SAN LUIS OBISPO -- A number of economic indicators recently have suggested that California’s economy is on an upswing, and news from Cal Poly’s Career Services mirrors that fact.

The job market was active and robust for a second consecutive year, translating into job opportunities and higher starting salaries for graduates, said Martin Shibata, director of the university’s Career Services.

According to the most recent Graduate Status Report, an impressive 94 percent of Cal Poly graduates were either employed full time or enrolled in post-graduate education one year after graduating. Industries related to technology, public accounting, financial services, consulting services, engineering-surveying firms, construction, and biomedical engineering contributed to a strong job market.

Salaries are up, too. The median salary of graduates ranged from $32,000 to $55,000, depending on the academic college.

Complete Graduate Status Reports with employment statistics from academic years 1996-1997 through 2004-2005 are available online at http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr/03-04/gsr_past.htm.

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