

Internet assists in job search

While the Internet has earned a well-deserved "Hype of the Year" title for all of its media coverage, job searching has become among the truly viable activities taking place on the Net.

Most college students have maintained active pipelines into the Net, but the rest of the world is only recently becoming aware of its existence. It is only in the past few years that business use of the Net has grown into widespread use. This spells good news for you, since most college students have actively been surfing for much longer and typically have ready access to all the Internet has to offer.

Following are the top seven Web sites to begin your job search surfing:

The Online Career Center (<http://www.occ.com> or gopher.occ.com) provides one of the most comprehensive (and usable) employer and job databases on the Net for job hunters. You can keyword search all ads or view them by industry, state or city. You can also post your resume without charge and make it available to all who are interested.

E-Span provides a fully searchable job database that adds an interesting twist: it allows you to enter your personal profile (including your educational level, years of experience, current job level, salary requirements, geographical areas desired and job keywords) which will keep



you posted on all new job opportunities added to the database. E-Span will keep you informed via e-mail as new positions are posted.

CareerMosaic (<http://www.careermosaic.com>) probably has the best look of any job site on the Web, with outstanding graphics. But the content is still lacking when compared to OCC or E-Span. In addition, to allowing Boolean searches of the J.O.B.S. database, you also have the opportunity to search the Usenet newsgroups for additional opportunities. And their international gateway provides access to jobs in Canada, the United Kingdom, Japan, Hong Kong and France.

JobWeb (<http://www.jobtrak.com>) is an excellent source of job listing for college students and new alumni. Please note, however, that access is limited to participating schools. Users must verify their school's participation.

College Grad Job Hunter (<http://www.collegegrad.com>) is one-stop shopping for college students and recent grads. It contains combined access to all of the above sites, plus plenty of job search information to guide you in

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Biking professor takes on Italy

Prof. Ward talks about teaching, cycling and conventions

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Some 1,500 years ago, Roman citizens, slaves, soldiers and dignitaries traveled the Via Emilia Highway from Rome to Milan by horsedrawn carriage, horseback and foot.

Latin and Italian Lecturer James Ward rode his bike.

Unless you've taken his Latin or Italian classes, the only way Ward would look familiar is if you've seen him on his bike riding to early morning classes, hair tousled and glasses slightly off-center.

Anyone who has taken a class from Ward knows him as the mildly comical but intelligent Latin and Italian professor whose ability to both think and conceptualize in those languages seems almost seamless.

Reaching that point, however, took Ward roughly two decades, several hundred miles of cycling and some odd jobs in New York.

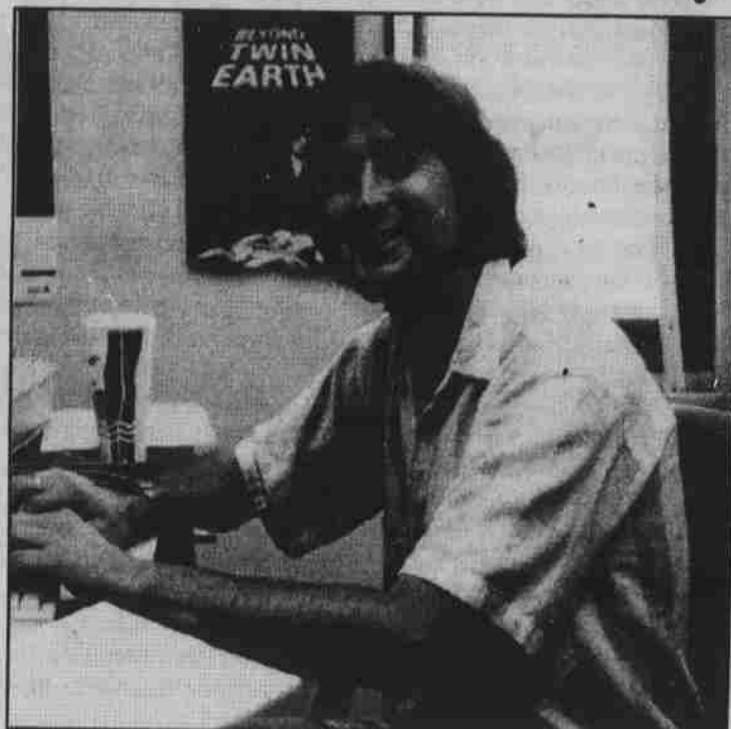
Latin started the trek for Ward. He learned the language in seventh grade in Summit, N.J. at Pingry Junior High.

One of the many lessons Ward learned in Latin class years ago that he passes on to his students is to repeat the endings of a conjugation (i, orum, is, os, is, i), and then to jokingly point out that the person sounds as if they're possessed by the Devil.

"Go and do it in a darkened corner of a party," he suggests.

After high school, Ward headed to Princeton University, where he completed his undergraduate work from 1972-76. He majored in Latin with a minor in art history.

From there, Ward journeyed to New York, not for school but simply to experience



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Professor James Ward shines on and off the bike path.

the city and the people.

And that's exactly what he did.

Ward may have experienced more than he bargained for while living in the same neighborhood as one of the more popular venues during the garish Punk Rock scene.

"I was living in the East Village, which is where CBGB's is, and at the time it was very popular," Ward explained. "So it was really kind of fun to step out of my apartment and watch these people with purple spiked hair and black leather walk by," he laughed.

During his stay in New York, Ward worked in sales and did some office work. He always managed to find jobs that kept him in contact with people, Ward said.

One of his more reputable jobs was working as a secretary/greeter for William Sullivan, the ambassador to Iran. Ward said the highlight of that job was meeting Sophia Loren.

Ward's other jobs included working for middleweight Publisher William Morrow as a minor editor. During this period of

his life, Ward wrote the travel book "Havens and Hideaways," describing little getaways in the U.S.

"I didn't actually write the thing," Ward said. "We got all these brochures from places around (the country) and basically rewrote them. It's not on my resume," he joked.

The William Morrow job didn't last long. The combination of feeling exploited because of his youth, and being paid barely \$15,000 per year in one of the most expensive cities in the country, eased Ward's decision to leave New York.

Ward later realized that all of his time in New York came not from direction, but lack thereof.

"I think that New York is one of the best places in the country to be if you're young and lack direction," Ward said. "There are so many people there who also lack direction...it almost becomes a part of the culture."

Ward found his last job, and current wife, in New York while working at Columbia

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Secretary says goodbye after 24 years of memories

From mimeographs to IBM's at UNLV

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The boxes are packed and the walls are bare. Bowling trophies and plaques of appreciation that once hung neatly on the wall are now crammed away in boxes.

Vintage posters of George Strait, Reba McEntire and other country stars are now rolled and forgotten. Snoopy memorabilia given as gifts lay solemnly in an abandoned corner.

It's a new era of change for the staff in the Carlson Education Building.

Roberta Larsen, head management assistant to the dean of the College of Educa-

tion, retired Friday after 24 years of service to UNLV's community.

The 60-year-old grandmother of four has seen UNLV grow from the 10-building campus it was in the 1970's, to the bustling university it is today.

During her 24-year stay, Larsen has worked for four deans and has survived five presidents.

Larsen has also witnessed the rapid advancement of technology. The change from old mechanical typewriters to the use of complex computer technology is still difficult for her to grasp.

"Back then we didn't even have photocopiers," Larsen said. "We had to use duplicating machines or mimeographs."

Larsen was first employed

as a secretary in the engineering, geography and geology departments in the mornings, where her office was a trailer. In the afternoon, she had to change offices.

She became the Math department's first full-time secretary a year later. A year after that, she became head secretary to the dean of education, where she has remained for the past 22 years.

After a lengthy history at UNLV, Larsen still recalls the countless memories shared with faculty and students.

Larsen said she has a vivid recollection of the first UNLV football game she attended in 1970, back when the games were held at Las Vegas High School's stadium and fans had to

sit on chilly, cramped bleachers. UNLV was playing against Montana State.

"Both teams got into a fist fight," said Larsen enthusiastically. "And the police had to come and break up the fight."

According to Larsen, her fondest memory was when Channel 8 did a news story on UNLV's football team. Football practice was held on a plain field, what is now Artemus Ham Hall.

"I got all of the secretaries together and bought purple t-shirts and white pants (which were the school colors at the time)," said Larsen. "We all got in a huddle and did some plays for Channel 8."

"It's sad," Larsen said. "They just don't have the spirit and stuff like they used to."

But posing for UNLV's football team wasn't the only physical activity in which Larsen engaged during her 24-year stay. She made time for classes, including racquetball, skiing, tennis and aerobics. She was also a member of UNLV's bowling team, the Rebel Rousers.

Despite her full schedule, Larsen found time to organize a jog-a-thon to help purchase equipment for UNLV's Pre-school, and to coordinate a United Way campaign.

But you can also add fame to Larsen's list of achievements.

In 1977, she received the Governor's Meritorious Citation for conceptualizing what is now known as the Student Ambassa-

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