



Although he usually works as a server at Farabees, Derek Freeman, junior business management major, spends Monday night washing dishes. Dawn Fouts/DN

No Money? Get a job

Labor department stats show number of young workers down

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After the money saved up over the summer disappears, most students come to the same realization.

It is time to get a job.

According to 1995 Daily Nebraskan market research, 59 percent of the students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln work part-time while attending classes and 31 percent of students work a full-time job along with school.

With such a large percentage of students working, new students may worry there are not enough jobs on the market, but numbers from the U.S. Department of Labor say that is not the case.

Preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Labor, taken from the City of Lincoln web site, show that from March 1995 to March 1996, the number of non-farm payroll jobs in the state increased by 12,000.

The U.S. Department of Labor also indicates a nation-wide decrease in the 16 to 24-year-old civilian labor force in the last year. The department expects the trend to continue.

From April 1995 to April 1996 that age group saw a decline of 383,000 workers nationwide. The decline is expected to increase throughout the summer and continue into the coming fall.

Students have a number of places to turn in their search for employment, including the local Job Service

office, 1010 N St., and the Student Employment and Internship Center, room 345 of the Nebraska Union.

Both offices have listings of current job availability including hours, pay rates and job requirements. Students can use these services to apply directly to the employers free of charge.

The Student Employment and Internship Center offers positions to fill work study positions as well as non-work study employment in addition to finding internships for upperclassmen.

Marcia Phelps, coordinator of the Student Employment and Internship Center, said she had seen a positive trend in part-time jobs when it comes to wages in entry level positions.

"Hourly wages have been increasing," Phelps said. "It's driving up the wages in skilled employment as well."

Phelps said when students received their award letters in the summer they could come in early to secure jobs for their work study assignments or they could attend the job fair held in the Union during the first week of classes.

The SEIC has information from a variety of employers including restaurants, retail stores and telemarketing firms that offer competitive wages, Phelps said.

The Student Employment and Internship Center has a 24 hour job line at 472-8800. Students can check out the Career Services home page at <http://www.unl.edu/careers/csc.html>.



Dan Dolezal, a junior architecture major, spends his summer working for College Pro Painters. Mami Speck/DN