

Here's a list of "forces for change" in this area, as they appear in the remarkably perceptive survey of NYS State Commissioner for Education Edwald B. Nyquist's 1Sept76 paper #27, "Extending Institutional Missions":

1. "The status and role of women in society is in the process of significant change. It is increasingly assumed that women will be employed both prior to and during marriage...."

2. "The rate of social and economic change has become so rapid that continued education is necessary to maintain one's skills, and there is often need of preparation for an entirely new career."

3. "The early intellectual maturity of large numbers of young people and the active longevity of senior citizens have brought greater recognition of the capacity of people to learn at any age."

4. "There has been increased recognition of the need for special efforts to assist disadvantaged minorities in breaking the cycle of poverty and frustration by remediation and compensatory approaches."

5. "Law enforcement, correctional, and rehabilitation agencies are seeking the assistance of educational institutions to provide specialized educational opportunities...."

6. "Individuals concerned with issues such as the quality of life in our cities, energy and ecology, and consumer protection, increasingly look to educational institutions to raise public consciousness and to provide skilled professional leaders."

7. "The actual or projected decline in the enrollment of traditional students has caused educational institutions to give increased attention to meeting the needs of "new learners."

8. "There is growing recognition that a large number of agencies and profit-seeking corporations conduct meritorious educational activities...."