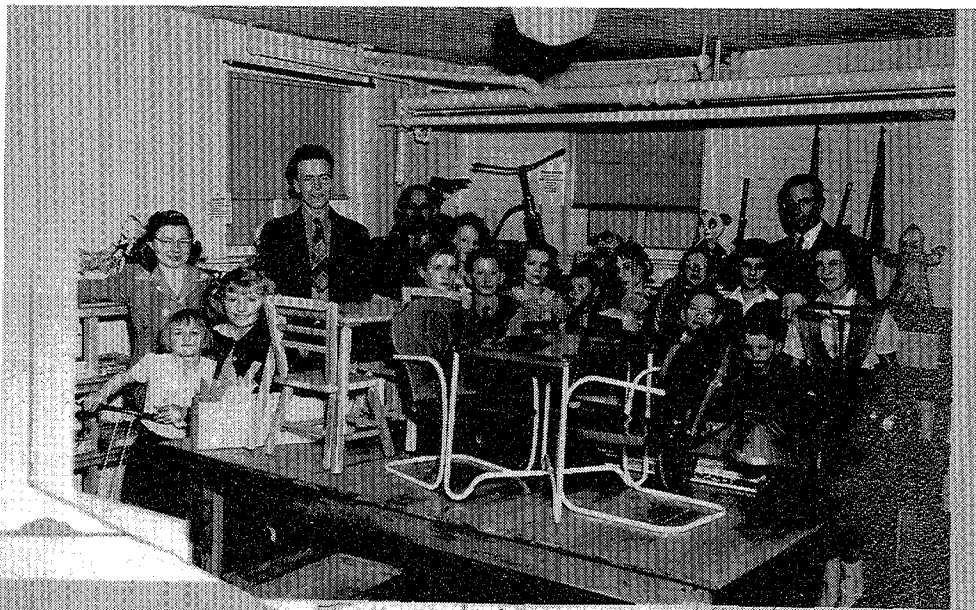




Carl F. Smith
1945 - 1969

Track was reorganized by L. Dwight Rafferty in 1945. NDS D grieved over the death of Superintendent A.P. Buchanan on August 15, 1945. Carl F. Smith was named superintendent.

The NDS D track team copped the Ramsey County Championship and took third in the district against Class A, B, and C schools in 1946. The apartment house was moved to its present location during the summer of 1946. Extensive improvements were made after it was moved. The boys' dormitory and the superintendent's apartment received a much needed remodeling.



Library - 1946

The first annual meeting of the North Central Conference of State Schools for the Deaf was held at the Minnesota School for the Deaf on October 10-12, 1946. States involved were Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.



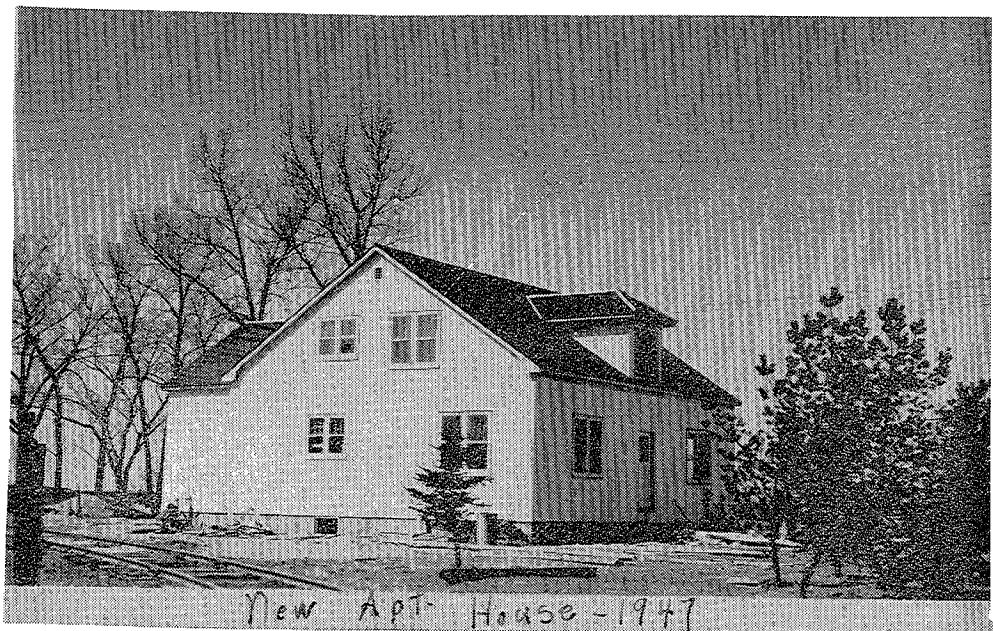
Boy Scout - 1946

The "Toy Library", organized by Supt. Smith during the 1946-47 school year, permitted students to "check-out" toys, games, and so forth each Sunday to play with the following week.

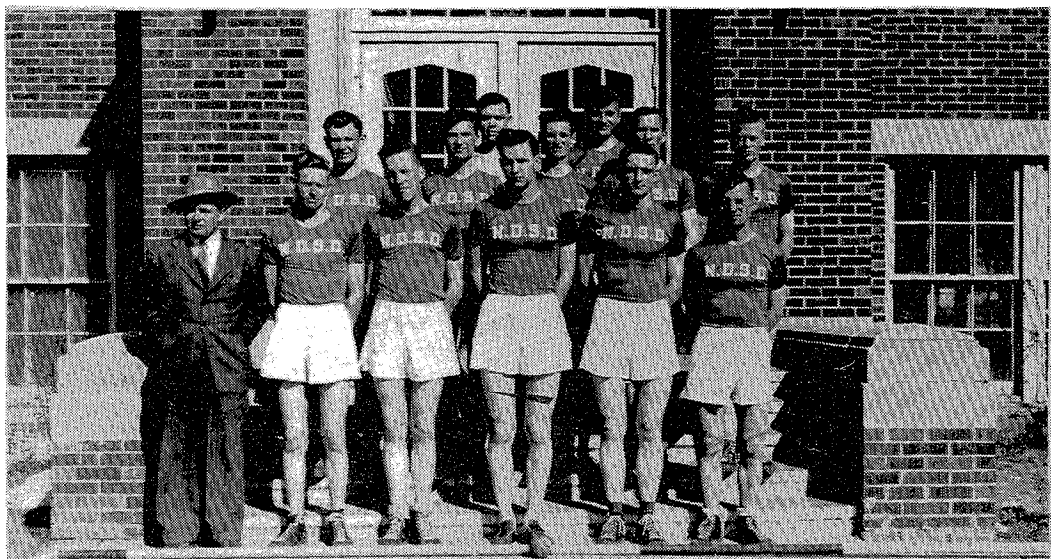
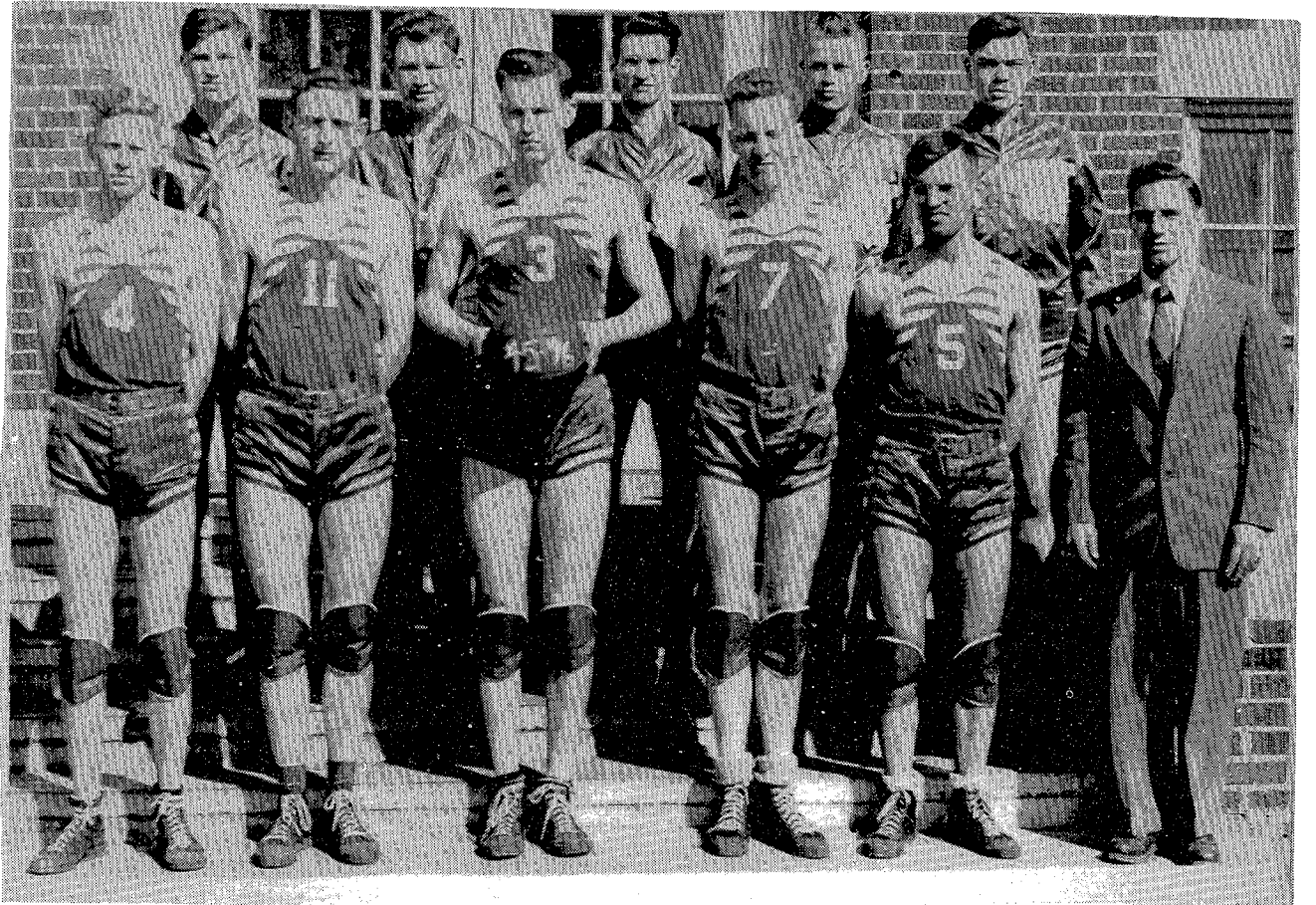
The students and staff were saddened by the death of Harriet Colton, the school's secretary since 1926, on March 8, 1947.

NDS D lost two good friends during the summer and fall of 1948—Thomas Sheritan, academic instructor 1908-47, passed away on August 5; and Halvor Bekken, shoemaking instructor 1926-48, passed away on September 17.

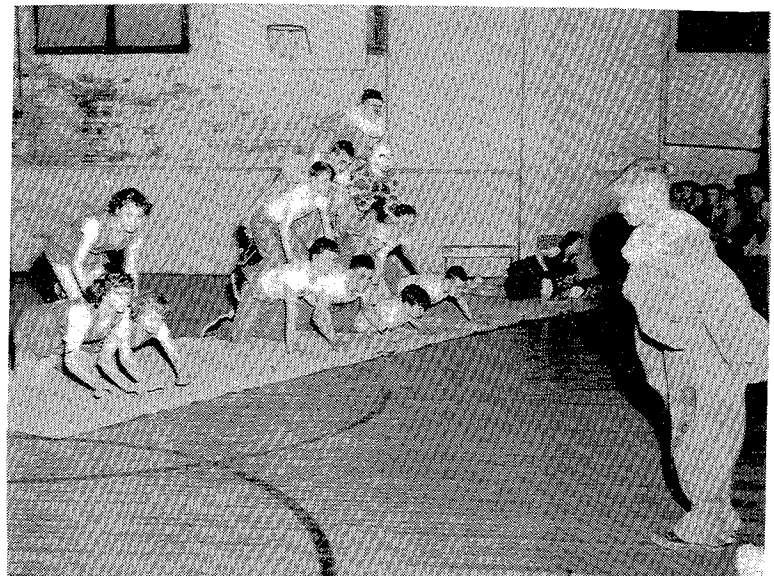
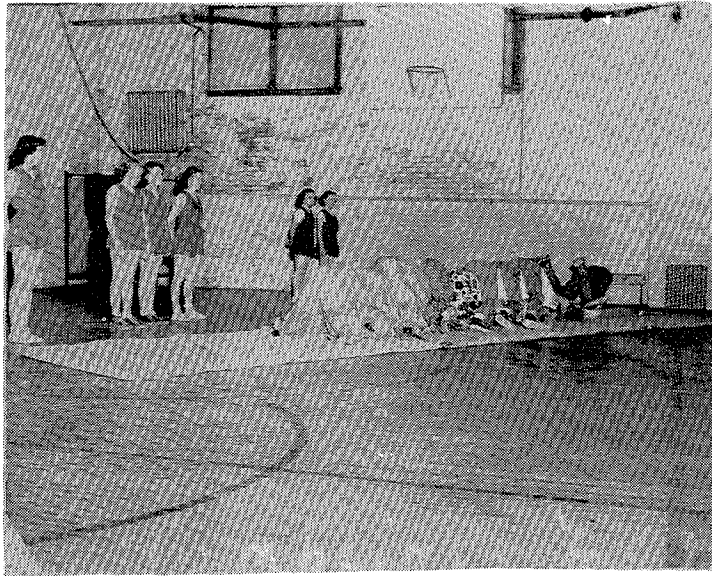
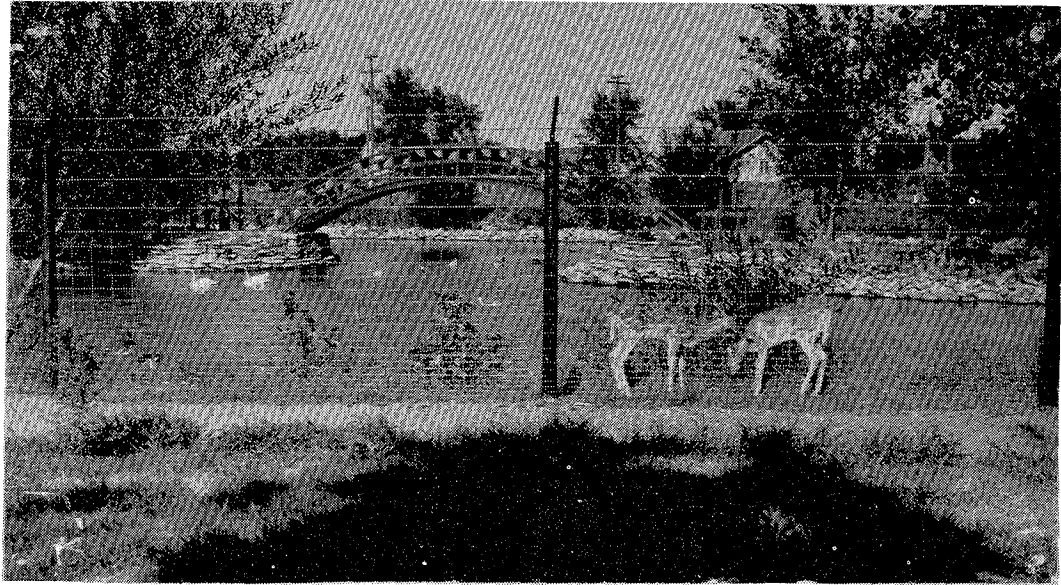
Girls' basketball was revived in the late 40's. Karen Whetter excelled on the basketball court in the 50's.



New Apt. House - 1947



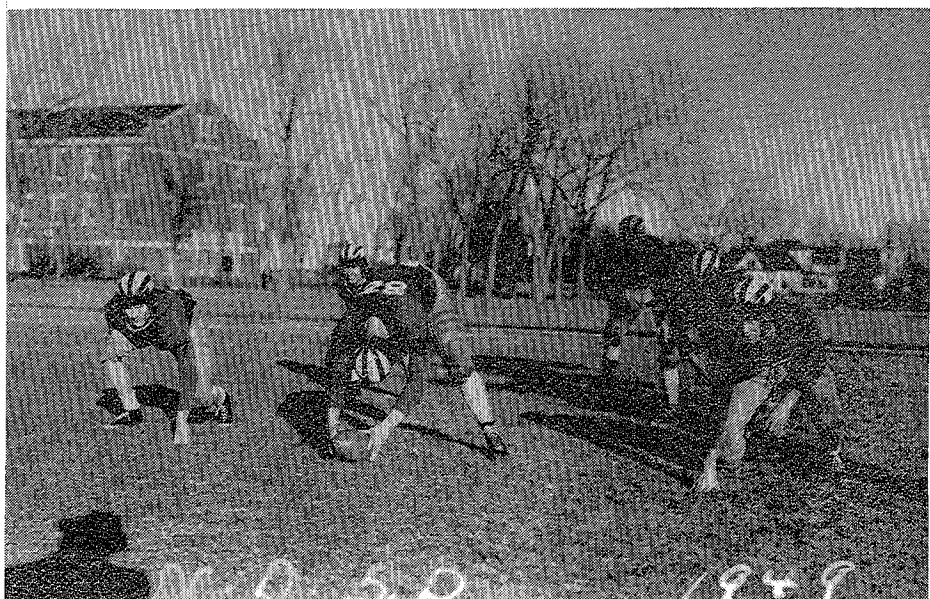
1946 Ramsey County Champs



Tumbling Banner - '48



1945-50 Ski and Skating Club



Jean Kelsch, '45, was one of four seniors chosen to represent Gallaudet College in the 1950-51 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

A new laundry building was constructed and supplied with new equipment; the power house was completely remodeled including a new 125 foot smokestack; and the school changed from direct to alternating current during the summer of 1951. Progress was slow because of war priorities.

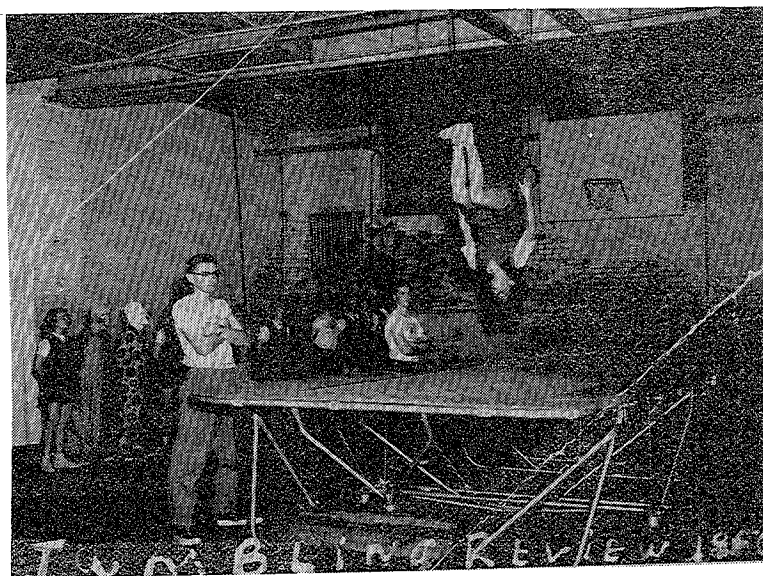
A student driving course instructed by Louis Burns, certified instructor, was first offered in the fall of 1948. A 1948 four-door Chevrolet Fleetmaster with dual controls on loan from Lake Chevrolet Motor Company of Devils Lake was used for the course. The students enjoyed their first annual athletic banquet on May 12, 1949.



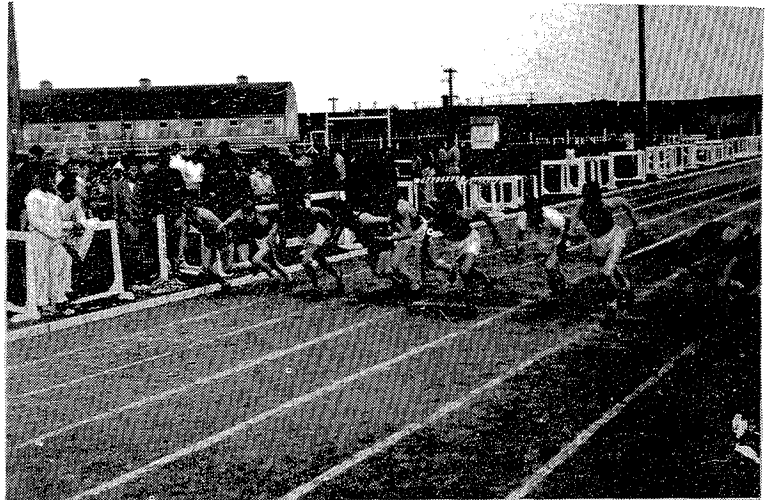
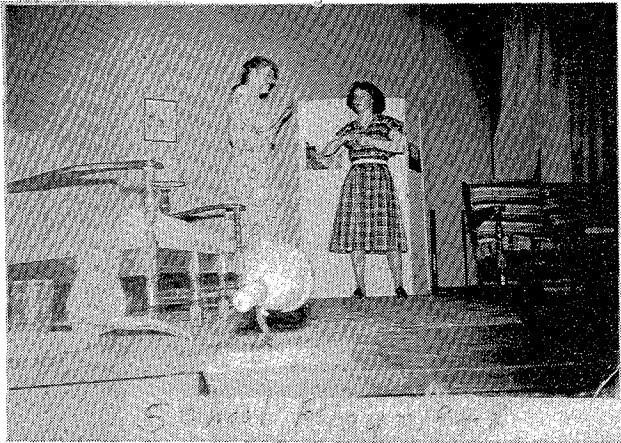
Gene Autry, well known movie and rodeo star, after a nation-wide search for a horse that resembled "Champion" which he used for many years, purchased a young colt from the Wetzstein Bros. Ranch, Mandan, ND. The ranch's owners were George Wetzstein, 1925 NDSU graduate, and his two brothers, Adam and Frank.

A new department was opened the fall of 1949 for the instruction of mutes—persons between the ages of 6 and 21 years who had hearing but were unable to speak. The first cheerleading squad performed the fall of 1949.

NDSU participated in the Class C subdistrict basketball tournament in 1950. Kent Elstad made the All-Tournament Team.





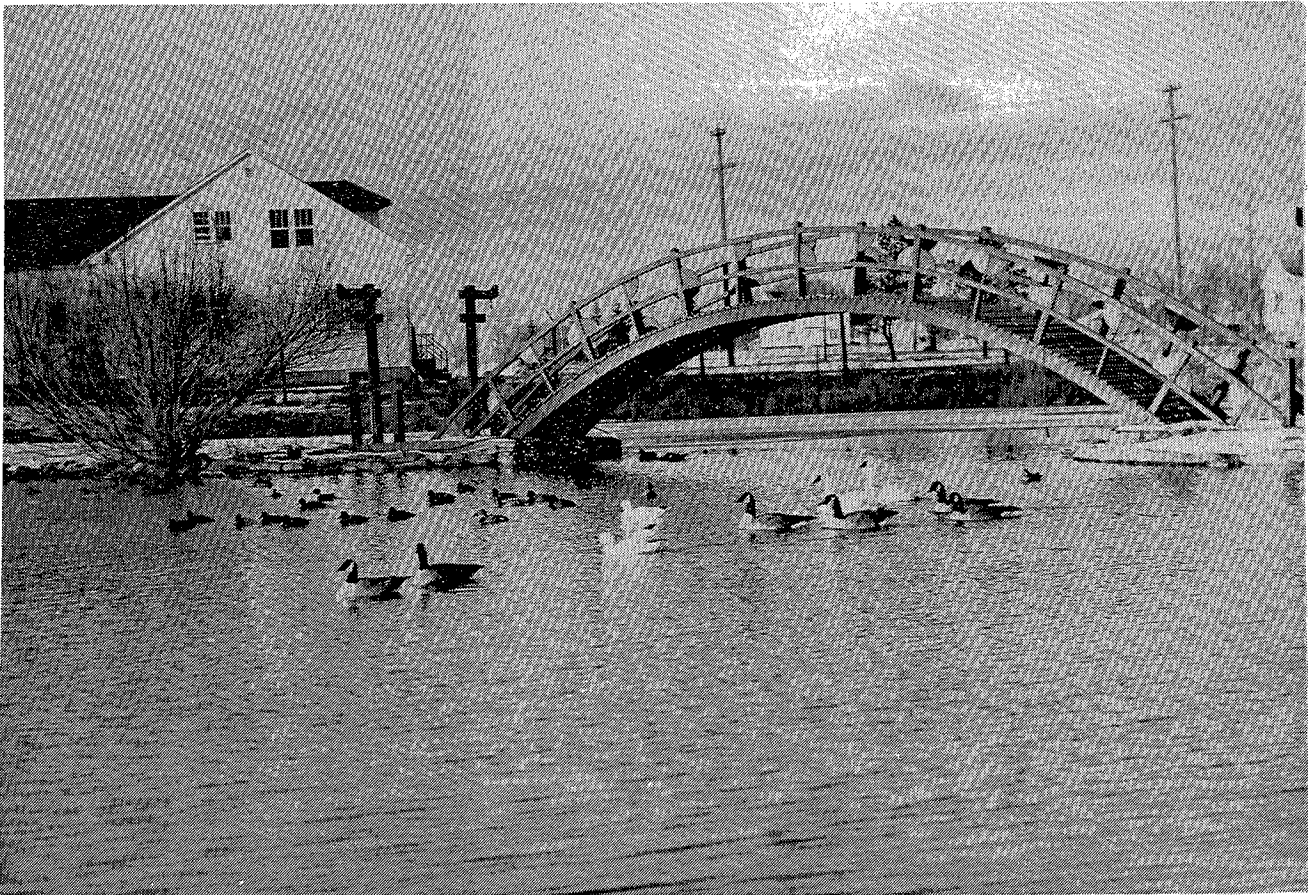


Track Meet - 1971



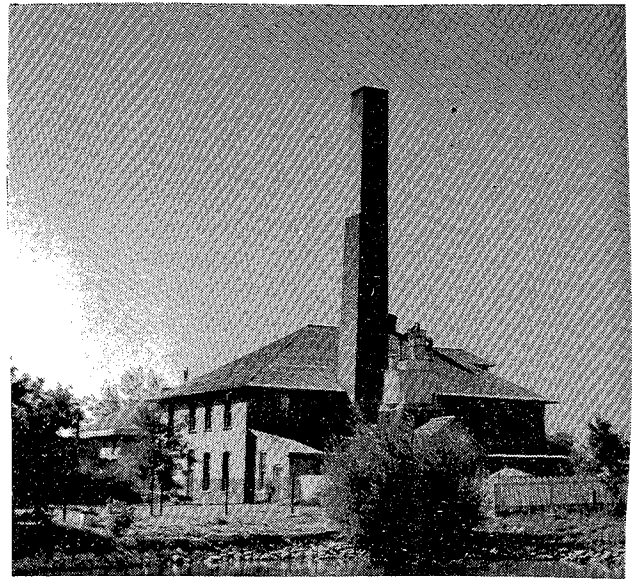
The administration felt that much publicity and educational value could be gained by stocking the artificial lake on campus with wild fowl. Therefore, federal and state permits were applied for and received. The school received several kinds of ducks and geese, as well as swans and peafowl through the cooperation of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Fishing for bullheads in the ponds.





1950-51 Team

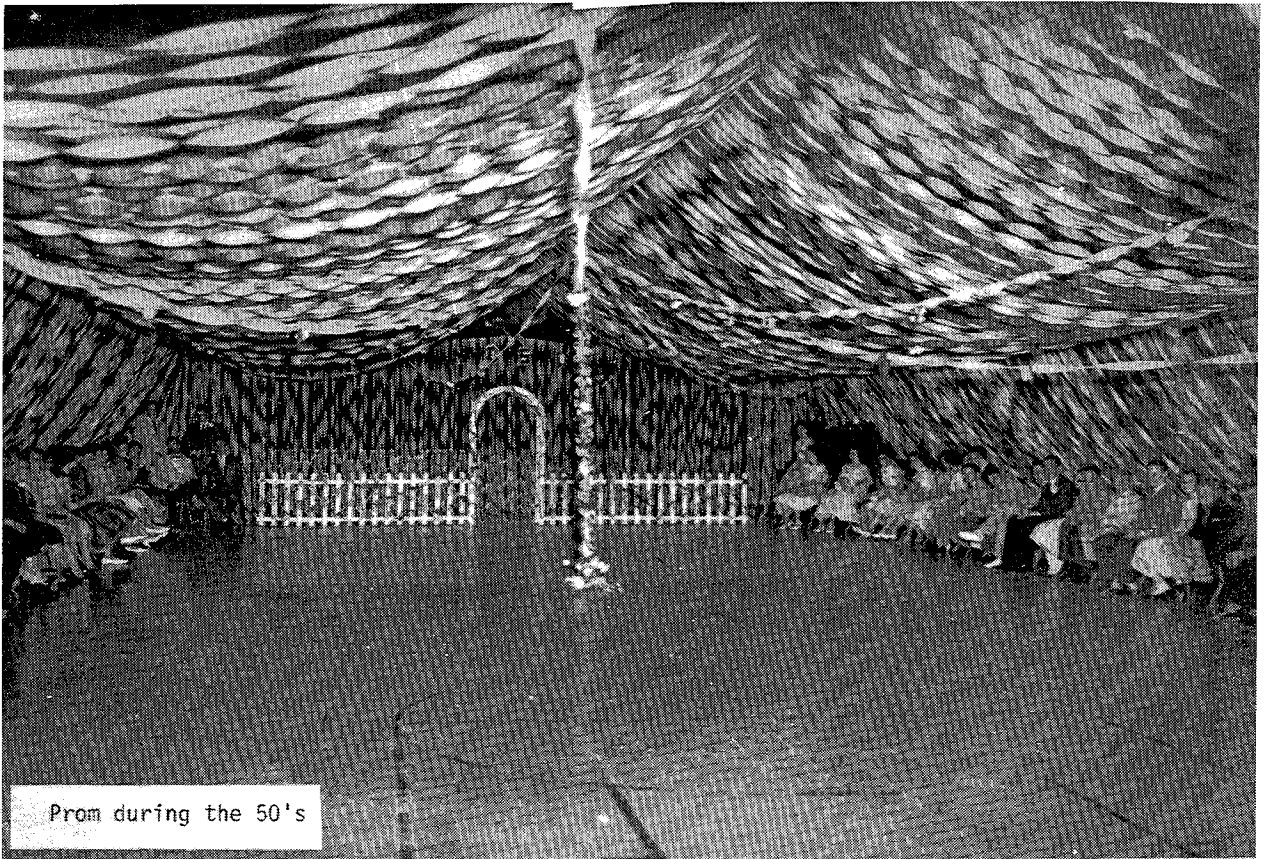


Powerhouse before remodeling.

Georgia Warner and Kent Elstad were chosen by the faculty to represent NDSI at the first National Student Institute in 1952. The meeting was sponsored

by and held on the campus of Gallaudet College. A Student Council was established during the 1951-52 school year.





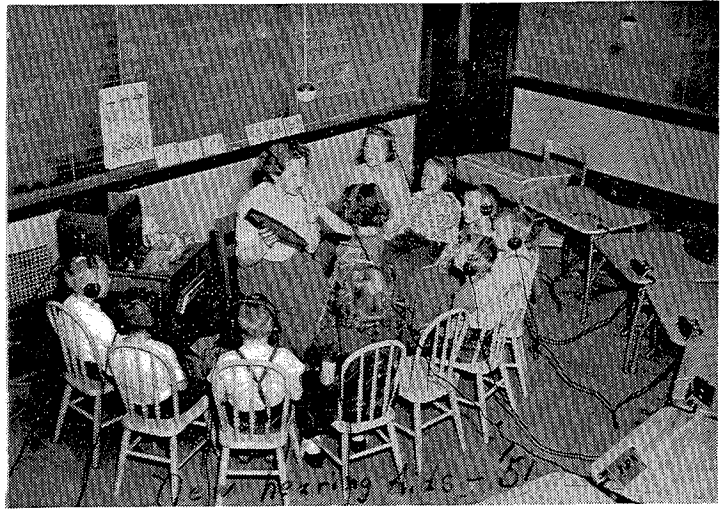
Prom during the 50's



Homecoming Party during the 50's

There was great rejoicing at NDSJ when the contracts were signed in February 1952 for the construction of an addition to the academic school building and gymnasium. Previous bid openings had to be rejected because they went over budget.

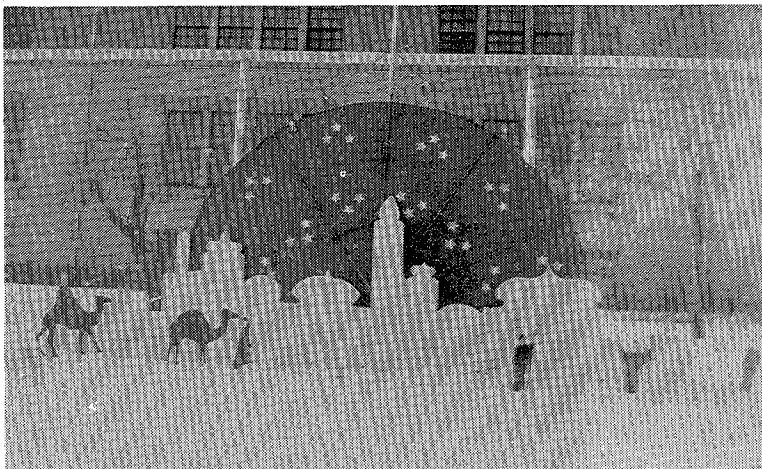
NDSJ was saddened by the unexpected death of Lee Ottaway, NDSJ chief engineer, on June 18, 1952. Mr. Ottaway had been a member of the NDSJ family for 28 years.



The farming operations were discontinued during the spring of 1953 by action of the state legislature and a public auction of farm machinery and livestock was held. 200 acres of farmland were placed up for lease. Duane McDaniel, NDSJ junior, captured first place in the state class B mile run in state meet in 1953.

The school closed its speech-defective department at the end of the 1952-53 school term because so few children were enrolled in the program.

The new gymnasium and addition to the school building were completed during the summer of 1953 after several delays in getting building materials during the early construction period. The school now had, for the first time, a complete physical education program. To make room for the new athletic field, the hog house was torn down and the implement shed was remodeled into a garage and moved to a spot near the main garage.

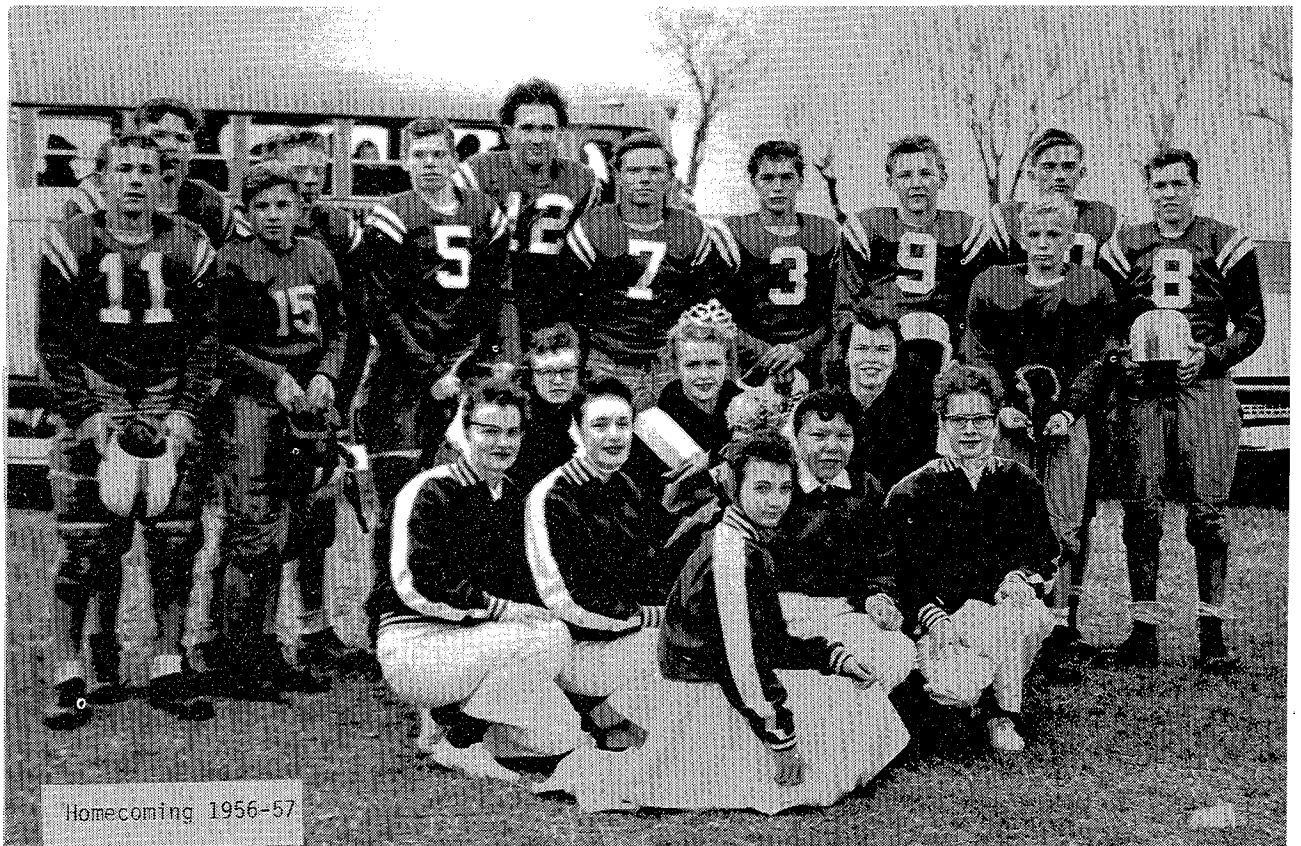


Nativity scene.

A beautiful nativity scene created by the students under the direction of Gladys Burns and William Hartl in 1954 graced the NDSJ campus for many Christmas seasons.



Girls' Gym 1955-56



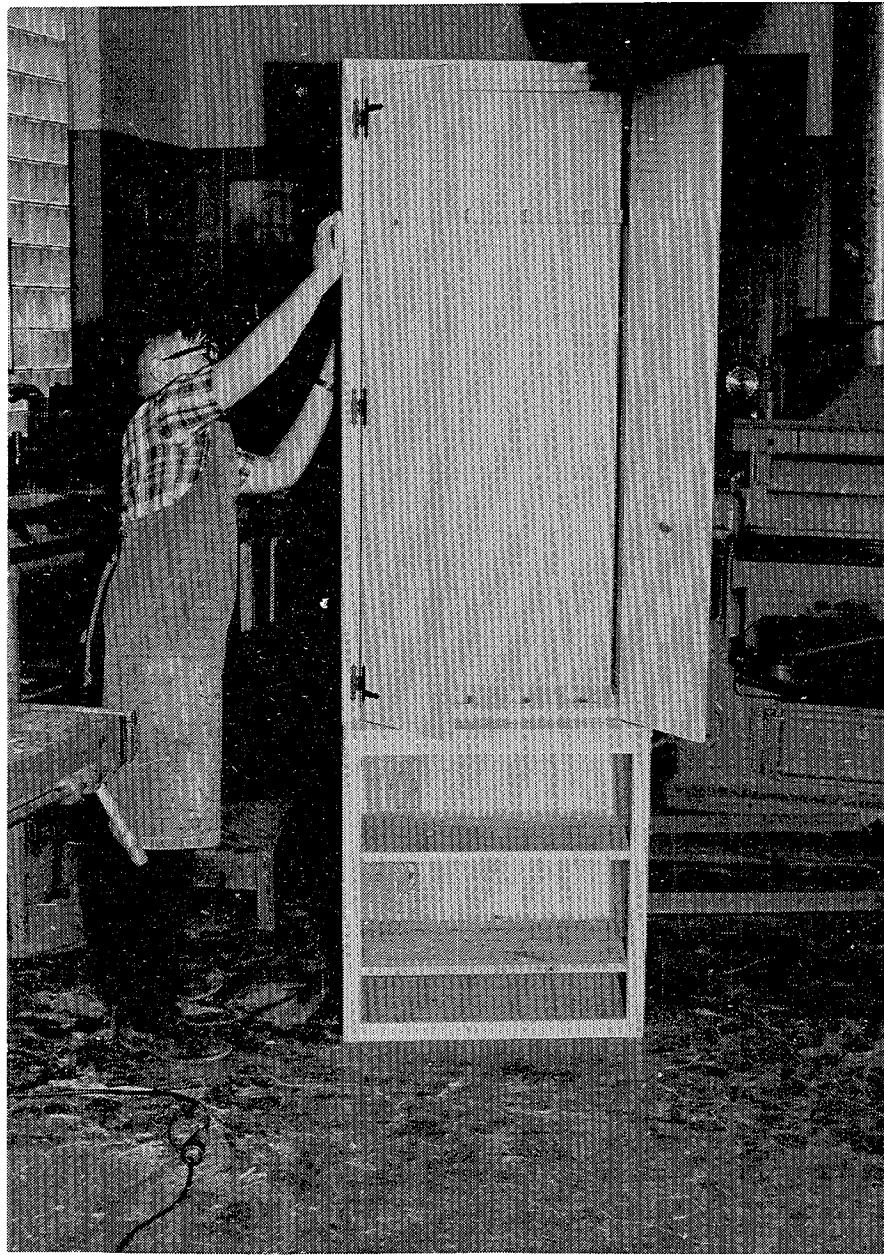
Homecoming 1956-57



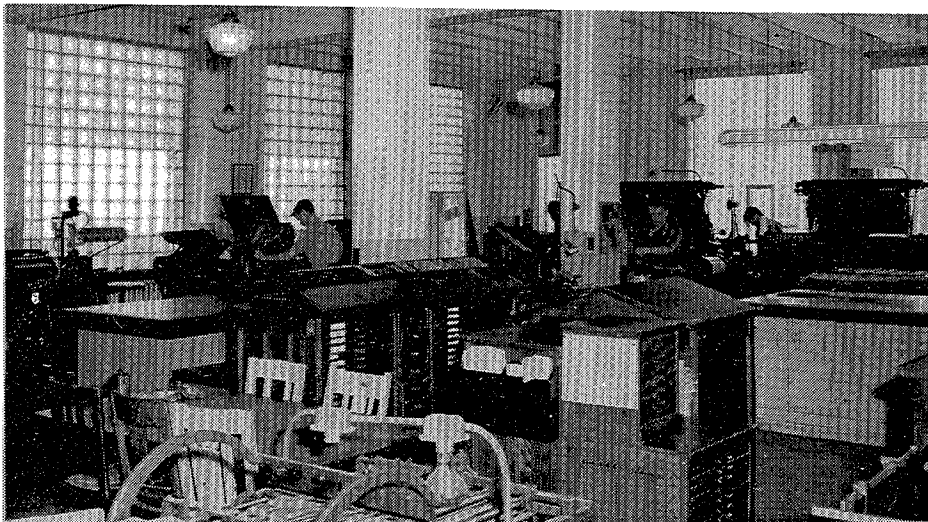
Driver's Training Vehicle 1952

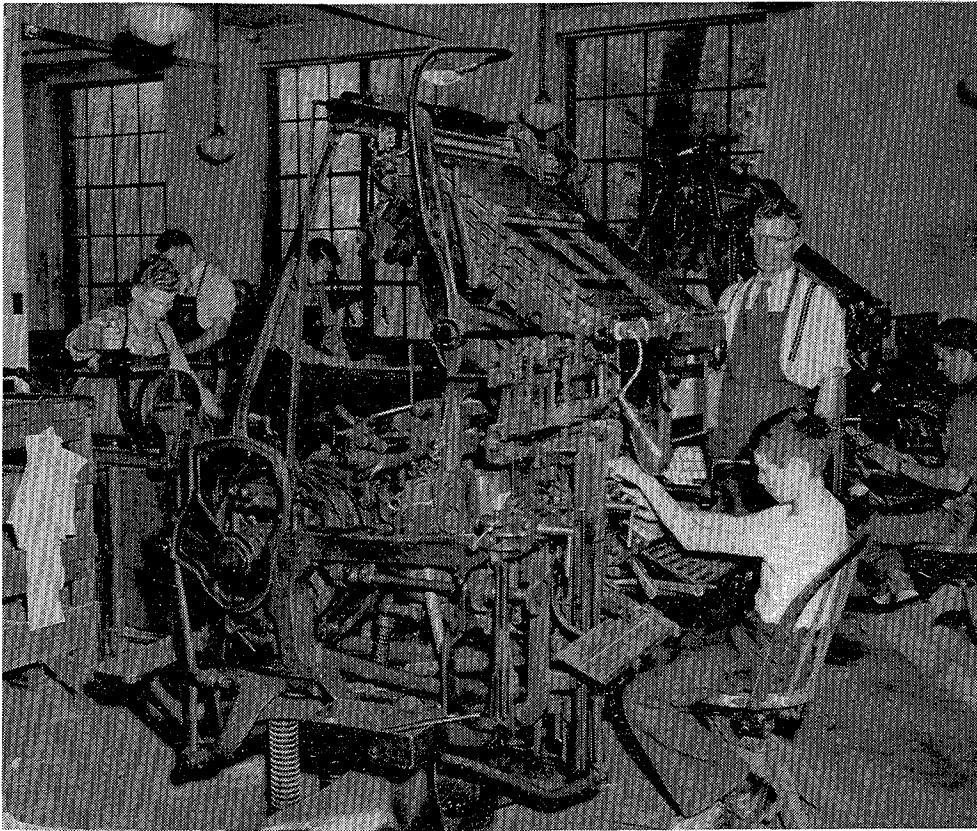


Girls' Basketball 1954-55



A carpentry project and the print shop in 1960s.





Duane McDaniel copped his second straight Class B mile championship in 1954. The **Silent Worker Mythical Track Meet of Schools for the Deaf** selected Duane as one of the two most outstanding trackmen in the U.S. schools for the deaf in 1954. The end of the 1953-54 school term found Ernest Langenberg, printing instructor, priming the printing presses for the last time. He retired after serving the students of NDSO for 29 years.

The log cabin, mainly used for outdoor picnics, was constructed by NDSO staff during the spring of 1955. Duane McDaniel set a new mile record of 4:38.6 at NDSO and in all the schools for the deaf in the United States and was pictured on the front cover of the September issue of the **SILENT WORKER**.

Television made its way to the NDSO campus at Christmas time 1955. Through donations made by friends of the school, the purchase of four televisions was made possible.

The school was shocked at the sudden passing of Louis Burns on January 3, 1956. Mr. Burns had been at NDSO for close to 32 years. The NDAD established the Louis Burns Memorial Fund from which the interest was to be used as award for the outstanding vocational student graduating from NDSO each year.

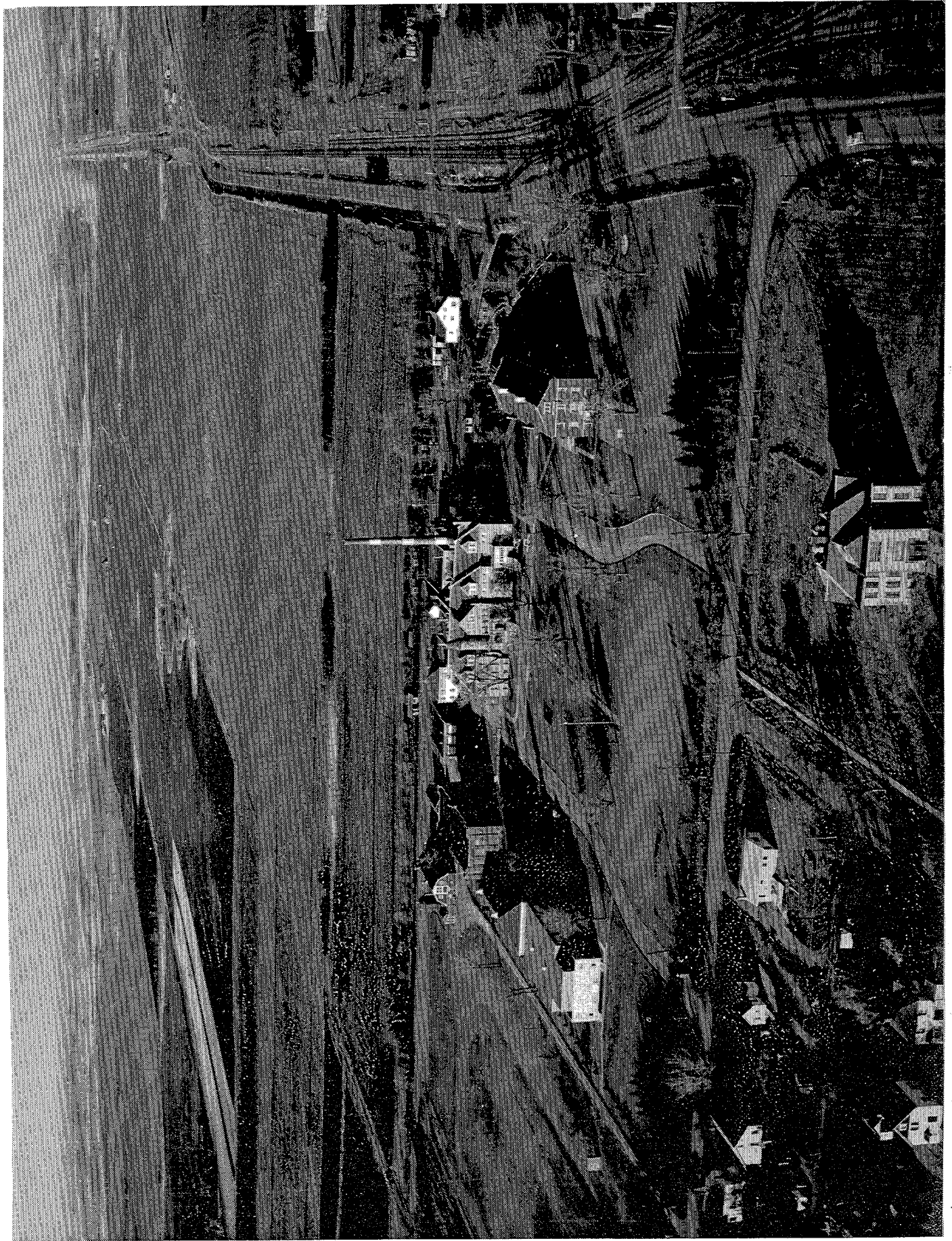
Donald Whetter, NDSO sophomore, won first place in the low hurdles on both the Silent Worker and Frat Mythical Track and Field Teams for 1956.

NDSO copped its first trophy in basketball by taking fifth place in the 1957 District 10 Tournament. On August 23, 1957, the U.S. Senate adopted SB 1889 providing for establishment of a caption film library for the deaf in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

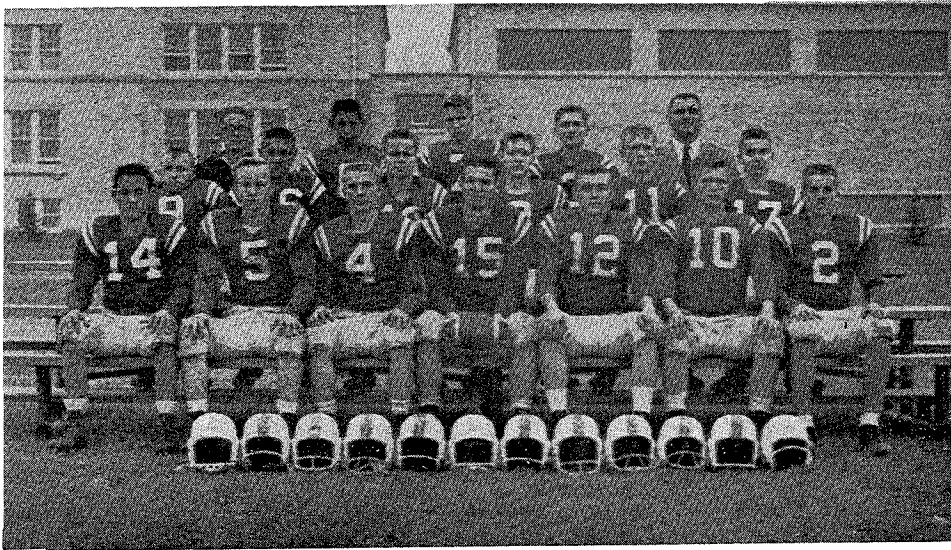
The Bulldogs football team finished the 1957-58 season undefeated, a milestone no other NDSO team had accomplished since football was started at NDSO.



Library in the school building.



1950s aerial view of the campus.

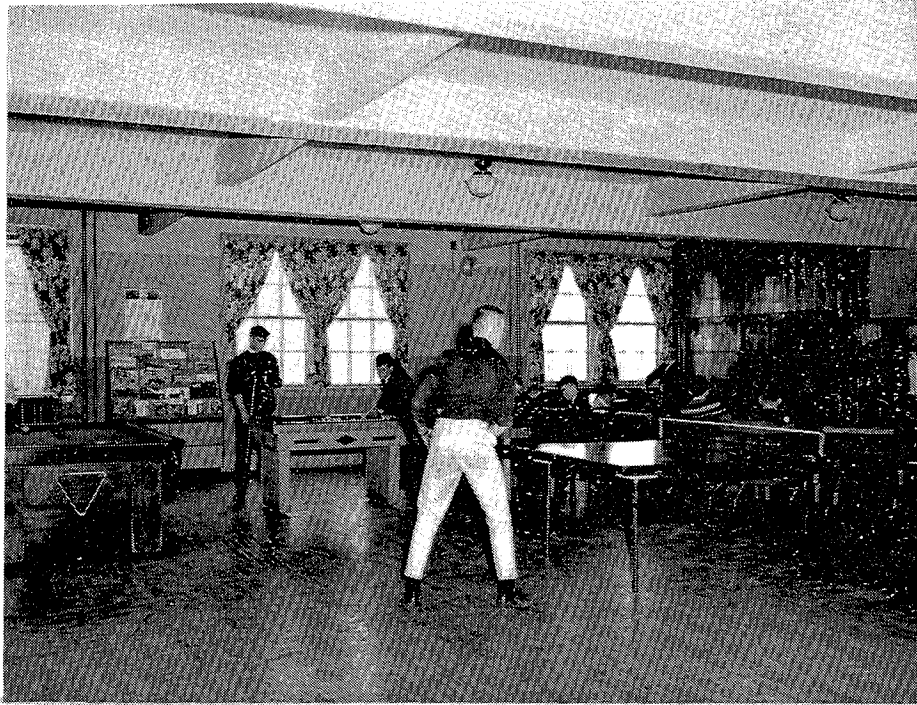


land became the site of Lake Region Junior College. A conference track meet was held on the NDSJ field for the first time on May 4, 1961.

Karen Holte, '57, landed the role of Abby in "The Late Christopher Bean" at Gallaudet College during the fall 1961. Performances were held in Washington, DC, and New York. The NDSJ Drama Club presented its first performance to the public on November 3, 1961.

During the 1961-62 school term, NDSJ became the first state institution to have a fallout shelter. In 1961-62 the school joined the Peace Garden Conference of six-man football teams. The 1961 NDSJ football team, under the expert leadership of Henry Brenner, went undefeated for the second year in a row and also became co-champions of the Peace Garden Conference along with Sarles.

On September 22, 1961, the federal government awarded Minot State Teachers College a grant to establish a training center for deaf teachers. During the 1962-63 school year, NDSJ embarked on a cooperative program with Minot State College to train teachers of the deaf. Mrs. Florence Lake was in charge of the training program at NDSJ.



Olga Anderson, '07, retired at the end of the 1959-60 school term after serving as instructor at NDSJ for 47 years. No other NDSJ employee ever matched her years of service. Shoe repairing classes were discontinued and all equipment was transferred to another state agency.

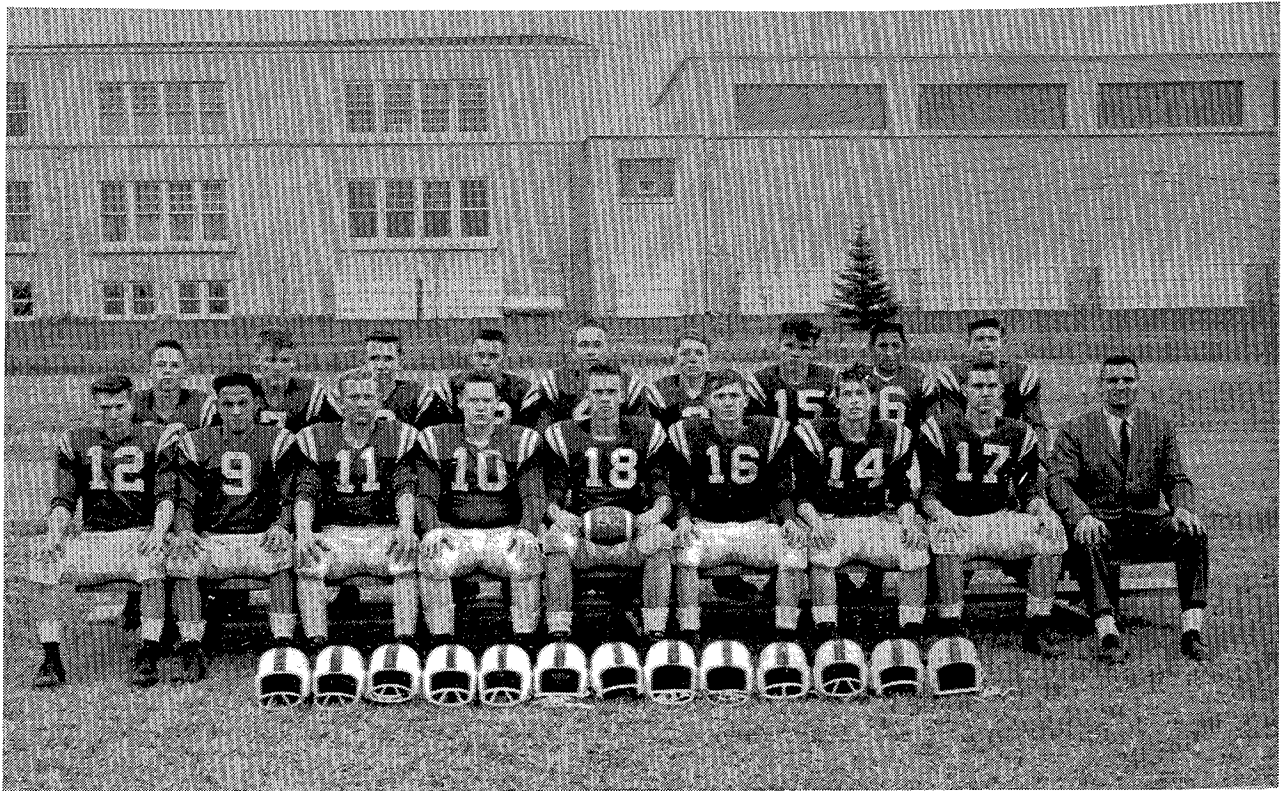
John became the first NDSJ student to do so. The John Nesvig Fund was started to accept donations to help him defray the cost of participating in the Deaf Olympics. John won the bronze medal in the 110-meter high hurdles and took 5th place in the low hurdles.

The new administration building/girls' dormitory was ready for students and staff the fall of 1963. Everyone was excited about the move. The Ernestine B. Smith Scholarship Fund was established by Supt. Smith in honor of his wife.

John Nesvig copped two first-place trophies—high hurdles and low hurdles—at the state class B track meet in May 1960. John was chosen by Art Kruger, Sports Editor of the **Silent Worker**, to go to Helsinki, Finland, to compete in the 1961 Deaf Olympics.

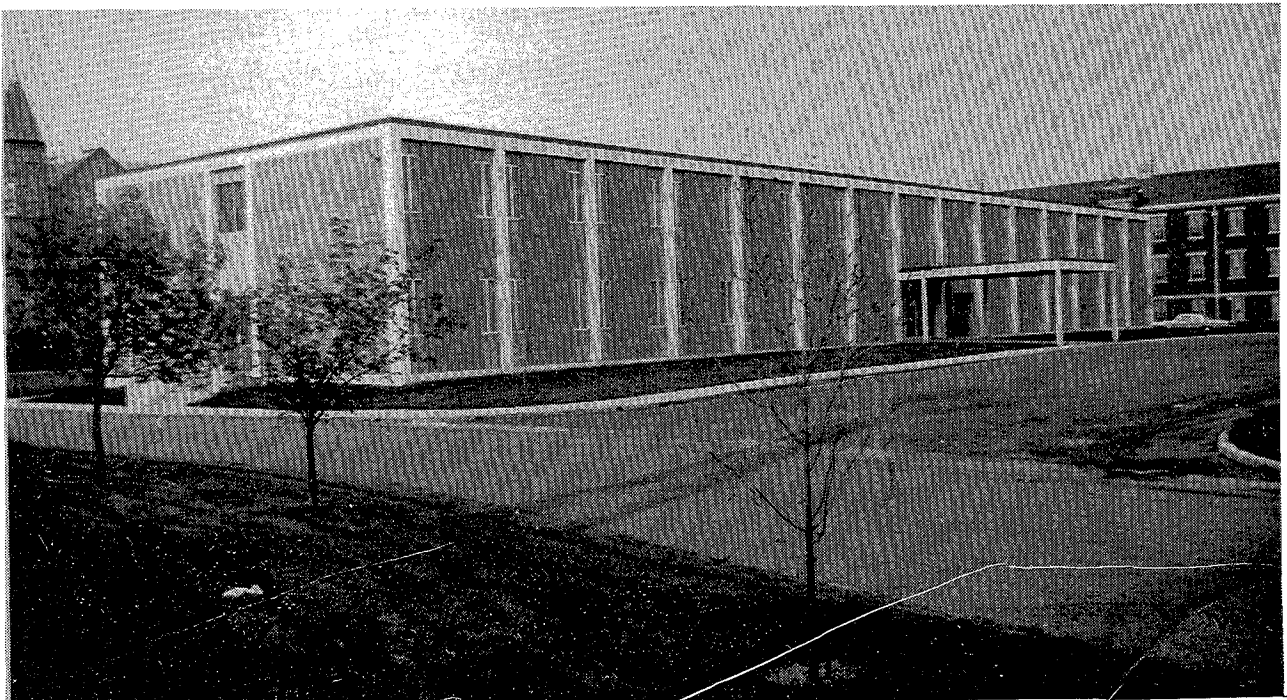
The 1960 NDSJ Bulldogs football team ended the season with no losses. They racked up 262 points in 5 games and allowed only 46 points for the opposition. HB 669, authorizing the sale of 70 acres of school land to the Devils Lake Board of Education, passed during March 1961. The

The Rochester method of instruction was introduced in the intermediate and advanced departments to replace the combined and simultaneous methods. Use of the oral method was continued in the primary department.



For several summers during the early 1960s, NDSU was the site of the annual North Dakota Army National Guard Officer Candidate School and the NDANG reciprocated with projects to improve the grounds.

Phyllis Frelich, '62, landed the part of one of the main characters in the Gallaudet College production of "Picnic" in November 1964 and won the leading role in "The Medea" by Euripides in April 1965.

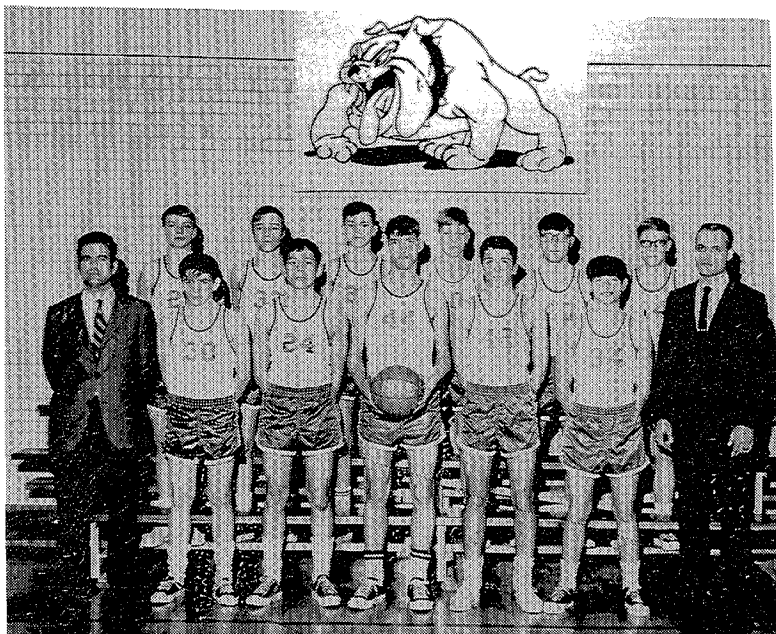


Administration/dormitory built in 1963-64.

1968 DISTRICT TRACK CHAMPS



THIS 8-MAN TEAM captured the school's first Class B District Track and Field Championship, May 21, at Grand Forks. Front—Co-captains Steven Camp and James Johnson. Back (L to R)—Coach Dwight Rafferty, Larry Geiszler, Charles Witt, Howard Keller, Timothy Frelich, Dale Armstrong, and Gary French.



Dennis Frelich won the Class B broad jump championship at the state meet in May 1965.

George Washington University, Washington, DC, presented a citation during the spring 1965 to Blaine LeMieux, '59, for being one of the two first deaf students to complete a specialized cytotechnology course at the George Washington University Hospital. Mrs. Waldo Cordano (Jean Kelsch, '45) was the subject of a writeup in The Wisconsin Times in March 1965. It was stated that she was probably the only deaf chief medical technologist in the U.S. certified by the Registry of Medical Technologist of the American Society of Chemical Pathologists. NDS was awarded a Certificate of Accreditation by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf at the biennial meeting during the spring 1965. NDS was the fourth school in the nation to receive such an honor.

President L.B. Johnson signed the bill to create the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in June 1965. The site for this school, Rochester, NY, was named at a later date. Students, staff, alumni, and friends of NDS assembled on the NDS campus June 18, 19, and 20, 1965, to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. The thrill of seeing old friends and the celebration itself was enjoyed by everyone.

Phyllis Frelich received the leading role in "The Male Animal", the fall 1965 production presented by the Gallaudet Theater. Timothy Frelich walked away with scoring honors for NDS for the 1965-66 basketball season with an average

of 22.7 points per game breaking the old record of just under 21 points per game set by Kent Elstad in 1950.

The NDS 440 and 880 girls' relay teams participated in the first girls' state track meet in 1966. They finished fifth in the 880. This was the first year girls' track was offered at NDS.

The subscription price for **THE BANNER** was raised to \$1 in April 1966.

Phyllis Frelich served as stage manager and Charles Snyder, '63, received one of the leading roles in the Gallaudet Theater's performance of "Harvey" in the

fall 1966. On April 2, 1967, Phyllis made her debut on the NBC nationwide program "Theatre of the Deaf".

The 1967-68 basketball team had the whole school in a state of excitement when they took 2nd place in the Ramsey County Tournament. For his outstanding basketball playing, Tim Frelich was named to the Deaf All-American Team. Rolf Harmsen, NDS 1922, was admitted to the U.S. Deaf Hall of Fame in 1968. A new high was achieved for the NDS track team when they won their first district title against 25 schools on May 21, 1968.

THE BANNER was given the distinguished National Association

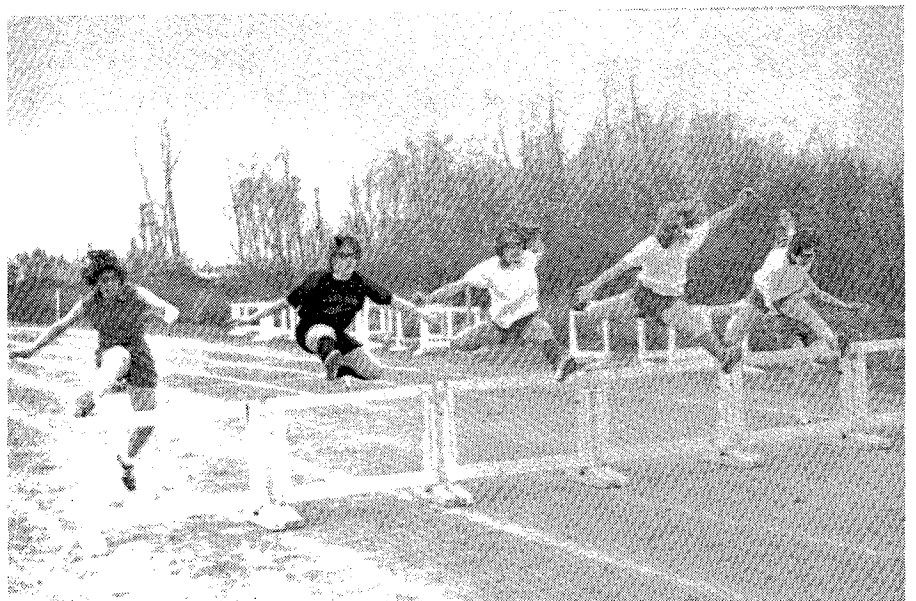
of the Deaf George M. McClure Award for Creative Journalism in 1968. One of the main features of **THE BANNER** was "Hodge Podge" written by Carl Smith.

Barbara Hong, '66, was featured on the Michael Douglas Show on television as one of the eight members of the Gallaudet College Dance Group. The show was seen in North Dakota on January 2, 1969.

On Saturday, March 29, 1969, Governor William L. Guy signed SB 425 which abolished the State Board of Administration as of July 1, 1969. It was replaced by a Director of Institutions appointed by the Governor.

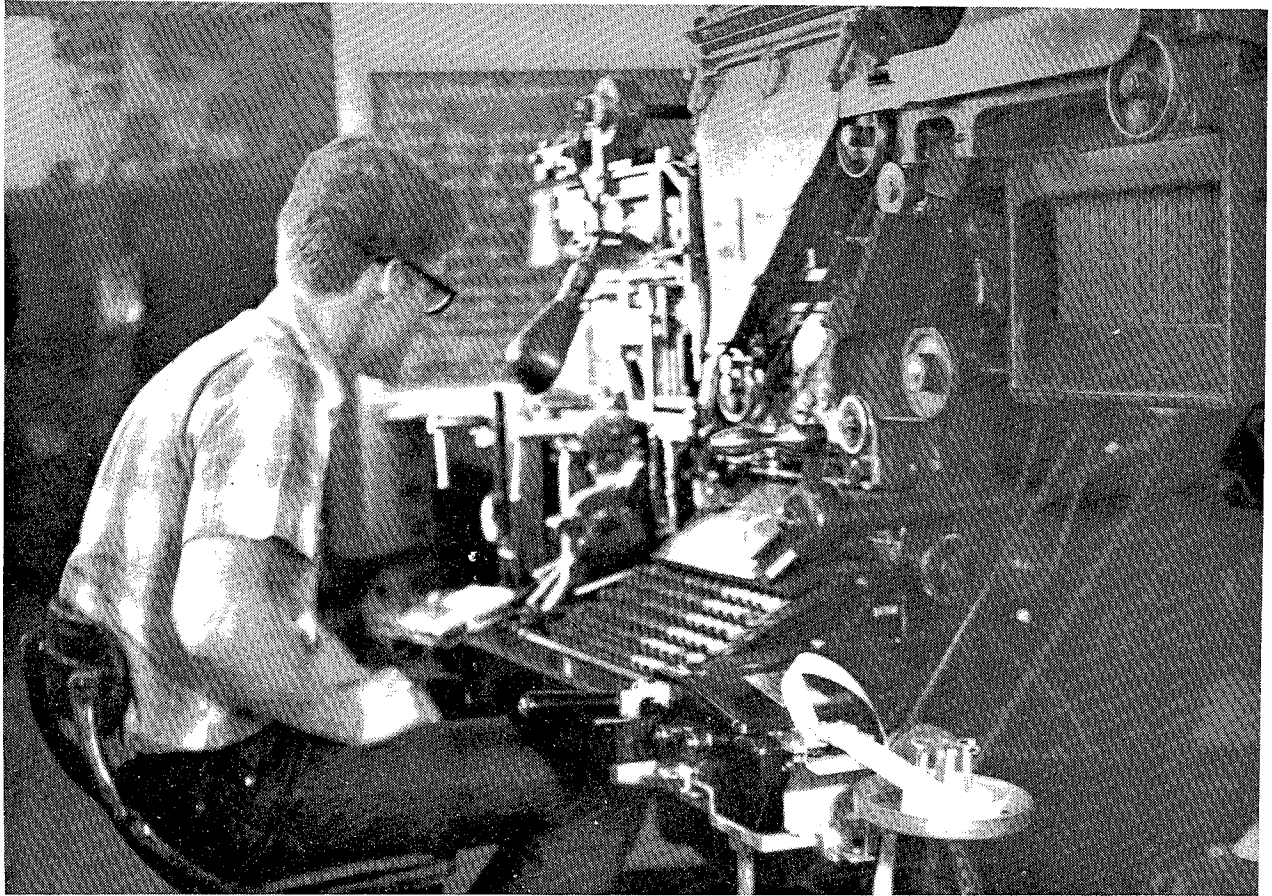


Traction Action from
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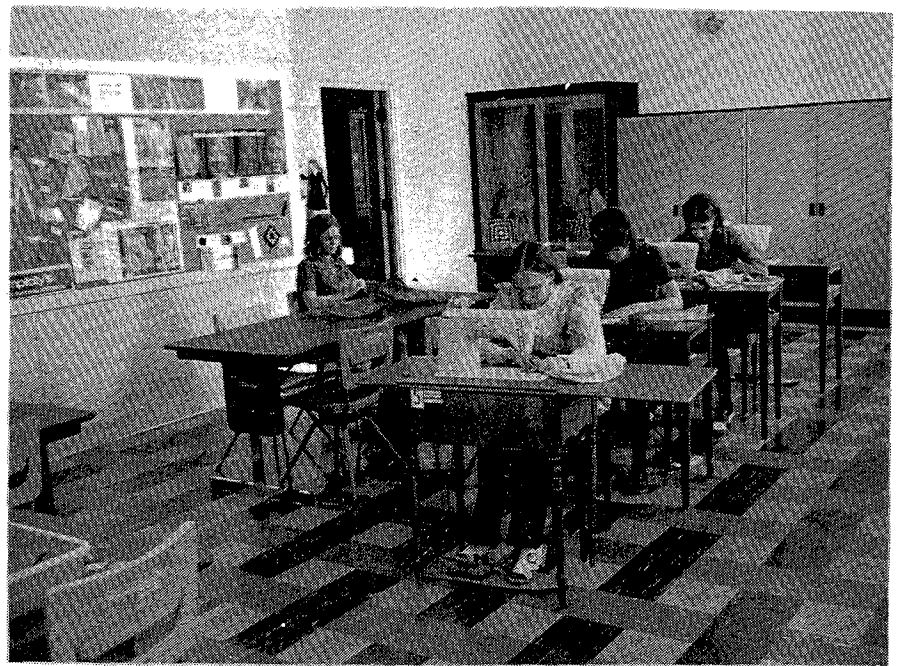


Allen J. Hayek
1969 - 1981



Linotyping was an elite trade for the boys up to the '70s.

Carl F. Smith resigned his position as superintendent due to ill health and Allen J. Hayek, assistant superintendent, took over the duties as superintendent beginning March 1, 1969. Mr. Smith passed away June 19, 1969.



A sewing class for older girls.

A new program, ungraded preschool, was started the fall of 1969 for four-year-olds. The St. Paul Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) opened its doors for the first time in 1969.

The NDSB Bulldogs track team came through with a strong finish and copped their fourth straight Peace Garden Track title on April 30, 1970. Larry Geiszler was named the Nation's Best Miler in the 28th Mythical Schools for the Deaf National Track Meet. The Parent/Teacher/Dorm Counselor Association was organized in 1970.

A Junior NAD chapter was organized at NDSB in January 1971. As authorized by the 1971 Legislative Assembly, approximately 66.21 acres of land located north of the Lake Region Junior College was sold for use by the college. Larry Geiszler won the Ramsey County free-throw contest in 1971.

The NDSB Bulldogs captured their fifth straight Peace Garden Conference title in track in the spring 1971. The American Athletic Association of the Deaf, Inc. announced that the 1970-71 basketball team was named the Deaf Prep Team of the Year; Henry Brenner, coach, was chosen Basketball Coach of the Year; and Steven Blehm, NDSB sophomore, was selected for the first team of the ALL-AMERICAN Deaf Prep Basketball Squad. Barbara Hong, '66, was named best actress at Gallaudet's 12th annual Theatre Awards night in the spring 1971.

Beginning in October 1971, **THE BANNER** was published eight times a year.

For the first time in many years, NDSB did not field a football team the fall of 1971. A cross country track team was started the same fall. The 1971-72 NDSB Bulldogs basketball team copped

its first district title and took second place in the regional tournament. The NDSB track team won its sixth Peace Garden Conference title in May 1972.

Steven Blehm was named 1972 Deaf Cager of the Year by the **DEAF AMERICAN**, the official magazine representing the National Association of the Deaf in the United States. He was also named to the All-American First Team picked by the magazine, and teammates Carl Brien, LeRoy Ziegler, and Stephen Reynolds made honorable mention on the team. In 1973, Steve became the first and only NDSB basketball player (and the first in the State of North Dakota) to score 1,000 points in one season and to achieve 3,859 points in his high school career. Steve has the state's single game scoring record of 85 points. He became the first player in NDSB history to have his basketball numbers retired and placed in a special glass-enclosed case. He received a special achievement award from

the North Dakota Associated Press Sportswriters and Sportscasters, and also was selected 1973 Athlete of the Year by the American Athletic Association of the Deaf and by the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Steve also won the Silver Cup awarded by the magazine **SPORTS ILLUSTRATED**.

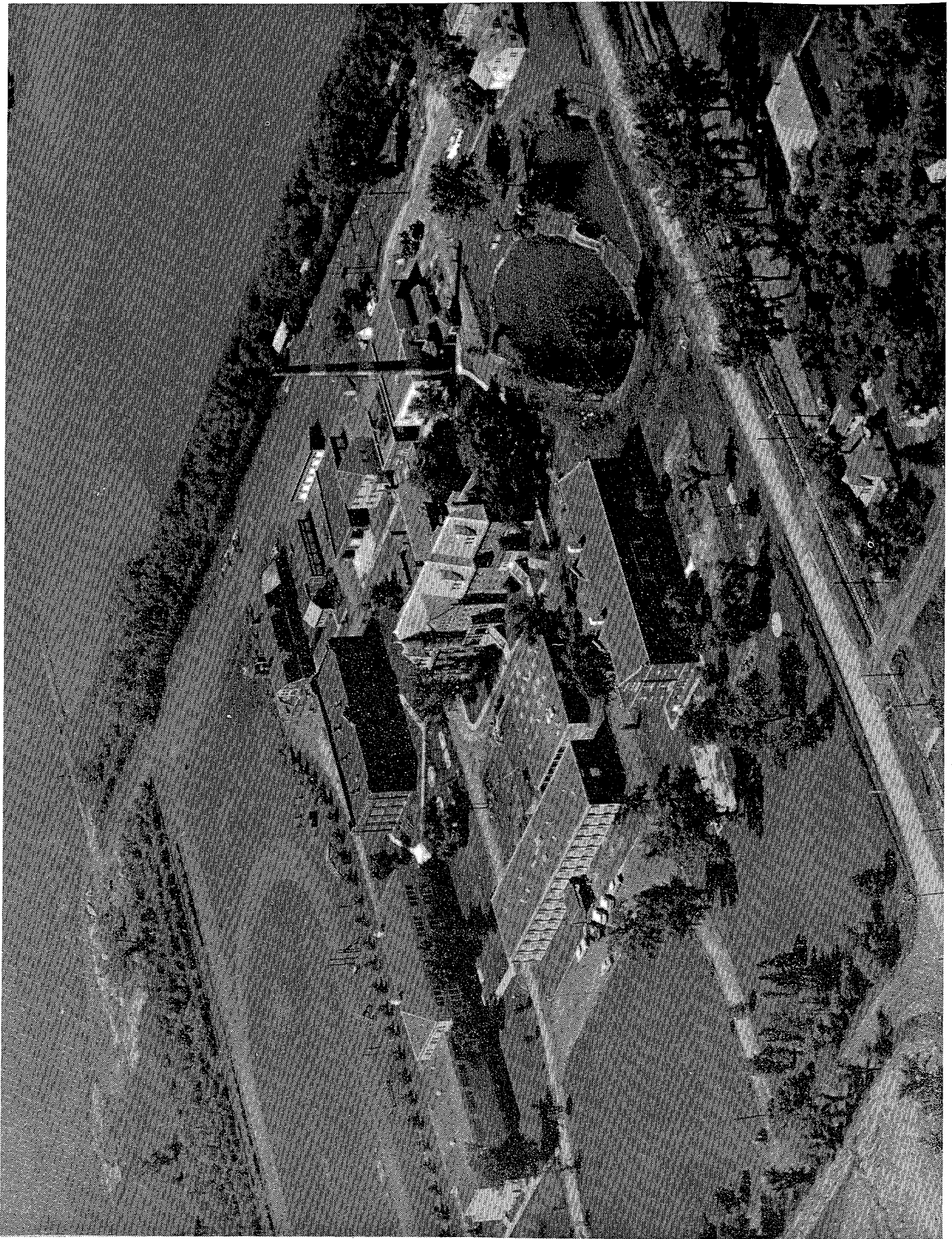
Drexel Lawson, NDSB sprinter, won the 220-yd dash at the State Track Meet in May 1973.

Construction on the new superintendent's residence on the NDSB campus began the fall of 1973.

Drexel Lawson and Coach Dwight Rafferty received congratulations for tying Pettibone High School for the State B Indoor Track Meet in April 1974. Drexel scored all 19 points for NDSB and took possession of the first-place trophy by a flip of a coin. Drexel also brought home the first Class B State Championship trophy (outdoor) by edging Parshall 22 to 21. He scored all 22 points. The **DEAF AMERICAN**, official



STEVEN BLEHM



Aerial view of NDSU campus in the 1960s.



State Class B Track and Field Championship Team and Coach.

publication of the National Association of the Deaf, gave the Deaf Prep Trackman of the Year Award to Drexel.

NDSD kept its grip on the Peace Garden Title as they clinched the eighth win in a row in 1974. NDSD astounded fans when it

captured first place in the Class B State Indoor Track Meet and third place in the Class B State Outdoor Track Meet through the outstanding efforts of Drexel Lawson.

Supt. Hayek was one of two educators to participate in a

teacher training program at Saipan, Mariana Islands, for three weeks during the summer 1974.

Parent Institutes were held in 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1974 for parents of hearing impaired preschool-aged children to help parents prepare their child for school.



Drexel Lawson, NDSD track star, earned NDSD the dual State Class B championships shown.

Supt. Hayek and his family moved into their new home the spring of 1974.

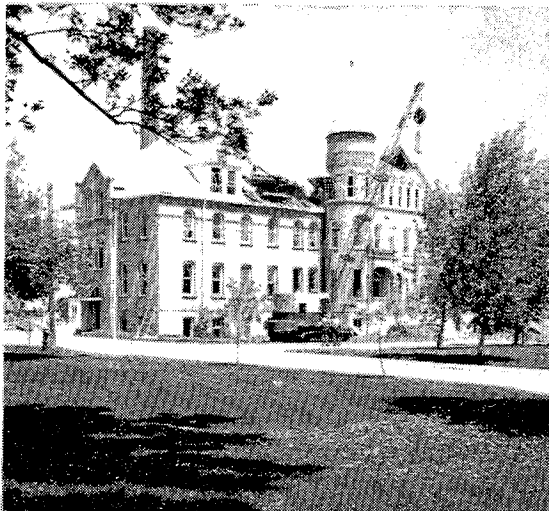
The price of a subscription to **THE BANNER** increased to \$2 in November 1974. A Language Project Program was started in the dormitories emphasizing different topics for the students to build a wider range of language skills.

Approximately 30.2 acres of land located north of the school was sold to Devils Lake Public School District for the use of a regional vocational high school as authorized by the 1975 legislative session. The school purchased five teletypewriters for the office and dormitories. The NDSO campus looked a little empty after Old Main was demolished the summer of 1975. NDSO copped its ninth Peace Garden title in 1975.

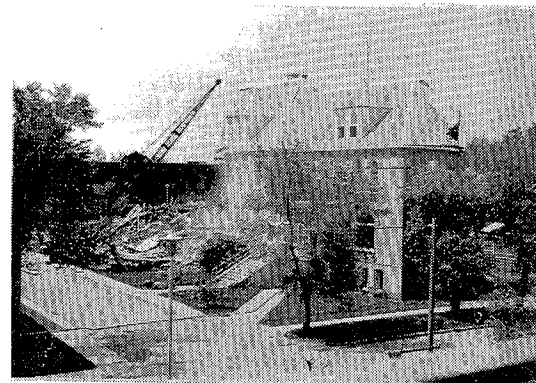
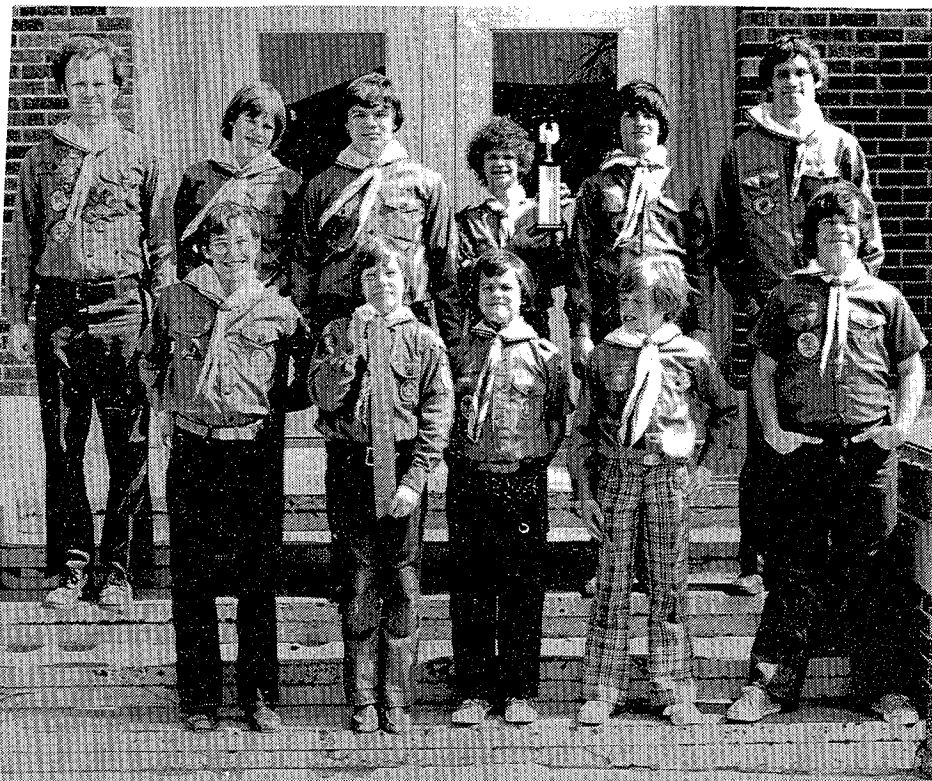
The method of instruction for the school was changed back to Total Communication.



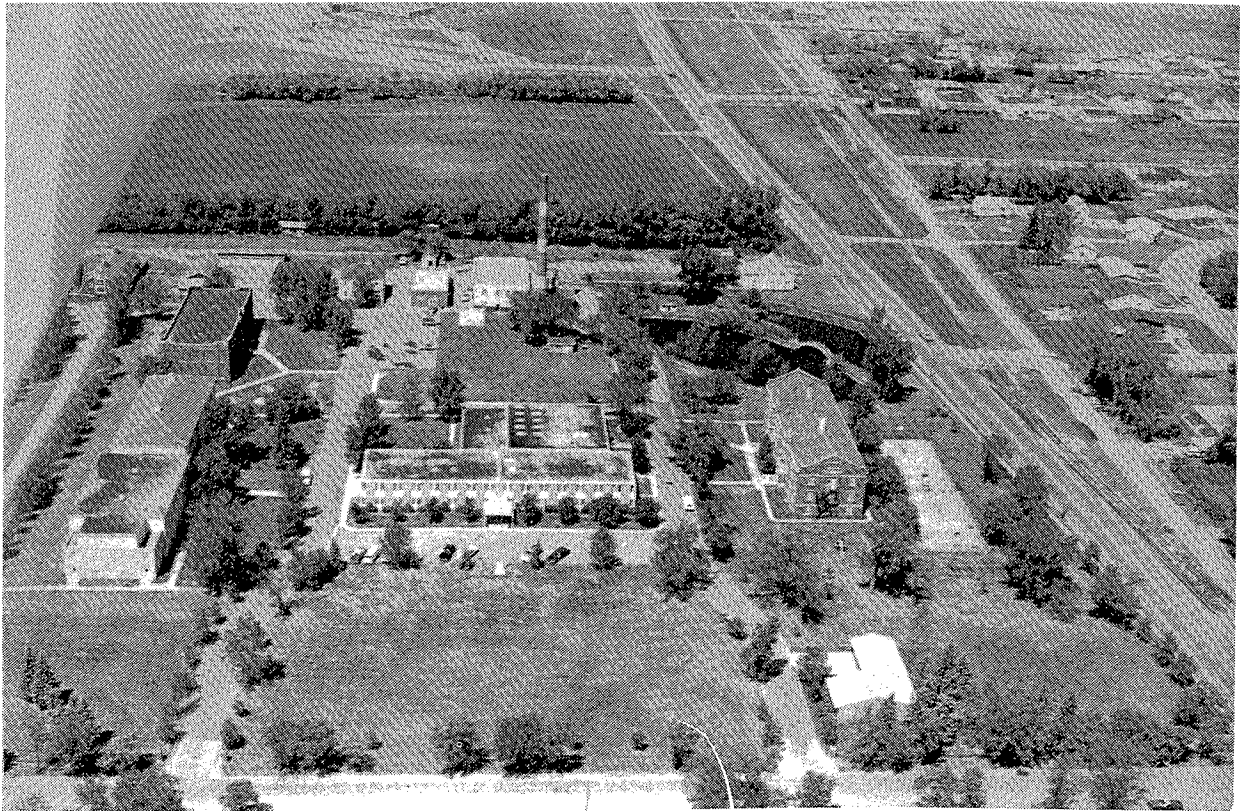
Superintendent's residence.



The wrecking ball starts to demolish historic OLD MAIN in June 1975.



Boy Scout Troop #94 was activated again in 1975 by Mark Hill, dorm counselor, and continued until 1980. During 1977, they took first place in the Klondike Sled Derby during Mardi Gras festivities in Devils Lake and won first place at the Scout Show.



A summer view shows NDSD's tree-lined campus.

Drexel Lawson became the first deaf trackster in the history of the **DEAF AMERICAN'S** Annual Mythical Schools for the Deaf Trackfest to win five first places. Drexel was chosen the Deaf Trackman of the Year by the **DEAF AMERICAN** for the second consecutive time. Drexel was one of 30 U.S. deaf athletes chosen to participate in the Pan American Games of the Deaf in Maracaibo, Venezuela, in September 1975. Dwight Rafferty, NDSD track coach, was chosen to coach the U.S. team. Drexel won a gold medal in the 100-meter dash, but pulled the hamstring muscle in his left leg during the 200-meter dash and was unable to compete in any other event. In January 1976 Drexel was named High School Athlete of the Year by the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Associations. He also had his picture and a short writeup in **SPORTS ILLUSTRATED's** Faces in the Crowd.

A student center, officially named "The Bulldog Parlor", was opened in February 1976. The center was located in the basement of the boys' dormitory. Two old coal-fired boilers in the powerhouse were dismantled and replaced with a new gas/oil-fired

boiler. For the first time in its history, NDSD was fully accredited. During the 1974-75 school year, NDSD was evaluated by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and received full accreditation for the 1975-76 school year.



Recreational area.

NDSB captured the 1976 unofficial Class B State Indoor Track title and slated its 10th Peace Garden title. Priscilla Frelich, NDSB junior, attended Flickertail Girls' State in June 1976. While there she was elected as a senator representative to Girls' Nation in Washington, DC. She also won the Outstanding Citizen Award. At Girls' Nation she was appointed Under Secretary of the Treasury.

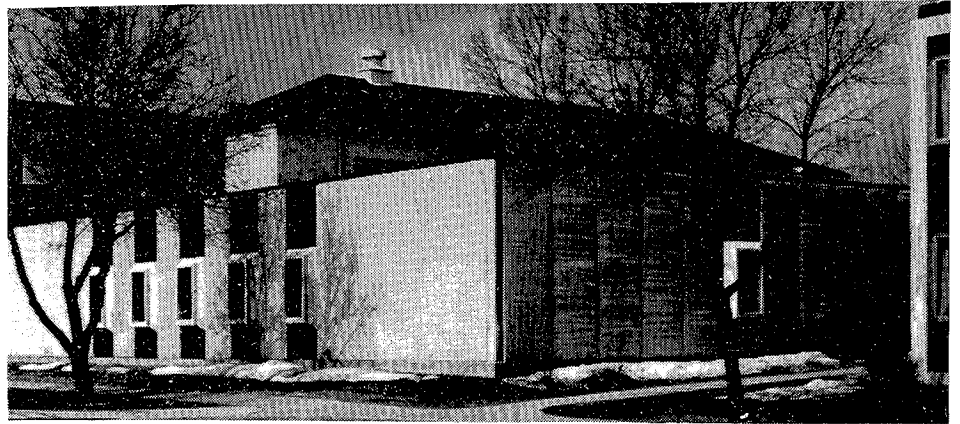
Dwight Rafferty, 1937 NDSB graduate and NDSB teacher, was chosen North Dakota State Employee of the Year in 1976.

During the 1977 legislative session, a bill was passed allowing the School for the Deaf to serve parents of hearing impaired children ages 0-4. NDSB walked off with its 11th Peace Garden title in 1977.

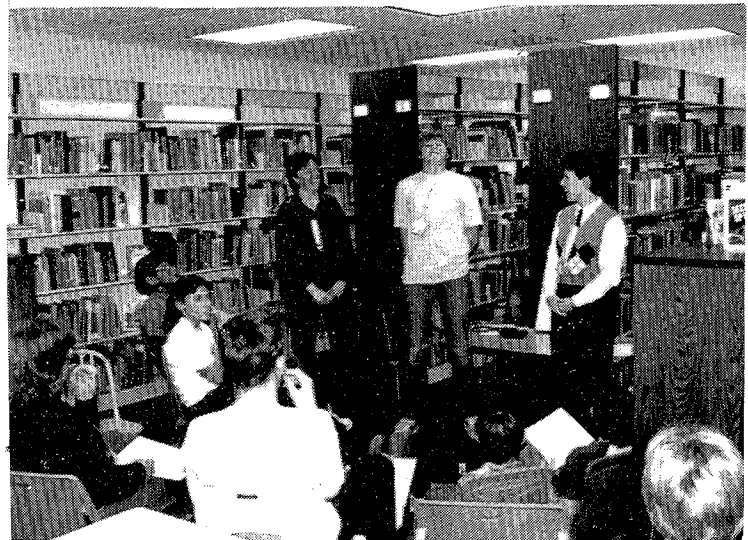
Steven Blehm, '73, and Drexel Lawson, '76, participated in the World Games for the Deaf in Bucharest, Romania, in July 1977. Blehm was on U.S. basketball team that took the gold and Lawson took second in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes and captured the gold metal for 400 intermediate hurdles. He also was part of the 1600-meter relay team that won a gold metal.

NDSB continued to grow with the addition of an instructional media center that included three classrooms, science room, library, and film library. The center was started in the fall of 1977 and was completed for the 1978-79 school term.

During the 1977-78 school year, Bobby Balzer achieved recognition for his expertise on the basketball court—County All-Tournament Team, All-District Team, The Deaf All-American First Team, and the Frat All-American Second Team. Julius Sayler also made the County All-Tournament Team. Gladyce Burns retired at the



New library-classroom building.



Library reading room



Up-to-date science classroom.

end of the 1977-78 school term after giving 31 years to the deaf children of North Dakota.

Girls' basketball was reinstated the fall of 1978 under the

direction of James Rainier, Director of Education. The 1979 Ramsey County Free Throw Contests were captured by Julius Sayler, varsity division, and Randy Medenwald, grades division.



Girls' basketball team of the middle '80s.

William Hartl thought he had retired in June 1979, but consented to return for the 1979-80 school term. Hartl, a 1933 NDS graduate, served the school for 39 years.

During the summer of 1979, curb cuts were made and entrance ramps were built and installed to provide outside accessibility for the physically handicapped. Modifications for inside accessibility included installation of three chair lifts, building of a ramp, and remodeling of some facilities. An audiology program was established the fall of 1979. A room in the basement of the school building was remodeled and equipped with a soundproof testing booth and other equipment. The audiologist also worked with the Parent/Infant Program.

Dwight Rafferty was honored by the North Dakota Alumni Circle of the Deaf with the establishment of the L. Dwight Rafferty Scholarship Foundation in October 1979. Christ Dockter, NDS alumni, retired in May 1980 after working at NDS for 35 years.

Before the 1980-81 school term began, the apartment house was remodeled into an independent living area for older students.

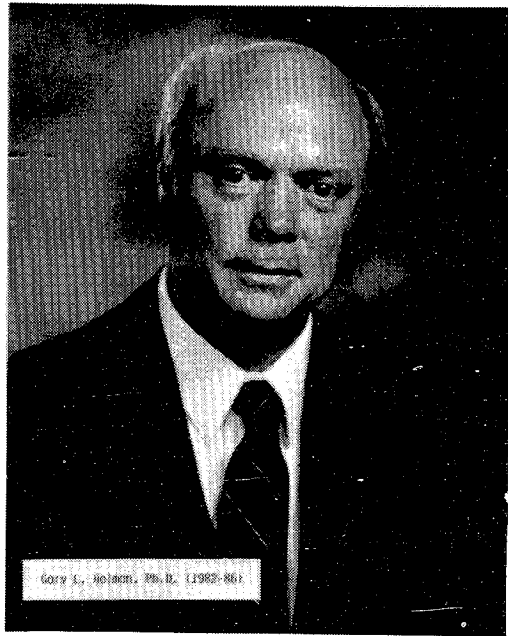
Phyllis Frelich, '62, won the Tony Award as Best Actress of 1980 for her performance in Children of a Lesser God which was named Best Play. On February 2, 1981, Governor Allen Olson presented Phyllis with the Theodore

Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, the highest honor that can be given by the State of North Dakota to a current or former citizen.

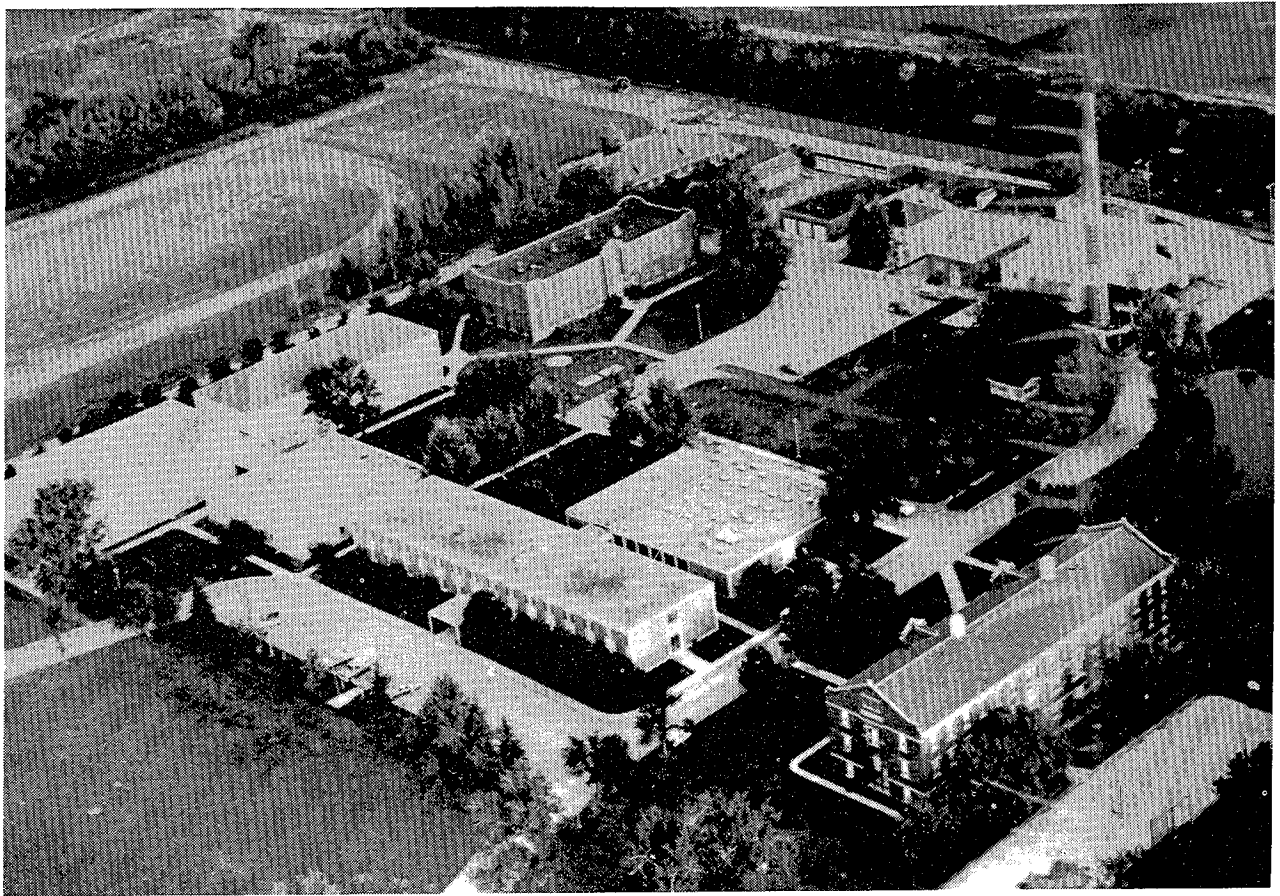
Mary Condon won the 1981 Knights of Columbus free throw contest in the 14-year-old division. Randy Medenwald was named to the All-Ramsey County Tourney Team in 1981, 1982, and 1984.



Phyllis Frelich is an inductee of North Dakota's Roughrider Hall of Fame.



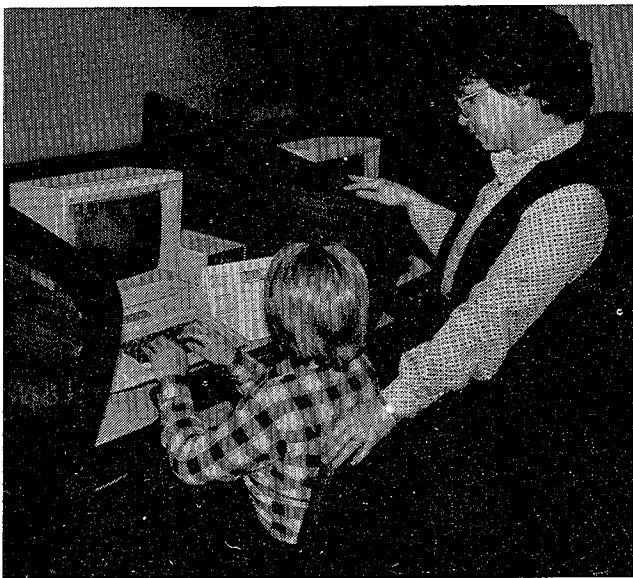
Gary L. Holman
1982 - 1986



on July 31, 1981, when he joined the realms of the retired staff. He worked in the powerhouse for 23½ years.

Darrel Coyle, '80, earned fifth place in the high jump in the 1981 World Olympic Games for the Deaf in West Germany. Four computers with peripheral units for instructional purposes and five televisions with caption decoders were purchased.

Computer training is a big part of NDS's curriculum.



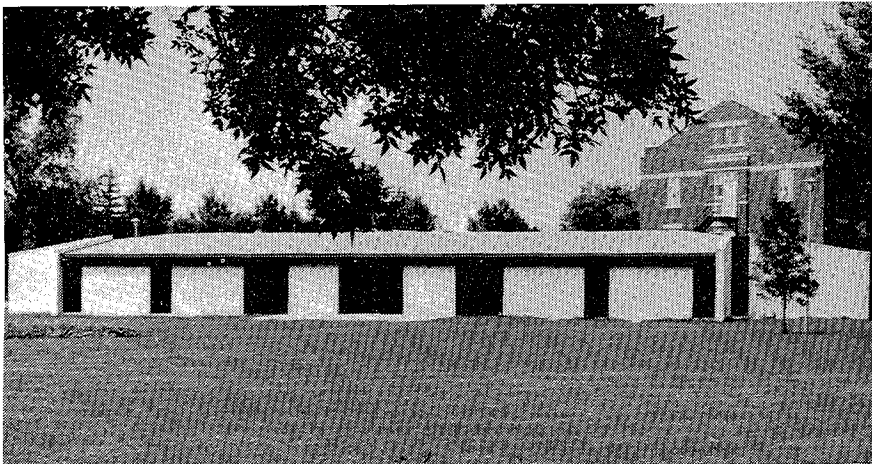
Allen J. Hayek passed away in June 1981 after an extended illness. James R. Rainier, Director of Education, served as acting superintendent until Gary L. Holman, Ph.D., was appointed superintendent on July 1, 1982.

Helge Hall walked through the powerhouse for the last time

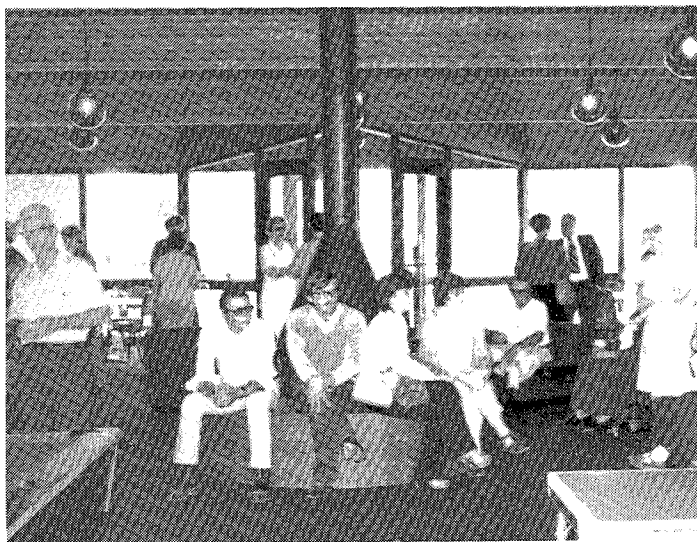


Construction on a new dormitory began the summer of 1981. It was ready to be occupied at the beginning of the 1982-83 school year. A psychological evaluation program was started the fall of 1981.

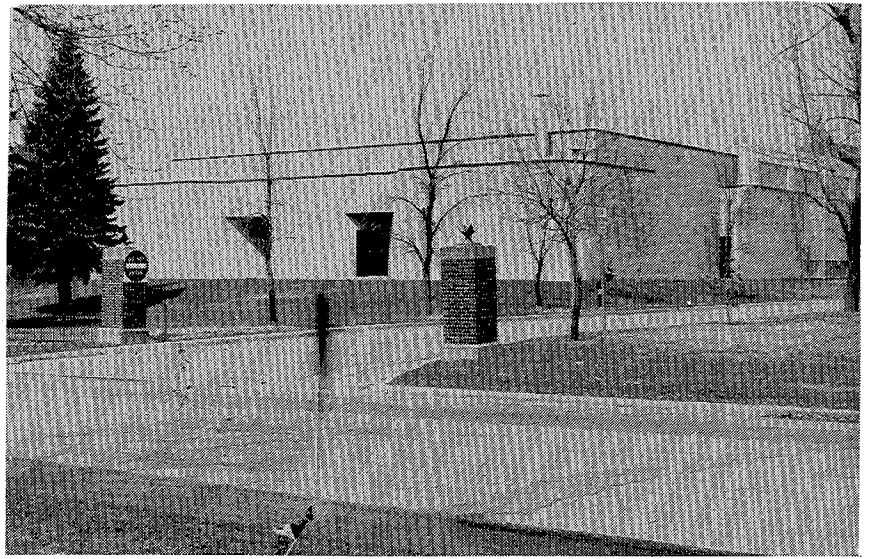
In 1982, Gerard Kuntz became the first student from NDSU to participate in the Devils Lake wrestling program. He was named "Wrestler of the Week" by Coach Lamb.



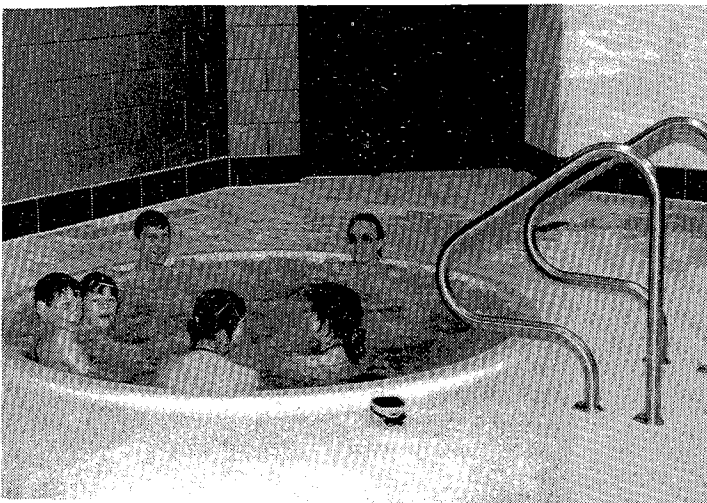
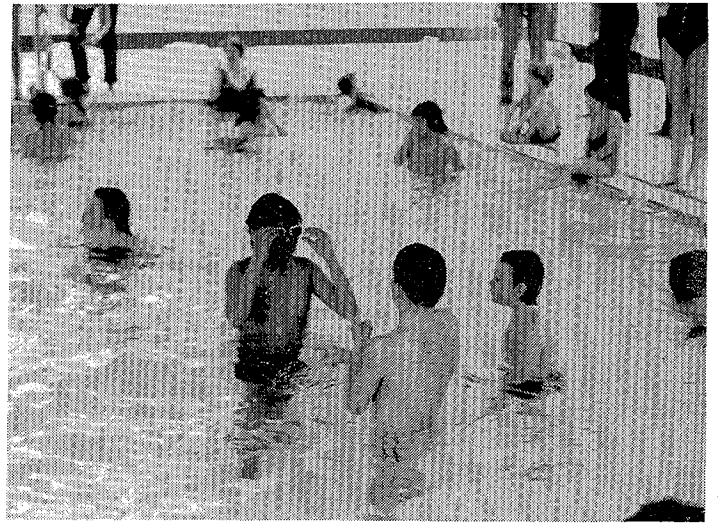
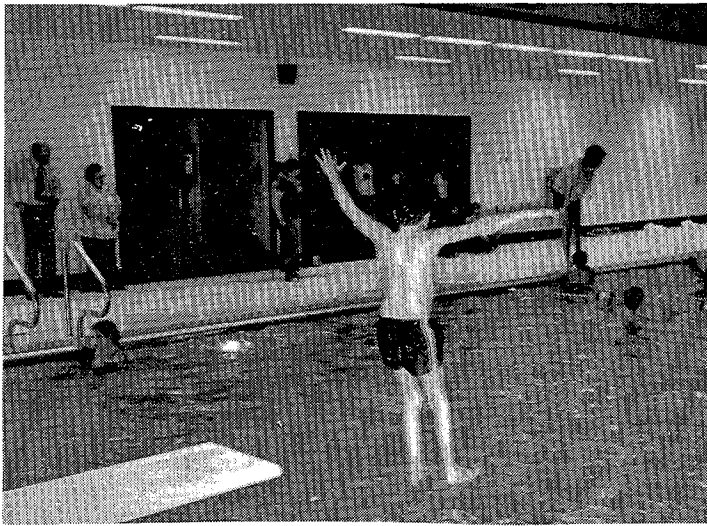
Newest dormitory on the campus



Participation in the Close Up program began in the spring of 1983. The program was started to provide an opportunity for juniors and seniors to get a close-up look at the federal government and to understand the complexities of the democratic process. Students and staff took their first "dip" in the swimming pool in the new activities building in April 1983.



NDSB's swimming pool building and interior activities.



The Old Main tower top was restored, set upon a foundation of bricks from Old Main, and placed on a concrete slab near the pond. A celebration was held by NDS and ND Association of the Deaf on October 5, 1983, when a time capsule was placed inside the dome. The dome was then sealed.

A farewell tea honoring Vernon Johnson on his retirement was held on December 15, 1983. Vernon retired after serving NDS for 20 years.

L. Dwight Rafferty was honored by induction into the American Athletic Association of the Deaf Hall of Fame as a coach. He received his award at a luncheon on March 30, 1984, in Louisville, KY.

Randy Medenwald made the 1984 Frat All-American Second Team in basketball. He also was named to the District 8 All-Tourney Team.



The OLD MAIN Tower Memorial site.

Two NDS students joined the Devils Lake Central Curling Program during the 1983-84 school year. The Jr. NAD sponsored an outstanding performance by the Montana State University Theater of Silence on April 4, 1984. Jean Kelsch Cordano, '45, was chosen 1983 Frater of the Year by the National Fraternal Association of the Deaf.

A cooperative program among NDS, Devils Lake Rotary, and the Lake Region Senior Citizens' Center was established the fall of 1984 to provide two one-hour sessions of swimming per week during the school year for senior citizens. Devils Lake Public School physical education classes, Lake Region Special Education, Harmony House, and Lake Region Search and Rescue also were permitted to use the pool during free times. Reverse mainstreaming, bringing students



Ice fishing on Devils Lake.



Station wagons and a bus provide student transportation.

from Devils Lake Public Schools into the School for the Deaf, was initiated the fall of 1984 in the physical education program.

Kenneth Blackhurst retired December 31, 1984, after guiding NDS student for 24½ years.

NDS was evaluated for and received accreditation by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf (CEASD) and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) in 1985.

NDS students, along with fashion students from Lake Region Community College, presented a fashion show in April 1985 as a new learning experience.

Harold Nash, L. Dwight Rafferty, and Lyle Wiltse joined the realms of the retired at the same time—at the end of the 1984-85 school year. The three represented 96 combined years of service to the school—Harold, 23; Dwight 42; and Lyle 31. The Old Main tower and cornerstone monument

were dedicated on June 9, 1985. Park benches were arranged around the tower to complete the area for visitors. Darrell Coyle participated in the World Games for the Deaf in Los Angeles, California. He took fourth place in the high jump and in the decathlon.

The weekend transportation plan became a reality the fall of

1985. Students are transported to their home each weekend by car or chartered flight. One of the main benefits of this program is the uniting of students with their families more often. **THE BANNER** was printed five times during the 1985-86 school year.



Western area students swoop home and back by airplane.



Karla Unruh won first runnerup in the Miss Teenage North Dakota Queen pageant.

Karla Unruh, junior, was the first NDS student to participate in the Miss Teenage North Dakota Queen Pageant on December 27, 28, & 29, 1985. She placed first runnerup out of 36 contestants and received first place trophies in talent and spirit competition. Doug Anvig received a Copper Award and Paul Ash and Holly Cofer received Silver Awards for their art exhibits from the Annual Children's Art Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan.

The first annual NDS Science Fair was held on February 28, 1986.

Mary Condon, senior, was named to the National Association of the Deaf All American Girls' Basketball Team in 1986. This was the first time a girl at NDS was so honored.



Spacious dining room.