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The remote causes of examination malpractice in the Nigerian education system with a view to suggest new ways of combating the problem. Three research hypotheses were formulated to guide the study. Using the multistage stratified sampling technique, 200 students were selected for the study from 20 secondary schools in Akwa Ibom State. An Examination Malpractice Questionnaire (EMQUE) was used for data collection. The three research hypotheses were tested statistically using the Chi square statistical technique. The results indicate that poor study habits, paucity of educational facilities, and inability of schools to cover prescribed syllabuses are significant remote causes of examination malpractice in the country. Based on these findings, methods of tackling the menace are proffered and counselling implications are suggested.

This paper looked at indecent dressing, a dress pattern that is common among students of higher institutions of learning in Nigeria particularly, the female ones by examining the various forms that these dresses appear, reasons why these students dress indecently such as poor parenting, peer pressure, wrong use of the Internet, fading values as well as demonic influence among others.

The negative consequences of dressing indecently were identified to include rape, prostitution, HIV/AIDS and other venereal disease infection as well as armed robbery, lying and poor school grades. Recommendations put forward included that parents be good moral exemplars to their children, give them attention and regulate the films they watch at homes, the mass media must promote good moral values, religious leaders must preach against, counsel and deliver those under demonic influence, as well as the introduction of college or university uniforms for students.

Indecent dressing is a social malady that cuts across many countries of the world. Indecent dressing, according to Answers.com, is dressing in a way that is likely to shock or offend people. What may offend people, it added, are parts of the body, usually sexual organs, which normally should be covered. For girls, these are the breasts, thighs and buttocks.

Sexual assault is extremely common among college students. At least half of these sexual assaults involve alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, the victim or both. Method: Two research literatures were reviewed: the sexual assault literature and the literature that examines alcohol's effects on

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and was not associated with weird, horrific and spiteful character of latter-day confraternities. The Anti Anglo-defence pact with Britain riot and the "Ali must go" students protest of 1978 were handled by members of the Pyrates confraternity.

Over the years, due to doctrinal differences and inability of intending members to meet the standards of the Pyrates confraternity, protestant ones started emerging like the Buccaneers and Vikings. The early nineties witnessed a boom as every university was plagued with an explosion such as the Black Axe, Black Cats, Trojan Horse, Black Panthers, the Twelve Disciples, Mgba Mgba Brothers, Eiye, Maphites, Temple of Eden, The Jurists, Klu Klux Klan, The Executives, Black Beret, Dreaded friend of friends, National Association of Adventurers, Black Scorpion Club, Termites, Red Sea Horses, Knight Cadet, Sonmen, White Angels, Amazons, Daughters of Jezebel, and the Black Brassieres.

Effects of Cultism

As earlier noted, the emergence of cult groups in our tertiary institutions was not a result of disobedience, but a precipitate of socio-economic conflicts. Conflicts that were energized by the capitalist character of our mode of production. There was, therefore, a need to find relevance in this changing order. Gradually, the cults constituted themselves into a protection group that

~~and advanced the rights and privileges of their members including passing exams, acquiring jobs, etc.~~

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The possible effects of cultism on the learning process cannot be exhausted as both intra and cult clashes negatively affect students in stupendous proportions. Cult clashes lead to an out violence on the campus which leaves many students wounded, maimed or killed as the case is. It sometimes lead to the incarceration, rustication or expulsion of both innocent and guilty students. There is no gainsaying the fact that when any of the aforementioned happens, the learning process is affected. The psyche of students and the peace of the campus is adversely affected. In cases of cult clashes, hospitalization, suspension or incarceration, the resultant effect is that learning is suspended for some period of time, possibly a year or more.

Some cult clashes are so catastrophic that loss of infrastructure and other resources will be incurred. In such cases, and eventually the funds that would have been expended on the provision of other facilities and infrastructure on the campus will be used in replacing the damaged ones. The concomitant result of this is the waste of capital.

the waste of capital is reduction of the quality and quantity of education as there will not be enough money to purchase the necessary learning equipment nor to cater for the education of many.

The solid existence of cult groups within the university community has completely made life and meaningless for both staff and students as female students who refuse the amorous advances of cult members are disdainfully manhandled. Lecturers who insist on merit for passing examinations are openly attacked and disgracefully beaten up or sometimes killed, thus paving way for the frequent occurrence of fear, violence and a palpable feeling of insecurity. This ruinously comatose situation is a vicious cycle for academic immorality, national impotence and ruin as it is an inescapable truism that a nation can rise or develop beyond the capacities of her tertiary institutions and if her future lies in the youths, who according to Benjamin Disreali, are the trustees of posterity, are trained in a violent milieu, nothing then awaits such a nation but a future that is built and strives on violence.

Workable solutions

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and offer new and carefully conceived blueprints for rebuilding our campuses in particular and Nigerian society in general.

It must be stated at this point that the recent cult denunciation exercise organized by Vice Chancellors of the nations universities was not only an exercise in futile grandiose exercise in public deception as these VCs were under pressure from the Government to keep their jobs and they found wily-nily collaborators in their students who came out, denouncing cults they never belonged to. The existence of these cults can never be exterminated by such an exercise that reeks of heavy financial inducement, psychological manipulation and draconian cultism subsists and escalates on our campuses not because of the absence of penal legislation but because it spell out sanctions but a manifestation of the dysfunctionality of the society. The socio-economic and political contradictions that inhere in the Nigerian society cannot but generate recourse to Cultism is not only present in our tertiary institutions but in all levels of our educational system. A lasting solution to the problem, therefore, lies outside the purview of draconian laws and power show.

To make cultism unattractive and an unnecessary option, there must be improved facilities and conditions on campuses so as to minimize perceived strain in the social system which underpins cultism on our campuses. Our institutions must be overhauled in order to be capable of providing all who live within them and be able to correct the injustices against any student or group of students by peaceful and lawful means. We cannot ensure domestic tranquility unless we establish just and truly democratic society. Nigerian students should therefore, as a matter of urgency, be engaged in the irreversible business of total recrimination with the shallow ingredients of corruption, neo-slavery, enslavement, jaundiced and retrogressive economic policies, ethnic manipulation, and other malpractices that pervade and predominate our country's landscape as well as the unwholesome destabilization and intimidation of the nation's academia by the pseudo-bourgeois and hegemonic class of Politicians.

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~~formulation and decision-making. It is my sincere opinion that Nigerian students should~~
ceaselessly for independent student unionism as well as ensure that credible leaders are ele
champion a new orientation for students on all Nigerian campuses. At interpersonal levels, s
should encourage cultists through seminars, symposia, workshops, fora and group discussion
their counter-productive exhibitions and channel their energies to progressive activism. In th
students can redirect their energies towards capacity building that will ultimately usher in
society. Students should also encourage mass participation in sporting and other extra-cl
activities as a way of keeping body and soul busy at all time.

Where the aforesaid methods fail to restore and rehabilitate these gangsters, students shou
expose and ensure instant punishment for them. The suspension or dismissal of apprehended
from the school without them to answer for their nefarious conducts under the law expo
criminal law and its dissuasive content to ridicule and contempt. The instant punishment b
imperative when viewed against the biblical injunction of Ecclesiastes 8:11 which stat
"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the
men is become fully set in them to do evil".

Realising the havoc which cultism has wrecked on both members and non-members of the ac
community, all hands must be on deck to check their activities. It is therefore imperative on t

of the society and the university communities alike to de-emphasize thuggery, brigandage,
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growth. The authorities should focus attention on the real cultists and not exploit societal sen
against cultism to send student Activists out of the campus by stigmatizing them with cultism.

CONCLUSION

Most Nigerian ladies in institutions of learning dress immodestly. This dress pattern has negati

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Realising the havoc which cultism has wrecked on both members and non-members of the academic community, all hands must be on deck to check their activities. It is therefore imperative on the part of the society and the university communities alike to de-emphasize thuggery, brigandage, celebration of violence and shift attention to positive societal values which will enhance personal growth. The authorities should focus attention on the real cultists and not exploit societal sensitivities against cultism to send student Activists out of the campus by stigmatizing them with cultism.

In the fight against examination malpractice, it appears that no one is exonerated. As exposed in the preceding section, education stakeholders, the students, as well as the national economy could rightly be apportioned blames for the preponderance of this menace. In sum, these variables tend to operate interdependently such that there is a cumulative influence, with one variable buttressing the others. This could be seen in the fact that the poor economic situation in the country has compelled most poor parents to resort to unethical means in order that their wards may pass their examinations at one sitting.

Therefore, this research investigates remote causes of examination malpractice in Nigeria with a view to proffering effective methods for curbing the menace.

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