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# Quarterly Needs Your Cooperation

This being the first issue of the **Alumni Quarterly** since I have been appointed editor, I think it is fitting to set forth some of the policies and objectives which the **Alumni Quarterly** plans to follow.

The primary objective of the **Quarterly** will be to bring news of other Alumni and of Dana College, and to keep the Alumni informed on the actions of the Advisory Board and the Alumni Association.

The editor has heard that there has

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The editor would also like to thank all of the other persons who helped with this issue.

been some criticism because the **Quarterly** has not been carrying much news of the older Alumni. It is understandable that most of the news items have dealt with the more recent Alumni, since the editors usually have been of a recent vintage and therefore, their contacts have been contemporaries. With the cooperation of the older Alumni, we will try to keep a balance in the news.

We invite letters, especially those of a controversial nature. Certain rules will be applied to determine which letters will be published. The basic rule will be that the letters must be signed. Available space will determine whether the letters will be printed in full, and we ask that letters of a critical nature tend toward constructive criticism. It is felt that there will be value in these letters. First of all, the strength of a person or plan often is not known until it has been criticized. Secondly, the controversy aroused by such letters will most probably affect the discussion and decisions at the annual Alumni meeting, which a relatively small percentage of the Alumni are able to attend.

Editorials will be the opinions of the editor, and should not be construed as those held by any organized group of Alumni or the Advisory Council.

We would like to run features on Alumni who have been especially successful in the field of their endeavor or have been active in the affairs of their community. We would also like to have a section on the news and activities of the various Dana Clubs.

Basically the **Alumni Quarterly** is printed for the Alumni. The material it contains will depend on the opinions, contributions, and cooperation of all of the Alumni. We do not pretend to believe that we can have much of a paper without contributions and cooperation.

All contributions of news items should be addressed to **Alumni Quarterly** Editor, Box 551, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska. Box 551, Dana College, is also the address which should be used for the mailing of contributions, dues, and address changes.



## Chapel Improvements One of Alumni Goals

In a spirit of enthusiasm the Association decided on two projects for 1956 at the annual Homecoming meeting. With a goal set at \$3000 for contributions by next December, the money will be divided evenly between a Chapel project and an Athletic project. This goal is \$1000 higher than that of last year when band uniforms were purchased.

The question asked by many alumni is—how will the \$1500 given for each project be used?

In the narrow budget allotted to Coach Peterson and the athletic department, it is often difficult to purchase needed equipment which would improve the athletic program. For example, much desired is a whirlpool bath used to aid the recovery of injured athletes. Or a trampoline would be an excellent addition for training and gymnastics. These are but a few of the possibilities. Certainly alumni should remember from their college days how important the athletic program is. This is an opportunity to improve it for the students of today.

Visitors or students on the campus

since Pioneer Memorial was completed are familiar with the appearance of the chapel in this building which is used for the morning chapel meeting and other events. Originally not designed to be used as chapel, the room was never completely finished. The beams still protrude overhead, the walls are exposed brick and the floor is uncovered concrete. The general appearance of the room provides a cold and lifeless atmosphere for chapel purposes. Some attempts have been made to improve the situation, but the funds necessary to effect much change have never been available.

A college and seminary operated as Christian institutions have need of proper chapel facilities. It is felt that though an alumni project of \$1500 will not cover all that could be done, it will make possible enough improvements to effect some change in atmosphere.

Final determination of how the money will be spent will be decided in consultation with Coach Peterson and Dr. C. C. Madsen.



## On Destiny's Deep Sea

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Friend (Pauline Clausen 46-47) are parents of a daughter, Katherine Ann, born on December 20, 1955. The Friends live at Harlan, Iowa. They also have a son, Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Korshoj (Virginia Clark 47-48) are the parents of a daughter born February 6. They named her Elise Meline. The Korshoj's live at 1035 West Military, Fremont, Nebraska.

Miss Phyllis Kloster, (50-51) took over duties as parish worker at Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She had previously been teaching in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berthelsen D52 (Erna Petersen 47-49) and John Robert are in Albert Lea after living in Hawaii for a year, where Bob was stationed with the Navy.

John Mehr D52 is doing graduate work at the University of Iowa in accounting. He is married and has one child.

Hans Mehr (50-52) is working for the General Electric Co. He graduated last June from Iowa State College.

Roma Geisler D54 is now working for the Lutheran Children's Home Society in Omaha. Roma was in California the past year.

Ruth Kirkegaard (50-52, 54-55) and Carole Hemmingsen (51-54) are teaching at Fremont, Nebraska.

Marge Poh D54 is teaching at Waukesha, Wis., and Ellen Olesen (50-52, 53-54) is teaching in Wahoo, Nebraska.

Carl Nielsen D51 married Phyllis Benson (54-55) on August 5, 1955. Carl is principal and music instructor of Niobrara, Nebraska, High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doidge D51 are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Ann, born October 26. Chuck is working for the Bell Telephone Co. in Omaha.

Rev. and Mrs. Norlan L. Hanson D49

TS 52 (Alice L. Romer D49) had a baby boy, Steven Thomas, on September 25.

Milton Brostrom, former mathematics and physics instructor at Dana, is now teaching at Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota. His wife, the former Elaine Madison D51, is employed in the Admissions office there.

Lola Mae Petersen (49-50) was married in October 1955 to Glenn Wiese. They are living at 1435 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sara Anne Hansen (48-50) is Assistant Clinical instructor at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Chicago.

John H. Christensen D54 and Myra D. Vig D54 were married December 17 in Fresno, California. They are teaching in Modesto, California, and live at 133 Palm.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Anderson D50 TS53 (La Vaile Jensen 50-51) became parents of a daughter, Lea Marie, on November 7, 1955. They also have two other children, Paul Gene and Kenneth Mark. Pastor Anderson serves the Winnetoon and Plainview congregations.

Malvern Larson D41 is a mathematics teacher at Kearney College. His wife is the former Ellen Houtwed (35-36).

Richard L. Sack (49-50) lives in Richardson, Texas. He works in Dallas as an accountant.

Raymond P. Krogh, (27-28) lives at 8405 West Center Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a sales representative for Webster Electric Co.

Richard W. Krogh (Academy 30-31) is a carpenter at Fleming, Colorado.

Merrill John Reeh, M.D. (24-27) is living at 2951 NE Edgehill Place, Portland 12, Oregon. He is an eye specialist.

John Philip Jensen (24-25, 27-28) is a lawyer at Kearney, Nebraska.

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# President's Column

With this issue of the **Quarterly** the Alumni Association welcomes a new editor, James Nielsen, D53, from Albert Lea, Minn. Having been a former editor of the **Hermes** during the year it achieved an All-American honor rating, we feel Jim is well-qualified to edit our paper. In his attempts to improve the content and value of the **Quarterly** he will need your help. You like to read about your friends and they like to read about you. Send your letters, comments and news items to Jim, c/o Box 551, Dana College.

By the way, Box 551 is now the official address of the Alumni Association. During the past couple of years the routine work of the Association, particularly connected with money-raising and address changes, has grown to proportions that make it difficult for your officers to adequately handle without office help. Thus we have employed a college student on a part-time basis to do much of our routine financial work and keep up the mailing list. Our mailing address then for all contributions and dues as well as address changes and

alumni news items is Box 551, Dana. We feel that this arrangement will much improve the whole operation of our Association.

Notices for dues and contributions were mailed to all members at the end of January. We hope that you will give serious consideration to the amount of your contribution above dues. As you may know Dana did not receive a Ford Foundation gift because it was not accredited. As pointed out by the Accreditation group the major reason Dana was not accepted was financial. They do not feel that Dana is on a sound operating basis. As alumni, by contributing through our project, we can help improve this situation.

That brings up a matter that will be discussed further in future issues of the **Quarterly**. At our annual Homecoming meeting a resolution was passed which read: "Whereas Dana College has well served students of this area and from all parts of the nation educationally and spiritually, and whereas, we feel its present geographical location serves real needs of the present and the future, and whereas, its rich tradition and support are derived from alumni and friends of this area especially; therefore be it resolved, that we urge continued support of Dana College as a four-year liberal arts college in its present location."

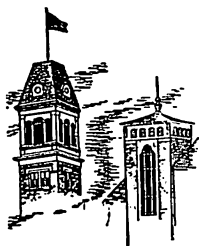
If this is a sincere statement of what we feel as alumni, then we must find means and methods whereby we might actively support this resolution. We can hardly afford to be passive on this issue, since we do not want to be alumni of a non-existent institution. The College needs our support in more ways than simply by means of an annual project. What the possibilities are remains an open question. If you have opinions or suggestions write to me or any of the other officers at the addresses given in the front of the **Quarterly**.

Bob Hemmingson  
President

## National Tests Reveal Above Average Rating

Dana College has measured the general educational background of all her seniors, beginning with the 1949 class, through the use of the Tests of General Education of the Graduate Record Examinations. These tests have included the areas of the physical sciences, biological sciences, mathematics, social science, literature, fine arts, effective expression and vocabulary. It has been highly satisfying to note that in comparison with seniors of other liberal arts colleges taking the test, the *average* for all Dana seniors graduating during any year has never been below the 50th percentile (average) rank and has been as high as the 63rd percentile.

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# On College Hill

AND WITH THE ALUMNI

## Pastor Carlsen Speaks During Emphasis Days

Pastor Clarence J. Carlsen of St. Olaf's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis was the guest speaker at the second series of Spiritual Emphasis Days this year at Dana. The meetings were held from Sunday, February 5 until Wednesday, February 8.

"Truth in the Inward Being" was Pastor Carlsen's Sunday morning message. His other topics were: "He Came Anyway," "Great Little People," "Spiritual Chain Reaction," "The Cross in Fear and Tension," "Youth with Faith," "The Megaphones of God" and "The Commonplace of Christ."

Pastor Carlsen is a graduate of Augsburg College and Theological Seminary. He has also done graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He is known for his work as translator of the Hallesby books.

## Aksel Schiotz, Baritone Is Lyceum Artist

Aksel Schiotz, baritone, hailed by critics in Europe and America as one of the great singers of his generation, presented a recital Friday, February 17, in the Alumni Memorial Auditorium at Dana College.

Included in the program, which was one of the annual lyceum concerts, was Schubert Lieder, works by Morley and Purcell, and a selection of 19th century Danish and Swedish songs.

Mr. Schiotz, a graduate of the University of Copenhagen and the Royal Opera School of Denmark, made his debut in Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" in 1939. A series of recordings led to engagements in England and America but World War II stopped his career abroad. During the war he built up a wide repertoire of oratorios, lieder and light lyrical opera parts. The 1945-1946 season made him a noted tenor in England where he sang the leading tenor part at the first post-war Glyndebourne Festival.

A sudden illness forced him to cancel world-wide engagements at the end of 1946. In 1948 he took up singing again, but now as a baritone. That same year he was chosen Artist of Honor by the students of the University of Copenhagen.

During the current academic year Mr. Schiotz is on the staff of the schools of music at the University of Minnesota and Macalester College.

## News Notes

Dana has been given an "A" rating in a manual published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

An "A" rating signifies that any transcript of college work is transferable up to a four-year level. This means that any Dana transcript is given full value at other colleges and universities and that graduates may be accepted anywhere on this basis.

Following Tom Langenfeld's resignation as editor of the **Hermes**, Marilyn Ward, managing editor has taken over his duties. Tom Langenfeld has remained on the staff as editorial advisor. Other staff positions have remained unchanged.

## *Homestead to Halls of Ivy*

### Three Generations Enroll

#### *At Dana College*

Three generations of one family is the record set at Dana College this semester, when a lady who is twice a great grandmother decided that it was time to realize a lifelong ambition for college and enrolled for courses at the midcontinent college. She is Mrs. Anna Beate Nelson, whose childhood and youth were spent in Aarhus, Denmark, and who in 1906 homesteaded near Flaxton, North Dakota.

Also a student at the college is her daughter, Sister Sigrid Nelson of the Philadelphia Motherhouse at Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. She is a Lutheran deaconess completing work for the Bachelor of Science degree. Sister Sigrid's previous education won for her the certificates of Registered Nurse and Medical Technologist of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She is also a registered X-ray Technician.

The three generation family reunion is completed by Margaret and Myril Schultz, freshman twins from Flaxton, North Dakota, the area of their grandparents' old homestead. They are the grandchildren of Mrs. Nelson and the niece and nephew of Sister Sigrid. The group gathered recently in the reading room of the Dana College library for a family portrait—an illustration of the saga of a family's journey from homestead to the halls of ivy in three generations.

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In a broadcast quiz over KFGT radio station in Fremont, Dana triumphed over Midland College by a score of 130½ to 24. Dana's "Quiz Kids" were Barbara Petersen, Tom Langenfeld, Jon Petersen and Dorothy Willmert. Jim, Clemons, as moderator, fired the questions for the half hour contest.

Larrie Stone and Bonita Petersen were chosen Sports King and Queen and reigned over the third annual Snow Carnival. The program, "Guys and Dolls," was based on the screen version by Samuel Goldwyn.



### Christensen Added To College Staff

Recently appointed instructor in history at Dana College for the second semester is Mr. William Christensen. He will teach the courses that were offered by the late Dr. H. F. Swansen.

Mr. Christensen, who is a native of Columbus, Nebraska, held a teaching assistantship at the University of Nebraska, where he received the M.A. degree in history in 1955. He received his B.A. degree from Midland College. While a student at Midland College, he was elected national president of the International Relations Club.

During the summer of 1950 Mr. Christensen traveled to Europe for special study in the field of international relations. He has also traveled extensively in the Caribbean area while on duty with the Navy.

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### ON DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

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Marshall N. Jensen, M.D. (26-28) is a physician and surgeon in the U.S. Army. He lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Alvin M. Nielsen, M.D. (Academy 27-28) is a physician and surgeon at Northfield, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Olsen (Irene Andersen 34-35, 36-37, Summer 46) became parents of a son, Roger Alan, on October 7, 1955.

Mrs. Florence Lamont (Florence Payne 04-05) of Oaks, Oklahoma, passed away at the home of her daughter in Gardena, California.

Rev. James Peterson of Salt Lake City passed away on January 22, 1956. Pastor Peterson graduated from pre-seminary course in 1909 and from Trinity Seminary in 1912.

Catherine Brodersen (42-43), formerly of Herman, Nebraska, was married June 25, 1955 to Bernard J. Sheele, Jr., of State College, Pennsylvania. They are now living in Fresno, California, where Mr. Sheele is employed as a salesman for Joslen's Jewelry and Stationery Company.

Chaplain and Mrs. John Beck, TS 55, of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, became parents of a daughter on December 27. Mrs. Beck is the former Virginia Lippincott (47-49).

Another December arrival was a son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nyholm (50-52, 55) now living in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Hansen, Jr., D52 of Chicago, are the parents of a son, Philip Christian, born January 20, 1956.

Lt. Neil Moore, D54, is stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He was married to Alberta Jean Wilkinson of Honolulu on March 4.

Howard O. Jensen (42-43, 46-47), for-

merly of Blair, has received his degree from the University of Nebraska College of Engineering and is now a chemical engineer. He was married March 10 to Barbara Dillman of Lincoln, Nebraska.

### Tests

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In 1954-55 a new kind of test for measuring the general education level of graduating liberal arts seniors was developed. Instead of being in specific subject areas, as had been the case previously, this test was made in three more general areas, the social sciences, the humanities, and the natural sciences. Also these tests are aimed at measuring other things than factual knowledge. The questions were designed also to measure the students' ability to interpret accurately, to draw warranted conclusions from materials read, and to recognize underlying assumptions. These are skills necessary for continued study and learning.

The norms based on *actual scores* in the tests came to the college from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, in February of 1956. It is gratifying to note that in comparison with the total of 9,121 seniors from 131 liberal arts colleges using this new form of the test, the average for all Dana 1955 seniors was: social sciences, 54th percentile; humanities, 51st percentile; and natural sciences, 60th percentile.

This gives us some assurance that both in factual knowledge and in critical thinking skills, Dana gives its students training that is above average. At the same time, the faculty at Dana is studying the results of the tests in order to provide Dana students with an even better academic training.

Elmer M. Rasmussen