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## President Outlines U Needs

Needs for the University totaling \$5,556,618 for the 1957-1959 biennium were outlined by President George W. Starcher for submission to the state legislative session starting in January.

Dr. Starcher explained the four-point program thus:

1. INSTRUCTIONS: To hold and to strengthen an already good faculty in order to insure high quality instructors for a larger student body.

..... \$3,824,650

2. ADMINISTRATION: To provide for business management, heads and directors of divisions, supervision of dormitories and facilities.

..... 421,835

3. LIBRARIES: To keep the University libraries a first-rate source of knowledge and for specialized research and study by adding to its collections in all fields of knowledge; and to provide a place for individual study

..... 183,990

4. PLANT OPERATION: To maintain and make needed repairs to buildings and plant which is now worth more than \$15,000,000.

..... 1,126,643

Total ..... \$5,556,618

Of this amount, the University will collect from student fees, land rental, etc., \$838,800

Therefore, the amount needed from state funds for 1957-59 is

..... \$4,717,818

Meanwhile, the State Board of Higher Education plans to introduce a bill asking appropriations for buildings at different state institutions of higher learning which will include a \$750,000 Administration Building for the University.

The board announced a long-range program aimed at ultimately providing North Dakota's eight state colleges with \$21,181,000 in additional buildings.

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## Chester Fritz Gives UND Biggest Scholarship Fund

The largest scholarship fund ever received by the University, a \$5,000 per year gift from Chester Fritz, New York banker and financier, was announced this week by Alumni Director J. Lloyd Stone.

Fritz attended the University from 1908-1910 and received an honorary doctor's degree at Commencement in 1952. He is a native of Lidgerwood, N. D., and in outlining his scholarship plan in a letter to Stone, he said:

"As you are aware, one of the reasons for my donations to the University is to help worthy students in my home

state. Therefore, there are two stipulations I have in mind concerning the granting of these scholarships. First, the University Scholarship Committee might give preference to residents of North Dakota.

### Awards Explained

"The second point I have in mind is that at least once in two years preference in the granting of a scholarship should be given to a graduate of my high school in Lidgerwood.

"These scholarship awards may be made to entering freshmen and also could be made available for upper

classmen, the scholarships to be granted to such students who have character and real need for assistance to start or continue their studies at the University."

In accordance with these wishes, the University Scholarship Committee outlined this plan:



**CHESTER FRITZ**  
Scholarship Donor

The Chester Fritz Scholarship fund has been established as an investment in the future, for the purpose of encouraging higher education for worthy young citizens, especially residents of North Dakota.

### Amounts to Vary

The Chester Fritz Scholarships provide awards in varying amounts, dependent upon need, up to \$1000, to students enrolling at the University of North Dakota. The awards are granted in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Preference shall be given to applicants who are residents of North Dakota, and at least once in two years preference shall be given to a graduate of Lidgerwood High School.

2. Awards shall be based on high scholastic promise, need, (Continued on Page 2)

## Camelback Reunion Reservations Asked

Have you made your reservations for the Camelback Inn Reunion yet? There is not much time to do so; in fact, the next REVIEW will be telling what happened there instead of inviting you to go.

A special medical-legal conference has been scheduled for the same dates as the Reunion, December 6-8. For reservations to the conference or reunion, write to Jack Stewart, Camelback Inn, Phoenix, Ariz. Those writing are asked to designate doctor, lawyer, or alum.

For further information, attorneys may write to Ed O'Connor, 530 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif. Doctors should write to Dr. Lafe Ludwig, 4350 11th Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif.

The special rate of \$12.50 per person, per day, American plan, including all meals, several parties and other events, applies from December 4 to 14 for those who may be planning a longer stay. The same rate applies for children,

The following persons, so far, are planning to attend: Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, 1906, Washburn, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lykken, 1905, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Welo, 1923, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Art Welo, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Hanson, 1923, San Marino; Miss Christine L. Rowland, Caruthersville, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Aasland, 1926, Whittier, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bong (Jane Peterson, 1935) Menlo Park, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brown, 1930, Elmhurst, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cashel, 1938, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Challoner, 1911, San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dablow, 1933, LaPorte, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Douglas, 1900, New York.

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Durnin, 1930, Long Beach, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Ferguson, 1928, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fields, 1935, Santa Monica; Henry (Continued on Page 4)



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citizenship, character and seriousness of purpose, as evidenced by recommendations, academic records, and interviews.

3. All awards are made by the Scholarships Committee of the University of North Dakota and the Scholarships Committee shall be responsible for the detailed administration of the awards.

### Uses Outlined

4. The University of North Dakota shall be responsible for all disbursements to the students. Scholarship moneys shall be used for educational expenses at the University, such as fees, books, room and board.

In 1950, Fritz gave \$10,000 to the University Development Fund and at that time he wrote:

"My contribution affords me pleasure and genuine satisfaction in that I am now able to express my gratitude for the benefits I received as a student at the University."

At that time, he wrote, he had not visited the campus since his departure nearly 40 years ago. During 35 years of that period he was a resident of China.

Chester Fritz has been to more countries than Marco Polo. In correspondence with Stone, he has written from such places as Lausanne, Switzerland, and London, where he attended the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11.

He has circled the earth eight times. Twice he was compelled to leave his adopted land of China, his home address for 35 years. The Japanese forced him out the first time and the Chinese Communists more recently.

Born on a farm near Buxton in 1892, Mr. Fritz attended grade school in Fargo, high school in Lidgerwood, and from 1908-1910 he was a student at the University of North Dakota. He completed his college career at the University of Washington, receiving his A.B. degree there in 1914.

### Enjoys Travel

As long as he can remember, Mr. Fritz has liked to travel. In 1915 he made his first ocean voyage to China, where he had accepted a position with an American firm. He liked the complexities of foreign trade and finance and soon became the representa-

tive in China for the American Metal Company, Ltd., New York.

Later he joined a local brokerage and private banking firm which was to become Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, with offices in China, Hong Kong, Philippine Islands, Argentina, Uruguay and other lands. (The complete title of the company varies with the country it is located in. For instance, in the Philippines it is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, Inc.) This firm invests money in enterprises all over the world.

### China home 35 years

Despite the fact that he considered China his home for 35 years, he has by no means lived in seclusion there. His travels have taken him to every South American Country except Paraguay, all of Africa except for some areas along the east coast and nearly every country of Europe and Asia.

Because of his extensive travels in Asia, business firms and state department officials have sometimes contacted him in regard to problems in this area. Two times he has crossed Siberia on the Trans-Siberian railroad, the last trip taking 12 days.

Mr. Fritz has trouble deciding on his favorite cities in the world but admits that Peiping, Bangkok, Istanbul and Moscow have unusual and distinctive personalities.

### Visited Moscow

He visited Moscow in 1927 and recalls that he got the "Grand Tour" the Russians provided. The carefully laid out trip, he recalls, did not allow for much deviation. "People seemed afraid to talk to me," he remembers. He found the atmosphere a mixture of medieval Europe and Asia.

A man of medium height and athletic build, Mr. Fritz is an active sportsman. A lover of horses, he has played polo for many years.

Discussing his banking philosophy, Mr. Fritz states that he believes in the old Swiss proverb, "The greatest trust a person can be given is the care of another person's money." Mr. Fritz believes that adherence to this is one of the reasons why Switzerland's banks are held in such high repute in international financial circles and a haven of refuge for foreign capital.

Mr. Fritz was in Shanghai

when the Japs blasted Pearl Harbor. When Shanghai fell, he was interned in a camp near that city.

### Was War Internee

He was released in December, 1943, in an exchange of prisoners between Japan and the U. S. "I can still visualize the exchange scene in Goa, Portuguese India," Mr. Fritz says, "two long lines of people on the docks going in opposite directions—and to different worlds." He returned to America on the famous repatriation ship, the Gripsholm.

However, his business soon took him to Argentina and other points in South America. After the Japanese were defeated and China liberated, he returned to Shanghai. But he knew that China was a land divided and that more trouble was coming. He began closing out his business interests.

### Moved to Hong Kong

"I had enough of internment camps under the Japanese and I didn't want to go through that again," he adds. By the time the Chinese Reds reached Shanghai, Mr. Fritz was in Hong Kong.

The former Dakotan has met few people from his home state in his world travels and has made only a few brief visits there since he left UND in 1910. Both his parents are dead.

Mr. Fritz usually flies from country to country but he has made the trip between China and the U. S. by boat—a month trip on some voyages. His "side trips" have taken him to such places as Eastern Tibet, a six months journey he made by pack train. "It was a pleasure trip," he adds. "There is little business in Tibet."

### Visited Many Countries

Another "side trip" took him to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland and Austria with a short stay in Oberammergau, Bavaria, to see the Passion Play. His constant traveling has resulted in friendships among many races and nationalities.

Fritz is enthusiastic about Chinese culture. "China has its own strange and beautiful art, literature, architecture and way of life. European countries have had more contact with their neighbors and have consequently influenced each other. China has its own cultural pattern, which grew and flowered with little influence from others.

## Is Finance Expert

An expert in international finance, Mr. Fritz has witnessed some of the most dramatic twists in this field. He has bought and sold gold and silver for many years. He saw the Chinese dollar go from a stable currency to an almost worthless piece of paper. He saw the Chinese people use large baskets for "pocket-books" and recalls that the gold bar became the most popular medium of exchange at this time.

International banking, says Mr. Fritz, is a complicated business at best. But when you add to all the normal responsibilities the political, social and economic factors encountered abroad—it becomes all the more bewildering and interesting.

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The program calls for establishment of a building corporation with powers to issue bonds as authorized by the Legislature for building construction. To liquidate the bonds, the institutions would pay annual rentals sufficient to amortize the indebtedness.

The following buildings were recommended for the University for inclusion in the long-range program:

Chemistry building, \$800,000; Geology, Petroleum and Mining, \$800,000; Library addition, \$400,000; Commerce-Law addition, \$600,000; Service building, \$200,000; Auditorium, \$850,000; Infirmary, \$200,000; Dramatic Arts and Speech, \$165,000. Total, \$4,015,000.

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Members of the Class of 1951 present for the first five-year reunion breakfast are pictured above. Left to right at the left table are Harry Dobrovolsky, Mrs. Harry Dobrovolsky, Walter J. Forney, Dolores Stonesrom Forney, Marilyn Herman, Clifford A. Herman, James Swenson, David Kessler, Creighton Gilbertson, Gloria Christianson Gilbertson and Johnny Klingenberg. Seated at the table on the right from the center left are Dr. Dan Mergens, Janet Holmquist Yri, Paula Matson Ferguson, Ilene Graff, Shirley Osmundson Smith, Kent G. Alm, Jane R. Alm, Dr. J. A. Power, Richard Hovet, Elaine Hovet, Donna Gilbertson Koppenhaver, Arnold Braaten, Floyd A. Peterson, Marian Olson Becker, Kayle Becker and Patricia Dougherty Mergens. Seated at the head table are Rita Roach, Pete Simonson, and Phylliss Kjerstad Power.

## Drills Open for Hockey, Cage Squads

By LEE BOHNET

Basketball and ice hockey are crowding into the athletic scene and varsity coaches already have begun pre-season drills in preparation for schedules in both sports termed somewhat tougher than normal.

Hockey will be under the first-year guidance of Allan M. Renfrew, who joined the staff last July after serving as hockey coach at Michigan Tech. Renfrew was twice named to the All American team when he played at the University of Michigan, from where he was graduated in 1947.

Heading the list of returning lettermen is Bill Reichart of Winnipeg, who was named to the All American team last winter and led the Sioux in individual scoring and was tied for second place in the tough Western Intercollegiate Hockey league scoring race.

In basketball Coach Lou Bogan '1950 will have five

lettermen on hand when he opens a 24-game slate November 30 against St. Ambrose here.

The 1956-57 cage Sioux will be a team of mixed veterans and sophomores, with considerably more height and a stronger reserve force than last year, but will lack experienced players at several spots.

Jon Haaven of East Grand Forks, who broke four North Central conference scoring records before going into the service after the 1953-54 season, is back for his final year and all indications point for his continued ascendancy as a cage star.

Coach Bogan wishes to inform interested Chicago Alumni that the team will play Loyola University in Chicago Dec. 20 and will be in the Nashville area Dec. 21-22. While hotel arrangements still are incomplete, alumni are urged to watch the next issue for more information

## Class of 1951 Holds Homecoming Reunion

In accordance with their Progress Plan the Class of 1951 held their first five-year reunion Saturday, October 20. The group met for a pre-parade breakfast in the Student Union and also sat together in a special reserved section at the Homecoming football game.

Thirty persons were present at the breakfast with Class President Pete Simonson presiding as toastmaster. University President George W. Starcher, Alumni President Armin Rohde, and Alumni Director J. Lloyd Stone left the Old-Timers Breakfast to come in to speak to the group briefly. Class Vice-president Rita Roach read telegrams from Kitty Page Tomkinson, Buffalo, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Elliott (Beverly Marson, 1954), Des Moines,

Iowa; Cam Stewart, Hollister, California and letters from Mr. and Mrs. Weston Christopherson (Myrna Christiansen), Rock Island, Illinois; Herb LeMoine, Platteville, Wisconsin; Elaine LeTourneau Wallace, New York City; Ken Matson, Valley City; and Mrs. Jack Traynor (Jane Donovan), Devils Lake.

The program was most informal with those present relating their occupations, number of children and other vital statistics. The one item of business brought before the group was the question of continuing the five-year reunion plan. Unanimous approval of the proposal was indicated, so the Class of 1951 is looking forward to an even bigger reunion as part of Homecoming festivities in 1961!



## Attendance Good at U Homecoming

Homecoming attendance was very good this year, with many alums, parents, and friends attending. Among those who registered were: Mrs. A. G. Sorlie (Helen L. Rice, 1914), Bismarck; Mrs. G. D. Mann (Stella Hilleboe, 1915), Bismarck; Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Fleming, 1925, Baudette, Minn.; Mrs. R. B. Witmer (Lillian Leith, 1923), Grand Forks; Paul B. Griffith, 1908, Grand Forks; J. A. Abbott, 1951, Grand Forks; George A. Henry, 1900, Grand Forks; Robert B. Griffith, 1937, Grand Forks; John E. Williams, 1906, Washburn, N. Dak.; Lloyd Williams, 1934, Grand Forks; Mrs. Walter M. Schmidt (Florence Westphal, 1931), Kongsberg, N. Dak.; Kenneth M. Wood, 1926, Grand Forks.

Arley R. Bjella, 1941, Wiliston; Judge O. B. Burtness, 1907, Grand Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Graetz, parents, Hansboro, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Thornley F. Wello, parents, Moorhead, Minn.; John C. West, president emeritus, Grand Forks; Alice E. Budge, 1922, Duluth, Minn.; Mrs. W. E. Budge (Paulene Serumgard, ex) Grand Forks; Jessie M. Budge, 1913, Duluth, Minn.; H. E. French, dean emeritus, Grand Forks; Vernice M. Aldrich, 1923, Grand Forks; Clarence O. Hazzard, 1938, Edgeley, N. Dak.; W. R. Ferber, 1929, Grand Forks; W. K. Boyd, 1926, Glenview, Ill.; Theo. Thompson, 1932, Grand Forks; George Longmire, 1947, Grand Forks; Albert Lundberg, 1932, Grafton; Albert H. Redmann, 1922, Baltimore, Md.; Art Redmann, 1933, Crystal, N. Dak.; Mrs. A. J. Redmann (Margaret Schultz, 1930), Crystal, N. Dak.; Henry A. Nelson 1924, St. Vincent, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sorenson, Kenmare, friends; Chas. F. DuBois, M. D., 1913, Alma, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Svare, parents, Grenora, N. Dak.; Dr. John B. James, 1936, El Monte, Calif.; Edgar Foster, 1922, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; June Hornburg, friend, Hartland, Wisc.; Janet Barker, 1955, Minneapolis; J. Lloyd Stone, 1930, Grand Forks; Lt. Col. Fletcher W. Streck, 1939,

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Frank, 1931, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Harris, 1934, Walnut Creek Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Ketterling, 1949, Seattle; Miss Elsie Larsen, Sierra Madre, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. J. Lafe Ludwig, 1931, Beverly Hills; Graham S. Lund, 1938, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCoy, ex1908, Manchester, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl McFadden, 1912, Grand Forks; Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Moes, Griswold, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, 1932, San Marino.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Noble, 1920, San Diego; Mrs. Marion B. Lawson, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. O'Connor, ex1933, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Paulsen, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pelham, 1929, West Covina, Calif.; Webster E. Pullen, 1929, San Juan, P. R.; Mr. and Mrs. Gilman C. Ritter, 1949, Grand Junction, Colo.; Dr. and Mrs. Frank O. Robertson, 1928, La Jolla, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Armin Rohde, '25, Grand Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Steinbach (Edith Veitch, 1920) La Jolla, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Stone, 1930, Grand Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Winton Swengel, 1928, Monterey; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Wagner, 1928, Elmhurst, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walsh, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Bert M. Walter (Phyllis Traynor, 1937) Buchanan, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Westby, 1930, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilson, Des Moines, Ia.; Dewey E. Balch, 1932, Minneapolis; Joseph Coghlan, 1916, Bismarck; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Finnegan (Hazel Kolstad, 1929) Los Angeles; and Miss Joan Levin, 1955, River Forest.

**A. B. "Kim" Comfort, 1906,** was on the ballot for state representative from Pierce Co., Washington, in the election.

Los Altos, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hovet, 1956, Grand Forks; Joanne Crain, 1952, Grand Forks; E. V. Estensen, 1943, Fargo; Larke Ann Harrington, 1954, Jim Swenson, 1951, Markette, Mich.; John Von Rueden, 1955, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleming, 1925, Baudette, Minn.; Irv Letofsky, 1954, Fargo; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson, 1931, International Falls, Minn.; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holland, 1933, Lamoure, N. Dak.

## \$7,075 Allocated by U Faculty Awards Group

At the Alumni Board meeting in Minneapolis November 10, Dr. E. L. Grinnell, chairman of the Faculty Awards Committee, announced that \$7,075 has been allocated to administrative officials and deans of the University since June, 1956.

He reported that these funds are expended on the recommendations of the proper University officials and that the Development Fund Committee considers the value of the projects submitted in allocating funds. Dr. Grinnell stated that the money for this program was made available by the late John Hancock, a graduate of the Class of 1903.

Other members serving on the committee with Dr. Grinnell are Mrs. Milton Kelly of Devils Lake, Armin Rohde of Grand Forks, president of the Alumni Association, and Lloyd Thompson, national Development Fund chairman.

Thompson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the University Development Fund, announced at the Minneapolis meeting that \$5,500 was allocated for scholarships for this school year. He recommended that an additional \$1,500 be allocated for the school year 1957-58. This includes the \$5,000 award made by Chester Fritz.

Thompson reported that the money for the scholarships is turned over to the Business Office of the University and that the funds are allocated by the University of North Dakota Scholarship Committee.

Members of the Alumni Scholarship Committee in addition to Thompson are Mrs. Reinhold Jacobi of Grand Forks and Mrs. William DePuy of Grafton.

Other items considered by the board included the Development Fund, legislative plans for the 1957 Legislature session, athletic program for

1956-57, Little Theater, Student Union addition, Alumni Achievements Awards, plans for the University's 75th anniversary and Medical Center loan funds for third and fourth-year students.

Among those attending the Minneapolis sessions were North Dakota Governor-elect John Davis of McClusky, Lloyd Stone, President Starcher, Dewey Balch, Dr. E. L. Grinnell, Loyde Thompson, Mrs. William DePuy, Judge Edward Devitt, Dr. O. W. Johnson, Armin Rohde, Daniel F. Bull, Mrs. Milton Kelly, George Longmire, Mrs. Reinhold Jacobi, Henry Lykken, George Soule, Judge Ronald N. Davies, Gordon Caldis, William Micklin, Charles Crum and Mrs. T. E. Waldon.

## Alumni Meetings

An Alumni Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado, Sunday, December 2. The Auditorium Room of the Farmers Union Building at 1575 Sherman will be the center of activities. Cocktails will be served at 4 p. m. and the prime rib dinner will be served at 5 p. m. The price per person is \$3.00. For further information and reservations, contact George Thal, 1210 Bellaire, Denver 20, Colorado.

The annual Los Angeles Reunion will be held in the Pacific Ballroom at the Statler Hotel on Saturday, March 30, 1957. The party will start at 7:00 p. m. with the banquet to be served at 8:30 p. m. The charge is \$5.00 per person which includes admission, dinner and dancing. Anyone desiring further information may contact our president, John A. Olson, Deal Publications, 3609 Edenhurst Avenue, Los Angeles 39, California. Telephone NOrmandy 28121.