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Inauguration Scheduled for October 24---

Homecomers to See Mezoff Installed as Twelfth President

Dana Has "New Look" And "New Sound"



Mezoff . . . a new sound at Dana.

The following is reprinted from the September 20 edition of The Omaha World-Herald:

By Tom Allan

There is a new look and sound on the campus of Dana College.

For the first time in the history of the 86-year-old liberal arts college, which is affiliated with the American Lutheran Church and imbued with a rich Danish heritage, the president is neither a minister nor a Dane.

Dr. Earl Robert Mezoff, 46, is of Austrian heritage, a stranger to the Midlands, and speaks with a Pennsylvania accent.

But there the differences end.

The new president, a Lutheran, talks the same language as his predecessors at the helm of one of the strongest church-affiliated private colleges in the Midlands.

Mezoff is determined to sail a straight course for a better Dana despite rising costs and other problems endangering many of the nation's private colleges.

"There is a general feeling that the number of church-related colleges will dwindle in the next five to 10 years," said Dr. Mezoff. "Some schools in New York and in other parts of the East have left the church in order to get support from the state. So it is time private, church-connected institutions stand up and be counted. It is time we further stress the real functions and roles of institutions like Dana of being able to provide the added dimensions the larger, state-supported schools do not give."

His added dimensions include "exposure across the board to all religious or spiritual convictions within the framework of our own conviction," a different set of values and what he calls the "nucleus" of both his and Dana's educational philosophy — "the importance of the individual."

Dr. Mezoff, who was named president after a special selection committee screened nearly 100 applicants, had been vice president of Pennsylvania's Lebanon Valley College, a Methodist-affiliated college about the same size and with the same type of educational philosophy as Dana's.

He obtained his master's degree in psychology from Michigan State and doctorate in higher education at Penn State. But he is an English B.A. graduate from another small Lutheran school, Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

The Dana selection committee might have picked him from all the rest. But he confided he was also selective in picking Dana.

"The most persuasive aspect in my deciding to accept the challenge here

Dr. Earl R. Mezoff will be inaugurated as twelfth president of Dana College during ceremonies scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 24, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium. All alumni, parents, students and other friends of the College are invited to attend this important event.



President Mezoff

Participating in the afternoon ceremony will be the faculty, students and regents of Dana, representatives of sister institutions and learned societies, the President of The American Lutheran Church, the Governor of Nebraska, and representatives of the Dana Alumni Association, the city of Blair and the Central District of The ALC.

Immediately following the inaugural, President Mezoff and his family will be honored at an informal reception in the Campus Center. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the new President and his family at this time.

CORRECTION

A price of \$885.00 per person was incorrectly announced in the September issue of the REVIEW for the associate tour of Europe planned in conjunction with the Choir's European Tour now set for early summer of 1972. The price, which includes round trip, air transportation from Omaha, lodging, meals and the services of a professional tour manager, is \$995.00 per person. Details are available by writing Dr. Paul Neve, c/o Dana Music Department.

INAUGURATION . . .

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was the valuation by Dana students of the faculty," Mezoff said. "I grabbed a senior out of a cafeteria line and asked him his assessment. He told me he felt the greatest thing about Dana was that in all his four years he had never found a single faculty member who was not intensely interested in him as a person."

"We have this spirit and feeling among all in the campus that a person be recognized as a person, not as a Social Security number or by a student identification card. We hope to capitalize on it and expand within the framework of quality education."

Dana, with a slight drop in enrollment this fall to 750, has set a goal of 1,000 to 1,200 students.

"We are interested in those who meet high academic standards and want a quality education," Mezoff said. "They can come here and get the same high standards as those in any Eastern private school, fly home two or three times a year and do it all up to \$1,500 a year cheaper."

Stressing his faculty-staff, student partnership, he's launched informal sessions with the students seeking ideas and solutions.

"I have always operated on a policy that an idea is either good or bad in itself and not on the source from which it comes," Mezoff said.

The tall, lean president is a hard worker who said his relaxation is a change of pace.

He and his wife, Joan, used to ride their bicycles eight miles every evening.



President Mezoff with daughter Patricia and wife Joan, relax at home. Pictured in the background is the Mezoffs' older daughter, Margaret.

"But since we moved to Blair we like to sit on the high hills and look over the beautiful Missouri River Valley and reflect about life," Mezoff said. "I guess our real hobby is giving of self when and where we can."

The Mezoff's oldest daughter, Margaret, 20, is a junior journalism major at the University of Nebraska. Another daughter, Patricia, 15, is a Blair High School junior.

'71 Grid Season Opens With Simpson at Top

By Russ Eppenbaugh

The Dana College Vikings kicked off their 1971 football season with a game on Saturday, September 11, when Nebraska Wesleyan University traveled to Blair and defeated the Vikings 26-6. On Saturday, September 18, Dana traveled to Yankton, South Dakota, where they lost to the host Greyhounds 30-7. In both games the Vikings had numerous interceptions and key fumbles to lead to their defeat.

Coach Bob Simpson, now in his fifth year with the Vikings, has moved up the ranks to head coach, after serving as an assistant for four years. Coach Simpson is trying to beef up the weak offense and is hoping that the defense will remain as strong as ever.

This year's captain is Phil Tegeler, a senior offensive guard from Lincoln, Nebraska. Along with Phil, Dana has four out of seven offensive line starters and four offensive backfield starters back from last year's team. Three returning offensive players are: Bill Sorenson, returning fullback from 1968; Mike Thompson, leading ball carrier last year; Ron Schneider, a starting fullback from last year.

Dana has four returning defensive linemen who should bolster the defense against the run. Returning in the secondary are: Gary McMullin, Jim Uchtman, Dan Smith, and Ralph Mayer.

So far this season Coach Simpson has been using Mike Brady, Kirk McLaughlin (both from last year's team), or Tim Hamer, a transfer student from Westmar, as the Vikings' starting quarterback. With a regular starting quarterback and the full execution of the new beefed-up offense to go along with the strong defense, the Vikings could have one of their best seasons since 1962 when they tied for the Tri-State Conference championship.

East Coast Representative Joins Admissions Staff

Richard V. Showers of Showers Associates has been appointed Dana's first East coast representative. As such, he will be working in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and New York counseling with prospective students and encouraging them to seek admission to Dana.



Showers (left) and President Mezoff

Showers, who recently spent a week on the campus becoming acquainted with programs, personnel and facilities, has been associated with college and admissions work for over twenty years. In commenting on an East coast recruiting program he said: "The excellence of Dana's program, coupled with its outstanding facilities and its interest in the student as an individual, makes it very competitive with most of the private colleges in the East. The cost factor, being considerably lower at Dana, will be a decided advantage when presenting our story to prospective students and their parents."

The appointment of Showers marks the beginning of Dana's first organized program of recruitment on the East Coast.

'71 Enrollment Down; Includes 30 States and 6 Countries

Thirty states and six countries are represented in the first semester Dana student body which numbers 743—approximately 100 fewer than at this time last year. Nebraska and Iowa lead the states with 266 and 264 students, respectively. Other major contributing states include Minnesota, Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas and Wisconsin. The foreign countries represented are Denmark, Japan, New Guinea, Nigeria, Rhodesia and Canada.

Campus News Roundup

The Danish Boys Choir, currently in the midst of their first American tour, will present a concert at Dana on Wednesday evening, October 20, beginning at 8 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium. The concert is open to the public at no admission charge although a freewill offering will be received. The evening program will include music from the Middle Ages to modern musical comedy.

Another outstanding Danish group, the Danish Gym Team, is scheduled to visit the campus early in November. This outstanding group, under the direction of Mr. Erik Flensted-Jensen, will present an exhibition of gymnastics and folk dances on Tuesday evening, November 2, at 8 p.m. in Borup Coliseum. Tickets will be available at the door—\$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for students.

A new experience in Dana theatrical productions is scheduled for October 11-12-13 and 14, according to Mr. Dennis Henneman, director of the theatre program. Dinner theatre, including dinner at the Fiesta Grande restaurant in Blair, followed by the performance of two one-act plays, will be presented nightly on those dates. Dinner will be served each evening at 7:15 p.m. followed by performances of "The Shock of Recognition" by Robert Anderson and "The Private Ear" by Peter Shaffer. Advance reservations are necessary and can be made by telephoning extension 232 at the College.

"Civilisation," a series of 13 color films on the cultural life of Western man, was shown at Dana during the month of September. The films, on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, were made available through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Xerox Corporation. Dana was the first private college in Nebraska to be given access to the series, according to Mr. John Nielsen, Director of the Humanities Program.

Mrs. Judy Mitchell, wife of Dana mathematics professor William Mitchell, has been appointed to the College faculty for the 1971-72 year. Mrs. Mitchell, a graduate of Maryville College in Tennessee and the University of Chicago, will serve as part-time instructor in social work.

Destiny's Deep Sea

BIRTHS

Daughters

1970

Stacy Darlene, born April 25, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. LANDIS (KATHLEEN CLEAVER) RULLA.

1968

Meg Kathleen, born March 17, 1971, to JEFFREY and KATHY (JENSEN) VINTON. Their address is 2473 Ascot Way, Union City, California 94587.

Tahnya Adreena, born June 10, 1971, to La Monte and ILONA (MOOSMANN) Hatch. La Monte is a Colorado State Patrolman and they are living in Wal-senburg, Colorado 81089.

Kimberley Lynn, born August 6, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES (LINDA MONEY) JORGENSEN. They are living at 2035 Wright Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

1967

Sarah Michelle, born April 24, 1971, to DUANE and MARY (FRANDSEN) HANSON. They are living at 3211 Wood-land Park Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

1965

Laurie Sue, born May 17, 1971, to Dr. and Mrs. D. R. (JANE OLSON) OWEN. They have a son, Rob, age two, and are living at 635 North 48th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

1964

Karrin Marie, born April 7, 1971, to MR. and MRS. OWEN (PAT PETERSEN '66) VASBY. They have a son, Kyle, three and one-half, and are living at 3013 University Avenue, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Sons

1971

Ryan Elliott, born July 27, to Mr. and Mrs. LARRY K. (BARBARA OHLSEN) SHOOP.

1968

Travis Michael, born July 21, 1971, to PAUL and KATHY (HULSEBUS) AHRENDT.

1967

Lans Michael, born July 8, 1971, to TIM and LU (VASBY) BROWN. The Browns are living in Blair and Tim is a teacher in the Blair Community Schools.

1966

Ram Erik, born April 7, 1971, to CAPT. and MRS. ROGER A. BECK at Upper Heyford, England. Their address is Box 4516, APO New York 09194.

1961

Scott Allen, born May 4, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. ROGER H. PETERSEN. They also have a son, Steven Paul.

Eric Einar, born to PAUL and LOIS (LORENZEN) OLSON. They have two daughters, Sara, two years, and Sonja, four. Their address is 4031 South 35th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENGAGEMENTS

1971

KAREN WOLLEN and Michael A. Polk. No date has been set for the wedding. Karen is a student at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, and Michael is in the U.S. Navy.

Susan M. Groth and STEVEN F. OTIS. No date has been set for the wedding.

SUSAN KRUSE and BRUCE JOHNSON. No date has been set for the wedding.

JOANNE LARSON and STEVE JOHNSON. A September 4th wedding is planned.

1970

ALEXIS SPENCER and DAVID BUSSE. No date has been set for the wedding.

1968

Ramona Rutherford and JAMES ALLEN ANDERSEN. No date has been set for the wedding.

WEDDINGS

1971

LORENE AKLAND and TIMOTHY WIG-GINS were married June 11 at Beres-ford, South Dakota. They are living in Dubuque, Iowa, where Tim is in his second year at Wartburg Seminary and Lorene is teaching Physical Education in the Dubuque public schools.

DEATHS

1922

REV. AXEL M. ANDERSEN, died August 27th, at the age of 76. He had served parishes in California, Missouri and Iowa and for the past ten years had been chaplain of Salem Lutheran Homes, in Elk Horn, Iowa. Interment was in Lake Charles Memorial Park, St. Louis, Mis-souri.

1921

REV. V. R. STABY, 85, died July 10, 1971. He had served congregations in Wiscon-sin, Nebraska and Maine. Burial was in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

ANDREW J. JOHNSON died August 27, 1971, at the age of 80. He attended Dana for two years and had been an active leader in his community of Moor-head, Iowa, both in church and civic affairs.

Ex-Dana Official Dies

Paul V. Hansen, former Dana Regis-trar, died on August 29 at the Blair Hospital following a six-month illness.

Hansen, who owned and operated an insurance-real estate firm in Blair, also served on the Dana Board of Trustees. He was awarded the College's Disting-ished Service Award in 1968.

He was the son of Dr. C. X. Hansen, a founder and one of the first presi-dents of Dana College.

Survivors include his widow, Ethel; one son, Paul V. Jr., of Kenosha, Wis-consin; four brothers, one sister and three grandchildren.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 12 Noon
Classes dismissed
- 2:00 p.m.
Alumni Headquarters opens
Registration and Coffee Hour
Linden Room, Campus Center
- 8:00 p.m.
"Showboat '71"
A full-fledged revue featuring alumni, faculty and student talent including the Coronation of the 1971 Homecoming Queen.
Alumni Memorial Auditorium
- 10:00 p.m.
The Queen's Reception,
Coffee hour for all students, alumni, faculty and other guests
Main Dining Room, Campus Center
- 11:30 p.m.
Bonfire and Pep Rally
Place to be announced

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:00 a.m.
Alumni Headquarters opens
Registration and Coffee Hour
Linden Room, Campus Center

Alumnae Breakfast with members of
Kappa Theta Phi Sorority
Mickelsen Hall Lounge

Alumni Breakfast with members of
Kappa Chi Lambda Fraternity
Lower Lounge, Holling Hall
 - 11:15 a.m.
Alumni Luncheon at Fiesta Grande
137 North 17th Street, Blair
 - 1:30 p.m.
Pre-game activities, Viking Field
 - 2:00 p.m.
Football, Dana Vikings vs. Midland Warriors
Viking Field
 - 5:30 p.m.
Alumni Dinner, preceded by "Remember When" Hour, Blair Fire Department Hall, downtown Blair.
Catered by the Fiesta Grande
 - 8:00 p.m.
"Showboat '71", a revised version of the Friday evening entertainment featuring more alumni talent. The 1971 Homecoming Royalty will be presented during the evening.
Alumni Memorial Auditorium
 - 9:00 p.m.
Homecoming Dance, music by "The Fabulous Flippers." Semi-formal.
Borup Coliseum
- Class Reunions: Members of the classes of 1946, 1961, 1966 and 1971 will meet for informal reunions in various rooms of the Campus Center. Members of the 1961 Denmark Choir will also have a special reunion at this hour—place to be announced.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 10:30 a.m.
Homecoming Worship Service
Alumni Memorial Auditorium
- 2:30 p.m.
Inauguration of Dr. Earl R. Mezoff as the twelfth President of Dana College.
Alumni Memorial Auditorium

Reception following the Inauguration
Campus Center

'Showboat '71' Ready for Homecoming
Reunions To Include '61 Choir; Classes of '46, '61, '66 and '71



Members of the 1961 Denmark Choir are scheduled for a special reunion during Homecoming. Members of the Choir who plan to be in Blair for this special tenth anniversary reunion are urged to indicate their intentions to Mrs. Karen Jensen Capel. The Choir is pictured above at the Rebild Festival held on July 4, 1961, just outside Aalborg, Denmark.

Preparations are nearing completion for the 1971 Homecoming weekend, October 22, 23 and 24. A detailed list of activities and admission prices is included in this issue of the REVIEW.

"Showboat '71," which will be presented on Friday and Saturday evenings, promises to be a delightful combination of student-alumni-faculty talent. Hopefully, the 1961 Denmark Choir will be on hand to present several numbers during the Saturday evening program.

Other reunions scheduled during the weekend include the classes of 1946, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Information for reunion groups will be available at Alumni Headquarters.

In answer to requests from alums,

INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION PRICES:

Registration Fee \$1.50
(Includes coffee hours and luncheon)
"Showboat '71" \$1.50

several new services will be offered this year. First, rooms for changing clothes and "freshening up" after the game on Saturday will be available to guests who do not plan to stay overnight. Secondly, a babysitting service is being planned for Saturday and Saturday evening. Details will be available at Alumni Headquarters—an added incentive to stop in, have coffee and register.

The Homecoming Committee has also asked that all alums and other guests respond with their reservations as soon as possible. The deadline for the special package price has already passed but reservations for individual events can still be sent to the Alumni Office.

Alumni Dinner \$3.50

Dance Free
(A \$1.00 charge will be made to all non-students and non-alumni.)

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