

EDITORIAL OPINION

Africa's Education Lack Frightening

Commenting on his recent visit to Africa, Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin noted the lack of higher educational facilities for the huge population of that continent.

He cited four territories, one of which will become a state in the near future, that have a total population of over 22,000,000, but have only two schools comparable to the American university, plus one smaller college.

This in a land that someday will become one of the great powers in the world. Only last week, 13 more of its countries were admitted to the United Nations. With illiteracy as high as it is in Africa, the continent is ripe for Communist propaganda.

The Congo is only the beginning of what we will witness on the "dark continent" as countries not prepared to govern themselves are given independence. With all the tribalism that still exists, it is nearly impossible for a country to unite.

Through educational programs such as that participated in by Chancellor Hardin, this country is gaining ground to save these countries from totalitarianism. In addition, more action by the government in technical assistance is needed if another Cuba on a much greater scale is to be prevented.

Or Else

By John Else

Freshman! You have arrived, you have begun, but have you stopped long enough to ask yourself why you are here? If you fall in the category of the majority of freshman (and heaven only knows you would not want to be identified as a non-conformist!), you have not taken this "pause that refreshes." I recently talked with a veteran who returned to school this year — with a purpose. He related to me how he had come to college fresh out of high school: he had no purpose, no motive — actually no real reason for coming to college except that it was the step that followed the step before and he did not want to fall off the ladder of success. He had performed just about as poorly as most of you will perform this year. He dropped out of school, as many of you will drop out (or be asked to leave), and entered the service. Now he has returned — with a purpose; and anyone can see that he has a purpose.

The contemptuous demonstrations of Friday night

exemplify your lack of purpose, your lack of thought in an institution to which you supposedly came for that very reason. And yet the annual repetition of the first football rally demonstrates that your main error was not so much your action as your lack of independent thought. These do not occur each year because each pledge class is so much alike, but rather because each is pointed in a given direction by actives who came to college without a purpose and have found none in their "residence."

Our University can be a dynamic and prophetic institution OR ELSE it can become a den of conformity and a cemetery of intellectual stagnation. Asking the question, "Why am I here?" and then answering it by independent thought is the only way in which the motivation necessary to make this institution one of true education. The facilities are here; how they are used is the result of the goals of the student body, and you, as a freshman, are one of the most important elements in determining the total goal. Make it a meaningful one!

Not Guilty

By Myron Papadakis and Bob Nye

The recent campaigning and resultant enthusiasm; sometimes fanaticism, on campus and around the nation has brought about much confusion and bewilderment in the minds of many an aspiring young political supporter. These young people see and hear conflicting platforms, promises, debates, and stereotyped candidates.

After studying policies, records, achievements, and claims (or promises) of each major party, one learns nothing and expects less. In such circumstances political parties like to establish youth organizations on campus, as collegiates are easily led into membership for the sake of membership.

For the confused but "discriminating," the person with no eye to the future, we understand a new party is in operation this year. This new party is not to be confused with the short-lived outgrowth of the Democratic Party headed by States-Rights Southerners; running on the platform of "ignore the Supreme Court Decision, we can circumvent the Constitution." Rather, this organization is called "The Young People's Party," and was formerly known as "The

Abraham Lincoln Brigade." It has been reorganized and placed under new leadership, and is now waiting with open arms to encompass the multitudes.

The "People's" candidate is a handsome, young, talented person who has an excellent foreign record. He is also a devoted student of Huxley. (This obviously eliminates the religious controversy.)

The "Young People's Party" invites all those interested to their next meeting. Stickers, Hero Medals, Buttons, Badges, Cossack Hats, and enlightening literature will be distributed without regard to value. Instead of a "\$25 WELCOME" the Inner Committee has decided that in such circumstances a brand cret Code Ring would be a more treasured memento.

The Inner Committee realizes and accepts the fact that 75 per cent of the membership are not of voting age. (Confused minds yield profitable pockets).

So, if your house is pushing you into activities, or if you would like to join another secret organization, then "Young People's" is for you.

However, it is our opinion that if you are interested, a trip to the Federal Building would save them work.

Strictly Partisan

By Dick Shugrue

The 1960 presidential election isn't an intercollegiate debate.

But if it were and if a single performance by adversaries Kennedy and Nixon were to determine the presidency of the United States, Mr. Nixon might well wish for a chance to do better than he did Monday evening.



Never before have the American people been able to see the major presidential candidates face to face in a public debate. And if the Republicans have anything to say about it, Monday's co-appearance will be the last time.

Kennedy had a ready answer to every barb and question. He explained why some major legislation had failed to become law during the rump session of the Congress. He outlined his views on aid to education logically. He contrasted the Republican view with the dynamic Democratic view. He dispelled the gloom-mongers' concept of Democrats as big spenders.

Nixon was still harping on F.D.R. and, to my way of thinking, demonstrated that the G.O.P. looks back rather than ahead. Nixon made excuses, rather than facing the realities of the questions posed by the newsmen.

He dodged the question of his experience (since that seems to be the Republican theme song this year). A reporter pointed out that Mr. Eisenhower had said on August 24 that he couldn't think of a major decision Nixon had helped him make.

Nixon said Ike was just joking. (Big joke, Ike.) But Nixon never went on to tell one major decision he had made.

The keynote of the entire debate was the single statement each man made regarding the conservation program.

Mr. Nixon said it would cost too much and America had to balance the budget (a dream which, incidentally, Ike and his braintrusters have never realized).

Mr. Kennedy said that such a program would eventually pay for itself and was an investment in the future greatness of the United States. That's a realistic approach to the problem, now, isn't it?

The debate is over. Both candidates have made their mark on the history books as being firsts in such a momentous adventure. Mr. Kennedy's mark is clear and effective. Mr. Nixon's mark is rather like a glob of squash left on the menu at the Lincoln Hotel.

This Morrison-Cooper battle is getting better every day—from the Democrats' point of view.

During the past week, two members of the Board of Regents have said that Cooper's attempt to intimidate

them over the Bernstein affair was reprehensible. Neither Regent is a Democrat.

Cooper's other gimmick, trying to discredit Morrison by attempting to mix him up in some "labor scandal" has backfired. If Cooper were half the man he would like to be, he would have bowed out of that allegation gracefully.

Instead, he curtsied like an elephant.

Here's an incidental note. If Goy Burney is so interested in cutting governmental expenses, why doesn't he start with the mansion, and make Beaver and wife live off someone other than the beleaguered Nebraska taxpayer?



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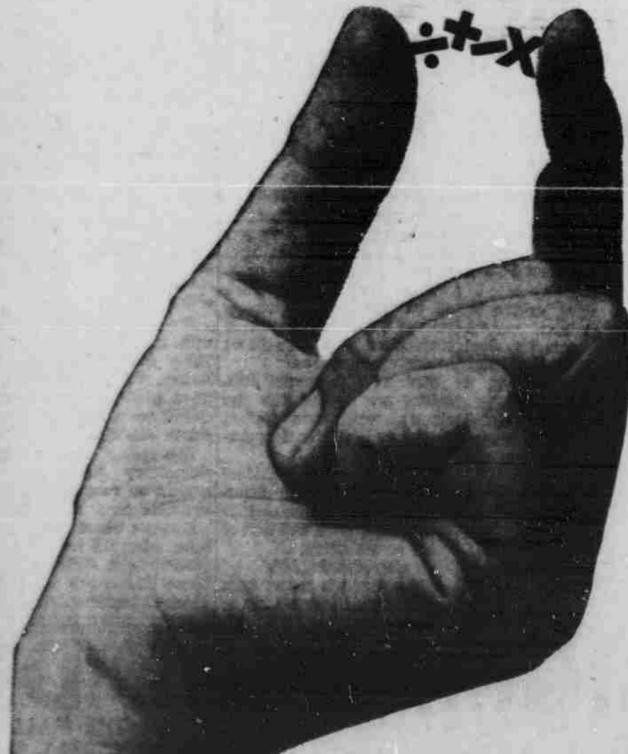
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She also states that the fraternity and sorority copy will differ from last year's book considerably. The copy will be informal and include highlights of the house honors during the year.

Beauty queen candidates will again be selected by the number of books sold by each house. For each 25 books sold, an organization may submit one queen candidate.

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