Corporation and the student

This weekend the Corporation Visiting Committee will hold its annual meetings. The topics for discussion are governance, student involvement, the advisory council and women's participation, and the legal environment.

Last year's Visiting Committee showed itself very responsive to the requests of students; its activism reflects many of the characteristics of the student movement, and the changes in women's residence requirements which now allow women to live off campus. This year's agenda is largely the result of student work being done through the Dean's Office. As in the past, the members of the committee will be going to various living groups for lunch (Saturday) and the Corporation will hold informal discussions with students in the student's environment.

The Tech suggests that if you have an interest in these discussions that you show up. The Visiting Committee on Student Affairs is a unique opportunity for students and members of the Corporation to interact. As an occasion which will end in the evening of Saturday, you will also be able to know that every student have the opportunity to participate, keeping in mind the limits on time. We hope the committee's discussions are useful and prove to be as constructive and productive as last year's.

Of politics and childhood

By Steve Carhart

Recent trends in political action reflect many of the characteristics of postwar, middle class American childhood. The way in which the bourgeois child has come to be emotionalized by instant gratification of needs. Millions have grown up in a society that is serious, but without even trying to work out one's needs.

The emotional act which once developed a sense of identity has been evident in the tendency for young activists to concentrate on protest, love, and education. The personal, individual, and dramatic symbolisms rather than long-term organizing committees to organize for a reordering of national priorities.

The unstated assumption behind this strategy has been that if enough people just talk about peace, clean environment, or whatever it is, it will be enough (violently) enough, it will be given.

Another characteristic of contemporary bourgeois childhood is the realization of how the real world works. Privileged American children of this generation have not had to be conscious of boss/employee relationships, influence peddling, etc. But a growing anti-war movement, this strategy has been that if enough people just talk about peace, clean environment, etc.

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Crisis in private education

By Lee Giguere

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Furthermore, one must also consider the possibility of organizing a large number of young people if this effort fails. If the college students cannot participate in the larger society, a failure could easily impair the sense of empowerment and commitment among many young people that the American political system is responsible for the decisions that affect the requests of the people.

The political impact of a coalition of college students forming a "special interest lobby" could well become quite significant if 18-year olds win the vote. It would become impossible to allow for any candidate to ignore such a group.

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