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DE KALB--Northern Illinois University President Richard J. Nelson Saturday announced new names for 11 campus buildings, including Northern's largest academic, athletic and recreational structures.

A 12th building was rededicated to its original name and four auditoriums were also renamed.

The announcements were made at the conclusion of a 75th anniversary luncheon in the University Center Ballroom at which the featured speaker was Gov. Daniel Walker.

The names were selected by a 12-member committee assigned more than a year ago to solicit, evaluate and recommend new names for various campus facilities which bore names describing the building's use or sharing the same name for several different structures.

The committee, which included representatives of the NIU faculty, administration, operating staff, students, alumni and the DeKalb community, was headed by Stephen J. Horvath, a 1955 Northern graduate who now serves as a school superintendent in Will County. Horvath previously headed the NIU Alumni Association and currently is president of the NIU Foundation.

The building names, already approved by NIU's governing Board of Regents, are listed below by their complete new names with a brief profile of the structure and the person being honored. Names previously designating the buildings are in parentheses.

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FOUNDERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Northern's new \$10.7 million library designed primarily for use by juniors, seniors and graduate students is the largest single building project ever undertaken at the university, with construction started in March, 1973 and expected to be complete in 1975.

"...In recognition of personal efforts and financial contributions of four DeKalb citizens which led to the establishment of Northern, Isaac L. Ellwood, Joseph F. Glidden, Jacob Haish and Clinton Rosette," the Building Naming Committee recommendation proposed the combined name to honor all four.

Known as DeKalb's "three prophets--Joseph, Jacob and Isaac," Glidden, Haish and Ellwood were instrumental in founding the barbed wire industry in DeKalb and used their influence and wealth to get Northern Illinois State Normal School located in DeKalb, acting upon the suggestion of Rosette, editor of the DeKalb Chronicle.

Glidden, who published the Chronicle, also was a prominent farmer and hotel owner, and served as sheriff and later mayor. He also is credited with perfecting what became the standard barbed wire fencing design. Haish was a lumber and farm implements dealer and Ellwood was a hardware dealer and auctioneer, who became wealthy as a barbed wire manufacturer and later renowned as a breeder of horses.

HUSKIE STADIUM (West Stadium and Teaching Gymnasiums or NIU Stadium): completed in 1965, with a capacity of 15,500 spectators and men's physical education facilities beneath the stands, the new name salutes Northern's traditional mascot and nickname for athletic teams.

GEORGE G. "CHICK" EVANS FIELDHOUSE (NIU Fieldhouse): completed in 1957, the structure contains classrooms, offices and various indoor athletic facilities, including the university's intercollegiate basketball court, with stands seating more than 6,000.

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Evans spent 39 years at Northern as a coach (as a one-man staff in 1929-30 he coached football, basketball, baseball and track) or athletic director, under whose tenure the Fieldhouse, the West Campus Athletic Area and a football field were built. He retired to California in 1968.

LESLIE A. HOLMES STUDENT CENTER (University Center): the social, cultural and recreational hub of the university which also serves as a convention and conference center for northern Illinois. Built in stages in the 1960s, it includes a grand ballroom, cafeterias, formal dining room, bookstore, meeting rooms, bowling alleys and game room, and 100 guest rooms in a 16-story tower.

Holmes, a native of Freeport, was Northern's president between 1949 and 1967 during the institution's greatest period of growth and the transition from a teacher's college to a multi-purpose college and finally to a university, as enrollment soared during his tenure from 1,900 to more than 18,000. Holmes had foreseen the center as "the hearthstone of the university--the educational resource planned to add to the cultural, esthetic, social, recreational and spiritual needs of all." He now lives in Tempe, Ariz.

ROMEO M. ZULAUF HALL (Watson East): a 10-story tower completed in 1968 with offices for nearly 300 faculty members and the administrative base for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Northern's largest college. Romeo M. Zulauf joined Northern's faculty in 1928 as professor of economics and social science, in 1941 being named dean of the faculty, the institution's then second highest post. Present departments of history, economics, political science, sociology, anthropology and philosophy all grew out of the social science department of which he was a member and all now have faculty members with offices in the building named for him. His widow, Mrs. Eleanor Zulauf, lives in DeKalb and is the daughter of Swen Franklin Parson, for whom Northern's 1952 main library is named. Zulauf died in 1957, the same year Northern became a university.

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JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DU SABLE HALL (Reavis West): a three-story classroom building completed in 1968, the structure's new name honors the adventurer, trader and early Chicago settler whose mother was a former slave.

Educated in France, he traded and lived with the Peoria and Potawatomi Indians, in 1772 building a fur trading post on the Chicago River near Lake Michigan. That single cabin grew into a trading center and the settlement of the Du Sable family is believed the first in the area that is now Chicago, from which Northern draws a large percentage of enrollment.

FAY-COOPER COLE HALL (Reavis-Watson Lecture Hall): completed in 1968, the building contains two 500-seat lecture halls and a lower level with anthropology and journalism facilities.

Cole was a world authority on the peoples and culture of Malaysia, a founder of modern archaeology, and a leader of many expeditions from Chicago's Field Museum into the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. Chairman of the anthropology department at the University of Chicago from 1924 until 1947, he died in 1961.

OTTO GABEL HALL (Gurler School, used by the DeKalb Public Schools the past two years after the University School, or Laboratory School, was eliminated): the structure, completed in 1958, is now named for a teacher of 46 years, 38 at Northern, from which he graduated in 1912.

A principal of Northern's McMurry Laboratory School for 16 years, he later taught educational psychology, school administration and audio-visual education for 22 years. Gabel died in 1962 and his widow lives in DeKalb.

THOMAS WOODS STEVENS BUILDING (Fine Arts Building): completed in 1959, the classroom-studio-office and theater building takes its new name from the former director of Chicago's Goodman Theatre, who also was an author, educator

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and theatrical director.

Originator and director of the Globe Theatre, he influenced both professional theater and educational theater in Illinois, according to the Building Naming Committee's recommendations.

Z. HAROLD DORLAND BUILDING (Central Stores Building): the university's central receiving, storage and distribution facility is now named for a Colfax, Ill. native who came to Northern in 1954 as director of business services.

Previously the superintendent of Streator Township High School, he was named Northern's vice-president for business affairs in 1965, organizing the institution's complex business and support services. Now retired, he lives in DeKalb.

WALLACE HECKMAN DORMITORY (new dormitory at Lorado Taft Field Campus): completed in 1970, the mansard-roofed, stone and redwood-faced structure sleeps 78, and is named for a Chicago lawyer who was a counsel and business manager for the University of Chicago.

Heckman, who died in 1927, helped establish the Eagle's Nest Art Colony near Oregon, Ill., which Northern acquired in 1951 to transform into an outdoor teacher education campus. Heckman had provided the land and buildings for the original art colony, which disbanded in 1942.

STILL HALL (Industry and Technology of I & T Building): rededication of one of Northern's earliest structures, originally dedicated in 1928 to honor Edgar B. Still, former member of the Teachers College Board.

RUTH SHONLE CAVAN AUDITORIUM (Laboratory School Auditorium): the 195-seat auditorium in the newly-named Gabel Hall is named for a sociologist now on Northern's faculty as an adjunct professor.

Dr. Cavan was on the University of Chicago faculty from 1926 to 1947, on the Rockford College faculty from 1947 to 1961 and at Northern from 1964 until

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1971, when she was named adjunct professor. An active researcher on youth and problems of adolescents, she is a professor emeritus of Rockford College.

Still living in DeKalb, she is the author of 14 books and more than 60 published articles.

WILLIAM V. O'CONNELL THEATRE (Fine Arts Theatre): a 447-seat theater in the newly-named Stevens Building, the new name honors a New York native who came to Northern in 1938 and remained as professor of speech and head of the speech and theater department until his retirement.

Active in community work and DeKalb's Stage Coach Theater, he was one of the planners of the Stevens Building. He died in 1972.

HUGH JAMESON AUDITORIUM (North Lecture Auditorium of Reavis-Watson, now Fay-Cooper Cole Lecture Hall): a professor of history at Northern from 1930 until 1965, he headed the social science department from 1941 until 1959, during a period in which the department grew from a faculty of five into six major departments with nearly 200 faculty members.

Active in the community, he is widely known as the former clown-costumed leader of Northern's Homecoming parades. He lives in retirement in DeKalb.

JOHN H. COLLINS AUDITORIUM (South Lecture Auditorium of Reavis-Watson, now Fay-Cooper Cole Lecture Hall): a companion 500-seat auditorium for the Jameson Auditorium, the facility is named to honor another Northern history professor the Building Naming Committee states "was regarded as the greatest living authority on Julius Caesar."

A professor of Roman history at Northern from 1961 until 1973, he is a recipient of the university's Excellence-in-Teaching Award. He lives in retirement in DeKalb.

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