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At Alumni Preview of Student Union

Graduation Program Completed

Activities launching the 1951 commencement season will start Monday, June 4, with alumni registration in the new student union building, beginning at 2 p.m.

At 6 p. m., the alumni banquet will be held in the union with Chester Fritz of New York City as the speaker. At 7:40 p. m. the alumni board of directors will meet and at 8:30 p. m. the traditional University reception will be held at the home of President and Mrs. John C. West. The University band and Madrigal club will give a concert on the lawn of the president's home during the reception.

Breakfasts Planned

Tuesday, June 5, two breakfasts are scheduled in the student union, one for Old Timers

Report Due

President J. B. Bridston will present the annual report of the University Alumni association in the June issue of the *Alumni Review*.

and the other for the senior class, which is inaugurating a new commencement feature.

At 10 a.m. a tour of the campus will be staged and will feature an inspection of the U. S. lignite research laboratory. Informal luncheons are planned following the tour.

A smorgasbord will be given at 5 p.m. in the union for alumni, candidates for degrees and their guests and at 6 p. m. the University band will present a concert at the student union patio.

The academic procession gets under way at 7:45 p.m. and graduation exercises start at 8 p.m. in Memorial stadium with Edward McDermott of Chicago delivering the com-

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Facilities of the cafeteria in the new student union at the University, which will become the new location for the commons, were used for the first time May 21 at the "sneak preview." Portions of the dining hall, which seats 340, show a few of the alumni and friends who were present for the occasion.



Dr. J. B. Johnson, physicist and inventor, chats with President John C. West (right) in the lounge of the University student union. Dr. Johnson was on the campus to renew acquaintances and attend the preview. (Grand Forks Herald Photos.)

Alumni Preview Student Union

Several hundred alumni and friends of the University were given a "sneak" preview of the student union May 21 at a smorgasbord in the new cafeteria and a program in the ballroom.

Eating facilities in the union, which will become the new location for the commons on the campus, were in use for the first time at the alumni open house. The affair was staged to give impetus to the

current \$500,000 development drive of the university.

In addition to those from the immediate area, alumni came from as far away as New Jersey and Ohio.

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News Briefs of University Alumni

William L. Backer, 1950, has been ordered to active duty with the air force material command. Backer was employed by General Electric in Bridgeport, Conn. He enters service as a second lieutenant, having received his commission through the University ROTC program.

Hilda Christianson, 1940, Grand Forks County superintendent of schools since January, 1941, resigned that position May 11. Miss Christianson has taken work with Lyons and Carnahan educational publishers. She will be a field worker assigned to midwestern states.

Lt. Comdr. Douglas G. Anstett, ex 1940, has been given command of the U. S. S. Edmonds, navy escort destroyer. Anstett is being transferred from his present position as head of the navy reserve and training center at Colorado Springs, Colo.

C. V. S. Ratnam, who received a doctor's degree from the University last semester, has arrived in India after spending one month in England, en route. He has applied for a job as lecturer in chemical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology.

Albert Gordon Bauer, 1951, is taking basic training for the army and is stationed at Fort Ord, Cal.

Charles Nelson Glaab, 1951, is doing graduate work in history at the University of North Dakota. Forrest D. Johnson, 1951, is also doing graduate work here.

Wesley G. Grapp, native of Aberdeen, S. D., has been admitted to practice before the United States supreme court. He was personally sponsored and presented to the high court by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. Grapp, a special agent of the federal bureau of investigation, is employed in Washington, D. C.

Donald A. Schlaefer, ex 1951, of the 410th Evacuation hospital, a reserve army organization, left for a basic training course at Fort Riley, Kansas. His parents live in Grand Forks.

Robert P. Dorsher, 1951, of Grand Forks recently entered the U. S. navy after receiving his bachelor of law degree in January.

Capt. Pauline R. Renke (Pauline Eilar) 1948, has been made commanding officer of WAC detachment No. 1 at Fort Bragg, N. C. Capt. Renke first entered the WAC in 1943 and saw overseas service in New Guinea and Manila during World War II. Her husband, Capt. W. W. Renke, 1948, is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Donald H. Carothers, 1951, has opened a law office in Fargo, N. D.

Alroy D. Piepgras, 1935, was recently appointed executive assistant to D. J. King, regional vice president in the Orient of Northwest Airlines. A native of LuVerne, Minn., Piepgras started work with the company in 1939. He has been assistant treasurer, with headquarters in Tokyo and he will retain his responsibilities of a financial and accounting nature in addition to taking on functional administration activities in the Orient, the company said.

Miss Luella Johnson of Underwood, N. D., recently became the bride of Marvin Snyder, ex 1948, also of Underwood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are now enrolled at Iowa State college in Ames, Iowa.

Mrs. O. H. Bridston (Lida Abrahamsen) 1911, died recently in a Grand Forks hospital. Mrs. Bridston was born in Grand Forks in 1889 and attended the city schools. After graduating from the University, she taught at Walhalla. She was married in 1919. She is survived by Mr. Bridston; a son, Don, a 1950 graduate of the University; a brother, and one sister.

Charles H. Juni, 1951, is working on a master's degree in geology at the University of Minnesota.

Thomas A. Gilman, 1951, is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. He left with the national guard in January and spent some time in Camp Rucker before going to Fort Bragg for a course in physical training.

Harvey Harry Rhodes, 1951, lives in Schenectady, N. Y., where he is working on a test assignment with gas turbines.

James A. McGuckin, 1951, is living in Fargo and is employed by the Merchants National bank there.

Donald B. Hawes, 1951, is an instructor in geology and mathematics at Odessa college in Odessa, Texas.

Warren G. Theroux, 1951, is employed as bookkeeper for Bridgeman Creameries, Inc., in Grand Forks.

James B. Graham, 1951, lives in Ellendale, N. D. He is associated with his father, Judge F. J. Graham, in his law firm.

Alfred A. Thompson, 1951, resides in Bismarck, N. D. He is states attorney for Burleigh county.

Chester Michael King, 1951, is completing his first year as seventh and eighth grade teacher and high school science teacher and basketball coach at Tolley, N. D.

Leroy A. Goodrich, 1951, is living in Kent, Ohio. He is associate professor at Kent State university, concerned primarily with graduate training of counselors and guidance workers.

Wayne A. Gray, 1951, is stress engineer for North American Airways, Inc., in Los Angeles.

Earl Walter Paulson, 1951, is a student at Indiana university school of social work in Indianapolis.

Miss Patricia Sullivan of New York and Harold P. Thomson, Jr., 1943, were married recently in New York. Thomson is associated with the New York law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Hamilton. The couple will reside in New York until June 1, at which time they will move to Fargo, N. D. where he will join the law firm of Burnett, Bergesen, Haakenstad and Conny.

Dorothy Jean Hanes became the bride of Frederick Stone, 1950, in Florence, Alabama April 14. Stone is employed by the Leonard Construction company in Mason City, Iowa.

Dr. Roy E. Christie, 1911, of Roanoke, Va., represented the University at the inauguration of Dr. John Rutherford Everett as president of Rollins College in Roanoke.

Phyllis Johnson of Grand Forks was married recently to Robert E. Krumholz who is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. The service took place in the chapel at Camp Rucker.

Two former Grand Forks brothers, Stuart and William Charlesworth, have received almost simultaneous advancements in grades in the marine and army air corps, respectively. Stuart, 1933, who has served with the marines since 1933, was promoted to the rank of full colonel, while William, 1942, a fighter pilot, was made a major. Colonel Charlesworth is, at present, studying administration and training in the graduate school at Ohio State university. Major Charlesworth is studying navigation at the Ellington base in Texas.

Carol Leifur, 1948, is now employed by Cedric Adams, Minneapolis Tribune columnist and radio newscaster, as his assistant. Miss Leifur edits the Adams newscasts and helps gather material for his columns. She also assists in his radio broadcasts from various cities. Before becoming Adams' assistant, Miss Leifur was employed in the advertising department of Powers Co. and later for the B.B.D. & O. advertisers in Minneapolis.

Anna Marie McKinnon, 1951, is assistant society editor and staff writer for the BISMARCK TRIBUNE in Bismarck, N. D.

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Drive Officials Confer at Union

● Graduation

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mencement address. The band and Madrigal club will provide music for the exercises.

The second largest graduating class in the history of the University, 465, will receive degrees. In case weather prevents holding the exercises in the stadium, the program will be held in the armory and there will not be the usual academic procession.

To Hold Reunions

The classes of 1901 and 1926 will hold reunions during the two-day commencement period. Word has been received at the alumni office from these members of the class of 1901:

Thomas Devaney, 1901, writes that he hopes to be here for the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation. He has practically retired from his law practice at Langdon, N. D.

Judge Albert Besancon, 1901, will not be able to attend commencement this year. He writes from Missoula, Mon.: "Judged by what it has done for ambitious boys and girls, the University of North Dakota, while small, and when big, seems to me about the finest and best institution of its kind in these United States."

Mrs. S. M. Hydle (Nellie Johnson) 1901, of Williston, N. D., will return for the reunion of her class this year.

Dr. Archibald McDonald, 1901, will come to the reunion from Dufuth, Minn., where he has a medical practice. He writes that after hearing of all the changes on the campus, he may need a guide.

Mrs. Roy D. Collins (Lillian E. Boyes) 1901, writes from Lemon Grove, Cal., that she cannot come for commencement this year. Mr. and Mrs. Collins spend each winter in Lemon Grove and return in the summer to their home in Fairview, N. D.

Judge W. L. Nuessle, 1901., of Bismarck, plans to be here for commencement and the reunion.

John U. Hemmi, Oceanside, Cal., has published a book on "The Bible and the Fruit." He has retired from the practice of law after 20 years of legal work. He was a member of the class of 1893.



Leaders in the current \$500,000 development fund drive among alumni and friends of the University discuss plans in the memorial lounge at a "sneak" preview May 21 in the new student union. They are (left to right) State Senator J. B. Bridston, president of the alumni association; Loyde C. Thompson, North Dakota chairman; Donald Squires, Ohio chairman; Armin F. Rohde, national chairman; T. E. Waldon, Grand Forks chairman; Mrs. J. Warren McClure, women's chairman; and Lloyd Stone, alumni director. All live in Grand Forks except Squires, who resides in Dayton, Ohio. (Grand Forks Herald Photo.)



Duane

Alden



Donald

Three sons of the late Dean Vernon P. Squires of the University have accepted appointments in the current half million dollar development drive among alumni

and friends of the University.

Squires of Togus, Me., J. Duane Squires of New London, N. H., and Donald Squires of Dayton, Ohio, who each have agreed to handle the drive in their states. Dr. Squires, class of 1927, is with the veterans administration; Duane Squires, class of 1925, chairman of the department of social studies at Colby Junior college, and Donald Squires, who attended the University until 1935, is with Remington Rand. Another well-known alumnus of the school, Thomas D. Campbell, world famous wheat king, has accepted the chairmanship of the drive in New Mexico. Formerly at Hardin, Mont., he now resides in Albuquerque.

Letters of acceptance also have been received by Rohde from other state chairmen he has appointed. They include Jack Stewart of Phoenix, Ariz., Herbert S. Berwick of Denver, Colo., George L. B. Fraser of Greenwich, Conn., Miss Lois Hallen of Wilmington, Del., Milo L. Heen of Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Patrick E. Arneson of Indianapolis, Ind., E. Willard Sullivan of Wichita, Kan., Gordon R. Jenkins of Louisville, Ky., Morris O. Ryan of Silver Springs, Md., Charles F. Hobbs of Medford, Mass., O. Myking Mehus of Kansas City, Mo., Claude R. Holcomb of Hastings, Neb., William Kruger of Morristown, N. J., Dr. Willis Shepard of Eugene, Ore., Franklin W. Patten of Columbus, S. C., Olton Hewitt of Salt Lake City, Utah, O. J. Moen of Kayford W. Va., and Dr. Min Hin Li of Honolulu.

New Follies Check Goes To 'Union'

A check for \$1,162 was turned over to the Memorial Student Union fund, representing the entire net proceeds of the third night showing of the recent Flickertail Follies.

This makes a total of \$6,076.56 raised for the Union by the Follies in the past six years, according to Lee Bohnet, business manager for Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity which annually produces the all-campus variety show.

The Follies has pledged \$1,000 to the current University Development Fund drive, with \$200 coming out of the net proceeds of this year's show. A total of \$613.64 remains to be donated to some worthy campus cause from this year's Follies, with the Follies executive committee to make the final decision. Last year this group, representing Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic and Sigma Delta Chi, turned this additional fund over to the Student Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erickson, 1949, (Beverly Larson, 1948) are living in St. Paul, where Erickson is an industrial engineer with Brown and Bigelow. They have a daughter, Monica Gail, 22 months old.

Positions In Drive Accepted

Three sons of the late Dean Vernon P. Squires of the University have accepted appointments by Armin Rohde, national chairman, in the current half million dollar development drive among alumni and friends of UND.

They are Dr. Alden W.

Education Dean-Elect Appointed

Garold D. Holstine, director of teaching at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, has been appointed dean-elect of the school of education at the University.

Since the death of J. V. Breitwieser in an air crash about a year ago, Professor Erich Selke has been serving as acting dean of education. Dean-elect Holstine, with his wife, son and two daughters, came here late in April to take over his new position.

During the war, from 1942-44, Holstine was director of teacher education and training schools at Minot State Teachers college, after which he held a position with the United States navy, with the rating of lieutenant, in the Pacific area and in the bureau of personnel at Washington, D. C.

Holstine, graduate of the academy of Western Teachers college at Macomb, Ill., received a bachelor of education degree from that college. He received a master of arts degree in 1935 and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1942 from the University of Iowa at Iowa City. He also has studied at the Teachers college at Columbia university in New York city and at Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill.

Before entering the college field, Holstine served as superintendent at Alsey and Media, Ill., and while at Iowa, was an assistant in teacher training from 1940-42 and supervisor of student teaching and University schools in 1941.

West Returns From Peru Trip

President John C. West returned May 20 after a week-long visit to Lima, Peru to attend the 400th anniversary of the founding of the University of San Marcos.

He stated that Peru is highly developed socially, commercially and educationally,

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Dr. J. B. Johnson of Maplewood, N. J., research physicist in the Bell Telephone laboratories in that state, left for a speaking engagement at the University of Minnesota several days early in order to be present for the occasion. The holder of about 25 patents in the communications field, Johnson, a native of Velve, graduated from the University with a master's degree in physics in 1914.

Donald Squires, another former student, also arrived from Dayton, O., where he is associated with Remington Rand. Recently appointed by Armin Rohde, national chairman, as the state chairman of the drive for Ohio, Squires, son of a former dean at the University, was called on for a few brief remarks.

Chairman Named

Rohde, who also spoke in behalf of the drive announced the names of additional state chairman who have accepted appointments. They include Philip Poppler of Long Beach, for Southern California; Stanley Walsh of San Francisco for Northern California; Dr. Edwin Irgens of St. Joseph, for Michigan; William Kruger of Morristown, for New Jersey; Philip R. West of Baton Rouge, for Louisiana; and Warren Hedlin of Cheyenne, for Wyoming.

He also read telegrams of congratulations from other chairmen in the state of Arizona, Kentucky, Maine, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey and other places.

Bridston Presides

Senator J. B. Bridston, who presided, also called on the other chairmen, Loyde Thompson for North Dakota and T. E. Waldon for the city, for remarks in addition to Lloyd Stone, alumni director; Dr. M. A. Hoghaug, for non-alumni, Weston Chistopherson of Hanaford and Nancy Dukes of Grand Forks for the senior class.

with a standard of living comparable to our own. The city of San Marcos is extremely clean and well-kept and the people are healthy and progressive.

Alumni News Notes

A. G. Alpha, 1935, has been promoted to regional geologist in the exploration department of the General Petroleum Corp. He goes to the company's offices in Casper Wyo., from Great Falls, Mont., where he was district geologist for Montana. Alpha started with General Petroleum in 1943 as assistant geologist.

Evans J. Karpenko, 1941, formerly of Voltaire and Minot, North Dakota, has been appointed as assistant district attorney in Fort Worth, Texas. He received a law degree from the University of Southern California last June and was admitted to the Texas bar in October.

Merlyn Heimbecker, ex 1948, recently reopened the Heimbecker studio in Langdon after being released in inactive duty with the U. S. air force reserve.

Contributes to Research Book

Dr. Archie Gray of the department of educational administration at the University contributed two chapters to "School Plant and Equipment," the first 1951 issue of the **Review of Educational Research**. The periodical is the official publication of the American Educational Research association, which is a department of the National Education Association. The issue, "School Plant and Equipment," consists of eight chapters prepared by men prominent in the field of school plant planning and management.

Dr. Gray wrote the fourth chapter, "Trends in Materials and Design," and the concluding chapter, "Needed Research in the School-Plant Field." He was assisted in the section on trends by one of his graduate students, Jerald Blake, who is principal and coach at Dunseth, N. D.

George F. Strickling, 1925, was listed in the 1951 "Who Is Who in Music." Strickling is choral director at the Cleveland Heights high school in Cleveland, Ohio, and choral director at the Case Institute of Technology and a director of civic choruses.

A. B. Comfort, 1906, is serving his third term on the legislative council of the state of Washington. Special committees he serves on include the public welfare committee and the education and public building committee.

Robert T. Plunkett, 1940, is with the U. S. geological survey in Helena, Mont.

R. Lyle Webster, 1926, was recently appointed director of information for the department of agriculture by Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannon. Webster has worked in the department of Agriculture since 1931, beginning in the press service of the office of information and working successively in the agriculture adjustment administration, the office of the secretary and since 1944, the office of information.

Gorman A. Bentley, 1950, is manager of the St. Cloud Paper company in St. Cloud, Minn.

Arnold E. Rice, 1939, now in Korea, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel. Col Rice went to Korea last August and is expecting to be returned to the United States in October under the rotation plan. He is assigned to the G-3 section of the ninth corps.

Mrs. C. H. Clapp (Mary R. Brannon) 1903, was recently honored by the Theta Sigma Phi journalism sorority of the University of Montana.

Wilhelmina Carothers, 1896, is connected with the William Alexander Percy Memorial library of Greenville, Miss. She has been in library work since her graduation and is recognized as an authority as an archivist.