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On Bullying: “Tradition Lives On”

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Since probably the beginning of time we've faced the challenge of breaking down social barriers. Yet we create them, we reinforce them. As we grow we learn to be ignorant. While high school might not be the most memorable time for everyone, for many of us, being a teenager rules and sucks at the same time. At least, that's the case here for incoming freshman at West Chester University. Lou Fancetti, a recent Alpha Kream Pi transfer from Penn State University explains to us the growing conflict young fellas face on campus.

"I just feel like school officials take the issue of bullying far too seriously. I mean, you know what you're getting yourself into when you get up to the West Cheddar. Nothing but big boys slammin' bronies, havin' a good time. I think conflicts are bound to arise, you just gotta know how to deal with em'. I got my brothers' backs, and they have mine. Life's good. Everything is good." The senior was recently found punching a pledge repeatedly in the face for mispronouncing his last name.

As frustrating battles persist between “the West Chester Soc’s and Greasers”, as one moron put it, new teachers and students who’ve yet to pick their social circles spectate in disbelief. Just behind Chris’s Pizza, a group of young punks gather around, bragging about their DIY values and pick-yourself-up mindset.

“This whole phase of encouraging bullyism started because kids were afraid to speak up, you know. I think we’ve come a long way since the days of The Bloodhound Gang,” said one punk nerd who needed a shove down a flight of stairs.

Other whiny students share the same open-mindedness. Liz Feldstein, Chair of the

Young Liberal Women for Jewish Education (YLWFJE) and Assistant Captain for the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club, had a very alarming attitude toward the ongoing issues.

"I'm not sure why people think that just because they're popular, having an ego makes it okay to hurt people's feelings. School is education, and in the end, we're all here to succeed, trying to find our way," the pale loser says, recalling an incident last semester where the captain of the cheerleading squad spit in her yogurt for "having the nerve to glance in her boyfriend's direction," whom sources believe unapologetically calls himself a "natty crushin' machine."

"People can be so mean spirited," Feldstein adds. "You'd think after high school's over, we'd become responsible young adults ... but that really doesn't happen," the boring and overly excited sophomore complained, stuffing her face with cheesy french fries. Sources suggest she's not the only geek alone in this fight.

Research is hinting this recent comeback of on-campus violence is becoming increasingly popular among almost any easy target clogging up the 'cool' parties; as discussed in a secret student government Monday night, WCU officials are now considering "bringing back the good times," as they maniacally rolled across their offices in nostalgia, kicking classified papers and laughing over the once praised reputation the university prided itself on. In just the last two semesters the NBRPWC (National Bullying Report for People Who Care) weighed in statistics from all over the region, and it appears that wedgie standards have tilted upward. Or as Griff June, a local officer of the college town puts it, "Boy oh man, Mischief Night is becoming a holiday again!"

And to no surprise, radical introverts have been up in storm, at complete odds with the recent wave of pro-bullying behavior. One crazy student was even caught posting flyers with hate slogans directed at male jocks, like "We don't want any trouble. Just please leave us alone." Another rebellious student was also getting out of control screaming, "We're not ANTI-FUN! We just don't want our asses kicked in the process."

The hopeless hero was last seen getting his pants pulled down and thrown into a dark pool of condiments two blocks south of Walnut St.

"It really is a changing world. Don't they understand the chain of evolution? In the end,

I'm the one who'll be laughing," says flashy freshman Donte Hanes, sporting an embroidered, camo cargo jacket with absolutely zero confidence. "Those miserable fraternities will soon realize people no longer have time for that kind of alpha mentality." The rest of Hanes's interview was discarded after his police record was brought to attention. The study carried on, interviewing hundreds of students throughout the week.

"I don't know why everyone's so paranoid," explains Jay Qwimble, a spoiled senior who still has no idea who the fuck he is. "Sure, I get plastered on the weekends, but I don't let any nerd get in my way, you know. Like fuck it, I'm on one." When asked about his thoughts on students having equal rights, sources confirm the handsome quarterback's stance was strong enough to woe a jury.

"Look, if you're into the whole flamboyant hipster thing, humping trees your whole life, good for you. But don't make it my business to vote for gays or dedicate my time to stupid social causes. I can't tell you how many times I've had to fight nerds in the street. I could've lost my football scholarship! People have to learn the hard way, I guess," the flunking star replied. They just don't make 'em like they used to. Everyone gets butt hurt over nothing. We're only having fun, you know," the informing meathead assured, pinning some kid's collar up against a trashcan.

"I just miss the good ol' days of American college, referring to a story his father once told him about hanging his principal's dry cleaned trousers from a flagpole at a homecoming parade – "You just can't replicate that kind of nerd-bashing fun anymore. The rush is great, but memories don't do it justice. Paddles do.

... but hey, I'm just trying to stay focused ... definitely looking forward to boner crushing all the freckled freaks this year. I heard there's a lot of new ones coming in, so my hopes are high. I can tell you that. Students feel like there's a lot at stake here, but like we say, a West Chester wedgie never comes out."

It seems the cruel pranks aren't just a fad either. As students get hype for West Chester's Homecoming weekend, the school's mascot, the Golden Ram, prepares for an unforgettable football game. "It's going to be tough compared to last year's event," the boyish Ram said, referencing his former stuntman, who unfortunately caught ablaze

running through surprise fireworks, way back in October. It's expected that faculty, staff and outraged parents will see the implementation of these childish policies through, the state hopes. Retired Alumni will be the nerds' biggest threat, as dedicated senior citizens have been labeled "the hardest ones to pry off."