



# 1991 Graduation



## Degrees eligible to more than 3,500

More than 3,500 degree candidates are eligible to participate in the spring commencement scheduled for noon on Sunday, June 9 at Autzen Stadium.

Out of the 2,608 spring term degree candidates, 1,895 are completing requirements for bachelor's degrees, 482 for master's degrees, 86 for doctoral degrees, and 145 for law degrees. In addition, 770 fall term graduates and 630 winter term graduates are eligible to participate.

Robert M. O'Neil, a leading First Amendment scholar and law professor at the University of Virginia, will be this year's commencement speaker.

After the commencement address and the conferring of degrees, university president Myles Brand will present two Presidential Medals, the 1991 Distinguished Service Awards, and recognize the Burlington Northern, Charles E. Johnson Memorial, Ersted Distinguished Teaching and Graduate Teaching Fellow



Robert O'Neil

awards.

The newly created Presidential Medals are the highest honors given to supporters of the University, and will be presented to Carolyn Chambers and Masaru Hayami.

Chambers will be recognized for her role as national chair of the University's Campaign for Oregon, and for a personal gift that funded a



Carolyn Chambers

faculty chair in business and two professorships in journalism.

Hayami's corporation recently donated \$1 million to assist in the expansion of the Knight Library.

In case of rain, the main commencement exercises will be held at McArthur Court.

—Meg Dedolph

## WORK

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Development and Placement Services at Michigan State University concluded that there is a surplus — too many college graduates for too few positions — of people in advertising, journalism, psychology, theater and political science teaching.

But the career placement service predicted that employee shortages may exist for the food sciences, mentally handicapped teachers and physics, forestry and medical technology fields, making them good areas to go into.

Positions listed at a "near balance," meaning there are an equal number of graduates for the job openings, include agribusiness and natural resources, vocal music teaching, biophysics, economics and marketing.

Jobs in technology, counseling, child development, geography, nutritional sciences and foreign languages are considered "adequate," with there being a few more graduates than positions.

Additionally, Michigan State University reported that

the government is expected to hire 28.7 percent fewer people in the next few years, and elementary and secondary school systems are expected to hire 9.2 percent fewer graduates.

But, say the experts, the good news is that for those recent graduates who do find jobs, they can expect to get paid about 3 percent more for their work than graduates of years past, making an average salary for a recent graduate about \$26,500.

For those people having trouble finding a job, the University's Career Planning and Placement Services offers several services to students and University alumni.

During fall term, a class called "Career and Life Planning" allows students to examine jobs that they are suited for and a class called "College to Career" helps students develop the skills needed to help them conduct a successful job search.

The placement service also holds several workshops each term to help students write resumes, polish interview skills and conduct a successful job

search. The center also has an employer file and two computer files full of companies who are hiring, for students to look through.

Smith recommends that students also put their name and resume into the center's "resume book," which employers browse through when looking for employees.

The center also has staff members who will individually go over a student's resume and offer the student suggestions on how to improve it, or give him or her advice on how to better go about getting a job.

Student Cara Murock, who has a master's in physiology exercise, said her job search is turning out to be a lot of work. She said she read that getting a job takes searching, full-time for two to six months.

And, she said, she is mostly trying to fit her degree and interests into the job market. But with employers' education requirements getting more hefty, she said she does not think a master's will be all that helpful.

—Rene DeCair

## SKILLS

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banking professionals.

"People" skills and written communications are the qualities most in demand.

### TECHIES GET AHEAD

Rockwell International Corp. projects that jobs and technology are changing so rapidly that only 50 percent of the people entering the work force during the next decade will have the knowledge to fill the new positions.

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