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CAMPUS NEWS

THREE-YEAR DEGREE

Some students who enter UND next fall may be able to skip the freshman year and earn their degrees in three years. If present plans develop the University will become one of the first schools in the nation to adopt the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). By successfully completing the five-test CLEP series, students may earn up to 30 hours of academic work, meeting the usual general education requirements of the University.

MED SERVICES STUDY

The North Dakota Legislative Council has appointed a nine-member committee to study "the urgent and immediate crisis in medical services and education facing North Dakota." Among topics of study will be a proposal to develop a medical-degree granting program at UND. Presently UND offers only a two-year medical program and students must transfer to complete their degree work.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The University has begun a long-range planning effort to chart its course into the 1980's. About 240 individuals, representing all segments of the University, are involved in Project SCOPE (Study Committee on Planning and Evaluation). UND President Thomas J. Clifford said the study is essential due to the slowdown in enrollment growth and the tightening economic situation.

MEN SURPASSED

Women students at UND outshone their male counterparts during the first semester of 1971-72, achieving a collective scholarship average of 2.97 on the 4.0 scale—almost a straight "B" average. The all-men's average for the just-concluded semester was 2.73, giving the entire student body an average of 2.83.

LEARNING CENTER

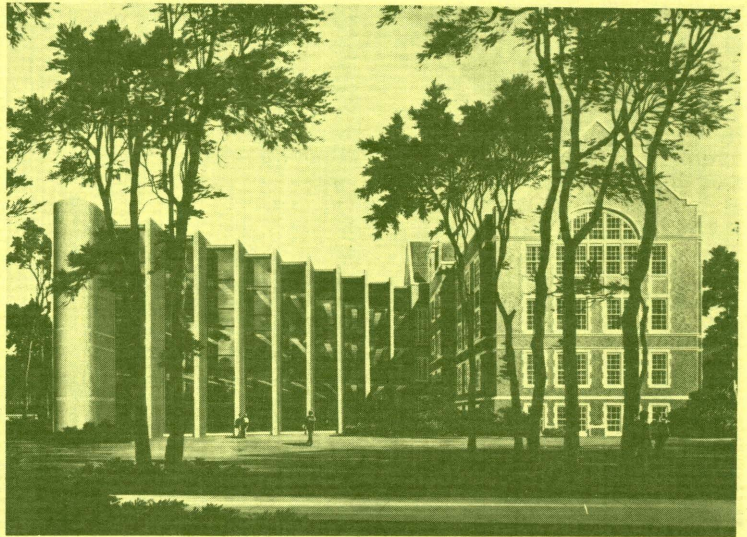
The State Board of Higher Education has approved plans to establish a Center for Teaching and Learning at UND. The center, which could become operational July 1, is envisioned as a separate academic unit concerned mainly with teacher education. It would consolidate the New School for Behavioral Studies in Education, the College of Education's departments of education and library science, and other departments wishing to participate. Under the proposal, the College of Education and the New School would cease to exist as distinct education entities.

CLIFFORD INAUGURAL

Formal inauguration of Thomas J. Clifford as eighth president of UND will be held April 14. The event is being planned by an 11-member committee composed of alumni, students, faculty and administrators. Clifford assumed the presidency July 1, following the retirement of Dr. George W. Starcher. Clifford is the first native North Dakotan ever to serve as president of the state's oldest and largest institution of higher education.

WORK AND GRADES

Part-time employment has little, if any, detrimental effect on the grade-point averages of UND freshmen, according to Dr. Gerald F. Hamerlik, director of student financial aids. Hamerlik co-authored a study to examine the charge that outside employment adversely affects academic work. His study showed that part-time work (up to 19 hours per week) had little significance on grades. About 700 students are currently employed on the UND campus and nearly 1,000 more are employed off campus.



PROPOSED LAW BUILDING ADDITION

UND Building Timetable Set

Thirteen building projects at the University are in stages ranging from preliminary planning to near completion, according to UND officials.

Chester Fritz Auditorium, which will seat 2,500, will be completed in April, 1972. The acoustical arrangements for the \$2.3 million structure will be finished in May or early June.

Completion of the \$1.8 million Winter Sports Building, which will seat 5,500, is scheduled for November, 1972. The building is located on the east edge of the campus.

West Green Seven, an \$897,000 student housing complex consisting of three 24-plex apartment buildings, will be completed by Spring, 1972.

Bids for the \$747,000 Law School addition will be let sometime after February. Construction will begin in the spring of 1972, and completion is anticipated in late 1973.

Bids for a \$3 million Fine Arts Center will be let early in 1972. Construction of the center, which will house the newly-formed College of Fine Arts, will begin early in the summer and completion may be as soon as Fall, 1973.

Rehabilitation Hospital bids will be let early in 1972. Construction will begin as soon as possible, with completion expected by late 1973. It will be the first building on the proposed 80-acre medical health complex near the UND campus.

Two mini-dorms, which may house chapters of some social fraternities, are in the planning stages. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) support has been reserved for them.

HUD funds have been reserved for a \$400,000 central food services building and state funds will be available July 1 for a \$450,000 central services building, but target dates for construction are indefinite.

A \$1 million addition to the University Center, to be located on the west side of the present structure, is in the planning stages.

The president's residence, built 16 years ago, is being renovated. Source of funds for the \$14,000 project is the UND Plant Improvement Fund. Target date for completion is March.



REPORT from the CAMPUS

By J. LLOYD STONE

This is the third UND Alumni Reunion held at the Hollywood Palladium—playground of North Dakota's most famous native son, Lawrence Welk. The first two reunions were arranged primarily by Mary O'Connor, who today was married to Carl Schade II. Tonight the newlyweds are honeymooning, so we have to excuse their absence. To them I offer congratulations, love and best wishes. Mary has assigned a good substitute—her father, Judge Edward O'Connor, to handle the details of this annual get-together for which we are gathered. Thank you, Ed. We know that you should receive some credit for the success of our past reunions here, and the crowd here attests again to your hard work in behalf of your Alma Mater.

We are all looking forward tonight to a very special program with Lawrence Welk. I am sure he will again have Ed beating the drums to a polka rhythm. I am sure, too, that many alumnae will have the opportunity to dance with Lawrence before the night is over. This is always a highlight of this reunion for the girls and us menfolk who watch with envy. Before the evening is over I plan to present plaques to Lawrence and Ed for their loyalty to North Dakota and for their achievements in their chosen professions.

I am hopeful that tonight's reunion will match the success of our reunion Jan. 13-15 at the Hotel Coronado in San Diego. Our master of ceremony at that event was Dr. J. Lafe Ludwig of Los Angeles, and he did a masterful job. I was privileged to share the speaker's platform during the reunion banquet with Stan Walsh, Fred Davidson, Larry Forest and other friends. The entire affair was reminiscent of the first Camelback Reunion held 22 years ago, 1950, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Speaking of Camelback, I expect Jack Stewart, long-time owner of that famous resort, to be present tonight. If he is here, he will be properly

introduced, and I am sure he will want to say a few words to our UND'ers. Jack was the man most highly honored at the Fiesta Bowl, which we attended together in Phoenix Dec. 26-28. Even though Attorney General John Mitchell attended, the spotlight of attention was focused on Jack Stewart. He was the creator of the bowl and football game which more than 54,000 people attended. Jack was honored during the game as "The Most Valuable Player in Arizona."

Yesterday morning (Jan. 28), 24 UND alumni returned from the Mexican Cruise. The group, headed by Vaughn and Marilyn Champeau, arrived at Pier No. 154 here in Los Angeles where we greeted them. Making the tour were Mrs. Estelle Archdeacon of Bozeman, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Caldis, Grand Forks; Mrs. Ione DeLaPointe, Grand Forks; Mrs. B. Fernandez, Los Angeles; Mrs. Hannah Ford, Berkeley; Ira Frenndberg, Bismarck; Mrs. C. Hitchcock, White Plains, N.Y.; Mrs. J. Dwire, Burbank, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hanna, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch, Jr., Coeur D'Alene, Idaho;

Dr. and Mrs. J. Mahoney, Devils Lake; J. C. Steiner, Kelso, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Sturtevant, Scottsdale, Ariz.; M. Sweeney, LaGrange, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. M. Traynor, Devils Lake; Mrs. Gertrude Jerome, Devils Lake; Mrs. Francis Kannowski, Grand Forks, and Mrs. Verna Paterson, Reno, Nev.

Another tour is scheduled to leave March 30 for the Greek Islands. We expect 40 to board ship with us; but, there is still room for more. If you are interested, see me before the night is over and we will sign you up.

These alumni activities are but a part of a very eventful year at our University. We are fortunate that during these trying times for our colleges and universities, the University of North Dakota's future is in the able hands of our loyal friend Thomas J.

Clifford. His background qualifies him to defend UND against the threatening stranglehold of tightening purse strings. He has also demonstrated his ability to deal fairly and honestly with our students and faculty. Upon his broad shoulders sit many problems—the brunt of which he has already shown he can bear. Our future at UND is in good hands.

Maybe it is only coincidence, but since Tom assumed the presidency the winds of good fortune have blown favorably for our athletic teams. The Fighting Sioux football team won the North Central Conference crown and in doing so trounced out our up-river rival, North Dakota AC, 23 to 7 on their home turf, during their homecoming. Our success on the gridiron appears to be overlapping into the Winter Sports Arena and the Fieldhouse. Both our hockey and basketball teams are on the winning way. Our skaters recently swept a weekend series on University of Minnesota home ice.

While we are on the subject of ice, it is only fitting that we say a word or two about balmy North Dakota. Only recently the Grand Forks' thermometers dipped to a sultry (ah hum) 30 below and 48 hours later rose to 40 above—Mackinaw shedding time.

I hope all of you can return soon to our beautiful campus. If you have not been back in recent years, I promise a surprise is in store for you. In terms of brick and mortar, the growth at UND has been phenomenal. In terms of enrollment, the growth has been pleasantly surprising, particularly in view of the lack of growth this year at other campuses in the state. UND grew by 266 students this year to a record enrollment of 8,400. AC, on the other hand, lost nearly 100 students for an enrollment of 6,785. Apparently North Dakota's high school seniors discovered what we've been telling them all along—UND is the greatest. Mark your calendars for May, when the

University rolls out its red carpet for you during an activity-laden Alumni Days. Hope to see many of you on campus then, if not sooner.

FINE ARTS DEGREE

UND has been authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to offer a bachelor of fine arts degree. The degree will be awarded by the University's new College of Fine Arts, approved last fall by the board. The newly-authorized degree will enable students to earn the degree with a major in fine arts, art, music or theatre arts.

CLIFFORD TOURS STATE

An extensive statewide tour by UND President Thomas J. Clifford brought him face-to-face with more than 3,000 North Dakotans. The effort to expand two-way communication between the public and the University met with "unprecedented success," according to its planners. Clifford asked the people he visited with for their views and interests, and informed them of UND's progress, plans and problems.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

A few bright signs are pointing to a slightly better job picture for graduating UND students this year, according to Ronald Betts, UND Placement Center director. Betts said the job market is showing some signs of picking up. "There have been slightly fewer companies coming to UND to interview, but those companies are offering more jobs—up to 20 per cent more than last year."

NURSING REACCREDITED

The UND College of Nursing has been reaccruited for an eight-year period by the National League of Nursing. The accrediting team commended the college faculty, characterizing it as "enthusiastic and hard working." Since first being accredited in 1963, the College has grown in enrollment from 123 to 294.