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Seasons

Greetings

Sends Love Letter To University

At the Academic Conference at the University on November 6, 1958, J. Lloyd Stone read a letter from Maxwell Anderson, a graduate of the class of 1911. Because of illness Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were unable to attend the three-day conference on November 6, 7, and 8.

Dear U. N. D.

You are celebrating your seventy-fifth anniversary this year—and that reminds me of something. I entered the University of North Dakota in the fall of 1908. It's just fifty years (plus a month or two) since I first walked among the little cluster of buildings on the prairie which was then the U. N. D. This is not important to anybody but myself, but I shall celebrate it because it's now a half a century since I was first exposed to higher education on that bare and wind-swept campus at the end of a trolley line.

The buildings were brick and most of them new. The trees, save for a few along the coulee, were saplings, too slender to cast a shade or break the wind. I don't know what the campus looks like now, but I could name every building that stood there then, from Sayre Hall, on the outer fringe, where I lived, to the gymnasium and the railroad tracks, where everything ended. Around, on every side, was treeless prairie. Grand Forks was two miles away.

And now a word about myself

and how I arrived at Sayre Hall. I was the son of an itinerant Baptist minister—we moved about once a year, as I remember it—and had picked up a scrambled education in many small towns in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Iowa. It happened that I graduated from high school in Jamestown, North Dakota, and one of my classmates, Garth Howland, urged me to continue my education at a university. The university he had in mind was the nearest—the U. N. D. at Grand Forks. Since I knew nothing about universities and had no plans for the future, I went along. My finances were non-existent. I planned to work my way through.

As for my preparation, I had been an indifferent student. The only thing I had a smattering of was English literature. Before I finished the eighth grade I had discovered and read most of the well-known novelists, Dickens, Stevenson, Scott, Dumas, Cooper, and a vast sampling of others. In high school I discovered poetry—first Keats, then Shelly and Shakespeare—these in drugstore shelves and in libraries—and then all the major names, from Tennyson, Browning and Swinburne on into the past. This caused a major revolution in my life and my thinking. Reading poetry was an overwhelming experience. With me it became a consuming vice. And having got so deep in, I took another step—I began to write poetry. This, however, I did in secret. In the Middle West in the years when I attended high school, the arts were not encouraged. The people around me were immersed in three activities—farming, banking, and trade. Re-

ligion and religious thought were accepted as minor necessities by the minister. If you wrote music or poetry you hid it. You didn't want to be jeered at by the other boys in school.

But this changed suddenly and dramatically when I arrived at the university. For the first time in my life I found myself among people who thought the life of the mind was more important than banking, and who respected any attempt to conquer an art form. Professor Gottfried Hult, who taught me Greek, also wrote poetry, and sometimes sold it. Professor Vernon Squires, who was Dean of the English Department, made me proud that I was able to quote and tried to write in verse. I found there was a place in society even for an odd duck like me! This is perhaps the most important cultural influence a university can have. In a world given over so largely to getting, using, and keeping property, it maintains a retreat for those who are more interested in the creation of beauty or the discovery of truth than in making a profit. Mind you, I am not opposed to the making of profits. If nobody saved, if nobody bargained, if nobody made profits, there would be no time and no money for the creation of beauty or the discovery of truth. But a balance must be maintained between the crafts and the arts, and the university does its best to maintain it. Anyway, the U. N. D. did it for me. If I hadn't gone to the university I might have been an unhappy and mediocre banker, farmer, or store-keeper. I'd have gone no farther.

By my own standards I have

not gone very far or achieved very much, but as a farmer or banker I'd have been a most unhappy man—and so I write this note of grateful appreciation to my alma mater, thanking it for being there when I needed it so badly, and for supplying hope to the current crop of youngsters as they come to it from the windy plains.

I have been looking through an old copy of the *DACOTAH*, which I edited in 1911, and have been studying the young, keen, beautiful faces of the girls and the young men who were my classmates and friends fifty years ago. There are so many of them that I can't mention them all, and they are so scattered by time and distance that I'm not sure what few of them are still alive, but to those who recall the years 1908 to 1911, I'd like to send greetings and affection. I wish I could be with you. Since I can't be, I'll remember you as you were then. And, still looking at the young faces in the old book, I want to thank each of you for being there then and for being the kind of person you were when the world and the university and you and I were so young.

Sincerely,
Maxwell Anderson.

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Report From The Campus

By LLOYD STONE

It has been several months since I last wrote my column and I thought that it would be possible to include many things in this open letter to our alumni that might be of interest.

Our football team has just completed an exceptionally fine season. For the first time in 21 years we have won the North Central Conference championship. This is a remarkable record when we consider the fact that our two coaches have been here just two years. Head coach Marvin Helling is a graduate of Macalaster and his assistant is Paul Roach.

Our championship hockey team has every appearance of another winning organization and should bring home a national championship when the season is over. Bob May in his first season last year as hockey coach won us a trophy for the second best college team in the nation.

Louie Bogan's basketball team shows promise and it is predicted that we will better the third place conference showing held last year.

Bogan thinks the Sioux 15-man squad is beginning to handle his controlled fast break better, but a little more work is needed along that line.

Newest addition to the squad is 6-2 forward Dan Schafer, a sophomore from Spring Valley, Minn. Schafer, starting center on the championship Sioux football squad, joined the squad after the final game against Lockbourne Air Force Base was cancelled because of transportation difficulties.

While he hasn't settled on a starting lineup, Bogan has selected his top eight players.

In this group he named Co-Captains Bob Hokanson of Morris, Minn., and Bill Monson of Rugby, along with junior college transfer Jerry Cool of Keyser, W. Va., and Ernie Krause of International Falls, Minn. Monson and Krause are listed as centers, the rest being forwards. Paul Grinnell of Grand Forks also was mentioned by Bogan as a forward.

Back court men named include Bing Larson of Park River, Bud Keller of Devils Lake and Dave Monson of Climax, Minn.

Wrestling, swimming and gymnastics, as well as a balanced intramural program, help round out one of the finest physical education programs of any University in the country.

\$250,000 GRANT SECURED FOR U

Professor J. Donald Henderson and the physics department of the University are to be congratulated for their work in securing a grant of \$250,000 for the support of a science institute at the University of North Dakota beginning with the academic year of September, 1959. This grant will make possible specialized instruction for about 50 high school teachers who will receive stipends of \$3,000 per year, plus allowances for dependents, board, tuition fees and books.

CAMPBELL TO BE AT CAMELBACK

In a recent issue of the New York Times I was interested in reading a story concerning a 1903 graduate of the University, Tom Campbell. He predicts that Nelson Rockefeller, Governor-Elect of New York, has a good chance to be our next president. Mr. Campbell has made reservations for the Camelback Inn reunion in Phoenix this year.

FIRST FACULTY LECTURE GIVEN

Professor Elwyn B. Robinson of the History department of the University gave the first of the 1958-59 faculty lectures this year. He explained that there are "six great themes" in North Dakota history: "remoteness and isolation, dependence and outside control, radicalism and revolt, a position of economic disadvantage, the "Too Much Mistake" and the adjustment to the imperatives of a subhumid climate." Robinson felt that "from these or the experiences they represent, there may have emerged a North Dakota character."

He then ventured an explanation of these themes. In the first, remoteness and isolation, Robin-

son referred to the influence of the great distance between North Dakota and the chief centers of the national and western world. In relation to this, the second, dependence and outside control, refers to North Dakota's constant status as a colonial hinterland; and the third, radicalism and revolt, are meant as a name for the ever-present struggle against that status. The fourth theme, a position of economic disadvantage, refers both to the wide fluctuations in North Dakota's income and to the lower than average per capita income that North Dakota, as an agricultural state, has generally received. "The Too Much Mistake" is Robinson's term for the over-supply of population that history shows has been far beyond the ability of the state to maintain.

The final theme, the adjustment to the imperative of a subhumid grassland, means "both the painful cutting back of the over-supply of the "Too Much Mistake" and the slow forging of better, more suitable ways of living in a subhumid grassland."

These interrelated themes and the geographic location, Robinson felt, "have placed a stamp upon the people, producing the North Dakotan character," which he typifies as "friendly and warm-hearted, with a strong loyalty to the state." Robinson said that "he (the North Dakotan) is democratic and has a strong dash of radicalism or liberalism about his thinking. He is ready to accept change, but he has an independent, stubborn, and aggressive spirit. He can endure hardship and suffering and these have often made him pessimistic and cautious. He is an energetic person, full of hustle; he is also a rugged person, taking pride in withstanding the rigors of the North Dakota weather. He is intelligent and alert; he has courage and admires a fighter." He stated that, "The North Dakotans were and are a good people and we can well be proud of our heritage."

STEFANSSON HERE FOR CONFERENCE

Dr. and Mrs. Vilhjalmur Stefansson attended the three-day Academic Conference on November 6, 7, and 8. Dr. Stefansson, one of the University's most illustrious sons, is a noted explorer and author. The Stefanssons are both on the staff of Dartmouth University. Following their par-

ticipation in the Academic Conference, they visited Mr. Stefansson's old home in Mountain, North Dakota and attended meetings in Winnipeg.

STATE EDUCATION SURVEY GIVEN

A recent study by the U. S. Office of Education reported that higher education in North Dakota on the whole is pretty good but the state isn't doing all it can to make education top flight. The report stated that there has been a lack of policy and planning for higher education and often competition instead of coordination exists among schools. A more detailed report on the findings of the committee will be outlined in a forthcoming issue of the Alumni Review.

GRIMSON RETIRING FROM HIGH COURT

Chief Justice Gudmundur Grimson, University of North Dakota class of 1906, has announced his retirement from the Supreme Court effective December 31st. Judge Grimson married a University of North Dakota alumna, Ina V. Sanford, in 1906. Their two sons completed work at the University. Lynn G. Grimson of Grafton is executive director of the North Dakota Bar Association and Dr. Keith S. Grimson is professor of surgery at Duke University. Judge Grimson has been one of the most loyal

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alumni ever to complete his work at the University. Congratulations and best wishes to Judge and Mrs. Grimson after many years of service to the State of North Dakota.

ENROLLMENT AT U SETS NEW MARK

Enrollment at the University has reached an all-time high of 3,822. The final tabulation for the first semester was released by Miss Ruby M. McKenzie, registrar.

The record total is an increase of 149 over the previous enrollment record at UND, which was 3,673, reached the first semester of 1957-58. Of the 3,822 students, 2,805 are men and 1,017 are women.

Largest enrollment is in University College, the freshman division, which has 1,091 students. The senior class is next with 872, followed by juniors, 804; sophomores, 681; graduate students, 274, and special and unclassified, 100.

Enrollment by colleges and divisions is as follows (over-all total is followed by the men's total and the women's total):

University College, 1,091 (698-393); College of Science, Literature and Arts, 706, (462-244); College of Education, 413, (215-198); College of Business and Public Administration, 482, (456-25); College of Engineering, 535, (532-3); School of Law, 105, (104-1); School of Medicine, 75, (74-1); Division of Nursing, 42, (1-41); Special and Unclassified, 100, (30-70); and Graduate School, 274, (233-41).

PIERCE NOMINATED FOR SPORTS HONOR

Ralph Pierce, 1934, has been nominated by the University for 1958 Sports Illustrated's Silver Anniversary All-America.

Pierce was one of the University of North Dakota's great athletes in track and football and played halfback for the Sioux during an era of great grid teams. North Dakota was at that time engaging in a national schedule with excellent success, meeting outside its conference such schools as the University of Oregon, George Washington University, DePaul University, Duquesne, Loyola of the South, and Texas Christian.

Pierce was spectacular as a left wingback in the double wing for-

mation, employed by Coach C. A. West. With his great speed, Pierce was the key to an offense that demanded speed.

One of the two fastest backs in the history of the North Central Conference, Ralph was also a hard-driving ball carrier who learned early in his University career to follow his interference, adding elusiveness to his speed.

In the opinion of authorities, Pierce was one of the best punters North Dakota ever had. His long, accurate punts out of bounds, deep in opponents' territory, were responsible for several Sioux victories.

Pierce captained the 1933 Sioux, was named the most valuable player, and for two years was on all-conference backfields. The conference records are proof of the halfback's speed, for he ran the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds, and the 220 in 21.8 during the 1932 meet, establishing marks in both events. He was a member of the team that won the track championship in both 1932 and 1933.

Immediately after his graduation, Pierce was sought by Regina of the professional Western Canadian League, a team on which he was a star for several years.

Pierce is a plant production superintendent in Minneapolis and is the father of four small children.

14 RECEIVE U HONORARY DEGREES

Fourteen honorary degrees were awarded at the University of North Dakota 75th Anniversary Academic Conference convocation.

Receiving degrees after a reading of individual citations by President George W. Starcher at the convocation which ended the 3-day conference were: Waldemar Westergard, head of the history department at the University of California, Doctor of Laws degree; Joachim Frederick Weltzin, dean of the University of Idaho, Doctor of Humanities.

Herbert George Nilles, president of the North Dakota State Bar Association, Doctor of Laws; Phillip William West, head of the department of physical chemistry at Louisiana State University, Doctor of Science.

Neal Albert Weber, professor of zoology, Doctor of Science; Edgar Dale, author and professor, Doctor of Humanities; Edward K. Thompson, managing editor of

Life Magazine, Doctor of Humanities; Maxwell Anderson, playwright (in absentia), Doctor of Humanities degree.

Cushman D. Haagensen, University professor and clinical surgeon, Doctor of Science; Rudolph J. Gjelsness, chairman of the department of library science at the University of Michigan, Doctor of Laws.

George Andrew Lundberg, head of the department of sociology at the University of Washington, Doctor of Laws; Paul Yoder, musician, Doctor of Music; Grover Hall, president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Doctor of Engineering; and Grayson Louis Kirk, president of Columbia University, Doctor of Humanities.

With the exception of Kirk, all are University graduates.

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from an address by University President Dr. George W. Starcher at a meeting of University alumni and friends in Fargo.

STARCHER SPEAKS AT FARGO REUNION

"We are nearing the close of our 75th Anniversary year. It has been a good year. There have been many special programs and functions throughout the year. Some 50 different groups ranging in size from 40 to 600, with all the usual hangers-on of parents, friends, relatives, and those who just came to town for the occasion, have been sponsored by the University this year. Professional groups and learned societies have met here especially this year as a compliment to the University's 75th birthday. There was the large convocation for Eric Severeid on Founders Day, commencement in June, Homecoming with its lighter side, and the special conference and convocation November 6, 7, and 8. All of these events taking place here in North Dakota are significant for all of you, as they are for all of us.

"Every one of you is concerned with what is going on, with sifting and interpreting what you see, hear, and read, and with deciding what you might do about it. Your responsibility extends far beyond the ordinary, for you want the University to be not only a present influence but a factor in the preservation of our free way of life. The discussion that is basic to the preservation of a functioning democracy in a free society

must be based not only upon responsible knowledge, but it also carries with it the responsibility to think a little beyond the man in the street and requires that we seek out hidden meanings or logical conclusions from the more obvious facts.

"All of us at the University have a corresponding responsibility to be forever engaged in seeking to know more and to find better ways of thinking for a new age. I suppose our primary function is that of teaching. But teaching becomes stale indeed at the University level without the corresponding research activity that keeps professors alive and their minds working out there at the boundary line of knowledge, for of all the benefits a University education can confer first importance must be given to that sense of curiosity and the capacity to think and find out for oneself which research engenders."

UND LISTS ELEVEN FACULTY AWARDS

Eleven University faculty members have been awarded grants for research and creative projects. The grants vary from \$70 to \$550, said Prof. Louis G. Geiger, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Research.

Endorsed by the State Board of Higher Education, the program provides grant-in-aid for faculty research and creative work through recommendations made by the Faculty Committee to President Starcher.

Geiger said the grants, although not large, enable a professor to develop an idea to the stage where it will appeal to a large foundation which has larger sums of money available for supporting such research.

The winners of the 11 grants are Professors:

Duane Baumgartner, art, to provide materials for "experimentation and Analysis of the Medium of Watercolor and Foreign Materials as Applied to Non-objective Forms of Art".

John R. Bergstrom, geology, for the purchase of samples and gamma ray and electrical logs necessary to complete and publish a study of "The Mesaverde Group of Southeastern Wyoming."

Herman F. Buegel, psychology, for monographs, reviews, and books necessary to study "Some Refinements in the Application of Mathematical Topology to Psychology."

Demetrius J. Georgacas, classical languages, for travel, maintenance, secretarial assistance, and materials necessary to prepare two studies for publication in professional journals, "Theory of Onomatology," and "A Contribution to Greek Toponymy."

F. D. Holland, Jr., geology, to provide supplies, plates, typing and subsidy for the publication of a study of "Brachipoda of the Oswayo and Knapp Formations of the Penn-York Embayment."

Paul B. Kannowski, biology, for the purchase of supplies to make motion pictures of "The Flight Behavior of Ants."

Gordon Lerfald and Paul Scheibe, physics, for the purchase of apparatus necessary to complete "A Study of Travel Time Anomalies of High Frequency Radio Waves."

Paul F. Munger, psychology, to pay part of the cost of publishing a booklet, "North Dakota and Occupations."

Robert A. Nelson, art, to purchase printing supplies to be used for an extension of his study of "Color and Texture."

Marvin F. Poyzer, industrial arts, for the purchase of apparatus to make "An Experimental Evaluation of Three Dimensional Forming in Thermoplastic Sheet Plastic for the High School Industrial Arts Curriculum."

Terence T. Quirke, Jr., geology, to pay expenses of preparing two articles for publication in professional journals: "Geology and Mineralogy of the Lake Albnel Iron Range, Mistassini Territory, Quebec," and "Absolute Ages and Regional Geology of the Lake Albnel Area, Mistassini Territory, Quebec."

Members of the Faculty Research Committee in addition to Geiger are James Beck, Philip Cory, Georgacas, Archie Gray, Lawrence Summers and Howard Waldron.

SIoux SIX SCORES WIN OVER ALUMNI

The Sioux hockey team turned in a 9-1 victory over an alumni aggregation for its second victory having edged the freshman six, 3-2, previously.

The alumni clash was the first such event here but officials hope to make it an annual event. The grads had a 19-man squad.

Seven skaters scored for the Sioux, who led 5-0 at the first stop and 7-0 after two stanzas.

Setting the pace were Joe Poole of Thief River Falls and Bob Began of Eveleth. Each had two goals. Also getting into the act were Garth Perry, Bernie Haley, Bill Steenson, Julian Brunetta and Reg Morelli.

The alumni scored their goal early in the third period, with Jim Ridley driving the puck home after taking a pass from Bill Reichart. Ridley, Sioux co-captain of a year ago, and winger Bill Boone traveled the longest distance for the game, returning from Vancouver, B. C.

Reichart, former All-American, seemed to get better as the game progressed. He thrilled the crowd of more than 3,000 on several occasions with the terrific slap shot which he used effectively during his playing days with the Sioux.

George Gratton, a converted forward, and Bob Peabody, last year's goalie who has returned to action despite knee injuries, shared the netminding duties for the winners.

Gratton looked sharp on several occasions and managed to turn back nine alumni shots during the 20 minutes he worked.

In the nets for the alums was Bob Peters, University goalie who was ruled ineligible by the NCAA last season. Several times Peters showed flashes of the old form which made him the No. 1 goalie in the Western League. He kicked out 12 shots in the first period, 16 in the second and 16 in the third for 44.

Tom Yurkovich, now playing for the Rochester, Minn., team, was scheduled to be in the nets for the alumni but was unable to make the trip.

Don Crough, 1957-58 defenseman, turned in a good performance along with Ed Willems and Lt. Jerry Culbertson. The latter is in the Army at Colorado Springs while Willems is at Fort William.

RECOMMEND FUND INCREASE FOR UND

Hefty increases in operating funds for North Dakota's two largest institutions of higher learning have been recommended by the State Budget Board.

Figures compiled by State Budget Director P. A. Tinbo show, however, that the budget board cut amounts from those asked by the University and North Dakota Agricultural College.

The Budget Board recommended an appropriation from the general fund and special funds of

\$6,295,262 for the University, compared to its present appropriation of \$5,377,509.

This includes proposed authorization for UND to spend money it collects from various sources, so not all the budget would come from the general fund.

For NDAC, the budget board recommended operating money of \$5,753,055, compared to its present appropriation of \$4,951,118.

These figures don't include plant improvements or buildings. Each of the schools won approval of the budget board for several major building proposals. These included a new administration building for the University, a structure the school has been seeking for many years.

OLD MAIN SERVES U FROM START IN 1883

In 75 years, the University has grown from less than 80 students to more than 3,800, but is still served by the same administration building.

Old Main, as it is called, was more than a part of the University when it opened in the fall of 1884—it was the University.

The building contained all classroom and living space for the entire student body and faculty, and a library, museum and chapel. Today Old Main, condemned since 1925 as unsafe, houses all University administrative offices and records.

The 120 by 54 foot structure was the largest building in the northern half of Dakota Territory when it was constructed in 1883. It was four stories high, including the basement, and was raised for the economical sum of \$32,500. Early improvements included a fence to keep stray cattle from grazing on the newly-seeded lawns.

It was rather shabbily built, with emphasis on size rather than quality. This became evident when the building began to settle only a few months after it was opened.

In 1887, a severe wind and hail storm blew the central tower and chimney through the roof and collapsed the entire west wing. Then, after the 1924 spring thaw, the building took a tilt to the west.

A year later, architects advised it be vacated immediately.

In the interest of economy, however, it was decided to leave standing as much of the building as possible. Only that portion considered shaky enough to be of immediate danger was removed—remaining was one complete story with the eastern half of the second story.

Cracks are almost continually being patched and iron beams and rods gird the building like corset stays, hoping to stave off bulges which could lead to complete collapse.

Students have a place both in their hearts and their humor for the venerable structure with the sagging beams.

Many a slightly overweight coed has been told to think twice before treading on those tilted floors and students, who enter to pay campus parking violation fines, shout that next week when the building falls in, it will collapse on the right persons.

Throughout the years, other buildings have been constructed to take over the classroom and living quarters function of Old Main, and this year, the State Budget Board approved \$850,000 for the construction of a new administration building.

Perhaps now Old Main will be able to join the Musk Ox which once adorned its museum in the memories of students and alumni.

WRESTLING COACH TO SELECT SQUAD

Wrestling coach John Hibbert is conducting elimination matches this week to pick a 10-man Sioux varsity wrestling squad.

Following selection of the varsity group, Hibbert will begin intensive work in preparation for scheduled Sioux matches with area collegiate opponents. A schedule is expected to be announced soon.

Hibbert, a first year law student at UND, believes there is now sufficient interest and competition to get the program under way in a modest manner. "We're not going to be world-beaters, we'll probably take some lumps, but remember we're building a program," he explained.