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Exam Comment

(Editor's note: Nebraska is not the only school confronted with exam cheating. The following editorial, reprinted from the Duquesne University Duke, offers additional comment on the problem.)

The expulsion last week of three football stars at Wake Forest college in North Carolina for cheating on examinations, and the placing on probation of three more players for the same offense, brings to light one of flagrant offenses committed by university students these postwar days.

Many students are expelled from schools across the nation each semester for cheating, but unless they are prominent athletically or otherwise, few people hear of the cases outside of the students involved and their parents.

Cheating on exams has long had a "place in college life," but the practice was never so prevalent nor as well-developed as it is in today's over-crowded universities.

An article on cheating in college class rooms which appeared in a recent issue of a leading national magazine stated:

Many students in school today have their minds set on one particular vocation and resent detours in the form of seemingly unrelated courses which they are forced to pursue in order to acquire a degree.

This type of student, it might also be observed, has completely missed the boat in regard to the advantages of a well-rounded education and the goal of a cultural background for the student toward which most universities aim in designing their curricula.

Other reasons advanced by education experts for the avalanche of cheating which has descended on the colleges in the past few years include: self-defense, "because so many others do it you have to cheat to get a good grade," and too much emphasis on grades rather than on subject matter on the part of the professors.

Whatever the excuse, cheating is a moral and practical wrong and seriously jeopardizes the true aims of education. Aside from the moral issues involved, which are obvious, the practicality, or rather the impracticality, of cheating denies the basic premises of learning for learning's sake, and knowledge for knowledge's sake upon which the educational systems of most nations in the world are based.

In way of solutions, a return to smaller classes and improved supervision are likely to be most successful, but are hardly feasible at this time due to the influx of post-war students. The answer may lie with the students themselves.

More cooperation between the administration and faculty and students is the simplest answer to the problem, but the cooperation stickler has been a thorn in the educational flesh for some time. At any rate, something must be done about cheating in our nation's universities, if only to save students from themselves.

Grade Standstill

The poor abused student! Not only are we subjected to all the ordeals of taking exams and the struggle of final week, but then we have to wait until second semester is half over before we find out what we got out of our courses.

We are referring to the 1,000 grades that have not yet been turned in to the Registrar, thereby slowing up the IBM grades processing. Even though modern inventions have been perfected to compute grades. In other words, the speedy IBM process depends on the "speedy" faculty members.

It should be made clear, however, that not all the faculty are at fault for all but halting grade computation. Some of the faculty, especially those who have large classes, turned in their grades within ten days.

But there are some small courses of one to twelve enrollees, who have either forgotten all about grades or else have adopted a "no grade" policy. These negligent instructors are succeeding in preventing early organization initiations, slowing up the Dean's office work, and may easily disrupt second semester courses. Prerequisites may have been failed and the student not know it because of no record of the course grade has been turned in.

When a student fails to get in all his work or is in some way negligent during a course, he finds out very soon, either from the instructor or even from the dean. But what happens to the faculty members when their "work" is late: maybe a fine could be levied or checks held up? We don't know what the solution is, but something should be done about this negligence.

NU Bulletin Board

- Tuesday: NUCWA Publicity Committee meets Tuesday at 5 p. m. in Room 313 of the Union. Scabbard and Blade meets Tuesday at 7:30 in the Armory. All activities and pledges should attend. Sigma Theta Epsilon will hold a get-acquainted party at the Methodist Student house, 1417 R, at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. All TNC candidates will meet in Parlor C, Union, tonight at 7:30 p. m. School clothes will be worn. Wednesday: AICHE will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in AL 324. Alpha Kappa Psi will meet Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the Union. Thursday: Tridents meets Thursday at 7 in the Armory. Aquanettes meets Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Coliseum. Presidents Asked To Settle Pictures: The Cornhusker editor requests the heads of the following organizations contact that office immediately for arrangement pertaining to informal pictures. The groups are Ag Engineers, A.S.M.E., I.S.A., Phi Chi Theta, Omicron Nu, Phi Upsilon Omicron, and Palladian.

Letterip

To the editor:

If a practice is bad, constant criticism and a great variety of solutions should not make the practice worse. That is why I add my ideas to the many which have been published in the "Rag" of late.

No one will disagree that nearly all social pressures upon this campus are originated within the organized houses. This can hardly be otherwise, since without organization there can be no social pressures. That there is enough organization on this campus to make certain activities function is a good thing. The Greeks deserve much credit for their rally which helped us save our football coach, and they deserve full credit for the rejuvenation of college spirit in this school. Every activity that flourishes, or at least those which flourish most, has the Greeks behind it. The Greeks now have another great opportunity to do their school a service.

I have no means of proving my contention, but I believe that in 90% of the cases of exams being "out," the houses are guilty. Having access to questions previous to exam period is not considered wrong within these groups. Being at the bottom of the list when the scholastic report comes out is considered wrong. The group is expected to give every advantage to its members because the scholastic prestige of the group depends upon their accomplishments of its individual members. No house likes to lose a good pledge because he did not make his average. No house cares to withdraw one of its popular members from an honorary position because his grades are not high enough.

If there is a sufficient minority of houses on this campus, which can, without being hypocritical, stand up and shout, "This is wrong and must stop!" let them do so. If there is not a sufficient minority, and I do not believe that there is, let me offer this challenge to any house which will accept it: Clean up your own house, admit that the file system has been carried too far, and condemn those groups which do not follow your leadership. The honor system should become at least as important a part of pledge training as the fraternity history. Cheating will remain within this institution only as long as you allow it.

As an independent student I know to whom this university belongs. Take care of it.

Joe E. Stegmund.

Editorial Briefs

A recent survey conducted among teachers in Illinois helps to bring to light "Why professors get gray." The survey attempted to show the reason for the feeling of unrest and insecurity among instructors which is responsible for the large yearly turnover in college faculties. Teacher morale, according to this survey, rests chiefly on administrative support in discipline. The top ten factors, in order, were: Administrative support in discipline, friendly inter-faculty relations, belief in and enjoyment of teaching, a just and adequate salary plan, worthy retirement pension plan, administration shows confidence, faculty cooperation in activities, adequate sick and emergency leave, position security through sound tenure and constructive, sound and democratic supervision.

Every year the University receives a sizable set-back for repairs to desks. The cost of repair made necessary by classroom Michelangelos ultimately comes out of our own pockets. We won't have any sudden hike in tuition, but the dollars and cents which now go for repairs would add up to a meaningful sum if put to some other use. If students can't take the trouble to jot down a few notes, they could at least apply their energies to something less destructive.

When one starts to thank all the individuals and organizations for the scholarships they offer to students, he runs into an almost endless job. But we feel that the University Faculty Women's club deserves a special thanks for the \$100 scholarship it gives to a deserving coed each year. At a time when faculty members are far from the highest paid people in the world, their wives certainly are to be commended for giving extra thought and money to the University and its students.

News & Views

BY GEORGE WILCOX. Your comments regarding yesterday's article and the story of the week have been gratifying. The idea of writing to the city council and expressing your own personal opinions as university students has picked up in momentum. The time for action is now! Let the Lincoln city council reconsider its failure to understand the needs of the average person in the city of Lincoln.

National: Pittsburgh—Angry soft coal miners continued their nationwide "No contract, no work" strike full blast. They ignored both John L. Lewis' work order and a federal court injunction. In some areas lack of official notification is delaying a decision by UMW locals on obeying their chief's order to return to the pits "forthwith." No mines are operating in the soft coal regions except a few wildcat mines and independent mines just covered by new contracts with UMW: Determined strikers—they'll stay out until they get a contract. Most of the coal miners summed up their feelings in the words "Let the operators dig their own coal."

Washington—The joint chiefs of staff said that all naval units of the U.S. Far Eastern fleet are under complete command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur while in Japanese waters or in event of an emergency. Gen. Omar Bradley reported that the military men have prepared a secret report for President Truman on the implications of helping the countries of South East Asia combat communism.

Washington—Ass't Sec'y of State John D. Hickman stated that the United States is ready "at any time to sit down and talk" with Russia on the control of atomic energy. In saying the United States is ready to discuss the subject "at any time" he made plain he was referring to discussions within the United Nations.

Washington—Government internal revenue receipts slumped by \$1,800,000,000 in the 1949 calendar year, mostly because of a huge 12 percent drop in personal income tax payments.

It's NU

By Pat Wiedman. The Mystery of the Week: A certain house on campus received a number of telephone calls the night of the Missouri-Nebraska basketball game asking for dates for a group of Missouri rooters. The sorority house in question was praised very highly for its fine chapter on the Missouri campus. Everything was going fine until someone remembered that there was no chapter at Missouri and to top it all off, the calls were received on the silent phone number 7777.

Kappa Sigs will honor their sweetheart and her court at a Valentine's dinner to be given tonight. Queen Pat Nordin will be guest of honor along with finalists Bev Larson, Betty Anderson, Dot Worden, Sue Eastergard, Sue Koehler, and Pat Berve.

Those gals on first floor Raymond must be quite a bunch. There is now a housemother exclusively for that particular floor.

Sigma Nus and their dates were feted by the mother's club with a steak dinner. Sunday night, President Jack Young escorted Lois Elwell. With Hooper with Betty Booth, and Bob Rogers took Joyce Griffiths.

A New Method of Entertainment: Jim Kelly, Bill Cozier, Bob Otte, Dick Rice have a new slant on the pre-formal party. They were seen in the company of Doris Anderson, Norma and Donna Bergman, and Mary Jo Andelt in the vicinity of the Lincoln zoo. What was the special attraction? Two more Nebraska sweethearts reigned this week end. Sue Eastergard over the Mardi Gras ball and Jackie Jensen at the Amikita Formal. Congratulations gals!

Geier Entertains Gymnastic Squad

Last Sunday night, gymnastics coach, Jake Geier entertained his squad at his home. With the help of Mesdames Sprague and Geier, the coach gave the boys a massive dinner. After the feast, the coach showed films of past meets, and pointed out the boys mistakes.



"By George, I laughed too, Hansen—but all it needed was a little tuning up."

Reel Stuff

By Joan Krueger. "When Willie Comes Marching Home"

If you want laughs, "When Willie Comes Marching Home," starting Wednesday at the Stuart, is a good picture to get thru. Dan Dailey (Willie) enlists in the army when war is declared, but is unable to get stationed overseas, finally he gets his break and within four days, joins the French underground, gets vital information on the Nazis back to London and is sent back to Washington. Sworn to secrecy, Willie is furloughed as a reward, but the townspeople don't believe him until the president decides to decorate him. Corinne Calvet plays the beautiful underground leader who almost loses Willie to loose his good conduct medal. Coleen Townsend plays Willie's childhood sweetheart.

"Sands of Iwo Jima"

Using the bloody battles of Tarawa and Iwo Jima as a background, "Sands of Iwo Jima," shows how a squadron of Marines learned to fight. Starting Tuesday at the State, the film stars John Wayne as Stryker, the tough and seasoned sergeant who was bitter toward everything because of an unsuccessful marriage. All his men, particularly John Agar, dislike him. However, after Stryker's display of courage at Tarawa and his experience with Julie Bishop, a street-woman, his leathernecks begin to understand him. Agar's romance with canteen hostess, Adele Mara adds touching color. The climax is the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima with three of the original risers participating.

"East Side, West Side" With Barbara Stanwyck, James Mason, Van Heflin and Ava Gardner heading the cast, the best-seller novel, "East Side, West Side," will start at the Lincoln Tuesday. It is the dramatic tale of Jesse Bourne, (Barbara Stanwyck), who has risen from home to become wife of the wealthy socialite James Mason. Jesse, desperately in love with her husband forgives him many infidelities, but reaches the breaking point when he resumes an affair with the beautiful but snake-like Ava Gardner. She is about to walk out on Mason when Ava is murdered. The war hero Heflin is the man who ferrets out the murderer and points the way to Jesse's future happiness.

"Twelve O'Clock High" will move to the Nebraska starting Tuesday for at least a three day holdover. The war drama stars Gregory Peck, commander of a fictitious bomb group, who risks personal stability to trim his men into an efficient fighting unit.

Following the hold over film, scheduled to begin Friday is "Stand-In," starring Humphrey Bogart, Joan Blondell and Jack Carson. It centers around Jack Carson, the shy young banker who went to Hollywood to take over a studio. Joan Blondell, while helping him over the hump, falls in love with him. Bogart portrays a genius producer who is struggling against an important competing producer who is conspiring to wreck Bogart's company.

"The House Across the Bay" is the co-hit, with Joan Bennett, Walter Pidgeon and Lloyd Nolan sharing stellar honors. The story concerns Miss Bennett, a girl whose husband has been sent to prison. When she travels to San Francisco and rents an apartment overlooking the Bay so that she can be near her husband, she is acting a real-life episode from actual court records.

"Lady Eve" The story of a riotous romance between a rich scientist, Genevieve, whose specialty is reptiles, and lovely lady card-shark, Barbara Stanwyck, who is an expert in double-dealing, is the theme of "Lady Eve." The film, which starts Thursday at the Capitol takes place on an ocean luxury liner, and includes Charles Coburn, Eugene Pallette and William Demarest.

If you've ever visited New York, you won't find "On the Town," starting at the Capitol Saturday, too improbable. Gene Kelly falls in love with the picture of "Miss Turnstiles" (really Vera-Ellen), and he and his pals, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin start their hunt for her on their 24-hour shore leave. Co-feature is "South Sea Singer," the story of a bad girl, Shelly Winters, with a heart of gold. She's the lucious singer who gets entangled with a doctor who is living under the shadow of the law.

"A Dangerous Profession" playing Tuesday at the Varsity, tells of bond bailer George Raft and his partner, Pat O'Brien. When a youngster, Brackett is arrested, Raft meets Ella Raines, a former girl friend, and consequently the man is murdered. White Raft is solving the murder, he comes in conflict with both the police and his partner.

Second place on the billing is "Make Mine Laughs," starring Roy Bolger.

"The Gangster" Even the most ardent reformer would be satisfied with the manner in which Barry Sullivan meets his doom in "The Gangster," which opens Thursday at the Husker. Co-starring Belita and Joan Loring, it tells the story of the rise and fall of a hoodlum, whose anti-social behavior brings him to disaster. Belita is his double-crossing girl, and Joan Loring is the girl whose goodness shows Sullivan, by contrast, how bad he is. "Dillinger," the story of the notorious "public enemy No. 1" is the co-feature.

Coeds Join Ranks of Cupid; Contrive V-Day Camouflage

BY JOAN KRUEGER

Valentine's Day—the day when men's thoughts finally turn to what the girls have been thinking about all year.

This is the one day of the year when the fellows can whisper sweet love notes in the girls' ears and be reasonably sure that she won't respond coyly: "But Emily Post doesn't approve!"

Valentine's Day, more often than not, marks a new era in most girls' lives. It's the opening of a new courtship. By the end of the semester, she isn't wearing the fellow's pin or ring—she's probably decided that she can do better.

This day of sentiment means little to me. A week BVD (Before Valentine's Day) I received a letter from my dearly beloved family politely requesting me (this request was in the form of: if you don't we'll cut your allowance) to trot downtown and hand select 1,205 of the gasty creations for my little 10-year-old brother. He wants to send them to his girl friends and five boy friends. At this age they are firm supporters of "variety is the spice of life."

Draw Names It seems rather sad, though, that the University can't observe the touching day in some appropriate manner. Of course, the 8,000 students could draw names, but perhaps that would be a little confusing. May we suggest that the potential elementary ed teachers handle it? It would be excellent practice for their classroom exchanges in future years.

There's something kind of cynical about Valentine's Day this year. Mother Nature holds off with her snow for months and then gets rid of it in February. My only explanation is that John L. Lewis promised her an old age pension if she let her anti-snow contract expire in order to aid his coal strike.

But here on campus, two moods prevail. Each year, both gals and guys spend Valentine morning counting "How Many Hearts Have I Broken," and then with a spirited battle cry, charge to "Enjoy Yourself" for the coming year.

Propriety? Most lassies don't their airs of sweet propriety on Feb. 14, but there are always the few who are bitter. Chances are they've come in contact with some of the men who think the girls could never get along without them. Cemeteries are filled with them.

Men may sometimes be hard to locate, but campus cuties have discovered that there's one sure place where men can always be found. That's in the dictionary.

Ah yes, these men are quite the heartbreakers. They "love you madly" until the day before they think they're going to have to spend 5 cents purchasing a valentine. Twenty-four hours later, however, after the danger of having to be extravagant is past, they'll once again be throwing pebbles at your kick window.

Love Tokens According to the dictionary, Valentine's Day is the date to send love tokens, such as an ornamental greeting of sentiment or humor. The last may be filled by enclosing a picture of yourself in an envelope. In order to participate in this gesture of friendship promoting we have discovered the necessity of two requirements, namely, 1. a man or woman; 2. a postage stamp. Of course if you're void in either department, we advise you not to hold your breath until a valentine arrives.

Valentine's Day is so versatile. You can kiss your idol without getting slapped, or you can slap her. She should be so filled with the sentiment of the day, she'll think it's a love pat.

Lastly, you can't go wrong, potential lovers, if you fall in love with yourself. This way, you'll probably have no rivals. Truly, all's well that ends.

Well Modulated

BY DUTCH MEYERS

Three weeks gone by and still no fan letters. The boss in the front office says if this continues "I'm finished." This I could have told him a long time ago. After all I depend on the readership opinion, plus a small publication called Disc-Hits, for the information to be disseminated. (Good word.)

This week the old conservatives of the Nebraska campus seem to be sticking to the old standbys—Rag Mop, and for a new twist, by Hampton I Wanna Go Home with You by Como, and Crosby's Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy.

What's New? Vaughn Monroe's Victor recording of So This Is Love. This is a really new one. I said My Pajamas and Put on My Prayers. Now this may sound kind of silly. But when you consider that Doris Day recorded it, the thing really has possibilities. A couple more on which I have no statistics, except the name, and a recommendation: All the Bees Are Buzzing Around My Honey, this one reminds me of an old gag. Then there's Music Music Music, as heartily recommended by Nancy Porter.

Favorites in the Crib, Flanagan's My Hero, and Ventura's Flamingo. On the Air. Mae West is "Comin' up" to see Perry Como on The Chesterfield Supper club this Thursday. She's going to do her own version of little Red Riding Hood. Woe be to he who ain't got fireproof wiring in his radio.

Goodnight, Giovanni.

Michigan OK's 'General Study'

General education instead of specialization is stressed in a new curriculum adopted this year by the College of Literature, Science and Arts at the University of Michigan. Dean Hayward Keniston said that the new curriculum will provide a more basic common experience for all students by requiring work in each of the major fields of study.