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Are College Students Egocentric?

The education editor of Newsweek, Terry Ferrer, writing in The Saturday Review, has leveled some sharp attacks on today's college students, tagging them the "egocentric generation."

Mr. Ferrer says "the collegians of twenty years ago were a far more serious breed." He gives the depression as a main reason for this. He also credits the League of Nations as "an ideological rallying point."

With ever-increasing college enrollment, he seems worried that students aren't going to college because of the intellectual challenge. He deplors the "eager statisticians" who have placed monetary value ("\$100,000 more earnings per lifetime with an A.B.") on a degree. "... in a society which is basically anti-intellectual and anti-egghead, a college degree has become the ne plus ultra," he says.

Mr. Ferrer cites a study made by Dr. Philip E. Jacob, professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. The study took 15 years and included 50 colleges and universities. The study found:

"A dominant characteristic of the current student generation is that they are gloriously contented both in regard to their present day-to-day activity and their outlook for their future. Few of them are worried—about their health, their prospective careers, their family relations, the state of national or international society, or the likelihood of their enjoying secure and happy lives."

Dr. Jacob decided that "the great majority of students appear unabashedly self-centered. They aspire for material gratifications for themselves and their families. They are supremely confident that their destinies lie within their own control rather than in the grip of external circumstances."

"But this is not the individualistic self-centeredness of the pioneer. American students fully accept the conventions of contemporary business society as the context within which they will realize their personal desires. They cheerfully except to conform to the economic status quo and to receive ample rewards for dutiful and productive effort."

The writer concludes that what interests today's college man is himself, not the world about him, for he is quite willing to join the assembly line and fit in.

But Mr. Ferrer does not place all the blame for this upon the students. "As a rule," he says, "children reflect the beliefs and attitudes of their parents. Hence, today's egocentrics cannot be made to take all the blame."

But he adds: "... mental apathy and easy-does-it values should hardly be the hallmarks of so-called educated men and women."

Although we do not agree with him entirely, there is enough truth in what he says that it hurts.

—The Editor

What World Series?

The New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves took a back seat to the Nittany Lions this week in the University community.

Students, faculty members and townspeople seemed to be waiting for today's Penn State-Army game. Almost everyone seemed more interested in how the Silver Fox was shaping up his team in Beaver Field than in how the Braves were faring in Yankee Stadium.

Football spirit certainly rang loud this week in Nittany Valley. The students showed once again that they're not as apathetic as often pictured.

Since we are Monday-morning quarterbacks (and since we were in the stands at Franklin Field last weekend), like thousands of other Penn Staters, we're saying our comments on the "it" game until then.

Win, lose or draw, the Nittany Lions can be proud the Yankees and the Braves were put in the back seat.

—The Editor

Gazette

- Today**
- OUTING CLUB, Trail Mark & Cookout, Beaver Dam, 2:00 p.m., behind Osmond
- DAY OF ATONEMENT SERVICES, 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hilliel Foundation
- Tomorrow**
- HILLIEL CHOIR ORGANIZATION MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Hilliel
- ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Methodist Church
- EASTERN ORTHODOX SERVICES, 10:30 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel
- ENGINEER CO-ED CIRCULATION STAFF, 7:00 p.m., 209 HUB
- OUTING CLUB, trail mark, cookout, and hiking, Beaver Dam, 2:00 p.m. behind Osmond
- ANNUAL LIBERAL ARTS TEA, 3-5 p.m., Lounge of Eisenhower Chapel
- Monday**
- WEST HALLS COUNCIL, 7:00 p.m., 127 Waring
- CIVIL AIR PATROL MEETING, 7:00 p.m., Air National Guard Armory
- SCROLLS MEETING, 8:30 p.m., 272 Simmons
- FRENCH CLUB, 7:15, Home Ec. Living Center, (first meeting of the year)
- SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, 7-9 p.m., 212 Hub
- ENGINEERING MECHANICS SEMINAR, 4:10 p.m., 208 Engineering "A"
- FACULTY LUNCHEON CLUB, 12 noon, Dining room "A" of Hub
- MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
- WEEKEND ON WDFM**
- Saturday Evening—6:45 Sign on and News; 7:00 Hi Fi!

Rushed Rushing

When informal sorority rushing begins Monday, sororities will be entertaining 425 coeds, more than have registered any other rushing period.

Two changes have been made in the program this fall. Invitations from the sororities will be slipped under the doors of the rushees after 6:30 p.m. Last year rushees received invitations in their mailboxes.

Bidding, which may not begin until Oct. 16, will be handled through the Dean of Women's office as before although this year bids must be answered within three days. Rushees last year were allowed one week.

The distribution of invitations was changed in order to eliminate a complicated and time-consuming sorting process which had previously been handled by sorority alumni living in the area.

Now sororities will distribute the invitations themselves. Answers to the invitations, however, will be delivered to the dean of women's office by the rushees.

Bids must be answered within three days this year since the entire informal rush period was shortened. If a one-week interim were allowed, rushing would be ended and there would be no more time for additional bids to be sent.

This change was also made so that rushees could not hold onto a bid several days without answering and thus delay the sorority in bidding others.

The percentage of rushees that will be pledged this fall will perhaps be lower than usual because sororities have a limited number of openings and cannot exceed the 50-member quota.

Because of this, rushees should keep one important thing in mind—that of taking advantage of as many invitations as possible. Coeds often make the mistake of narrowing their lists too early in the rushing period.

—Judy Harkison

Open House: 9:00 Campus Beat; 11:30 News and Sign-off. Sunday Evening—6:45 Sign on and News; 7:00 The Third Programme; 11:30 News and Sign-off. Monday Evening—6:45 Sign on and News; 7:00 Home Ec Show; 7:15 Folk Music Show; 7:50 State News & National Sports; 8:00 Sounds in the Night; 8:30 Greek Quiz; 9:00 News, Local, National & World; 9:15 First Freedom; 9:30 Marquee Memories; 10:00 News; 10:05 Symphonic Notebook; 11:30 News and Sign-off.

Faculty Will Hear Ag Group Plans West Point Captain Foreign Chapter

Capt. Karl H. Van D'Elden, of West Point, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at noon Monday at the Hetzel Union Building.

A 1947 graduate of the University, Van D'Elden teaches German at the military academy.

His talk is entitled "From Japan to West Point." It deals with his three years' tour of service in the Pacific area and with academic life at West Point.

Alpha Tau Alpha, agriculture education society, will sponsor an affiliate chapter at the University of the Philippines.

Gil Saguiguist, head of the Department of Agriculture Education at the University of the Philippines, is here for a year under the auspices of a fellowship awarded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

His work here is on the problem of setting up minimum standards of instruction in teacher training for vocational agriculture.

Holt Elected Head Of Young Demos

James Holt, junior in agronomy from Philadelphia, has been elected president of the Young Democratic Club.

Other officers are Gerald Bogus, junior in arts and letters from Brownsville, vice president; Susan Whittington, junior in arts and letters from Arlington, Va., secretary; and Fredericka Weinschenck, treasurer.

The club also discussed joining with the Young Republican Club in an attempt to make students more politically minded.

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"Now get in there an' fight."

Fourth for Bridge

By Roger B. Saylor

Thirteen tables were in play at the Bridge Club game Monday evening. The winners were Barry Frank and Walter Gruber, north-south, and Frank Smit and Bob Mintz, east-west.

A hand which led to a variety of results, with east-west scoring anywhere from plus 660 points to minus 200 points, was the following:

East-west vulnerable, north dealer.

North	S—J10852
	H—J1092
	D—J954
	C—
West	S—AK74
	H—K
	D—AK103
	C—K542
East	S—Q6
	H—KQ64
	D—Q6
	C—Q10987
South	S—93
	H—A753
	D—873
	C—AJ63

Bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 1D, West 2S
 Pass 2C, Pass 2S
 Pass 3NT, All Pass

This hand presents a number of problems. East has almost an opening bid, but with no aces and in second position it is usually best to pass such hands. West has 17 high card points plus two more for distribution. With three four card suits it is generally best to open the one-below the singleton in rank, in this case one diamond. He is then ready for any response.

East, on a passed hand, has a problem on his second turn. He cannot show his hearts, clubs, and the over all strength of his hand in one bid. He can accomplish most of this by bidding two clubs, thereby showing he has at least 10 points and a club suit.

West can now see an almost certain game if the right contract can be found. He bids two spades, showing a four-card spade suit and considerably better than an opening bid since he is forcing the contract to the three level with no fit having been established. With the hearts in reasonably good shape, east bids three

no-trump. Now south must decide upon his best lead. If he follows the old rule of leading the fourth best from his longest and strongest suit he leads the club three. Declarer lets this ride to his hand and learns he can finesse for the jack and hold his club losers to one. With the heart ace as his only other loser, he can make five no-trump.

If instead south decides to lead a low heart on the basis of that having been the unbid suit, declarer must do his own work in clubs. He is almost certain to lose two clubs and two hearts to just make his contract. Some south's led clubs and other led hearts, with the indicated results.

Several east-west pairs wound up playing the hands in clubs or diamonds, all with disastrous results. Even with strong minor suit holdings such hands usually yield better results when played in no-trump.

French Club to Meet; Elections to Be Held

The election of officers will be held at the first meeting of the French Club at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the Home Economics Living Center.

Mrs. Christiane Gill and Miss Aurelia Arre will give their impressions of undergraduate education in France and the United States.

The Alliance Francaise will hold an organizational meeting at 8:30 p.m.

