

Dedication of Closson Center Held April 13

The formal dedication of the new \$1,300,000 Eugene E. Closson Physical Education Center, recently completed on the campus, took place Sunday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m.

The program included an open house and an exhibition of facilities. Demonstrations showing the

ties. Demonstrations showing the versatility of the facility through synchronized swimming, diving, gymnastics, folk and modern dancing, fencing and karate were staged. Badminton, tennis, volleyball, and basketball demonstrations were also included.

Mrs. Betty L. Welch, director of physical education for the program, reflected the great potential the new building holds out for the college in its development of a



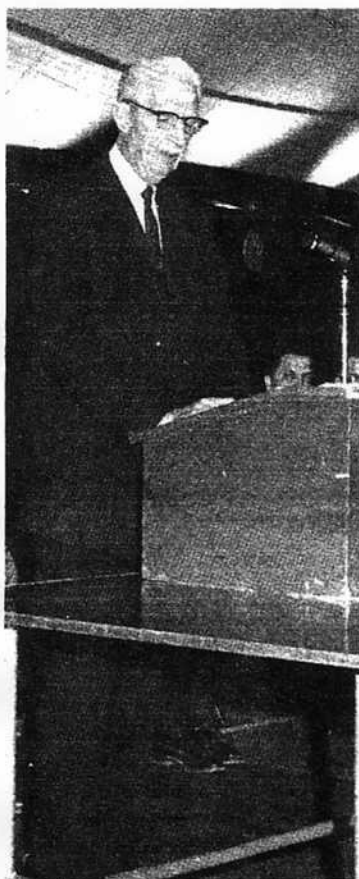
Eugene E. Closson visits with two of the hundreds of alumni and friends who attended the dedication of the new physical education facilities at Graceland. The center was named for Mr. Closson.

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The new facility, a complex of unique design and broad utility, was opened on an unofficial basis on January 20. Since that time six indoor college track meets have been held in the huge gymnasium section. On March 22, the State Iowa Federation high school track championship meet was held in the facility, with 486 high school

athletes participating, representing 60 schools.

Approximately 750 visitors were on campus for the dedication services which honored Mr. Closson. Among those attending were President and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith of the RLDS Church, William A. Piedimonte, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Thomas D. Cochran, president of the Alumni Council.



W. Wallace Smith, president of the RLDS Church, greeted Mr. Closson and the guests.



Eugene Closson and his wife, Judy, respond to a standing ovation by those at the dedication.