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Susan Garfield (left), a senior graduating in June, and Will Morton, who graduated after fall term 1992, are having a difficult time finding jobs in a tight market.

Two students looking toward the future

Most graduates surveyed felt they were not adequately prepared for employment

The end is near for Susan Garfield. After five lengthy yet fruitful years at the University, she will receive her long awaited degree in English at the end of this term.

Garfield is currently taking 21 credits — including an internship and an independent studies project — while working two part-time jobs in her spare time. The light at the end of the tunnel is bright, and she's not about to delay her graduation any longer.

Will Morton graduated with his degree in English after fall term of 1992. He decided that he wanted to be a reporter after a summer internship in Oregon with the *LaGrande Observer* in 1990. He interned as a reporter again the next summer with the *East Oregonian* in Pendleton.

Since his graduation, he has been diligently pursuing a career in journalism. He estimates that he has sent out well over 100 resumes to newspapers

across the country and has received about 50 rejection notices. A few of the letters were personal replies, but most were form letters saying that they were currently cutting back and were not in a position to hire anybody.

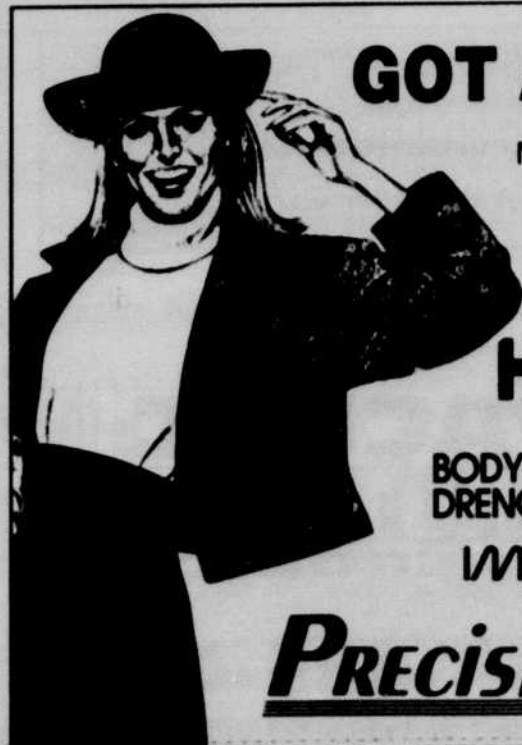
"It's been an emotional roller coaster," Morton said. "Learning how to cope with rejection is one thing you don't learn in school."

Garfield and Morton have been dating for the past six years. After Garfield graduates, the couple plans to find a place to live where they can each find satisfying careers and enjoy a good quality of life.

They are both hard-working and ambitious people who have participated in internships and kept up good grades throughout their college careers. They deserve everything they want, and ideally they should get it. Realistically, however, they still have a long way to go.

The most recent University alumni job market statistics published by the Career Planning and Placement Service surveyed students who graduated in 1990. Of the English majors who responded, about

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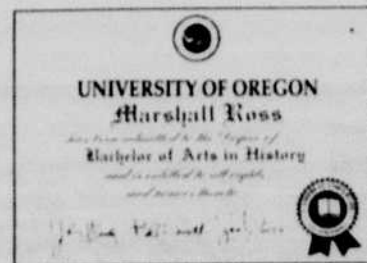
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