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AS PARENTS WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND ADVISE THEM WHERE THEY CAN FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT. SOMEHOW I FEEL THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRICKED BY THE SPLINTERED FRACTURES OF COMMUNICATION.

WE'RE LIVING IN AN EDUCATIONAL TRANCE--IN UTAH WE'RE EDUCATING 60% OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FOR 15% OF THE JOBS. IN OTHER WORDS ABOUT 60 OF EVERY 100 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO START JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EVENTUALLY END UP IN COLLEGE. AND BY COLLEGE I'M REFERRING TO ACADEMIC TYPE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH OR B.Y.U. THIS IS COMMENDABLE, NEVERTHELESS, THESE INSTITUTIONS PRIMARILY PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS.

THE UTAH FOUNDATION, A RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, MADE A STUDY RECENTLY WHICH INDICATED THAT 15% OF THE JOBS IN UTAH IN 1970 WOULD BE AT THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

YET, ACCORDING TO STATISTICAL STUDIES, 60% OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ATTENDING COLLEGES AND PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR 15% OF THE JOBS.

A LOT OF THEM MIGHT BE WISER TO PREPARE FOR THE OTHER 85% OF THE JOBS.

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AS PARENTS, BUSINESS LEADERS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS, WE ARE ALL GUILTY OF HAVING PROMOTED THE IDEA THAT THE ONLY GOOD EDUCATION IS AN EDUCATION CAPPED BY FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE. BESIDES BEING UNDEMOCRATIC AND A REVELATION AS TO WHY SCHOOLS FAIL SO MANY STUDENTS, IT'S SNOBBISH.

MANY PLUMBERS, CONTRACTORS, TECHNICIANS AND SKILLED CRAFTSMEN MAKE MORE MONEY THAN ACCOUNTANTS, TEACHERS, OR LAWYERS. WHAT'S SO

UNDIGNIFIED ABOUT EARNING \$20,000 A YEAR AS A TRUCK DRIVER, OR \$12,000 TO \$15,000 AS A CARPENTER?

WHY DO SO MANY INDIVIDUALS LEAVE SCHOOL WITHOUT BEING PREPARED FOR A JOB?

AN ARTICLE IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT SAYS-- ONE OF THE BIG REASONS IS ATTITUDE. AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR PROBLEM IS A NATIONAL ATTITUDE THAT SAYS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS DESIGNED FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S CHILDREN.

I'M NOT HERE THIS MORNING TO THROW STONES AT THE ADVICE WE HAVE BEEN GIVING OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS BUT RATHER TO POINT OUT WHERE YOU CAN FIND TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCCUPATIONAL SUCCESS.

THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE.

IT'S IN THE HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL CLASSES, TECHNICAL COLLEGES, BUSINESS COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS WHICH PLACE EMPHASIS ON PREPARATION FOR JOBS RATHER THAN ON ACADEMIC DEGREES.

THE SCHOOL OF THIS TYPE WHICH I KNOW MOST ABOUT IS UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE. WE'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU A BRIEF SLIDE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A LOOK AT THE CAMPUS AND ANSWER SUCH IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AS:

WHAT DO WE TEACH?
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE A TRAINING PROGRAM?
DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER A DEGREE? OR A DIPLOMA?
IS THE COLLEGE ACCREDITED?
ARE CREDITS TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER POST HIGH SCHOOLS?
DO WE OFFER ACADEMIC CLASSES?

YOUR TREASURE HUNT, YOUR DREAM OF FINANCIAL SECURITY AND SUCCESS

COULD WELL BEGIN IN A HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL CLASS, A BUSINESS SCHOOL

a technical college or at some other institution which places emphasis on preparation for jobs rather than on academic degrees.

OR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR AT SOME OTHER INSTITUTION WHICH PLACES EMPHASIS ON PREPARATION FOR JOBS RATHER THAN ON ACADEMIC DEGREES .

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FILM

IT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO GO TO WORK UPON COMPLETION OF HIS SCHOOL EXPERIENCE . WE'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OF PREPARING THEM TO KEEP GOING TO SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL BUT WE'RE DOING A LOUSY JOB IN PREPARING THEM TO GO TO WORK .

QUOTE FROM EDITY GREEN

UTAH'S VITAL 80%

DAN VALENTINE

WE MUST RESTRUCTURE AND REORGANIZE OUR THINKING ABOUT OUR EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES . WE MUST CHANGE THE ATTITUDE OF PARENTS--I BELIEVE STUDENTS WILL GO ALONG--WE'VE PLACED THE PROFESSIONAL JOBS ON A PEDESTAL--OUT OF REACH FROM A GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS .

I'D LIKE TO SAY TO THE YOUNG MEN:

YOUR TREASURE HUNT , YOUR DREAM OF FINANCIAL SECURITY AND SUCCESS COULD WELL BEGIN IN A HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL CLASS , A BUSINESS SCHOOL OR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR AT SOME OTHER INSTITUTION WHICH PLACES EMPHASIS ON PREPARATION FOR JOBS RATHER THAN ON ACADEMIC DEGREES .

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