

MILITARY BALL OPENS AT NINE BISON-NODAK CLASSIC OPENS TOMORROW

OUTCOME OF SERIES IS TOSS-UP DESPITE BISON SUPERIORITY

BISON WEIGHT ADVANTAGE MAY BE TELLING ON LETICH DEFENSE MEN—RUMPELTES MAY START.

By Eugene Fitzgerald.

The long awaited basketball classic, the Bison-Nodak four game series opens at the University of North Dakota gymnasium at 7:30 tomorrow evening. The second game of the series will be played at the same place Monday afternoon.

The outcome of the 1926 series between the two rival teams has more meaning, at least to the Bison supporters, for in winning the majority of the tilts from the Nodaks, the Cortrighters can go through their first undisputed North Central title.

The aim of the Bison hoopsters, however, is not to win the majority of the games from the upstaters, but to make a clean sweep of the four game series. In making a clean sweep of the Nodak matches, the Bison will have an unblemished record, one which includes an impressive 16 to 11 win over the loop-leading Badger five in the Big Ten race.

The Bison are not the top heavy favorites to win the series that they were when the loop race was in its opening stages. Letich has developed a reliable defensive combination, interspersed with consistent scorers. The Nodaks have been a much more consistent scoring aggregation than the Bison, the Bison running up totals of 50 points in some tilts, and coming back with totals under 20.

It possible that Cortright may start Rumpeltes in place of Newgard in the Nodak series. If the Bison mentor elects to send Big Ben in against the upstate crew, the Yellow and Green will have three men in the 180-pound class driving under the net. Blakely, McPherson, and Rumpeltes all tip the beam at around 180, and their work under the Flicker net is bound to tell on the lighter Letich men.

On the other hand, Letich has a large surplus of guard material, and with frequent changes, the Bison weight advantage on the scoring end of the play is not so apt to tell on the lighter Letich guards.

Comparisons in the probable play of the two quints is useless, as play in such important struggles, and sometimes in even lesser important games, does not run true to form, and as in former years the outcome of the series depends largely on the five taking advantage of every opportunity.

On paper, admittedly a poor way of comparison, the Bison appear 20 to 30 points stronger than the Forks school five. Letich has by far a much larger source of reserve strength, but his reserve does not appear nearly as strong as that at the command of Cortright. If the Bison have two good "on" games, there is no doubt of the outcome, but if the Letich crew catch the Bison on one of their infrequent "off" nights, dope might be strewn to the four winds.

It's a toss up, briefly summarizing the whole thing.

MAY PLAY ONE OF GUARD POSTS IN NODAK SERIES



Whit Tilton.

ALPHA SIGMA TAU ALPHA KAPPA PHI QUINTS WIN GAMES

THETA CHIS DROP 22-11 BATTLE TO PHIS AFTER TOUGH STRUGGLE—SIGMA TAUS WIN HANDILY WITH 20-6 SCORE.

Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Kappa Phi quints were victorious in the only two games played Tuesday evening in the Y Campus basketball league.

The Kappa Phis downed the Theta Chi quint after a hard battle, 22-11. The score at half time stood 8 to 7 for the Kappa Phis, and at the end of the third quarter the Theta Chis had knotted the count at 11. Shortly after the opening of the final quarter, Fitzgerald got his only field goal and widened the breach further on one of two free throws. Olson counted with two double markers in rapid succession and aided by some good defensive work the Phis held the Theta Chi at 11. Olson and Wall were the outstanding performers for the Phis, scoring 10 and 8 points respectively. Sorkness did a good job of goal tending for the winners, while Augustine and Myers were the best of the Theta Chi five.

Martin and Andrist scored seven and nine points respectively to place the Alpha Sigma Tau quint ahead of the Pharmacy club, the Taus winning handily 20 to 6. The fraternity men were never headed from the start. Andrist and Martin did good work on the offense, while Allison's defensive work was good. Forrest was the star performer for the Pharmacists.

DEBATERS OPEN SEASON TUESDAY

Bison debaters will unleash their first verbal attack of the year next Tuesday evening when, following the athletic crusade, they invade University territory to sharpen tongues with the Nodaks. Close on the University debate, another Bison trio will meet a visiting debate team from St. Thomas college Wednesday evening. The debates will be upon the question "Resolved, that the Child Labor amendment should be enacted into law."

Invading Nodak forensic circles are Donald Hay, Frank Moore, and Chester Ellickson. Making up the St. Thomas reception committee are Erble Steen, Hjalti Thorfinnson, and Donald Hay.

"The debates are to be 'open forum' affairs," said Llewelyn Howell. "They promise instruction and entertainment. Though politically a past issue amendment debate will undoubtedly bring out moral, social and economic issues that public opinion has not taken cognizance of."

The management of the Military Ball has requested that all cadets wear their uniforms rather than formal clothes and that no corsage bouquets be sent. This has been the custom of previous years and should not be abandoned, according to Mr. Touissant.

MAY START AT FORWARD OPPOSITE BISON LEADER.



Ben Rumpeltes.

BOOSTER SPECIAL LEAVES 10 A. M.

RETURN TRIP TO BE MADE FROM UNIVERSITY STATION AT 9:20 SATURDAY EVENING.

A large delegation of Bison supporters, including Fargo fans, Bison students and faculty members, and out of town supporters are expected to board Great Northern train for Grand Forks at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning to witness the annual North Dakota basketball classic between the University of North Dakota Nodaks and the State College Bison, which is scheduled for 7:30 tomorrow evening.

The Bisonsites, local pep group will board the train 100 per cent strong, while the Gold Star Band, along with the Bisonsites will augment the large group of student supporters who are expected to attend.

Tickets for the round trip may be purchased at the depot anytime before the train leaves, and on this train only will ticket holders be allowed to travel. The return trip will be made from the University station, the train being scheduled for departure at 9:20 p. m.

LAST NUMBER ON LYCEUM TUESDAY

Charles Crawford Gorst, nationally recognized naturalist and imitator of bird calls will give an illustrated lecture on bird lore next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the armory. The naturalist's address will be the fifth and concluding number on the fifteenth annual lyceum series. Mr. Gorst, known as "the bird man" is virtually a human mocking bird. With a repertoire of bird operatta, he has been known to have caused male birds to attack one another and to have broken up trysting scenes by his realistic bird calls. Mr. Gorst can imitate 600 songs of some 200 species of birds. In reproducing the songs, the naturalist attains a key an octave higher than any on the piano. His work has been endorsed by such men as the late John Burroughs, T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of National Audubon Society and other scientists.

GRAND MARCH OPENS ELEVENTH ANNUAL MILITARY FUNCTION

CADET OFFICERS OF UNIVERSITY TO BE HONOR GUESTS—DECORATIONS TO BE COMPLETED THIS AFTERNOON.

By Stewart Schlipf.

At 9:00 o'clock tonight, with the first strains of the military quickstep sounding through the historic Bison armory, the Eleventh Annual Military Ball will become a reality. Led by William Touissant and Miss Carrie Jesperson the grand march will form, and with its forming will begin the program of the evening. Twelve dances beneath a canopy of national colors will pass before the ball closes at 12:30.

Tonight the military reigns supreme. Visiting military men, local officers, and uniformed cadets will dance tonight at their own ceremonial. Tomorrow is Bison varsity day, but tonight, while it lasts, is given over to the military.

Promptly at 8:45 the receiving line will form. Here the guests will find President and Mrs. John Lee Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parrott, Captain and Mrs. Thomas S. Smith, Captain and Mrs. W. W. Millard, Captain and Mrs. A. E. Andrews, and Doctor and Mrs. C. S. Putnam, as well as Military Ball Manager William Touissant, Assistant Manager Frank Leakey and their partners.

Headed by Cadet Colonel Melville, the four honor guests from the North Dakota University Cadet Corps arrived today, as well as a number of other honor guests of Scabbard and Blade from other parts of the northwest. A large number of state national guard officers here for the ceremonies of the week, have lingered in the city for the event.

Realizing that some few students through a lack of promptness have failed to secure their tickets as yet, Scabbard and Blade will allow a few extras to be sold rather than disappoint anyone. A limited number of tickets may be secured from the members of the fraternity this afternoon. A few have also been left at the office of the military department for those unable to make arrangements otherwise.

Excellent music and refreshments, and the three feature dancing numbers, combine with the predominating military note in the decorations and costumes to render this the show event of the year, as well as a magnificent formal party. Decorations and program favors in keeping with the spirit of the occasion add to the exacting completeness of the decorations.

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"BACK TO THE FARM" TO BE REPEATED TODAY.

"Back to the Farm," a three-act comedy, will again be given this afternoon at four o'clock, in the Little Country Theatre. The play is scheduled to be put on at several towns in the county. Amenia has booked Prof. Arvold's players for March 11, and other dates are being arranged.

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THE CLASSIC IS ON.

The annual basketball classic of the State is on tomorrow, the battle between the Nodaks and Bison. The clashes between the two schools assume more than a state interest only this year, for the winner of three games is assured of the title of the North Central loop for 1926.

The Bison look like winners, altho an outside chance of copping two or possibly three by the Nodaks must be considered. The Bison look much superior as far as their record is concerned, but then the style of play they will be forced to face in meeting the Nodaks may alter their chances considerably. There is one thing Bison followers may be certain of, win or lose, the Bison will fight, and they will give their last ounce of energy to bring hometwo straights from the University.

The question now rests on the shoulders of each individual student. That question is: "Will the students fight as hard as the players?" Time will tell. Results will also tell. If the Bison are successful in taking two straight at the University, no one need fear that the players themselves will not give the backers due credit for the victory.

As to how you can help, we suggest and urge that you follow the cheer leaders, give the yells the best you know how. Follow the band when they play a song, sing as best you know how. The band will do its part, it always has. If you get a little hoarse from yelling pass it off, this is only a temporary ailment and you will be in good enough shape for the games here next Friday and Saturday.

REMEMBER YOU'RE A BISON.

When three to four hundred, or possibly more, students of the college descend on Grand Forks Saturday noon, Grand Forks residents will have only one way of judging the actions of those who attend this institution. They judge you only by your actions.

Now if as a body the students act as good sportsmen, the school will get the reflection. The reflection of good sportsmanship does not show up nearly as strong as poor sportsmanship. Poor sportsmanship will reflect a bad name on the school easily. If you can't be a good sport, don't be a poor one.

If a decision of the referee does not satisfy you, don't give vent to your feelings and holler insulting names at the officials. The officials are not trying to rob anyone, they are calling everything as they see it. Competent officials have been engaged, and if they make a mistake, which they are more than apt to do, pass it up as a mistake on their part and not an intentional wrong.

Remember the old adage: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." Remember you're a Bison, and do as the Bison do. Bison are sportsmen.

Editor's Note:—The following is a human interest letter sent out by a Chicago technical school. It was sent to the Spectrum by President Coulter, who felt it well worth publishing. As Dr. Coulter said in concluding his note: "You see I am forty now, and you are seventeen."

Dear Sir: I ran across old Bill Smith downtown today,—I have known him since I was a kid. Got to talking about old times, and he recalled to my memory some of the old happenings that had entirely slipped my mind.

Bill was the one who told me how foolish I was to give up school for a dollar a day job. But, I was a smart young man then, (I thought) about seventeen, and I considered him an old fogey and his advice no good.

He didn't say anything about that today, perhaps he didn't remember it as well as I, for I had to learn my mistake—to pay the price like so many boys do. Why, I did everything to keep body and soul together and a dime in my pocket. And if I had spent the same energy in study, which I should have done, I would have found myself ten years sooner. I had to work during the day and study at night to pay for my mistake—to make up for lost time—to secure an education that was cashable.

But that's the way it goes. At seventeen we know more than our parents; at forty we begin to find out how little we do know. And, now I see that I cannot get too much training and so I am studying harder than ever. I believe I have found the value of study—I have decided that I will always be a student.

Bill Smith was about forty when he gave me that advice, but strange to say, he himself never followed it. Some people are that way. Its that difference.

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Inquiring Reporter

One of the features of the Bison of 1926 was a Bison Ace section. Each class, except the Freshmen, voted for eight Bison Aces from their representative classes. The 1927 Bison staff decided to eliminate this section. The Inquiring Reporter has obtained several opinions from students and faculty members regarding the advisability of discontinuing this section. The bulk of the opinion seems to vindicate the staff in substituting the Limerick contest for the Bison Ace section. Although last year's contest was an improvement over popularity contest held in other years, the students and faculty seem to disfavor these contests.

If you have a question that you would like to have answered, drop it in the Spectrum box and we will endeavor to get opinions from students and faculty members on the subject.

M. A. Cramer, better known as "Rough-house", says: "A really representative Ace section should contain about 60 per cent of the students on the campus. Fully that many are active in schol activities. It is too much of a task to honestly pick out just a few of these that are leaders."

"A number of students are doing as much work as the Bison Aces," states Wallace Mattson, conference editor of the Spectrum, "but their work does not cometo light."

An interview was obtained from the officers of the R. O. T. C. They informed us that the Aces who were elected last year displayed their leadership in the military department. The real leaders should receive such honors as being placed in the Ace section, as it is an incentive for them to continue their leadership. The officers of the military department are in a good position to judge the leadership of students. Leaders are soon promoted. Why not give leaders in other departments their just dues?

Miss Emily Dakin, manager of the college book store, states: "The students that have all the merits of popularity do not win, as do the ones that have the largest number of followers. The contest causes ill-feeling and does anything but promote good fellowship."

COULD A PROF DO THIS DURING MID TERM EXAMS?

A news hound had gotten into the engineering building and had reached the second floor unbeknown to the janitor. He heard familiar strains of victrola music. Wandering, and with his nose in the air for scandal, he negotiated the third floor of that venerable structure. He no longer wandered but wondered. In 36-point bold the headline "Jazz emanates from Seat of Learning" loomed on his mental horizon. No—not personal enough. "Professor Takes Charleston Lessons in Private Office" would be better. The reporter congratulated himself on a "scoop."

Sad delusion. It was but a Saturday class of student architects working over-time to the accompaniment of a heroic little victrola. Persevering, persevering, perspiring draftsmen, they take their recreation in diluted form. But their work, does it not suffer, you ask? The story the news hound sent back to the Spectrum slipped luckily by the editor and into the basket along with a story on "How to Make the Bee Lay an Extra Jar of Honey." The legman, on probing the usual rendezvous of his copy found it there.

Remniently, he read "Architects

erect penciled towers and auditoriums to syncopated notes of 'Five Feet Two, Eyes of Blue'; Towers show no faulty Pisan angles, however, and auditoriums are lacking in 'local color.'"

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By Ebony Blott—Himself.
"Chicago is in a terrible state," said Slip Shod who has just returned from a sojourn in that city. We don't know whether the state is a condition or a province.

Slip says that all the gunmen have to don orange colored uniforms so they wont make a mistake and shoot themselves.

He insists that Chicago policemen have to bribe the badmen so they wont be molested on duty.

After bemoaning the evil aspects of the windy city, Slip reached in his traveling bag and proudly exhibited a bar of soap and four towels which, he said he "hooked" from a hotel.

The dentist gave his patient chloroform and began to extract molars. "Hetty, dear," moaned the victim, "Your pancakes are just as tough as ever."

THE WAGES OF SIN MAY BE DEATH, BUT YOU ONLY GET ONE PAY CHECK.

The faculty en masse, battered against the door of the Bison office. Under the tutelage of an experienced leader they were chanting over and over: "Sell us a Bison! Sell us a Bison!" Inside forty men, staunch and true, were attempting to accede to the demands of the multitude—and then—and then Carrie must have woke up.

Swimming may develop a beautiful figure, but so does a beautiful figure develop an awful lot of swimming.

SAVE YOUR TEARS FOR AMANDA SWEEP SHE ANSWERED AN AD FOR A HUSBAND—CHEAP. HE WAS!

The poor student was hailed by the ticket seller.

"Just a minute," he yelled, "A dollar for the girl."
"Sold!" said a weary voice with a sigh of relief.

Who Isn't Which In America.

Gumm, Chune.—Wheelbarrow engineer and kiddie-kar mechanic. Received initial mechanical experience

Dear Ebony: I was walking down the street last night basking in the tepid February atmosphere when all of a sudden a man knocked me down without a word of warning. His explanation was that he didn't like my looks. I said to myself, very quietly, that he was no gentleman. Are there none to protect me from such as he?
RHEA LAPSE.

Dear Rhea: I can't judge fairly in your case until I learn all particulars. If he was an Irishman it was merely a patriotic expression. If he was a Scotchman it was a waste of energy. Please let me know what street this was on also.

Lim'rick Contest

Wad Thompson is a very popular young man, judging from the bevy of last lines so far sent in to the limerick in his honor. In this, the first contest of the last series, a wonderful opportunity presents itself to those craving fame and fortune. Ebony Blott, the agitating, agravating anthracite hued broom manipulator states that he "wouldn't care a sweep for no portre's job" if he could win that \$15 and get his dusky features in the Bison. Chances are that this fame will be yours, if you will but try. In just three weeks time you will be cursing ungainly oaths, if you don't enter the contest, because you know you could have done better than the winner. We dare you to flood us with last lines to this lim'rick:

We know a young fellow named 'Wad' Of the Bison basketball squad.
He has his own way
Of winning the day—

Send in your last lines by 4 o'clock tonight and cast your eyes on this column in the next issue of the Spectrum for the results.

FUTURE AND PAST GROWTH HERE SHOWN BY COULTER

North Dakota Agricultural college is growing. Its growth is not of the mushroom type that caused prairie towns to plat and pave only for the buffalo grass relators to be left using their lots for burial, and the paving for monumental purposes. No, there are eblue prints and charts in the office of President John Lee Coulter which show a constant and steady growth for the college and for Fargo.

At the close of the school year of 1921, there were 376 students enrolled in the regular full term course. There will be one thousand regular college students by next June. Those enrolled in the industrial and short courses are not included in the above estimates. Were they, the totals in both cases would be doubled. In the five years, there has been an annual increase of about 125 students. With a proportional increase assured, 1930-31 should show the Bison institution with a college enrollment of 2,000 with a total registration of double that number.

Mining and prairie towns that attempted to expand from a frog stage into the one of the ox have usually experienced disappointment for they have no past to go by. The ten year building program soon to be presented by President Coulter to the governing board at Bismarck is based largely on the history of the past and its graphs.

Twenty years ago the City of Fargo requested Professor Slocum of the engineering school here to graph the increase and rate of growth of the city's population. His graph is virtually a prophecy come true. The faded document shows Fargo as having 12,512 people in 1905, with an ultimate population of less than 30,000 for 1926. We have, roughly speaking, 25,000 people at present. Incidentally the water system of the city, for which the blue print was drawn, has been enlarged since its structure upon the population basis of Professor Slocum's chart.

Prep Notes

Triangular Debates Soon.

Friday, February 26, the negative debate team of the N. W. School of Agriculture of Morris, Minn., will debate the home affirmative team on the Child Labor question. Last year our team was met at Morris with a student body four hundred strong. Of course our turnout cannot equal that of the visiting school last year, but we can all be at the debate, ad we mut be, for our debaters have worked hard on this question and deserve our support. Besides we all have enough pride about ourselves to do our best when it comes to showing off our school to the visitors. Plan to be at the debate.

Dancing Party Saturday.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock there will be a Prep School dancing party at the Armory. This dance will give you just the chance you have been looking for to get acquainted with the rest of the students here. The only requirements for attendance at this party are: a determination to dance every dance, a partner, and a ticket. As for the tickets, don't worry about them, for you will be given a chance to buy one from anyone of several fellows selling them. It is not late to make your engagement for this party now. Be sure and remember the night, and remember we are to have god music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood of Devils Lake, visited Friday with their daughter Emmeline.

Mr. A. Vejasa, enroute from Fairdale, N. D., to Circle, Mont., spent Saturday and Sunday in Fargo, visiting his sister Emelia.

Alice Anderson, Lola Reeves, and Agnes Boe pleasantly surprised their friend Emeline Wood Saturday by inviting several of her friends to celebrate her birthday. Genevieve Mahoney from Tolna, N. D., was an out of town guest.

Neighbor: "So John got his B. A. and M. A.?"

John's father: "Yes, but his P. A. still supports him."

Looplights

By Josephine Hosch.

Grand Forks, Feb. 14.—A number of original and novel plans have been made by various campus groups for the Flickertail Follies, all-university vaudeville production, which will be given at the University of North Dakota. Tryouts have been set for Feb. 21, and at that time all entrants will try for positions on the final bill.

Judging will be based on the possibilities of the act rather than its state of perfection at the time of the try-out, although its development will be also be considered, according to Ralph

Curry, who has been named production manager.

Juggling acts, monologues, song and dance acts, have so far been considered, but it is expected that there will be several musical acts entered.

"Hey, Sam, here's that quarter I borrowed from you last year."

"Well, you've kept it so long that I don't know whether or not it's worth while to change my opinion of you just for two bits."

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The picture play "Yorktown" will be presented Tuesday, February 23, at 3:45 in room 210 Agricultural building. The admission will be ten cents.

Coral Pepper and Josephine Howarth attended the Junior Prom at Barnesville last Friday.

Theta Chi announces the pledging of Lizandro Guerra, of Lima, Peru.

Sigma Theta meeting was held at the home of Becky Keene instead of at Mrs. Hunter's on Monday evening.

Marian Bennett has been elected president of Sigma Theta pledges; Agnes Schlanser is vice president, Dorothy Volkmar, treasurer, and Elizabeth Powers, historian.

Original Poetry

EPITAPHS FOR CHEMISTRY STUDENTS.

So here's to the memory of Mortimer Bung
Who made his first arsenic test with his tongue.

This stone is erected for Oliver Hask
Who lighted a match near a hydrogen flask.

And here are the ashes of Simeon Blink
Who emptied some sodium into the sink.

Not a trace did they fiend of Johnny Bedrosian
Who wondered if ether would make an explosion.

Which all goes to show
You're a darn lucky guy
If you come thru the chem course
Just minus an eye. L. S.

ON THE ICE.

Dull and gray the leaden sky
Hangs o'er the steel-blue ice,
Biting sharp the little winds
Youth's glowing blood entice.

Silvery skates flash everywhere,
Silvery tones ring through the air,
As o'er the ice with pep and vim
Swallow-swift the skaters skim.

The night drops down her stars,
And hangs a golden moon,
While in the bonfire's ruby flame
The red fire-roses bloom.

Now let the north lights dance,
Bright frost and snow enhance,
Where o'er the ice their voices gay
The lithsome skaters dart and sway.
—Alice Ione Huntley.

Grand March Opens Eleventh Annual Military Function

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Through the day the decorations committee, headed by Clyde Challey, and recruited from almost every officer in the cadet corps, are transforming the armory for the scene of the ball. A central dome and false ceiling are being worked out in the national colors, and an interesting display of army equipment is being incorporated in the decorations.

Coming as it does on the eve of the historic Nodak-Bison basketball series, the Military Ball's date has proven an awkward arrangement, no doubt, for some students. "Scabbard and Blade regrets that such a conflict of events should take place," said Llewelyn Howell, captain of the fraternity, "but this arrangement was unavoidable. This was the only week end when the armory floor was not in use until the latter part of March. To have postponed the ball until then would have meant running in competition with the Junior Prom."

SCABARD AND BLADE INITIATE THREE

Scabbard and Blade fraternity announces the formal initiation of Earl Griffith of Carrington, and Thomas Canniff and Jack Knapp of Fargo to active membership, and of Captain Albert Andrews to honorary membership.

Student Opinion

"COW COLLEGE."

We are getting tired of reference to our "Cow College education"—yes, every one of us is sore about it.

As a student of professional pharmacy, I feel that the name "Agricultural College" does not properly represent the type of work at this institution.

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of the name "A. C." to people who insist that we have received an agricultural education and feel sure that the many graduates of Pharmacy, Chemistry, Engineering, Home Economics, Science and Literature, etc., are in the same frame of mind. Iowa State College, Penn State, Michigan, have prospered under their new names and are rated among the leading colleges. Why do we not

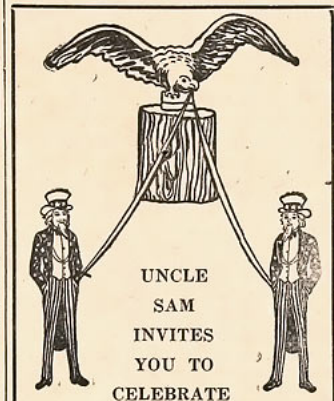
change our name to the North Dakota State College?

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