

Editorial Comment

Stolen Exams . . .

Once again, examination time is upon us. And preparatory study is taking top priority with most students as they ready themselves for the exams.

Yet, earlier than usual, approximately 113 members of one University class are talking about exam stealing—because they recently discovered a few persons are back at their old racket. It may seem silly to talk about the same thing year after year when test times come up, but the problem of exam stealing confronts us again.

A dictionary defines a parasite as an animal that lives upon an organism at whose expense it obtains some advantage without compensation. Again this year, a few parasites are at work on our campus. And everyone directly affected in this class of 113 students would like to lay hands on this animal which some people classify as a human being.

It happens that at one of the college libraries just recently, a nearly-complete set of sample exams available to all 113 students were stolen. And as usual, the dirty work happened at the worst time—two days before the class was to be given a six weeks exam.

The stolen exams were typical examples of those given in previous years and many students made reference to them before a test. And many claimed such reference was helpful. But, some person or persons decided that they could better benefit at the other person's expense. And so the others suffered.

Perhaps the parasites figured that it was easier to deprive their fellow students of the opportunity to use these sample tests, rather than to steal the "real thing."

It goes without saying that this old stealing racket has been a little overdone in the past, and the parasites' "benefactors" are fed up with it. The greedy few had better heed the warning that exam stealing of any kind has no place whatsoever on this campus this year and for years to come.—K. A.

The Rag Congratulates...

BILL GLASSFORD, HIS STAFF AND THE MEN HE COACHES . . . for their combined efforts to improve football at the University. Evidence of the success of their work came last Saturday when the Cornhuskers defeated Minnesota. Through cooperation, teamwork and a strong willingness to play the brand of football that wins games, the members of the 1950 squad and their coaches have earned the respect and admiration of countless fans. JERRY MATZKE . . . and his committee for their work in sponsoring the Crusade for Freedom. Matzke, representing NU-CWA, coordinates the various activities of interested campus organizations and supervises the overall Crusade program. KOSMET KLUB . . . for their efforts to launch a new entertainment program at the University. Foremost in their plans, the members of Kosmet Klub wish for coed participation in the spring musical. If they succeed in revoking the Panhellenic rule now in effect which prohibits coeds from taking part in the shows, entertainment on the campus may very well improve greatly. ALL UNIVERSITY FUND . . . for its decision to contribute a lump sum of \$300 from its total collections for the Crusade for Freedom. This contribution will promote the Radio Free Europe program which broadcasts behind the iron curtain. DR. A. F. DOMBROWSKI . . . a Polish immigrant, who is now a staff member on the University faculty. Dr. Dombrowski came to the United States in 1947, penniless and without a job. Through hard-work and initiative, he soon advanced to his present position on the University staff. Besides collecting and arranging statistics in his office at the Social Science building, he has made a comprehensive study of Nebraska's alfalfa industry, the first study of its kind. His story—from a penniless immigrant to faculty member in three years—is an excellent example of why the United States is the "land of opportunity."

Union Plans Dance Saturday

Baton twirling, saxophone playing and ukulele strumming—these are the entertainment acts that will highlight the dance at the Union Saturday night, Oct. 14, at 8:30 p.m. Shirley Fries, Shirley Whitaker and Barb Young will do the honors. And, there'll be dancing, too. Canned music and candlelight will lend soft lights and sweet music atmosphere to the affair. Calling all dance friends! Here's your opportunity to shine and really show off all those intricate foot patterns you've been brushing up on for so many weeks. Stu Reynolds, dance committee chairman, said the stage problem has already been solved. The Union committee has recruited a battalion of hostesses, all of whom will be around to dance or just sit and talk with any of you. Reynolds asked students not to forget there will be no admission charge. Soft drinks along with popcorn, doughnuts or cookies have been planned for all those who work up ravenous appetites when they dance.

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If Harvey Rabbins' letter in Thursday's Rag reflects the views of even a small number of the University students, certainly we are in a precarious situation. Perhaps the Crusade for Freedom may at times take on a "tinny football atmosphere," and the petition may contain many "hackneyed phrases," but certainly a crusade for freedom should be a worthy objective of every University student.

I wonder if Mr. Rabbins, enjoying his freedom and privileges here at the University, realizes what the situation is like in many other parts of the world. I spent three months this summer in Germany, during which time I was able to get back of the Iron Curtain in east Berlin for short periods. The Communists use every kind of a crusade, bell ringing, parades, and slogans, to stir up support and enthusiasm for Communism. They must think such crusades work or they wouldn't spend so much time and effort on them. Eastern Berlin and eastern Germany are literally plastered with signboards and slogans proclaiming the merits of Communism. In fact, all of the signs designating the Russian sector of Berlin are labeled "you are now entering the democratic sector of Berlin." Appeals to sign the phony Stockholm Peace Appeal were everywhere. All the buildings devoted to Communist propaganda have huge signs across the front of them saying "German youth for work and peace." The Communists know the value of crusades, parades, bell ringing, and the like.

If Mr. Rabbins were a student in a university behind the Iron Curtain, he would have to be able to defend thoroughly Marxian Doctrines and explain the Soviet Doctrine before he would be allowed to graduate. The first question asked a student in the University of Leipzig recently was, "Explain and define the third chapter of Karl Marx, 'Das Capital.'" Students in secondary schools in east Germany have to write compositions on the political structure of the Soviet Union and on Soviet doctrines. The principal of the school harangues them three or four times a week on the merits of communism and the evils of western capitalism. Two girls were expelled from a high school in Leipzig because a classmate reported to the Communist officials that they had spoken derogatorily of Russia.

Agreed, crusades may be a little "tinny" at times, but they are a lot better than controlled thought and forced Communist rallies at the end of the school day.

Galen Saylor
Chairman of Department
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To the Editor:

Today I read about a man biting the hand that feeds him. His name was Harvey Rabbins. Mr. Rabbins, who has the great fortune to live in a land where people can gain a college education whether they are black or white, Christian or Jew, Republican or Democrat, has the gall to suggest that our desire to spread such equalities and freedoms to less privileged peoples of the world is to make a mockery of the dignity of the individual. Were those men who met in Philadelphia one hundred and seventy-four years ago to sign a very similar scroll, asserting their beliefs in freedom, also making a "mockery of the dignity of the individual?" Or were they too victims of what the author of yesterday's Letterip calls "some brand of herd spirit" but what you and I call the American Way of Life.

The Crusade for Freedom is not a political football (if Mr. Rabbins will pardon the use of such a "tinny" word), nor is it a spontaneous demonstration. Great ideas have always come from great leaders and who would attempt to deny the sincerity or the abilities of such Crusade sponsors as Dwight Eisenhower and Lucius Clay. In General Eisenhower's own words, the Crusade for Freedom is "a campaign sponsored by private American citizens to fight the big lie with the big truth."

Are these the words of "political cynicism" or were the words of yesterday's author truly the cynical comments? Mr. Rabbins, I fear that you are guilty of sniping at the very freedoms that have put you where you are today.

Wm. P. Dugan

Welfare State Topic at High School Meet

Approximately 250 students from Nebraska high schools will arrive Saturday on the University campus where they will participate in a speech and social studies institute.

The conference, which is an annual event, is presented chiefly to acquaint high school students with the national debate topic for the year.

This year's topic is: Resolved: That the American people should reject the welfare state. To aid in interpreting the question, the delegates will participate in two informal discussion groups on the question: "What problems threaten the security of the United States citizens?" and "How should the federal government deal with these problems?"

In addition to the student discussions, Prof. Curtis M. Elliott of the economics department, and Joseph S. Sewall, manager of the Social Security field office in Lincoln, will speak and analyze the topic.

A briefing on "How to Participate in Discussion" will be given by Jane Kinzie, director of speech at Grand Island high school.

Directs Meet
Bruce Kendall, associate director of debate, is in charge of the one day conference which is sponsored jointly by the University department of speech, the NBSAA and the State Department of public instruction.

Prof. Clarence Flick of the speech department will preside at the conference. Debaters representing the University and the University of Mississippi will participate in an exhibit debate on the welfare state at 3 p.m., Saturday in Love Library auditorium.

Last year's conference drew about 250 students from about 40 Nebraska high schools. Helping with registration will be various Builders workers under the direction of Poochie Rediger. Registration begins at 8 a.m., Saturday.

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worth reading

By Arthur J. Vennix

I was browsing around in the University Libraries this morning in quest of something significant to report on. Browsing, incidentally, is a term loosely used by some of us librarians to denote periods of physical movement accompanied by mental frigidities.



Vennix

I picked up a book purporting to be the fool-proof method of predicting elections and figured that it might be significant since there are elections just ahead. The only trouble was that the book had been written prior to the last presidential election and the method of prediction had been already proved badly in need of rehabilitation.

All of which reminds me that I was working in an insurance office in Denver when Truman upset the nation's forecasters. I recall how one of the best known of the agencies had already mailed out a few hundred thousand copies of brochure telling what business conditions would be during Dewey's term of office.

Casting about for ideas for library displays, it was brought to my attention that this week is national wine week.

Getting down to the matter of books, WORTH READING, there's a wealth of material on every conceivable subject available in the Documents Reading Room, Love Memorial Library. The U. S. Government is the largest publisher in the world, with an annual output of somewhere in the neighborhood of 30,000 titles per year.

Ruby Wilder, Documents Librarian, handed me a copy of Mr. Svingmington's recent report to the President on the conditions of civil defense in the United States. The instinct for self-preservation being what it is, this report should rapidly become one of the nation's best-sellers. It's concise, hard hitting, and remarkably readable.

Here's a little 50-page pamphlet which will be invaluable to anyone studying the Russian situation. It's titled "Background Information on the Soviet Union to International Relations." It's not antiquated either, having been written only six weeks ago.

We are already in possession of five volumes of the official history of World War II. If you think you'd like to read the entire series you'd better get an early start while you're young. The plan of the Historical Division of the United States Army encompasses no fewer than 98 volumes. If present indications

NHDC Host to 40 Nebraskans

More than 40 Nebraska women are scheduled to leave Wednesday to attend the National Home Demonstration Council meeting at Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 16 to 20.

Miss Florence Atwood, state home extension leader at the University said that the theme for the meeting is "Family Responsibility in Today's World." Miss Atwood will accompany about 30 of the women by chartered bus. Others are going to Biloxi by private transportation. She said there will be "southern hospitality" with sight-seeing trips and social gatherings. Meetings will include talks by family relations specialists and discussions among the delegates.

Ag Rodeo Fans Organize Club

The University Rodeo association was formed Wednesday night at a meeting of rodeo fans in the Ag Union.

Officers elected were as follows: Rex Coffman, president; Jack Manning, vice-president; Gayle Gutherless, secretary, and Virginia Baskin, treasurer. A committee was formed to obtain constitutions from other college rodeo associations in order to have some ideas with which to pattern a constitution for the Nebraska club.

The main purpose of the organization is to provide the necessary animals, judges and other equipment for the Ag college Rodeo to be held next spring in conjunction with the Farmer's Fair and College Days.

The club also hopes to have some sort of Rodeo practice sessions between now and time for the show if they can be arranged. But these plans are entirely tentative and must be approved by the proper authorities before any action can take place.

The next meeting is now scheduled for October 25 in the Ag Union for the purpose of studying the findings of the Constitution committee.

Members of this committee include the officers and Keith Young, Don Bever, Gene Geddes and Jack Manning.

have any meaning, they'll all run near 1000 pages each.

There's no immediate rush, however. We've just received the final numbers in the 17 volume documentary history of World War I.

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Four Debaters To Participate At Conferences

Four members of the University debate squad will participate in the team's first activities of the year Saturday when they present exhibition debates for high school students.

The debaters, Doris Carlson, Joan Krueger, Jack Solomon and Charles Rossow, will discuss the national high school debate topic before conferences of the students at the University campus and the University of Kansas.

Debating at Lawrence, Kan., will be Miss Carlson and Miss Krueger, who will uphold the affirmative side of the debate proposition advocating rejection of the welfare state.

Solomon and Rossow will meet two University of Mississippi debaters Saturday at 9 p.m. in Love Library auditorium. The Nebraska speakers will debate the negative against E. C. Ward and Jay Hedgepeth.

Donald Olson, director of debate, will be one of the speakers at the conference at the University of Kansas.

Squad members traveling to Kansas will leave Friday afternoon and return Saturday evening. The Mississippi team is scheduled to arrive in Lincoln by plane Friday at 3 p.m.

Solomon is a senior in Law college, Rossow a freshman and both members of the women's team, sophomores.

The debates Saturday are the first scheduled with other schools for the season. Before Christmas vacation, squad members are planning to meet Wesleyan university, Doane college, the University of Omaha and Midland college. A major tournament is scheduled for the first part of December at the University of Iowa.

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