

EDITORIAL

New Job Discovery

Career counselors, I've discovered a new job that you can try to sell students seeking a vocation. To me the idea is new and it may be unheard as far as I know, although I remember hearing or reading somewhere, possibly the Bible, there is nothing new under the sun.

I admit the position I'll describe should not be recommended to everyone. Some prerequisites of character are necessary, in order to coincide with the duties involved. First the applicant must, to a degree, have a sense of alienation. I say to a degree because if the applicant exaggerates his feelings of alienation toward society, he wouldn't qualify. His feelings of estrangement would be more like the person who's not willing to get out and face people. For example, the man who won't submit to routine business world demands; the person who doesn't want to be bothered by an irate consumer returning a product he is dissatisfied with. In short, the kind of person who doesn't like to be pressured and is content to work in a type of quasi-reality, namely a classroom.

To keep you in suspense no longer, the job is that of a professional student. The "pro" student would work along with the professor to stimulate learning in the classroom. That would mean the applicant shouldn't be afraid to speak among a group of people. In fact, his personality should be a type of subdued showman, someone who enjoys being under the spotlight even though the thought of performing alone makes him feel uneasy.

What better teaching aid is there? Indeed, the "pro" student and the professor have much in common. Both know what's to be presented from past experience. Both feel secure and undaunted in their familiar surroundings, the classroom, and both like to put on a show. They both have a feeling of superiority toward the ordinary student, who is seeking to know what they already know and are presenting. (Here the "pro" student must be careful not to feel too superior so as not to blow his cover.)

Now that you agree such a position as the "pro" student is feasible, what salary should be offered? Certainly not as much as a certified professor, let's for starters, say half the salary of the professor, plus the fringe benefits.

The fringe benefits?

Why of course, never being forced from the womb of the academic community into the real world.

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PIRGs Recalled- Faulty Mechanism

How are other PIRGs doing across the nation? This article, from the College Press Service sheds some light on the subject.

At Minnesota, where the PIRG contract must be renewed every two years, regents retained a negative check-off plan last spring

but made a slight change so that students could check their fee statements to indicate they don't want to pay the fee instead of being forced to stand in lines for refunds later in the quarter. Minnesota PIRG representatives said the decision could cost them \$15,000.

The decision was made in the face of heavy lobbying from agricultural and pesticide interests to cut funding of the group altogether. The Minnesota PIRG has lobbied extensively for tighter control of pesticide use in the state. The group accused regents of buckling under to special interests and disregarding those of students.

Problems at other schools, however, have been caused less by special interests than student disinterest. In St. Cloud, Minnesota, a referendum of student support showed that less than half of the schools' students wanted to continue funding the Minnesota PIRG. The Minnesota PIRG lost support from another school in the state when less than half of the students at Bemidji, paid the fee last spring quarter, cancelling the PIRG contract on the campus.

The Colorado PIRG, stumbling along on a bare-bones budget of \$1,300 per year from Student Government funds, claims that most students "Don't know who we are or what we do."

And at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where a students' referendum showed enough support to start a group two years ago, students haven't been able to muster enough interest to put together a working organization. University officials said that no one has approached them this quarter to put the organization on the fee statement. A student affairs officer said that although the administration is anxious to get them off the ground, nothing has happened.

Episode No. 1

Of 'Star Trick'

By Ray Martin
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Author's Note To those of you 'Trekies' who lack the divine gift of being able to laugh at yourselves, I suggest you turn the page now. To those who have been so gifted, have fun; I've written this for both of us.

Space...the final frontier. these are the voyages of the Starship Fenderbender. Its five year mission; to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations and to phaser the shit out of anything that gets in its way.

Captains Log, Stardate 3,723,191,754,658.5895: The USS Fenderbender is in orbit around the planet Cantar 12, a class M planet remarkable like old earth.

Capt. James T. Jerk: "Well Shlock, are you finished with the readings yet? When can we beam down?"

Mr. Shlock: "Fascinating, I suggest we wait for a while Captain. It seems Cantar 12 is much more like late 20th century Earth than I originally hypothesized.

Sensors indicate the planet is presently engaged in a nuclear war. Beaming down

anytime in the next 3000 years could result in massive irreparable cell damage to you mere humans."

Capt.: "Remember Shlock you're half human."

Mr. Shlock: "I am well aware of my deficiencies Captain."

Capt.: "Three thousand years, hmmm, that's far too long."

Mr. Shlock: "But it would give us time for the commercials Captain."

Capt.: "It could also wreck havoc with our Nielson Ratings. Mr. Supu?"

Ensign Sulu: "SULU Captain."

Capt.: "How can I be expected to remember 430 names? No matter, set a course for a more interesting planet."

Sulu: "Any one in particular sir? There are several million of them."

Capt.: "No, just make sure its Class M so we can beam down and get into a lot of trouble with the locals. Other than that, Chef's choice."

Sulu: "Yes Sir."

Dr. McCay: (Over Intercom) "Captain, you'd better get down here. Something seems to be wrong with

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Letters To The Editor

Amnesty Week Is Set

The National Council for Universal Unconditional Amnesty (NCUUA), the national amnesty coalition with over 100 constituent organizations and tens of thousands of individual supporters, has set National Amnesty Week for February 22-28.

As a NCUUA affiliate, our local amnesty group will be planning activities in the Harrisburg area during this week.

To this end, we are in the process of scheduling the Academy Award winning

Vietnam War documentary, "Hearts and Minds", at the Harrisburg Area Community College.

It is important, especially in this election year, to keep the need for a just amnesty and an end to the suffering before the public. Presidential candidates Milton Shapp, Birch Bayh and Fred Harris have already endorsed unconditional amnesty.

In order to plan our activities for National Amnesty Week, we will be holding a meeting at the

Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Streets, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, January 27, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there and are looking forward to your ideas and suggestions. Refreshments will be available.

Remember, almost one million Americans, mostly Vietnam-era veterans, still suffer the consequences for their resistance to the illegal Vietnam War. Let's make amnesty the Spirit of '76.

James R. Zimmerman
for NCUUA

Klain Defended

I read with interest your article "Prof Fights Retirement" that appeared in the 11/20/75 issue of the C.C. Reader.

Unfortunately, the overall effect of this article is to discredit Professor Klain's reputation and make him appear to be a troublemaker. Since Mr. Klain will soon face the situation of having his request for extension of

retirement reviewed, such misleading articles can only serve to make his struggle more difficult.

It hardly seems unusual that Mr. Klain might be somewhat agitated and distressed when his future livelihood was being considered with an apparently bleak outcome. What higher good would have been served if his demeanor had

proclaimed "business as usual?"

If Mr. Stevens truly feels that serious breaches of professionalism and misconduct have occurred, he should handle it through established faculty grievance procedures rather than a journalistic forum.

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