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Steel Company Gives \$20,000

Dana this month received a special "Major-Purpose Grant" of 20 thousand dollars from the United States Steel Foundation, New York.

President Madsen said the money will be used in construction of the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science.

Dana was one of 39 colleges in the country to receive one of the special grants, and the only one in Nebraska.

U. S. Steel officials said the amount of the grant is the maximum given by the Foundation in this type of aid.

Dana also shares with 11 other Nebraska colleges a \$35,600 grant from U. S. Steel.

Construction of the 600-thousand-dollar science hall is scheduled to begin in October, although more than a third of its cost must still be raised.

Luther College Honors Madsen

President Madsen this month received the Luther College Medallion of Service Award and Citation.

The award was made at a special chapel-convocation in his honor at Wahoo May 11.

Dr. Robert B. Nemeschy, Luther College president, presented it "in recognition of dedicated and inspired service to Christian higher education, imaginative leadership in the development and progress of Dana College and higher education in Nebraska, ever pursuing excellence in building of character, Christian witness and sound education."

Development Issue

Group Studies Dana Growth

How large is Dana going to grow in the next dozen years? Can it get too big?

These are some of the questions the Plans and Projects Committee is meeting to answer this spring.

The Rev. James W. Olsen, Vice-President for Church Relations and Development, said the committee has been studying enrollment trends in an attempt to project Dana's enrollment for the next 12 years.

"The committee has also been studying what the ideal enrollment at Dana might be in order to give the highest quality education most efficiently and economically," he said.

He said the committee is surveying each department to determine future faculty, classroom and equipment needs.

"The results of these studies will be incorporated into a 15-year master plan," he said.

The Board of Regents has already approved a three-million-dollar expansion program for the next five years.

Members of the committee are:

Pastor Olsen (chairman); Dr. C. Arthur Christiansen, dean; Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, registrar; A. J. Snowbeck, business manager; and Dr. Herta Engelman (secretary), Michael B. Fallgatter, Gilbert Ragen and the Rev. Lloyd Refsell of the faculty.

Largest Class Graduates; Seventy Receive Degrees

Seventy seniors qualified for diplomas this month—the largest graduating class in Dana's history.

Commencement events scheduled for May 28 included:

—The commencement address by Dr. E. A. Sagebiel, representing the Board of College Education of The American Lutheran Church.

—Baccalaureate services at First Lutheran Church, the Rev. E. G. Ihrig of Millard, Neb., speaker.

—Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards for contributions to the cultural life of metropolitan Omaha to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slocum

(Omaha Symphony), Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kingman (Joslyn Art Museum), Mr. and Mrs. Kendrik Wilson (Omaha Community Playhouse) and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levine (Omaha Symphony).

Pastor Ihrig is the father of two of the graduates—David and James Ihrig.

Special Awards At Convocation

The Rev. C. M. Videbeck of Atlantic, Ia., spoke at the Senior Convocation May 22. Awards and scholarships were presented to 25 students.

Special honors included the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award which was given to Roger Best; the Langland Award for Poetry to Earland Estes; the Langland Award for Prose to Elizabeth Nielsen; the Hal Evans Cole Award for Art to James Olsen; the Hal Evans Cole Award for Music to Elliott Nielsen.

Science Division winners were Howard Johnson, chemistry; David G. Hanson, Mathematics, and Spencer Martin, physics.

Lonnie Hayne and Ralph Rasmussen received Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarships, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial was awarded to Nena Wegener and Ellen Larsen and the Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship went to Donna Layton.

New Books

More than two thousand books were added to the library this year. Other additions were 35 filmstrips and 35 records.

Summer Session Begins June 5

Summer sessions will be June 5 through July 7 and July 10-28 this year.

Registration for the regular session will be June 3 for local students and June 5 for out-of-town students. Classes begin June 6.

Local registration for the post session will be July 8. Others can register July 10, the day classes begin. A health workshop will start July 17.

Courses offered this summer include art, business, education, English, mathematics, music, psychology, physical education, religion, science, social science, sociology, speech, history and health.

The annual clean up day was May 11. The day was closed by an intramural track meet and a picnic.

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Largest Class Is Graduated

Here is the Class of 1961:

Bachelor of Arts—Ellen J. Andrews, Geraldine Christensen, Roger S. Christensen, Myrvin F. Christopherson, Charles L. Colburn, Gary Roman Danielson, Arlyce Marie Fuchs (magna cum laude), Albert F. Girtz, A. Kenneth Glover, Terrence J. Hess, Ronald DeLynn Johnson, Vernon William Johnson, Jr.

Jerry Robert Lincoln, Shirley Nielsen Lincoln, Lois Ann Lorenzen, Sally McMahon, Holger Nielsen Madsen, Margaret Louise Nielsen (cum laude), David Clark Rossbach, Doris Patricia Siersbeck, David Carleton Sinclair, Peter Lee Swan and David Wulf.

Bachelor of Science—Jack Henry Bosen, Richard Vance Carr, Ivan K. Johansen, Jr., Luther C. Kloth, Byron D. Peterson and Paul D. Rasmussen.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing—Alice Jeannine Anderson.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration—Roger W. Best, Phyllis J. Bondo (cum laude), Douglas Raymond Falke, Larry Arthur Lamp, Allan Theodore Olson,

On the Campus - - -

Home Concert Ends Spring Tour

The Dana College Band presented its annual home concert May 7 in the auditorium. The concert closed the group's spring tour.

Students of the drama production class presented three one act plays May 5. They were directed by Sara Kjolner, Dennis Berkej and Roger Christensen.

Books selected for next year's Liberal Arts Reading Program are: "Crime and Punishment," "The Ugly American," "The Big Change," "The Hidden Persuaders," "The Lonely Crowd," "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Crucible" and The Book of Job.

Duane A. Olson, Paul Einar Olson, Alan Don Storzer, Duane L. Wehrbein and Gerald Lee Wehrbein.

Bachelor of Science in Education—Andrew P. Andersen, Emory Dean Anderson (cum laude), Harlen C. Lee Baine, Kathryn Christensen, Richard Allen Hanson, William E. Heiser, Erwin Lee Hoeris, David G. Ihrig, James P. Ihrig, JoAnn Elida Larsen, Richard Kenneth Larson, John F. Madsen, M. Lowell Madsen, Sharon Ann Mardeson, Elliott Raymond Nielsen.

Leonard E. Nielsen, Marilyn Ruth Olson, Norma Ruth Parde, David Earl Parrish, Roger Petersen, Rosalind L. Peterson, Judith Kay Rasmussen, Vera Lamb Sappenfield, Arla Jean Siems, Beulah Henrietta Smith, Lois Young Squires, Margaret A. Strozinsky, Joan Ellen Swanson, Robert L. Vander Leest and Leland Earl Wiges.

Two Combine Music and Marriage

For two Dana students the choir trip to Denmark will be a honeymoon.

Duane Petersen of Little Sioux, Ia., and Dixie Hagedorn of Royal, Ia., both soloists with the choir, will be Mr. and Mrs. Petersen when they board the plane for Europe.

Their schedule:

—Get married on Saturday, May 27.

—Sing with the choir at graduation ceremonies Sunday, May 28.

—Leave for Denmark on Monday, May 29.

Excerpts from plays and poetry of Shakespeare were presented by the English department May 12 under the direction of Dr. Herta Engelman.

High school pupils living within a 75-mile radius of Blair were invited to the first annual High School Visitation Day at Dana Saturday, May 13.

The students met with admissions counselors, heard a talk by President Madsen and watched the Tri-State Conference track championships.

Trophies were awarded to Emory Anderson and Bud West for being the football and basketball player with the highest scholastic averages.

May Festival Royalty Named

Norma Parde and Emory Anderson were named King and Queen of the 1961 May Festival.

Queen Norma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parde of Crab Orchard, Neb., is a senior majoring in elementary education. She will appear as a soloist with the Dana Choir in Denmark this summer.

King Emory, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Anderson of Evan, Minn., is also a senior, majoring in mathematics. An honor student, he was named to the Lutheran All-America second football team and won the Tri-State Conference championships in the

Zimmerman To Indiana Post

Darrell Zimmerman, head track and football coach, has resigned to become track coach at Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Mr. Zimmerman, whose track teams won two consecutive Tri-State Conference titles, will also serve as assistant basketball and football coach and will teach several classes in the physical education department.

He will begin his duties September 1.

Mr. Zimmerman came to Dana in 1958 from Farmington, Minn., where he compiled an outstanding record as a high school coach.

Statue Given To Omaha Museum

A bust of Hans Christian Andersen made by Dana art student James Olsen was presented to Joslyn Art Museum of Omaha at the spring dinner meeting of the Dana Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation May 11.

The presentation was made to Eugene Kingman, director of the museum, as one of the Foundation's efforts to promote a keener interest in the contributions of Scandinavia to American cultural life.

Sculptor Olsen is a senior from Chicago, Ill.

javelin and shot put two years in a row.

Attendants were Sandy Jensen of Crystal Lake, Ill., Arla Jean Siems of DeWitt, Neb., Lee Barney of Clara City, Minn., and Phil Petersen of Waupaca, Wis.

The Royalty was chosen from 12 nominees.

The choir will leave New York by jet June 1 to begin its five-week tour of Denmark.

It was scheduled to leave Blair May 29, traveling to New York via chartered bus.

The group is to return July 6.

News and Notes From Churches

Readers are invited to send items of interest to members of our churches to the Review. They will be published as space permits.)

The first unit of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Omaha, was dedicated Sunday, April 23, with the Rev. James W. Olsen guest speaker and Dr. E. Fritschel officiating. The Rev. Lee Roy Eikanger is pastor.

A new addition to Westwood Lutheran Church, Shawnee Mission, Kans., (the Rev. Gilbert Jensen, pastor) was dedicated April 9.

On January 19, Farmington Church, Farmington, Minn. (Pastor Lowell Erdahl) approved a 20-thousand-dollar sponsorship loan to Christ the King Church, Denver (Pastor William J. Hanson). Both congregations are of former UELC background.

Congregations taking part in the sponsorship program mortgage their own property to provide funds for mission congregations. The missions borrow additional funds from commercial or private sources, enabling them to refund to The ALC their extension loans and to enlarge their building programs. Money returned to The ALC is then used by the Division of American Missions to start new congregations.

Students at Mankato State College may now receive credits for Christianity courses taught by the Lutheran campus pastor, the Rev. August Hoeger. The courses are accredited through Dana College, where Pastor Hoeger formerly taught.

Pastoral Changes:

Joel C. Jorgenson, from Rembrandt, Iowa, to 213 E. Division St., Audubon, Iowa (Our Savior).

John W. Kelley, from Port Orford, Ore., to 6740 W. North Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Atone-ment).

Gerald J. Mertz, from Steele,

N. D., to Kenmare, N. D. (Nazareth).

T. G. Wicks, from Redfield, S. D., to 125 S. Grove St., Sleepy Eye, Minn. (Trinity).

L. A. Kirkegaard, from West Branch, Iowa, to Gilmore City, Iowa (First).

Hillerup E. Rasmussen, from Ferndale, Calif., to 211 S. "O" St., Tulare, Calif. (First).

G. E. Udem, from Pierpont, S. D., to Viborg, S. D. (Bethany).

Peter J. Vammen (retired), from Penn Yan, N. Y., to Culbertson, Mont.

Karl J. Wilhelmsen (evangelist), from Racine, Wis., to 538 Sycamore Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis.

John M. Jensen (staff writer), from Viborg, S. D., to 209 -12th Ave. N., Hopkins, Minn.

B. J. Engskow, from Ruskin, Neb., to Belgrade, Minn. (Grace).

Walter H. Nordby, from Covina, Calif., to 3741 Lugo Ave., Lynwood, Calif. (St. Paul).

Ervin W. Dohmeier, from Minden, Neb., to RR No. 1, Box 60, Brownton, Minn. (St. Matthew).

MACY CHILDREN GET DANA HELP

Last fall Supt. James C. Martin of the Macy (Neb.) elementary schools called on the Dana education department for help in diagnosing and correcting reading problems among the Macy Indian children.

Heavy teaching assignments prevented Dana staff members from accepting the challenge directly, but an alternate plan was soon formed.

A call to Supt. B. E. Krantz of the Blair School System revealed that Mrs. E. Therkelsen, Blair special education teacher, had received special course work in this area in a

Fund Drives to be Merged; 'Will Eliminate Conflicts'

Plans have been made to combine the Dana College Foundation and the Development Program, the Rev. James W. Olsen, Vice-President for Church Relations and Development, announced this month.

"The purpose is to eliminate the conflicts arising from a multiplicity of appeals and give unity to the whole program of development," he said.

Pastor Olsen said the two programs will be included "in one structure" called the Dana College Foundation.

He said a permanent chairman will be selected later to co-ordinate the work of various committees.

Committees will be organ-

ized to represent students, parents, alumni, friends, the Blair community, the Omaha community, Church, business, industry and others.

The Danish-American Committee has already been organized, Pastor Olsen said. The Doctors' Committee is already functioning on behalf of the proposed science hall.

The Plans and Projects Committee has been organized for several months, Pastor Olsen said. Its members "continually evaluate Dana in terms of its philosophy of education, objectives, current academic needs, space requirements, personnel and equipment."

When industrialist Charles A. Dana made his 200-thousand-dollar science hall grant, he put Dana supporters on the spot.

His grant will pay for one-third of the building; the college must raise the remaining 400 thousand dollars by fall. Of this amount, \$81,600 has been assured. Two grants have been received—\$37,500 from the Eppley Foundation of Omaha and \$20,000 from United States Steel. Members of the Board of Regents have pledged \$11,900 thus far and a friend of the college has given \$1,000. Another \$11,900 has been pledged by doctors and friends for the "Doctor's Hall" auditorium.

Chas. Dana Hall Needs \$319,000

Still needed: \$319,000 in cash or pledges by Oct. 1, 1961.

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THE DANA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Yes, count on me to help Dana College meet the challenge of matching Charles A. Dana's gift for the Science Hall.

I wish to contribute \$_____ cash herewith () or payable monthly (), semi-annually (), or annually () for _____ yrs. beginning _____ 19_____

Name:

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VIKINGS ROLL TO SECOND TRI-STATE TRACK CROWN

Win Climaxes Best Season

Dana's track squad defended its Tri-State Conference Title May 13, winning nine events and smashing seven meet marks on the Dana oval.

The Vikings ran 192 points to climax the most successful season in Dana track history.

The scoring:

Dana	192
Midland	142½
Yankton	65
Concordia	45½
Westmar	33
Sioux Falls	14
Northwestern	0

The meet's top performance, however, was a 6-8½ high jump by Larry Collier of Midland. It was the best jump ever recorded in Nebraska.

Dana Surprises In Viking Meet

Dana finished a surprising fourth in the Viking Olympics, a high-powered, all-Lutheran meet at Rock Island, Ill., May 6.

Dana's Bill Bracker won the high jump with a record 6-3½ performance, and several other Vikings scored seconds and thirds.

The scoring:
Luther, 68 1/5; St. Olaf, 37; Augustana, 33 1/5; Dana, 29 1/5; Wartburg, 23; Gustavus Adolphus, 13 1/5; Carthage, 11; Valparaiso, 6 1/5; Augsburg, 2; Concordia (Ill.), 1.

In warming up for the conference meet, the Vikings compiled a very impressive record in lesser contests. Some of the scores:

Dana 109, Concordia 27; Dana 111, Westmar 20; Dana 108, Concordia 24; Dana 71, Omaha University 53½, Midland 37½.

Dana's closest call came when it edged Midland in a dual, 63% to 63½.

The trackmen shattered 11 school records and tied a twelfth this spring.

The Hermes reported these new marks:

—22.5 in the 220-yard dash, Wayne Peterson.

—51.4 in the 440-yard dash, Hans Willadsen.

—2:03 in the half-mile, John Laughhunn.

—10:34 in the two-mile, John Seberg.

—6-5 in the high jump, Bill Bracker.

—47-2½ in the shot put, Emory Anderson.

Relay records were set in the mile (3:33.2), two-mile (8:28), 880 (1:31.9), shuttle hurdle (64.8) and sprint medley (3:42.1).

Brice Olson and Wayne Petersen tied the 9.9-second record in the hundred-yard dash.

Creighton Win

Dana dropped a return engagement with the Creighton University baseball team, 6-4.

The Vikings lost a double-header to Concordia, 9-1 and 14-3. They defeated Nebraska Wesleyan University, 10-8, dropped a second game, 10-2.

New Editors

Ken Jensen, chemistry major from Atlantic, Ia., has been elected to edit the Hermes next year.

Ellen Larsen of Minneapolis, Minn., will be the Danian editor, and Vance Larsen of Creighton, Neb., will edit the Sower.

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The Rev. James W. Olsen, Vice-President for Church Relations and Development, pointed out that Mr. Dana's gift was made on the condition the school provide the remaining funds.

"We are counting on alumni and friends of Dana to meet this challenge," Pastor Olsen said. "For every two dollars given, Mr. Dana is in effect adding another dollar."

Golfers Second

The golf team finished second in the conference golf meet.

The Viking score was 347 for first place Westmar. Midland, the host school, was next with 353.

Developers Seek Church Support

Late last year the Board of Regents created the office of Church Relations and Development and called the Rev. James W. Olsen to serve as vice-president in this area.

Pastor Olsen is responsible for the development program and directs admissions, public relations, alumni relations and fund raising.

His office provided the development information featured in this issue, and Pastor Olsen added some of his own views on Dana's opportunities.

He said one of the important tasks of his office is to elicit interest in Christian higher education in the church at large.

"Dana College has entered into a new era of growth and expansion, thus making it all the more important that the college retain its distinctive Christian atmosphere and emphasis," he said.

"It is vitally important that in the years immediately ahead the alumni and friends of Dana College do all they can to strengthen its program with interest and financial support."

Members of the office have been carried far from the campus in recent efforts on behalf of the college.

Pastor Olsen and Boas Weismann visited the Sidney, Mont., area April 20 to May 3. Pastor Olsen spoke at the Sunday service, and on May 1

Anderson Is Honor Athlete

Emory Anderson, football and track standout, received the Honor Athlete Award at the annual athletic banquet May 10.

Other awards: most valuable track athlete, Wayne Peterson; most improved football player, Darryl Rholl; defensive back, Larry Swanson; offensive lineman, John Templeton; offensive back, Stan Cupp.

a banquet was held for alumni and friends of the college. More than 60 attended.

This summer Mr. Weismann, assisted by two Dana students, Richard Jorgensen and Herbert Knudsen, will carry out visitation work in former UELC congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.

Pastor Olsen attended meetings of four of the 18 conferences in the Central District this spring. At each he was asked to speak on Christian higher education and the program of Dana College.

At the convention of the Central District at Colorado Springs, April 25-27, Pastor Olsen preached the opening communion sermon.

The convention passed a resolution giving the District's wholehearted support to the college.

Mr. Weismann and Calvin Jorgensen, admissions counselor and alumni secretary, also attended the convention.

ALUMNI-SENIOR DINNER

The annual senior class dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association was held May 15 at the Fireside Restaurant in Omaha.

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