

Ten Factors Help Decide College Plan

Whose choice is it when a boy or girl decides not to go to college? "Actually the choice which looks so easy, perhaps inevitable, to some persons is a crazy-quilt pattern," George D. Stoddard, dean of the school of education, New York University, said recently at the University of Michigan.

Dean Stoddard said 10 items are woven into the design:

- 1) Understanding mental ability, however measured;
- 2) Financial status of the individual;
- 3) Cultural status of the family and community;
- 4) Quality of the high school experience;
- 5) Availability of a low-cost public college and proximity of any college;
- 6) Factors of race and national origin;
- 7) Sex (more boys than girls enter college);
- 8) Special aptitude and interests (few girls choose engineering; few men, nursing);
- 9) Number of "places" available (few in medicine, many in liberal arts); and
- 10) War-related items such as veterans' benefits.

"THESE FACTORS are not independent of each other," Stoddard said. "Overriding them all is the hard-to-measure pressure from the family."

"This varies from an absolute expectation that the college experience lies ahead to astonishment that a child of such-and-such background would be so ambitious."

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By Tom Ruth

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