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On Our Behalf . . .

At least one instructor in this university has shown interest in the student's behalf concerning final examinations. Said instructor was kind enough to submit to this office material which is soon to appear in print in a magazine designed primarily for high school teacher consumption but nevertheless written on the age-old question concerning the necessity of final examinations.

The article, entitled "Why Not Abolish Tests?," will appear in the February issue of the **SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**. One classic comment in the article is its reference to the "Hoosier Schoolmasters," and it is to these stereotyped individuals that I wish to refer this article.

At several points throughout the essay the author quotes from many other magazines which through the years have carried articles on this subject. Probably as interesting as the quoted material itself are the dates given in reference to the initial printing of the quoted articles. Certain excerpts on the subject have been taken from magazines as far removed as November, 1929, almost two decades ago . . . yet written on a condition that still exists today. Can this be referred to as progress in education?

Pointing out that examinations are often referred to by instructors as "necessary evils," the article suggests such reference has helped to create a "defeatist attitude" among students and has educated them consequently "to dread, tests and to get out of them whenever possible, and to get nervous when taking examinations." Is the aim of modern education the development of such attitudes?

Continuing, the writer refers to a time when he sat with a committee on college examinations. "In the course of its session one member proposed (seriously) that a course grade should depend wholly upon his single two-hour final examination." Although the author states that this was not the opinion of the rest of the committee, nevertheless a college instructor proposed such an antiquated gauge of student intelligence.

The article deals with those instructors who are so disposed as to consider the final exam as sole determiner of a student's grade. Due to this idea, "some students consider the final examination as a sort of 'tool of inquisition' used by the teacher to 'break' the student scholastically."

Despite the verbal groans and emotional upheaval of many instructors, the fact remains that exams are definitely harder on the student than on the instructor. We are all here attempting to get an education, not lose one, and a little consideration in the right spot can help a great deal. We realize that finals aren't any fun for the student or instructor, but a professor can partially curb this "scholastic inquisition" while a student can only hope he will.

D. N.

Letterip

Dear Editor:
 Since returning from Xmas vacation I've heard several people speaking of an organization newly born on our fair campus. It seems to be called the "Cornhusker Party," and is made up of Greek and Barb students who are devoted to the general welfare of the university thru harmony between affiliated and non-affiliated students. According to my information they have as a goal the election of individuals to student positions on a basis of merit rather than the prevailing faction method.

As a non-affiliated student, and one who is interested in the betterment of our university, I agree that such an organization is needed on this campus. At present however, I would like to know more about the "Cornhusker Party."

Who is behind it? Is it to be another faction? Are its leaders looking out for the welfare of the school, or their own welfare? Is it really a coalition party, or just a Barb faction to combat the existing faction?

We've had enough of this faction business—with certain elections. To many of the ex-G.I.'s this will sound like a lot of child's play, but remember, the students chosen to represent our school in various positions are many times in the public eye. The reputation of Nebraska University may rise or fall according to the people choose to represent us.

Is the "Cornhusker Party" all that it is cracked up to be? That remains to be seen, but in the meantime, let's hear more about it?

Wayne B. Wells.

Home Ec Class Meets With Vet Wives' Group

Wives of student veterans discussed "New Lease on Leisure" at their first meeting with the methods class in Adult Homemaking education January 12 at Teacher's college.

Mrs. Rhea Keeler, faculty sponsor for the meeting, and members of the Home Ec class demonstrated techniques for making sandwiches in waffle irons, rose salads and banana boats. Punch was served the women while Wilma Livingston and Viola Seefeld led discussions on free recreational opportunities and how to make conversation interesting.

Spiced tea, snowballs, prune squares and a tray of cheese and crackers were served the group as examples of easy, quick, inexpensive and sugar-saving foods. Prepared by Matilda Peters of the Home Economics department, the lunch was served by Mary Ellen Howell and Mesdames Shirley Friedley and Maud Coggs. Ruth Maynard of Teachers college faculty assisted Miss Peters.

"Short Cuts in Washing and Ironing" will be discussed at the next meeting, January 15 at 7:30 p. m. at Teachers college. Wives of veterans attending university, who wish to join the group, are asked to call Mrs. Rhea Keeler at 2-7261, extension 237, ring 2.

Associate Justice Speaks at Law Society Luncheon

Associate Justice Fred W. Messmore, of the State Supreme court was the principal speaker at a Phi Alpha Delta, Law fraternity weekly luncheon held Monday at the Capitol hotel.

In comparing the law profession of thirty years ago to that of the present, Judge Messmore, former Beatrice attorney and district court judge, pointed out that because of the scarcity of movies and other entertainment, on the day of a law suit the court room was packed. "People came to see the show and a lawyer had to be somewhat of an actor."

After relating some of his experiences both as judge and an attorney, Judge Messmore declared "Law is a delightful, pleasant profession with an intense spirit of comradeship."

New York Organist Will Play At Plymouth Organ Console

Dr. Robert Baker comes from New York City to the organ console of First-Plymouth Congregational church for an organ recital tonight, sponsored by the choir

cludes a performance at Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago.

Program.

The recital program, for which the 60 cent tickets are available at Deitze, Schmoller & Mueller and Walt's Music stores and at the door tonight, includes concerto movements by Handel and Vivaldi, and music by Bach, Liszt and contemporary composers. Myron Roberts, school of music professor and Lincoln organist, will be represented by "Carillon," a composition written two years ago to be released soon by its publishers. Of interest also is "The Nativity," by Frenchman Jean Langlais, which depicts four phases of the Christmas scene. Complete program is:

- Largo and Finale (Concerto in G Major) Handel
- Adagio (Concerto in D minor) Vivaldi
- Rondo for Flutes Rinek
- Tocata and Fugue in M minor Bach
- Pastoral Dance Robin Milford
- The Nativity Jean Langlais
- Manger Angels
- Shepherds
- The Holy Family
- Fantasia and Fugue on notes B-A-C-H. Liszt
- Carillon Myron Roberts
- Roulette Seth Binshan
- Tocata in D flat Joseph Jouen



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
Dr. Robert Baker.

of the church. He is the second guest organist to play at the Plymouth organ this season, following Marcel Depre who appeared there in November.

One of the youngest and most accomplished American organists, Dr. Baker holds three important organ positions in New York, being organist at Brooklyn's First Presbyterian church, at Fifth avenue's famous Temple Emanuel, and for the city's civic radio station WNYC whose organ recitals are broadcast from the Brooklyn Museum. His present tour in-

Iowa State Squad Elects Ray Wehde As Cage Captain

AMES, Iowa.—Results of a pre-Big Six season election show that Ray Wehde, veteran forward from Holstein, will captain the 1946-1947 Iowa State basketball team.

Coach Louis Menze did not hold an election at the end of the 1945-1946 season since many former lettermen would be returning. The election was held at the start of the conference championship season.

The new captain has already won two letters at Iowa State and was named to an all-conference forward post.

Chancellor Will Address Convocation On Ag Campus

Chancellor Gustavson, addressing the Ag student body for the first time, will speak on "How Shall We Know the Truth?" at a convocation Friday at 4 p. m. in the Student Activities building.

For the convocation, sponsored by the Ag Executive board, all classes will be dismissed and offices closed on Ag campus, Ned Raun, board president, has announced.

VETERANS

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