



# The Dana REVIEW

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## Full Program Scheduled For Parents Day

Dana's seventh annual Parents Day will be Sunday, April 24.

Invited are all parents of past or present Dana students—and parents whose children will soon be Danians.

Scheduled is the first annual meeting of the Dana Parents Organization. The organization has no membership dues, constitution or binding regulations, but rather functions as a federation of parents interested in the programs and policies of the college, explained Roy Brown, chairman of the Parents Committee.

Schedule for the day:

- 10:30 a.m.—Parents Day Worship Service, Alumni Memorial Auditorium, the Rev. Richard Jensen, campus pastor.
- 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Dinner for all guests, College Dining Room, Argo Hall (by reservation only).
- 2 p.m.—First annual meeting of The Dana Parents Organization, Alumni Memorial Auditorium (parents only).
- 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.—President's reception for all guests, Borup Coliseum activities area. Music by the college band.
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Campus open house. Faculty and staff members will be available in their offices for individual consultation.
- 7:30 p.m.—Dana Choir presents "Hymn of Praise" by Mendelssohn, Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

## Californians Start Newest Dana Club

Alumni in the San Francisco area have organized the newest Dana Club.

President Madsen attended the organizational meeting in late February at which Pastor Niels Carlsen was elected club president.

A report on plans and projects of the new club will be carried in a later issue.



Christensen



Simon

## Dana to Award Two Honorary Doctorates

An honor bestowed by Dana only once before in 82 years will be awarded to two distinguished visitors at this year's Commencement, May 29.

The college will grant honorary doctorates to Carlo Christensen, Cultural Counselor to the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, and Alumnus Paul Simon, author and crime-fighting Illinois State Senator.

Mr. Christensen, this year's Commencement speaker, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Mr. Simon, the Baccalaureate speaker, will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

Dana's first honorary doctorate went to the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Siersbeck in 1959.

The Class of 1966 is expected to number 129. The Baccalaureate service will be at 11 a.m., Commencement at 3 p.m. Both will be in Borup Coliseum.

Mr. Christensen has been attached to the Embassy since December, 1945.

Before that he was with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen.

He is the author of a book about the Danish Resistance Movement, and his writings include two historical works. One is about the first Danes in New York, the other about Peter von Scholten, the Danish Governor General who freed the slaves on the Virgin Islands in 1848.

He edited a biography of Thager Larsen, the Danish poet, and has written a small book about Kaj Munk, the Danish dramatist and churchman killed during the occupation. He is also the author of short stories and numerous articles in both Danish and Danish-American publications.

In 1945 he received a citation from General Eisenhower for brave conduct in the Danish Resistance Movement.

Alumnus Simon, Dana's Commence-

## New Post to Dr. Larsen

The Rev. William Larsen, secretary of The American Lutheran Church since 1961 and a Dana alumnus, will become the executive director of the ALC's board of theological education next January 1.

Dr. Larsen will be the first executive for the board, which has responsibility for the operation of three theological seminaries in the United States and one in Canada.

Announcement of Dr. Larsen's election to the position was made by the Rev. Ralph Piper, Ann Arbor, Mich., chairman of the board.

The ALC's theological schools are in St. Paul, Dubuque, Ia., Columbus, Ohio, and Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. Since 1960 the board's work has been administered by a council of seminary presidents, with Dr. E. C. Fendt, Columbus, serving as coordinator.

Dr. Larsen, who was president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church prior to the merger in 1960, was elected secretary of the new body at its constituting convention.

Dr. Larsen was campus pastor for Lutheran students at Ohio State University, Columbus, O., in 1947 and 1948 and was executive director of the Lutheran Student Foundation at the University of Minnesota from 1948 to 1956. From 1943 to 1946, he was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, in which he still holds a reserve commission. Dr. Larsen was pastor



**Dr. Larsen**

of Bethany Lutheran Church, Boston from 1936 to 1943.

Dr. Larsen is a graduate of Dana and Trinity Theological Seminary. He took graduate work at Harvard University and Boston University. He received an honorary doctorate from Wartburg Seminary in 1957.

## Help Stamp Out Equipment Gap

The public relations office reports that trading stamps have begun to arrive in response to the ad in last month's Review.

Director Phil Pagel said the stamps will be used to acquire equipment for the new student center, if the response is heavy enough.

"We'd like to get a piano, possibly some billiard tables, radio, television and other equipment," he said.

The stamps, either loose or in books, should be mailed to the public relations office by first class mail, he said.

## Nebraska Tour Set For Summer Session

The 1966 Dana summer sessions have been scheduled for June 12 through July 22 and July 25 through August 12.

Courses will be offered in art, chemistry, economics, education, English, geography, health, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physical education, physical science, political science, religion and speech.

Catalogs are available through the public relations office.

A special feature will be a pre-Centennial tour of Nebraska conducted by Miss Elja McCullough.

Her "college on wheels" will leave Norfolk, Neb., on June 3 for historic or scenic spots at Bancroft, Macy, Fort Atkinson, Omaha, Nebraska City, Beatrice, Lincoln, Hastings, Minden, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Chadron, Valentine and Chambers.

The tour is offered for regular college credit.

## Notes in the News

Students reportedly are still chuckling over the Faculty Follies, a rousing professor-produced variety show presented March 4. The show is given only once every four years; that way—hopefully—no undergraduate gets to see it more than once.

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Sunrise Easter services were held in the Doctors Auditorium of the Charles A. Dana Hall of Science under the sponsorship of the Blair Ministerial Association.

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Dr. James Miller, chairman of the Department of English at the University of Chicago will lecture on "The New American Novel" April 20 at 8 p.m. in Doctors Auditorium.

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The annual Elizabethan Evening will be April 29 at 8 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Auditorium. Students will

present excerpts from Shakespeare's plays, under the direction of Dr. Herta Engelmann.

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Dana's students from Scandinavia presented a program March 27 under the sponsorship of the Dana Chapter of The American-Scandinavian Foundation.

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Jim Jorgensen, Roger Moller and Keith Benson are letter pitchers on the Dana baseball squad.

Viking Coach Dale Lemon, rating defense as the club's strong suit, will rely heavily on Jorgensen, who has posted 11 victories in two springs.

Behind the Des Moines senior, whose earned-run mark was 2.38 last spring, are sophomores Benson, who worked 14 innings, and Moller, who toiled 11-2/3.

## Doctorates

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ment speaker in 1961, wasn't yet old enough to vote when he became a newspaper publisher in Troy, Ill.

He received wide attention when his newspaper began an attack on organized crime in his county, and Mr.

Simon eventually appeared as a witness before the Kevauver committee.

His newspaper interests grew, and at one time he was publishing 14 papers. He has since sold them to devote more time to writing and his legislative duties.

Mr. Simon is completing his first term in the Senate after four terms in the House.

Five times he has received the Independent Voters of Illinois "best legislator" award. In 1957 the American

Political Science Association gave him a special award for "distinguished reporting of state and local government" in a column he writes during legislative sessions.

He is the author of three books, "Lovejoy, Martyr to Freedom," "Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness" and "A Hungry World."

The topic of his Baccalaureate address: "More Than Truth Must Conquer."



This story is reprinted from The Omaha World-Herald. The author is roving reporter Tom Allan, a frequent visitor to the Dana campus.

Linda Filson can feel the beauty of a spring day, and it fits her spirit.

## Despite Blindness, Her World Is Bright

She stood high on the hill above Old Main overlooking the wide Missouri River Valley.

A stiff breeze whipped her hair. Sunlight, playing hide and seek among the clouds overhead, caught the radiance of her face.

Spring was in the air and Linda Filson, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Filson of Santa Ana, Cal., was full of joy.

The other students of Dana College could see the beauty of the day, but perhaps none appreciated it more than Linda. For them seeing may have made it too easy to really appreciate it.

Linda is blind. The victim of an eye disease, she saw her last glimmer of light in infancy.

"Any one can put a blind-fold on and tell it is a beautiful day," she said. "I can tell it by the sun, the wind, the smell and just the atmosphere and all the kids running around."

On such a day—or any day—it would be an error to imply this girl, in whom a genuine love of life overflows, considers her lack of sight either an asset or ever a handicap.

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Her sightlessness has failed to dim her enthusiasm for a full life or deter her quest for an education. Last year she was an honor student although the only sightless member of the seven-hundred-student graduating class of Santa Ana High School.

She attended regular public school classes from the fifth grade on. High school accomplishments included winning the presidency of several clubs, reaching the finals in a California speech contest, being in the senior play, playing the piano, singing with vocal groups and last May being crowned Santa Ana's Miss Hibiscus.

The coronation climaxed a civic beautification campaign.

Though she had never seen it as others see it, she had moved the judges with her description of a beautiful city. They were astounded to learn after her selection she had seen the beauty through sightless eyes.

This effervescent girl swims and dives. She complains that the Borup Coliseum pool high board doesn't have enough bounce.

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She water skis! A thrill is joining her father and sister in cross-overs behind a speeding motorboat during annual summer outings on the Colorado River. She rides horses, bowls, plays miniature golf and is a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball fan.

At Dana she's taking a full academic load, is a member of the choir and is currently practicing for a part in the freshman talent show.

True, she has to take lecture notes in Braille and several classmates voluntarily

read to her.

"Why should taking notes in Braille be difficult?" she asked. "I can do it as easy as you can write."

"I am sure if a poll were taken, the greater percentage of students on the campus would not know she is blind," Phil Pagel, public relations director, said. "It is amazing how she walks around the campus, neither asking nor getting special consideration."

That's the way Linda wants it.

"I think my secret is a desire to want to do things," she said.

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"My condition has never stopped me when I really wanted to accomplish something. If I am going to live in a world of sighted people I should try to be like they are. I do not feel they should adjust to me. It is more im-



**"Guest Stars"**

The Back Porch Majority, a popular new singing group, will appear in concert April 28 at Borup Coliseum. Majority leader is Randy Sparks, formerly of the New Christy Minstrels.

## Cagers Set New Marks

The Dana basketball squad won only five of 21 games this season, but there were some bright spots.

The Vikings scored on 41.6 per cent of their shots and averaged 50.8 rebounds a game to 46.8 for their opponents.

Senior Ken Kemmish, an all-Tri-State Conference selection, shot at a 46.1 per cent clip en route to a 451-point season. He averaged 21.5 points a game and set a school single-game mark of 41 points.

He averaged 16.4 points a game over four seasons, and his 1,311-point career total is a Dana record.

Dean Krueger, a 6-5 freshman, snared 230 rebounds for a school mark. Sophomore Tom Kalchik averaged 9.7 rebounds in nine contests after joining the squad at mid-year.

Dana leaders:

	FG	FT	Reb.	Pts.	Avg.
xKen Kemmish...	173	105-144	95	451	21.5
Dean Krueger...	98	69-106	230	265	13.3
xWally Welander	80	50-85	119	210	10.0
Bill Weigel	45	31-71	52	121	8.1
Marv Enger	45	7-20	90	97	8.1
Tom Kalchik	36	16-26	88	88	9.8
Gary Shuck	29	8-13	78	66	4.1
Roger Reutlinger	22	16-24	43	60	3.2
xLarry Anderson	25	9-15	33	59	3.7
xSenior.					

The Baseball Vikings have 10 dates on this spring's schedule—all doubleheaders.

# Her World Is Bright

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portant for me to adjust to them.

"Yes, I was scared to death to try when I started to learn to water ski. But my sister did it and so did my father. I just felt I was no different. So I did."

Linda, who has accomplished more than most blind persons—and sighted ones, too—declines to credit the challenge her sightlessness may have offered.

Instead she credits the opportunity she has had to live constantly in an atmosphere of sighted people.

"If more blind persons had the encouragement and the chance I have had they could do what I have done," she said.

The bond of friendship and understanding she found on the Dana campus four years ago led Linda back for her college education. She was part of a 36-state tour by Southern California blind children that stopped for a week-end stay on the hill.

She fell in love with Mickelsen Hall, the dormitory in which she now resides, and in particular with Mr. and Mrs. Max Cochran who entertained her in their home. The love is mutual.

Mrs. Cochran, secretary to President C. C. Madsen, said, "Linda is a remarkable girl. She enjoys life so thoroughly."

Mrs. Allen W. Laaker, Dana dean of women and Mickelsen Hall housemother, added.

"She has been both an inspiration and a benediction to us all."

Others have also become infatuated with this sightless yet far-sighted girl who wants either a career in political science or directing a junior high school choir.

Perhaps Santa Ana's Police Chief Edward Allen expressed it best in a poem he wrote in tribute to her as Miss Hibiscus:

The light of love, the pure of grace,  
The mind, the music breathing from her face.  
The heart whose softness permeates the whole;  
These are her eyes—and in themselves a soul!

## Trading Stamps, Anyone?

Dana wants trading stamps. Top Value, Gold Bond, S & H—you name it. Any kind, any number. Loose or in books. They can be traded for "extras" for the new student center.

It's a good way to help Dana—and it doesn't cost a cent.

Send your extras to the Public Relations Office at Dana.

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