COLLEGE REPORT

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Students have always been a part of the college and university's character and purpose. Historically, American higher educational institutions spent nearly all of their time teaching the young.

Today's institutions, however, have been burdened with an array of new duties. Never before have the colleges and universities been expected to fulfill so many dreams and projects of the American people as a whole:

Will we pull ahead of the Russians in the space race? It depends on the caliber of scientists and engineers that our universities produce.

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WILL WE discover a cure for cancer? For arthritis? For the common cold? It depends upon the facilities and the graduates of our medical schools.

Can we stop the Chinese drive for world domination? This notion leans heavily on the political experts the universities turn out and on the military weapons universitiy research helps develop.

What of our high standard of living? Can we avoid depression? It depends on whether the universities can supply business and government with inventive, imaginative, far-sighted persons and ideas.

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WHERE DO human values fit our machine-filled world? Look to the college philosophers and poets.

Everyone, it seems—from the impoverished and disadvantaged to the leaders in our community and national life—sees the college and the university as a deliverer today.

Thus, it seems no exaggeration to say that educational systems, both public and private, have become one of our greatest resources in the Cold War and one of our greatest assets in the uncertain peace.

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AS A MATTER of fact, America's schools on the whole have taken a new place in the center of society. Never in the history of education has there been such a ballyhoo in government about education; never has education ever had the status that it presently has.

As one scholar, Earnest Sirluck, dean of graduate studies at the University of Toronto, has said: "The calamities of recent history have undermined the prestige and authority of what used to be the great central institutions of society. Many people have turned to the universities in the hope of finding through them a renewed or substitute authority in life."

I believe that we can say with some confidence that education's accelerating influence on the affairs of men shall remain the dominant factor in our lives as we move through the latter half of the twentieth century — providing not only new ways of seeing and doing things, but increasingly new leadership.

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FURTHER, tomorrow's leaders are crucial, not only to society's development but to its survival. Just as obviously, tomorrow's leaders are today's students.

During troubled times, the idealists among them will continue to take stands on public issues, and their ideas which win popular support will be productive.

Hahn Report

Heart Transplant Team Ready for First Effort

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Surgeons at Los Angeles County's Harbor General Hospital are prepared to perform the first heart transplant operation in Southern California.

I am advised by Director of Hospitals William A. Barr that such an operation could be expected in the near future when there is an appropriate match of recipient and donor.

The County Counsel has been consulted to make sure that any legal problems are properly handled.

The cardiac surgery team at Harbor General has spent six years in renal (kidney) transplantation and 2½ years in laboratory studies of heart transplantation.

THEY HAVE thoroughly evaluated results achieved in heart surgery by other physicians throughout the nation.

Dr. Richard Cleveland, chief surgeon on Harbor General's team, trained at Mayo Clinic and Medical College of Virginia with Dr. Christian Barnard of South Africa, who did the first heart transplant, and with Dr. Norman E. Shumway of Stanford, who has performed a number of transplants.

The exciting prospect of this unusual surgery serves to spotlight the outstanding work being done day in and out at Harbor General Hospital and other county - operated medical centers.

PERIODICALLY, there are complaints of problems at county hospitals. Although few prove justified, every attempt must be made by doctors and staff at all levels to provide the best and most modern care to patients.

For this reason, I recently proposed regular inspections of all county hospitals with quarterly reports to the Board of Supervisors.

These inspections, to be conducted by "top" administrative personnel, will include on-the-spot checks of medical services, general cleanliness and condition, and waiting periods that patients encounter for treatment.