

CAREER LINE

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Over the past few months, this column has been dealing with career and job searching techniques, like the proper way to conduct oneself at an interview, where to get career information and so on. Our regular readers will now have a good idea how to go about looking for a job and what sort of job they should be looking for. This week, I would like to address the problems of the job seeker who does everything right and still finds himself, at the end of the term in April, without a job, or the person who has been looking for months and hasn't come up with anything, to whom the trouble of looking for work has become too large to handle.

We live in difficult times for the unemployed. This country suffers what seems to be chronic unemployment in the ten percent or better range, and there are fewer jobs looking for workers. This results in the people who are looking for work having to look longer. There are problems involved with this that are not apparent at first glance: the problems of enthusiasm and keeping one's interest up. It is very easy, if you have been out of work for weeks and the summer's days are getting warmer, to become complacent about getting out of the house every morning and pounding the pavement.

I was talking to Marie Patrick about this. Ms. Patrick is the founder of Pro Feminae, a group dedicated to women who are returning to the workplace -- usually after some years -- and she faces this problem of flagging enthusiasm every day. She says that the most important thing a person could do would be to keep being active; to keep a normal routine of activity that you would have if you had a job. She gives the example: "If you are a jogger, get out and jog." Jogging won't necessarily find you a job, but it will create enough of a sense of activity, enough of an active life-style, that getting out and knocking on doors won't be that difficult to do. And knocking on doors is the way jobs are found, not staying home and reading a magazine or watching the *Price is Right*.

Another thing to keep in mind is to think positively. Don't take the rejections personally. Go to each interview with the attitude that "this is the one." And if you don't get the job, remember that the rejection is not your fault, that any number of people applied for that job and that yours may have been the next number up. There is a lot of tough competition for jobs, these days, and battle is not won by feeling rejected, giving up and hiding at home.

Another good thing to remember is to follow up rejections, to contact the interviewer with a letter or phone call, thanking him for the interview, reminding him to keep your resume on file and giving some additional response.

Ms. Patrick also told me a number of tricks people can use to keep their spirits up and in a job-seeking frame of mind. Volunteer work close to your field of study can do two things: it keeps you interested in your sort of work and it keeps you active in your field. This leads to another point to remember when one is seeking work: keeping a high profile.

Get out and meet the people in your business. Keep in contact with the people in your class, both those with jobs and those without. Consider taking part time or short term jobs; they can often lead to full time employment. What is important is that there should be a lot of people out there who know that you are unemployed and that you want work.

Bob Moore is an employment counsellor up at the Employment Centre on Campus, and he thinks much the same way. "Paper the country with resumes," he says. He also says that, while life is not easy for the active job-seeker, one must keep pushing, because "it only takes one live one" to find yourself employed. Getting a job especially the right fulltime job, is always a matter of part luck and part persistence, a matter of getting into the right place at the right time. It may not

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