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## *After Saucers?*

### **President West Invited to See AAF In Action**

President John West announced that he received an invitation from the Army Air Forces to visit Elgin Field, Florida, July 25, to see a demonstration of the newest AAF equipment.

The AAF invitation pointed out that this demonstration would familiarize Dr. West with the mission of the Air Defense Command.

When queried about the Air Defense Command, Dr. West said, "I don't know what it is . . . maybe we're going to chase those flying saucers."

According to Dr. West, transportation will be provided by the AAF. He will leave the Fargo municipal airport for Scott's field at 0600 hours (that's army talk for 6 a. m.) CST, July 24. Transportation from Scott's field to Elgin field will be furnished. He will return July 26.

The Air Proving Ground Command will provide quarters and meals.

## *Fly Gal Doubles at Desk:*

### **Cashes In on GI Bill of Rights**



JANE MEYER

## **Lawton Succeeds French As Dean**



DEAN LAWTON

Looking much like another summer session graduate student but with a record full of scientific and medical achievement qualifying him for his new position, Dr. Alfred H. Lawton this week became dean of the school of medicine.

Thirty years old, Dr. Lawton comes from the University of Arkansas to



DEAN EMERITUS FRENCH

succeed Dr. Harley E. French, dean of the school for 36 years, who is retiring, at his own request, to the position of dean emeritus.

Dr. French will continue as an active teacher on the medic staff, as professor of anatomy. Dr. Lawton will serve as professor of physiology and pharmacology.

Dr. French, at the time of his retirement, was the oldest dean in the United States in years of service. The first student to be graduated by him, Dr. Sverre Oftedahl, already has

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## **Band Gets Big Hand At Initial Concert**

Presenting a varied program, the summer session band made its initial appearance in an open air concert Wednesday evening under the direction of John E. Howard.

Held on the lawn between Old Main and the Armory, the concert was presented before a large and enthusiastic audience. William Pond, cornetist, was soloist.

Two more appearances will be made by the 35-piece band before the term ends, Howard said.

Seated at the first desk in the business office is one girl that most vet's see at the beginning of each semester. She is Jane Meyer who wears the snappy title of "Supervisor of Veterans Records."

Now here's something that most vets don't realize. All the while she was blandly taking their registration papers, she was learning to fly at Jolly's flying school. Two weeks ago Jane became the first North Dakota woman to receive a commercial pilot's license under the G. I. bill of rights.

So it might be a good idea for all you "Hot Rocks" to keep your fly talk evenly modulated and coolly tempered next time you register.

**Editorial:**

## Stop! Don't Throw It There!

*Once upon a time in the great kingdom of North Dakota there was a beautiful University Campus. The buildings on this campus were kept clean and spotless. Tall trees whispered and waved above it and provided shade from the sun. Along the paths were brilliantly colored flowers.*

*At one edge of the University there was a lovely babbling coulee. Grassy banks surrounded this coulee and all over the campus there were green fields of grass.*

*Then one day the people in the state decided to come to the University to study. They threw papers on the steps of the clean and spotless buildings and stamped out cigarettes in the corridors. They picked the brilliant flowers along the walks and trampled the grassy banks of the coulee and over the fields of grass on the campus.*

*Then the students looked about them and saw what had been done. "What has happened to our beautiful campus?" they asked. "Who has been so careless?"*

*The students didn't know the answer. Do you?*

We gripe because our campus lacks adequate sidewalks but we don't use those we have. We gripe because our buildings are not tidy, but again we are the ones who litter them up. We ask why our buildings and grounds department does not do more toward beautifying the campus. The answer is very clear.

Carelessly we litter the halls with waste material which could as easily be placed in a waste basket. Thoughtlessly we cut across the lawns and destroy the flowers which had been placed for our enjoyment. We make it necessary for our caretakers to spend their time on upkeep.

If we want our campus more beautiful let's take care of what we have. Let's not be heedless . . . let's be thoughtful! — FD

**Note to Co-eds:**

## Free Car, Fair Game

Co-eds attention!

Engineering sophomore Chester Olson won a 1947 two-door Chevrolet sedan in the second Nash Coffee Company contest. Yes, girls, Olson is single . . . unattached and unassigned as a matter of fact.

The car was presented to him last Monday by an official of the Nash

Coffee Company. Mayor Boe of Grand Forks was on hand to offer his congratulations . . . and a word of warning.

Boe said that only good driving was careful driving.

Olson also remarked that after he had sent in his entry, he thought of many ways to improve upon it. But, he added, I'm glad I didn't have the chance.

## Mid - Term Exam Epidemic Strikes

While summer session students will run up against no formal examination schedule until term finals August 7-8, mid-semester tests have been the rule in many classes the past week.

Tests given now are at the discretion of individual instructors and no formal report is made to the registrar's office, as is the case with regular school year six-weeks tests.

**Staff:**

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## Campus Banter

BY THE STAFF

The first half of the hectic eight weeks summer session is over. Students, however, won't be able to take time out for a deep breath or sigh of relief — mid semester tests are under way.

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The three day holiday last weekend provided a brief respite with Detroit Lakes, Bemidji, and Arvilla State Park thick with NO-DAKS. Faculty members were also there catching their share of fish and mosquito bites.

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One of the Bemidji fun lovers insisted on staying in bed all weekend. "I went out the first night," he said, "but all I saw were people who wanted to copy my psychology assignment for Monday."

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At Detroit Lakes, an observer counted 32 campsites at one of the resort town's night spots. And the hour was late . . . or maybe it was early.

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Arvilla was filled with picnic lovers on the night of the Fourth. No fatalities were reported but one member of the faculty did find himself head first in the mud while trying to perform the "perfect" swan dive.

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Monday morning found students and instructors alike with heavy eyes, sunburned noses, and poison ivy.

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Roy N. Hall, manager of the university bookstore is knee deep in books and other school supplies as he wades through his inventory in preparation for the influx of students expected in the fall. When asked if he had any special news that might be of interest to the STUDENT readers, he pointed to a pile of books and said, "There's the only news I have and there's plenty of it."

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It was just learned that Kitt Kittleson can cook. We know of several gals that should be interested.

Visitors have been at the summer school too. Lois Nicholson came down from Lakota to help Jim Hesketh over some rough spots. Mary Ann Keck is checking Malcolm Thal.

## University Dean Lineup Changes, French Retires

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retired in California. A native of Indiana, Dr. French came here in 1911 from the University of South Dakota.

### NATIVE OF IOWA

A former navy lieutenant commander, Dr. Lawton is an Iowa native. He was educated at Simpson college and Northwestern university, and holds B. A., B. M., M. D. and Ph. D. degrees. He has been on the staffs of Chicago and Detroit hospitals. He is married and has two children.

Busy this week with "moving in" details, Dr. Lawler expressed satisfaction with the school of medicine layout, especially the new building for which funds have been provided and the proposed state medical center on the campus.

### LAUDED BY PRESIDENT

President West and other campus associates paid tribute to Dean French, pointing to his record in keeping the medical school operating and accredited over the years, often in the face of great obstacles.

Dr. French thanked UND administrative authorities and his staff for "splendid cooperation," stated that he had enjoyed the work of preparing young men for the practice of medicine, and that he was happy to be continuing as a member of the teaching staff. "It is time, however," he added, "for younger men to take over the administrative duties."

## 20 Sign Up For Navy Air Reserve Flight

Twenty naval air reservists have signed up for the training hop to Wold Chamberlain field in Minneapolis, which takes off in a NATS transport plane from Municipal Airport here at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Amos Martin, naval reserve lieutenant in charge of recruiting for the program, said space was still available for a few more applicants. Similar trips, which will allow the reservists to get in flying training in Minneapolis, will be made monthly throughout the year. The return trip will be late Sunday.

# Convo to Hear Sperber, Once on Nazi Purge List

A "must" on Hitler's blacklist before the war and chief German interpreter during the war crimes trial of top-ranking Nazis, Captain Harry M. Sperber will speak at convocation exercises Tuesday, July 15, according to John E. Howard, committee chairman.

Born in Germany, Capt. Sperber received his doctorate of laws from the University of Berlin. In 1933, during the early Nazi purges, Capt. Sperber was forced to flee his native land. He came to the United States, where he later became a citizen.

In World War II, Capt. Sperber entered the U. S. armed forces where he contributed services to his adopted country of untold value in his knowledge of Germany and the German language. Later, he was chief German interpreter during the war crimes trial of top-ranking Nazis. More recently Capt. Sperber directed "inside story" shots for the March of Time film on Occupied Germany.

Howard emphasized that Capt. Sperber's topic, "What's Happening In Germany Now," has an important message—if World War III is to be avoided.

*Nothing to It---But Then Maybe:*

## Skeptical of 'Saucers'

By BILL ADAMS

It's unanimous! Flying saucers are nothing but "figments of the imagination—popycock—but then maybe . . ."

Such was the attitude reflected early this week by students and professors at the University.

Said one student, "It's nothing but a bunch of people who want their names in the paper, one person thinks he sees something so the rest just follow along."

L. C. Harrington, dean of engineering, was more cautious if skeptical. "If there is anything to it, the army and navy know about it, but what 'they' might be I wouldn't venture to say."

R. B. Witmer of the physics department, likewise was skeptical. "If they were actually seen or one were found, we might guess their purpose. I wouldn't wish to say." When asked if he thought they could be radio controlled projectiles he pointed out that science is constantly accomplishing seeming miracles and if the saucers actually exist, this explanation might be plausible.

Professors J. L. Hundley and J. D. Henderson, also of the physics department, likened the discs to sea serpents and cited optical phenomena as possible explanations. They consider the conflicting reports on the sizes, shapes, speeds and alti-

tudes of the flying saucers as significant.

Dean W. G. Bek agumented the general trend by saying, "It might be mass hysteria. I wouldn't say what they are, but it seems significant that the government doesn't ask to have them returned if found." He is also of the opinion that if they are factual, our government knows their purpose and source.

"I don't think Russia has anything to do with it," said a coffee drinker in Budge, "and if you ask me the army and navy are just covering up."

Other campus opinions went from "figments of the imagination and mass hysteria" to "reflections from the wings of airplanes or weather balloons." Still another student said "There are too many responsible people seeing them for me to believe that it is mass hysteria."

A check on the Grand Forks airport revealed none sighted, none chased.

There goes one now! It's red, white and blue and has writing on it: "Registered U. S. Patent Office, Kilroy was here!"

### ELECT 16 MEMBERS

Sixteen new members have been elected to the Phi Delta Kappa honorary professional fraternity. The group held its initiation and banquet Thursday, with newly elected President George Bohnen presiding.

# Park Village To Have Special Postal Center

Ralph E. Paxton, supervisor of the University Station reports that Postmaster E. J. Collette and John M. Roths, supervisor of veteran's housing have made arrangements to have post office boxes installed in Patterson's Grocery, 1923 5th Avenue north, for convenience of the Park Village residents.

Roths urges all Park Village residents to use the following return address when the boxes are put into use . . . John Doe, 1923 5th avenue north, Apt. No.—, Grand Forks, N. D.

"If everyone cooperates," said Roths, "There'll be less confusion." As soon as the post office boxes have been installed, Park Village residents will be notified.

# Speaker Predicts 'Era of Decency'

Civilization stands on the threshold of a new era where "decency" will be the keynote, said Major A. M. Pratt of Winnipeg, head of Manitoba's department of education, at Tuesday's convocation.

He predicted that a new code of decency would grow out of a realization of the need for it. "I believe that if we keep faith in ourselves and in this democracy of ours, we will not lose the path," said the veteran of two World wars.

"What we are is determined by how we face up to the challenges we meet," said Major Pratt, tracing the history of world culture from ancient Judea with its first recorded liberty, down to the present age realization of man's duty to man.

Dean J. V. Breitwieser presided and Hywel C. Rowland lead the audience in the singing of American and Canadian national anthems.

### BOOK SINGER JULY 22

Sixth convocation program on the summer schedule July 22 will feature Julie Andre, who sings songs from "south of the border." In this lecture recital, she will accompany herself on the guitar.

# LSA to Hold Picnic Tonight

Lutheran students attending the University will have their first summer picnic this afternoon and evening in Riverside park. Victor Saude is program manager.

The picnic, first of its kind at UND, will probably be an annual event from now on because of the increased enrollment, said Saude.

Program for the day includes swimming, from 4 to 6 p. m., a weiner roast at 6 p. m., singing and games starting at 8.

# 2d Field Trip Slated Monday

Second in a series of field trips for summer session students comes Monday, with a visit to the Armour packing plant just north of the city.

Recreational Director Don Clark will be in charge. He said transportation will be furnished and that any students desiring to make the trip may do so. The party will leave from the Armory at 10 a. m., returning to the campus at noon.

Final field trip will be to the state mill and elevator, with the date to be announced later. On last week's trip to the airport, 40 students were given free plane rides.

# Special Sound Effects Arranged For Play

The campus summer school play "Fly Away Home" scheduled for July 21 and 22, directed by Professor E. D. Schonberger, will be complete with sound effects and new decorations, come play time. The new sound effect machine purchased last semester by the university will supply lightning and thunder for the play. Jeanne Stockman and Margaret Rockwell, share the lead honors with Ralph Long and Vernon Hedner, a former U. S. O. troupe performer.

### CONDUCT SURVEY

The University's summer recreation program is equal, in many instances superior, to that of other schools, according to a survey of 35 colleges made by Don Clark, recreation director.

# Sports:

# Sayre Grabs Softball Lead

In a rugged, hard fought intramural softball league, Sayre Hall was leading with five straight wins as the summer session neared the end of its fourth week. Closely trailing the boys from Sayre were Stadium and TKE-Sigs.

Standings for league as of Monday night:

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Sayre .....	5	0	1.000
Stadium .....	4	0	1.000
TKE-Sigs .....	3	1	.750
Oxford Trailer .....	2	2	.500
Theta Chi .....	1	3	.250
Princeton .....	1	3	.250
Budge .....	1	4	.200
Blanks .....	0	4	.000

Games scheduled for coming week are:

**Monday:** Princeton vs. Budge. Oxford Trailer vs. Blanks. TKE-Sigs vs. Theta Chi. Stadium vs. Sayre.

**Wednesday:** Budge vs. Sayre. Stadium vs. Theta Chi. Princeton vs. Blanks. TKE-Sigs vs. Oxford Trailer.

A playoff August 4, 5 and 6 between the top two teams will decide the championship.

# Tennis Tournament To Start Monday

Summer session net enthusiasts start their annual tennis tournament Monday on the University courts. Details of the tourney, open to all University student, are posted on campus bulletin boards and entries should be in today.

# U Officials to Tour College Gymnasiums

Seeking data and ideas to incorporate in plans for UND's new \$600,000 men's gymnasium, several University officials will visit college gyms in various parts of the country. Dates of the trip and those making the inspection tour will be announced later. Funds for the new structure were appropriated at the last state legislative session.