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ORAL HISTORY 00-00-19

Ivar Skarland

Opens with organ music

Alaska Flag Song

Unidentified person speaks about increasing the nobility of each of us. He talked about Ivar Skarland and his qualities that helped define the university.

Unidentified person talked about Skarland the anthropologist. He was known throughout Alaska. The university gained prestige by being associated with Ivar Skaarland. He was first and foremost a teacher.

Unidentified person talked about being a student of Dr. Skarland. He was always interested in the student and their family.

Bill Cashen (?) talked about the life of Ivar Skarland and how he started his education at the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines. His Norwegian accent was difficult to understand when he first came to Alaska. He talked about Ivar working with Otto Geist at Savoonga. After graduating from college he decided to go to graduate school. He earned money by working at Healy. He enlisted in the army during WWII. He eventually earned a Ph. D. at Harvard. He was genuine and sincere and able to get along with people in all walks of life. He talked about several of Ivar's students. Bill Cashen talked about Ivar's cabin on the hill that was built in 1937. He concluded his eulogy by stating that the university is a better place because of Ivar Skarland.

Unidentified person reads a statement by Dr. Wood.