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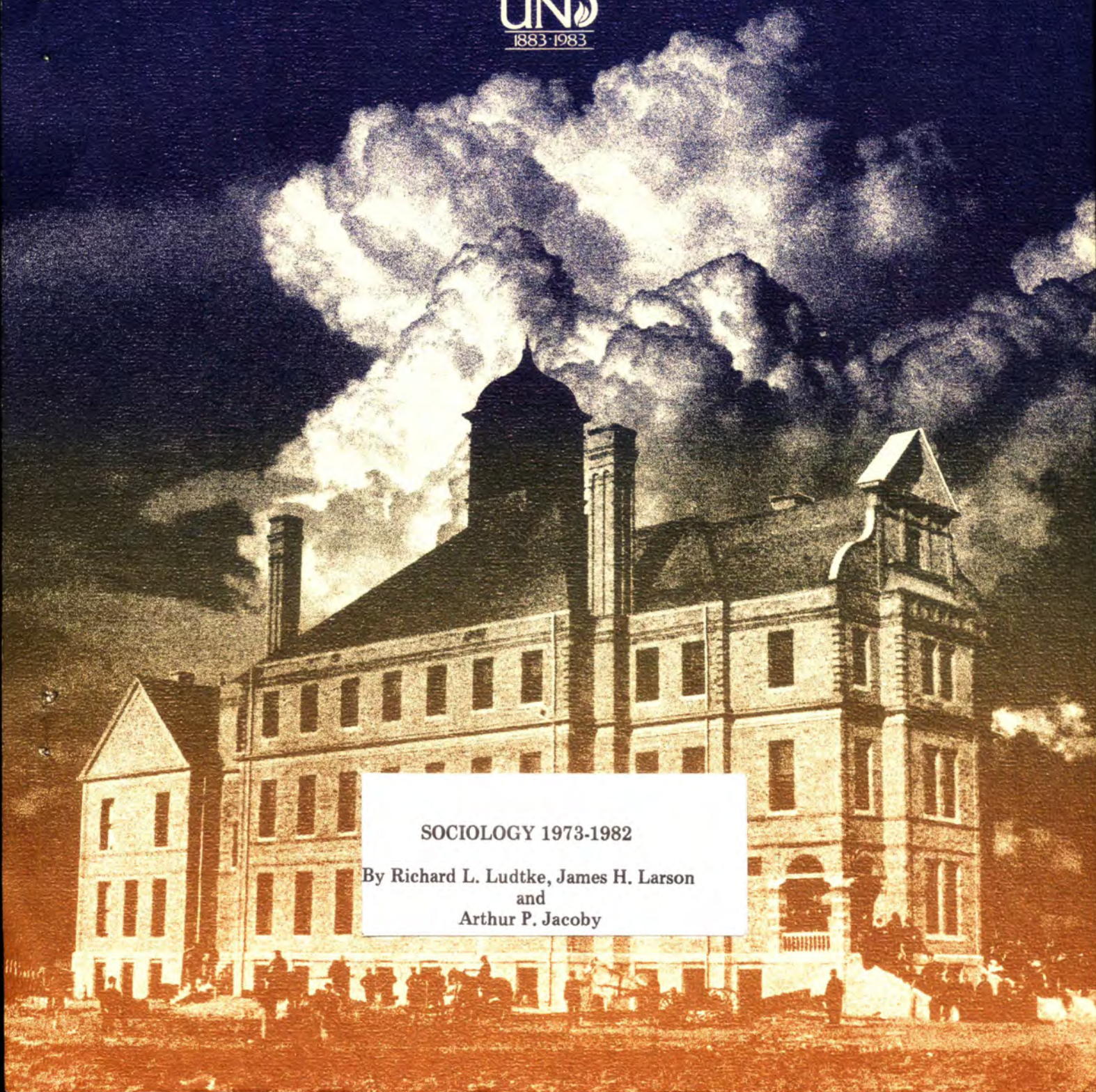
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The Department of Sociology was guided during its early years of autonomy by Richard Ludtke. Ludtke was appointed chairman in June 1974 and had served to guide the transition in preparation for his administration. During the first three year term as chairman, Ludtke continued to serve as Director of the Social Science Research Institute as well.

In 1976 James Larson was named Director of the Social Science Research Institute. This administrative position had increased in importance and remained wholly contributed by the holder in terms of time and effort.

In 1979 Arne Selbyg succeeded Ludtke as Department Chairman. Ludtke resigned the chair one year short of completing his second three year term as he felt conditions were optimal for new administration to begin and was eager to return to full time teaching. In the second year of Selbyg's administration the department was forced to evacuate Budge Hall for new temporary quarters. A fire had produced water damage judged beyond repair and Budge Hall was finally to meet its long established fate. It was demolished in the fall of 1981. The new quarters for sociology were in the old wooden building that had previously housed Industrial Arts and Occupational Therapy. While the inconvenience of the move was great, the faculty lost very little to the water damage and were grateful to have been spared greater personal losses.

The Faculty

Arne Selbyg was hired by Jacoby in the year of the separation. Also hired at that time was first half time specialist for Introduction to Sociology, Phyllis Moen. Each of these were of substantial significance as Selbyg was later to chair the department and Moen was the product of a decision to discontinue the practice of rotating responsibility for the large introductory classes. The success with introductory sociology had become so variable that strong measures were deemed necessary to stabilize the course at a high level.

Aquiel Ahmad and Alfred Mirande both took leaves of absence from which they did not return. Ahmad left in 1973, Mirande in 1974. Selbyg's initial appointment was as temporary replacement for Ahmad, but this replacement became permanent when Ahmad did not return. Mirande was replaced by Ronald Miller but Miller was not retained as he had not completed his dissertation under a new "two year rule" and was dismissed after his second year. In 1975 William Dunaway was hired after an August resignation by Arthur Wilke. Dunaway's tenure at UND was brief as he elected to attend Medical School in Guadalajara, Mexico, leaving UND in 1978. Janet Kelly replaced Phyllis Moen in 1975 while Moen went on to complete her Ph.D. Later Kelly resigned to continue her Ph.D. studies as well.

David Payne was hired as an associate professor when he replaced Ronald Miller in 1976. Payne's appointment was a particular landmark in that his was the first senior level professional recruited since Jacoby was hired to chair the

department in 1965. In requiring an established record, a precedent was established for seeking published scholars. When the Dunaway position was filled, the department again recruited established scholar, Richard Wilsnack.

Several part-time temporary faculty were also to be hired as research support provided release from teaching for several faculty. Dale Lindekugel, Marcia Retzer and Sari Clark were each appointed as instructors on a part-time or temporary basis. These were all UND products.

The combination of research funds and the half-time lecturer position allowed Patrick McGuire to replace Janet Kelly in 1979 with a nearly full-time level of appointment. James Larson's leave in 1980 allowed McGuire to continue at full-time while Larson spent a year at the University of Oregon. McGuire was an extremely energetic young man who assembled his own text for Sociology 101 entitled Toward a Second Dimension: A Reader in Sociology. McGuire was replaced in the fall of 1981 by Robert Rucker, who also served to cover part of David Payne's courses while Payne was on leave as an administrative intern.

A unique position was created for a senior research associate, Al Klassen, who worked with the Wilsnack's on the Drinking Problems Among Women Study. Klassen taught no classes but brought an expertise for survey research and the study of human sexuality to the campus.

The Curriculum

The flexible curriculum of the immediate past was re-examined during this period with the intent of more clearly advertising the offerings with regular recurring offerings. The selected topics were used to establish courses and regular catalogue listings were sought for all courses offered repeatedly.

The Graduate Program

In 1976 David Payne replaced Jim Larson as Director of Graduate Studies when Larson was named Director of the Social Science Research Institute. The curriculum at the graduate level has been stable over recent years and the transition to a new director did not produce change. Payne remained director until 1981 when he accepted developmental leave. A. P. Jacoby assumed the role at that time.

The enrollments in the graduate program have remained high over recent years with 12 to 15 students per year. During this period the students were recruited from many institutions with the principle source being UND undergraduates.

Research

A gradual trend toward larger scale funded research appears around the mid-1970's. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 had given rise to a new era of concern for the social impacts of large federal projects and funding became much more available. The Bureau of Land Management funded a two-year study on the impact of coal development conducted by Ludtke. Selbyg headed a similar project funded by the North Dakota Legislation through its

Regional Environmental Assessment Program. A student group directed by Ludtke and headed by Timothy Langeliers received NSF funds to study the impact of the closing of an Anti-Ballistic Missile Site at Langdon. Larson found extensive support for evaluation research, particularly in the area of corrections and juvenile justice. The largest project in the history of the department was secured by the Wilsnack's (Richard and his wife Sharon, who was on the Medical School Faculty) for a study of problem drinking among women, using a national survey. This project was budgeted at over \$500,000.

The research growth in the department has tended to develop an applied nature which is consistent with the expertise of the faculty and the employment prospects of students who learned while working on these projects.

Faculty 1973-Present

- Dunaway, William C. (Jr.), Assistant Professor of Sociology (1975); B.S. Brigham Young University; M.S. Brigham Young University; Ph.D. Utah State University (1975-1977).
- Kelly, Janet, Instructor of Sociology (1975); B.A. SUNY at Albany; M.A. University of North Dakota (1975-1978).
- Klassen, Al, Project Director-Senior Research Associate (1980); B.A. Bethel College; M.A. University of Kansas; Ph.D./ABD University of Chicago (1980-Present).
- Lindekugel, Dale, Instructor of Sociology (1980); BSED Minot State College, M.A. University of North Dakota (1980-Present).
- McGuire, Patrick, Instructor of Sociology (1978); B.A. SUC-Potsdam; M.A. SUNY-Binghamton (1978-1981).
- Miller, Ronald, Assistant Professor of Sociology (1974); B.A. University of South Dakota; M.A. University of Toledo; Ph.D. Washington State University (1974-1976).
- Moen, Phyllis, Instructor of Sociology (1973); B.S. University of North Dakota; M.A. University of North Dakota (1973-1976).
- Payne, David, Associate Professor (1976); B.S. Brigham Young University; M.A. University of North Carolina; Ph.D. University of North Carolina (1976-Present).
- Retzer, Marcia, Instructor of Sociology (1976); B.A. Concordia College; M.A. University of North Dakota (1976-1977).
- Rucker, Robert, Assistant Professor of Sociology (1981); B.A. University of Kansas; M.A. University of Kansas; M/Phil. University of Kansas; Ph.D. University of Kansas (expected) (1981-Present).
- Selbyg, Arne, Assistant Professor of Sociology (1973); Exam. Oecon., University of Oslo, Norway; Ph.D. University of Chicago, (1973-Present).
- Wilsnack, Richard, Assistant Professor (1977); B.A. Pomona College; M.S. (Econ), London School of Economics; Ph.D. Harvard University (1977-Present).