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## Remember When?

The earliest copy of an Alumni Review, called the Register, in the office files is dated January, 1923.

It was devoted chiefly to appeals for more dormitories for men and women students, a problem then, even as now. The need for dormitories was pointed out in a series of articles authored by President Thomas F. Kane acting Dean of Women Beatrice Olson; Raymond R. Hitchcock, chairman of the Student Affairs Committee; J. W. Wilkerson, business manager; and Lauriz Vold, professor of law.

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Board and room at the University cost \$30 per month in 1923. Enrollment was 1,449.

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The women's gymnasium was regarded as the only building on the campus having room at all adequate for its work.

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Officers of the Alumni Assn. were Richard E. Wenzel, 1909, president; Samuel J. Radcliffe, 1895, treasurer; Mrs. E. C. Haagenon, 1894, vice president; and Seymour E. Anderson, 1913, secretary. Directors were Radcliffe; Wenzel; John T. Rohwedder, 1917; Mrs. Haagenon and Mrs. Angus Johnston, 1912.

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The Alumni secretary asked classes to start preparing for reunions at the next Commencement. Listed as the favored classes were those of 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913 and 1918, "with a welcome for all others who can be present."

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Three local fraternities were succeeding in petitioning for chapters in national groups. They were Delta Sigma, installed as Gamma Kappa chapter of Beta Theta Pi; Alpha Kappa Zeta, which affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega; and Alpha Lambda Rho, now Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



**Col. Robert I. Fletcher, 1933, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, for Headquarters, Continental Air Command. Col. Fletcher is married to the former Lucille Eickhorn of London, England, and has one son, Ralph W., a resident of New York City.**

An unsigned letter in the Alumni Letters column reported that the writer's money was fast dwindling but he wanted to pay all outstanding bills before he was broke. He enclosed a check for a life membership in the Alumni Association.

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For the first time, the University had its own skating rink, between the Commons and Old Main. Merrifield Hall replaced it.

### PRINTER RETIRES

R. A. Gilroy, veteran printer at the University of North Dakota Press, has retired. Gilroy, former publisher of weekly newspapers at Drayton (1910-1920) and printer at Langdon, had been employed at UND the past 12 years. Gilroy has over a half century of in the newspaper field.

**Earl Bennett, ex1942** is stationed in England with the Air Force.

## DePuy Greets Starcher For University Alumni

William T. DePuy of Graf-ton spoke for University alumni at the inauguration of Dr. George W. Starcher as the ninth University of North Dakota president April 20. Here are his remarks:

"The opportunity to represent the alumni today on this most happy occasion is one which, though little deserved, is gratefully embraced.

"As is true with any creative enterprise, our University must be judged by the quality of its product. Throughout the world, in every field of useful endeavor, former students of this institution are measuring up to the highest standards of material and intellectual achievement. Leadership in business, industry and the professions is infused with those whose foundation for success was moulded upon this campus.

"Consequently, every alumnus is grateful to and proud of the instrumentality which has so strongly influenced the total achievement.

"This pride and this gratitude then serve to deepen our conviction that the mantle of leadership which today officially becomes yours, Dr. Starcher, clothes you with great responsibility and desire to perpetuate this as the kind of institution we have known. We add our word of welcome to you and your family.

"From all alumni everywhere, we greet you.

"We want you to know we are organized and mobilized through the means of the Alumni board of Directors, are prepared to actively cooperate with you to carry on the campaign for a greater University. We hope you will utilize the services of our directors and of our efficient secretary to the fullest degree.

"For whether you do or do not, I suspect, you will occasionally hear faint hints of advice and constructive suggestion; because—as you well



**WILLIAM T. DEPUY**  
*Speaks for alumni*

know—the true alumnus never abandons the prerogative which becomes his the moment he leaves the campus, that of advising the administration on the conduct of the affairs of the school.

"Dr. Starcher, it is my happy privilege to bring to you, from every alumnus and former student, our best wishes for a long and pleasant administration; and to pledge to you our devotion toward the common cause of making this great University greater."

For University records, please give us the following information. Just clip this form and mail it to the Alumni Office, Box EE, University Station, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced education after leaving the University of North Dakota.

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# News Notes of University Alumni

## Weddings

Recently married were John S. Penn head of the speech department at the University, and Mrs. Margaret Thorleifson, 1939, Instructor in Physical Education.

**June Osterberg, 1950**, and Helmut Frederick Weigert, Manila, P. I., were married March 20 in Manila. The bride was marine editor of the Daily Commercial News in San Francisco until her marriage. Weigert is president of the Office Equipment Service and Supply Co., Inc., and of its manufacturing division in Manila and Trans-Oceanic Development Co., in Palo Alto, Calif. They are now at home in Manila and expect to divide their time between there and California.

**Arlene Kapfer, 1951**, was married to James Shirek Jr., January 1, 1954. They are living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Shirek is a newscaster for WMT Radio and TV.

Married recently in Berkley, Calif., were **Darlyne Cleo Simon, 1948**, and Bryant Eugene King, an alumnus of Stanford University and public relations director of the Blue Cross medical protection plan in northern California. The Kings are living in Diablo, Calif.

Jacqueline Yvonne Wilson of Park River, and **Dean Robert Parke, 1954**, were married April 17. They are at home in Duluth, Minn., where Parke is stationed with the International Air Guard.

**Carol Appelquist, 1952**, and Richard Waldron Bryans, graduate of the University of Denver law school, were married February 18 in Denver. They are living in Newport, R. I., where Bryans is attending a Navy officer supply school.

## Deaths

**John M. Anderson, 1906**, died recently in Everett, Wash. Anderson, a former member of the North Dakota Legislature, had been residing in Everett for the past three years. He is survived by his widow; two sons, John, who is in business in Alaska, and Paul, who lives in Washington state; and a daughter in Everett.

**Dr. J. H. Hennemuth, ex1917**, died March 29 at Emmaus, Pa., from a heart attack. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical School at Philadelphia and had practiced at Emmaus since 1927. He is survived by his widow and three daughters.

Word has been received of the death of **Earl Nyhus, ex-1920**, of Berkley, Calif.

## Births

Born to Prof. and Mrs. Joseph Schmoll (**Ruth Haxo, 1948**) of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., on April 21, was a boy, Robert Arthur.

Hywel C. Rowland of the University's Music faculty reports the birth of an eighth grandchild to his son-in-law and daughter, **Mr. and Mrs. Hans Midstokke, 1951 (Dylis Janet Rowland, 1947)**, of Madison, Wis., on March 24.

A son, Cecil Elbert Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roy Houser (**Laura Jane Byers, 1944**) on March 11, in Bloomington, Ind.

**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brusegard, ex1951 (Ann Marie Waldon, 1951)**, became the parents of a second son, Craig Thomas, on April 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Mair (**Pat Griffith, 1950**), Grand Forks, became the parents of a boy, December 12, 1954. The baby has been named Matthew.

**Dr. Elmer Ellis, 1924**, was named president of the University of Missouri recently by the university's board of curators in St. Louis. Ellis had been acting president since last September and was also dean of the university's college of arts and sciences. He joined the Missouri faculty in 1930.

**William W. Phillips, 1951**, has been awarded the Allen Cook White Jr. fellowship in history for a year of graduate study at the University of Missouri for 1955-56. Phillips is majoring in American history and hopes to complete requirements for a doctor of philosophy degree next year.

**1st Lt. Don W. Klick, ex-1949**, is attending the University of Illinois for 24 months. He is taking specialized work for the Air Force and will receive his master's degree in civil engineering.

The Minnesota State Exchange Clubs recently elected **Ralph Keeley, 1938**, of Crookston, as their president.

**Kermit H. Larson, 1937**, Los Angeles, has been associated with the Atomic Energy Program since March, 1945. His present position is Chief of the Radio-Ecology Division, Atomic Energy Project, School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles.

The North Dakota Academy of Science, headed by Dr. George Abbott, met on the University campus May 6-7. Guest banquet speaker was **Dr. John S. Lundy, 1917**, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

**Major Gen. Kenneth P. Bergquist, ex1931**, now one of the nation's top air defense planners, will leave Continental Air Defense Command in June for an assignment with the Air Force in Washington. He will be director of operations for the deputy chief of staff. Bergquist entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1931. He transferred to the Air Corps in 1936 and since has served in Hawaii and New Caledonia, Washington, D.C., and Far East outposts of the Air Force.

**Glenn P. Johnson, 1934**, has resigned his position as assistant manager of the Nash-Finch Co., Fargo, to enter business for himself in the Glenn Johnson Accounting Service. He will handle book-keeping for small firms and income tax service for individuals. Johnson has been with Nash-Finch since 1936. The Johnsons have four children.

UND alumni who recently got together at Ft. Carson, Colo., were **1st Lt. and Mrs. Loren H. Devine, 1953 (Marilyn Osborne, ex1953)**, **1st Lt. and Mrs. John Reinbold, 1954**, **2nd Lt. and Mrs. Estle Saum, 1954**, and children, **2nd Lt. Joseph Wrigley, 1954**, and **Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood, 1953 (Quayne Simenson, 1953)**, and daughter. Lt. Devine is with Post Transportation; Lt. Reinbold is S-2 of 269th F.A. Bn.; Lt. Saum is with L. Co., 13th Inf. Reg., as platoon-leader. Lt. Wrigley is instructor at the Post NCO school; and Sgt. Sherwood is with 5044 Separation Center.

A note from **Virgil West, 1929**, Bowman, N. D., states that his son will attend UND next fall.

**Mrs. Patricia Goddard Kelley, 1946**, has been employed on the staff of the Moorhead Daily News, Moorhead, Minn., since the first of the year.

**Ordean S. Oen, 1953**, instructor in physics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., has been granted a pre-doctoral graduate fellowship in physics worth about \$2500 by the National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. **Mrs. Oen (Carol Blackey, ex1953)** is a junior at the University of Missouri majoring in zoology. They have a six-month-old daughter, Kristin.

The appointment of **Claude R. Holcomb, 1925**, as business manager of Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., was announced recently by that institution's president. He will assume his duties as of August 1. Until recently Holcomb had been associated with the Nash-Finch Co., as manager of the Hastings office. The Holcombs have two children, Jerry, a medical student at the University of Nebraska, and Shirley, a student at the State university.

**Stanley C. Stenerodden, 1938**, has maintained a private practice of ophthalmology in Salem, Ore., since 1951. He and his wife (**Marion E. Schutt, 1939**), have a daughter, Suzanne, and son, John.

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## News Notes

**Gordon Holt, 1916**, has been nominated by the nominating committee of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers as the next president-elect of the Institute. The Holts live in Ishpeming, Mich.

**Vernon F. DeMars, 1954**, has accepted a position as Superintendent of Schools at Dodson, Mont., for the next school year. He has been an instructor in the Starkweather, N. N., Public Schools for the past three years.

**L. J. Totdahl, 1940**, has been appointed juvenile commissioner for Divide County in North Dakota and began his duties April 1. He is past superintendent of Crosby, N. D., and of Steele, N. D., schools.

**Melvin Ruder, 1937**, editor of the *Hungry Horse News* at Columbia Falls, Mont., addressed UND journalism students during a visit to the campus April 22. His topic was weekly news coverage and photography.

**Arlene V. Bergerud, 1953**, is now employed at International Business Machines Corp., San Francisco.

**Reginald R. Witmer, 1943**, and **Loren Witmer, 1943**, have formed a new corporation, *Cosmopolitan Credit Corp.*, in Fresno, Calif., in addition, the brothers also own two self-service laundries in Fresno, one in Bakersfield, Calif., and one in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Myron J. Talbert, 1944**, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Grand Forks District Medical Society for 1955. The Talberts (Mrs. Talbert is the former **Harriet J. Helgaas, 1945**) have three daughters, Kathy, Barbara and Nancy (born June 20, 1954).

**Rueben Ratner, 1925**, writes that he continues to enjoy a busy practice in Beverly Hills, Calif., and Los Angeles. He is on the staff of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and the new Mount Sinai Hospital.

**Army Cpl. Virgil A. Boatright, ex1953**, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in Germany while serving with the VII Corps. Boatright is a supply clerk with the corps' Transportation Provisional Company.

**Mrs. C. H. Clapp, (Mary Brennan), 1903**, retired from teaching at Montana State University last summer.



**Dr. Robert R. Thomsen, 1934**, has been appointed head football coach at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash. Thomsen had been assistant coach there since 1952 and prior to that had been a graduate assistant in the department of health and physical education and director of intramural athletics at the University of Wyoming.

**Herbert G. Nilles, 1917**, of Fargo, was invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, civil division, with the Great Silver Star, on March 20 by papal order issued last August. The ceremony took place in the recently remodeled St. Anthony's Church, Fargo. Nilles has been practicing law in Fargo since 1917. The Nilles have two daughters and three sons.

**Hugh H. Shaw, 1940**, is a partner and general manager of Cochran Motors, Ford dealership; Salinas Motor Co., Lincoln-Mercury dealership; and Cochran Equipment Co., manufacturers of produce harvesting in Salinas, Calif.

**Lt. Mervin L. Evenson, ex-1951**, was recently commended by his commanding officer after quick action on his part prevented a possible accident. Lt. Evenson was flying second place in a five-plane maneuver over Johnson Air Base during a 3rd Bombardment Wing review, with landings scheduled at two-second intervals. As he landed the left main tire blew out, but he managed to bring the aircraft in to the hanger area safely. Evenson entered active duty with the Air Force in January, 1951.

**Richard Michael Norman, 1949**, is teaching in a high school in Paradise, Calif.

**Orison Y. Chaffee Jr., 1953**, has joined his father in business at the O. Young Chaffee Piano and Furniture Co., Grand Forks, after being discharged as an Air Force lieutenant after two years of service.

The University was represented at the inauguration February 27 at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, by **Mrs. Eugene G. Vincent (Bertha O. Jacobson, 1918)**.

**Howard J. Orchard, ex1948**, has been promoted to IBM Electric Typewriter manager in Seattle, Wash. He formerly was manager in the Portland, Ore., office.

**J. Adin Mann, ex1953**, has been ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church and is now resident for the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rugby, N. D.

**Mrs. R. Mulan (Gladys I. Bratland, ex1924)** has moved to Hermiston, Ore., after living for 15 years in Portland.

A Fargo attorney, **E. T. Conmy, Sr., 1909**, and three UND School of Law students have been selected for membership in the Order of the Coif, honorary scholastic UND law school society. The three students are Douglas Birdzell, Palo Alto, Calif.; A. Melbourne Christopher, Pembina, N. D.; and Darwin Mueller, Hazen, N. D.

**Hakan Hanstad, 1951**, is employed at Forstmann Woolens Co., New York, N. Y.

**Bernice L. Breen, ex1921**, is living in Whittier, Calif., where she is active in Red Cross work. She was until 1953 secretary to the president of Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., St. Paul, and moved to California upon her retirement.

**Robert E. Bullis, 1954**, is superintendent of schools at Woodworth, N. D. Bullis is married and has two children.

**Dewey J. Brush, 1951**, is now Brother Kevin, Order of St. Benedict, at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**Irene Bostrom, 1925**, is associate professor of English at Colorado A and M., Fort Collins, Colo.

**Betty L. Beaty, 1945**, is teaching school in Minot.

**John E. Grinnell, 1921**, has accepted the position of dean of the college of education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. He resigned as dean of instruction at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, a post he held since 1938.



**Mrs. Albert C. Kane (Rose Ann Feinstein), ex1932**, is president of the Duluth Alumni Club and lives at 525 N. 17th Ave. E.

**Ralph R. Archer, 1951**, is employed at Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., as a time study engineer. The Archers, who live at White Bear Lake, Minn., have a son born last May 2 and named Rodney Ralph.

**Capt. Florence M. Berger, ex1937**, is a dietician with the U. S. Army and is stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.

**Anna M. Ackerman, 1933**, is an English instructor at the Minot High School, Minot, N. Dak. She was elected Vice President of the NDEA this year.

**Clair Ghylin, 1950**, is a lawyer with the rank of Captain, in the U. S. Air Force, stationed in France, where he has been for the past year and one-half.

**Mrs. R. E. Fuder (Ethel M. LaFave, ex1917)** is a housewife and works part time in a dress shop. She just moved into a new home in Edmonds, Wash.

**Mrs. Richard Crossman (Fern C. Bernhardson, 1939)** of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, leads a busy life. She is the mother of three children—Carmen, a sophomore in high school; John, in grade 6; and Monica, in grade 4—and is a career girl, secretary at Albert Conn, Inc., Chrysler - Plymouth agency. She is a delegate to the Republican Women's Convention in Washington, D. C., this month. Husband Richard is in research at Goodyear Aircraft.

## Seek Funds For Trips To Europe

The University of North Dakota's Experiment in International Living is making plans to send two more students abroad this summer if funds permit.

Prof. Richard Frank, faculty representative and experiment representative at UND, said about \$450 has already been given to the project but more money is needed.

Edwin Ketterling of Streecher has been named first choice to take a trip and Gail Wicks of Jamestown is the second choice if additional funds are available.

Ketterling is considering a trip through Germany at a cost of \$900 to \$1,000. A trip for Miss Wicks would cost about the same, Frank said.

Last year Calvin Hallada, star Sioux football player, made the trip to Germany. Since then Hallada, of Grand Forks, has made about 30 speaking trips to explain the international project.

Students live with foreign families and work with them for several months. Donations will be accepted and may be mailed or brought to Prof. Frank at UND.

**Dr. Anthony M. Opisso, 1948**, recently set up his practice in Columbia Falls, Mont., after completing active duty as chief of out-patient service at the U.S. Army hospital, Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah.

**Mrs. Margaret Lambert Weisenberg, 1913**, Brooksville, Fla., has recovered and is back to work after receiving serious injuries in an automobile accident last fall.

**John A. Sater, 1940**, present head of the Princeton, Minn., school system, has been selected to take over as superintendent of the Thief River Falls, Minn., schools. Sater was formerly head of the Elbow Lake, Minn., schools. He has also served as president of the western division of the Minnesota Education Assn. Mr. and Mrs. Sater and their two daughters plan to move to Thief River Falls in July.

## Scholarships Authorized

North Dakota's nine state-supported colleges were authorized to award scholarships up to 2 per cent of enrollment beginning with the 1955 fall session as the result of a new scholarship plan authorized by the North Dakota Board of Higher Education at a meeting on the University of North Dakota campus.

The plan is designed to keep qualified students in North Dakota colleges who might otherwise be attracted outside the state by other scholarships, the board emphasized.

The scholarships will take the form of waiver of fees for an academic year, while the UND Student Council voted to exclude a \$10 student activity fee to recipients of the UND scholarships.

## Faculty Member Now in Finland

A University faculty member, Assistant Prof. Louis G. Geiger, is lecturing on American civilization at the University of Helsinki, Finland, for the 1954-55 academic year.

The award, announced by the U. S. Department of State, is made under provision included in the next academic year.

Candidates are selected by the board of foreign scholarships appointed by the President.

Funds for carrying out the program are obtained through surplus property sales abroad under agreements with the countries involved.

## GIVES LECTURE

Dr. George C. Wheeler, head of the department of biology at the University of North Dakota, gave the third lecture in the first annual UND Faculty Lecture Series. Dr. Wheeler's lecture, "Don't Go To the Ant", revealed the biologist's extensive study of ants in all parts of the world. The UND biologist has been granted a research project by the Hill Foundation for the summers of 1955, '56 and '57 to study the ants of North Dakota.

## Move Into Education Building

Dean M. L. Cushman and 22 other members of the School of Education at the University of North Dakota have moved into new offices in the recently-completed education building.

Departments now housed in the building include music on the ground floor, student teaching on the first floor, psychology and guidance on the second floor and art and business education on the third floor.

Previous to the move into the new building the school of education departments were scattered in various buildings around the campus. The old education building burned in 1948.

## Name 13 Members

The University of North Dakota chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, highest scholastic collegiate honor fraternity, has named 13 UND students for membership in the group.

UND students elected include Helen Linnea Hanson of Bismarck, Helen U. Neis of Devils Lake, Norma K. Gregory of Fort Thompson, S. Dak., Marilyn A. Simonson of Medina, Irene Karp of Epping, Donald C. Alm of Moorhead, Minn., Richard J. Fortin of Devils Lake, John Pawling of Grand Forks, Thomas Christianson of Forest River, Stanley D. Thompson of Page, Arthur D. Kracke of Edgeley, Arylin J. Larson of Bisbee and Merle O. Bunde of McVille.

**Lt. (Jg) John L. Stewart, 1952**, U. S. Navy, has been assigned to duty at the Pentagon, where he will serve in the Navy Intelligence Office. He was recently graduated from the Navy Intelligence School in Washington, D. C. He is a graduate of the Officers' School at Newport, R. I.

## President's Home Now Dormitory

Increased enrollment at the University has brought about the use of the president's residence on the campus for a dormitory to house 47 freshmen students.

Addition of showers, wash basins and lockers were the main items in the renovation of the house that had served as the residence of retired Pres. John C. West for the past 20 years.

University President George W. Starcher is living in a house in Grand Forks leased by the State Board of Higher Education. Funds have been authorized to build a new house for the president.

## Record Summer Enrollment Seen

One of the largest enrollments in history is expected for the University summer session opening June 15, according to Darryl E. Keefer, head of the graduate school.

The summer school will continue until August 6, with a post session Aug. 8-19. Nearly 200 courses will be offered in 30 departments on campus, leading to bachelors, masters and doctors degrees.

The summer session, he added, is primarily for students who want to decrease the length of their attendance at the University and for teachers in the surrounding area who wish to work for higher degrees.

Keefer said a large number of workshops, institutes, meetings and special programs are on tap for the summer. He listed among them an International business education conference, June 6-7; health education workshop, June 6-10; and an English teachers conference, June 9-11.

Last years registration topped 900 in the early weeks with 684 men and 224 women.