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Olsen Leaves Dana Staff; Post Vacant

Pagel Is Named Alumni Director

The Rev. James W. Olsen, vice-president for Church Relations and Development, has resigned effective July 1, President Madsen announced.

Pastor Olsen was called to Dana in 1961. He has accepted a call to Faith Lutheran Church, Reno, Nev.

The Reno congregation was established about six years ago as a mission of The American Lutheran Church.

Before coming to Dana Pastor Olsen served congregations in Farmington, Minn., and Lincoln, Neb. He has been vice-president of the Central District of the ALC the past three years.

No replacement has been named.

Dana has a new Director of Alumni Affairs.

He is Phil Pagel, who for the past five years has been Director of Public Relations. He will continue in that post.

Mr. Pagel replaces Calvin Jorgensen who had been handling the alumni duties in addition to his work as admissions counselor.

Mr. Jorgensen will concentrate completely on admissions work, President Madsen told the Alumni Council at its spring meeting.

The council voted to commend and thank Mr. Jorgensen for his efforts on behalf of the Alumni Association.

The council formally recognized Mr. Pagel as the executive secretary of the Alumni Association.



Old Main Pictured

This picture is prominently displayed in an article on the Old Mains of American colleges and universities published in the spring edition of College and University Journal, the official publication of the American College Public Relations Association. The picture was taken early last fall by Harold Wright, Blair photographer. Post cards bearing the picture in color are available at the Dana Public Relations Office.

Denver Dana Club Meets, Re-elects E. V. Morton

About 60 alumni and friends attended the spring meeting of the Denver Dana Club.

Fifteen prospective Dana students were special guests. The dinner meeting was at First Bethany Lutheran Church.

Club President E. V. Mor-

ton of Wheatridge, Colo., was re-elected.

The club re-elected Vice-president Ezra Larsen of Boulder, Colo., and elected Carol Petersen as secretary-treasurer and Donna Meierotto as corresponding secretary.

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Homecoming Anniversary For Singers

Choir Will Mark Fiftieth Season

Homecoming, October 11-13, will also be the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Dana choir.

The Homecoming theme: "Rise Up and Sing Our Song."

Four former conductors are planning to attend, Homecoming officials said. They are Mrs. Silas Anderson, Mrs. Hans Jersild, Waldo B. Nielsen and Gunnar Malmin.

Reunions of the choirs that sang under each of these directors are planned. The choirs are to appear during the Saturday evening concert.

Paul Neve, the present choir director, will have a reunion with those who sang in the choir from 1943 to the present.

Invitations will be mailed by each of the conductors to their former choir members urging them to attend. Reservation cards will be mailed later this summer.

The Homecoming committee urged alumni to make advance registrations.

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Vacation

This is the last issue of the Review until September.

Please keep the office informed of change of address and any news of alumni.



"Seated Woman With Bird"

Thanks to Peter Brosen, long time friend of the College and retired Owatonna, Minn., farmer, Dana will keep an outstanding piece of sculpture created by one of her professors. Mr. Brosen purchased Elmer Petersen's "Seated Woman With Bird" and gave it to the college. Pictured with the work are (from left) Mr. Petersen, Judy Jensen, Pat Petersen and Ann Brehm. It has been placed in the lounge of Mickelsen Hall.

With Alumni In the ALC

Grace Lutheran Church, Brush, Colo., was recently presented the certificate of appreciation of the Committee on Christian Higher Education of the Central District.

The Rev. Andrew P. Staby is pastor.

Five members of the church are freshmen at church colleges, two are upperclassmen.

Since the Rev. Mr. Staby began as pastor seven years ago 18 members have enrolled in Lutheran colleges.

Chaplain Harold E. Nelson is stationed at Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, Cal. Chaplain Nelson, a captain, was formerly stationed at Kaiserslautern and Giessen, Germany, and at Etain, France.

Chaplain Melius Bollesen's new address is: Staff, Commander Destroyer, Div. 153, FPO, San Francisco, Cal. He

was recently promoted to lieutenant. Until this month he had been stationed in the Pearl Harbor area.

The Rev. Immanuel Johansen, formerly of Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada, is now pastor of Bethany and St. Peter Lutheran Churches of New Denmark, N. B., Canada.

The new St. Paul Lutheran Church, Atlantic, Ia., was dedicated May 19. The Rev. Ronald Christiansen is pastor.

The Rev. Bent Damkar, formerly of Standard, Alta., Canada, is now pastor of Dunbar Lutheran Church, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

The Rev. James Rasmussen, a 1963 graduate of Wartburg Seminary, was ordained in his home congregation, Sharon Lutheran Church, at Calgary, Alta., Canada, June 9. He will be pastor of the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Standard.

The Rev. Gilbert Jensen, formerly of Kansas City, Mo.,

Seven of Faculty Leave, Seven Others Appointed

Dr. Clifford Hanson, a former Dana professor, and the Rev. Paul C. Johnsen, missionary to Japan, will be among additions to the college staff next fall.

Dr. Hanson will return as professor of philosophy. He has been on the faculty of Wartburg College, Waverly, Ia., the past several years.

Pastor Johnsen, who will be in Blair while on a year's furlough, will teach religion courses.

Other new faculty members announced by the college are Dr. Elizabeth Jacobsen, elementary education, Dale Lemmon, basketball coach and physical education, Miss Gudrud Hansen of Denmark, women's physical education, N. Gene Savage, music, and Rodney Whitaker, speech and drama.

The Rev. F. W. Thomsen, who has been on sabbatical leave, will return to the art department.

Seven staff and faculty

members are leaving Dana. They are the Rev. Harold Becker, the Rev. James Olsen, Miss Gurli Christiansen, Wilbur Clements, Calvin Eichorst, Sieghard Krueger and Elmer Petersen.

Norman Bansen of the English department will be away during the second semester while he is visiting professor at the University of California.

Denver Club Has Meeting

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The speaker was Pastor James W. Olsen, vice-president for Church Relations and Development. Dr. Ervin Fritschel, president of the Central District, also attended.

Leland Waltz showed slides of the 1962 Homecoming.

The Denver Dana Club sponsors a scholarship for a student attending Dana from the Denver area. It also sponsors a spring caravan visit to the campus for interested young people.

Blair High Principal On Summer Staff

Three public school educators are members of the Dana summer faculty this year.

Principal Earl Pace and Mrs. Catherine Sorenson of Blair High School are teaching education and mathematics respectively.

Mrs. Ethel Valder of Tekamah is teaching English.

R. J. Weckmuller, director of Summer Sessions, said that a large number of faculty members are involved in advance study this summer, leaving the college with a number of unfilled teaching positions.

"We are very fortunate to have a number of outstanding public school teachers with advanced degrees teaching in our local public schools and we are most happy to welcome them to our staff," Mr. Weckmuller said.

Dana Officials Visit Europe

President Madsen and Dean C. Arthur Christiansen will be among Dana's representatives abroad this summer.

Dr. Madsen will represent Dana and the cause of Christian higher education in the American Lutheran Church at the World Federation meeting in Helsinki, Finland.

Dr. and Mrs. Madsen plan to spend some time in Denmark.

Dr. Christiansen is already in Denmark in connection with the exchange-student program shared by Danish and American institutions.

is now pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fairfield, Cal.

Pastor Aaron E. Christiansen, retired in St. Petersburg, Fla., died May 20. He last served as chaplain for the Veterans Administration at Dearborn, Mich.

*Pastor Olsen's Farewell:***Christian Education Has 'Plus'**

Here is the farewell statement of Pastor James W. Olsen who is leaving his post of vice-president for Church Relations and Development.

I am grateful for having had the privilege of serving Dana College for the past 2½ years, seeking to strengthen her mission in Christian Higher Education. It has been an exciting time to be associated with Dana because of the rapid strides of the college both in terms of academic achievement and growth of physical plan.

Before coming to Dana I served as a parish pastor for 12 years. I feel that God now has led me back to the parish. For this reason I have accepted the call to serve as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Reno, Nev.

I will miss my associations at Dana College and in the Central District, but I also look forward to new opportunities and challenges in this new field of service.

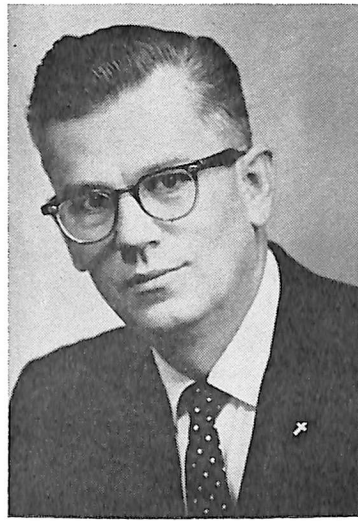
I will continue to support Dana College in every way possible, and it is my prayer that the spirit of the Living Christ may continue to dwell in these halls of learning.

I am convinced more than ever of the value and importance of Christian Higher Education which seeks to educate the "whole person," soul as well as body and mind. Our church colleges have the unique opportunity of imparting knowledge within the context of the Christian faith.

Here the relevancy of this faith to life and learning can be demonstrated. Here young people can be challenged to commitment of heart and life to the Saviour. Here the doors of learning may be unlocked through faith in Christ who is the source of all truth. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I am also convinced that the church college has the responsibility for seeking to carry out these objectives. This is our primary function as a college of the Church, and this is what justifies our existence.

We seek to be a college of academic excellence while at



Pastor Olsen

the same time we must allow the Christian faith to temper all activities and learning. We do not apologize for these objectives but rather proudly affirm that this constitutes the "plus" of Christian higher education.

Our church colleges face critical years ahead because the increasing number of young people seeking admittance means rising budgets and expanded physical plants.

However, we are confident that the alumni, friends of the college and members of our churches will provide the necessary resources to meet this challenge.

We feel that people generally recognize the place of the private church-related college in our American education system and that the members of The American Lutheran Church recognize the contribution of our colleges to the life of the Church down through the years.

It is our responsibility to reaffirm and re-dedicate ourselves to the Christian objectives upon which our college was founded. We must spell out, in a very articulate way, that which sets us apart from the state-supported college.

Above all, in the classroom and in all the activities of the college, we must bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, the One who gives content, meaning and purpose to life.

My hope and prayer is that all of us who are friends of Dana support the college in every way possible. Dana needs our sympathetic understanding, our constructive criticism, our constant prayers and our generous gifts.

Dana will carry out her mission in Christian higher education to the glory of the Lord of the Church if we will be faithful in giving her our loyal support as God gives us opportunity.

Forty-four Grads Enter Teaching

Forty-four members of Dana's Class of 1963 have signed contracts to teach in public schools next fall.

Twenty-six will teach in Nebraska schools. Eleven are under contract to Omaha-area schools.

Other states attracting Dana teachers: Colorado, seven; California, three; Wisconsin, three; Minnesota, two; Wyoming, Iowa and Utah, one each.

Five of the new teachers have joined the Peace Corps.

Here is a partial list of assignments:

Nancy Annis, Fremont, Neb.; Mary Jane Anthony, Paul Christiansen, Lois Hansen, Pat Karacofe, Kay McGill and Wayne Nielsen, Omaha, Neb.; Charlene Bridges and Mary Jane Clausen, Huntington Beach, Cal.

Patricia Bring, Norfolk, Neb.; Pat Burnett, LaPuente, Cal.; Tom Frank, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ceva Hanson, Neligh, Neb.; Jack Hill, Ralston, Neb.; Judy Johnson, Albion, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Everitt Petersen, Denver, Colo.; Janet Krugman, Battle Creek, Neb.; Joan Nielsen, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Susan Ringhand, Newcastle, Wyo.; Julie Sanderson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Eugene TeSelle, Tekamah, Neb., and Hans Willadsen, Polk, Neb.

Snowbecks Honored On Anniversary

The Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Snowbeck was observed on campus this month.

About 50 faculty and staff members honored the couple at an informal coffee hour in Mickelsen Hall.

Mr. Snowbeck is business manager of the college.

We Need Help

To the best of our knowledge, the following is a complete list of former Dana College Choir Directors and their years of service at Dana College. If there are any corrections to this list, the Public Relations Office of the College would appreciate hearing from you immediately.

1914-1918

Mrs. Silas Anderson
2420 33rd Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

1918-1923

Mrs. Hans Jersild
South Wayne, Wisconsin

1923-1924

Miss Helen Andersen
Address Unknown

1924-1925

Miss Lillie Allen Kyde
Address Unknown

1925-1930

Mr. Waldo B. Nielsen
2007 Elk Avenue
Eugene, Oregon

1930-1937

Mr. Gunnar Malmin
1004 Wheeler
Tacoma, Washington

1937-1940

Mr. Elwood Kraft
Address Unknown

1940-1942

Mr. John W. Link
Box 2536 Milan Station
Grants, New Mexico

1942-1943

Miss Mildred Brannon
Address Unknown

1943-

Paul E. Neve
Dana College

Any information as to the whereabouts of former conductors for whom we have no current addresses will be greatly appreciated.

Editors

Linda Gehrig, an English from Omaha, was elected editor of the 1963-64 Danian. Sidney Larson of Edmore, Mich., will edit the Sower.



Science Mosaic

The Rev. F. William Thomsen created a large mosaic mural which now decorates the west wall of the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science. Pastor Thomsen is shown here working with a portion of the colorful mural before it was attached to the outside brick of the building. It depicts a scientist at work.

Largest Class Graduates; 101 Seniors Get Degrees

A class of 101 received diplomas at Commencement ceremonies May 26 in Borup Coliseum.

It was the largest senior class in Dana's history. Last year's class numbered 71.

Mrs. Brenda Krueger of Blair was valedictorian; salu-

tatorian was Judith Mayland of Omaha.

The Commencement speaker was Dr. Paul Miller, superintendent of Omaha schools.

Baccalaureate services were also held in the Coliseum. The speaker was Dr. R. H. Riensche, superintendent of the Lutheran Children's Home, Waverly, Ia.

Trackmen Lose Conference Bid

Dana's trackmen had an off day at the Tri-State Conference Track Meet last month at LeMars, Ia.

The squad finished third behind Midland and Yankton Colleges.

The Vikings, seeking to regain the conference championship from Midland, were hampered by injuries to several key performers.

Junior Officers

Mike Pedersen of Omaha was elected president of next year's junior class. Other officers: Lowell Larson, Northfield, Minn., vice-president; Cheryl Donahoo, Millard, Neb., secretary; Don Dreyer, Hay Springs, Neb., treasurer.

Report Available

Copies of President Madsen's report, "The Year of Dedication," are available at no charge from the office of Church Relations and Development.

Alumni Sponsor Senior Banquet

The largest class of Dana seniors to be welcomed into the Alumni Association was honored at a banquet held at the Fireside Restaurant in Omaha May 20.

Speakers included President Madsen, Miss Elja McCullough and alumni treasurer Earl Pace. Master of ceremonies was Dave Parrish, Alumni Council member.

Grades Forecast Earnings, Phone Company Survey Says

The college student who thinks extracurricular activities will mean more than high grades when it comes to being successful in later life is mistaken.

And the fellow who thinks graduation from a "big name" school will automatically give him a jump on the graduate from a lesser known college is equally wrong.

Those are conclusions reached in a study of 10 thousand telephone company executives who were graduated from college between 1910 and 1950.

The National Observer reported that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company "is now convinced that a student's standing in his graduating class is the most important indicator of how high he is likely to rise on the AT&T ladder."

The report said that the rank in class was found to be more important than the standing of the school attended. Leading students from "unknown" colleges were more frequently successful than average students from "top" schools.

"Extracurricular activities, long the refuge of those who claimed well-roundedness was more valuable in business than

scholarship proved much less accurate a forecaster of company success," the report said.

"Extracurricular achievement was a useful indicator only for those with outstanding achievements to their credit such as holding the top office in an important campus organization. A busy round of social activities did not forecast a distinguished business career."

The company used salary as the standard of success in making the study.

"Each executive's salary was ranked in comparison with salaries of executives employed the same length of time. Then each man's comparative success was checked against what he achieved in college in grades, activities and earnings.

"Among men who stood among the top third in salary for their level of experience, half came from the top-third of their classes and only a quarter from the bottom academic third."

The best executive prospect, the report said, is a graduate who had outstanding grades, held important student posts and attended a "quality school."

There are other important factors that don't necessarily show up in the academic record, of course—integrity, creativity and personality.

Three ALC Meetings Set for Dana Campus

Dana will again be host to three Central District meetings this summer.

The Luther League Leadership Training School will meet on the campus August 5-10.

The District Instructors Institute will meet August 13-15. The joint meeting of Central District committees will be August 27-29.

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