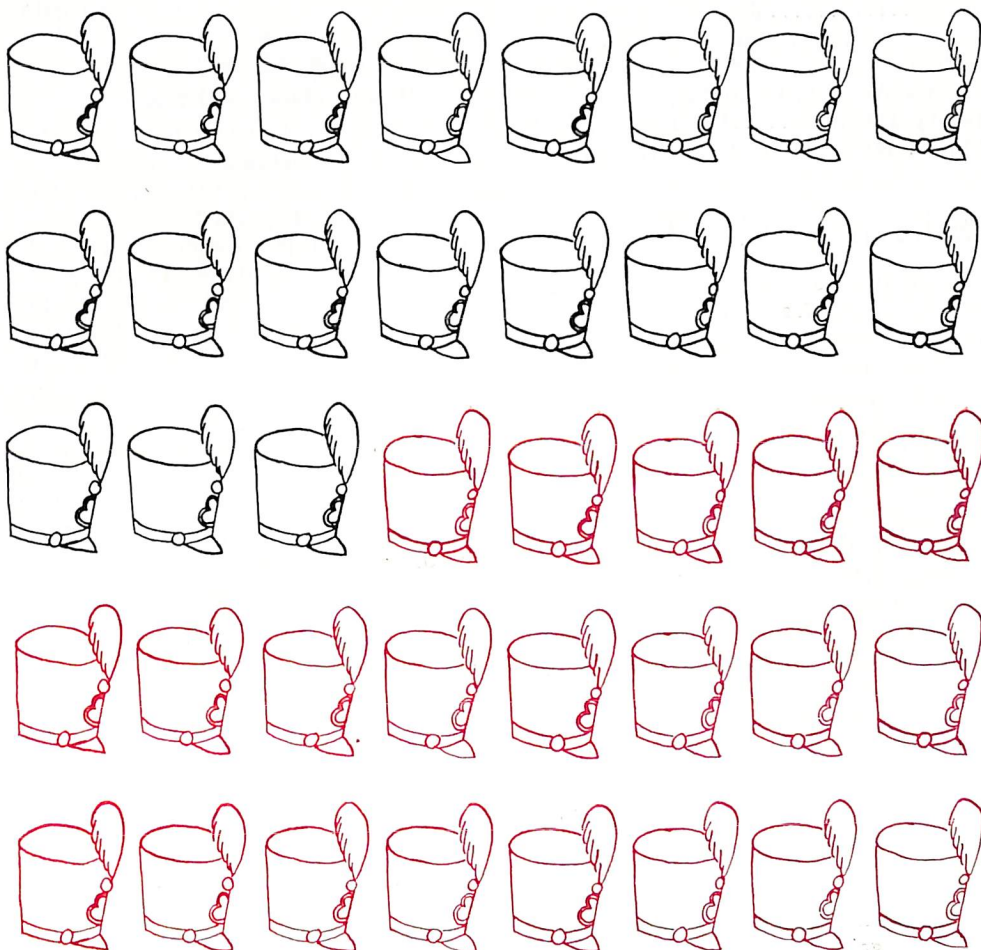


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Editorial Notations

Last month we reported the delay in accreditation of Dana with the North Central Association. We are happy to report that the administration is doing everything it can to raise the necessary funds, which is essentially the core of the problem, to improve the areas of weakness and make it possible for Dana to reapply again this fall and perhaps achieve the goal.

In this issue you will find the first available information on the 1955 Homecoming. Now is the time to start planning your fall vacation at Blair. Why not drop a line to your old school chums and talk them into going, too? We would be glad to supply you with any addresses.

Special thanks for the art work on the cover of this issue and aid in preparing the contents should go to Jim Clemon, D56. Jim was editor of the *Hermes* this past year and will be the Dana student body president this coming school year.

We are again appealing for more letters and information on what you are doing as well as impressions on your days at Dana. This magazine is only as interesting as you help make it.

Survey of Graduates Reveals Information

A questionnaire was sent in 1954 to all students completing at least two years at Dana between the years 1947-1953 inclusive. The total number was 422 of which 207 had received the degree and 215 had not. 71% of the graduates and 60% of the non-graduates sent in replies. A few others came back without having been received by students to whom they were sent. The response was deeply appreciated and much value has been gained from it for the work at Dana College. A short summary follows.

Was Guidance Satisfactory?

One question asked was this: "Was the educational, vocational and personal guidance you received at Dana satisfactory for your needs? Explain."

Responses to this question fell logically into three groups: satisfied (86.23%), not entirely satisfied (9.42%) and dissatisfied (4.35%). Those dissatisfied usually said they didn't get any guidance; one or two ventured that they probably wouldn't have accepted it if they had. Among those not entirely satisfied, the weakness most commonly mentioned was vocational guidance. It is interesting to note that most of these two groups were students from the earlier period of the study. The Strong Vocational Interest Inventory has been used for all entering freshmen beginning in September, 1949; this would be the group graduating in 1953. Occupational information files were started in the Library about the same time and have become more complete each year. This may account in part for the increased satisfaction recently. Those satisfied often mentioned personal counsel and other areas they felt to be especially good.

Graduate Students Express Satisfaction

Another question concerned success in graduate or professional colleges. A third of those responding had already entered such colleges. No graduates were unable to enter graduate college. Four were re-

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Will The Band Uniforms Become A Reality?

Will the band uniforms become a reality? This is a question which you as alumni must face squarely.

A quick check of the figures shows that to date of publication \$963.00 has been received for the band uniform fund. What does this pay for? Just 19 uniforms, which is not even half the number needed.

This month the Association must order the uniforms to have them ready for presentation this fall. On the basis of faith in the alumni the Board is going ahead and preparing to meet with representatives of various band outfitting companies and are hoping to reach an agreement soon.

Mental arithmetic quickly shows that we must raise \$1050.00 in three months to pay for the 40 uniforms on schedule. This means that each must dig deep. If you have just paid your dues, thanks much, but maybe another check will prove an extra dollar or two to help the band uniform fund, which is entirely separate from the dues. If you have contributed to the fund, thanks also, but if you are able to send more it will be appreciated. If you have contributed to neither yet, we are hoping that you will come through in the final moments and send as much as you are able.



Our Association has never undertaken as bold a project in the past. It was only with the firm conviction that there were enough alumni who felt a deep appreciation for their alma mater that the project became a reality. In the words of our enthusiastic vice-president Forrest "Red" Leighton, "There is nothing that can't be accomplished if we are all willing to do our share for Dana."

How about it? Send your cash, check or money order today to Lee Daggett, 501 W. Washington, Blair, Nebraska.

PAYMENTS FOR DUES REACH \$1818; BUDGET CALLS FOR \$200 MORE

Dues payments for the Association reached \$1818 at publication time. This is \$200 short of the budget for the year. Statements have been sent to the 2500 persons who receive the **Alumni Quarterly**. It is hoped that many more will send their dues of \$5.00.



Pictured from left to right is Mr. Bruce Jensen, new mathematics instructor, and Rev. W. D. Knappe, Seminary professor.

New Members Added To College Staff

Several new members have been added to the administration and faculty recently.

Mr. Bruce Jensen, of Madison, Wisconsin, will be instructor in mathematics and general science next year at Dana. Mr. Jensen is a 1952 graduate of Dana, and will receive his Master of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin this year. He is married to Doris nee Bartl, 49-51, and they have one child. Mr. Jensen will assist Mr. Arthur C. Lindberg in the mathematics department.

Replacing Mr. C. Arthur Christiansen as biology instructor for one year will be Mr. David Williamson of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Williamson is a graduate of Peru State Teachers' College, and will receive his Masters degree in biology from the University of Nebraska. Mr. C. Arthur Christiansen will take a one-year leave of absence to continue his studies in biology at the University of Nebraska.

Added to the Trinity Seminary faculty will be Rev. W. D. Knappe, a native of Koblenz, Germany. He will be an instructor in the New Testament. Rev. Knappe, a fourth generation pastor in the Lutheran Church, received all his education in Europe, with the exception of his Master

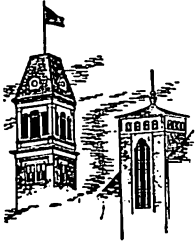
of Theology degree, which he received at Chicago Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, Illinois. He is continuing his study there for a doctorate. At present, Rev. Knappe is serving a congregation of the Wartburg Synod of the United Lutheran Church at Steeleville, Illinois.

His training includes special studies in Hebrew, Greek, French and Latin. He is married and has two children.

Mr. Charles Kofoid has been appointed college admissions counsellor, it was announced recently by Dr. R. E. Morton. Kofoid, a graduate of Omaha Technical High School, has taught high school at Wahoo, Nebraska. He received his B. A. and M. A. from the University of Nebraska. At Dana he will be in charge of student recruitment and field work. His wife is the former Helen D. Halsted, D51.

Miss Edith Skobo, D53, of Blair, Nebraska, and Coach Paul O. Peterson will also work in the student recruitment field this summer.

Other faculty positions to be filled are business administration, music, speech and English. Mr. Neve will return as choir director and Rev. William Thomsen will be full-time art instructor.



On College Hill

AND WITH THE ALUMNI

ANNUAL HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES FOR 1955 TO BE HELD OCT. 28-30....

Dana's 1955 Homecoming festivities will be held on October 28-30. This year, special recognition will be given to members of the classes of the years 1945-46, 1935-36, 1925-26, 1915-16 and 1905-06. At the suggestion of several alumni, the theme for 1955 Homecoming will be taken from the inscription on the college seal, **Veritas Vincit**, "Truth Conquers."

A speaker for the banquet has not yet been secured, but committeemen are working through the summer and a speaker will be scheduled by the time classes resume in the fall.

Saturday afternoon's football game will feature a clash between the Vikings and their traditional rivals, Concordia Teachers of Seward, Nebraska.

The Friday night talent show, usually reserved for freshmen, will be taken over this year by the alumni, who are encouraged to line up some talent to represent their classes, particularly those of the ten-year interval being honored.

Registrations should be mailed to Harold Laursen, Dana College.

TWENTY-FOUR COLLEGE-SEMINARY SENIORS GRADUATE ON MAY 29....

At commencement exercises held Sunday, May 29, 18 Dana seniors and four senior seminarians of Trinity received their degrees from Dr. R. E. Morton. Two seminarians received the Theological Diploma of Graduation. Dr. Lawrence Stavig, president of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. D., was the guest speaker addressing a crowd of 500 parents, relatives and friends of the graduates.

Donovan Olson, Dana senior from Ken-

mare, N. D., delivered the valedictory address. At the baccalaureate service in the morning Dr. Ethan Mengers of Trinity Seminary spoke.

About 50 per cent of the Dana graduates plan to enter the teaching field. Graduate studies will be the destination of 25 per cent and the rest expect to find places in business or other activities.

The list of graduates for 1955 who are now members of the Alumni Association are as follows: **TRINITY SEMINARY—Bachelor of Divinity:** John Beck, Fremont, Nebr.; Robert Nelson, Racine, Wis.; Lloyd Lorensen, Brush, Colo.; Robert Thoms, Cedar Falls, Ia. **Diploma of Graduation:** Ervin Dohmeier, Mitchel, Ia.; Anton Kirkegaard, Jr., Blairstown, Mo. **DANA COLLEGE—Bachelor of Arts:** Shirley Andersen, McNabb, Ill.; Donald D. Getz, Swanville, Minn.; Alvin Hansen, McNabb, Ill.; Morton Hansen, Racine, Wis.; Stanley Hansen, Poy Sippi, Wis.; Doris Jacob, Racine, Wis.; Rodney Knudsen, Eagle Grove, Ia.; Gunnar Mengers, Blair, Nebr.; Bethany Miller, West Branch, Ia.; Harold E. Nelson, Elendale, Minn.; Donovan Olson, Kenmare, N. D.; Orvan Peterson, Council Bluffs, Ia.; William Peterson, Longview, Wash.; **Bachelor of Science:** John Stark, Racine, Wis.; **Bachelor of Science in Education:** Margaret McQuarrie Brodersen, Blair, Nebr.; Emil D. Rasmussen, Selma, Calif.; Vordyn Nelson, Farmington, Minn.; Erling Schultz, Flaxton, N. D.

DANA TO RECEIVE \$100,000 AS PART OF CHURCH FUND DRIVE...

Dana is slated to receive \$100,000 as part of the "Forward With Christ" Drive of the United Evangelical Lutheran

Church. This money will be used to complete needed repairs and improvements of the present physical plant it was announced by Dr. R. E. Morton.

Old Main will require a considerable sum for a new roof, a new heating system and completion of the tuck-pointing work begun last summer.

Also the furniture in the dormitories urgently needs to be replaced, a reserve fund for replacement of at least one boiler in the heating plant must be set-up, eventual construction of a sewer system to tie in with the city system is recommended, the repair of several college-owned residences is needed and the grounds and drives on the campus should be improved.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS \$338,000 BUDGET FOR 1955-56...

Last March the Board of Trustees approved a budget for the 1955-56 school year of \$338,000. The new budget compares with that of \$287,675 for the current year. The Board will ask an appropriation of \$87,030, or 25.7% of the budget, from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Other main sources of income include tuition and fees, 29.8%, and auxiliary activities, including boarding and housing, 34.9%.

The addition of another instructor in the science department was approved by the Board. Salary increases were also allowed for next year. The administration was authorized to begin renovation and improvement of Old Main when funds are received from the forthcoming "Forward with Christ" campaign in the UELC, out of which Dana is to receive \$100,000.

THREE SPEAKERS GIVE TOPICS FOR SEMINARY CONVOCATIONS....

Dr. Erwin Fritschel of Denver, Colo., was one of the speakers at the 1955 Trinity Seminary Convocation held April 20-21. Dr. Fritschel is the president of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. He spoke on the subjects: "The Emergence of Lutheran Strength in America" and "Some Practical Aspects of

the Universal Spiritual Priesthood of Believers."

Other speakers were Rev. Frantz-Oluf Lund of Sioux City, Ia., and Mr. Don Hollis, a young Lutheran architect, who is currently a consultant on church architecture in the American Lutheran Church. Pastor Lund spoke on "Comparative Religion" and Mr. Hollis on "Modern Trends in Church Architecture."

SPRING STUDENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MANY AND VARIED EVENTS

Year-end activities on College Hill included the arena-style production of Hart and Kaufman's "You Can't Take It With You," the spring band concert, campus clean-up day, May Fest, a concert by Rubinoff, and the fourth annual Male Glee club concert.

Under the direction of Mr. A. E. Rembold, the band presented a 90-minute concert ranging all the way from Schubert's First Movement from the "Unfinished Symphony" to LeRoy Andersen's "Bugler's Holiday" and J. E. Handlon's "Time Out for a Jam Session."

The Male Glee club, under the direction of Don Olsen, D53, presented its fourth annual home concert during the Luther League convention. Attired in tuxedos, the group sang a two-part program, secular and sacred. A standing ovation attested to the professional caliber of the show.

TRACK TEAM TAKES CONFERENCE; RASMUSSEN NAMED TOP ATHLETE

Led by such stars as Marion Hudson, Omaha, and Dean Rasmussen, Selma, Calif., the Dana track team had its most successful season this spring, capturing the conference crown and amassing an impressive record of wins over schools as large as Omaha University and Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln, Nebr.

Dean Rasmussen was named Athlete of the Year at the annual All-Sports banquet held in the spring.

In baseball Dana eased into second place in the Midwest Baseball league as did the tennis team in the Central Church College Conference.



On Destiny's Deep Sea

1942

Dr. and Mrs. **Robert Jensen**, 40-42, (**Virginia Pedersen**, 40-42), are living at Park Forest, Ill. He is associated with three other doctors in a clinic. The Jensens have three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. **Paul Rothje**, (**Eleanor Jensen**, 41-42) are living at Park Forest, Ill. He is an engineering consultant for the Ford Aircraft Engine Division.

Mr. and Mrs. **Herbert Jeppesen**, 39-42, (**Ruth Nielsen**, 41-42), are the parents of a girl, Lynda Ruth, born October 29, 1954. They are living at Chicago.

1948

Mr. and Mrs. **Stanley Hansen**, 47-48, (**Esther Jensen**, 47-48), are the parents of a girl, Lori Jayne, born April 18. Stan is working with a building contractor and they are living at Harvey, Ill.

1949

Mr. and Mrs. **Kenneth Weaver**, D49, are living at Grand Prairie, Texas, where he is employed as a senior computations engineer with the Chance Vought Company. Ken received his M.S. degree from Oklahoma A and M in June, 1951. The Weavers have one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Gerald Hatt**, D49, (**Janice Aye**, 52-53), are the parents of a son, Gregory Dean, born April 9. They are living in Los Angeles.

Letha Sorensen, 47-49, was married to John Grutzik of Cedar Falls, Ia., in the summer of 1954. He is a mechanical engineer.

1950

Mr. and Mrs. **Clair Ingram** (**Delores Nielsen**, 48-50), are the parents of a boy, Craig Raymond, born July 27, 1954. They are living at Minden, Nebr.

Maxine Baxter, 49-50, was married to Sharon Kindler of Tekamah, Nebr., this spring. They are living at Blair.

Maria Elisa Cruz, D50, was married to Peter Merkl, assistant engineer for Bell Telephone Co. at San Francisco, on April 4. They are living at Berkley, Calif.

Antonio Cruz, D50, is a chemical engineer for the Eastman Kodak company at Rochester, N. Y.

1951

Janet Enger, 50-51, was married to Neil Lang of Herman, Nebr., this spring. Neil farms near Herman.

1952

Paul V. Hansen, D52, was married to Greta Dahlberg of Chicago on April 2. He is presently employed with Swift and Company of Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. **Paul Johnsen**, T52, (**Joyce Nelson**, 46-50), are the parents of a boy, David John, born March 2, They are now living at 74-2 Kasuga Cho, Chiba City, Japan.

1953

Cpl. **Gerald Borglum**, D53, is a pay clerk in Service Company of the 1st Infantry Division's 18th Regiment in Germany. His wife (**Angela Sorensen**, 51-52) is with him in Germany.

Neil Christensen, 51-53, was married to **Ruth Pedersen**, 51-53, on April 30 at Blair. They are now living in Omaha.

Marilyn Spanton, 51-53, was married to Richard Svendgaard of Blair on June 5. They are living in Blair.

1954

Norman Freund, D54, was married to Esther Olesen of Racine, Wis., on May 28 at Council Bluffs, Ia. Norm expects to enter seminary next year.

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fused full standing at specific colleges because of deficiencies in their program. In each case the courses were available at Dana and the student could have had them had he planned definitely to enter the specific graduate college. Each of these four entered the same or another graduate college in his chosen field, two of them with scholarship or assistantship.

Of 82 entering graduate college, only two reported that they considered their undergraduate training unsatisfactory. These two reported average graduate college grades of A and B respectively in working towards the M.A. Seven students reported average grades of C or C plus; all others reported A or B level work in graduate college. No knowledge is at present available as to how this compares with graduates of other colleges, but it appears to give a picture of satisfactory background; this is in agreement with the general feeling of Dana graduates.

40% Enter Teaching Profession

The responses indicate that almost 40% had entered the teaching profession after leaving Dana. While the larger number taught in Nebraska and Iowa, the group had had teaching positions in 14 states for from one to seven years. Areas of teaching included kindergarten through the college level and all areas and subject fields for which Dana prepares teachers. A number have entered administrative positions after some teaching experience. Half of the group taught at the elementary level.

Concerning their training in education, about 5% considered their training not satisfactory, about 20% satisfactory with qualifications, and about 75% were well satisfied or enthusiastic.

No specific area of the education pro-

gram was named consistently as being weak. Some wanted more courses in education, such as methods, guidance, measurement or more supervised teaching. Others desired more courses in science, speech, music, social studies or English. Quite a number mentioned the lack of North Central accreditation as a handicap in securing positions in some states.

Dana's Teacher Program Improved

Much improvement has occurred in Dana's teacher education program during the last few years. The amount of supervised teaching has been increased, special methods for the major have been added at the secondary level and a broader course at the elementary level and separate instructors are employed for elementary and secondary education. In addition there has been a reorganization of the courses which will be especially noticeable in the 1955-56 catalogue. And North Central accreditation should become a reality in the near future. These changes all seem to be in harmony with the comments of former students and have been greatly encouraged by their responses.

Areas of work other than teaching or the ministry that were indicated by the responses include business, secretary, engineer, nurse, skilled trades, agriculture, social welfare, parish work, medicine and library. Salaries ranged up to \$7000 for teachers and \$10,000 for the entire responding group, with the median in the neighborhood of \$3400-3500. Approximately half of the group report leadership in some area of work in the church, including choir, Sunday School or an organization within the church.

Elmer M. Rasmussen