LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF CAMPUS RECREATION



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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- A Quick Overview of Historical Trends
- Projecting Future Trends Based on Opportunities & Challenges
- Q & A / Discussion



















My Experiences

- My Passions
- My Goals for This Presentation









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- >The Reluctant Student
 >Managing Institutional Ambition
 >Advancing the State of the Industry







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Share Some Facts & Ideas
Stimulate Thought & Discussion
Benefit From Your Challenges





Recreation Facility Evolution

Post WWI Era (the 1920's & 30's)

Post WWII Era (the 1950's)

The Physical Education Era (the 1970's)

The Contemporary Era (1985 to Present)









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When Do Colleges & Universities Build?

- When Student Supply Is Up, Schools Build to Accommodate Growth
- When Student Supply Is Down, Schools Build to be More Competitive
- When Student Supply is Stable, Schools Build to Support their Mission







- What Forces Will Impact Us?
- Demographics
- Cultural Shifts
- Educational Philosophies
- Economic realities
- Public Policy







| Demographics | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|--|
| | % of Grads | M/F Dist. | |
| Post WWI Era (the 1920's & 30's) | 5% | 60/40 | |
| Post WWII Era (the 1950's) | 14% | 68/32 | |
| The Physical Education Era (the 1970's) | 36% | 59/41 | |
| The Contemporary Era (1985 to Present) | 43% | 48/52 | |
| | 55% | 42/58 | |



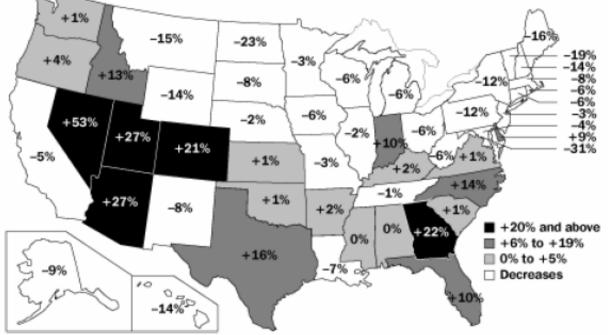




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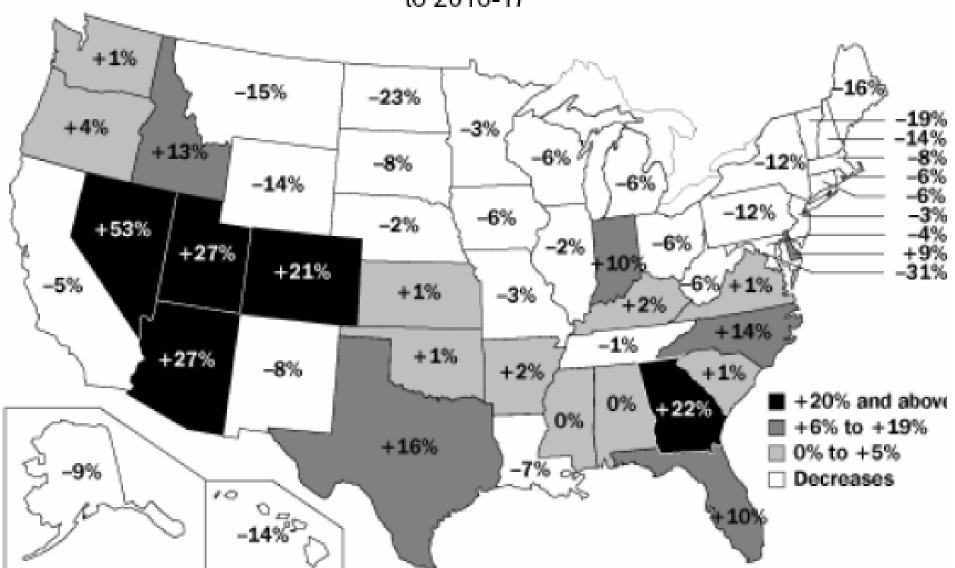


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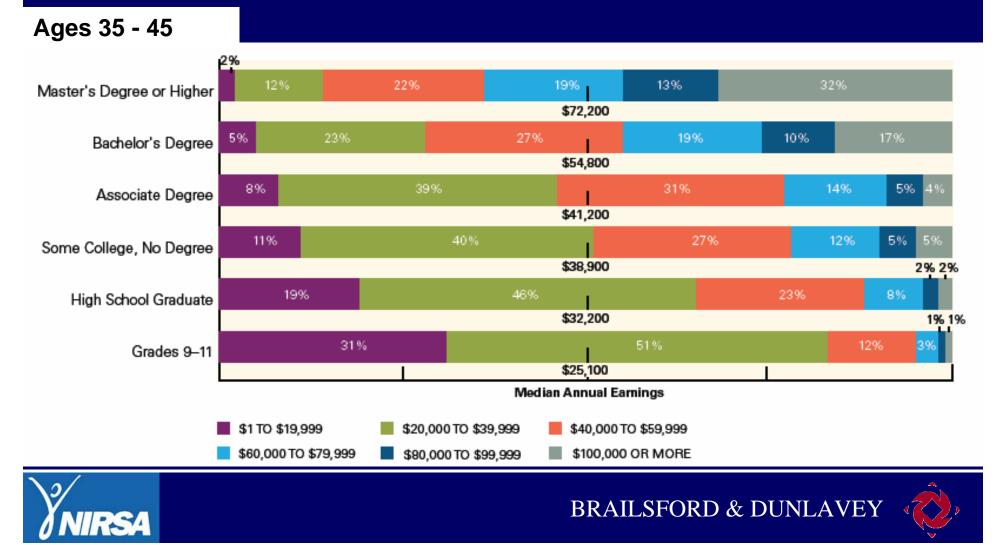
- The "Baby Boom Echo" Will be over in 2010!
- Many Factors Affect an Institution's Enrollment & Composition
 - State & regional attendance rates
 - > Persistence rates
 - > Pre-disposition toward living on-campus
 - Local real estate markets
 - > Quality of the campus environment
 - Financial aid programs & pricing strategies
 - > Academic philosophies
 - > Public Policy





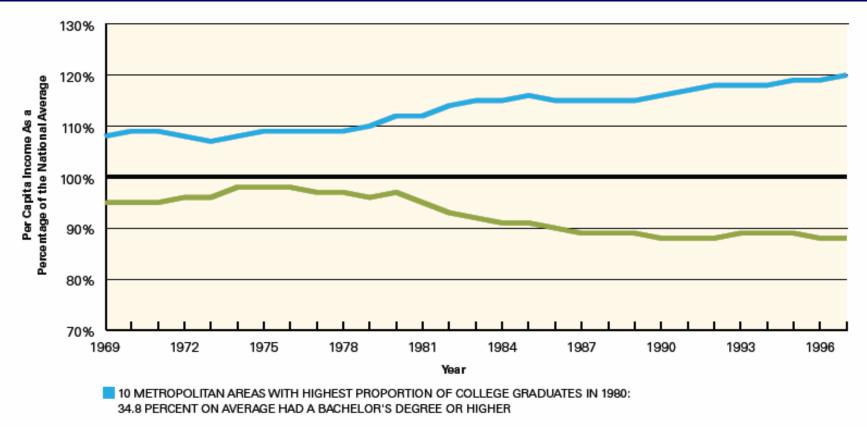


Demographics – The Value of Education





Demographics



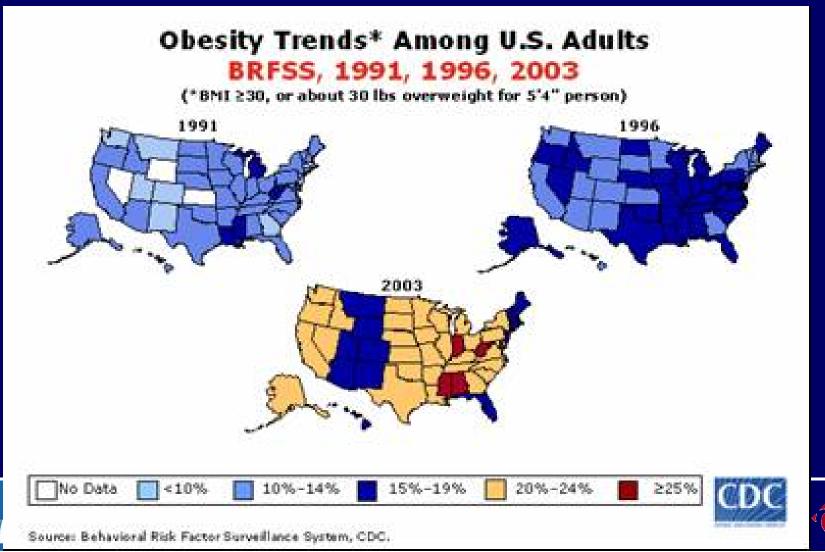
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10 METROPOLITAN AREAS WITH LOWEST PROPORTION OF COLLEGE GRADUATES IN 1980: 17.4 PERCENT ON AVERAGE HAD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER



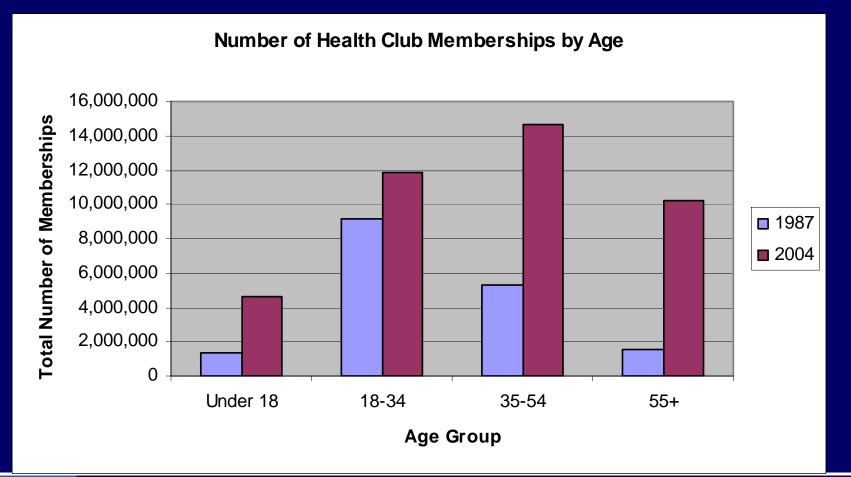


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Demographics

Health club Membership by Age & Gender

| Age | Males | Females |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| 18 – 24 Years Old | 15.9% | 16.3% |
| 25 – 34 Years Old | 21.7% | 16.6% |
| 35 – 44 Years Old | 15.5% | 17.5% |
| 45 – 54 Years Old | 16.2% | 20.4% |
| 55 – 64 Years Old | 16.6% | 17.8% |
| 65 + Years Old | 15.6% | 15.6% |
| | | 2004 |









Demographics

Health club Membership by Income

| Income | Membership Rate |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Less than \$25,000 | 7.5% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 11.7% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 16.5% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 20.8% |
| \$100,000 & over | 26.2% |









Demographics

Health club Membership by Education

| Level Attained | Membership Rate |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| H.S. or Less | 8.5% |
| Some College | 17.2% |
| College | 23.6% |
| Advanced Degree | 28.8% |

2004







Cultural Shifts

- With Respect to Fitness, We are a Bifurcated Society
- People are Less Tolerant of Compromised Conditions
- Students are Absorbed and Insulated by Technology
- Family Incomes of College Students are Increasing Faster than the National Average







Educational Philosophies

- Harvard Task Force on General Education
 - Key finding: One week after a traditional lecture, the average student retains only 20% of the information presented.
 - Students must become more involved with the learning process.
- Harvard Announces "Activity-Based Learning Initiative"
 - > Initiative proposed start with 2008 freshman class
 - Harvard has a history of setting trends for educational philosophy
- Goal: "Help students see how what they learn in class informs what they do outside of class and vice versa"







Educational Philosophies

- Recreation Opportunity
 - Student Involvement through employment
 - Quantity of jobs compares favorably with large academic departments
 - Range of jobs (fitness assessment, marketing, finance & accounting, recreation management, event planning, logistics, etc.)
 - Student Involvement through traditional programming
 - Student Involvement through wellness programming
- Projected Institutional Response
 - Increased ambition
 - Broadened range of funding mechanisms & Approaches

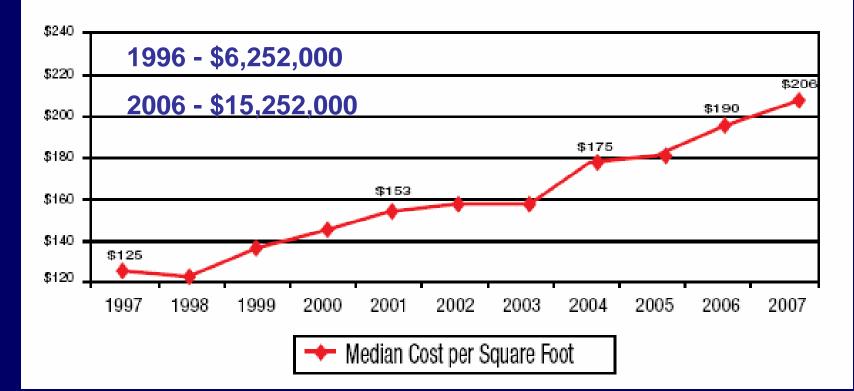






Economic Realities

Cost of Construction





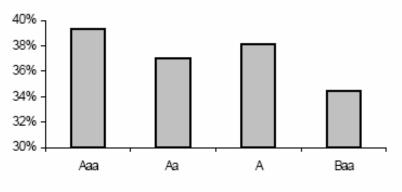




Economic Realities

Institutional Debt

Growing Debt Levels Across All Rating Categories



Increase in Median Direct Debt between FY 2001 and 2005 (%)

- > Higher Ed is Borrowing at Historic Rates
- Debt Capacity and Credit Quality are Being Eroded
- Protecting the Balance Sheet is Increasing in Importance for More Schools
- > Off-balance sheet Approaches will be Sought for Anything with a Cash Flow







- **Economic Realities**
- Student Debt
 - More Student are Borrowing
 - Almost 65% of students at 4 year colleges had loans in 2005
 - In 1993 Less Than Half Had Loans
 - Student are Borrowing More
 - Over the past decade, the average debt load for graduating seniors has more than doubled from \$9,250 t0 \$19,200
 - Over the past five years, tuition and fees have increased 57%
 - Averages debt varies widely by state and institution type







- **Economic Realities**
- Student Debt

Only 10% of U.S. Born Doctoral Students Had Any Student Debt as an Undergraduate!







Economic Realities

- Growing Demand for a College Education has Supported the New Cost Structure
- Many Students Get Priced Out of the Market
 - > Approximately, 400,000 college eligible High School Graduates cannot afford to attend a 4 year college
 - > Of those, 173,000 do not attend any college at all
- The Average Household Income of a College Student is 160% of the National Average!







Public Policy

Direct Student Support

- Grant Funding
- Loan Programs
- Service Programs

Institutional Level Support

- Federal Construction Finance
- > Issue Specific Funding
 - Green Initiatives
 - Technology Initiatives
 - Other Initiatives









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Projecting Future Trends Recreation Trends >>> Cultural Shifts The Next Stage <u>Contemporary Era</u> **Experiential Learning Focus** Recreation / Social Focus **Dynamic Social Space** The Living Lab **Maximized Appeal Managed Participation Specialized Components** Special Purpose Buildings Market Driven Services **Multifaceted Operations Workforce Wellness Focus** Fee Based Memberships Gender Balanced **Female Dominated** All Ages Groups Are Active **Increased Activity Levels**







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