

Youth may be becoming practical

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America's youth have become practical. They want an education and most of all they want well paying jobs. At least in the eyes of the news media, these are the primary goals.

In the results of a 10-year survey of college freshmen published in the September issue of "Psychology Today," psychologist Alexander Astin said he found a decline in idealism and an increase in the desire for wealth and status.

In 1967, Astin found that 79 percent of males and 88 percent of females said one of their goals was "developing a meaningful philosophy of life." In 1976, only 61 percent had this goal.

"Being well off financially" gained in popularity. This goal increased from 50 percent to 61 percent among males and 28 to 45 percent among females from 1971 to 1976, according to the study.

Follow-up studies show that these figures decline slightly during four years of college.

A recent Philadelphia Bulletin article

cited similar results in a series of interviews with Philadelphia teenagers. Almost every person interviewed expressed a "glad to be alive and young" attitude. They are fairly satisfied with their lives now and are concerned about future careers in relation to the job market.

Also because of concern over the job market, more college students have opted for careers in business in the past few years, fewer students, however, feel having their own business is as important as working for a large company.

Politically, college students frequently label themselves "middle of the road," according to the study. Yet they still hold what are considered liberal views on energy, pollution, consumer protection, women's rights and marijuana legislation. Eighty-six percent of the youths Astin surveyed in 1976 opposed administrative control over students.

Students now put classes first, 1975 Yale graduate Frederick Iseman said in an article in the September issue of Esquire magazine. He also said that

students don't care very much about what goes on outside of classes. In fact, he said, many consider the sixties and early seventies as history.

In another article in Esquire, Lou Ann Walker portrayed the Ivy League college student as a person who works hard and parties hard.

According to University psychology professor Lance Shatland, the reason for this change in priorities towards academics and careers is the shortage of jobs. He said the college graduate in the sixties had a choice of jobs and had time to spend on outside activities. Now, he said, students have to work harder to find jobs, so they point their college careers in that direction.

Human development professor Judith Lyness agreed that the tight job market explained the emphasis on academics.

"The youth that we have today are the last of the baby boom years," she said. "There's this huge cohort ahead of them taking available jobs and resources. Now there are more constraints on what they can do and where they're going to fit into the world."

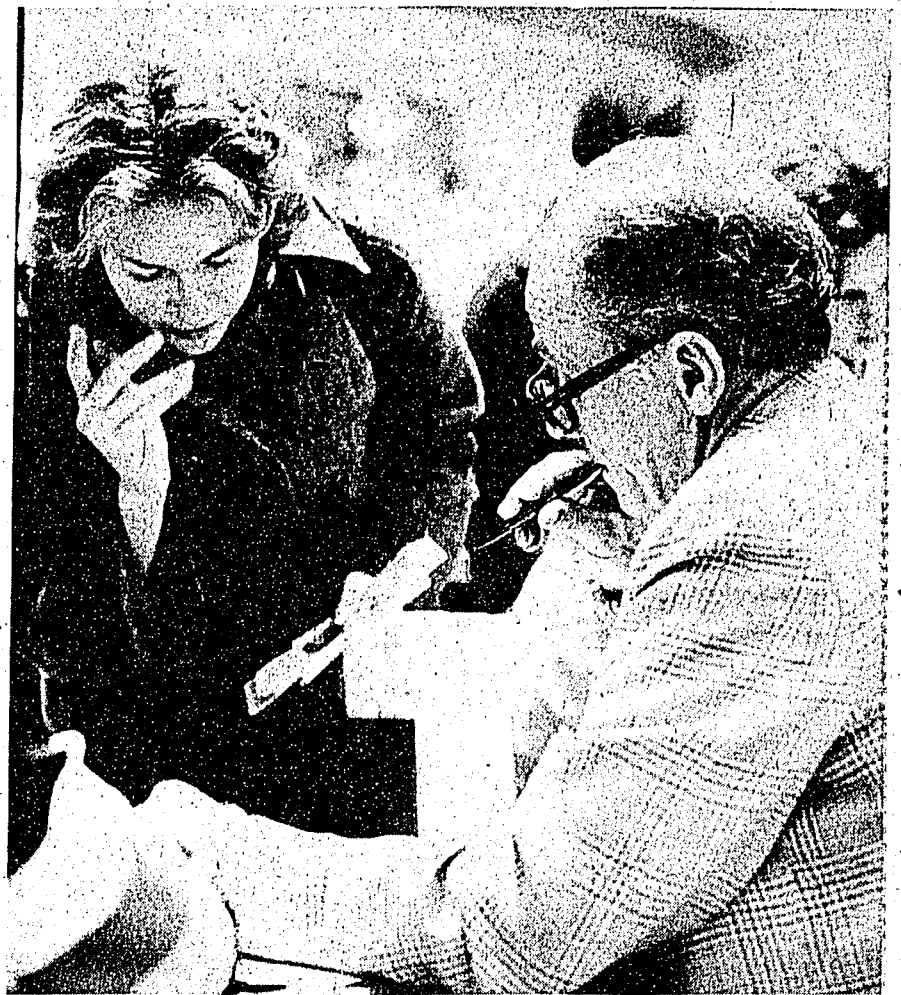
Lyness also said she has found another priority in college students: a desire to care for someone and to be cared for.

In an article for U.S. News and World Report, George E. Jones described the youth of the seventies as being more troubled. He says suicides, violent crimes, vandalism, pregnancies, drug abuse and alcoholism have reached an all-time high in the teen-age group.

Jones blames these problems partly on the tight job market, but also on an increase in family break-ups and on the dominant role television now holds.

Lack of an issue is the reason for the decline in student activism, according to articles on the subject. If students got interested in a major issue, they would become a cohesive pressure group.

In the meantime, young people are being practical. They said in these articles that they think they can do more through the system than outside of it. Pragmatism in the seventies has not destroyed student involvement prevalent in the sixties. It has only forced activism to become one of youth's lesser priorities.



All gone?

A familiar scene at registration befalls Chris Sankey (3rd-microbiology) as she attempts to pick up a course.

Daily Collegian to hold candidate's school

The Daily Collegian will hold candidate school for new reporters, photographers and cartoonists at 7:30 Sunday night in 69 Willard.

The International Soccer Club will hold its Winter Term orientation meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in the HUB.

The Students International Meditation Society is sponsoring a free introductory lecture on the transcendental meditation technique at 8 Thursday night in 13 Sparks.

Student Counselors will meet at 7 Thursday night in the Walnut Center Assembly Room. Attendance is crucial for scheduling purposes.

The ARHS Book Sale registration will be Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the HUB Ballroom. The sale will be held on Friday and returns can be picked up on Saturday.

The Fashion Industry Interest Group requests that anyone interested in

planning a fashion show should attend a meeting at 7:30 Thursday night in S-131 Human Development Building.

The fifth annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, sponsored by the Epsilon Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Westerly Parkway Junior High School. The theme for this year's show is "You Will Not 'Starve' After Visiting Our Show, For Everything Costs \$25 Or Below."

"Andromeda Strain," the first film in the Student Film Organization's science fiction Film Festival, will be shown at 7:30 and 10 Saturday night in the Arts Building Playhouse.

Shabbat Services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and at 9:30 Saturday morning in the Jewish Student Union. Hillel is sponsoring a dance from 9 to 12 Saturday night and a bagels and lox brunch at 11:30 Sunday morning. Both activities will be held in the Jewish Student Union.

House committee approves bill to add federal judges

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Judiciary Committee Wednesday approved a bill to enlarge the federal judiciary by almost 30 percent and allow President Carter to appoint more judges than any of his predecessors.

The bill would allow Carter to fill the proposed 110 new district and 35 new circuit court positions with Democrats after eight years of Republican rule. But the panel added to the Senate-

passed version an amendment calling on Carter to make selections on merit, not party.

Another amendment urged him to name qualified women, blacks, Hispanics and other minorities to the bench, prompting Rep. William Cohen, R-Maine, to suggest Republicans are in even worse shape when it comes to getting judicial and prosecutorial appointments from Carter.

Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Tex., the second-ranking Democrat on the committee, was one of only two members to vote against the bill, charging the panel abdicated its chance to take politics out of the judiciary when it added more than 30 judgeships to the bill after it came out of a subcommittee.

"This is one of the best classic examples of logrolling," he told his colleagues.

Since the Senate usually controls the nominations and confirms the nominees, he said, "this would have been an excellent opportunity for the House to create judgeships on the basis of merit alone instead of just decorating this Christmas tree."

Brooks said, "If you write a book on how Congress legislates, you ought to have a chapter on this bill."

Job aging Jimmy Carter, but his smile still shines

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter is aging under the burdens of his job, but is still as physically fit as most 53-year-olds, press secretary Jody Powell said Wednesday.

Carter's appearance became a topic of discussion after his longtime Georgian friend Charles Kirbo visited the White House this week and noted the president looked older.

"The president told Mr. Kirbo this morning he didn't look so good himself," Powell cracked.

He quoted Carter telling his associate of 15 years, "I found out being president is harder than running a peanut warehouse. You found out running a peanut warehouse is harder than being

an establishment lawyer."

Kirbo is serving as Carter's financial trustee and has been faced with the problem of what to do with the Carter peanut warehouse.

Powell said he, like Kirbo, sees the president aging.

"It's inescapable," he said. "It's a burden on everyone who has held this office."

"He does work hard. I don't think he missed a stop during the campaign. No matter what the day was, he'd say, 'I'm going to do it.'"

Powell said Carter continues to get 6 1/2 to 7 hours sleep a night, rising about 5:30 or 6 a.m.

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