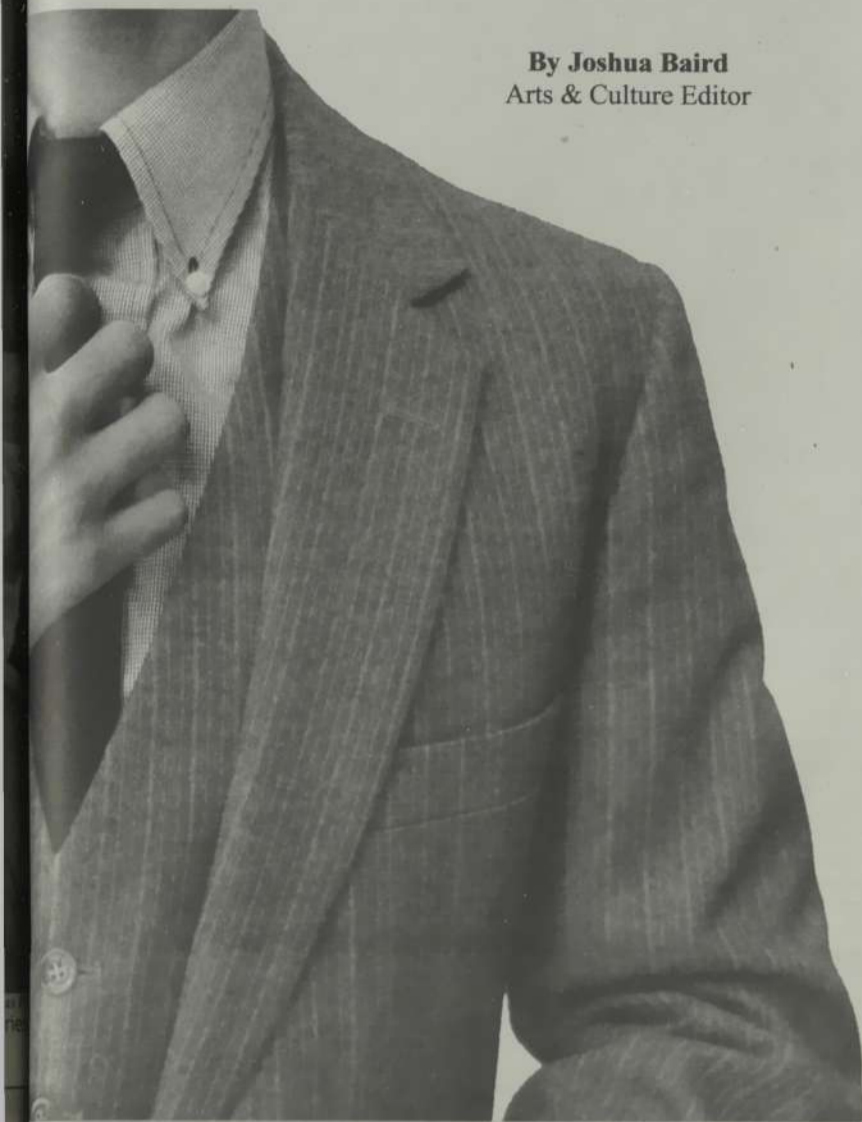


Get dressed for real world success

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How many times have you heard your mother yell at you to tuck in your shirt?

That is the best advice you can really get when it comes to interviewing for a job or for a college: dress for success. Below is a list of helpful tips for landing that job of your dreams or getting into a fancy private college.

"If you're well groomed, it makes a good first impression," said Josh Rhoden, the Clackamas Community College wrestling coach.

The number one rule for finding a job in this tough economic climate is to dress the part. This doesn't mean you have to "suit up," as Barney Stinson of TV's "How I Met Your Mother" would say, though you should be prepared to go in to an interview dressed one step up from what the employees are wearing. If they wear jeans and a T-shirt, wear slacks and a polo shirt or blouse. Of course you can't always one up your potential future co-workers; if they wear suits it's best not to wear a tuxedo.

Eric Hensel, a prospective Clackamas Community College student, said that arriving on time to a job interview is crucial to making a good impression. "... You show up on time and you're ready to go, and (this way) they aren't waiting on you to do the work," he said.

When you are sitting in a room with one or more managers, you have to remember to be confident with yourself. That isn't to say that cockiness is a good way to get a job because it's not, unless you are trying to be

a hot shot bartender in a Las Vegas casino. Managers like confidence but frown on people who try to show off or look cooler than they are.

Like going on a first date, it is best to not bring up bad experiences with ex-boyfriends or girlfriends. In the case of past jobs, no one wants to hear you be negative about things. If something is brought up that was a negative experience, try and put a positive spin on the situation.

Do your research. "(Employers) can normally tell if you don't know what you are talking about," said Mike Amodeo, a Clackamas student.

Make eye contact and be calm. "You don't want someone who is all fidgety," said student Emily Streight. A relaxed personality is a major aspect of interviewing.

Don't forget to bring an additional copy of your resume, and when your interview is over, remember to thank them for their time.

Last, with as many people as there are competing for the same job in this market, it is always a good idea to stay ever-present in the manager's mind. One classic technique is to send a thank you note to the manager or owner of the company you applied with.

Don't make it cutesy and cover it with paper-Mache hearts and bunnies, just a simple note thanking them for the interview will do. This will remind them of the great interview they had with you. Also don't be afraid to call and check in on the job you were going after.

Drop shots like it's hot



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Very little in the bar scene is as wonderful as dropping a shot of alcohol into a chilled mug filled with beer or an energy drink, which is why this week's column is about drop shots.

I haven't always loved these strange, delicious and many times weird drinks. My first experience was a good one; the Flaming Dr. Pepper that we discussed last term. My second experience however was pretty horrifying: a drink called the Irish Car Bomb (which I have since been unable to drink).

An Irish Car Bomb is a shot of Irish cream, such as Bailey's, which is then dropped into a pint of Guinness Stout. If you even think about waiting before you drink this one, the Bailey's will curdle in your mouth (or glass) and leave you wondering why you allowed anyone to convince you to grace your taste buds with such a terrible thing. Granted, there are people who love Car Bombs, and they all tell me that if you drink the beverage quickly it won't curdle, but you have to wonder: who came up with this drink?

On another more awesome note, we have the Jager Bomb, which these days is possibly the most popular drop shot in the industry for the younger crowd. This one is accomplished by simply dropping a shot glass of

Jagermeister into a half-filled glass of Rockstar, Redbull or any other favored energy drink.

There is a pretty cool technique for throwing in a little bartending flair (if that is your thing) called a Jager-Train. This trick is pretty awesome to watch when done properly. First, you place several pint glasses side by side, half-filled with whatever liquid you plan to drop your shot into. You then place an empty glass beside the first pint in the row.

Next, you place each shot glass filled with Jagermeister, or whatever your choice of alcohol is, on the rim of each glass, forming the first two levels of a glass pyramid. Finally, you lift the empty pint glass at the end and if lined up properly you should create a domino effect with the shot glasses dropping down the whole row into the pints, turning separate ingredients into delicious cocktails.

A word of caution though: be sure to use heavy duty glasses or even plastic for this trick, or any drop shot for that matter, to prevent the possibility of breaking glass and then drinking it. Broken glass does really bad things to your insides (or so I have heard) so it is easiest to just avoid the problem to begin with. For more content visit www.twenty-1plus.com. Salud!

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