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ABOLITION OF EXAMS.

A recent wave of sentiment has swept the student body as a result of the newly inaugurated system whereby examinations are abolished. The comments have been numerous and from various sources, but seem to bear a marked similarity in tone and context. The grumblings immediately preceding and during the period heretofore devoted to examinations were long and insistent.

If the aforesaid grumblings are a true indication of the general sentiment, the present system is not in the highest favor. On the other hand, there were grumblings under the old regime. Which, then, are justifiable?

The main source of confusion and discussion over the provisions of the new ruling apparently lies in the interpretation of the term "examination." The rule provides that there shall be given no examination lasting two consecutive hours. The letter of this rule was strictly obeyed, the spirit—? In the place of these two-hours examinations, were substituted two, three, or five one-period "tests," regular assignments, and in many cases the inevitable "back work." In his leisure hours the student was free to decide upon his courses for the coming semester, to complete the process of registration, or to determine as best he might whether he passed or failed.

It is no doubt true that some students do not do their best work in final examinations; it must also be admitted that two-hours examinations mean a great deal of work for the professors. On the other hand, however, is not the proportion of such students who are not able to do themselves justice in finals comparatively small? Do not several one-hour tests involve as much work for the professors as one final? Are not the few days of comparative rest, possible under the old system, beneficial to the student? Does not the present rushing of registration crowd the administrative office, as well as the professors who are obliged to serve?

The above-mentioned are a few of the inquiries as to the why-for of the new system; they may or may not be satisfactorily answered. From them we are led to believe that, although this system was inaugurated only after careful consideration, it is as yet not popular in the eyes of the student body.

Regiment Again Compete.

For the first time this year the cadet regiment this week presented a solid military appearance, the second year men having completed their indoor class work. The candidates for non-commissioned officers are being given a chance to show their ability, each taking his turn at commanding the company. Colonel Smith and the battalion majors have charge of the men.

Spaulding to Play Here.

Albert Spaulding, the great American violinist, will appear March 4 at the Oliver theatre, under the auspices of the University School of Music course. He will be accompanied by Andre Benoit, a pianist well known to Lincoln audiences.

The concert to have been given last week by Oscar Seagle has been postponed to March 25.

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