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"We do not, today, honor buildings,  
but people . . . ."

However necessary they may be, bricks and mortar have little to do with the heart of a college. They may, if genius has shaped them, delight us; they may make some tasks possible and others easier. They serve our students well.

But not so well as those who work in them. We do not, today, honor buildings, but people, people who taught and people whose labors made that teaching possible. Such honor as is given to these six buildings is given by the names that we attach to them. These six buildings are surely more splendid than those other buildings in which worked those whom we today honor. Let us hope that the new buildings will see the faith in education and the dedication to students that old buildings saw.

The six people we honor served Moorhead State College for a total of 166 years, twice the life of the College. We honor that long service, but we honor more the qualities that marked that service: devotion, sympathy, understanding. These lives will inspire us for as long as those qualities guide us. Samuel Bridges, Delsie Holmquist, Georgina Lommen, Byron Murray, John Neumaier, and Jennie Owens — we act today so that those names will last longer than the memories of those who worked with them and learned from them, perhaps nearly as long as the influence of their lives down all the generations.

*Roland Dill*

President, Moorhead State College  
Moorhead, Minnesota

*Samuel G. Bridges*



The 3-story classroom addition to MacLean Hall is named in honor of the late Samuel G. (Sam) Bridges, who first joined the MSC Faculty in 1921 and served most of his 30 years on this campus as chairman of the Division of Social Studies.

He retired from MSC in June 1951 and died Oct. 7, 1952.

Speaking after his death, Dr. O. W. Snarr, then president of MSC, noted Mr. Bridges "had the good judgment to place emphasis on trends and movements in his teaching and to ascribe to facts a place of secondary importance. This kind of teaching is not always popular with college students but Mr. Bridges was willing to forego momentary popularity for recognition that comes with time and sober judgment."

As head of the Division of Social Studies, he was the educational counselor for students specializing in history, sociology, economics and political science and he kept himself qualified professionally by wide reading and post-graduate study at three leading universities—Ohio State, the University of North Carolina and the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Bridges was frequently called upon in faculty conferences to draft documents summarizing discussion and decisions. He was the prime author of an old MSC Faculty Constitution, which was the official instrument for faculty deliberations on this campus for many years prior to the late 1950s.

A native of Newton, N.C., he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Prior to coming to Moorhead, he taught at Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, W. Va.; at Denison for two years; at Phoenix (Ariz.) High School for two years and at the State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for two years.

Mr. Bridges was an ordained minister in the Baptist Church and, in addition to his college teaching, frequently served as a fill-in pastor in neighboring community churches. After his retirement, he served as regular pastor for two congregations, one at Mayville, N.D., and the other at Hillsboro, N.D.

## Bridges Hall

MacLean Hall, which served as MSC's main classroom building from 1932 through much of the 1960s, gained a badly-needed classroom addition when Bridges Hall was opened for use in the fall of 1968.

Erected on the west side of MacLean and extending along 11th Street, Bridges is a 3-story brick and steel structure, 209 feet long and 98 feet wide. Its 50,880 gross square feet are primarily divided between: the MSC Business Division, which includes the three distinct departments (1) Accounting, (2) Business Administration and (3) Business Education; the Mathematics Department; the Psychology Department; the Geography-Geology Department and the Philosophy Department.

This building also houses MSC's fully-automated planetarium, the first to be provided for the Northwest Minnesota-North Dakota region. Located in a 2-story room, with special seating for about 66 and a 30-foot projection-dome ceiling, it was first opened for use during the spring of 1972.

The structure houses 11 general purpose classrooms in six different sizes; 57 faculty offices and three general secretarial offices that the seven departments share.

Besides the planetarium, specially designed or equipped classrooms built in Bridges include: for the Business Division -- two accounting classrooms, a combined typing-shorthand classroom and a business machines classroom and, for the Psychology Department -- four advanced experimental laboratories, another experimental lab, a perception room, a physiology laboratory, a room for animal surgery, an animal storage room, an observation room and a recording room.

### ARCHITECT:

Foss, Engelstad & Foss of Moorhead-Fargo

### COMPLETED:

September 1968

### COST:

\$1,063,000

*Delsie Holmquist*



"Dean Holmquist is an excellent and greatly respected teacher, bringing to her classroom great zest for teaching, sound scholarship, high expectations of her students, as well as wit and humor."

This is one particularly appropriate passage from a 1966 State College Board resolution naming Miss Delsie Holmquist of Fargo "Dean Emerita." In a resolution passed December 1970, the Board named one of MSC's newest residence halls after her.

A seemingly tireless worker, she retired at MSC in 1966 after 37 years only to continue work at North Dakota State University as an English professor. Retired from her full-time work as professor emerita in July 1970, she became one of three researchers/planners in the ground-work effort that led to Tri-College University recently being awarded a \$400,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to establish a Tri-College Humanities Forum.

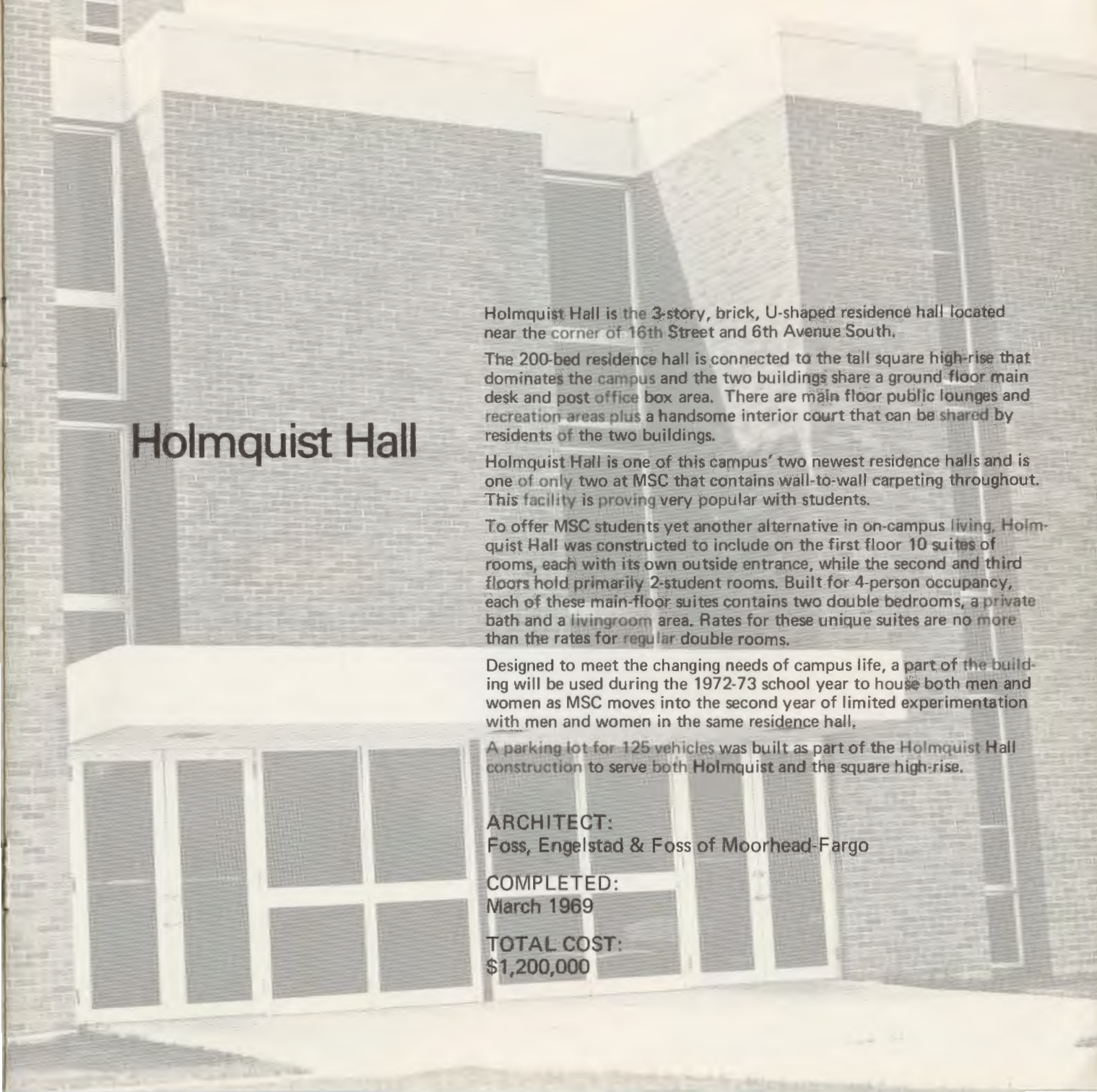
In addition, she has been chosen to serve as one of two professors emeriti to serve on the faculty of the new Humanities Forum in its opening year, 1972-73.

A native of Ouray, Colo., she earned her AB degree at Colorado College and her master's degree at the University of Chicago. She came to MSC in the fall of 1929, after finishing her master's work in Chicago, to teach English and, eventually, humanities.

She was named director of Lower Divisions from 1948 to 1957 and during this period was instrumental in organizing both a broad General Studies program at MSC and in developing humanities studies on an interdepartmental basis. In 1957, a faculty reorganization at MSC continued her responsibilities in both these areas with the new titles of dean of General Studies and chairman of humanities.

During her 37 years at MSC, Miss Holmquist served a wide variety of committees. At various times she held the chairmanship of such key bodies as the Faculty Senate, the President's Advisory Council on Faculty Assignments, the Liberal Arts Committee and the Committee on Requisitions.

Other activities while on the MSC Faculty included service as a member and presiding officer for some time of the Minnesota Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Teacher Preparation, participation in the Clay County DFL Party, work as chairman of the Governor's Council on Children and Youth, service as a member of the Minnesota State Arts Council and as a member of Zonta (women's service club), the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Delta Kappa Gamma (women's honorary educational fraternity).



## Holmquist Hall

Holmquist Hall is the 3-story, brick, U-shaped residence hall located near the corner of 16th Street and 6th Avenue South.

The 200-bed residence hall is connected to the tall square high-rise that dominates the campus and the two buildings share a ground floor main desk and post office box area. There are main floor public lounges and recreation areas plus a handsome interior court that can be shared by residents of the two buildings.

Holmquist Hall is one of this campus' two newest residence halls and is one of only two at MSC that contains wall-to-wall carpeting throughout. This facility is proving very popular with students.

To offer MSC students yet another alternative in on-campus living, Holmquist Hall was constructed to include on the first floor 10 suites of rooms, each with its own outside entrance, while the second and third floors hold primarily 2-student rooms. Built for 4-person occupancy, each of these main-floor suites contains two double bedrooms, a private bath and a livingroom area. Rates for these unique suites are no more than the rates for regular double rooms.

Designed to meet the changing needs of campus life, a part of the building will be used during the 1972-73 school year to house both men and women as MSC moves into the second year of limited experimentation with men and women in the same residence hall.

A parking lot for 125 vehicles was built as part of the Holmquist Hall construction to serve both Holmquist and the square high-rise.

### ARCHITECT:

Foss, Engelstad & Foss of Moorhead-Fargo

### COMPLETED:

March 1969

### TOTAL COST:

\$1,200,000



Georgina Lommen



Miss Georgina Lommen served for 20 years, 1923-1943, as director of the training school program at MSC, which provided actual classroom experience under supervision in the various elementary and secondary grades for education majors on this campus.

A native of Caledonia, Minn., she gained wide recognition in Minnesota educational circles for her pioneering work in elementary school curriculum, efforts on behalf of teacher retirement programs, PTA activities and international education, according to biographical materials assembled by the late Marie Sorknes, a long-time friend and associate.

She taught in rural schools and served as superintendent of schools for Houston County after graduating from high school. Then she enrolled at Winona Normal (Winona State College), where she worked part-time between classes in the department of rural education in that campus' laboratory school.

Miss Lommen went on to the University of Minnesota to finish work for her B.S. degree in education and, in the process, organized a department for training rural teachers at the University's School of Agriculture, gained election to Phi Beta Kappa and won a scholarship to Columbia University Teachers College in New York. At Columbia, she earned her M.A. degree, majoring in the Supervision of Rural Education and minor-ing in Deanship of Student Affairs, before returning to the University of Minnesota College of Education to teach.

In 1923, she left the University to accept the position of director of the training school program at Moorhead, where facilities for nine years were largely in remodeled houses and then, after the spring of 1932, consolidated in the building that was later to bear her name.

While at MSC, she served as a member of the Minnesota Department of Education's Executive Committee on Curriculum Construction and did considerable pioneering work here that had far-reaching results.

She served, also, as president of the Western Division of the Minnesota Education Association (MEA) and held a number of other MEA positions, being particularly active in the field of improving teachers' retirement programs. She attended, as an MEA delegate, both the 1929 World Conference of Teachers in Geneva, Switzerland, and the 1933 World Conference of Teachers in Denver, Colo.

After retiring from her MSC post in 1943, she edited the Silver Jubilee Report of the Minnesota PTA in 1947. In 1951, the University of Minnesota College of Education Faculty selected her as one of 15 Minnesota graduates to receive the University's "Distinguished Achievement Award" at observances of the University's hundredth anniversary.

Now over 95 years of age, she lives in her hometown of Caledonia.

## Lommen Hall

ARCHITECT:  
C. H. Johnston of St. Paul

COMPLETED:  
April 1932

COST:  
\$275,000

Completed in April 1932 as a combined grade and high school building, where majors in education at MSC could gain practical supervised on-the-job training in classroom teaching, Lommen Hall was known simply as The Campus School for most of its first 40 years.

For four decades through the 1960s, kindergarten through 12th grade classes (high school classes were started here in the school year 1929-30) were conducted annually at MSC with enrollment limited in number in each grade but generally open to residents of the Moorhead area. For many years, the MSC Training School held a reputation as a school where innovation and experimentation in educational processes were coupled with high quality education and, as such, often had long waiting lists of area parents wishing to enroll their children. Many parents registered their children shortly after birth in an effort to get them into the Training School.

In the late 1950s, swelling enrollment in the MSC Education Department forced the college to expand its arrangements for placing education majors in classrooms in surrounding public schools for their practical experience, since Campus School classrooms alone could not begin to offer them all the facilities needed for their required supervised experience.

In December 1970, the Minnesota State College Board, acting upon the recommendation of three high-ranking out-of-state educators, who visited each of the state colleges, moved to close campus school operations at MSC and Winona State because of problems with financing, staffing, equipping and planning.

The last high school graduating class here was the Class of 1971. Elementary grades one through six operated one more year and were closed in the spring of 1972.

This summer, the 2-story, I-shaped brick building, 256 feet long and 64 feet wide, is the scene of a number of office and equipment moves in preparation for its new role as an instructional center for the MSC Education Department.

The building's 52,683 square feet of space will be utilized next school year by four general service classrooms plus:

- \* The Department of Education's First Professional Materials Center (a library for all types of media materials);
- \* A Center for Early Childhood-Nursery Education;
- \* Headquarters for the MSC Education Department's 1-year-old Adjunctive Educational Services Section, which concerns teacher training in the fields of special education-mental retardation, special learning disabilities, remedial reading and counselor education;
- \* A new MSC Micro-Teaching Center;
- \* A Professional 4th Year On-campus Center for elementary education majors;
- \* A Pilot Project Center for secondary education majors;
- \* New quarters for the MSC Graduate Studies Office.

Dr. Byron Murray of Moorhead, for whom Moorhead State's newest dining and special services center is named, compiled the longest tenure of any faculty member that served this college until his retirement in 1967 with the honorary title of "professor emeritus" granted by the State College Board.

He served 41 years, coming to Moorhead in 1926 to teach English and serve as director of publications with a year's experience in college teaching and three years of high school teaching and coaching behind him. Dr. Murray is a native of Missouri, where he did undergraduate and graduate work. He earned a B.S. degree from Northwest Missouri State College and a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Missouri.

The State College Board resolution naming the building in his honor notes, "Despite many administrative duties, Dr. Murray's greatest concern for 41 years was with the classroom. Called upon to teach in almost every area of literature as a professor of English, his teaching was always soundly based on the scholarship reflected in the publication of numerous articles. . . and his book, 'Commonwealth of Americans.' "

Those who served with him during part of his tenure here agree that some of his greatest contributions to the college were in the area of student extra-curricular activities, such as debate and the school paper and annual, activities in which he had this campus well started before many of the other Minnesota campuses established successful on-going programs.

Administratively, Dr. Murray served as chairman of the Division of Language and Literature from 1939 to 1949, as director of the college's Upper Divisions from 1948 to 1956 and then as the college's first director of Graduate Studies. He continued working on his doctorate while at MSC and gained the PhD in 1945 from the State University of Iowa. With his help, MSC established a fully accredited Master of Science in Education degree program.

One of Dr. Murray's most important contributions to MSC was his launching in the early 1950s of a "College Night" program, which opened the college doors one evening each week to adults in the community interested in taking trade or hobby type courses or academic courses for college credit. The program grew steadily into today's broad program of on-campus evening courses for working people interested in pursuing college studies for pleasure or credit.

In other activities on campus, Dr. Murray served at various times as a member of the Faculty Senate, as a member and president of the MSC Faculty Association, as a member and president of the MSC Chapter of the American Association of University Professors and as a member of the state colleges' Inter-Faculty Policies Committee.

His off-campus interests led him to serve as an editorial writer for the old Moorhead Daily News for 10 years, as president of the Moorhead Kiwanis Club, and as lieutenant governor of the 7th District for Kiwanis.

*Byron D Murray*



## Murray Commons

Moorhead State's newest dining and special services building has filled a variety of needs in its first two years and next school year will be the headquarters for MSC's innovative New Center for Multidisciplinary Studies.

Named Murray Commons in honor of Dr. Byron Murray of Moorhead, who served on the faculty for 41 years before retiring in 1967, the 2½ year-old 2-story building, not yet used for dining purposes, measures 184 feet by 150 feet. It was built to seat 440 at one time and is an especially flexible building.

The New Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, initially proposed by Dr. Roland Dille, MSC president, in October 1971, will offer students not interested in traditional 4-year college programs a strong liberal arts education combined with specific career training in a new program leading to a 2-year Associate in Arts (AA) degree.

A maximum of 150 students will be admitted to the New Center its first year, 1972-73, and MSC officials expect to have office space for a staff of six teachers, a secretary and an educational media technologist as well as classrooms in Murray for various numbers of New Center students at various times.

The building retains its capability of conversion to a full dining hall at any time enrollment increases in the over-all college make this necessary.

**ARCHITECT:**  
Elken and Hanson of Moorhead

**COMPLETED:**  
January 1970

**TOTAL COST:**  
\$1,015,000

*John J. Neumaier*



"During his 10 years as (MSC) president, Dr. John Neumaier's dedication to a quality faculty, to sound educational programs and to the students of the college led to achievements that made his institution widely respected."

This is one passage from a formal State College Board resolution of Dec. 4, 1970, in which it approved the naming of MSC's newest residence hall after the former MSC president, who left Moorhead in the fall of 1968 to accept an appointment as president of the State University College in New Paltz, N.Y.

He will be remembered here for his successful work with college faculty members and administrators, state legislators and State College Board members to initiate new policies and directions in the Minnesota State College System as a whole. These included higher admissions requirements and academic standards, establishment of more meaningful decision-making roles for both faculty and students and a continuing campaign to achieve equivalent support with the large universities for equivalent programs.

In December 1967, in recognition of his effective educational leadership, he was named to the influential Commission on Academic Affairs of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

A long-time advocate of strengthened coordination of higher educational efforts in Minnesota, Dr. Neumaier served at various times while at MSC as: president of the Minnesota Association of Colleges, which includes both public and private institutions; chairman of the Minnesota State College Presidents' Council and Minnesota representative for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

While at MSC he was also active in the American Philosophical Society, the Governor's Human Rights Commission, the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the Minnesota Theatre Company (Guthrie Theatre).

When Dr. Neumaier assumed the presidency at MSC, there were 950 students, 78 faculty members, 17 academic departments and seven major buildings. Ten years later, there were 4,286 students, 265 faculty members, 35 academic departments and 20 major buildings, with six more in the planning stages.

Born in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, he was educated in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and England before coming to the U.S. in 1940. After serving three years in the U.S. Army, he attended the University of Minnesota and graduated magna cum laude with his B.A. degree in 1947. He taught at the University four years and then four years at Hibbing (Minn.) Junior College, where he was named dean of the college in 1955, a year after completing work on his doctorate at the University, majoring in philosophy and minoring in sociology.



## Neumaier Hall

The tallest building in the City of Moorhead is Moorhead State's newest residence hall, the 15-story square high-rise named after the college's seventh president, Dr. John J. Neumaier.

Rising 163 feet in the air, the brick hall accommodates 351 students. It rests on twenty supporting columns of concrete and steel that project 110 feet into the ground to the bottom of the historic Lake Agassiz.

Since its opening, Neumaier Hall has been the most popular hall with students residing on campus, according to Elliott Garb, MSC housing director. Besides its newness and wall-to-wall carpeting throughout, he credits this in large part to its H-shaped floor arrangement and the greater privacy and quietness this provides.

The floor arrangement creates four separate sections on each floor, each with its own bathroom and each holding three double rooms and a single. Two lounges as well as study and laundry areas are available on each floor.

The building's top floor includes a glass-walled lounge and TV area that offers an expansive view of the Moorhead-Fargo area, a vending lounge, recreation room facilities and a hobby room.

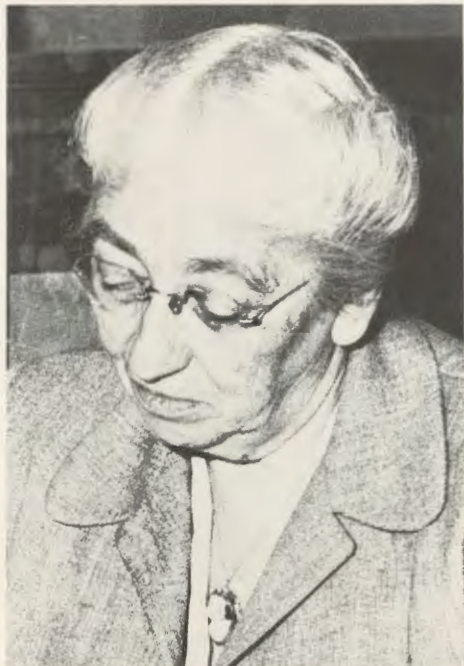
This past school year, 1971-72, was the first in which MSC offered a limited number of sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to try coed living in a residence hall. Neumaier Hall was chosen for the experiment, which had men's rooms and women's rooms in alternate sections of each floor.

**ARCHITECT:**  
Foss, Engelstad & Foss of Moorhead-Fargo

**COMPLETED:**  
August 1970

**TOTAL COST:**  
\$2,264,000

Jennie M. Owens



Owens Hall, at the corner of 11th Street and 9th Avenue South, Moorhead State's first separate building for college administrative offices, is named for the late Miss Jane M. (Jennie) Owens of Tracy, Minn.

She was hired as registrar for the college by MSC's 4th president, Dr. R. B. MacLean, when he first came to Moorhead in 1923, and she held the post for 28 years until her retirement in June 1951.

A biographical sketch by Dr. Clarence Glasrud, chairman of the Faculty Senate and a student at MSC in the 1930s when Miss Owens was active here on campus, notes that she was in charge, also, of admissions and business affairs for nearly 15 years.

Perhaps the most spectacular accomplishment of Miss Owens' career at MSC was her feat of reassembling the records of the college during the winter of 1930 after all records were destroyed in the February night fire that consumed the college's combined administration-classroom-library building.

The task was almost unbelievably difficult but eventually the personal records of currently enrolled and former students were verified under Miss Owens' direction. Most of the work was her own after she had assembled and consulted all possible available materials.

Never just a functionary of the college, Miss Owens was a strong and active participant in administrative and faculty affairs and was considered by many to be the strongest single force guaranteeing the ongoing program of the college, the integrity of its courses and the firmness of its direction.

She is remembered, also, as having bolstered, personally and academically, dozens of young men and women who needed help desperately, especially during the depression years. The requirements for this aid were these: it must never be acknowledged or made known and the person receiving it must be the kind of young man or woman who was willing and able first to help himself to the best of his ability.

Miss Owens was born Feb. 20, 1883, near Mankato, Minn., and graduated from Tracy High School in 1905. She attended Ripon College and Stout Institute in Wisconsin and did graduate work in mathematics and the teaching of mathematics at Teachers College, Columbia University of New York. She taught mathematics at Blue Earth, Wells and New Ulm in Minnesota before coming to Moorhead High School in 1921.



## Owens Hall

Moorhead State's first separate building for college administrative offices is named for the late Miss Jane M. (Jennie) Owens, who served as registrar for this college for 28 years, 1923 to 1951.

Located near the corner of 9th Avenue and 11th Street, the 2-story brick building features a 2-story open interior court, with a surrounding balcony on the second floor.

Its 30,810 square feet are largely divided into:

- \* An office suite for the college president and his assistant;
- \* An office suite for the vice president for academic affairs and the five deans that serve under him;
- \* An office suite for the vice president for administrative affairs and three of his assistants;
- \* An office suite for the vice president for student personnel services and separate offices for some specific functions of his office such as Student Job Placement, Student Counseling and Student Financial Aids;
- \* An office suite shared by the Educational Relations (public relations) Office and the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs;
- \* The College Business Office;
- \* The College Registrar's Office;
- \* The Campus Post Office;
- \* Campus Duplicating and Printing Services;
- \* The main campus telephone switchboard.

When the building was ready to be occupied late in 1969, the Christmas break was utilized as the time for moving the administrative offices that had been housed in MacLean ever since 1932 and their nearly 40 years of accumulated records.

Concurrently, other moves were made by certain academic departments in MacLean into the vacated administrative quarters so as to open portions for long-awaited renovating work.

### ARCHITECT:

Thorsen and Thorshov, Inc., of Minneapolis

### COMPLETED:

December 1969

### COST:

\$675,000



## DEDICATION CEREMONY

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Lommen Hall  
Murray Commons  
Neumaier Hall  
Owens Hall

Saturday, June 24, 1972

3:00 P.M. — Murray Commons

Moorhead State College

PRESIDING — Dr. Roland Dille, President  
Moorhead State College

## PRESENTATION OF PORTRAITS

Samuel G. Bridges — Dr. Clarence Glasrud  
Professor, English Department

Delsie Holmquist — Mr. Marcel Stratton  
Associate Professor,  
Art Department

Georgina Lommen — Miss Alice Corneliussen  
Retired Assistant Professor  
Education Department  
Mrs. Clara Cupler Kornberg  
Former Faculty Member

Byron D. Murray — Dr. Allen G. Erickson  
Professor,  
Education Department

John J. Neumaier — Mr. Earl R. Herring  
Vice President for  
Administrative Affairs

Jennie M. Owens — Miss Beatrice E. Lewis  
Accounting Technician  
Dr. Marlowe Wegner  
Professor & Chairman,  
Industrial Arts Department

## REFRESHMENTS

## TOUR OF BUILDINGS

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