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history. The assistance of Darla and others we talked with helped us tremendously.

The process of compiling information and gathering old photographs served as a reminder of the bond between our community and its schools. Clay County has been blessed with good and not so good times for more than a century now, but one thing remains constant – a quality education system.

We hope everyone who reads our Heritage Edition will also take a moment to thank our colleagues – the businesses and merchants who purchased advertising to make this publication a reality. Their support is greatly appreciated.

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The *Plain Talk* has been serving the Vermillion community since 1884 and we believe this Heritage Edition is another shining example of why your weekly newspaper is so vital to our fantastic community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know to be watching the weekly Broadcaster as we are working on a re-design that is

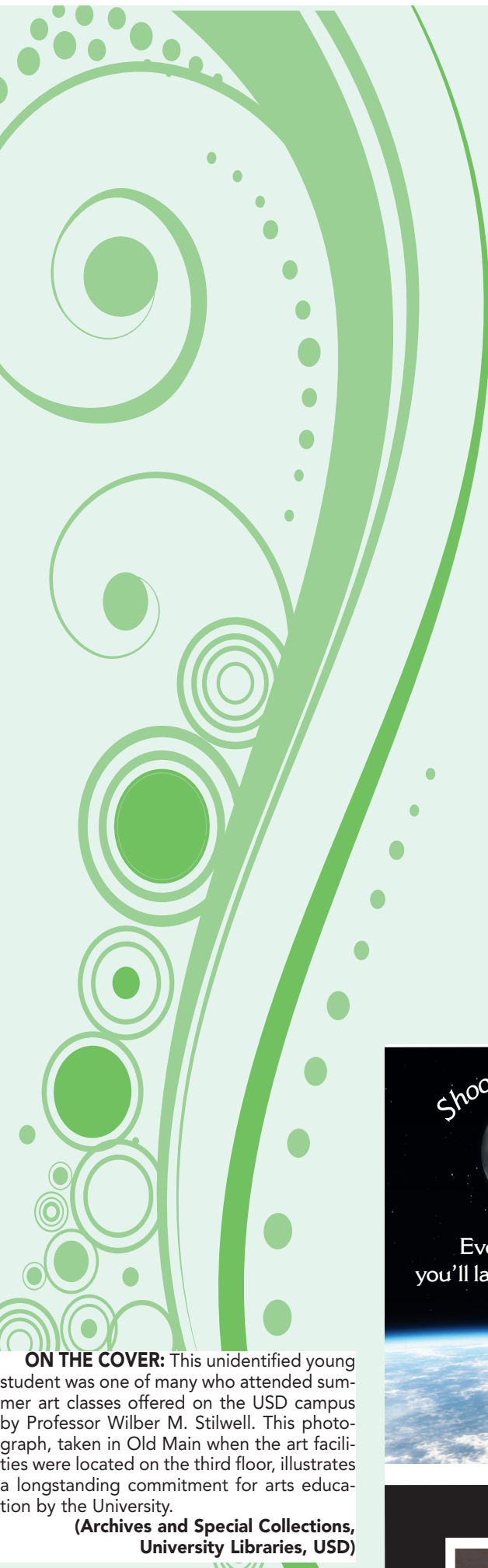
sure to please our advertisers and readers alike. The Broadcaster, now appearing in your mailbox weekly, has been the premiere shopper Southeastern South Dakota has depended on since 1934. We look forward to getting better and growing with Vermillion in the years to come.

Once again, thank you Vermillion area businesses for your support of this Heritage Edition, which also allowed us to make a donation of a portion of the proceeds to Vermillion public and private schools.

*Plain Talk* readers, we hope you enjoy reading this as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you!

My Sincere Thanks,

**Micki Schievelbein**  
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**ON THE COVER:** This unidentified young student was one of many who attended summer art classes offered on the USD campus by Professor Wilber M. Stilwell. This photograph, taken in Old Main when the art facilities were located on the third floor, illustrates a longstanding commitment for arts education by the University.

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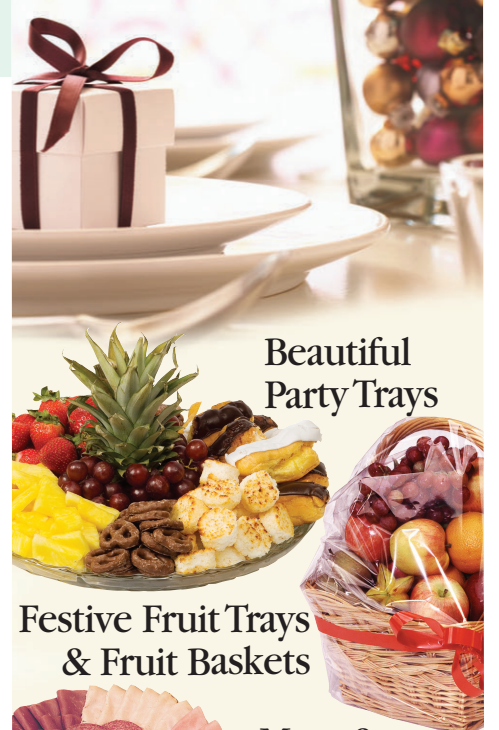


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