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## UN Cooperates?

The railroads and the government have been pleading for people to avoid traveling over the weekends for the next month or so due to extremely heavy military travel and generally crowded conditions.

So, cooperating beautifully, the university is turning out some 3,000 students this weekend to further complicate matters.

During Thanksgiving vacation, a number of university students were unable to get on trains and buses until as long as 24 hours after vacation began. Traveling was difficult then, and the officials of the Lincoln transportation agencies say that the period during December and January will see trains and buses more crowded than they have been at any time in the past. And, the officials added, the weekend immediately preceding Christmas is really going to be a lulu because innumerable servicemen and civilians who cannot travel at any other time will be going home for Christmas.

There have been big rumors floating around the campus to the effect that we would be let out for vacation a day or two earlier than Saturday, Dec. 22, because of the problem of travel. One professor even announced the lengthened vacation in class. The administration, however, emphatically denies this, which is unfortunate. One extra day wouldn't hurt our educations and it would mean that several thousand students could get home a little easier.

We hope you make it by Christmas, kids.

## Sign It, Brother . . .

No unsigned letters, please.

In the past couple of weeks, the Nebraskan has received several excellent student opinion letters intended for publication in the Letterip column of the editorial page. Unfortunately, these letters were not signed.

We have announced in the past that we do not print anonymous letters. We are perfectly willing to withhold names of writers when there is a good reason for doing so, but we cannot print letters, no matter how good they may be, when they are not accompanied by the name of the writer.

It seems strange that people who feel strongly enough on a question to write letters are not strong enough to sign their names to them.

## UN Students Eagerly Watch Exams Arrive

BY ELLIE SWANSON.

I realize that if there was ever one time of the year during which no one should attempt to write on the subject, "exams," this is that time. However, since I crave excitement, and my life is getting rather dull at the moment, I will bravely venture forth into the depths of this topic of which I know so little.

The first question we must entirely clear up on the subject is . . . why??? Since both Webster and the Encyclopedia Britannica are apparently hesitant as to the answer to this question, I am left with the privilege of telling the world. It seemed that many professors, after their students had become completely immune to ordinary five and six hour assignments, felt that these students shouldn't be allowed to slough thru the course so easily. For a long time the profs couldn't quite decide whether to take the students individually into a dark room, turn spotlights on them and give them three lashes with a black snake whip for each question they couldn't answer, or give them examinations. Unfortunately they chose the exams.

### Types of Exams.

There are actually only three types of exams . . . hard, difficult and impossible. Nearly all tests can be classified as impossible, and the only test which could be classed as hard is the "true or false" test, where fate gives you a fifty-fifty opportunity to pass but always double-crosses you in the end.

Next, you will want to know how to prepare for exams. There are countless methods that have

been accumulated and handed down from year to year since colleges were established. They include everything from writing answers in shorthand on fingernails, to going out the night before and getting drunk, but definitely exclude STUDYING. As final exams are rapidly approaching, students are advised to remove their textbooks from the top shelf of their closet, blow off at least half of the dust, and leaf thru several chapters with an air of intense concentration. Since it is advised by professional test-failers never to over-tax the mind, beginners will find relaxation in a soothing radio program or a game of cards, and then to bed.

### Effect of Exams.

After the test is over and failed, we notice varied effects on students. Often we find the "individualist" who feels that he must celebrate, and, altho we are not sure how he commemorates the occasion, we do note that he has retired from society for several days. Next, we find the student who, because he feels that he has overdone himself and is entitled to a rest, refuses to honor the class with his presence until about a week before the following test. The most hated of all exam survivors, however, is the character who pacifies his dejected classmates by announcing that the test was impossible to pass, he knows that he didn't make a point over 50, and then he ends up with a 95.

As my forehead becomes wrinkled with worry and my head begins to ache from thinking, I realize that it's time to quit. I will, therefore, leave you with this encouraging thought: an apple for the teacher never did any harm. However, if you suspect that your teacher is different, try another formula . . . study hard over Christmas vacation.

## Ragged Edges

BY PAT GILLIGAN AND PAT TOOF

Parties, parties, parties—below zero temperatures—dates, dates, dates.

Santa Claus came to the DU House party Friday night in the form of Dick Skog bringing to Lois B. Johnson, Gamma Phi, a hot water bottle from date, "Bookie" McCormick. There must be some hidden significance to this but what we don't know. Phi Lorraine Rabe was with John Drummond—a very much "on" again affair. Every great love has its ups and downs. Glad to hear Chi O Ann Randolph and Wilber Prussie got together despite last Sunday's column—but where was Leonard Dunker, fellows??? Thought he was part of the furniture.

### Christmas Partying.

Sigma Nu Christmas party brought together Tex Cole and KKG Jeannie Guenzel—undoubtedly a riproaring time—Ann Lomax joined the party with Bob Engdahl—and John Pastain with cute Gamma Phi pledge, Marilyn Diestal. Too bad the Pig Dinner fell through.

"Candy Land" at the Theta hut Saturday night with "Phee" Mortlock as "Ciggie" Girl—and DU Bob "Cox" Meyer turning up with Meredith Bowhay—NRO Delt Howard Bradley murmuring "sugar zero" to Les Metheny, a farewell for them—Sigma Nu "What do you want to make those eyes at me for" Hasek had sweet date, Jackie Carothers. Surprise, Ivan.

Can't forget Mary Clair Clark, Kappa and Christmas Carol girl, and Delt Warren Van Norman at the Kappa Sig-Delt Turkey dinner Friday night—Tri Delt sisters Jane Ann Clark and Kay Bogan feasted and made merry with Bob Bollen, Kappa Sig, and Bob Keller, Delt.

### Sweetheart!

Announcing Pi Phi pledge, Jody Wolcott as "Sweetheart of Raymond Hall"—DU Mark Mayer rated as her proud escort to the Dorm's Mid-Winter formal Friday night—Alpha Chi Charlotte Dixon with celebrity, Johnny Bell, Sig Chi. Another brother broke into the limelight with DG Rita Fitzmorris—speaking of Lee Kjelson.

Pi Phi pledges did the honors Saturday night—Sigma Nu dreamboy, Dale Hanway with Betty Lysinger—taking care of her in frat brother Bob Pierce's absence. Patty Welsh turned up with something new in DU Dean Forke. The navy came through when Nat Newcomer invited Jack McNealy.

Betas and DUs are running competition Sunday night—buffet suppers are the attraction. Beta girls are Ruthie Moll, Theta, and Pat Winter, DG, with Bob McConoughy and George Townsend—series to be continued Wednesday.

## Social Sororities Agree to Disband In Arkansas

Sororities of Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., voted recently to disband all social sororities. Three of the four sororities voted to disband unanimously; the other by a large majority.

The matter arose this fall when a group of girls representing all four sororities were discussing the problem of unclean politics and the change of friendly atmosphere on the campus to one of a cianish spirit brought on greatly by sorority rivalry.

### Express Opinion.

After hitting on this subject and the idea of disbanding, other sorority members were called in to express their opinion. The feeling seemed to be the same throughout the group.

The news spread quickly over the campus. Regular meetings of the sororities were held and this topic was the main discussion. Plans were made for each sorority to meet and voice for or against disbanding.—Associated Collegiate Press, Minneapolis, Minn.

Helen Walker, one of the stars of Pine-Thomas' "People Are Funny," has almost as many freckles as Katherine Hepburn and Myrna Loy, the freckle champs of Hollywood.



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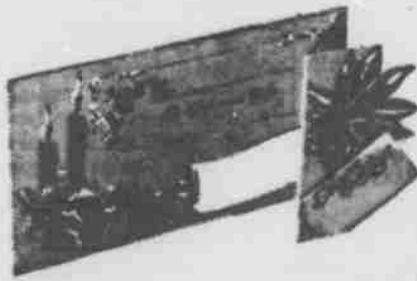
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