thailand -- even if they didn't work out the way I planned."

Opportunities offered

Like Echols, many students believe they should take advantage of opportunities offered -- if not the chance to work overseas, then at least the chance to sample the broad range of courses offered by the University.

"(Students) tend to get more double majors and add minors to majors and do additional coursework to make them better job candidates," said Joe Wade, director of academic advising. "Students seem to be sensitive to the meaning of their degree; they want it to be as broad and flexible as possi-

ble."

But not everyone is thinking of the job market. Junior Jarin Getto, an English major who plans on a total of five years in college before he graduates, said he is spending more time in college for his own satisfaction.

"I felt like cramming everything into four years was too much," he said. An extra year will allow Getto to take courses in history and religion -- courses that interest him, but not ones he needs strictly to graduate.

Getto said he believes the need to take advantage of these educational opportunities while he can. "Once I graduate, I doubt I'll ever go back to school," he said.

Getto, however, said he is lucky his parents are paying the bill for his education. "If I had to work I might think about it differently," he said.

Financial assistance

However, students dependent on state or federal financial aid for their college educa-

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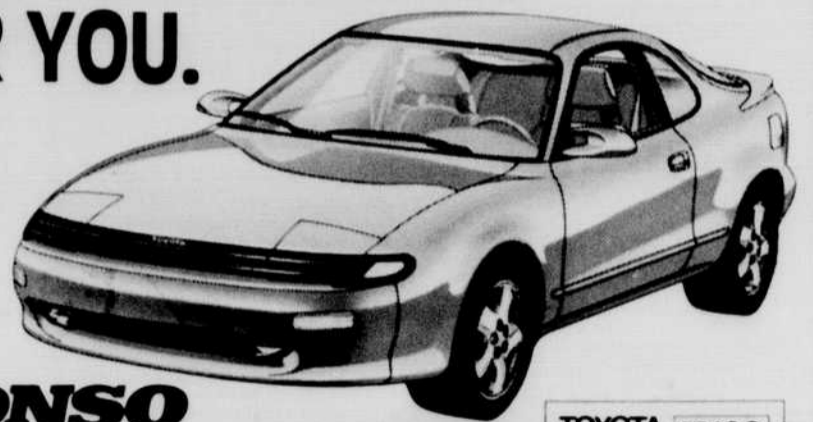
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