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BRIAN M. INGRASSIA contends that during the 1920s and 30s, Iowa's small colleges were a part of a group of higher education institutions that believed that college activities, especially athletics, had to fulfill pedagogical rather than commercial purposes. Through extensive research in newspapers, speeches, and college archives, he demonstrates that these schools aimed to compete against those that similarly prioritized athletics and upheld the primacy of institutions increasingly called liberal arts colleges.

KEVIN T. MASON examines the long history of the Dakota in Iowa, dating back centuries before Inkpaduta's well-known attack on the white settlements at Spirit Lake in 1857. Combining environmental, Indigenous, and early American history, he argues that by recognizing and understanding how the Dakota lived in Iowa and how individuals, including Inkpaduta, sought to navigate a rapidly changing world historians will better reconcile, honor, and understand the extensive legacy of the Dakota in Iowa's history.

Front Cover

A cartoon that ran in the *Clinton (IA) Herald* on December 24, 1930, which provides a satirical comment on the perceived priorities of many collegiate athletic programs during the 1920s and 30s. For more on the efforts of small colleges to curtail the growth of big time sports and establish a distinct approach to athletics within liberal arts colleges, see Brian M. Ingrassia's article in this issue.

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