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Annual Report of Alumni Association Lists Program

(Foreward: According to the constitution of the U.N.D. Alumni association, "the annual meeting of the association shall be at the University on Alumni Day, being the day preceding Commencement Day." The annual report of the association is presented briefly herewith, to apprise members of progress made during the past year and to outline plans for future activities).

Annual report of the University of North Dakota Alumni association.

1. THE NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAL CENTER:

What has been done?

The Medical Center was proposed by the Alumni association of the University of North Dakota in May, 1944. Since that time the state legislature established the Medical Center at the University. The law placed control of the Medical Center under the State Board of Higher Education and created the Medical Center Advisory Council whose membership consists of those agencies in the state that are charged both by law and moral obligation with the health and welfare of the people of North Dakota. The law gives the Medical Center power to train doctors, publish health personnel and nurses and also permits the Center to accept funds, material, equipment and buildings.

Two meetings of the Advisory Council have been held; the first in October 1945, when the Council organized, elected officers and familiarized itself with the problems of the Medical Center. At the second meeting of the Council, January 22, 1946, motions were unanimously passed recommending the establishment of a complete medical course at the University, the immediate procuring of plans for the construction of the \$250,000.00 (medical) science building, the establishment of a teaching hospital at the University with a minimum of 200 beds and the employment of a director by the Medical Center. Mr. John A. Page, on temporary leave from the University staff, was employed as director of the Medical Center. State Senator Carroll E. Day of Grand Forks made \$10,000 available for preliminary educational development from the Myra Foundation, of which he is president. Additional funds have been received from alumni and friends.

What Is Planned for the Future?
Data from all possible sources will continue to be gathered and

assembled for the information of the individuals and groups that are interested. The Alumni association will assist with this work. In conformity with the law all findings will be presented to the next session of the North Dakota legislature for such action as it deems advisable.

2. **GYMNASIUM:** The University of North Dakota has the unhappy distinction of being the only state university in the United States without a gymnasium for men. For the past 30 years, since 1916, our school (your school) has been using an armory constructed for ROTC training. Since 1941, the armed services have been using the armory under a greatly expanded program and it is now available to University physical education classes only a very few hours each week.

With more than 700 veterans on the campus this year and with an expected enrollment of some 1,200 men by next fall, the University's need of a new men's gymnasium is greater than ever before.

The association, through personal contacts, letters and, later, by a specially prepared brochure, hopes to make this need known to North Dakota state legislators and friends of the University so that funds for a gymnasium may be provided for at the next session of the legislature, early in 1947.

Represents 'U'

The University was represented at the sesquicentennial celebration held at Chapel Hill, N. C., in April by Mowat G. Fraser, class of 1920, who is now at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.

In a letter to President John C. West, Fraser said that he had talked to the wife of former University dramatics coach "Proff" Koch and learned from her that Chapel Hill is planning a Memorial Theatre and Dramatic Workshop in his honor. Mr. Koch left the University in 1917 and went to Chapel Hill where he "received great prominence with his Playmakers" until his death a year ago.

A sum of money has been offered by the Rockefeller Foundation for the construction of this memorial.

Mrs. Koch, Fraser said, is living in Chapel Hill, and of their four sons, one is dramatics instructor at the University of Florida, another is up North, and two are still in service.

3. **STUDENT UNION:** The Alumni association commends University students for their interest in and support of a student union building. During the school year just completed, students voted to assess themselves \$10 per year to support the union project. The alumni association will include the student union project in the development drive.

The Development fund is explained later in this report. The union fund now totals approximately \$25,000.

4. **ALUMNI RECORDS:** We have more than 22,000 alumni in our organization, of which approximately 8,000 are graduates and 14,000 are former students. Records for one-fifth, or more than 4,400 alumni are now available. Since the alumni office was reorganized in December, we have secured addresses for about 1,400 alumni and although progress in this direction is not sensational, it is a move in the right direction. Further, it is steadily improving and we expect to have accurate addresses for at least 50 per cent of the alumni by June, 1947. A great deal of the work of the Alumni association since December has been bringing the records of graduates and former students up to date.

5. **ALUMNI REVIEW:** The Alumni Review is to be published a minimum of 10 times a year. In January our circulation was 3,500. In May it had risen to 6,000. The publication is now sent to all patrons, legislators, state officials and alumni. Fred O'Neil, class of 1935 and assistant in the journalism department, edits the Review under the direction of J. Lloyd Stone, Alumni Director.

6. **ALUMNI FUND:** During the past year, 542 alumni have contributed \$5,820.50 to the support of the association. The report of the treasurer, J. W. Wilkerson, will be read at the annual meeting.

7. **UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT FUND:** This project is patterned after the community chest fund plan under direction of the Alumni association. Funds collected from the alumni will be used to support the general work of the association and will be used for other approved projects. The association Board of Directors has approved the Student Union project for the coming year and this will receive the support of alumni in their University Development Fund Drive, if approved at the association's general meeting.

Present Degrees Sunday

Senior and graduate students of the University will don caps and gowns June 9 to receive their degrees at commencement exercises in the armory.

John Hancock, New York banker and University graduate, will address the graduating class at the 3 p. m. exercises that day.

President John C. West will preside and confer the degrees.

On the program will be songs by the University Madrigal club, under the direction of Prof. Hywel C. Rowland, and numbers by the University concert band, directed by John E. Howard.

The graduating procession will form at 2:45 p. m. at Woodworth hall for the traditional march across the campus to the armory. Heading this procession will be the band, faculty members and members of the state board of higher education. All members of the board will be here with the exception of R. A. Trubey of Fargo. Fred Traynor of Devils Lake has been appointed the official representative of the board.

Plans for an alumni banquet to be held June 8 at 6 p. m. in the University commons have been made by Lloyd Stone, alumni director.

Reunions will be held for all classes but special invitations have been extended to members of the Class of 1896 on its 50th anniversary, the class of 1921 on its 25th anniversary and the class of 1936 on its 10th anniversary, Stone said.

After the banquet and program, a business meeting will be held at which four directors will be elected to the alumni board for a 3 year term.

The new directors will replace the present members who are Tom Johnson, Mrs. Angus Johnston, Paul Shorb, John Hancock, and O. B. Burtness, according to Dr. Ralph Leigh, president of the board of directors of the alumni association.

John D. McEnroe, a graduate of the University, has been appointed press department news editor of the National Broadcasting company's western division at Los Angeles. Home town, Grand Forks.

Three Classes Hold Reunions Here

Members of the graduating classes of 1896, 1921 and 1936 will hold reunions at the University June 9, celebrating their fiftieth, twenty-fifth and tenth anniversaries, respectively. The committee in charge has contacted all class members now living and the following information about these alumni has been received.

1936

Eugene Devitt of the class of '36 writes from Elgin, Ill., that he plans to be here for commencement this year. A trial attorney for the Chicago metropolitan area of the office of price administration, Devitt is married to the former Erlys Wheeler of St. Paul, Minn., and they have three children.

Mrs. A. G. Saylor of Devils Lake, is the former Cordelia Styner and put on the housewife's apron when she married the industrial arts teacher and junior high coach in Devils Lake high school. They have two children.

Mrs. Herman Niles Wicks, the former Jean Anne Mallinson, keeps herself busy in Rogue River, Ore., by teaching junior high school and public school art, being a wife to a builder and contractor and a mother to two children. In a letter to Garth White she expressed her regrets for not being able to attend the Class of '36 reunion.

States Attorney of Walsh county since 1940, **Wallace Ernest Warner** wrote that he hopes to be at commencement this year. His wife, the former Cora A. Loken of Fordville, and he have three children. Warner has been active in many organizations and drives including the position of chairman of the Red Cross, secretary of the war bond committee, as well as being president of the Red River Valley Peace Officers association.

Emily Leigh McManamy is chief dietician at the San Jose, Calif., hospital, and her husband, who was recently discharged from the navy, is a dental technician.

Secretary to the president of the George Washington university, **Mrs. Clifford P. Froehlich**, the former Edna Peterson, lives in Arlington, Va., and her husband is a specialist in the occupational information and guidance service of the United States office of education.

Now living in Chicago, Ill., the former **Dorothy Clayton** makes being a housewife for Marshall D. Smith her full-time job.

George A. Allen is an insurance adjuster for the Western Adjustment and inspection company in St. Louis, Mo. His wife, the former Glenna M. Hagness, attended the University from 1930 to 1933. They have two children.

Mary Conny Hoppert writes

that her husband, **Darvin E. Hoppert**, recently returned from overseas after serving five years in the army and will now assume his duties with the state health department in Bismarck. They have a six-year-old son.

Recently discharged as a lieutenant from the naval reserve, **Raymond J. Crider** is now assistant cashier of the Bank of America in Cloverdale, Calif. He is married to the former **Claire E. Lyons**.

Darrell A. Dahl is now in Portland, Ore., as assistant chief, northwestern division, labor branch of the United States department of agriculture, after spending the war years in the British West Indies as administrative head of the engineer office of the war department and returning to this country as material control engineer in charge of materials going into the construction of the Atom bomb plant.

1921

From Los Angeles **Alan E. Gray**, president of the class of 1921, writes that he and his wife (**Grace Lunding**, class of 1920) are planning to return for commencement. Alan is still practicing law in Los Angeles. In his spare time he plays golf at the Lakeside Golf Club, also frequented by **Bing Crosby** and **Bob Hope**.

Amanda Hanson is teaching math and Latin in the high school at Williston, N. D., and was busy helping put on the junior prom this year as advisor of the junior class.

Newell B. Knapp of Central High School at Grand Forks has this in common with **Amanda** that he too has just succeeded successfully staging a junior prom as junior class advisor. He also teaches math (These math teachers are whizzes at mathematical details even in terpsichorean fields, it seems). But **Newell** has one up, ney several, on **Amanda**. He is married and has two boys who are married, one of whom has provided him with a grandson.

Joyce Martin Mattson and her husband **Edgar P. Mattson** plan to return for commencement this June. The **Mattsons** have one daughter, **Merry**. During the teacher shortage **Joyce** has been teaching and acting as principal in the junior high school at New Rockford, North Dakota, for the last two years.

Anne Mitchell Merrick, former editor of *The Student*, wanted to go into newspaper work on graduation, but because of the illness of her father taught English and math at home in Little Falls, Minnesota. She was married shortly after to a classmate of **Charles Lindbergh**. Her husband is a former Navy man and at

present is mayor of Little Falls. **Anne** has a daughter in the **Waves**, stationed at the Great Lakes, and a son, a junior in high school.

Clarence D. O'Connor (Pat to you of '21) is superintendent of the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City. At UND commencement time he will be busy directing a national convention of teachers of the deaf with his school personnel acting as hosts. **Clarence** and his colleagues are doing outstanding work in this field of education. The *Volta Review* for March 1945 rates the school's accomplishments high. An illuminating twelve-page pictorial pamphlet of intimate daily scenes of reconstructive work in the school has been recently published.

Marjorie Shank is registrar at the Southern Illinois Normal University and has been for fifteen years. She hopes to make our fiftieth anniversary, she states, as she plans to be retired at that time.

Clarence S. Slater is in soil conservation service under the U. S. Department of Agriculture at the University of Maryland. He married **Dorothy Harris** of Utica, New York, in 1930. The **Slaters** have a family of four, two boys and two girls. Most of **Clarence's** time is spent in and out of Washington, D. C. A reunion of five took place in the Press club of that city when **Bud Ryan**, **Alvin Thorson**, **Les Erhardt**, **Larry Slater** and **Clarence** got together just a few days ago. (What a listening-in that might have been!)

Vinnie Gjere Stewart writes from New Ulm, Minnesota, that she plays the organ in church, "messes around" with paints and colors, finds time to devote to her husband, **Ralph**, still with New York Life, and two twin sons in high school. **The Stewart's** oldest son **Cameron** is still in the Navy, but expects to go to the UND when he is discharged.

1896

May Cravath Wharton has done outstanding work at the hospital which she founded in 1922, the Uplands Cumberland Mountain Sanatorium, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. It is a rural center of educational, preventive and healing therapeutics. It began with **Dr. Wharton** and her companion doing hospital work in an old house where they installed two beds for patients and it has now grown to become a living institution.

Dr. Wharton has recently been on a lecture tour through Florida. She expressed her desire to attend the golden anniversary reunion of her class if possible.

Emma C. Crans vividly des-

cribed her experiences since her graduation from the University in traveling with **Janet Richards**, a well-known and talented current events lecturer throughout the eastern cities. She has traveled over most of Europe, attending international congresses as well as making yearly visits to the League of Nations in its heyday. **Miss Crans** is now retired and lives in Washington, D. C.

Frank Parker, who has continued his interest in agriculture, now owns and operates a farm near Grand Forks.

Albert E. Coger, who is a lawyer in Los Angeles, wrote, "There is nothing to report except to this date, I have had an enjoyable trip down the 'river of time'." **Coger** formerly practiced law at **Rugby**, N. D. and **Duluth**, Minn. He is married and has two daughters, one of whom is a tutor for **Gloria Jean**, the movie actress.

Hans Urdahl, attorney and counselor-at-law, wrote from his law office in Madison, S. D. He expressed his wish to "meet some of the old timers whom I used to know back in the last century," but because of his business, he said that it is doubtful if he could leave. He wrote an interesting account of his earlier experiences while attending the University.

Ole Arnegard, with his wife, former **Elizabeth de Cay** of Grand Forks, is planning to attend the golden anniversary of his class. Residing near **Hillsboro**, **Arnegard** now devotes his time to his farming interests. He was formerly president of the **Hillsboro National Bank**.

Maxwell M. Upson stated that he plans to be present at the reunion of the class of 1896, adding that he must make a trip abroad before that time.

Married and living in Englewood, New Jersey, **Upson** is chairman of the board of directors of the **Raymond Concrete Pile company**, of which he was president for many years. He was awarded the **Edward Longstretch medal** by **Franklin Institute** in 1940. A trustee of **Cornell University**, **Upson** is also a member of **American Engineering societies**.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Douglas (**Neva Bostwick**), who were married two years after graduating from the University together, now reside in **Seattle**, Wash. A graduate of **Yale**, **Mr. Douglas** has practiced law at **Seattle** and in later years has held top offices in the **Carnation company** and the **Metropolitan Building company**. The **Douglasses** have three children.

"The girl who knows her books" could aptly describe **Willie E. Carothers**, who has been employed in many of the leading libraries throughout the country. At present she is assistant librarian of the **State of Tennessee Library** at **Nashville**.

Announce Retirement Of Four Professors

Retirement of four University faculty members at the end of this semester has been announced by President John C. West.

Those retiring are Dr. Orrin G. Libby of the history depart-

ment, Prof. Henry A. Doak of the English department, Prof. David R. Jenkins, of the electrical engineering department and Prof. Gottfried Hult, of the department of Classical languages and literatures.

Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Libby joined the University faculty in 1902 and has been an instructor here since that time. Considered one of the leading authorities on North Dakota Indians, he has collected a large amount of material for the museum at Bismarck.

Listed in "Who's Who in America" and considered one of the leading authorities on the United States Constitution, Libby has also published extensive works on the history of the state and a book called "The Arikara Narrative" which recounts the events which led to the defeat of Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana.

Libby is also the founder of the North Dakota Historical Society and has been the secretary of the group since 1944.

Arriving at the University in 1909, Jenkins has been a full professor since 1919. He received his degree from the University of Colorado and taught there for three years previous to his arrival in North Dakota. He was the head of the electrical engineering department.

Head of the University English department, since 1942 Doak is retiring to North Carolina where he has land holdings. He is a graduate of Guilford and Haverford and received his M. A. degree at Harvard.

He has published several books on English grammar and sentence construction. Doak joined the University faculty in 1913 and was acting head of the English department in 1926 and 1927. He was also an instructor in English at Dartmouth from 1911 to 1913.

Head of the department of classical languages and literature since 1916, Hult joined the faculty as a professor of Greek in 1907.

He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Minnesota and his Litt. D. degree from Beloit. He was also head of the English department at the North Dakota Agricultural College from 1900 to 1907.

Author of five translations of Ibsen, Hult is familiar with ten languages. He has published nine volumes including "Inverted Torches" and "The Messiah," a life of Christ.

102 Students 'Give Out' in '45-'46 Band

One hundred and two men and women students at the University are members of the band this semester. The organization has been strengthened by the addition of a number of veterans. Several of these were members of the band before the war.

The band is an all-University organization. Both men and women students are eligible for membership. UND musicians are given daily opportunity to play the best in band literature. The University band library is well balanced and rather complete. Standard overtures, symphonies, selections, tone poems and marches furnish a musical bill of fare relished by the serious musician.

IS GOOD WILL GROUP

The band is often referred to as a good will organization because of its work on the campus, community and state activities. Important functions in which the band participates are convocations, football and basketball games, parades and radio broadcasts.

This season the band played for the Carney Song contest, Founder's Day and Honors Day observances, Interfraternity Sing and High School Week, as well as for all the athletic contests. At Commencement the traditional concert will be played on the president's lawn the evening of June 8, and also will head the academic procession June 9 to play for the Commencement exercises.

MAKE ANNUAL TOUR

Appearances are not limited to campus functions. Annually the band makes a tour in this and other states. From March 26 to April 2, concerts were played by 46 musicians, selected by Bandmaster John E. Howard, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Preceding the tour, a home concert was played in Central High School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Grand Forks Rotary club. Twelve hundred persons attended this concert.

Howard is making plans for an active season in 1946-47. New uniforms are expected for the opening of the fall semester.

Campaign for New Gymnasium Beginning to Gain Momentum

The campaign for a new gymnasium for the University is beginning to pick up momentum as alumni groups, the student body and friends of the University work toward attainment of a long-needed goal.

Writing on "Why the University Needs a New Field House," George Kennedy Jr. of Grand Forks, a University freshman, has won an essay contest sponsored by the University Athletic Board of Control.

"Whether the University of North Dakota needs or does not need the proposed athletic field house should be based not on arguments but on facts.

These facts are obvious, clearly obvious to those who view the present situation candidly. A quick look at these facts should convince even the most disinterested that the need for the new field house is a question of paramount importance; a question that needs no further argument but, instead, action.

"Here on the campus of North Dakota University almost all our school's athletic and social activities are centered in one small building—the Armory. Constructed during a period when enrollments were small, it stands today like a ghost out of the past, taunting us, and bringing upon us ridicule and scorn.

"Here in this ancient edifice are carried on such a wide variety of programs as to make it quite unnecessary to mention them for one to see the absurdity of the situation. Not only are such athletic events as varsity basketball, handball, volleyball, intramural basketball, track preparations, and ROTC classes carried on within its walls, but also such social activities as convocations, Carney Contests, band concerts, and dances crowd the schedule of the center.

This overcrowding of both time and space can lead to only one thing—conflict between scheduled athletic and social events.

"It is ridiculous that conflicting schedules should prevail when, at a time like this, the most intensified cooperation is necessary in order to meet and take care of the needs of the students.

"They rightfully expect and should be provided with a program of recreation second to none. How, then, can we pro-

vide them with such a program?

"Here at North Dakota University our year-around athletic program, by necessity, is concentrated indoors. Our school term covers a period when the most adverse weather conditions reign supreme. This natural obstacle to outdoor athletics makes the need for a large field house even more pronounced and obvious.

"The Armory, tied up and limited as it is with social and educational activities makes it impossible for the students to have access to the only possible source for athletic recreation during the winter months.

The crowded conditions of the Armory hardly leave space or time for the participation of even a fraction of our male students.

"The only answer to this dilemma is the construction of a new field house, large enough and containing the necessary equipment for full participation by all students. We must meet this situation now, now before it is too late.

We have the required space for expansion. Provisions for the building fund can be solved. Thus while we still have the time we must take the necessary steps to alleviate the present condition and provide for the athletic needs of our evergrowing student body."

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