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### Nationwide Increases in Cohort Default Rates Cause Concern

by Mary Lyn Hammer, Champion College Solutions

Increases in the most recent publicly released cohort default rates are causing concern among the industry, especially within the lending community. Career colleges need to adopt active, early intervention if they are going to control these increases. p.1



### Taking Advantage of the Automatic Zero EFC, 2006-07

by Glenn Bogart, J.D.

By using the Automatic Zero EFC formula, instead of the longer formula, eligible students will increase their Pell Grant, which will greatly assist them in their education. p.3



### Stephanie Goes School Shopping Part III - The Online School Search

by Stephanie Wells

In her third article, Stephanie checks the schools' online admissions procedures. While most of the seven colleges "passed" phases one and two—answering Stephanie's questions both face-to-face and on the phone—half of the colleges didn't respond to her online inquiry. p.7



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**President's Passion for Technology  
Transforms Program Into National Model**  
***Fountainhead Designated Academic Excellence Center***  
*with Richard W. Rackley, Fountainhead College of Technology*

Earlier this year, the college became the only nationally accredited college to be designated a national Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE). This small college's adaptation of a high-tech curriculum has made it a national model and example of the best that private career education has to offer. p.11

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**The Applied Research Project:**  
***The College Degree Course Tailored for the Employee and Employer***  
*by Dr. Evangeline Jefferson, Potomac College*

The college's Applied Research Project curriculum provides students with the opportunity to design, conduct, analyze, apply and write original research studies applicable to both their academic courses and professional work environment. p.18



**Big Change on Campus!**  
***A Futurist Looks at Trends in Higher Education***  
*by David Pearce Snyder, The Futurist*

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