

## FRIDLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE MARGARET CHASE SMITH LIBRARY CENTER

Donald B. Tallman, executive director, offers warm welcome to new director, Russell Fridley.

Russell W. Fridley has been named director of the Northwood Institute Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, Maine. The announcement was made by Dr. David E. Fry, president of Northwood Institute, and Donald B. Tallman, executive director of the Library Center.

Beginning his new position on January 5, he is responsible for the total operations of the Library Center.

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*"We welcome Mr. Russell Fridley who brings with him years of experience and an historical background which, I am sure, will broaden the scope of the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center and further enhance its purpose of research and development in the minds of students, biographers, researchers, and scholars."*

—Senator Margaret Chase Smith

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Fridley succeeds Dr. James C. MacCampbell who retired as director December 31, 1986. MacCampbell, named director emeritus, will continue as a consultant.

Fridley served as the director and chief executive officer of the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul for the past 31 years. On leave from the Society on two occasions, he served as director of education and public programs for the National Endowment for the Humanities in

Washington, D. C., and as vice president of Grinnell College in Iowa.

*"It was an exciting experience to have been ~~part of a national search process for a~~ successor to Dr. MacCampbell. Mr. Fridley brings to the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center a national reputation, board experience in running one of the leading state historical societies in the United States, a proven track record of program development, and a deep appreciation of the unique role Senator Smith has played in the Twentieth Century. He has the capacity to take a sound Library Center and move it forward."*

Merton G. Henry, Chairman,  
Selection Advisory Committee

Under Fridley's direction, the Minnesota Historical Society expanded into a statewide institution with over 100 employees, a number of museums, a membership of 8,000, and a rich research collection, including the papers of two vice presidents.

In making this announcement, Dr. Fry said, "WE are very pleased to have Russell Fridley with us. He is both an experienced archivist and a development professional. His proven management skills and his understanding of political history will make him a significant addition to both Northwood Institute and to the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center."

Speaking of his new position with great pleasure, Fridley commented, "The Margaret Chase Smith Library Center comprises a resource of immense and ever-increasing value to the people of Maine and the nation as a whole.

Through the extraordinary career of Senator Margaret Chase Smith, one can illuminate the political life of the United States during the decades before and after World War II, an era of tremendous growth and change for our nation. At the same time, the character of Margaret Chase Smith radiates the enduring values of honesty, hard work, integrity, and courage."

Fridley sees many challenges ahead for the staff, boards and friends of the Library Center. They include: expanding the facility's base of support; making it more widely known; stimulating fresh research; and conducting workshops, symposia, and conferences on economic and political issues of concern to the people of Maine and the nation at large. "Now that the Library Center with its superb collection, outstanding gallery and excellent facility, is up and running," Fridley states, "the major task is to build on its excellent beginning and make its program a vital force for citizenship in the live of people."

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*"The search process utilized national, statewide and professional publications to announce the opening and drew applications from throughout the United States. Detailed interviews were conducted at the Library Center with five finalists from four states. The quality of applicants is a credit to the reputation the Library Center has attained under Dr. MacCampbell's guidance. In Mr. Fridley are found the qualifications to lead the Library Center to the next plateau."*

Donald B. Tallman

## DR. JAMES C. MACCAMPBELL RETIRES—NAMED DIRECTOR EMERITUS

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*“Those who know Dr. James C. MacCampbell are aware of the personal qualities he possesses but know little of the role he has played in the development of the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center. His contribution has meant so much to me personally as well as to all who have had to do with the establishment and perpetuity of the Library Center. His dedication and devotion have helped to lay the firm foundation on which the Library Center will continue to grow.”*

—Senator Margaret Chase Smith

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Dr. James C. MacCampbell has earned the new title of Director Emeritus; he retired as the first director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center on December 31, 1986. He leaves behind a stunning record of achievement. Under Dr. MacCampbell’s directorship, the Library Center facility was completed; the Margaret Chase Smith collection was organized with loving care; rules for the protection and public use of the Smith collection were formulated, tested and set in motion; a data base was laboriously fashioned and computerized; and a series of attractive and informative exhibits, drawn from the remarkable memorabilia of Senator Smith and her life, career and times are on view for public enjoyment and education.

*“Dr. MacCampbell’s designation as Director Emeritus reflects our highest esteem for his efforts which have been above and beyond any measure or expectation we could have made.”*

Dr. David E. Fry

President, Northwood Institute

During these busy years, Dr. MacCampbell has given generously of his scholarship and experience to provide wise counsel to hundreds of scholars, students, and a diverse public on the widespread contributions Margaret Chase Smith has made to her community, state, and the world. Prior to joining the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center on July 1, 1981, Dr. MacCampbell served with distinction as director of libraries and professor of education for the University of Maine during a period of unparalleled growth for the University’s library system.

“Dr. James C. MacCampbell’s years as director during the Library Center’s formative years have brought professional stature and firm direction to this new institution,” said his successor,

Russell Fridley. “Thanks to Jim MacCampbell, the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center has set a standard in the field of personal archival collections that those who follow will do well to emulate. Although he has retired as director, the good news is that he will continue as consultant and play a vital role in the life of the Library Center.”

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*“Jim MacCampbell’s contributions to the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center are beyond measure. His unique organization and cataloging of archival material will serve as a model for future libraries. He brought an academic integrity to the Library Center which gave it instant credibility. We are delighted he will be continuing his affiliation with us.”*

Merton G. Henry  
Board Member

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### DR. “MAC” EXCELS IN DIVERSE ROLES

...touring the grounds with Senator Smith and Dr. R. Gary Stauffer.

...conducting orientation to Library Center for students researchers.

...taking a break with Ray Hearn, Skowhegan Businessman and member of Maine Society of Entrepreneuers.

...addressing guests at 1982 Library Center Dedication.

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