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Semester vs. Quarter

Sinner Explains Board's Position

by Butch Molm

George "Bud" Sinner, a member of the Board of Higher Education, spent two hours last Friday afternoon trying to explain his position and the Board's position on its decision to change all of the colleges of the state to the semester system.

"As far as the argument of which system is better, I don't know who is right," said Sinner. The legislature made it mandatory for us to make a decision on the question. We had to come up with a uniform system within the state."

"Everybody on the Board has a different opinion," explained Sinner, "as to why we should go on the semester system. I can only tell you my own opinion."

"I don't care if all the other schools in the nation are tending toward the quarter system, we have to deal with what works best in this state," said Sinner. "In the semester there will be less administrative costs, the faculty will have to spend less time counseling, making tests and registering students, the transition of a student from a two-year to a four-year school will be easier, student teaching will be more in line with secondary and primary schools, and we will be able to make course comparisons between the schools more easily."

"Most important," said Sinner, "is the course fragmentation offered in the quarter system. This is damaging to education, it leads to a frantic sort of life. There is a lack of correlation of ideas and related subjects. We need not to fragment, but to correlate."

In answering queries about the Common Market trying to be set up among NDSU, MSC, and Concordia, Sinner replied, "I feel badly that the three schools have not reached a basic understanding. It makes more sense for the three schools in this area to be coordinated than for NDSU to be coordinated with the rest of the state. But, I cannot plead exception for NDSU considering where the idea for the Common Market is now. It's made very little progress in the last few years."

"I want you to know that this decision is a Board policy not a law. It can be changed. But, the Board is not going to change its decision very easily," said Sinner. "If the students have an opinion on anything they should voice it through their student government."

"The Board has tried to be receptive to student opinions, but this debate has been going on. When issues are before the Board, students should present their opinions then," Sinner explained.

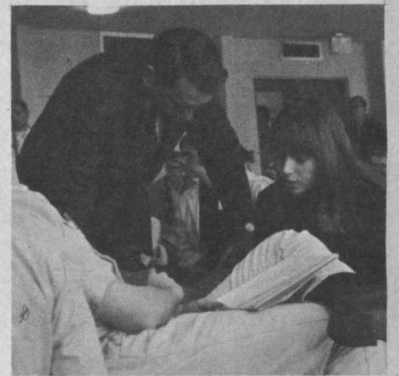
"We should have a better means of communication. Student government should have presented an opinion a long time ago. I'm sure the Board will reconsider if enough petitions are signed," said Sinner. "But I'm tired of people who have to run a poll every time an issue comes up. I feel that way about petitions. I like reasons better. I want to know reasons. I think students have affected many changes here and I hope if the students do bring something before the Board that it will listen."

Sue Schneiderhan, a student who is collecting petition signatures against the change, stated that a majority of students didn't know the debate was going on. "The Board could have contacted the student newspaper about the approaching decision," she said.

Russ Myers, advisor to the YMCA, had this question. "Is there a study on the reasons for changing to the semester put out by the Board? I think this is needed," Myers said. "I think you should have something that implies that, 'We respect you enough to let you know. We consider you human beings.' We need to know the why's, not just what you are doing, and saying that it is good," concluded Myers. Sinner agreed and noted it in his notebook.

The change in credit hours will be on a two-thirds basis. Three credit hours in the quarter system will become two credit hours in the semester system.

It was asked if there is going to be a change in the number of credit hours of prerequisites for graduation. The University Curri-



Bud Sinner talks to Sue Schneiderhan about the semester/quarter controversy. (Photo by Casperson)

culum Committee has requested that there be as few one and two credit hour courses offered as possible.

Does this mean that a three credit hour prerequisite in the quarter system will be changed to a three credit hour prerequisite in the semester system? Does this mean that there will be more time consumed in getting prerequisites out of the way?

A faculty member stated that it is difficult to set up a curriculum now because of proposed credit hour changes and nobody knowing exactly what they are going to do. Yet all curriculums have to be submitted by March 1. Many have asked if there couldn't be an extension of time before the system was put into effect.

In answering student questions about the wide range of courses offered in the quarter system, and the possibility of changing majors being easier in the quarter system, Sinner replied, "I'm convinced that a lot of courses could be combined into one. With shorter terms, there is probably less chance for synthesized understanding of the course."

"I'm not convinced," said Sinner, "that the person who has a smattering of everything is the best educated. But, I do think Liberal Arts is needed more than ever. I don't want a bunch of technicians running the country."



Students pass the time in registration lines for Winter Quarter. (Photo by N. Johnson)

Econ. Profs Sweat Out Student Critics

by Butch Molm

Criticism by students has risen this past week concerning the methods used by the Business Economics Club in assuring attendance at their quarterly banquet. Students in bus. econ. classes were charged \$3 for the banquet which then gave them 20 points toward their final grade. "I can't see paying \$3 for points toward my final grade," said Mike Nesvig, a bus. econ. student. "Methods used by the club involve an infringement of student rights."

Instructors attempted to defend their position. One of the advisors, John Borland, had this to say about the inquiry of an infringement of student rights.

"The Club is definitely something the bus. econ. people show

an interest and participate in. The class gives students the theory while they get outside ideas and practical aspects from business and labor leaders in a seminar.

"We ask the students to attend this banquet seminar or, as an alternative, write a six page report," said Borland. "We did not require them to pay \$3 and come to the banquet, but they did have to hear the lecture or write the alternative report."

"If a student didn't do either, he would lose no more than ten points. It isn't fair to say the \$3 went to build up the Club. The dinner cost \$2.75 a plate and the rest went for expenses," said Borland.

Borland said he thought he had a legitimate right to ask the students to do something out of class. He also thought the banquet gave the club's officers a chance to try their organizational abilities.

"I feel the students got something for their money, it wasn't unjust," said Borland. "Some of them might have felt harassed, but that's because I wanted them to go. I think 90 per cent of the students felt it worthwhile."

Don Myrold, chief advisor to the club, said, in answering student charges, "The banquet seminar is part of the professional upgrading of the bus. econ. department. It isn't an excessive demand. I've thought of having just a seminar, but I thought the banquet would make it more glamorous and colorful than just having it in Minard 418."

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Common Market Of Education Goes Beyond Blueprint Stage

by Nikki Welch

A program designed to realize all educational possibilities, make maximum use of the educational dollar and broaden the horizons of students enrolled in the three colleges in Fargo-Moorhead has passed beyond the blueprint stage and is now in routine operation.

It is the Common Market of Education or Tri-College University, instituted to permit and encourage students enrolled at either NDSU, MSC or Concordia to take a course at one of the other two institutions for regular credit. Participation is generally limited to one course per term and must be a course not offered at the student's own college.

To enroll, a student obtains permission from the registrar at his own institution and usually also from the registrar of the other school. He completes all other registration requirements at the first meeting of the class he wishes to take.

Because SU and MSC operate on the quarter system and Concordia on semesters, and in order to enable students to satisfactorily work the common market class into the schedule of their "home" university, most classes are offered in the late afternoon or evening.

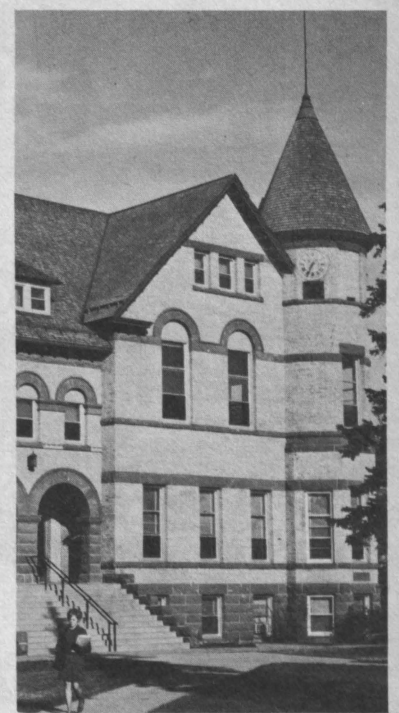
Though in the planning stages for years, it was not until this fall that an actual program of about 100 courses was devised by the three institutions which students can take without paying additional fees.



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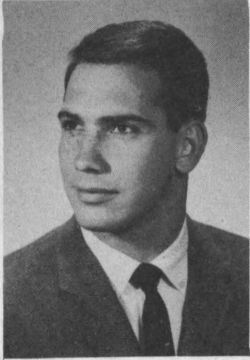


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One Hand Clapping

By Dennis Dau

You have to watch out for those sly conservative types on campus. They're really sneaky. Sometimes I think they're almost as bad as the members of Wheatland's 2nd Lutheran Left-Handed Knitters Club, and that's getting pretty low — even lower than (and this is hard to believe) the vets.

Why, not even the other day I was walking down those sentimental halls of academe (Or was it anemia? I forget sometimes.) when I noticed what looked like a man standing near the wall beside Minard's third floor water fountain. (I say looked like a man because he blended so well into the background that I could hardly distinguish him from the cardboard walls.)

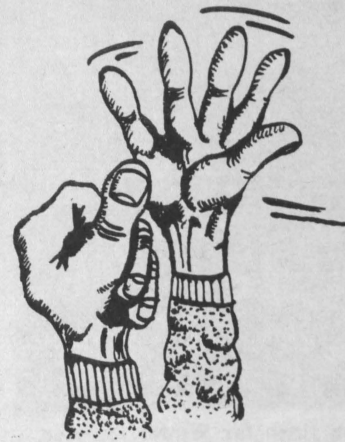
At first I thought it was a practical joke by some faculty member, like the kind they give every once in a while in their classes, and especially near the end of the quarter.

On the other hand, he might have been one of those pastors from the Lutheran Center who, according to some people over there, walked out the door one bright morning two months ago and was never seen or heard from since.

But no, upon closer scrutiny I could see he had cuts at the base of his thumb which undoubtedly had come from the fondling of test papers — something which most teachers develop with age, like Captain Queeg's neurotic rolling of steel balls.

Hence, he couldn't have been a pastor, because if nothing else, pastors are merciful. At least that's partly what they're paid for being.

Sensing that the burden was on



me to cut the ice, I asked who he was, and how he had learned to disappear so conveniently into the woodwork of Minard. But I guess he wanted to remain incognito for a little while longer, hoping a student would stop and ask why I was talking to the wall.

Fortunately for me, everyone else was in class, out getting drunk, or dying, so I stood there, continuing to look into his beady black eyes. Slowly a smile formed on his lips.

"Well, I see I'm caught," he said, obviously in good humor. Then he went on to tell me how he had come to be the academic chameleon that I saw standing there, how after years of tireless service at NDSU he had finally reached that wellspring of security, the associate professorship.

Then the smile of the professor turned into a scowl as a hippie walked by (he had long hair anyway). Instantly, he disappeared, not even leaving a grin.

From what he said, I surmised that the more threatened he became the harder it was to see him. Thus he must have been in

a good mood when I first caught sight of him (a rare moment indeed) otherwise I would have missed him completely, or squashed him if I would have leaned against the wall.

In any case, I will probably never see him again, because he disappeared he muttered something about changing his office hours again.

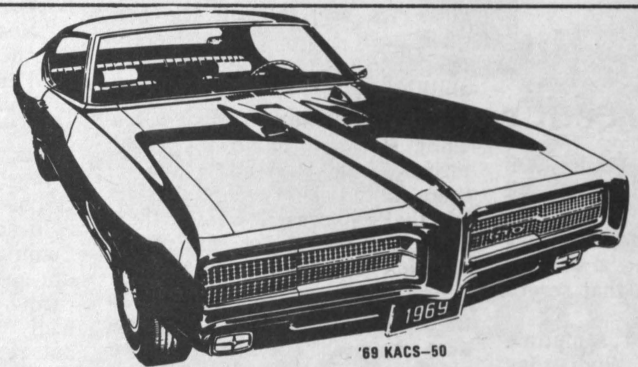
★ ★ ★
Has your food seemed though it was jumping off your plate and biting you lately, and you don't eat in an aquarium? Have you spoken to a good-looking girl in the last six months let alone seen one? Then now the time to buy a food container from the Lutheran Center. They serve suppers Monday through Thursday at 5:30, except during final exams. Fun and games, including solitaire, cribbage, ping pong, and Chinese checkers, are offered after every meal, promising you don't get too rounded.

★ ★ ★
Finally, from the door of room 413A in Minard come these biblical words of wisdom:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some professors are pleasant
And others wear moustaches
And for those of you who are philosophically inclined:
Never eat your own
Potato salad at a
Picnic

Both witticisms sound as though they might have come from the famous (if not well-known) book Quotations of Chairman LBJ, a Western Civ. syllabus, if there is a difference.

Actually, I must apologize a little for all the static I give professors on this campus. Most of them are okay guys at heart though I'd never let my sister marry one.



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Evaluation Designed To Help Instructors

An evaluation of the instructors of the College of Arts and Sciences at NDSU is being carried out by an ad hoc Student Senate committee, headed by Allen Hofmann.

Hofmann emphasized that the evaluation is specifically designed to help instructors. The evaluation will continue for two years under present plans, which consist of three phases:

- 1.) Evaluate teacher as far as

personality and intelligence

- 2.) Evaluate the textbook being used, along with other visual aids.
- 3.) The student then evaluates himself and his attitude toward the subject.

Hofmann also mentioned that certain non-personal statistics received from the evaluation will be released to the public sometime in the future. Statistics received on personal qualities of

Brian Coyle, who is leading a discussion of New Left Perspectives, felt that although his group has a weak beginning, it is getting better now.

"We're getting a sense of direction," said Coyle, who has been actively involved in the New Left and Resistance movements in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Coyle echoed other instructors in welcoming new participants into the Free University.

Unstructured composition of the university encourages participants to join groups at almost any time. Dr. Roland Dille's Contemporary Poetry group decided at its first meeting that participants can drift in and drift out as they wish. Several college instructors are expected to join the poetry session which now includes primarily college students.

Only one course, Guerilla Theatre, has been disbanded, because of conflicts for the instructor.

the teacher will be kept confidential.

In looking at the future, Hofmann called for more workers and said there will be 23,000 questionnaires filled out by students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

He also looks for improvements in the questions asked and in the organization for carrying out the evaluation. Anyone having ideas for improvements is invited to voice them to the ad hoc committee at any time.

"The reactions for administrators and faculty to the evaluation have been very strongly in favor of it," said Hofmann. The evaluation actually was brought up by President Loftsgard and implemented by the Student Senate. Evaluations are being made during class periods with the cooperation of individual teachers.

Hofmann also said there could be no concrete comparisons made until a few quarters have passed and more evaluations are available.

Weekly Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- All Day Fall Quarter Final Exams
- 8:00 p.m. Games Meeting — Agassiz Junior High
- 8:00 p.m. **The Play of Daniel** — Center for the Arts, MSC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- All Day Fall Quarter Final Exams
- 8:00 p.m. **The Fantasticks** — Old Main Auditorium, Concordia
- 8:00 p.m. **The Play of Daniel** — Center for the Arts, MSC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 8:00 p.m. **The Fantasticks** — Old Main Auditorium, Concordia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:00 p.m. **The Fantasticks** — Old Main Auditorium, Concordia

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- All Day Fall Quarter Final Exams
- 8:00 p.m. **The Fantasticks** — Old Main Auditorium, Concordia

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- All Day Fall Quarter Final Exams

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- All Day Fall Quarter Final Exams
- 12:00 noon Fall Quarter Ends

Free University Is Off And Running

Free University is off and running, according to coordinating committee member Mary Alm. With the approaching change in quarters, and the accompanying schedule changes, students and interested persons, are encouraged to investigate the Free University course offerings.

"Many classes can still be picked up," said Miss Alm. "The best way is to call the instructor and find out how to join the class."

One of the most popular seminars thus far is Man and Aggression, led by Dr. Catherine Cater. The group is trying to find out whether man is aggressively hostile... or hostilely aggressive," said Dr. Cater. Her course includes an analysis of Man and Aggression by Ashley Montagu.

Attention NDSU Students And Faculty:

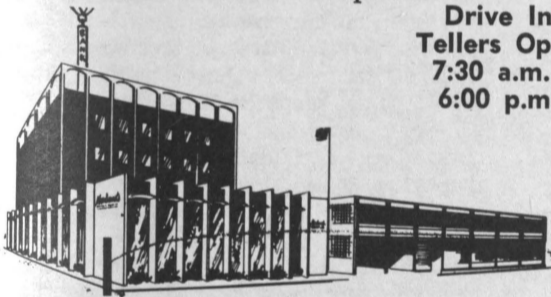
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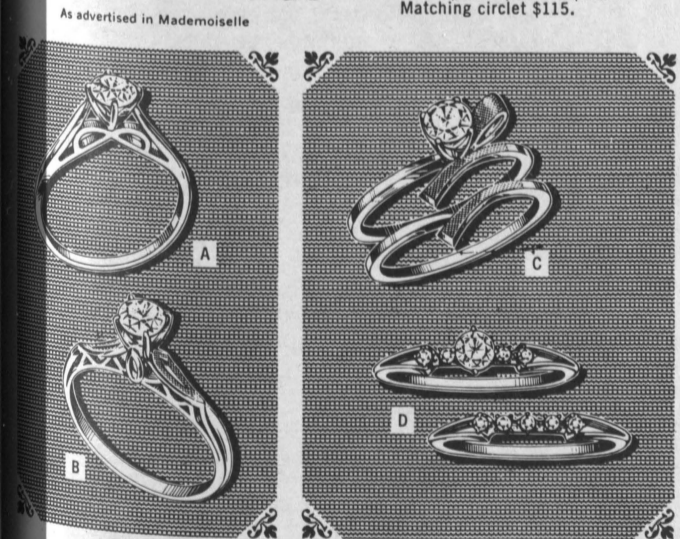


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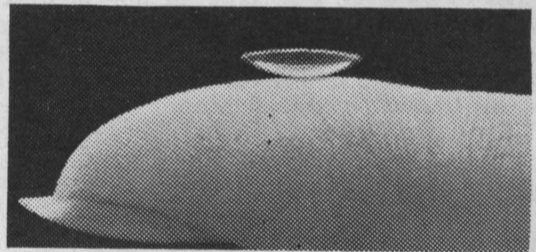
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Editorials

What Now, Senate?

After last week's editorial criticizing Student Senate, the Senators were so incensed they spent most of the week firing back at the Spectrum — and spent that much less time working as Student Senators.

Several Senators even threatened to resign if forced to "undergo this continual browbeating by the Spectrum." Good and Well! Show your colors. Quit when criticized, instead of trying to improve yourself. The Senate will be the better for your having left.

It's unfortunate you're unable to withstand criticism. Did you think your terms would be one long holiday spent afloat on a calm sea? No such luck. I'm rocking your happy little boat. Perhaps it's time to pick up the oars and do a little work.

It's ridiculous you've only met three times this year (your fourth meeting was cancelled when a quorum didn't bother to show up, remember?). A body with as many possibilities and as many responsibilities as you have should meet every week, biweekly at a minimum.

If you don't think there's enough business to keep you busy, come to me or any student. We've got plenty of gripes. Registration is as screwed up as it's ever been. Fargo is thinking of widening University Drive, scalping the front yards of fraternity houses, religious groups, the President's home, Stockbridge and Churchill. What ever happened to the bulletin board and the keggers on the Mall? The campus lighting is bad, girls are leery of walking across it. The landscaping is bad and the architecture worse. Parking spaces are unfairly allotted. The Union and library close too early. Why can't students get any good seats at the football games? Why don't students have a real voice on faculty committees instead of the present tokenism? What about the over zealous impoundment of cars? Why not a student traffic court? Why can't 21 year old married students keep a can of beer in their campus apartments?

There's more too. We've got things for you to do; come and ask us. Do you have office hours when the students from your district can come and see you? Do they know who you are, do you know them?

The fact is, your terms are about two-thirds over and an appraisal of your accomplishments doesn't yield much. Step back yourself and take an honest look at the work you've done. Can you honestly say you've done everything you could as a Senator, that your work has yielded results, you've nothing to be ashamed of? Not many, if any of you, can say that without flinching.

Instead of bemoaning the fact the Spectrum's taken you to task, try to remedy the situation. Really put some hours into your committee work and research. Get involved with the students from your district. Discover their problems and make an attempt to solve them. You've one quarter left.

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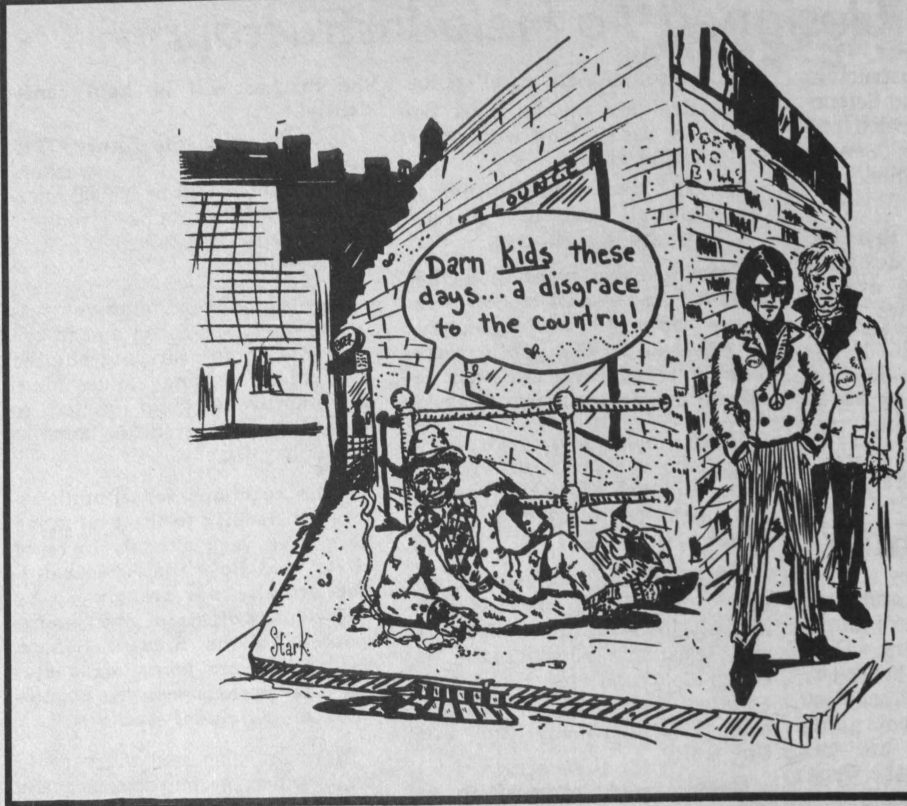
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Guest Editorial - -

Rock A Boat To Get People To Come To The Aid Of Their Party

Russell E. Myers
Executive Director
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Historically, it used to be said, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." This was the politically-inspired slogan to encourage people to get involved in politics some years ago. Another slogan of more recent years, also used for political purposes, but of a somewhat different slant, was "What's good for General Motors is good for the country." The slight difference between these two kinds of slogans is one which says, on the one hand — join us, we need help; and the other, just don't rock the boat.

I've been in a row boat often enough, under some very trying conditions, to know the danger of boat-rocking. I've known for a long time the need for many people to get together if things are to be accomplished. I wish all of life at times could be peaceful, but sometimes the only way to get people "to come to the aid of their party" is to rock a boat. That oftentimes scares the dickens (or worse) out of people.

Immediately they do one of two things: they get concerned enough to try to discover why someone "rocked the boat," or they get filled with panic and endeavor to try to threaten people into not rocking the boat.

The shocking thing to many people is that every so often the "rockers" can't be frightened. A few cases in point: The French Revolution; the American Revolution; the breaking of colonial ties in Africa; etc.

We may very well be in the midst of another such age — I don't think the "rockers" today are going to calm down even with the threat of "30,000 soldiers stationed in our Capital City." I've even heard it said that some of the present day "rockers" should be sent back to school and forced to study a good course in American History, maybe then they would have some respect for our national institutions, etc., etc.

On the other hand I think maybe for those who threaten the youth of today, they, the youth, have had too good an education in American history and they aren't about to buy the hocus-bokum that only the revolutionary acts of the 18th century are worthy of historical — or is it hysterical — reverence.

This nation has been a nation of rebellion; of dissatisfaction with half-way measures proposed by "King Georges" whether they exist in the 18th Century or today, as members of Congress and other political offices.

It was not too many weeks ago that someone said to me, "We certainly are fortunate to be living in a part of the country where these awful problems don't exist." The only real trouble with such a statement is that it assumes that because someone in some part of the country starts "rocking a boat," the same conditions don't exist in other parts of the country — this area for instance.

The hate, prejudice, injustice, discrimination which have spawned the violence of "boat-rock-

ing" in other parts of the USA are present in this area. All that is lacking right now around here is enough concerned people to start "boat-rocking." If the University runs smoothly, or the community of Fargo-Moorhead runs smoothly — what else is important? Let's not get people upset.

To challenge, to question, to raise suspicion only prevents the smooth running of the machine and that means we are all worse off — so goes the argument. When students upset the running of a University, they only punish themselves by stalling the process of "education," whatever that may be.

The fact that something must be wrong, that somehow minds led to a certain degree of awareness feel that they are no longer being stimulated and thus feel they are not receiving a real opportunity to get that nebulous something called "education" is not supposed to be questioned.

Some years ago I spent some months in the mountain area of Idaho. Lots of sheep are raised there. I've driven along highways where flocks of sheep blocked the right-of-way, and I've had to take my time going through those flocks. I've seen one sheep jump at a real or imaginary construction, and every other sheep near him jump the same way, even if the obstacle is no longer there.

How like our society! Examinations must be given, grades must be given, and if each "sheep" doesn't measure up with the same jump he doesn't get his "skin" after 4 years. Whether there is anything that has been handed out which can't be examined, or graded has never been really considered.

Many more similarities can be presented within our modern society: the second grade teacher who is more interested in adult neatness from her children than the correct result of spelling and arithmetic tests; the employer who judges the quality of his junior executives by the country club he wants to join, or the clothes the young man's wife wears; etc., etc.

Those who would change the educational process to build it along lines based on what we already know about how people learn; those who would want to construct our society along lines where people are free to discover their own likes and dislikes; these are probably the modern "boat-rockers." But whether our society, or adult world, or status quo will wake up soon enough to try to discover the real cause of the "boat-rocking" is the really frightening question of the modern age.

It is true that "boat-rocking" is dangerous. We can rock things hard enough to upset the whole business and everything will be washed away into the "drink," and those who probably will lose the most will be those who protest hardest against the "boat-rockers."

But they also are the ones who have a possibility of being able to salvage everything by making it even better if instead of shouting threats at the "rockers" they set out to use what intelligence we already have to change directions, completely if necessary.

Letters To The Editor

"Least We Forget" -- The Other Side, Or Do We Know So Much

To the Editor: Two weeks ago the Spectrum carried an article, "Least We Forget," condemning our method of democracy, our parents and the leaders of this state. Why? Because we, the youth of North Dakota, were not given the right to vote. I too favor lowering the voting age. But let us not condemn our parents and leaders before we have worn their shoes.

We keep harping at them how much more education we have had, how much better informed we are, but are we?

How many of us really take the time to listen to a news broadcast, or do you turn to the first station with the latest rock and roll for five minutes? Do we really read the newspaper? Or do you start at the back with the funnies, the sports, Ann Landers, or

the social spectra to see which of the current flicks has the most revealing scenes?

Or if you are really informed, how many of us have really lived? By this I mean how many of us ever have had to really work for the shirt on our backs, or the food in the cooking pot? All the books and education in the world will never do a man any good, unless he really knows what it means to live as an adult and have responsibility to others.

You say, we didn't have the right to vote for the administrations that put us in Vietnam. True. But remember, we are informed; so naturally we understand what communism is and know we cannot sit back and watch until it starts taking hold of the United States. Either we stop it there, or our sons and daughters may someday have to stop it here.

During World War II, our fathers didn't want to go to war either, but they did to keep this country free for we who were to be their sons and daughters. Now it is our turn. Maybe we didn't vote for this war, but our parents did. Unless your parents are different than mine, they love their sons and daughters as much as my parents love me. My parents don't want me to die in Vietnam, but someday I may be there helping to keep my country free; and my parents know that we must stop it there. If I may quote the late John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Let us look at another light. How many of us actually took the time to campaign for the lowering of the voting age. Or did we expect it to be handed to us on a silver platter? I as well as anyone else am guilty on this point. Many of our generation are content to sit back and let someone else do that which is above and beyond what we actually have to do to get by.

Recently, the State Board of Education passed a ruling that all state-supported schools shall convert to the semester system in the Fall of 1970. Many students are against this, perhaps even a majority. But they say it is done, it cannot be changed. But maybe it can.

Right now, on this campus there are students who are not going to take a back seat. They have drawn up a petition to stay on the quarter system. Maybe this alone will not change the ruling, but if you favor the quarter system, give these students your support. Maybe if a vast majority of the students sign, the board will change its ruling. Write your respective congressmen, if they know we, the youth, care, from our letters and petitions they will take it before the legislature.

Maybe the next time the question of lowering the voting age comes to the polls it will pass. Why? Because our parents and leaders will know that we, the youth of this great state of North Dakota and this country, really do care about the political affairs of our state and our country.

Clayton E. Schott

Musings On Joan Primeau & The Socialist Workers Party

To The Editor: I would like to offer my objective conclusions to one Joan Primeau and her efforts to thwart our selective service system through her weekly articles.

I question Miss Primeau's prudence in dealing with our draft-age men in such a subversive manner. I am referring to her call for turning in and even burning one's draft card, as a symbolic gesture of cooperation with the so-called "Resistance Movement."

In a day of demonstrations and protests, to be able to demonstrate the greatest attribute of citizenship — service to one's country; a demonstration of pride and faith — would seem a more appropriate course of action to pursue. But of course, Miss Primeau wouldn't be interested in such fuzzy sentimentality.

But Miss Primeau has her reasons. She was a Presidential Elector in North Dakota, for the Socialist Workers Party. The SWP, as quotes from Dave Thorstad, SWP candidate for Congress in Minnesota 5th District, is upon her belief in "Wars of national liberation," in which they advocate victory over America in Vietnam.

The SWP also gives "full support" to the Black Panthers, and promotes racial rioting as a sign of progress toward militant Black Nationalism." Naturally enough, Mr. Thorstad said that student revolts had his full backing.

I had the opportunity to speak at Moorhead State College with Mike Fladland, in behalf of Gov. Wallace and the American Independent Party. Mr. Thorstad was representing the Socialist Workers Party. He also had with

him a collegian associate from St. Paul, Minnesota.

He had a stand set up with such timely literature as "Che Guevara" books, as well as words of "inspiration" in paperback form from the late Malcom X. In conversing with the representative, I was musing over why the SWP didn't join ranks with the Communist Party — instead of this splinter faction of the Communist dogma?

He enthusiastically "enlightened" me with the fact that the Communist Party follows the autocratic Stalinist trend, while the SWP believes in the Leninist form of Communism, which he defined as being "democratic." When I asked him what countries would be examples of this "democratic" Communism, he volunteered Red China and Cuba.

Which brings us back to one Joan Primeau and her crusade against the immoral war in Vietnam. I can't help but wonder why she chooses to shroud her Communist leanings in a mystery. If, through her counseling of young men to evade the draft, she is under "democratic Communism," planning for us to eventually live like Red China and Cuba — I can see where she would prefer it to be a surprise.

What troubles me most, is that poor Miss Primeau doesn't have her own draft card to burn — what a disappointment for the "Resistance Movement." I guess she'll just have to be satisfied with burning the American Flag — as her contribution in making this a better world in which to live . . .

Semper Fidelis, Ted Christianson

What If SU Groups Prepare For Bowl Game Set For Dec. 14

With the Bison acceptance of a bowl bid, preparations are being feverishly made by various campus groups to attend the game. The Nut Bowl is scheduled for Dec. 14 at Arlington Cemetery.

Bob Gutz, president of the Rahblah club, when contacted by a reporter in an alley behind the Take Five, said, "What Bowl?" Gutz finally admitted the male pep club did in fact have plans for the big game.

"The day of the game we'll pay all the travel expenses of anyone who wants to drive to Chub's to watch it," said Gutz. Former Rahblah clubs have chartered trains to take fans to previous Bison bowl games.

A train to the Rain Water Bowl game four years ago unfortunately tipped over north of Strausberg, No. Dak., along Beaver Creek. The special train became overheavy on one side when all the riders rushed to that side to catch a glimpse of Lawrence Welk's boyhood home.

The Red Star Marching Band is attempting to round up enough private cars to take the group to Arlington. So far they have been unable to find more than three Volkswagens, the Sigma Chi hears and a manure spreader from the Ag. Department. People with additional transportation are requested to contact Roger Sortason, 237-7873, director of the band.

It does look as though, however, the cheerleaders and pom-pom girls may raise enough money to finance their trip. They've really been out hustling to raise the necessary funds.

Ron Fairheart, the head football coach, has not yet decided how the team will travel to Arlington or even if they will bother to go.

"The boys really don't care if they go or not," said Fairheart. "They're sick and tired of Football. Football, Football, that's all they ever hear! Don't you think they're sick of it? The hell with football, the hell with the Nut Bowl, the hell with it all!"

And so ends another undefeated season for the Bison.

NOTICE

Spectrum staffers are once again requested to pick up their checks for issues one through five. Payment for issue six through ten should be ready at the beginning of Winter Quarter.

Anon. Writer Wants To Know Who Is Dumber

To The Editor of the Dum Dumb:

One must pick up an ear and gawk at the sun before he can find enough chickensheet to fit into this campus. But after doing so one must come to the conclusion that mabey their right; mabey liberalism is dead. Let them take us back to the good old days and expound their minds on ex Gov waller. (after seeing his face you know black is buetiful).

But (Burp!) anyway Mr. Carvell fok (that futck without the T misspelled backwards, you can omitt this) them.

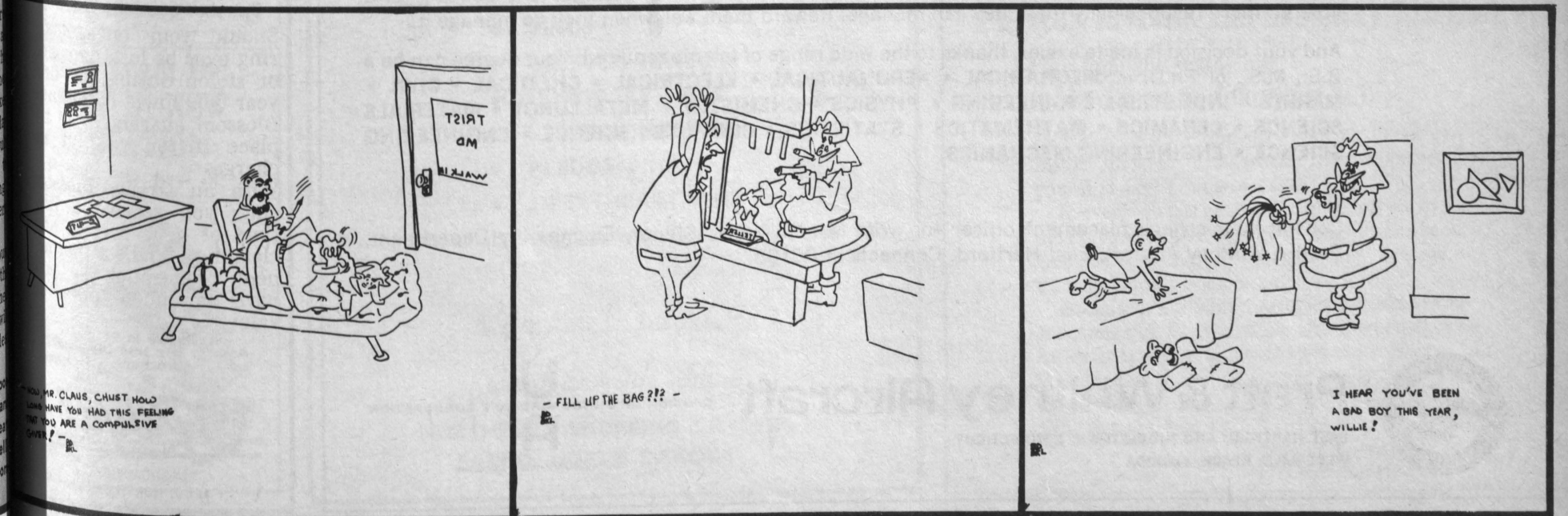
They are only so fortunate to have a mind like yours (hic!) attacking them half heartedly. Cause it's obvious if you really exposed your journalistic talents you could put them into oblivion, and at the same time expand your vocaberlary to 29 words. This Chit chat may expose one thing. Who is dumber; the people that write in the paper or the people that write to the paper?

Yours, Dumber dum.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is why the Spectrum doesn't like to run anonymous letters.

Santa's World -- 27 Shopping Days 'Til Christmas

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Five One - Hour Documentaries

Made On N. D. Higher Education

Series Hopes To Present A Wide Range Of Opinion

North Dakota education, its problems and its promises, will be analyzed in a series of programs being presented throughout the state. The programs will be broadcast before the legislature meets, since the programs are intended to give state legislators as well as all citizens information about education in North Dakota.

Among the areas covered in the five-part series are higher

education, vocational education and elementary and secondary education.

Higher education questions to be analyzed in the series are whether the state can support all its higher education institutions, if two universities are really necessary in a state with such a low population, and the contributions of smaller schools compared to the two universities.

Five one-hour documentaries are

being produced for the series by KFME Channel 13, the educational television station in Fargo, with the Upper Midwest Research and Development Council.

Commenting on the project, Carl Brookins, general manager of KFME, said the producers hope to create a state-wide dialogue in which legislators, businessmen and educators as well as any other citizen who has a comment, will be heard.

"This is not a series which will

be produced in a vacuum," said Brookins, "we are going to spend a lot of time with film and television crews all over the state and we are going to try very hard to present as broad a range of opinions from as many people as possible.

"But we can't make up people's minds for them, we can't and won't try to direct their thinking to preconceived solutions," Brookins said. "It is clearly evident that not enough people in North

Dakota know enough about education problems, and we can do something about that."

NDSU President L. D. Loftgard and George Starcher, president of UND, are among several state leaders slated to appear during the series.

One of the highlights of the series is expected to be the appearance of Kent Alm, director of the research group at UND which produced the controversial Statewide Study, encompassing reorganization and school consolidations.

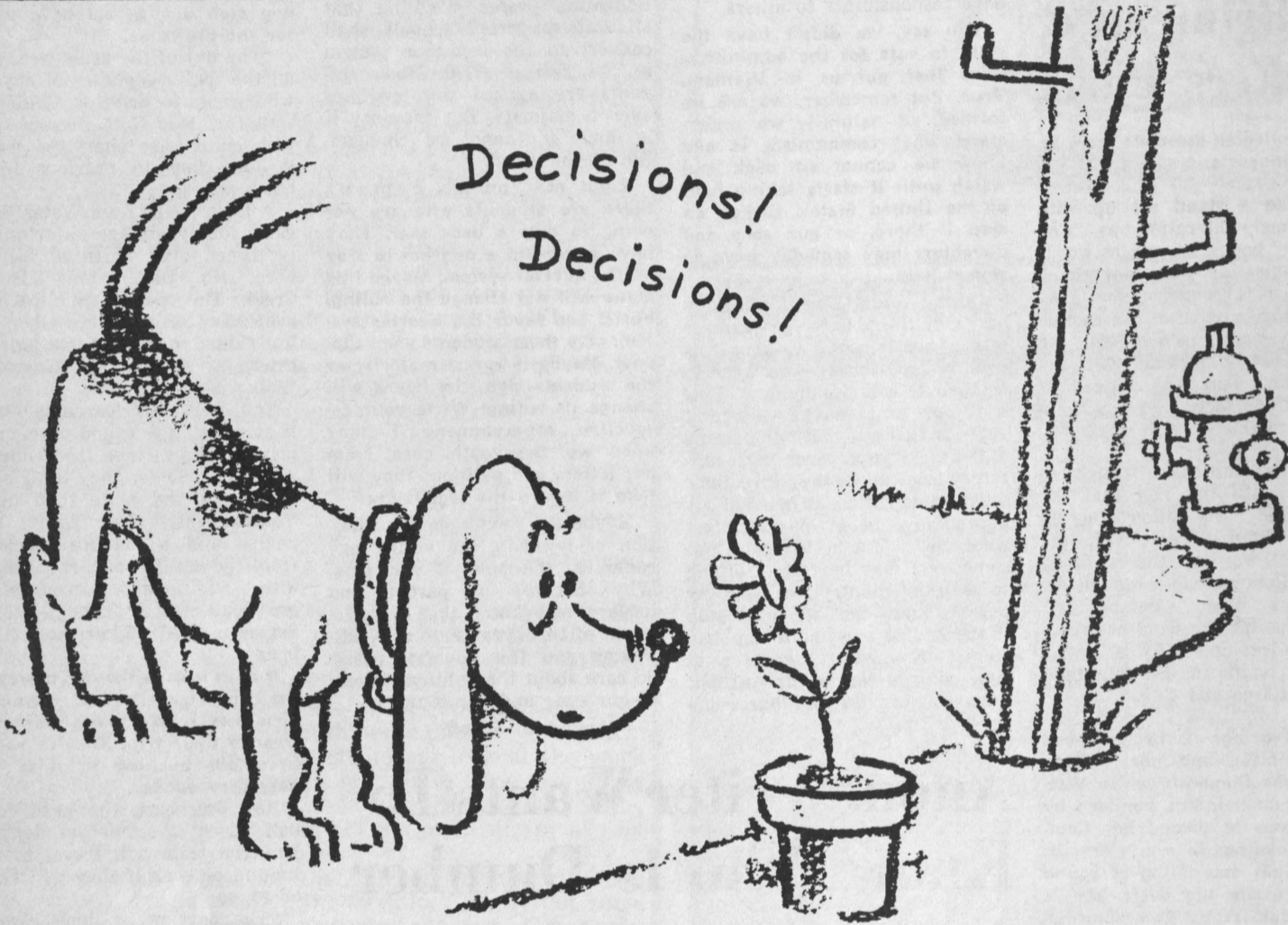
Considered among the most controversial issues now facing North Dakota, the producers anticipate that a considerable amount of time will be devoted to the two issues.

"We expect this series to be a channel of communication between electorate and legislature and that is why it is being rushed into production before the 1969 session is even well underway," Brookins said.

First program will look at the importance of education in the state as an industry and its importance to the economic well-being of all North Dakota citizens.

Viewers will get a chance to compare the quality of education in various parts of the state, from one-room schools to some of the most modern in the nation; and also see how education in North Dakota compares with educational levels in the rest of the nation.

Locally the series will begin on WDAY-TV Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m.



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Drop Outs Because - Turtles At Fieldhouse Dec. 8

Working, Armed Services, College Too Difficult, Medical, Marriage, Unsure

"Cattle deserve better looking buildings than what SU is trying to teach their students in," said one of the 29 drop-outs who responded to questionnaires sent to 122 first-quarter drop-outs.

Working was given as a main reason for dropping out of college by six of the drop-outs. Four dropped out because of the armed services and three listed medical reasons on the questionnaire. Three drop-outs did not like the college and courses, and three gave no main reason.

One person each listed unsure about future, poor high school background, college too difficult, pace too hectic, marriage and changed goals as their main reason.

Uncertainty about the future was listed by six people as a secondary reason for dropping. Four people didn't like NDSU, and four people had financial difficulties. Three former students found classes too difficult, and three listed working as a secondary reason for dropping out.

The following reasons were listed once: poor high school background, unable to see a purpose in college, disappointed in college courses, didn't like Fargo, didn't like dorm life, marriage, college too far from home, armed service, didn't like registration and pace too hectic. Two people listed unfriendly instructors as a reason.

"Have the instructors get their noses out of the air and start acting like human beings" was another comment by a drop-out.

English, math, history, chemistry, physical education and speech were the courses that received bad or lousy ratings from the drop-outs, but many of these courses also received good and very good ratings from other drop-outs.

Sixteen of the drop-outs questioned are re-enrolling at NDSU. Ten of them are re-enrolling at another college, two are unsure and one is not going to re-enroll in college.

Dr. Amriott, a counselor in the Counseling Center said of the results of the questionnaire, "They seem to be a valid reflection of

the reasons given us in the Center."

"Under the state regulations which require us to admit anyone who applies, we accept a certain number of students whose first lesson in college is that they should be elsewhere," said Amriott, "The University tries to guide these people into technical training or whatever else they should be in."

"NDSU is taking in students who are emotionally disturbed, and you can't blame the university for their dropping," he said. "The amount of assistance by the university that any student receives, counseling, medical and advisory, varies with the amount of help he requests. The Counseling Center and the Health Center are here to help the students."

"Most of them need a rest from the battlefield; it doesn't reflect on either the students or NDSU," he said.

The Turtles, a rock group with nine lives, will appear at the Fieldhouse Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., Sue Molm of the Student Activities Board has announced. Tickets are \$1.50 with activity card, \$3 without, and all seats are general admission. Tickets may be purchased during finals from the Director's Office in the Union.

Originally called the Crossfires in Redondo Beach, California, where they got their start, they later became the Turtles. With their first record release, *It Ain't Me Babe*, written by Bob Dylan, The Turtles were a hit.

They bounced back from a slump with a long concert tour and recorded what was to become the number one tune in the country and one of the top ten of the year: *Happy Together*.

Because of this hit their price doubled. For seven months they worked almost every night all over the states. They had finally made it, finally were putting some bread in the bank.

On returning from this, the longest and most financially rewarding

tour of their career, they found their new manager had skipped town with every dime they had made. White Whale Records claimed as well, that money was owed to them. Their careers were in trouble, to say the least.

The Turtles, now down to five in number, seemed headed to the "what-ever-happened-to" hall of history. After months of floundering, they came out with *Eleanor* and starting playing at underground places like the Scene and Fillmore East in New York. Usual, the bands at places like these are a lot more psychedelic, but the Turtles went over.

Recently the group has come out with a new album, *Battle of the Bands*, and all seems well with the group. Thirty years from now we'll stumble into some club and find the Turtles headlining and some hick college paper has just called them "the group with 49 lives."

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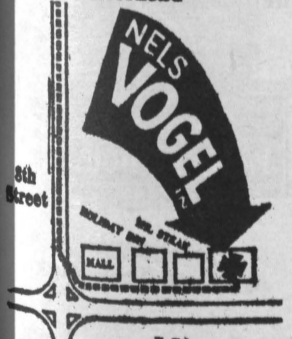
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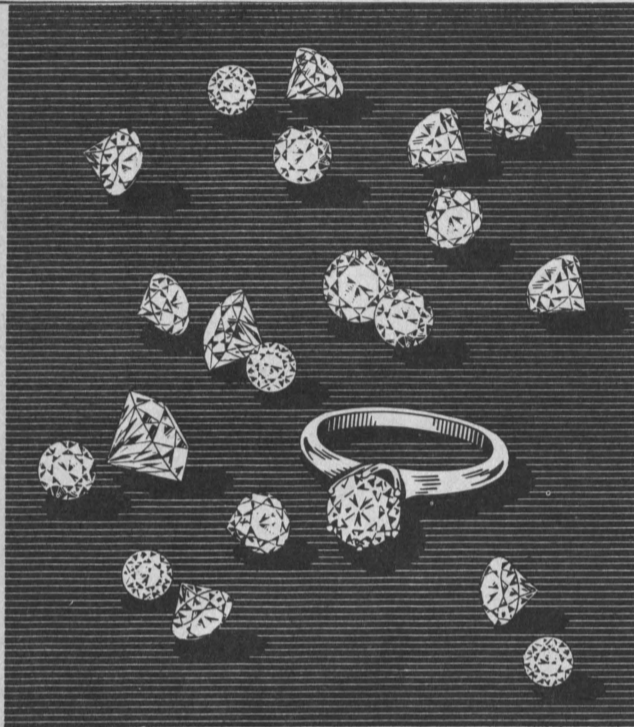
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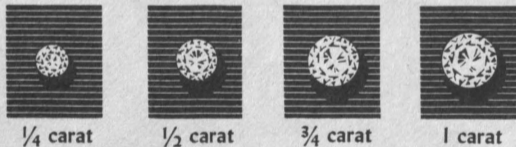
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According to the Patrol, students should make sure they have plenty of warm clothing and blankets in case they become stranded in a snow storm. It is also important that a student makes sure his car is in good condition for the trip.

The car should have tires with sharp tread, snow tires or studded tires. Windshield wipers should be checked as should the heater and defroster, lights and brakes on the car.

Overloading a car with passengers or luggage is dangerous, the Patrol warns. An overloaded car can restrict visibility and overcrowded conditions can cause a driver to lose control of the car.

"Prepare yourself and your car for the trip," said the Patrol. "Adjust your driving to meet the traffic, weather and road conditions. Make sure you carry out your responsibility to bring 'em back alive."

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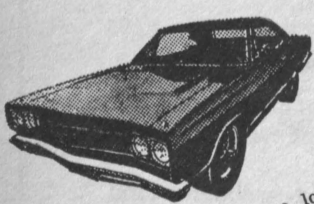
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Last year three NDSU coeds were selected as ambassadors. Jane Curtis traveled to the USSR — Poland, La Rita Johnson visit-

ed Brazil and Joann Zubriski toured Mexico.

"I believe this is a very worthwhile program. By being an ambassador, one increases his own knowledge of international relations and cultures and is willing to share this new understanding with others," said Miss Curtis.

This year the Experiment Committee at NDSU plans to send students to five different countries. Reservations have been made for Poland — USSR, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Peru, and Mexico. Approved applicants will be expected to pay the first \$250 of the program.

Deadline for returning applications is Nov. 30 and must be returned to the office of International Student Affairs in the Administration Building.

Students having any questions may contact Robert A. Coles in the International Student Affairs Office.

Debaters' First Win


NDSU's team won its first debate tournament ever at Dickinson State College last weekend. The winning team of Charles Carlson and Allen Hofmann won four of their first five to qualify for the semi-finals. They went on to win the semi-final round and defeated South Dakota School of Mines in the final round for the overall win.

NDSU placed another team, consisting of Don Boerth and Don Homuth, in the semi-final round. The two went undefeated through the first five rounds, beating South Dakota School of Mines once in the preliminaries, but losing to them in the semi-finals.

The coach of the debate team, Mr. E. James Ubbelohde, was well pleased with the performance of the debate team. "We are looking forward to an extremely successful year. We have the strongest team ever, and did the best we have ever done in a tournament this time." It was the second tournament of the year for the Carlson-Hofmann team and the first of the year for the Boerth-Homuth team.

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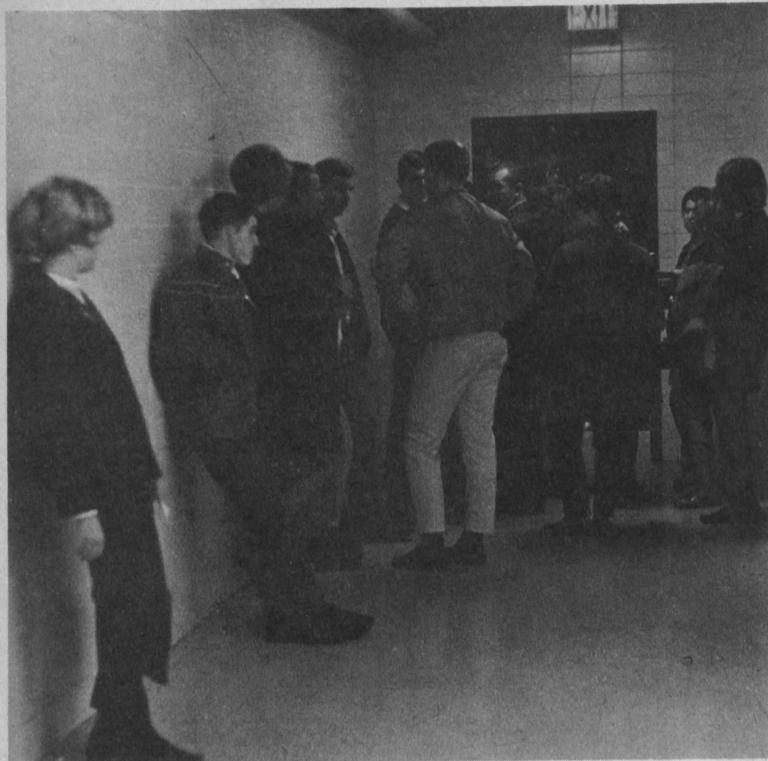
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THIS IS THE LINE TO THE MEN'S ROOM? Registration lines wound down hallways and up and down six flights of stairs at times as students tried to register for Winter Quarter. (Photo by Casperson)

Over 1000 Signatures On Semester-Quarter Petition

Circulators of the petitions opposing the change to semesters have easily obtained over a thousand signatures, according to organizers of the campaign.

"In some of the classes we've passed petitions, over 70 per cent of the students are signing," said Russ Wahlund. "In the TKE fraternity alone, we got 120 signatures."

Among reasons for retaining the quarter system, the petition emphasizes the opportunity for a more rounded education with more chances to take courses outside the major, the opportunity to drop out of school for shorter periods of time, and three final grades a year which gives students a better chance to make up insufficient grades.

Also, states the petition, quarters allow students to get prerequisites out of the way faster,

to interpose studies and other activities and coordinate better with the Common Market program in Fargo-Moorhead.

"If we can get an overwhelming majority, perhaps 80 per cent of the students against the semester system," said Larry Sanderson, "it will show without a doubt what the student position is on this issue."

"Right now there are a lot of areas we haven't even touched," said Wahlund, "and those we've hit so far I don't think we've covered thoroughly."

Petition organizers plan to present the petitions to Student Senate, and hope to get some action from them.

"We hope that Senate will look at the petition as the voice of the students, and not get bogged down with every comma and period," said Wahlund.

Wahlund felt that student government and other students representing the student community should present the petitions to

the Board, saying, "After without the student body, it appears Student Senate would have done anything."

Student President Chuck Stroup supported the actions of those circulating the petition, but added that he felt something more concrete, like a study of the issue was also necessary.

"I'm wondering what effect those names would have on the Board even with Student Senate endorsement," said Stroup. "Unfortunately that we didn't find out a year ago about the change so we could plan a stronger petition at that time, when it could have had greater effect."

Bowling Team Splits & Loses

St. Cloud State and Northern State of Aberdeen tied for lead in the Northern Division of the Tri-State Bowling League Saturday, Nov. 16, at the University lanes. Both schools won two of three games from NDSU and split between themselves as the game ended in a tie.

NDSU, the newest member of the Northern Division, was plagued with splits all through the meet but was impressive times.

One bright spot for NDSU was Mark Tritschler, who bowled a 590 series, tops among the teams. Bill Richter, St. Cloud, rolled the high game total of 280.

The NDSU team travels to St. Cloud on Dec. 7 for their second meet of the season.

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

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"The only question I had was the \$3 charge," said Myrold. "I spent many hours thinking about it because I didn't want to step on anyone's toes. I think the benefits outweighed what the students considered an infringement of their rights."

Myrold said the seminar was legitimate, though he admitted having some questions about the banquet. He argued there had to be built-in guarantees to assure attendance.

"The best way would be to make these voluntary, but the students who need it the most wouldn't come," said Myrold. "It bothers me that students in pharmacy and engineering might feel their rights were invaded. I just wanted to build esprit corps in the department."

"I guess the safest way to do things is just to go to class and teach," said Myrold. "It's just a part of me to become involved with my students. One is going to get criticism in whatever he does and it's a chance one has to take."

Not all students are opposed to the banquets. Jeff Stangel said, "It's a good way to build up the bus. econ. department. It improved much in the last few years."

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Summer In Brazil - An Experiment In International Living

Rita Johnson, a senior in the college of Home Economics, was a summer participant in the Experiment in International Living. She was one of the representatives from the third set of EIL College Ambassadors.

Miss Johnson was chosen to go to Brazil. She began the tour with eighteen days of language training at Putney, Vermont, EIL headquarters, early in June. From there, she spent a total of eight weeks in Brazil; five weeks with her "family", and one week with fellow participants of the EIL program in Rio de Janeiro.

In Sao Paulo, she lived with her Brazilian "family." "This is one of the largest and fastest growing cities in Brazil," said Rita. Her father was the administrator of a school and had previously been a government lawyer. She also had three "sisters," ages 23, 20 and 16; also a "brother," 25, who was married.

The first ten days of her stay were spent with her sisters, getting accustomed to their way of life. She also traveled with her family. She stressed that much emphasis was placed on personal appearance, more so than in the States. Home life was described as "very much similar." One sister had traveled to the United States and was somewhat familiar with the customs as they are here. This family was very much "Westernized" Rita commented.

When asked about education, Rita said, "There are many universities, but they are all very crowded. Going to college seems to be a social thing. Students are

in a very relaxed atmosphere and not too concerned about grades or the like."

Entrance exams are given to students before they may be admitted. If a student takes the test and does not pass, he retakes the test until he is accepted for admittance. The University of Sao Paulo hadn't started in August because of the student demonstrations that were going on at that time.

"The country has a military form of government and is very unstable and prone to revolution," said Miss Johnson. "Many people are unhappy with the government, but they are not trying to change it.

"Life in Brazil is similar in many respects, but dissimilar in others. The population is 90 per cent Catholic. Most families are very large and have an average of two maids. Because of widespread unemployment, they are given these jobs in exchange for the room and board.

"The people are very sociable and warm. They enjoy a good conversation as they are very good conversationalists themselves and enjoy life a great deal. They also love music and dancing. The youth are very immature, however, and rely on their parents until marriage," said Miss Johnson.

Many of the cities in Brazil are very modern, with the latest designs in architecture. The clothing is also very "Westernized," as are many other things as well. There is a problem with traffic, however. An expert was called in from the United States, but he said it was virtually impossible to solve with roads as they were."



According to Miss Johnson, one of the greatest rewards of the EIL program was, "Meeting other young people from the ten other different colleges all over the United States and sharing summer experiences. The city of Rio also impressed me a great deal." As Rita expected, living with a foreign family and seeing a culture through the eyes of those living in it was far different than visiting a country on an agency-arranged tour. In her opinion, it would mean a lot more to anyone traveling in any country, no matter where the location.

by the EIL. The non-profit organization operates both outbound and incoming programs in an attempt to promote a better understanding of foreign societies among students in the U. S., and to promote a better understanding of the U. S. among foreign students. College students interested in participating in the program through self-financing should contact the Putney, Vermont office.

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Tankers Set For Season

Experience, depth, and an earlier start should dictate the success of the Bison swim fortunes this year.

Coach Dick Borstad, in his second year as the NDSU swim boss, expects a good season. Coach Borstad helped organize the swimming program for the Bison last year.

Tom Berg, Tom Swanson, Mitch Peterson, Terry Miller, John Bartley, Jeff Struck, and Tom Phelps are returnees to this year's squad. Larry Holt, Jack Porter and Jeff Barchinger are freshman prospects for the tankers. The squad is young with no seniors listed on the team.

Swimming is not yet a North Central Conference sport but plans are being made to add it



Swimming Coach Joe Kroeber, who also happens to be the wrestling coach, instructs his swimming team in the art of applying the half-nelson to the opponent in mid-lane. (Photo by Loberg)

next year.

Last year the Bison Tankers finished second in an unofficial North Central Conference meet in Brookings, S. D. The University of Northern Iowa took home the

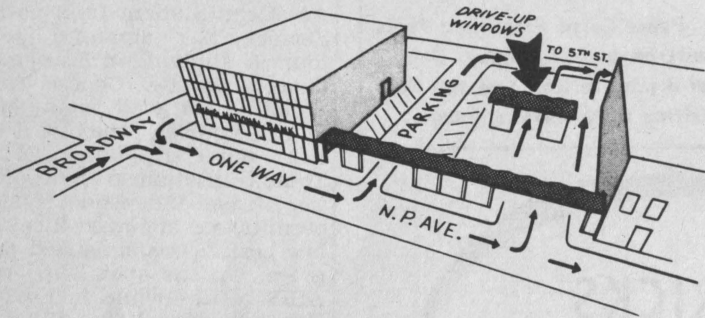
team title with 102 points, including seven firsts in the 13-event meet.

One of the big problems facing Coach Borstad last year was the lack of a swimming pool on the campus. The problem remains the same this year.

The '68-'69 swimmers will be using the North High School pool in preparation for their meets and will also use that pool for competition.

SCHEDULE

- Dec. 14—Bemidji State Freshmen
- Dec. 20—Double Dual
- Jan. 10—UND
- Jan. 17—St. Cloud State
- Jan. 25—Double Dual
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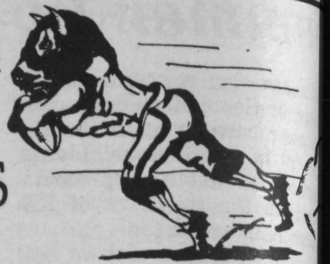
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THE BISON BELLOWS

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FAKE GRASS — GOOD OR BAD?

In the professional football contest in Chicago on November the Bear's sensational running back, Gale Sayers, was sidelined the season because of a knee injury. If there had been an artificial turf in Wrigley Field, the experts familiar with nylon "carpets" Sayers probably would not have been hurt.

Would this not also have been the case in the injury suffered by the Bison's Tim Mjos at Vermillion, S. D.?

Artificial grass is currently being used at seven college gridiron. Synthetic grass appears to have started the monumental task of crowding the real stuff off the fields.

If you can believe the converts, football played on a synthetic surface has many advantages: no maintenance problems, a reduction of serious injuries, and no slipping on wet and muddy fields.

Schools which have installed Tartan Turf are Tennessee and Wisconsin. Those using Astro-Turf are Boston U., Colgate, Washington State, and Hofstra. Alabama is currently using Astro-Turf on a practice field with plans to lay its stadium with artificial turf in 1969. The Astro-Turf of the Astrodome is being used by the University of Houston and the Houston Oilers of the AFL.

Probably the most important "plus" offered by synthetic turf is fewer injuries. The regular football shoe containing seven cleats, responsible for many knee and ankle injuries, is unnecessary on Astro-Turf and Tartan Turf.

Special shoes worn on synthetic fields contain 21 cleats and are shorter than the normal grass shoe. The new cleats are 3/4 inch long where the regular cleats range from 3/4 to 1-inch in length. This shorter cleat provides sufficient traction on a fake field. The use of these shorter cleats has lessened the threat of leg injury. A good example would be the U. of Houston.

The Cougars played 13 games in the Astrodome in the past years and acquired no serious leg injuries. On the road during the same period the team had 13 knee injuries requiring surgery. Could this be the answer?

Synthetic turf is not without its minuses. The fake grass produces skin burns when players are tackled. Defensive players find it tougher to catch a runner from behind. Also the artificial turf is several degrees hotter than the real grass.

The cost of installing synthetic grass on a football field is \$250,000. Now the big questions arise: Would synthetic turf be beneficial at SU? Could synthetic turf have prevented the knee injury sustained by Tim Mjos? Will synthetic turf prevent the next injury of the Bison?

An artificial turf could be helpful to the Bison in numerous ways. For one, because the field can be used for practice and regular competition—in any weather, the Bison could practice for Bowl games on a gridiron instead of the creaky, wooden boards of the field.

Another benefit would be the injury-prevention aspect. The artificial grass could spell the difference between playing for the Conference championship and second place. Also we certainly stand to gain the few extra degrees of warmth given off by the fake turf.

However, beneficial and reasonable are two different things. While installation of an artificial turf at Dacotah Field would produce beneficial results, the money needed to purchase such artificial turf would exist for the near future.

Thus the many supporters of the Bison are doomed to watch their favorites play their brand of "nitty-gritty" football on old-fashioned grass. And what's wrong with that? Unnecessary injuries?

ROUNDBALLERS OPEN SEASON

The 1968 edition of the Bison basketball team opens the season on Saturday, Nov. 30. Since this date occurs during the Thanksgiving vacation, it would be nice to see as many students as possible back a day early to cheer the team to victory. The new coaching staff and players would surely appreciate a large turnout at the same time the fans will appreciate the new tactics employed by the Bison. Let's show the team that they have No. 1 fans supporting them!

BISON FIRST AGAIN

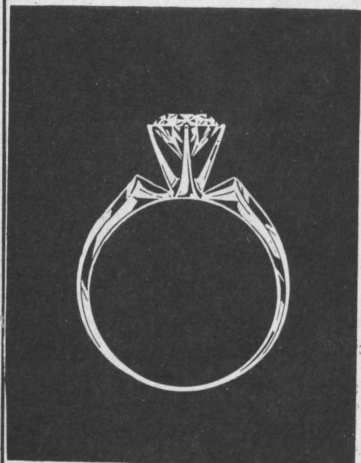
The champion Bison are Number 1 in the classroom as well as on the football field.

Figures compiled from North Central Conference varsity football eligibility lists reveal the 71-member squad of the Bison posted a

combined average of 2.43 grade point rating of 4.0. This is close to a B- average.

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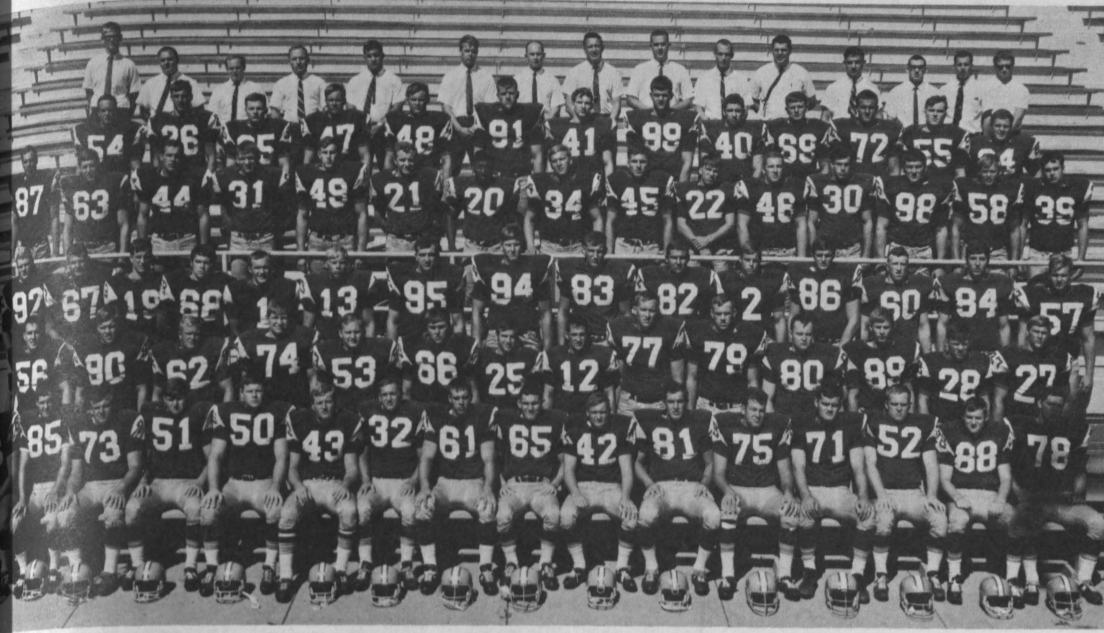
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NCC Champions



Bison In Pecan Bowl: Third Time

The Bison football team will play in the Pecan Bowl in Arlington, Texas, Dec. 14 against an opponent to be named.

Acceptance of the second consecutive post-season bowl bid and the fourth in five years for the No. 2 nationally-ranked Bison was announced at a press conference Nov. 13 by Ron Erhardt, NDSU director of athletics and head football coach.

The invitation to compete in the Pecan Bowl for the Midwest Regional championship (13 states) came from the College Division selection committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

For the second year in a row, the undefeated Bison (9-0 both seasons) became the first college team in the nation to receive a bid for a post-season clash.

Jon Foley of the NCAA offices in Kansas City, Mo., said the Bison foe for the December classic would be one of three teams under consideration: Arkansas State of Jonesboro, Ark., University of Texas at Arlington, or Central Missouri of Warrensburg, Mo.

The Bison were defeated 13-0 in the 1967 Pecan Bowl by UT, Arlington. That game, and the preceding Pecan clashes, was played in Abilene, Texas. The game was moved to Arlington this season.

In their first encounter in the Pecan Bowl in 1965 the Bison defeated Grambling of Louisiana, 20-7. In 1964 the Bison beat Western State of Colorado in NDSU's

first post season bowl game, the Mineral Water Bowl at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

The 70-member Bison team and its coaching staff met Monday and voted unanimously to accept a Pecan Bowl bid. The invitation came the next day. Acceptance of the bid also was approved by NDSU President Dr. L. D. Loftsgard and by the University Athletic Committee.

Dr. Loftsgard, contacted in Washington where he is attending a land grant institution meeting, said "That's great. I'm elated about it and I'm sure the members of the team are too. I think this invitation again points out the rewards for the remarkable effort the team has demonstrated this past season. It is a fine tribute to the players and to the coaching staff and it certainly speaks well for the support by Bison fans."

The 1968 Bison, in addition to finishing with an unblemished regular-season record for the second year in a row, won their fifth consecutive North Central Conference championship.

Arkansas State and Arlington, both members of the highly-regarded Southland Conference, collided this Saturday at Arlington. An NCAA spokesman said the game will determine the championship of the league. Arlington is 5-3 over-all and is 3-0 in the conference. Arlington's losses came from powerhouse opponents: No. 1 rated College Division San Diego State; West Texas State, which has the nation's high-

ly-publicized halfback Eugene (Mercury) Morris and 22 lettermen from a team that won the 1967 Junior Rose Bowl, and New Mexico State, a rugged independent.

Arkansas State, which has resided high all season long in the College Division national rankings, is 7-2 on the season and 3-1 in the conference.

Central Missouri, a member of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, is undefeated at 7-0-1 and played Southeast Missouri in a loop game Saturday at Warrensburg.

The Bison will likely continue with an immediate post-season layoff for the next week or so. The players will begin light workouts next week, with full team drills tentatively set for Dec. 1. Weather permitting, Erhardt will have the Bison outside.

Arrangements for the trip to Arlington, probably by charter flight, will begin immediately. The team probably will leave Fargo Dec. 9.

Senior members of the Bison and third-year coach Erhardt head for Arlington with a career won-lost record of 26-3.

THE RON ERHARDT REACTION:
"I'll say we're elated . . . and we're happy and excited that NDSU has once again been chosen to represent the Midwest Region in a post season bowl game. Not only do we feel this is a tribute to our squad, but we feel obligated to represent our area in the best way we can. And we also want to undo our last Pecan Bowl showing."

NCC Finds New Champions

Defending North Central Conference statistical champions of 1967 still have their memories but only South Dakota State's Darwin Gonnerman has a title again. The new breed took over.

There were defending champions back this fall in seven of the nine categories. They all tumbled with the exception of Gonnerman in scoring, and that turned out to be the closest race of all.

Gonnerman's 63 points was just enough with South Dakota's Bob Koch finishing with 62 and the Bison's Paul (P. J. Hatchett with 60.

Hatchett, the Bison speedster, and Morningside's Gary Pettit set the only two records. Hatchett rushed for 836 yards and a 139.3 average. Pettit caught 52 passes. Hatchett replaced Gonnerman as the rushing champion. Pettit showing out Northern Iowa's Marv Johnson.

Don Zelezak, Morningside quarterback, was the lone double winner, taking the passing title away from UNI's Phil Schooley with 112 completions good for 1,233 yards and 12 TD's, and win-

ning the total offense record with 1,252 yards.

University of South Dakota produced a pair of winners. Bob Koch led the kickoff returns with a 40.0 average per return and Dick Brownell was the top punter with a 37.5 average on 32 boots. Morningside's Dick Keith led the punt returns with a 15.0 average.

The only tie came in interceptions and it was a three-way scramble. Joe Collins, U. of South Dakota; Pete Gilbert, U. of North Dakota, and Dick Turner, Morningside all had four steals with seven others tying for fourth, with three each. This last group included three Bison: Rick Cover, Del Gehrett and Steve Krumrei.

The Bison were the champs in offensive rushing (301.1 per game), scoring (35.5 average), total offense (395.0), and rushing defense (112.0).

Northern Iowa took the honors in passing defense (106.6) and total defense (257.1), and UND turned out the best for passing average (218.3).

But for all the statistics the biggest record of all belonged to the Bison, the NCC champions for the fifth straight year, a tough mark to match.

LONGEST PLAYS IN NCC

- Run for TD: 78, Bob Koch, USD and Darwin Gonnerman, SDS
- Run, not for TD: 67, Paul Hatchett, NDSU
- Pass for TD: 82, Dick Kampa to Pat Kenney, UND
- Pass, not for TD: 78, Dick Kampa to Phil Stewart, UND
- Interception Return: 73, Chuck Koch, USD
- Punt Return: 65, Bob Koch, USD
- Kickoff Return: 94, Paul Hachett, NDSU and Bob Koch, USD
- Fumble Return: 12, Tom Pinkham, UNI
- Punt: 64, Bob Livingston, UNI and Dick Brownell, USD
- Field Goal: 49, Frank Gelliog, UND

Coed Volleyball Team Sports 0-3 Record

NDSU Women's Intercollegiate volleyball team fell to its third defeat at the hands of the UND team last Friday evening. The game was the first home meet for the NDSU coeds.

The coeds lost their first game 15-13 after overcoming an 11-1 deficit. The UND girls cinched the win with a 15-13 second game.

Carolyn Schmidt and Candace Salsky are co-captains of the team.

lost the first two games of its match 15-1 and 15-3.

Both the A and B team now sport a 0-3 record. Previously the women met Moorhead State and Concordia. At Moorhead the A team won the first game 15-12 but lost the next two by scores of 2-15

and 10-15. The B team lost the first two games of its match 1-15 and 6-15. Concordia defeated the A team in games of 6-15, 15-11, and 15-10. The B team lost 8-15, 15-8, and 2-15.

The coeds meets Bemidji this week.

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Guest Review

Poetry And Jazz Session - Interesting And Enjoyable

by Ken Jorgenson

Nov. 13, 8 p.m. was the time, Dacotah Inn on the second floor of the Union was the place, Poetry and Jazz were the combination, and it all added up to an interesting and enjoyable evening.

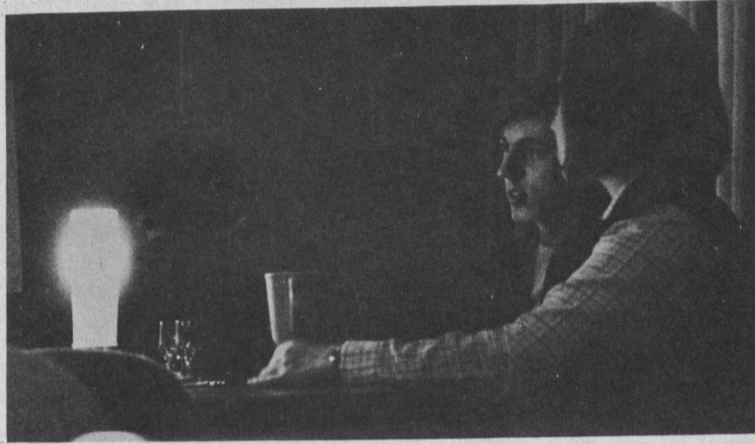
The Poetry and Jazz Session has been part of the Poetry North program in past years and according to English professor Richard Lyons, one of the more successful parts of the program.

Wednesday night's Poetry and Jazz Session was held with the hope that enough people could be interested and that the program would be revived this year.

Lyons and Dennis Dau, an NDSU student, read their own poetry while the Ward Dunkirk Trio played jazz. Some of the poems read by Lyons were *Acid Indigestion*, *Slow Descent*, *Tell Me*, *Requiem for Spring*, *Detroit*, *City Creature*, *The Fountain*, and my favorite *Be a Man*, read with rhythm to the trios playing of a jazz version of *Green Beret*. It was all quite well done.

Dau's poetry included *An Invitation If You Like*, *The Red Orchard*, *Phonetic Decay*, *Raking Leaves*, *Medley* and *Send Her My Regards*.

The titles can be as misleading as the poetry. Though the meaning of some were obvious, others



were abstract with hidden meanings one had to go deep for. Lyons said, "If a person stops to figure out a line, they get lost. While they're looking for a meaning, the reader keeps on going and by the time the listener thinks he has it figured out, he is several lines behind." I took it to mean that if you don't find a meaning on the surface, forget it and follow the reader.

Both Lyons and Dau did a commendable job reading their poetry. Some were read with force, others quietly, some emphatically, but all quite excellently. The poetry was read with rhythm, blending perfectly with the jazz.

To give an atmosphere to the readings, most of the lights were turned off leaving only dim lights above the Trio. Tables were set with candles giving the room an old romantic mood. It was an informal setting allowing a person to relax and enjoy the poetry and music.

With the readings completed, Lyons asked the audience to give

him a word, phrase or thought and he would attempt to create a poem using it. The word "piffle" was offered and after little thought, Lyons produced a poem which outside of sounding silly at the moment was quite good considering the amount of time it took him. He also came up with bits of poetry based on the name "Judy Garland" and the word "insane, the way Bob Dylan says it."

About 40 people enjoyed the evening and Lyons announced he was quite satisfied with the size of the crowd, considering the competition they had with other activities that evening.

Lyons stated that if there were some students who could handle the jazz part of the programs so that the poets wouldn't have to rely on groups with other engagements, the Poetry and Jazz Sessions might become more frequent.

Almost everyone will find Poetry North enjoyable. I would encourage future attendance.

Coming Activities

Student Activities Board has announced a number of program scheduled for the first weeks of Winter Quarter.

★ Heading the attractions were the *Turtles*, who will perform in concert at the Fieldhouse on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

★ Poetry North No. 2 will present Robert Creeley on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Creeley is a poet-in-residence at the University of New Mexico on leave from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Creeley has written four books, the most recent entitled *Words*.

★ "Recent French Paintings in the National Gallery of Art" will be the title of the December art exhibit in Hultz Lounge of the Union. It will feature the works of Monet, Cezanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, Rousseau, Gauguin, Matisse, Braque and Picasso.

★ All organizations are invited to participate in the College Bowl. Applications are due Dec. 2 and can be picked up at the Student Activities Center on the second floor of the Union. Semi-finals are Dec. 8 and finals Dec. 15. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

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