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## Col. Muller Inspects R. O. T. C. Unit.

Lieut. Col. Muller highly gratified with progress made by unit since last year.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Muller, who is in charge of all R. O. T. C. affairs in the Seventh Corps Area, visited the N. D. A. C. Unit on November 7th and 8th. The Seventh Corps Area includes the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Because of the large amount of territory which must be covered by Lieut. Col. Muller, he had not been able to visit the R. O. T. C. here since last March. At the time of his last visit, the enrollment in the R. O. T. C. was so small that serious doubts were entertained as to whether the unit would be continued by the War Department or withdrawn. At the beginning of the present fiscal year, on July 1st, 1921, it was evident that the available funds for R. O. T. C. work were so small that several units in this corps area would be discontinued. Orders were issued by the War Department to withdraw the R. O. T. C. from the A. C. instructions were received relative to the shipment of all government property on hand and Major Carrithers was informed that, as soon as shipment of property was completed, he would be transferred to S. Dak. A. & M., at Brookings, for duty.

Between the visit of Lieut. Col. Muller in March, and the issuance of the War Department orders for the discontinuance of the R. O. T. C. here, the college faculty had appointed a committee to rearrange the class hours in all departments in order to avoid conflicts and in order to increase the enrollment in the R. O. T. C. Based upon the action taken by the college faculty and the committee, Dean E. S. Keenc took active steps. The War Department received orders as issued. His efforts, together with those of Lieut. Col. Muller, were successful and, on September 1st, a telegram was received from the War Department stating that the unit would be continued.

**Big Change Since Last Visit**  
In view of all that had happened since his visit here in March, Lieut. Col. Muller was especially anxious to visit us this fall to see for himself what changes had taken place and what progress we were making. During his two days here he visited all classes held in the R. O. T. C. and was able to see the work in progress. In addition, he went over all the records with Major Carrithers, checked up on the attendance of the R. O. T. C. members and examined the program of training contemplated for this academic year. He talked, informally, to nearly all the classes during the two days and brought out several points of interest in a new light. At five o'clock on Monday afternoon, Lieut. Col. Muller talked with the cadet officers. He brought to their attention several new ways of increasing the interest in the military training. That evening, he was the guest of Theta Chi Fraternity at their house and was very pleased to be able to meet the students and talk with them.

**Emphasizes Need of Greater Enrollment in Advanced Course.**

On leaving, Tuesday afternoon, en route for the "U", he said, "I am very much pleased to see the great amount of progress which has been made in the R. O. T. C. here. The total enrollment is a matter of gratification to all of us. I do not, however, think that some of the students yet realize the useful instruction which is being given. They have not yet been convinced that the old days of 'drill, drill, drill' are past in the R. O. T. C. You have adopted one of the best, if not the best, R. O. T. C. text books available. But the students still show that they are not giving sufficient time to the preparation of the assigned lessons. They must remember that, before they can be admitted to the Advanced Course with the attendant financial aid, they must have completed the first two years instruction satisfactorily.

That means more than simply being present three days in the week. Keep up the interest in the instruction. Don't let the rest of the college forget that the department is very much alive all the time. I hope, next year, to see forty men in the Advanced Course instead of the ten who are now taking that course."

## FORMER STUDENT KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH.

Word was received in this city on Tuesday of the sudden death of Alvin Colton, former A. C. student caused by the plunge of an airplane which he was riding from an altitude of over one thousand feet. Colton attended the A. C. in 1915, where he took a course in Mechanical Engineering. He entered the service at the beginning of the World War; and reenlisted in the aviation section after being honorably discharged.

According to newspaper dispatches, the plane which Colton was riding went into a tail spin at an altitude of over one thousand feet and crashed near Branacas Beach. The two officers who were riding with Colton were seriously injured in the fall but may recover.

## R. O. T. C. U Petition Scabbard and Blade.

Rapid Growth of Unit and Keen Interest Shown in Work of Department Warrant Establishment of Chapter here. Will Prove Big Factor in Further Development of Military Department.

The earnest desires of many of the older members of the R. O. T. C. Club and the growing sentiment that the rapid growth of the Military Unit at this college warranted the establishment of a chapter of a national honorary military fraternity were found a response last week when, at a specially called session of the R. O. T. C. Club, plans were drawn up for the immediate petitioning of the national, honorary, military fraternity, Scabbard and Blade, for a chapter at the North Dakota Agricultural College. Before an enthusiastic gathering of cadet officers Captain Noble Martin who is a charter member of the chapter or Scabbard and Blade at the University of North Dakota, outlined the requirements and necessary procedure in petitioning for a chapter. It was voted to start action immediately. Committees were appointed to draw up the petition, secure necessary data, letters of recommendation and compile the individual records of the members of the club at once in order that it might be in the hands of the national body when the fraternity meets in convention next month. Major Carrithers has pledged his willingness to assist the R. O. T. C. Club in any way whatever in securing recognition for their petition.

The past record of the R. O. T. C. Club has been one of continuous activity. Its membership is limited to officers of the Military Dept. who are admitted by majority vote. Its purpose has been to foster a spirit of brotherhood, promote the best interests of the department and college and stimulate a greater esprit de corps in the battalion. Its contribution to the social life of the school is in the form of a Military Ball each year and the popular Cadets Hops, informal dances given each Wednesday afternoon from four-thirty to six o'clock.

In petitioning Scabbard and Blade the members of the R. O. T. C. Club feel that they are entitled to careful consideration. The establishment of a chapter in this part of the country would have a most beneficial effect on R. O. T. C. interests in this and other schools. In a young and growing state as this is, where the enrollment of its State College is increasing rapidly each succeeding year the growth and development of a chapter, if established here, would be assured.

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## Stock Judging Team Off to International

**STOCK JUDGERS OFF FOR CHICAGO.**  
Left on Friday for trip thru Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Will visit some of finest stock farms in country as final training before entering ring, Nov. 26th.

Prof. Thompson and his nonpareil squad of Animal Husbandry experts boarded G. N. train, No 28, Friday morning eastward bound for the International Live Stock Show which will be held at Chicago, Nov. 21-26. Altho the big show is yet two weeks away the team is making their start now in order to make stopovers at some of the big stock farms along the way where they will have the opportunity to judge some of the finest rings of purebred livestock anywhere in the country. This will put the finishing touch on their long season of intensive training so that they should arrive in Chicago in the pink of condition.

The members of the team are: Elmer Darling, Harper Brush, Stanley Wilner, Earl Ferguson, Percy Judd, Claude Beldon and Ronald Bentley, alternate. The final choosing of the members was a difficult one as every man of the ten who tried out worked hard and assiduously to win the coveted position. With the remaining men Prof. Thompson should have a good start toward building up an even better team next year.

The first stop will be made at St. Cloud, Minn. where the team will spend a day looking over the fine purebred herd of Leslie Smith and Son. From here they will work south thru Iowa into Wisconsin arriving in Chicago about the twenty-third of November.

The judging contest will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, at which time the A. C. team will compete against teams from twenty-five colleges from all parts of the United States and Canada. Of these the A. C. is one of the smallest; yet in spite of that former "Aggie" teams have made enviable records for themselves. In the estimation of Dean Sheppard it will be a mighty good showing if our team can land a place among the first ten as they are competing with stronger schools from states famous for their fine herds and flocks of purebreds.

The lack of purebred livestock in this state has been an added handicap to the team.

cap to the coach and team in their training period. Several long trips were made out in various parts of the state this fall in order that the men might have the opportunity of judging good purebred stock. Among the places visited were the Marsden and Son farm near Halstad, the Ayler farm near Grandin, the Schroeder farm near Glyndon, the stables of J. P. Finch in this city, and a number of other high class stock farms where much constructive work was done. The cordial hospitality and helpful assistance of the owners of these places was a great factor in the development of the team. These visits gave to the men a broader knowledge of type and form and the many practical reasons and suggestions by the owners were better training than a library of textbooks on the subject.

To Prof. Thompson and his assistant, Albert Severson, must be given much credit for the splendid results attained in creating out of a group of green men a finished team that bids fair to establish a good record at the coming contest. Prof. Thompson has worked early and late, often before breakfast in the morning and into the evening, to bring the team to the highest point of perfection possible. When Prof. Thompson was taken ill and confined to his bed for over a week Prof. Severson shouldered the heavy responsibility along with his regular daily instruction schedule and kept the team hard at it.

And to the men who have worked so faithfully no small amount of praise is due. Reporting a week before school opened this fall when the call went out that we were to have a team, they have been plugging every minute, even when they had to win a place on the team would demand a heavy personal sacrifice of time and money. Few men in the institution have shown more loyalty. There is no activity in the college which demands of its participants a greater financial sacrifice than the stock judging team. Setting aside the fact that the training is a valuable one there are few men in school who would spend fifty dollars of their own money and sacrifice many needed hours of their time to help create a team that will by its very presence at the International Stock Show give added prestige to the college.

## A. C. STUDENTS HAVE CLOSE CALL IN AUTO COLLISION

Otis J. Teal and John Heffelfinger, students in the college course here, had a narrow escape from the undertaker recently. The two men were returning from the American Legion Convention in Kansas City in Prof. Furrott's automobile, which had been in storage at Camp Funston since the close of the war. Teal and Heffelfinger had arranged to drive it back to Fargo on their return from the convention.

Shortly after leaving Madison, Minn. in the evening a car approached from the opposite direction with exceedingly bright lights which seemed to blind Mr. Teal who was at the wheel. After the crash the first thing remembered by Heffelfinger was that he was sitting in the ditch badly jarred up and Teal was lying unconscious close by caused by a blow in the abdomen. The occupants of the Ford touring car which ran into them were not seriously injured but both cars were badly smashed. From the appearance of the wreck it seems remarkable that no one was seriously injured.

## No Place Like Old A. C.

So Say Former Students in Letters TO Friends Here.

We are always glad to hear from the old grads and former students. Particularly so when a letter comes to hand containing a request for the Spectrum with the necessary one dollar and four bits enclosed. But the thing that warms our heart and gives us added pride in the good old name of N. D. A. C. is to receive a letter like the ones mentioned below.

"Dutch" Johnson '21 writes from Detroit, Mich. under date of last month: "Please send the Spectrum. I could not think of doing without it and the weekly happenings it chronicles about affairs and doings at good old A. C. As you probably know Baker and I are working for the same concern and rooming together. Really, Matt, one does not realize the recognition our old chemistry department at the A. C. has till he gets away from home as far as we are here and learn how many men come from there. In the one concern with which I am connected there are five graduates of the A. C. all holding good jobs and making good. It can't help but make you swell up a bit and feel a little prouder of the old school."

And again, when you begin to think that possibly the A. C. hasn't got the equipment or range of possibilities which you desire and the longing comes to go elsewhere, read the extract below from a recent letter to Mr. Geo. Mayoue from Hubert Wolfe, ex-'23 who is now attending Northwestern University, and see if after all perhaps it is the old story that "Distance lends enchantment to the view". Hubert writes particularly concerning the dramatic life in which he took an active part during his two years here: "Let me tell you, George, the talent and work here in dramatics does not begin to compare with that of the Little Country Theatre. Here it's all for glory and notoriety and not the real sincerity and spirit of loyalty to the school that A. C. puts into things."

And just as we are getting ready to go to press a letter arrives from "Hum" Larson at Kansas A. C. where he is finishing his vet course. As one who was always working for the best interests of old A. C., Hamlet's towering figure has been missed this year even in Ceres Hall where he had become almost a permanent fixture on the end of the big soup ladle. Under date of Nov. 13th Ham writes:

Dear Editor and A. C. Friends,

As I go about my duties here I often think of old N. D. A. C. and long to be back there, and now after having received the first copies of points: character of play, setting, lighting effect, costumes, and makeup.

## Women's Athletics Show Marked Increase.

Pronounced Increase in Enrollment necessitates added Equipment and reorganization of Schedule to Meet Demands of Students.

The increase in the college enrollment this year has been reflected by all the departments of the institution. This is particularly true of the Department for Physical Training for Women. Under the capable direction of Miss Ruth Andrews the scope of activities has been increased till this year it embraces many new and interesting features. The most interesting of these has been the introduction of field hockey. With the opening of school three teams were organized consisting of girls from the High School, Freshman class and upper class women, respectively. A court was laid out on the south campus where practice was carried on during days of favorable weather and where later inter-class games were played. The results of these games were:

Frosh..... 3	Preps..... 0
Preps..... 2	Upper class..... 1
Frosh..... 1	Upper class..... 1

Field hockey is a new sport among schools of the Northwest; and its introduction at the A. C. marks the first appearance of the game in this section of the country. Next year it is expected that the sport will be instituted at Moorhead State Teachers College and possibly at other neighboring schools making it possible to arrange for a tournament between the teams of the various institutions.

Field hockey is particularly a woman's sport first introduced into this country from England by Miss Constance Applebee of Bryn Mahr College. As played by the English girl it is a slow, careful game of 35 minute halves lacking the vim and dash which the American girl puts into it. The strenuous nature of the Yankee girl's play has made it necessary to revise the old system shortening the halves to ten minute periods. The interest shown by the girls in the sport has assured its establishment here at the A. C. as one of the major branches of women's athletics. With prospects of games with outside teams next year added interest will undoubtedly be shown by all the girls in an endeavor to make the Varsity.

**Basketball Practice Begun**

This week marked the opening of basketball season when inclement weather confined athletic activities to the gymnasium. Competition for positions on the various class teams and for intramural honors will be keener than ever. Both High School and College Varsity teams have lost but one player each. With the wealth of new material at hand among which are a number of stars from Fargo High School old members will have to exert themselves to hold positions on the team. The Seniors now hold the championship by long odds, but the other college class teams promise stiff opposition in the coming tournament.

The athletic and social life of the department has been greatly stimulated by the organizing last year of the Women's Athletic Association. The charter members of the association were members of the college Varsity basketball team. A definite program has been laid out for the coming year and the season's activities will begin with the initiation of new members chosen from the Varsity hockey team.

A new course established in the department this year which has already proven of much practical value is the Teacher's Course which is intended to give primary instruction to women desiring to teach physical training or coach women's athletic teams in baseball and basketball after leaving school. That there was a desire for such training has been conclusively proven by the fact that already eleven girls have registered for the course.

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## WOMEN'S ATHLETIC SHOW MARKED INCREASE

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the Spectrum I wish it more than ever.

If the tone of a college paper reflects the spirit of the president, faculty and students then A. C. is farther ahead now than it has been for a long time. Such being the case I hope that A. C. may have a steady growth and greater increase of spirit.

But I must tell you about some first impressions of K. S. A. C. The college is located on a long low hill, so quite naturally the school is referred to as "the Hill". On arriving here the first day of registration we found a very elaborate system of red tape awaiting us. I say we for "Bill" Foss met me in St. Paul. Our troubles were taken one but not won. First we had to secure a map of the campus to locate the dean's office where we obtained a call number. The central writing place was the Auditorium where about 1700 students assembled the first day. After waiting till dinner time some assistant to the assistant to registrar came in and informed us we should have dinner first. At 3:15 we were called and the general information blank a sort of copper-tan. The next room cost us \$48. apiece to get and the general information blank which we had to fill out only rivaled what followed. After pondering over the question of color I glanced about the room and noticed 3 Egyptians, 1 Jap, 2 Chinese and several negroes so I concluded that white would be a technical evasion of doubt altho I am (you will admit) a sort of sort of copper-tan. The next room cost us \$48. apiece to get into and \$17, more to get out of. Finally we located our advisor who gave us, all told, 5 passes after which we made 11 tours of the campus getting classrooms located.

In looking over the average student here we find him smaller than those we are used to. It must be a difference of environment and race. (The editor wishes to note here that in all fairness to the students of K. S. A. C. he thinks "Ham" would be able to draw a fairer comparison with the neighboring chimneys and flag-poles,—something at least not quite so far beneath him that it would take binoculars to discover). Our faculty here is strong and facilities for work unexcelled. Kansas has been generous in expenditures for buildings and equipment. All in all we are glad we came

## Inter-Mural

### Basketball Schedule.

Inter-mural basketball schedule.

With the opening of the basketball season on Monday comes the announcement of the following practice schedule as worked out by Frank Roth, Inter-Mural Athletic Manager. The regular playing schedule will be announced next week. The class competition already gives promise of a lively scrap. There is a wealth of untried material in all the classes. Every man who has ever had a basketball in his hands should try out for his class team.

The practice schedule:

Classes are numbered as follows:

- No. 1—College Freshman
- No. 2—College Sophomores
- No. 3—College Juniors
- No. 4—College Seniors
- No. 5—High School
- No. 6—Farm Husbandry
- No. 7—Power Machinery
- No. 8—Military

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Monday: 5 to 6 P.M.—Teams 2 & 5

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Fred Wilson drove to Valley City Saturday morning and spent the week end at his home.

Noble says it pays to advertise. Ask him about it and then see "Wilkie" for rates in our weekly sheet.

Less Fiske visited friends over the week end, and showed the boys at the Rho house how easily his kid brother could be put thru his paces.

"Max" Matters stopped at the Theta Chi house on Tuesday enroute to Detroit, Mich where he has accepted a position with the Acme Paint Company in their chemical laboratory.

Miss Winifred Wygal, Student Field Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has been a campus visitor the last

Supt. J. G. Moore of the Fargo Public Schools addressed the Educational Club Monday afternoon on the subject, "Selection of Teachers" discussing the topic from the viewpoint of an employer. Supt. Moore gave many valuable suggestions to prospective teachers in regard to first experiences in taking up their work in a new place.

Delta Phi Beta rushees and their gentlemen friends were merry guests of the sorority on Tuesday evening at a Waffle Party given at the home of Miss Mildred Fraser, 618-5th St. No. Cards and dancing were the order of the evening with waffles that rivaled "Grandma's" as the headliner on the bill of fare

A new organization has been born on the campus which probably needs an introduction to most of us. It is none other than the Agricultural College Education Club consisting of thirty members of the Educational Dept. A study of general and vocational educational questions and the promotion of the student's interests in preparation for the teaching field is the object of the organization.

on Wednesday he was bereft of his adenoids and tonsils. The severity of this loss was augmented by a previous disaster in which it is rumored Mort lost his heart. From his bed in the hospital "Ernie" informed the Spectrum reporter that the latter loss was attended with far less pain than the former.

In a recent communication from an Eastern friend, Dr. Putnam was informed that the future of the shimmy was shaky.

Edith Challey breaks out with one of those million dollar smiles on Monday morning. Conclusion drawn: "Mike" spends week-end with the Rho boys. Second conclusion drawn: Amount of actual time spent at the chapter house was pretty weak.

Among the new appearances of old faces on the campus last week were "Larimore" Ed Eastgate and "Bob" Gardner. Both of these well-known gentlemen have signified their earnest intention of taking up the term's work—what's left of it.

Mrs. George Rusk, Mrs. Fred Olsen and Mrs. Walter Stockwell entertained the active members, pledges and rushees of Achota Sorority at a dinner party Saturday, Nov. 12th, at the home of Mrs. Stockwell, 404 13th St., So.

Phi Upsilon Omicron was host to the Freshmen Home Economics girls

response from the new students in the department. Last Thursday the rookies were issued orders and a healthy dose of advice; being reminded that there could be things much worse and that after the first hundred years there was nothing to it.

For the latest method of preparing mustard plaster see Seth Weica. He knows.

What's in a name? Fish berries may not denote fish food, but—is it not true that a fish that does not eat fish berries is a poor fish. Watch out! Someone may be fishing you.

Delta Phi Beta Sorority entertained the other college sororities, girls of the Freshman class and their gentlemen escorts at a dancing party in the College Armory on Friday last. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all dancing to the classy music dispensed by Prescott's Orchestra. Patrons and patronesses of the evening were Pres. and Mrs. J. L. Coulter, Prof. and Mrs. Alfred G. Arvold and Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Parrott.

Another joyful event of the week was the annual Sophomore Cotillion given in the Armory on Saturday evening. The annual was a success in every way and does credit to the class of '24. Farrell's Music Makers gave us their best which goes without saying that it was mighty good. Patron and patronesses of the evening were Pres. and Mrs. J. L. Coulter, Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Parrott and Prof. and Mrs. O. O. Churchill.

Mel Seamons is now a full-fledged brother in Alpha Kappa Phi passing successfully thru his initiation on Monday evening.

Alpha Kappa Phi gave a theatre party at the Grand on Thursday evening for some of the men of the Freshmen class. Following the show the party adjourned to the house where the remainder of the evening was spent in cards closing with light refreshments.

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