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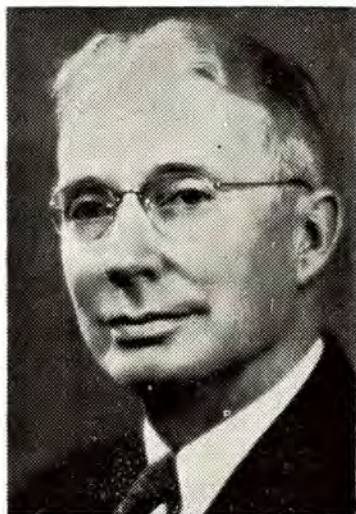
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DR. JOHN C. WEST
Retiring next year.

President To Retire Next June

Dr. John C. West, dean of University presidents of North Dakota and the United States, will retire as head of this State's University, June 30, 1954.

The announcement was made by A. F. Arnason, commissioner of the state board of higher education in Bismarck.

Dr. West has served as University president longer than the head of any other state university, assuming that position here in 1933.

His efforts on behalf of the University during the "black thirties" won him considerable recognition as an extremely able administrator and University head, while his phenomenal memory for names and faces and genuine interest in young people have made him a well-liked figure among present and former students of the University.

He has remained president of the institution long enough to see sons and daughters of
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Homecoming Plans Hold U Attention

Homecoming plans began to take form with the opening of first-semester classes and the first activity was the naming of candidates from sororities and women's dormitories for 1953 Homecoming Queen.

A feature of Homecoming, scheduled for October 8-10, will be the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of UND's 1928 football team, the first University team to win the North Central conference championship. The team's coach, C. A. (Jack) West, will be on hand, along with many of his athletes to "replay" some of the thrillers of their day. Dr. Willis Shepard of Eugene, Ore., is in charge of the gridiron reunion.

Here is the tentative sched-

MANAGER RESIGNS

Amos Martin, director of the University Memorial Student Union since it opened in 1950, resigned to become executive secretary of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce.

Camelback Mascot Reports

Editor's note: The following letter was received in the Alumni office from "Snowball," mascot at Camelback Inn where the fourth annual U.N.D. Alumni Reunion will be held December 9-13.

Dear Alumni:

The U.N.D. Alumni Reunion at Camelback Inn has sold us out once again. As you may have heard, the old grads (and some not so old) are meeting out here on the desert near Phoenix, Ariz., December 9 to 13 for the fourth consecutive year.

I wish these rooms had rubber walls so I could stretch them to accommodate late comers who can't get into the

ule released by Chairman Robert McKinnon:

Thursday, October 8

6-8:15 p.m.—Testimonial banquet for President John C. West.

8:15—Pep rally and snake dance; introduction of queen

Friday, October 9

2-6 p.m.—Alumni registration. 2-6—Campus tours.

5—Band concert and pep rally.

5:30-7—Alumni smorgasbord.

7-9—Homecoming program.

9-12—Kickoff party.

Saturday, October 10

8 a.m.—Old Timer's breakfast.

10:30—Downtown parade.

2 p.m.—Football (University vs. Morningside).

After game — Cafeteria-style luncheon; fraternity, sorority "open houses" and suppers.

5-6—Annual meeting of Student Union corporation.

9 p.m. - 1 a.m.—Homecoming ball (Jules Herman and orchestra).

Reservations may be made by writing "Box EE, University Station, Grand Forks."

Hall Earns Scholastic Top Spot

Larimore hall earned top scholastic honors for the second semester of the 1952-53 school year with an average of 2.1099, according to figures released by Registrar Ruby McKenzie. Larimore also took the top spot the previous semester.

Delta Delta Delta sorority was second with a combined active and pledge average of 1.8583 and Johnstone hall third with 1.7826.

The University average rose from 1.4533 to 1.5472.

Win Men's Honors

First place men's honors went to Sayre hall with 1.6550 while Budge hall was second with 1.5812 and Macnie hall third with 1.5680.

The combined fraternity and sorority active and pledge average was 1.5004 as compared to 1.4470 the first semester. Non-sorority women averaged 1.8162 and non-fraternity men 1.5327.

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main Inn. But, I'm only a broken down old burro and all I can do is get the late alums into a nearby resort where we expect to house an overflow of perhaps 75 extra. With this extra group, the entire crowd will be about 200.

We could, if we had to, hang a few alums in nearby giant saguaros (our state emblem and a tall, tall cactus) and this isn't bad. It's comparable to sleeping two or three deep in Davis or Budge hall.

One old grad who was late in writing penned Jack this tale: "Dear Jack—Hearing you are sold out for the reunion I hope you won't forget how I

helped you out during that chemistry quiz, etc."

Of course, it's awful hard to overlook stuff like this and if this guy doesn't get a room my name isn't Snowball.

Lloyd Stone got the idea that those who couldn't come in December might like a reunion in January, so from the seventh to tenth of that month we'll have another such affair. If you've never been out of the snowdrifts in the wintertime this might be your chance to come down here and see our sun-kissed land. Until then, all best wishes.

Faithfully, your desert correspondent, Snowball.



FRANK ZAZULA
Starts with victory.

Sioux Win First Grid Tilt, 21-13

Coaches Frank Zazula and Tom Hughes, working with the smallest football squad to represent the University in many years, saw their charges eke out a 21-13 victory over Bemidji Teachers College in the season opener.

Although more players have reported since then, the outlook wasn't very bright for the North Central conference opener against Augustana. Injuries to a few regulars made the manpower shortage even more acute.

Top offensive threat for the Sioux this fall will apparently be Dick Ryan of Chicago. He was an all-conference end last season but was switched to left halfback by Zazula in spring workouts. He tallied two of the three touchdowns against Bemidji on runs of 60 and 30 yards. Under the rule change banning the two-plateon system, Ryan will be going both ways this fall and he'll have to be a 60-minute performer if the Sioux are to make any showing in the conference race.

On the bright side, however, was the turnout of a record 75 freshmen who reported. Frosh Coach Harold (Pinky) Kraft, appointed to the position this fall, is assisted by Louie Bogan, head basketball coach.

Music Department Enrollment Transferred to U Hits 2,204

Forty-seven years of work and tradition in the field of music were presented to the University recently in the transfer of the Wesley college music department.

Going into effect September

● President to Retire

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some of his earliest students now in attendance.

Dr. West has served as an educator for nearly 50 of his 67 years. He was born Dec. 25, 1885, at Clearwater, Minn., on a farm. He attended St. Cloud Teachers College and received a B.A. from the old Fargo College in 1915 and his master's from UND in 1926.

He served as superintendent of schools at St. John, N. D., from 1903 to 1906, at Webster, N. D., from 1906 to 1912, Barnesville, Minn., to 1916, Renville, Minn., to 1920, Sauk Center, Minn., to 1922, Bemidji to 1929 and Grand Forks Central school to 1933.

Reservations for a dinner which will be given in honor of President West October 8, at the Student Union may be made at the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the number of tickets is limited, so that reservations will be made in the order they are received. The price of tickets is \$3 each.

● Hall Earns Top Spot

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Larimore hall, Delta Delta Delta, Johnstone hall, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Zeta, Sayre hall, Pi Beta Phi, Budge hall, Macnie hall and Alpha Tau Omega ranked above the University average.

Top Sorority Actives

First place in the sorority active group went to Delta Delta Delta with 2.0272. Delta Gamma was second with 1.7980 and Delta Zeta third with 1.7928.

Kappa Sigma topped the fraternity active group with 1.6611 while Lambda Chi Alpha was second with 1.6196

1, the change transferred music classes from Wesley college to the University. Wesley college music department heads, Miss Sylvia Bagley, Miss Elizabeth Lewis and Miss Thelma Willet, are now members of the University faculty, under Prof. Hywel C. Rowland, head of the University music department.

Continue Classes

However, the University will continue to use Corwin hall on the Wesley college campus for music classes until the new education building is completed.

The idea for the transfer was conceived when Wesley President Macus J. Birrell, observing that music was suffering, proposed the change.

An agreement was made in 1930 to avoid conflicts between the two departments, resulting in restriction of growth of both, President Birrell said.

Make Agreement

Previously, in 1906, Wesley college, represented by President E. P. Robertson and the University by President Merrifield, made an agreement to give University students applied music instruction.

The change will give Wesley college an opportunity to expand its program of religion and also gain more teaching strength, Birrell said. The college is now working to relate courses in religion more closely to certain special phases of study in the University to give students a minor in religion.

and Alpha Tau Omega third with 1.6112.

Pi Beta Phi pledges were first in the sorority pledge group with 1.9090. Gamma Phi Beta was second with 1.3703 and Delta Zeta third with 1.1846.

Top average earned by fraternity pledges was Alpha Tau Omega with 1.4121. Tau Kappa Epsilon was second with 1.2068 and Sigma Alpha Epsilon third with 1.1931.

List Highest Class

Seniors were on top among the classes with a 1.8181 average. Juniors had 1.6371, sophomores, 1.4082, and freshmen, 1.2549.

Enrollment at the University reached 2,204 at the end of the first week of classes.

A breakdown in the figures revealed 1,612 men enrolled and 592 women.

By classes, enrollment includes 612 freshmen, 493 sophomores, 345 juniors, 429 seniors, 127 graduate students, 81 nurses and 35 special and unclassified students.

Have Yearbook Copies for Sale

Copies of the University's Dacotah Yearbook are available for the years 1921, 1928, 1931, 1935, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1951.

Alumni wanting a book (all in good condition) may order by sending a letter to the DACOTAH ANNUAL, University Station, Grand Forks. The cost is \$1 per book, including the mailing costs.

Orders are also being taken for next spring's book (1954) for \$5.25 to alumni, also including the mailing costs. They can order by sending a letter to the Dacotah and the books will be sent to them in the spring. Annual officials hope alumni will buy the books to put them in their hometown libraries to promote the University.

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FRED J. GRAHAM
U. Graduate dies.

Ellendale Attorney Dies at 72

Fred J. Graham, 72, Ellendale attorney, former legislator and former Republican national committeeman, died September 21 in a Jamestown hospital of bronchial pneumonia.

Graham was a 1906 University of North Dakota graduate, receiving his LL.B. degree.

Services were held September 24 at the Methodist church in Ellendale, N. D.

Graham, a native of Stockbridge, Mich., was a long-time member of the Nonpartisan League faction of the North Dakota GOP, serving in many posts.

Graham's career included serving as Dickey County states attorney, District Court judge, chairman of the Republican state central committee in 1926-27, twice Republican national committeeman—from 1928-32 and from 1944 to 1948; a member of the state house of representatives from 1943 to 1949, and president of the state bar association in 1949-50.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ina Randall of Ellendale; three sons and a daughter, Gordon of Manhasset, N. Y.; Mrs. John (Helen)

Alumni News Notes

Wallace C. Olson, 1950, is now employed as a design engineer at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif. He is married to the former **Suzanne Burkman, ex 1948**, and they have purchased a home in Pa-coima, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nordquist, 1938, of Centralia, Wash., are the parents of a new son, David Alden.

Rear Adm. Homer Wallin, 1922, who has been stationed in Washington, D. C., was transferred in July to the Naval Shipyard at Bremerton, Washington.

Duane E. Peightal, 1953, has joined the staff of the research department of the Standard Oil Company at Whiting, Ind. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and formerly of Bismarck, N. D.

Haakon Anderson, 1934, received a master of music degree at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y., at their annual commencement.

Kenneth J. Young, ex 1933, is a director of personnel for the Mechanical Division of General Mills. He has been with General Mills since 1943.

Rayland Wilson, 1949, is employed as floor manager with the J. C. Penney Company in Racine, Wis.

Mrs. G. Earl Hill (Alice Olson) 1931, has been teaching in the Social Studies Department of the Gallatin County high school in Bozeman, Mont., since 1941.

Helen B. Birkeland, 1952, and **John Robert Soderholm, 1951**, were married in Sheyenne, N. D. They are living in Grand Forks, where they are employed.

Viola Jean Tompt, 1952, was married in Moorhead, Minn., to John F. Risk of Chicago. They are living in Chicago, where Risk has a law practice.

M. Edwin Nuetzman, 1948, joined the Grand Forks county welfare office here recently as a child welfare worker. Nuetzman received his master's degree in social work from the University of Denver in June. He is a World War II veteran.

Rezatto of Charleston, Ill., Randall of Minneapolis and J. Benjamin, who has been associated with his father in law practice since 1951.

Word has been received here that **Mrs. W. E. Keith (Sylvia Marriage) 1925**, died at her home in Santa Maria, Calif. She had been an invalid for many years.

A 1942 University graduate, **Wally Erickson**, helped this year to achieve for Radio Station KFRE, Fresno, Calif., the title of "outstanding farm station of the year." The recognition was accorded the station by Variety Magazine. Erickson was given the responsibility four years ago of developing a farm program for the station. This was the first time any Pacific Coast station had won this recognition, the only one granted by Variety for farm broadcasting.

Madeline Larson, ex 1931, and **Joseph Larivee, 1931**, were married in Portland, Ore. Larivee is a chemist at Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in Longview, Wash.

Reviews

Two interesting novels by alumnae of the University have come to the editor's desk this month.

"Lark Against the Thunder," a story of America's last frontier, the Dakota territory, was written by **Bea Agard (Beatrice Helmer, 1911)**. The author of this dramatic book was born in the environment her book describes. She has taught high school in Grand Forks, Seattle, and Glendale, California and is now living in Glendale.

"Tomorrow is For You" by **Vera Kelsey**, author of "Red River Runs North" is full of action telling of the Minnesota territory, the fur trade, the pemmican industry, and two attractive young people. Vera Kelsey has been a newspaper writer, magazine writer and editor, and has traveled widely. She finished the University in 1914 and now lives in Minnesota.

STARTED IN 1895

First of 53 University of North Dakota summer sessions opened in 1895 under President Webster Merrifield. This year's enrollment of 823 students was the seventh largest. The 1947 figure of 978 was the highest ever recorded.



M. O. Jeglum, 1927, above, has resigned as executive director of the North Dakota Society for Crippled Children and Adults to accept a similar position in Indiana.

Textbook Written by U Graduate

A textbook written by **Bruce Westley**, a native of Coopers-town and a 1936 graduate of the University, has been published by the Houghton Mifflin Co., which has offices in Boston, New York, Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco.

Westley, assistant professor of journalism at the University of Wisconsin, wrote the textbook entitled, "News Editing," designed to provide students with comprehensive understandings of newspaper production.

At the present time, Westley is on a leave of absence from Wisconsin to work toward a doctorate in psychology at the University of Michigan. After his undergraduate work at UND, Westley received his master of science degree at Columbia University.

MEETING SET

Minneapolis - St. Paul alumni club meeting Friday, November 6, 1953, 6:30 p.m. Curtis Hotel. For reservations write to Mrs. Julia Ranney, Editorial Department, Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

University Professor Authors New Work

A North Dakota University professor has overthrown the accepted notions on the reasons for North Dakota's isolationism.

Isolationism didn't arise because North Dakotans were poorly informed or because of remoteness from the coastlines, Professor Robert P. Wilkins, Department of History, contends in a dissertation entitled *Public Opinion in North Dakota on the European War 1914-1917*.

The Wilkins study, only the third of its kind ever written in the United States, will be significant contribution to the whole field of American history.

Works for Ph.D.

Wilkins is working for a Ph.D. degree at West Virginia University. He received a Phi Beta Kappa key at Indiana University, where he also received his Master of Arts degree. He has been an instructor at UND since 1945.

Although North Dakotans supported the World War I effort patriotically once the United States entered it, the evidence shows, Wilkins says, that many more people in the state were opposed to the war than in most other states. Nor were they so pro-Ally, as in other states. This attitude was clearly reflected in the newspaper editorials of the time and in the voting records of the men in Congress.

Recall Wilson Charge

Senator Porter McCumber to the last insisted that the Germans be given another chance. Senator Asle J. Gronna was one of only six senators who voted against the declaration of war, the clique President Woodrow Wilson Branded "the little group of willful men."

Wilkin thinks it was significant that the Stockwell Oratorical Prize of 1916 went to a North Dakota boy whose topic was "A Plea for Germany."

Why were North Dakotans opposed to the war?

The overwhelming consideration, Wilkins believes, was the suspicion that the war

fever was being promoted by Eastern capitalists and industrialists for their own benefit.

Feeling More Friendly

Secondly, Wilkins lists a more kindly feeling toward the Germans than in most parts of the United States. This was to some extent explained by the large German population in west central North Dakota.

More important, Wilkins thinks, was the attitude of the foreign element in general. These people were familiar with Europe, Wilkins points out, and they simply couldn't get excited over just another squabble among European nations. Nor were they impressed by the talk that the war was a "crusade to democratize Europe."

Travels Extensively

Wilkins mentions the predominance of Scandinavians, people who take pride in their "coolheadedness," in their ability to see two sides of a question. If they possessed this objectivity in fact, they would be less likely to be carried away by the anti-German propaganda sweeping the country.

Wilkins traveled extensively through the state doing research for his book. He has visited the State Historical Society of North Dakota a number of times and last summer spent several weeks at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C.

Wilkins was aided by a whole fund of information which he found right at the University of North Dakota. This was the Orin G. Libby Manuscripts Collection consisting of letters, diaries, photographs and journals of North Dakotans.

Collection Valuable

The Libby Collection, as a repository for evidence, was established to facilitate research in North Dakota.

Nor is the Wilkins study the only research being undertaken at the University and in the state. Biographers of U.S. Senator A. J. Gronna, Governor John Burke and Congress-

Offer Fund New Spud To Revive Research Song Fest Under Way

New hope for the revival of the traditional Carney Sing contest came recently when State Sen. and Mrs. J. B. Bridston offered to donate \$100 a year to be used as prize money for the event, starting next year.

In a letter to President John C. West, the Bridstons declared that it was with keen disappointment that they had learned the contest was not to be held this year.

"For more than 30 years we have enjoyed the Carney contest, first in our college days as participants and later as listeners," their letter states. "We cherish it as one of the finest traditions of our Alma Mater."

The money would be divided between a \$75 prize for the class winning first place and \$25 for the class taking second.

Launched by E. Claude Carney, UND alumnus and Minneapolis lawyer, the Sing was a feature of Founders Day exercises at the University for 42 years. This year's event was called off for lack of expense funds and because no seniors or juniors volunteered to lead their classes as choregi.

READY SOON

With new equipment being installed and work generally approaching the finishing stages, officials expect the new medical science building of the University to be ready for occupancy sometime this fall.

man William Lemke are being written.

For those who want to know what makes North Dakota tick the Libby Collection is an auspicious sign that the University is moving in the right direction.

A new potato market through development of a new product would result if research by Prof. A. M. Cooley, head of the University chemical engineering department, turns out successfully.

Mr. Cooley for three years has been working on dehydration of potato granules to work out a product that will do for the potato industry what frozen concentrates have done for the citrus industry.

His work is being conducted for the U. S. army quartermaster corps.

Dehydrated potatoes now on the market have not proven too successful because they require more care in setting up for serving than the average housewife cares to turn out when buying and using a "short cut" product.

Only a few improvements in processing will make the powdered potatoes simple and quick to prepare for table use.

Due to the comparatively high price of such products at present they must be thoroughly usable and simple to prepare to meet with market success and their flavor must be "right."

A pilot plant was set up at the University three years ago to allow processing of quantities of potato granules to obtain information for commercial use. The granules are made from steamed mashed potatoes.

Reports are made to the quartermaster corps every two months.

RECEIVES NEW GRANT

A grant of \$9,285 has been received by the University school of medicine for the next six months from the National Fund for Medical Education. The grant was one of 79, totaling \$1,944,151.