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# The game of job hunting: The second investigation (Continued from Page 1)

job.” We’re always looking for opportunities to better ourselves, and our quality of life. What better way to do that than by being comfortable in your career and making your dream job a reality? That is the value that the CMC provides students. The value is being able to take your education and differentiate yourself, have a personal competitive advantage over others, and be the first in candidate in line when an employer is hiring for your dream job.

Stuart students even have their own CMC creating value for students in business. “During my year I noticed that there are individuals who are coming to see us their last semester or after graduation, as

opposed to spending time with the Career Management Center and with other individuals who are assisting them in preparing for opportunities after graduation earlier. So, during our orientation we’ve asked individuals to start now, don’t wait.” Ezenwa also added, “Making sure the communication you use with employers is appropriate. Thirdly, it’s how people present themselves.”

On that note, there are a lot of recurring themes in the game of job hunting, themes such as communication, networking, and self-presentation.

This week, what readers should think about are these ideas and questions: Why is a ranking important to you (business

major or not)?, what is your dream job and what is your strategy to obtain it?, and finally, what does your education mean to you?

Next week, I’ll continue discussing the interview I had with Ezenwa and Portillo, and some of the themes we dug into in our conversation.

Next week in, “The Game of Job Hunting: The International Edition” job hunting is going to be taken up a notch. I’m going to continue discussing my interview from this week, and also bring some international students into the mix, and we’re going to see how this influences IIT’s brand, image, and success as a university.

# Ending a relationship successfully

Shireen Gul  
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If a man were stuck in a dust storm, would he be helped to inhale pure oxygen? When thick clouds of pungent smoke hover around, will there be any safer haven available to breathe fresh air? The answer to this is definitely no. What if the same thing is happening with your live-in relationship? Will you be able to survive it? Probably not, because to cope with such a relationship is the worst thing that can happen to anyone. Once you start living with your partner, it is not easy to end it as quickly, but it is not impossible either. So, by taking just a few nice and decent steps, you can get rid of the unwanted relationship that is making your life chaotic.

The first and most important step is to not make decisions on your own or in anger. Dating is a two-way communication system, so you need to make every decision with mutual understanding. If you’re having an argument, and you feel like you are going to lose it, leave the room. Go out for a walk, calm yourself down, ask yourself if you are ready for the break up, or if you are just over-thinking things. Go to your trusted friends, tell them what you are going through. Parents are usually the best help at such a time, but never make a decision in anger. You will probably regret it for the rest of your life.

The next thing that you should think about is the appropriate time and place to dump your partner. Make sure it allows you the time and privacy to do it properly as it is a personal matter. Don't advertise it; you won't get paid. I believe weekends at your home are the best options for such things so as to give

your partner the weekend to overcome it. If you can't wait until the weekend, tell them that you need to visit a friend and will come back during the weekend with a huge surprise for them.

It is probably very easy to think about a break up, but much harder to act on it. However, when you have made the decision, just go for it. It's not a television show with background music or multiple zoom-in shots, just go for it. Be rational and make your move. If you feel like you can't do it face to face or are afraid that their tears might stop you from doing it, the phone is your next best option. It will not only prevent you from any further suffering, but also spare them from the embarrassment of having you watch their anguish.

Be prepared for the worst. You are going through a bad phase of your life, but there is still a lot to come. Your dumppee might react with anger or sadness, but remember all the bad things that led you to your situation. Ignore your emotions, as they will make you weak. If your partner is angry, try to remain calm and make them calm too. If you get enraged too, that will make things worse. Tell them that you have made your decision, and you won't change your mind. If they remain calm, you might give it a chance later. If they call you later, don't pick up. That phone call is for your voicemail, not you. Remember you don't owe your ex the courtesy of anything; there is no law that requires you to pick up.

One of the biggest mistakes made in ending relationships is letting the death throes go on and on. Please don't do this; you have made enough of a mess out of your life. Make your life better instead of worse. Be straightforward. Don't be extra courteous towards

them as this might give them the feeling that you still love them and will be back sooner or later. You probably don't want this anymore, as it has been making your life miserable. Just be yourself and speak boldly as after all, this is your life, not theirs.

Finally, it's time to break the ice. Tell them what you have been going through. When you tell them about your decision, it will be hard for the both of you. After all, you both have shared a life together and have sweet memories to cherish. But don't forget what they have been doing in the last few months. You are no longer lovebirds, you are the venom lark now. Once you tell them about the break up, they will definitely say, “Can we still be friends?” No, no, no. Don't make this mistake. Just tell them in clear words that you were friends previously, and that brought you up to the point you're at currently; it was your past and you don't think it's a good idea to step back when you already know there is nothing worthy in it. You both need to move ahead and overcome it. You have to form new relationships and give each other proper space. In the future, if you meet again, then you might be able to put your anger aside and meet in a friendlier manner. Make the break up final with no further contact. You are free now.

This may sound very rude and devilish, but these steps really work. Just follow these steps and soon you will realize that there are always ways to make things better. The problem is that when you are in trouble, you can't see any way out, especially when it comes to love. But there is always a guardian angel waiting to hold your hand and show you the path. All you have to do is search for it with patience.

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