

# My So-Called Life on the Plains

Confessions of the Last Picture Show Generation

This year's lecture is an exploration of the Great Plains—with the promise that under no circumstances will the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery be mentioned. No, the subject at hand is life on the plains during the time, the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, when regional society unraveled and malaise gripped the land. “My So-Called Life on the Plains” is a confessional essay by a scholar who has devoted his life to this place and lived through these times. The presenter, Prof. Tom Isern, is a specialist in the history and folklore of the plains; author or co-author of six books about regional life; instructor of “The North American Plains” and other regional offerings at NDSU; and author of the popular weekly newspaper column, *Plains Folk*.

**Tri-College History Lecture by  
Tom Isern, Professor of History  
North Dakota State University**

**Wednesday 7 April 2004  
7:30 PM, Reimers Room  
NDSU Alumni Center  
1241 N. University Drive**

Along with the academic communities, the public is invited to devote an evening to contemplating the legacies and prospects of life on the Great Plains of North America.

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