

Thursday Holiday Granted To Students

Student Opinion

This column is devoted to students who are thinking clearly on the topic that is taking our tongues today. All comments, for and against the program that the student body has mapped out for itself, i.e., pushing the passage of the constitutional amendment, are welcomed by the editors of this paper. It is our plan to report and publicize the activities, but not participate in them.

Dear Editor:

Once upon a time a fellow went to a college which was discredited after a couple of years. This was very annoying to the fellow, who drew himself up to his full five feet six and seven-eighths inches, threw his chest out even with his stomach and murmured: "That won't do."

So in resentment he cheered at mass meetings, and marched in parades with music, soldiers, torches, and all the other things that made his watery blood run to his head and gave him a feeling of tremendous power.

But soon he cooled off and would have forgotten the whole thing except that he usually stopped by the gate to "Take a crack at the Board" which was a plank hung to a tree. However, the screws that somehow got on this board finally stuck him and he let the whole thing drop.

Graduation day found him on the path in front of the administration building, lighting a butt off his diploma. Nodding to the faculty strolling by (he knew both of them) he turned his steps toward the athletic field. There he climbed to the top of the new stadium with its seating capacity of seven million.

He liked it up there, for the wind carried to him the scent of fresh hay from the mow of the chemistry building, and he could not hear the moaning of the patients in the padded cells of the former men's dormitory building.

From the top he could see the sign over the campus gate. He could even see the small letters underneath which spelled out:

"Affiliated with the University."

This is merely a story from a book called: "Grim Fairy Tales". It is not a picture of what will happen here for this student body will not take it lying down.

We will fight—not with a senseless disorder, nor a meaningless flurry of words but with a determined effort to drive home to our friends in this state the fact that the passing of a certain amendment to the state constitution will not only remove the circumstances that have discredited us, but will give North Dakota the ground work for the finest educational system in the United States.

—Ralph Winters.

The question foremost in the minds of the greater part of the student body is "Should I continue to go to school here or should I attempt to transfer to another college?" Many emphatically say that they are through with North Dakota State upon completion of this term. I doubt very much that they have thought the situation through clearly inasmuch as it would be difficult for a great many students to transfer to another college at any time and would be practically impossible at this time. I am speaking of those students whose scholastic averages are near or below the medium of the college. What are these people going to do?

It seems that there are only two possible answers to this question—stick it out and hope that the NCA sees fit to reinstate NDAC after certain requirements are fulfilled—or quit school altogether.

For those who do not intend to take any graduate work the first answer seems to be most sensible. It is the opinion of certain members of the faculty that the worthless diplomas which will be passed out now will be recognized fully as soon as the school is re-accredited. Looking at the question from an another angle, we have spent several years and several dollars to get as far as we have. Why would it not be advisable to go on and finish? The college is certain to be reinstated within a few years and it is entirely possible

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An Editorial

By JACK CLASON

Last week one of the greatest tragedies ever to befall an American college was visited upon this campus when our school was dropped from the accredited list of the North Central Association. We had expected that perhaps our school might be placed on probation until certain evils which we were aware existed had been removed. Summary dismissal, which is an almost unprecedented action, never entered our thoughts as we didn't realize that the situation here was that bad. This college has always maintained a high scholastic standard and we knew that it was still high—this faith was renewed when we found that the only reason for this summary action was that politics had been interfering too much with the administration of our college. All other reasons given were only conditions which would naturally follow from too much political interference.

The purge of last July with the resulting dismissal of some of our outstanding men and its effect on the morale of the remaining instructors is the primary cause of our present dilemma. Today this school cannot hold its own with the other colleges of the United States because education here has been diluted with politics.

The student body of this college is determined to do all in its power to see that our school is re-instated as soon as possible. There is one hope for getting our institution back on the accredited list and that is the passage of the initiated constitutional amendment to establish a non-political board for the control of educational institutions. We are going to fight for the passage of this bill. We have brought our protest to the people of North Dakota through our mass meetings and torchlight parades. Now through our county organizations, mimeographed publicity and radio programs we are going to carry the fight for the passage of this bill to the voters of the state. We are going to see this thing through and you are expected to do your part.

Committee Plans WDAY Broadcast Tonight At 8 P.M.

The first of a series of radio broadcasts in the campaign of the student body to obtain passage of the constitutional amendment will go on the air tonight at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of two discussions, the first one explanatory material concerning the discrediting of the college, its effect on the students, effect on the college, and a brief explanation of the NCA and similar organizations.

The second part will be concerned with the remedy, the proposed amendment. A declaration of the policy of the committee and the details of the campaign will be presented.

The broadcast is paid for entirely by student contributions at the morning convocation.

John Lynch Heads Journalistic Fraternity

John Lynch, junior in arts and sciences, Monday was elected president of Alpha Phi Gamma, national honorary journalistic fraternity, succeeding Maurice Benidt. Lynch is associate editor of The Spectrum.

Richard Cook was re-elected vice president and Florenz Dinwoodie was re-named secretary. Other new officers are Archie Seebart, second vice president, and James Elwin, bailiff.

Lynch was also appointed to manage the annual inter-high school newspaper contest held in conjunction with the May Festival and sponsored by the local journalism group.



LEONARD DALSTAD
KAPPA SIGMA CHI PRESIDENT

NOTICE

The following were elected to YMCA offices in yesterday's election:
President, John Fisher.
Vice president, Wilbur Benson.
Secretary, Kenneth Erickson.
Treasurer, Bernard Hutchens.
Faculty adviser, Donald Hay.

Permission Secured From College Faculty Council For Extra Day Vacation



Dr. Harold Bosley Convocation Speaker

Dr. Howard Bosley, director of religious activity at Iowa State Teachers college, will speak at convocation next Tuesday morning, April 19. From a description handed in by Richard Sweitzer, Y secretary in charge of the arrangements for the speakers during Holy week observances, he is a young man, tall and athletic, with a shock of dark hair and an infectious smile, excellent sense of humor, and a pleasing manner of speech.

Dr. Bosley is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan university, and he holds a Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. He was a leader at the state

conference last year and will lead the same conference at Jamestown April 21-23.

NOTICE

The Student Commission should be fully cognizant of the fact that there can be no elections held this spring, unless the candidates and the date of elections are announced two weeks in advance by formal notice on the front page of The Spectrum. The Student Commission president and commissioner of elections are both out of school now, so it would seem that election arrangements are automatically left up to the remaining members of the Student Commission, whatever their office.

County organizations as set up last Saturday following the morning mass meeting will begin to function this weekend when students go home for Easter vacation. At a meeting of the college council Monday night, an extra day was granted in order that more time would be had for distributing material throughout the counties.

It is expected that county chairmen and their committees will contact their local papers and community service clubs to enlist their help in securing votes for the proposed constitutional amendment. Although actual voting steps cannot be taken until the primaries on June 28 students are working to set up county organizations that will solicit voters for their support.

Yesterday members of the Committee of Eleven sent material to all the newspapers throughout the state.

Realizing the necessity for headquarters, the Committee of Eleven have set up offices in room 203 of the Barracks. Telephone number is the same as for the Brevities, 1220.

Room 203 in the Barracks has been taken over by the Committee of Eleven as their headquarters. A place is also provided where county committees can hold their meetings. By mutual consent of a number of members of Blue Key the Bison Brevities telephone is to be installed retaining the same number, 1220. The committee can also be reached by writing The Committee of Eleven, State College Station, Fargo, N. D.

Where We Stand

Q. What happened?

A. The North Central Association omitted the North Dakota State college from its list of accredited institutions.

Q. What is the North Central Association?

A. The North Central Association is an accrediting body, soliciting no members, but instead being solicited.

Q. Why has the college been discredited?

A. The NCA gave three reasons:

- a. The so-called "purge" which took place July 31, 1937, when seven ranking faculty members and officials were dismissed with three hours' notice and without the benefit of any hearing whatsoever;
- b. The lowering of the faculty morale as a result of the purge;
- c. The evidence of political manipulation in the administration.

Q. As a result of the discrediting, what is the status of our credits?

A. Theoretically, when an institution is removed from the list of an accrediting agency, students wishing to transfer to other schools, either for undergraduate or graduate work, are required to pass entrance examinations. However, the registrars of Iowa State college and of the University of Minnesota have made statements to the effect that those two schools will accept graduates and undergraduates this year on the same basis as heretofore, as reported by Dr. West. Until this school is again accredited much of the willingness for other colleges to accept transfer students will depend on the individual scholastic record of the student, and upon the reputation of the various departments in which he has taken his work. There is a possibility that the transfer student will be subjected to a probationary year.

Q. What is being done to regain the rating?

A. Acting President West has filed application for re-accrediting, but as the committee does not meet again until April of next year, it is doubtful whether any definite official action can be taken until that time.

Q. What can you do about the situation?

A. You can co-operate to the fullest extent with your county committee which has been organized to circulate information throughout your county concerning the proposed constitutional amendment which, if passed by a majority of all voters voting in the June primaries, will take the administration of the institutions of higher education out of politics.

Q. How will the proposed amendment take the administration of the schools out of politics?

A. Under the proposed constitutional amendment a committee of seven members will be appointed by the governor from a list of candidates submitted by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of the North Dakota Educational Association. The positions are for a term of seven years each, staggered so that only one vacancy occurs each year, thus preventing any one governor from appointing more than two members in one term of office. The positions are not salaried, receiving only a per diem allotment not to exceed a total of \$500. This is too small an amount to attract professional politicians. The members of the committee can be removed only by impeachment.

Students Correct Kinzer's Statement

We feel it necessary to correct the misstatement which has been published concerning the accredited standing of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Rollins college, Winter Park, Florida, and Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga. R. A. Kinzer, board member, in press dispatch last week stated that these institutions had been removed from the accredited list and were suffering no ill effects as a result. None of these three colleges have lost their accredited ratings—the North Central Association Quarterly for July, 1937, lists the following accredited institutions outside the N. C. A. territory:

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary schools: University of Pittsburgh.

Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools: Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga. (Not now fully meeting one or more of the standards but continued on the approved list pending the removal of deficiencies.) Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla.

The above mentioned colleges are however under censure from the American Association of University Professors, this censure being visited upon them because their administrations are not maintaining conditions of academic tenure and freedom in accordance with academic custom and usage as defined by this association and other associations interested in higher education. The placing of this censure upon an institution means specifically that it is visited upon the administrative practices of the institution and not upon the whole of the institution or its faculty. This censure has no effect upon the accreditation of the institution upon which it has been placed.

This association is a national organization of college teachers and educators who have had at least three years of college teaching. Their aim is to further the interests of educators.

—The Committee of Eleven.

Doc Putnam has just received the third edition of "The North Dakota Hymn," by Putnam and Foley. This shipment will boost the number of copies throughout the country to 4,000.

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Students Speak Their Minds

It is hoped that these represent a fair cross section of opinions. However, if you care to submit a signed statement, The Spectrum will be glad to run it in a similar column.

After conducting a campus-wide survey of attitudes toward discrediting of North Dakota State college the following statements were obtained:

"The first and most important step we must take to regain our accreditation is to secure the passage of the initiated constitutional amendment to take the control of our state schools out of the hands of the board of administration," Ted Bjerke.

"The future of NDSC is in the hands of the present student body. The only possible way of attaining our rating in the future is through the combined efforts of this body," Archie Seebart.

"We are in the hands of receivers, liquidate and clean up, and make the future better for those who follow," R. H. Piper.

"We must have the co-operation of the alumni of all schools in the state as well as all

students if we are to correct the existing situation," John A. Paulson.

"We have to admit that we are down—The amendment—then let's see who is out," Wm. Mutz.

"We cannot minimize the effect of the de-rating of this school upon the value of the education we have received here. Rather, it should be our policy to see that the corruption be destroyed in the administration of the affairs of this school so that we may be returned to the list of accredited schools of the country. Until we are reaccredited, we owe our supreme effort to the cause," Alfred Thompson.

There Is A Happy Medium

Millions of words have been written and spoken during the past year about the causes of America's tragic automobile accident problem. Boiled down, they amount to this:

Too much speed; too little courtesy. There is a safe speed for any set of driving conditions. Often there is a lower limit below which the motorist cannot go without impeding the normal flow of traffic and affecting its safety; always there is a top limit beyond which he cannot venture with any assurance that he will stay alive.

Somewhere between the speeds of eight and eighty miles an hour there is a happy medium.

There is no intention to advocate any fixed speed as a top limit. There are times, as in heavy traffic or heavy fog, when 30 miles an hour is suicidal; other times when 50 miles an hour seems reasonable. Every driver should know, however, that if he does have an accident it is more likely to mean death if he is going fast.

The year 1937 saw an improvement in both cars and highways, as well as a better quality of law enforcement. It also saw traffic deaths rise to another all-time high. Engineering and law enforcement alone will not check the slaughter.

Sensible driving and walking will check it.

We Will Push A Safety Campaign

The Spectrum will occasionally print good cartoons and articles and figures this term, to foster thoughtful drivers in the student body. Realizing that with the advent of warmer weather and spring-term leisure more students will be going Detroit Lakeward, we believe that it will be well to impress upon student minds facts that will either scare them or reason them into careful driving. It is necessary to do this. Judging from the behavior of motorists around the campus this spring and last winter, there appears to be a great need of Drive Safely Campaigns. It is a chilling experience indeed to see some of our star young freshmen go 60 miles an hour down Thirteenth street. Most of the material that will be printed in consecutive issues will be obtained from the "Death Begins at Forty" booklet sent out by the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, Conn.

The Social Climber

Wow!! we ain't had so much foo around here since foo kicked the bucket... the long dead emotion of the students has at last breathed fresh air again and me thinks the spring fragrance does it good... well, Russ Stevenson hung his hardware and weighted down Agnes Gunvaldsen... good deal... Piper really let go in the Brevities part and darn near stole the show... Pete Peterson ought to sell himself to Walt Disney for a living model of Dopey... Gorm King is showing pretty good taste by his dating of Miss Jenson... Wes will come back and wrap his little finger around Gorm's neck... I betcha... June Sanstad best be on her watch as far as Percy is concerned... cuz he is letting his eyes wander to other land points... wonder if Sigie Wigie Johnson will hang his pin this year... it

seems to be a bit of a problem but he is getting a swell person if he does... Tad Fuller really should try to get some grown-up ideas in that one cell of his... after all, college is for that... Jessie Halstad surely has a pull with all the good looking second-class officers that come to town... Tony is a nice name too... The latest fashion for the college romances seems to be William Tell ties—(they stretch the rubber and hit the apple)... will heaven ever help the history teachers?... Otterson got the answer that Washington discovered America... wonder if the poor fish found out who the first president of U. S. was... eight ATO's went for a ride—the car went round and so did the eight... well, til the tide again flows in, (bringing mid-terms to spoil vacation) go home and talk yore fool heads off about certain you-know-what stuff...

A Boid

Chirp a tune of college days, A closet full of jugs, Four and twenty actives Snoozing on the rugs; When four years are over Then gents begin to smirk For their papa tells them They'll have to go to work. —Urchins.

What a Fool!

What a fool she is! Spends hours getting her hat on straight—but lets her gums get flabby. That's the girl in the advertisement. But not my girl. She sticks her hat on crooked—the more crooked it is the better she likes it. And nobody can say she has never heard of pink tooth brush. She even went into a drug store and tried to buy one. —Pitt Panther.

Elsie: But if you are a thoughtreader, why do you read my hand instead of my mind? Jimmy: "It's so much easier. I can see at once that you have a hand." —Pitt Panther.

Cute-a

A maid in the land of Aloha Got caught in the coils of a boa; Like arms the snake squeezed And the maid, not displeased, Cried, "Go on and do it Samoa!" —Pitt Panther.

Jim Shigley, dining at a sea-food place last night, ordered: "Sea-food cocktail, then clam chowder, a plate of steamed clams, one order of lobster, cold chicken, apple pie, coffee—and a stomach pump!" —Pitt Panther.

Robbin was the type of man who would never admit to being in the wrong, says an English paper. "I remember," he said one day at the club, "I remember when I was in Africa, staying at a little place called Buenos Aires—" "Pardon me," interrupted his fellow-member, Biggin, "but Buenos Aires is the capital of the Argentine Republic." "Nonsense!" shouted Bobbin, always in the right. Biggin produced a map from his pocket. "There you are," he said. "Look for yourself." Bobbin gave one look at the atlas and then sniffed. "You can't fool me!" he cried. "That's last year's!" —Pitt Panther

Screwball on the Loose

monotony—having only one wife bigotry—having two wives trigonometry—having three wives goblet—male turkey germinate—to become a naturalized German vegetarian—horse doctor. quorum—place to keep fish —John Burnham

At the Movies

Fargo Theater—The romantic clinch, which has kept moviegoers breathless for decades, is destined to become as obsolete as chain-letters and hip-flasks if the present trend toward frank, true-to-life screen comedy lasts, according to Ernst Lubitsch, one of Hollywood's most famous producer-directors, whose latest production, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," starring the new team of Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper, comes Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to the Fargo theater.

Franchot Tone's lucky day is October 11. It marks the second anniversary of his marriage to Joan Crawford. It was the occasion for his signing a new long-term Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contract. In four years, Tone has made seven pictures with his actress-wife. His current picture is "Man-Proof" with Myrna Loy, which is showing at the Fargo theater Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Grand Theater—Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie, those famous feudists who put puns into their punches, are back for the greatest return match in history in "Love And Hisses" coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to the Grand theater. This time the reason for all the barbed wit is the fight over their new sweet-hot from Paris, the saucy and vivacious Simone Simon, who sings operatic arias and popular ballads for the greatest surprise of the year.

State Theater—Friday and Saturday, Glenn Morris and Eleanor Holm appear in "Tarzan's Revenge," a jungle-thriller; Sunday and Monday, Bing Crosby, Bob Burns, and Martha Raye in "Waikiki Wedding;" Tuesday and Wednesday, "A Doctor's Diary," with George Bancroft, Helen Burgess, and John Trent.

Two Fingers

My tYpust is on her vacation, My trpist's awaw fpr a week. My trpud us in her vacarion Wgile these damb keys pley hude and seej. C h r o e s : Bren Buck, bting bzck, Oy, brung brckj m- beInio-lmx.. Oh hell! dabit-dabit-dabit-dabit &x**?! —Exchange.

Amen

Captain: "Quartermaster, is that our true position?" Quartermaster: "Yes, sir." Captain: "Are you positive?" Q. M.: "Yes sir." Captain: "Then take off your hat. We're in Westminster Abbey." —Log.

Smutty

Sign in Library: "Only low talk permitted here." —Pitt Panther.

Sez Witch

No girl however trim and neat is graceful mounting a rumble seat. —Pointer.

"Tu" On A Match

A debutante was showing off her French. When asked if she wanted a cigarette, she replied, "Oui." Her meek lover asked her what she meant by "we." "O, u and i," was the reply. —Red Cat.

Mistaken Identity

A young lady, finding herself stranded in a small town, asked an old man at the station where she might spend the night. "There ain't no hotel here," he said, "but you can sleep with the station agent." "Sir!" she exclaimed, "I'll have you know I'm a lady." "That's all right," drawled the old man; "so is the station agent." —Log.

WITH THE GREEKS

Alpha Tau Omega—

The following have succumbed to the cigar-passing stage: Carl White, Bud Brainerd, and Russ Stevenson... Herschell Hutsiniller returned from the U. of Minnesota for a vacation... Harry Nickel from Trinity college was a guest at the house Monday night... Lloyd Johnson and Eddie Ruud visited from NDU... The formal spring party was set for April 30... The Conclave at Des Moines, Iowa has been set for April 22, 23 and 24... It will include three provinces.

Gamma Phi Beta—

Mr. See visited his daughter, Mary, on Monday... Guests at potluck Monday were Helen Greenland, Clairice Lee, Jg Erickson, Connie Taylor, Phyllis Krantz, and Ellen Blair... Patty Follett and Peggy Hall, students from Carleton college, were visitors Monday evening... Lois Myron was chairman of potluck with Marjorie Gaetz, Verna Thysell, and Ruth Kirk assisting... Agnes Gunvaldsen passed candy Monday evening... Mary See will go to Bismarck during vacation... Ruth Johnson will go to Jamestown to visit... Mercedes Morris and Grace Stewart will visit their homes in Wahpeton... Lorraine Swanson will return to Hillsboro.

Delta Tau Epsilon—

Paul Goebel was elected the model man from Delta Tau Epsilon for the Spinster Skip... Kirk Crawford was awarded a fellowship at the Iowa State college... He will begin work next fall... Otto Sanderson visited with his brother at Lake Park over the weekend... Edgar Johnson, who is now a state market inspector, visited in town last week... Word was received from Merle Gifford, who is working for General Electric at Pittsburgh... Delta Tau gives its support, one hundred per cent strong, towards taking politics out of all schools... Potluck lunch was served after the meeting Monday night with due respects to George Murphy.

Sigma Chi—

Initiation services were held at the chapter house on Sunday morning with the following boys going active: Phillip Scott, Charles Wattam, Byron Wilson, Donald Sealander, Walter Doering, and Robert Johnston... Pat Reiten, a student from the University, was a dinner guest on Friday evening.

Phi Omega Pi—

Guests at the house over the weekend were Mary Burt of Minneapolis, Hope Tweet, Ruth Dyson, Bernice Rhines and Lavonne Wylie of Carlton... Cloyce Hocking received the cup for selling the most Brevities tickets... the Kappa Delta pledge chapter was entertained Friday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Lowe visited for several days... The Wednesday afternoon tea was held with Elaine Helland in charge.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—

Miss Marion Handy, field secretary, will visit the chapter from the 12th to the 15th... A formal tea will be given for her Wednesday at Hellers... Lucille Clark is in charge... There will be a special potluck and meeting in honor of Miss Handy Thursday evening... Betty Ann Funk was initiated into Art Club.

Kappa Delta—

Initiation services were conducted Sunday afternoon for Mary Knox, Birdie Bartz, and Bonnie Graves... Installation of officers took place Tuesday night... Muriel Schroeder and Barbara Gwyther were initiated into Art club Sunday... Loretta Brandt pledged Tuesday... The pledges were guests of the POP pledges Friday afternoon.

Kappa Sigma Chi—

Roger Kimber of Wahpeton, Charles Thomhave of Fergus Falls, Leslie and Bernard Neumann and Alfred Striden of Litchville, George Strum of Hastings, and Lloyd Parker of Pembina visited at their respective homes this weekend... Tex Flint, Tau Kappa Epsilon repre-

sentative visited at the house Sunday... Archie Stien visited at Fergus Falls over the weekend... Russ Anderson visited the house over the weekend... Henry Ness was also initiated into the active chapter last week... Clayton Quinnild called at the house Saturday... pledged, Harold Twedten of Grafton.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—

Gordon Anderson visited in Wahpeton over the weekend... The "Violet Dinner," was postponed indefinitely because of the Torchlight Parade... Joey Burgum visited the house Sunday... Dinner guests Friday were Mrs. Harry Wolf and Miss Mary Wolf of Jamestown... The SAE quartette: Oliver Uthus, Carl Westburg, Gordon Brandes, and Robert Nelson, broadcast from KVOX Sunday... New pledge officers elected Monday were: Dave Robinson, president; Greydon Fredrickson, vice president; Carl Westburg, treasurer; John Rycebrock, secretary... Don Bloomquist was selected as the model man candidate for the "Skip."

Sigma Phi Delta—

Pickings from a very uneventful weekend as far as the SPD's were concerned consist of the following...

Theta Chi—

The following were initiated into the active chapter Sunday morning: Andrew Almos, Orville Robie, Gordon Grey, Murray Schaezel, Fred Thompson, Jerry Regan, and John Haugland... Following the initiation the newly elected officers were installed... Pete Neitzke, former student, visited the house Saturday evening... The Founder's Day banquet was held at the house Saturday evening before the mass meeting.

Alpha Gamma Delta—

Initiation services were held for nine initiates at the chapter rooms Saturday noon. Those initiated were: Mary Froling, Dorothy Luther, Virginia Johnstone, Marie Letness, Elaine Matteson, Lucille Knudtson, Doris Meyer, Jean Pridt, and Ruth Thomte... Out-of-town Alumnae present for International Reunion Day were: Thelma Leissman of Bismarck, Mrs. Della Smith of Amenia, Betty Bickert of Washburn, Mrs. Marlin Kline of Milo, Hawaii, Marion Schroeder of Mandan, Mary Austin of Casselton, Eleanor Isaacs of Gwinner, Dorothy Sharpe of Alexandria, Minn., and Doris Oman of Valley City... Rosemary Kniefel and Helen Restvedt were initiated into Art club Sunday at services held in Art Department... Georgia Mott was pledged last Thursday at services held in the chapter rooms followed by a coffee hour... Jo Kopp has been ill for the past week, and is slowly convalescing... The Alpha Gam trio sang over KVOX at Moorhead Sunday on a program sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega.

Phi Mu—

Mary Elizabeth Runice, Fingal; Mildred Peterson, Beverly Snyder, and Mrs. Rilling were potluck guests... Anna Marie McMerty and her partner won the doubles tournament in badminton Monday evening... Betty Hodgson visited her home in Argusville last week-end.

"P's & Q's"

During the vacation we were talking with a young school teacher from Missouri, and she kept us amused for upward of an hour with stories of her small kindergarten pupils. One of the most startling occurred when she requested a newcomer to the class, to rise and recite his ABC's. With great dignity, the little man stood up and replied, "Hell, I've only been here five minutes!" —Pitt Panther.

AT THE THEATRES

FARGO THEATRE

Fri, Sat., April 15-16 "ROMANCE IN THE DARK" with JOHN BOLES GLADYS SWARTHOUT Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., April 17-18-19-20 GARY COOPER CLAUDETTE COLBERT in "BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE"

GRAND THEATRE

Fri, Sat., April 15-16 "ARSENE LUPIN RETURNS" with VIRGINIA BRUCE MELVYN DOUGLAS Sun., Mon., Tue., April 17-18-19 BEN BERNIE WALTER WINCHELL in "LOVE AND HISSES" with SIMONE SIMON

STATE THEATRE

Fri, Sat., April 15-16 "TARZAN'S REVENGE" with GLENN MORRIS ELEANOR HOLM Sun., Mon., April 17-18 "WAIKIKI WEDDING" with BING CROSBY Tue., Wed., April 19-20 "DOCTOR'S DIARY" with JOHN TRENT

MOORHEAD Theatre

Fri, Sat., April 15-16 "ANGEL'S HOLIDAY" with JANE WITHERS ROBERT KENT Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed., April 17-18-19-20 "THIN ICE" with SONJA HENIE TYRONE POWER

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Rise Of Mussolini

JAMES R. E. SMITH

Continued from No. 24)

After earning a teacher's certificate and teaching school one year, Mussolini, then a rabid Socialist, went to Switzerland. While there he became prominent in Socialist circles and was deported when his revolutionary speechmaking came to the attention of the authorities. After serving his compulsory term in the army, he went to Austria to write for a Socialist paper. He met the same fate in Austria that he had met in Switzerland; he was deported.

In 1912 at the age of twenty-nine, Mussolini became editor of *Avanti*, the Socialist daily paper. As editor of *Avanti* he started in 1914 to call for Italy to go to war against its old enemy Austria. In shouting for war, Mussolini discovered that he was becoming Nationalistic more than Socialist. Because of this trend in his writings, he was ejected from the editorship of the paper and from the Socialist party in 1914.

In 1914 Mussolini started the Fascist movement with his paper the *Popolo d'Italia*. He kept on demanding war through his new paper, and soon saw his demands for war fulfilled. He served in the army and in the course of his action he was badly wounded. He recovered sufficiently by February, 1919, to go back to Italy to edit his paper.

On March 23, 1919, Mussolini created the *Fasci di Combattimento* with these three basic planks:

1. . . . to uphold claims, material and moral, put by organizations of those who fought so gloriously for Italy.

2. . . . to stabilize the frontier by annexing Fiume and Dalmatia.

3. . . . to fight all milk-and-water candidates in the coming elections.

These three ideas were fashioned to have some sort of appeal for almost everyone in Italy. The first plank was designed to draw all of the discontented soldiers to his banner. The second plank appealed to the Nationalistic side of the masses. Mussolini had been using the columns of *Popolo d'Italia* to rub salt in the war wounds of the soldiers and the rest of the populace by telling them repeatedly that they had been robbed of their just rewards — that Italy had been robbed of the objects for which they had fought by weak statesmen who had signed the Treaties of Versailles and Rapallo. These Treaties took from Italy the right to annex the provinces of Fiume and Dalmatia from Austria. By his constant allusion to this situation, Mussolini convinced a large group of voters that the men in power were not worthy of confidence.

In the 1919 elections the Socialist Party won an overwhelming victory. Mussolini was, up to the elections, still basically Socialist. During the first few months of the new regime the party split leaving the government weak and the way open for a few Communists to spread terror.

In the midst of these trying times, Mussolini's newly launched *Fasci di Combattimento* flourished. In his *Popolo d'Italia* that year he published a long list of objectives, parts of which follow:

2. Proclamation of Italian Republic. Decentralization of executive power; autonomous administration of regions by means of their own legislative organs. Sovereignty of the people, exercised through a universal, equal and direct franchise of citizens of both sexes, the people to reserve to themselves the initiative of referendum and veto.

3. Magistrates elected independently of the executive power.

4. Abolition of all titles of nobility.

5. Abolition of compulsory service.

6. Liberty of opinion . . . , conscience, religion, association, and of the press.

7. An educational system open to all.

8. Dissolution of industrial and financial limited companies. Suppression of every kind of speculation and banks and stock exchanges.

10. Census and taxation of private wealth. Confiscation of unproductive revenue.

11. No child labor under 16 years of age. Eight hour day.

12. Reorganization of production on Cooperative basis and direct sharing of workers in the profits.

13. Abolition of secret diplomacy.

This platform realized the ends for which it had been made. "At the beginning, faith in him (The Fascisti) as the nation's soldiers and faith in Mussolini as an unselfish patriot were common, so that it could easily be said that the new Government had the support of the people . . ." "Italian masses had accepted him (Mussolini) as an instrument to restore order and rescue national prestige; they never thought of him as a destroyer of the freedom for which Italian patriots had paid a memorable price." Although these are expressions of the feelings of the people at the time Mussolini took charge of the affairs of the country, they express well the feelings of the people during his rise.

But Mussolini was playing a two-handed game. He needed not only the support of the masses, but also the financial support of the monied class. To these financial interests he offered something entirely different. From them in return for the promise of protection of their interests, Mussolini accepted subsidies. "The movement was at first accepted by the employers who saw in it a defense of their own interests . . ." In fulfilling these promises, the Black-shirts, composed almost solely of ex-service men, students and extreme radicals of every description. "At the end of 1920 the Fascists began methodically to smash the trade unions and the co-operative societies by beating, banishing, or killing their leaders and destroying their property. All of the organizations were marked out for destruction because they were 'Bolshevist'."

The Fascisti, using terrorism to fight the Bolshevist terrorists who lived only in the mind of Mussolini and in the columns of his *Popolo d'Italia*, soon were the only well organized group in Italy. Because his opposition was disorganized, Mussolini could make the gesture of marching on Rome on October 29, 1922, and take over the government.

Thus by playing the part of a chameleon, changing the color of his program to suit the wishes of every faction, Mussolini rode to power. In summarizing, the following seem to be the most important factors. First — an advance for taking over the governing powers — the Fascists claim that Communists were overrunning the country, and advance as their proof the occupation of the factories by the workers. The refusal of the government to act was cited to show how much the Communists dominated the authorities. But even Mussolini in his *Popolo d'Italia* on July 2, 1921, before his big drive for power stated: "To say that a Bolshevist danger still exists in Italy means taking base fears for reality. Bolshevism is overthrown."

"The so-called 'Italian Bolshevism' of the post-war years referred to a disturbed social situation, not to an actual overthrowing of the capitalistic social and political structure." Italy was in the natural state of unrest that must follow participation in a war. The sounds of Bolshevistic revolution that Mussolini thought he heard were but the sounds made by the body of the people settling down again after being

Women In The News

A tumbling team has been organized. The tumblers are Luverne Knudson, Jo Erickson, Lucille Kaupon, Verna Fay Thysell, Fay Ann Nelson. They will give an exhibition during the May Festival.

Verna Fay Thysell won the Babbington singles tournament. Jessamine Haas and Anna Marie McMerty won the doubles Babbington tournament.

The Varsity basketball team has been chosen. The following girls have been outstanding throughout the season: Verda Van Vorst, Marjorie Paulson, Ruth Bockwalst, Helen Restvedt, Jessamine Haas, Fern Murray, Luverne Knudson, Loretta Brandt, Hjordis Lovick, Ruth Snyder, Ethel Elliott, Tessie Thue, Anna Marie McMerty and Georgia Mott.

The advanced tennis students are playing tennis in the physical education building. If the courts are fixed there will be a tournament.

Tap dancing is being taught in Methods class. Students are learning "Three Blind Mice" and other steps under the direction of Miss Doris Richardson and Miss Barbara Register.

Fern Murray, Helen Restvedt and Margaret Newell were chosen as one member from each class, and under the direction of Miss Register, physical education instructor, they will choose two most representative seniors in athletics. They will receive awards.

Slap Happy

Head Clerk: "In sending out that order of toy balloons be sure to remove all the pink ones."

Shipping Clerk: "What's the big idea?"

Head Clerk: "The guy who is having the banquet says that the last time the guests began breaking the balloons, five or six bald-headed men were slapped silly." —Red Cat.

so vigorously shaken by the conflict. As a second reason for the confiscation of the power, he shouted in his paper that brigandage and crime were rampant. This is contrary to fact. "Brigandage was, even before the war, nothing but a memory, nor was there any sign of it in Italy during the after-war years." Crimes of passion were no higher than average for the hot-blooded nation.

To justify his muddled methods he screamed "fight fire with fire", when in reality the fires of his own making were the only ones raging.

Mussolini created evils in the columns of his paper and in his wild speeches, convinced the masses of their existence, and then rose to power by seeming to eradicate these evils.

THE END

Alpha Gamma Delta Presents Awards

At a luncheon Saturday in the Graver hotel, the Alpha Gamma Deltas gave special recognition awards for outstanding achievements in scholarship and activities. Esther Frenberg, received the Delaphine Rosa bracelet for the highest scholarship in the undergraduate chapter. Helen Restvedt tied for first place and was presented with a corsage. Helen Grant received the Dorothy Lois Hatch locket for scholarship. Doris Meyer received the pledge award for outstanding scholarship.

The awards for outstanding achievement in campus activities went to Evelyn Larson for the under graduates, and to Ruth Thomte for the pledges. Mrs. Greydon Owens, Fargo, presented the awards.

Catherine Brandes, chapter president, presented Virginia Johnston the award for being the most outstanding member of the pledge group.

Estimator Talks To Architects

Students of the Department of Architecture had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting informal talk delivered by Mr. Ed. Petrick, a former student of the architectural dept, here, and a graduate in architectural engineering from the University of Minnesota now an estimator for the Powers Constructing Co. of Fargo. The lecture was devoted to the relations of the architect and contractor relative to building construction, and also to an explanation of the recent construction of locks and dams on the Mississippi River extending from the Twin Cities to St. Louis. The new construction on the Mississippi is carried on by the Army Engineering Division; the primary purpose being to control the water level when a super abundance of water is to be taken care of. Informal talks similar to this will be held every two weeks from now until the end of the term.

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Jots And Jolts

The Sigma Chi's seem to be promoting a back-to-the-land movement. Roller skating is quite the thing with them this season.

As for the SAE's, most of their spare moments are spent climbing in and out of their fish-pond chasing an elusive baseball.

The ATO's, interested as ever in the quieter things in life, simply haul a few card tables out on the terrace and start up a tricky bridge-game.

Roy Peterson isn't shell-shocked; he gets that way from eating peanuts in bed.

A Sophomore's Stipulations For a Good Date

- (1) A good conversationist.
- (2) Don't eat too much on dates.
- (3) Lots of pep.
- (4) Don't eat too much on dates.
- (5) Full of ideas.
- (6) Don't eat too much on dates.
- (7) Fairly good looker.
- (8) Don't eat too much on dates.

—M. J.

Yes—Bud!

McKenna (during final): "Are you sure question six is in the text?"

Professor: "Certainly."

McKenna: "Well, I can't find it."

—Gargoyles.

A Steal!

"I used to know Mr. Sneeker, who was with your firm. I understand he was a tried and trusted employee."

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—Red Cat.

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Sigma Phi Delta Fetes Founder's Day

The annual Sigma Phi Delta Founder's day banquet was held in the banquet hall of the Waldorf hotel Sunday, April 10 at 5:30. Approximately 50 members attended.

Herb Jones, newly elected president of the chapter, acted as toastmaster. Dinner started with a toast presented by Prof. Swisher. After-dinner speeches were made by chapter literarian, George Allen; Faculty members, Prof. Slocum and Dean Rush; fraternity vice-president, Mark Olson; graduating seniors, Henry Halgren, William Kossila, Al Forsman, Millard Borke, Ralph Dahl, Earl Mannes, Walter Olson, and Clarence Putnam.

During the program Millard Borke was presented the Chapter Service Award for being the most active member.

Alumni present were: Les Sherwood, Charles Marin and Al Brevick.

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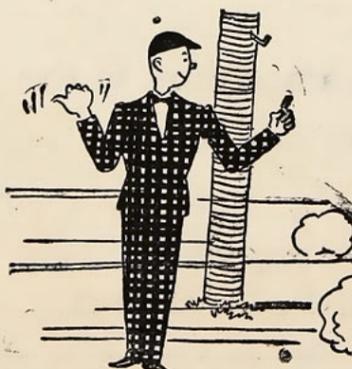
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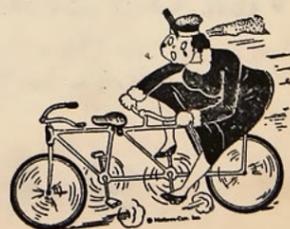
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Students, County Newspapers Asked To Publicize This:

Recognizing the evils inherent in the present method of handling our institutions of higher education in North Dakota, a proposed constitutional amendment has been initiated and will be voted on at the June 1938 primary.

Among the most glaring defects to be found in the present system are the following:

(1) Politics have entered into the institutions.

(2) The method of having charitable and penal institutions, institutions of higher learning, and welfare work all handled by the same board is inherently unsound.

(3) It is unsatisfactory to have a board of administration looking upon their position as a "job" with a salary attached.

(4) The change of the board of administration from time to time because of the changes in the state government prevents any serious development of a real educational board.

With these and other evils in mind, an amendment was prepared, initiated, and filed with the secretary of state. Summarizing, the proposed amendment attempts to correct the most glaring defects of our present system by the following provisions:

(1) The measure is made a constitutional amendment, so that the legislature cannot change the plan from session to session.

(2) The administration of our institutions of higher learning in North Dakota will be segregated from charitable and penal institutions, and other activities now administered by the board of administration, and such educational institutions will be administered by a

board of seven members. The terms of office are so staggered that one member's term will expire each year; thus no sudden change in the political situation can bring about a revolution in the educational structure.

(3) To avoid political appointments, the members of the board will be selected in the following manner: The superintendent of public instruction, the president of the North Dakota Educational association, and the chief justice of the supreme court will present three names for each position to the governor. From such list the governor will present the name of his nominee to the senate and confirmation will have to be made by the senate.

(4) To avoid the desire of those looking for a mere paid job, the salary has been placed on a per diem basis and the per diem limited to \$500 per year; also, expenses have been likewise limited.

(5) The detailed work will be in the hands of an executive secretary, known as the commissioner of higher education, which will be selected by the board.

(6) The members of the state board of higher education may not be removed except by impeachment.

This plan has been approved by a number of those who have made a study of the situation. The proposal has been approved by the tax survey commission and the executive committee of the North Dakota Taxpayers association. The actual measure has been submitted to many attorneys and those interested in higher education in North Dakota, and has met with their unanimous approval.

ALL-EMPLOYER CREDIT UNION STARTED ON CAMPUS

Guided by E. A. Wolfe, managing director of the North Dakota State League, fourteen faculty members signed applications Tuesday evening for a charter which will inaugurate on the campus the N. D. S. C. Employee Federal Credit Union. The move for cooperative borrowing and saving in a credit union, which was discussed a year ago without result, was started again and put through on the initiative of the campus local of the American Federation of Teachers, which was arranged for the meeting with Mr. Wolfe.

Pending the arrival of the charter, and to speed up activity when organization is completed, a nominating committee and a temporary treasurer were elected. The committee consists of Glenn N. Lawritson of Education, Earl A. Helgeson, Botany, and F. W. Christiansen, of Animal Nutrition. Donald R. Keene of Agricultural Economics was chosen temporary treasurer.

"It was a sizeable group," said F. G. Schoff, one of the A. F. of L. men working on the project. "One of the largest of Fargo's fourteen credit unions started with seven out of 130 employees, and now has almost 100 membership and a capital of \$10,000. A rigid, fool-proof technique throughout the handling of the business, with bonded treasurer and supervision by the Farm Credit Administration, ensure in a federal credit union the least ex-

pensive place to borrow with safety, and the safest place to save. Once started it will grow fast. We invite all interested employees to look up any members of the credit union for information about it."

Fifteen Initiated Into Art Club Sunday

At a candle-light ceremony in the art department Sunday morning, 15 members were admitted into Art club. Following the initiation a breakfast in honor of the new members was served. Dorothy Hawkinson presided.

Those admitted to the organization were: Sally Burger, Loretta Brandt, Margaret Calhoun, Betty Anne Funk, Barbara Gwyther, Agnes Erdahl, Lois Gorder, Rosemary Kneifel, Marion Ivers, Margaret Newell, Jeanne Paris, Helen Restvedt, Muriel Schroeder, Marion Smith, and Mabel Theobald. Jean Chase, Mamie Naden and Julianne Reynolds, who were unable to attend the ceremony, will be initiated next fall.

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Wellems in Charge Of Tennis Tourney

Entries for the tennis tournament were closed Monday night, announced Ed Wellems, in charge of the competition. Eighteen players will compete in the singles matches and three doubles teams have signed up. Brackets will be drawn up this week and matches arranged, in preparation for starting competition Monday, April 25. Entered in the singles are: Morrill, Heally, Pollock, Voss, Knight, Keefe, Monley, Packard, Simonson, Erickson, Volkerding, Peterson, Reslock, Van Ray, Frederickson, Abrahamson, Warburton, Sorenson. Doubles teams are: Hagen and Pflugrath; Fuller and Wichman; Packard and Simonson.

Winners of the singles matches last year, Bill Stewart, is not signed up this year. Westerlund, who with Stewart won the doubles last year, graduated last year.

No player will be allowed to begin competition until after payment of the fee of 25 cents, which will be used to buy sweaters and trophies for the winners.

Many students took pictures of parades and meetings of the students in the last few days. The Committee of Eleven would appreciate any pictures to be used for publicity purposes. Turn in pictures to committee headquarters, room 203, Barracks.

Black Out

Rastus was sitting on the bench in the back yard, rocking to and fro, and loudly bemoaning the fact that he had left the chicken house door open. "Were they stolen?" asked a friend. "No. They done gone home."
—Red Cat.

You Guess

We wonder which the censors enjoy most, the jokes we print or the jokes we take out?
—Georgia Arch.

Amigo

Old Lady (to man with dog): "What kind of a dog is that?"
Man: "He's a spaniel, madam."
Old Lady: "My my; isn't it a good thing he's not over there now?"
—Kangaroo.

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High School News

The Girl's Amazon club is presenting a one-act play, "The Girls," April 30 at 8 p.m. in the Little Country Theater under the direction of Miss Virginia Smith, the dean of girls in the college high school. Between the scenes of this play Marion Munson will play a piano solo and a group of Lois Rudrud's younger students will give some dances.

The cast for the play includes Lillian Ellingson, Florence Ellingson, Ethel Arves, Helen Grant, Dorothy Kelson, Ione Olson, Laura Egge, Jewel Hexom, and Lillian Selsted.

This group will also present the play in Cheyenne, N. D., on April 22.

The Girl's Glee club plan to enter the May Festival.

THANKS

We wish to thank Frog LaMarre for managing both parades; Dee Nelson for his assistance; the Fargo police and fire departments for their co-operation; Dick Kraft for his help in establishing headquarters, and the student body for their whole-hearted support.
—The Committee of Eleven.

The percentage of farm boys from the ages 14 to 20 out of school, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce 1938 census, ranged from 44.5 percent for the western region to 55 percent in the north central region. North Dakota is in the north central region.

Grasshoppers reported hatching in March and early April are of a winter species which live thru the winter in a half-grown stage. These are of no significance so far as crop damage is concerned. Hatching of the crop-damaging kinds is not likely to be reduced at all by an extra early spring.

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Gamma Phi Beta Initiates Eight

Initiatory services in the active chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority were held in the H. J. Oram home on Sunday at 4 o'clock for the following girls: Jane Blair, Betty Carnine, Marjorie Gaetz, Agnes Gunvaldson, Ruth Johnson, Mary See, Eunice Warner and Vera Woolridge.

A formal dinner was held at the Powers hotel at 7 o'clock following the initiatory services. Gifts were presented to the retiring president, Lois Myron, and to the retiring pledge trainer, Mercedes Morris. Ruth Johnson and Virginia Nelson received the scholarship bracelets, which were given to the pledge and to the active who raised her average most.

Announce Campaign Publicity Committees

Publicity committee headed by John Clason: Alfred Murfin, Frances Johnson, Jane Blair, Kent Helland, Sam Trzcinski, Virginia Smith, Bud Thorwaldson, Don Kaldor, George Putz, Harold Olson, Perry Brakke.

Committee of Eleven—with chairman making 12: Orville Goplen, chairman, John Lynch, secretary, R. Gordon Arneson, Millard Borke, Robert Nelson, Florenz Dinwoodie, Mercedes Morris, Francis Osborne, James McGregor, Maurice Beanidt, John Clason, Dale Hogoboom.

The Pharmacy club held their meeting at 7:30 o'clock in Francis hall on Tuesday. Dr. F. J. Brinley, instructor in zoology, gave an illustrated talk on his research work at Tortugas.

See Dick Hoag

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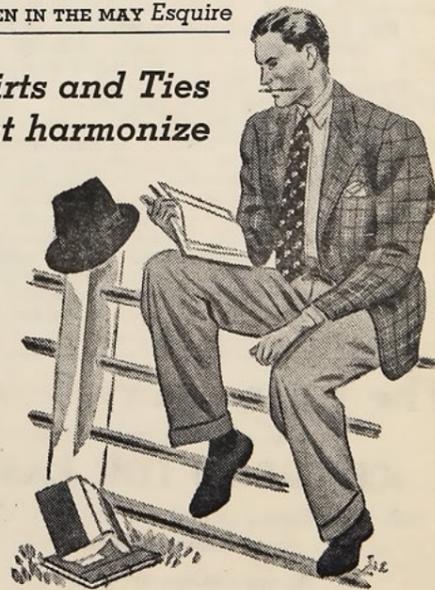
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Student Opinion

(Continued from Page One)

that next spring will find NDSC back on the accredited list.

In my opinion, the seniors are almost helpless. They can hardly do otherwise than accept their diplomas and hope for the best. The juniors who plan to take graduate work immediately upon completion of their undergraduate requirements have an entirely different setup. If they don't transfer to another college next fall they will be taking a pretty large gamble that the SC will be reinstated by next spring. If they bet wrong they are left out in the cold.

The question arises as to what the person of very limited finances can do. This strikes me right where it hurts. I am a junior who had planned to get a Bachelor of Science here and then apply to larger school for a fellowship to study for a master's degree. Everything was going along fine until someone dropped a rock on my neck last Thursday. My chances of financing a year at a more expensive college are very anemic looking and if I can't manage it I'll stay out of school for a year or until I can make the grade.

This may sound like a lot of self-pity but I think it is the rather important expression of the thoughts of most of the students. —Sam Tolchinsky.

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