



# The Dana REVIEW

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## Dana Grants Two Honorary Degrees

Dana awarded a pair of honorary doctorates and graduated the second largest class in its history at this year's Commencement.

Recipients of the doctorates were Carlo Christensen, Cultur-

President Madsen congratulates three honored guests—at left, Commencement Speaker Carlo Christensen; below, Senator and Mrs. Paul Simon.

al Counselor to the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, and Alumnus Paul A. Simon, Illinois State Senator.

The Class of '66 numbered 127, two less than last year's.

Mr. Christensen, the Commencement speaker, said the honor was something he will always treasure.

"I am so deeply grateful that you believe in me to such an extent that you would honor me in this distinguished way," he said. "I can only say that from the very first day I visited Dana College, I had a feeling of somehow belonging here.

"I felt at home with the students and the faculty and the whole environment of this academic institution, and today I feel that I am really at home, that I am a part of Dana."

He predicted that Dana will someday grow into a university.

"And some of you graduates will be here on that day, because Dana is your academic home, and always will be part of you," he said.

The doctorates awarded Mr. Christensen and Senator Simon, the Baccalaureate speaker, were only the second and third honorary degrees ever bestowed by Dana. The first was awarded several years ago to the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Siersbeck, former Dana president.

Mr. Christensen, speaking to an audience that filled Borup Coliseum, related that his first visit to the campus attracted considerably less attention.

"My first visit to Dana College many years ago was noticed by no one," he said. "My daughter and I were on a trip



## Grads Are Challenged

Baccalaureate Speaker Paul Simon challenged the graduates to use their Christianity, even if it involves them in controversy.

"Christianity does not and cannot live in a vacuum," he said. "Graduates of Dana College, who profess to share her heritage, cannot live up to that heritage simply by going to church on Sunday morning and singing hymns and acting pious."

"We must face the unpleasant reality," he said "that when the Christian faith is applied to life, controversy is the inevitable result; that to avoid controversy is to play the role of the priest and levite in the story of the Good Samaritan."

Senator Simon, an alumnus who has received acclaim as newspaperman, crime-fighter, author and lawmaker, drew on some Dana-connected memories to establish the theme of his address, "More Than Truth Must Conquer":

## *There's Poetry and Legend In Dana's Ancient Name*

What does the name "Dana" mean?

Carlo Christensen, Cultural Counselor to the Danish Embassy, gave Danians an explanation in his Commencement address.

"Dana is the poetic name for Denmark," he said. "The name derives from the legendary King Dan, who was the progenitor of the Danes and the founder of the Kingdom. That might take us back some two thousand years—we are not sure exactly how far.

"When Dan, according to the legend, had repulsed the enemies from Jutland, he gathered his men to deliberate with them about a name for his kingdom. An old chief rose to his feet and exclaimed:

"Thy name is Dan. Thy Kingdom shall be called Denmark—and that name shall exist as long as the world exists!"

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## Appreciation

The Parents Appreciation Award went to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Irving Petersen, who have sent five sons and daughters to Dana. Their twins, Kaye and Karl (flanking Pastor Peterson above) received their diplomas this year. Also on hand—(left) were Carole and Stanley Petersen.

# Apply Faith to Life, Simon Advises Grads

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"I recall shortly after leaving Dana, being on the same train as some University of Minnesota students, when to my great surprise they broke out in what I thought was the Dana pep song, and which I subsequently learned was stolen in broad daylight with no apparent embarrassment from the Minnesota school.

"Some equally imaginative Dana leader stole the school motto, the Latin for 'Truth Conquers,' from at least one hundred other institutions.

"I am not here to suggest a new school motto, for school mottos mean almost nothing anyway. But I do suggest that your aim in life as a graduate of a Christian college must be something more than seeing truth conquer.

"We happen to be living in a world in which knowledge is multiplying at an astounding rate, but justice and compassion lag far behind."

In a number of areas, he charged, Lutherans seem to be dragging their feet when it comes to applying faith to life.

For example, he said, there is statistical evidence that Lutherans are more prejudiced

toward Negroes than are members of most other churches.

He pointed to a 1958 study by the Census Bureau showing that the Lutheran Church has a smaller percentage of non-white members than any major denomination. Less than three-tenths of 1 per cent of Lutherans in the United States are non-white, according to the study.

Next on the list are the Presbyterians with a non-white percentage three times as high.

Observed Mr. Simon: "We tend to know the nouns of our faith—Redeemer, Justification, Sanctification, Eternity—but we are less familiar with the verbs: Love, Help, Give, Follow.

"My guess and my hope is that Dana College has helped to give you the nouns; now you must provide the verbs, for faith is not a trophy to be placed on an honored shelf, but something to be applied to the dirt and grime and tragedy of life."

Mr. Simon also spoke at the alumni-sponsored Senior Dinner in Omaha May 27.

Introduced by President Madsen as "perhaps Dana's most distinguished dropout," he told the seniors they would be hard put to find another college that offers what they have received from Dana.

## The Newest Alumni—

# Here's the Class of '66

Two members of the Class of 1966 were graduated *summa cum laude*.

They are Timothy Jensen of Castro Valley, Cal., and Mary Larsen of Madison, Wis. Mr. Jensen was the Valedictorian, Miss Larsen the Salutatorian.

Here is a complete list of graduates.

### Bachelor of Arts:

Corrine L. Adams, Brock, Neb. (cum laude); Daniel C. Aten, Blair (magna cum laude); James Harrison Carpenter, Oshkosh, Wis.; M. Dennis Danitschek, LaPorte, Ind.; Ruby Bushnell Dynneson, Plainfield, Ill.; Jeannine D. Frohling, Hooper, Neb.; Barbara Hagebak Hanson, Canby, Minn.

Gary I. Hiemke, Hartland, Wis.; Kenneth E. Jacobsen, Graettinger, Ia. (cum laude); James K. Jensen, Albert Lea, Minn.; Timothy A. Jensen, Castro Valley, Cal. (summa cum laude); Wayne E. Josephson, Lancaster, Cal.; Lowell D. Larson, Northfield, Minn.

Mary Larsen, Madison, Wis., (summa cum laude); Kevin L. Medlock, Wichita, Kans.; Wayne R. Morton, Wheat Ridge, Colo. (cum laude); John M. Overgaard, Exira, Ia. (magna cum laude); Larry L. Palmblade, Sterling, Colo.; Karl D. Petersen, Marshalltown, Ia.; Marylou A. Petersen, Aurora, Colo.

Kristi A. Planck, Omaha; Kenneth H. Quirk, Racine, Wis.; Michael L. Sink, Wichita, Kans.; Stephen Foo Yan Sit, Hong Kong; John C. E. Warmanen, El Monte, Cal.; Vaudine M. Weber, Hooper, Neb.; Walter E. Willmert, Hope, N. D. (magna cum laude).

### Bachelor of Science:

Ronald E. Anderson, Viroqua, Wis.; Dennis L. Barker, Pender, Neb.; Judith L. Barnes, Mineola, Ia.; Gary L. Bates, Oakland, Ia.; James M. Beck, Placencia, Cal.; Harold O. Berry, House Springs, Mo.; Mary Ellen Beyer, Appleton, Wis.; Margaret Bisbee, Arlington, Neb.

Robert A. Boldig, Franksville, Wis.; Carole J. Botos, Missouri Valley, Ia.; Diane K. Bro, Blair; Donald D. Bruning, Bruning, Neb. (cum laude); Ruth Buhl, Newman Grove, Neb.; Helen Carlson, North Platte, Neb.; Marvel J. Christensen, Craig, Neb.; Harlan D. Cook, Omaha; Frances Curtis, Logan, Ia.; Jan R. Dudley, Blair; David J. Dynneson, Sidney, Mont.; Donald L. Dynneson, Sidney, Mont.

Rosalyn A. Ehm, Pickrell, Neb.; Larry D. Engdahl, Hooper, Neb.; Eunice E. Erickson, Northfield, Minn.; Richard L. Evans, 3d, Brunswick, Me.; David B. Falksen, Ellendale, Minn.; Andton Fendrick, Jr., Pender, Neb.; Phyllis R. Fitch, Herman, Neb.; Delores T. Gemeinhardt, Lohman, Mo.; Joanne K. Gochenour, Mondamin, Ia.; Virginia Lee Gordon, Whittier, Cal.; John R. Hallquist, Red Oak, Ia.

Carolyn M. Hansen, Racine, Wis.; H. Jane Hass, Neenah, Wis.; Lester L. Haussler, Arapahoe, Neb.; Dixie D. Havick, Harlan, Ia.; Donald W. Hoffman, Blencoe, Ia.; Richard D. Houston, Northfield, Minn.; Jean Steele Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Joanne F. Johnson, Englewood, Colo.; Sharon R. Jones, Hastings, Neb.; James R. Jorgensen, Des Moines, Ia.

Joan Anne Jorgensen, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Ronald G. Karnatz, Fredericksburg, Ia.; Gloria Joslin Kellerman, Blair; Kenneth L. Kemmish, Persia, Ia. (magna cum laude); John P. Kjoller, Mobile, Ala.; Anne Bentsen Kress, Pisgah, Ia.; Vera May Kuster, Persia, Ia.; Doris E. Larson, Arapahoe, Neb.; Jerome R. Larson, Oregon, Wis.; Lynn A. Lauritsen, Harlan, Ia.; Larry Legore, Scranton, Ia.; Susan Legore, Northfield, Minn.

J. Robert Lyche, Los Alamitos, Cal.; Kathleen D. McKenna, Hatboro, Pa.; Barbara M.

Martin, Underwood, Ia.; Joyce M. Maurer, Grand Junction, Colo.; Ilona L. Moosmann, Aurora, Colo.; Geraldine Nauroth, Dunlap, Ia.; Donald F. Nelson, Blair; Doris Bogue O'Connor, Elkhorn, Neb.; Dallas M. Opfer, Arlington, Neb.; LeMar S. Osterholm, Glenwood, Ia.; Mary Hansen Paulsen, Oshkosh, Wis.; Michael J. Pedersen, Omaha; Carol V. Peetz, Omaha.

Everett K. Petersen, Botna, Ia.; Kaye M. Petersen, Marshalltown, Ia.; Richard B. Peterson, Eugene, Ore.; Robert M. Pratt, Jr., Westbrook, Me.; Karen A. Remmers, Beatrice, Neb.; Warren J. Renander, Essex, Ia.; Douglas D. Renken, Smithfield, Neb.; Barbara L. Riggs, Hartland, Wis.; Susan K. Rodenburg, Neola, Ia. (cum laude); Jeanette H. Schneider, Blair; J. Thomas Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jack L. Seeley, Dunlap, Ia.; Dean S. Slader, Fort Calhoun, Neb.; Susan G. Slader, Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Robert Smith, Woodbine, Ia.; Roland K. Sommerer, Craig, Neb.; Marjorie A. Stansberry, Modale, Ia. (cum laude); Wayne A. Theye, Wymore, Neb.; Nancy A. Tiaht, Stillwater, Okla.; Gail M. Turner, Vincent, Ia.; Bernhard A. Vaaler, Jr., Long Beach, Cal.

Lois E. Vaught, Monroe, Ia.; Barbara R. Ward, Strawberry Point, Ia.; Linda L. Ward, Glenwood, Ia.; Raymond W. Ward, Missouri Valley, Ia.; Frederick A. Weber, Portage, Ind.; Jo Ann Williams, Tekamah, Neb.; Lyla A. Winterburn, Elkhorn, Neb.; Wilma D. Wich, Millard, Neb.; Knight H. Wynn, Lyons, Neb.; Sandra C. Yager, Lafayette, Cal.

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing:

Nancy Jean Osborn, Springfield, Neb.

# Graduation Ceremonies

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from Washington to the West Coast. We stayed overnight in Omaha, started out early and came to Dana at six o'clock in the morning.

"There was no one around. Everything was asleep—the buildings, the people living in them, the campus and the vast land of Nebraska—as far as our eyes could see.

"We were impressed by what we saw, and I promised myself that some day I would come back; and so I did, several times.

"Each time great changes had taken place, new buildings had been added, which made it possible to educate more and more students at this institution which has chosen Denmark as its name."

The Distinguished Service Award went to Impresario Dick Walter for his contributions to the cultural life of the greater Omaha community.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. Irving Petersen, received the Parents Appreciation Award.

# At 74, Miss Mac Looks Ahead to Elephant Ride

By Tom Allan

"I've ridden on every conceivable conveyance except a camel, an elephant and a wheel chair. I am not yet anxious for the wheel chair but I am certainly going to try the other two."

With those words Dana College's globetrotting Miss Mac, 74, paused long enough to take note of the completion of one long eventful journey in life.

Then the pert schoolmarm scampered back to her apartment to finish packing for another.

Miss Mac, Elja McCullough, Dana's associate professor of elementary education, is completing 56 1/2 years as a Nebraska teacher.

The daughter of a Kincaid homesteader in Holt County is one of the deans of Nebraska education. She started as a country school teacher, was teacher and superintendent at Ewing for seven years and Holt County Superintendent for 13 1/2 years, taught elementary education at Wayne State's summer sessions and is completing her fifteenth year at Dana.

## 'Open Mind'

Thousands of students — many of them now teachers themselves — have been impressed by her Scotch-Irish wit and such homey philosophy as:

"Keep an open mind. Something might fall into it."

To new teachers she offered such gems of wisdom as:

"For one pound of book knowledge you need 10 pounds of common sense. You must know your subject matter. You cannot teach what you do not know any more than you can come back from a place you have not been."

She also is remembered here for the time four years ago at a basketball pep rally when she performed the twist with the star of the basketball team.

The performance is credited with inspiring the team to an upset victory over Midland.

Explained Miss Mac at the time:

"Well, I've been trying to



Miss Mac and her schoolbell.

keep up with young people all my life. That's what has kept the motor running."

So after all these years Miss Mac is retiring? Not on your

*The author, a roving reporter for The Omaha World-Herald, is a frequent Dana visitor.*

life. That motor is still purring in high gear.

She's now going to teach teachers about Nebraska and be co-ordinator for a Government project in her hometown of O'Neill to provide a helpful

nudge for slow learners.

There are to be more of Miss Mac's worldwide conducted tours that have taken her and her "students" to Hawaii, Europe, Alaska and Mexico twice and Cuba and Japan once. There just has to be enough more to get in that ride on an elephant in India or Africa and a camel in the Holy Land.

Then, too, there is that promised book to write "I've Had a Pleasant Life" . . . after a lot more living.

This month she conducted another of her Miss Mac Nebraska bus tours, an eight-day trek for 60 teachers. It was her fifth in recent years.

The two busloads of teachers started at Omaha and traveled west as far as Fort Robinson.

"I feel it is high time teachers know what is in our state and then do something about it," said the loyal Nebraskan. "It is sad that few Nebraskans know Nebraska's great authors or really know their state. I had a guide in Tokyo once who knew more about our state than most Nebraskans do."

Between treks and additional educational chores Miss Mac will live in her old home she recently repurchased at O'Neill.

She has one important date next fall. Dana students made her promise to return for homecoming where she will be a special guest.

## 'Whoop De Do'

Asked if she had any parting advice for students and teachers, Miss Mac paused.

Then caressing an inscribed schoolbell the elementary teachers of Blair had given her at a testimonial "whoop de do" the night before, she said:

"Maybe they would like two things that have always meant a lot to me."

She fumbled in her purse for a piece of paper, yellow with age and worn with use.

"This has always been my creed based on the letters of my last name," she said. M for my creed; C for consistent economy; U for unprejudiced decisions; L, loyalty to trust; L, liberal considerations; O, orderly efficiency; U, ultimate justice; G, gracious courtesies, and H for honest effort.

"The other is a poem the late Elisa Kimball Mills, a blind girl who was graduated at Ewing, wrote. It has been my philosophy:

*We all must leave a trodden path behind.*

*How straight God can alone define.*

*But in each path is left some good to find.*

*Showing that in each life is a spark divine.*

With her eyes sparkling Miss Mac added:

"All teachers must remember it is their business to look for that spark divine."



**Gift**

Paul Strand (left), associate director of development, recently accepted a four-hundred-dollar check from Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Eastlund of Albert Lea, Minn., to furnish a room in the new men's dormitory. The donation is from the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood of Albert Lea. Mrs. Eastlund, the former Audrey Hvolboll, attended Dana in 1940-41 and 1946-47.

**Nebraska's Bob Devaney Is All-Sports Speaker**

The newest member of the Dana D Club is Bob Devaney, head football coach at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Devaney received an honorary membership at the annual All-Sports Banquet, an event that featured a rollicking Devaney after-dinner speech.

Senior Ken Kemmish, who set 11 Dana basketball records, was named 1966 honor athlete.

Football honors went to Knight Wynn as the outstanding offensive player, to Bob Longacre as the outstanding defensive player, and to Phil Anderson as the outstanding freshman. Lowell Larsen and Dick Houston were named honorary co-captains.

Jan Philby, 1958 Dana graduate who is now head football coach at Red Oak (Ia.) High School, received the outstanding alumni award in the field of athletics.

Special awards went to Stan Jensen and Bob Jensen of Blair.

For the past 10 years Bob Jensen has been official scorer and Stan Jensen official timer

at all home basketball games. Athletic Director Paul Peterson presented each with a Dana blanket.

**More Stamps Are Needed**

The Public Relations Office reports a strong response in the drive to collect five hundred books of trading stamps.

So far 350 books have been received. They will be used to obtain furnishings and other items for new buildings, primarily the Student Center.

**Viking Baseball Squad Has Impressive Year**

Dana's baseball squad set the pace for Nebraska teams for much of the 1966 season.

At one point the Vikings ranked fourth nationally in team batting at .321. At the

same time Dana's Ron Bernier led the nation in doubles while batting .455.

A nine-game winning streak helped the Vikings win a berth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics South Area 3 baseball tournament.

Dana whipped Emporia State of Kansas, 5 to 3, in the first round of the double-elimination. But Dana fell to the University of Omaha, 6 to 0, in the second round.

Emporia came back to eliminate Kansas Wesleyan, 12 to 0, and then oust Dana, 4 to 3. Omaha stopped Emporia for the championship.

Earlier in the season Dana finished third behind the University of Omaha and Creighton University in the eight-team Nebraska Wesleyan invitational baseball tournament.

Dana pitcher Dennis St. Clair was named to the all-tourney team.

**Trackmen Take 5th**

Dana finished fifth in the Tri-State Conference Track Championship last month on the Viking track.

But the Dana runners scored 60 points, their best showing since 1963. Champion Yankton piled up 176 and Westmar was second with 152.

Despite stiff winds, which held down marks in several events, records fell in eight events during the two-day meet.

Dana's two defending champions both lost their crowns. Mark McKenzie, last year's pole vault winner, soared 13-2, but watched Dave Smith of Westmar set a new mark at 13-8 1/2.

Senior Knight Wynn lost his broad jump title to Westmar's Jim Sutherland, who jumped a record 22-11 1/2.

Dana's best showing was in the relays. The Vikings took second in the 440-yard, 880-yard and mile relays.

Bev Deepe, a freshman co-ed from Bruning, Neb., reigned as queen of the conference meet.

**Team scores:**

Yankton .....	176
Westmar .....	152
Midland .....	77
Concordia .....	75
Dana .....	60
Sioux Falls .....	31
Northwestern .....	17

**Council Bluffs Gets Wichert**

Terry Wichert, 1958 Dana graduate, has been named head football coach at Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Wichert, 30, had coached six years at Dunlap, Ia., and one at Rockford, Ia. A former Bellevue (Neb.) High School star, he was a quarterback at Dana.

In his new post he will meet head-on with another Dana alumnus, Warren (Bud) Kruse, head football coach at arch-rival Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln High School.

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