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More fiascos fall into trouble

(NEWS)--University of Lowell President William Hogan has warned the campus's six fraternities they'll face abolition if they don't hold down the noise and start cooperating with their neighbors by the summer.

And the University of Maryland has revoked Alpha Epsilon Pi's charter because it required its pledges to steal as part of their initiation rites.

The FBI moves in on "Diploma Mills"

(NEWS)--The bureau's "Dipscam" is out to nab businesses that offer buyers official-looking transcripts and diplomas from "schools" that don't exist.

Last week, the FBI's investigation resulted in indictments of two people who sold "diplomas" from fabricated colleges like the University of East Carolina and the University of Middle Tennessee, which sound like East Carolina University and Middle Tennessee State University. Both are real schools.

FBI officials estimate as many as 40 other people could be indicted for selling fake degrees before Dipscam ends.

Brigham Young stops selling Culture Club's albums

(NEWS)--BYU's bookstore manager pulled the albums off the shelves because lead singer Boy George's outlandish costumes promote homosexuality and transvestitism. officials explained.

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Some grads aren't middle-of-the-road

NEW YORK, NY (CPS) -- "Top caliber" college grads apparently have turned down enough low-level and mid-level management job offers recently to cause some employers to worry about a "mid-management vacuum" during the next few years, an employment consulting firm says.

In an informal phone study of 50 of our corporate clients," Goodrich and Sherwood Co., a New York consulting firm, found the corporations are having trouble convincing some graduating seniors to accept jobs that may take them to factories in nonmetropolitan areas, may leave them with "too many bosses" over them, or that threaten to conflict with "favored lifestyles," explains Jack Gow, Goodrich and Sherwood's public relations consultant.

"Most of these guys," Gow says, "would like to start at the top, and then work up a little higher."

Gow says his firm's clients--who he describes as "all Fortune 500 companies"--are finding even higher salaries aren't luring top graduates to jobs "at plants in geographic areas where they can't go sailing or golfing or racing."

The only companies not finding it difficult to attract senior management jobs that are now opening again, Gow points out, are some high-tech industries.

"High tech is the glamour industry now," he explains, "like plastics was 20 years ago.

Despite companies' complaints, other officials who help place students in jobs after graduation haven't noticed students turning down many low-level jobs.

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"It could be that it's not happening, or it could be that it is happening and people aren't started grumbling about it," she says.

In its most recent survey, released in Oct, the CPC found just the opposite," she points out. "Students were accepting recruiting offers earlier in the year" to allay the insecurities of the recessionary job market.

Students haven't been turning down jobs in at least one rural area, moreover.

"Our recruiting year has been magnificent, considering our governor is trying to make our campus into a prison," says Jack Kellar, placement counselor at the University of South Dakota--Springsfield.

To reduce the state's budget deficit and take care of prison overcrowding problems at the state. Gov. William Janklow has put USD-Springfield's campus up for sale. If not sold by 1997, the state will convert it into a prison. Kellar says.

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