

Polish that student!

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Things to avoid during the recruiting season . . . YES these actually happened!!

- DON'T . . . show up 45 minutes early to an office tour or in house interview. It is great that you gave yourself plenty of time to find the place, now go to Starbuck's and relax.
- DON'T . . . record your voicemail to make your fraternity brothers laugh. Please keep your voicemail professional and mature and as if you are interested in future employment.
- DON'T . . . answer your cell phone as if a buddy is calling you. We generally don't want to hear "hey man."
- DON'T . . . send correspondence between you and the prospective employer without proof reading.
- DON'T . . . eat or drink too much at recruiting events.
- DON'T . . . have your boyfriend call the employer to inquire why you did not get the job and threaten to blog bad things about the company in the unlikely event that you do not receive a job.
- DON'T . . . practice excessive (verging on bizarre) use of the restroom during an in-house interview.
- DON'T . . . participate in a phone interview without first finding a quiet location. We do not want to hear sirens, wind or other conversations in the background.
- DON'T . . . tell us how drunk you were last night or how insane the party was.
- DON'T . . . write a nasty email to prospective employers complaining about your flight, luggage storage in the office, and your starting salary.
- DON'T . . . suggest that the firm you are trying to gain employment from is racist.
- DON'T . . . call employers on their cell phones at 11:00 pm at night.
- DON'T . . . cancel a nonrefundable plane ticket just 12 hours before your interview.
- DON'T . . . email all known contacts at a prospective employer to oversell yourself if you are not selected for an interview.
- DON'T . . . keep your sexybeachchick@hotmail.com or beerchugger@gmail.com. Create a different email address.