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The construction of this building, delayed through the business depression of the 1930's and during the course of World War II, nears completion, and it will replace one of the original structures on the campus, hitherto affectionately known by students and alumni as "Old Main." It is the product of much thought, careful planning and administrative endeavor by a group of people in the college and in the state government whose contributions have been noteworthy.

The faculty of the college have given their time and their effort freely and tirelessly toward making the building functionally as perfect as funds available would allow, and as a group they are fully entitled to credit for many features which could only be supplied by those whose experience and training qualify them to assist in sound planning.

Three presidents of the college have exercised extensive supervision in the planning, George A. Selke, until he left the college in 1943 to join the military forces, Dudley S. Brainard who served during Mr. Selke's absence from 1943 to 1947, and John W. Headley who took office in September of 1947. The building is largely the product of their consecutive cooperation with the faculty and architects in rounding out a well-planned structure.

The architects of the building have been Louis C. Pinault and Frank W. Jackson, both of St. Cloud, who have worked tirelessly and patiently with the presidents and faculty to produce a sound, modern building, suitable to its purposes, durable and economical to operate. Both have served generously in a manner above and beyond the requirements of their profession.

Three Governors of Minnesota have contributed toward obtaining legislative appropriations and in administrative assistance to the building program of the college: Hon. Harold E. Stassen from 1939 to 1943, Hon. Edward J. Thye from 1943 until 1946, and Hon. Luther W. Youngdahl, now in office. All have evidenced a sympathetic attitude which has been reflected in their generous efforts in behalf of the college.

The building cost was financed by a series of legislative appropriations at sessions from 1941 to 1947, secured largely by the combined effort of St. Cloud's eminent legislators, Hon. Henry H. Sullivan, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Hon. Lawrence M. Hall, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Both worked faithfully to insure adequate appropriations for the building and may take a generous share of the credit for the achievement.





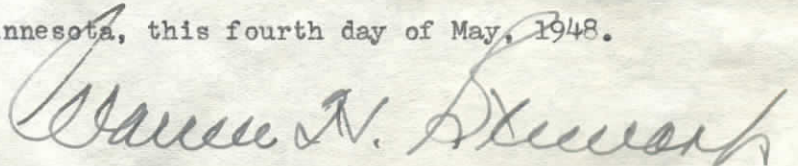
A building, such as this is, represents the contributions of many individuals without whose generous effort it could not be accomplished. To attempt to name them all may deny credit to several who have given substantial assistance in the planning and construction problems. Those mentioned are some of the principal contributors of time and effort in the manifold problems involved in the achievement but the list is not complete, and is not intended to be.

As this statement is prepared to be deposited in the corner-stone of the structure, to be opened many years hence, the author cannot avoid contemplating the progress that will be made in the college and in its community. The building seems to him to mark a beginning of a new era for the college where the faculty and the administration will derive inspiration from having the facilities and the opportunity for finer service, free from the handicaps that have beset them increasingly with the passing of "Old Main," through stages of depreciation and obsolescence to its condemnation.

We have provided a facility for sound instruction in the most important field of all, the training of instructors for our young people. We furnish the opportunity for cultural education, for critical inquiry and discovery of the best in professional skills, for an understanding of democratic society and the art of getting along well together, and we help create the opportunity for the well-rounded personalities so indispensable for our teachers.

This building has been inspired by those who have a desire to help others, who feel their efforts in its accomplishment reflect the performance of the high obligation of the state to direct its educational system toward "the stability of a republican form of government depending mainly on the intelligence of the people." The part the author of this statement has had in the project has received recognition from an eminent State Teachers College Board who have generously given this building his name. It is an honor and a distinction, however poorly deserved, for which he is profoundly grateful.

Prepared at St. Cloud, Minnesota, this fourth day of May, 1948.



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