



CHOOSE THE RIGHT COLLEGE!

It's one of the most important decisions your youngster will make; here's how to help him go about it.

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WILL YOUR SON or daughter soon be college-bound? If so, there's probably a great deal of discussion around your house as to which college to go to and why.

Joe wonders if he should go to a small college or to a large state university. Should Bill go to a liberal-arts college or to an engineering school?

Joe has heard arguments for and against the big school. It is said to have better professors, more varied extracurricular activities, and less provincialism than the smaller school. On the other hand, he has heard that a larger school is too impersonal, that a student is just a number and not an individual, and that it is easier to adjust in a smaller college.

Bill's problem looms equally large. He is sure he wants to be an engineer, but should he specialize immediately by going to an engineering school, or should he pick a college of liberal arts with the appropriate major?

Would it be better if he took advantage of the so-called 3-2 program offered jointly by many

of the leading engineering schools and liberal-arts colleges? For instance, Kenyon College at Gambier, O., combines a liberal-arts degree with an engineering degree at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Case Institute of Technology, or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vt., has a 3-2 plan with Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University, or Rensselaer. A number of liberal-arts colleges are affiliated with Illinois Institute of Technology in a similar combined program.

Meanwhile, Jane is trying to decide between a girl's school in the East and a coeducational school closer to her home. Jane's problem is two-fold: (1) Should she go to a school in a distant part of the country for the advantages of meeting people with different backgrounds, or should she go to a college near home because it's easier to reach and less expensive? (2) Should she choose the girls' school because it is supposed to be more

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Schools offering science degrees are attracting more students, yet many still prefer more rounded education. Alternative is offered by colleges that combine liberal-arts degree with one in some field of science.



Another choice facing student: small school with more personal approach, or big school with more extensive facilities, such as well-stocked library?