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A NEW RECORD SET

Yesterday's election set a new record. In numbers it exceeded by over a hundred votes any election ever held at North Dakota State college. This shows an increase in interest and an increase in democracy. It proves more conclusively that the students govern themselves, and it serves as another step toward that ideal state which will be reached when every student turns out to vote.

Not only in numbers and its significance was Monday's election outstanding. The student's ability to think won a decided victory. Printed ballots which were designed to do the thinking for some students were distributed about the campus but did little good. In years gone by these forms have had a powerful influence, and the men to get together and issue them had a jump on the other candidates. But that has passed along with small election attendance. No longer are the students to be told who they shall vote for. They are going to vote for those whom they think best fitted for the position.

The Spectrum is happy to see the fading of this sort of campaigning in school elections, this idea of trying to tell one's fellow student who to vote for. How much better it would be for those who invest money in printed ballots, to use that money to advertise the candidates' qualifications for the various positions, and let the students draw their own conclusions. This would be doing the students who do not personally know the candidates a service, instead of attempting to use them as tools to bring about some selfish political end.

VERY MUCH IN FAVOR

The student body clearly demonstrated that they are very much in favor of Blue Key's move to set commencement ahead by voting 539 to 15 for such action in Monday's election. The plan was heartily indorsed by the junior class at a meeting held last week, and a survey made by the fraternity among the various organizations was very favorable to the project.

Blue Key appreciates the backing given it by the students in this matter and will push the thing through as soon as possible. Nothing can be done about it this year since the plans have already been made, but next year's commencement will no doubt be planned under the new specifications.

EXIT: THE OLD COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 21, marks the grand finals of the existence of the Student Commission of 1927-28. On that date the present government will be turned over to the new commission. The commission under Ralph Hollands has been a successful one, sponsoring many reforms on the campus, and wielding a strong influence in college affairs. During its reign, the commission's power has been questioned but acknowledged, and its legislation has been always for the good of the school, its welfare and progress. The Spectrum congratulates Mr. Hollands and his colleagues on their splendid work, and wishes the incoming administration the best of luck in their government of North Dakota State during the coming year.

Just Comment
WISE and OTHERWISE

ONLY EIGHTEEN men turned out for the glee club last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, and no first tenors showed up at all. Consequently, Dr. C. S. Putnam is a wee bit discouraged with the proposition, but intends to have another meeting of the Glee Club candidates this Thursday at the same time. At least forty men should turn out, says "Doc." If all the first tenors on the campus will step over to Doc's office on the above day, together with the eighteen that turned out before, we'll have close to forty men on hand.

BOBBY HAHN was unanimously selected for a forward berth on the North Central all-conference team by loop coaches and critics. Hahn certainly deserves this honor, and although playing on a losing team, Bobby set the pace for the best of them. Ger-gen's place on the second quint was equally well deserved and by the time Pete is through tossing the spheroid through the little iron hoop two years from now, being on all-loop teams will be a habit with him.

FRIDAY'S ALL-COLLEGE was quite an affair, even if the name "all-college" was a little misleading. No one can say that the old commission's social parting was not a happy one, though its political parting may not be quite so joyful.

FIVE ORIGINAL one act plays will be presented in the Little Country Theatre tomorrow evening at 7:15. These plays were written and will be

I'M THE PARASITE

I'm the parasite who lives at the expense of others. I have the idea that one of the extreme advantages of living at a fraternity house is the fact that I can wear and rarely a shirt. All the girls clothes. I never buy a neck-tie, and rarely a short. All the girls think I have an enormous wardrobe, but I'm really making the rounds on the suits possessed by the brethren. In many cases I don't even let the owner appear in his article of apparel before I do. It gives the appearance that I'm the one that invested the money, don't you see? But I don't confine my parasitic nature entirely to clothes, either. I'm continually bumming cigarettes, bars of candy, street car chips, and money that I don't expect to pay back. In class, I get good marks by a parasitical scrutiny of my neighbor's paper, after "borrowing" a goodly supply of writing material from him. When I can't think of anything else to do I come down to the Bison-Spectrum office and take up somebody else's time. No matter what I do it seems as though I'm sponging off of others.

presented by students. If this project is encouraged it will become an annual event.

ANOTHER TERM ends this week with the appearance of final exams. There will be no Spectrum Friday to allow the staff to study for the above occasion. There will be no issue of The Spectrum published next week, publication being resumed Tuesday, March 27.

ATTENTION "R. H. H."

The editor of The Spectrum regrets that he cannot publish your Student Opinion letter until you submit another copy signed by you. In the publication of the article, which contains some excellent points, your initials need only be signed. The article itself, however, must go on file signed by you in full. The editor suggests that you take care of this matter at once.

School Of Religion
Offers New Courses

Two new courses for the spring term will be offered in the School of Religion, according to Prof. Walter Lee Airheart, dean.

The latest writings in the Old Testament were probably put in their present form before 150 B. C. and there is nothing in the New Testament now identifiable as having been written earlier than 50 A. D. There is, therefore, a period of at least two centuries between the Testaments from which no writings have been gathered into the Scripture. Nevertheless there is a rich deposit of sacred literature contributed by the Jews and their neighbors during this period of which most people know little or nothing. Selections from the most important of these writings have been

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embodied in a new course which is entitled, Sacred Literature; Inter-Testament Period.

Another course offered in the spring term for the first time is the Psychology of Prayer. This is a one hour course, offered in two sections in order that it may be available for the largest possible number of students.

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Are coming In Now, And We
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To Choose This College

The types of courses offered at the North Dakota Agricultural college furnished the major inducement for 32 per cent of the present freshmen to choose this college in preference to others.

This college offers a bachelor of science degree in Science and Literature, Agriculture, Architectural Engineering, Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Education, Electrical Engineering, Home Economics, Mechanical Engineering, and Pharmacy.

Special advantages are offered in paint chemistry, physics, botany, mathematics, public speaking and dramatics, economics (agricultural and general), and social and political sciences.

All the work that is taken at the North Dakota Agricultural college is fully credited by the North Central Association of colleges and secondary schools, and also the Regents of New York.



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Fargo: VITAPHONE VAUDEVILLE State: Vilma Banky in
Dolores Costello in "OLD SAN FRANCISCO" "THE MAGIC FLAME"

