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The Dedication of the Parks Library

Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
Friday, June 8, 1984 10:30 a.m.

Dedication Program

The William Robert Parks and
Ellen Sorge Parks Library
June 8, 1984

Presiding

Dr. Virgil Lagomarcino
Dean, College of Education

Remarks

The Honorable Terry Branstad
Governor of the State of Iowa

Mr. S. J. Brownlee
President of the State Board of Regents

Mr. Carl A. Bluedorn
*President of the Board of Governors
of the Iowa State University Foundation*

Mr. Warren B. Kuhn
Dean of Library Services

Dr. W. Robert Parks
President of Iowa State University

Portrait Unveiling

Dr. Virgil Lagomarcino
Dean, College of Education

Architects for the building were
Charles Herbert ('51) and
Associates, Des Moines, Iowa. The
building will be open for viewing
following the ceremony until 5 p.m.



In their 34 years in the Iowa State University community, Mr. and Mrs. Parks have been friends of the Library in every sense. Their association with Iowa State University began in 1948 when he joined the faculty as professor of political science. Except for a two-year absence, they have been here continuously as Mr. Parks advanced to dean of instruction, vice president for academic affairs, and president of the university.

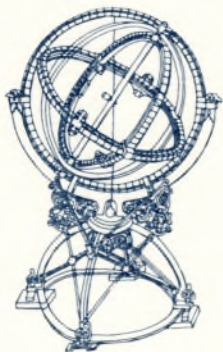
Mr. Parks now is completing his 19th year as president, the longest tenure of Iowa State's 11 presidents. Few current presidents of major universities in the United States can match the length of his service. Fewer still can match the quality of his service.



The Parks administration is distinguished as the era of the most dramatic growth in enrollment, academic programs, and physical facilities in the history of the university. Expansions of the Library building, the collections, and services reflect his vigorous leadership.

The deep interest of Mrs. Parks in the Library also is well known. Herself a scholar, with a doctoral degree in political science, she has taken a special interest in various aspects of the Library and is one of its most consistent users.

For these reasons and more, Iowa State University and the State Board of Regents have deemed it fitting that the building should bear the names of William Robert Parks and Ellen Sorge Parks.



The William Robert Parks
and Ellen Sorge Parks Library

Invites You
to a Special Dedication Exhibit
of
THE BOOK OF JONAH
on vellum

A gift in memory of
Sir Basil Blackwell
Richard Blackwell
by
B. H. Blackwell Ltd.
Oxford, England

*(On display with Other Major
Gifts and Rarities)*
The Iowa State
University Room
The Parks Library

Through September 21, 1984

"Together . . . we can achieve the kind of distinguished Library which is commensurate with the breadth and stature of Iowa State University."

W. Robert Parks

The William Robert Parks and Ellen Sorge Parks Library stands today as a remarkable resource at the heart of Iowa State University. Collections total 1.5 million books and journals and 3.5 million other research materials. Nationally recognized for its scientific and agricultural strengths, the Library is also the home for the Archives of American Agriculture and the American Archives of the Factual Film.

In the past decade and a half with the strong and dedicated support of President W. Robert Parks, Library resources have tripled, services have expanded, and new technologies have been introduced to better serve university teaching, research, and extension.

In 1978 the Board of Governors of the Iowa State University Foundation initiated a major Library Fund. Through private donations, the fund has supported and supplemented planning and building of a new Library Addition, remodeling, equipment, and endowments for books.

In 1980 the State of Iowa appropriated \$8.1 million for construction of the Library Addition and provided an additional \$1.5 million for furnishings and equipment.

The university's "Excellence in the Eighties" campaign, of which the Library Fund is an integral part, continues Iowa State's significant drive for further Library development. Countless alumni, faculty, students, and friends are joined in this essential ongoing effort.

Construction of the Library Addition began August 1980 with public opening on August 15, 1983. Phase II of the project covering remodeling of the earlier structure is now under way with completion scheduled for 1986. Total project cost is estimated at \$13.1 million.