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NIXON AIDE EMBRACES REPORT ON IRRELEVANCY OF COLLEGES

(Reprint from Lynchburg Daily News)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration has embraced a Ford Foundation report contending students are right when they say colleges are irrelevant.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Elliot L. Richardson, called the report "provocative, controversial and innovative and as significant a statement on higher education as we have seen."

Recent reforms in curriculum and governing powers have left untouched major problems of isolation, forced conformity and rigidity in higher education, the report found.

Haven't some students been saying the same things about their colleges? "There is a very substantial core of validity in their anger," said Richardson whose predecessor, Robert Finch, suggested the report.

"The system, with its massive inertia, resists fundamental change, rarely eliminates outmoded programs, ignores the differing needs of students, seldom questions its educational goals, and almost never advocates new and different types of institutions," the task force said.

"We have seen disturbing trends toward uniformity in our institutions, growing bureaucracy, overemphasis on academic credentials, isolation of students and faculty from the world — a growing rigidity and uniformity of structure that makes higher education reflect less and less the interests

of society," the report continued.

The Ford group headed by Frank Newman, associate director of university relations at Stanford University, suggested the root problem for all higher education is the university and its credential-laden faculty.

"The modern academic university has, like a magnet, drawn all institutions towards its organizational form until today the same teaching method, the same organization by disciplines, and the same professional academic training for faculty are nearly universal," the report said.

"The shortcomings of the academic university as a model for all other institutions have been obscured by the dazzling success of the best-known examples," it continued.

The study recommended new institutions where students of all ages are educated, with any preference going to older ones; where practical experience and not classroom lectures is the primary teaching tool; where professional practitioners have equal faculty footing with academic Ph.Ds and where instruction is offered by television, off campus, and in traditional classes.

It advocates decentralization of state college and university systems; formation of regional examining universities whose sole function would be to test and grant degrees; and complete overhaul of professional accreditation agencies to encourage apprenticeship as an alternative to solely academic preparation.



What's The Poop?

- Allison Milam—are you a Georgia peach or a Georgia lemon?
- Beth Franz—due to the loss of Kappa Sig, we hear you've been getting some obscene phone calls.
- Laura Parnell—where did you spend most of your time at Xag Head?
- Martha Blalock—How do you like that ATO house in the late hours of the night?
- Punkin'—How did that cold shower feel Sunday morning?
- Winston Cobb—How was the sand fight on Jockey Ridge?
- Hey, Mol—Did you use any pointers from 101 at the Phi Gamma house last weekend?
- Hey, Liz—They say you snore!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

- Lillian James not applying to school?
- An undefeated tennis team?
- no thefts on first Cruik?
- beer on tap at Father-Daughter day?
- a sunny "April's Dream"?
- no pigs?
- no more beach weekends?
- exams called off?!
- SUMMER !!!



Where did the year go! Everything seems to be winding up now as everyone looks forward to that summer vacation. The Sigma-Mu competition is coming to an end with only a few more events to be played. In softball competition, the Sigmas have one game and the Mus have one game. The games should be really close.

The annual swimming meet between the Sigmas and Mus was played with the Mus coming out ahead. Many people on the sides were splashed but in that hot place, no one minded!

The St. Mary's Tennis team has been on the road lately playing Duke and Carolina. The matches were not won but the individual games that were won were quite an achievement.

It was odd that at Carolina, some of the old St. Mary's girls were playing on the tennis team. Old friendships were renewed, but this situation made the competition even stronger. Brett Elebash played a most exciting game with Jean Little. Last year at St. Mary's Brett did a good job playing for St. Mary's.

Minta Aycock came out on top this year in the Annual St. Mary's Closed. Minta won in the eighteen-hole student division. Other winners were Mr. Biggs in the eighteen-hole non-student division, Anna DuBose in the nine-hole student division and the one and only Jack Pisani won the nine-hole non-student division. Everyone who played seemed to have enjoyed the tournament and especially the dinner that followed!



The Bulletin Board

Due to the over-crowding in the infirmary from nervous breakdowns, new patients are urged to either report to Miss Cully's house, or to Smedes sunporch for the big jump.

by Kay

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Announcements of meetings:
 The St. Mary's Brewmaster Society will meet again next Thurs. At 11:00 AM in the lab in Chesler.

by Kay