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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A few days ago a young man who intends to enter college next year spent the week-end with his brother who is a student at the North Dakota Agricultural College. The morning after his arrival they started on a tour of inspection of the college campus and buildings. Proceeding up the main walk the older man pointed out the various buildings and gave their names. Passing beyond the Administration building he pointed to the Mechanics Arts building, Science Hall and the imposing big Chemistry building. Farther on he pointed out Francis Hall, the Vet building and the new Dairy building.

"But," said the younger man, "I don't quite understand." What do you mean by the various names of the buildings you have just pointed out?"

"The names in a general way correspond to the schools or departments in the college and the classes offered are largely confined to the corresponding buildings," the brother replied.

"Is it true then that you have courses in engineering, chemistry and science and literature besides a course in agriculture?" asked the visitor.

"Indeed, yes. The school of Agriculture is but one of eight distinct schools, each offering complete courses in a particular field of knowledge," replied the older brother.

"Why, then, do they call this institution an agricultural college?" queried the puzzled visitor.

And the brother was at a loss to explain. If the same question had been put to any student of the college he or she would have been in the same predicament.

In his convocation address on Tuesday morning we believe that President Coulter threw down the gauntlet to the students, faculty and Board of Administration on the matter of a name for this institution. The writer may not have interpreted his remarks aright but his impressions are that there was a question implied and that was: Does the name, North Dakota Agricultural College, tell what we are to the world outside? Or does it mean the same to thousands of others, who hear that name or read it in the newspaper accounts, almost daily, that it meant to the young man who visited our campus and learned with surprise that there were other courses of instruction besides that of agriculture.

There has been a growing sentiment among the students of this institution which now amounts to almost unanimity that it is high time we were calling a spade a spade or else continue to be misunderstood as to what kind of an institution of learning this college is.

The act of congress establishing and endowing this college defines the character and scope of instruction as follows: "The leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislature of the state may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life."

In plain terms it was thus decreed by the highest legislative authority, both state and national, that the college should become the great school of science and technology of the state of North Dakota for the training of its young men and women in the industrial pursuits.

And, forthwith, they proceeded to name it the North Dakota Agricultural College, restricting the understanding of the nature of the training offered by the qualifying adjective, agricultural. And like a child with an unfortunate name imposed on it when too young to resist we have grown up and accepted the unfortunate title stoically.

But there is the matter of tradition and sentiment. We have been known so long as N. D. A. C. that a sort of holiness seems to gather round the name and forbid any attempts to change it. Tradition is a mighty fine thing but also has its limitations. Tradition has made China what she is today—the most backward of all nations. If Columbus had heeded the traditions of the ancients and been content to stay at home the bison and the Redman would be roaming North Dakota's prairies today. Through the wise provision of the early legislators of this state our college was given a large tract of land upon which we could expand as the growth of the institution warranted. But these same farsighted men imposed a name upon the college which today is hampering its possibilities for expansion and growth because of its restrictive implications.

The teaching of agriculture in all its phases is and should be one of the main objects of this institution for the very foundations of this commonwealth rest upon the success or failure of its majority population, the agriculturalists. But what of mechanic arts and other industrial pursuits for which we offer training in our college? Are they to go unknown because of a name that is a misnomer?

The growth of North Dakota Agricultural College is not keeping pace with that of the state. We have the equipment and teaching personnel. Can it be that the trouble lies in a name?

We think it is. Let's tear down the old antiquated sign that has been so long misleading and adopt one that will either express more fully the true character of our school or at least not be restrictive.

We want a new name.

## TWO ADDITIONAL GAME TABLES FOR Y. M. C. A.

Through the interest of an Agricultural College alumnus, the Y. M. C. A. Board is enabled to announce the placing of two additional Game Tables in its Game Room. The new equipment consists of one pool table and one billiard table, both of high grade, with standard No. 1 playing equipment for each. Twelve Billiard Room Chairs were also included.

The alumnus referred to above did not give the tables to the Association. But he has loaned the money on easy terms, with only the equipment as security. Such security is not acceptable at banks, due to the fact of the rapid depreciation. The great need for more playing space in the game room, and the large number of men desiring to play who could not be accommodated, led the Board to seek some means of providing this service.

The Game Room is not a money-making proposition for the Association, and is not so intended. During this year the cost of operation has exceeded receipts. The charges for playing were cut in three at the beginning of this year. Rates are now ten cents per hour per man when four play, and fifteen cents per hour per man where two play.

The hours are twelve to one o'clock and three-thirty to nine-thirty on Mon-

day to Thursday and twelve until ten-thirty on Friday and Saturday.

## W. A. A. To Be Represented At National Athletic Conf.

That the North Dakota Agricultural College will be represented at the coming Woman's Athletic Conference to be held at Boulder, Colorado, on April 30th was assured this week by the announcement of the Women's Athletic Association here that one and possibly two delegates will be sent from this school. The choice of delegates from the three lower classes was decided upon in order that the benefits of the convention would be felt next year. The expenses of the delegates will be paid by the combined associations.

The growing interest in women's athletics here at the college during the past few years has advanced this department of training to the point where they now feel that their interests are no longer local. By participation in the coming meet it is felt that the interests of the department and the college will receive a greater stimulus and do much toward building up this important part of the college.

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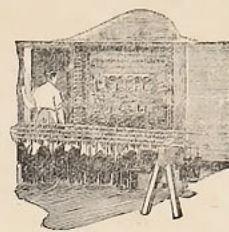
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New Name for Athletic Teams Chosen  
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At last week's meeting of the letter men of the Agricultural College, the new N. D. club completed its organization. The men voted on and approved the temporary and dummy constitution submitted to them by the committee in charge. Committees were appointed to look into the matter of membership pins and they will submit their plans and prices at the next meeting. The entertainment and taking care of the visiting high school basketball ball teams in the coming district and state tournaments here will be in the hands of the letter men, and the committees in charge are going to see that the college makes a good impression on the youngsters. The members officially voted Athletic Director Stanley E. Borleske, and Assistant Coach Fenwick H. Watkins as honorary members of the club and advisors for the coming year.

The college athletic teams in the future will no longer be famed as the fighting Aggies but as the Bissons, the new and official name adopted by the N. D. club to be taken by our teams from now on. The name will no doubt sound queer to us for a while, but when we once become used to its usage we can be proud to have our teams play under the name of the staunchest and most persistent fighters of the plains in the early days. The name of Bison has been incorporated in our natural history and college song and though "Hushed upon the boundless prairies, is the bison's thundering tread," its dauntless spirit and domination will still continue to be carried throughout our annals and the future to come, by N. D. A. C. athletic teams. Through custom and imitation most of the colleges are known by some animal, flower, or bird in which they find traits to admire, as our sister school up the river. This week will undoubtedly prove conclusively to U. N. D. how big a flickertail looks under the foot of a bison.

Robert H. Black, in charge of grain cleaning investigations for the United States Department of Agriculture, will conduct a four day grain cleaning demonstration in the machinery hall of the Barracks, March 7, 8, 9, and 10. Students in agriculture, special winter's term for elevator managers, and all others interested in the important problem of grain cleaning will find it well worth their while to attend the special sessions. The various machines perfected for the separation of weed and seed grain will be tried out with some of the worst samples obtainable by the staff for the benefit of those interested.

**STUDENT RELIEF PASSES  
 HUNDRED MARK—**  
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C. is to be asked to contribute what he or she feels able to give towards this most worthy cause. The funds collected will be turned over to Major F. B. Carrithers, treasurer, and forwarded through regular channels to the Student Relief Commission.

In line with the relief movement Miss Pearl Dinan of the English department asked the students of her classes to present a paper on the subject. Many of the compositions turned in were unusually good, among the best being those by John Johnson and Ethel Hutchison.

Mr. Johnson's paper has been printed and will be found in another page of this issue.

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**Campus Comments**

William Fiske of Hunter spent Sunday with his brother Clarence.

Mr. W. Bute of Wahpeton spent the last of the week with his son, Earl.

Smestead was at his eight o'clock class five minutes early, Thursday morning. "Sign of the times?"

Alpha Kappa Phi fraternity will entertain at an informal dancing party at the chapter house tonight.

Achoth Sorority announces the formal initiation of the following members: Viola Larson, Dorothy Tucker, Emma Barnes, Rose Lane, and Edna Johnson.

Ralph Eggert arrived from Valley City in time Friday eve to see the U. N. D. bite the dust in the opening game of the series.

"We can live without music, pictures, and books.  
"But live, we cannot, and do without cooks."

Merritte Tindall spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Matt. The younger clerical extract played with the St. Cloud Normal quint against the Moorhead Teachers on Friday night.

Bill Bina's million-and-a-half dollar smile adorns our campus walks. "Couldn't miss the U. N. D.—Aggie scrap if I had to come all the way from Conway" remarked Bill.

From the University Student of last week:  
"This man Flem of the Aggies seems to be built on the "Dead-Eye Dick" plan. Of the 43 points collected by him, he contributed 31 from the foul line."

Many of the more ardent and thrifty supporters of the varsity warriors will spend their weary way northward today via the blinds and "Freight cars from the city" as guests of Jim Hill. Let's pray that the cons don't catch them.

"Benny" Martin, who some time ago had the misfortune of contracting scarlet fever, is coming along in fine shape and is patiently waiting for the day of his release from the romantic pest house.

Agnes Parsons, formerly a student here, was numbered among the University contingent that journeyed to our city to root for the Flickertails. Miss Parsons was he guest of Mildred Fraser during her stay in the city.

Harry Critchfield left his happy home near Hunter long enough to spend Saturday and Sunday with the Rho boys. Harry still looks the same and is even more of a hustler than ever.

The Alpha Gamma Rho and Theta Chi fraternities are without housekeepers, temporarily. Mrs. Noyes of the A. G. R. slipped on the icy sidewalk while returning from the game Saturday night, spraining her arm severely. The Flu epidemic claimed Mrs. Barry, faithful watcher of the Theta Chi's physical welfare as one of its victims.

**BISSONS AND FLICKERTAILS—**  
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annexed eight field goals against four for the Aggies. His 16 perfect tosses in the second game kept the defeat from being a complete rout in the visitors favor, as they scored 11 field goals against two by the local team.

Outweighed several pounds to the man the Aggie tossers could only offer a vain fight to the plunging driving tactics of the larger team. As it was, although outweighed and, a greater part of the time, outthought, the Aggies might have captured both contests, had the team not completely lost its shooting ability. The team, which had been scoring sensationally in previous contests, was unable to find the hoop. Captain Sivertson scored two field goals in the first contest and did not connect once in the second game. Hildre, who had just started to earn a named as a scorer, was unable to connect during the whole series. This hard-working center's play fell down considerably in the first contest and Coach Watkins started Murphy in the second contest.

Except in the first half of the second contest, when the Aggies matched field goal for field goal with the University, the story of the series is largely a tale of Flem scoring free throws to balance the field counters of the University five. Flem started the scoring in the first game and counted three free tosses before Burkman opened for the University with a field goal. He scored another before the half ended and Brodie made two, while Busdicker and Sinclair each made one. Wilson made the first field goal for the Aggies and Sivertson came through with a long field goal a short time later. In the meantime Flem kept counting regularly on free throws so the first half ended with a knotted tally, 13 to 13.

In the second half Burkman started out by missing a free throw. Although he scored three goals from the field and played a sensational game, Burkman had miserable luck with his foul shooting. He missed more than half of his tries. Flem again counted first in the second half, putting the Aggies in the lead. He scored twice more before the University counted. Sinclair then scored his second field goal and the Bison margin looked small. Trowbridge received the ball on a perfect pass play and added a double counter for the Aggies. Further play brought more scoring and the count was made 20 to 20. Flem scored for the Aggies and Sivertson got his other field goal, making the count 23 for the Aggies. Burkman got a free throw and made the visitors' total 21. With one minute left to play a personal was called on Wilson and Burkman counted again for the Flickertails. The game ended with both teams fighting desperately.

The second contest was much like the first, the University fouling, repeatedly, missing their free throws and scoring consistently from the field while Flem bore the brunt of the tallying for the Bisons. The summary of 11 field goals against two shows the extent to which the University outplayed the local team. The first half in this contest ended 11 to 7 for the Aggies. In this half Trowbridge and Flem scored field goals to balance similar counters by Busdicker and Brodie and Flem earned the lead by besting Burkman in crossing free throws.

Although Coach Davis' crew greatly outweigh the Aggies, supporters of the Bison crew feel that the University

will find real opposition in the two return games to be played at Grand Forks this week. If the Aggies can only find their shooting form the games should be closely contested.

Summary of play in both games.

**North Dakota Aggies (23)**

Sivertson, f.	2	0	0	1
Trowbridge, f.	1	0	1	2
Hildre, c.	0	0	1	0
*Murphy, c.	0	0	0	1
Flem, g.	0	15	0	1
Wilson, g.	1	0	2	1
Totals	4	15	6	7

**N. D. University (22)**

Burkman, f.	3	6	2	2
Brodie, f.	2	0	2	1
Busdicker, c.	1	0	2	1
Stenshoel, g.	0	0	3	2
Sinclair, g.	2	0	0	4
*Harris, f.	0	0	0	1
*McCutcheon, f.	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	6	9	11

\*Substitutes.  
Referee: Jackson, Carleton.  
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**N. D. Aggies (20)**

Sivertson, f.	0	0	0	0
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