

# End to pot penalties pushed

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Los Angeles — A Senate sub-committee has been told here that marijuana is in many ways a better drug to take than alcohol and that Operation Intercept, if successful, would merely drive more people to dangerous drugs such as amphetamines.

A series of witnesses testifying before the subcommittee on alcoholism and narcotics, chaired by Senator Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), told the committee that penalties for drug usage should be ended. These included Dr. Joel Fort, a Berkeley professor and former consultant of drug abuse to the World Health Organization; Dr. Roger Smith, director of the Amphetamine Research Project at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco; Dr. David Smith, founder of the Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic; and Dr. William McGlothlin of the UCLA Department of Psychology.

Fort told the subcommittee

that it is "totally immoral and hypocritical to express concern about marijuana smoking without worrying also about other kinds of smoking." Tobacco, he said, is clearly as dangerous a marijuana.

Under questioning about possible harmful effects of various drugs, Fort told the committee of one drug that "accounts for thousands of deaths every year, that, despite decades of use, still works on the brain in ways we do not understand, and that has caused not only chromosomal damage but actual birth defects." The drug is aspirin.

McGlothlin told of a study

of middle class whites who had been initiated to marijuana some twenty years ago. All had used it for several years, and some are still smoking it regularly. The study found that it was used as a substitute for alcohol. Those who had overused marijuana had also overused alcohol at a different period of their lives and would probably do so again if they were "to stop using marijuana." "Of the two drugs," he said, "alcohol is probably the more disruptive when used to excess."

Roger Smith, who has set up a clinic in San Francisco, told the committee that, "As a result of this (past sum-

mer's) marijuana drought, many users are turning to other drugs." If Operation Intercept is successful, this pattern will increase, he said. San Francisco dopers are still getting large quantities of hash from North Africa and grass from such midwestern states as Iowa and Kansas, but prices are up for marijuana, Smith said.

Hughes agreed with the witnesses that drug laws relating to users are overly punitive. "Excessively severe, almost sadistic levels of punishment to not deter a young generation determined to turn on," Hughes told the committee.

## Campus Calendar

- Thursday, Oct. 30
- Nebraska Union  
12:30 p.m.  
Nebr. Union Board Luncheon Placement
- 1:30 p.m.  
ETV Staff Meeting  
Discussion Group 6—Student Affairs
- 3 p.m.  
Free University—Personal Development Lab
- 3:30 p.m.  
Hyde Park
- 4 p.m.  
Builders—Culture
- 4:30 p.m.  
YWCA—Head Start
- 6 p.m.  
Teachers College Faculty Dinner
- AUF Exec.  
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Phi Gamma Delta
- 6:30 p.m.  
AUF—Board  
Block & Bridle Interviews  
Panhellenic  
Christian Science Org.
- 7 p.m.  
Phi Sigma Loga  
Kappa Alpha Psi  
Quiz Bowl  
French Club  
YWCA—Cultural Crafts  
ASUN—Human Rights  
Quiz Bowl Isolation
- 7:30 p.m.  
Math Counselors
- 8:00 p.m.  
A.S.U.N.—Festival of Life
- 9 p.m.  
Comenius Club

# ASUN will meet twice a term on Ag campus

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Senator Lynn Holden said that there are many people on East Campus who have expressed interest in what ASUN is doing and questioned why it does not meet there. Prior pointed out that East Campus participation in ASUN elections has been better than city campus participation on the whole.

In further business, Gless was elected as Senate member of the ASUN electoral Commission.

Four candidates were presented for the vacant senate seat in the College of Engineering and Architecture. They were Tom Hendricks, Stan Peters, Tom Piper, and Bob Yunag. Piper was elected.

In an informal session after the meeting, Union and

Student Affairs officials were questioned about their operations.

Student Activities Director Ron Eaglin answered senators questions about the investment of money held by his office. He explained that interest from this money is turned back into the general student activities fund.

The money made from interest replaces money that would otherwise be taken from student fees, he said. This allows student fees money to be used in other ways.

## Buddhist to speak Friday

Dr. Masayasu Sadanaga, a renowned figure of the Buddhist world, will speak in the Nebraska Union Friday.

His appearance is sponsored by the Philosophy Department in cooperation with a local Buddhist group, Nichiren Shoshu of America.

Sadanaga will present the philosophy of Nichiren Daimoku, allegedly revealing how any individual can find true happiness.



Masayasu Sadanaga

## Tri-U organizes volunteers for tutoring Indian students

The Tri-University Project is organizing voluntary tutorial projects in Lincoln, Omaha and on the Winnebago Indian Reservation to

combat the rising dropout rates among minority groups.

The project is strictly voluntary with each of the 50 tutors paying his own transportation expenses, on his own time and deciding what subjects to tutor.

Plans are being made with the Indian center in Lincoln and the Winnebago Reservation for groups of two or three young Indian students to meet one or two nights a week with a tutor.

The volunteers will shortly begin orientation sessions conducted by Indians to let prospective tutors know what problems they will face.

Jim Kohler, one of group's organizers, explained why there is a 50 per cent dropout rate among Indian students between grade school and junior high.

"During the first years of school the children are intelligent, active and creative," he said. "Then

during the fifth and sixth grades they see only a reservation existence ahead, and they lose their interest and desire," he said.

The Tri-University Project will also arrange to send tutors to the Sunside "storefront" school in Omaha's Near North Side. College students will assemble one night each week with disadvantaged youth and dropouts.

"These tutors will be facing students with problems much more intense than those of middle class students," Kohler added.

## Folk group plays at club meeting

The International Club of the University of Nebraska will present a group of pop folk singers in their Fall Get-together at the Wesley Foundation, 640 N. 16th, on Friday, October 31, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

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