

ABC UNIVERSITY:

Some thoughts about the Commercialization of Education

**Welcome to ABC University –
a great place to get a manufactured degree
with little effort but lots of money.**

**After receiving your bank deposit
and conducting some perfunctory tests
you'll receive a student number
and nominal syllabus.**

**Lessons are in sterile, stuffy rooms
by undistinguished staff wishing
to be somewhere else.**

**Semester finals consist of hazy, multiple-choice mazes
full of dubious content –
but hey, we churn out grades!**

**We're proud of our university's rich heritage –
and especially our wealthy alumni
protecting the status quo
insuring that
a fixed quota of bodies pass through our doors
'n commercialism thrives.**



Melissa : Is the author attempting satire?

Tim : (shrugging his shoulders) Who knows? Aren't the words of most poets indecipherable?

Liao : (nodding) For sure. However, doesn't it seem that the majority schools are primarily concerned with money making?

Satoru : Perhaps so, which is unfortunate since it taints the whole notion of "education."

Liao : There's a bit of "ABC University" in every university – the issue is a matter of degree.

- T Newfields

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