

Snobs of the World: Let's Unite to Spite!

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Time was when a snob was a snob on a college campus and as easy to recognize as a freshman during customs. You could identify a snob by the fraternity pin he wore, or the number of inches devoted to him in "Who's in the News at Penn State."

Today there's scarcely anyone who isn't a snob of some sort, according to Russell Lynes, Harper's Magazine writer, who has made quite a lengthy study of the snobbism movement in America. Everyone can become a snob in a free country.

Snobbishness, as Mr. Lynes defines it, is both an upward and downward movement—a scramble upward to outdo the other fellow and a look downward along the nose at those less fortunate than one's self.

Being a snob isn't the most important thing—it's knowing just which type of snob one is. So Mr. Lynes, with a taste for putting people in their places, has pigeonholed people into neat categories of snobs. We think you'll have fun identifying your friends, enemies, and yourself among them.

First, there is the regional snob, of which Penn State boasts two main species, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia snobs. However, regional snobs can be from anywhere and are distinguished by their patronizing attitude toward anywhere else.

A second category is filled with moral snobs. According to Mr. Lynes, moral snobs don't necessarily want to get away with anything, but they are always quite sure that everyone else does, or would if they didn't keep a sharp eye on them. Members of Tribunal, Judicial, WSGA and IFC might sometimes appear as just such moral snobs to violators of the law.

The sensual snob, our third category, takes many forms, each form taking pride in being able to wrest more pleasure per cell from the flesh than anyone else. The sensual snob may be the food and drink snob who inhabits the Tavern or the Corner Room and who is frustrated upon discovering the "little place" in Bellefonte, which used to be so good, has recently gone to pot.

Drink snobs, most noticeable downstairs in fraternity houses, or under tables almost any place, take pride either in their consumption capacity or their hangovers.

The sex snob, still another variety of the sensual snob, is usually enrolled in a courtship and marriage class or Psych 17. He either "could tell Kinsey a thing or two" or has "known that for years."

Finally, the sensual snob may be an indolence snob who, while others merely live, vegetates. This snob is found most often writing for the college newspaper. He makes a great show of doing nothing, sleeps late after being on issue until 4 a.m., plays a good hand of bridge, and tosses off his weekly column in his spare time.

A fourth category, the emotional snob, has usually published in InKling. He "feels things more deeply than anybody"; he is in love, of course, and believes no one has ever been quite so in love before. He sits at his desk late at night and surrounds himself with sheets of crumpled love poetry.

Probably best known on a college campus is the popularity snob. He "has a way with people," gets along with everybody, is president of three organizations which meet on the same night, and is constantly rushing to his next meeting. Mass demonstrations of popularity snobbism are known as college reunions, according to Mr. Lynes.

By contrast, the unpopularity snob thinks he's "too special" and takes pride in the fact that "nobody can get along with him." He can't be bothered with bores and idiots, works with his door closed, never remembers anybody's name, or if he does, mispronounces it. The unpopularity snob frequently writes satirical columns for the college paper.

There is the sensitivity or taste snob who is scornful of anyone whose aesthetic antennae are less receptive than his own. He can be observed viewing the modern art in the lobby of McElwain, head cocked to one side, eyes

Religion—

Wesley to Hear Mickey Speak At Cabin Party

Dr. Robert Mickey of Franklin and Marshall College will lead a discussion on "Christian Ethics of Sex and Love" at the annual spring cabin retreat of Wesley Foundation at Watt's Lodge today and tomorrow.

Clifford Bastuscheck will speak to Lutheran Student Association members at the student vespers 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. Bastuscheck, now a physicist, was president of this group in 1944.

"Christianity and Science" will be the subject of a discussion led by H. Raymond Smith, associate professor of physics, at the supper meeting of Canterbury Club tomorrow at 300 S. Frazier street.

Professor A. W. Einstein will lead a fireside discussion on "Religion in Our Everyday Life and Business" at a meeting of United Student Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Cornelius Kruse, head of the Department of Philosophy at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, will speak on "Rufus Jones: A Challenge to Philosophy" at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Hillel Foundation, 224 S. Miles street.

DTD Local to Host Regional Conclave

The local chapter of Delta Tau Delta will be host this weekend to delegates attending the annual Delta Tau Delta Eastern Division Regional Conference.

Officers from the national regional headquarters and delegates from chapters at Allegheny College, Washington and Jefferson College, Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of Pittsburgh, and the University of West Virginia will attend the conference.

The primary objective of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the discussion of scholarship, campus and social activities, and alumni relations.

Mr. Lynes' final category, the anti-snob snob, is prevalent among college professors. This snob finds snobbery so distasteful that he tries hard to be "natural" and "just folks." He would never be caught using a foreign phrase, or if forced to, would Americanize its pronunciation. He plays down his education and accomplishments, introduces very erudite observations with, "Of course I know so little about this . . ."

But above the regional, moral, sensual, emotional, sensitivity, and even the anti-snob snob, there is one much greater. There is the snob who thinks he can define a snob.



Easter time is here again. So get that gift for your special friend

PSCA Cancels Washington Tour

The "Meet Your Government Seminar," which was to be held in Washington D.C. tomorrow through Tuesday, has been temporarily canceled. Mary Jane Wyland, program coordinator of the Penn State Christian Association, announced yesterday.

Miss Wyland said the reason for canceling the tour was that many students who had planned to make the trip dropped out at the last minute for various reasons.

The tour was being sponsored by the PSCA and the Department of Political Science.

Co-Edits

Alpha Gamma Rho

Alpha Gamma Rho recently elected Lawrence Ecklund, noble ruler; Robert Weaver, vice noble ruler; Paul Stone, treasurer; Barry Anthony, secretary; Bennett Avery, house manager; Edward Pangarsis, rushing chairman; George Unger, editor; Harry Nichol, alumni secretary; James Modliszewski, reporter; John Tait, chaplain; and Roger Risser, usher.

Sigma Pi

Sigma Pi was host to Alpha Chi Omega Wednesday evening. Entertainment was provided by members of both organizations.

Business Group Initiates Gable In Altoona

George P. Gable, president of the William F. Gable Co. department store, Altoona, was initiated as the first honorary member of the College chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity Monday night. Gable was chosen because of his achievements in business and public service.

Gable was given his honorary membership at a dinner meeting of the fraternity at the Penn-Alto hotel, Altoona, attended by 50 undergraduates and professors from the College who hold membership in Alpha Kappa Psi.

Chapter President Paul Sappie read the charge of honorary membership, provided Gable with the fraternity password and handshake, and presented him with his Alpha Kappa Psi pin.

In accepting membership in the fraternity, Gable became the first honorary member of the local chapter. The chapter was founded three years ago, but under the by-laws this is the first year it has been privileged to elect an honorary member.

Gable helped to make a radio station a reality at the College when he donated \$14,000 worth of FM broadcasting equipment last April.

Seminar Will Tour 8 European Nations

Eight countries will be included in the Sixth Annual European Seminar tour, sponsored by the National Student Council of the YMCA and YWCA, during July and August.

The scheduled countries are England, Scotland, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain, Switzerland, and France.

The seminar will provide opportunity for students to study

the social and religious situation in Europe and become better acquainted with European students.

Plans for the tour include lectures and discussions with representatives of government, labor, industry, the university, and the church. In one country students will have an extended period for special study of a pertinent problem. A four day period will be provided for rest and reflection in a small village in the Swiss Alps.

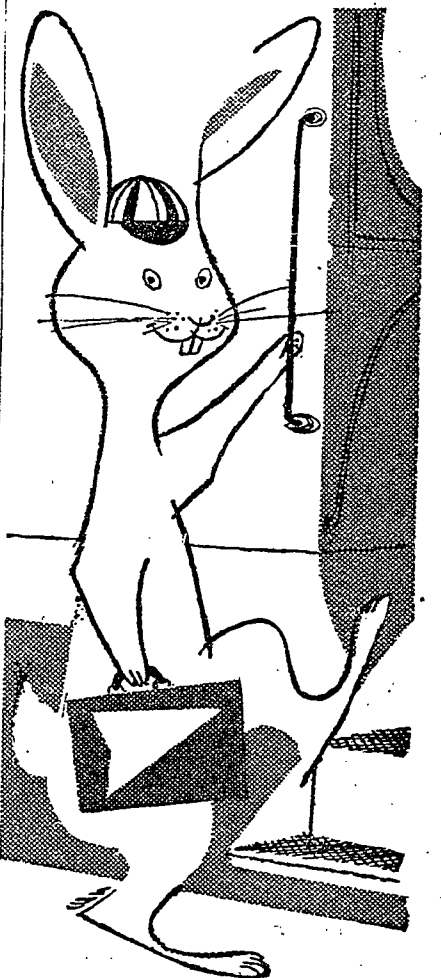
Participation in the seminar is open to students of all races and creeds who have completed two years of college and have the physical health to undertake strenuous travel. Participating students should come with a genuine desire to understand the problems which confront the people of Europe today.

Cost of the seminar for the two months will be \$900-\$950. Further information can be obtained from Luther H. Harshbarger, chaplain, 304 Old Main, or Miss Jimmie Woodward, seminar coordinator, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

College Chaplain, Rabbi To Speak at Hillel

The second in a series of fireside discussions on religion will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the Hillel Foundation, 224 S. Miles street.

Rev. Luther Harshbarger, college chaplain, and Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, foundation director, will discuss "The Theological Differences Between Judaism and Christianity." Leonard Goodman will serve as moderator.



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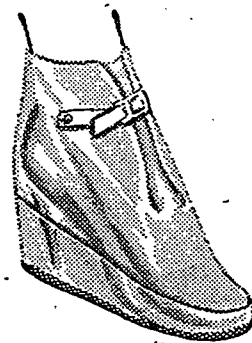
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