

A procrastinator's guide to job hunting

There are five weeks left in the semester, and you're slugging through each week, living for FACs, weekends and warm weather. But suddenly you come to one of the harshest realities of all of life - there's no such thing as a free summer. That means just one thing; you must go out and play the game you've played since high school - Go Find a Summer Job.

STONE'S GUIDELINES FOR FINDING A SUMMER JOB

1. Don't join the Marines. Six weeks in Quantico, Va., is no one's idea of a job, a vacation, or free travel (I don't care what the recruiter said). Keep in mind that



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you don't have your own refrigerator in the services, and that means longer walks for your beer. Make sure you get your priorities straight.

2. Don't start looking for jobs *too* early. Lining up summer jobs during Christmas break is the easy way out; that's something anyone can do. Add some risk and be a *real* student; wait until the week before you want to start work. If you can start that 25-page English paper the night before it is due, you can certainly procrastinate with your job-hunting.

3. Define exactly what you want in a summer job. You need to know things like what time you want to wake up in the morning, how hard you want to work, how long a lunch break you'll need, the size of your office, your minimum pay requirements, whether or not you want a WATS line and what benefits of lesser importance to consider (like sports clubs, travel, company car, etc.).

After you have listed what you want in a job, the

rest is easy. All you have to do is find some employer that has a job that fits all of your requirements. It's a piece of cake.

4. Make the job title appropriate for the job. Assuming that you have trouble finding a job to match your requirements, or you're *too* good at procrastination, you may have to settle with any job you can get. But that's OK - you can still use it on your resume if you revise the title a little bit. Even the most menial job can look impressive. To revise a job title, you must follow one simple rule: use several big words with many syllables. Study these examples of new titles and adapt them to fit your own job.

-Food Systems Handler for the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged: A cook at the City Mission

-Safety and Sanitation Processing Assurer: Person who puts plastic-wrap on bathroom glasses in motels

-Traffic Control Systems Engineer: Person that figures out how long to keep a traffic light red

-Women's Softball Coach: What *really* happened in Oklahoma?

-Director for Sports Propaganda and Public Apologies: Women's Athletic Director

-Sequential Number Processing Applicator: Person who stencils house numbers on curbs

-Historical Archivist and Public Relations Director: Tour guide in Juniata.

-Low Altitude Air Traffic Accident Preventer: Person that continually turns the light switch on and off for the red light at the top of the State Capitol

-Homo Sapiens Refuse Vessel Reconditioner: septic tank cleaner

5. If you still don't have a job, it's time to start worrying. As I see it, you have three choices. You can go to summer school (that's the easy way out). You can learn how to play the harmonica and play for donations at the corner of 13th and O. Or you can still join the Marines.

Letters

RHA must shed political affiliation, forge ahead

It appears that Dave Edwards could not resist delivering a parting shot to the retiring RHA administration, and a condescending shot to the new one. His letter (Daily Nebraskan, March 30), demonstrates his lack of understanding of RHA's workings and shows an absence of interest in its effectiveness.

Initially, a difficult job lies just ahead for the new executives: they must shed their party viewpoints, and act on the realization that they now represent *all* the students of the residence halls. It is understandable that Edwards, Progressive's campaign adviser during the election, would continue to treat RHA's new leaders like a simple political party. However, it is disastrous for this viewpoint to be held by the members of what was formerly the Progressive party, those who are now RHA's executive members. RHA's job is to work with students and the UNL administration. Unless President Bob Wolz and his executives realize this vital fact, they will find themselves an embattled minority, facing the opposition of RHA representatives.

Secondly, Edwards seems intent upon maligning the departing administration with unfounded criticism. His rhetoric such as "the decadence of the retiring RHA administration was ridiculous" lacks any factual basis.

RHA was hardly "dragged out of the closet" when this year's elections "rolled around." All of RHA's members, including its executives, worked throughout the year to substantially improve the organization's credibility. Also, their results are evident in areas such as housing rates, the new finance system, the food fast, the friends of foreign students program, and the ASUN debates. We should be pleased with the past administration and look forward to equally constructive action by RHA in the future.

Finally, by attempting to draw a distinction between the "old" RHA and the "new" RHA, Edwards exhibits his misunderstanding of the nature of student government. Continuity is the fundamental problem with such groups in the eyes of many students and nearly all University officials. All too often, the previous administration's actions are ignored and criticized by the "new" leaders, months of work is destroyed, and valuable time is needlessly lost. RHA should build upon its past work, and new leaders must realize their importance within this framework and contribute to this process, this is the true challenge of student government.

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