

Job market for graduates challenging

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Although it probably sounds like the work of your high school guidance counselor, education seems to be the surest way of making a buck in the 90's.

Things were different 20 years ago. Then even the unskilled worker could anticipate that his wages, although they were low, would rise with wages in general. But the current job market doesn't allow for that.

Wages for those with average skills are stagnant; wages for the unskilled are even falling. And only workers with considerable skills are gaining ground.

Most starting salaries for college graduating seniors are up about 4.5 percent, according to the College Placement Council (CPC).

Engineering majors once again are getting the highest starting salaries among bachelor's degree earners this spring, reported the CPC, which surveyed 428 campus placement offices to find out the salary offers made to 1989-90 graduates from last September through March 10.

The labor market, however, is undated with a surplus of unskilled workers. The current wage and unemployment trends send a clear message: Skilled workers are welcome; unskilled workers need not apply.

Unemployment rates of unskilled workers have risen. The unskilled wage rates have fallen.

As a general rule, employers now require an increasing level of education and skill. They are willing to reward a worker's skill with higher wages.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Dr. William Wells, dean of

the college of engineering, said, "The job market is quite good for an engineering major. Though it has somewhat peaked nationally, it is still growing locally."

Wells said there are multiple opportunities for a graduate with a four year degree.

"Electrical engineering is always strong. Mechanical engineering right now is maybe a little slower than usual. Civil engineering is very hot in the southwest and the northeast especially in traffic and transportation issues."

Wells said a starting graduate can expect to look at a beginning salary around \$30,000 a year.

Eileen McGerry, assistant director of career planning and placement at UNLV, agreed that engineering is a strong field for graduates. She said health sciences and business administration are just as strong, along with other fields.

"There is close to 90 percent placement nationally for hotel majors," McGerry said. "Education majors are looking at pretty much the same. Nationally, the trend toward secondary education majors is stronger but in Las Vegas, because of the elementary school growth, that area is very positive for teachers," she said.

Although having the degree in hand definitely improves the outlook for both a job and a good income, a degree cannot be depended upon to get the job.

"Lots of graduates will have to take a job in the field they want to be working in but at a step or two lower than where they want to be," said McGerry. "From there, it will be possible for them to work up to their desired position."

McGerry stresses the importance of taking advantage of the



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WHERE TO NEXT? Recent UNLV graduates head into the job market.

opportunities in school.

"Internships are available and create networking which can open the door to future jobs after graduation," she said. "Also, internships aid in personal growth as well as give career related job experience and knowledge of the profession."

McGerry encourages students to use the student employment office to look for career related jobs. It is located on the third floor of the Humanities Building.

She invites students to look into the Intern Vacancy Notebook and the Summer Job Vacancy

Notebook at 543 Beam Hall in the career library.

"We have about 300 vacancies and job opportunities a year," she said.

The career planning office assists in looking at career options. The personnel help to develop applications by putting together interests and skills of the student. They connect with companies looking for senior graduates and interns.

McGerry said the individualized help now can make quite a difference later. For instance, a liberal arts major has an area of

knowledge but perhaps no special career field. By getting an internship, chances for a job in a specific area of their interest are greatly enhanced.

"It would be a benefit to set up an appointment in the near future with Dr. Cassese, the director," she said.

Utah State's job coordinator, Dr. Barnes, couldn't agree more.

"On a national level," she said, "Many companies won't consider an applicant who doesn't have internship experience."

Basketball's fate in the hands of the NCAA

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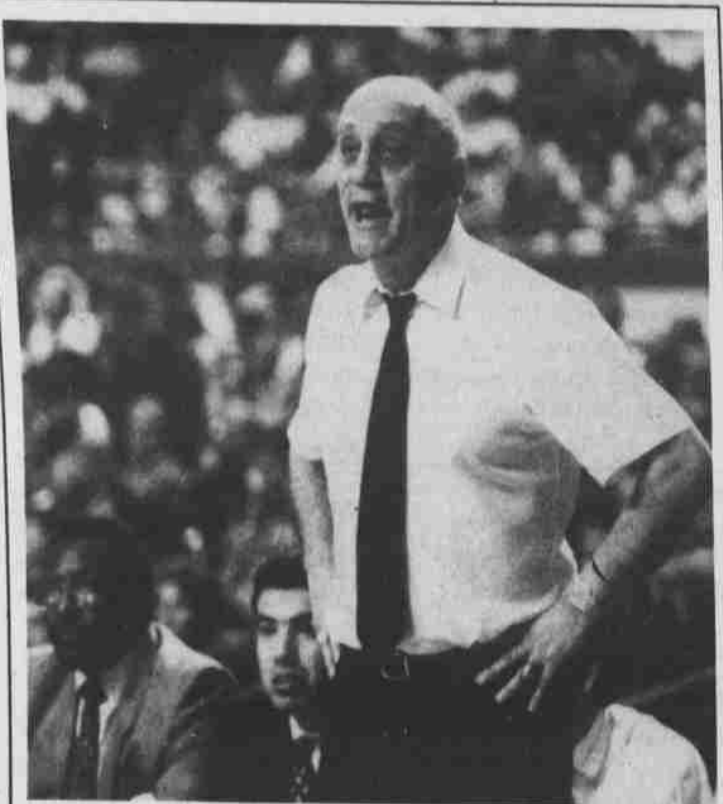
On June 23, 1990, University of Nevada, Las Vegas' basketball team has a much stronger opponent that is much stronger than the Duke team that the Rebels crushed to become National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) champions. This opponent not only can defeat UNLV on June 23, but for some years to come as well. This opponent is the NCAA Infractions Committee.

In Kansas City, Missouri, on June 23, a panel of 22 men and women, all having various positions with NCAA member schools, will decide the fate of the UNLV basketball program for years to come. UNLV is before the Committee for alleged recruiting violations that occurred in 1977, 13 years ago. The committee finally has it on their calendar to decide what sanctions, if any, should be imposed against UNLV.

How did UNLV get into this position? Well, let's harken back to those days of old, when Jimmy Carter was President, and disco was sweeping the nation-the year is 1977. It was in this year that the NCAA put UNLV on probation for two years for recruiting and organizational violations of NCAA rules.

The NCAA also ordered UNLV to suspend coach Jerry Tarkanian for the same period.

UNLV served the time, but



PROBLEMS? What's in the future for Tarkanian and his running Rebels.

Tark instituted a state court case that resulted in an injunction blocking UNLV from suspending him.

This was the beginning of Tark's 13 year legal battle with the NCAA. The last shot was fired in December of 1988, as the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a 5-4 decision that said the NCAA, as a voluntary organization, does not have to give

due process to its members. It was Tark's contention that he could not be suspended because he was not given his due process right to defend himself.

Although the NCAA would seem to have won the battle, they lost the war, as the Court also said that although the NCAA could suspend members without due process, the university could

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ing to do with the regents' vote. He also stated, "It is the regents who make the decisions with regard to which contract will be awarded the contract."

There has been a history of competition over the choice of the university's bank. The Board of Regents are expected to meet soon to resolve this latest conflict.

The \$1 million dollar gift, matched by the Golden Nugget, will help to create the E. Parry Thomas and Jerome Mack University Center for Entrepreneurial and Leadership Studies as well as the Stephen A. Wynn Chair of Entrepreneurial and Leadership Studies.

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ing university campuses. In 1926, the Slater Corporation was founded in a fraternity House on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1961, Automatic Retailers of America merged with Slater Corporation and the new company was named ARA Services, Inc. ARA was listed, in 1963, on the New York Stock Exchange.

ARA plans a remodeling and expansion of the Food Court in the Moyer Student Union. The remodeling will include a new pizza place called ITZA Pizza, a Baskin Robbins outlet, and a new deli area.

The expansion will include an area called Options, in which a different food item will be featured each day. A soup and

salad bar will also be put in, as well as a bakery.

ARA Services has received a three year contract, with two one year extensions for a total of five years.

Dr. Bob Ackerman, vice president of student services, said that he "hopes that the students needs will be met."

Ackerman said, "Marriott and Saga served this university well, and they submitted a very competitive proposal. ARA, however, proposed some very exciting things [for the campus]. The proposals, according to Dr. Ackerman, were all reviewed by the MSU Board (which is made up of students) and input was made by them."