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Dana Graduates Its Largest Class; 103 Seniors Will Receive Degrees

Ceremonies Are May 26 In Coliseum

The largest graduating class in Dana's history will receive degrees in Commencement ceremonies May 26.

About 103 seniors are candidates for bachelors' degrees. Class sizes have grown steadily since the beginning of Dana's development drive swelled enrollments.

Commencement speaker will be a well-known educator, Dr. Paul Miller, newly-appointed superintendent of the Omaha Public Schools system.

Dr. Miller was named to head the city's schools last year after the death of Dr. Harry Burke.

Dr. Miller previously was superintendent of Syracuse, N. Y., schools.

The Commencement ceremony will be at 3 p.m. in Borup Coliseum.

Baccalaureate will be at 11 a.m. the same day, also in the Coliseum.

The speaker will be Dr. R. H. Riensche, Superintendent of the Lutheran Children's Home at Waverly, Ia.

Alpha Chi Students Attend Convention

Three Dana members of Alpha Chi flew to a national convention of the organization in Wichita Falls, Tex.

It was the first Dana attendance at such a meeting.



An Honorary Viking

Jesse Owens was made an honorary Viking by members

of Dana's D Club. Making the presentation were Roger

Howlund of the D Club and President Madsen.

Tivoli Comes Alive At Dana In Spring College Program

The gay atmosphere of Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Gardens was reproduced at Dana for a late April program including indoor and outdoor attractions.

Students presented the Dana Folk Dancers, a women's gym team, music, coffee and kringle.

Scandinavian travel films

were shown and there was a meeting of the Dana Chapter, American Scandinavian Foundation.

The campus included several continental touches—flowers in bloom, Odense beeches budding, Copenhagen gas lamps shining and Berlin lindens symbolizing international friendship.

Faculty Members Given Promotions

The Rev. William Thomsen and Dr. A. Gordon Ferguson have been advanced to the rank of professor.

Miss Elja McCullough and Gilbert Ragan were promoted to associate professorships.

These faculty members were granted tenure:

Dr. Donald Lehmer, Dr. Marie Tucker, Dr. Wayne Wise, Kieth Skogman, D. J. Tveit, Mr. Ragan and Miss Luella Nielsen.

Jesse Owens Campus Visitor

One of America's most renowned athletes was a recent Dana visitor.

Jesse Owens, fastest human afoot more than a quarter of a century ago, spoke at an American Lutheran Church Youth Conference on the campus.

The 49-year-old Ohio State grad captured the 100 and 200-meter dashes, the broad jump and anchored a victorious 400-meter relay team in the 1936 Olympics.

During his campus stay Mr. Owens watched the Viking track team work out.

He was given a plaque and made an honorary Viking by the D Club. Roger Howlund, Council Bluffs, the D Club representative on the Student Council, made the presentation.

The plaque read:

"Dana College and the members of the Dana D Club take pleasure in presenting to Jesse Owens the honorary title of Viking in recognition of his personal athletic accomplishments and his continued leadership in providing educational opportunities for the youth of America."

Mr. Owens owns a public relations firm in Chicago and is active in baseball programs for underprivileged children.

Other conference speakers were William Springfellow, New York attorney and noted lay churchman, and Dr. John Bachman, professor of practical theology and director of the Union Theological Seminary Center for Communication and the Arts in New York City.

Baseball

- May 4—At Midland (double-header)
- May 8—Wesleyan
- May 11—Westmar (double-header)

Track

- May 4—Rock Island Relays
- May 7—Dual at Concordia
- May 11—Doane Relays
- May 17—Tri-State at Westmar



"That's the Way"

Former Olympic track star Jesse Owens took time out from his speaking duties during a recent campus appearance to watch the Viking

track squad in action. He is shown here giving a few pointers to Dana hurdler Tom Frank.

Half of Student Body Got Some Assistance

306 Danians Received Help

Just about every other student enrolled at Dana this year received some form of assistance, either in scholarship, loan or employment.

A summary prepared by the college administration showed that 306 students benefited.

The total dollar value of this student aid was more than 90 thousand dollars.

The most widely used form of assistance was employment.

A total of 143 persons earned more than 24 thousand dollars.

Other categories:

Regents scholarships, 17; merit scholarships, 68; special ability awards, 71; National Defense loans, 81; staff and foreign student tuition grants,

26; honored college scholarships, four, and donor grants and scholarships for named students, 36.

Some students received more than one form of assistance.

The total did not include Veterans Administration benefits or short-term loans to be repaid within six months.

Students Elect 4 New Officers

Tom Lange, Racine, Wis., has been elected president of the student body.

Other new officers:

Rich Jorgensen, Des Moines, Ia., vice-president; Kathy Olson, Blair, secretary, and Bob Jensen, Eugene, Ore., treasurer.

"Crucible"

"The Crucible," a drama by Arthur Miller, was presented by Dana dramatists in two evening performances.

Lectures By Famed Alum

Dr. A. T. Jersild Editor, Teacher

One of Dana's most distinguished alumni, Dr. Arthur T. Jersild, presented a series of lectures and discussions on campus.

He is recognized throughout the nation for his writings and work in the field of psychology.

He has written several well-known text books, including "Child Psychology," which is used by colleges and universities all over the world.

Dr. Jersild presently is the editor of "Child Development Monographs" and editor of the Prentice-Hall psychology series.

Since 1938 he has been a professor of education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Dr. Jersild attended Dana during the early 1920's. He received further education at the University of Nebraska and at Columbia.

He is a licensed psychologist in the state of New York and serves as an advisory editor to such publications as "Read" and "Parents" magazines.

Student Featured On TV Program

Dana student David Snowbeck, son of college business manager A. J. Snowbeck, appeared on "Camera on Mid-America," a presentation of Omaha's KETV.

Serving as co-host with KETV announcer Hart Jenks, Dave interviewed finalists in the Miss Omaha contest.

A major portion of the program was devoted to a discussion of Dana's liberal arts reading program.

Fellowship

The Rev. Lloyd G. Refsell, on sabbatical leave from Dana, is among 17 Lutheran educators granted Lutheran Brotherhood Faculty Fellowships.



Plans for Holling Hall

The Board of Regents has approved plans for Holling Hall, a 400-thousand-dollar

dormitory designed to house about 140 men. This architect's drawing is repeated in

this issue of the Review because of the limited circulation of last month's edition.

Board Okays Budget, Buys More Property

Regents Also Seat Members

The Board of Regents in a meeting held on the Dana campus approved a 1963-64 budget of \$941,115 for the college.

This represents an increase of 54 thousand dollars over the operating budget for 1962-63.

In other action the Regents approved purchase of a 4½-acre tract adjoining the campus south of Omaha Village, the new married student housing development.

There are no immediate plans for developing the land.

The college administration was authorized to propose names for the existing North and South Halls, the old dormitories.

These names, probably of early pioneer founders, will be presented for approval at the November board meeting.

Three new Regents were present at the meeting—E. A. Nielsen, Mission, Kans.; Carl Gustafson, Denver, and Irving Jensen, Sioux City, Ia.

Dr. R. H. Riensche presented his resignation. He has moved from the Central District of the ALC to Waverly, Ia., an area which already is represented on the board.

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Development Council Committees Working

Dana's newly-formed Development Council has been active in several areas.

The second meeting of the entire Council was held on campus late in April.

Reports were given by committee chairmen and plans were made for expansion of the Council's activities.

Speaker was Dr. Thomas Dooley, executive director of the Nebraska Independent College Foundation.

An earlier meeting was held by the Estates Committee of the Council.

Its members are Leo Johnson and Herman Brockmier of Lincoln; Philip O'Hanlon of Blair; L. K. Madsen of Audubon, Ia.; W. E. Moor of Elkhorn, Neb., and F. W. Carstens and William Thompson of Beatrice, Neb.

The Council's Parents Committee served as hosts for the fifth annual Parents Day on April 28.

Members are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Knudsen of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Magnussen of Audubon; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Planck and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pedersen of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plugge of Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Heye Rademacher of Johnson, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Winterburn of Elkhorn.

Council members are Gilbert Ragan, Herb Knudsen

500 Attend Parents Day

Over 500 persons from ten states attended the fifth annual Parents' Day Program at Dana held on April 28. This was the largest crowd to attend the event in its five year history.

Parents' Day was also Dana's way of observing National Christian College Sunday.

A capacity crowd attended the traditional home concert by the Dana Choir in the evening.

and Phil Pagel of Dana; Harold Miller and Norman Williams of Omaha; Earl Pace and Clark O'Hanlon of Blair; Herman Brockmier and Keith Knudsen of Lincoln; Dale Bruning of Bruning, Neb., and Willard Hansen, Cedar Falls, Ia.

25 Viking Volunteers

Twenty-five persons in seven states have volunteered to serve as "Viking Builders" in their communities and churches on behalf of Dana.

They have three objectives in working as representatives of the college:

—Build and sustain interest in Dana.

—Help build enrollment by encouraging young people to attend Dana.

—Further support for the school, financial and otherwise.

The college's Development Office urges any alumnus or friend of Dana to offer his services as a "Viking Builder."

Literature and further information is available from the Church Relations and Development Office.

Seven Accepted For Youth Work

Seven Dana students have been chosen for Youth Ministries projects of The American Lutheran Church.

They are Audrey Hemingway, Duane Hansen, Thomas Schroeder, Timothy Jensen, Gary Johnson, Kathryn Olsen and Rebecca Roesner.

Nurse Studies Over For Former Student

Miss Judy Bergstrom (1959-62) was formally capped as a nurse in February ceremonies at Jenny Edmondson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Bergstrom, Missouri Valley, Ia.

Experienced Educator Gives Growth Views

A sobering look at the future of privately-financed higher education was taken recently by one of the most well-known educators in the Midwest.

The Rev. Carl M. Reinert, S.J., former president of Creighton University in Omaha, made some predictions in a luncheon speech.

If higher education stands still, so will the nation, he said.

Citing the 1960s as a critical decade in the history of education in America, Father Reinert said that if communities become disinterested, "higher education cannot implement for progress and thus both will fail to meet the challenge."

He predicted: "Enrollments will double, but the growth of institutions by type will be uneven. Tax-

supported schools will grow much faster than private ones. Large, complex institutions will grow faster than independent colleges."

He added that urban schools will grow faster than ones in rural areas.

The educator said faculty shortages will be acute and tuition charges will mount, but scholarship assistance will increase with recognition of "intellectual ability coupled with need."

Admission standards will rise, Father Reinert continued, while more students attend schools near their homes and more colleges operate on a trimester plan.

He also said college presidents will give up "the schizophrenic existence of an academic mastermind and fundraiser and public relations officer" and appoint co-equal executives for development.

Dana Offers New Majors

30 Hours Needed For Languages

Dana will offer majors in Spanish and German starting with the 1963-64 school year.

Dr. A. Gordon Ferguson, chairman of the Modern Languages Department, said it will take 30 hours to qualify for a major in either language.

This is the first time a major has been offered in a single language, although majors have been available in combinations of languages.

Dr. Ferguson said Dana lost two students this year because a single-language major was not available.

Nielsen Music

Peter Weis, visiting lecturer from Copenhagen, presented "The Music of Carl Nielsen" in a special program sponsored by the Dana Chapter, American Scandinavian Foundation.

Choir Conductors Called to Campus

Plans are in the works to bring back former conductors of Dana's a cappella choir for a golden anniversary observance at Homecoming October 11-13.

All former choir members also will be urged to attend.

Special reunions and appearances by choirs that sang under various directors are being considered.

There also are plans for a mass performance of several old Dana choral traditionals.

Further details will appear in later issues of the Review.

Blair Appeal Is Scheduled

The annual Blair appeal will be conducted during the week of May 20.

A kick-off breakfast will be held May 20 for workers in the drive.

Chairman is Clark O'Hanlon. Committee members are Robert Krogh and P. V. Hansen.

Team Has Potential; Spring Sports Begin

By Barry Tuttle

Dana's 1962-63 basketball squad, though hampered by what Coach Wilbur Clements called "youth and injuries to key players," showed potential which could make next year's campaign much brighter for Viking followers.

Loss of players through graduation will be comparatively low.

Although services of Bob Erickson and Gary Lebeck will be sorely missed, veterans such as John Laughhunn and Roger Beck should capably fill their shoes.

Both Beck and Laughhunn saw considerable action this year.

Adding spice to this combination will be new lettermen Ken Kemmish and Jim Fluckey, whose back-court prowess was outstanding throughout the season.

Baseball and track have moved into the athletic spotlight at Dana.

Mr. Clements boasts good depth and ability in returning lettermen and some capable freshmen candidates who could strengthen Dana's power.

The team has been working out with a large batting net, which permits indoor practice while wintry weather restricts outdoor activity.

Borup Coliseum buzzes with activity of eager track enthusiasts.

Under the direction of Coaches Paul Peterson and Harold Becker, Viking cindermen have been working out for several weeks.

In comparing last year's finish with prospects for this spring, Coach Peterson said:

"Added strength in field events should rank this year's squad as good as, and proba-

bly better potentially, than last year's."

Dana was runner-up in conference competition in 1962.

Highlight of the season will be the annual Viking Olympics at Rock Island, Ill., where colleges from across the nation will compete.

Equally important is the season finale, the Tri-State Conference run-off which will determine championship honors.

11 Dana Players Awarded Letters

Eleven Viking basketball players have been awarded letters for the 1962-63 season.

They are:

Roger Beck, Exira, Ia.; Marc Peterson, Audubon, Ia.; Gary Lebeck, Walnut, Ia.; John Laughhunn, Missouri Valley, Ia.; Bob Erickson, Kankakee Ill.; Gary Hanson, Somers Ia.; James Fluckey, Arlington, Neb.; Ken Kemmish, Persia, Ia.; Owen Vasby, Cambridge, Wis.; Brian Peterson, Blair, and Wally Welander, Woodbine, Ia.

Workshop

Harry Duncan, area consultant for the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study, conducted a workshop at Dana under the sponsorship of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

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