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## Grads face shaky job scene

United Press International  
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How is it possible for a student to "buy" the most expensive higher education in history — with a bachelor's degree at the most expensive colleges now costing upwards of \$40,000 — and not have a marketable skill? Dr. Frank Endicott, Evanston, Ill., emeritus professor of

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Hitting the books in the wrong field for four years, not much hustle or bum luck are reasons for down-turned mouths on faces of other college seniors these days. These are the winding down days for the college class of '82, the hectic few days between the end of school and start of a paycheck.

On the nation's 3,000 college campuses tens of thousands of about-to-be-graduates face the job market. Recruiters have been hitting the campuses but a survey shows they have not made as many job offers at this point as were made at the same time in 1981.

The key again is the major field of study. Petroleum engineering graduates will fare best with starting salaries pegged at \$30,432, says one survey report.

Music majors won't find themselves on easy street but the brightest of the computer scientists, annual average of \$22,572, are heading in that direction.

education, Northwestern University, has an answer. Endicott for 36 years has been monitoring the new college grad job market. He monitors hiring patterns of 242 large corporations and puts out highly regarded periodic reports. He's fed up with jobless college graduates who recite litany of miseries.

Only 2 percent of college graduates are unemployed, Endicott said. And the way to be employed is to check with the college placement office as you go through school, especially when selecting a major.

If it is poor, common sense would suggest one switch majors or do a double major — one in a field that equips a person with a marketable skill, he said.

The job outlook this spring is not clear, as of the moment, Endicott says. But he is optimistic that the corporations will hire at nearly the rate of 1981.

If the economy turns up by fall, that could happen, he said. If the upturn is delayed until the end of 1982, the brighter outlook will be delayed until then.

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But salaries attached to fewer number of job offers over those attached to '81 job offers, said Justice, head of the council's placement of statistics.

The council's report on reports from 184 offices on 161 colleges.

Kayser said the lower offers runs counter to predictions, made of '81.

They had expected a firm trend to turn up and for college graduates continuing a three-year trend.

Endicott said computer scientists will maintain high skills.

"The computers business and industry are doing well in on schools and in business and now are in home," he said. "This growth industry includes the market for software."

"I think college-trained computer scientists will continue to be in great demand."

On the job market, Endicott said: "I have a radio, there will be a cutback in 1981 figure. I do not expect a cutback to be very great."

"There is a long-term demand for graduates in industry, especially engineering, as the long-range needs of the public."

Engineers are likely to be recruited in the same way as a few years ago. There are a few more.

"I have a feeling business industry are optimistic about an upturn. Before the end year, perhaps in the fall will bring back more and a possible increase in engineering jobs."

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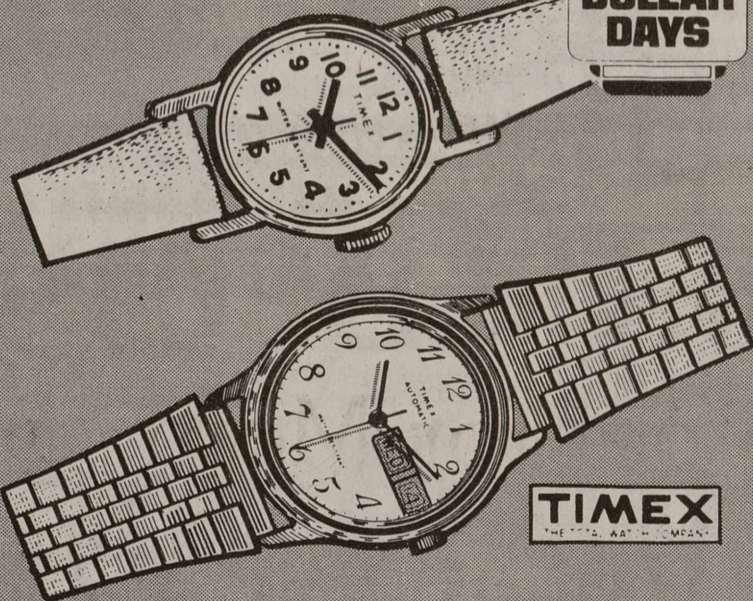
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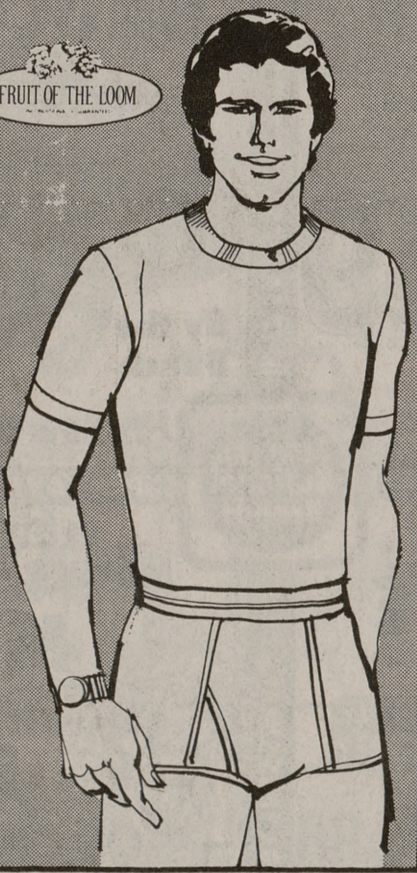
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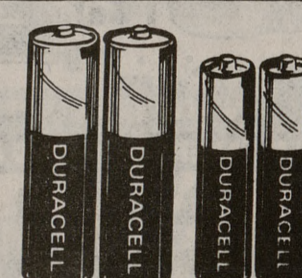
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## About 50 arrests made in Arkansas highway car check

United Press International  
FORREST CITY, Ark. — With traffic backed up for miles, Arkansas State Police made about 50 arrests Monday night and early Tuesday in a roadblock on Interstate 40, stopping each car enroute from Memphis to Little Rock.

The charges included driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, illegal possession of guns and overweight trucks.

As word of the roadblock spread by citizens band radio, several trucks turned off the road to wait at a restaurant, and two unhitched their trailers and left them on the shoulder of the road. But State Police cars posted on the median and at nearby exits prevented most escapes.

State Police Director Tommy Goodwin said the roadblock was a 24-hour saturation check of one of the state's busiest highways.

About 50 state troopers and 40 officers from such agencies as the Interstate Commerce Commission, the National Automobile Theft Bureau and the

state Highway and Transportation Department's weigh-in for a measures division pause in the roadblock.

They checked licenses and automobile registrations and also were prepped to check for drugs, stolen overweight vehicles, vehicle defects and other violations on a bilateral or state laws.

Goodwin said this was the first time a roadblock of this type had been set up on an interstate highway.

Within five minutes after the roadblock was set up at 11 Monday, traffic was backed up for more than a mile.

For the first six hours check was conducted at an area located about two miles of Forrest City, stopping traffic that was headed for Memphis to Little Rock. Authorities said they moved roadblock to a rest area just of Palestine after the first hours and rotated between stops, blocking all westward and then eastbound traffic the route.

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