

Crossfire

By Norm Leger

Readers of "Crossfire" (count 'em on the fingers of a Mickey Mouse hand) need not remind us that we didn't follow through on a certain expose of the unknown "Phaedrus." There was a reason for it. Even to our calloused feelings about such things, it seemed that the little good it would have accomplished was far over-balanced by the smear it would have left on the names of otherwise respected gentlemen. And there is good assurance that "Phaedrus" will be no more.

If Phaedrus' purpose was to bring to light what he felt the student body should know, we'd like to borrow same purpose for "Crossfire"—but we'll brave the by-line. Several interesting things have occurred (or have been brought out of the dark) since the last Daily Nebraskan went to press and with no particular one's permission we would like to comment upon them. It may take several columns—so bear with us.

Cheating at Finals.

Final exams have come and gone, leaving distasteful memories of both the givers and the takers. Little did we realize before how prevalent was the life-publicized practice of cribbing. Arriving early to take seats in the back of the room, composing printed cards to slip in the back of extra blue-books, and contriving subtle hand signals for true-false exams were the more common devices used as aides to "getting through" the dreaded semesterly ordeal. A more reliable, though daring, means was to get a copy of the test questions before the exam was ever given. This required the neat trick of sneaking into the prof's office and finding the exam without getting caught. At least one of the operations was well planned and consequently successful—we're told.

It should hardly be necessary to say that this juvenile business clearly reflects that the students indulging in it are thoroughly unaware of what the purpose of college education is. Okay, we're preaching. But looking at it from both sides shows that the fault does not lie entirely with the students.

Here We Go Again.

We beat this same drum before—last year—with no correcting consequences, of course. So again we make like a voice in the wilderness.

Two major criticisms that we hear at every turn is that 1) too much emphasis is placed on finals with the result that students frantically regard them as something to get by—by any means, and 2) not enough time is allowed for the preparation of final exams.

There is a good argument for the emphasis placed on a final—it's what you know after the course is completed that counts, and this will show up on the final exam. True, but if students persist in regarding the taking of finals as they would a trip to the guillotine then we say it's a better plan to give more examinations during the semester and let the final count no more than a six weeks exam. List, oh list, exalted faculty and administrators!

Wanted: More Time.

We STILL think that certain amount of free time should be allowed between the ending of classes and the beginning of the exam period. The reason is obvious—to enable students to make adequate preparation for finals. We know of one coed—a freshman, at that—who was finished with all her exams by Friday night of the first week. What a merry time for her, Wednesday and Thursday nights! Enough to drive even the uninitiated to a "down to Don's" way of celebrating the completion of finals.

Please, dear professors, Mr. Registrar, Dean of this and that, or whoever is responsible for making out the exam schedule—don't let us play our violin in vain. Give us time—one day, at least—to study for the gruelling exam week. Or, de-emphasize the percentage importance of finals so that students may come through them with a few remaining fingernails and locks of hair.

Do this, and students will have no justification whatsoever in griping about the strict way in which profs may choose to administer exams or in complaining about the severity of the punishment dealt out the cribbers "caught in the act."

Campus News In Brief

PERSHING RIFLES.

Pershing Rifles will meet at 5:00 p. m. today in Nebraska Hill. It is important that all members attend.

BLOCK & BRIDLE.

Block and Bridle will meet tonight, 7:15 p. m., room 208 in the Animal Husbandry building. There will be a guest speaker according to Rick Wahlstrom, president.

UNI. 4-H.

University 4-H club will elect officers Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Ag Student Union. All members are urged to be present.

SIGMA TAU.

Sigma Tau will meet Thursday at 7:00 p. m. in the Union. The room where the meeting will be held will be posted on the board in the Union lobby.

CORN COBS.

February meeting dates for Corn Cobs are Feb. 9 and 26, following the new policy of meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

REPORTERS.

Daily Nebraskan Editor Jack Hill will interview all students who wish to become reporters every afternoon beginning Wednesday at 1 p. m. in the Daily Nebraskan office.

KAPPA PHI.

Kappa Phi, collegiate Methodist sorority, held their annual initiation for first semester pledges on

Locke Chosen New President Home Ec Club

Lillian Locke was elected president of the Home Economics Club at the annual election the week preceding finals, Priss Flagg, former president announced.

Lillian also serves as state president of the Home Economics association. She has been Home Ec club secretary, Ag YWCA secretary, and a member of Ag exec board and Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Betty Beckner will serve as vice president and Phyllis Ross, the third nominee for president, will have her choice of chairmanships. Betty is a member of 4-H Club, Tassels, and secretary of Amikita.

Other officers elected were: Gwen Monson, secretary; Marilyn Boettger, treasurer; and Marian Pratt, historian.

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18, at the Emmanuel Methodist Church. Those initiated at the candlelight service were: Dorothy Bowman, Dorothy Dewey, Joyce Dudek, Gerry Griebel, Arthea Hall, Gretchen Lomax, Donna Manchester, Barbara Meyer, Phyllis Peterson, Beverly Reed, Patricia Foster, and Mary Gaile Siegler.

NU-MEDS.

Nu-Meds will meet February 11 following a dinner at 6:15. Dr. Sidney Reese, Lincoln surgeon will speak on abdominal surgery. Persons planning to attend must sign register at Dr. Powell's office in Bessy Hall before Monday.



LILLIAN LOCKE.

Two Coeds Make 'Mademoiselle's' Collegiate Board

Ruth Ann Finkle and Barbara Keith were recently accepted to membership on "Mademoiselle" magazine's 1947-48 College Board and will compete with over eight hundred college girls from 46 states for a chance to work a month in the New York offices of the magazine.

This editorial plum was awarded annually to the 20 board members who excel in their "Mademoiselle" assignments during the year. A year's assignment consist of three reports on college activities and current campus trends.

Miss Finkle, senior in Bizad college, is president of Alpha Omicron Pi. Miss Keith is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The 20 girls selected by the magazine become guest editors of the banner August college issue, taking active part in a Jobs and Futures conference, designed to supply them with a framework that will prepare them for the careers for which they are best fitted.

Graduate Club to Meet At Union Parlor X

Graduate Club will hold its first meeting of the semester tonight at 7:30 in Union parlor X. All graduate students, their wives and husbands, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

According to Rosanne Svoboda, the program will consist of an outline and discussion of the club's activities for the remainder of the year. Twelve students from the various departments of the graduate school have planned this schedule.

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