

Student Opinions

Do you think marijuana impairs one's learning ability?

Photos by Jillian Porter



Probably. I know it impairs your ability to make reasonable judgments, so I would assume it would also impair your ability to take in and organize information.

- Lissa Cartales



Yes, I believe the use of any drug impairs learning ability. There is no useful purpose for doing any type of drug.

- Nancy Whitman



No, up to a point. As with any drug, marijuana can be used in moderation. If you go beyond the point of moderation then you can expect negative effects including memory loss and difficulty in concentrating on your studies. What is the point of moderation? That is a question that can only be answered by each individual.

- John Wells

Education money should exist for community service

It has often been suggested that young people perform some kind of government or community service after graduating from high school. Recently, several modifications to this proposal have arisen that link community service to college funds. This is an excellent idea.

Voluntary service in the military already provides a college fund incentive, but not all people are suitable for military service. Enacting a program of guaranteed college funding for community service is a good way to augment the already existing military college funds.

Under such a program, students would perform voluntary service with such programs as the Peace Corps, local hospitals and retirement homes, homeless shelters, day care centers, and a number of other benevolent organizations. In exchange, the students would receive either tuition waivers or money to complete higher education. They receive (ultimately) a college degree, and the organizations they serve receive much needed manpower. Everyone comes out ahead.

Critics of such programs believe that this would attach a stigma to community service, since the rich would be essentially exempt from this "social work." But who is truly richer: those who go to college solely dependent on their parents, or those who work their way through by helping their

fellow human beings? Community service provides more than just college money; it leaves the volunteer with a broader education and a sense of charity.

One of the bad habits of many college students is a lack of a sense of the price they are paying for their education. They end up skipping classes and only half-heartedly trying to learn. This is especially true of students whose parents are paying for their schooling. G.P.A. requirements and mandatory attendance fail to address the real problem these students have: they simply don't have a full sense of purpose and responsibility. Students who work to pay for school know the cost of their education in real terms, and seldom waste their opportunity. This is very true of those who have served in the armed forces; when a person is subjected to the hardships of field training exercises and guard duty for several years just to earn money for college he becomes painfully aware of the value of his education.

We must all begin to realize that education does not take place solely in the classroom. Experience is perhaps the greatest teacher of all, and community service provides a variety of experience. And community service provides more of a return on the investment of federal funds than student loans that go unpaid.

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