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There has been a movement started in the Freshmen class that, if it comes to a successful consummation, will give this institution a new building. Spurred by the fact that the legislature did not give us the necessary means with which to erect any new buildings for at least two years the Freshmen are considered the feasibility of organizing their class into a little army of solicitors and collecting enough money to build a suitable building for student use only.

The plan is a most commendable one. The need and advantages of such a building is to apparent to the student body to calls for discussion here. However it may be said that the plan is to erect a suitable building and apportion the space up between the different student organizations of the college. For instance it is planned to employ the upper floor for a general assembly room, the first and second floors for the literary societies and the Y. M. and Y. W. associations, while the basement and the remainder of the building is to be used for any purpose that the student body may will.

The securing of the necessary funds should not be a difficult task. If all the students, present and past, the faculty, the alumni and the friends of the institution would contribute a reasonable sum the building could be easily erected. Every student, present or past, should not hesitate to contribute liberally towards such a commendable undertaking. Here too would be an excellent opportunity for the friends of the students and the college to show their friendliness.

The class of 1914, consisting of over seventy members, could do nothing better for themselves and their fellow students than to affect an active organization and begin at once to make this much needed building a reality. Large buildings at other institutions have been built as a result of student effort and why cannot we do as well. The Spectrum can not to heartily endorse the movement. Think the matter over. Do not procrastinate. Strike out and the building will arise as a monument to your enterprise.

Attention is called to the fact that with the beginning of this term the ruling made by the faculty regarding attendance a drill and band practice goes into effect. This is a matter that students should not let escape from their memory as its effect may prove embarrassing. The faculty ruled that five willful absences from drill or band practice is sufficient cause for dismissal from the institution. Sickness is the only excuse which will be accepted for these absences. However this ruling does not apply to band members who are serving extra time.

The end of the winter term marks the end of the school career of a group of young men — the Farm Husbandry Men — whom we are sorry to see leave us. They are men who, altho not taking a college course, have been among the most active in our college activities, men who by doing things have shown their ability to cope with any obstacle which may come in their way. These young men will all go out over the state to spread the doctrine of better farming and also to advertise the old A. C. We have faith in these men. We believe it will be only a matter of a few years until they will be leaders in the affairs of the state. Our best wishes go with them. We only hope that many of them will come back and take longer courses of study to prepare for a life of still greater usefulness.

That the military spirit of the young men at this institution is on the increase may be judged by citing but one instance — the attendance of band members at all military functions. During the term just passed, the records show that 93 per cent of the non-commissioned members of the band never missed a single military function. This particular division is mentioned because of the fact that about one half of the above number have served their

time and do not have to appear unless they choose. The cadet attendance at all military functions has never been better.

A decided interest is at last being shown in the reciprocity treaty with Canada now pending. The foremost men of the state are becoming alarmed over the situation, so much so that they are making a strenuous effort to get the citizens of the state into convention and to make a concerted stand against this measure. The newspapers of the state have been enlisted in an effort to urge the people to get together. A state convention has been called to meet in Grand Forks on April 4th, for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed best to prevent the ratification of the so-called Reciprocity with Canada.

From the Fargo Forum we clip the following which deals with the proposed reciprocity with Canada. Read it.

"Here are some of the beauties of Canadian reciprocity. The farmer gets it in the neck. The consumer gets no benefits. Was the consumer consulted —

When they retained a duty of 50 cents per barrel on flour? (To keep the miller from hollering.)

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When they retained a duty on iron ore of 10 cents, and a duty of 15 cents on coal? (To prevent British capital from starting a competing steel trust in Canada.)

When they retained a duty of 11 cents per hundredweight on cement? (To keep a number of interests from hollering.)

When they cheapened paper to the newspapers \$5 per ton? (To keep THEM hollering for their scheme.)

When they traded off the comforts, happiness and prosperity of one-third of our people for a wider field of extension for their steel trust and its progeny, and an increased tonnage for their railroads?

WHAT A MOST "BENEFICENT SWAP FOR THE FARMER!"

For the sake of renewing old acquaintances we would be pleased to meet some 2 or 3 of our reporters. We appreciate the fact that laboratory and class room requirement have carved deeply into your time, and now comes spring with its almost irresistible charm to claim the remainder of your waking moments. It is not our plan to annihilate any of the above mentioned forces. To these we reluctantly submit. We cannot, however, keep from pining to see the entire staff at least once each week. We are still at the same old stand, first door to the left as you enter the mechanical building. Drop in!

The Farmer's Institute Annual for the past year is now being distributed. This is a large book containing nearly 400 pages and is filled to the brim with articles of timely interest to farmers and students most of the articles being written by the foremost agriculturist in the Northwest. Copies of the annual can be secured by sending ten cents in stamps to A. Hovestad, Supt. North Dakota Farmers' Institute, Agricultural College, N. Dak.

President Worst returned Sunday morning from Beach, N. D. where he went to address the Missouri Slope Educational Association. Two addresses were given, one on the subject Agriculture in the Public Schools, the other Education for the Masses.

Alma Erickson hopes to be able to continue her studies here during the spring term.

It is a pretty unpopular Senior these days that does not receive some confidential matter from teachers agency or Sears and Roebuck.

Kansas University will graduate its first woman lawyer this spring.

The senior class rings arrived Monday morning by express and came C. O. D. Up to the present writing some of the class are still trying to touch their friends for enough to satisfy the heartless and uncompromising express company. This is a tough and unappreciative old world to drop a senior into. The cash is required of them just the same as any other ignominious.

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One of the instructors is reported as being quite seriously ill as a result of over work due to his trying to over work his classes. (Aside—Haw! Haw! Haw!). This should be a warning to the remaining instructors. What's life without health? A word to the wise is sufficient.

Miss Olive Porter who was called home during the winter because of sickness in her family has returned and will continue her studies during the spring term.

Supt. L. R. Waldron of the Dickinson Experiment station was a guest of his brother, Sunday and Monday of this week.

A lack of funds may cause the discontinuance of intercollegiate debating at the University of Wisconsin.

There are but thirty students from west of the Mississippi in Yale's freshman class.

Out of the thirty five men belonging to the first band twelve never missed a single rehearsal during the winter term. Those who did miss did so because of good reasons.

Supt. Porter and Assistant Supt. Johnson leave this week to oversee the demonstrations farms in different parts of the state.

"Few Professors are any good when it comes down to delivering an interesting address"—Dr. Batt (at the Grand). Thank you Dr. We made the same observation years ago, but lacked the nerve to express it. Again we thank you.

Miss Halland entertained a number of the sorority girls during the week.

Prof. McMeans has the greenhouses well stocked with flowers and plants that will be transferred to the beds on the campus when ever the weather will permit it.

At Michigan, men have been trying out for the chess and checker teams. They expect to play intercollegiate games by mail.

Dr. James K. Paterson, President of the University of Kentucky, has recently retired. In point of service, he is the oldest college president in America, the duration of career being forty years.

For the first time in some years the creamery will be open and in operation during the spring term. During the winter the available room is fully taken up by the students of the short courses, a fact which prevents the long course men from taking the prescribed work in this line. This spring two classes will be taught the buttermaking art. One class will be made up of gentlemen and the other class will be made up of young ladies of the Domestic Science department.

Last week one of Prof. Martin's dairy students Mr. Ted Latzring was sent to Rosebud, N. D. to take charge of a creamery at that place. Two other students of Prof. Martin's have creamery propositions before them for consideration and will probably accept the offers before the close of the week. The interest in dairying thruout the state is becoming more pronounced daily, and with it a demand for young men to take charge of creameries. There is a good opportunity for young men who come here and diligently study dairying and become proficient in the art under Prof. Martin.

Adolph, the proud defender of Germany's greatness, may be seen on our most beautiful days drawing the reins over the peachiest team of drivers in Fargo. That they are equine beauties even the most biased will admit. The most embarrassing thing to Adolph is that they are not German products. Their beauty, gracefulness and amiable disposition seems to point strongly to the fact that their ancestors came originally from the Emerald Isle.

We glory in the strength of a grid-iron hero. Their fearless, majestic charge against an equally muscular opponent never fails to command admiration. It is hard to picture one who could completely subdue them and lead them about at will. One would hardly look to tiny Cupid to accomplish such a feat, yet this, has been the case recently with one of the guards of last seasons team. Lynch, the right guard, whom his opponents learned to thoroughly respect is the latest whom Cupid has tackled and put out of the game. The final championship contest occurred last week at Drayton, N. D. and Lynch was led from the field completely outclassed, while the score keeper chalked up another victory for Cupid. Lynch is now in the has-been-class, for he will not be able to "come back" at least his new coach Mrs. Lynch nee Alvira Swanson advises against such an attempt and seems to prefer to star Mr. Lynch in domestic life. Old guard, there is still a place in our ranks for you but list to the advice of your new coach and our blessings will go with you.

No rest for the Juniors these days. They are making use of every minute which they would put on their studies by working on the Agassiz. Almost any time of the day or night the board will be found grinding away in their room in the library.

Our Ceres Hall reporter is enjoying herself at her home near Gardner while we are putting out this issue of the Spectrum. This accounts for the absence of Ceres Hall notes in this issue. For this reason our readers will have to forgive us if we have omitted any great events which may have occurred in that territory the last few days.

A dog's head suspected of rabies has been sent to the Vet Dept. from Wishek, N. D. for diagnosis. An outbreak occurred in this territory last year.

The Society Editor and Miss Hoover were a part of the Registrar's staff during vacation.

Prof. Martin, head of the Dairy Department, is much in demand as a speaker on dairy subjects before the numerous dairy meets thruout the state. Last week he spoke at Coulee, N. D. on Cheese-making and Friday of this week is to speak at Park River on the same subject. He received a call to Lakota for the 29th, but could not comply.

Donald Dike entertained two acquaintances from Northfield, Minnesota last Thursday. Northfield is Mr. Dike's old home.

Mr. Roy Boyd is the proud possessor of a new Ludwig all metal drum. A merry contest is now anticipated between the two snare drummers of the first band.

We are pleased to report the convalescence of Mrs. Putnam who during the past two weeks has been seriously ill.

Mr. Whitson enjoyed a visit from two out-of-town friends Thursday. To mention facts these friends were young ladies.

Miss Mattie Kurtz, last Friday morning before breakfast, left for her home in Hazelton, N. D. where a short vacation visit will be enjoyed before resuming the work of the spring term.

Mr. Schrantz has just secured a high grade Buffet Boehm system B flat cornet.

Clarence Waldron, with pardonable pride, takes pleasure these days in expounding the merits of his new S. R. & Co's wheel.

During the week Dr. Dolt entertained several ladies and gentlemen at tea in his elegantly furnished room on 11th Ave. S.

Prof. Beckwith spent last Thursday at Rugby doing work in soil investigation.

Mr. Einerson of Milton, the father of John Einerson who graduated with the Farm Husbandry class, was one of the guests at the Farm Husbandry graduation exercises.

Prof. Bergman left yesterday for Williston, to stay for a few days. His mission was to do some seed inspection at that place.

Last Tuesday the Juniors met to close the Junior Prom affairs and discuss some method of entertaining the Seniors some time next term.

Farm operations began on the College Farm Thursday. Discing, however, was the only thing attempted.

Miss Eulalia Blanco, who has had the misfortune of missing the considerable portion of the winter term thru illness, was permitted to leave the hospital last Wednesday. After making a two days visit with her friends at Ceres Hall and the College, Miss Blanco left for her home at Edgeley, N. D. We regret to report that Miss Blanco will not be with us this term.

Mr. Horace Rueber, imbued with brotherly love, has been busily engaged during vacation in making his brother, the Coach, a large oak bookcase which when completed will be a beauty. It is to be presented to the coach as a present (with the hopes of receiving twenty five bones in return). It is rumored that the Coach, having now a pretty complete collection of furniture, has turned his attention to collecting rugs and fine china. This is but another indication that Coaches are human and have domestic tendencies as well as other people. Congratulations in advance.

Mr. T. H. Kristianson who during the past winter has been taking special work at this institution, left Thursday for McLeod, N. D. Mr. Kristianson is superintendent of the McLeod Sub-Station. This Station has distinctly different conditions under which to labor when compared to the other Stations, being located in a region comprised largely of a very sandy soil. Work is under way at this place with a view to making this region capable for producing profitable crops. The outlook at the present is promising.

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**PERSONALS**

Mr. Dean Mendenhall left Thursday for Langdon, N. D., where he goes to accept a position with the Langdon Sub-Station, under the supervision of Mr. Ed. Stewart. Mendenhall will resume his studies at this institution next fall.

The Veterinary department is making preparation for the manufacture of mallein. This article is furnished free to those who ask for it. Heretofore all the Mallein used in the state was obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington.

Miss Laurentzen, the winner of second prize in the High School declamatory contest, departed for her home in far off Saskatchewan at the end of the winter term.

Mable and Marion Cox are feasting at their home in Fairmount during vacation.

Robert Pearson was showing his sister of Amenia and other friends around the campus last Monday evening.

Ole Neraal had the good fortune last Friday to recover his wheel which was stolen from him last year. The wheel had been repainted and otherwise changed but plenty of earmarks had been left for Ole to identify it.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ of Leal were graduate from the Farm Husbandry course and to see what we are doing at this institution.

Mr. Critchfield of the Stallion Registration Board started last week on a tour of the state in connection with his duties on this board which will take about five and a half months. The trips will be made in an automobile.

Prof. Miller of the Bology department is doing seed inspection work on the Fargo Southwestern, now while the other work is not pressing.

Mrs. J. Kuhlman Jr. and Frank Ereiline were friends of Anton Christ who attended the graduation exercises.

Coach Rueber's baseball team is in grave danger of being overshadowed by the Barrett "Cubs." From early morn until evendite these recruits are developing curves and fancy passes that defy description. As a mirth producing squad they easily carry off the penant.

During vacation the population of Ceres Hall fell off to the extent that there were scarcely enough left to conduct a conversation.

Miss Beatrice Alm spent the short vacation period at her home in Hankinson, N. D. Miss Alm returned laden with a generous supply of toothsome tibits for a number of her college friends.

Among those who are having no vacation nowadays are the seed inspectors in the seed laboratory. A thousand samples are now coming in weekly. Each sample requires considerable time to examine as to purity and germination so the amount of labor necessary to take care of them all is hard to imagine.

Prof. Miller, of the Biology Department, gave a demonstration before the Washington Neighborhood Club on some features of gardening. This club is organized on the Social Center plan for School Houses. Twice a month some prominent speakers is secured after which they have refreshments and a social session where the parents and others in the neighborhood can get acquainted.

The English Department has just closed a busy season. During the past term it has had the rather stupendous task of directing mixed nationalities into the use of good English as well as an appreciation of the best in literature. In all 335 made a study of English during the winter term. Of this number 60 were in the regular college courses, 225 in the High School courses and 50 in the Sub-Preparatory courses. The 335 students were divided into 21 classes and taught by seven instructors during the winter term.

Last Saturday evening the members of the M.A.R.S' Club gave a concert at Wheatland under the auspices of the eighth grade of the public school at that place. This club is made up of young men, musically inclined, who are members of Mrs. Callender's Sunday School class at the First M. E. church. Ten of the members of this club are A. C. students. The club has a band consisting of 18 pieces, an orchestra of 10 pieces and a glee club of 14 members. The band and orchestra are under the direction of Dr. Putnam while the Glee club is under the direction of Prof. Stevens. The Orchestra supplies the music at the Sunday School exercises every Sunday morning at the M. E. church.

Among those who will be missed at Ceres Hall in the spring term will be the Misses Margaret and Asta Mikkelsen who left for their home at Garske Friday morning.

Prof. Arvold left last Wednesday for points in Minnesota and Wisconsin on matters pertaining to his department.

A number of our students, agriculturally inclined and otherwise, attended the farmers institute in Moorhead held by the good seed train special having speakers from the Minnesota School of Agriculture last Saturday.

More flax screening, which is claimed have killed cattle, are coming in to the Chemistry department to be analyzed. The Chemistry Department may cooperate with the Veterinary Department and conduct some feeding experiments with these screenings so pharmacodynamic observations can be made so as to ascertain their physiological effect on the animal.

Tomorrow evening the Polytechnic Society meets for their bi-weekly meeting. This time the address will be by Prof. Beckwith on the "Bacteriological Purification of Sewage." This is a science which has developed greatly in the last few years. Prof. Beckwith has given a large amount of study on this subject. As classes will not start in earnest before this time all students should make it a point to hear this lecture.

Among those who attended the Farm Husbandry banquet and graduation exercises was Mrs. Smith, the mother of R. H. Smith of Hope.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. Chas. R. Adams of the First Presbyterian Church has become indirectly a part of the Agricultural College Experimental Staff. Dr. Adams is assisting Prof. E. S. Keene in the collecting of data concerning the relative humidity of dwellings. The amount of reliable information on this subject is very limited and it is desired to measure the humidity of dwellings that are heated with various kinds of heating plants with a view of comparing their results. At present data is being collected from buildings heated by hot air, hot water of dwellings has an appreciable effect on the health of the occupants, therefore the data secured should be of particular interest.

Mrs. Robinson, the mother of Earl Robinson, of Stirum and Mrs. Campbell his sister, were here to see Earl graduate.

Ethel Roberts who is taking the housekeepers course was one of the young ladies who completed their work for the year with the end of the winter term. She will return next year to continue her work.

Quite a number of the students who are spending their vacation here made use of their spare time by seeing "Polly of the Circus" Friday evening.

Edwin Evingson was entertaining his sister from Kindred the last of the week.

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