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Recession makes job search like full-time work for recent grads

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For the average student who has spent time — 4 to 5 years in school to get a bachelor's degree — and a considerable amount of money, peeking around the corner to take a good look at future employment opportunities takes guts.

"You get all excited because you (see) all these things you can do and then realize that the job may be there, but there aren't any openings," said a recent graduate Christina Weiss. "It's the hardest thing to keep your confidence up."

Weiss, a sociology major who graduated in March, has just begun her job search, and she like a lot of other graduates is finding that getting a job during a recession is no

easy task.

"I'm feeling scared that I might need to go to graduate school," Weiss said, adding that she always considered graduate school something that a person would do later in life, but not right after graduation.

Weiss said she now realizes that "once you get your bachelor's they're not going to offer you a job on a silver platter."

At the University, about 1,900 students are expected to receive bachelor's degrees at the end of this term.

Career Planning and Placement Services director, Larry Smith, said Weiss' consideration of graduate school is typical behavior for recent graduates who are job-hunting during a recessionary period.

Smith said that a recession "means there are jobs but they're very competitive." Stu-

dents are sometimes faced with asking themselves if it's "better to be in grad school than a maintenance job," he said.

He suggests that students who are unable or don't want to go to graduate school, find a job but then work on building up specific job skills, such as computer skills by taking a computer class.

Smith said that economists consider the Pacific Northwest a hot bed of job opportunities, but the University has experienced a 14 percent decline in the number of companies that have recruited on campus this year, which does not make it "feel very warm," he said.

Some experts have said that keying into national job trends and employment growth areas is one way to predict where the jobs are, rather than just looking to one area of the country.

CAREER FACTS

Where the new jobs will be during the next five years

Estimated new professional and managerial jobs through 1996

1. Los Angeles	113,000
2. Anaheim, Calif.	108,000
3. Washington	81,000
4. Dallas/Fort Worth	78,000
5. Atlanta	77,000
6. San Francisco/Oakland	67,000
7. Chicago	54,000
8. Nassau County, N.Y.	48,000
9. Phoenix, Ariz.	46,000
10. Tampa-St. Petersburg	44,000
11. Houston	44,000
12. Philadelphia	41,000
13. San Jose, Calif.	40,000

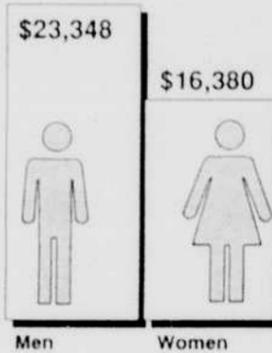
SOURCE: Money magazine

Copley News Service

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Salary gap continues for men and women workers

Median annual earnings for full-time workers



SOURCE: U.S. News & World Report magazine

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Jobs expected to be in demand are photographers, public relations specialists, accountants, computer programmers and personnel specialists, according to the University of Michigan Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The university reported that there are already too many machine operators, butchers, typists, data processors, firefighters and barbers.

Moreover, a national survey conducted by the Career De-

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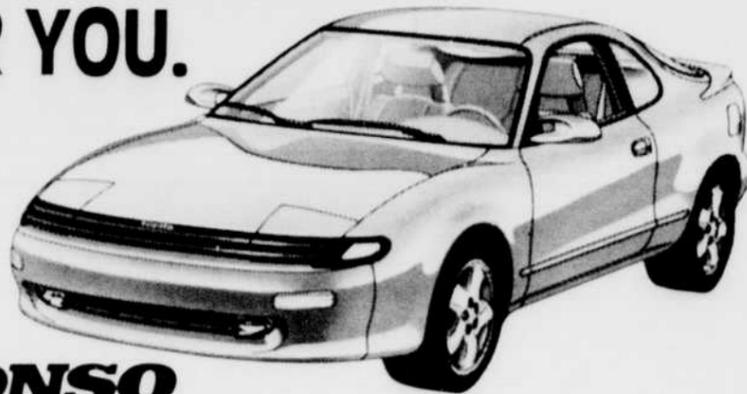
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