

Starting salaries rise for class of '86

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The average starting salary for most jobs taken by 1986 college graduates increased between 1 and 4 percent since last year, according to the College Placement Council (CPC) in Bethlehem, Pa.

"This increase is pretty consistent with the past couple of years," said Rhea Nagle, Resource Information Center coordinator for CPC.

The College Placement Council receives starting salary information from 183 placement offices and 161 colleges and universities nationwide.

The highest starting salary recorded for 1986 goes to petroleum engineers, who receive \$33,000 a year. Chemical engineers have the second highest salary at \$29,256. Next comes the electrical engineers, who start at \$28,368 a year.

Statistics show that students who major in the humanities or social sciences receive lower starting salaries. Nagle said this statistic is deceiving because many of the positions related to these two disciplines require training. Eventually

these people will progress to higher salaries as soon as the training programs are completed.

The statistics for UNC-CH graduates seem to coincide with the information released by CPC.

A survey administered by Career Planning and Placement Services gives some preliminary results about the May 1986 graduates. The complete report will be published in January 1987, said Marcia Harris, director at CPPS.

At this time, comparing the starting salary offers for 1985 and 1986 UNC-CH graduates reveals that in 1985, business majors averaged \$18,060 a year, whereas 1986 business majors averaged \$19,236.

Computer science majors had the highest salaries of college grads in both 1985 and 1986 — \$24,516 and \$24,876 respectively. Industrial relations majors had the most significant increase in starting salaries — \$15,396 in 1985 and \$17,916 in 1986 — a jump of \$2,520.

Liberal arts majors in general have received slightly higher salaries this year. "There is a swing back to liberal

arts... there are more options, and more employers are seeking these liberal arts majors," said Harris.

Harris emphasized that the preliminary salary data comes from students who got the earlier and higher-paying job offers. As the rest of the results are tabulated, the average salaries for 1986 could go down.

The CPC reported that women, when in equal situations with men, are receiving lower salary offers than men.

"Generally, women put more graphic restrictions (unwillingness to relocate) or are more interested in the humanities and the arts; therefore, they will receive the lower salaries," said Harris.

"However, at UNC-CH, we see no significant difference in salaries... If anything, the salaries for 1985 show that women received higher offers than men in some fields such as accounting, business and computer science," Harris said.

According to CPC, the fields with the greatest demand for college graduates are accounting, business,

education and health-related areas.

The "hottest field" is investment banking, said Harris. "Many top-notch New York banks are interested in our students and have recently started recruiting here at UNC."

The computer science field is not faring well since the computer market is in a slump, Harris added.

"If salary is your top priority, the best approach is to be open to relocating," said Harris.

Results of CPC's surveys (since 1984) are available in the career office (second floor of Hanes Hall). These results enable students to see what kind of jobs and starting salaries past UNC-CH graduates have found.

Harris stressed that many surveys seem to compare the salary to someone's major. But, she added, "It's what the student has done to prepare himself for the job search, such as having good grades and participating in campus activities, that puts him in good shape as far as salaries and job offers are concerned."



Wet laundry
Boris Teske, a native of Olympia, Wash., weathers the elements on his way down Franklin Street to the Kroger Plaza laundromat.

Plans for town walking trails sidetracked

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For the Chapel Hill Greenways Commission, building a network of walking trails to connect neighborhoods has not proven as easy as expected.

The commission, formed one year ago as a project of the Parks and Recreation Department, aims to build nature trails through wooded areas or along waterways as an alternative to walking on the streets.

Using flood plains that developers can't use, greenways have been constructed along sections of Chapel

Hill's three major creeks — Bolin, Booker and Morgan.

Land is acquired in either of two ways — through private donations or through the Development Ordinance, which requires developers to give a certain amount of land to the city for recreational purposes when they build a subdivision.

But the Greenways Commission recently has hit a few snags in its plans, according to Chairman Phillip Sloane.

The greatest difficulty has arisen with a greenway in the plans of the proposed Sugarberry housing devel-

opment off Greenwood Road.

The original application for the subdivision was denied by Chapel Hill Town Council, but developer James E. Allen said he would reapply.

The plans designate land to be given to the commission for another walking trail. However, a lobbyist group, Greenways Advocacy, composed of residents from nearby developments, is pushing for Sugarberry to be denied again, according to Allen.

"Greenways really stand to gain, because they would get the land surrounding the stream," he said. "I don't know why they're doing it."

The plans also include the extension of Sandy Creek Trail Road, Allen said. Although Sloane has complained the road would be too close to the greenway, the road actually would be east of it and would not disturb pedestrians, Allen said.

There are some problems also with the Glendale-Battle Park trail, which is scheduled for dedication in the near future.

It would run from UNC-owned Battle Park, through wooded and

grassy areas, to University Mall, but "some of the townspeople are fearful of rowdy, raucous college people intruding on their privacy," Sloane said.

Bill Webster, a recreation specialist with the Parks and Recreation Office, denied there was a problem with the trail.

"We haven't heard any complaints about Battle Park," he said. "We've had a lot of vocal support for the Glendale-Battle Park trail."

Webster did acknowledge that there had been negative comments about the Morgan Creek Greenway, however, mostly from nearby residents who resented the loss of privacy, he said.

Despite the hassles, Sloane is optimistic about the greenways project.

"We hope to build a whole system that will link every major neighborhood in town," he said.

Jim Herstine, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, said greenways served the double function of preserving open space and providing recreation and transportation.

The easements the Commission receives are between 10 and 100 feet across.

Bars

or become a private bar and charge cover. He said that he would probably raise beer prices before he started charging a regular cover.

Burnett also plans to offer more live entertainment in hopes of attracting more drinkers to He's Not Here.

"I think that MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) and all of these coalitions have defeated their purpose," he said.

Burnett feels that the age hike will result in more people drinking in uncontrolled places rather than in more controlled places like bars.

People drinking at private parties is the target for Troll's To Go, a spin-off of the bar. Thompson hopes the age hike will cause sales at the beer delivery store to boom.

"People who aren't of age are just going to get older people to buy it for them," he said. Thompson said Troll's To Go could not be held responsible for those who drank the

beer, just for those who bought it.

Thompson said he thought the age hike was "going to teach people that they can break the law and get away with it."

Most area restaurants aren't too worried about losing business because of the age increase.

Charles Smith, manager of The Rathskeller on Franklin Street, said that only 5 to 7 percent of his business was strictly alcohol sales and that food sales would probably make up for that eventually.

At Colonel Chutney's on Rosemary Street, the feeling was much the same. Tim Poe, a bartender at the restaurant, said that most of Chutney's profits came from food sales, except on Sunday nights, so the age increase would probably not affect beer sales at all.

Poe estimated that even on Sundays the number of drinkers under 21 at Chutney's would be less than 10 percent.

Alcohol

this week was about the same as it was the week prior to the 18- to 19-year-old drinking age hike in 1983.

Store owners said they would expect some rise in alcohol sales despite the age change because people are celebrating Labor Day Weekend.

Kroger's Store on South Elliott Road has increased its stock by 25 percent, while Shop Quick on Pitts-

boro Road has doubled its alcohol stock, according to Manager Tarry Cross.

"We're expecting a lot of alcohol buying this weekend," said Tate. "We've stocked up considerably."

Employees at stores outside of the University area, such as Lloyd's Grocery on White Cross Road and Mini Mart on Airport Road, have not increased stock and do not expect an increase this weekend.

Lawsuit

Stegman said he is unsure if the suit will have any effect on Rosemary Square, but said that in the mid-70s opposition to NCNB was strong enough to force the developers to reduce its height by almost one-half.

Rosemary Square was approved by the town council two years ago despite often-vehement opposition from residents.

Although four council members elected in 1985 publicly opposed the project, they have not been able to stop it from moving forward.

Preacher on campuses

Ministry and informally as the "Destroyers," are coordinating their itineraries with college schedules in the hope they can lead tomorrow's leaders down a path of Christianity and away from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

"This generation has become amoral," Smock claims, saying students are defending sexual promiscuity and drug use. "They refuse to admit it's wrong."

"We believe college students are the key ones to reach."

Smock, entering his 12th year of touring campuses, has traveled to more than 500 schools in every state but Alaska. He usually attracts afternoon gatherings of a few hundred students or less, but has become a fixture at many colleges.

During a recent interview at his summer home in Terre Haute, Smock admitted his message, usually presented in strident tones with epithets aimed at abusive students, finds few receptive ears.

"It's definitely a small percentage. We probably turn most people off. . . . So did Jesus and the Apostles. They told people things they didn't want to hear. But we think we have an influence. We get people thinking," he said.

The son of an English professor, Smock, 43, said he was once a hippie drug user who fled to the tranquility of Moroccan beaches to smoke hashish. "I dropped out of society for a while," he said.

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