

AN EDITORIAL

BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS

On a clear day, if one closely examines the sky above our campus, he perceives a cloud that threatens existing academic excellence with impending mediocrity.

How is it that such a cloud could take shape over an institution devoted to enlightenment? What is the nature of this cloud?

This cloud has gained its substance from the stagnant air of an existing attitude which states that Highacres is not an integral part of a university, but merely a preparation for attending one.

Although there are physical factors which do contribute to this attitude, the main contributing factor is found inside the faculty and student body.

Within the faculty one finds a situation developing, not out of anything that could be termed incompetence for on the contrary the faculty here is unquestionably competent, but from the high degree of responsibility exhibited by the faculty is - misguided.

If an instructor finds himself going slowly at the start of a term because he feels his students can not handle the work load, and then ends the term with an apology for material not covered quite in the manner which his professional integrity demands- can it not then be said that his sense of responsibility is indeed misguided?

However, if it is suggested that there is a sense of misguided responsibility

within the faculty it must be shouted that within the student body any sense of responsibility or even its comprehension is completely lacking.

Listen to some quotes gathered from the student body and judge for yourself. "If I flunk this course, it is the instructor's fault! He's such an idiot that I can not even open my text." Can this statement indicate any possible comprehension of responsibility? "It does not make a difference what attitude exists here. A mature individual can get all he wants out of this institution." Is this responsibility that leads to enlightenment? "Why should I waste my time contributing here when next term I'll be out at the main?"

Do you think this attitude can ever make a responsible contribution?

Now, put the faculty and student body together, and visualize the type of circular response produced! Is there any wonder why the cloud exists?

Believe it or not, I am not presumptuous enough to offer a solution to the problem or for that matter to even state the problem is serious. If I did I am sure I would be widely sought as an administrator, for I am sure the problem is not unique to Highacres.

However, perhaps, if we were to talk about it in the spirit of intellectual freedom that does exist here, perhaps that talk might cause the air to stir.
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The Business Office and Bookstore at the Hazleton campus operate under the University regulations. Since the Business Office was located in the Sub., next to the bookstore, it is now possible for nearly full time operation of the bookstore for the convenience of the students and faculty. Resident Instruction and Administration budgets are handled in the office of Mr. Frank C. Kostos, director of the campus. Faculty expenditures are part of Resident Instruction. Faculty travel expenditures must be cleared by Mr. Kostas. The business office handles expenditures affecting these budgets: Building Operations, Cafeteria, Bookstore, Student Union Building Operations, Health Services, Student Affairs, Athletic Programs, and Physical Education and Health. University policy concerning discounts on the sale of goods by campus bookstores is the following: "All bookstore sales must be made at pre-determined prices. Discounts are not to be granted on any bookstore sales regardless of the type or amount of the sale." "Restriction by the university on cash sales and receipt states: Cash receipts are not to be used for making cash advances to employees or cashing checks." Dean McCallus is exploring the possibilities of setting up a check cashing system in conjunction with the Student Government Association.