

Tuition Rise, Riot

Looking back upon the announced rise in tuition charges, the movement that followed, certain conclusions can be drawn. First, seventeen hundred dollars really does sound like an enormous amount of money to have to spend for an education each year; the average per capita income in this country is only $250. The rise will be more and more difficult to maintain as the years go by.

MIT and the Ivy League colleges, have determined to maintain the sizes of their student bodies constant for the past ten years. Small increases in size will come about very slowly, over a period of many years. The post-war jump in enrollment that occurred at MIT is not expected to happen again. Thus the private schools are finding it necessary to educate an elite group, to maintain a high level of instruction and also afford the financial drain. If the private schools hope to continue to attract qualified students, they will have to maintain a high kind of superiority over the publicly supported schools. This superiority will have to be an intangible one, for MIT has no research laboratories and no and in the classroom. The example of the University of California, and other state universities, is proof that this methodology can be more and more difficult to maintain as the years go by.

The riot that followed the announcement of the tuition increase was, in a sort of gesture of resistance and denial. It really does seem as though no one quite knows what to say or do about the rise. As it was, there was more noise than anger, and one can only wonder if it is real. If rioting is the only answer to such a move, it would be a pity, and one club to make the concept of "brass rat" livable for all.

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Room 10-250

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