

Are United States Students Too Rich?

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A strange disease pervades today's University of Texas college student: a disease of the mind.

This weird intellectual malady is caused by a bug called affluence—a common bacterium in the United States, but one that hits in epidemic proportions in American colleges and universities.

The college student of today is wealthy in a material sense, which makes him particularly susceptible to the bacteria of affluence. He eats well, three times a day—so much so that many times he must count calories and cholesterol at the ripe old age of 21.

He wears nice clothes, stylish clothes which may be obtained even by the lower middle class on the crutch of credit. He either has an automobile or has access to one.

He is pathetically addicted to air conditioning and comfortable surroundings at home and away. He has movies, television, record players, and FM radio for entertainment. He either has a checking account or a good credit rating—or both.

BUT WITH ALL HIS AFFLUENCE, the college student has not earned one iota of it. He, as a member of the college generation of the mid-Twentieth Century, has all and has had to give nothing.

And with this heritage he goes to college, chock-full of unintellectual ambitions, and with his eyes set on a \$10,000-a-year starting salary when he graduates.

He knows he can get by without too much scholastic effort and without too much financial strain, while enjoying a relatively high standard of living.

In short, the American college student of today is suffering from his affluence. He has too much he didn't have to work for.

One result of this disease is mental inertia and a stagnation of criticism. Joe College knows there are problems in his country and in the world, but he has an abiding faith that they will be worked out for our good.

He hears about people starving in half the world, but does not rise to the occasion to formulate answers, but he leaves the scene for a short beer without occupying himself with such matters.

He sees specific instances of injustice or discrimination, and answers "This, too, will pass." He is either satisfied with the political and social status quo, and says little about it; or he is dissatisfied and does little.

BECAUSE HE IS NOT A particularly intense student, although he may have a relatively high grade average, and because he has so much time to devote to non-academic activities, the wheat-jeans-and-loafers man and the bubble-haired girl are submitting or have submitted to an administrative sort of parenthood—the in loco parentis (in place of a parent) concept of university life.

The college student sees university administrators as Great White Fathers of leadership, which he abhors but about which he does nothing.

He dislikes being told where to live, what hours to date, what groups he can and cannot join, where he can park his car (or if he can have one), when he can drink, etc., but his protests are never heard by the administrators, or anyone else, except by accident.

It would almost seem that the Revolution of 1776 had been betrayed—particularly by college students—in a manner unbecoming loyal Americans. We simply aren't continuing to revolt.

Thomas Jefferson taught what he considered an important lesson: In order to keep up with the times, a revolution is necessary in each generation.

In this sense, the college man of today is a complete flop, for he is more interested in hi-fi and beer than he is in new thoughts and challenges to the old order.

IS THERE A FERMENTING REVOLUTION of dissent and criticism and challenge? Not yet, but there is hope.

Hopefully the college student of today, a member of the Silent Affluent generation, will throw off the chains of conformity and inertia, challenge the old and advocate the new, benefit from the mistakes of his elders, and create a new atmosphere consistent with the changing world of the 1960s.

But until that trend is begun, the American college man will remain an economic social, scholastic, and political "sick, fat cat" who has a lot but has little to do.

U of A Radio Reorganizes

U of A radio will take to the airwaves Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The airwaves are a speaker network in the Students' Union and Education buildings.

Radio society president Cal MacPherson will throw a master-switch to begin programming for 1963-64.

"Radical changes in the organization of the club and in closed-circuit programming are planned this year," said society vice-president Andy Brook.

"These include about five hour daily of 'quality productions' including classical music programs, magazine-style shows, the best of CBC and CKUA programming and specialty features on jazz and folk singing."

Brook termed the plans "ambitious" and said many new members would be needed for the radio club which he referred to as the "fastest growing campus organization."



What the hell Stenos Wanted

by Jon Whyte

Frosh!!! Take note: this is absolutely the last column you will be able to understand this year. Read carefully. This is Part MCCMLXVII of your registration. Did your eyes light up? You registered. Good.

This is also the only column that is expressly for you. Upperclassmen STOP reading!

Student Handbook is a motley collection of trivial information designed to confuse you and inform, perhaps. But, it lacks the inside knowledge which will allow you to talk like an insider, a (pardon the expression) status seeker.

Such said terms and explanations follow.

EDUCATION BUILDING — A monolithic tombstone-like edifice designed to keep the rest of the campus in the dark during the short hours of the deep midwinter. (Formerly, it has been held, the Faculty of Education was in the dark.) Commonly referred to as either the Ivory Tower or the Tower of Babbble.

SUB-EXPANSION — Cross-pollination of Einstein's theory of the expanding universe and Whyte's (William H.'s, not mine) analysis of organization manhood, that everyone can feel wanted if everyone is in the

organization. A malevolent weed which will ultimately drive out all blooms of learning on the campus.

CAMPUS PARKING — A dialectical problem better left to philosophers than to drivers. This problem is known to have no known solutions. Mathematicians note.

TUCK SHOP — a local adaptation of the old college game of phone booth stuffing. Last record was 8,976 bodies, it's rumored. This is expected to fall during Frosh Week.

HOT FOODS BUILDING — an economy move by the university, providing one cafeteria equidistant from the Calgary and Edmonton campuses.

YOUNG CANADIANS FOR FREEDOM — Goldwater for Prime Minister.

MIDTERMS — Only six weeks away. You've been warned.

Frosh Presented Full Schedule At Activities Night

A full schedule awaits freshmen for Wednesday's Activities Night.

Three members of the School of Physical Education—Gino Fracas, Murray Smith, and Ed Zemrau—will greet the frosh during tours of the Physical Education Building. There will be demonstrations of handball, squash, water-polo, fencing, judo, badminton and rugger.

At 7:30 p.m., in Dinwoodie Lounge, freshmen may see their Students' Council in action.

A mock Oxford debate will be staged in one part of SUB. Representatives of the armed forces will be available to answer questions about the army, navy and air force and how they might benefit university students.

Displays in Pybus Lounge will inform the freshmen of the diverse variety of campus clubs. On the third floor of the Students' Union Building Gateway and U of A Radio will vie for the services of the new students.

Rookie night at the Gateway offers a variety of job opportunities including news reporting, features writing, fine arts writing, sports reporting, makeup and proof-reading.

U of A Radio Society offers opportunities to learn equipment operation, and the art of radio announcing.

The Golden Key Society hosts its annual reception for Freshmen on Wednesday from 9 to 11 p.m. in the dining room of Athabasca Hall. Welcoming speeches will be given by Dr. Walter H. Johns, president of the university; Mr. Wes Cragg, president of the Students' Union; and Mr. James Foster, President of the Golden Key Society. Featured entertainment will be the Take Fours, a well known campus folk-singing group.

Buses leave the Students' Union Building, Friday night, at 7:45 p.m. for the City of Edmonton Reception at the Sales Pavillion. Three bands will provide entertainment and dancing music throughout the evening until buses return to the Students' Union Building at 11:45 p.m.

A final highlight to the week will be the Steak n' Stomp on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Approximately 1,000 pounds of meat will be prepared and fed to hungry Frosh on the playing field behind the swimming pool. Following the supper, summoned Frosh will be subjected to the rigorous Frosh Court, arranged and staffed by the members of the Law Club. After Frosh Court the Saratogas will provide music for a mammoth dance on the students' Union Building parking lot, bringing to a close a full and active week.

Short Shorts

Stenos Wanted

Five capable stenographers, no shorthand required but certainly an asset, to volunteer their unpaid services for the National Secretariat during the forthcoming Congress of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Please contact the Students' Union office or call GE 3-1172 immediately. Your assistance will be required from Wednesday, September 25 until Friday, October 5.

Evenings or during the day. Experienced Gestetener operators also required.

WAUNEITA

Applications for the position of Freshette Representative to Wauneita Council must be submitted to Miss Cathy Whelihan, Wauneita President, c/o the Students' Union Office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

PARKING

It is important that the SUB parking lot be cleared by 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, for Steak'n'Stomp.

TICKET SALES

Blanket tickets covering all athletic events on campus are on sale now. A regular value of \$14, they are now on sale at a greatly reduced price of \$5 and are now available at the Promotions Committee booth in Pybus.

LDS

The LDS Institute of Religion will have an outdoor party Wednesday, September 25. Meet at the Institute at 5 p.m. Refreshments.

Also, everyone is invited to come to the special funtime party at the "tute" Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m.

SCM

Open house at SCM House, 11136-90 Ave., Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. Informal introductory discussion.

Film "The Seventh Seal" will be shown Sunday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. in MP 126. Silver collection.

RADSOC

Open house all week in RADSOC studio—3rd floor of SUB. Writers, newsmen, announcers, engineers and producers needed.

CHESS CLUB

First meeting of the Chess club will meet in Dinwoodie Lounge Sept. 30 at 12 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

PROMOTIONS

Note to all clubs and fraternities: Football weekend is coming Oct. 11-13. Trophies will be awarded for best floats entered in parade Saturday, Oct. 12.

E & G

Evergreen and Gold requires staff members for the 1964 production. Application forms are available at the Students' Union office and should be filled out and returned before October 14th.

