

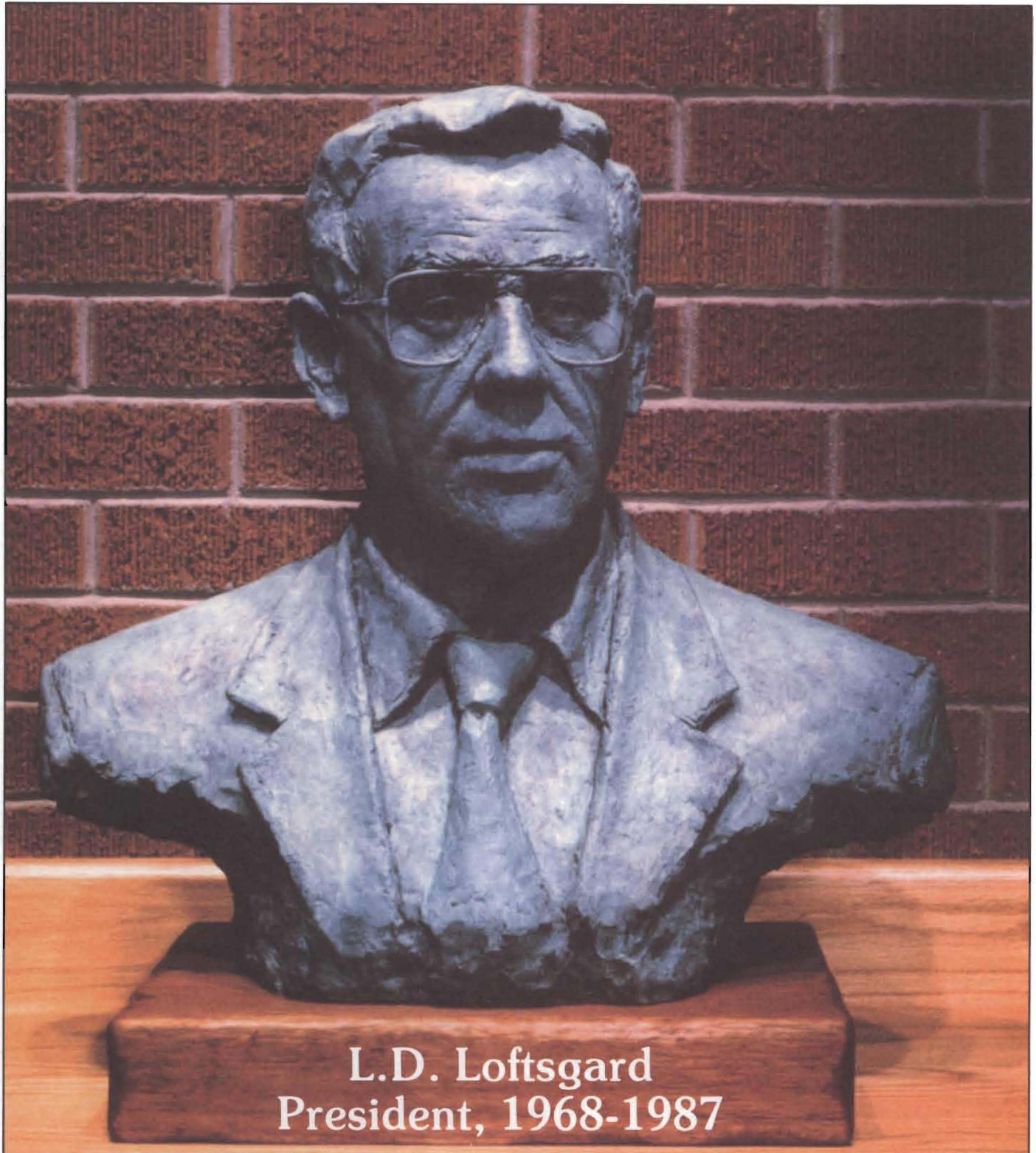


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Guest Column

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Seeking new markets for the agricultural products of the region is an essential mission for today's land grant research program. It is becoming more apparent with each passing year that expanding markets for basic agricultural products must be accomplished to enhance the economic viability of United States agriculture. New uses for farm products is a major goal of North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station scientists as they work in their laboratories seeking food and non-food uses for the plant and animal products that we continue to produce more efficiently each year.

This issue describes several exciting new research efforts designed to provide technologies that lead to the creation of value-added industries in North Dakota. The "Grow North Dakota" program recognizes the need for new industry to provide added employment in rural communities in North Dakota. The state is a major producer of a large variety of agricultural raw materials that require further processing

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L.D. Loftsgard

The bust of the late L.D. Loftsgard pictured on the cover stands in the atrium of the recently dedicated Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus.

Loftsgard served as president of NDSU from June of 1968 until his death in October 1987. At his inauguration in April 1969 Loftsgard became the first alumnus and the first native North Dakotan to serve as president of the university.

He graduated from NDSU in 1954 with a degree in agricultural economics and earned his doctorate at Iowa State University. He joined the NDSU faculty as an assistant professor in agricultural economics in 1958. He became director of the Water Resources Research Institute in 1965 and vice president for academic affairs in 1966.

Loftsgard Hall provides 85,000 square feet of new research and teaching space, housing the Departments of Crop and Weed Sciences and Horticulture and Forestry. The building contains 22 research laboratories, a 38-seat biotechnology teaching laboratory, the Dalrymple Biotechnology Laboratory, a 130-seat main floor lecture auditorium and a 48-seat classroom.

Loftsgard Hall is linked to Walster Hall by passageways at two levels and to Waldron Hall by a skywalk. Combined, the three buildings constitute NDSU's new Plant Science Center.

Loftsgard Hall

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