

Ground-breaking ceremony Oct. 2, 1968 at St. Cloud State College
BUILDING FOR A SECOND CENTURY

MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO SAINT CLOUD STATE COLLEGE IN THE LAST 100 YEARS.

IN 1868 THE PEOPLE OF ST. CLOUD WANTED THE COLLEGE OUT OF TOWN TO
PROTECT THE STUDENTS FROM THE SIN-SPOTS OF THE CITY. NOW . . .

IN THE 1860's, THE FACULTY WONDERED ABOUT THE CORRUPTIVE INFLUENCES
OF HAVING A PIANO ON CAMPUS.

IN 1860s' , GOVERNOR MARSHALL VETOED THE APPROPRIATION/OF \$5,000.00 FOR SAINT CLOUD
STATE COLLEGE. IN 1968, I REQUESTED AND APPROVED 8 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ST. CLOUD,
25 TIMES GOVERNOR MARSHALL'S ENTIRE STATE BUDGET.

100 YEARS AGO, THERE WERE 68 STUDENTS, TODAY'S ENROLLMENT IS OVER 9,000.

WHEN WE SEE THAT KIND OF CHANGE IN STUDENTS, IN THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT
AND IN THE EDUCATIONAL DEMANDS IN THE LAST 100 YEARS, JUST IMAGINE THE NEXT 100.

UNIVERSITIES NOT ON THE AIR BUT IN THE AIR.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PYRAMIDS, FOREIGN CULTURES.

INSTANT INTEGRATION OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH INTO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY.

OR CONSIDER A MOMENT THAT R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER'S PREDICTIONS COME TRUE.

THIS WORLD-REKNOWNED SCIENTIST-ENGINEER PREDICTS THAT BY THE LATE 1970s, MINNESOTA

WILL BE THE AIR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. HE ARGUES WE ARE NO LONGER A WATER ORIENTED WORLD BUT RATHER AIR-DIRECTED. 90% OF ALL HUMANITY CAN BE REACHED IN THE SHORTEST DISTANCE WITHOUT GOING OVER EITHER THE ATLANTIC OR PACIFIC OCEAN.

MINNESOTA'S CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT, SAYS FULLER, GIVES US THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE VITAL HUB FOR THE FUTURE WORLD TRANSPORTION SYSTEM.

WHY HE EVEN SAYS, NONCHALANTLY, THAT LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK ARE THROUGH -- THEY'RE ON THE WATER -- AND THE WATER IS SIMPLY OUTDATED. HE ADDS, THE UNITED NATIONS MAY EVEN HAVE TO BE MOVED.

JUST CONSIDER THE DEMANDS SUCH A POSSIBILITY WOULD PLACE ON OUR STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. THE NEED FOR INTERPRETERS, CONSULTANTS, ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, HOTEL MANAGERS, THE LIST IS ENDLESS.

BUT WHILE KEEPING IN MIND WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE LATE 1970s, WE MUST NOT FORGET WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

THE PROJECTED ENROLLMENT FOR SAINT CLOUD STATE COLLEGE ALONE IS 65% IN THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS. THIS CRUSH OF STUDENTS IS BEARING DOWN ON THE DOORS OF ALL OF OUR STATE COLLEGES.

YET, MINNESOTANS HAVE NEVER BEEN CONTENT TO SACRIFICE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE. WE MUST NOT ONLY OFFER THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS BUT MAKE CERTAIN THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE WORTH HAVING. AS YOUR PRESIDENT SAID, DURING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, "WE MUST MAKE SURE WE DO NOT DEBASE EDUCATION BECAUSE OF ITS OVERWHELMING NUMBERS."

SUCH A GUARANTEE MEANS A TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT AND A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT FROM OUR PEOPLE.

HISTORICALLY, THE CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA HAVE BEEN WILLING TO DEVOTE AN EXCEPTIONAL INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION. ALTHOUGH WE RANK 22nd IN THE NATION IN PERSONAL PER CAPITA INCOME, WE RANK 12TH IN THE NATION IN PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE. MINNESOTA, IN THE 67-69 BIENNIUM, INVESTED 675 MILLION DOLLARS IN EDUCATION, MORE THAN OUR ENTIRE STATE BUDGET JUST SEVEN YEARS AGO.

WE MUST NOT FALTER NOW WHEN THE NEEDS ARE GREAT AND THE STAKES VERY HIGH. EDUCATION PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE WE HAVE ATTAINED IN MINNESOTA.

EDUCATION IS ALWAYS A TOP PRIORITY IN THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY. AND THIS STATE SHALL FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR STATE EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES IT HAS ASSUMED.

FOR THE EDUCATED MAN WILL NOT TOLERATE A POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT.

AN EDUCATED MAN WILL NOT ALLOW THE HANDICAPPED TO BE IGNORED.

AN EDUCATED MAN WILL NOT SUBMIT TO UNLIVABLE CITIES.

AN EDUCATED MAN WILL NOT ACCEPT HUNDREDS OF DEATHS THAT OCCUR ON HIGHWAYS
OR ON JOBS.

MAN
AN EDUCATED/CAN NEVER ENDURE AN ABRIDGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

WITH EDUCATED MEN, WE CAN BUILD A SECOND CENTURY OF PROGRESS AND OF PRIDE
FOR NOT ONLY OUR SCHOOLS BUT FOR OUR STATE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION, TO THE FACULTY AND TO THE STUDENTS
WHO HAVE MADE THIS COLLEGE AN EXCEPTIONAL INSTITUTION.

AS WE BREAK GROUND FOR THIS NEW LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES BUILDING
ON THIS COMMENORATIVE DATE, IT IS MOST PROPER THAT WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE PAST BY
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.