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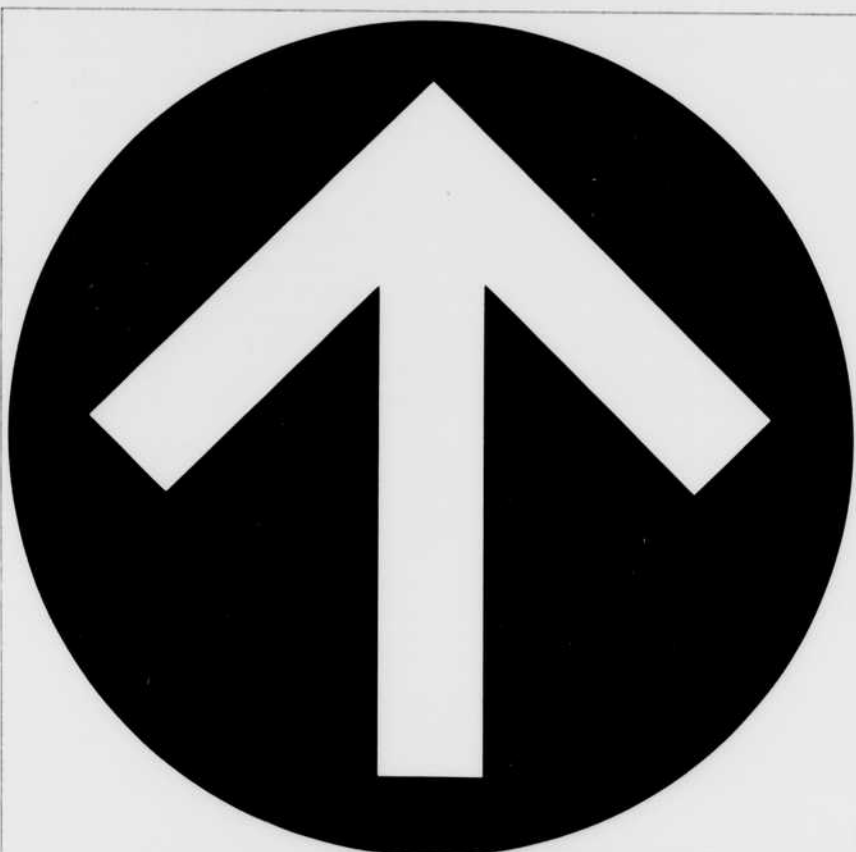
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others who are "just too 'in the clouds'."

Nonetheless, a recent survey showed that 70 percent of M.A. psychology graduates were working in their field—and most of the students seem satisfied. Senior Jeff Logan, who plans to become a Christian minister (only 20 percent of Naropa students enter as Buddhists, though many convert), says, "I don't know if I'm going to be able to get a \$40,000 a year job and a Rolex watch and a BMW after I graduate, but I think I've really come to know myself at Naropa in a very deep way."

Buddhist U. is growing up. The accreditation board demanded that the school upgrade the 15,000-volume library and boost faculty pay. (Faculty at Naropa average about \$10,000 for nine months' work.) A \$1 million donation and grants of land from patrons have given the school some welcome budgetary stability. But accreditator Crow sees healthy debate ahead, "not very different than many small liberal-arts colleges that discover they're moving more into career education," as faculty and students balance their vision with the requirements of Western pedagogy.

There is another danger lurking for Naropa. The school benefits from the New Age movement, that mingling of countercultural forces from the beat generation to the self-improvement trend. Naropa's challenge is to continue reaping the benefits of interest in the East while distancing itself from the intellectual flabbiness that marks much New Age "philosophy." In trying to choose between the solid and the faddish, Naropa will have to exercise a little discriminating wisdom of its own.

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