

The U. Magazine Résumé Helper

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LOTS OF PEOPLE WILL GIVE YOU advice on how to build a good résumé, with all manner of useless jabbering about easy-to-read layouts and economy of language. But only your friends at *U. Magazine* can give you the real lowdown. The perfect résumé is an elegant sculpture of misdirections, half-truths and outright lies. One of those nice light-gray marbled paper stocks helps, too.

The first thing on your résumé should be, of course, your name. The key here is putting a lot of stuff before and after your name, along with some flourishes in between. For example, take the rather pedestrian-sounding *John Smith*. With a little reworking, this becomes *Dr. Jonathan A. Smith II*. Or even *Sir Jonathan Archibald Smith, M.B.E.* Or maybe even *The Honorable Prime Minister Sir Jonathan Archibald Smith, M.B.E., Ph.D., AT&T, USA #1!*

Sometimes, an *Objective* is included at the top of a résumé — something like *To secure an upwardly mobile position in a creative environment which best utilizes my interpersonal skills and resourceful blah-blah-blah. Yawn.*

You want something with bite, something that'll grab your prospective employer by the collar and throw her (or him) against the wall and slap him (or her) across the jaw and gouge her (or his) eyes out with an index (or pinkie) finger and — well, you get the point.

Consider something more assertive, like *To secure a top management position with which to rain authority and power upon those beneath me. Or, To rock you like a hurricane.*

Next comes your education record. It's common practice to bump everything up a notch in this section. Hence, a minor becomes a major, a bachelor's degree becomes a master's degree, a 2.5 GPA

becomes a 4.0 GPA and a Central State U. becomes a Harvard U.

The most telling part of your résumé is your employment history. Nothing can ensure a position like relevant on-the-job experience. Of course, it doesn't hurt to include a promise, in writing, that the employer's family will not be harmed so long as you get the job.

Now, a lot of career counselors will tell you that this is the time to stretch the truth a little. Previous work as a receptionist becomes previous work as an editorial assistant. Cleanup crew at Bulky Burger becomes sanitation expediter — supervisory capacity. Employers can see right through all this.

Try this approach instead:
Employment History

Sept., 1995 — present: short-order cook, Mr. Kane's Dogs 'R' Us.

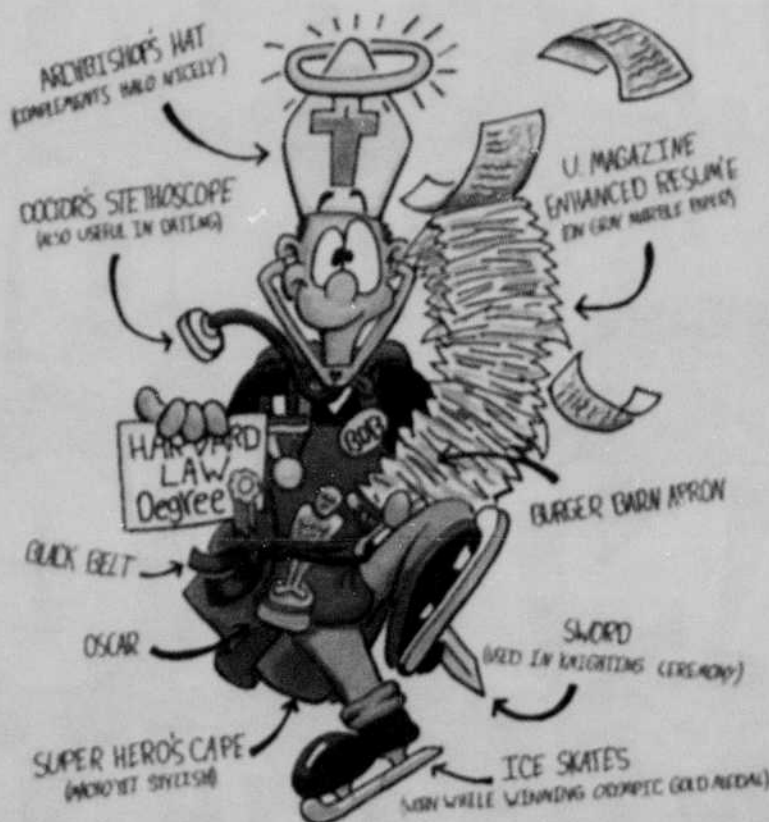
Yeah, that's right. Short-order cook. You got a problem with that? Well, maybe you can get off your little desk-sitting, report-filing, memo-typing, lily-white ass and bite me. You've probably never done an honest day of work in your life! And by the way, I'm taking your daughter out Saturday night. Oh, yeeaaaahhh... I'm your worst friggin' nightmare!

This type of assertive honesty will mark you as a can-do person to any prospective employer.

Finally, you should include a section for honors and awards. This is a good chance to freestyle. Employee of the Month, May 1992. Academy Award, Best Director, 1979. Archbishop. This sort of thing.

With a résumé of this caliber in hand, you should be employed in no time. Happy hunting!

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Double Take

Want a sure-fire cure for AIDS? Drink your orange juice.

That's the advice of a Jerico Springs, Mo., man who says not only will Vitamin C and clean living ward off the disease, but that he actually cured himself of AIDS by following his own advice.

Dr. William Lamb holds no medical degree but does have a doctorate in practical and vocational technical education from U. of Missouri, Columbia. He is author of the book *How I Cured Myself of AIDS*.

Lamb, who has never tested positive for AIDS or the HIV virus, claims he contracted the disease from hydrocarbons floating in the air at an auto plant he was working in.

"I don't have a medical doctor with a test that proves I've had AIDS. That's why I've had such a hard time having anyone listen to me," Lamb says. "I know the solution to this problem."

The only mental illness Lamb has ever been diagnosed with is depression, for which he is currently under a doctor's care.

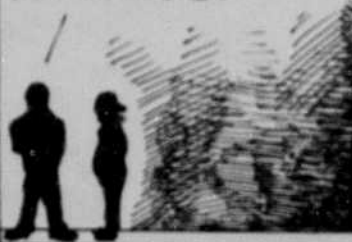
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