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BE IT KNOWN THAT

THE ALUMNI-CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 6453 to 6456, Revised Codes of Montana, 1921, has caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Montana its Articles of Incorporation on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1923.

NOW, THOMPSON, I. C. Stewart, Secretary of State of the State of Montana do hereby certify that a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of THE ALUMNI-CHALLENGED ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION, containing the required statement of facts as prescribed by Sections 6453 to 6456, having been filed in this office, such Association is a body corporate and politic and is authorized to do business in the State of Montana.

WITNESS my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana hereunto affixed this fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1923.

GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

Secretary of State.

By CLIFFORD L. WALKER Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

No.

Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation

STATE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MISSOULA, MONTANA

The Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Montana (hereinafter called the Athletic Field Corporation), for value received, hereby promises to pay to *First National Bank of Missoula, Montana*

at the Missoula Trust and Savings Bank of Missoula, Montana, the principal sum of

Five Hundred and no DOLLARS
on or before the first day of January, 1935, and to pay interest on the principal sum at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of July and January in each year.

This certificate is one of a series of certificates issued by the Athletic Field Corporation for the purpose of the construction of an Athletic Field on the Campus of the State University of Montana, and the interest on these certificates is guaranteed by various faculty and student organizations with the approval of the President of the State University.

This certificate is one of a series of certificates, the total issue of which shall not exceed the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. It shall be the privilege of the Athletic Field Corporation to repay this certificate with accrued interest on July 1st, 1926, or at any interest payment date thereafter.

This certificate will be registered in the name of the purchaser and no assignment thereof shall be valid unless transferred by the Secretary upon the Certificate Book of the Corporation. Certificates may be transferred, when properly endorsed, on presentation at the Missoula Trust and Savings Bank of Missoula, Montana.

In Witness Whereof, the Athletic Field Corporation has caused this certificate to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and to be sealed with the seal of the Corporation, at Missoula, Montana, this *3rd* day of *August*, 192*5*.

The Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation

By *Joseph J. Shepard* PRESIDENT.
W. J. ... SECRETARY.

In 1922, Alumni of Montana State University (now U of M) initiated a program to purchase land for athletic fields for the benefit of students and faculty. They were incorporated as the ALUMNI CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION for 25 years. During that time, the program produced Dornblaser Field, Campbell Field (baseball diamond), and the University of Montana Golf Course. In the past 20 years, the University Administration has rewarded this dedicated effort with repeated violations of the originally intended use. Student housing and parking lots have encroached on and replaced intended uses. Today, there is a proposal to destroy the golf course with a building and construction actually needed in another location. Confirmation of the original purpose of dedicated athletic fields by donors is available in correspondence, meeting notes, and even on the Bonds issued by the First National Bank to fund land purchases. The time has come to protect the original investment and the wishes of the individuals who sacrificed to make this gift to the University.

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SUMMARY: The excerpts that follow confirm that the Alumni-Challenge Athletic Corporation remained faithful to the stated original purpose for the 25 years required to obtain all the properties now designated South Campus. At no point in any of the available minutes of this organization are buildings with classrooms or student housing mentioned. Later on, there is evidence that purchases close to the main campus were also completed by the corporation.

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Excerpt from CHALLENGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, Central Committee, November 29, 1922:

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A meeting of the Central Committee, appointed by the President of the Alumni Association for the purpose of securing funds to construct an Athletic Field, was held at noon, November 24, Florence Hotel, with the following members present: D.D.Richards, Chairman; ...and others.

Excerpt from a document, DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, of the State of Montana:

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THE ALUMNI-CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION..., has caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Montana its Articles of Incorporation on the fifteenth day of January, A.D. 1923.

Excerpt from ARTICLES OF CORPORATION (Montana Historical Society Archives)

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II.2. "To carry on and conduct a campaign for gifts of real and personal property of all kinds, for the purpose constructing an athletic field and buildings to be used in connection therewith at Missoula, Montana, for the benefit and welfare of the students, faculty and officers of the State University of Montana,...."

II.4. "...to manage and dispose of such moneys and property in accordance with the terms and conditions presented by the donors or grantors thereof."

Excerpts from a letter ALUMNI-CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION, dated January 23, 1923

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On the evening of January 20th the Alumni and Former Student of the University attended a

mass meeting in the New Gymnasium.

D.D.Richards, '12 then outlined the work already done by the Central Committee... He stated that the best way of making the Alumni Association a solid, effective body was by undertaking a project to which each Alumnus could contribute from his own personal funds. He explained that a corporation had been formed to receive and administer gifts for the good of the University and that the first work of this corporation would be the raising of funds to build a new Athletic Field.

Statement from the BY-LAWS of ALUMNI CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION, ARTICLE I., Sec.2.

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Excerpts from a CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS, dated 3rd day of August 1925 .

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The Alumni-Challenge Athletic Field Corporation,... for value received, hereby promises to pay to the First National Bank of Missoula Montana at the Missoula Trust and Savings Bank of Missoula, Montana, the principal sum of Five Hundred and no/100 dollars on or before the first day of January, 1935, and to pay interest on the principal sum at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of July and January in each year.

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Excerpts from ORGANIZATION OF THE ALUMNI CORPORATION (Montana Historical Society Archives)

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The "Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation" was organized under the supervision of President Clapp and the general alumni association of the State University for the express purpose of financing the improvement of the athletic field. The organization was so effective in the original project of an athletic field, known as Dornblaser Field, that further enterprises were undertaken.

Excerpt from CENTRAL BOARD MEETING March 25, 1928,

.... President Clapp "submitted the following projects for consideration: Purchase of old site of Missoula Country Club, for use as a golf course, to be administered by the Corporation in cooperation with the Department of Physical Education and a municipal golf club. After discussion, the following motions were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors: That the Corporation enter into a contract with the present owners of the 160 acre site formerly used by the Missoula Country Club as a golf course, to purchase the land at a price of \$12,000.00, with six percent interest payable annually....."

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation was held at 12:30 p.m. at the Florence Hotel, with the president, George R. Shepard, presiding. May 20, 1929

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"5. A report of the activities of the golf course was made by Mr. Badgley, who presented a

proposal requesting authorization for borrowing \$500.00 to construct five additional holes on the golf course. After discussion, a motion made by Clapp, seconded by Murphy, that the trustees authorize the officers to borrow \$1,000.00 for construction of nine holes was unanimously approved."

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation was held on the call of the President, George R. Shepard, at 1:00 p.m. at the Florence Hotel. March 23, 1931

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"During this meeting Mr. Badgley presented a financial report of the golf course, and a proposal to put in grass on one fairway at a cost of \$1,500.00, which was endorsed; also a proposal by T. Clowes to use a small area of the golf course site for a driving green, which was approved on a motion of W. L. Murphy."

A meeting of the trustees of the corporation was held at 8 p.m. In University Hall. May 9, 1933

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"A proposal to enter into agreement to improve and use the northwest corner of the golf course site for municipal and high school baseball and other forms of recreation was presented by Mr. Badgley, and discussed.
This proposal was approved, and a baseball diamond called Campbell Field was constructed. Campbell Field served the Missoula Timberjack baseball team for over 30 years.

Excerpt CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES, March 12, 1946 (Mansfield Library)

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"Morrow moved that \$7,500.00 be made available from the Associated Students' reserve for the purchase of the Old Country Club and the site joined adjacent to the present A.S.M.S.U. Golf course tract. Brome seconded, and the motion carried."

Excerpt CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES January 7 1947 (Mansfield Library)

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"Kern moved...recommend to the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation that the Golf Course Tract be sold to the State of Montana for the sum of \$24,700.00 for the use and benefit of Montana State University, with the understanding that the President of the University will make a commitment to use the property thus acquired for intramural sports and athletic program, and such purposes as may be approved by Central Board.
"Kern moved that Central Board recommend to the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation that the Country Club House be sold to the State of Montana for the sum of \$12,000.00 for the use and benefit of Montana State University, and that the money realized from this sale be used for reimbursing A.S.M.S.U. and private donors of the local community. This sale is being made with the understanding that when the present use of the Country Club House as a recreational center in conjunction with the housing project is terminated, it will be used as an adjunct to the recreational and athletic facilities provided at the golf course. Tabaracci seconded, and the motion passed:

Excerpt from letter to Acting President R. H. Jesse, , June 18, 1947 (Mansfield Library)

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"In order to provide facilities for Veterans Housing (FPHA) and t protect the site from unrestricted use of adjoining property, the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation has acquired

title to the "Old Country Club" (land and building) for \$12,000.00.

Document titled Certificate of Change of Name, twelfth day of June, A.D. 1947
(Montana Historical Society Archives)

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THE ALUMNI-CHALLENGE ATHLETIC FIELD CORPORATION
to
UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Long before this name change was made, the Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation had branched out into real estate purchases in the area close to the main campus. At a Board meeting that was apparently held in early 1945, the following announcements were made:

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5. The President announced the gift to the Corporation by the Missoula Mercantile Company on December 30, 1944, of the following:

Certificates of indebtedness

Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation
issued to the Missoula Mercantile Company
No. 128 for \$500.00
No. 129 for \$400.00
(for West John Street Project)

Alumni Challenge Athletic Field Corporation notes
issued to Missoula Mercantile Company
October 25, 1929 - \$2,500.00 (No. 1902)
(For "Westby Tract")

Account Receivable-----\$1,517.43
(For Lots 5 and 6, Block 19, and Lots 24 and
25, Block 18, Hammond Addition (University
Avenue) on which the Missoula Mercantile Company
also paid \$1,517.43 in taxes which was carried
as an account receivable, see above, and no
interest having been paid on either note or
account receivable.)

On motion of Lucy, seconded by Melby, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept the gift, and that its appreciation be expressed to the Missoula Mercantile Company.