

Grim Spectre Arises . . .

It's coming again. That dread plague which sweeps across the campus twice each year accompanied by the moans and woes of the majority of students. It's heralded by grim looks and stern vows of hard work.

Semester exams are almost upon us. "Finals." The very word strikes terror into the hearts of many and produces oft-repeated resolutions of study from the laggards.

And the same old complaints are dusted off for use. The criticisms and grumbings about the system of final examinations are once more making the rounds. There are seldom any new or varied expressions of the average student's disapproval of the entire scheme of final examinations, but each student likes to have a chance to get his gripes into conversation. We've heard these students and we're among them. You've heard the students and you're probably among them.

Some isolated professors have decided to abandon final exams, but in the main, finals are well established. The consensus of faculty opinion on the subject was evidenced conclusively by the faculty senate during its pre-Christmas hearing of the senior week proposal. Faculty inquiries as to where spring finals would fit into the program, a program which would apply only to seniors, indicated that prevailing faculty sentiment allows little hope for a sweeping change.

There are critics of final exams who have ample grounds for their complaints. Professors who measure the work on an entire semester on the basis of one examination appear to have ignored or overlooked the common sense factor in grading.

We agree that it would be ideal to have classes small enough to enable each professor to know the ability of his students through discussion and classroom recitation, but an attempt to go farther with this suggestion brings on a host of related factors. More teachers—more money—revised grading systems. All of these factors are ideal, but improbable.

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By Phaedrus

This is for the common students, not the wheels.

A recommendation against joining the National Students' Association (NSA) will probably be made to the Student Council shortly. Reports from the special committee meeting last week indicate most of its members oppose affiliation.

An immediate decision to end the is likely since the committee and participation this year would cost nearly \$2,000.

The party line public outburst of NSA zealot Gene Berman Tuesday makes such action certain. Berman, when denied a post in October as a university delegate to the NSA regional convention in Kansas City, went east to attend three different regional meetings in an unknown capacity.

Such intense "personal" interest is in marked contrast to that of the average University wheel.

The NSA committee's drive to sent used text books abroad will take place between semesters regardless of the fate of NSA, if democratic distributing agencies can be contacted in time. The chore was assigned the committee by council president Harold Mozer without the matter being discussed in a council meeting.

Handling of this idea from Marthella Holcomb is reminiscent of the one man show Mozer made of the Big Six Racial conference. That time his eager advisor was Berman.

Campus News In Brief

Student Foundation.

All members of the Student Foundation interested in filing for board positions should read the material on the Foundation office bulletin board. All letters of application must be turned in to Lorraine Landeryou by Jan. 20.

Inter-Varsity Christian

"The Message of the Book" is the subject of Dr. Charles G. Sterling's address to the regular Thurs. evening meeting of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Dr. Sterling is a retired pastor and professor. All students and faculty member sare invited to come at 7:30 p. m. to Room 313 in the Union.

Sigma Tau.

The election of officers for Sigma Tau, honorary engineering group, will be held at the meeting Thurs., Jan. 15, at 7 p. m., in Room 206 Mechanical Engineering Building.

Alpha Kappa Psi.

Members of Alpha Kappa Psi will hold a luncheon in the Union today at noon.

AICHe.

AICHe will meet in Room 315 of the Union at 7:15 p. m., tonight.

ASME.

The monthly ASME student branch meeting will be held tonight in Room 206 Richards Lab. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

Varsity Dairy Club.

According to the Dairy Department, the Varsity Dairy club will elect officers at the meeting to be held tonight in the Dairy Industry Building at 7 p. m.

Announcements for January grads are now available at Co-op and Nebraska book stores. Orders must be placed by Jan. 20.

Nu-Med.

The monthly Nu-Med meeting will be held tonight in pralors XY of the Union. Members who did not sign up for the 6:16 diner are urged to attend the business meeting at 7 p. m. Elections will be held and Dr. A. D. Munger, Lincoln Urologist, will speak.

Cosmopolitan Club.

Members of the Cosmopolitan Club will meet tonight at 7 p. m.

Square Dance Feature at Ag

Jeans and calico will be in order Friday night when the general entertainment of the Ag Union will present an old time square dancing party in College Activities building Friday night.

Although the dance is an outgrowth of the lessons which have been offered this semester in the Union, Ivan Lilejgen, committee chairman, emphasized that experience was not necessary and urged students on both campuses to attend.

Dancing will be from 8-11:30, and no admission will be charged for the dance, so come early and stay late. The ag union dell will remain open for the convenience of the dancers.

Other members of the general entertainment committee, sponsoring body, include: Sue Bjorklund, Jim Lutes, and Keith Kegley. Neil Miller is sponsor.

in parlor C of the Union. A program of acrobatic dancing will be given, and all are urged to attend.

Kappa Epsilon.

Last Wed., Jan. 7, Kappa Epsilon, pharmacy sorority, held a banquet and initiated three new members: Joan Duffy, Isabel Bogner and Jean Mikkelsen. Faculty wives and alumni members were also present.

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