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### Nit-Wit Instructors **Or Lazy Students?**

T has often been said that examinations are formidable even to the best prepared, for the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man can answer. Yet in the experiences of life it would hardly be practical for the student or employe to ignore the questions of higher authority on the basis that his superior was a fool. Here is a chance for those students desiring to do away with all forms of exams, believing them too inquisitive. All they have to do is merely state upon their examination sheets the belief that it is very obvious that no one but a semi-wit could indulge in such interrogations, and while it may seem a bit impertinent at the time to call the instructor a fool, nevertheless the mental strains would undoubtedly become mitigated almost immediately.

Nothing is quite so disagreeable sometimes as examinations. In fact, nothing is quite so disagreeable as hife itself, but burdened with it as we are there seems little opportunity right now for a luxurious escape from existence. So often has this question of examinations suffered condemnation at the hands of the Nebraskan editors and editors of college dailies thruout the entire nation that just for the sake of variety, if nothing else, your present editor thought a defense would seem rather quaint.

Examinations are growing upon American institutions of education. Read that and weep, fellow students. It is a statement of fact. More and more are schools of today relying upon examinations as a means of testing the capabilities of individuals. Furthermore there seems little liklihood of any one ever establishing a survey that will deliver a complete, fair and impartial verdict upon every case. Human nature is not constructed that way. Flaws of all kinds are constantly in evidence. No measuring rod can be maintained which can perfectly check and pass upon the merits of distinct individuals. ust as every fingerprint differs, so every personality differs. The problem confronting administration officials is not one of eliminating examinations but rather one concerned with the selection of the type of examinations. Students of the future, as the Nebraskan sees it, will experience as much uneasiness and unhappiness over quizzes as we do at present.

specified time is often found in the argument that one is not particularly at his best then, or that he is handicapped by a severe headache. The Nebraskan wishes to extend its condolences in such instances; nothing more. The man competing in a race is granted no exception in case of inability to perform; salesmen wait not upon their competitors if they happen to be incapacitated at the particular

moment. In the practical world the ship leaves dock at the scheduled time, despite protests of a lagging few.

The university's purpose is not to make life easy, but to train students for a life that is difficult. Fairness within even a biased educational institution is usually much more prevalent than in surrounding vicinities. Were examinations grossly inefficient as a measuring stick then most drastic action would be needed. This the Nebraskan thinks is not true.

But acting in the interests of the student, however, it would seem that in some instances a better type of examination might be given. That which would prove most valuable in training undergraduates is the essay type of examination. Memory work is not difficult. No fundamental grasp of a subject is necessary to the mocking bird. Facts are important, but in obtaining them many students and instructors overlook the part they play in the harmonious operation of the whole. True and false tests are simple contrivances conceived by an adolescent mind for the testing of one equally puerile.

Part of the student's training should lie in his ability to assimilate these facts in their proper order: place some sensible interpretation upon them, and construct an essay using the facts as a means to an end, not seeking them as an end in themselves. Knowledge is little better than stupidity if not supplemented by understanding.

## CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

#### The Ideal College.

A description of what seems to be quite an ideal college from the intellectual viewpoint is given in the April Harper's by Louis Adamic. At Black Mountain college in North Caro- ent thinking and discussion, to delina, the students and professors all live and velop leadership and character, conduct their classes in one big building. There are no trustees, presidents, or deans, but together, students and professors run the college university as a whole and to the by a board composed of teachers elected by the students individually by developfaculty and students.

John Rice, who was the leader in founding this college, believes that the job of college is in a career. not "mere head stuffing of facts" but is "to

bring young people to intellectual and emotional maturity." He claims that this can be done by the method, not content, of teaching and by "inviting the student to the realization that the way of handling facts and himself amid facts is more important than facts themselves.

Mr. Adamic sets forth many other plans possible, bad political situations and beliefs of this college such as development arose in which offices were handed of "group influence." Of course this latte a cut throat attitude sometimes idea couldn't be carried out in a place as large between activities and in the oras this university, but the former methods ganized groups, and a disregard of could.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN Sponsors Club.

Sponsors club will meet Friday, May 22, at 5 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall. All sponsors are requested to attend,

maneuvering under any system we would only be building a front to hide the mechanism of such political finesse. Then it seems to be a question of whether we are going to erect a system by which we might hide such manhandling or whether we are going to be fair with ourselves and recognize its existence.

Next and far more reasonably has been proposed a system by which each house shall file its factional preference and shall pay

a membership fee to that party. Upon payment of this fee, the house would automatically pledge itself to support the candidates of the faction and thus would elimievident during the past year. This fund might be used as the faction desires, whether it be for the disand material or for tribution of of more colorful the present rallie

Factions have fairly decisively proven themselves worthy of picking capable candidates for every fort. position on the campus. In past in such affairs, the factions managed arise over the methods used for tion. putting these candidates into of-fice and this is certainly a ques-

with the adoption of a point system.

In the coming year our efforts must be directed toward advancing more ethical procedures at the polls, and in doing this we will have done more toward the imthan thru the most intricate merit system one could devise.

#### WOMEN LAY PLANS FOR FALL MASS MEETING TO SET UP TRAINING SCHOOL

(Continued from Page 1). and to provide social contacts," Miss Barkes stated. "Activities should perform a service to the ing a finer type of college woman to be a better citizen outside the university, whether in a home or

Ideals Lost Sight Of.

In the past people have lost sight of these idealistic principles. according to Miss Barkes, and have worked only for the advancement of organized groups or for personal aggrandizement. As a result, activity women did not at tain as high scholarship as was

unaffiliated girls.

DR. MILLIKAN SAYS BARBS TO ELECT RELIGION, SCIENCE A. W. S. COUNCIL NOT INCOMPATIBLE (Continued from Page 1).

> **Differences** Are Artificial.

LOS ANGELES, May. 20 .- Arboundaries which have lificial been set up between the study of science and religion, making them appear to contradict each other this week were challenged by Dr Robert A. Millikan, famous scientist and head of the California in stitute of Technology.

As guest speaker before the Southern California conference of the Congregational church, he made his position as scientist clear. A full understanding of nate such shifting as has been so knowledge and religion, even in their existing states, he contended, tends only to "make us realize the depths of our ignorance, making man humble and reverent

Religion and science should cooperate in an effort to end war, he declared, in explaining the possible trends of co-operative ef-

"Three ideals stand out as the years when there was less interest greatest influences on the development of the human race," Dr to furnish voters with Millikan said. "Religion, as exemcapable candidates, who have di- plified by the Golden Rule; narected student government thus tural law defined as science, and far. The most justifiable objections age-long growth termed evolu-

"The church has succeeded in bringing consciousness, ideals and tion which could not be answered aspirations to mankind, but science must bring understanding, consistency and order, a knowl-

edge of social responsibility. "Hampered by creeds which obscure the essentials preached by Christ, religion is naturally seen as opposed to science, but taken provement of student government in its basic meaning, religion and science are integral parts, which, when considered with growth, form the influence which will dominate the world of today and the world of the future. The three factors together, he



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explained, provide the only influ- Additional board offices which will explained, provide the only fitthe ence which will eventually rid the world of war. be filled by an election within the group, following the poll today, include: Vice chairman, secretary. treasurer. membership chairman, point chairman, and social chairman

The six holdover members who have already become members of both affiliated and unaffiliated the board for the next term are: Famous Scientist Declares board for the next year. The girls will serve as president of the son, Fern Bloom, Dorcas Craw-ford, Esther Wiechert, and Jane Holland.

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The stock criticism of taking finals at a I tain college .- Daily Kansan.

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and national press associations to

aid in publicizing the campus na-

campuses. According to Levin, pic-

tures of class officers, honorary

colonel, and prom girl were dis-tributed and published in several

leading national college maga-

Seek Student Representation.

store committee Frank Landis an-

nounced that a good deal of busi-

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Speaking on behalf of the book

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committee.

pecting the students to learn them seems to be condition, because dislike of this a bad one. Very few facts are remembered system. The organization of uneven until the diploma is put into the student's affiliated girls has been definitely hand, and surely more pertinent instruction along the line of how the student should han-the abolishment of women's dle certain facts and himself among facts is politics in the university, the of more use in later life. Since college should establishment of a point system to prepare one for his life among others in this bring out quality instead of quanworld it seems that all universities and col- ter organization council which leges would be better fitted for this if they smooths out interorganization over followed the educational policy of Black Moun- lappings and general points of dis-

The idea of teaching lots of facts and ex- less brought about remedies to this agreement.

Several problems for activity MARYLU PETERSEN, ELEA. NOR CLIZBE, BILL MARSH GET OTHER POSTS. forums held were on the subject Military Training, topics of vital interest to students. Marsh adwomen to take up in the Septem-"This is the supreme governing in the same group, the problem their plans and not to allow any-thing to intervene in the holding really representative of the stuof the extent of faculty supervision desirable for student activities, and f the forums. The junior-senior prom com-dent body in that it is elected by the problem of the degree to which meetings should be regulated by parliamentary rules and regula-

#### Plans Still Tentative.

Altho many suggestions were made, no definite plan has been accepted and further arrangements will be in the hands of the new members of Mortar Board.

A proposal was made that the conference begin with a mass meeting, after which the women would separate into groups where each officer could study the specialized problems of her office with other persons holding the same office in other organizations. in the meeting.

It was also suggested that there be three similar activity mass meetings scattered throout the year, the last meeting being held n the spring so that the responsibilities and possibilities of their offices could be put before newly elected officers, to be worked over during the summer.

The idea of an activity women meeting was brought back by Alaire Barkes from the Mortar Board convention at Asheville N. C., last summer.

Attempt at maintenance of a 70 30 ratio between Traternity and non-fraternity men is being made at Williams college.

Women are more severe in their judgment of character than men

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psychologists believe.

services to one committee and thus advanced his activity points over the stipulated high. It is highly "I am in favor of student gov-ernment," Hill declared, "and I the stipulated high. probable that he might be better believe that every phase of power which it receives should be mainequipped for the office than any of his competitors, as has often been This year the Student

en politics. to have a revised plan it should be founded on the principles of picking those who are deserving

treats eligibility on the basis of other activities. And too, in

simple

suffice to clean up the present problem? Anyone who is intimately acquainted with the situstion as it stands today will readily admit that vote trading among sororities is not a, thing of the past. In fact they will be forced to concede that more went to the polls with friends, Concerning political affairs, Hill during the last election, with the declared that there is absolutely sole purpose of helping direct sole purpose of helping direct

better orchestras could have been take an active part in all affairs

He closed his address by introyear's committee which he believed functioned most satisfactorily. and E. W. Lantz. On behalf of the council he presented each with a gift from the group as an expression of appreciation.

POLITICUS WONDERS HOW MEN'S POLITICS

(Continued from Page 1). office simply because at some time during the year he has loaned his

the case in the program of wom-Such is not a meritorous system but rather it tends to defeat its own purpose and declare eligible candidates who are less deserving of the office over those who truly merit the honor. Surely if we are

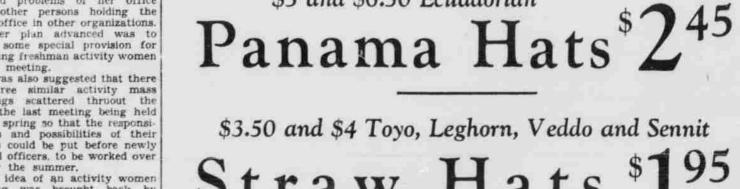
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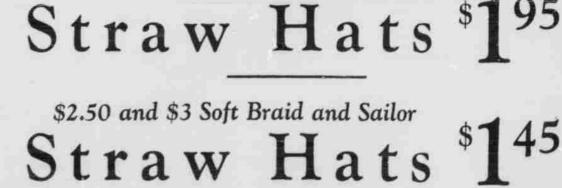
a system there would be the problem of elections, which after all is the real objection

to the present plan. Would the disbanding of factions Enroll immediately-Positions now open. Primary, Intermediate, Ad-vanced Grades, Commercial, High School Principalship, Mathematics, History, English, Junior High Sci-ence, Others. women

bold the last one. The two has been convinced that such con- abolish vote trading and political

Another plan advanced was to MIGHT BE IMPROVED make some special provision for including freshman activity women

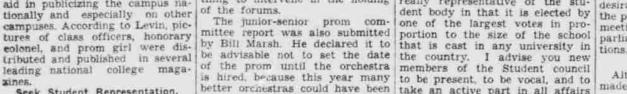




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Hill Advises Body.

Hill urged the group to keep

has succeeded in convincing the

union building which they refused

ernment, we must go out in the

No Illegal Balloting.

state to get it," he declared.

the efforts of this committee. He Prior to releasing the chair to also reported that altho there was the new president, Irving Hill exa provision in the resolution passed pressed his appreciation to the reby the Board of Regents that there tiring council for its co-operation should be two or three students and work during the past year on the governing board of the Looking toward the future he adbook store, thus far it has been vised next year's group to grasp controlled entirely by a faculty as much power as possible, and stated that it adds to the dignity and prestige of the student body Landis further stated that Virto govern itself.

ginia Selleck and he had drawn up and sent a petition to the Chancellor requesting the privi-lege of having student representation on the board. As yet no reply has been received from the tained. Chancellor's office. council was given the power to license all subscription dances

Marylu Petersen, chairman of the committee which planned the given on the campus." convention of the National Student Federation of America which interest in old projects alive, ofmet in Lincoln April 16 to 18, re- fering the two years of devotion ported for her group. According to Miss Petersen, 22 students from the establishing of a book store the establishing of a book store schools as distant as Minnesota as an example of what can be atattended the meet and participated tained. He added that the council in the several roundtable discussions which were held to aid in regents of a need for a student solving different campus problems. For the benefit of future lems. For the benefit of future committees she outlined the main be obtained thru the national govdifficulties which her committee encountered.

#### Plan Class Organization.

Chairman of the class organization committee, Bill Newcomer, advised the new groups of the of the student during the last three plans submitted in an at-tempt to organize the junior class. The one selected, a party to be held on the evening of Ivy Day. had to be discarded because of council to "cut loose the dead timthe opposition of the engineers ber of campus organizations." who hold their annual open house on that night.

According to Hill, much has been done for the general welfare

Bill Marsh reported on behalf of the student forums committee which completed plans for three programs, altho they were unable to hold the last one. The time the administration decided that the administration decided that