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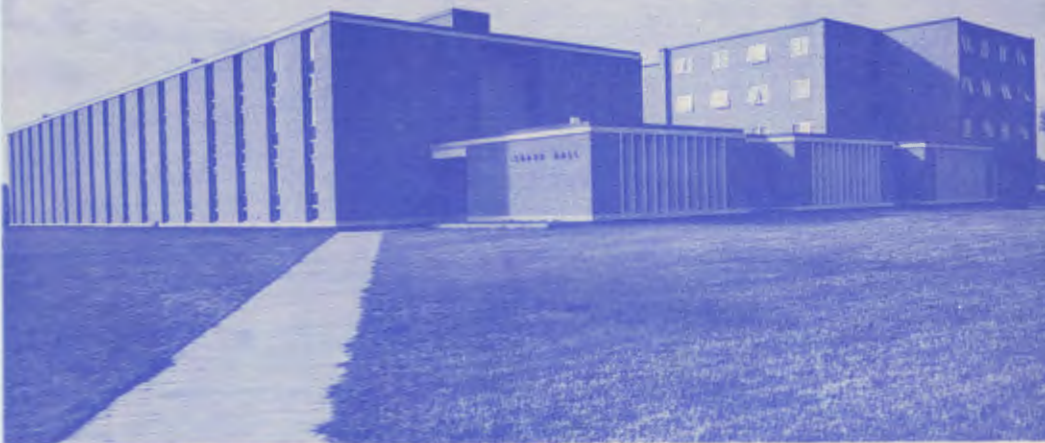
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Snarr Hall



Dedication Program

Moorhead State College
Moorhead, Minnesota

October 17, 1964



OTTO WELTON SNARR

Dr. Otto Welton Snarr was born in West Virginia in 1887 and was graduated from the Shepherdstown Normal in that state in 1912. After beginning his career as teacher and educator in his home state, he earned his bachelor of arts degree at West Virginia University, and later took his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Snarr came to Mankato State College in 1920, and was director of the laboratory schools there until 1941, when he was elected president of Moorhead State College (then Moorhead State Teachers College). He served this college in this capacity until his retirement in 1955, at which time he was designated President Emeritus. Now living in Romney, West Virginia, he continues to be a vital influence in the civic and educational life of his town and area.

He was married to Edna Casto, and to them were born a son, Dr. Otto W. Snarr, Jr., who is director of the evening extension program at Bradley University; and a daughter, Gwen Snarr Gunsalus, who resides with her husband and family at Rochester, Minnesota. Both son and daughter earned their bachelor's degrees at Moorhead State College.

The minutes of the State Teachers College Board for June 27, 1955, contained the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, President Snarr came to the Moorhead State Teachers College almost on the eve of World War II in the fall of 1941, under his leadership the institution carried on a considerable work of internal reorganization at the same time that it adjusted to wartime conditions. The College staff and facilities were expanded to accommodate a total of 1650 army air force cadets within a period of seventeen months; and

"WHEREAS, After the war President Snarr was faced with the equally difficult task of caring for the peak of post-war enrollment, and at the same time rebuilding the faculty in those years when salaries were comparatively inadequate and instructors were being attracted to other places; and

"WHEREAS, Throughout his administration he has exercised aggressive leadership in favor of higher educational standards for the teaching profession and in favor of more adequate salaries, doing much to bring the College into prominence in national educational circles through his leadership in the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and serving for some years as chairman of the Committee on Studies and Standards of the Association, the State Teachers College Board feels that he leaves the College with a great tradition and a great future; therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, That this Board does highly commend Dr. Snarr for his many years of service to the state and herewith bestows upon him the title of President Emeritus."

Dedication Ceremony

October 17, 1964 — 4:00 p.m.

Formal Lounge, Snarr Hall

Presiding Dr. Glaydon D. Robbins
Dean of Education

Introduction of Honor Guests

The Fifth President of Moorhead State College
. Dr. Dean M. Schweickhard
Former Commissioner of Education and Member, State College Board,
and Former Executive Director of the State College Board

Presentation of Portrait Miss Laura Scherfenberg
Assistant Professor and Campus School First Grade Supervising Teacher

Response Dr. Otto Welton Snarr
President Emeritus, Moorhead State College

Presentation of Key to Snarr Hall Mr. Owen Whiteside
Comptroller, Minnesota State College Board

Acceptance of Snarr Hall Dr. John J. Neumaier
President, Moorhead State College

ALUMNI SOCIAL HOUR

October 17, 1964 — 5:30 p.m.

Top of the Mart, F-M Hotel

ALUMNI HOMECOMING BANQUET

October 17, 1964 — 6:30 p.m.

Top of the Mart, F-M Hotel

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