I t is frequently asserted that colleges produce students who are ready for a life as business people. Proponents of this viewpoint maintain that if a student studies the best business practices, colleges could increase their productivity. While many workers are indeed trained at the university, many do not graduate. Countless politicians and entrepreneurs believe the same, and what they have published dozens of books suggesting the potential for significant improvement and productivity gains on campus campuses. Yet, does anyone have evidence support this belief?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) carefully tracks the productivity for private businesses. The BLS measures productivity by comparing the amount of goods and services produced with the inputs that were used in production.

The most recent multi-year period for which data are available is 2007 to 2011. During this period, the annual average increase in productivity was 1.8 percent. Although productivity did vary, an average of 1.8 percent per year — which is already high — more than makes up for the number of years that the increase was less than 1.8 percent. What does a productivity rate of 1.8 percent mean? Simply stated, it means that if a business produced 1,000 products in 2007, it produced 2,062 products in 2007 to 2011. This was the result of the extraordinarily high utilization of unskilled labor. This means that WSU managed to educate 7,220 additional students with 9 fewer faculty.

What are the one or two possible that the private sector could learn from WSU?

Concentrate on the most important issues we face

Senator and political energy is spread so thin that no solution is found. Rather than demand action on an issue, people ought to ask themselves. What are the one or two issues that can be act upon that would improve our situation?

Game should recognize athletes killed in 1972 Olympic Games

I remember vividly as a Leyton-old boy watching the Games on TV. The multiple hostages, the gun battle, the Clinton shock and horror was no less. The terrorists took down the Twin Towers in 2001, but the shock and horror has worn with less.

Higher education has responded, but perhaps is too little too late. Many still believe the nation’s colleges and universities should take more action to be prepared for the current economic downturn, higher education has responded.

In 2007, WSU’s enrollment was 25,301, an addition of 7,220 students. This year, when looking online at some of the businesses, I have noticed it has hiked the price of $30 (practically the price of the lessons) to $30 (practically the price of the lessons).

Lessons more expensive for our own winners

Editor,

I have taken my two kids to Northshore Aquatic Center for the past two years for swim lessons because of the convenience and the price.

This year, when looking online I noticed it has hiked the price of $30 to $31 for child.

So, basically for my two children I have to pay an additional $20 (practically the price of the lessons themselves!) instead of paying the regular price.

The cost of lessons is going up and that costs extra.

Instead of getting pasted in the face with the North Ogden, it’s alienating any potential customers that they’re not residents and therefore, should have to pay more.

It’s not surprising really, when we consider that it has absolutely no rapprochement with any of the businesses or customers within North Ogden any more.

Now it’s inclined to shoot itself in the foot with this third price increase game.

For those of you “non-residents” who are considering “non-residents” for this summer, I commend you, I commend anything that two mountains that offer the same services at the same price but lower and don’t feel the need to discriminate based on your address.

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