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Grantham Hall

Dedication



MOORHEAD STATE COLLEGE
MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA
October 8, 1966

Grantham Hall

Grantham Hall, constructed and equipped at a cost of \$780,000, was opened in September, 1965 with accommodations for 204 students.

Construction contracts were approved by the Minnesota State College Board July 28, 1964 and ground was broken in August. The four-story dormitory, containing 45,411 square feet, was financed through a revenue bond program under which the State of Minnesota subsidizes one-quarter of the cost and three-quarters is paid on a self-liquidating basis from funds which the students pay for board and room.

The building of brick construction and exposed concrete is linked by an enclosed passageway with the new twelve-story residence hall recently completed in an adjacent area to the north. Grantham Hall includes the following major areas:

THE BASEMENT: The partially excavated basement area contains the mechanical and electrical equipment rooms, resident storage areas, custodial storage and supply room and the utility pipe tunnels.

THE FIRST FLOOR: The first floor has a central office and public reception area and includes an office and living area for the Residence Hall Director. There are two large lounges, a major recreation area for ping pong and billiards, television viewing room and vending machine facilities. Several storage areas are also included on this floor, as well as a kitchenette, sick room and counseling office. There is elevator service to all floors, and stairways are located in both ends of the building.

THE DORMITORY FLOORS: The three dormitory floors each contain 32 double rooms and four single rooms accommodating 68 students per

floor, or a total of 204 on all floors. Each floor is also divided into two separate houses of 16 double rooms and two single rooms. The six houses in the building each have spacious activity rooms, large toilet areas, and separate study, laundry, utility and storage areas. All of the dormitory rooms have outside exposure, and they are equipped with wardrobe and dresser units, desks and a vanity. Each floor has a central lobby area near the elevator, and several telephone booths are also located on all floors. Students have the use of washers and dryers in the laundry room, and a hot plate and sink in the utility room.

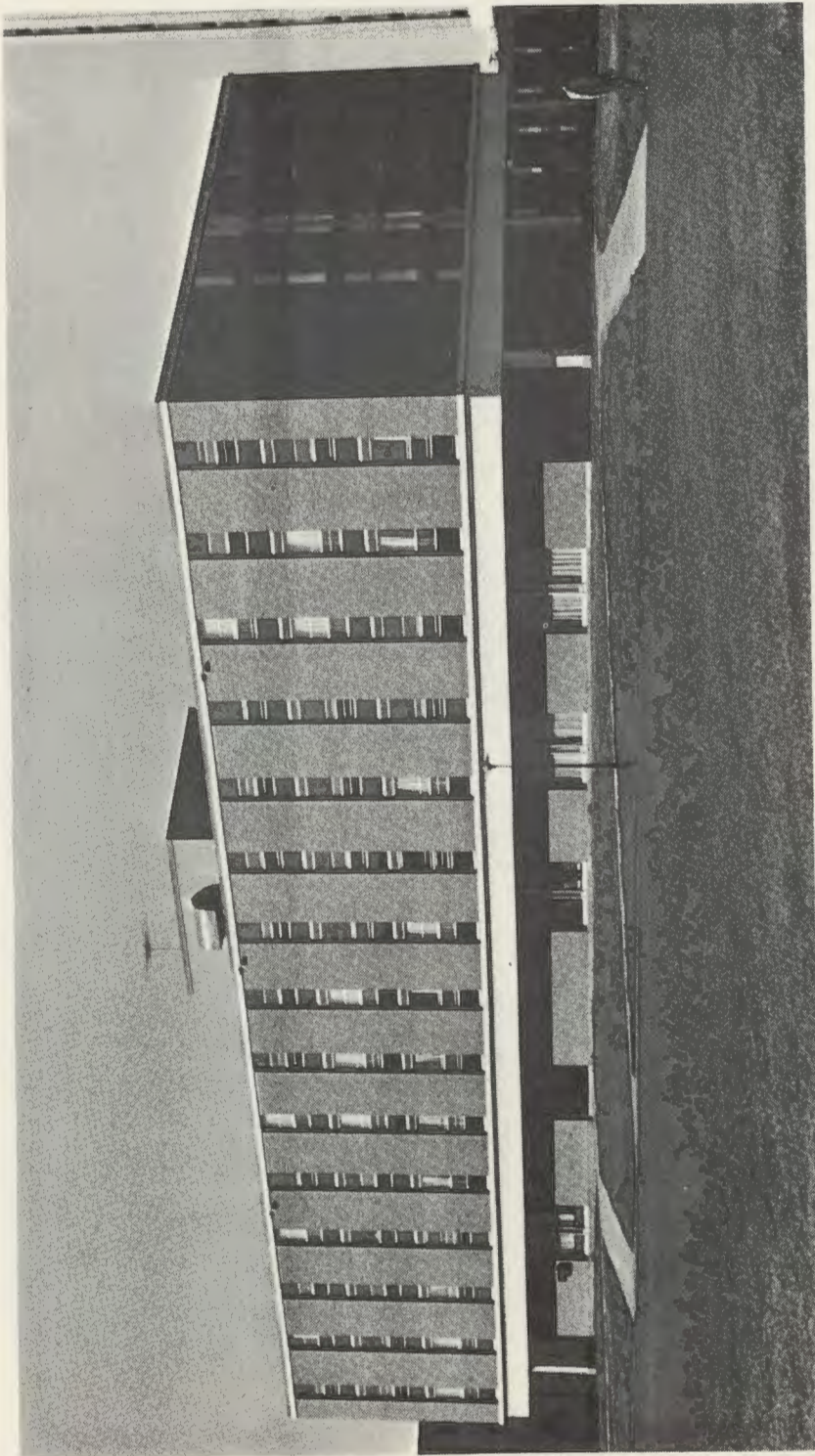


THE ARCHITECTS: The architects for the building were Foss, Engelstad & Foss of Moorhead, Minnesota, with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson of St. Paul, Minnesota serving as the consulting architects for the Minnesota State College Board.

THE CONSTRUCTION: The general contractor was Jones Construction Company of Fargo, North Dakota; electrical contractor, Central Electric Company of Fargo; and mechanical contractor, Moorhead Plumbing and Heating Company of Moorhead, Minnesota.

Grantham Hall was erected during the administration of Governor Karl F. Rolvaag by authority of the Minnesota State College Board and Moorhead State College officials, Dr. John J. Neumaier, President, and Mr. Earl Herring, Administrative Dean. Serving on the Minnesota State College Board at the time the construction contracts were awarded were the following:

Mr. Charles Mourin, Aurora, President
Mr. W.K. Jones, Brainerd, Vice President
Mr. S.J. Kryzsko, Winona, Treasurer
Mr. Erling O. Johnson, St. Paul, Secretary
Mrs. Marian Clausen, Northfield (Deceased)
Mr. F. Kelton Gage, Mankato
Mr. L.K. McLeland, St. Cloud
Mr. Norman H. Nelson, Moorhead
Mr. Herbert E. Olson, Bemidji
Mr. Dean M. Schweickhard, St. Paul, Acting Executive Director.



The Virginia FitzMaurice Grantham Scholarship Fund

The Virginia FitzMaurice Grantham Scholarship Fund has been established at Moorhead State College. The income is used annually for a scholarship for a student of foreign languages or for an older woman in the Program of Continuing Education for Women, and awards have been made for the past three years. Since the fund is an open one, contributions may be made to it at any time. Further information is available from the Financial Aid Office, Moorhead State College.



The Dedication of the Building

Grantham Hall
Saturday, October 8, 1966, 5 p.m.

Presiding Mr. Nobel Hendrix
Dean of Student Personnel Services

Introduction of Honored Guests

Greetings: The Honorable Norman H. Nelson
President of the Minnesota State College Board

Dedicatory Remarks and
Presentation of Key... Mr. Marvin Campbell
Member of the Minnesota State College Board

Acceptance of Key and Remarks.... Dr. John
J. Neumaier - President of Moorhead State
College

Representing the Students ... Miss Viki Little-
field - President of the Student Senate

The Dedication Banquet

Kise Commons
Saturday, October 8, 1966, 7 p.m.

President John J. Neumaier, presiding

VOCAL SOLO

"This Day Is Mine" Harriet Ware

Miss Mildred Holstad,
Miss Alice Bartels, accompanist

TRIBUTES

Mr. Stanley Murray Foreign Language
Students - Student Commission

Mrs. George (Esther) Edlund.. Delta Pi Delta

Miss Sheila Green..... Department of Foreign
Languages - American Association of Univer-
sity Women

Miss Veda Halvorson.... Delta Kappa Gamma

ADDRESS

Mr. Charles Backstrom.. "The Whole Teacher"

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT

Mr. Glaydon Robbins.... Acceptance by Miss
Rhoda Wold, representing Grantham Hall



Virginia FitzMaurice Grantham

1905-1964

Teacher, Scholar, Friend

In Grateful Memory . . .

Virginia FitzMaurice (Mrs. Walter E.) Grantham devoted most of her adult life to service at Moorhead State College. She was a member of the faculty for 35 years, teaching French and Spanish, from 1929 until her death at Moorhead, Minnesota May 17, 1964 at the age of 58.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 13, 1905 and was graduated from Madames of the Sacred Heart Academy there. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and continued her studies at the Sorbonne, Paris; the University of Guatemala; and the University of Colombia, South America at Bogota. Prior to joining the Moorhead State College faculty in 1929, she taught at St. Mary's of the Woods, Elkhart, Indiana.

Mrs. Grantham held a life membership in the National Education Association, and she also served actively in the American Association of University Women, the Minnesota Education Association, American Association of University Professors and the American Association of Teachers of French and Spanish. In addition to her professional associations, she was active in numerous community and college affairs and served for a number of years as advisor to the Moorhead State College Student Commission, now the Student Senate. She helped to establish the Honors Convocation for the recognition of students with outstanding academic achievement and served as chairman of the Honors Convocation Committee. For a number of years she was also chairman of the College Commencement Committee.

Mrs. Grantham was also instrumental in organizing Delta Pi Delta, a sorority to assist mature women who are starting or continuing a program in higher education.

Mrs. Grantham was married at Moorhead June 18, 1951 to Mr. Walter E. Grantham, and he survives her together with a brother, Mr. Harvey FitzMaurice of Lodi, Wisconsin.

She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, Illinois.

**A Colleague's Tribute . . .*

On the Moorhead State College seal are three arches designating service, sacrifice and loyalty -- qualities that typify the life of Virginia FitzMaurice Grantham as a member of the faculty for thirty-five years from 1929 to 1964. Her service was expressed by her dedication as a teacher of foreign languages, her sacrifice by her unflinching devotion to duty, despite great pain, until less than two weeks before her death, and her loyalty by her unflinching interest in the college and its students.

Mrs. Grantham's deep interest in students was one of her outstanding characteristics. She was never too busy to help students or to confer with them on personal, as well as academic matters, and she served on many committees that were concerned with students and student activities.

For many years she was advisor to the Student Commission and got it established on a business-like basis with the students actually in control. She was a member of the Student Union Planning Board and worked actively with this group up to the time of her death. She took an active part in all-college social activities, she and her husband rarely missing a dance or student performance. She never did miss an alumni banquet or official gathering, either here or in Minneapolis during MEA.

Honors Convocation, for the recognition of outstanding academic achievement, is a tradition in which she was especially interested and which she helped to establish. She was also instrumental in organizing Delta Pi Delta for the older

women students, so that they, too, might have an opportunity and a place to get together socially and might feel more a part of the college.

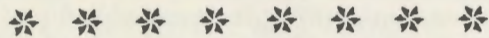
In 1959, after long and indefatigable effort, Mrs. Grantham succeeded in getting the college recognized by the American Association of University Women so that Moorhead State College graduates might be eligible for membership in this organization. Thereafter, each spring she sponsored a meeting of the local chapter to which all senior women in the two Moorhead colleges were invited, by hand-written personal letter, in order to acquaint them with the Association and the advantages of membership in it.

In her field of foreign languages, Mrs. Grantham taught all of the French and Spanish courses for many years (and at one time, also German). She organized the Language Club and served as its advisor until recently. In the 1930's, long before the idea became popular, she taught French and Spanish in the Campus Elementary School, starting in the third grade and using a method now approved and accepted as the "aural-oral approach." When language laboratories came into being, undaunted by lack of funds for a complete laboratory, she set up one unit in her office, where students were welcome to come at any time to record and listen. In the recent revival of interest in foreign languages in schools and colleges, she was largely responsible for the greatly increased interest among Moorhead State College students.

Another important aspect of Mrs. Grantham's life was her graciousness as a hostess. When she was advisor to the Student Commission, each year she invited the commissioners to her lake cottage for a day's workshop before the opening of college in the fall. She entertained the Language Club there, and also Delta Pi Delta sorority. She entertained faculty groups from time to time and often included the children in her invitations. Delightful times and delicious food at her home and at her cottage were legendary....

....There are many who miss her keenly, but they treasure the many splendid memories they have of a dedicated, courageous and gracious woman.

* Excerpts from a tribute written by a faculty colleague, Dr. Frances H. Dillon, Professor of Education, and published in the Moorhead State College MISTIC May 22, 1964.



Alma Mater

Where flows the river, through prairies to the frozen north
Builted our fathers a school to stand through years to be,
That from her portals her sons and daughters might go forth
Throughout the nation till the truth be spread that sets
men free.

Hail, hail, to our college,
To the Moorhead State College.
Hearts filled with the knowledge
Of her strength and her faith for all.
Hail, hail, Alma Mater,
Answering ever to her country's call
Pledge we heart and mind and soul to her we love —

Our Alma Mater

