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Dear Editor:

Much as I and Mr. Fritz Simpson may dislike final exams, I have never found them to be a farce. And I have yet to be confronted with the "sad reality" that I am "virtually forced to cheat to stay in school." I have, however, been forced to spend several hours of intensive reviewing during final exam week for some four to six subjects each semester; and curiously enough this review has forced me to think and to reach a pretty thorough understanding of the subject I was studying—resulting, by some people's criterion, in my becoming well educated, which I believe is Mr. Simpson's aim.

The blame for cheating rests ultimately upon the student: I believe that Mr. Simpson and I are agreed upon this. Any attempt to place the blame upon the faculty, as did the students of a school to the south of us recently, because the faculty permits conditions in which cheating is possible, is only an oblique way of stating that students have no moral sense, that it is sheer stupidity to suppose they have any honor and can be trusted. And the person who doesn't cheat should not make matters worse by moaning that he has to compete with unscrupulous thieves and crooks. Such competition really prepares the individual for his business and professional future, which, according to Mr. Simpson, is the aim of a college.

Actually, much of the trouble (though by no means all) lies in our misconception of the aim of a university, and of education in general. With all our emphasis upon "practicality" and our worship of the dollar sign, our whole educational process has become one long trade school, turning out mechanics and specialists with heads full of knowledge about everything except a sense of ageless, not relativistic values. Education should give us knowledge and teach us to think; but more than that, it should present us with the very fundamental facts and questions of life itself; what is the meaning of life, and the universe? Is there a God? and if so, what am I going to do with Him? These are live issues; they are forced upon us; we cannot escape them; and the decisions we make are momentous; they affect us now and very probably eternally. No man can be called

## Ag Pre-Easter Program Planned

The Ag Religious council has announced Sunday, April 10, as the date for the annual Ag College Pre-Easter breakfast. It will be held at 7 a. m.

Dr. Frank Court, minister of St. Paul's Methodist church, will be the guest speaker this year. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased from any Ag Religious Council member for 50 cents.

The breakfast is a traditional affair sponsored by the Ag Religious council with the co-operation of the various religious organizations on Ag campus. All university students are invited to attend.

Committee chairmen for the breakfast are: Program, Muriel Nelson; preparation and decorations, Joan Skucius; food, Irene Wellensiek and Helen Ochsner; cleanup, George Wagner; publicity, Virgil Ganzel.

truly educated who fails to face these issues honestly and considers them with his whole mind and heart and soul and strength. These questions must be answered before we can begin to worry about a business or professional career: indeed, our answers will determine the course of our future. The problem of cheating on exams cannot exist for anyone who is in university to study these basic questions concerning his very existence: One's salvation, finding one's place in the universe, is lightly more important than a grade.

Sincerely,  
R. FREDERIC MANSFIELD.

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## NU Extension Teaching Hits New Record

About 1,895 Nebraskans are getting University instruction this year at "little campuses" of the University of Nebraska located in 49 Nebraska communities.

N. F. Thorpe, assistant director of the University's Extension division, said Friday that enrollment in the off-campus instruction program this year has topped all previous records.

REGISTRATION in the classes the first semester totaled 1,090, and 805 for the current term. Most of the students are public school teachers earning credits for bachelor degrees or taking advanced work for master's degrees. Classes meet for three-hour sessions once a week, for a period of 11 weeks, and are taught by university faculty members.

Courses offered include public school art, education, speech development and correction, social studies, English, geography, music, history, sociology and Spanish.

The classes generally serve not only the community but surrounding towns. For example, a class in history organized at Geneva recently by Miss Emma Renken, county superintendent, is being attended by 14 persons from Milligan, Sutton, Grafton, Shickley, Exeter, Ong, Fairmont and Geneva.

THE COST OF off-campus classes is borne mainly by fees paid by the students.

Communities in which "little university campuses" are located this year include: David City, Grant, Imperial, Loup City, Nelson, North Platte, Seward, Red Cloud, Wahoo, Weeping Water, Beatrice, Blair, Broken Bow, Clay Center, Grand Island, Lyons, Wilber, Aurora, Benkelman, Cozad, Curtis, Greeley, Stapleton, Ord, Elwood, Hayes Center, Ogallala, St. Paul, York, Valentine, Columbus, Norfolk, Newman Grove, McCook, Clay Center, Bellevue, Lyons, Hastings, Osceola, Geneva, Bassett, Fairbury, Tecumseh, Decatur, Sidney, O'Neill, Gothenburg, South Sioux City and Minden.

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## Patience . . .

The show must go on—or so it says here. However, Shakespeare and the Administration do not seem to be in complete accord.

Months ago the Temple theater doors were closed by the state fire marshal and the leaky shelter which had for years housed the University theater gave up the ghost. The move was inevitable. The theater had not only become a fire trap but a pneumonia ward.

As a result the matter was referred to the Board of Regents, the University theater moved to Wesleyan and dramatic activity on the campus came to a virtual standstill.

In order to hear the Administration's point of view on the matter The Daily Nebraskan discussed the problem with University Comptroller, John Selleck. He assured us that the situation was under consideration. He also assured us that the wheels of a large University grind slowly—an oft repeated phrase. They seem to grind more rapidly in the athletic department than in others, but even there we are told, their motion is scarcely visible.

Someone eventually scraped off the rust and architects were secured. The Administration was then faced with a choice between minor repairs, which may or may not meet with the approval of the fire marshal, or a major renovation. The minor work would cost approximately \$20,000 and the larger job about \$100,000. These figures are, of course, only an approximation. With a maximum of luck detailed reports of construction costs may be available by June.

Of course, it will be impossible for anyone to come to any sort of conclusion on the future of the theater until explicit information is available.

The chances are that the minor repairs would take only three or four months to make while the rebuilding would require a year or more. Again these figures are not complete.

Comptroller Selleck would like to see the larger project undertaken, while the Board of Regents would probably prefer the less expensive item. No provisions for work on the theater are included in the University's building program which makes the allocation of the necessary funds a true dilemma.

Meanwhile, the heads of the speech department must not expect any sort of prediction on the future of the theater. It would be impossible for anyone to commit himself on the practicability of the speech department's suggestion to use a downtown theater for next year's productions. After all reports are still incomplete.

The fact that not only the speech department, but all the fine arts, are losing precious ground in this period of inactivity is not particularly important. The problem is of little concern to persons outside the department itself. It is not a matter of major campus interest that there may be no University productions next year. Neither is it a matter of major campus interest that Nebraska dramatics may lose valuable students and instructors through inactivity.

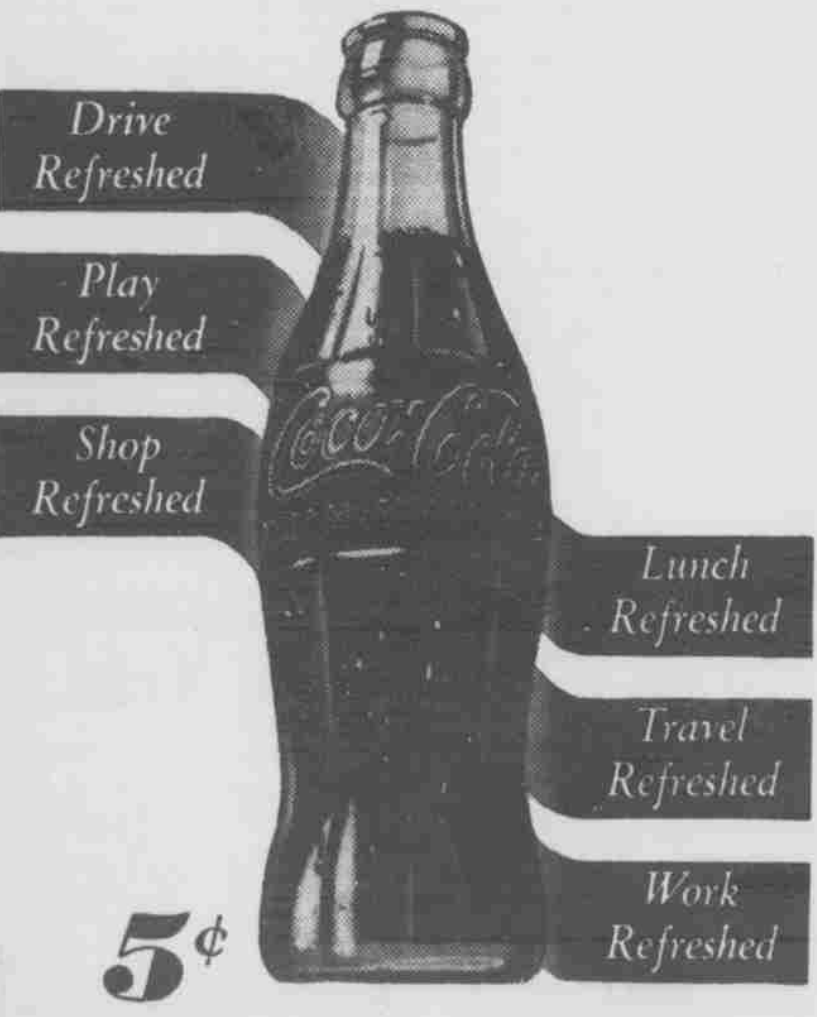
The question is one which must be settled between the heads of the speech department and the Administration. That students should be concerned in a purely technical problem is preposterous. Student pressure would seriously gum-up the smoothly oscillating—or is it fascillating—machinery which guides the higher destinies of this great institution.

The University is a huge and loosely knit unit. Other buildings are falling down about the ears of students. It is much more important to take one thing at a time. It would be impossible to make imperative improvements in all of the stricken departments. It is far better to loose ground in one field while gaining it in another.

If students will merely forget the entire issue the problem will be adjusted—eventually. These things take time; they also take enthusiasm.

—M. J. Melick.

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## From the Front Page

BY BRUCE KENNEDY

APPROVING a bill considerably shorter than President Truman had asked for, Senate-House conferees sent a 15-month rent control bill to Congress for passage. The compromise bill required a fair net operating income for landlords. Speedy passage is expected.

MINERS feared another walk-out order from John L. Lewis as the 463 thousand miners went back to work. One of them said, "I'm going to get in every day I can, because I think we'll be back out again." Lewis has already said that miners will have to fight again in 1949.

GEORGE GALLUP, compiling a poll on the average American opinions of the Atlantic pact, announced Monday that all sections of the United States are for the most part in favor of the pact. Statistics show that 76% are for it, 14% against, and 10% had no opinion.

THE WEATHERMAN gave Nebraska another queer combination for Tuesday's weather. Rain was forecast for the east, and snow for the west.

## NU - Bulletin Board

Tuesday

Students party convention will be held in the Social Science auditorium from 7 to 10:15 p. m.

All Student Foundation members are asked to register as Builders in Room 308 of the Union from 1 to 6 p. m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

All Corn Cob actives and pledges meet in Room 316, Union, 5 p. m.

Anyone interested in Farmers Fair Rodeo meet in Room 2, Ag Union, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday

Red Cross Council will meet at 7 p. m. in Parlor C of the Union.

Social Service tours of the YWCA will meet at 4 p. m. at Ellen Smith hall to tour Tabitha home. All women students are invited to attend.

Women's Rifle club, regular shooting, 4-6 p. m. Andrews hall.

Candidates for Sky Queen of the national air meet at Texas in May will be nominated at a meeting of Flying Kernels. The club will meet in Parlor A of the Union Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.