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shades of riley

Once each year when the frost is on the pumpkin and the crepe is on the float we get our chance to show the alums what the younger generation has along the line of school spirit.

Nevertheless when the parade comes rolling along down Broadway there will be an amazing display of cooperation shown by the thirty odd floats watered by all the sororities, fraternities, dorms and the various departments.

If the student body can show half the school spirit that our own "Doc" Putnam shows, there should be lots of noise at both the frosh game tonight and the varsity game tomorrow afternoon.

war vs. diplomacy

Proximity of the forthcoming conscription brings renewed interest in the possibility of future American participation in the world conflict.

Latest developments of the international situation show German advances meeting Russian boundaries in direct contact. Will this mean that the German Reich may continue its advances into Soviet territory or will the German chancellor subtly admit another power to the axis?

Proponents of Russo-American cooperation are placing this country in a precarious situation; the combination with such a country, or for that matter with any of the greater powers, would necessarily mean conflict with the ambitions of der Fuehrer.

Only a nation wholly neutral in its actions can remain a neutral in a game where the slightest turn may be interpreted as a major move.

Dear Dairy:

What's the use of writing a lot of stuff at the beginning? Without further ado, leave us have a look at the mail box. Hmmm, what's this?

Dear Dairy: Who won the Kappa lottery? Hopeful.

Dear Stooze: We don't call it a lottery, it was a pencil sale, and I can't answer that question. After all, it sounds bad to say that this game of chance was won by chance by a Kappa.

Dear Dairy: Why not? Blonde.

Dear Blondie: For the luvva Pete, stop writing to me in care of this column. Some people actually read this thing.

Dear Stinker: Name one. Disbeliever.

My gosh, the things those Sigs don't resort to. We do have readers, stupid. As an example of our great public, this week we publish a letter from a reader in London, England.

Dear Dairy: I read your column. I think it (censored). My friends think (censored). Never again. Shell Shocked.

That letter ought to make us all proud to be in America where we have freedom of speech and press instead of a board of censors. The next letter comes from the local Buckingham Palace.



By CROCKETT

Welcome alumni! With pleasure we greet you at this, our 20th annual homecoming. For weeks we have planned for this day and anticipated your arrival.

Down the muddy, stinking Red come more rumors of a major invasion by the almost forgotten Redmen of the North. This time they promise that there will be no slip-up.

Speaking of pep rallies back in 1920, I guess they had a dandy. They had a whale of a bonfire and the class presidents called the roll for each class and every boy who was absent was promptly located and thrown in the duck pond.

Human interest story of the week centers around that absolute necessity, the sorority tea. Most common species just now is the presentation tea in which the gaping male goes from one formal to the next like a bee at the beginning of the rush season.

Failures of the week are Snuffy Smith and Beanie Marquardt. Snuffy can't get conscripted and Beanie can't get a date. Showing great promise of becoming a good football player early in the season he found that it sort of interfered with things social so Beanie picks himself up an injury in order to be able to devote a little of his time to the things social.

fields of aggression. With all the combined force of future well-trained National Guards and draftees, the loss met at the termination of a war will be undoubtedly far above that to be encountered without a war.

Dear Dairy: (censored) Charlie Keefe.

Dear Dairy: What's the matter with your uniform? Doesn't it fit? Amused Spectator.

Dear Nosey: Yes, it fits. It fits Sarge Detroit perfectly. What more do you expect?

Dear Dairy: Why are all of the Theta Chi pledges wearing Chevrolet pins? Consumer.

Dear Consumer: All right, so the Theta Chi's are selling their pledges' bosoms as advertising space. You've got to make money some way.

Dear Dairy: Doesn't he know any better? Surprised.

Dear S.: Let's not be unduly harsh with Mr. Boldt. After all, each of us has his faults.

Dear Dairy: I think the Gamma Rho's are wonderful. They must be so-o-o romantic. They all have that dreamy look in their eyes. Freshman Girl.

Dear Innocent: You'd look dumb, too, if you were trying to figure out how much corn it would take to feed your hog for the rest of the winter.

Dear Dairy: I think you stink. Sensitive.

The above letter is from a fellow trying to sell me a second-hand bottle of "Old Spice" perfume. He is a rather determined salesman.

Beat the U--It Can Be Done



By MAURINE STEINER

Lincoln Club Selects Topics For Group Discussion Series

Three afternoons next week will be given over to group discussions in the Little Country Theater rooms on questions of national, state, and local significance.

Using the round-table as the medium for attacking the problems, one member of the group has been assigned to the discussion of each phase of the different problems.

Discuss Conscription On Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 3 to 4,

Elmer Squirts Dirt To Myrt

Dear Myrt:

I got your letter this morning and was shore glad to get it I can tell you. I guess this business of going to college is O.K. but it sure as heck gets lonesome sometimes.

4, the question under discussion will be "Should conscription become a permanent feature of our national defense?"

Directly following from 4 to 5, another group will discuss the question, "Should the institutions of higher learning in North Dakota be reorganized so as to eliminate unnecessary duplication of courses?"

Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 30, from 3 to 4, will be given over to the question, "Should the western hemisphere form a permanent union, or alliance, for defense against foreign aggression?"

The Week In Review

The Remark of the Week: Mel Evanson answering the telephone at the Theta Chi house: "Buckingham Palace. Prince Evanson speaking."

The Anecdote of the Week: It is rumored that Beverly Gorman, a POP pledge, is trying to come between Tex DeCamp and Toddy.

Snub of the Week: Courtesy of the Kappa's as usual.

Sight of the Week: The smile on Ritchie Callahan's face at the end of H week, and the dazed look on his face when he was told that he would have to try to get along with the fellows now.

Place of the Week: The Hasty Tasty. If it were set back five feet further, people would think it was a garage.

Rumor of the Week: That the tuition at the AC was gonna be raised. I hope they aren't going to try to tell us that the cow in the dairy dept. died.

Lie of the Week: Boldt says he had a chance for a date with a freshman last week. Even a freshman isn't that dumb.

Most Beautiful Girl of the Week: I didn't know there was any. I've only been here four years.

NOTICES

The YMCA Senior Cabinet will meet Tuesday at 5 pm. in the YMCA.

The YMCA Junior Cabinet will meet on Wednesday at 7:15 p. m., in the YMCA.

Novak, and Helmuth Froeschle.

Wednesday's second round-table subject is, "Should North Dakota adopt a unicameral legislature?" Those listed for discussion of this question are Robert Kaess, Mary Dahl, Nellavon Chinn, and Howard Evanson, with Harold Zumpf the leader.

Three to 4, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 31, will see the various phases of the question, "Should sororities be abolished from the campus of NDAC?" presented by Beverly Lou Place, Phyllis Carlson, Muriel Janzen, and Betty Jean Brattland, with Helmuth Froeschle presiding.

Lastly, the subject, "Should fraternities be abolished from the campus of NDAC?" will be taken up from 4 to 5, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 31, by Glen Gullickson, Don Hoag, Thomas Challoner, and Norbert Lange. Beverly Lou Place will be the leader.

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YMCA Maps Year's Projects

Junior and Senior YMCA cabinets, after successfully planning and executing dancing lessons and a Freshman Mixer, announce the program for the remainder of the year.

First of YMCA activities following the mid-term exams is a "How to Study" series, designed to help those students who have found their mental weaknesses after receiving their blue slip of paper from the Registrar's office.

Plan Coffee Forums

Serious-minded folk of the college, interested in local, state, national and international as well as campus problems, will want to attend the Coffee Forums which will get under way in a few weeks.

Cooperating with the YWCA, the YMCA will have a special Armistice Day program which will probably be held Friday, November 8th.

The fall meeting to plan for the annual state YW-YM Conference to be held next April will be held on our campus November 10th. Students representing all colleges in the state will attend the meeting.

Help Needy Families

Good will activities of the YWCA and YMCA for the coming holidays will include giving a number of baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and the traditional Kiddies Party to be held just before the Christmas vacation.

Educational features of the winter term will include the Vocational Guidance Series and the "For Men Only" series. Recreational and social activities shall not be slighted, as a number of hobnobs are planned with another Freshman Mixer thrown in for good measure.

Scene This Week



Commission prexy John Fisher affixes his hand to the seal of North Dakota Agricultural College and the queen smiles. Cliff Nygard, John Coles, and Kemble Lewis witness from behind the bars while Lorraine Fitjar, Betty Olson, and Margery Fjeld view things from another angle. The seal is one of those which flank the main entrance. Its inscription, "Practice With Science," keynotes Homecoming activities this year. Fisher is in general charge and has been assisted in planning the program for this year's Homecoming by the other members of the commission and service groups on the campus.

Decorations Feature Of Faculty Reception

Honored at the President's Reception held Monday in Festival Hall were new NDAC faculty members. In the receiving line with the honored guests were Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Eversull, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson and members of the board of higher education. The reception, an annual affair, was sponsored by the Faculty Women's Club.

Featuring a fall theme, decorations employed the use of fall greens and vegetables. Point of interest was a huge cornucopia, placed on the stage steps, from which were poured pumpkins, squash, yellow, white, orange and green gourds. A screen of metallic gold and silver material in a draped effect comprised the background; the entire effect was set off on either side with two wrought iron candelabra.

Fall leaves, gourds and candles were used on the serving table, back of which was a screen similar to that used in the reception room. At regular intervals suspended on the wall hung festoons of greens, corn, cane and gourds. Placed on the sills between the two rooms were additional festoons. Candlelight added to the decorative effect.

Incidental music was supplied by a string trio composed of Anabelle Donovan, Dorothy Jensen and Doris Bjorklund.



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Last in a series of daily pep rallies will be held today at 11:30 when Fargo's Four For Fun Club and Co. take over the steps of Old Main with an unprecedented performance. Members of the troupe are Miss Constance Payne, drum majorette; Stanley Kocal, drums; Ray Cherry, cymbals; Fred Bortfeld, trombone, and Erwin Rohr, harmonica; Ted Bohner, football player; and Francis Meisch, Sioux Indian.

Last chance for NDAC rooters to give their vocal chords a trial flight will be between the acts at the skat contest tonight, when songs and yells are expected to raise the roof of Festival to new heights.

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Paul Robeson's Concert Opens Lyceum Series Monday Nite

Back in the United States after four years of widely-heralded concert appearances in leading European centers, Paul Robeson, most famous member of the American Negro people, will make Fargo one of the stops on his current concert tour next Monday, Oct. 28, at 8:15 p. m. Appearing with Mr. Robeson is Clara Rockmore, Russian artist, whose performances on the revolutionary new musical instrument, the theremin, have held audiences spellbound throughout the tour.

Since his return to this country, wherever he has appeared, Mr. Robeson has been the recipient of tremendous welcome-home ovations from audiences who have missed his incomparable talents. With "persistence for perfection" as his guiding motto, this son of a Methodist preacher has made good not only on the concert stage, but in an almost unbelievable number of fields.

Graduating from Rutgers University with an unparalleled record of achievements of being a Phi Beta Kappa man, four-letter man, All-American end for two successive years, outstanding orator and debator of the college for four years among other activities, Mr. Robeson has since distinguished himself not only as the world's leading folk-singer, but also as an actor of the stage, radio, and screen. In addition, he is a master linguist, speaking Chinese, Russian, Gaelic, and Spanish besides the more usual music languages.

Included on his current concert program are not only his customary famed interpretations of folk-songs

and spirituals, but also a new American folk oratorio, "Ballad for Americans," by Earl Robeson, recently introduced by the Negro bass-baritone on the CBS "Pursuit of Happiness" broadcast. So well-rendered was the new work, that Time Magazine came forward with the phrase-description, "a pursuit became a stampede". Mr. Robeson predicts that this novel composition will prove the fore-runner of an entirely new technique of music. Its distinctiveness lies in the fact that it is a history of our country half-sung, half-spoken in the manner of an old-time Negro preacher.

In Fargo the choral work for "Ballad for Americans" will be handled by the campus mixed chorus, directed by Ernst Van Vlissingen of the musical department.

Folk-songs and spirituals to be included in his program next Monday evening are "Go Down, Moses"; "So-leea" (Andalusian folksong); "Oh, No, John!" (English Folk-Song); "Night" (Russian Folk-Song); "The Prayer"; "Steal Away"; "Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho"; "The Feast," by Moussorgsky; "The Orphan," by Moussorgsky; and "Homeland Mine," by Gretchaninoff.

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Miss Rockmore's program includes Adagio, by Bach; Andante from Symphonic Espagnole, by Lalo; Berceuse, by Tchaikowsky; Piece on Forme de Habanera, by Ravel; and Requiebro, by Cassado.

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Kappa Sigs, OX Play Tonight

NDAC's intramural touchball program will come to a climax this afternoon when the Theta Chi defending champs clash with the also undefeated Kappa Sigma Chis on the Dorm Field in what appears to be the deciding game of the season.

Whichever team wins this tilt will virtually capture the crown unless knocked off by one of the two teams left on both the Kappa Sig and OX schedules.

Larry Tanberg sparked the Theta Chi attack Wednesday as the Sigma Chis made a futile attempt to break a six-game OX winning streak. Scoring the only touchdown of the game in the first half on a pass from Olson to Tanberg, to the two zone, the Theta Chi squad had a tough time subduing the Sigs.

In a rough game marked by the pass snatching of two varsity basketball stars, Swede Johnson for the tossers, and Tanberg, the Sigma Chi outfit made a last minute threat, with a razzle-dazzle play that brought the ball near the Sig goal line down into Theta Chi territory. However, the Sig thrust was futile as their last-play pass was incomplete, ending the game.

Kappa Sigma Chi still has a tough contest ahead after the tilt tonight. They play another fast team, the YMCA, on Monday. The Y squad has proved to be tough all season, having lost only one game. If the Kappa Sigs win this afternoon, John Saunder's Y team will be even more of a stumbling block. In an earlier game this season, the Y lost a close 1-0 to the Theta Chi's in an overtime game.

Both Kappa Sig and OX have won seven games and lost none. Behind them are the Y team, with four games won and only one loss. Next in line is Sigma Chi, winning four and losing two. Trailing are the Dorm, SAE and Sigma Phi Delt with no wins.

FDR, Jr., May Speak Here, Dems Say

NDAC's Roosevelt - Wallace-Vogel club is making efforts to have Franklin Delano Roosevelt, jr., address the student body, according to Gorman King, president of the group.

Young Roosevelt will address the University of Minnesota students and other Minnesota groups next week. If he agrees to appear here, he will come during the latter part of the next week or the earlier part of the following one.

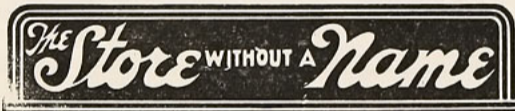
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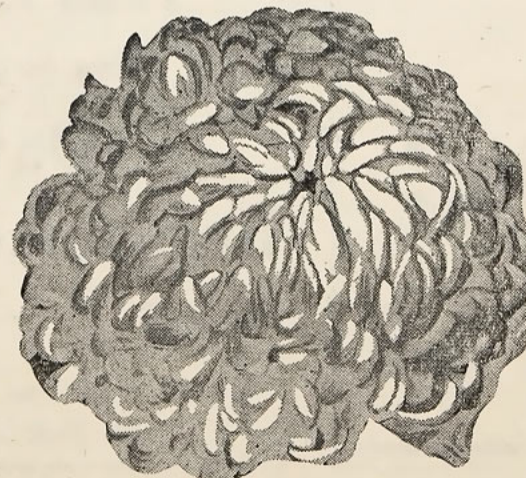
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Growing Fast

Begun last spring in conjunction with the 50th annual commencement, the President Shepperd Memorial Fund, is being steadily increased by contributions from alumni and friends of Dr. Shepperd and of the college.

The fund is to be used to purchase a bronze plaque of Dr. Shepperd, similar to those already hanging in the front lobby of Old Main. Goal for the fund, which is under the control of the Alumni board, has been set at \$500.

Below is a letter from Fred Birch of Great Falls, Mont., which expresses the feeling of many alumni on this question.

Great Falls, Montana,
October 11, 1940.

Shepperd Memorial Fund,
North Dakota Ag. College,
Fargo, North Dakota.
Gentlemen:

The last "Alumni Review", in the space devoted to the Shepperd Memorial, lists among those on its honor roll a very few contributors whom I recall as AC students in the days when the world was young; when most everybody walked and life was simple; when the school was adolescent and football was a college game, not a Roman Spectacle; before social workers and relief workers discovered each other; when we had no Doctors or Deans, but just Professors on the faculty and when one sought an education, not a degree.

Those faculty members, all of whom we knew personally, were not only our teachers but our friends and advisors, their duties seemingly unfixed by formality. To us and that early period, Shepperd, Dean later to you, but then "Prof" to us youngsters, was a modest, kind, significant influence; in my opinion, therefore, his memorial should commemorate not only him, but the spirit of his time.

With such thoughts in mind and with those whom I recall I should like to join in sending my bit, not as a contribution but as an offering to the memory of a good man and a good period.

Very truly yours,
—Fred Birch.

"This is not a laughing matter," warns the Student Commission, "but is one of the most serious projects before the students for the past few years and it remains with the students themselves whether they pass the greatest crisis that this school has ever met with in regard to whether they bolster up this school, or let the remaining breaths of school spirit escape and leave the body cold and lifeless."

The program for this evening will consist of the singing of our school songs under the capable leadership of Dr. Putnam and his Crack Band, the shouting of yells that are to be heard all over Fargo and a parade through Fargo; meaning walking up and down the streets, through the shows, into open places of business, standing on the corners giving our yells, our songs, snake dances, and going through other special stunts to realize that a school by the name of the NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE really exists in its limits, bolster up the "pep" of the dead ones, give the freshmen, and other new students the chance to learn the yells, songs, and what school spirit is, and, last but not least, get one of the greatest evenings of enjoyment ever spent in our whole life.

The above paragraph appeared in a Spectrum published on Oct. 27, 1920 on the day preceding an AC-University game and just a year previous to the first Homecoming celebration ever celebrated by the students and alumni of this school.

Barbecue Featured
Climaxed by an immense barbecue given in what is now the Livestock Pavilion the first homecoming held on Oct. 20, 1921, proved to be a gigantic success as an alumni-student get-

together. Doc Putnam and the band were on hand, freshman class members were given the oath of allegiance to the school by commission prexy Harry Hofmann. The evening program consisted of a Harvest Festival and the first annual Homecoming dance.

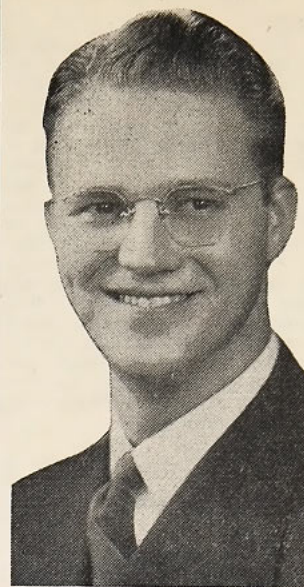
Homecoming in 1925 featured the freshman - sophomore class fight. Three footballs were thrown into the air and the class scoring the most touchdowns in the allotted time won. History has it that they lost count. In 1926 "Poor Spirit" was hanged in effigy at an elaborate execution ceremony. He was convicted on several counts, the chief one being that he for some time had been the ringleader for a group of Willy-nillys, Knockers, and I-Told-You-So's. Local law officers were on hand and Doc Putnam pronounced "Poor Spirit" dead exactly 7 minutes and 38 seconds after the trapdoor had been sprung.

First Queen
With Pioneer Days as the theme and over 7,500 attending, the 1930 homecoming was a gala success. Emily Samuelson was the first homecoming queen and ascended the throne on a year when even University students joined in the parade.

Formerly directed by the secretary of the alumni association, plans for the annual event were directed by the student commission for the first time in 1933. Carmen Hunt was student commission prexy and Erls Hill the social chairman who became queen. In 1934, Governor and Mrs. O. H. Olson were guests of the school for the day and bear the distinction of being the first Governor and First Lady to attend an NDAC Homecoming.

The Blue Key "Nickel"
In 1937 the immense nickel trophy

In Charge



JOHN FISHER, senior in agriculture from Tappen, N. Dak., is president of the Student Commission and is in general charge of arrangements for NDAC's 20th annual Homecoming. Fisher is the eighth Student Commission president to direct plans for the annual event since the secretary of the alumni association was relieved of the responsibility in 1933.

Alumni Plans Include All-Day Registration At Downtown Hotel

Homecoming plans for alumni include registration continuously Saturday at the downtown headquarters in the Graver hotel. A reception in the hotel will feature a Dutch lunch, free of charge. Members of the alumni board and a committee of Fargo-Moorhead alumni will serve as hosts.

The annual meeting of the Alumni and Former Students association will be at noon in the Graver. At that time an announcement of the results of the election of three board members will be made.

Candidates for the board posts are William Guy, sr., of Amenia, Edgar I. Olsen of Fargo, S. Lynn Huey of Devils Lake, George Mayoue, Gil Stafne, Raymond Douglas, Ray Powell, and Stuart Kelley, all of Fargo, and A. R. Wije of Moorhead. The first three are candidates for reelection.

Holdover members of the board are Dr. B. K. Bjornson, O. A. Schollander, Max Hughes, O. Gunvaldsen, and J. G. Halbeisen, all of Fargo, and Duncan McLeod of Valley City.

APOLOGIES

Dear Jean:
Herewith we enclose our humble apologies for last week's caustic comment. Our mistake. The name was Mickey. Anyhow, we're sorry, and you take it from here.

Yehudishly yours,
—Blazing Bud.

Open Houses Feature Homecoming Queens

Three Homecoming Queens will be guests of honor during open houses tomorrow immediately after the game. Queen Kathy Benson will hold sway at Kappa Kappa Gamma's open house, while 1939 Queen-Emeritus Helen Restvedt will be guest of honor at Alpha Gamma Delta.

UND Homecoming Queen "Lovey" Kjørvestad, Gamma Phi Beta at the University, will be honored at the Gamma Phi open house.

All sorority and fraternity quarters will be open to alumni and friends as will the Home Management House.

NOTICE!

The last in the series of Dancing Classes will be held on Tuesday, October 29th, from 7 to 8:45 p. m.

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