## Warren Commission was wrong

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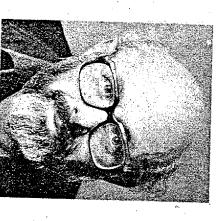
valuable attributes of a scholar. An open mind, perhaps, is one of the most

Americán studies. Ask Jacob Cohen, associate professor of

John F. Kennedy. today enshroud the assassination of President known to students and faculty alike) has enter-Brandels community that Jerry Cohen (as he's tained a fascination for the mysteries that even It's been a well-known fact in and around the

any notion of a conspiracy in the 1963 murder of and certainly most zealous-advocates of the the President. and he has been one of the more prominent-Warren Commission's findings that discounted re-examined every nook and cranny of the case For the past 16 years, he has examined and

But as any good scholar knows, new facts



assassination will strengthen Jerry Cohen: Scholarly concern over the

conclusions. On Dec. 29 of this year—following no conspiracy had lost its strength. Cohen's 16-year-old conviction that there was Committee on new evidence in the case—Jerry and new evidence can drastically alter one's the final hearing of the House Assassinations

account of what the new evidence had done to weekly newspaper an extensive article explaining his and the Warren Commission's previous lneory on the assassination with a detailed On Jan. 9, Prof. Cohen published in a Boston

day in Dallas—one that hit both then-Gov, John tended that three shots were fired that fateful In simple terms, Prof. Cohen previously con-

> President, and a third shot that missed. He Texas School Book Depository. were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald alone, who had contended that the evidence showed the shots second shot that probably fatally wounded the been perched at a sixth-floor window of the Connolly of Texas and President Kennedy, a

skeptic to proffer an apologia in favor of a new event, the acoustical evidence it provides, pointing to a fourth bullet fired from the famous held so long, no one seems to know. In any been uncovered. How and why it has been with motorcade the day of the assassination, has officer who had accompanied the Presidential A tape, allegedly from the belt of a Dallas police grassy knoll," has forced Brandels' unrelenting Suddenly, however, new evidence appeared

and no one. wasn't a large-scale conspiracy, just one addi sion were right on target. I still uphold that It tional sniper who fired a shot that hit nothing discredited. I honestly believe that I followed recent development, I and the Warren Commisthe facts where they led. Up until this most 'phantom gunman" theory. Says Prof. Cohen, however: "I don't feel at all

and they haven't changed entitled Conspiracy Fever, which will be in print shortly. "I have no qualms about it coming out," hysteria and fantasy surrounding conspiracy, somewhat, the book still involves the notions of he states, "for although I've revised my opinions Jerry Cohen has written a book on the subject

agaın. and you can bet I'll be right there in the forefront questions as to why it has been concealed all now," notes Prof. Cohen, "over the authenticity of this newest evidence, and the unanswered F. Kennedy assassination is starting all over, this time. The scholarly concern about the John "There is a great deal of discussion going on

of Conspiracy in American Culture." ever—including his popular course on "The Idea and enjoying his teaching at Brandels more than tenor in his off hours, is writing, and thinking, In the meantime, Prof. Cohen, a talented

opinions on any and all aspects of American life dynamic lecturing and to debate his hardnosed semester after semester, eager to sample his 1960, students have poured into his classes, Ever since his arrival at Brandels in the fall of

course, "Problems in American Civilization, Prof. Cohen's introductory American studies One Brandels senior, currently enrolled in

His classes are alive, as if you can feel learning now that I've taken it, I understand why. something I had to do. Everyone said so. And eventually take a course with Jerry. It's just "I've known since freshman year that I would says of the witty and controversial professor "It's Jerry Cohen's style that's so appealing.

American Culture,"

"I taught in the sixties," says Prof. Cohen,

"The Sixtles: Continuity and Change in and one offered for the first time this semester courses, including "Violence in American Life" agree with him he welcomes your rebuttal." want to listen; and if you should happen not to

emptiness, today, as if students have no feeling of their own experiences. "and admittedly it was an exciting time to be a living in the shadow of the sixtles. There is an part of the college scene. But it distresses me to think that the students of the seventies are still

the time." work and less obsessed with the distractions of going on. Students are more serious about thei campus these days, and there's better learning "But it's just not so. It's a better time on

got crazy." beginning to feel like the early sixtles again," he adds, "the way they were before things really generation of college students. "Things are He smiles earnestly as he praises the current

civil rights movement, and substantive issues election years. I hear whispers of the revival of a like energy and divestment are beginning to surthat's reminiscent of the Kennedy-Nixon hard-line, anti-Communist stance growing War seems to be heating up again, and there's a see the dawn of a "sensible sixtles." "The Cold Prof. Cohen conjectures that the eighties wil

simple idealism, they have something to teach often, in their naivete, and in their pure and don't hate them, either, and I honestly feel that American people if Jerry Cohen is correct, "I'm not a worshipper of students," he claims, "but Students will play a major role in rousing the

of a man who loves what he's doing and is proepitome of the idea of the American "myth" that He has found his calling and relfects the image he discusses in his American Studies courses. Jerry Cohen is, at least by appearance, the

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happen. He says what he thinks, he makes you

He also teaches a number of other topical