

# Season of Destruction

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"good old days" syndrome that makes old men think that Nolan Ryan could've never struck out DiMaggio or that Dr. J couldn't have scored so much if Elgin Baylor were still around to guard him.

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I support this with two facts.

Fact one: As we age, we are less likely to be hanging around with the wild-eyed 20-year-olds who float sofas down the river or get thrown out of mud-wrestling events for crude behavior.

Therefore what we see of students is in their better, more sedate moments, and we conclude that they just don't have the same old criminal tendencies we used to have.

Fact two: the 18-25 age bracket is the best time to get such shenanigans, if necessary, out of your system, and it is thus only natural that some lowlives do so.

You try to chuck the TV out the window when you're 15, and your daddy is going to whale your butt till you beg for mercy. You try sleeping till noon whenever you feel like it at age 28, and your boss will fire you with great haste.

So here's the good news: There is no crisis of fire or spirit in the breasts of America's college-age youth. They are still out there tearing up their houses and abandoning all moral standards.

And here's the bad news: There is no mellowing of America's college-age youth. They are still wasting your tuition money and acting like criminals up in Greenville and Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Like it or not, I am convinced that is the way it will stay.

Therefore I favor the theory that college students are just as wild and that when we think otherwise it is probably due to the

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A person who has Medicare protection because he or she is disabled and entitled to Social Security disability checks will lose that protection if the benefits are discontinued because the person recovers before age 65, L.F. Howell, Social Security district manager in New Bern, North Carolina, said recently.

"However," Howell said, "if the person goes to work despite being disabled, Medicare protection can continue for up to 48 months after he or she starts to work."

"People who are entitled to Medicare because of permanent kidney failure lose their protection 12 months after the month maintenance dialysis stops, or 36 months after the month of kidney transplant is performed."

Additional information about Medicare coverage can be obtained from the New Bern Social Security office, located at 2822 Neuse Boulevard. The telephone number is 637-4101. Ask for a copy of the leaflet, A brief explanation of Medicare.

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