# Lousy job market predicted for grads

by Bonar Tucker

The job market for this year's college graduates has gone from bad to worse, according to a report issued by the College Press Service.

The recession, officially acknowledged by the White House forced hundreds of companies to scale back and even drop their plans to hire newly minted grads, campus placement officers reported.

"Dating back to 1982-83, the past two years have seen the most serious drop in hiring quotas for new college graduates," said Patrick Scheetz, author of Recruiting Trends 1990-91, Michigan State University's national survey of 549 employers' hiring plans for

"It's very tight here," added Mary Ann Benson, coordinator of placement and academic internern Maine. "It's as bad now as it Northwestern was in 1982."

sion, (82-83), job opportunities for this year. students dropped 16.8 percent from the previous year.

the decrease is 9.8 percent.

tainty about the economy as the but the jobs are going to be more the most important aspects a stureason they have cut back on their difficult to uncover." student hiring.

Computerworld magazine reports.

Packard Co.

follows.'

tor of Career Planning and Place- one percent cut is probably a fair ment agreed that anyone reading assessment," Clayton said. "We the news can verify that the mar- will see the stats after this class ket is tougher than it has been in graduates.' the past few years.

would depend on the types of po- that job offers have been rare. the first week of January, has sitions, the past two years have seen a most serious drop in the mitted Jim Reber, who will gradunumber of jobs opening up for col- ate in June from Michigan State lege graduates," Clayton said. with a chemical engineering de-"First grads are hit hard and posi- gree. He's had 16 interviews so tions where training on the job is far, but no offers. necessary are also hardest hit."

> "The past two years have seen the most serious drop in hiring quotas for new college graduates.'

> > Patrick Sheetz

ships at the University of South- vey of student job prospects, don't fit there so maybe I just University's Lindquist-Endicott Report, found something, though. There's got to The last time the United that businesses plan to hire one be a job out there for me." States was officially in a reces- percent fewer graduates overall

"The market is going to be more competitive," said Victor balance," he said. "I believe a Last year the survey found Lindquist, Northwestern's place- person has to have employment the drop at 13.3 percent. This year ment director. "The students are experience prior to getting involved going to have to work harder and in a successful search." Employers have cited uncer- be more creative and imaginative,

Jim Clayton, assistant direc- for this year on that but I'd say a

Students, even those with "Regionally, and of course it sought-after degrees, are finding

"I'm a little bit worried," ad-

"I keep reading that the job market is getting tougher and tougher to break into," said Carol Miller, who will graduate with her degree in computer science from UNLV. "I'm not scared yet but, yeah, I am concerned."

David Smally, business, said he felt it was a "buyer's market."

"I guess you would need to be one of the top people in your class The other major annual sur- to be 'chosen," he said. "Icertainly wasted the past five years. I'll find

> Clayton advised students to ing for the job market. create a balance for their resumes.

"Most employers look for a

When asked for his opinion on "We do not have statistics yet ers, Clayton said, " A good grade soon as it is final.

Jim Clayton

point average makes a difference to an extent. Related experience in the form of the ability to solve problems is also a good asset. And affiliation and association with a professional organization can only

Clayton said the Career Planning and Placement office will be holding a seminar near the end of April to assist students in prepar-

"We will be aiming to dispel fears and anxiety of graduates as well as working on technical abilities such as resume writing and interview skills," he said.

The date of the seminar will dent can offer prospective employ- be posted in The Yellin' Rebel as

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### Wheel watchers get the real thing ful contestant must go

by Richard Munson

held at UNLV today for on television. After their "College Week" on Wheel of completion of all tests, the Fortune, there were also au- contestants are then chosen. ditions earlier this week at Arizona Charlie's and the what their looking for," said Flamingo Hilton. Fans from Gina Richardson, a 1990 all over the Las Vegas valley graduate of UNLV. "I'm gowere trying out in regular ingonthe show for a specific and teen categories in order reason, to win money or a to get a chance to appear on trip to Ireland. My dad is 80 game show."

Those trying out must go through numerous steps in order to appear on the show. First, would-be contestants week, will send 10 students must fill out an application (four per school, two alterand then there is a quiz. This nates and extras in case of is when the real "Wheel any problems), to Los Angewatchers" are separated les to represent the univerfrom those just wanting to sity after the completion of be on television. Each hope- today's auditions.

through a series of simulated While tryouts are being games just as they appear

"You try to figure out "America's most watched and he loves golf, so I want to take him to Ireland to play

The Wheel's college

### for among potential employers included opportunities for further education and training, a global prospective employers, in decorporate outlook and meaningful scending order, included Digital responsibilities," the article says. Equipment Corp., Apple Computer

panies seem to be hiring few new Motorola, Inc., Arthur Andersen

it takes the lead, everyone else

(CPS) Computer science, at the top three corporations, said electrical engineering and infor- Peter Watts, chief executive offimation systems majors would cer of Information Kinetics, a New rather get jobs at IBM than just Jersey firm that operates a job about anywhere else, a survey in data base for college grads.

"IBM's not hiring too many More than half of the 772 stu-people" this year, said Watts, dents who responded to the survey whose company tries to match said IBM was their first choice as grads with major corporations' rea future employer, followed by cruiting needs. He added Hewlett American Telephone and Tele-Packard is also planning to hire graph (AT&T) and Hewlett fewer new grads this year.

Yet Sheryl Kay, the author of "IBM is the pacesetter," one the study, contended that a stustudent told the magazine. "When dent with "the right technical qualities, real world experience and business acument would have "Traits the students looked a great chance at any of the 10."

Students' other 10 favorite Unfortunately, the big com- Inc., General Electric Co., & Co./ Arthur Andersen Consult-"I'd say their chances are slim" ing, Microsoft Corp. and Intel Corp.

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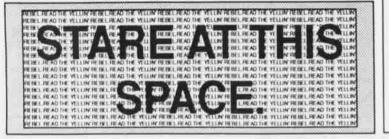
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