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Welcome Back!

Everywhere I go it's, "I can't believe we are already back at school" – I know, tell me about it, it's crazy – I can hardly believe it myself.

And on that note, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to campus, including students, faculty, staff, administration, and especially all of the incoming freshmen, and outgoing seniors. For the seniors, things went by pretty fast, wouldn't you say? – for the freshmen, buckle up, because believe me, your time here is going to fly by like an enemy Mig when Maverick and Goose hit the brakes in that dog fight (That's TOP GUN for the cinematically impaired). Well in any case, I hope you all had a fun and rewarding summer, and that you all got the rest you'll need to return to academia with the avarice and zeal necessary to accomplish your goals both scholastically and otherwise.

As we return to campus for this fall semester, we once again find ourselves amidst a campus cloaked in perpetual change – change for the better. As you can see, the construction seems to be coming along nicely, and from what I understand,

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we'll be able to take a dip in our new pool as early as this fall. The campus quad is going to be something really spectacular, and even around my townhouse in the highly regarded "A-Block", there is a splendid array of lush vegetation and aromatic

mulch that my parents deemed to be, "quite nice".

We also have a host of special events and celebrations barreling towards us. Between Homecoming, Alumni Weekend, Greek Week, Welcome Weekend, the Freshmen Success Program activities, and your favorite weekly Senate Meetings, there is plenty to look forward to and to keep us all occupied. Last semester, I met a few times with some of our administrators, and I am proud to say that overall, our behavior as a campus during the Spring Weekend time period was admirably mature. It is my hope that as a student body we can continue to display exemplary conduct throughout the upcoming celebrations and for the entire year. You know... respect each other, make friends, help others

carry their groceries, and don't break other people's things – if we can live by those basic norms, I am confident that this year will be great.

That's all I'd like to say as far as a welcome goes. I'd also like to remind everyone that a dedicated team of Student Senators, elected by you, are here to help you and serve you in any way we can. We'd love to hear your questions, concerns and comments about your life on campus, and you can reach us via email – senate@bryant.edu. Thanks for your time, and I wish you the best of luck in all of your endeavors here at Bryant this fall and beyond.

With Peace and Love,

Andrew D. Goldberg
Student Senate President

Welcome

Delta Sigma Pi

By Lynda St. Clair,
Assistant Professor of
Management

This fall semester, Bryant College will be welcoming members of Delta Sigma Pi, a coeducational professional business fraternity, to our campus for a series of "Meet the Chapter" events. These events are being scheduled to determine the level of interest on the part of our students in establishing a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi on our campus. The following description of the organization was provided by Dale M. Clark, Director of Chapter and Expansion Services.

Delta Sigma Pi is a co-educational, professional fraternity for students of business administration (including Economics). We were founded at New York University in 1907 and have since grown to 250 collegiate chapters with a total membership in excess of 185, 000. Each of our chapters offers its members a unique variety of professional speakers, tours, seminars, etc., which are designed to supplement the classroom education and provide exposure to the "real world" of business. Our chapters also participate in regular campus and community service activities and schedule a limited number of social

activities. Together, these programs provide a well-rounded educational experience while enabling the individual student to develop those personal talents and leadership abilities, which are so important in the business world.

As a coeducational organization, Delta Sigma Pi welcomes both women and men. As a professional, rather than a social, fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi complements the current set of Greek organizations available to Bryant students. Students who are already members of a social fraternity and sorority are welcome to join Delta Sigma Pi.

If you're interested, please try to attend one of the following "Meet the Chapter" events (refreshments will be served):

Wednesday, September 19th

7 p.m. Bryant Center A/B

Monday, September 24th

7 p.m. Bryant Center A/B

Tuesday, October 2nd

7 p.m. Papitto

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact Professor Lynda St. Clair or Professor Lori Coakley for additional information about Delta Sigma Pi.

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Welcome Back Editorial

Adam Fontaine

Already the start of a new semester is upon us, and soon we will be enjoying piles of work and late nights of studying. For the class of 2005 WELCOME and best of luck for your first year here at Bryant. The best advice I can give freshmen is to become involved in the Bryant Community; it's a great opportunity to meet new people and gain valuable experience. Of course

I'm sure I don't need to mention that joining *The Archway* staff could possibly be the best move you could ever make!

To all Clubs, Organizations and Offices, I encourage you to take advantage of placing FREE advertisements in *The Archway*. It is my goal this semester to make *The Archway* an effective tool for communication amongst the campus. The only stipulation is that *The Archway* reserves the right to change the size of the ad to meet space

requirements. However, you can place an ad at a specified size, and you will receive a 65% discount off the original price.

I encourage anyone on campus to submit any articles, important dates, or

information to *The Archway* so we, together, can better inform the Bryant Community.

ARCHWAY FIRST MEETING
Tuesday, Sept. 11th
5 p.m. in Rm 1
Bryant Center

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**SPB's
Welcome Weekend
September 7th - 9th**
By Tim Watt

As everyone moves back on campus and starts classes, the finishing touches are being put on Welcome Weekend, September 7th - 9th, sponsored by the Student Programming Board. All events this weekend like a majority of all SPB events are FREE so be sure to check them out.

The festivities begin Friday with the campus-wide Organization Fair, which is put together by the Student Senate. Make sure to come out and get information about any club that you are interested in. Hang out for a while and enjoy the Jimmy Buffett-style music of Keith Murray.

The highlight of the weekend comes Friday night at 8 PM in Janikies Auditorium with a step show by Step Afrika!. The show highlights the African American fraternity and sorority art form of stepping and it's link to traditional South African dance. Recently performing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., reviewers describe Step Afrika!'s performance as "a dance genre considered by some to be one of the most exciting created by Americans in the 21st century." Be sure to come out with your friends for this amazing show that will be sure to open your eyes on African American culture.

Enjoy a nice day outside on Saturday with a free BBQ and other events over by the Volleyball Court in the Suite

Village (Rain Location: MAC) starting at 12:30 PM. Activities consist of playing a nine-hole mini-golf course, battling your friends in a gladiator-style Joust, free tattoos, taking part in a volleyball tournament, or just sitting back and relaxing with some music and food. Look for information around campus to sign up your team for the volleyball tournament.

Finish up the day outside with a Drive-In Movie at 8 PM at the Bryant Center Patio (Rain Location: MAC). Popcorn and cotton candy will be provided while you enjoy a night out with your friends.

On Sunday evening, SPB's Films Series kicks off with a FREE showing of "A Knight's Tale" starring Heath Ledger (*The Patriot*) at 7 PM and 9:30 PM in Janikies Auditorium. This action adventure also provides a few laughs and has been described as "More often than not, it's fun." by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. And of course it's not a true movie experience without the beverages, candy, and popcorn which will be sold at the door. If you are interested in finding out more information on the weekend check out our website at <http://web.bryant.edu/~spb>, call x6118, or stop by our table at the Organizational Fair. The Student Programming Board meets every Monday starting September 10 at 4:30 PM in Papitto, which is located on the first floor of the Bryant Center. Also feel free to stop by our office on the third floor of the Bryant Center or give us a call if you are interested in getting involved. Enjoy the weekend!

ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR

DATE: Friday, Sept. 7th	Come check-out the clubs and organizations Bryant College has to offer.	Bryant College
TIME: 11 am-3 pm		
Location: Outside the Bryant Center. (Rain location is inside the Bryant Center)	Part of Welcome Weekend	
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Come check out SPB!

Join us for our first meeting of the year at 4:30 PM on Monday, Sept. 10 in Papitto on the first floor of the Bryant Center.

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Credit Cards Sink Students In Debt

by Rachel Sams
Knight-Ridder Tribune
August 28, 2001

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida State University junior Lloyd Spring has only one credit card. He likes it that way. But that hasn't stopped six other credit-card companies from sending him cards in the mail. Spring threw them all away. He saw a friend run up a \$5,000 debt on four credit cards in his first semester at school, and he doesn't want that to happen to him. So he makes sure he has enough money in his bank account to cover any purchases he charges.

"For me personally, having a credit card has been good," Spring said. "But for many of the people I know, it hasn't been a pleasant experience."

Having a credit card can be a great convenience for college students away from home -- and from their parents' money -- for the first time. Responsible use of a credit card can be the first step toward building a solid credit history. But, if students don't exercise restraint, credit cards can create problems that take years -- and thousands of dollars -- to fix.

The cards are easy for students to get. Credit-card companies spend lots of time and money wooing students. Many set up displays on college campuses and offer T-shirts or other goodies for signing up. Or, as in Spring's experience, they send students card applications by mail. Some students sign up for one card after another. That's their first mistake, financial advisers say. The next mistake many students make is putting purchases on their cards with no plan for how to pay for them later. That's how debt starts to grow.

"It's getting to the point where it's common for a lot of young people 20 or 21 years old to have two or three credit cards, and student loans, too," said Mickey S. Moore, vice president and chief lending officer at Sunshine State Credit Union.

Statistics back him up. Two recent studies -- a joint survey by the Education Resources Institution and the Institute for Higher Education Policy and a survey by the firm Student Monitor -- found that nearly two-thirds of college students had at least one credit card. Between 6 and 13 percent had four or more credit cards. How much are students charging on those cards? Student loan provider Nellie Mae reports the average student credit-card debt is \$2,478. Thirteen percent of the students in its sample survey had balances between \$3,000 and \$7,000, and 9 percent had balances of more than \$7,000.

Students' spending habits have made credit cards a big part of the college experience, Moore said. "(Students) have a lifestyle they like to live in college. If you can't work 40 hours a week, it's real hard to go out a lot, have goof clothes, be in a fraternity or sorority.

"But debt is easily avoided, financial advisers say. Just exercise a little restraint and plan ahead.

"I think students should have credit cards for emergency use only," said Liz Akom, certified financial planner with Akom Financial Consultants. "Keep a low credit limit on your card so you're not tempted, and don't charge more than you can pay back." "Go slow," advises Sunshine State's Moore. "Get one credit card with a low limit, and use it responsibly before you get another one. Shop around for the best rates, and read your agreements closely." Most important, financial advisers say, remember that just because a company offers you a card doesn't mean you have to take it.

"Most students I don't think are prepared to have them," FSU junior Spring said. "But they seem more than ready to give them to you."

Four-Year Degrees No Longer Sure Ticket To Success, Job Market Analysts Say

by Chris Neely
Knight-Ridder Tribune
August 28, 2001

As a high school senior, Rebecca Gonzalez was surprised to find that everyone -- friends, family, teachers and counselors -- had her future planned out for her. Everyone, that is, except her.

"In high school, they're always preaching college, college, college," said Gonzalez, who lives in Lewisville, Texas. "But I didn't want to sit in class for four more years."

Instead, the A student chose to build a career in construction. Seven years later, as statistics indicate that most of her college-bound classmates have either dropped out or are working in low-paying jobs unrelated to their degrees, Gonzalez, 25, is earning about \$40,000 a year as a plumbing forewoman for TD Industries in Dallas.

Despite increasing pressure on high school graduates to earn four-year college degrees, educators and job market analysts say that some students would fare better with one or two years of technical training at a trade school.

On average, college graduates earn about 46 percent more annually than non-graduates, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. But a college degree is not a sure ticket to success that it once was, said Kenneth Gray, a professor of education at Penn State University. "The economy generates only about half as many college-level jobs for the number of people we graduate, and only about half who begin college graduate," he said. "So the actual four-year college success rate is one out of four. That's a pretty dismal return on the taxpayers' investment."

Still, society continues to push students into college, Gray said. "There seems to be this mentality now that if a young person isn't enrolled in some university somewhere two months, 12 days and four hours after they graduate from high school, life is over," he said.

Educators recognize that pressure and try not to add to it, said Colleen Simmons, a high school guidance counselor in Texas.

"I always hear kids say, 'I want to go to college. I want to go to college,'" she said. "I even hear special-education students who have difficulty in learning say it. We would love for every student to get a four-year degree, but there are many, many jobs out there that have to be filled that do not require that."

Interlink, a Dallas company that works with industry leaders to forecast the needs of the Metroplex job market, has identified 40 occupations that will have the greatest demand for workers by 2006. Of those 40 jobs, most of which are in industrial trades such as construction and automotive maintenance, 31 require a minimum of one to two years of technical training. More than a quarter pay \$15 to \$25 an hour, or \$600 to \$1,000 for a 40-hour week. The average wage in Tarrant County is \$727 a week.

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"A lot of parents think the success of their child is based on how many years of college they go to, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics tells us that only 29 percent of the jobs in the future will require four years of college or more," said Candy Slocum, executive director of Interlink.

Carrie Leverenz, an associate professor of English at Texas Christian University, said some of her students do not understand that career preparation is not the sole purpose of a four-year college degree.

"Students come to me and say, 'I don't want to take a writing class,' or, 'I don't want to take a foreign language,'" she said. "I tell them that the idea of a liberal arts college is that you're being educated liberally, in a broad base of subjects. If you don't want to do that, you probably should consider narrower training, whether that be a trade school or community college."

In conjunction with North Lake College, the Construction Education Foundation in Irving, Texas, is training skilled workers such as Gonzalez so they can advance in the construction field, said Jane Hanna, executive director of the foundation.

"The fallacy has been that the people coming into our industry would be those who could not succeed at anything else," she said. "But the student we're looking for is a very bright individual with a high math aptitude and the ability to problem-solve."

Once or twice a week, foundation students attend classes, which are usually paid for by their employers, Hanna said. Meanwhile, they are on the job, earning money and gaining work experience as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, masons and heating and air-conditioning technicians.

"One of the things we've dealt with is, there is a stigma attached to people doing anything with their hands,"

said Paul Kellemen, dean of construction technology at North Lake College.

"But the fact is, students who choose to go this direction have a great opportunity to further their education and find themselves with really good, marketable skills."

Manufacturing also faces a growing gap between available jobs and skilled workers, said Leo Reddy, chief executive officer of the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing in Washington, D.C. Consequently, jobs making things such as shoes, ball bearings, computers and airplanes are among those with the highest pay, he said.

"Manufacturing is well above the services and wholesale and retail sectors in terms of wages," he said. "It is comparable to finance, insurance and real estate in terms of wage levels."

Much of the drive toward four-year degrees may be cultural, Reddy said.

"Don't forget that the whole image of getting into a liberal arts school and being a well-rounded person has its roots somewhere in the 16th and 17th century, among people of independent means," he said.

For those who have to work for a living, many should take a pragmatic look at which occupations need workers, Reddy said. Although most manufacturing jobs do not require a four-year degree, technological advances have almost made unskilled workers a thing of the past, he said.

"Anyone going into manufacturing should plan on a pattern of lifelong learning, going back for refresher training," Reddy said. "There's a much stronger need for knowledgeable workers who have broad-based skills."

Changes in the kinds of jobs most vital to the economy likely will make technical training augmented by continuing education more common, Slocum said. Even a four-year degree may not be enough anymore, she said.

"The shelf life of education is changing," she said. "These two-year degrees and certifications are a response to that."

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Bryant College ROTC Sends Three Juniors to Fort Lewis, Washington for Leadership Training

This summer, 4,093 Army ROTC cadets, most of whom are juniors in colleges from across the nation, came to the Pacific Northwest between June 9 and Aug. 9 to attend advanced cadet leadership training.

About 400 cadets arrived every three days to form the 11 training regiments at the U.S. Army's only national ROTC Advanced Camp,



While many students went home for the summer, three Bryant juniors instead went to Fort Lewis, Washington, to participate in a 32-day training event. Erin Barry, Dan Brady, and Minerva Rodriguez spent much of their time developing leadership and management skills, while working with other ROTC cadets from all over the country.

held annually at Fort Lewis, Wash., since 1997. Additionally, more than 380 officer candidates, belonging to Army National Guard units from 33 states, and 30 British cadets from the Universities of London and Cambridge, conducted concurrent training at the camp.

The cadets participated in the rigorous, 32-day leadership development course – a requirement for all ROTC cadets to become officers in the U.S. Army – expecting to show off their leadership strengths and learn where they can hone their skills. At camp completion, the cadets



“The leadership and management training that I received at Advanced Camp along with the degree that I will receive from college, has better prepared me with the skills necessary to succeed in getting a job.”

turned to their campuses to prepare next year's cadets for Advanced Camp 2002, and to complete their final year on campus before accepting commissions as second lieutenants.

ROTC Advanced Camp is the single most important training event for Army ROTC cadets or National Guard officer candidates. The camp incorporated a wide range of subjects designed to develop and evaluate leadership ability. The challenges were rigorous and demanding, both mentally and physically, and tested intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and stamina. These challenges provide a new perspective on an individual's ability to perform exacting tasks and to make difficult decisions in demanding situations.

“The overall performance of our cadets and their ability to exceed at camp is indicative of the highest level of instructing and mentoring by our Bryant ROTC staff.” SFC Norman Michaud

The camp placed each cadet and officer candidate in a variety of leadership positions, many of which simulate stressful combat situations. Platoon training officers and non-commissioned officers evaluated cadets with a critical eye, ensuring the future Army leadership is prepared to assume command of America's sons and daughters. In addition to proving their leadership ability, cadets and officer candidates had to meet established standards in physical fitness, weapons training, communication and combat patrols. They also had to demonstrate their ability in a number of military skills.

Training at Advanced Camp progressed from individual to collective skills. Cadre members first evaluated the cadets' physical endurance by giving them the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Confidence training assisted cadets with overcoming fear, testing their physical courage with rappelling, water safety training, one-rope-bridge construction and a very challenging obstacle course. The next day cadets put their leadership skills on display at the Field Leadership Reaction Course, which is designed to build teamwork and evaluate leadership.

Other training included learning to fire the M-16 rifle and machine guns, conducting land navigation and calling for and adjusting artillery-fire support. Cadets also got the chance to throw live hand grenades and learn how to survive and perform



tasks in a biologically- or chemically-contaminated environment. The collective training included squad-level situational training exercises and patrolling lanes. Both lane-training committees focused on developing cadets' leadership in stressful, fluid environments.

Day 32 was the culmination of training as cadets assembled on Watkins Field, the main parade ground at Fort Lewis, to deactivate their regimental colors and march in their graduation ceremony. The 1st Regiment of cadets graduated on July 10, while the 11th Regiment of cadets graduated on Aug. 9. The following day, the OCS officer-candidates also completed their training, with commissioning



“Our Bryant cadets were remarkably well prepared for Advanced Camp. We exceeded the camp performance averages in physical fitness scores, land navigation, leadership assessment and peer ratings.

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ceremonies held upon return to their respective states.

Personnel conducting training and providing training support included 1,171 ROTC faculty members and newly commissioned lieutenants from universities nationwide. Fort Lewis provided 1,195 soldiers from I Corps units. Additionally, 1,862 U.S. Army Reserve and 138 Army National Guard soldiers also supported the training effort.

Since its inception in 1916, ROTC has provided the Army with more than half a million lieutenants. ROTC graduates, from 270 universities and colleges nationwide, enter the active Army, Army Reserves and National Guard each year as second lieutenants. ROTC programs produce 70 percent of the Army's lieutenants annually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Senate Elections

Get Involved!!!

- Mon., Sept. 3rd**.....▶ Freshmen election senate packets become available in Senate Office (3rd floor, Bryant Center)
- Wed., Sept. 5th**.....▶ First Student Senate meeting in Papitto Dining Hall @ 4 pm. A short information session will follow the meeting.
- Sun., Sept. 9th**.....▶ Freshman packets are DUE. Candidates will present their speech @ 7 pm. An ice social will follow.
- Wed. - Thurs., Sept. 12th - 13th**▶ Freshman elections
- Fri. - Sun., Sept. 14th - 16th**▶ Student Senate retreat
- Wed., Sept. 18th**▶ The new six freshman senators will be sworn in.



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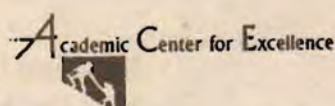
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