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President's Column

With the passing of another school year we welcome into the Alumni Association many new members—either graduates of Dana and Trinity or Dana students who will not be returning to school in the fall. Thus, our alumni family continues to grow.

For most people graduation time is associated with speeches, dinners, cere-

monies and various formalities. However, I found this year that it can also be a time of re-inspiration. As alumni the years seem to slip by in a hurry, and the ambitions we expressed at our graduation often become lost in the shuffle. However, in shaking the hand of a new graduate and listening to his enthusiastic hopes and ambitions, I found that a person could be renewed.

Association to Give Grants and Scholarship

Two grants-in-aid and a scholarship to be awarded by Dana College and paid for by the Alumni Association, were authorized by the Alumni Executive Committee and Advisory Council at their semi-annual meeting held in Blair on March 2.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$250, was authorized to be given to a Dana upperclassman who has shown outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership in his previous years at Dana. This scholarship was awarded to Peter Smith.

The two grants-in-aid, in the amount of \$250 each, were authorized to be given to two high school seniors, one who was outstanding in the field of athletics, and one who did outstanding work in the field of music. Tom Christensen, son of the Reverend M. G. Christensen, an outstanding Omaha music student was awarded the one grant-in-aid. The other one has not been awarded.

These grants-in-aid and scholarship are a part of the Expansion and Development program adopted at the annual meeting. They were among the recommendations submitted by Dr. C. C. Madsen as possible areas in which the Alumni Association could aid the college.

The Council also decided to pay a portion of the salary of one of the college personnel as an Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association. This position has not yet been filled.

This may seem early to mention Homecoming. However, most of us plan our vacations a long time in advance. Why not save a couple of days this year (October 25-27, specifically) and return to the Hill? There will be several new features this year I think you will enjoy. Those of you who have attended Homecomings in the recent past could help us greatly if you would send your comments on possible changes and improvements.

During the past few months many things have happened which make the future of Dana look bright. The new million dollar expansion program, the support expressed by the American Lutheran Church, the additions to the College staff and the general forward-looking spirit and enthusiasm demonstrated by those associated with the school, all seem to support this view.

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Introducing the Class of 1957

Twenty-three graduating seniors received their diplomas during the commencement exercises held in Alumni Memorial Sunday afternoon, May twenty-sixth. The *Alumni Quarterly* wishes to welcome these new members into the Alumni Association. We would also like to introduce these new graduates to the members of the Alumni Association.

LeRoy Anderson is from Westbrook, Maine, and majored in physical education. LeRoy is now in the service.

Gordon Christensen of Fresno, California, majored in history. He plans on entering Trinity Seminary next Fall.

Vernon Flesner of Virginia, Nebraska, majored in social service. He also plans to enter Trinity Seminary next Fall.

Gaylen Hafar of Cedar Falls, Iowa, majored in physical education. He plans to teach and coach.

Carole Henningsen of Laurel, Nebraska, majored in history. She will teach in Denver next year.

Richard Jensen of Blair, Nebraska, majored in business administration. He plans to do graduate work at the University of Nebraska.

Robert Jensen of Blair, Nebraska, majored in business administration. He plans to teach and coach.

Nadine Johnson of Ute, Iowa, majored in music. She plans to teach voice.

Charles Jorgenson of Milltown, Wisconsin, majored in business administration. After completing his service obligation, he plans on entering the field of sales or advertising.

Clarence Kruse of Council Bluffs, Iowa, majored in physical education. He plans to teach.

Thomas Langenfeld of Racine, Wisconsin, majored in English and general science. After he completes his service obligation, he plans to enter the field of journalism.

Ted Lathrop of Blair, Nebraska, majored in business administration. His plans for the future are indefinite.

Ann Lindholm of Swannanoa, North Carolina, majored in history. She plans to teach.

Betty Loppnow of Racine, Wisconsin, majored in physical education. She also plans to teach.

Russell Moseman of Pender, Nebraska, majored in physical education. His future plans are indefinite.

Jerome Petersen of Hartland, Wisconsin, majored in biology. He plans to enter Trinity Seminary next Fall.

Jon Schulke of Craig, Nebraska, majored in physical education. He plans to coach and teach.

Larrie Stone of Exira, Iowa, majored in biology. He plans to teach.

Darol Valder of Blair, Nebraska, majored in history. He also plans to teach.

Ron Wakild of Chicago, Illinois, majored in business administration. His plans for the future are indefinite.

Marilyn Ward of Racine, Wisconsin, majored in English. She plans to teach.

Rodney Wead of Omaha, Nebraska, majored in history. After completing his service obligation, he plans to teach.

Marilyn (Wolsmann) Rasmussen of Blair, Nebraska, majored in biology. Marilyn was married this spring and is now a housewife.

Class Tour to Include Jamestown Celebration



A rolling college that is in part an expedition to the 350th anniversary celebrations at Jamestown, Va., will leave Dana College on July 29 for a twenty-five day tour. College credit of two or three hours in Education or Social Studies may be earned by those who so desire. Others may join the educational tour as auditors.

Again this year Dana's popular tour leader, Miss Elja McCullough of the De-

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Miss Elja McCullough



Travel and Planting--- Heads Professor's Recreational Activities

Bill Christensen

One morning early in May, chapel at Dana College featured a brief talk and the showing of colored slides by the Reverend Olaf Eie of the Santal Mission and Assam Tea Plantation of India. In prefacing his remarks, Pastor Eie told the audience that during World War II, he had one morning glanced through the door of his home in Assam and there beheld standing on the porch a tall, young American army officer. The officer had reached the plantation after a walk of twelve miles through the jungle, blissfully unaware of the fact that he had been strolling through a tiger-infested area which even the natives hesitated to travel alone. Pastor Eie went on to describe his second meeting with the young officer in 1949, this time a civilian and visiting at the home of the Eies in Holbæk, Denmark. "Now," he concluded, "I have met him for the third time, here at Dana College."

He was referring to Dana's Norman

C. Bansen, alumnus of the Class of 1947. Director of Public Relations from 1947 to 1949, and presently Assistant Professor of English and Danish.

It was in 1939 that Norman Bansen entered Dana as a freshman. In his sophomore year he served as Editor of the *Hermes*, and during his junior year he was Student Body President. In 1942 he interrupted his college career for four years service with the army, two years of which were spent in India as adjutant of a 500-bed army hospital. During his tour of duty he traveled extensively in Asia, often hitchhiking from place to place by military plane.

With the end of the war, Bansen returned to Dana, receiving his B. A. degree in 1947. During his senior year, he edited the *Danian* and received the first Langland award for poetry and for an essay. Following graduation he put in two years as Director of Public Relations

for Dana, and then, again indulging his love of travel, headed for Europe for a year's wandering and sightseeing. In addition to his traveling, he studied at the American Graduate School of the University of Copenhagen. On his return to the United States, he entered the Graduate School at the University of Minnesota, where he received his M. A. degree in 1953. Since then he has been with the Dana English Department.

It is certainly no news to anyone who has been on the campus at the same time Norm has that his interest in Dana and its welfare is more than casual. Perhaps the best example of his vision and enthusiasm for the college was the H. C. Andersen Festival of two years ago. At that time, in honor of the 150th birthday anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen, Dana held a three-day celebration featuring ballets, tableaux, and readings of Andersen's stories. A high point of the occasion was the planting on campus of five Danish beech trees, flown to this country from Andersen's home town of Odense, Denmark. Sparked and directed by Norm's enthusiasm, this festival attracted thousands of visitors to the campus.

Another of his activities has been the Dana Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation, which he has served in the role of President since 1953. The Foundation has presented frequent programs through the years, including concerts by such outstanding Danish musicians as Aksel Schiøtz, Johannes Nielsen, and Niels Viggo Bentzon. It should be mentioned that the most recent program was a lecture with color slides on the Danish West Indies, presented by Norman C. Bansen, who, still indulging his love of travel, spent several weeks last summer in the Caribbean area.

If he continues one of his present hobbies, Norm will soon be known as the Johnny Appleseed of Dana College. This spring he has invested both time and money in planting trees of numerous varieties around the campus. Although most of his efforts have been successful, there was one slip-up. He and several other Danians returned from a spring

vacation trip in the Ozarks with a pair of small oaks, intended to grace the slope south of Old Main. They had carefully dug the small trees up on an Ozarkian hilltop and neatly packed and transported them, and with the touch of a true landscape gardener, Norm painstakingly selected the exact sites and planted them. The trees are leafing out beautifully now, but there is one disturbing fact. While one of them is putting out neatly-formed oak leaves, the other appears to be a hickory.

It is the presence of teachers like Norman Bansen, whose interests go beyond their academic specialties, that makes of Dana more than "just another college" and rather a center of higher education in the richest and fullest sense.

Summer School Has Record Enrollment

A summer session enrollment figure that is the largest in Dana history will be even higher when the students who will enroll for the post session and the college credit tour have been added to those already here. The figure of 65, reached last week at the beginning of the first summer session, is a 72% increase over the five-year average enrollment of 38. Last year's enrollment was 44. The figures for past enrollments include all summer session students, while the figure of 65 includes only this year's regular session. Summer courses are designed primarily for teachers, but other students are also enrolled.

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Notes of Thanks

TO MEMBERS OF THE DANA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Please except my sincerest thanks on being named winner of the Alumni Association Scholarship. I truly appreciate this gift and will do my best to live up to its expectations.

Sincerely,
Peter W. Smith



News Notes

Recently, all alumni received a letter asking for aid in recruiting students for next fall at Dana. Thanks to a group of Blair alumni, a considerable saving of money was achieved on this mailing. Gathering together at the College one evening, these alumni folded and stuffed the materials and prepared the envelopes for mailing. Of course, there was also plenty of spirit and fellowship as each recounted some story from the "good old days." The evening concluded with that which is a necessity for all Dana get-togethers—a cup of coffee.

A vote of thanks goes to these Blair alumni for their efforts and especially to Marilyn and Paul Jersild, D-53, who organized the "work night."

The annual Senior dinner honoring graduates of Dana was held this year at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha. Twenty-seven graduates were the guests of the Alumni Association and the Dana Foundation. Brief comments were made by Dr. C. C. Madsen on behalf

of the Foundation and by Robert Hemmingson for the Association. This dinner has become an annual tradition under the dual-sponsorship of the two groups and serves to welcome the graduates into the ranks of alumni.

The following men applied for ordination. The names of the candidates and the places they expect to serve are as follows:

- Bent Damkar, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Standard, Alberta, Canada.
 - Myron Haleen, Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington Island, Wisconsin.
 - Edwin Hansen, Scandinavian Lutheran Church, Swan River, Manitoba, Can.
 - Roy Jorgensen, Emmaus-Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kennard-Orum, Neb.
 - Walter Kirkegaard, Bethany Lutheran Church, Minden, Nebraska.
 - Paul Kloth, Olivet Lutheran Church, Inglewood, California.
 - Lyle Kohler, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
 - Donald Olsen, St. Stephan Lutheran Church, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin.
 - John Planz, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Audubon, Iowa.
 - Mark Thomsen, Sudan Mission, Africa.
- Dr. Ethan Mengers of Trinity Seminary has received a Ph. D. Degree from Boston University. He already has a Doctor of Theology Degree.



On Destiny's Deep Sea

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Diana Rhoades, (53-54), to Lee Murdoch, also of Blair, Nebraska. Diana has been working at the Omaha National Bank. Lee attended Doane College and is now a student at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Margie Hooks, (52-53), will be married in July to James Perry, Jr., of the High Bank Estates on the Wicomico River, near Salisbury, Maryland. Margie has been teaching in the junior high school at Hyattsville, Maryland. Her fiance, who is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, is band director in the Hyattsville Junior High School.

Mary Lou Barton, (56-57), Denver, Colorado, was married to Vaughn A. Farrants, Tekamah, Nebraska, on February 23, 1957. They are living at Tekamah.

Arvin Quist, D-54, was married to Doris Anne Growcock of Fremont, Nebraska, on June 9, 1957. Arvin has been working on his Ph. D. in chemistry at the University of Nebraska. His bride has been teaching in the McCook High School and Junior College at McCook, Nebraska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Masters (Gwen Larson, 53-55) of Fremont, Nebraska, was born a son, Patrick Michael, March 27, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, D-56, (Antoinette Nelsen, 53-55), are also the parents of a son, Scott Jay, born April 18, 1957, in Blair.

A daughter, Denise Ann, was born April 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett, (Jan.-May, 50; Sept., 52-Jan., 54), at West Branch, Iowa. Mrs. Bennett was Joyce Petersen, (50-53).

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pedersen, (38-40, 41-42), of Council Bluffs, Iowa, are the parents of a son, Mark Andrew, born April 3, 1957.

A daughter, Amy Elizabeth, was born March 21, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams (Margaret Jipp, 49-51) at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson, D-54, (Marian Jane Petersen, 51-52), of Schuyler, Nebraska, have a son, Jeffrey Allen, born May 28, 1957. Carl has a fellowship this summer at Oklahoma A and M.

Marian and Joann Jersild, daughters of the Reverend and Mrs. Hans Jersild of Brooklyn, New York, will spend the next year studying in Germany. Marian has received a Fulbright scholarship to study at the Music Academy in Berlin and Joann has received an exchange scholarship to the University of Muenster to study literature. Marian has been assistant professor of piano at the University of Kansas, and Joann (53-54) graduated from K. U. this spring.

Marius Goldbeck, 69, custodian at Dana for nine years during the late 1930's and early 1940's, died April 28, 1957, at Superior, Nebraska, following a lingering illness.

Three former members of the Dana College choir are now practicing with a choir of alumni from Lutheran college choirs for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in August. They are Kermit Hansen (41-43), of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Olson, D-51, (Karen Hansen, 46-48) of Hastings, Minnesota.

Myrna (Olsen) Tostenson (45-46) is now living on a chicken farm near Poy Sippi, Wisconsin. The Tostensons have two children, James and Ingrid Marie.

Philip Wittig, D-56, recently graduated from the United States Navy Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Not so long ago all of us were given the opportunity to prove what kind of salesmen we could be. As we all know, Dana could easily accommodate more students. Also, most people agree that alumni can sell a school if anyone can. Why then can't each of us contact at least one young friend about Dana? We may be amazed at our sales ability (perhaps even find a new career).

Bob Hemmingson

CLASS TOUR

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partment of Education, is in charge of the trip. Tour highlights in the United States will be Mammoth Cave, Washington, Mt. Vernon, Annapolis, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. From there the tour moves into French Canada—to Quebec, the only walled city in North America, and on to Montreal and Niagara Falls.

The trip will be made in air-conditioned buses. Lodging accommodations and sightseeing are included in the cost of \$245 for the tour. Meals are extra. It is possible to join for either the first half of the tour, which includes the Jamestown expedition, or for the last half, which includes French Canada. The cost will be reduced accordingly.

During the past five years Miss McCullough has conducted Dana tours to Alaska, Cuba, Mexico and Europe, as well as to all parts of the United States.

It is still possible for a few latecomers to join the tour. If interested, write to Dana College.

ON DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

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Peter Thorslev, Jr., D-50, received his master of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in March.

Arthur Simon, D-51, received his Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and will be teaching in the religion department at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois.

Harold Jersild, (46-48), has been practicing medicine in Lyach, Kentucky, and will now begin specialization in orthopedic surgery at Hines Veterans Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. George Clausen, (99-02), of Route 4, Council Bluffs, Iowa, would like to hear from any of his old classmates. He has farmed near Council Bluffs since 1910 until he retired a few years ago. He is married to Ruth Prentice and they have two sons and three grandchildren.

Richard Andersen, D-53, and Lois Petersen, D-52, were married in Exira, Iowa, on June 9. Richard, who is a student at Trinity Seminary, is serving the Exira parish this Summer until their new pastor arrives.

SUMMER SCHOOL

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Half of the students enrolled come from Iowa and Nebraska communities not in the immediate area of Blair. The regular summer session began June 3 and will end on July 6; the post session continues from July 8 through July 26. On July 29 the tour for college credit begins.