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University Exams.

The student bewails his fate. He must face quarterly examinations, mid-semester examinations, and final examinations. He says that he barely gets rid of one exam when another comes along. He proclaims that times have come to a pretty pass when you can't stick your head up without having someone throw an examination at it.

Examinations, says the student are unfair. One crams the night before and having put down on paper what he memorized, he instantly forgets it. One becomes confused, flustered and bewildered, and flunks. Unheard of questions are asked. The week of examinations is · six days of torture and six nights of headache.

But someone must rise in defense of examinations, even chough the popular campus professor is the one who openly disregards such pastimes and says as much.

If the student is not interested in the course, he will never remember much about it, anyway. Therefore, if he forgets the subject matter he crammed into his head the night before, it won't be out-of-the-ordinary. And possibly the student is mistaken; possibly matter learned in the small hours in concentrated effort will stick longer than he thinks.

In those subjects where he is interested, the exam serves to freshen his memory and to stamp the knowledge on his brain.

School in general is not one long grind. The student doesn't wear himself out studying. A spasm of concentration occasionally will do him no harm. On the contrary, he learns that life is real and life is earnest, and the grade is not the goal, but the examination reminds him that school is not one long musical comedy. Examinations are barriers and blows and rebuffs and obstacles which he must meet, and the meeting will do him good, rather than harm.

Examinations are not unfair. Scheduled

be numbered among the ones who are most active and influential in campus affairs there shall be no one who is influential or respected.

The "sour grapes" flavor may be mistaken for a genuine interest in correcting a fancied evil when it is first tasted but it is not long until it becomes evident that the writer's sole ambition is the antisfaction of personal bitter-DOSS

Distorting of the actual facts about unusual campus occurences in such a way as to bring condemnation upon organizations connected with such events is another point at which the editor sometimes falls by the wayside. "Accuracy" is taught as the slogan of journalism whether in the news columns or in editorials. Sometimes the editor may even be embarrassed half of this country. by being asked to correct some of the errors but out of such a vast amount of warped truth many mistakes are likely to go uncorrected.

Along with distorting the facts is the tendency to magnify events that further the ideas of the editorial writer. The kind professor would admonish the student to be a little more accurate hereafter the managing editor five reservations, the first four of of a newspaper would advise the magnifier of events to look for another job.

Editorials of personal jealousy and dissatis faction are obnoxious enough to readers when they come singly. A seemingly never-ending campaign of such stuff is positively boring. Readers of editorials are not particularly fond of daily criticism of the destructive type . criticism is distasteful enough even when it is constructive. Many readers of college papers, however, have not heard constructive criticism recently enough to even recognize it if it should suddenly be presented to them. Harping on events long after all the rest of

the school has forgotten them is another favorite balm which the jealous editor applies to his hurts. He struggles vainly to daub the coloring into the picture which will distort it enough so that all of the students will see things his way. Along with that he is applying an advertising principle in keeping his product before the public eternally and infernally.

The student body, however, fails to take stock in the terrible fate which the editor says awaits it. Strangely, most of the students asked by another power and is don't seem to care if he is jealous of others in pressed over the American objecthe school or if he is dissatisfied with the present order of things. The great university this provision satisfies the senate's or college moved serenely along, practically unruffled by the one semester flareup of "sour grapes" and personal jealousy displayed by the

editor of its paper. He's gone eventually, leaving only a bad

M. L. taste.

A Basis?

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

The Journal columnist of "I May Be Wrong" fame and George Grimes, author of the article on the University of Nebraska in College Humor, leave little derogatory to be said about the unsatisfactory and "spineless" conduct of The Nebraskan, and a "brilliant" student opines, "They are right, too. The editor is afraid of the faculty. He never prints anything bad about an instructor.

What does determine the editor's policy in the present Russo-Chinese fracas, and the attempt of the United influence by outside comments, adverse or otherwise?

Any university paper, like a metropolitan proval of some fifty nations to an one, serves its readers best when it presents agreement of policy which has be-ome known as the Kellogg peace pact, after the name of one of the its editorials, the events and conditions of the prime instigators. day without resorting to personal insults and libelous statements. The sports writer would condemn the editor of The Nebraskan for his sia, all formally agree that war editorial discussion of an unpleasant situation should be outlawed as a method much in need of a future remedy, a few days after it happened. Evidently he believes that after it happened. Evidently he believes that to resort to war in any case ex-the less said the better, that one should close cept where the war is a defensive his eves to existing conditions. The College Humor writer pictures all editors of The Nebraskan as cowering before a ors of The Nebraskan as cowering before a dian of the pact is appointed, and faculty which directs and dictates their news no method is determined whereby and editorial policies. To one who understands it can be found out whether a parthe circumstances such an accusation seems ticular war is a defensive one or utterly silly. The editors have a free fieldtheir guides are their consciences and their knowledge of good and bad journalism. As for the student's remarks, one recognizes As for the student's remarks, one recognizes ment already pretty well articul-the hopelessness of his position. Not only is ated. Now comes a dispute behe ignorant of the mode of conduct of The twenn Russia and China over the Nebraskan, but also is he unaware of the common decency and courtesy which prevails in the newspaper game. He would have the edit. ors resort to libel to satisfy his own prejudices. Nebraskan editors have a miniature news paper to manage as they see fit in order to accomplish the greatest good to the greatest numbers. A knowledge of their problems and practices would result in less censure and more

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Between the Lines.

By LASELLE GILMAN

The entrance of the United States into the World Court is beming more and more of an im mediate possibility. President Hoover has just completed the final steps which are necessary prior to the submission of the new Thi protocol to the senate for ratification. The president has directed the American representative in Geneva to sign the document, which means the Root agreement, on be-

Paris does not give any single state or group of states the func-tion of protector of this pact," and called Mr. Stimson's sending of This Root agreement is the resuit of negotiations which were held last year by Elihu Root, former secretary of state, and member of the World Court. In telegrams to all signatories of the act "m unfriedly act. Janurary of 1926, the American senate had consented to member-ship in the World Court, but with A typical expression of the opinion which the Court's members readily accepted.

A typical expression of the opinion is that which appeared editorially in one of our local papers. "The United States," the editor said, has asumed the role of guardian angel of this treaty. The document is deposited with us, and we as-The fifth reservation, dealing with the problem of the socalled advisory opinions, was turned sume the administration of it. down. The Court, under its consuch as there may be ... The man-ner in which our note was received was insulting and unjust to us." stitution, has the right to render advisory opinions upon the request of the League of Nations or of any of the members. The senate reservation was that no request for an advisory opinion shall be entertained by the Court, without the consent of the United States. We are not impressed with the editor's conclusions, and whatever logic he evidences in support of where the opinion touches "any dispute or question in which the United States has or claims an

interest

reservation.

terion of justice.

them. We don't presume to pass upon the validity of Russia's posi-tion in her controversy with the Chinese government. In all prob-ability, the rectitude of her stand will not be determined for years, until the time when the collection and evaluation of all the evidence The impression brought about by the rejective of this last reserhas been completed

neering during the past week in-clude: Joy L. Phelps, '25, installa-tion supervisor of movietone and vation has apparently been re-moved by the Root protocol. The Root agreement, which has re-ceived the aproval of the signavitaphone equipment for the Elec-But the crux of our controversy with Rusia hinges on the validity trical Research Products corporaof our claim to the supervision of tion, who has just returned from tories of the World court statute, the peace pact. It seems to us that the terms of that treaty gives no the British Isles where he has been provides that the United States installing "talkle" equipment; El-mer A. Crane, '28, of Armour and may withdraw from the court in one country the right to act in case such an advisory opinion is that capacity. The peace pact, in our opinion, is a very weak step in the development of the technique ompany, stationed at Chicago; Bartholomew P. Egan, '27, of the Concrete Engineering company, Chicago; and James R. Salesbury, tion. The president and the Amerof outlawing war ican state department believe that

control of an important railroad.

Russia, setting up the claim of self-defense, flies to arms and in-vades Chinese territory. The Un-ited States, through Secretary Stimson, demands that Russia, as

a signatory of the peace pact, re

frain from resort to arms, and

aubmit her question to arbitration. Runnia retorts that the United

States has no license to set her

self up as the god-father of the

This is the present stats of a difficult international situation.

The note of the Russian govern-

ment to ours was sharp and severe.

telling our seretary of state to keep his hands off. The memor-

andum stated that "the pact of

Russia's action has been severely

ondemned by the American press.

abstention from membership in long way in establishing among ited States is inviting herself into the nations of the world the habit a lot more trouble and responsiof going to court for the settle-ment of their arguments, where world, than our senators who right and not might is the cri-

GREEK BOXERS WILL WEIGH IN WEDNESDAY A.M.

States to stop it by invoking the the Kellogg-Briand peace pact. The United States secured the ap-Interfraternity boxing will get under way at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when 118 pound bouts will be started, Rudolph Vogeler announed today. Weighing in will start Wednes-day morning at 11 a. m. Follow-

ing the completion of bouts in the

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1929.

R. A. HOUSE ATTENDS

Nebraska

Delegate

Present His Report to

Local Society.

echanical engineering building.

the New York Times press room.

neering. Constantinople, Turkey. Dean Scipio is a former engineer-ing faculty member of the Univer-sity of Nebraska.

braska Power company also at-

tended the convention as Nebraska

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Visitors at the college of engi-

AMONG VISITORS

The report will include dresses and several techni-ings. C. M. Moulton c.

PHELPS, TALKIE

A. S. M. E. delegate.

Mr. House attended addresses by

Will

GROTH SPEAKS AT VESPERS TONIGHT

ENGINEERING MEETING Wendell Groth will explain the student volunteer movement at the regular Vesper service on Tuesday afternoon at 5 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall, as national president of the student council of Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. The meeting will be lead by Evelyn Adler, also a na-tional worker. There will be a program of special music.

Graduate Speaks at Epworth M. E. Church

R. A. House, student branch del-egate to the national convention of the American Society of Me-chanical Engineers, held in New York City, Dec. 2 to 7, will give his report at a special meeting of the local society at 5 p. m. Wed-nesday, Dec. 11, in room 102 of the mechanical engineering building. and changes in marriage custumes and changes in marriage condition uated from the college of agricul-ture in 1929, preached at the Ep-worth Methodist church, Sunday. "The Rich Young Ruler." was the His report on the convention will deal largely with the inspection trips he made through the Hudson Avenue power station. Pratt insti-tute, New York university, and The Rich Young Ruler, was the subject of his sermon. Rev. Mr. Magnasun entered the ministry after he graduated from this uni-versity. He attended the Epworth church while in school. His regu-lar pastorate is at Malcolm, Neb. A. A. Potter, dean of Purdue uni-versity, and Lynn A. Scipio, dean of Robert College School of Engi-



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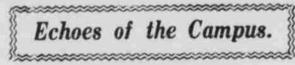
At best, granting that the American position is a corect one. objection, as expressed in the fifth still the procedure is very unaatia-The entrance of the United factory. Every factor of the con States into the World court, in the troversy points irresistably to the near future, will constitute a not- necessity of established machinery able step to world peace. There is of justice and arbitration of world no questioning the fact that our wide sanction. Spasmodic and in wide sanction. Spasmodic and individual stabs at international conthat tribunal, has weakened it. ciliation, such as our present one. Our active parcipitation in the have for centuries demonstrated work of the world court will go a their inherent weaknesses. The Un-

> thought they saw when they prevented our entrance into League of Nations. the

exams give the student plenty of time and warning to prepare. If he becomes nervous and confused during the exam, don't let him object to the test on that ground. He should overcome his confusion; for there will be more than one such occasion in his life after school which will brook no whining.

As for the surprise exams, it is only logical to admit them fair. If an instructor wishes to find who has studied the work assigned and who has not, this is a practical way. If the student is not prepared and flunks the test, it only reflects on his own negligence and laziness,

It would seem that examinations perform a definite and important service, then, despite the general howl raised against them. Possibly examinations will be done away with in the future which may or may not prove satisfactory in our educational system. Nevertheless, they are to be reckoned with at present, and if universities favor them, there must be some fraction of good to be found in them.



".... Leaving a Bad Taste."

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

"Everybody's out of step but me." So read the title of a cartoon which appeared shortly after the war, showing bolshevist Russia marching with the other nations of the world and explaining its failure to keep step with the alibi, "Everybody's out of step but me."

Editors, writing in their privileged realm. the editorial column, frequently take the attitude attributed to bolshevistic Russia toward the activities of their fellow citizens. Embryo editors in charge of college dailies seem especially prone to take the view that "everyone is wrong but me."

Journalism courses in our universities are constantly hammering on the idea of playing fair, giving both sides of controversies without warping the facts and of planning constructive rather than destructive campaigns. What a feeling of utter failure the faculties must have when they see the manner in which some of their charges disregard their counsel as soon as the student attains a position of power.

Long-winded tirades, flavored plentifully with "sour grapes" commence to be ground out from the typewriter of the one who has had so much labor spent on him by the faculty in grooming him for this position. Critically destructive editorials, frequently distorting the facts, are poured forth in a seemingly endless stream in an attempt to "subtly" undermine the personal enemies of the editor.

This question of "sour grapes" is often one of the most evident phases of the campaign. Slightly veiled allusions to institutions or conditions with which the editor is not in accord through his inability to personally be "on the inside" are scattered in monotonous regularity through the editorial columns day after day. Each editorial shouts that if the writer can't

Just a Minute! To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

praise.

M. N.

The writer noted an editorial in Sunday's Nebraskan disparaging the unwarranted pub licity given to a "decoration scheme" which failed to materialize as a decoration scheme. I am sure that the editor had no intention of throwing a shadow of doubt over publicity to be given the decoration scheme for the All-University parties, but instead had sole reference to the Military ball.

The only purpose of this comment is to call attention to the necessity for belief in the veracity of the All-University advertising campaign. Thousands of yards of decorating material have already been purchased for the party on Dec. 14; heavy expense has been incurred in order to insure a real old-fashioned 'snowstorm" effect; favors imported from Germany have been secured; a heavy telegraph bill has been rolled up in an efort to obtain the best orchestra available; a vaudeville program has been arranged; and many other features too numerous to mention have been contracted for. Probably the most elaborate decorating effect ever attempted at Nebraska is that for the All-University party on Dec. 14. Please, Mr. Editor, allow me the right to

One thing that keeps many organizations alive here is the guidance of the has beens who stick around for several years after graduation.

make my point.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has discovered that college professors live longer than other men. The elassic remark might apply here: "Perhaps it only seems longer."-Daily Californian.

The imperative need of the es

tablishment of fixed institutions

of international scope which are

capable to deal with international

disputes is clairly brought out in

Those fifty nations who signed this pact, and one of them is Rusof settling international difficulties. Further all nations agreed not one. The pact provides this much, and no more. There is no machin-

ery of conciliation set up, no guar-

In short, the Kellogg pact is merely a world declaration of policy, a crystallization of a senti-

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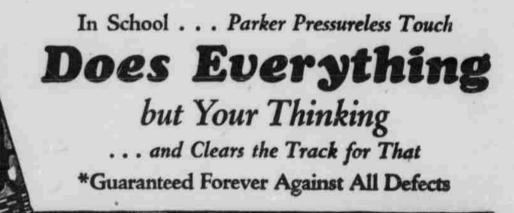
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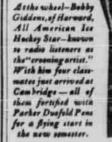
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