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Inquiring Reporter



Finals are all right in their place, but so far we haven't succeeded in finding that place.

This, in substance, seems to be the campus opinion on the subject of semester examinations, long the practice at Nebraska. They are fairly general use throughout the colleges and universities of the country.

How do you stand on the subject of finals? What is good about them or wrong with them? Have you any suggestions which would change them?

Arts and Sciences junior: They're just a pain in the neck to me. They put too much emphasis on that one grade—it counts too much.

Too many profs seem to go into exams with the idea of seeing how many of their students they can flunk. In that short a time, only the main points of a course can be touched on.

Engineering college sophomore: The examination idea is all right. You must have some kind of tests to see if the students are getting the course.

Arts and Sciences freshman: I don't know anything about them, except that they have me scared. My sorority mother has told me some about them.

Bizad Sophomore: They're unfair. I don't like them because so many of the teachers count them so much on final grades.

Arts and Sciences junior: You can't tell me that a person can do his best work when he's all hopped up for a final.

Bizad freshman: I've heard so much about these finals that I'm getting plenty worried. It doesn't seem fair that a student can either get a grade for himself or lose one in the three hours that he's taking a final.

Arts and Sciences sophomore: I favor a comprehensive examination system, but not the jumbled up scheme we use here.

Why don't you talk it over today at the meeting of the board, gentlemen? Signed, The Departing, Disillusioned EDITOR.

Highlights On the Air

Whether or not Goodman has gone highhat or whether the exponents of the classical type have at last seen the light will be conclusively decided tonight on the Camel Caravan when the Coolidge String Quartet will do Mozart's G Major Quintet with Benny doing the clarinet part.

Roy Harris has written a new composition called "A Song for Occupations." The Westminster choir school of Princeton, will feature the work this afternoon at 2:00 over the Columbia and KFOP.

Let's pretend, dramatized by children for children will move from its regular Saturday spot to Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5 over KFAB.

Eddie G. Robinson, star of the serial Big Town, will be heard from the big town tonight. The script for the next two shows will be written so that actors in New York can take the supporting parts in the show.

James C. Douglass was appointed today to the newly created post of program director of the Central States Broadcasting System effective immediately.

Jeannette MacDonald, lyric soprano and hostess on Vick's Open House, was voted the most popular female star in the recent radio poll conducted by newspapers throughout the country.

Harry Johnson, KFAB sports reporter, was appointed by the National Semi-pro baseball congress a director of radio relations for the 48 state tournaments preceding the national finals at Wichita in August.

Ernest Winstanley who got his start when he accidentally fell during rehearsal. Since then Ernie's 150 pound body has dropped to the test. If you're feeling O. K., and get started all right, you can really crack it.

For the last two years my case has been studied by many authorities in the medical world. After a long illness, which I had two years ago, I suddenly acquired the ability to capture radio programs with nothing more mechanical than my own ears.

Dean J. E. LeRoussignol of the college of business administration will speak on "Revolutionary Dialectics" at the graduate scholarship dinner meeting Jan. 25 at 6:15 p. m. at the University club.

Members of the Beatrice Women's club last week enjoyed an illustrated lecture by Dwight Kirsch, chairman of the department of fine arts.

"The Mercuration and Arination of Benzothione" is the title of an article by Dr. A. W. Weitkamp and Dr. Cliff Hamilton of the chemistry faculty. The article was published in the recent issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. David Fellman of the political science faculty has the leading article in the January issue of the Minnesota Law Review. His subject is "The Alien's Right to Work."

NEWS PARADE by Marjorie Churchill

THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME... France comes to the end of the third day of its political crisis, with no ministry as yet and leaders of the innumerable parties laboring to bring about some sort of reconciliation.

What it's All About. For the past year France's political situation has been in a turmoil. Fragments of the people's front—formed to combat fascism—remain, though disunion within the group makes agreement along any policy almost impossible.

To begin at the beginning: Leon Blum, first people's front premier, is ousted in the spring of 1937. The Chautemps regime then comes into power.

Blum, socialist leader, takes a try and fares no better. He abandons his effort to form a ministry which would reach beyond the popular front.

SEARCHING OUT POSSIBLE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET. Investigation of the qualifications of Stanley Reed are begun by a senate judiciary subcommittee.

TONITE IS STUDENT NIGHT. Your registration card and 30¢ will admit you to see.

STUART. Hurry! Ends Friday! CLAUDETTE COLBERT in 'TOVARICH' with CHARLES BOYER.

Rosalie. EDDY POWELL. The Year's Miracle Musical!

'BIG TOWN GIRL' with Claire Trevor. Wheeler and Woolsey in 'EIGHT EIGHTERS'.

ORPHEUM. Starts Thursday! On Our STAGE! 8 Headline Acts of VAUDEVILLE.

IN THE INFIRMARY. Lester Trabert. Roscoe Hines, Ruskin. Raymond Potter, Alma. Dismissed. Claude Tetherow, Wood Lake.

READY—AIM—...? Russia casts caution to the winds and announces her new firm stand toward the fascist nations.

Reports from Moscow carry the story of a heavy program of naval construction being planned to compete with the fleets of Japan, Germany and Italy.

Hurry! Only 3 days to see... 'NAVY BLUE AND GOLD' with ROBERT YOUNG, JAMES STUART, JOSEF BARRYMORE.

Lincoln. Starts FRIDAY! ERROL FLYNN, JOAN BLONDELL. The PERFECT SPECIMEN.

COMING THURSDAY! RADIANT AS A SHINING Dream... SHELL SING HER WAY INTO YOUR HEART.

KIWA. King Solomon's Mines.

VARSIETY NOW. Main 15¢, Balcony 10¢. LEGION HEROES. SCORE ANOTHER VICTORY!

SQUADRON OF HONOR. DON TERRY, MARY RUSSELL. Dedicated to the American Legion.

'WHERE THERE'S A WILL' with WILL HAY, LILLI PALMER.

THE LOVER... PERFECT of Van Buren... BOB BURNS with MARTHA RAYE in 'MOUNTAIN MUSIC'.

The Editor Speaks

To the Pub Board;

Gentlemen, you are meeting tomorrow to choose a new staff to suffer, sin, and shine with the Daily Nebraskan for another semester.

There is something you should consider besides staff positions. It is in your power to initiate a change in policy on the Nebraskan, which would have a most vital and important influence on this campus.

But first I must tell you a story. I made it up so it's probably not very good. Anyway, my story concerns a mythical group of athletes, say about 200 of them.

Consequently, they find themselves at a university in the fall. They all turn out for the first football practice, get their suits, and betake themselves to the stadium greensward with the school's coaches.

The next day the football enthusiasts go again to the stadium and go thru some drills that are not too exciting. The boys begin thinking that football isn't what it's cracked up to be.

Two others join the little game and these four don't pay much attention to football that afternoon. The next day there are three groups of mumbledepeg at the stadium.

These mumbledepeg players really came to learn how to play football, but well they already knew how to play mumbledepeg and football was a little complicated.

Football in the story represents academic studies at Nebraska. Mumbledepeg represents extra-curricular activities. Students really come here to study, or the bright ones do, but learning to study, settling down in other words, is a bit tedious so they immediately begin fiddling away their time at the mumbledepeg of activities.

Activities at N. U. are preventing some of the best young minds in the state from getting an education, meaning by education that understanding, refinement, tolerance, and appreciation of value to be had from associating with good minds and good books.

Furthermore, if the Daily had a wire service it could become more than an activity itself and a waste of time for those engaged in it. Newspapermen in the state have told me that activity writing for the Daily Nebraskan is the worst possible experience that a journalist could have.

Participation in one activity might serve as relaxation instead of a distraction. But there is no such thing as moderation among the more competent students. If they go into activities they have to try to get enough of them to make Innocents or Mortar Board, and

CHICAGO SOLOISTS PRESENT DEBUSSY OPERA TOMORROW

Maria Matyas, who sings the role of Lis in the presentation has been with the Chicago Opera company before in many performances, including that of "Lakme" with Lily Pons.

Mary Garden's Protege.

Robert Long has appeared with the same company in the leading tenor roles of "Faust," "Martha," "La Traviata," and "Rigoletto."

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