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A recent statement recommended "that a special office be established for the express purpose of advising students about career and professional matters." I wish to speak against this proposal as it is presently promulgated.

I am not going to argue that the present NRT office is or should be adequate to this task, but that the office for handling professional planning, job opportunities, etc., should not be attached to a liberal arts college. Because of its NRT role, the NRT office can well continue as it is. Though Dow chemical recruiters may never have to be barred from Bennington College only because of the low esteem in which it holds your professional potentialities and for no other reason, the reason why the issue of recruitment has occurred at all is because the universities have gotten into the mistaken position of mixing education with vocations. It would not be a step forward for Bennington now to undertake what any enlightened administration should now like to sever. The proper aegis for developing such an office would be among alumnae, for they are in the world and are concerned with professions and careers. Though there is good reason for you to be concerned with the future, let that future advice come from its proper source. At the same time I can't imagine that you would not get the best advice about graduate schools from your present instructors who must know better than anyone else who is where and who is who.

The rest should be in the graduate catalogues.

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