

Two typists tell trade tips

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That ten-page paper is due tomorrow. The student is all thumbs and can't even type his name without making a mistake. In desperation he picks up the phone and frantically dials.

"Hello?" he says. "I have a paper that I need typed right away. Do you think you could do it for me?"

Julie Reisner, a Eugene typist who has been taking in typing jobs for the past 10 years, has received her share of such calls.

"It just goes to show you how many different types of people there are in the world," she says. "Some people bring their papers in a week before they're due, and think they're getting them in at the last minute. Others bring them an hour or two before they need them and think they're ahead of the game."

"When I was going to college," she says, "I would type papers for my friends for extra money. I'm doing it for the same reasons now."

Reisner says she worked as a secretary for a while, but likes the feeling of working on her own, where she can set her own hours and take her own vacations.

"I enjoy typing for students," she says, "because they're interesting." She estimates that she can type a maximum of 40 pages a day.

Ruth Westlund, another home typist in the area, has been typing for students for about two and a half years. She recalls one time when a student called her at 11:30 at night and asked her to type a paper for him by the next morning.

"Since he made it clear how important it was to him," she says, "and since he offered to pay twice the going rate, I did it."

Both Westlund and Reisner charge \$1 per page, and both will correct spelling errors.



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Westlund says she will correct only minor grammatical errors.

"If the student wants to," she says, "I will arrange to go over the paper with him and explain what the problems are. There is another charge for this."

Westlund relies on students for only about half of her work. The other 50 percent comes from free-lance work for business.

Both typists agree that typing for students is seasonal work. Reisner claims there is not enough work throughout the term to keep all the typists busy, but at the end of the term they have the chance to make up for the slow weeks. In an effort to improve communications between the typists and the students, Westlund compiled a list of do's and don't's for students called "Tips from a Typist."

Her suggestions include using lined paper, ink only, general neatness and consideration.

"Never expect the 20 page 'late night job' to look like the 20 page paper scheduled with typist ahead of time," she says.

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the maze-like corridors Bent finally found a sign pointing the way to the Skylight Refectory.

He hoofed it up the carpeted ramp awed by the glass ceiling and twinkling lights.

Bent reached the highest platform and sat at a blue booth to cool his hoofs. Two EMUeans were seated there — Alltuna Voojageek and Geespot Vroomumble.

Voojageek wore his green hair in a conservative Mohawk, while Vroomumble had sequins glued in the stubble of her pink

hair. They dressed like they were shoplifters at Goodwill.

Voojageek, in silence, offered Bent a plate of what looked like an old EMUean's toupee.

"Sprouts?" he asked.

"No thanks," Bent replied with his thumb held to the sky. "But I would like a bite of that Alpha Centaurian burger."

"That's my frisbee,"

Voojageek said in alarm.

"Nevermind... here's my ride," said Bent teleporting through the ceiling.

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