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Question:

Dear Abbot Pennings,

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Answer:

Chris,

You are correct. Up until 1928, the school was referred to as St. Norbert's College. You will notice that the lettering on the stonework above the entrance to Main Hall at one time did indeed read St. Norbert's. That last "s" was removed simply for a grammatical reason. It was felt that the name, St. Norbert's College, indicated that St. Norbert himself owned the institution. Since this was not a true representation, the 's' was removed.

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Ask the Abbot

As the founder of St. Norbert College, and having a prime seat in the center of campus throughout the years, I, Abbot Bernard Pennings, hold the answers to many of your burning questions about the college.

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