



Students hope to get the highest score in a "Pinball Tournament" sponsored by S.U.B. A total of 19 students competed and played two games each. The first place winner was Rick Lukas with a score of 170,890 and the second place winner was Bill Valda with a score of 135,720. Trophies were awarded.

Las Vegas Night Termed A Success

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On Nov. 4th, the Student Union Board held its annual Las Vegas Nite in cooperation with the Highacres Club Advisory Council.

The S.U.B. converted the Highacres Commons into a combination gambling casino, circus, and bazaar. The entire main floor of the Commons was used as the S.U.B.'s casino, complete with wheels of fortune, crap tables, black jack, and various dice games.

Downstairs, various other organizations had booths set up, ranging from pizza to peep shows. Supplying the entertainment downstairs was "Phoenix," who agreed to

play as a promotional appearance.

For a break upstairs, Elvis Preslinski and the Off Tones appeared for the second successive year. According to S.U.B. President Brian Horwith and Elvis' manager, Highacres was unable to foot the bill for "E.P. & the O.T.'s," but Preslinski was charitable enough to let his guys "practice" at Las Vegas Nite.

It was a fun time for everyone, filled with games, surprises, cowgirls, prizes, and just about something for everyone.

Enrollment Decline

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requiring a college degree will be open.

What will the million graduates who cannot find college level jobs do? The degree holders are not likely to be unemployed. They are more likely to be underemployed, to push young people without a college degree out of jobs that do not now require a college degree. But, although those with a bachelors' degree will have a clear advantage over those without any degree, college graduates will face considerable competition in some occupations from graduates of community and junior colleges and other post-secondary institutions. In addition, although college graduates may initially be underemployed, one study indicates that college graduates stand a better chance of being promoted than do nongraduates. The period of underemployment might thus be limited if a college graduate was hired initially for a noncollege position.

Caveat Counselor. One final possibility concerning the projected surplus of college graduates deserves emphasis: some eggs do not hatch. The projections discussed in this article contain many assumptions. The projections will be wrong, one way or another, unless each variable behaves as it is supposed to—as it behaved in the past few years—or unless any changes cancel out each other.

Projections of the supply of college educated workers will prove to be too high if a smaller percentage of high school graduates go to college during the next 10 years than did so in the last decade. We do not now know if many young people will decide not to go to college, but we do know that entering freshmen make decisions influenced by what happens in the job market. The single most striking example of students' reaction to the job market is the sharp decline in the number of women entering college who plan careers as teachers. In 1966, 35.6 percent of the first-year class did; in 1974, only 12.7 percent did. The fluctuation in engineering enrollments also indicates that some young people will not go to college unless they think a degree will open employers' doors to them since fewer students enroll

in engineering schools when unemployment among engineers rises. Prospective collegians might also be deterred by the rising cost of higher education, further decreasing the actual number of degrees conferred.

The estimates could also be too low. Financial rewards are not the only reason students attend college. The rate of return for a college education was only 5 percent in Norway in 1973, according to the Carnegie Commission, but this did not discourage attendance. Also, while the employment problems of college graduates might influence some students against 4-year schools, the employment problems of high school graduates might encourage other students to spend 4 years surrounded by ivied walls.

Furthermore, although the relative salaries of college graduates might decline, a college degree will still be a minimum qualification for millions of jobs. Every humanities graduate might not be hired for a college level occupation, but nongraduates won't even be interviewed.

Projections of the demand for college graduates contain even more uncertainties. BLS projections assume that the percent of college graduates in clerical and blue-collar occupations will remain at 1974 levels through 1985 and that the proportion of college graduates in other occupations will increase as they have in the past. The number of job openings projected will, therefore, be too low if new technology makes better educated workers necessary for certain jobs. Such a change is highly improbable, however. Projections also assume that industries will grow at a certain rate relative to each other. More openings will be available if industries that employ many college graduates—finance, for example—grow at a faster rate than expected, even if the economy as a whole does not perform well. By the same token, slow growth in a single industry could make the outlook much worse than expected, as was the case with the poor performance of the aerospace

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