

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HEALTH AND SOCIETY

We believe that the ideal of health is more than the absence of disease.

The Institute for the Study of Health and Society is conceived as a response to our health crisis in the year 1969. It is born out of the conviction that we are at the crossroads: one road leads to patch-work health care with the professional as a helpless cog in a behemoth machine; the other to a renaissance of humanism and hope--to the development of health care that puts technique in the service of man's well being. The Institute is meant to identify and clarify the issues for those who have not clearly recognized our dilemma, and it is an appeal to action predicated upon the philosophy of providing a new and informed leadership for the health profession and for our country.

Stated in the broadest terms, the long range objective of the Institute is to operate as a tool for analysis and responsible change in health and society.

Although the Institute for the Study of Health and Society may be responsible for widening circles of discussion and subsequent influence on health policy, its primary concern will not be with immediate results.

Rather, it shall look first to the future.

We believe that the future is too important to be left to tomorrow. The hurried, pressured, distracted life of contemporary America is caught up with the urgent at the expense of the important. There must be a place where rational, informed students begin a dialogue which will give thoughtful, measured, and sustained attention to tomorrow.

The Institute will be such a place. With dialogue as its method, this is what gives the Institute such unique value to the long range goals of the health profession and of our democratic society.