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ResHall networking better than ever

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Welcome back to Bryant! We're happy to have everyone back on campus and anxious to assist you in using its technology to your best advantage. Last year, Information Technology connected over 250 of you to the campus network, providing Internet access from every residence hall and townhouse. This year we anticipate doubling that number to 500, or about 30% of the total resident population. To make this process smoother, we have instituted several changes to the installation process.

This year we have again contracted an outside vendor to install your network card if you need help, only this year the service is provided free of charge. A technician from DataCare will be in Meeting Room 3 of the Bryant Center every Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m., until September 30. After that, we will provide installation assistance on an appointment basis only. The bookstore will be selling 3COM network cards and patch cables throughout the year for your convenience.

Once your network card is installed, or if your system already has a network card, you still need to inform Information Technology that you are ready to connect your computer to the net. Make note of the number above the data port in your room and head for the Koffler Technology Center. Connect to the World Wide Web via Netscape and go to the address <http://web.bryant.edu/~resweb>. This page provides you with an electronic form you must fill out for network access. An e-

mail message is sent to our Network Services team, who will activate your data port and contact you with further information.

Please note that if you were connected to the Internet from your residence hall last year you still need to use the ResWeb page to get reconnected this year. Not only do we need to activate the data port, but the IP address you used last year is no longer necessary. We now use a new addressing scheme called DHCP, which issues your computer an IP address each time you connect to the net.

Everyone should be aware that although we are not requiring you to sign up for an appointment to have your network card installed, that does not mean your machine will be ready to pick up the same day you drop it off. Chances are that many people will be bringing in their PCs the first several days, and there are only so many machines that can be worked on in five hours.

Once you have been connected to the ResNet, if you have any problems with connections or computer problems in general, you can contact one of our Resident Computer Consultants, or RCCs. We have set up an RCC troubleshooting line for you to report problems. Just dial ext. 6550 and leave a voice message detailing your problem, and an RCC will contact you with a solution or to set up an appointment.

If you have any problems, comments, or concerns regarding the ResNet installations or our support services, please contact Richard Botelho (ext. 6229) or Michael Thompson (ext. 6349 or miket@bryant.edu).

Scholarships shams hold little validity in court

Federal Trade Commission news

Two Seattle, WA-based companies and their principal officers have agreed to pay an estimated \$288,000 into a redress pool from which partial refunds may be made to students who paid between \$40 and \$70 for either high-paying summer jobs in the Alaskan fishing industry or on cruise ships, or for scholarships or other college financial aid, the Federal Trade Commission announced today. The FTC had charged the defendants--Progressive Media, Inc. and Collegiate Communications Group, Inc.--last November with misrepresenting that the employment and financial aid directories they sold through telemarketing calls actually were "programs" that guaranteed students jobs with free room, board, and transportation, or free financial aid from a "\$6 billion pool of unclaimed aid." The FTC also alleged that the defendants' money-back guarantee turned out to be false.

The charges in this case were filed as part of "Operation Middled Fortune," a federal-state enforcement crackdown on business opportunity and employment schemes that involved more than 75 actions by the FTC and securities regulators or Attorneys General from 25 states. As the upcoming school year approaches, the FTC advises students looking for financial aid that no scholarship search service can guarantee that a student will receive a scholarship, and that such promises are a red flag for fraud. In addition, the FTC said, money-back

guarantees for scholarship or employment services often come with conditions that are impossible or, at best, difficult to meet.

The individuals defendants in this particular case are Matthew G. Lucas, Kevin Lustgarten and Mark Buchan. The FTC filed its complaint detailing the charges in federal district court in Seattle, and the judge on November 4, 1996, issued a temporary restraining order freezing the defendants' assets. The court granted a preliminary injunction that continued the asset freeze and prohibited the alleged misrepresentations on December 10. Trial was set for April 8, but the defendants then entered into settlement negotiations with the FTC, within which they agreed to reimburse approximately \$280,000 in funds collected.

Six signs that program may be a scam

1) "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." No one can guarantee that they'll get you a grant or scholarship, since they are based on financial figures and grades. Get refund policies in writing--before you pay.

2) "You can't get this information anywhere else." There are many free lists of scholarships. Check with your school or library before you decide to pay someone to do the work for you.

3) "May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?" Don't give out such information on the phone without getting information in writing first. They may set-up an unauthorized withdrawal.

4) "We'll do all the work." Don't be fooled. There's no way around it; you must apply for grants or scholarships yourself.

5) "The scholarship will cost some money." Don't pay anyone who claims to be "holding" a scholarship or grant for you. Free money should not cost a thing.

6) "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship," or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered. Before you send money to apply for a scholarship to check it out. Make sure the program or foundation is legitimate.

Women's Summit to explore workplace challenges

Submitted by College Relations

Work-related stressors disproportionately affect women, many of whom must successfully negotiate a delicate balance between work and family needs. In responding to this concern, Bryant will present a Women's Summit on Monday, September 15, focusing on issues of working women. Senator John Chafee, the conference chairman, will deliver the opening address. The summit runs from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"The Women's Summit: Rising

to Workplace Challenges in the Next Millennium" will offer presentations, workshops, and breakout sessions that examine such topics as mentoring, integrating work and family, and diversity in the workforce.

Among the featured speakers are Hazel Henderson, a futurist and author of six books, including Building a Win-Win world; Sue Herera, anchor of CNBC's "Business Tonight" and author of Women on the Street: Making it on Wall Street--the World's Toughest Business; and Joanna Lau '97H, president of Lau

Technologies.

The summit is free and open to the public. The luncheon fee is \$18, though lunch is optional. Students, faculty, and staff are cordially invited to attend the keynote address, which will be given by Sue Herera. It is scheduled from 1:15 to 2 p.m. in the MAC.

Summit brochures are available in Career Services. The extended registration deadline is September 5. Advanced registration is required; please call 232-6565 for information or to register.