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Spanish class came in for his 21st birthday.

"One of the other guys in the group asked me to do a table dance, and I told him 'Sure I'll do a table dance, but he doesn't know I work here,'" she said.

Samantha said the friend told her classmate he had a surprise for him.

I walked up to the table and said, "Hola, como estas!"

Samantha said he was extremely surprised.

"He kind of turned around and went 'Oh my God!'" she said.

Although Samantha is not

embarrassed about working at Jiggles, she tells only her close friends about her job because of the seedy stereotypes associated with being a topless dancer.

Samantha said when she first started at Jiggles, she held the same "seedy, bitchy" stereotypes as many people, but after working there for a while, she said she realized the dancers were everyday people.

"The dancers were very, very kind in showing me the ropes — what works to make money, what works on stage," Samantha said.

She tells other people that she works as a cocktail waitress in a bar. But she mentioned she won't hesitate to let people

know the truth.

"If people ask, I'll usually tell them," she said. "I hate lying."

However, that does not include her parents. She said her mom is old-fashioned and would probably be upset if she knew about her daughter's job.

She also hasn't told her bosses at her two other part-time jobs. She tutors foreign students and works for the University.

Samantha said it is hard leading two separate lives because "they always overlap somehow." But she said she will definitely tell her grandchildren about the experience.

"I personally am not ashamed of it," she said. "People could be nasty and try to tag me with it later in life, but it has more benefits for me because it shows I'm strong enough to get up there and do it. I just think it's a lot of fun."

She said Jiggles has given her a lot in life — mainly self-esteem. Samantha said she has not always had the confidence to get up on stage and dance.

"When I was growing up I had a poor, poor self-esteem all the way 'til senior year in high school," she said.

When she moved to Eugene, Samantha said, her self-confidence increased, and deciding

to do Jiggles was the topper to her transformation into a more confident individual.

"It was an ego boost. I found out that, yes, there are people who think I'm beautiful. It really helps my self-confidence but doesn't make my head grow big," she said.

She said the customers prefer dancers with personality over physical appearances.

"The number one comment I get is, not you're beautiful, not I like your body, but I love your smile."

Samantha added that "Even if I have a bad night, it's OK if I can make two customers smile."

Johnny's back

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Johnny Carson returned to the "Tonight Show" Wednesday night for the first time since announcing he'll leave the program next year. He joked to a cheering audience: "All right, I won't quit."

Carson delivered several jolly barbs at his network and longtime sidekick Ed McMahon, who has said he will also quit when Carson goes.

"I don't know if you read the fine print of your contract," Carson told McMahon, "but when I die, you're also going with me."

Carson told NBC network affiliates in New York last week that the show on May 22, 1992, the end of his 30th season as regular host, will be his last.

Jay Leno, permanent substitute host of "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" since 1987, is Carson's likely replacement but NBC has not announced any decision.

The end of their "Tonight Show" run will not mean the end of the TV careers of McMahon, who also hosts "Star Search," or Carson.

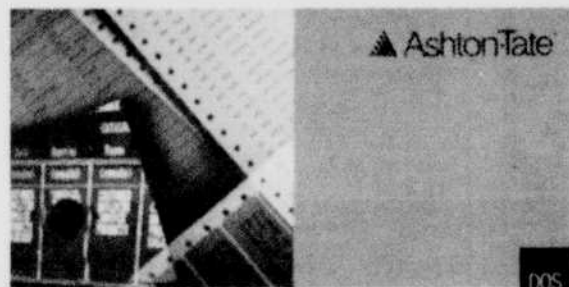
"It's not really retirement," Carson said. "I'm just stepping down from the show. There are other things to do in television, show business, and I'll be hanging around. As a matter of fact, on the 22nd of May I finish 'Tonight Show,' on May 23rd, I'm going to be a contestant on 'Star Search.'"

Carson told the studio audience that after doing the show for so long he would need to be weaned off it.

"The first week I leave the show, could you all line up in front of my house for a couple of hours? Then come in, I'll sit at a desk and we can talk."

Carson, 65, appeared first on the show as a guest host in 1958. He took over on Oct. 1, 1962, when host Jack Paar quit. The show originated from New York until 1972, when it moved to NBC's studios in Burbank.

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