

The Infamous interview

Remember Health 250 — brush your teeth, bathe, don't be afraid to let them know how great you are

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Sweat rolls off your forehead, the palms of your hands feel like a soggy wash cloth, all you can think about is whether your going to live through the next hour.

The receptionist offers you a seat to wait for the personnel manager. As you sit down you accidentally kick the potted palm next to the end table filled with magazines. A kind of undefinable horror fills your mind as the plant teeters back and forth. You begin to wonder whether the office has a vacuum to clean up the dirt. You wonder if you should stick around long enough to find out.

Interviews are painful. No sane person wants to sit through more than a few. But a job interview is the ideal chance a prospective employee has at showing off for a prospective employer.

But we're not talking hand stands here.

Showing off can be the subtle way you have of saying "This ad campaign I did for a class assignment won first place in a prestigious national competition." Or "My resume was printed before I was notified that I was selected as a Rhoades Scholar."

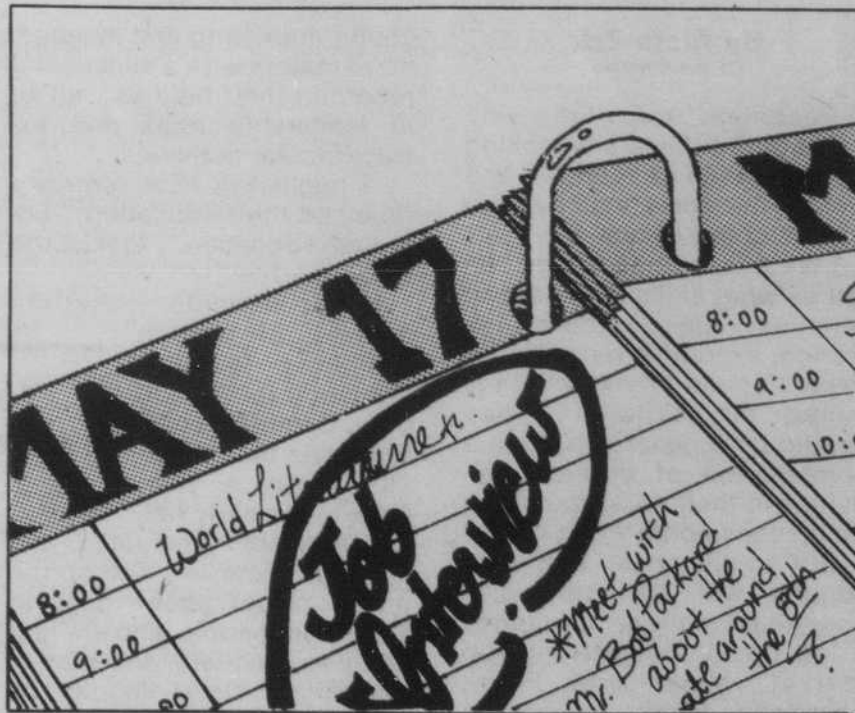
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Well for those of you who, like me, find that you aren't a Rhoades Scholar, or didn't win a national competition in anything, there are other ways.

Remember Health 250, that class you went to twice? If you happened to catch the hygiene lecture, that advice might be well used. If you didn't catch the lecture, just remember to shower, brush your teeth and apply a moderate amount of deodorant.

There is also the trick of "dressing properly." The Hoedads might be a flannel shirt and Levi type of company, but Xerox isn't.

My suggestion is the apparel you wore to your brother's wedding — even if



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you've allowed it to hang unnoticed in the back of your closet. But if your college housing is similar to mine, a trip to the cleaners might be in order.

If you come from a family of swinging singles, a good investment might be a reasonably conservative suit. And no, a black and red striped blazer with matching mini skirt is nor reasonably conservative.

But decent clothing and a lack of offensive odors won't necessarily land you a spot with Merrill Lynch.

An aunt or an uncle may be of some help at this point. Give them a call, if you haven't forgotten too many of their birthdays, they may be amicable to putting in a good work for you.

But void of parental relations, how do you get into the personnel office to show off? A solid application with a good looking resume, and several notable references might swing it.

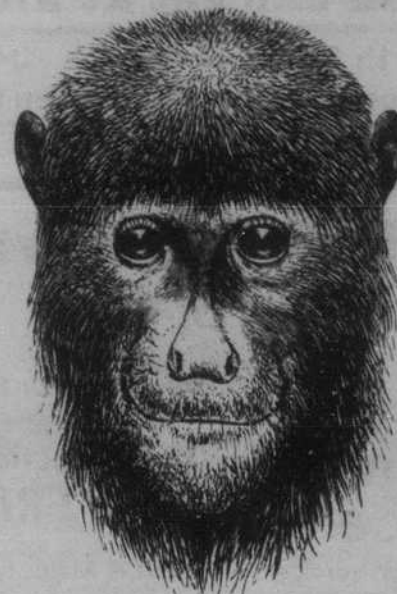
Several sources of information could be helpful for an application package. Just about every bookstore in town has several authors with words of wisdom on job hunting.

There is also a cheaper, more involved resource, the career planning and placement office in Susan Campbell Hall. Pamphlets are stocked on a display rack and a drop in

counselor is available during the week.

But if you use the Raid instead of the deodorant, or if you wore a black and red striped blazer with matching mini to your brother's wedding, or if you do knock over the potted palm tree — it never hurts to get down on your hands and knees and beg.

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Need help with your resume?
Don't monkey around.

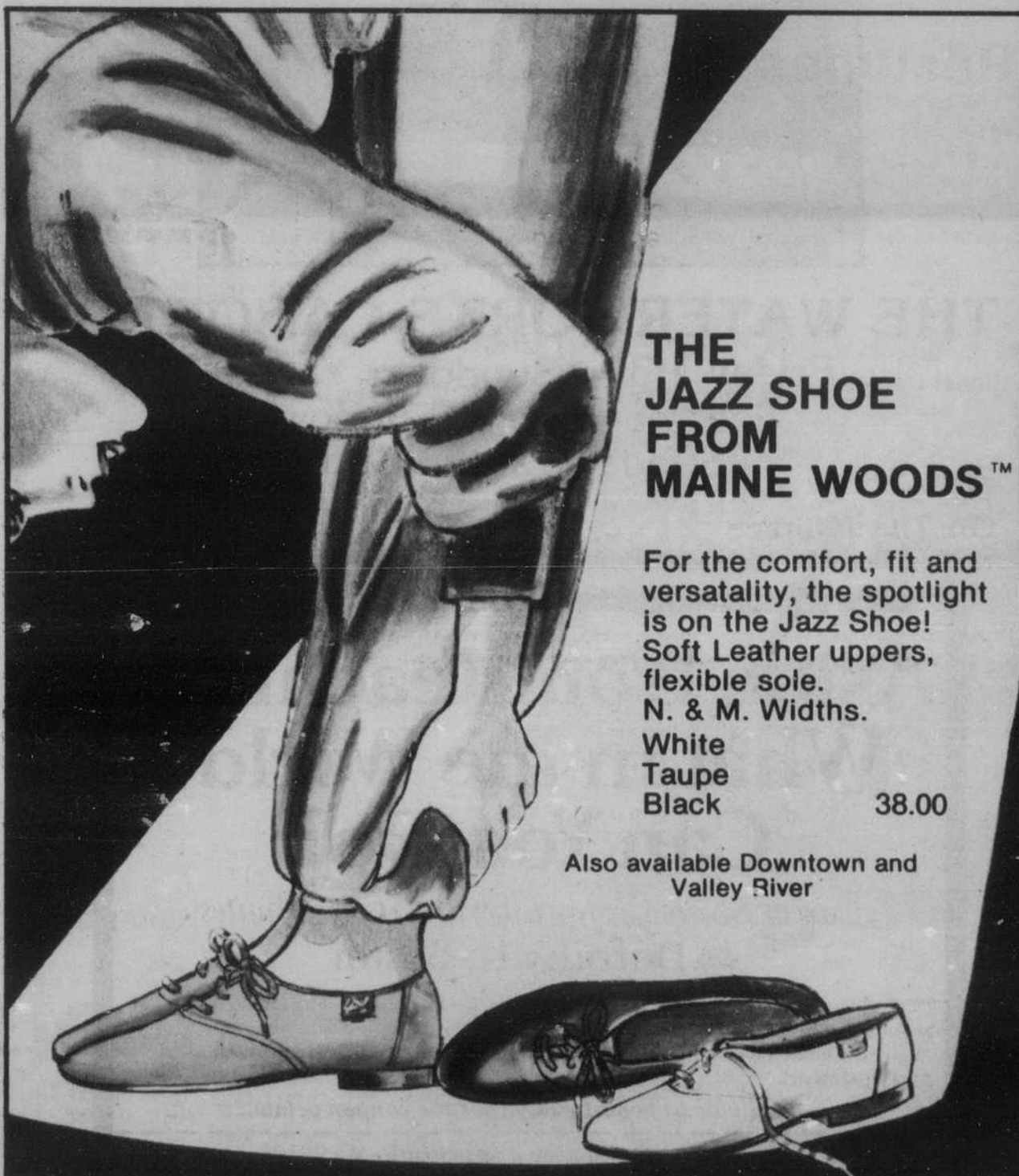


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