

# It was a very long, dry summer for 1991 grads

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(CPS)—Jim Kutsko had it figured out. He planned to nail down a dream job in marketing or public relations during his senior year, settle into the working world after graduation and get on with the rest of his life.

He was wrong.

Months after graduating from the University of Colorado, he still had not found full-time work in the recession-weakened economy.

"It's just been real tough all around," Kutsko says of the bleak job prospects. "It really gets scary. You have nothing to fall back on."

So he decided it was time to take his quest for employment to the streets. He is currently advertising his skills from the side of an 18-wheeler that will travel halfway across the United States during the month of August.

"Hire yourself an experienced marketing graduate available now," proclaims the 8-foot by 20-foot ad, which also has a giant photo of Kutsko, his name and telephone number.

Kutsko's approach may be unusual, but he is not alone in his search for a full-time job. Thousands of other well-qualified graduates are facing the same problem: looking for something — anything — related to their fields in a depressed economy.

The summer has been a long, dry one for many 1991 graduates, and the picture doesn't look much brighter for students who plan to graduate in 1992.

## Tough Times Ahead

Employers who were worried about the downturn in the economy have put hiring plans on hold, reducing the number of jobs available. Employers also have been more cautious in salary offers to recent graduates, the college Placement Council reported in its July survey of job prospects.

The council said recent, optimistic predictions about the economy haven't helped 1991 graduates yet. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan declared that the recession bottomed out in the second quarter of 1991.

"There are very few jobs open," said Dawn Oberman, statistical services specialist with the council. She said graduates are reassessing their options and taking part-time jobs, jobs in unrelated fields, relocating to where the jobs exist and accepting lower salaries.

Some graduates are finding that they can't afford to be particular. "Not everybody has the option to move back home and take a part-time job," she said.

Oberman points out that more seniors will be graduating during the coming school year, which means that 1991 graduates who don't find jobs soon will be competing in a larger pool of applicants.

And despite optimistic predictions from economists, Oberman said employers aren't likely to suddenly start hiring in coming months.

## Companies Cut Back Hiring

"The picture just isn't that great yet," she said. "Any economic recovery that occurs will have to take place first, and the jobs will follow."

## What employers want . .

Advanced technology has created changing needs in the workplace: 1) broad knowledge of math, computers, physics, electronics; 2) strength in the language arts; 3) good reasoning skills; 4) the need for life-long learning; 5) an understanding of systems and how they are developed.

Employers are searching for employees with strong basic academic skills, communications ability, and personal flexibility. Employers want employees with adaptive skills as well as skills of problem recognition and definition. In addition, they want employees who can work with limited or incomplete information, use analytical skills, develop brainstorming techniques and who have the ability to recover from mistakes.

College courses are a good proving ground for developing these higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. Work to develop the ability to analyze a problem and arrive at a creative solution!

Barbara Hayes, a spokeswoman for Hewlett-Packard, said about 50 percent of the electronics firm's new hires are college graduates.

Kutsko said he interviewed with various companies during his senior year with no success. So he decided to resort to guerrilla tactics, which included shelling out almost \$1,000 for the advertising blitz.

Somewhere along the way, the right person might see the ad and be impressed by his creativity. "I'm hoping this gets the attention of the business world," Kutsko said.

"Our expectations were brought way down. A lot of people took what they could find," said Veronica Aldana, who finished her undergraduate work at Barnard Col-

lege last spring. "Mainly you have to use your connections."

Jobs are available to recent graduates, but they are scarce and the pay is considerably lower, she said. Companies that are still recruiting on campuses are hiring fewer graduates.

"It's awful," she said. "I recruited for a year and they weren't hiring any B.S.'s. They're offering internships to people with masters degrees. It's really competitive now."

Kutsko said one of his friends, a graduate in international relations who speaks fluent Spanish, recently took a job as a hospital receptionist. His friends hope other opportunities will come open as the economy gets better.

## Freshman class elects new officers, Rhonda Lond is named president

Rhonda Long is the freshman class president for the 1991-92 school year. She is from Indian Trail, N.C. She is a double major in history and education. She hopes to become a history teacher at the high school or college level. When asked why she was a class officer, Rhonda replied, "I want to raise money for the high school class, and I enjoy being involved in student government."

Miss Long likes Chowan, "I love Chowan. I have found very close friends. I was glad to leave the big city of Charlotte."

Amy Runger is the freshman class vice president for the 1991-92 school year. She is from Carry, North Carolina. She is majoring in commercial art and hopes that one day she will work at Walt Disney World as an animator or other creative job. She wants to work through her position as vice president to get some activities going on the weekends here at Chowan. What does Miss Runger think of Chowan? "I like Chowan. It is small, friendly, and quiet."

Amy Crosby is the freshman

class treasurer for the 1991-92 school year. She is from New Castle, Virginia. Her major is music business which she plans to use to start a solo singing career. If that does not work out, Miss Crosby plans on owning her recording studio. She is a class officer because she was involved in her student government during high school. Now she wants to help out Chowan, too. Amy thinks, "Chowan is a nice place. It has a lot to offer in my major."

Krista Fish is the freshman class secretary for the 1991-92 school year. She is from Blue Mountain Lake, New York. After obtaining a degree in merchandise management, Miss Fish would like to manage her own retail store. She became a member of the student government because she wants to make sure that things go alright and that there are things to do. "I like Chowan. The classes are good. You get out of it what you put into it. Since it is a small college, it was easier for me to adjust since I am from a small town," confesses Krista.

## Day Student organization elects officers for 91-92

Robert Deacon is the day student president for the school term of 1991-92. He resides in Conway, but his family moved from Virginia Beach just three years ago. He is an education major. As president of the Day Student Organization, he hopes to raise money for a day student scholarship. When asked what he thinks of Chowan, Mr. Deacon quickly replied, "I think a lot of people around here like

Chowan if they are into school. If they are not into school, they are not going to like it here."

Natalie Taylor is serving as vice president of the Day Student Organization for this term. She is a resident of the Eure section of Gates County. After she earns her music degree, she would like to teach piano and voice out of her home. She is participating in student government in order to help raise money and get events going so there will be a Day Student Organization. "I like Chowan," Miss Taylor is quick to tell anyone. "I am glad it is going four years because I want to stay here. I would recommend it to anyone."

Tammy Joyner is working in the student government as the secretary and treasurer of the Day Student Organization. She is a resident of Ahoskie and is majoring in Education. She became active in the Day Student Organization in order to help out the other day students. Miss Joyner's opinion of Chowan is easy to understand if you just ask her, "I think Chowan is a real good place because of the small classes and the students ability to talk to the professors."

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

### Fall Semester, 1991

#### Saturday, 14 December

8:00 a.m. —Final exams for classes that meet at 11:00 TH  
10:00 a.m. —Final exams for classes that meet at 2:00 MWF  
1:00 p.m. —Final exams for classes that meet at 9:00 TH

#### Monday, 16 December

8:00 a.m. —Final exams for classes that meet at 11:00 MWF and 11:00 MTWTF  
10:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 2:00 TH  
1:00 p.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 1:00 MWF

#### Tuesday, 17 December

8:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 9:00 MWF and 9:00 MTWTH  
10:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 12:30 TH and 1:00 TH  
1:00 p.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 3:00 MWF and 3:30 TH

#### Wednesday, 18 December

8:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 8:00 MWF  
10:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 8:00 TH  
1:00 p.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 12:00 MWF

#### Thursday, 19 December

8:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 10:00 MWF  
10:00 a.m. —Exams for classes that meet at 12:00 TH  
1:00 p.m. —Make-up exams

**NOTE:** Final exams for all classes that meet after 3:00 MWF and after 3:30 TH will be administered at the time of the last regular class period.

## Exciting assignments in the air

### Summer job for Jordan was 'flying high'

By Daniel Brown, Feature Editor

Everyone looks forward to an exciting summer but, the truth of the fact is that most students end up spending their summer vacation working. Jobs for students are somewhat limited and prove to be tiresome, boring, and low-paying. Everyone dreams of that perfect job where it pays well and it is exciting, but not everyone is lucky. Most students end up working at a restaurant, a grocery store, or office. Some jobs are hard and monotonous with excellent pay and others are easy with extremely low wages. It seems to be near impossible to get that perfect job.

Julie Jordan, a student here at Chowan College, secured a job of a different kind. Her summer job was not tiresome, boring, or low-paying, it was just the opposite. She landed a job with the Hertford County Agricultural Department. Her duty, to take pictures from an airplane. She is the lucky one, she found the perfect job. Good hours, good pay, excitement, and diversity—it's hard to ask for anything better.

#### Mapping with Photos

Julie flew around in an airplane from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., taking aerial photographs. It may sound like an easy job, but it was not. She had to find where she was on a map and follow an imaginary line so that she could take her pictures. As she said, "It is not very easy." There is an example of a similar map which Julie had to interpret in Camp Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

Julie and her co-workers, Henry and Betty Joyner, the pilots and another photographer Amy Askew (a Murphite) flew around eight different counties taking these pictures. They flew from Northampton County to the counties along the beach where they witnessed many beautiful sights. There is one incident where Julie and her co-workers spotted a bear, but most important, Julie spotted the Braves Den from a mile away! The sights must have been spectacular.

#### Allotments checked

Hertford County Agricultural Department takes pictures of the land to prevent farmers from planting over the allotment which they have purchased. Any farmer who plants cotton, tobacco, and peanuts must buy allotments. If a farmer disregards those boundaries then he has violated the law. Julie tells a story of a farmer who planted four acres over his allotment. She says that the "bossman" told the farmer of his misdeed. The farmer, who did not like the idea of this man telling him how much he could plant, struck the "bossman" in the mouth. Who would think



Julie Jordan

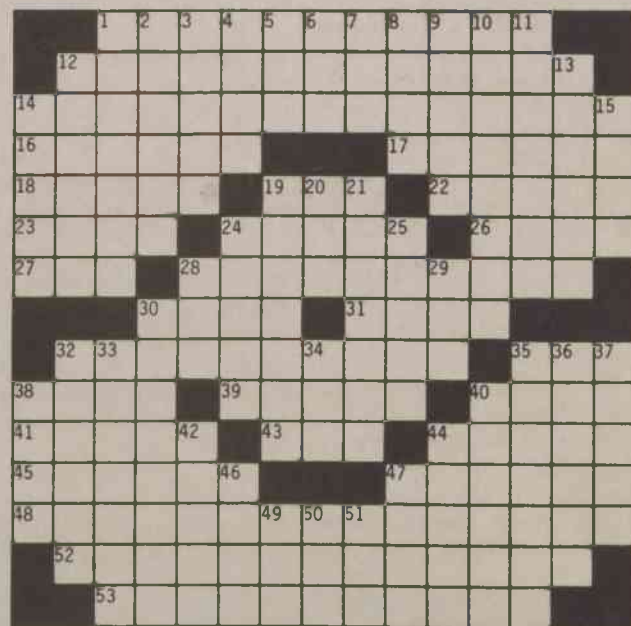
that this job was also dangerous? The pictures were taken from the bottom of the plane. A piece of Plexiglass with a hole in it allowed Julie to snap the pictures that were

needed to capture these criminal farmers. Her aerial photos are important to the Department of Agriculture. She directly helped to put a stop to the farmers who disregarded the allotment boundaries.

Julie is a sophomore who intends to get a degree in education. She will graduate after the end of this semester, but she may attend Chowan College for four years. She is an R.A. in Jenkins dorm and is a manager for the volleyball team. She lives in Aulander, North Carolina, where she secured her job.

"I enjoyed the job. It was definitely different. I made good money, met some new people, and I would love to do it every summer." Her summer job is the kind that students dream about. She hopes to continue her work this summer and experience some new adventures.

## collegiate crossword



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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | 41 " . . . not with — but a whimper."      | 19 Political disorder                  |
| 1 Where one might study Andy Warhol's works (3 wds.) | 43 Return on investment (abbr.)            | 20 — cit. (footnote abbreviation)      |
| 12 Enrollment into college                           | 44 Pondered                                | 21 Traveled on a Flexible Flyer        |
| 14 "Calculus Made Simple," e.g. (2 wds.)             | 45 Belonging to Mr. Starr                  | 24 Glorify                             |
| 16 Evaluate  | 47 Part of the classifieds (2 wds.)        | 25 Prospero's servant in "The Tempest" |
| 17 Extremely small                                   | 48 Possible place to study abroad (2 wds.) | 28 Well-known government agency        |
| 18 Follows a recipe direction                        | 52 Small school in Canton, Ohio (2 wds.)   | 29 American league team (abbr.)        |
| 19 Belonging to Mr. Pacino                           | 53 Orson Welles film classic (2 wds.)      | 30 Fictional hypnotist                 |
| 22 Of land measure                                   |  | 32 Style exemplified by Picasso        |
| 23 Meets a poker bet                                 |  | 33 "She's ——" (from "Flashdance")      |
| 24 — Gay (NW II plane)                               |  | 34 Be unwell                           |
| 26 Capri, e.g.                                       | 1 Those who are duped                      | 35 Visible trace                       |
| 27 Belonging to Mayor Koch                           | 2 "Do unto ——"                             | 36 Think                               |
| 28 Irritate or embitter                              | 3 Fourth estate                            | 37 Woman's undergarment                |
| 30 Train for a boxing match                          | 4 Goals                                    | 38 Commit — kiri                       |
| 31 — and the Belmonts                                | 5 Well-known record label                  | 40 — burner                            |
| 32 Processions                                       | 6 Well-known king                          | 42 "...for if I — away..."             |
| 35 Diet supplement (abbr.)                           | 7 151 to Caesar                            | 44 Actress Gibbs                       |
| 38 Scottish historian and philosopher                | 8 Prefix meaning milk                      | 46 African antelope                    |
| 39 College in Greenville, Pa.                        | 9 Confused (2 wds.)                        | 47 Well-known TV band-leader           |
| 40 The Venerable —                                   | 10 — husky                                 | 49 Pince— (eyeglass type)              |
|  | 11 Most immediate                          | 50 1968 film, "                        |
|  | 12 Like a sailboat                         | 51 1965 film, "                        |
|  | 13 Cash register key (2 wds.)              | 52 Ryan's Express"                     |
|  | 14 En — (as a whole)                       |  |
|  | 15 Auto racing son of Richard Petty        |  |

