

# The Dana REVIEW

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

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## Commencement Set For Sunday, May 30

A record number of seniors, 204, will participate in Commencement Ceremonies at Dana on Sunday, May 30.

The events of the day, including the Baccalaureate Service at 10 a.m. and the Degree Conferring Ceremony at 2 p.m., will be held in Borup Coliseum and are open to the public.

President Madsen will present several special awards during the afternoon program including Quarter-century of Service Awards to Mr. A. J. Snowbeck, Business Manager; Miss Sigrid Christensen, Accountant, and Miss Marie Johnson, Assistant Registrar. Awards of Appreciation will be presented to Mrs. Olga Anderson of Hastings, Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brehm of Talmage, Nebraska. Both families will be recognized for their support of Dana College as evidenced by the five sons/daughters from each who have been students at Dana. The College-Community Service Award will be presented to an outstanding Blair resident whose identity is not revealed until the time of presentation.

## Testimonial Planned To Honor Madsens

President and Mrs. Madsen will be guests of honor at a Testimonial Dinner on Wednesday, June 30, according to plans announced by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents.

The event is being planned to mark the Madsens' completion of twenty-five years of service to Dana and Dr. Madsen's retirement as President.

Alumni, parents, donors and other friends of Dana and the Madsens are invited to attend the June 30 affair scheduled for 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Omaha.

Tickets for the dinner and evening program are now available from the Public Relations Office at the College —\$5.00 each. Tickets are limited, however, and reservations cannot be assured if they are not received by the Public Relations Office before June 10.

## E. R. MEZOFF ELECTED NEW DANA PRESIDENT

Dr. Earl R. Mezoff, Vice-President of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, is the new President of Dana College. He was elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Regents to succeed Dr. C. C. Madsen as Dana's chief administrator. Dr. Mezoff is expected to assume his new position some time during the early part of the coming summer.

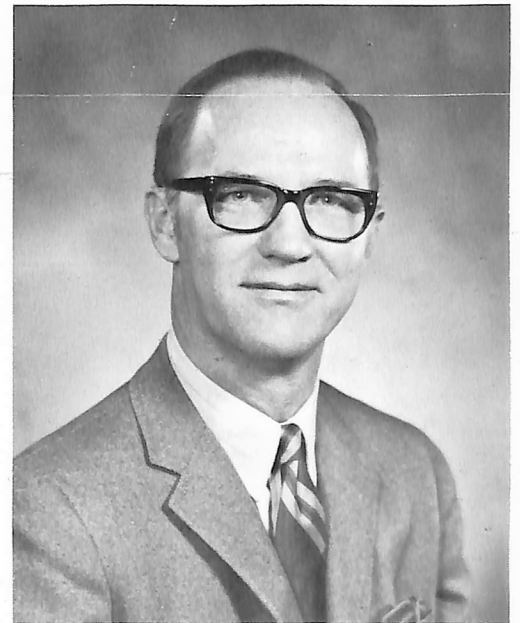
The 45-year-old Mezoff is a native of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Thiel College, Michigan State University and the Pennsylvania State University. He is married and the father of two teenage daughters.

Dr. Mezoff has been closely associated with Christian higher education since 1952 when he joined the staff of Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania. While at Thiel he served in the areas of admissions, alumni affairs, public relations, fund-raising and as Registrar.

In 1963 he accepted an appointment as Assistant to the President of Lebanon Valley College. His duties there entailed coordination of college relations including alumni affairs, placement, development and public relations. In 1967 he was named Vice-President.

Dr. Mezoff is a member of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) and is an active layworker and preacher. He has served as chairman of the Executive Board and the Finance Committee of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the LCA.

In a statement to the Dana Board of Regents concerning his views and ideas on the future of the church-related college, Dr. Mezoff stated: "The future role of the church-related college will be dependent upon the posture taken by the faculty, the collegiate leadership and the leadership of the



Dr. Earl R. Mezoff

church. In these days of increased secularization of all aspects of life, the questioning on the part of many about the relevancy of organized religion, God, and the Christian value system, compounded by the challenges of current social and international problems, it seems to me that the church-related college has a very distinct opportunity and challenging future in relating to these issues. I believe that the church-related college has a uniqueness, a plus factor, which permits it to deal with these issues through its stated purposes, its academic program, its faculty and its students."

The announcement of Dr. Mezoff's election was made by Mr. L. E. Thorngren, chairman of the Board of Regents, at a special Convocation of Dana students and faculty on April 26. Chairman Thorngren also expressed the Regents' confidence in Dana's future under the capable and dedicated leadership of Dr. Mezoff.

## Dana Alums Choose Robinson As New Association President

Dr. Clifford Robinson '61, has been elected President of the Dana Alumni Association.

President Robinson, or "Bud" as he prefers to be called, commented on his hopes for the Association in this way: "It is my hope that during my tenure as President of the Dana Alumni Association, we will be able to keep all of our alums better informed about our College and thereby involve more of them in such predominantly alumni events as Homecoming."

He also issued a plea to each alumnus to keep the Alumni Office and the REVIEW editors informed of news about themselves.

The Alumni Council will soon be discussing plans and procedures for honoring outstanding alums and suggestions for ways and means of doing this are needed.

He concluded his remarks by saying: "The challenges facing us as alumni are great. We ask your support, your contributions to the Annual Appeal, your help in recruiting qualified students and your participation in all Dana events, both on and off campus. With this kind of support your Alumni Association can be the driving force that helps Dana continue to be the great school that it is."

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### Audubon Area Alums Organize

Alumni and friends of Dana in the Iowa communities of Audubon, Atlantic, Exira, Elk Horn, Harlan and Kimballton met during the latter part of March to organize an area Dana Club. The group hopes to become actively involved in the fund-raising and student recruitment efforts of the College. Victor Schmidt and Theo. Sortedahl, both of Audubon, were elected co-chairmen of the group.

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### Blair Club Officially Established

The first Blair Dana Club was formally organized on March 29 at a dinner meeting at the Fiesta Grande. Mrs. Vera Sappenfield, Mrs. Mary Weckmuller and Mr. Andrew Hansen were elected tri-chairmen of the new organization.

### Lincoln Alumni Club Formed

Alumni in the Lincoln, Nebraska, area met on March 30th and elected Paul Ahrendt '67 and Paul Olsen '61 co-chairmen of the Lincoln Dana Club. Marlow Remmers '67 was elected program chairman. Plans for the future include a picnic on the campus in Blair tentatively scheduled for the early part of August.

### Campus News Roundup

Dr. Delvin Hutton of the Religion and Greek Department, has been accepted to participate in archaeological excavation work this summer at Tell Gezer, Israel. The project is sponsored by the Hebrew Union College and Harvard University.

Mr. Frank Hengeveld of the Chemistry Department has been accepted for an eight-week National Science Foundation Institute at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

Student officers for the 1971-72 year were elected during the early part of April. They include: Arno Neben, junior from Ashland, Nebraska, President; Lawrence Rasmussen, junior from Lohrville, Iowa, Vice-President; Sue Dountas, sophomore from Blair, Secretary; and Gene Wolf, junior from Truman, Minnesota, Treasurer.

The Nebraska Humanities and Social Sciences Council has awarded two grants to Dana faculty members. Dr. Wayne Wise of the Music Department has been given a \$1,000 grant to support a curriculum development project. Dr. Wise plans to assemble a documented narrative on the influence of contemporary music idioms of folk, rock and country-western music. Dr. Donald Lehmer of the Anthropology-Sociology Department, has been given a \$1,000 grant in partial support of his pilot field station project. The station will be operated this summer at Sanger, North Dakota, with activities centering chiefly on archaeological field work.

Several hundred parents of present and future Dana students attended the annual Parents Day on campus, May 2.

The Board of Regents, during the annual Spring meeting on campus in late March, adopted a budget of \$2,094,340.00 for the 1971-72 academic year. They also approved the promotions of Mr. Norman Bansen to full Professor of English and Danish, and Mr. Mark Thomsen to Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy.

## Six Staff Members Will Not Return

President C. C. Madsen has announced the names of six staff members scheduled to leave Dana at the close of the current academic year.

The list includes: Mr. Erling Rasmussen, Dean of Students; Mrs. Alice Laaker, Housemother at Mickelsen Hall and Campus Hostess; Mrs. Marie Oestman, Housemother at Rasmussen Hall; Mr. Harry Junker, Director of Alumni Affairs; Mr. Donald Kline, Assistant Professor of English and Mr. Wm. T. Karrow, Instructor in Business Administration.

Mr. Erling Rasmussen has been Dean of Students at Dana for the past five years. He has accepted a position as Guidance Coordinator for the Audubon Community Schools, Audubon, Iowa. No replacement for him has been named as yet.

Mrs. Alice Laaker, Housemother and Campus Hostess for the past ten years and Mrs. Marie Oestman, Housemother for the past four years, have not indicated their plans for the future.

## Alumni Appeal Project Needs Added Support

Work on the new Campus Mall is progressing on schedule and it should be completed before Commencement on May 30. According to the Alumni Office, however, funds to pay for the Mall are not coming in as fast as had been expected. We invite you to help assure the success of the 1971 Alumni Annual Appeal by sending your contributions today to the Alumni Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

## 'REVIEW' To Be Revised

The June issue of the DANA REVIEW will be arriving very soon. We point this out because it will be arriving in a totally new form—new size, new color and new format. The first (and perhaps the last in this form depending on your response) will carry an in-depth article on the first Dana Interim. Regular features and other news from the campus will be carried in future editions. We earnestly solicit your comments.

# 'PARNASSUS' ALIVE ON THE DANA CAMPUS



By Tom Allan

Students at Dana College have long been used to scaling the hilltop campus. Now they are climbing a literary mountain.

The old library in Pioneer Memorial has been transformed into Parnassus (the mountain home of the nine muses of Greek mythology).

It's really a classroom of tomorrow. The traditional lecture hall-classroom look has been replaced with a living room atmosphere.

Soft stereo music provides appropriate background to silent meditation, informal seminars, casual browsing and settee-type studies of humanities.

The walls are lined with books and there are ever-changing displays and exhibits of classical and modern, professional or student talent.

The innovator is Prof. John Nielsen, director of humanities, who returned to the campus last fall after two years at England's Oxford University.

He calls his Parnassus a "new dimension" in education.

"The study of humanities tended to be prosaic," he said. "It seemed to me that they must be a living experience to be of even greater value. Thus Par-

nassus was developed to give the student an experience and to allow him to come away with not only knowledge but also enjoyment in literature and the arts."

"We have a long way to go to complete the room we want but we have many dreams."

They include additional pieces of permanent sculpture, paintings and book collections.

The exhibits are frequently changed to keep pace with the study of a specific period or art form.

Beginning next week there will be a special exhibit of the professor's own artistic hobby.

While at Oxford he made a collection of brass rubbings. They are created by placing a piece of special paper over the brass figured plates which covered English tombs from 1300 to 1648. The impressions are transferred to the paper by rubbing over it with charcoal or crayon.

Prof. Nielsen, who acts as a friendly host and conversationalist instead of a teacher on a podium, spices the sessions with coffee and punch.

There is also time for silent meditation.

## Destiny's Deep Sea BIRTHS

Sons

1968

Craig Allan, born December 28, 1970, to LT. and MRS. IVAN (PAT BRO) PAULSEN. They are living at 105-A Largo Lane, Minot AFB, North Dakota. Ivan is an administrative officer at the Minot AFB.

1966

Cody Chene, born February 4, 1971, to MR. and MRS. LARRY ENGDAHL. They have a daughter, Meshawn, three and one-half. Larry is Salaried Personnel Representative for Ford Motor Company and they live at 14566 Coyle, Detroit, Michigan.

1964

Scott Eric, born March 30, 1971, to MR. and MRS. ROBERT (JEAN GEBHART) JENSEN. They have a son, Greg, two and one-half, and are living at 14901 Twelfth Avenue, East, Tacoma, Washington 98445. Bob is teaching in the Economics Department of Pacific Lutheran University.

1963

Douglas Scott, born June 23, 1970, to MR. and MRS. VERN (CAROL KRENZKE '61) MATHIESEN. They also have three other sons and are living at 52 Parkwood Drive, Route 6, Muncie, Indiana 47302.

Matthew Lynn, born May 21, 1970, to MR. and MRS. MARC (CARLENE BENSON '62) PETERSEN. They have a daughter, Holly, and are living at 1410 Ninth Avenue SE, Rochester, Minnesota.

1961

Brian Joseph, born March 15, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (ELLEN ANDREWS '61) Fisher. Ellen teaches in the Wisconsin Dells High School and they live at 1029 Capital Street, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Steven Paul, born August 9, 1970, and adopted by MR. and MRS. ROGER H. PETERSEN. Roger is elementary principal of the Blair, Nebraska, public schools.

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The Alumni Council announces the availability of copies of the recently revised constitution of the Dana College Alumni Association. Major changes include representation on the Council of one member for each 1,000 graduates, provision for April election of Council members and provision for liaison members in each existing Dana Club. Copies of the revised constitution are available by writing the Alumni Office at Dana.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Madsen of Buffalo, Wyoming, have presented the College with a gift of \$1,000 from the estate of Mrs. Madsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Harboe. The gift has been designated for library books or materials.

# Destiny's Deep Sea

## NEW JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1970

SPC/4 WILLIAM W. HOWE recently received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with an American Division near Chu Lai, Vietnam. William received the award while assigned as a rifleman in Company A, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry of the Division's 198th Infantry Brigade.

SHARON NELSON is a fifth grade teacher in the St. Ansgar Consolidated school system, St. Ansgar, Iowa.

RUTH SCHUR is teaching second grade in the Scituate, Massachusetts, school system.

AIRMAN DANNY L. WATTS recently graduated from the electrical power specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He has been assigned to Forbes AFB in Kansas for duty with the Tactical Air Command.

AIRMAN 1/c ALLAN W. ANDERSON is a member of the 313th Tactical Airlift Wing at Forbes AFB, Kansas, that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Allan is a personnel specialist with the unit that operates C-130 Hercules transports for the tactical airlift of combat-ready personnel and cargo as part of the Tactical Air Command Commitment to provide air support for U.S. ground forces.

ROBERT C. MAYBERRY has been named manager of a four-county territory in Northeast Iowa for Nutrena Feeds.

1969

SPEC/4 MAX BOUSTEAD is serving in the Army and is stationed in Korea. His address is C1/15 Artillery, Camp Stanley, APO San Francisco, California 96358.

GARY D. CHRISTOPHER has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He is a supply inventory specialist at McConnell AFB, Kansas, with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

SPEC/4 WENDELL J. MORTENSEN is in the Army and is stationed at Fort Bliss. His address is C Bat., 8th Bn., 15th Artillery (E.L.M., Fort Bliss, Texas 79906. His wife Phyllis (TAYLOR '68) is teaching art in the Lenox High School, Lenox, Iowa.

JEAN WHITE is a staff-writer and researcher for THE ALASKANA, a monthly magazine especially for all travelers in the area. It is published at Anchorage, Alaska.

1968

AIRMAN DAVID H. KAUFMAN has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for training in aircraft maintenance.

GERALD and TAMMY (LYKKE) QUIRK are living at 33 Frawley, Fulton, New York 13069. Gerald has been appointed assistant personnel manager for the Nestle Company, Inc.

1967

PAUL BONDO has been employed by the South Bend Medical Foundation. His address is 417 South 25th Street, Apt. A-3, South Bend, Indiana 46615.

LEON BRACKER has completed work for his Masters Degree in special education at the University of Northern Colorado. The Brackers are living at 1531 E. 19th, Fremont, Nebraska 68025.

AIRMAN 1/c MYRON M. HANSEN has been named Outstanding Airman in his unit at Hurlburt Field, Florida. He is a personnel specialist and serving with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

1966

WAYNE E. JOSEPHSON will be ordained as a minister of The American Lutheran Church on June 20, 1971. He will serve as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Innisfail, Alberta, Canada. Josephson was married to Cynthia Evenson of Minneapolis on August 31, 1969.

1964

JOHN LAUGHUNN has accepted the position of biology teacher and head football and track coach at Missouri Valley, Iowa, High School.

1963

VERN MATHIESEN is now Sales Manager for Burroughs Corporation in Muncie, Indiana.

CAPT. MAYNARD HEDEGAARD is teaching music at the Air Force Academy and lives at 3288 Paradise Circle, West Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1961

DR. MYRVIN CHRISTOPHERSON has been appointed chairman of the communication department of Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

1959

PASTOR BOB OSTERGAARD, who is serving the Hanska, Minnesota, parish will spend the summer in Denver, Colorado. He will be enrolled in the Clinical Pastoral Education training at Fort Logan Mental Health Center. His wife (MARLENE PEDERSEN) and children, Eric, Beth and Amy will accompany him.

1948

REV. DONALD T. HANSEN has accepted a call as pastor of Oak Knoll Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

1939

PASTOR VERNER CARLSEN will become pastor of The American Lutheran Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, in June.

## ENGAGEMENTS

1970

RUTH SCHUR and MARC PETERSON. They are planning a July 10 wedding. Jaqueline Hodgson and JOHN MOCK. No date has been set for the wedding. John has recently completed his military service.

Cynthia Marshall and RICHARD T. BRANDT. A winter wedding is planned.

1961

Priscilla Fischer and DOUGLAS R. FALKE. A June 19 wedding is planned.

1953

Christine Grantner and JAMES A. NIELSEN. An October 30, 1971, wedding is planned. James is accounting manager of Wilson-Sinclair Co. of Chicago and Christine is a secretary for United States Steel Corporation.

## WEDDINGS

1970

JUDITH JOHNSON and LARRY ENEWOLD were married July 10, 1970.

MARY JANE FRICKE and Wayne Vanek were married February 13. Mary Jane is a secretary for Central Telephone and Utilities Corp. and Wayne is an employee of Hy-Grain Electronics. They are living at 3510 L Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

TONA BAILEY and CARL FREDERICKSEN were married March 20, 1971.

Correction—Marilyn Hansen and JON BOUSTEAD plan to be married May 29.

## BIRTHS

### Daughters

1964

Julia, Kristine, born December 21, 1970, to MR. and MRS. RICHARD S. (PAT KIRACOFE '63) JORGENSEN. Richard teaches history at Dana College in Blair.

1968

Christine Janelle, born February 12, 1971, to Sp./s 5 and Mrs. Lyle S. (CATHY MAIDSEN) Stone. Their address is 478-58-1884 H.H.B. 56th Arty. BDe., APO New York 09281.

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