

UNC grads hit by job shortage

Five per cent fewer employed this year

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University of North Carolina graduates are being hit hard by the nationwide job shortage.

"This past year has been the worst year I can remember," said Joe M. Galloway, associate dean and director for the Career Planning and Placement Office, said recently. "Students had more difficulty getting career-type jobs than any time in the last 15 years."

The placement office's 1975 annual report states that only 33.2 per cent of the 4,085 students who registered with the office between April 1974 and April 1975 have reported finding jobs. This marks a drop from the 38 per cent employed last year.

While 24.5 per cent of the students have either enrolled in graduate school, stopped looking for work or failed to report their status, 42.3 per cent are still seeking employment.

Galloway said he expects to see signs of improvement within the next few years, despite the bad employment situation now.

Although more students cannot find jobs, the salaries of graduate students who do find jobs are increasing. The placement office's report shows the median monthly salary for male graduates who reported their incomes increased 4.6 per cent to \$750. The women's median salary jumped 13.1 per cent to \$707.

As a reflection of the increased need for help finding jobs, total student and alumni registration with the placement center rose 10.5 per cent between 1974 and 1975.

Not only are more people using the office's services, but they are using them longer. "We work year-round," Galloway said. "Not all students get a job before graduation. Some wait two, three, maybe even six or seven months before finding a job. Especially in the last few years, there has been a longer period of time between graduation and getting a job."

"We'll continue to work with an individual as long as he's making a sincere effort to look for work," he said.

The declining number of on-campus recruiters from various businesses is another indication of the depressed job market, Galloway said. Approximately 750 business representatives visited UNC in 1969, but last year only 475 recruiters interviewed students.

"And this decline doesn't tell the whole story," he said. "The recruiters that do come have a decreased demand. Instead of looking for 100 people, they're looking for 50 or 75 people."

"Still, we've fared better than many universities for several reasons," Galloway said. "First, industries coming to North Carolina in the last 10 to 15 years have created more jobs."

Second, UNC students are well-trained and have a good education, he said. "Even in times when the market is tight we attract a lot of national recruiters who have cut off marginal schools." The placement office has

achieved a good reputation over the years, he said.

Job opportunities in several fields remained high, Galloway said. The three areas demanded most are accounting, general business and sales. Other high-demand fields are electronic data processing, social services, chemistry and health sciences.

The fewest employer requests are in the areas of journalism, math, government, art, public relations, city and regional planning, insurance and statistics.

"Those looking for college teaching positions are having some very unfortunate experiences," Galloway said. "There just

aren't enough jobs for teachers on a college level."

Job security has forced students to change their job-hunting approach, he said. "Students have, at least for the moment, lowered their immediate requirements for jobs," he said.

The report states that personal investigation for jobs and direct application to employers are the most successful means of finding a job. Also important are on-campus interviews and contacts through alumni, faculty and friends.

Galloway urged all seniors to register now with the placement office, which will move from Gardner Hall into Hanes Hall within two weeks.

Orange Co. citizens discuss development

More than 150 businessmen, farmers, government officials and citizens met Sunday at a Conference on Growth Options for Orange County in Hillsborough to discuss future development of the county's growth.

Orange County's population has doubled in 20 years and is expected to double again within the next 20, affecting the county's development heavily.

The conference, organized by a group of Orange County residents who had previously attended a conference on state-wide growth, centered on four basic areas:

- property rights and the public interest
- the impact of growth on the county
- location and form of county development
- management of growth.

The conference divided into four

groups to discuss these areas and make recommendations.

One conference group discussing property rights and the public interest said, "We believe that the most important priority is having widespread democratic involvement to determine the purposes of land-use management."

Another group suggested environmental impact statements be required to help county officials make decisions concerning development. "Any impact statement," the group added, "should be equally imposed on any proponents of significant development, including governmental units and the universities."

Dr. Carl Shy, a conference organizer, said the conference emphasized that more citizen participation is needed in land-use planning.

No formal activities are planned by this group, but, Shy said, "We hope that the county will be vigorous in following up."

— by Dwight Ferguson



Young man prepares to make his rounds selling cokes at Kenan Stadium during a home football game.

Condie returns from D.C. without housing guideline

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Director of University Housing James D. Condie returned from Washington, D.C. Friday without specific directives from federal officials regarding his department's efforts to equalize men's and women's campus housing.

Instead, Condie said his trip provided new

contacts and useful discussion "with a number of people about a number of problems like equal employment practices and residence life enrollment."

Campus housing for men and women must eventually be equalized because of Title IX regulations in the 1972 Omnibus Education Act. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in any federally funded educational institution.

The housing department received general guidelines regarding Title IX from the Department of Health Education and Welfare during the summer. Condie's trip was intended partially to clarify the HEW policy.

But Condie said Monday, "I didn't go up there to get strict directives and guidelines. We want to keep our options and the options of students open."

Assistant Director of University Housing Doris Kaneklides said last week that because of Title IX, the housing department might have to convert a high-quality women's dorm into a men's residence hall, and a lower-quality men's dorm into a women's hall.

Unless HEW reverses its present position, the University must offer relatively low-cost, low quality housing to women.

Women have had higher rents because of the vast differences in facilities between the traditionally women's dorms (Spencer, Alderman, Melver, Cobb, Joyner, Kenan, Whitehead and Parker) and the traditionally men's halls.

Generally, the women's dorms are equipped with parlors, washing machines, kitchens with some rooms having sinks. However, men's dorms have social rooms and kitchens which were installed during the past two summers.

The housing department has had a long-range equalization program in effect since Condie became director in 1972. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has assigned a committee to look into the effects of Title IX.

Job interviews

The following graduate schools will have representatives visiting on campus at the Career Planning and Placement Office. Interested students are invited to come by 211 Gardner Hall and sign up for interviews.

Thursday, Oct. 2, Vanderbilt University, Graduate School of Management; Monday, Oct. 6, Drake University Law School, Washington University Law School; Wednesday, Oct. 8, Methodist Theological School in Ohio; Thursday, Oct. 9, University of Notre Dame Graduate School of Business.

CGC hearing on academics

Grade inflation will be among the five topics to be discussed at tonight's Campus Governing Council hearing on academic affairs. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 207 of the Student Union.

An open forum, the informal hearing will allow students to question faculty and administrators on present and proposed academic policies.

The topics scheduled to be discussed include grade inflation, varying course credit, drop-add, registration, student leave, late admissions and faculty firing and hiring.

Among the faculty and administration invited are James Gaskin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; James White, former chairperson of the political science department; J. Charles Morrow, provost; and George Taylor, chairperson of the history department.

Also invited are Donald C. Jicha, associate dean of the General College; William Harmon, chairperson of the English department; Richard Richardson, chairperson of the political science department; and Bill Strickland from the Student Affairs Office.

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