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The Forty-fourth Session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly which convened in 1975 provided in House Bill No. 1468, the Capital Construction Fund, an amount of \$3,200,000 for an Agricultural Science building to be constructed on the campus of North Dakota State University. One of the provisions of this legislation made the funds for this structure available on July 1, 1976 providing the cash balance in the General Fund as of June 30, 1976 was in excess of 50 million dollars.

The proposed budget request for this structure was an amount of \$4,674,000 and it was contemplated the structure would provide physical facilities for Animal Science, Agricultural Engineering and Entomology personnel. The reduction in the budget request necessitated subsequent elimination of Agricultural Engineering housing needs from the design of the structure. Thus, the final plans and specifications were developed to accommodate Animal Science and Entomology needs.

Competent personnel, operating funds and physical facilities are three ingredients which make possible a good program in agricultural research and extension education. Balance among these ingredients needs continuing attention to assist in the efficient use of each of them.

Traditionally, the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service have always been short of adequate physical facility space. Personnel numbers and program in specific areas have often increased to a point of inefficient operation before major physical structure needs have been provided. At the same time, the elected representatives to our State Legislature have been intensely interested in and responsive to these facility needs.

Bids for construction of the building were received in late August, 1976 and construction was initiated shortly thereafter. The outside shell of the structure was essentially complete enough to permit internal heating and uninterrupted construction throughout the winter months. The structure was near completion as the summer of 1977 ended, with minor installations to be made prior to final inspection and acceptance of the structure.

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On the Cover: Hultz Hall, the new agricultural science building, already appears an integral part of the NDSU campus, even though the final phases of construction are just being completed. (Photo by Harold Caldwell)

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