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Changing times U.N. goals need revision

Today in Manhattan the largest gathering of world leaders in history will complete three days of speeches, marking the 50-year anniversary of the charter of the United Nations.

Fostering peace and economic progress throughout the world was the mission of the original charter. Those ideals still ring true, but the United Nations faces a much different world than it did in 1945.

Lacking direction in the post-Cold War era, the United Nations needs a reappraisal — it has become inefficient and ineffective.

The \$1.3 billion U.N. budget is nearly bankrupt. Tales of the excesses of the U.N. bureaucracy abound, including excessive spending and duplicate roles of agencies.

Monday, President Clinton urged the U.N. to consolidate U.N. agencies, reduce



travel and cut back on staff.

But many of the other world leaders have criticized the United States for its debts to the United Nations. Three billion dollars are owed the United Nations, and 40 percent of that is due from the United States.

But Congress is reluctant to pay it in the midst of other U.N. problems.

Failures in Somalia and Bosnia have brought the United Nations a bad reputation.

And questions about what the role of the United Nations should be heading into the next century.

Peacekeeping is still a priority. President Clinton called international crime, terrorism, drug trafficking and the spread of weapons of mass destruction the major threats to world peace.

But the United States would like to see a smaller United Nations, while much of the world would like to see an expanded world body.

Many of the 185 member nations are pushing to reform the five-member Security Council. The council, currently made up by the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China, has veto power of any U.N. resolution.

Adding nations such as Germany and Japan to the Security Council is seen as one solution.

The next 50 years are likely to present as much of a challenge to the United Nations as the mission of keeping peace during the Cold War.

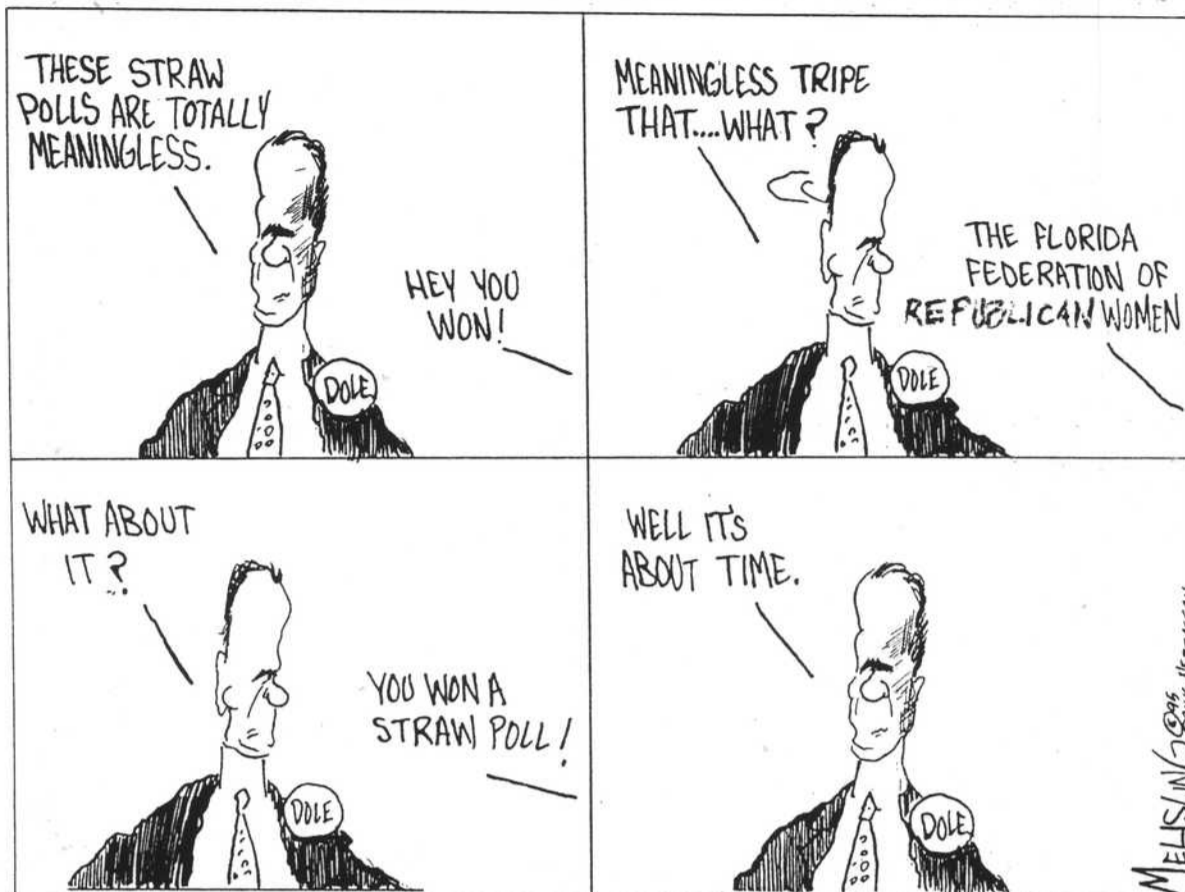
But restructuring, redirecting and refunding the United Nations will be the world body's biggest challenge.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ditto

I turned on the car radio to KLIN for just an instant, but it was enough to get to the truth of Rush Limbaugh.

This is what I caught that would-be self-perceptive man saying: "Does it seem like all sanity has been lost?"

I am sure he was talking about the world outside of himself, but only an utterly insane man thinks he lives in a wholly insane world. (I throw down the gauntlet.)

Todd Burger
Senior
English via e-mail

Editorializing

This letter is directed to the author of the editorial ("Quality checked") of Oct. 16.

Many of the points made about the qualifications for a new chancellor are true but true. The one line which I question reads, "let those who cannot do top-notch work attend community colleges or colleges of hair design."

The person who wrote this obviously knows nothing about the requirements for community colleges and hair design schools.

One of the most intelligent women I know is my hair dresser. She owns her own business, is aware of current events and I depend on her often for analysis of tax ideas as well as legislation on business.

Think twice before writing a line about students who opt to seek other education.

Think about your opinion the next time you get a haircut.

Senator LaVon Crosby
District 29

Victim's writes

I am writing in regard to the Lawrence Phillips issue and the treatment that the Daily Nebraskan has given the victim of the incident.

Every article that the DN has written on Phillips provides a recap of the incident with the inclusion of the victim's name. Don't you think



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by now that any halfway normal person knows what happened?

Do you ever think of the victim when writing these articles with her name in them?

Every time she sits in a class and the professor calls out her name, everyone turns and looks. How do you think that makes her feel?

People would probably stop looking by now, but how can they? They see her name almost every day in the great provider of tabloid news, the DN.

It is time to let the victim get on with her life. She will deal with this every day of her life, whether her name is in the paper or not.

DN, it is time to show some respect.

Kate Galligan
Senior
Business Administration

Union homeless

In response to Scotty Knutson's letter (Oct. 19) about the homeless people in the union:

There aren't that many homeless people who hang around the union, and the few there don't bother anyone.

I've been on campus for almost six years and I've never been panhandled.

There are many people who frequent the union who are not college students. There are many high school kids who hang out at the arcade, but you don't complain about them.

So why complain about a few homeless people who want nothing more than a place to sit and relax and get some shelter once in a while.

Theresa Rakes
Senior
Psychology

T.P.

In response to Mr. Vacek's letter supporting his T.P. habits (Oct. 19). It's true, throwing toilet paper in trees is a relatively harmless act. Even I have had fun decorating trees at one time.

Since I received my sixth grade diploma, however, I've found other, more productive, ways of showing my affection for the opposite sex.

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