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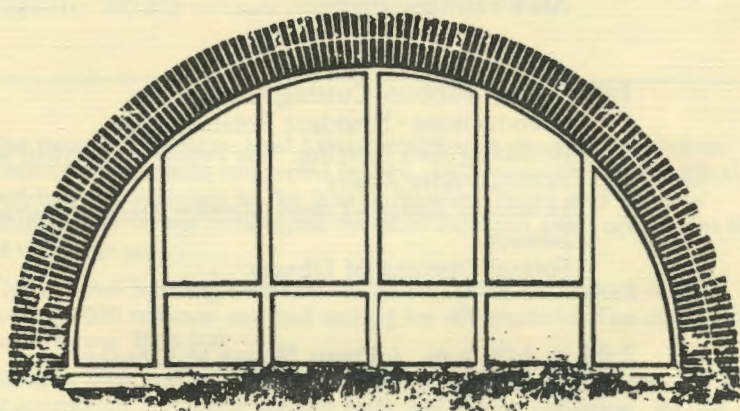
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Livingston Lord Library Addition

Dedication Ceremony

October 5, 1987



MOORHEAD
STATE UNIVERSITY

Livingston Lord Library Addition Dedication Ceremony

12:30 to 1:00 p.m. / MSU Wind Ensemble

Selections

John Tesch, *director*

MSU Chamber Singers

Alma Mater

Alice Fasman, *director*

1:00 p.m. / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Introductions—President Roland Dille

Remarks—Earl Herring, *Vice President Emeritus for
Administrative Affairs*

Honorary Award—Darrel Meinke, *Dean of Instructional
Services*

Formal Opening of Library

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. / Open House at Library

Tours at 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 p.m.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. / Library Addition Dedication Banquet

Featured Speaker—John Neumaier, *former President of
Moorhead State College, 1958-68*

Livingston Lord Library

Architects: Yeater Hennings Ruff Ltd Moorhead

General Contractor: John T. Jones Construction Co., Fargo

Building Committee: Earl Herring, Les Bakke, Deona Grondahl, Les Johnson, Darrel Meinke, Nancy Parlin, Gerald Hart, Kenneth Smemo, Bryon Jorgenson

Minnesota State University Board President: Rod Searle

Minnesota State University Board Chancellor: Robert Carothers

Dean of Instructional Services: Darrel Meinke

Project Cost: \$3.4 million

Square Feet: 28,000 (131,000 total for library)

Capacity: 400,000 volumes and 900 seats

The present Livingston Lord Library building is the product of three construction projects completed in 1961, 1971, and 1987. The original building was designed by the firm of Magney, Tusler, and Setter of Minneapolis. It was constructed between 1958 and 1961, opening in May of the latter year.

This original building consisted of 35,000 square feet, which housed some 48,000 volumes and had seating for 400 students. The cost of the building was \$905,000.

Between 1968 and 1971, the library was remodeled and enlarged to accommodate a growing student body and library collection. By this time Moorhead State had over 5,000 students. The library collection exceeded 100,000 volumes.

In 1982, the traditional card catalog was replaced by an on-line computer catalog which provides patrons with access to more than 3 million titles from libraries in Minnesota and North Dakota.

The most recent remodeling and expansion of the library began in May, 1986. The expansion adds two new floors to the building, increases floor space by some 28,000 square feet, and provides capacity for more than 400,000 volumes. The project was completed in August, 1987.

The Stained Glass Windows

The three stained glass windows that now hang over the Library's information desk have an interesting history, which begins with the First World War. Several students of Moorhead Normal School fought, and died, in the War, and the classes of 1919 and 1920 donated money to build a memorial to their sacrifice. The windows were built as that memorial, and were designed by the college's art instructor, Mary Brumby. Using students for her models, Brumby created three symbolic figures representing "undying loyalty," "service," and "self-sacrifice."

The glass windows for these figures are constructed of hundreds of pieces of cut glass, each window measuring 4 feet by 11 feet. The windows were installed in the auditorium of Weld Hall in the early 1920's. In 1969, Weld Hall was remodeled, and the windows were removed and placed in storage. In the winter of 1986, MSU President Roland Dille had the windows reconditioned for the University's Centennial. This year, the windows were placed in their present location in the library, as works of art and part of Moorhead State's one-hundred-year long history.