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Memorial Services Thursday

Arrangements have been completed for a memorial convocation honoring the NDAC war dead to be held at 7:30 tomorrow evening at Dacotah field, according to A. H. Parrott, college registrar, in charge.

The main address, Lest We Forget, will be delivered by Brigadier General Clinton A. Pierce, deputy post commander of the army's general ground school, Fort Riley, Kan. Gen. Pierce, captured on Bataan, took part in the March of Death, and was a prisoner in Korea for over two years. He will be introduced by Dr. John H. Longwell.

A. F. Arneson, commissioner of higher education, will be among the honored guests along with L. H. Nicheson, representing the VFW; R. R. Harding, deputy commander of the DAV; Fred C. Mullin, United Spanish War Veterans; Harry E. Polk, state commander of the American Legion; and Harry R. Arneson II, acting state commander of the Amvets. A large representation from all these organizations is expected.

Seats will be reserved for members of organizations and parents and relatives of the men being honored. All special guests will be admitted through gate 11. Members of Senior Staff will present each mother or wife with a red rose. Blue Key members will usher.

A feature of the program will be a shower of lilacs scattered by three army planes from Hector field flying low over the field.

Dr. Longwell will be host to the special guests at dinner scheduled for 5:30 tomorrow in Ceres hall. A downtown reception will be given at the Elks club at 9:30.

Second Spectrum Coming Up Friday

This special issue of The Spectrum, devoted primarily to furthering plans for the Student Union, will be followed by a second issue Friday, which will be the final one of the present school year.

It will have all the regular features plus information on commencement and baccalaureate exercises, list of graduates and returns on the vote for the Student Union assessment.

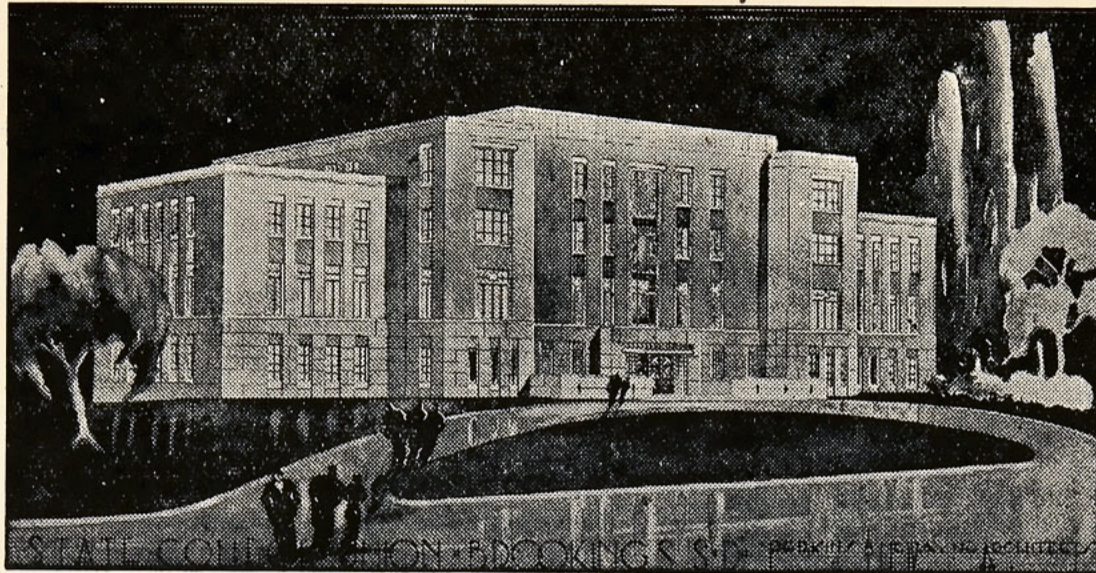
The Battle Begins

Not waiting for the approval of the Student Union proposal at the election tomorrow, already several campus organizations have thrown their support into the Student Union fight.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority was the first organization to join the ranks. At a regular meeting of the sorority \$1 was voted to form the basis of the Student Union fund.

In addition the agricultural school has taken the lead in promising financial support should the proposal be accepted. Alpha Zeta, agricultural honorary, and Saddle and Sirlain, agricultural professional organization, have pledged their future support to the movement.

Model For Proposed Student Union



Pictured above is the student union building at South Dakota State, Brookings, which is providing the model for rough estimates on cost and general type of construction for the proposed union building at NDAC. This building, opened in 1940, cost \$200,000. The same building today would cost about three times that amount. Tentative plans call for one at NDAC costing \$500,000 under present conditions of building prices.

Hill Says \$500,000 Needed For Union; Student Assessment Necessary For Fund

By LYLE NELSON

If, after having decided that a Student Union should be a necessary part of our campus, the next consideration will be the cost of a Union that will satisfy our needs. A committee recently visited South Dakota State for the purpose of getting additional information about student unions. Mr. A. Glenn Hill, professor of mathematics, who was on the committee, obtained certain figures relevant to the SDS Union, that might be applied to our situation here.

The enrollment at South Dakota is slightly smaller than ours and we would need a building of about the same size as theirs, which is a three story structure with a full basement. The basement is turned over to athletics, a cafeteria and a store; the first floor to a lounge, offices, a dry bar, etc.; and the other floors to a ballroom, banquet rooms, hobby rooms, offices, etc. It cost them approximately \$200,000 when it was built in 1940, but if it were to be replaced today with complete furnishings it would cost them somewhere around \$600,000.

Kansas State college, with an enrollment of about 6,500, will put up a union costing approximately \$900,000 and the Uni-

versity of North Dakota has been authorized to float a bond issue of \$500,000 to build a union. Considering these facts and the great rise in building costs, Mr. Hill estimates that the AC will need to raise at least \$500,000 for the purpose of erecting a union.

How can NDAC raise \$500,000? At nearly all schools the student union buildings are financed by floating bond issues. The bonds are then financed by a student union fee that is levied upon the students. In discussing the cost of financing a bond issue, Mr. Hill brought out the following points: a low rate of interest will bring down the cost of the bonds considerably; a high rate of interest will increase the cost of the bonds; while the low interest bonds will make financing cheaper, they will be much harder to sell; and finally the bonds must be sold before building can begin. As an estimate of what a bond issue would cost, Mr. Hill gave the following figures: a 20-year bond issue of \$100,000 at four per cent interest would cost \$7,400 per year. If we needed to raise \$400,000 it would cost us \$29,000 per year; and if we needed \$500,000 for a union it would cost us \$37,000. Mr. Hill emphasized that these figures are only approx-

imate and could only be determined after a thorough study of what kind of building would be built and at what interest rates bonds could be sold for. The figures are, however, accurate enough to show the size and scope of the project. The bond issue would have to be financed and the proposed five dollar student union fee would be used for this purpose. If a conservative figure of 2,000 is used for enrollment a five dollar student union fee per term would bring in \$30,000, which would be enough to finance a union.

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It should be realized that a student union is self-supporting and that the student union fee is used only to retire the bonds. The activities that are carried on within the union such as the cafeteria, banquet rooms, store, billiards, bowling, rentals on office space, ballroom, etc., bring in enough profits to pay the salary of the director and all of the other expenses of the union.

The actual building of a student union might take place in the not too far future if the bond issue were authorized and subscribed to as soon as possible. The University of North Dakota hopes to start building about a year from now, and so far they have been working on the student union a year and a half.

There are other means of financing a union but they are limited and would only account for a small percentage of the total amount that would have to be raised. An active student body and alumni association could, however, do a great deal in raising funds as is illustrated by the university. So far they have raised \$100,000 and no bonds have been issued. Gifts from alumni may help and the alumni can be of service in selling the bonds. Certain organizations or individuals may wish to make donations which will serve as memorials to those who lost their lives in the past conflict. Then there can be concerted fund-raising projects sponsored on the campus by those students and organizations who are interested in seeing a Student Union on the campus.

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Other Colleges Center Campus Life In Huge Student Union Buildings

By DAVE HAIBECK

The student union idea is not a new one for it is an established part of the colleges and universities throughout the United States. The need for the facilities that only a student union building provides has been recognized on most of the campuses of the country and on most the largest, finest, and most used building is that of the student union.

At Montana State University at Missoula a large red brick student union building is the central meeting place for the 3000 students who attend this college. All paths meet at the door of this building bringing students for a coke at the soda fountain, a meal at the lunch counter, books at the book store, a card game or an hour of leis-

urely reading in the spacious lounges. Almost any evening the ballrooms and banquet rooms are in use. The large auditorium is the scene of all the college gatherings and convos.

South Dakota State college with an enrollment much the same as that of NDAC has a beautiful student union building. Here the students really appreciate the facilities provided because most of them can remember the days before the student union. This campus is stronger and more friendly since the many functions became centralized in this building.

Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, honored its World War I dead with a memorial union that is one of the finest in the nation.

Students Go To Polls Tomorrow

Polls open tomorrow at 9 o'clock in Old Main for voting on the proposed student assessment of \$5 per quarter to the student activity fee. Polls for voting, which also includes approval of an amendment to allow the Student Commission to choose the places of voting, will remain open until 4:30.

The vote will climax a two-week long campaign for student approval of the fee increase by members of the Student Union committee of which Lyle Nelson is chairman.

Campus organizations have been contacted by a speaking crew headed by Dave Haibeck and a union bulletin has been issued by the committee.

At a convocation held today, students and faculty pointed out the good and need of the Student Union.

Dr. Longwell, college president, has urged every student to vote on the proposed change and emphasizes that though only a majority of a quarter of the student body is necessary to pass the measure, an issue of such importance should attract the vote of nearly three-fourths of the eligible voters.

Student Commission president Daly King also issued a statement shortly after coming into office in which he supported the Student Union movement wholeheartedly.

Engineer Students Plan Open House At 3 Tomorrow

The annual open house of the engineering department will be held tomorrow from 3-9 in the engineering building.

In an effort to acquaint the students and future students with the work of the engineering department and its place in an agricultural state, the Engineers club has sponsored a variety of demonstrations and tours.

Blaine Schultz will be in charge of the affair and engineering students will conduct the tours and carry on demonstrations.

Bison Delivery Set Next Week

Distribution of the 1947 Bison yearbook will be made during examination week, according to editor Alex MacGibbon. Students who make their homes in Fargo, those who plan to attend the summer session, and graduating seniors are asked to wait until Monday, June 16, to call for their books. Others may pick up their Bisons on Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13. Distribution points will be set up, one in Old Main and the other in Science hall.

The books are paid for out of student activity fees. Students who have been in school for three terms may receive their books by presenting activity cards. An additional cash payment will be required of those who have not been in school the full three terms.

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Vote Tomorrow

An important crossroad looms ahead on the path of campus life as the student voters go to the polls tomorrow to pass or reject a proposed activity fee increase for a student union fund. Of course it will be the students who will have to pay and whichever side wins out tomorrow, it should be a majority of the students who show their opinion at the polls.

No one seeks to cram a student union down the throats of an unwilling student body and tomorrow's vote will show whether or not the students want the union or choose to go on with facilities as they are.

However, it should be pointed out that in case of approval students must realize that probably no student on the campus today will ever directly benefit from the erection of the Student Union. And no one should be hoodwinked into expecting that a union will blossom with the cherries this summer.

This is on the contrary only the beginning of the movement and though we may seem like martyrs to the cause, progress has a habit of benefiting only the undeserving.

Wars, new inventions, political reforms and the like are all products of the work and suffering of somebody so that we might live better today. Tomorrow we shall expect our sons to do as much for our grandsons.

Perhaps the spirit of progress has taken a setback since we, the younger generation, have put a new premium on soft life and the status quo. In literature, in architecture, in paintings we have produced little of late and promise less for the future.

We fought a war, but upon that laurel many of us are content to lie. However, if we had any ideals at all in the past war, we would work as hard to improve the world as we did to preserve it.

Our chance for progress comes tomorrow when we take a radical step in the history of the college down the path to a bigger and better college.

Important changes will come over the campus of today as soon as the new building program gets under way. We need school buildings and equipment first. And even in regard to the Student Union fund the school stands to benefit.

Nothing would aid the school more than to provide it with an end toward which a unified effort is needed. Unity for NDAC could begin tomorrow with approval of the activity fee increase.

the spectator

By GIL CRANE

(The following is an imaginary conversation taking place at the Student Union during homecoming week 1957, by two typical NDAC alumni, Toby Tongue-whistle and Aramantha Schmutz.)

"Aramantha, you old dinosaur! Haven't seen you since the night you knocked out the back wall of the BT."

"Toby, you old toper, you! If you aren't a sight for bloodshot eyes!"

"How are you, honey? All set for the big dance tonight?"

"No. All the guys I've seen are married and faithful."

"Well, I'm kind of hard up myself. How about going with me?"

"Okay, but I kinda hate to go over to the Field house with all those young kids. Makes me feel so ancient."

"Hey, where you been? Don't you know that there's a special dance for the old-timers in the Alumni room of the Union? Of course, there'll be a lot of kids there, too, but we older people have a room to ourselves."

"Say, that's fine. I've been up at Grand Forks the past five years, so you know I've been kept pretty ignorant on things."

"Yeah, and they've got a lot of other advantages here now, too. You remember that five bucks you had to kick in every term toward the Union? Well, this is the result. A half-million rocks worth of fine building."

"They got a place to eat in here? I'm starved."

"Sure thing. Three of 'em—banquet hall, cafeteria and the Union lab. How about the lab? Dutch treat, of course."

"Okay. What else have they got?"

"Well, remember, how we used to have to sweat out a bowling alley downtown? There are eight alleys here, open 12 hours a day. Got a big room for pool and ping pong, another for bridge, and a Rathskeller down the basement. Then, of course, there's the grand ballroom, which is really out of this world, and a couple of smaller ones for afternoon dances and mixers. Got a place to stay tonight?"

"Yes. Why?"

"Just in case you didn't there's a dormitory capable of sleeping 200 on the top floor. And there are so many other advantages that it would take me all day to name them."

"How come you know so much about it?"

"Well, it's a long story. You know how well Dr. John and I got along—I was in to see him about ten times every quarter at his request—well, he figured that any guy who could put over the things I could, could put over a Student Union, so he put me in charge of it. Now you can eat, sleep, dance, play cards, make a telephone call, take a correspondence course, and never even see the school. That's what I did. Just got my diploma last year."

"Gosh. And you mean the fifteen dollars a year that I and the rest of the kids put in made all this possible?"

"Yes. It was those guys and gals who were in school back in 1947 that made this possible."

"Fine bunch of people. Buy me a coke and I'll drink to them."

(Editor's Note: Gil Crane, who turned over the "Spectator" job to Bob Butterwick at the end of the winter term, returns this week to make a guest appearance as this week's columnist.)

Poisonalities

IN THE NOOSE

By PAT O'LEARY

Now let's get this straight: A student union is no anti-management organization of dissatisfied collegiates. I don't mean that all students will have to wear union suits—even in hot weather. It doesn't mean that the sons and

daughters of the Confederacy will be banned from membership (note to Dottie Webb). But, rather, it is a building in which all student activities, recreation, and their related functions are centered.

It would really be ideal to have such things as recreation rooms, a cafeteria, the Hasty Tasty, club rooms and offices, dance floors, the post office, a place to vote, the bookstore and places for everything else that falls under that category, all under one roof. Best of all, you'd be able to play cards there.

The way things are now, everything is scattered all over the campus and half of Fargo—everything that room allows, anyway. It's too bad that there is no really good place to hang around with something to do on our campus; too bad that there is no place for various organizations to have offices, hold meetings and throw a party.

The big issue, though, is to get certain local tightwads to donate five dollars per term for the betterment of our school. Some people just can't see dishing out anything that won't directly benefit them. They fail to see that it will be an advantage to them in five years to have their Alma Mater progress enough to have such an essential institution on its campus. Remember, you're often judged (unjustly, of course) by the college which you attended. Then why not do something to help improve that college?

There's another way to look at it—just stop to think how low the tuition is in the first place. The trouble with the American public, today, is that it wants an expensive product—i. e. education—too cheaply.

To top it all off, most of the enrollees, those under the GI Bill, won't have to pay anything out of their own pockets. And for the rest, five dollars a term isn't much for a good cause. It'll come out of the tuition and not be noticed anyway. Furthermore, all other prices have risen in the past few years, so why not a slight boost in college fees—where it'll do the most good.

Prexy's Concert Slated By Band

NDAC's concert band under the direction of Professor Edward J. Schroepfer will present an outdoor concert next Tuesday at 4:15 in front of Ceres hall. The concert will be designated as the President's concert, given for President J. H. Longwell.

Numbers to be played on the program will range from serious to light modern music. Highlighting the program will be two trio numbers—The Three Trumpeters, featuring Jack Askew, Paul Kornberg and Ralph Steinhaus, and The Three Trombonists, featuring Dick Johnson, John Engen and Rudy Froeschle.

Plan Tea Tomorrow

The meal-planning class will give a tea on the lawn of the Home Management house tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. In case of inclement weather the tea will be held inside the house.

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Socially Yours

By JEANNE WALLERIUS

Everyone is talking about student unions. I saw a student union once. It was really a student union. When you've seen what you're missing, it makes you rather green. Let me tell you about it.

The place was Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa; the time was the night before the Military ball, and there was the usual dearth of activity that precedes a big social event.

Ames is a modest town without even as many theaters and bowling alleys as Fargo boasts and no river to cross (if you catch my point) as far as I could figure out. But everyone seemed quite happy about the whole situation.

Of course we headed for the Student Union, a huge stone building with its stately pillars in front and colored lights making the water spray in the fountain a shower of hues. We parked in the paved lot at the side and wandered into a hall lined with built-in window displays advertising contests on campus.

The Union is a memorial to the war dead. There is a hall the full height of the building with honor rolls and plaques and shaded lights and marble floor that makes your steps sound hollow—a memorial that those men would enjoy and one that nudges your memory each time you pass that high-arched alcove.

After checking our coats, we passed the pool room where some of the boys were having a game, went next door to the card room that had a ceiling of table tops all carved with hearts and names and fraternity crests.

From another door came music—from a nick this Friday. A couple of dimes, a rubber stamp and we were in! In the back were those little windows a movie projector peers through. Sliding door divided the room, with card tables on the other side of the partition. For big parties, the door rolls back, making the dancing area about the size of the Field house floor.

A winding stair leads to the basement where four bowling alleys were in use. The cafeteria and a large room with tables, chairs and a big white marble soda fountain were on the floor between the main floor and the basement. I recommend their black and white sudnaes with nuts; they're nice and gooeey!

Lounges and meeting rooms are on the top floor.

The Union wasn't jammed, but all the facilities were being used. Dates straggled in from the show; it was a place to go where you'd be with the college crowd, where you could dance the rest of the evening for ten cents apiece and have a sundae at cost.

That was the Ames Student Union. What do we do on a Friday night in Fargo? . . . That's why we need a Student Union!



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The Student Speaks - - -

AMES SKOLNESS, junior in agriculture from Valley City: "This campus surely needs a student union. The time to start is now. Possibly the alumni association can help us out on this splendid idea."

JACKIE BRADY, junior in applied arts and science from Fargo: "A student union would certainly build up this school in more than one way."

ARNE LOCHEN, junior in agricultural engineering from Oslo, Norway: "I have heard much talk about lack of college spirit at NDAC. In my opinion a student union is very important in fostering a real college spirit. I know that the college spirit of the university students in Oslo and Trondheim and of the Agricultural University south of Oslo, Norway, has been maintained by the common ownership and work in the student unions there."

DOTIE DUVALL, freshman in applied arts and sciences and Barn Dance Queen from Jamestown: "If there is one thing this campus needs it is unification and I'm all for a student union if it can promote that feeling here."

DICK TAVIS, junior in architectural engineering from Mandan: "If the Student Union will decrease juvenile delinquency on the NDAC campus, I'm all for it. Also"—(Note: At this point Tavis refused to be quoted further.)

DON VIETS, former student and director of the 1947 Bison Breveties and now working in Bismarck: "This Student Union movement is a step in the right direction, a project that should have been started long ago. I think that the interested students who are pushing the idea should have wholehearted support."

DUANE FOSSUM, senior in agricultural engineering from Christine: "The school spirit of this campus is definitely worse than any of the colleges with which I have had association. A student union building can do more than anything else to bring the students together on this campus."

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**Paulsen's
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By JOHN PAULSEN

The construction of a Student Union on the NDAC campus would, to those especially interested in sports, be an addition of the highest magnitude.

It is impossible to evaluate all the good that would come from the construction of such a building. In fact, to tabulate even a good share of the benefits that would be derived from the construction of such a building is impossible.

It is possible, though, to mention a few of the benefits that the school, and athletics in particular, would derive if such a building were to be built on the campus.

For instance, present plans call for the construction of bowling alleys within the building. It is quite readily apparent, it seems to me, that such a unit would be a tremendous worth here at NDAC.

It would mean that intramural bowling programs could be carried on right here on the campus rather than at downtown bowling lanes. Incidentally, this would result in a considerable saving in costs.

One valid reason why many bowling enthusiasts fail to compete in the program is because of the difficulty in getting downtown on Thursday evenings for league matches. Such a situation would be eliminated in the new setup.

Then too, at present it is necessary to limit bowling to one evening a week. If a new Union containing bowling alleys were constructed, such a predicament would be remedied and the program could be spread out, enlarged, and conducted every afternoon and evening during the week.

Current plans also call for the construction of a cafeteria within the unit. To such an end intercollegiate athletics would owe a debt of gratitude for here, at long last, would be an opportunity for the college to conduct, as should be conducted, a training table for intercollegiate athletes.

It's true enough that the school at its present cafeteria in Ceres Hall, has been conducting a training table. But any athlete can soon tell you that the management and handling of the present table is far from perfect and that many improvements and additions could well be made in the handling of the training table program. The proposed Student Union would give vent to just such improvements.

A Common complaint registered by Chalky Reed last winter had to do with the slippery floor on which the Bison mentor's cage proteges often had to perform.

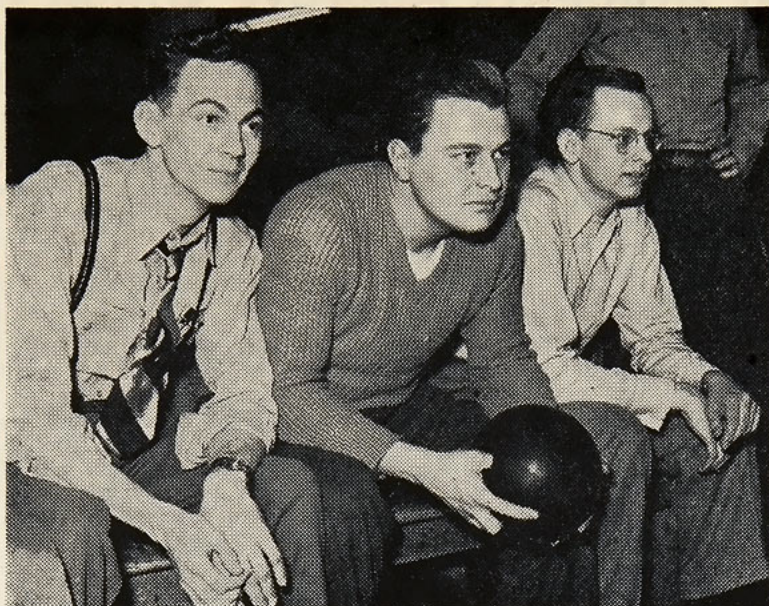
To be satisfactorily adapted for dancing the floor must be sprinkled with a powder compound which renders it slippery. This is a well known fact. It is also a well known fact that the only half-way decent place to hold a dance on the campus is the Field house.

Now all this is well and good. The only drawback to the situation is the fact that powdered floors not only become slippery for the dance, they remain slippery for several days afterwards, the playing of basketball thus being rendered all but impossible during the interim.

Similarly, it would be desirable to be able to hold all-college dances frequently after basketball games. However, unless the dances are held in antiquated and fire-inviting Festival hall, this practice is impossible because bleachers erected for spectators at games interfere.

The proposed Student Union would put an end to all such situations. It would enable all-college dances to be held in ample quarters after games and would leave, as should be the case, the Field house floor in satisfactory condition for basketball players at all times.

One of the Union Facilities



Here three bowlers of the NDAC intramural loop wait their turn in the alleys of downtown Fargo—a scene that might easily be transferred to the NDAC Student Union in future years.

**Espe, New Ag Instructor,
Is Author Of Textbook**

By RAY ERWIN
One of the few authors on the NDAC campus, Dr. Dwight L. Espe, recent addition to the staff of the school of agriculture and the experiment station, has pub-

lished a popular textbook which is now in its third, 1946, edition. His textbook, **Secretion of Milk**, published by the Collegiate Press, Ames, Iowa, is being used by Iowa State College, Wisconsin, Louisiana, and others.

Arriving on the NDAC campus in January of 1947, Dr. Espe assumed the positions of professor of dairy husbandry with the school of agriculture and dairy husbandman with the experiment station. Filling a much needed position left by the late J. R. Dice, Dr. Espe has revived several freshman dairy judging courses after several years lapse. At the present time he is also outlining a tentative experiment on the depletion of carotene reserves from cows when fed prairie hay.

From 1930 to just previous to coming to NDAC, Dr. Espe was assistant professor of dairy husbandry at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. It was at Iowa State that his textbook grew out of a course in milk secretion which he taught for sixteen years.

At the age of 47 Dr. Espe holds several degrees. His Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him in 1922 at Iowa State College with a major in Animal Husbandry. His other degrees were received at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. The Master of Science degree was given in 1928 in Animal Nutrition with a thesis on the "Feeding Value of Dry Skimmilk with Calves" under a fellowship from the American Milk Institute. In 1930 he received his doctor's degree from the medical school at Cornell. His physiology thesis was presented on the "Effect of Curd Tension on the Digestibility of Milk." During Dr. Espe's stay at Cornell he was an instructor of physiology in the medical school.

With his main interests and work along lines of physiology of digestion in calves and physiology of milk secretion he has been author and co-author of many bulletins and journal articles dealing with the technical phases of such work. He was one time chairman of the production section of the American Dairy Science association.

**Theta Chi's ISA
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For Softball Title**

FINAL STANDINGS

First Bracket	
Theta Chi	6 1
Hook-em-Cows	5 2
AGR	4 2
Dorm	3 3
SPD	2 3
SAE	1 4
YMCA	0 6
Second Bracket	
ISA	6 0
Kappa Sigs	4 3
ATO	4 3
Newman Club	3 3
Sigma Chi	3 3
Co-op	2 3
Kappa Psi	1 4
Theta Chi (2)	1 5

Bob Love's two-out two-strike single in the bottom half of the seventh inning scoring Dave Turner from second base, gave ISA a 9-8 win over Theta Chi in the opening game of the championship softball playoffs Tuesday.

ISA advanced to the playoff, a two-out-of-three affair to be concluded today and tomorrow if necessary, by romping through a six game schedule undefeated.

Theta Chi, however, was pressed to the limit and advanced to the final matches only after defeating the Hook-em-Cows Monday 8-6. Prior to Monday's playoff game in the first bracket, Theta Chi and Hook-em-Cows each had a 5-1 record.

Monday's tilt was a free scoring affair with Warren Opperman pitching for the fraternity and Fred Troubridge on the hill for Hook-em-Cow.

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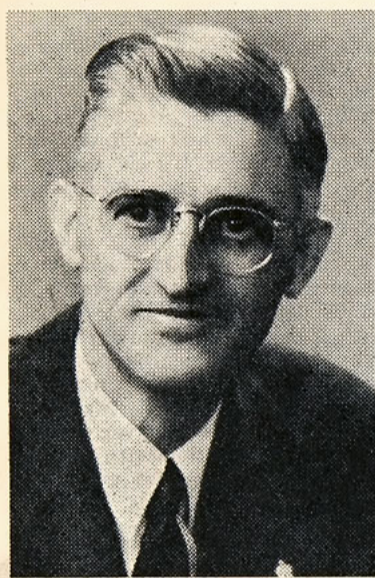
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Support Given NDAC Union Fight By New Alumni Director, Jim Baccus

(EDITOR'S NOTE: James Baccus, Class of '37, has recently been appointed Alumni Secretary and Public Relations representative for NDAC. He was a member of the Spectrum staff and active in many other campus projects during his college career. A journalist and radio news room editor (with time out to serve the Air Forces in a public relations assignment) Baccus will bring considerable experience to his new duties. He will start July 1.)

For some time now, the Alumni and Former Students association has been interesting itself in the possibilities of a Student Union building.

Long before any positive action was taken, however, many alumni have given practical approval of such a project by donating sums of money to be earmarked for such a purpose. They were given



JIM BACCUS

OTHER COLLEGES

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Every conceivable facility is provided for the 5000 students and the many townspeople who enter its doors. On the first four floors there may be found a soda fountain, pool room, bowling alleys, card rooms, cafeterias for feeding 1000, barber shop, dancing space, cigar and magazine stand, three spacious lounges, music and hobby rooms, information desk, central bulletin boards, free telephone booth, check rooms, publications and alumni offices, two large combination ballrooms and banquet halls, offices for un-housed organizations, meeting rooms, more smaller dance floors, lounges and even 200 to 250 hotel room accommodations.

The favorable reaction of the thousands of University of Minnesota graduates who have made the student union building on that campus their homecoming headquarters has been recorded. This union, even larger than the one at Purdue, is modern in every respect and characterized by the many automatic elevators that whisk the weary students from floor to floor for recreation, reading, dancing, meals, sodas, organization meetings, or just meeting that latest boy or girl friend for a union date.

A student union on the campus of NDAC would benefit alumni and undergraduates both. A better college in a growing state is the goal of every one of us. Ours is the privilege of starting the one great step toward that end of lining up 100% strong behind the student union idea.

to the institution by people who saw after their graduation what had been done on other campuses in the nation. Or by people who felt a real need for such a Union building while they were attending NDAC.

These memorial sums are small. But they are patient—and they are earning interest against the day when they will aid the larger project.

You can start adding to those sums, now, by casting your vote in favor of this plan—a plan which has the full approval of the Alumni Board.

Representatives of the Board recently visited South Dakota State college, where they saw what can be accomplished. They saw a four story building, modern in every detail, self-liquidating, and housing almost every campus organization.

The Brookings institution has a building which offers its vast facilities to faculty and student body alike. It can offer space for a meeting, a dance, a banquet. It is efficiently managed, and as we have indicated, is paying off its debt promptly. One day it will be a debt-free building, a distinguished addition to the college plant.

NDAC can avail itself of the same opportunity. What is called for now is foresight—against the day when the fund has snowballed into a workable sum, and when construction costs have again turned downward to the zone of practicality.

The Alumni Association pledges its every effort to the ultimate completion of a Union building for NDAC. If the student body gives the green light tomorrow, a significant step will have been taken. James Baccus.

Wilkinson Reflects On Possibilities If Students Approve Union Fund

By JIM WILKINSON

Welcome to the Student Union of NDAC. This social activity and recreational center is the place to meet people and develop friendships which will last throughout your life—the place to eat, drink, and be merry. It is the enlivener of dead hours—center of campus fun and activity—in short, student union, built and planned with interest and needs in mind, run with participation, for the enjoyment and enrichment of any of leisure hours which may fall between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. seven days a week.

DEAD HOUR? Follow the crowd to the union. Ambling through the wrought-iron doors that never close, you find yourself in the main lobby. Like the famed corner of Broadway and 42nd Street, if you stay here long enough you'll meet everyone you know. Note the gay posters announcing the coming events, the directory of meetings scheduled.

INFORMATION, PLEASE? The mail desk, situated in the lobby to the right of the entrance, answers all queries. Here you can buy candy, cigarettes, home-town newspapers, and tickets for all social, musical, and athletic events on the campus. The college services for unclaimed mail and for lost and found articles are maintained here. College events are announced on the bulletin boards in the lobby. All visiting alumni are requested to sign the registration book at the Memorial Room entrance.

SPLIT PERSONALITY. The Memorial Room—scene of banquets, balls, and gala Saturday night dances—also plays host to music lovers for Sunday afternoon concerts, to debaters and speakers for evening forums and panel discussions sponsored by union committees. Weekdays, with the rugs back in place, it's a quiet gathering place for students. Banners of various European universities are hung on the walls.

BOYCOTT ON TEXTS. Drop that chem book, frosh. No subversive academic literature allowed in the Browsing Libe—oak panelled retreat for purely recreational reading, located south of the lobby. There are more than two thousand books, selected by student Browsing Library committees, for you to choose from. Sink into one of those comfortable chairs and pick up a best seller, but don't forget you've a class at eleven.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS. Music hath charms to soothe those final week jitters. Come into the Music and Art Room and request a favorite symphony or concerto. Committee members and other authorized students operate the phonograph throughout the day. Planned programs and student recitals are presented. Colorful art exhibits, changed frequently, compete with the music for your enjoyment.

SEDENTARY SCIENCE. Union-sitting is a respectable vocation on the campus as long as the East, West, and Terrace Lounges are the scenes of action. Chinese decorations, and well upholstered

chairs and sofas, make these rooms ideal for chatting with friends, perusing the latest papers, or just day dreaming by your lonesome. An inviting Steinway in the East Lounge is keyed to further enjoyment and some Statesman usually provides musical accompaniment for close harmony. (Note: Please don't let the harmony with your date get too close!)

STAIRWAY TO SPORT. Entertainment is on the higher level in the Game Room situated on the floor above the lobby. It is open to men and women from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays. It is closed on Sunday. Billiards, bowling, table tennis, chess, checkers, and cards available.

HOTEL STATE. Expecting visitors? On the upper floors of the hall are sleeping rooms used by parents and guests of students, by alumni, and by guests of the college.

WAY TO STUDENT'S HEART. Hungry? Miss breakfast at the dorm? Need an extra cup of coffee to see you through that quiz section? The answer to your problem is the cafeteria, the short-order counter and the Lilac Room. Here are provided all the fixings for that mid-morning pickup. The Lilac Room, complete with music, North Central Conference banners, sandwiches, and sodas, is open daily. For special occasions try the Dining Room at the south end of the building. It is specially recommended as a spot to take your folks or your date for luncheon or dinner.

UNDERGROUND. The union's "underground" is really buzzing with all sorts of intrigue. On the lower levels we find the Activity

Room, the stomping grounds for BMOC's and BWOC's. Here the Student Commission and other organizations hold their meetings. The union theatre occupies most of the ground floor. Here are presented frequent public performances of motion pictures and lyceum programs. A separate entrance is provided on the west side of the building, and the theatre may also be reached by descending the staircase from the main lobby.

SHUTTERBUGS. If you like to click the shutter and develop your own pictures, find your way to the Dark Room on one of the "underground" levels. The use of this room and of a well-equipped photographic studio is available to members upon payment of a small service charge per term.

OPEN SESAME. Thru the little door to the immediate right of the main entrance pass the elite of union society on their way to meetings with the union director and his staff. These elite are union committee members who have found that the password to getting the most fun out of their student union, and of college life in general, is energetic participation in all its activities. As members of the many union committees they plan the events which make the union a focal point of extra-curricular life at NDAC. Committee membership is open to all students. Applications and interviews for committees are held at the beginning of the year, so watch for announcements in the main lobby.

(Note: The SPECTRUM is indebted to Cornell University's Willard Straight Hall, model for the foregoing conception of life at NDAC in the early 1950's.)

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