## Marketing & Branding University Academic Programs

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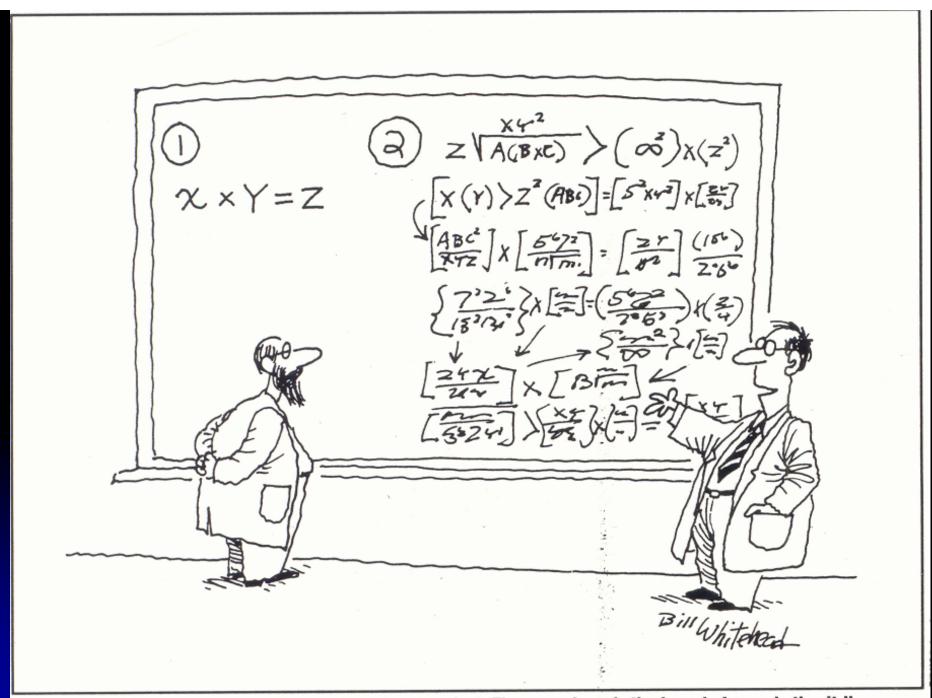




# Foundation Concepts of Marketing & Branding



"Oh, just give me a bottle of whatever the guys in marketing are targeting for jerks like me."



"The first equation is the formula for our new product. The second one is the formula for marketing it."





## Core Marketing Concepts Needs, wants, **Products** and demands and **Services Marketing** Markets Concepts Value, satisfaction, and quality Exchange, transactions, and relationships Kotler 2000

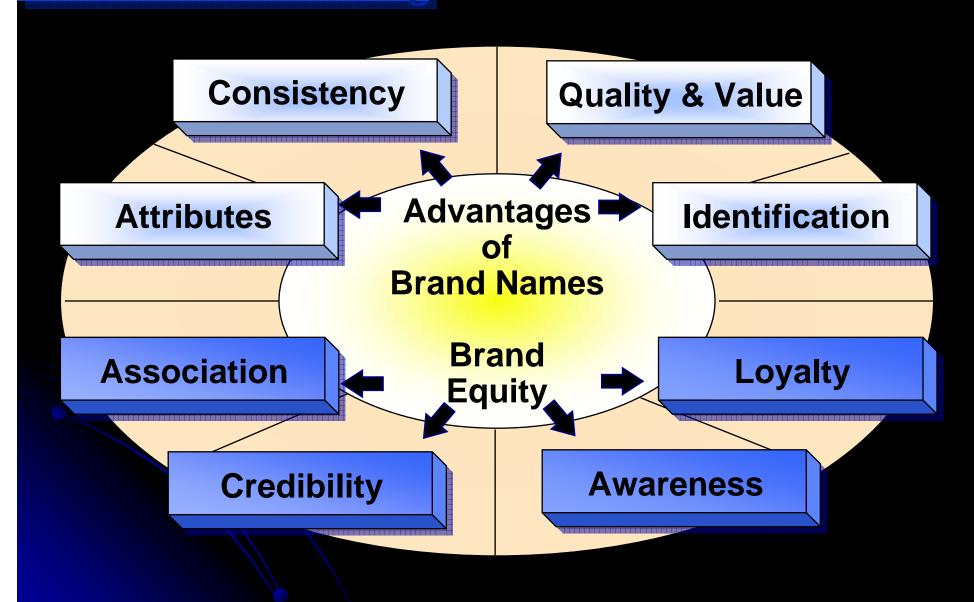
#### **Production Orientation**

- Selling what you make "push" approach
- Not customer oriented
- Production volume driven
- Maximize operating capacity
- Typical of commodity products/services
- "If We Make It, They Will Buy It"

### **Marketing Orientation**

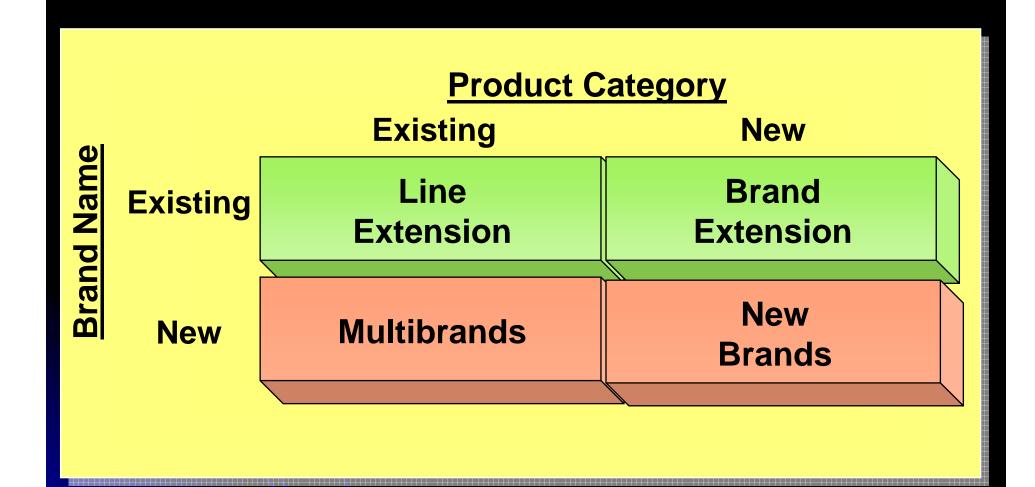
- Selling what the market demands "pull" approach
- Customer-centric → solves a problem
- Features & benefits
- Quality driven
- Maximize customer value
- Brand-Builder Mentality

## Brands & Branding



Kotler 2000

## Brand Strategy



## **Brand Strategy**

#### **Line Extension**

- <u>Existing</u> brand names extended to new forms, sizes, and flavors of an <u>existing</u> product category.
  - Food & Beverage soft drinks, cereal, coffee, beer, Tabasco Sauce, tuna fish in a bag
  - Automobiles new models
  - Household laundry detergent, shampoo, appliances

#### **Brand Extension**

- Existing brand names extended to new product categories.
  - Harley Davidson cigarettes
  - RealLemon candies
  - Reese's Peanut Butter

## **Brand Strategy**

#### **Multibrands**

- New brand names introduced in the <u>same</u> product category.
  - Arbor Mist
  - Mini-Cooper
  - Hagen Dazs

#### **New Brands**

- New brand names in new product categories.
  - Swiffer
  - Cartridge razor blades

## Market Segmentation

#### Geographic

Nations, states, regions or cities

#### **Demographic**

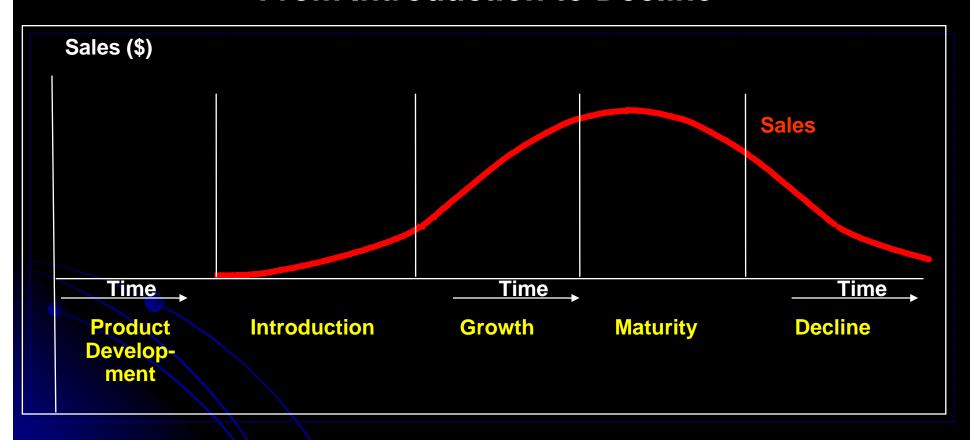
Age, gender, family size and life cycle, or income

#### **Psychographic**

Social class, lifestyle, affiliations, or personality

## Product Life Cycle

## Sales Over a Product's Life From Introduction to Decline



#### **Public Relations**

- 1. Building good relations with various stakeholders.
- 2. Obtaining favorable publicity.
- 3. Building up a good "corporate image".
- 4. Handling or heading off unfavorable rumors, stories and events.

## Major Public Relations Tools



# Marketing & Branding Academic Programs

## Programmatic Strategies

**Basic Academic Programmatic Strategies** 

**Generalist Programs** 

Focused Programs

Mixed Strategy

No Strategy



You Do NOT Want to be Here

## Programmatic Strategies

#### **Academic Program/Student Market Expansion Grid**

Existing Student Base

New Student Base

**Existing Programs** 

Further Penetration/Retention

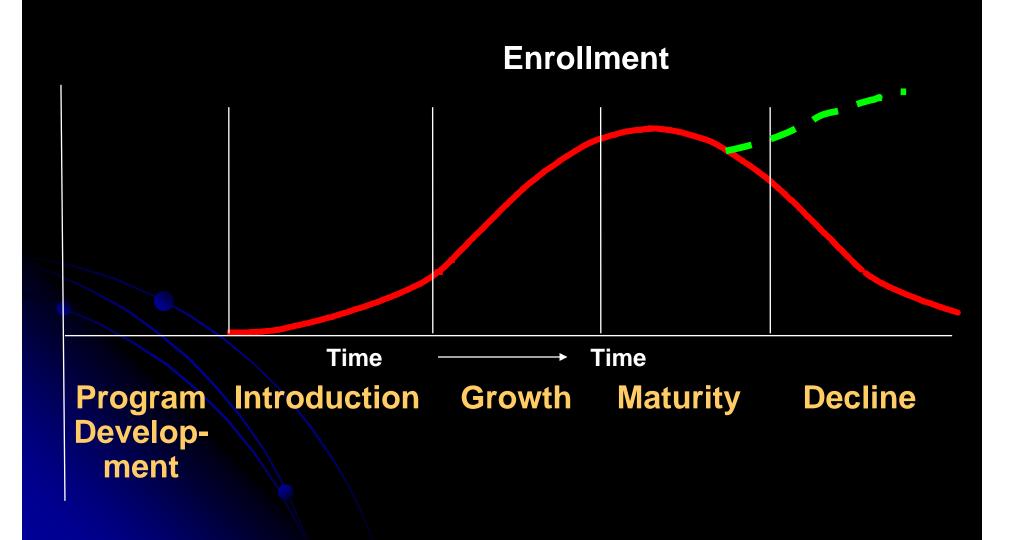
Student Market Development New Programs

**Program Extension** 

Diversification:
New Students/Programs

#### Academic Program Life Cycle-Is Decline Inevitable?

#### **Programmatic Life From Introduction to Decline**



#### Can Academic Programs be Branded?



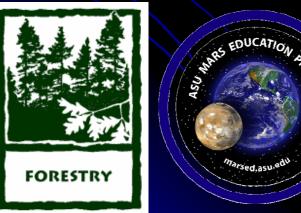
















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#### Do NOT Want to be "Production" Oriented

- Offering what you know (faculty oriented)
- Not customer (student) oriented
- Volume driven-quantity (seats filled), not quality (instructional)
- Maximize operating capacity-filling classrooms
- Typical of commodity products-undifferentiated programs

## Programmatic Growth Strategies

- Develop and maintain a <u>defensible</u> competitive position.
- Build highly recognizable brand identification for key stakeholders such as prospective students, industry and government leaders, employers, alumni, and donors.
- 3. Build awareness and desire through branding, marketing, & public relations.

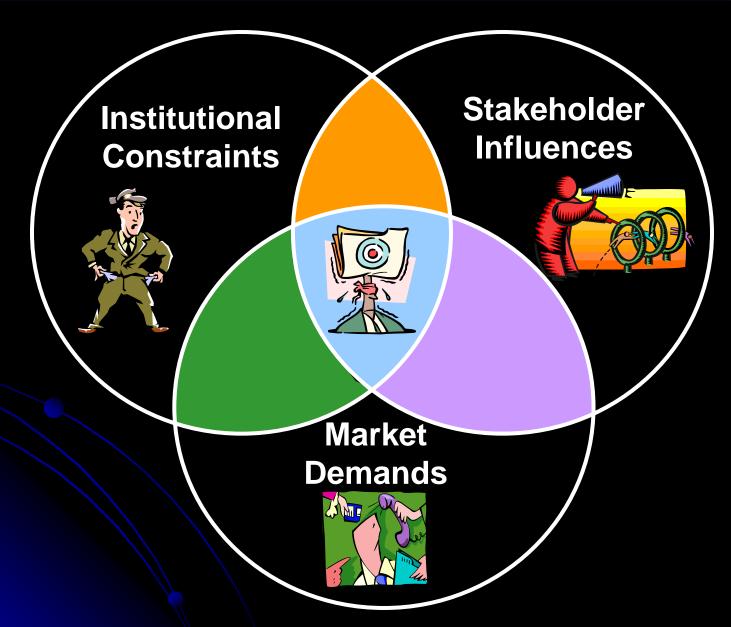
## Programmatic Growth Strategies

- 4. Build strong relationships/partnerships with internal & external stakeholders.
- 5. Create a positive "image" through relevant and productive events.
- 6. Create key functions:
  - Media Relations
  - Program Publicity
  - Recruiting
  - Development (\$\$\$)



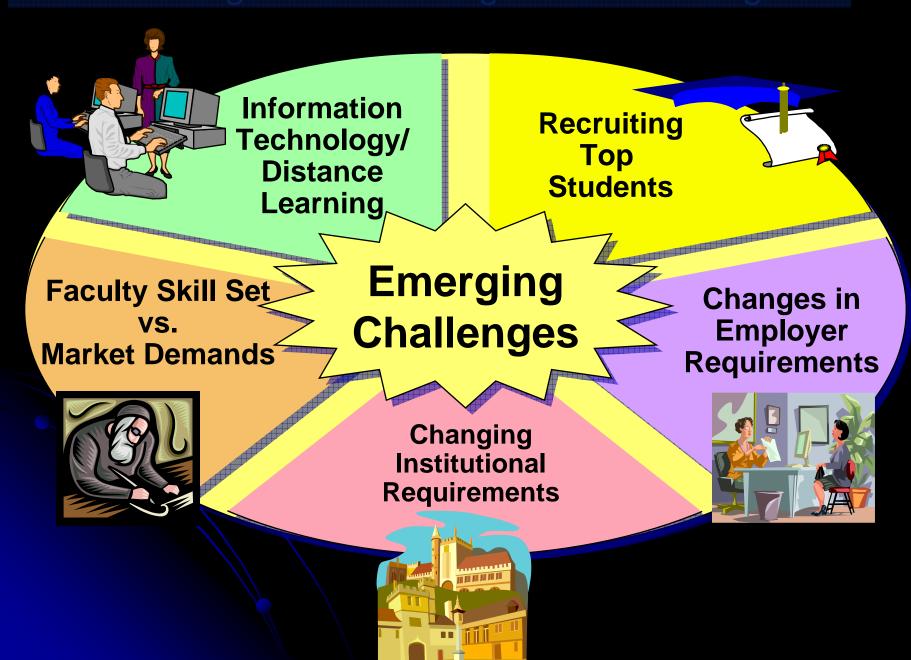
- Advertising
- eMarketing (Internet)
- Marketing innovations
- Marketing research, evaluation & measurement
- Student lead generation and qualification: quality vs. quantity
- Potential employer database
- ROI (Return on Investment)
- ROA (Return on Assets)
- Metrics!!!

#### Academic Program Marketing & Branding Influences



Richard Vlosky, 2005

#### New Challenges in Marketing Academic Programs



#### Ellen Harshman, Dean, John Cook School of Business Saint Louis University:

- "Effective marketing requires that we think and act strategically. Consequently, the development of a clear, focused mission statement and comprehensive strategic planning processes take on additional importance and meaning.
- Incorporating marketing considerations into the school's strategic plan allows us to align resources with strategic priorities.
- Planning from a marketing perspective imposes discipline in developing our public messages to describe what we stand for, how we differentiate ourselves from our competitors, and the value of the programs we offer."





## Questions?

