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IF I WERE A FRESHMAN

(By Pres. J. H. Worst)

What would I do if I were a Freshman? Well, that depends. Looking backward through a long vista of years, my viewpoint must differ materially from what it was during a certain eventful autumn many years ago. Then I should, like you, have spoken in a spirit of prophecy. Now I may speak as an adviser. Nevertheless, as a reverend friend of mine once said to me: "If you were young again, you'd act like other young fellows." In other words, if I were a Freshman, I'd be like some other Freshmen,—confident, possibly egotistical, if not capricious. I think, however, I should try mighty hard to get out of the Freshmen class and into the sophomore class in just one year and be a first grade sophomore at that.

I should also set a standard of ethics that would stand the severest test, and cultivate habits of punctuality and diligence that would govern my life ever after; for good habits are a true index to character, and once established are as difficult to break as bad habits are difficult to overcome. I would not ape anybody or anything. I would be myself. I should command the respect of the faculty by honest and strict decorum, and at the same time have a good time. Mark the expression, a good time.

I should also avail myself of at least one of the voluntary side-lines of improvement, such as dramatics, debate or athletics, but not to the detriment of any of my class standings.

Oh yes, I would do many things that so many boys fail to do, and I would omit doing many things some boys indulge in—including cigarettes. Moreover, you will all some day feel just about as I now feel about this Freshmen business. Try then to look back toward yourselves, and act this year as you some day will wish you had acted.



CONFESSION OF A FRESHMAN

(Stanley Abbot—'17)

As far back as I can remember I have always looked forward to a college career and to the enjoyment of a college life. I remember that whenever I saw a big, handsome fellow or an agreeable-looking young woman, I immediately associated them with a college. During my Senior year at High School, I decided for a certainty that I was going to college, and the institution that I picked out as my choice was the North Dakota Agricultural College. From that time until I saw the college and had gotten acquainted, the question was ever coming up, what will it look like? Will the campus be attractive? How will I be treated and will I have to go through that torture called initiation? All summer as I was working away on the farm, being many times alone, I would build up in my mind gorgeous pictures of how I thought the campus buildings would look, how the walks and drives were laid out, or if it were built on the plan of a big farm.

Finally the big day of my life came and loaded up with everything I thought I would ever need and with many a handshake and good wish, I started for college. How happy I was and how anxious I was to get there. Fortunately I met a couple of A. C. fellows on the train who told me where I might find a room and what street car to take to get there. I arrived in Fargo about 10 o'clock and as I stepped onto Broadway and looked north and saw those long rows of cluster lights, the fine paving, the well-lighted stores and the busy people, I knew without thinking about it that I would like the town and the people. I took the street car as directed and arrived at my rooms safely, took a bath and being quite tired, went to bed at once, but not to sleep. Those eternal questions would ever bob up: Will I like it? Will it be as I have pictured it? Will it fulfill my expectations? Finally, too tired to think any more, I fell asleep.

I woke up rather early and as soon as I thought where I was, I sprang to the window in hopes that I might be able to see the college, for I had been told that it was only a few blocks away. But alas! to my vast disappointment I saw only a few houses scattered here and there, many vacant lots with a "For Sale" sign in front, a sidewalk once in a while, and a row of trees in the distance, behind which loomed up a few buildings that were very indistinct in their outlines. I hurriedly ate my breakfast and walked in the direction of the college, but as I came near to it, I could only see two long rows of trees at right angles and two handsome gate-posts at the corner. I drew near the gates and before going in, I paused and asked myself once more, will it come up to all that I ask of it? I walked through the gates.

The picture that opened itself up went far beyond the wildest of my dreams. Like an oasis in the midst of a desert, so the Agricultural College campus looked to me in comparison to the lonely country just outside its boundary. It was a full minute before I could believe my eyes. The beautiful drive with the rows of trees on either side was indeed good to see. But at the end of the drive was a building whose exterior decorations were far superior to that of any architects making, they were that of nature. The dull yellow brick covered over with the climbing vines made a combination of color and gave to the building a quaintness and peaceful look which was very pleasing to the eye. I looked to the south then and saw the library, built of brownish red stone with the flower beds in front of it, and a water fountain, under which the birds were taking their morning bath. I walked a little farther and came upon a large, three-story building, which I learned later was that branch of the college in which engineering was taught. And so as I walked around the winding walks under the trees, I saw other fine,

WHERE WE SHINE

In athletics, as well as in every other branch in which the Freshmen have entered, they have outdone themselves. Not only have they as many in numbers as any other class, but in some cases they have as many as the other classes combined. This is doing exceedingly well considering the short time that they have been here.

Taking up a few cases specifically to show what has been done by the Freshmen, we find that on the first squad in football there were eight out of twenty men who were Freshmen. They were Bjornson, Mikkelsen, O'dell, Berner, Abbott, Mendenhall, Billing and Jensen. When it is taken into consideration that they have went to work against and overcome the weight and experience of the upper classmen, this is a remarkable record. On the second squad there were seven of the sixteen, there again we held our own with any other class. We will not say what would have happened had there been any interclass football games, but it would have been a pretty safe bet on the Freshmen. According to the prospects and campus talk, we are to be just as well represented in basketball as in football, for we have some very promising material to offer the coach. At the very least we are not to be ignored when it comes to regular basketball and as for the interclass basketball games, well, watch out for us.

These few instances show the strength of the Freshmen where strength is needed, but we are right on the spot when it comes to head work, too. On the two debating teams, which represent the Athenian and the Philomathian Literary societies, we find that three out of six are Freshmen, they are Dixon, Mendenhall and Porter. We do not mean to offend the upper classmen but we think that it is time for them to wake up or they will be pushed out completely by the time that we are Sophomores. In the above named literary societies, thirty-five per cent of their members are Freshmen, which proves that the upper classmen certainly recognize their talent brains. We are also well represented in the Engineering society and on the Crack Squad and about fifty per cent of the Freshmen boys have joined the Y. M. C. A. And so taken as a whole, the Freshmen have imbedded themselves quite deeply into the various branches of the college work.

large buildings. I took particular notice of a large, flat, triangular athletic field with its football grid iron, its baseball diamond, and the cinder track around the whole. Beyond that of that was a high hedge which did service as a fence as well as to give to the entire field a rather seclusive appearance. Then went over to the experiments farm and saw the well-kept dairies and horse barns. The sheep, pigs and poultry interested me not little, for I had been told that the received more care than do some people. I also saw the deer whiff over there.

I next went out in the garden and my! such a sight to see. Everything was so orderly and neat. Not weed to be seen, but rows and rows of vegetables and grains of every variety were in abundance, each one being numbered and named so that its record might easily be looked up. Going a little farther I saw rows of well trimmed hedges and an orchard of young fruit trees. Everything was just a little better than I had imagined it and couldn't keep from saying to myself about every other minute, "Isn't this fine! It could be better." But best of all was the treatment given me, a poor insignificant "Freshie." Instead of putting me through the initiation stunt I was shown around and made feel at home. And college, instead of being a big, lonely place, we made a home that I might enjoy. And thus my questions were answered and my dreams fulfilled. I will always be thankful that came to the dear, old A. C.

"Y" MEMBERSHIP

During the past week Y. M. C. A. membership cards have been issued from the office in the Mechanic Arts building. These cards are evidence of membership in good standing here, and are honored for visitor's privilege at every Y. M. C. A. in the country.

The secretary reports that new members are coming in every day and that the total number who have joined during the year is already well past the two hundred, and promises to go beyond all previous records for past years.

Joining the Association, here, does not mean the outright buying of so many privileges, as such, but signifies that the man who takes out membership thereby signifies his approval of the purposes of the Association and the work which it is doing.

The freshman class has shown a hearty approval of the work of the Y. M. C. A. for the current year, and it is now regarded by those in charge of the membership that before the Fall term is over the majority of the men in the freshman year will be members of the Association. Many of the strongest men in the class are at the present time members of the organization and are taking an active part in the promotive work here in the college.

JOINT DEBATE FRIDAY

All is in readiness for the big Joint Debate to be held at the Armory on next Friday night all A. C. students reserve that date and come out and hear the workings of your government discussed. This will perhaps be the best chance that the students will have this year to learn about conditions in their own state and also find out how the new Commission Form of Government will work. This is a new question that is before the American public of today and the question "Resolved that North Dakota shall adopt the Commission plan of state government" will be interesting to all. The Athenians will uphold the affirmative side of the argument and here we find one of the worthy Freshmen a member on the team. The Athenians have investigated into this subject and have three or four different kinds of state government to propose, they have also worked out the present system to its minutest detail and have it all ready to show you, its faults and its good points. The Philo who uphold the negative side of the question, have traced the Commission form from its first mention, down to now and are prepared to make it clearly understandable for those present, to know exactly the fault and the good points of the form.

The Freshman Class

(By Worth Couey)

What mighty noise is this you hear.
As you begin the new school-year?
Such tramping feet and lusty shouts,
Such capers and such friendly bouts,
Who are these strenuous looking chaps,
With satchels, trunks, and other traps?
Who march right up to Ceres Hall
And for the registrar to call.
And who, you ask, are these fair girls,
Whose sparkling eyes, and saucy curls
You don't remember having seen
When last the campus here turned green?

The newborn freshman class has come
To set the pace, and make things hum,
To swell your ranks a hundred fold,
Their future thoughts, and lives to mould.
They look upon your spacious grounds
Where walks, and drives, and trees abound,
With stately buildings here and there
And think: "Such luck, that we should share
And share alike with those before
And those to come for evermore."

The doughty class of '17
Oh, mark you now! We're not so green!
Just wait till we have caught the stride,
Then watch us cast all fear aside
And take our stand for old A. C.,
Her students, and her faculty.
What latent talents we will find
Reposing in our untried minds,
No one can prophesy the same,
But some, perhaps, will rise to fame,
And none will e'er regret the hours
They spent at this dear school of ours.
Here's to the class of '17
Come! Pledge to keep its record clean.
Resolve to strive with all your might
To face the world, and win the fight.

actly the fault and the good points of the form.

This debate is the sixth annual debate between these societies and this year the silver loving cup will either go to the Philo for good or go to the Athenians until the next debate, the Philo won the debate

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VACATION PROCLAMATION

We the Freshmen class of the North Dakota Agricultural College, thankful to the faculty and the officers of administration for small favors and to our fellow students for various courtesies extended us, have decided to give all students a vacation, the same to begin at twelve a. m. on Saturday, December the twentieth to continue until Monday, January the fifth, when on that date we shall again expect all classes to convene as usual and we will not be responsible for any absences of either students or faculty after or on that date. Instructors shall assign no class work to be done during the period above specified. We grant the students and faculty the right and urge them to make Thursday, December the twenty-fifth, a day of joy and gladness and Sunday, December the twenty-eighth, a day of rest and thankfulness and Thursday, the first of January, nineteen hundred and fourteen as a day of good resolutions to be kept throughout the year.

(Signed)
THE FRESHMAN CLASS

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The Sophomores came to school upon a sunny day; their books hung heavy in their hands, and their throats were O so gay. But when they saw the Freshmen class stand ready for the fight; they stopped to think of what would happen, if a war broke out—"Good night!"

Our challenge rang from every voice, and echoed o'er the lee. Their order was, without a pause: "bout face, this is no place for we!"

I'll bet Dr. Reynolds won't try to slip the Freshmen any more of that dope until Dr. Van Es and the Lieutenant stop attending the faculty meetings. Thanks to Dr. Van Es and the Lieutenant.

PRIZE COMPETITION

The athletic board offers a prize of five dollars to the student designing the most appropriate athletic monogram. The monogram must consist of either one or more of the following letters or combination of letters, N. D. A. C. Any number of designs may be presented by one student. The shape and form of the monogram rather than the color scheme will form the chief basis of award. It is well to remember however, that the official athletic colors are gray and maroon and the college colors green and yellow. The design must be in the hands of Prof. O. W. Dynes by noon, Saturday, December 6th. The committee empowered to select the monogram consists of Coach Wood, Prof. Slocum and Prof. Dynes.

Miss Dorothy Hutchinson of La Moure visited with her sister Margaret last week.

Miss Elsie Fraase spent Thanksgiving at her home near Alice.

The student who did not go home for Thanksgiving spent a very pleasant day at Ceres hall. A four-course dinner was served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with carnations. Music by the orchestra was highly appreciated by the diners. After the dinner all adjourned to the parlors where a social time was enjoyed by all.

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EXCHANGES

Prof. to a Freshie: "You flunked that quiz yesterday, so come around tomorrow and take a special."

Freshie: "Well, what was the trouble?"

Prof.: "It was that note book that I told you to hand in before Friday if you wanted to pass the subject. Didn't I say I would flunk you if it wasn't in?"

Freshie: "Yes, but seeing I didn't keep my promise, I'll not hold you to yours."

Prof. Ladd is complaining of the spelling of several Freshmen. Some papers went in containing the word "Chemystery." Perhaps there's a reason.

A Prof. from Wild Rice during the teachers' convention: "Who is that affectionate couple that you can always see about the campus?"

Freshman: "Why, I'm not exactly sure as to whom you are referring." (Still thinking.)

Prof.: "Very well, but by the way, would you kindly refer me to the instructor, who, I understand, is posted on kindergarten methods?"

Freshman: "O, surely, Prof. Reynolds."

The questions we had and the answers we gave on "Study Methods" exam:

Q. 1: How should your light be during study hours?

Ans.: The light should be out until we get home from the shows.

Q. 2: What should be your attitude while studying?

Ans.: Ischi bible! We should worry if we had you alone tonight.

Q. 3: What can you say of thatful perusal?

Ans.: Nothing, I'm waisting time now.

Q. 4: What is the value of careful expression?

Ans.: It often avoids a misunderstanding with a professor.

Q. 5: Tell what you have derived from the course?

Ans.: You'd get sore if I did. Half the lies we've told ain't true.

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"Don't send my boy to Harvard," A dying mother said, "Don't send him to Wisconsin, I'd rather see him dead. But send him to the A. C., It's better than old Yale, But rather than the F. C., I'd see him first in jail."

Mutterings of a Sophomore, as he was sent out of Botany lab: "Oh, well, I should worry like the other cabbage plants and lose my head."

What made Cleamens blush in the "Sunset"? Because he's used to seeing the "Moonrise."

Feminine Argumentation

Prof. Ladd: "Will water burn?" Miss Barchus: "No, of course not."

Prof.: "Well, why not?" Miss B.: "Because it's wet."

There once was a fellow named Abbott, Who did not resemble a rabbit. In botany he bluffed, And sadly he muffed, Which is an extremely bad babit.

A senior stood by the gate at midnight, His head was in a whirl, His lips were sore from kissing, And his arms were full of curls.

The following notice occupied a conspicuous space on the bulletin board in Science Hall: "To the young man who let the wind out of my bicycle tires. He is known. If said wind is not returned within twenty-four hours, he will be prosecuted." —Dr. H. Airon Hard."

A FIFTEEN MINUTE FARCE

Entitled, "Shall We Do It?" Presented by upper classmen.

Place, A. C. Time, Secret.

Act I; Scene I:

Senior, Junior, Sophomore: "What manner of man is this Freshman? Verily, he doth seem a comer. We must humble his pride."

Sophomore (shaking): "I fear my fate."

Junior: "And I."

Senior: "Discretion is the better part of valor."

All: "Sh! Mums the word!"

Exit all. Sophomore fainting in arms of Senior.

TO THE DANCEOMANIAC.

(Sung to tune of Casey Jones)

Lord knows we're tired of the Turkey trot And the Bunny Hug and Lord knows what. Devise a dance for the names below Start up the band and let 'er go: The Wozzie Bug Wiggle or Gorilla Glide, The Racoon Wriggle or the Satyr Slide, The Ban Ape Amble or the Possum Prance, The Gargoyle Gambol or the Dodo Dance.

The Gibbon Gyro or the Codfish Cuddle, The Cat of Cairo or the Hippo Huddle, The Heron Hustle or the Scorpion Skip, The Bivalve Bustle or the Rhino Rip, The Rattlesnake Race or the Rabies Rifle, The Penguin Pace or the Peewee Piffle, And if this aint enough to stop your breath, Go dance your darn fool self to death. —Exchange.

Henry Reddy, formerly of the chemistry department and now at Cooperstown, spent the last end of last week here. He came down for Thanksgiving and the Alpha Mu party.

Lloyd Worst is a visitor this week.

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Miss Theresa Howland spent Thanksgiving at her home at Staples, Minn.



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