



The Dana REVIEW

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

May, 1968

May 26 --- Commencement for 162



Dr. Charles Bruning

The largest senior class in Dana's history will be presented as degree candidates at Commencement ceremonies on May 26.

This year's class numbers 162. The previous high was in 1965 when 129 graduated.

Baccalaureate speaker will be the Rev. Robert Berthelsen. Rev. Berthelsen is the pastor of Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Neb., and president of the Dana Alumni Association. The topic of his address will be "Confident, Obedient and Loving."

The Baccalaureate Service will be at 11:00 a.m. in Borup Coliseum. Commencement will also be held in the Coliseum beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The Commencement speaker is Dr. Charles Bruning. Dr. Bruning is a member of the Board of College Education of The American Lutheran Church and chairman of the Education Department at the University of Minnesota in Morris. His speech is entitled "Free—For What?"

During the afternoon ceremonies, several special awards will be presented.

One of these will go to world-famous tenor Lauritz Melchior. He will be awarded the degree, Doctor of Music, honoris causa.

A Blair resident will receive the 1968 College-Community Service Award for outstanding service to the college and the community.

Special honors will also go to those individuals who this year are observing their fiftieth anniversary of graduation from Dana.

One senior will receive his military commission during Commencement. He is Lauren Mark McKenzie from Northfield, Minn. Mark will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Rev. Robert Berthelsen

LIFE Continues

The Lutheran Ingathering For Education, known to most of you as the LIFE program, continues to report enthusiastic responses from congregations and individuals in The American Lutheran Church.

The objectives of the LIFE program are to "strengthen the church's sense of unity, awaken the members of the ALC to a strong sense of appreciation for and responsibility to the church's educational institutions and ministry, create among the members of the academic communities of the ALC a deeper sense of concern for and responsibility to the church of which they are

an educational arm, and to provide financial resources of more than \$20,000,000 for the church colleges and campus ministry."

As this copy went to press, about 15 million dollars had already been pledged and more than three million dollars had been paid on these pledges. It is anticipated that the goal of "more than \$20,000,000" will be reached, since the program runs through 1970.

If you have already participated in the LIFE program, we thank you for your support. If not, there is no time like the present to demonstrate your belief in Christian higher education.

Melchoir to Receive Honorary Doctorate



Lauritz Melchior

This year at Commencement ceremonies, Dana will present the fourth honorary doctorate to be awarded in the 84-year history of the school. The recipient is Mr. Lauritz Melchior.

Mr. Melchior began his career as a heroic tenor 50 years ago. He was born and educated in Denmark and came to the U.S. in 1926 to sing at the Metropolitan Opera. During the next 24 years, he sang at the Met and was called "incomparable" by music critics.

In 1950, when he sang his farewell appearance as Lohengrin, Melchior had sung more than 500 performances of Wagner at the Met. In all, he sang 969 performances in the opera houses of the world, a record never before attained and still unequalled.

He has been honored by institutions and nations alike. His native Denmark has given him the Danish Court title

of "Kammersanger" meaning Singer to the Royal Court and the Commander Cross of Dannebrog, an honor dating back to the year 1219.

Melchior has been associated with Dana for many years. He appeared in concert on the campus in the '50s, entertained the Dana Choir at his Beverly Hills home in 1965 and appeared as soloist with them in their Los Angeles concert.

Dana is presenting Mr. Melchior with the degree, Doctor of Music, honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in music; for his encouragement to young and talented singers and in tribute to his dedicated efforts in promoting international goodwill and understanding.

Previous honorary doctorates went to: Dr. Carlo Christensen, Cultural Counselor to the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, in 1966; Dr. Paul Simon, Dana alumnus, author, crime-fighting Illinois State Senator and current candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, also in 1966; and the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Siersbeck, alumnus and former President of Dana College, in 1959.

Homecoming November 1-2-3 weekend to be called "Viking Days"

Homecoming weekend this fall, November 1-2-3, will be called "Viking Days."

The main program during the weekend will be the "Viking Revue" which is planned as a home-talent type show. Students, alumni and faculty members will appear in the show which is being written and coordinated by the Student Homecoming Committee and alumnus Jim Clemon of Omaha.

The "Viking Revue" will be presented on both Friday and Saturday evenings inasmuch as many alumni do not arrive on campus until Saturday. The coronation of the 1968 queen will take place immediately following the entertainment on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, the program will be climaxed by the traditional choir reunion.

Golf Tourney

The fourth annual Alumni-Student-Faculty Handicap Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday morning. At the same time, a campus sorority will sponsor a breakfast reception for 1968 royalty, visiting former Homecoming queens and alumnae.

Alumni Luncheon

The Alumni Luncheon will be held on campus again this year. It will be informal so Homecomers can proceed directly to the football game where the Vikings will be pitted against Yankton College of South Dakota.

Other Events

Several alumni coffee hours are planned during the weekend, including special arrangements for the reunion classes of '63, '58 and '43.

The Homecoming dance will begin at 9:30. It will be informal—black tie only! For those not interested in attending the dance, other activities will be available. The dining room in the Campus Center will be converted into what will be called the "Casino Royale" where various games will be available, refreshments on sale and tables available for casual conversation. At the Casino Royale, either the formal dress of the dance or clothes worn to the "Viking Revue" will be acceptable.

The Homecoming Worship Service will take place on Sunday morning followed by a Campus Open House in the afternoon.

More specific information on Viking Days and a reservation form will be mailed at a later date.



Registration



Dinner



Women's Council

Parents' Day in Review

More than 400 parents of current and prospective Dana students attended the tenth annual Parents' Day on April 28.

The all-day event opened with the morning Worship Service led by Dana's campus pastor, Richard Jensen. Following the service, parents were served the noon meal in the main dining room of the Campus Center.

In the afternoon, parents were told about both the academic program at Dana and the out-of-class life of the students.

President C. C. Madsen, Dean C. Arthur Christiansen, and faculty mem-

bers Luella Nielsen and Eugene Lindblad presented the highlights of the academic program from the point of view of the administration and faculty. The student body was represented by Linda Filson, a junior from Santa Ana, Cal. She delighted the audience with her comparison of Dana with public schools of higher education. Needless to say, she likes Dana the best.

Students also presented the major part of the program dealing with the out-of-class life. Parents of male and female students met separately and in each case learned how the men's and women's dorm councils operate to

maintain law and order. In addition, representatives of various campus organizations explained the purpose of their group, the need they try to fill, and how they attempt to help provide a well-rounded education for students.

These group meetings were followed by the President's Reception where Dr. and Mrs. Madsen personally greeted all visiting parents and prospective students.

In the late afternoon and early evening visitors were able to attend the drama department's production of "Good Friday" and a concert by the Dana choir and band.



Men's Council



President's Reception and Coffee



Chicago and Denver Clubs Meet

The Chicago and Denver Dana Clubs both met on the evening of April 21. Another similarity was that both meetings had about 90 people in attendance.

In Denver, President C. C. Madsen spoke, showed slides of the campus and presented an award to E. V. Morton. The award was presented to Mr. Morton for his steadfast and loyal dedication to Dana College.

For many years Mr. Morton has

been instrumental in interesting students from the Denver area to enroll at Dana.

Through his leadership, the Denver Dana Club's primary activity is recruiting new students for the College. As a part of this effort, alumni and friends of Dana invited prospective students and their parents to the dinner banquet to see and hear President Madsen.

In Chicago, Dana Alumni Director

Ken Anderson spoke and showed slides at the Club's Spring Banquet.

The slide presentation showed comparative views of the facilities at Dana as they appeared a number of years ago and as they appear today.

Mr. Anderson noted the College's appreciation of the financial support given by members of the Chicago Club. Under the leadership of Club president Bob Steffensen, the Club's current project is lending support to the alumni drive for funds for library books.

Dana friends in both Chicago and Denver really enjoyed the evening of good food, fellowship and fun.

On Destiny's Deep Sea

Births

Sons

1969

David Edward was born March 18, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heckathorn (BARBARA BEARDSHEAR XD 69). They also have a daughter, Pamela, one year old. Their address is Homer, Neb.

1963

Robert Buckley was born in March, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. John Buckley (PAT BURNETT). Mr. Buckley has been transferred from California to Colorado and their new address is 620 S. Potomac Way, Aurora Hills, Colo.

Darren Lee was born March 6, 1968, to LOIS (HANSEN) and LARRY BORNEMEIER. Darren is their first child. Their address is 12205 Arbor Street, Omaha, Neb. 68144.

1962

Frederick Addison Adkins IV was born February 12, 1968, to JOANNE (JOHNSON D 65) and FRED ADKINS. Addie now teaches at Coon Rapids Senior High, and they reside at 762 113th Avenue N.E., Blaine, Minn.

1960

Joel Thomas was born March 15, 1968, and was adopted April 18, 1968, by DON and JOYCE (VASBY) JORGENSEN. Their address is Ripon, Wis.

1956

Mark Matthew was born January 9, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward (BARBARA PETERSON). Mark is their first child. Their address is Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Daughters

1963

Susan Kay was born April 9, 1968, to REV. and Mrs. STERLING D. NELSON. She joins a brother, Randall, age two. Rev. Nelson is serving as assistant pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette, Mich. Their address is 1029 North Third Street, Apt. B, Marquette, Mich. 54901.

1959

Jeanette Marie was adopted February 21, 1968, by Mr. and Mrs. Merlan Pieper (MARIE HOFELING). She was five days old. They have a son, Steve Allen, three years old. They own the grocery store in Burr, Neb.

New Jobs and Promotions

1967

DENNIS JEPPESEN received his Navy commission of Ensign in April at Pensacola, Fla. He is still stationed there in flight school.

CHARLES P. JOHANSEN, Dana admissions counselor, has won an exhibition award in the tenth annual National Lutheran Student Art Award Program sponsored by the Lutheran Brotherhood. He received the award for his clay work entitled "Mary".

1962

TONY KAMINSKI has accepted the head football coaching position at Cretin High School, St. Paul, Minn. He has been coaching and teaching in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

IVAN MISFELDT owns and operates the Town Tavern in Blair. Rusty was married to Camilla Schneider of Blair on April 6.

PAUL PETERSEN is now the director of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colo. Sky Ranch is an ALC camp located in the Rockies 56 miles west of Fort Collins.

1960

GARY L. RICHEY has accepted a Graduate Assistantship in Physical Education at Southeast Missouri State College for the 1968-69 school year. Richey has been coaching for the past three years at Malvern, Ia.

1959

MALCOLM S. PEDERSEN is now working in the insurance field in Moline, Ill. He, his wife, Charmaine, and two sons, Gregory and Steven, formerly lived in Marshall, Mich.

1951

WILLIS J. OLSON has recently been named Purchasing Supervisor for Research and Development at 3M Company in St. Paul, Minn. He and KAREN (HANSEN) live in Hastings and have four children, Becky, 17, Rick, 15, Audrey, 13, and Jennifer, nine. They are planning a trip in June to Denmark with Karen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Sonden-gaard of Spencer, Ia.

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Berthelsen Re-elected

Alumni re-elected Rev. Robert Berthelsen, D'42, to the presidency of the Alumni Association. His term will run through 1970.

Also on the ballot sent out with the Annual Alumni Appeal was a contest for a position on the Alumni Advisory Council. Incumbent Ray Weckmuller, D'52, was re-elected to this position by a slight margin over Larrie Stone, D'57.

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