

Today's collegians are least moral of all, study claims

(CPS)—College-aged people are less ethical than any other group of people, a Los Angeles-based think tank claimed Oct. 12.

People 18 to 30 years old have fewer ethical values than earlier generations, the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics claimed.

Young people lack honesty, personal responsibility and respect for others, the institute said in a summary of other polls, articles and about 40 original interviews.

The results, claimed researcher Michael Josephson, indicate "a meaningful, demonstrable... discernible disintegration" in moral standards.

Students vehemently disputed the charge.

"I disagree with that," said Jennifer MacCallum of Providence College in Rhode Island. "So many people here are very concerned for other people. We don't protest issues, we actually go out and do something about it."

Indeed, at about the same moment Josephson released its study, 7,000 students from around

the nation gathered at the University of Illinois to plot environmental efforts. Half of Dartmouth's student body turned out to object to a student newspaper's verbal attack on Jews. Yale students protested anonymous verbal attacks on blacks.

"Those things are very relevant," admitted Josephson, "but I don't think it will change the

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thrust of how we characterize the generation."

"I think maybe we have different morals and different values than the last generation," added Oklahoma State University's Daryn Casey, "but there's not a lack of morals."

Even those seemingly behind Josephson think he's overstated the case.

"I don't see rampant amorality," said psychology Professor Stephen Davis of Emporia State University in Kansas. His survey of 6,000 collegians nationwide, in which he found a majority admit-

ted to cheating in high school, was one of the studies on which Josephson based his report.

The report also accused today's young people of being more violent, promiscuous, racist and ignorant than any other generation.

For instance, the report says the 18-30 age group has committed more crimes against each other and their teachers than any other.

"There's no question all of these behaviors have existed before," Josephson allowed, "but it's clear to us that many of the behaviors are happening in greater numbers."

Young people aren't the only ones lacking moral values, says Jay Cassell, a professor of religious thought at Rocky Mountain College in Montana.

"We all have some very severe problems," Cassell said. Congress' problems in coming up with a budget plan, he said, signifies "a moral failure considerably greater than any student is guilty of."

Some other things wrong with today's young people

(CPS)—A study released Oct. 12 by the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics claims that people 18 to 30 years old are morally inferior to all previous generations.

In recent years, however, various studies have regularly heaped criticism on young people for everything from a lack of geography knowledge to a desire to earn money.

Some other charges:

- A 1987 survey of 5,000 college professors found they think their students have only "fair to poor" academic abilities.
- A 1989 Gallup Poll of 696 college seniors found they don't

know certain basic facts about history and literature, such as when Christopher Columbus discovered America.

• In 1989, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced that three-fourths of the 5,000 professors it had queried the spring before thought their students were "seriously underprepared in the basic skills."

• Last winter, three separate reports accused college students of expecting too much from their first jobs and being grossly unprepared to succeed at them.

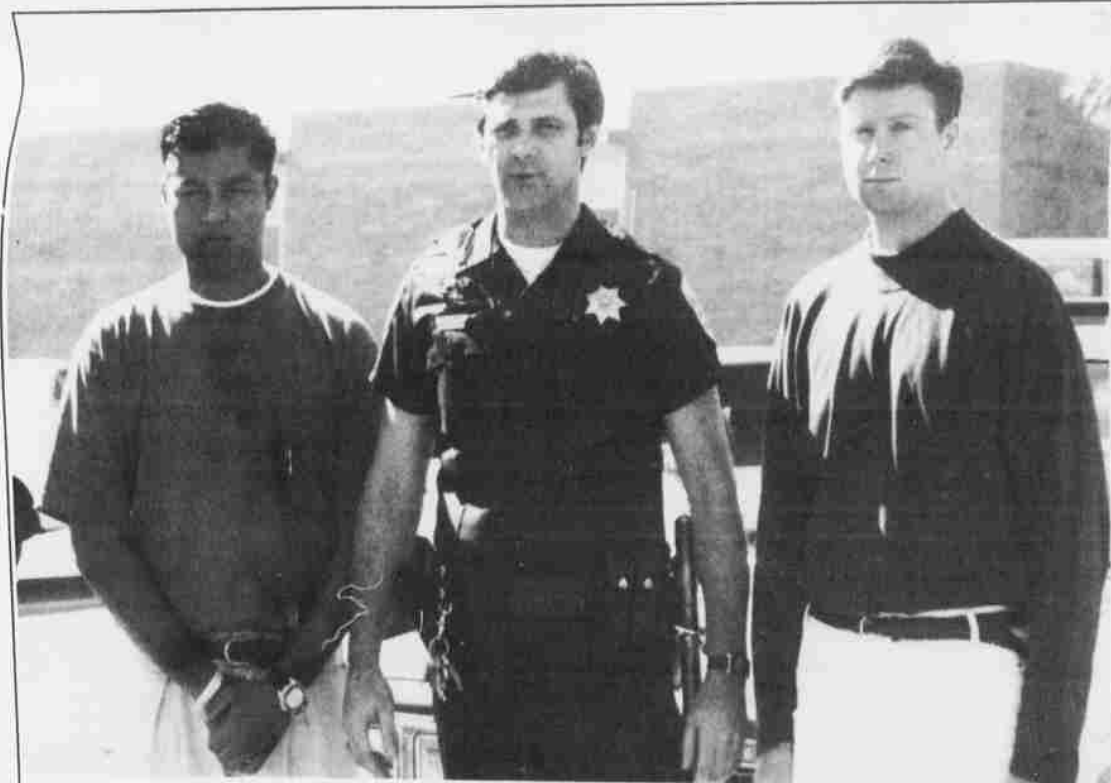
UNLV student receives letter of commendation

UNLV student Matthew Hunt received a letter of commendation from the UNLV Campus Police Department last week for his efforts to save a fallen gradu-

ate student in the James R. Dickinson Library on Oct. 10, 1990.

Hunt assisted Officer Eugene Jazwinski in performing CPR on graduate student Steven Plemons

while student Darren Dimaya monitored Plemons' pulse. Plemons later died at a local hospital from heart failure.



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Commendation - Matthew Hunt (right) received a commendation from the UNLV Police Department for his efforts to help Officer Jazwinski with CPR. Darren Dimaya (left) gave assistance.

Brandt

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market system. He was optimistic about the future of the country and Europe as a whole. He described it as "...eventful and promising."

While discussing his high hopes for solidarity in Germany, Brandt said, "...the economic recovery program should produce results that all of Europe will benefit from..."

Brandt has always been concerned with the welfare of Europe and his personal history reflects the social and political intensity of his character. Since the age of 14, he has been active in journalism and politics. At the age of 16, he became a member of the Social Democratic party - most

members had to be at least 18 years of age.

During Hitler's reign, Brandt left Germany as an exile to work in Norway as a journalist. At the same time, he traveled Europe working with the underground organizations against and denouncing the fascist movement.

After World War II, Brandt began his career in politics. From 1957 until 1966 he was the governing mayor of Berlin. Brandt was elected to the position of chairman to the Social Democratic party in 1964. During his 23 years as chairman, he also acted as foreign minister, vice chancellor and federal chancellor of West Germany.

Brandt developed a policy for and worked to ease tensions between Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union during the late 1960's. In October of 1971, Brandt was chosen for the Nobel Peace Prize for the policy, "Ostpolitik."

Brandt sounded concerned and hopeful about Germany's future. This is not his only priority in international politics. Many times throughout his speech he stressed the importance of Europe's well-being and that of achieving world peace.

Brandt stated, "Europe having grown out of the cold war...will have a lot to contribute to the survival of mankind."

Student Public Relations Organization schedules November meeting

"Hit Your Target Job in the Public Relations Field" is the title of a talk to be given by Jim Clayton, career placement specialist on Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meyer Student Union (room 203).

Clayton will be giving tips on how to apply for a job effectively. He will discuss the need to make a positive, energetic first impression.

"It is important to show an employer you're a balanced indi-

vidual by having academic excellence, some type of work-related experience, and last, but not least, an outside activity," Clayton said.

Student Public Relations Organization (SPRO) hosts Clayton at the upcoming meeting to inform students that employers are looking for motivated, bright individuals. The newly-founded organization offers opportunities to build a resume through activities within the group.

Animals

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them, and puts them on the adoption block.

The only cost is for the shots and surgery. The donation for cats is \$40 for a female and \$20 for male. Dogs command \$50 and \$20 for female and male, respectively. There is no cost for adoption to those residents over the age of 60.

Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity was responsible for the gathering

to inform students about the adoption possibilities of these animals.

"The event would not have been possible without the efforts of the fraternity", according to Ms. Knapp.

The phone for the Foundation is 384-3333. They are in operation 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week to answer any questions.

Wanted

"The Silver Stars"

Any female student who is interested in assisting the UNLV Football Program during recruiting weekends. You will be asked to be a hostess and tour guide for incoming football recruits. You will be needed on weekends beginning November 30, 1990 thru February 3, 1991. This group of young ladies will be known as the "Silver Stars" and will assist with recruiting annually. This is your chance to become more involved with your Runnin' Rebel Football Program. Anyone interested should contact coach Larry Tomich at the football office at ext. 3456.