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Chris: Can you please say your name?

Alex: Alex Mackey

Chris: What's your job title?

Alex: Bar Tender.

Chris: Name the Organization you work for.

Alex: VT's Play Hard Bar and Grill.

Chris: Where are you originally from and what do your parents do for a living?

Alex: Uh, my dad's in the Air Force so I was born in, well I tell everyone I'm from Vegas because there where I spent most of my, well all of my High School years.

Chris: When did you move here, to Blacksburg?

Alex: Uh, this is my fifth year here.

Chris: How long have you worked at VT's.

Alex: Since it opened at the end of August.

Chris: Do you live in Blacksburg currently?

Alex: Yes I do.

Chris: What are some costs involved in getting to work?

Alex: Gas.

Chris: Besides gas can you think of anything else?

Alex: Uh, I need new pants, because mine are always dirty and I never have time to clean them because I work too much.

Chris: So you have to buy all your own clothes for work?

Alex: Yea and I haven't done laundry in like 2 months. And uh, I lose a lot of sleep. And I get really hungry and no one ever feels like buying me food. And I always want to drink but I never have time to do that either.

Chris: A lot of time you lose.

Alex: Yea.

Chris: How would you describe a typical day here at VT's?

Alex: Well I usually wake up, and it's like ten minutes before I have to be here. So I get dressed really quick, have a cigarette, then uh, set up the bar. And I usually have to go and buy ice, so I have to back over to Food Lion and get some ice. Then uh, then I have another cigarette. And then I sit around and wait for people to order drinks. And if someone asks for a Blue Moon I look at them weird because I hate pouring Blue Moon because it foams too much. And uh yea I pretty much make drinks all day. I take people's money. I give them change. Put money in my tip jar. And I uh, kick people out when it's time to go home. Then I uh, close down the bar. Clean up and sit down and uh have a drink while David yells at me for not having enough money or having too much money or for smoking too much or something. Then I go and and get my, I get my car and I got to wait a minute for my windows to fog out, because there always foggy. Then I drive home and go to sleep.

Chris: What would you say is the best part about your job?

Alex: Getting people drunk.

Chris: What's your least favorite part about your job?

Alex: Getting yelled at by drunk people. (To someone near by) Or for Jason asking for Tick Tacs all night.

Chris: Would you say you're a people person, do you like working with people?

Alex: Uh, a little bit. Sometimes you get crazy people who just won't shut up. You get some annoying bitches, oh yea that's another thing I don't like about my job. Bitches that complain all the time. Whiney bitches. There on there time of the month and they all decided to be on their time of the month at the same time.

Chris: How would you say Virginia Tech affects your business?

Alex: Uh, I think it greatly affects it because people are happy and want to party when we do good or I guess they want to drink when we do bad too. Sometimes they drink a lot before hand and just get tired and don't feel like going out. And uh, we get a lot of alumni coming back and they like to drink and spend lots of money so that's good. But during breaks and like slow times and away games and what not or everyone goes away for the weekend. And parking sucks around here so I don't know if Virginia Tech has anything to do with that.

Chris: Can you tell me about a time you felt like walking off the job. Any bad nights?

Alex: Lets see, I don't think I've ever wanted to walk off really.

Chris: If you have any children in the future, what would you tell them about working in a job similar to yours? Would you recommend it?

Alex: Sure, I mean you get to hang, you get to hang out with a bunch of people on the weekend and they get drunk, and yea you would like to get drunk too but you don't have to spend all the money for it, and you still kind of get to hang out.

Chris: So would you have any advice to give someone becoming a bartender?

Alex: Umm, drink a lot (laughter). Don't be a whiney bitch.

Chris: What do you think is important for people to know about what you do? Something that behind the scenes maybe that they don't see or they wouldn't guess.

Alex: I make 2.13 an hour so they should tip me a lot.

Chris: About your income, what do you think an average night is? Besides I guess the hourly wage.

Alex: Umm I don't know, on weekends somewhere around 100 to 150 dollars a night. Weekdays could be anywhere from like 10 to 60 dollars.

Chris: What were the factors, or anything involved with your decision making in becoming a bartender?

Alex: Umm I like to drink, I don't like spending money on drinks.

Chris: So you get good discounts, or free drinks?

Alex: No.

Chris: Compared to other jobs you've had in your life, how would you rank bartending?

Alex: Uhh, pretty high up there. I get tired of it, it tires you out because you don't leave till like 3 or 4 in the morning. You work long shifts, my other jobs weren't so long usually. I don't know, it's pretty good.

Chris: As a bartender your schedule is probably pretty crazy sometimes. How does that effect your daily life, with like the late shifts?

Alex: I sleep all day and I skip my classes and uh, I don't do any schoolwork.

Chris: How would you describe your relationship with your boss and co-workers?

Alex: Pretty good, or really good I guess. We go out. We hang out.

Chris: Are you just saying that because your boss is in the room.

Alex: (Laughter) No. We hang out. Kind of just censoring some things.

Chris: Do you have any crazy stories that you want to talk about or anything else you would like to share before we end this interview? Open mike.

Alex: Crazy stories? Do I have to censor them.

Chris: No.

Alex: Uhh I don't know. There's some interesting people here, you get to meet around here, that you don't see anywhere else.

Chris: Customers?

Alex: Yea, customers for the most part. Dishwashers as well. Umm.

Chris: Do you have a good relationship with the dishwashers?

Alex: No. One of them o.k., the other one is just really weird. Umm crazy stories?

Chris: Anything else you want to add before.

Alex: I don't know. You get to hear a lot of entertaining stories around here. Yea I think that's it.

Chris: Thank you for your time