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Why Examinations?

The purpose of the Nebraskan this morning is not to antagonize its readers by constant mention of the discomfitting topic of examinations. On the contrary, it is our purpose to prenent an anaesthetic for a series of operations which we all have to undergo. Now, even an anaesthetic is not very pleasant to take, but it does alleviate the pain. Our humble palliative for the next few days of hard work and worry is simply this: Think how much good examinations do.

On other pages the opinions from several deans and the head of the psychology department on the value of examinations are presented. These opinions substantiate the long standing rule of the board of regents that all professors must give finals in their courses; and they present most of the benefits to be derived from finals.

First and paramount, exams necessitate review. According to Deans Oldfather, Foster, and Ferguson and Head Psychologist J. P. Guitford, nothing could be more valuable to learning and remembering, Besides fixing facts in the mind by a final repetition, review also provides the opportunity for a synthesis of the materials in a course.

Loose ends can be brought together and the relation of various phases of a subject realized. Seeing a course as an organized whole always gives it more meaning and significance.

From the professor's point of view the examination is valuable for two reasons. It serves as a measurement of certain abilities such as als also give the professor a chance to indicate tions.

Inquiring.

Reporter

Merrill

Englund

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"The best professor I've had the best I will have is Mr. Setp-

anek. Although his methods of

presentation are unorthodox as

the dickens, he is interesting, un-

derstandable, he gets his mate-

rial across, he uses interesting ex-

amples, and he has a world of ex-

perience behind him to back up

"Harold W. Stoke, I took this

public opinion course under him

last semester, and I learned more

sabout this tremendously impor-

tant force in our civilization than

Arts and Sciences Junior:

his ideas.

Arts and Sciences sophomore:

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Now that the hubbuh and the

by good questions the most important points in a course. Examinations have been most often attacked by students on the score that they count too much toward the final grade. The only time that this criticism is justified is when a student is in bad physical condition when he takes a final. If he is merely excitable and unable to work under strain, the excuse for making a poor grade in a final is a weak one. In most real situations where factual knowledge or the ability to think is required, no allowance is made for personal

Incidentally, the measurement of memory ability and the power to recognize and criticize the important matter of a course should also be welcomed by the student. As Dean Ferguson points out, the only way to find out if there is a permanent effect left on the orain there is a permanent effect left on the orain Louisiana. Ellender is on the from study is to study, wait a while, and then fourth day of his lap of the "talkbunt for it. Examinations are this hunt,

Cramming is the natural offspring of finals. Expecting injury to health, there is little to be said against cramming. For students who have studied all semester, cramming serves as regimentation of all the previously learned facts for a final presentation. Preparation analagous to cramming preceded the presentation of a case at law, a public lecture, or composition of an article.

For students who have not studied all semester, eramming constitutes the only study of the semester. The hasty erfort may not compensate for the misery, but it still may represent the most important thing of the semester proposal for the inquiry. Chairto carefree students.

As the doctors say, the anaesthetic may memorizing facts and analyzing material. Fin- stink, but it helps a lot. So let's to the opera- wise and pound foolish.

atrical producer, in an original

der of philosophy courses. A good Pehrens and Henry Saxe, teacher must have a pleasing per- Campana show is he sonality, be sympathetic (that's WOW at 9 on Fridays. important), must know his subect well, and how to present it. In my opinion, Mr. Wilson com- Man's Family (tonight, 7, WOW); bines all of these," Bizad junior: "Arndt's good enough He can uproar of a semester of school has inject enough humor into his Actually, of course, it's J. Anthony teaching so that you can enjoy Smythe, Michael Raffetto, Bar-

gone by, this might be a pretty good time to review this first semester of the 1937-38 school year, which has been a memorable one "Ray Dein. His final is swellhe told us what the questions script names. The four We thought we'd like to find out what particular instructors the

the time I've spent in school."

Arts and Sciences freshman:

Arts and Sciences sophomore:

students liked this semester, and he believes in giving the student a why they liked them. This is not a popularity rating, because we break; he scales the grades at the Morse is currently top score man end of the semester. didn't talk to every student in the Bizad junior: university. It is just a random

"Gray. His lectures are compresampling of the opinion now going hensive and in the best of order. His knowledge of English history What instructor have you had, probably excels that of most aueither during the past semester or thorities in the United States." provious to it, who was most in-Arts and Sciences junior:

"I'll take Whitney he's a good Joe. He is systematic, you know "I didn't have him hast semester, what he is getting at; he combines but the best prof I've ever had was a good technical knowledge with a Mr. Stoke, He had a way with good sense of humor. Also, he's a students, I guess anyway, his loyal supporter of student activi-

courses in government were the ties. most interesting that I've ever Fine Arts sophomore takeh. He knew what students "Yanne, Because he doesn't have want and the way he could mix a written final. Easy going, intergovernment and wit was really esting he keeps his erfect. If he ever comes back to constant strae of ecstasy."

Nebraska, I'm really going to take Arts and Sciences junior: member of the Military depart-"Arndt is the honey of this insti- ment my vote would go to Major tution. The humorous way he can Speer. He has the best war record put his material across can't be in the department; at 22 he comseaten. Education is a wonderful manded a battalion, and is human

Highlights On the air

thing and should be desired for its enough to see the student's view-

BY ELWOOD RANDOL.

The nearest modern counterpart last century, Jesse James, is Jack 'Quait Hunter" Kennedy whose life of crime will be dramatized on Gang Busters tonight at 9 over KFAB. Col H. Norman Schwarzhad kopf will interview one of the law enforcement officers rected the capture of this out-

> As a highlight of his program this evening, Lawrence Tibbett will sing "The Fiea," famous classic humorous composition by Moussorgsky. Andre Kostelanetz has prepared a specialty offering of five hit tunes from a variety of famous films of the animated type on the Chesterfield hour at 8 tonight over

Jim Jordan, otherwise known as Fibber McGee heard on a Monday I believe I have learned about any one thing during all the rest of night spot on the NBC-Red, will future,

realize the ambition that lurks in the soul of every comedian-to be "Briggs. He has a different a tragedian. Jim doesn't especially method of teaching—he's a Har-hope to play Hamlet, as does Char-vard and Wisconsin grad. His ley Chaplin, but he'll be satisfied ambassador from China. Japan's it, and to have that knowledge al-association with some of the great- with a heavy role. Well, Camest philosophers of the present pana's First Nighter has solved the Shek's regime as the government in every field of life, contain much more than the mere while comedian will get a heavy part cast as A. H. Harris, a the-Wilson, of the English depart- three-act drama known as "Four ment. He doesn't fool around with Door Blimky." In the supporting the elements of grammar, but con- cast will be veteran radio actors ducts his course more on the or- such as Virginia Payne, Frank

Henry Barbour, father of One Paul, the eldest son; Clifford and Jack, the other sons, have the class. He keeps people off the ton Yarborough and Page Gilman who do the bowling, but most of the time these One Man's Family people call each other by their would be; his attitude toward his bours," along with Carlton Morse students is one of friendliness; and author of the show, have quite a rivalry on the hardwood alleys.

Bill Miller, member of Master Singers quartet, is doing a quarter hour of sacred songs over KFAB Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:30.

Chuck Miller, chief announcer at KFOR, does the morning news period at 6:45 in the morning. This early morning news used to be handled from the Omaha studios but will now be heard from Lincoin with the livestock estimates Garden club in Morrill hall.

The story of the history of "The Big Brothers." the American humanitarian organization to aid underprivileged children, will be dramatized on the Cavalcade of program tonight on

In the midst of this modern time when a gadget does most any-tention that this soil is not likely thing from cooking soup to darn- to be productive of desert condiing grandpa's socks, there appears tions, suddenly the outline of a small figure from an older age of ruf- soil types found in desert terrified lace and periwigs. The first tory. The desert conditions which man announced gravely that he soil existed in prehistoric times, would play the clarinet parts of according to him, and are not Mozart's G-major Quintet with the likely to return goon. Coolidge String Quartet last night ords. "Deah! Deah!"

Dr. Harper Conducts Seminar for Teachers, Students on Finance

Dr. F. S. Harper of the mathematics department conducted a seminar for math teachers and Tuesday afternoon in students which he discussed the presentation of finance in the text books that have been published recently. In his critical review of the recent books, Dr. Harper pointed out what was good and what was bad in the elementary mathematics texts. The speaker made his dis-

cussion and review in the light of

writing a textbook himself in the



4 Tough Schedule

Congress' committees and subcommittees face a barrage of leg-

islative proposals. More legislative economy is in order as the proposed 10 percent increase in light and fuel appropriations in the treasury-postoffice supply bill is "shouted down" in congress. A proposed appropriation of \$1,515,352,826 is sent from the house for senate approval.

"Ever-Normal Granary."

senate - house conference committee agrees on provisions for the cotton program. A 10,600,000 bale production is approved for this year, with a penalty of 2 cents a pound or \$10 a bale on production in excess of quotas. War Referendum,

The once-buried war referendum roposal is on the verge of being revived in a different form. Sen-ator Nye, one of the four chamthat the new proposal will make a referendum unnecessary should the western hemisphere be invaded.

Anti-Lynching.

The palm for extended speech-making on the anti-lynching fillbuster goes to Senator Ellender of athon" on the bill.

Naval Appropriations.

What the naval appropriation will be depends greatly on the result of a study being made of the testimony that Japan has "more fully manned fighting ships in mission than either the United States or the British empire.

National Labor Relations.

The senate appropriations comboard and to investigate its activities face severe criticism by supporters of the board. Senator Burke of Nebraska leads in the man Thomas of Utah attacks the proposal as "entirely out of order" and the cut in funds as "penny

Oriental vs. Oriental

What amounts to more than a declaration of war in the minds of many observers was made yester-day by the Japanese government in its recalling of the Japanese terial into the mind, to organize up by guns, he said that nevertheof China makes it certain that since that in itself would be a recognition of the status of the government

Japan admits a backing down along the Tientsin-Puchow railroad in North China and in the Hangchow area, south of Shanghai, China masses her forces to meet a possible attack on Hankow, one of her capitals. With her seats of government as uncertain as they are and rather distributed thruout the country, the measure of China's offense may be in the agility with which she can hustle her forces around to protect the various gov-

BENGTSON DISCOUNTS DESERT FOR MIDWEST

Geography Professor Speaks To Lincoln Garden Club Monday Night.

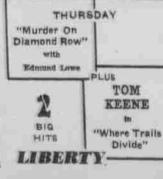
The idea that the midwest will seon become another "great American desert" was derided by Prof. Nels Bengtson Monday night when he addressed the Lincoln

"It is an exaggeration to say that dust storms are the result of man's farming operations," Dr. Bengtson, a member of the university geography uspens and said. "Legends of Indians and series dust

storms as bad as anything have known in recent years. In substantiation of his Dr. Bengtson digressed from his subject to discuss the soil types found in desert terrivision arese when Benny Good- produced our present types of

To prove the contention that on the Caravan broadcast. Soon drouth conditions are not new to after the shadow of Wolfgang this territory, quotations were Amadeus Mozari was again evoked cited from the notes of a number when a large gramophone arrived of well-known authors and exfrom Florida to be delivered to one plorers, including Zebulen Pike, Ben Bernie, now of "Royal" fame, Lieutenant Bradbury, and Wash-The nearest modern counterpart Along with the machine came two ington Irving, who commented on to the fabled train robber of the crates of music mostly Mozart recstricken, deserted by man and animals-the great American desert."

> - LAST TIMES TODAY -ZANE GREY'S "Thunder Trail" plus "MISSING WITNESSES"



PRINT GOES ON SALE THIS WEEK

Production, Use of Salt Holds Spotlight in January Issue.

An illustrated article explaining the production and uses of salt, and information regarding the proper form of letter to use when writing a prospetcive employer for a job are featured in the January issue of the Nebraska Blue Print, engineering college publication, which will be on sale the latter part of this week.

According to the article "Preferred Job Application Forms," written by Louis E. Putze and reprinted from Personnel Journal, a short typewritten letter with typed standard personnel blank is the most favored form of application in the opinion of 61 percent of the employers questioned in a survey made on the subject. At the other end of the scale as the application form that job seekers should avoid at all cost is a carbon copy letter.
"Please Pass The Salt," written

by Norman Stout, senior in chemical engineering, tells of the sources and uses of this most common of table products. Useful not only in the human diet, salt is important as a preservative, in curing pions of the new attempt, states hides, refrigeration, and as a necessary element of food for cattle The main use of salt in industrial manufacturing is in the production of other chemicals, nearly 5 million tons being used thus in 1936.

The oldest source of salt, and one still extensively utilized, is ocean water which contains about a fourth of a pound of salt per gallon. Mineral deposits are also utilized widely as a source of palt. The article is illustrated with three and half pages of pictures showing various steps in salt production. Louis Lundsrom and Thurman Sipp are featured in this month's feature of Nebraska's Engineers.

In his monthly corner, Dean O. J. Ferguson weighs both sides of the question of the desirability forming of an engineer's union, and fi-

sion and its lofty ideals and aims Enginews, Alumnews, and nomic situation in Germany today, Sledge Jr. complete the contents Professor Alexis stated that the of the January Blue Print.

RECORDS REVEAL EXAMS BEGINNING BACK IN APRIL, '05 (Continued from Page 1.)

ways at the finger-tips, is useful Study's Permanent Effect.

In the words of Dean Ferguson of the college of engineering: "Unless that which is studied has some permanent effect upon a person, it is of no value. The only way to find out whether there is a permanent effect is to wait for some

time and then hunt for it. One of the effective processes of learning is that of review and recollection. Most students approach examinations by such a procedure.

'Of lesser importance than the other two is the opportunity for instructors to indicate by definite lists of questions some of the most important aspects of the semester's work."

Classify Basis of Instruction. Dean Foster of law college says: Of course, in the college of law, the final is nearly the whole story as far as grades of students are

concerned. "In the first place, the student needs the chance to review the materials that have formed the basis for his instruction, to classify them, and to reduce them to order. This is one of the most important parts of any course.

"In the second place, if an examination is properly constructed, so as to test not only a student's memory but also his ability analyze facts and apply principles to the facts, it becomes very val-

Determine Relative Understanding. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, states: "If they are viewed properly by the students, they will provide the opportunity to go back and review and organize the subject matter of the course. The nine day period we now have is supposed to be adapted to reading

and preparing for the examina-"From the standpoint of the instructor, they serve to give the teacher a basis for determining the relative understanding of courses among the students as it is illustrated by the final. On this relative understanding, he may base a part of the final grade."

The rule, under which examinations are now conducted, provides each teacher must be present with his classes at the final university professor.

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examination period and that either BEAVER TO ASSUME a final examination is to be given or some other class exercise is to be held during this period.

Suggestions to professors in-In order to produce a more equitable practice among the instructional staff as to their examination practices, the com-mittee suggests the following procedures for the final examinations for the first

mittee suggests the following procedures for the theat examinations for the first percenter:

1. Every instructor is expected to evercise personal supervision over his final examination over his final examination of the see that some other instructor or proctor approved by the departmental chairman is responsible as his substitute. (Committee's interpretation of senate's policy of final examination supervision.)

2. It is recommended that in so far have in possible each instructor prepare his final examination questions in such form that each sindent may have a Expertition, miscocaraphed, or perinted copy of the questions for his personal use during the examination.

2. It is recommended that all copies of final examinations he typewritten, miscocaraphed, or perinted on the campus either in the departmental offices or by the stemographic bureau of the operating department. It is to be understood that:

(1) If examinations are to be prepared by the stemographic bureau, they shall be seen to the bureau under real by the instructor at loast five days prior to the date of the examination.

(2) If examination are to be printed, they shall be sent to the paramination.

(3) If examination are to be printed, they shall be sent to the printing department of the order to the printing department of the final examination.

4. It is recommended that they may be completed within the scheduled period by the final examination.

5. It is expected that my deviation from the things of the time of the time set for its constitution.

age, student. The examination around neclosed at the end of the time set for its conclusion.

5. It is expected that any deviation from the published examination schedule as to the time an examination is to be given shall be approved by the committee.

6. Each departmental chairman is required to file a copy of the final examination quiestions of each instructor giving instruction in his department with the dean or director at the school or college for the use of the examination committee. The instructor is used to state whicher the examination covers the entire arcester work or only a portion of it. In the event the instructor does not give an examination during the rimal examination period, such instructor is requested to file a statement as to the manner in which the period was used. If the dean or director desires a copy, two copies should be forwarded to him.

The present standing committee of the University Senate whose duty deals with finals is composed of F. C. Blood, R. C. Piller, B. C. Rendricka, N. L. Hill, R. Kure, T. A. Pierce, R. B. Scott, W. F. Weiland, D. A. Wercealer, T. J. Thompson, chairman.

PROF. ALEXIS EXPLAINS

Result of Versailles Treaty Recounted by Chairman Of Germanics.

The after-war isolation of Germany as a result of the Versailles mittee's proposal to cut the funds nally decides that there are more treaty is a fundamental cause of the national labor relations things to be lost by such a proposal than there are to be gained. country, Prof. Joseph Alexis, chair-Dean Ferguson feels that such a man of the department of Gerunion might endanger the almost manic languages, stated before a universal recognition of the high meeting Monday night of the Linstanding of the engineering profes- coln Association of Credit Men.

Discussing the political and eco desperate straits in which the German people found themselves after the World war practically forced them to take refuge in

Predicting a passing of the fas-cist form of government backed DAY less the Hitler youth organizations would probably leave a lasting discipline upon German youth. These organizations have a strong military tinge, Professor Alexis explained, with considerable discipline and training in co-operation.

LIBRARY GETS 24 VOLUMES

Rise of Liberalism' Among Newly Received Books.

New books recently added to the library include the following Apes, Men and Morons," by E.

"The Trial," by Franz Katka. "If War Comes," by R. E. Dupuy

and C. F. Eliot. "Art and Society," by H. E. Read, "Joaquin Miller," by M. S. Pter-

"Zero to Eighty," by E. F. North-"Contribution of Religion to Social Work, by Reinhold Niebuhr.

"Modern Fiction, a Study of Val-ues," by H. J. Muller. "Contribution of Sociology to So-cial work," by R. M. Maciver, Rise of Liberalism," by H. J.

Laski. 'Predecessors of Adam Smith,' by E. A. J. Johnson. 'Dictators and Democracies," by

C. B. Hoover. "Letter to Robert Frost," by R. S. Hillyer,

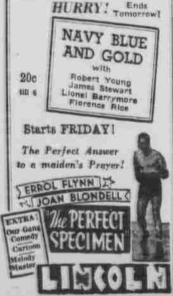
Washington City and Capitol. Federal writers' project. Short Stories, 1937," by James T. Farrell.

Presbyterian Pirate, a Portrain of Stevenson," by D. N. Dalglish. "Hatter's Castle," by A. J. Cronin. "Idaho." Federal writers project. "Berdsley Period, an Essay Perspective." by Osbert Burdett. "Gospel of Mark," by B. H. Brans-

"Social Welfare and Professional Education," by Edith Abbott. Excursions in English Drama," by Robert Withington. Netherlands and the U. S.," by J. C. Westermann.

"National Debt and Government Credit," by Twentieth century fund, Committee on government credit.

A new beau every day is advocated for girls in their 'teens by Dr. Walter B. Townsend, Butler



NEWLY MADE OFFICE OF BRIGADE COLONEL

(Continued from Page 1.) talion will be John W. Cramer, Spencer. In the field artillery battalion, William G. Clayton will be Frank E. Phelps, and Truman E. lieutenant colonel, battery commander, and Charles E. Jolitz will be lieutenant colonel, executive of-officer. Majors of the field artil-lery battalion will be Lillard E. Pratt, S-1, and James R. Paul, S-3. Dale Bonham has been appointed first lieutenant of the



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