### **Editorial Comment**

# A Special Birthday

A birthday party that has a special significance for the world's students will be held today when the United Nations celebrates the 13th anniversary of its founding. Established in San Francisco in 1945, the U.N. will start its new year on a note of renewed confidence in the power of discussion to overcome the force of arms. Even on the world organization's birthday, the General Assembly will meet to work out peaceful solutions to crises in the Middle and Far East.

U.N. Day has been officially proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a time for public education about the functions and achievements of the United Nations. The day is considered to be of special importance to students on both sides of the Iron Curtain, since it salutes an organization without which the world situation might well have deteriorated to the activefighting stage.

Officials at the U.S. Committee for the United Nations, the semi-governmental, privately-supported organization founded in 1947 to spread U.N. knowledge and supervise U.N. Day observances, underline the debt that students owe the world organization.

"Every student who has peacefully concluded his college career and has received a diploma since the U.N. was established should be grateful that the international forum exists." Committee director Theodore Smith says. "The U.N. has given each student the opportunity for education untroubled by war. It has also marked a real step forward for the basic principle underlying education by recognizing the value of knowledge in preserving peace. Before the U.N., crises were settled by strong men. Today, more and more, they are being settled by thinking men."

This year's U.N. Day observances are dedicated to the memory of the 32 noncombatant United Nations fighters for peace who have died in the line of duty since 1945. Programs are scheduled on a Federal, state and local basis. They will emphasize the fact that the country's membership in the U.N. costs each American only 57c a year. That sum-just over a penny a week-also supports our participation in the specialized agencies of the U.N. and voluntary contributions to special programs such as the Children's Fund and the Technical Assistance Program.

## University Failures

Professors are forever grading their students. Some recent studies have permitted students to do some rating on their professors. The results do not flatter the professors. Commenting on these studies, in his new critical book on higher education (Some of My Best Friends are Professors, Abelard-Schuman, 1958), Professor George Williams of The Rice Institute in Texas finds that in a typical study:

53% of their professors were rated poor 37% were fair.

Only 10% were considered excellent by the students.

"These figures," Williams adds, "reflect pretty well my own experiences with colleagues who have had children in college. often in the same college where their fathers taught. These children have had the advantage of proressional, and often intimately informed, advice in the choice of professors and courses. Nevertheless, almost every one of these professor-fathers whom I have consulted has admitted that at least half the professors under whom his children studied were incompetent."

But lest the opinion of students seem insufficient as a criterion of success for the university, Professor Williams sadly reveals another suggested criterion: the number of students who fall out of the university. This number is usually held to be classified information by universities. But some estimate can be obtained by knowing that any one graduating class is usually only about 60 to 65% as large as it was when it entered as a freshman class. We must assume therefore that 35 to 40% of the students who enter college do not graduate.

Dr. Williams warns that it would be a mistake to assume that these students who do not graduate necessarily represent personal failures. "Some students leave college on account of illness, some on account of financial troubles, some because they have acquired outside interests. Nevertheless we should not be far wrong in estimating that the colleges are absolute and total failures in trying to educate about 20 to 30% of the students they originally selected as hopeful prospects.

Naturally, in spite of the students' opinion of their professors, the universities prefer to say that it is the student that has failed, not the student's university. But is this true? Professor Williams doubts it. And he documents his belief that the failure must be laid at the door of some of his best friends, the universities' professors themselves.

"It may be worth mentioning," he points out, "that 200 thousand of the students in the upper fourth of their high school graduating class who enter college drop out subsequently of their own volition because they feel that college has nothing for them that is worth the trouble of obtaining. This 200 thousand constitutes student material as good as any college can expect; yet the colleges fail to give them a 'higher education.' "

As a matter of fact, Professor Williams points out that even this record, of failure by the university's own standards, presents the colleges in too favorable a light. "For almost any professor will tell you that if in a class of 20 undergraduates, he has two students who are altogether satisfactory . . . he considers himself lucky. The other 90% of the class range from partial to total failures . . . All things considered, therefore, it would seem that the colleges are unsuccessful in satisfactorily educating at least half their students."

Before going on to locate the source of this failure in the universities today, Professor Williams concludes with this frightening warning: "About 93% of American institutions of higher learning are doing a poor job producing scholars that satisfy collegiate standards of scholarship."

# Individual Staff Views

By Wynn Smithberger Today is United Nations Day!

"Don't be unconscious-Be UN conscious" says the Collegiate Council for the United Nations. Those of us who still remain on campus for the weekend might give a few minutes of thought to the 13year-old body whose headquarters are in New York City.

Facts reveal that the 80-member organization had its birth at the San Francisco Conference in the spring of 1945, when the United Nations Charter was drafted. A majority of the nations which signed the Charter had ratified it by October 24, 1945. and on that day the United Nations officially became a working organization.

So much has been said and written about the attitudes of today's college youth-"the lost generation," "the generation without a cause"-most all of which are generalizations. Yet one must admit that as the world becomes more complex, the student views it wonderingly, and the tension that sometimes results almost turns to fear.

Man has the power to create prosperity; scientific aids advance continually and transportation has been cut to the extent that long trips are considered in hours and minutes rather than thousands of miles. However, two of the most productive and advanced nations are using their power to vie with each other for military superior-

The character of war, which now hints at total annihilation, reveals that if man is to survive, he must achieve permanent peace: The role of the United Nations in international affairs has become increasingly significant.

A crowded busload of interested students and two advisors headed for New York during last year's Thanksgiving vacation.

The YWCA sponsored a national meeting of students from all over the countrysome even journeyed from the west coast -for a United Nations seminar. The group was able to tour the U.N. building unhurriedly during a busy tourist season, meet with United Nations officials and listen to experts discuss the problems which face the world's leaders. (Of course the evenings were free and activities weren't limited to serious meetings!) It was a great opportunity-yet only eight of us were from this University. Sorry you missed it! Try to go this year.

Helmets off (on a big football weekend) to KUON-TV for its program, "U.N. Review," a discussion on current events at the United Nations, which will be featured tonight at 7:45 p.m.

University students do have the opportunity here on campus to express their opinions on international affairs with their friends. The N.U. Council of World Affairs (or Action, whichever you prefer)-abbreviated to confuse people "NUCWA"-tries to develop an interest in the understanding of the U.N. and its problems among university students. Of course this is a plug, but meetings are held every other Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., in the union. This coming Tuesday the program will be based on

the United Nations. The United Nations holds as its purposes the doing away with war and the building of a better world for all peoples, through collective resistance to aggression and through fighting hunger, disease, Ignorance and discrimination.

Certainly this is a group that deserves the enthusiastic, "gung-ho" following of the college population.

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I feel that the Daily Nebraskan has made a tempest fused me permission to attack They are striking ridiculous of which he speaks, but in a teapot out of this whole the newspaper.

LARRY FRAZIER

#### Schultz Comments

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By John Hoerner

GRIPE GUIDE

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Pharmacy: Howard Holmquist 2-

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or any other handy place of

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SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Cut this directory out,

Conservative Estimate

A Greek philosopher once said something to the effect that people get the kind of government they deserve and usually just a little bit better.

Considering the fact that only 1,908 or about 25% of the eligible students showed their interest (or fear of a \$1 fine) by voting in the last Student Council election, it seems to me that we've come out mighty lucky.

In their first five meetings

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Holdover members: Dwaine Rosge 4-6331: Gary Freuzel 3-7847; Don Schick Smith 2-6353 Mary McKnight 2-7742; Tom Smith 2-6353 Marcha Boden 2-695; Rob Krohn 2-267; Dorothy Glade 3-7850; Sails Downs 3-2662; Mary Vrba 6-5946; Don Binder 2-2414, Larry Romius 2-7853; Lawrence Kuhl 2-1510 and Marilyn Pickett 2-7872

Teachers: Kathy Roach 2-7813; Chuck Huston 2-7811; Mary Patrick 2-8096; Rosemary Ruml 2-6995

Arts & Science: Chuck Wisson 4-122 Pat 1-2018 Mary 1-27740

Engineering: Dave Godbs 2-2414;

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STEVE SCHULTZ was blank.

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## Nervous? Noop!

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