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Report From The Campus

By TERRY COLLETTE, '49

Graduates returning to the University campus for the annual Homecoming October 29-30 will find two unique improvements made at the school since the 1953 reunion.

With temperatures in the 70s, public ice skating was launched in the Winter Sports Building October 2. The only artificial ice plant for skating in the state was put back into operation following a number of repairs made during the summer.

Over in the gigantic field-house students were finding a different form of recreation. With the start of the fall semester the swimming pool was put into use for the first time.

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In addition to physical education swimming instruction and classes the pool has been made available to the entire student body and faculty. Special times have been set aside during the week for open swimming.

Other notable improvements also have been made.

The addition to the medical school, doubling the size of the building, has been completed and bids for equipping the structure have been let.

Complete except for minor finishing work is the new education building. The structure is expected to be put into use the second semester.

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Meanwhile, plans for the two big fall events have been nearly completed. Preceding the traditional Homecoming celebration, will be the Dad's Day event.

Featured for Dad's Day will be the house decorations, on display Friday night, October 16.

On Saturday, October 17, the University gridders play host to Iowa State Teachers College in what Sioux followers have been referring to as (Continued on Page Four)



EDWARD J. DEVITT

Devitt to Be Appointed U. S. Judge

Edward J. Devitt of St. Paul, a 1935 University law school graduate, is expected to be appointed a federal judge, succeeding Judge Matthew M. Joyce, who is retiring this month.

Devitt is Ramsey County probate judge.

Judge Devitt, 43, a Republican is a former municipal judge, assistant attorney general, law instructor, and went to Congress from Minnesota's fourth district from 1947-49.

He is a native of St. Paul. His mother moved with the family to East Grand Forks when Judge Devitt was 10. He became municipal judge there at the age of 24, the youngest man to hold that elective position.

He entered the Navy in 1941 as a lieutenant (jg), after being granted a leave of absence from the attorney general's office. He resumed his duties after discharge, but resigned in 1946.

Reports on Reunion Of UND Class of '04

Editor's note: At the June Commencement exercises the class of 1904 observed the fiftieth anniversary of its graduation. Judge G. Grimson here tells of the reunion and of activities of class members.

To the Class of 1904:

I am happy to report on our June reunion. Those attending were Tessie Jackson Matheson, Percy Abbey, Earl Duell, my wife and myself. We enjoyed looking over an album of pictures Lloyd Stone has been instrumental in gathering.

Percy Abbey and Herb Goodall have also furnished the University with a collection of pictures taken during the early years. We enjoyed visiting with one another and with the present faculty and students.

I received letters from several of our classmates containing news items in which I am sure you will be interested.

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John Lee Coulter has had a rich experience along research and educational lines. He has been a professor at different colleges and was at one

Meetings

Detroit — Friday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., Carsons Cafe. Write Carsons Cafe, 35 Burroughs and Woodward, Detroit, Mich., for reservations.

Fargo — Luncheon honoring President George Starcher, Thursday noon, October 21, at Fargo Elks Club.

Minneapolis — November 12. For reservations write Julie Ann Ranney, 6714 Columbus Ave., Minneapolis. President George Starcher to attend.

Milwaukee — November 14. For reservations write Larry Navarro, 700 West Michigan St., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

time President of the North Dakota Agricultural College. He has received many honorary degrees. He is now President of the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at Washington, which is composed of members representing universities and colleges throughout the United States. He was at one time a member of the Tariff Commission and has now for many years maintained an office as a consulting economist in Washington, D. C.

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Innis Ward has followed his life profession of civil engineer in Duluth. He was for a time a member of the City Commission and is now employed in the city engineer's department. He has a son and a daughter. They are taking a family trip to the southwest this month. He regrets that he could not join the reunion and sends his best wishes to you all.

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Percy Abbey started out as a banker first at Cando and later in Montana. For some years now he has worked with Montana oil companies and is now working with a land management agency in Montana. He was present and participated in our reunion and sends greeting to you all.

Earl Duell has been in the banking business in Devils Lake most of the time. He regrets that he didn't continue along the line of a cartoonist. You remember his cartoons in the 1904 Dakota.

Percy Crewe planned to attend the reunion but suffered bereavement in the loss of his wife, April 28. Percy retired as Chief Consel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue where he had served for a long time.

Lucy Conny joined the Catholic Order, Servants of Mary.

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News Notes of University Alumni

Trygvne K. Ageson, 1926, became a partner in an accounting firm which now operates under the firm name Aageson & Haskill in Evansville, Ind.

Leora Jones, 1954, sailed aboard the French Liner S. S. Flandre for France, where she will study under the Fulbright Scholarship for the academic year 1954-55 at the University of Grenoble.

Gloria Swenson, 1954, recently had the opportunity of attending a press conference in Minneapolis held by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey. She attended the conference in her capacity as a member of the public relations staff of General Mills.

Margaret M. Stellan, 1950, returned this year to teach in Davenport, Iowa, after a one-year leave of absence during which she travelled in Italy, France, Switzerland, England, Scotland and other European countries.

Jerome R. Church, ex 1928, operates a real estate business in Rockford, Ill.

Dr. James G. Golseth, 1939, was elected president of the American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis at a meeting in Washington, D. C.

John Noah, 1952, has been appointed counselor in the department of civilian vocational rehabilitation for the state. Noah held the position of mental hygiene consultant and social work technician during his service in the Army until recently.

Edwin O. Olson, 1950, recently opened the Olson Typewriter and Office Equipment Co. in Grand Forks. Olson was formerly a partner in the Roche-Olson Co. of Grand Forks. He is married and the father of two daughters.

Dr. Carlton A. Pederson, 1934, has been appointed associate dean of the graduate school of business at Leland Stanford University. Before joining the Stanford faculty, Pederson taught at San Jose State College. Mrs. Pederson is the former Goldie Law, 1934.

Henry Walter, ex 1951, who recently completed a course at the Northwestern University School of Dentistry in Chicago, began dental practice at Hatton this fall.

Amos Martin, 1950, Secretary of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, was selected vice president of the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce Executives at a meeting held in Missoula, Mont., during the Rocky Mountain conference of the U. S. Chamber.

Kirian L. Dooley, 1954, joined the North Dakota State Department of Public Instruction as director of field services in secondary and elementary education on September 1. Dooley was superintendent of the schools at Belfield, N. D.

M/Sgt. Walter L. Halverson, 1937, is head coach with the 39th Infantry Regiment's football team in Germany. Halverson has been in Europe since January, 1953.

Ensign Merle A. Merkel, ex 1953, was recently awarded his Navy "Wings of Gold" at Corpus Christi, Texas. He has been assigned duty with a single-engine aircraft in Miramar, Calif.

W. H. Thomas, 1931, of San Mateo, Calif., is an Assistant Regional Commissioner with the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Thomas has two children, a twenty-year old son and an 18-year old daughter.

Col. Gilbert Check, ex 1934, is now stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He is expecting his family to join him there soon.

Ernest M. Freegard, 1945, is a design engineer with General Electric Co. and living in Danville, Ill.

Ernest P. Dubuque, 1934, was a recent visitor on the campus. He is with the U. S. Public Health Service and now is on loan to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Area Sanitary Engineer, at Billings, Mont.

Allen Nelson, 1951, has accepted the position of Superintendent at Manvel, N. D. He held a similar position as Pisek last year.

At the June 12 Commencement of the University of Southern California two UND alums received advanced degrees. They were **Emmet C. Birk, 1937**, who received a master of science degree in education, and **Vernon Francis Malley, 1942**, who received a master of science in civil engineering.

Rinehart W. Ruff, 1952, has been appointed an assistant to Dean D. J. Robertson, Dean of Men at UND. Ruff, recently discharged from the Air Force, will assist men students with non-academic problems and work with the various men's organizations on the campus.

Dr. Stewart O. Olson, 1950, who recently began a practice in Des Moines, Iowa, was the subject of a story in the Des Moines Tribune which took particular note of the fact that Olson switched from a musical career as baritone saxophonist with Gene Krupa's band to study medicine.

Margaret Mudgett, 1919, of New York City, recently moved to Sedona, Ariz., where she and a partner opened The Peddlers Wagon, a gift shop. Of interest to camera fans, their patio affords one of the finest and most colorful views in the United States.

Francois Delzer, 1954, received a Fulbright scholarship to study in Germany during the 1954-55 academic year. He plans to attend the University of Tuebingen.

A recent letter from **Pvt. Irvin M. Letofsky, 1954**, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., contained the following news of alums he has seen in Missouri:

Jim Swingen, 1953, and his wife (**Bev Doeschler, ex 1953**) are at Ft. Leonard Wood, where Jim is in charge of the committee instructing trainees in the light machine gun during their eight weeks of Basic Infantry training. His committee was judged the best one month.

Lowell Anderson, ex 1953, was at Ft. Leonard Wood and has since been moved to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for eight months' guided missiles training.

John Edling, ex 1953, is a clerk at Ft. Leonard Wood and has made the golf team on the post.

Col. Lester P. Veigel, 1928, USAF, who was recently transferred to Orlando Air Force Base from Washington, D. C., has assumed command of the OAFB Station Hospital.

Don R. Hielstand, 1940, has been named manager of industrial relations at the Aviation Gas Turbine Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., in Kansas City, Mo.

Robert Middleton, 1952, has been hired in the Mail Order Division of Montgomery Ward in St. Paul under the accelerated training program.

Dr. Elmer Ellis, 1925, is serving as Acting President of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., until June 30, 1955. He retains the titles of Dean of the College of Arts and Science and Professor of History.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackburn Black, 1926, are holding open house at their home, Rippon Lodge, Woodbridge, Va., for UND alumni group of that area.

Rolf E. Hovey, 1935, represented the University of North Dakota at the inauguration of the new president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

E. L. Dahlund, 1934, will represent the University at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., October 29 when a new president is inaugurated.

Richard P. Halverson, 1951, was awarded a master of science degree at the summer quarter commencement of Ohio State University.

Dr. Willis B. Shepard, 1929, will represent the University of North Dakota at the inauguration of the ninth president of the University of Oregon on October 19.

Ernest Norman, 1952, was awarded a master degree in Social Work at the University of Denver recently.

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News Briefs of University Alumni

Births

Supt. and Mrs. D. Keith Thunem, 1952, Carson, N. D., proudly announce the arrival of twins, Dwain Keith and Dorothy Kathleen, September 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Johnson (Francis Towne, 1946) are the parents of a daughter, Carol Elizabeth, born August 27. The Johnsons have just recently moved to Caldwell, N. J., where Johnson is in the business of making electrical connectors and special plastic castings.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Samson, 1949, became the parents of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, August 20. The Johnsons live in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston R. Christopherson, 1949, (Myrna Christensen, 1951) are the parents of a baby girl named Mia. They have moved to Barrington, Ill., where he is employed with the Jewel Tea Co.

Deaths

Dr. W. A. Liebeler, 1922, died unexpectedly September 22 at the age of 56. Dr. Liebeler had been a prominent Grand Forks physician and surgeon and in 1948-49 held the presidency of the North Dakota State Medical Ass'n. He had practiced medicine in Grand Forks since 1925.

Word has been received of the death September 17 of William H. Padden, 1906, at Osakis, Minn., where he had been engaged in the practice of law since 1939. He is survived by his wife, Marie.

E. W. Hancock, 1916, died unexpectedly of a heart attack recently at Lincoln, Neb., where he had practiced medicine since 1928. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Word has been received that Maj. Dale L. Harmon, commander of the 304th College Training Detachment of the

Army Air Corps at the University for about a year beginning in February, 1943, died of a heart attack at a veterans hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Weddings

Lt. John L. Stewart, 1952, upon returning from 13 months active duty in Korea, was recently married to Marilyn DeLano, a graduate of the University of Minnesota. They will live in Washington, D. C., which is Stewart's next duty station.

Lt. Jack Stewart, ex 1950, was married to Harriet Mysterly of Bronxville, N. Y., at ceremonies in New York. Lt. and Mrs. Stewart now live in Dayton, Ohio, where he is engaged in aeronautical research for the Air Force.

JoAnne Bridston, 1951 and Warren Hedlin, 1942, were married recently. They are at home in Madison, Wis.

The wedding of George Dalen, 1951, and Virginia Hinney, a graduate of Duke University, took place recently in the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J. Dalen received his master's degree in journalism in June from Columbia University.

Matilda Alice Towne, 1949, was married at Bismarck to Richard Prescott. The Prescotts live in Minneapolis. Mrs. Prescott is employed by the Home Economics Dept. of Swift and Co., South St. Paul.

Quentin V. Jensen, 1951, was married to Betty Beach Aslesen at Fairbault, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen teach at the Shattuck School in Fairbault.

Barbara Ann Billingsley, 1949, married Dr. M. C. Pearson. They are residing in Concordia, Kansas.

Cora G. Glaserud, 1940, was married to Robert A. Edstrom in Grand Forks. Their home is in St. Paul.



This group of University alumni attended the Dickinson, N. D., Alumni club meeting. First row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Regan (Jane Ray, ex 1940), Dickinson; Richard Swartz, 1951, Hebron; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klick, 1924, Hebron; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Klick, 1928, Hebron; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reichert, 1935, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Muggli, 1942 (Doris Hennessy, 1942), Dickinson; L. E. Osborn, 1947, Dickinson; Second row: Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie, 1929, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boulger, Dickinson; Mrs. Richard Bertie (Ann Pierce) 1948, Dickinson; Mrs. Margaret Stav (Margaret Anderson) 1931, Dickinson; Mrs. O. H. Shirk (Petronella Hastings) ex 1946, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ongstad, 1950, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kirby, 1948, Dickinson; Mrs. Walter Kack (Winnie Gilmour) 1933, Dickinson; Mr. Harold Halstead, 1949, Dickinson; Ed Blackorby, 1938, Dickinson; Third row: Mrs. Louis Veigel, Mrs. Don Reichert, Mrs. L. E. Osborn, Jr. (Marjorie Kennedy, 1946), Dickinson; J. Lloyd Stone, UND; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McGrath, 1949, Dickinson; Mrs. Gordon Olson, Dickinson; Walter Kack, ex 1932, Dickinson; James Randall, 1949, Dickinson; Back row: Louis Veigel, 1930, Dickinson; Dr. Don Reichert, 1939, Dickinson; Richard Bertie, 1947, Dickinson; Gordon Olson, 1952, Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Saxowsky, 1940 (Eleanor Wold, 1941), Dickinson.

Class of '04

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Lillian Lund taught in North Dakota for three years after graduation, then two years in Seattle. In 1908 she married O. T. Peterson and lived at Hettinger, N. D. Mr. Peterson died in 1922 and Lillian moved to Montana with her six children. She re-entered the teaching profession and became County Superintendent of Flathead County and in 1943 was appointed State Rural School Supervisor from which position she has just retired.

Fannie Robinson Larson lost her doctor husband a few years ago and now lives in Puente, Calif.

Lillian E. Davidson sends greetings to all from Vancouver, B. C.

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Fred Traynor carried on a very active and successful law practice in Devils Lake. He was elected a member of the Legislature in 1908. He served on the Board of Higher Education from its establishment in July 1939, until last summer. In recognition of those services he was given an honorary degree at the University last year. He raised three sons and a daughter, all married and doing well. He is not in the best of health and has retired. He lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Tessie Jackson Matheson lives at Langdon where she assists her husband, who is a minister. He is now 89 years of age and still active.

Frank Whipple is county judge of Wells County.

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Ludvig Rockne has worked along educational lines and is now retired.

My wife and I are in fair health and still working full time. I served 14 years as State's Attorney of Cavalier County, 23 years as Judge of the Second Judicial District and now almost five years on the Supreme Court. We have raised two boys. The elder, Keith, is professor of surgery at Duke University and doing research work on high blood pressure. Lynn has a good law practice at Grafton, N. D.

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C. B. Bach, a member of the law class writes:

"Personally I am not practicing law but am in the Life Insurance business. I practiced

law for several years at Minot, and then moved to Minneapolis, where I am now located. I have two sons both living in Minneapolis. My wife died several years ago. I occasionally see some of the classmates, though not very often.

Ann Weiss Scott now lives in Los Angeles. She lost her husband but has raised five children.

Ella Robertson lives in the old home at Bathgate. She suffers from arthritis and on doctor's orders had to remain at home. She taught school and was at one time on the faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College at Ellendale.

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John Hancock attended Commencement and joined us at the reunion. Had he finished law at the University he would have been in our class of 1904. He gave us a very interesting talk on national affairs. His remarkable record is, perhaps, not exceeded by any graduate of the University.

President West gave us his final message as President of the University. He has made a very fine president of the University. He has built a fine university on the foundations laid by President Merrifield. You can all be proud of the University and I urge you to visit it at any opportunity.

I believe I sent you with the first letter a list of the living members of our class. Of the Arts Class of 18, 10 are alive. Of the Normal Class of 18, 10 are alive. Of the Laws, 23 in all, six are alive. I addressed a letter to the last known address of all those contained in the list I sent you and only two were returned—Mrs. Robert Craig (Josephine Nelson) and Esther B. Ray.

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This closes my activity in regard to the 50th anniversary of our graduation. I wish more of you could have been there. But I have enjoyed hearing from those who wrote and hope your interest in the University may be renewed by this effort. We have a very efficient alumni leader, Lloyd Stone, who will always be anxious to give you any information regarding the University. As I said before we may well be proud of the University. I think we can also be proud of the accomplishments of the University of our day. It did not have much in the line of buildings but it had a

Campus Report Homecoming Scheduled

(Continued from Page One) a "revenge contest." The Sioux hope to turn the tables on the Iowa Peds in revenge for the loss suffered last year at Cedar Falls.

That "big game," the highlight of every UND football season, will take place on October 30 when the Sioux conference opponent will be the North Dakota Agricultural College.

Preceding the game, a morning parade in downtown Grand Forks has been scheduled.

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Many reservations have been received for the fifth annual Camelback Inn reunion, November 18, 19 and 20, according to Jack Stewart, manager of the Phoenix, Ariz., resort. This year four University students will be awarded expense-paid trips to the reunion. They will be selected by an alumni committee and will assist in providing entertainment at Camelback. Interest on the campus in this project is high.

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The University's football team beat Bemidji Teachers 27-12, in the opening game, then whipped Augustana, 39-0, in the first North Central Conference encounter. Morning-side then turned back the Sioux, 28-21, in the third game. Veteran quarterback Cal Hallada suffered a broken arm in the Augustana game and is lost for the season.

Dr. N. T. Braateliën, 1945, is pathologist in Rock Island, Ill. The Braateliëns have four children, Elizabeth, Gail, Kristin and Paul.

rich endowment in its President and professors. The ideals they instilled in us and the training they gave us has stood us in good stead and has enriched our lives and enabled us to do much we would otherwise have been unable to do.

Kind regards and best wishes to you all.

G. Grimson.

The University's 37th annual Homecoming celebration will be held October 29 and 30 and the Homecoming committee is arranging a full week-end of activities. The committee will arrange hotel reservations, special gatherings or luncheons for alumni groups. Write to Homecoming Committee, Box EE, University of North Dakota.

Weddings

William L. Backer, 1950, was married to Lorraine Van Rees of Freeport, N. Y. Backer is an Industrial Engineer with General Electric Company at Bridgeport, Conn. Mrs. Backer is a graduate of Mills College of Education in New York.

Kathryn Louise Mott, 1954, and **Harvey Burkholder, 1954,** were married at Rolla. Since July 1, Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder have been living in Ames, Iowa, where he is employed as a chemist by the Atomic Energy Commission and is taking work towards his master's degree at the Iowa State College.

Sgt. Donley J. Hosna, ex 1952, who is stationed with the Intelligence Dept. in Tokyo, was married at the American Embassy there to Miss Hiroe Shibata of Tokyo.

Graduation from the University June 5, followed June 6 by their weddings was the sequence for three couples from the 1954 class. Married at Kennedy, Minn., were **Marion Ellen Sedenquist** and **Rudolph Jaeger**. **Marilyn June Olsen** and **Roald F. Mattson** were married in Grand Forks and are living in Minot. **Elaine Mardell Kvitne** and **Duane Lindberg** were married in Grand Forks. They are living in Wilmington, Del., where Lindberg is employed until he enters service this fall. Mrs. Lindberg entered the Veterans' Hospital at Hines, Ill., for her internship in dietetics.