

SPECIAL REPORT

Relocation

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Study is another source designed to help graduates with the relocation decision. Thomas P. Thompson, director of research for the study, rated 329 locations on nine quality-of-life factors, including the arts, climate, crime, economic outlook, education, health care, housing and transportation. Cities were grouped and judged by population size.

Thompson also assigned each city a composite rank. According to his study, the best places to live include: New York City (greater than 1 million population), Albany/Schenectady/Troy, N.Y. (250,000 - 1 million), Lafayette, La. (100,000 - 250,000) and Midland, Texas (under

100,000).

Studies like Thompson's may become more important as greater numbers of students decide to move to take jobs. Colette Dollarhide, U. of Nevada, Reno, career planning and placement coordinator, estimated that between 40 and 60 percent of UNR's 1989 graduates relocated out of state.

James Henry, assistant director at the U. of Kansas placement center, cited even larger numbers. "It appears that the vast majority of students who report positions have relocated for the first job. Approximately 70 to 80 percent of last year's graduates who reported accepting positions took them outside the local metropolitan area," he said.

Lentz said, "Students limit themselves by not relocating. That's why self-assessment is so very important. I tell students 'Know thyself, because you may limit

your possibilities, but if the possibility is in Minneapolis and that's not an area where you're going to be happy, it doesn't matter.'

"A student needs to ask himself what he values most in life. If he can honestly say it's his family, then he probably shouldn't move. But if he says, 'This is an opportunity I never expected and a great opportunity for growth. I've never lived anywhere else, here's a chance to experience a new culture, a new city, a new climate,' then he should consider it."

Ragland recalled one student Citicorp relocated who made the decision based on religious preference. A Mormon, he attended an Eastern school, but found the Denver office attractive because of its proximity to Utah.

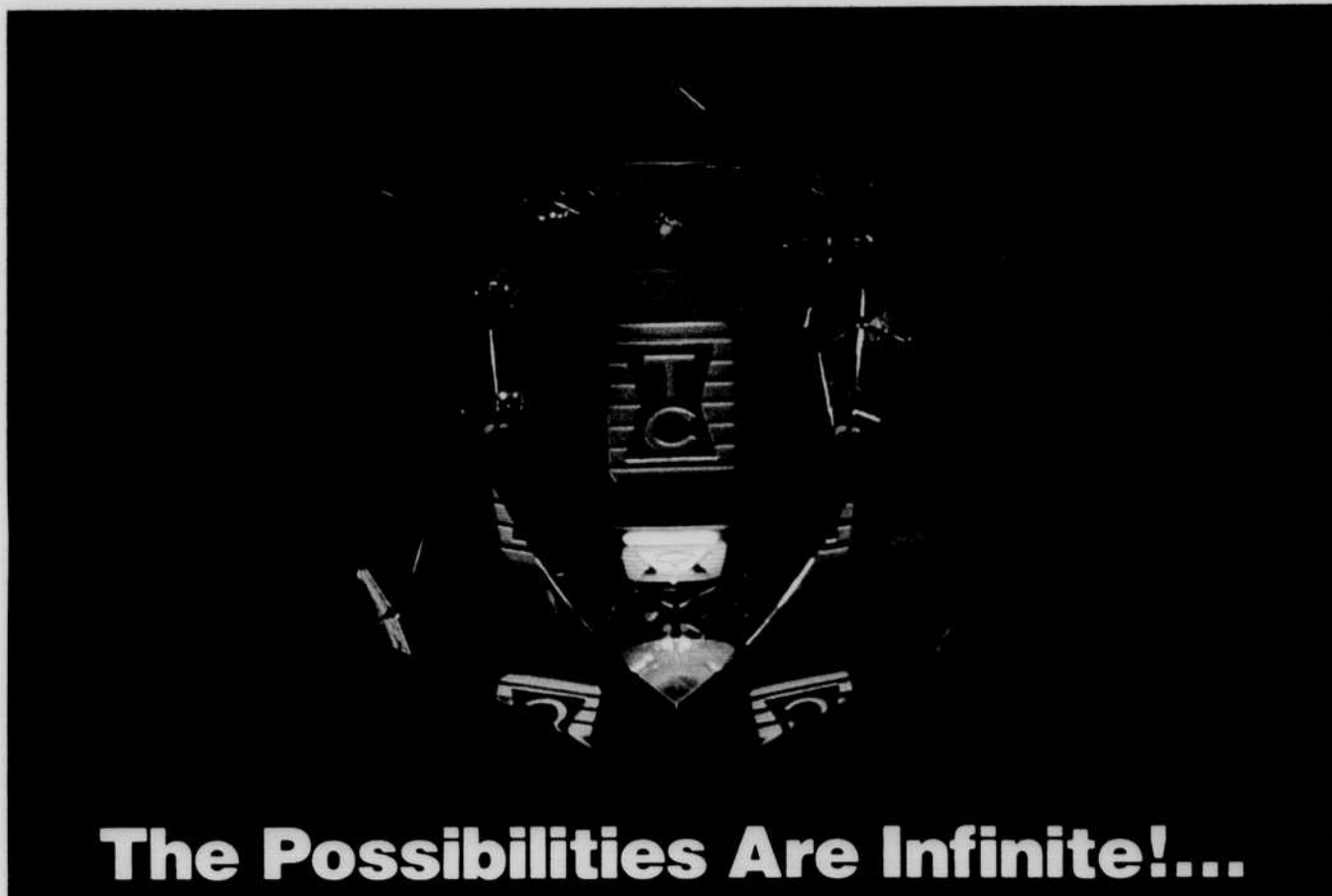
Arizona State U. Career Services Director Jean Eisel encourages students to find out about the city by taking all

the visits their potential employer offers. In addition, she advises students to get in touch with the city's chamber of commerce and subscribe to the Sunday newspaper.

"I also encourage students to contact the alumni association if they don't know anyone in the area. It helps them to have a base and know there are some people who have had similar experiences," Eisel said.

Alumni can help with apartment-searching as well, and Eisel recommends tapping into the available-housing listings at a nearby university.

"It's so important that students look into these things before they move," Eisel said. "Studies show that in a year and a half, 50 percent of people leave their first position. If they don't properly evaluate themselves and the position, that's what will happen."



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CIA ON CAMPUS

A successful protest . . . Central Intelligence Agency representatives cut short a recruiting visit at Temple U. after about 35 student protesters disrupted their meeting. Students from various organizations entered the room where representatives were interviewing prospective employees, and began chanting anti-CIA slogans into a bullhorn. The representatives left quickly, walking down eight flights of steps rather than taking the elevator. University officials, who thanked the protesters for keeping the demonstration peaceful, said they would meet to decide if the CIA would be allowed to return to campus. ■ Ellen Cohen, *The Temple News*, Temple U.

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A private meeting . . . Representatives from the CIA in November met behind closed doors with about 45 U. of Washington students to discuss employment opportunities. The visit was the CIA's first after a self-imposed one-year absence from the campus spurred by large protests in 1987. The protests were led by Students Against U.S. Involvement in El Salvador. "The CIA is a legitimate potential employer," said Peter Eddy, personnel representative for the CIA. "The student applicants appear to be excellent candidates for the positions we are looking for." Students emerging from the meeting refused comment. ■ Karl Braun, *The Daily*, U. of Washington

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Sit-in . . . Members of the U. of Pennsylvania's Progressive Student Alliance in November staged a sit-in protest against CIA recruiting on campus. Group members performed a skit ridiculing the CIA near the campus building where recruiters were interviewing students. Alliance member Walt Tunnessen said, "Our university condones terrorist activities by allowing the Central Intelligence Agency on this campus." University officials would not let Alliance members in to see the recruiters despite requests. ■ Amy Silverman, *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, U. of Pennsylvania