



The Dana REVIEW

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Dana Gift for New Library

Dr. C. C. Madsen, President of Dana College, has announced that a gift of \$300,000 has been received from the Charles A. Dana Foundation in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to be used for construction of a Library-Learning Resources Center on the Dana Campus.

Architect's plans are now being prepared and construction is scheduled to begin this spring. It is planned that the project will be completed by September, 1968.

After announcing the gift President Madsen said, "We at Dana College are deeply grateful to our good friends, Dr. Charles A. Dana and the Trustees of his Foundation, for this generous gift. This makes a total of a half million dollars we have received from Dr. Dana within the past five years. His challenge gift of \$200,000 made possible the building of our Charles A. Dana Hall of Science in 1962."

"The fact that this eminent philanthropist, whose benefactions have aided so many colleges and other worthy institutions in the East, counts us worthy of such an investment attests to his confidence in the quality and character of our program at Dana and our future contribution as an independent liberal arts college. We will be pleased to pay our tribute to Dr. Dana again as we name this new Learning Resources Center in his honor."

In a recent story in The Omaha World-Herald, staff writer, Tom Allan stated, "There is no hereditary relationship between Dr. Dana and Dana College. But the mutual respect began in 1961 because of the similarity of the name and Dr. Madsen's curiosity. Whetting the latter was a national magazine report that at that time Dr. Dana had given \$2,700,000 in gifts to small colleges.

"An initial letter brought no reply. A second did, with a request for more information on little Dana. Later Dr. Madsen met Dr. Dana in New York City.

"Then came a letter with the challenge of the initial gift. It was one of the catalysts of the major campus expansion on the hill.



Charles A. Dana

"Dr. Dana, second cousin to the famed Nineteenth Century New York Sun editor of the same name, gets as much fun out of giving as he did in getting—but he's no Santa Claus. He helps only those who help themselves and loves luring an entire community into backing its local college."

Dr. Dana prefers small colleges. He has said, "I think students at a small college understand life more."

In selecting a college to support, Dr. Dana looks for the "human equation," the quality of its graduates and "whether they speak well of it."

On giving he says, "there is no money profit any more, and it's human beings who make the world go around any how. It's important that they learn how. This is the best long-range investment there is—better than paper securities. Why should I let Washington waste it?"

The new air conditioned three-story

Library-Learning Resources -Center will be placed south of the Alumni Memorial. Plans call for the building to house a maximum collection of 150,000 volumes. (Dana presently has approximately 50,000 volumes.) There will be seating space for 500 students to read and study. The plan also calls for a technical processing area and a periodical literature research and browsing area.

Other areas planned include a rare book and archives collection department, a small auditorium-classroom, typing rooms, a large cloakroom, separate study areas for faculty members and individual study-discussion areas large enough for a group of six.

College officials have stated that this generous contribution will make possible the completion of this significant addition to the campus facilities at least a year or two earlier than they had anticipated.

Additional funds will be needed and sought to complete the project. The estimated cost is \$750,000. Some grants may be available for partial financing. However, it is hoped that Dana will receive support and loyalty from all alumni and friends in this new construction program.

Next Month—

A listing of the Dana Alumni who have contributed to the Annual Alumni Appeal will be printed in the March issue of the Dana Review.

The Alumni Appeal this year is "books for the library."

If you desire, your name will be entered as the donor in the books which can be purchased with your contribution. (The average cost of a book is eight dollars.)

Remember, books make fine memorials. Perhaps you would like to present books to the library in memory or honor of a favorite professor, president or classmate.

Many Alumni have not yet sent in their contribution. Why not send yours today.

The Chaplain Speaks

Rev. Richard Jensen

"How are things at Dana?" "How is Chapel attendance these days?" "Are the morals really as bad as we read about?" "Do the kids really believe that 'God is dead'?" These would rank with the questions most frequently asked of this Campus Pastor. These questions reflect the fact that people are concerned, deeply concerned, with the *quality* of the spiritual life of this generation of students. And, after all, Dana is a Christian College. So what are we doing about it?

In the first paragraph I used the word *quality*. People are concerned about the *quality* of religious life on Campus. Therefore, *quantitative* answers will not face up realistically to the dimension of the question. *Statistics* on Church and Chapel attendance are indicative of many things but they do not tell the final story. We might hasten to add that, "statistically speaking", Dana can compare very favor-



Rev. Jensen

ably with other ALC schools. But is this really the crucial question?

I think the crucial question is the question of *maturization*. At some point in everyman's life he must accept or reject the Christian faith from his own deep convictions. Theoretically, this is the point of our Confirmation rite but few of us really believe that a thirteen year old on the basis of a couple of years of instruction makes a life long commitment. But this kind of commitment, a maturity of faith, must come. It is clear, I think, that the words college and commitment belong together. During a student's college years commitments are normally made to a vocation, a style of life, a life's partner and many other things. As life takes on focus we can expect that a person's attitude to God will also come into focus. At the College level, therefore, we deal with students in their maturing and focusing years.

As College Chaplain I am, of course, concerned that this maturization process include growth into a responsible Christian commitment. In my mind a responsible commitment means a *freely* made commitment. One of the great tasks of a College Chaplain and of a College Religion

Department is to provide this atmosphere of freedom. The student must be free to accept the Christian faith (a freedom very difficult to come by at a "Christian" school) or to reject it. He must be free to criticize and to hear criticism of his Church's traditional language and doctrine. He must be free to stay away from all religious activities for a season—while he gives shape and focus to his commitment. He must come of age intellectually, not only in biology and math and history, but also in terms of his religious I.Q. His freely made decision must include his reasoning senses even though a commitment to the "foolishness of the gospel" is never really a rational decision.

I suppose it is in this general area that Church Colleges today are criticized. They no longer seem to be incubators for the growth of the Christian. Rather, they seem to throw every obstacle in his path. How many times haven't we heard it said, "He lost his faith at College." To go to college today, even (perhaps especially!) to a Church College, is to run a real risk of faith. Freedom is always a risk. It was extremely risky of God to give freedom to any of us. Look at what we've done with it! But, risked freedom is the only road to maturity for any generation. We on the college scene will be faulted for taking this risk. I trust we shall also be upheld in prayer as we take just as seriously our responsibility for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ meaningfully to today's youth. The message of the world comes through loud and clear. Will our preaching, will anyone's preaching, be just as loud and just as clear? This is the problem that we all share together.

Dana Students Rank High

The Admissions Office has tabulated some significant statistics about the number and quality of the students entering Dana. These figures compare Dana's freshman class of 1966-67 to: last year's freshman class; freshmen at other colleges of The American Lutheran Church; and freshmen at many other colleges and universities in the nation.

Calvin Jorgensen, Director of Admissions, stated that, "according to a recent report released by the Division of College Education of The American Lutheran Church, two of the eleven senior colleges of the Church enrolled greater numbers of freshmen than in the preceding year. Dana's increase was eleven per cent while another college reported a five per cent increase."

Mr. Jorgensen explained that, "Dana's increase in freshman enrollment is more significant in view of the fact that each year public colleges and universities are enrolling greater percentages of all the American youth who go on to college."

He said that, "Not only did the freshman class increase in number, but also in quality or 'academic potential'. Their academic potential is measured by the research division of the American College Testing Program. The ACT is required of all incoming freshmen; the scores range from 1 to 36 with 36 being the highest and 20 being the average.

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The chart below shows the average composite score of the freshmen classes at Dana for the past two years and compares these scores to those of freshmen entering other colleges and universities for the school year 1965-66.

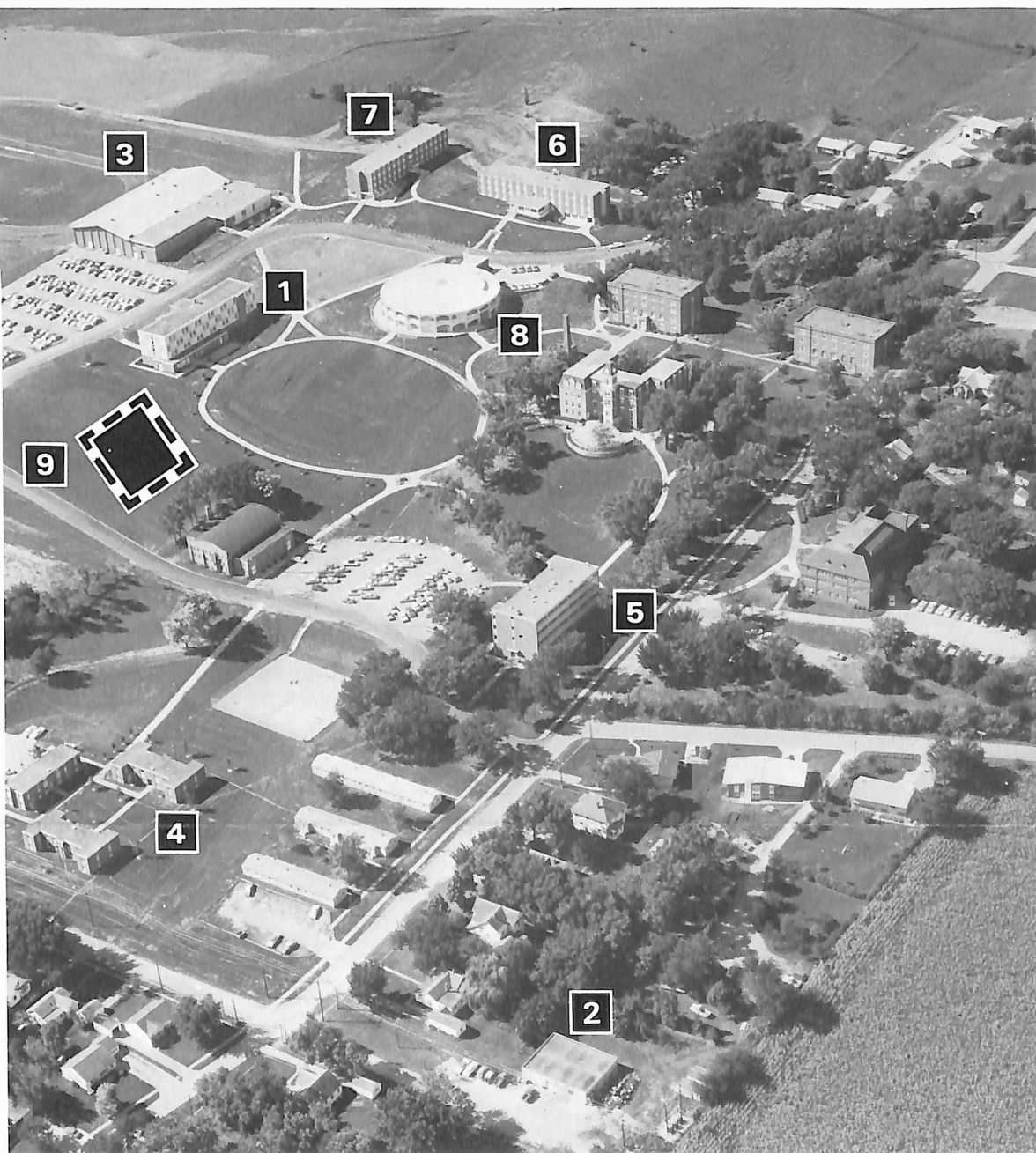
Freshmen Classes At:	number of freshmen	average composite score Range 1-36
Dana 1966-67	279	22.2
Dana 1965-66	229	21.6
118 Junior Colleges 1965-66	55,122	18.2
108 colleges like Dana (no graduate courses offered) 1965-66	30,226	19.3
70 institutions offering Master's degrees 1965-66	51,712	19.6
38 institutions offering PH.D.'s 1965-66	80,826	22.1
398 colleges 1965-66	238,145	20.1

New Aerial View

During the past seven years eight new facilities have been added to the campus and construction on the new Library-Learning Resources Center will begin this spring.

The numbers below correspond to the numbered buildings in the photograph. The year behind each building below indicates the year the facility was completed.

1. Mickelsen Hall—1960
2. College Shop—1961
3. Borup Coliseum—1962
4. Omaha Village—1962
5. Dana Hall of Science—1963
6. Holling Hall—1964
7. Rasmussen Hall—1966
8. Campus Center—1966
9. Proposed site for new library



Churchmen's Day February 17th

The fourth annual Churchmen's Day at Dana will be held on Friday, February 17th.

This day-long event is co-sponsored by the American Lutheran Church Men and the Dana College Church Relations Office.

A committee headed by Dale Bruning of Bruning, Nebraska has made arrangements for the Church Men to: visit three classes; take part in a discussion session; hear Dr. Edward Lindell, Dean of Denver University speak; have two meals in the new Campus Center and attend a Dana basketball game.

This event will give approximately two hundred Church Men a keener insight on

the typical day of a college student at Dana. After attending several classes, the men will have an opportunity to pose questions to faculty members and members of the administration.

A registration fee of \$5.00 provides admission to all of the events listed above. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Oak Ridge Lab To Visit Campus

One of the Oak Ridge mobile science laboratories will be spending two weeks on the Dana campus during the latter part of February.

The Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear

Studies, a nonprofit corporation operating under contract with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, provides advancement in nuclear science education on both a national and international scale.

The visiting laboratory program is designed to provide faculty members and advanced science majors the opportunity for specialized training in radioisotope techniques and applications. The training offered can be of significant value to faculty members in their teaching and research activities, and will provide students with an effective introduction to the field of atomic energy.

The Oak Ridge lab training is a combined Dana-Midland project. Four faculty members and four students from each college will benefit from the lecture and two laboratory sessions scheduled each day during the two week period.

Dana Students from page 2

Figures taken from ACT Research Reports show that 22 per cent of the 1966-67 freshmen at Dana had scores on the ACT in the range of 26-36. (A score of 24 or over places a student within Dana's scholarship range.) Another 44 per cent scored between 21-25, which means that 66 per cent of Dana's freshmen are above the national average of all freshmen entering college. Thirty per cent scored in the range of 16-20; and only 4 per cent scored in the lower bracket of 1-15, the national average being about 18 per cent in this bracket.

Mr. Jorgensen concluded by pointing out that, "in addition to academic potential shown by ACT scores other very important factors are considered before a student is admitted. These are: high school class rank, evidence of good character, leadership ability and extra-curricular participation."



Rasey



Ringhand



Sorenson

Semester of Study in Denmark For Three Dana Coeds

The three Dana Coeds pictured above will be studying at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark during the second semester.

They are Mary Beth Rasey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rasey of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Kathryn Ringhand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Ringhand of Oregon, Wisc., and Sally Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Sorenson of Omaha. All three are juniors.

This trio of coeds will spend the spring semester at the University of Copenhagen as participants in the Dana College Semester Abroad program. This is a foreign study program made available to Dana students of exceptional ability.

While in Copenhagen the students will live and have their principal meals with Danish families. These families live on an economic level which provides a comfortable standard of living and modern home facilities. Also, some English is spoken in these homes although it's certain that the girls will have many occasions to practice their Danish. Two have taken Danish courses at Dana to prepare them for their stay in Denmark.

Each student will be required to take at least five courses for a total of fifteen credit hours. It will not be as difficult as it might seem since all of the courses the Dana

students will be taking are taught in the English language by Danish professors.

One of the girls stated that "this opportunity to study abroad will be not only interesting, but also challenging."

After the semester's study Misses Rasey, Ringhand and Sorenson plan to stay in Europe for part of the summer months. During this time, they plan to work and travel to become familiar with the people and the ways in which they live to a greater degree.

Clemon Named Editorial Writer

James A. Clemon, a 1956 Dana graduate and a former member of the Dana Review editorial board, has been named an editorial writer for The Omaha World-Herald.

Mr. Clemon, who was student body president and editor of the Hermes while at Dana, joined The World-Herald as a reporter on the city news staff in 1956. As a reporter he covered a variety of assignments until January 1966, when he was named city editor. His latest promotion, to the editorial staff, came one year later.

Jim, his wife and two children live at 3714 Forest Lawn Avenue in Omaha.

A Search is on

A search is on for people who attended Dana and are now teaching at a college or a university. Information is being gathered for a future story and your help is needed. If you are one of these individuals or know someone who is, would you please send the following information to the Alumni Office.

- Name
- Address
- College or University where they're teaching
- Subject they're teaching

If you just know the person's name and the college where he's teaching, this would be a big help. Thanks for your trouble.

Parents' Day To Be April 23

Roy Brown of Blair, chairman of the Dana Parents' Organization has announced that Parents' Day this year will be on April 23.

He emphasized that all Dana parents are invited-including parents of students who have graduated and parents of students who will be starting classes next September.

This is the eighth year for the day-long program. Complete information and reservation forms will be mailed to parents at a later date.

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