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Jenson Tudtud asks whether the event is now a well known tradition, or if the act eclipses the cause. **Features page 22**



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Marketing department propose College changes

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Representatives of the Department of Marketing have suggested that colleges should become closer aligned with academic departments.

The proposal, discussed at a recent meeting of college principals and members of university house, calls for "a pilot project whereby Colleges and Academic Departments join forces to ensure the breadth of student experience."

It was suggested, for example, that Marketing students should be encouraged to join Pendle and Grizedale Colleges.

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A document outlining the proposal discusses perceived issues with Lancaster University's collegiate system, claiming that the academic experience can "no longer... be considered separate from the social experience of living on or off campus."

It cites the work of LUSU Involve and the Lancaster Award as a contributing factor towards



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the "bridging of the gap" between the social and academic lives of students, and claims that undergraduate students no longer "form close relations with their academic cohort or their college."

The proposal outlines a number of operational elements, including; recommending that prospective students join affiliated colleges, holding department-based social events in college spaces

and, perhaps most drastically, departmental involvement in College graduation ceremonies.

The merger was informally discussed at a recent meeting of college principals and was, by all accounts, poorly received by those in attendance.

Joe Thornberry, Principal of Bowland College, said of the proposal; "It would mean that students would be denied the

opportunity to meet, live and socialise with a range of other students from outside their major departments".

He added; "It's good an academic department is taking a closer interest in the colleges, but this proposal is not the way forward."

Mr. Thornberry also pointed out that a merger was assessed two

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