



# The Dana REVIEW

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## LIFE Leaders to Speak at Graduation Ceremonies



**Dr. Schultz**

Dr. George Schultz, National Director of the Lutheran Ingathering for Education and Rev. Carroll Anderson, Western Division Director of the LIFE program, will address the Class of 1967 on May 28.

LIFE is a current program of The American Lutheran Church to raise "more than 20 million dollars" to further the educational ministry of the church.

Dr. Schultz will speak at Commencement and Rev. Anderson will speak at Baccalaureate.

The Class of 1967 is expected to number 125. The Baccalaureate service will be at 11 a.m., Commencement at 3 p.m. Both will be in Borup Coliseum.

Dr. Schultz is a graduate of Capital University and The Evangelical Luth-

eran Theological Seminary, both located in Ohio.

Rev. Schultz began his career as a teacher of voice at Capital University and later joined the administrative staff in the field of student admissions, alumni work and publicity.

In 1945, Rev. Schultz became Assistant to the Director of Stewardship and Finance of American Lutheran Church, and on January 1, 1951, became the Director. He held this position until a merger of three church bodies brought into being a new church, The American Lutheran Church on January 1, 1961. In this church he served as Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees until recently when he was granted a leave of absence to become the National Director of the LIFE program.

He is a director and a member of the Administrative Committee of Lutheran Film Associates, producers of films on the life of Martin Luther, Question 7, and the most recent film, A Time for Burning. The latter is a new type of on-the-spot documentary film depicting racial tensions in our day.

The topic of his Commencement address: "The Think Factory."

Rev. Anderson, Director of the Western Division of the Lutheran Ingathering for Education, is coordinating the campaign for educational funds in Nebraska as well as all states to the west including Alaska and Hawaii. He has five Area Directors and 240 Group Co-Directors serving under him.



**Rev. Anderson**

Four of the latter are faculty and staff members at Dana.

Rev. Anderson is a graduate of Augsburg College and Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

He was ordained on a call to the United States Air Force Chaplaincy following his graduation from the seminary in 1952. He served on active duty until 1959 when he was installed as Pastor of Westchester Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, California. He served this parish until the first of this year when he accepted his current position in the LIFE program.

Rev. Anderson has been active in many church affairs and since 1961, he has been Wing Chaplain in the California National Guard.

The topic of his Baccalaureate address: "Now, Lose Your Life."

# Alumni Selected by National Publication

Three Dana graduates have been selected for inclusive in the 1967 edition of **OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA**.

They are Dr. Paul Jersild, Dr. Arvin Quist, and Rev. Mark Thomsen.

Rev. Jersild and Thomsen graduated from Dana with honors in 1953 and Quist with honors in 1954.

Since leaving Dana in 1953, Dr. Jersild has received an MA in philosophy from the University of Nebraska, a B.D. from Trinity Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and a Th.D. from the University of Muenster in Germany.

Dr. Jersild taught in the Christianity Department at Dana during the 1956-57 school year. From 1962-1964 he served St. Matthew Lutheran Church at Palmyra, Wisconsin. Since Sept. 1964, he has been an Assistant Professor of Religion at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. Jersild is married to the former Marilyn Steffensen D' 43 of Chicago. They have three children Ann, six; Austin, four, and infant Amy.

Rev. Thomsen received a B.D. from Trinity Seminary in 1956, a Th. M. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1957, and is currently working on

his doctorate at Northwestern.

From 1957 to 1966 he taught in Nigeria—first at a Teacher's Training College and later at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria. During the past year, Rev. Thomsen has been the Lutheran Campus Pastor at State College of Iowa in Cedar Falls.

This fall Thomsen will join the Dana faculty as Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy.

Rev. Thomsen and his wife Mary Lou have four children, Mark, 12, Derek, nine, Sandra, seven, and Sheryl, three.

Dr. Arvin Quist, a native of Blair, is a research chemist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dr. Quist attended the graduate college of chemistry at the University of Nebraska from September 1954 to July 1959, receiving the M.S. in 1957 and a Ph.D. in 1959. During part of this time he was a graduate assistant in the Chemistry Department and during the remainder of the time held fellowships from Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., Dupont, and the National Science Foundation.

From September 1959 to August 1960, he carried out postdoctoral re-

search at the University of Pittsburgh with Professor Henry S. Frank. From September 1960 to August 1961, he was an instructor in the Chemistry Department of the University of Neb.

Since September 1961, Dr. Quist has been a Research Staff Member at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. During this time he has been conducting research on the properties of aqueous electrolyte solutions to 800° C and 60,000 pounds per square inch. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is one of only two laboratories in the world carrying out research of this type at such extremes of temperature and pressure. This work has resulted in nine publications in scientific journals, and the results have also been presented at several national and international scientific meetings; including lectures in Hungary, Germany, England, and Denmark.

Dr. Quist is also the president of the East Tennessee Chapter of the Nebraska Alumni Association, the president of the Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association, and vice-president of the Tennessee Rifle Association.

He and his wife, Doris Anne, have two children: Erik, six, and Brian, five.

## New Projects

Plans are underway for grading and construction of a new approach road to the campus and for constructing stadium seating on the west side of Viking Field.

The new road will enter the campus from the southeast. It will begin at Nebraska Street near the college farm and extend to the present road circling the campus—intersecting it south of Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

Members of the Board of Regents who are particularly interested in the two projects have indicated that they will help finance them. One board member, Jens P. Nielsen of Chicago, has made a financial commitment to the college which will cover a major share of the cost involved in constructing the new approach to the campus.

## On Destiny's Deep Sea

### Births

#### Daughter

1954

Gretchen Margaret born October 30th to JOHN H. and MYRA (VIG) CHRISTENSEN. They have three other children: Mark nine, Caroline 4 and Paul 2. Their address is 318 Parkview Circle, Taft, Cal. 93268.

#### Sons

1965

Bradley Tyson born November 10th to Mr. and Mrs. RONALD L. THORNGREN. Ron is a casualty Insurance Adjuster for the Insurance Company of North America. Their address is 311 North 7th Street, Eldridge, Ia. 52748.

1965

Michael William born February 3, 1967 to CARL and Lonnie Kay MACKIE. They have a daughter Elizabeth who is three years old. They live at 1529 Butler Street, Blair, Neb. 68008.

1964

Erik Edwin born January 24, 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. MURDOCK. They live at 9229 Harold Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63134.

1963

Dale Eugene born June 21, 1966 to FRANKLIN and Geraldine HEMMINGSEN. They live at 4510 Huntington Avenue, Omaha, Neb.

1962

Walt McGregor born April 3rd to Lt. and Mrs. WALDO M. JUNKER. Their address is 6710 Notre Dame, Austin, Tex. 78723.

## Quality and Quantity

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the alumni, for the tremendous job you have started with "Books for the Library."

This year, up to \$5,000 of your donations will be doubled by matching federal funds through Title II of the Higher Education Act. If the generous gifts continue to flow in, maybe it can be doubled again next year.

As a college librarian it is my job to do what I can to forward the work of teaching, research, and service to which colleges such as Dana are committed. You know what that means—books and more books.

I think it is wonderful that Mr. Langenfeld has set a goal of a hundred thousand volumes in Dana's library by 1968. Nothing would make me happier, but in addition to quantity there is quality; we cannot afford to lose sight of this goal as well.

Thoreau said, "books are the treasured wealth of the world, the fit inheritance of generations and nations." Only books of quality will last to serve the generations of Dana students to come. It is up to us to supply the worthy books of today for the students of tomorrow.

Recently a survey was conducted in the library to determine the quality of our collection. The results show the Dana library needs to be greatly strengthened in certain areas.

**CHOICE**, a publication of the Association of Colleges and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, has published an "Opening Day Collection" that should be in every academic library the day it opens. This bibliography was checked against our holdings and it was discovered that we only have 30% of the 1,748 books listed.

In addition to books, the college needs a strong backlog of scholarly and professional periodicals. Recently eighty-six new periodical subscriptions were added to the two hundred seventy we were carrying. Back volumes of these journals can be and should be purchased on microfilm. Once this is done, the core for research will be available for decades to come.

With strong support from the administration, faculty, and alumni and friends, we will have a better library to place in the new library building.

Ron Johnson  
Dana Librarian

## Research Grant

Dana College has just been awarded a research grant of \$25,000 by the National Institutes of Health for a study of smallpox epidemics among the Plains Indians.

Dr. Donald J. Lehmer, chairman of the college's Department of Anthropology and Sociology will direct the study during the next twelve months.

Dr. Carl Potthoff of the University of Nebraska's College of Medicine, and Dr. William Bass, Professor of Physical Anthropology at the University of Kansas, will collaborate as technical consultants.

Many of the Plains tribes, including the Omaha, were almost wiped out by smallpox during the 18th and 19th centuries, but almost nothing is known concerning the details of the epidemics or even how many times they struck.

The research project will use data from archeology, Indian burials, and historical sources to reconstruct the history of the epidemics and their effects on the native populations.

Dr. Lehmer points out that smallpox and other epidemic diseases are still a major threat to public health in the underdeveloped parts of today's world. Large numbers of people die, including vital specialists such as craftsmen, mid-wives, and political and religious leaders. The loss of these key figures must always disrupt the community.

The Dana project is designed to gather long-term data on the effects of epidemics on non-industrial societies, and to make these data available to relief workers who have to cope with similar situations today.



Parents' Day Coffee

Parents' Day was held on April 23, the day of the big snowflakes.

Despite the fact that it snowed, more than 450 parents and friends spent Parents' Day on the campus.

A large crowd attended the morning worship service in Borup Coliseum. Next on the agenda was the noon meal. More than 435 guests were served in the new Campus Center Dining Room.

During the lunch hour, campus tours were available for visitors. The response to the tours was so good that next year more time will be allowed for this purpose.

In the afternoon Roy Brown, president of the Parents' Organization, and Dr. Madsen spoke to the parents assembled in Borup Coliseum.

The events of the day ended with the evening production of "King David" by the Music Department.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, right, greet Parents' Day guests.

# Dana's Centennial Quartet



Thomsen



Rasmussen



Peterson



Neve

This is the year of Nebraska's Centennial. In connection with this celebration, Dana is going to honor its own centennial quartet during Commencement week end.

The Centennial Quartet is composed of four Dana faculty members who have collectively served Dana College for a total of 100 years. These dedicated men are: Paul Neve, Associate Professor of Music; Paul O. Peterson, Associate Professor of Physical Education; Elmer M. Ras-

mussen, Professor of Psychology and Education; and F. William Thomsen, Professor of Art.

A dinner in their honor will be held on Saturday, May 27. Guests will include all members of the faculty and administration and their wives.

The quartet will also be platform guests during Commencement when they will receive an award in recognition of their service.

## Co-Champs

Dana's baseball team ended the season being co-champions of the Tri-State Conference. The title is shared with Yankton College of Yankton, So. Dak.

The team's record for the year in the conference is seven wins and three losses. The over all season record is 11 wins and seven losses.

A share in the title was clinched by winning both games in a double header with Westmar College of LeMars, Ia. The second game ended 2-0 due to the one-hit pitching by Jerry "Flip" Larsen of Racine, Wis. Larsen is also the team's leading hitter with a .395 batting average.

Last year's record of 14 wins and nine losses placed Dana third in the conference so this year's record gives Dana two winning seasons in a row.

Coach Dale Lemon states the success of this year's squad was due to the hitting attack which has been above .280 for the season.

Seniors on this year's squad were: Tim Brown, catcher from Blair; Gerry Quirk, right fielder from Racine, Wis.; Don Perekovich, second base also from Racine; and Roger Johnson, outfielder from Paramus, N.J.

## Track Highlights

Twenty-four Vikings were out for track this spring including 12 lettermen.

The squad was plagued with injuries throughout the season. One Viking, Mark McKenzie from Northfield, Minn., who holds the school pole vaulting record could not compete at all this season due to injuries.

However, there is a bright side. Three new school records were established in the 440, mile and sprint medley.

Coach Grant Walls indicated the three key men on the squad were: Senior, Leon Bracker, Neola, Ia.; Soph., Ron Lammers, Greeley, Neb.; and Soph., Ken Koester, West Union, Ia.

Bracker broke his own school record by running :50.6 in the 440 yard run. Lammers anchored the 440 relay and ran in the mile relay. Koester holds the school record in the mile and broke the existing two mile record by running it in 10:10.6.

Walls stated that one of the biggest highlights of the season was Dana's showing at the LeMars (Ia.) Invitational. Dana took second out of eight participating colleges. Dana's mile relay team defeated Westmar's in this meet. This is the first time Westmar has been defeated in this event for a number of years.

The team placed third in the conference meet. Bill Neal, Ames, Ia. Soph., and Dan Watts, Blair Freshman, placed first in the broad and triple jump, respectively.

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