

The best job-search software

Automate your job search. The advertising hype for some job-search software would have you believe that all you have to do is install their software on your computer and the job of your dreams is instantly yours.

If only it were that simple.

Job search is a rather complicated process for which basic computerization can assist. But that's all it can do — assist. Even the best job-search software can do little more than help you prepare your presentation material or help you find the front door. From there you are on your own.

But with these obvious limitations in mind, there are some true winners in the job-search software market. At \$40-100-plus for some of the available software (not counting the time expended in working with them), the investment can be considerable, so it's prudent to make the investment wisely.

Following is the best software in each job-search category:

Career planning and exploration — *Career Path* (On Track Media, 415-885-4920) is the most complete software for individual career planning, although more powerful (and much more expensive) software is sometimes available institutionally through career planning offices and libraries.

Career Path provides valuable tools for both planning and exploration. The planning segment helps you create a comprehensive personal profile based upon your interests, experience, values, and abilities. This profile is then utilized in the exploration segment, with detailed information on over 3,500 careers available for further evaluation.

It should be noted that no software can replace the interaction of an experienced career counselor, but this software will work well as a complement to your personal planning sessions.

Resume and cover let-



ter preparation — *Win-Way Resume* (WinWay Corporation, 916-332-2671) is the clear winner for both form and substance. You are provided with over 250 resume and cover letter samples, along with many powerful formatting functions. But its greatest attribute is the ability to export the final document to other word processors.

This is important because it allows you to do the initial formatting with *Win-Way*, then modify the output using the extended capabilities of your favorite word processor.

And you are not restricted to having access to the software for making future updates, which provides needed portability for the finished resume, a feature which is sorely lacking with most resume-preparation software.

Employer database — *JobHunt for Windows or Macintosh* (Scope International, 704-535-0614). Instead of buying commercial database software, modifying it to fit your job search, then loading it up with employer data, you can accomplish all these steps and more by using *JobHunt*.

JobHunt provides a powerful database specifically designed for job search along with over 6,000 employers already pre-loaded for searching to which you can add any additional contacts you have personally generated. You have the ability to access companies by industry, job types, and geographical regions.

JobHunt gives you immediate and productive access to companies hiring nationwide based on your specific input. It provides you with several output options for the search results, including calling lists and customized letters, al-

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UNLV lands spot on scientific map

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Why, you might ask, would a physicist leave the prestige of a job at the Harvard-Smithsonian Research Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., for an associate professorship in the physics department at UNLV?

Well, Bernard Zygelman will tell you he did it because of the rapid growth he sensed at UNLV, and a desire to be part of that excitement. "I saw a lot of opportunities here to make an interesting (physics) program," Zygelman said.

Zygelman, who has been at UNLV for six years, is intent on seeing UNLV become a recognized science research facility.

He is so intent on reaching that goal, Zygelman, along with Stephen Lepp, also an associate professor in the physics department, were the driving forces behind the Jan. 1 acquisition of a clustered workstation in the physics department.

A workstation is made up of several connected Central Processing Units, the parts of a computer that holds memory and compares and calculates pieces of data.

UNLV's workstation is made up of 12 CPU's, at a cost of \$400,000.

"Cutting edge," is one description that Zygelman offers when describing the workstation. It's so powerful, explains Zygelman, that it's able to outperform the Cray — UN-



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LVs own super computer and the world's fastest, and most powerful computer.

For example, Zygelman says the equation 2+2 can be added almost four billion times in the span of a second when the workstation is fully operational. Such speed makes the workstation both competitive and economical. Zygelman hopes to have several production runs completed this Spring, with some publishable work by the Summer.

The concept of a workstation was not an original one. Workstations had been discussed and experimented with by computer experts as far back as the 1970s. But only recently did fast, powerful pieces of computer hardware become economical enough for the workstation idea to become a feasible undertaking for most research programs.

"When you look at money that is given out for research, the state of Nevada ranks somewhere near the bottom," explains Zygelman. "This (the workstation) we hope, will change that."

The workstation will be shared by the physics, chem-

istry, and biology departments' faculty and graduate students.

In hopes of making UNLV more competitive and making full use of the workstation, Zygelman also has applied for an experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD.

Zygelman recently presented a seminar at NASA on workstation applications. He also applied for a program which would enable UNLV to have a working relationship with NASA in scientific research, personnel and information. According to Zygelman, the program is only granted to a select few institutions.

Zygelman was also instrumental in securing grant monies from the W. M. Keck Foundation, a highly competitive national science and research foundation that only grants monies to exceptionally deserving institutions.

The grant, totalling \$450,000 was applied to the launching of the workstation that is now in place in the physics department.

Greeks show their serious side

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Back and forth. Back and forth. Back and forth.

For 48 hours, from noon Wednesday to noon Friday, members of Alpha Gamma Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha teetered on a 20-foot high, pea-green rocking chair above the UNLV Alumni Amphitheatre.

It was the annual Rock-A-Thon to help benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the UNLV Preschool.

Sacrifice is indeed a word that came to their minds during the midnight shifts of the Rock-A-Thon.

Members were swathed in thick blankets to battle the gusty winds and low temperatures of the early morning.

During this time, coffee became an hourly ritual.

But during school hours, the fun began.

As with every rock, there's a little roll.

The amphitheatre was transformed into a stage for raging amateur rock bands, including Sean Eiferman, a Lambda Chi Alpha from Northridge, Calif. Eiferman starred in a one-man band by playing his guitar and singing from the top of the rocking chair.

When kids from the UNLV Pre-school visited, he shifted gears into a hokie-pokie frenzy.

Junior Francois Brown also gave a spontaneous rendition of *Amazing Grace*. And on Friday, bands attracted students with some blaring alternative originals.

The money raised is equally distributed between the UNLV Preschool and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, where funds will be used for medical supplies and educational material.

Besides benefiting these organizations, the Alpha Gamma Delta's and Lambda Chi Alpha's also wanted to open student's eyes to the reality of Greek society.

"We're not just a beer drinking, partying type of organization," said junior Kris Karstenson. "It raises awareness that we are also here to help out other philanthropies, which is what fraternities and sororities were founded on."

The event raised nearly \$3000 through donations and raffles. Local businesses donated over 100 prizes ranging from tattoos to hotel rooms.

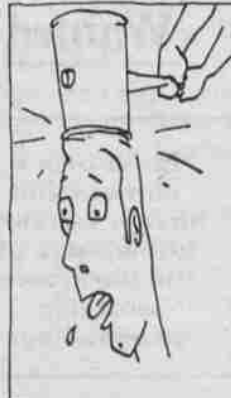
Fabulous Sputnik Man

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