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When we got there it happened

to be Easter Sunday morning and

millions of people had gathered at

St. Peter's Square to see the Pope

who was supposed to make a public

appearance on the balcony. When

he came out on the balcony Joe

told me he was going up on the

balcony to prove that he knew the

Nebraskan Editorials **One Exhausting Week!**

A Faculty Senate action Tuesday' reducing basis of facts plus insight based on thoroughexamination periods to one week, effective next year, arouses doubt as to the wisdom in such a move.

The proposal to reduce the exam period was passed without debate and with an obvious split among the various colleges, some college representatives vehemently opposed to the proposal. As evidenced, those representatives from the college of Arts and Sciences excluding the departments housed in Bessey Hall, especially objected to the proposal. While representatives from Teachers College, the physical education department and others anxiously voted without debate and in support of the proposal.

This noted division in faculty opinion as to the desirability of the proposal bears out fundamental objections on the part of students. However, the decision was made by the faculty and student objections necessarily take the form of a prediction as to future attitudes toward and troubles in the reduced exam perind.

Included in the proposal is the reallotment of time for each exam an the consolidation of exams into a one week period. Exams next year will each be two and one-half hours long and three exams will be scheduled daily. One "refresher" day will be allowed before exams begin and one post-examination day will be allowed for registration and commencement exercises.

Students and faculty members hurt most by this proposal are those who attend or teach strictly lecture courses, i.e. political science, history, etc. Also effected are language students and those students who are enrolled in lecture courses which require excessive outside reading. Faculty members in charge of lecture and language courses seem to realize the need for time to review on the part of students. Outside reading material will probably not be readily available now that students have only one day of review and a concentrated examination schedule the rest of the week, nor will it be within the average student's ability to review outside reading material throughly in so little time. And one must realize the fact that the student with three or four lecture courses in which outside material plays an important academic part will be at a severe disadvantage.

Of course, the proposal becomes doubly sinister if it is placed into perspective with the present grading system and examination processes. Those instructors who give objective exams will be less effected with grading headaches and their students less effected by the reduced review time. Multiple choice, true and false and short answer exams take little more than a factual knowledge of a subject to pass while essay examinations are graded on the

ness of knowledge of the subject. Grading an essay examination is difficult on the part of most instructors and cannot be merely checked against a master set of answers as can an objective exam. The short time alloted to instructors in which they must grade exams and turn in grade reports plus the reduction in examination periods gives to believe that either more objective exams or shorter essay exams will be given with more emphasis on facts than on insight.

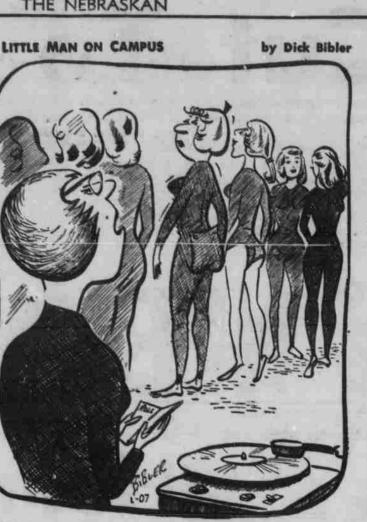
The possibility that some students may have exams scheduled during every examination period exists and even if this is true for only one or two days out of the week's period, it is only logical and human that students under this pressure handicap will not do their best on the exams. Actually the concentrated exam period looms as a two-handed monster, Students, according to traditional standards, are expected to express knowledge of an entire course in a short final examination, and they are graded to great degree on the results of that exam. Pressure, vague knowledge which can only be cleared up by study and review, difficulty of one course as opposed to the ease of another, all go up to form a picture of reduced student efficiency on final examinations. Instructors should not, therefore, expect final exams to be indicative of a student's best work and a change in the grading evaluation tecomes necessary.

The reduced exam schedule sounds discouraging on paper and visions of harassed students and frustrated instructors seem quite realistic. However, the proposal must first be tried to be more justly criticized, but at present the reduced examination period seems to promise more disadvantages to both students and faculty members than advantages. -J. H. B.

Today's Crisis

The large percentage of voters in Monday's Student Council election proved two things. First, Student Council activities this past year have impressed more people and stepped on more toes than ever before and, second, for the first time in many years, independent voters have presented a threat to Greeks.

Obviously the increase in voters did not come entirely-if at all-from the independent group. Only one IFC-backed candidate (in pharmacy) lost the election. Greeks have been heaving a sigh of relief throughout the campus today, and independents are facing up to the fact that if they are to put men into office they are going oring to the polls come election time.



"Where do you buy your leotards, Miss Williams?"

-The Self-Governed-**'Average Student'** Is Modern Problem

By LOUIS SCHOEN

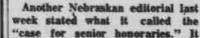
In last Friday's Nebraskan, an terest in learning. Most often, ineditorial referred to the paradox- stead, they develop in him a negaical average University student. tive attitude that the learning pro-

"He pays money to a professor the attitude that the learning pro-to teach him, and then complains cess is being forced upon him when the professor attempts to against his own will and perhaps even against his own best interteach him too much. The 'snap' courses are popular; the difficult est. ones dreaded or avoided. Class

These are problems, of course, preparations are done as a favor which must be solved first of all to the professor in order that the in the teachers colleges. Thus there student might be 'favored' by a has rightly been increasing emphasis in teachers colleges on psy-

These characteristics of the "av. chological aspects of teaching. But erage student" are perhaps the can a teacher who is well-schooled most important problem in mod- in psychology but has only a smatern education. They are the re- tering of general background knowsult of a lack of motivation for ledge - ie., of a liberal arts trainlearning in the student. I think the ing - properly motivate the stublame for this lack can be placed dent along a sincere and active definitely on the primary and sec- scholastic career? This is, of ondary school systems - and per- course, the major contemporary edhaps a large degree of it in ucational issue. Its solution depends on a more moderate attitude from both sides in the con-

It should be the responsibility troversy. Its solution at the earliof parents and of teachers in priest possible date is imperative if mary and secondary schools to dewestern civiliation and western velop in the student a sincere inmorality are to survive this age of peril.



-Schneid Remarks-Wonder If He Knows Mrs. Calabash?

By STAN SCHNEIDER

Of course he always caught more By STAN SCHNEIDER Some people on this campus than I did." know practically everybody. I This time I knew he was kidding can't figure out how they do it. so to embarass him I thought we would go to Rome and let him Let me give you an example. I met a guy the other day and prove it.

n o matter whose name I mentioned this guy claimed he knew him. We talked about the new Innocents and he knew every one of them. He also knew all the new Mortar Boards and

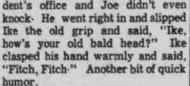
Pope. Sure enough, out on the balcony came Joe. He shook hands with him. Milliions of people in the and could give me a run down on square screamed and yelled. At most of the professors on campus. that time a little guy standing

After a while I began to think beside me poked me in the ribs that this individual, who we shall and said, "Hey, buddy. Who is call Joe to be clever, was top that up there with Joe?" candidate for varsity gasser. The

ROTC and he knew everybody in Jokers conversation stemmed around the corps. Well, at that particular time the guy who carries the little flag in all the big parades walked in so I thought I would test him. I called the flag bearer over and sure enough old Joe knew him. He even knew the Colonel. I was a little surprised at the num-

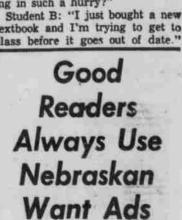
ber of people this guy knew.

make sure, we flew to Washington and Joe knew them all. He walked right up to John Foster Dulles and Joe said. "John, how's turned around and said, "Oh, Quemoy and Matsu." We could hardly stop laughing at that good one. We went directly to the President's office and Joe didn't even



By this time I was a little surprised. No one uses Fitch anymore. Some guys you just can't trust

I decided to give him the supreme test. I said, "Joe, I'll bet you don't know the Pope." "We were kids together, he said. We used to fish in the same stream.



For Results



A disk jockey, urging listeners to take advantage of a special of-

fer, announced, "Merely drop us a postcard and give the postman only \$2.95 when he delivers your 48 unbearable children's records."

Another radio announcer described the advantages of owning We began to talk about politics a certain new car: "This is the and sure enough Joe knew about automobile that is designed to give every one there is to know. To you years of travel-free care."

> Student A: "Where are you going in such a hurry?'

your old foreign policy?" .John textbook and I'm trying to get to class before it goes out of date."

Seventh Rush Party

Next fall, breathless coed rushees will be flattered, favored and feted at seven rush parties instead of six

The additional party will be on Thursday, making three parties for that day. Panhellenic Council was dubious about adding to the already hectic rush week schedule, and the decision passed with only a 7 to 6 vote.

Major objection from sororities has been the fear that both sorority members and rushees would become too tired. Another party might just make everyone even more confused and exhausted

The advantages of another party, however, outweighs such objections. The rushee will get a much better deal. She will have a chance to take a good look at one more sorority. The more sororities with which she becomes acquainted, the better. She can give courtesy parties and parties where she will not have a chance to pledge and still have alternatives to choose from.

Open House impressions are brief, hazy and too often misleading. It is the "second look" during the parties which really convinces a rushee which sorority will be her choice.

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Of course the system works both ways, too. Sororities will have another chance to impress a few more girls. And since more coeds will be coming back for parties, sororities too will have a firmer base for their judgements.

The added party will not mean any more work in party planning. No rushee would be allowed to attend more than one party at a house during a single day. Therefore, it would just mean repeating in party already organized.

Other campuses at colleges of comparable size have rush week systems which include far more parties than seven. Some have as many as seven in one day-shorter in length, however, University Panhellenic has received national recognition for its fine -organization. but the most frequent objection-according to Miss Suyder-has been the low number of marties.

The seventh party will be used next year, and if it proves too exhausting for coeds, it will be dropped.

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One more party will not make much difference in sore feet and forced smiles. But it may make a difference in the number-and satisfaction-of pledges. -M. H.

The climax will come this afternoon when the Council elects its officers for the coming year. The present Council is in trouble; those who on the basis of past work are under consideration for the job of president, are unavailable because of offices in and commitments to other campus organizations.

Students elected a group of live-wires in Monday's election. It will be a tragedy in student government if a group of officers capable of leading Council members does not result from today's meeting. K.N.

Rare Break

The Spring Event Committee, whose activities have long been shrouded in secrecy and thwarted by the early April riot, is finally about to launch the results of its months of planning and plotting into the University stream. The first annual Spring Dance will be held tonight in the Coliseum to the strains of Billy May's orchestra.

The Spring Event group has been criticized in the past for their cloak-and-dagger secrecy and their smug tip-toeing about. The unexpected impact of the riot hushed up the criticism because it was realized that there was little reason for a Spring Event which was planned to take the place of riot which had already happened.

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The Committee, however, was of sterner stuff. Or perhaps they had already contracted the band. At any rate, they arranged for a Spring Dance.

This in itself is a very nice gesture on the part of the Committee. As naughty as the student body might have been, they are still getting treated, and very nicely. We almost don't deserve it. And the Corn Cobs, who are admittedly wealthy, have agreed to underwrite the dance so that tickets may be sold for the very nominal sum of fifty cents. University students seldom get a break like this one.

Whether or not the Spring Dance will be success depends on the ability of University students to take advantage of a good thing. It is doubtful that this campus will ever be able to dance to a top band like Billy May on a Wednesday night in informal dance for only 50 cents. -F. D.

Quick Quips

high grade."

the home.

In Hungary a commissar asked a peasant how the new potato fraternal organizations. "R. H. crop production plan was coming. "Under our glorious leader," answered the peasant, "our potato crop has been miraculous! Why, if we were to put all the potatoes in a pile they would make a mountain reaching to the feet of God."

"But you know there isn't any God!" said the commissar. "There aren't any potatoes either," replied the peasant.

"You'll have to hand it to Veeating." "Why ?"

"How else could she eat?" A young man took his city-bred

was decorated elaborately in cowboy style. They were there a short time when the girl arose and excused masses. herself to go and have her face

made-up. She returned a moment later, her countenance a blushing red. "Ted," she said "you'll have to help me Am I a heifer or a steer?"

A kindhearted old gentleman Dear Editor: doorbell. He rang for him, then said, "What now, my little man?"

Maybe it's a good thing men fort rather than conversion; hence don't understand women. Women we do not campaign noisily for understand women and don't like new members. Nevertheless, we them.

A man needs a woman to take are a credit to our organization, care of him so she can make him and we are proud to have you. strong enough for her to lean on.

Demonstrating a complicated educational toy to a customer, a toy-shop clerk said, "Of course the whole thing's very confusingonly a child can understand it."

MEN'S

· Machine Washable

· Butcher

Weave

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Boxer and

upheld "the fact" that "a universal trait, and one especially popular in the United States," of human beings is to crave secret

the writer, obviously did not consider the huge portion of the population - persons who not only are not members of lodges, fraternifies, etc., but who abhor the very formalistic secrecy which is the foundation of these organiations. I would suggest the vast majority of independent students at this University are among this anti-fraternal group.

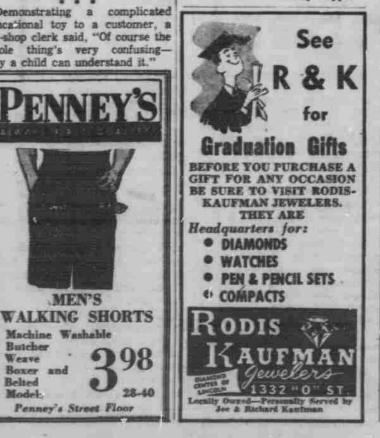
Probably the editorial writer's statement would apply to virtually all members of fraternities and nus deMilo when it comes to sororities .. These opposing attitudes, of course, are one of the chief points of contention between Greeks and independents. It is the basic source for many of their differences. For many of the antigorl friend into a night club which fraternal independents consider the formalistic hodge podge of the secret order to be a little more than an opiate for the lonely, confused



saw a little boy trying to reach a Congratulations to you, Jan, for proving Monday that some people actually LOOK GOOD wearing "Run like hell," said the little Bermudas. We NUBS (Nebraska boy. "That's what I'm going to University Bermuda Society) are a quiet group, interested in com-

> are always happy to welcome anyone who decides to join us. You

F. Jay Pepper



SUMER IS ICUMEN IN

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Thus, as every schoolboy knows, begins T. S. Eliot's immortal Hiawatha. And no wonder "The Boy Orator of the Platte" (as T. S. Eliot is commonly called) was moved to pen such lighthearted lines! For summer (or the "vernal equinox" as it is frequently referred to) is the happiest season of the year, mild and balmy and contented-making.

Which brings us, of course, to Philip Morris Cigarettes. They, too, are mild and balmy and contented-making. But that is not all. They are also genial, placid, and amiable. But that is still not all. They are, moreover, smooth, pacific, and lenient. But hold! There is more. They are, in addition, tranquillizing, clement, and dulcet.

Indeed the list could go on and on, until every adjective is exhausted that would describe the mildness of Philip Morris, the subtlety of their blending, the delicacy of their flavor. What more perfect companion could be found to a summer's day? What more apt complement to a summer's night?

If you have been pleased with Philip Morris through the winter and spring-as who has not who has a taste bud left in his head ?-you will find your pleasure compounded, your enjoyment trebled, when you smoke Philip Morris in the warm and joyous months before you.

My own plans for the summer (except that I will smoke Philip Morris through all my waking hours) are still vague. I have been invited to attend a writers conference, but I don't think I'll accept. I've been attending writers conferences for years, and I always have a perfectly rotten time. The trouble is that Alexandre Dumas and Harriet Beecher Stowe are always there. Not that I have anything against these two swell kids; it's just that it breaks my heart to see them. They're so in love-so terribly devoted and so hopelessly! Dumas will never divorce Jane Eyre while she is with Peary at the North Pole, and Miss Stowe has long since despaired of getting her release from the Pittsburgh Pirates. So hand in hand, brave and forlorn, they go from writers conference to writers conference while Dumas works on his monumental Stover at Yale.

No, thank you, I'll do without writers conferences this summer. I think instead I'll try to improve my fishing. As Izaak Walton once said, "No man is born an artist or an angler." I often turn to the works of Walton (or "The Fordham Flash" as he is familiarly called) when I am searching for a choice aphorism. In fact, I told him so when we met some years ago at a writers conference. Walton was accompanied, as always, by Henrik Ibsen (or "The Pearl of the Pacific" as he is known as). They -Ibsen ("The Pearl of the Pacific") and Walton ("The Fordham Flash")-were collaborating on Mister Roberts at the time, but they fell to quarreling and abandoned the project and the world, as a consequence, was deprived of a truly robust and entertaining comedy.

It is not uncommon, I must say, for writers to fall into dispute. They are, after all, a sensitive and high-strung lot. I'll never forget what William Makepeace Thackeray (or "The Body" as he was universally called) once said to me. "You show me a good writer," said Thackeray, "and I'll steal his wife."

Well, as I was saying, I think I'll give writers conferences a miss this summer, and I recommend that you do the same. Why don't you just take it easy? Swim and fish and sail and smoke and read and sleep and tan your lithe young limbs. I want the best for you because-if I may get a little misty in this, my final column of the year-I think you should know that it's been real kicks for me, delivering this nonsense to you each week.

And in conclusion let me state what Jane Austen (or "Old 54-40 or Fight" as she is called the world over) once said to me. "Nothing is so precious as friendship," she said, "and the richest man in the world is the one with the most money." EMer Shulman, 1958

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