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graduate, attended the first Yankton College Commencement in 1887.

Before the end of the century, the "College on the Hill" added to its campus a dorm for female students, Ladies' Hall (destroyed by fire in 1914) and the Ward Hall of Sciences, which provided laboratories, recitation rooms, offices and a chapel. The brick Clarke Observatory was also built for studying astronomy with a 20-foot foundation, necessary to prevent shaking the seven-inch refractor-type telescope from the passing street cars and trains on the adjacent tracks.

Enrollment grew and so did the Yankton College campus between Pine and Douglas Streets. Fargo Hall served as the gym for five decades before Nash Gym was erected. Lay Library held a growing collection of books before the more modern Lloyd Library was constructed. Forbes Hall of Science held a small auditorium, a 480-seat theater, faculty offices, classrooms and seven laboratories (which upon Ward Hall became administrative offices). The Warren Student Center housed the cafeteria, book store, meeting rooms and offices. The dormitories included: Kingsbury for women, Look and Elm for men and Durand was co-ed to meet the modern times of the sixties and seventies. The titles of each building were named in honor of donors, faculty members or the college presidents. The original bare bluff was to be consumed by the campus eventually becoming situated amongst a residential area of Yankton.

In response to war-time, Yankton College was involved. During World War I, a branch of the Student's Army Training Corps was located on campus where young men received their military

training while continuing their education at Yankton College. The gym was transformed into an army-style barracks, hospital supplies were made in Domestic Art class and teaching the German language was banned from class. During World War II, a Civilian Pilot Training course was available for Navy cadets. And the Vietnam era brought the activation of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and student unrest which led to protests. These wars, plus the ones in Korea and Iraq caused forty-four students and alumni to sacrifice their lives while in military service.

From 1881 to 1984, the history of Yankton College was generational. Each class had its own heritage, its own award-winners and its own memories. Student enrollment averaged at 350 per semester and peaked to nearly 700 in the late 1960's. Twelve presidents served the College, each contributing to the history of the institution. There were interim presidents too. Faculty members tirelessly educated their pupils for small wages and even opened their homes to students who could not afford travel during the holidays or who needed an occasional home-cooked meal, increasing their devotion. Classes were organized to fit the academic needs of obtaining two, four and five year undergraduate degrees in Arts, Science, Theology or Education. Students read the accounts of their school years in the student newspaper and the Okihi (later named the Greyhound) yearbook. The Yanktonias (later named the Bulletin) was a publication for the alumni. Organizations, clubs and other college events kept the students busy with extra-curricular activities, like: choir, orchestra and bands recitals, play productions, Christian Associations, senates, guilds, workshops and more. For extra fun,

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