

THE COLLEGE STUDENT SPEAKS

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Why go to college?

The answer for many is simple: If they want to move up in the world and improve their class standing, they had better get a good education--and make sure their children do likewise.

And thus we see what education largely has become in this country--a commodity with a price tag and economic dividends.

We should not therefore be too shocked to learn of the lack of respect accorded to professors and teachers, whom we regard as people relying on their tenure because they can't make better money elsewhere.

Almost anywhere but the United States, to be an instructor is to have a respected position in the community. Whether in Seoul, Jerusalem, Nairobi, or Paris, one attains a status comparable to that of a statesman by becoming a university professor.

IN THIS country, a professor is a man whose ruling on educational proficiency can keep young men out of Vietnam or send them to the front lines.

He has that power--but little respect or influence in the community, for his is the bad fortune of standing as a figure of repressive authority.

As an example, professors at the University of Chicago like Drs. John Hope Franklin, Robert Havighurst, and Philip Hauser enjoy some influence among their colleagues and public officials.

Their students may listen to them long enough to regurgitate what they say on examinations.

But our nation is far more likely to be influenced by popular entertainers and political pundits.

Dr. Wernher von Braun is respected for his ability to get us to the moon before the Soviet Union.

Albert Einstein is remembered as a long-hair man from Germany who helped us win World War II by developing the theories behind the atomic bomb.

BUT BEYOND what practical advantages our intellectual leaders may provide us, we really have little use for their ideas. And this is nothing new, for our intellectual tradition has long lagged behind that of other nations.

Southern Negroes have especially suffered from our lack of concern about educational development.

Not only are they shortchanged educationally by design, but they live among Southern white population--including its much vaunted gentry--which itself has little use for education.

With this in mind, we should not be surprised when we encounter the problems of Negro education today, for few of us--both black and white--have been brought up to respect schooling as a vehicle of personal development as well as a means of getting a better job.

Why go to college? Again, the answer most would give is a practical one. And therein is the aftertaste of the sour grapes the fathers have eaten, which have set their children's teeth on edge.

A SURVEY of 3,000 Portland (Ore.) high school seniors has revealed their lack of understanding of civil liberties. Most approved the use of improperly gathered evidence, secret trials, search without probable cause, the use of anonymous witnesses, and the setting of excessive bail.

According to J. C. Pock, associate professor of sociology, Reed College, the results "offer little comfort for those dedicated to civil liberties or for those believing that the school should be the principal agency for producing a citizen capable of putting the principles of civil liberties in action."

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Board Upholds Dismissal Of Grambling Students

BATON ROUGE - (NPI)--The Louisiana State Board of Education in a 13-hour meeting with President Ralph W. E. Jones of Grambling College, suspended students and parents, and upheld the dismissal of 29 students accused of fomenting trouble, arson and violence in Grambling in October.

The meeting was the result of a request by the dismissed students for a hearing by the board, but the students themselves forecast the verdict before the hearing began. They claimed the board was evidently biased and that Jones was the darling of the "white folks" of North Louisiana.

The students had boycotted classes and demonstrated on the campus because of allegedly too much emphasis upon athletics and too little emphasis upon academic studies. They claimed the athletes in the school were given preference in everything on the campus.

The de-emphasis of academic work was denied by the president and members of his administrative staff. However, it was admitted that the president was the baseball coach and active in the football coaching.

Grambling has placed 14 of its students in either football or baseball major league teams and one of them, "Tank" Younger, is reportedly up for placement in football's hall of fame.

THE SCHOOL is operated by the state, has many buildings and is almost a complete city, founded by a man sent there by the late Booker T. Washington to found and operate a school for Negroes who had no school in that area. C. P. Adams was the founder but Jones is responsible for the progress of the school and its development.

The school, since the outbreak, has published in the three Negro papers of the state, whole-page advertisements carrying statements of leading white newspapers of Louisiana on matters relating to the school.

During the 13-hour session, there was much disorder and the chairman was forced to almost continually rap with his gavel for order. One parent was put out of the room where the hearing was being conducted.

The president, Dr. Jones, at one time, broke down in tears--which the students said were merely "crocodile tears" and shed to influence the board in its decision.

The 29 students had already once been dismissed by the school's discipline committee but the courts ordered them reinstated until a hearing of their case by the state school board had been held. This board is composed entirely of whites. The students say this is not the end. They declare they will take their case to the courts and even to the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary.

URGE USE OF XMAS CLEARANCE BUREAU

Captain Bill R. Lane, Area Commander of the Salvation Army, suggests that all local agencies, clubs, organizations, and churches work together in an effort to assure all needy families in our community, a happy and complete Christmas by advising our local Christmas Clearance Bureau, operated by the Salvation Army, of their intended assistance to the community.

Our Christmas Clearance Bureau serves to avoid duplication of giving whereby some of the less fortunate families are flooded with assistance while others are overlooked. Duplication is always possible but not as probably as in the days before the operation of a Christmas Clearance Bureau. One case was exemplified in pre-Clearance Bureau days when a family of nine, living in a ramshackle two-bedroom house received so many Christmas gifts they had to move the seven kids into the living room so the kind people bringing them more gifts could not see their total 'loot'.

Captain Lane suggests (1) If you have a family or families that you plan to assist at Christmas, please advise the Bureau of the name and address of families you are going to assist or (2) If your group desires to assist a family or families, the Bureau asks that you place a call to the Christmas Clearance Bureau to obtain a listing for the number of families you desire.

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