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I notice your observations are derived partly from interviews at Cornell and Vanderbilt, two "private" universities. Their attitudes towards the problem may be quite sound but the brute power wielded by the farm blocs in many states and the strangle-hold ~~appropriation-wise~~ these blocs hold on legislative appropriations would probably make investigation in a few "cow-colleges" desirable. As I understand it, in many states there is a division of labor with, for example, law and medicine offered in the State University, Engineering and agriculture in the land-grant school. There is, furthermore, some jealousy over duplication of facilities. It may be there are no universities that are "first class on general grounds" which have such problems tho Iowa State and The University of Iowa, Michigan and Michigan State, make me doubt this.

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