

1982 CONTINENTAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

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Continental Youth Symposium

PROLOGUE

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The third annual Continental Youth Symposium was held February 12 - 15, 1982 in Kansas City, Missouri. Ninety-five youth from across North America gathered at Loretto in Kansas City, a private educational institution, to discern the new forms of education to deal with a life of vocation in the new society. The Symposium focus, "Education for Vocation", was one of five major concerns of youth attending the 1981 Symposium. The 1982 Youth Symposium was hosted by the Kansas City Regional Team. It was held in the heartland of America to encourage broad participation and to form a network of youth in the Kansas City Region as a demonstration for North America. Through looking at the history of the youth revolution and the current status of education we discerned bold moves in education for the '80's and we created practical plans and methods which could be utilized in local situations.

THE JOURNEY OF THE SYMPOSIUM

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The first journey of the 1982 Youth Symposium, called "The Journey of the Present Decade" consisted of:

A. THE WALL OF WONDER section in which we created a 16 foot montage of the past four decades.

B. In the section PRESENT JOURNEY STANDPOINT a talk, Wave of the Future , reviewed the last two symposiums and presented a challenge for the future. The workshop built an artform of the future and a team comprehensive screen of youths' concerns for the present and the future.

C. The third section of the day, THE EDUCATION CHALLENGE began with The City: Learning Lab. Teams toured Kansas City, viewed a citywide high school art exhibit and visited The Learning Exchange which gave us a fresh look at innovative education. During the workshop the teams named the challenge facing education in the '80's and created bold moves in response.

The second journey of the Symposium called "The Journey Toward New Century" consisted of:

- A. A section called EDUCATION FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY which began with a talk, <u>The Journey of Care & included</u> characteristics of Those Who Care. The workshop allowed us to see education as a continuous progress through life's journey.
- B. The next section, THE REGIONAL TEAM discerned the actions of manifestation, declaration, and formation which would be carried out in the 18 regions of North America which were represented.

At the end of each journey we had celebrations which were relevant to the day's work. Saturday we had a Kansas City B-B-Q with solos and the movie "Little Big Man" as a vocational dialogue. Sunday evening was a celebration of the regions with regional food as well as skits from each region.

Throughout the weekend there were meal conversations on vocation

and reflections on the movie and the tour of Kansas City.

The Symposium was attended by 21 Junior High School students, 55 High School students, 20 College studentsand 19 adults. Forty-two people came from Kansas City, 31 from Chicago, 5 each from Minneapolis, Boston and Houston, 4 each from New York, Memphis and St. Louis, 3 from Denver and Philadelphia, 2 each from Toronto and New Orleans, and 1 from Washington D.C., Cleveland, and San Francisco.

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CHALLENGE STATEMENTS

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The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

comprehensive curriculum

raises the question of:

How to cover various areas of interest in education?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Scarcity of vocational experiences for the future
- 2. Lack of new technical skills taught within the schools
- 3. Individual learning levels

The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

quality education maintenance

raises the question of:

How to cope with reduced funding for education?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Lack of government and private monies
- 2. How to keep quality with funding cutbacks 3. Refusal of institutions of education to reduce educational cost

The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

Minimal societal involvement

raises the question of:

How much does the community value education for its future?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Vandalism
- 2. Government cutbacks
- 3. Not enough community and family concern in the direction of education and its practical use

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The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of :

family and educator cooperation

raises the question of:

How can the school better participate in the community its in, rather than acting as a tangent to it?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Lack of family involvement in school
- 2. Lack of student interest and active participation in education
- 3. Parent apathy

The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

trained vocated teachers

raises the question of:

How do teachers creatively interest the students?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Lack of teacher confidence and enthusiasm in self and content
- 2. Lack of creativity in teaching materials
- 3. Lack of care and communication between the student and teacher

The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

curriculum quality

raises the question of:

What facilities do we have that take care of the students who have above average or below average learning abilities and how does education deal with the interest of the students?

Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

- 1. Students of high intellect are not recieving adequate challenges
- 2. Students of low intellect recieve too many challenges
- 3. Some students do not feel that education is important

CHALLENGE STATEMENTS

The historical challenge facing education in the '80s in the arena of:

educational relevance

raises the question of:

What are the purpses and alternatives for our present system of education? Some practical examples of how this challenge is being raised are:

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- 1. Tremendous increase in drop-out rate
- 2. Negative peer influence
- 3. Grade average is dropping

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BOLD NEW MOVES

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In the arena of EDUCATION BETTERMENT FOR THE '80s the areas of: curriculum building, teacher preparation, education funding, and community participation were revealed as the four bold moves.

CURRICULUM BUILDING

In the area of curriculum building such changes and additions as teacher guidance toward vocation, specialized teaching processes, parent and teacher-student conference's and extra curricular activities would be introduced to enhance the present educational programs.

TEACHER PREPARATION

In order to better the preparation of teachers there would be specialized training courses, intensification of teacher-student relationships as well as updating teachers on new and upcoming trends in education. The tenure system would be abolished in order to improve and maintain the high quality of teachers.

EDUCATION FUNDING

In an effort to finance various educational programs, funding among the four sectors of society would be encouraged. The local schools might raise their own funds through fund drives, manufacturing and selling products of training programs, and introducing the option of tax-deductible contributions. In order to better use monies available a program could be established to regulate the utilization of funds.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

In an attempt to strengthen community participation in education, programs could be established to interest parents in current educational programs. The community could also schedule social events at the local schools. The private industries could promote interest by helping the schools with skills development, such as printing and management.

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BOLD NEW MOVES FOR EDUCATION IN THE '80s

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-	cls'es centered today issues/jobs	TEACHERS	computerized futuristic education		more school/comm. events	CHALLENGE	vocation seminar for h/s students
APPROPRIATE	balanced classes by ability	TRAINED IN	relate personal experiences	TOTAL	input from all 4 sectors	STUDENTS TO LOOK AT "WHY"	create stud/par/ tchr. conferences
CURRICULUM	trng. sessions tchrs share ideas curriculum w/stud	IMAGINAL	students in class- es by level teachers are human	PARTICIPA- TION	ann. curric. mtgs. bet. staff & stud parent involvement	OF EDUC.	use stud. feedbac re. material offer ethics
EMPHASIS	input tchr conf on new education methods	EDUCATION STUDENTS	too students assist ir administration tas	ks _{EVELOPING}	in stud. curric. solid foundation- al skills	arm p F av II v II v	classes extracurricular activities
ON TEACHING	regular stud/tchr conferences		practical trng. thru operating sch		guidance toward vocation	CURRICULUM	making preschool manditory h/s with highly
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	raising funds for schools	STUDENTS &	form community education groups		continual teacher training		school tuition
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CONTINENTAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

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WITH STRUCTURES

WITHOUT STRUCTURES

LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

- * Apprenticeship
- * Visit Norman Rockwell and take courses with him
- * Summer farm work
- * Spend 1 2 years in government service-(Army)
- * Volunteer in a related job, at a lower level
- * Part time job
- * Being a scout leader
- * Six months or a year in a Human Development Project

INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE

- * Exchange project in college intern in another country
- * Working in a Human Development Project
- * Traveling

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

- * College
- * Study logic & philosophy
- * Academy
- * Training Inc.
- * Attend special programmes
- * Learning how to speed read
- * Vocational schools
- * Become a teacher and job training
- * Current event courses
- * Week-end religion courses
- * Classes at the Art Institute
- * Special education course
- * Attending assertiveness course
- * Career day

TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

- * Computer training
- * Pedagogy training
- * On the job training
- * Vocational technical courses
- * Typing classes
- * Use Computer
- * Work on irrigation canal
- * Visit aircraft/ transportation museums

FINANCING COLLEGE

- * Work in order to raise money for college
- * College grants

INTERACTION WITH PEOPLE

- * Arguing
- * Listen to people's viewpoints
- * Listening to others (reading)
- * Ask questions
- * Study human behavior
- * Learning from others' mistakes
- * Discussions with people
- * Find a relative or a friend to go along to learn a skill
- * Marry someone in that field
- * Teaching
- * Discussion group on ethical decisions
- * Participate in communities

LEARNING THROUGH IMMERSION

- * Move to another country
- * Work with kids
- * Patience with those helping
- * Meditation
- * Commitment to a way of life
- * Live on a farm
- * Risk in order to experience
- * Extensive, primitive camping
- * Involved in religion
- * Study logic & philosophy
- * Read literature & philosophy

DISCOVERY

- * Observe
- * Examine & copy
- * Trial & error
- * Experiment
- * Practice
- * Creative expression
- * Research
- * Solitary time
- * Living by yourself for a year

PANEL PRESENTATION

CURRENT PROGRAM ACTIVITY

In the BOSTON REGION youth are on the move in Northfield Mount Herman, a coed boarding school. It began last fall with the ICA teaching the workshop method to a select group of students. As follow up to this a group of students meet weekly to discuss quotes, talk about symbols, make progress reports, and encourage each other to keep moving forward. In the future there is a workshop for all the students scheduled for later this month.

In the MINNEAPOLIS REGION, work has been going on with youth in St. Paul Central High School. Beginning this year ICA staff taught a daily two-hour student leadership course offered as a school electives. This class was created to address the issue of a lack of leadership among students which came out of a consult the school held. The group has accomplished a variety of things from getting a student on the advisory board to doing contradiction and proposal workshops in high schools across the city and hour-long workshops with each classroom in St. Paul itself. Some future directions for this program are the use of it in other high schools in the city and using present students to teach these classes.

In the KANSAS CITY REGION, the youth cluster undertook the huge task of hosting this year's symposium. Since the house consists of one adult and five students, the youth had to pick up many responsibilities in preparing for the event. Now, on the other side of their victory, they have come away with numerous learnings:

- -- How to do both development and inkind calls
- -- How to do intensive planning and then follow-it-up with action
- -- How to engage regional youth as the necessary troops to have the 1982 symposium be a success

The UNIVERSITY CORE (Community on-behalf-of Responsible Education) is a group of four students who have come together to experiment self-consciously with responsible lifestyle in the university context. The experiment is an integral part of the ICA's New York house. The CORE was brought together by a common commitment to a human future for all people, and a yearning to act out that committment now. It has led to work in several arenas.

- --Dialoguing together on vocational direction, and how to build a plan of study that reflects a vocation of service.
- --Programs with high school and college students that awaken and engage human care (This quarter a Leadership Training Workshopis schuled for 100 students at Northfield Mount Herman High School in Massachusetts and a RS-I course is schuled for a youth group in New Jersey)
- --Regular contact with others across the continent who are concerned with education through mailings and participation in continental events.
- -- Constant evaluation and experimentation with the symbolic life and time design of our community.

This experiment began in September 1981 and is in the early stages of evolution. It is neither exclusive nor set in its form. If there are students in your region who are about to begin college and might like to participate in such a venture; contact U-CORE, 1028 Willow Ave. #5, Hoboken, N.J. 07030.

Continental Kansas City	Youth Symposium, MO ONE	YEAR CONTINENTAL THRUSTS		bruary 12–15 1982	
	STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS	FEBMAY	JUNEAUGUST	SEPTFEB	
MANIFESTATION	Submit overall objectives of the Continenal Youth Symposium to Board of Education for further community support.	Student organized event Meet monthly over the (date, place,inkind summer. All choose recruiting group focus Education Challenge workshopInter-regional			
Show others what can be done	Put on a workshop or event to attract attention. EG: Education Challenge Work-shop/ Vocational Dialogue	feedback. Ask worksho want to meet regularly Announce 1st meeting at Begin regular meetings Presentations to School	after event. Education Challenge W/S this semester	3	
9 9 9 9	Organization of a group of youth with a name and a purpose	Kansas City Youth 4x4 o make presentations Interchange through Chi			
DECLARATION	Community involvement for cohesion and cooperation	Report on Youth Symp. to at least 3 key school leaders	Do volunteer work for organizations in return for advertising and support	Get someone (well know) to address a group on an issue this prevalent in you	
Tell others what is new	In school persuasive present- ation for participation	A Charles of the Char		region	
and possible	Utilizing the media to present and report on information		THE THE WAY THE	THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	
FORMATION	Contact other youth groups Report on symposium	List of schools Recontacting regular youth	Regional youth consult Design presentation Training for workshops	Visiting 10 schools Form youth core Follow-up and	
Involve others in doing what has been revealed	Contact 10 schools Report on symposium Involve youth in network	Researching youth groups Individual recruitment for Regional Consult	(early summer) Regional Consult Newsletter (separate from Orbiter)	recruitment for symposium	
	Formation of local youth cores	Create rational for monthly regular reports in TV Orbiter	The street of th	Part of the state	
\$ 10 th th	What to do to stay in touch	Roster - Newsletter - Event postcard -	Conference call every Regional contact person		

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