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### #28 Management Foundation Degree

Buckinghamshire New University in High Wycombe is offering a ..... management foundation degree developed in partnership with bed company Dreams. This is the kind of collaboration between industry and higher education the government wants to encourage. Most of the sector's ..... is through such two-year courses mixing academic and work-based learning. Like the much-publicized "McDonald's A-level", the Dreams degree incorporates the existing ..... training package. But Buckinghamshire New University vice-chancellor Ruth Farwell said: "While we recognize the ..... behind the decision to allow companies such as McDonald's to ..... their own qualifications, we believe that it is better for employers to partner with universities ..... in such as this one." Dr Farwell added: "We pride ourselves on our work-based foundation degrees that are designed in conjunction with employers, and enable students to gain ..... while they are working and on the basis of their work experience." Offering Dreams' managers this opportunity is a natural extension of our work, especially since Dreams' head office is in our home town. "It fits perfectly with the government's drive for greater ..... in higher education and the need to ..... the skills base of the nation." Dreams founder Mike Clare said many of his staff had attended the university. "The university's ..... approach and understanding of the ..... we face has enabled us to launch a development program which will enable staff to continue their education while also focusing on their careers," he said. The first course begins in mid-April, with 12 Dreams managers specially selected to be fast-tracked through the foundation degree in one year. Two years will be the norm for subsequent students.

### #31 Valentine's Day

The holiday of Valentine's Day probably ..... its origins from the ancient Roman ..... of Lupercalia. In the early days of Rome, fierce wolves ..... the woods nearby. The Romans called upon one of their gods, Lupercus, to keep the wolves away. A festival held in honor of Lupercus was celebrated on February 15th. The festival was celebrated as a spring festival. Their

calendar was different at that time, with February falling in early springtime. One of the ..... of the young people was name-drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on ..... of paper and placed into jars. Each young man drew a slip. The girl whose name was chosen was to be his sweetheart for the year. Legend has it that the holiday became Valentine's Day after a priest named Valentine. Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time Christianity was a new..... The Emperor at that time, Claudius II, ordered the Roman ..... NOT to marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that as married men, his soldiers would want to stay home with their families rather than fight his wars. Valentine ..... the Emperor's decree and ..... married the young couples. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and put to death. Valentine was ..... on February 14th, the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia.

### #33 Drumbeat

Despite a drumbeat of bad economic news, the ..... market is up — almost 11 percent in the last few weeks. Junk bonds, those risky corporate I. O. U.'s, are rallying. The value of financial shares, bank loans, tricky credit derivatives — up, up, up. Many on Wall Street, the epicenter of the credit mess, seem to think that the worst is ..... For the first time in months, analysts and executives sound upbeat again. Many of them see a broad, ..... recovery in both the economy and the financial markets coming in the second half of this year, a prediction some market strategists call ..... at best. For now, policy makers are echoing the mood on Wall Street. Treasury Secretary Henry M . Paulson Jr. said in an interview with Bloomberg Television on Thursday that "we are closer to the end of this problem than we are to the beginning." A report from the Bank of England, meantime, concluded that mortgage ....., which have been at the heart of the financial troubles, probably have ..... too far. The central bank said prices of such securities should "improve ..... in the coming months." Financial stocks and the broader market ..... on Thursday as the dollar strengthened and oil prices fell for the third day in a ..... The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index closed up 1.7 percent, to 1,409.34 points; the Dow Jones industrial average notched a 189.87-point gain, to

13,010; and the Nasdaq composite jumped 2.8 percent. Another day or two like that, and those market ..... will be in the black for the year.