



# The Dana REVIEW

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Pastor Thomsen and colleague watch mosaic being placed on Sacred Heart Hospital

## Two Faiths Collaborate On Mosaic

When the Catholic Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict wanted a striking finishing touch for their hospital addition at Yankton, S. D., they turned to a Lutheran college in Blair, Neb., and the ordained ALC minister who heads its art department.

It began when architect Warren Dixon of Mitchell, S. D., discussed with Sacred Heart Hospital officials their plans for the new addition.

He told the nuns that "something beautiful should be on the outside."

He specified a mosaic.

In charge of the project was Sister Leonarda Longen, art instructor at Mount Marty College for Women, a sister institution to the Sacred Heart Hospital.

She and other nuns began a search for an artist.

They visited churches and colleges where mosaics had been used to decorate new buildings.

One of the places they visited was Dana, where they saw the mosaic on the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science by the Rev. F. W. Thomsen.

They became acquainted with Pastor Thomsen and he agreed to help.

And thus was created an informal example of ecumenism, with an ordained Lutheran minister working side-by-side with nuns of the Roman Catholic Church to a common goal.

Pastor Thomsen became interested in mosaics about nine years ago. He has assembled them for churches and other buildings in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin.

It was agreed that the hospital addition should bear a mosaic image of the Good Shepherd. He would stand holding a wounded lamb.

Pastor Thomsen planned the project for more than a year. When work began last June, he and 11 nuns were

## Enrollment Hits Record 711

Enrollment reached a record 711 at Dana this fall. That is 41 more than the total a year ago.

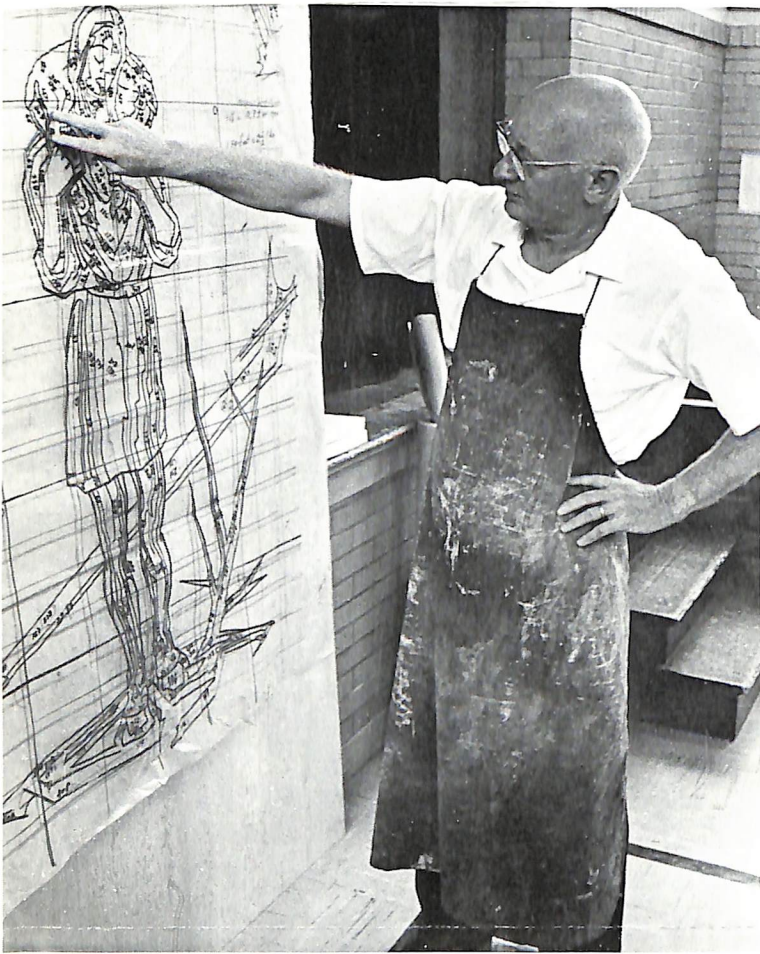
There are 110 seniors, 107 juniors, 172 sophomores, 287 freshmen, eight full-time postgraduate students, four full-time special students and 23 part-time students.

As in past years, most of the students (277) are from Nebraska, with 70 from Blair.

Other states with large representations include Iowa, 174; Wisconsin, 53; Minnesota, 29; Colorado, 28; Califor-

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Drawing is guide to placement of 45 different shades of mosaic tile.



Inserting head detail pieces is exacting job for Pastor Thomsen and nun.

## 'Ecumenical Art Work' Graces S. D. Hospital

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on hand in the gymnasium of Mount Marty College.

It took them nearly six weeks to finish the job.

It was six weeks of tedious effort, for assembling a mosaic is like putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle.

The mosaic was made in 12 sections, the robe alone weighing about six hundred pounds at completion.

Pastor Thomsen stayed in a room at the hospital, where he was treated as an honored guest. At the conclusion of the project he helped direct work as a construction company used a crane to hoist the mosaic to its place on the side of the building.

And before he returned to Dana he was awarded a "junior doctorate" by the grateful sisters.



Finished work (left). Giant crane hoists it into position (above). (Photos by James Denney)

## New Honor To Madsen

President Madsen has been awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Midland College at Fremont.

The presentation was made as Midland dedicated a new \$1,250,000 science center.

Dr. Henry Margenau, New Haven, Conn., was given an honorary doctor of public service degree. A 1924 graduate of Midland, he is professor of physics and natural philosophy at Yale University.

Others honored were Edd H. Bailey, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, who received an honorary doctor of laws degree, and J. Dale Milliken of Fremont, president of the Fremont National Bank, who was given an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

Dr. Margenau noted in his dedication speech that most American institutions suffer from over-emphasis on technology and gadgetry and said:

"Here is where I see the unique role of a church-affiliated college."

The new Midland building has four floors of classrooms and laboratories and a planetarium.

## Alumnus Poh Gives Stereo

Alumnus Don Poh of the Poh Music Company in Green Bay, Wis., has given the Dana music department the components for a Fisher stereophonic sound system to be installed in a music listening room in Old Main.

Mr. Poh, who has made many valuable contributions to the music program of the college, also presented the department with a large collection of records.

## Heavy Going, But No Slowdown



An autumn that saw more than one rainfall record established in the Blair area turned part of the Dana campus into a quagmire. Heavy rain on the raw earth of two construction sites made a sea of mud.

However, a construction company spokesman said work on the two buildings, a student center and a dormitory, was not slowed enough to set back the completion date of September, 1966.

## The Campus Scene —

### *Frosh Hazing Under Fire*

Initiation of freshmen, a long-time Dana tradition that seldom is questioned except by the freshmen, was a topic for unusually heated debate this fall.

A survey among all students, both freshmen and upperclassmen, taken by Hermes staff members, showed what the student newspaper described as "overall discontent."

"Freshman initiation is a farce," said one student. "It is not enforced, lasts too long and never has a real climax. Beanies are fine but should be worn and then taken off at the first football game won, as an incentive to promote school spirit.

One freshman girl said, "It was fun but it lasted too long."

In an editorial Hermes questioned the value of initiation.

"What we would like to see," wrote Editor Robert Boldig, "is a program that allows the freshmen to get to know the school and why they are here . . . The feeling of not belonging is probably the biggest problem freshmen face. Why make them more uncomfortable?"

### **Window Display: Danish Dancers**

The Dana Folk Dancers received maximum public exposure in an appearance at the J. L. Brandeis and Sons department store in Omaha.

The occasion was "Danish Day," featuring imports from Denmark.

The dancers performed several times throughout the day in the store's main display window on the busy

intersection of Sixteenth and Douglas Streets.

### **Steinbeck Work Is First Play**

"Of Mice and Men" was the first presentation of the year by Dana's dramatics department. It was scheduled the first week end in November.

Rod Whitaker, chairman of the Speech and Theater Department, was the director.

### **In Brief . . .**

The Dana chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management has received a "special activities award" from the national SAM in recognition of its scholarship and grant-in-aid program . . . Thanksgiving vacation is November 24 through November 28.

# Briton M.P. New Alum

Dana's newest honorary alumnus is a British Member of Parliament, Colin Jackson.

He was awarded the distinction while on campus to deliver a lecture on "Crisis in the Far East."

He has spoken at Dana every year for the past three years. The college decided to honor him because of his contribution to broader understanding of world affairs among students.

Mr. Jackson returned recently from a Far Eastern tour. In addition to serving in the House of Commons he is a commentator for the British Broadcasting Company.

His lecture was the first program in the college's Special Events Series.

# Library Gains Rare Artifacts

Mrs. Paul G. Rasmussen, an alumna of Dana now teaching in Eugene, Ore., has given the college library a collection of rare New Guinea artifacts.

Mrs. Rasmussen collected the native gear during a two-year teaching assignment in New Guinea at the American Lutheran Church mission school.

Her late husband, the Rev. Paul G. Rasmussen, was an alumnus of Trinity Seminary.

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## Dana's First 'Freyas'



"Freya" is a goddess in Danish mythology. This year Dana will have one every month, chosen from among the coeds by the Hermes staff. First choices were Erma Hough (left), a sophomore from Underwood, Ia., and Joanne Gochenour (right), senior from Mondamin, Ia. (Hermes Photos by Wayne Josephson)

# 30 States, 9 Nations Represented at College

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nia, 22; Illinois, 19; Maine, 17; Montana, 13, and Kansas, 10.

Other states with students at Dana are South Dakota, New Jersey, Oregon, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Hawaii, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Texas, Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Alabama, Idaho and Massachusetts. The District of Columbia also is represented.

There are students from eight other nations—American Samoa, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Norway and the West Indies.

More than half the students, 365, are members of the American Lutheran church. A total of 115 are

members of other Lutheran synods.

Other denominations represented run the gamut from Moslem to Baptist, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Congregational, Christian, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Reorganized Latter Day Saints, Christian Science, United Brethren, Evangelical and Reformed, Greek Orthodox and Christian and Missionary Alliance.

# Slow Start For Vikings

Dana's football offense took a while to get clicking, but it finally produced a win in the Vikings' fourth start.

The victory was over Sioux Falls (S. D.) College, 30-14.

Shortly before the game Coach Grant Walls had said what was needed was "some momentum in our attack."

The Vikings had a good defense, he said, adding:

"The only problem is that it plays too much."

Dana tumbled to Tarkio 19-6 in the first game of the season.

It could have been a different story if the Viking offense had started paying off in the first game instead of the fourth. Dana lost the ball twice on fumbles after drives to the three and one-yard lines.

Said Coach Walls:

"We played hard enough to win; we just didn't play well enough."

Dana fell to Wesleyan 27-7 in the second game. It was the sixth game in a series between the schools; Dana has never won yet.

The Wesleyan attack featured Dwight Tietjen, who last year was the school's top scorer with nine touchdowns.

The conference opener was with Midland, arch-rival of long standing.

Dana again lost the offense several times on fumbles and ended up on the short end of a 20-0 score.

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