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JUNE GLOOM FACES GRADS

(EARTH NEWS) — June graduates are going to have a worse time than ever getting jobs, according to the College Placement Council's annual winter employer poll.

The poll shows an unexpected 4 percent drop in job openings this June as compared to a year ago. It's the first overall drop in four years.

While engineers will probably have 7 percent more job offers than a year ago, the poll predicts that a total of only 4 percent of the graduates in the humanities and social sciences are likely to find jobs in their own fields.

It's equally dismal for new Ph.D.s, who will be getting 17 percent fewer job offers this June than last year.

BIGGEST T. V. COURSE EVER: "ASCENT OF MAN"

(EARTH NEWS) — In what is being heralded as the most massive use of television in higher education history, some 25,000 students at more than 200 colleges and universities are receiving credit this winter for viewing the new Public Broadcasting series "The Ascent of Man."

On most participating campuses, the students' television viewing is being supplemented by a companion book, a set of study guides, and in-class discussions. The series, developed by the late Jacob Bronowski for the British Broadcasting System and Time-Life films, traces the history of western culture through science.

Among the campuses offering credit for the 13-week series are the State University of New York, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania State, Temple, and the Universities of Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Virginia, Alaska, and Hawaii.

A CAMPUS LIBRARY OPENS 24 HOURS A DAY

(EARTH NEWS) — If you're one of the many students dissatisfied with the limited hours most campus libraries are open, you might be interested in a new policy at the University of Wisconsin campus here.

The campus library is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. University Library Director William C. Roselle, who is responsible for the round-the-clock operation, says that students should be able to use their library to study, read a magazine, or listen to records "any time at all."

Many students work and have widely varying schedules, especially on an urban commuter campus like UW-Milwaukee, Roselle explains. An additional feature of the 24-hour library is the round-the-clock availability of a computer which students may use upon completion of a training program.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES FACE NEW DESEGREGATION DRIVE

By George Wood

(EARTH NEWS) — The next big desegregation drive is shaping up against Southern universities. While Southern elementary and secondary schools have cooperated with desegregation orders handed down in recent years, most universities and colleges in the South are still 90 to 95 percent white. The Southern population is only about 80 percent white.

Of the three dozen or so formerly all black colleges in the region, at least two dozen are still 90 percent black.

Now, the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has decided to finally begin carrying out an 18-year old federal court order to cut off federal aid to 10 Southern and border states with less than fully desegregated systems of higher education.

According to the executive director of the Southern Educational Foundation, John Griffin, few of the integration proposals submitted so far by Southern states would really eliminate segregation. Most of the proposals, Griffin says, contain admission tests that fail to account for cultural differences. And, he notes, many of the plans don't provide the level of financial aid needed by many black students.

Black colleges, in particular, have been opposed to full desegregation. While they are willing to admit some white students, they fear that full desegregation would destroy the unique role they have played in the education of black Americans. And, they fear that their campuses would become second-rate institutions because they would have to compete with the larger, more established white colleges and universities for both students and funds.

Nonetheless, the HEW activities could mean a drastic change in the make-up of Southern universities in the not-too-distant future. Already, the state of Louisiana is being sued by the U.S. government for failure to submit a desegregation proposal.

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Arts and Entertainment...

NCSA MAY MOVIES

The North Carolina School of the Arts will show the following movies during May. Salem students are welcome to attend them.

- May 11—"The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds."
- May 18—Marx Brothers "Duck Soup" and a cartoon
- May 25—"Dumbo" and "Endless Summer"

Other programs also presented are:

- May 15-18, 22-24—A Flea In Her Ear by Georges Feydeau
- May 19—NCSA Chorus and Chamber Concert
- May 20-24—"The Philadelphia Story" by Philip Barry
- May 20—Gala Oboe Recital
- May 23—NCSA Orchestra Concert

EDUCATORS' GROUP TO INVESTIGATE FIRING OF RADICALS

SAN FRANCISCO

(EARTH NEWS) — Reacting to cries that radical economics teachers are being fired from American campuses, the membership of the American Economics Association (AEA) has voted to establish a new "Committee on Political Discrimination" to investigate such charges.

According to the Union of Radical Economics which proposed the committee, three faculty members at San Jose State University and one at Lehman College of the City University of New York have been fired in recent months because of their political views on economics.

Michael Zwiig, a spokesperson for the radical union, claims that recent firings of radicals indicate a "systematic repression of politically radical economics at a time when conventional economics is falling to explain the current economic crisis."

The committee of the AEA, which represents administrators and teachers of economics nationwide, will investigate any charges of political discrimination brought to its attention whether they be from radicals or anyone else.

Archaeology Volunteers Invited

Students are urgently invited to help in archaeological excavations in England next summer. Deadline for applications is May 15.

City center redevelopment, new road-building programs and rapidly changing land use are threatening the disappearance of prehistoric graves, Iron-age settlements, Roman villas, fascinating relics of mediaeval towns, all over Britain.

American students free from mid-May, and with previous archaeological experience, are invited to join an international team on a dig of the important neolithic flint mines at Grimes Graves in Norfolk. Experienced volunteers will receive free board and lodging for helping in this important work.

Other students without experience are invited to join the British Archaeology Seminar at Lincoln College, Oxford, organized by the Association for Cultural Exchange. Six academic credits can be earned from participating in this low-cost program which ends by three weeks' participation on digs in different parts of England and Scotland.

Write now for further details to Ian Lowson, 539 West 112 Street, New York, N.Y. 10025.