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Plan for Progress in the Sixties in Campus Development Program



This aerial photo of the Dana campus shows progress of development and the shape of things to come. The heavy black line marks the extent of the property owned by the college. Also shown: 1. Married Student Housing Site. 2. Dana Hall. 3. Women's dorm. 4. Student Union. 5. Men's Dorm. 6. Borup Building. 7. Room for growth.

Dana Library Given \$1,000

Dana's library has been awarded a grant of one thousand dollars by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Dana was one of 78 schools awarded grants among 348 applicants.

The grants program was initiated in 1955 and is directed to the general needs of all colleges and universities. It is designed to improve the quality of library service to higher education.

The money will be used to augment Dana's program of collecting, cataloging and filing manuscript materials relating to Danish settlers in the United States.

The college has one of the largest collections of Danish work in English translations in the United States.

The grant from the association will make it possible for college librarians to solicit letters, diaries and publications pertaining to the early Danish settlements in America.

All of these materials will become part of a permanent collection.

Building Loan Gets Federal OK

Representative Glenn Cunningham (Rep., Neb.) has notified college officials that the Housing and Home Finance Agency has approved a loan of 200 thousand dollars for the construction of married student apartments.

Construction is expected to begin about April 1. The 24 apartments are scheduled for occupancy next September.

Concert Band Tour Covers Two States

The concert band tour February 19-24 included appearances in Kansas and Nebraska towns.

Dr. Wayne Wise directs the 46-member group.

President Says— Alumni Should Show True College Loyalty

By the Rev. Fredric Youra

Alumni Association President

As this is the first contact I have had with the alumni of Dana College since becoming president of the association, I wish to say a personal, but humble, "Thank you" for the confidence shown in electing me to this position.

I shall do my best to further the interests of both the alumni and the college.

We are reminded from time to time that the mark of a true alumnus is that he be loyal to his alma mater, in our case Dana College.

I ask the question, What does it mean to be a loyal alumnus?

To harbor nostalgic sentiments, evidenced by a frequent return to the campus to marvel at the progress that is being made in the material facilities, both with our help and, in many cases, in spite of it?

To refer promising students to the Admissions Office?

To submit a yearly check to the Development Office?

Certainly these occupy a place in the total context of our loyalty and are not to be minimized.

But may I suggest that underlying these runs a much deeper, broader and more significant current of meaning in the word "loyalty" as it relates to our loyalty to Dana.

We are proud to be the alumni of a Christian institution of higher learning. As a private institution, Dana has been free and independent in determining the goals it seeks in its educational policies.

Free, yet bound to standards, ideals, motives and goals which go beyond human determining. It is primarily these, rooted in its heritage as a Christian institution, that Dana has tried to instill in us, its students and alumni.

We, as the alumni, are an extension of the college. We

are the college as it speaks to society, the voice of the college, saying something to our communities, our associates, the world. What are we saying about Dana?

If the primary purpose of Dana has been to provide us with technical training for the purpose of personal gain and we measure our loyalty to Dana by this standard, then both we and the college have failed miserably in our loyalty to each other.

But, if in addition to the external evidences of our loyalty to Dana College, our lives speak to society, not only out of a sense of loyalty to a college, but out of conviction for the real purpose of Dana's existence and ours, Dana has succeeded and we have given evidence of our true loyalty to Dana.

To that end let us, as the alumni of Dana College, remain true sons and daughters, proud to claim the title:

"Alumnus of Dana College!"

Dana's Long-Distance Class Hears London History Prof

Danians participated recently in an unusual international "tele-lecture" arranged by the University of Omaha.

History classes at Dana, Omaha, Midland College, Fremont, Neb., Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., and Wayne Teachers College, Wayne, Neb., were connected by telephone with three lecturers, one in London.

Sir John Neal, Astor Professor Emeritus of English History at the University of London, spoke for 10 minutes to the Nebraska and Iowa students.

The hour-long program also included a telephone lecture by Dr. Frederick G. Marcham,

Vikings Have Victory Spurt

Weather has been the only cold factor in Dana's 1961-62 basketball season.

In one of their hottest spells in recent years the Vikings in January and February racked up five consecutive wins over Tri-State Conference foes before finally losing to Yankton College of South Dakota, a team Dana had beaten earlier in the season.

Included in the win streak was a 101-79 trouncing of Doane, a member of the much stronger Nebraska College Conference.

One of Dana's standouts is Gary Sebbert, a 6-4 Humboldt, Kans., junior who has led scoring in many Viking games.

In a January scoring rampage he averaged 25 points a game while leading the team to five victories. In six conference games the former Independence (Kans.) Junior College star scored 124 points.

For those marks and for scoring 32 points in a 94-74 Dana triumph over league-leading Westmar, Sebbert was honored as the State College Star of the Week by The Omaha World-Herald.

Goldwin Smith Professor of English History at Cornell University, and a talk by Dr. A. Stanley Trickett, University of Omaha history professor.

51 Danians Win Scholastic Honor

Fifty-one students were named to the Dean's List at the end of the first semester.

A grade average of 7.50 is required for this honor. A perfect mark is 9.00.

Top student was Miss Ceva Hanson, a junior from Newman Grove, Neb., with an average of 8.74.

Second Half Registration Totals 475

Higher Than January, 1961

Dana's second-semester enrollment showed a 12 per cent increase over the second semester of last year.

A total of 475 registered last month. In January of 1961 the figure was 423.

Eighty-three students left school at mid-semester, for a variety of reasons.

Sixteen completed their course of study, 11 quit to go to work, 16 transferred to other colleges, two were married, three entered military service and three were forced to postpone attendance because of chronic illness.

A total of 32 students left Dana because of failure to meet the college's academic standards.

Figures also showed that 22 new students registered for second-semester classes.

The mid-year drop-out is standard at nearly every college. This year total attendance dropped from 535 in September to 475 in January.

However, even the end-of-semester loss was not enough to lower the total below that of the second semester in 1960-61.

Blair Toll Bridge At Last Paid Off

Why-didn't-they-do-it-sooner department:

The Nebraska-Iowa Bridge Company, which operates the Blair Bridge, has told the Iowa Highway Commission the bridge will become debt free this year and will be turned over to the states of Iowa and Nebraska.

The bridge over which so many Danians have passed—at 50 cents a car and over—will become toll free after ownership reverts to the states.

Opening Date Is Scheduled For Almost-Completed Gym

A February 23 opener for Dana's new Borup Physical Education Building was reluctantly cancelled when it became apparent the basketball floor wouldn't be ready in time.

Revised plans are for an opening program on Parents Day, April 29.

The playing floor, when completed, will run most of the length of the huge building. One basket will be flush with an end wall. The other will hang from the ceiling in front of a large bleacher section.

The floor, when side bleachers are rolled back, will have separate practice floors running across it. There are fittings at one end for a portable stage to be wheeled in for commencement exercises and other large-crowd programs.

The bleachers at the end with the hanging basket will be reversible. That is, they can be turned around to provide spectator seating space for swimming events in the indoor pool.

The 100-thousand-dollar pool will be the only one of

Olympic specifications in Nebraska, which should prove a source of satisfaction to many AAU officials and swim enthusiasts in the area.

At one time within the past year the Omaha City Council was asked by an AAU representative to consider building an Olympic pool in Omaha. He said major swim attractions from all over the country could be brought to use it.

Overlooking the pool area and the basketball floor from the second story are picture windows of coaches' offices.

Also included in the building are classrooms, student activities offices, shower rooms and storage areas.

The problem of naming the new building has proven a stickler for college officials.

There is considerable support for calling it the "Dana Coliseum." One Nebraska newspaper already refers to it as the "Dana Sports Palace."

Officially, it still is called the Borup Physical Education Building. The "student activities" part of the name was dropped when it was observed that it would become inaccurate when a new student union is constructed.

Danians, Blairites In Group To Discuss Anti-Communism

The Blair Discussion Group, an organization of Dana students and staff members and downtown residents, has been formed to discuss anti-Communism.

In a regular study program at Dana the group is aiming to "educate interested persons in the philosophy and workings of the Communists, both in the United States and in Communist-controlled countries."

It was decided to form the group after an appearance in Omaha of Dr. Frederick Schwarz of Australia, leader of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

At the first meeting the members of the group registered and saw a film, "Communist Encirclement: 1961."

The semester-length series of discussions will last 18 weeks.

The group plans to discuss materials found in various pamphlets and books and listen to tape-recorded speeches.

Award

The Kaj Munk Memorial Award is being initiated this spring for the best translation of either poetry or prose from any foreign language in the Sower, Dana literary magazine.

Alum Council Names Three To Committee

Will Update Constitution

A three-member committee of the Alumni Association has been named to revise the organization's constitution.

Selected at a recent meeting of the council were the Rev. Fredric Youra, president of the association, David Parrish and Mrs. Richard Jorgensen.

It has been several years since the constitution was brought up-to-date and there are several discrepancies to be resolved.

An addition legalizing mail balloting is one change that has been recommended.

Another is rewording of the publication section, since the Dana Review replaced the old Alumni Quarterly.

Revisions will first be voted upon by the council, then submitted to the entire association for approval.

Members attending the meeting were President Youra, Mrs. Jorgensen, Mr. Parrish, Earl Pace, Harold Qualsett and Mrs. Simon Korshoj.

There were these committee appointments:

Mr. Qualsett, Area Representatives; Herbert Hjortsvang, Class Agents; Mrs. Korshoj, Alumni-Senior Banquet; Dr. Clifford Hanson, Alumni Scholarships; Mr. Parrish, Dana Clubs; and Mr. Pace, Annual Alumni Appeal.

President Youra said "particular attention" was given to indorsing the Annual Alumni Appeal goal of 40 thousand dollars.

Council meetings were scheduled for every January, April, September and October.

The regular October meeting probably will be held each year at Homecoming.

Alum Appeal Help Asked

This year's Annual Alumni Appeal will be conducted in May.

Earl Pace of Blair, Class of 1950, has been appointed chairman of the drive.

He had this statement for alumni:

"Working together with the Church Relations and Development Office personnel, we are drawing up plans which we hope will enable us to reach the goal of 40 thousand dollars for 1962-63 adopted by our Alumni Association at its annual meeting.

"Further information will be forthcoming in the Dana Review and in special mailings to the alumni.

"Please plan now for your role in the building of a greater Dana. You will be invited to make your commitment during the month of May."

Church Program Is College Night

Alumnus Paul Simon, Troy, Ill., newspaper publisher and state legislator, spoke recently at First Lutheran Church in Omaha.

On the program with him were the Dana choir and folk dancers.

Mr. Simon was in the news recently as a contender for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator from Illinois.

Religion Courses Required of All

The faculty has voted to require all new students to meet the religion requirements for general education.

Roman Catholic students prohibited from taking Dana's religion courses will be permitted to transfer credits for equivalent courses by correspondence or by attendance at another institution.

The change was made to bring religion requirements in line with those of other Lutheran colleges.

Borup Special Gifts

Gifts to The Dana College Foundation may be earmarked for specific projects, if desired. The following is a list of items needed for the Borup Physical Education Building. Later, a listing of specific items for the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science will be published.

If desired, these gifts may be given as a memorial. If so, proper recognition will be given in a plaque or memorial book in the building.

If interested, write the Church Relations and Development Office for further information. Your gifts may also be sent directly to this office.

SPECIAL GIFTS

BORUP PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING	
Bleachers	\$20,000.00
Pool equipment, Board, etc.	800.00
Furnishings for four offices at \$300 each	1,200.00
Furnishings for a class room	500.00
Recreational Equipment for Student Use	400.00
2 Basketball Timing Devices	1,100.00
Physical Fitness Equipment	400.00
Audio-Visual Equipment, Projector at \$500, Other \$400	900.00
Training Room Equipment (Health Services)	700.00
Public Address System	1,800.00
Football Timing Clock	600.00

Nebraska College Fighting For Life In Merger Move

Luther Junior College may be down but it isn't out.

The Wahoo, Neb., school is fighting for its life in the face of reports that it soon will be closed and its operations transferred to Midland College at Fremont.

Students, alumni and townspeople are fighting to keep the school open, with a fund-raising campaign already started and a newspaper drive begun.

Behind the talk of closing

Loren Halvorson Speaks At Dana

Dr. Loren Halvorson of Minneapolis was guest speaker for the spring series of Spiritual Emphasis Days on the campus.

He is assistant director of lay training for the Board of College Education of The American Lutheran Church.

Dr. Halvorson's topic was, "The Church on the Edge of Tomorrow."

Luther is the scheduled merger of its supporting body, the Augustana Lutheran Church, with three other synods to form the Lutheran Church of America.

The Luther Alumni Association has said it will ask the church to lease the college to it for a token sum of 10 dollars annually for 99 years with a purchase option.

It would be operated as an independent Christian junior college, with a governing board mostly Lutheran.

Book Sale

A recent Political Science Club book auction on campus netted about two hundred dollars. About half the money will be used to buy political science and government books for the Dana Library.

With Alumni In the ALC

The first unit of a new church was dedicated at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Eugene, Ore., on Sunday, January 21. Edward R. Andersen is pastor.

Exira Lutheran Church, Exira, Ia., has voted to begin construction of a new 90-thousand-dollar educational unit to provide 30 classrooms. Pastor is Lloyd Lorentzen.

Recent mergers of congregations include: Dannebrog and Dry Creek Lutheran Churches to form Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Dannebrog, Neb., and English Lutheran and First Lutheran of Avoca, Ia.

Pastoral Changes:

Pastor Alfred Langhough, from Ingleside, Ill., to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis.

Pastor Henry N. Hansen, from Spencer, Ia., to St. John's Lutheran Church, Glidden, Ia. (interim pastor).

Pastor Niels B. Hansen, from Poy Sippi, Wis., to Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn. (visitation pastor).

Pastor H. Irving Petersen, from Graettinger, Ia., to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Traer, Ia.

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