



The Dana REVIEW

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FIRST PHONE-O-RAMA TERMED 'SUCCESSFUL'

Second Semester Sees Fewer Dropouts; Higher Grades

The number of dropouts from first to second semester at Dana is down and the grade point average of first semester students is up.

Dr. E. R. Mezoff announced recently that enrollment figures for the second semester represent a significantly higher retention rate than Dana has experienced in the past several years.

According to Mezoff, the number of students lost from first to second semester during the past two years has been twice the national average. This semester, however, the situation is reversed and an attrition rate at the national average has been reached.

Not only did fewer students fail to re-register for second semester but they also recorded the highest grade point averages reported in the past ten years. Reasons for the higher grades include smaller classes and a greater selectivity of entering freshmen. The number of students placed on academic probation and suspension at the end of the first semester is also noticeably lower than in previous years.

Actual figures indicate a total of 692 students currently registered for classes as compared with 743 at the opening of the first semester.

Insurance Company Grants Funds for Dana Computer

The Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Co. of Minneapolis has awarded a grant of \$20,000 to Dana College. The funds will be used to provide a computer for teaching purposes. The grant is part of Lutheran Brotherhood's Fraternal Activities Program which involves an annual budget of more than 1/8 million dollars.



In preparation for Dana's first major Phone-o-Rama, a group of students recently volunteered to substitute their textbooks for telephone books in an effort to locate telephone numbers of Dana alums scheduled to be contacted during the phone campaign. Pictured at the Hunt Telephone Co. in Blair are Gene Bamesberger, a sophomore from Hampton, Nebraska; Beth Nixon, a junior from Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Elaine Bringewatt, a senior from Bruning, Nebraska.

'72 Is Centennial Year For Danish Lutherans

Celebration of the Centennial of Danish Lutherans in America will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 7 and 8, 1972. The Dana College Choir and the Grand View College Choir, as well as the leaders of the ALC and LCA, will be featured during the two-day celebration planned by a joint committee of persons affiliated with the two Danish Lutheran synods in America, the former AELC and UELC. A complete program of events will appear later. Professor Norman C. Bansen of the Dana English Department is a member of the planning committee.

During the last week in February and the first week in March, 83 alumni and student volunteers participated in Dana's first major attempt at contacting alumni by phone. Purpose of the Phone-o-Rama was to enlist financial support and, according to first reports, the project was very successful.

Paul E. Strand, Dana's Assistant Director of Development and organizer of the Phone-o-Rama program, reports a total of \$6,806.00 in pledges recorded as a result of the telephone campaign.

Alumni in Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Wisconsin and Illinois were selected as the target group for this first major Phone-o-Rama. Only alumni in these areas who have not made a gift to the College during the current fiscal year were called.

A total of 1,681 names were on the original calling list and the breakdown of results indicates that 237 alumni responded with a definite commitment at the time of call; 444 said "maybe"; 355 refused and 685 did not answer.

Generally speaking, the callers were pleased with the results of the Phone-o-Rama and the comments received from those called. It is significant to note that of the 237 alumni who made definite commitments, 113 or approximately 49½% were first-time givers. Included in the 237 figure are 31 individuals who qualify for membership in the newly created Century Club.

The development office extends its thanks to all who participated in the telephone campaign and urges those who made commitments to send their gifts promptly to the College. Those who indicated "maybe" and those who were not reached are also encouraged to respond with a gift. All funds received, unless otherwise specified, will be used in the current operating budget of the College.

Choir European Tour Still Open to Alumni

The planned trip to Europe this summer by the Dana College Choir and "associates" is still available to alumni, parents and their families. The tour is scheduled to leave Omaha on May 22 and will return from Frankfurt on June 21. Cost for transportation only, which includes round trip air fare from Omaha to Frankfurt, is \$259.00 per person.

The special "Associate Tour" is also available to persons who would like to take advantage of a guided tour through West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, East Germany and Denmark at an all-inclusive cost of \$935.00 per person.

Reservations for either tour or added information is available by writing Dr. Paul Neve, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

Jones Named Eastern Admissions Representative

Michael E. Jones, a 1971 graduate from Knoxville, Iowa, has been appointed Eastern Representative for the College's Admissions Program. Jones assumed his new post on January 15, replacing Mr. Richard Showers. Showers was named Director of Admissions last Fall and has since moved to Blair.



Michael E. Jones

Jones is living in Philadelphia and anyone wishing to refer prospective students to him may reach him at 355 Red Lion Drive, Apt. C123, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114.

Children's Play Produced For Elementary Students

Several thousand elementary school children from throughout Washington County visited the campus earlier this month. The occasion was the annual children's play presented by the College Theater Department.

This year's play, entitled "The Lonely Dollmaker," was written by John Mark Nielsen, a student from Blair. It was directed by another student, Miss Dawn Carper of Scribner, Nebraska. Special music for the children's play was composed by Mr. Barry Anderson, a student from Irwin, Iowa.



The Dana Theater Department has prepared an adaptation of a medieval morality tale, "Everyman," for presentation in the chancels of several American Lutheran Churches in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. The group of 24 performers plus the director and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Henneman, will take the play on tour during Holy Week. Music for the Dana version of "Everyman" has been composed by Dr. Alan Brandes of the College music faculty. Performances are scheduled in Atlantic, Iowa; Palatine and South Beloit, Illinois; Racine, Milwaukee, Thiensville and Madison, Wisconsin.

Pictured in a scene from "Everyman" are Charles Crow, a student from Denver, (standing) who plays the character of Death; Robert Bair of Modale, Iowa, (kneeling) who portrays Everyman and Miss Candy Wild of Royal, Iowa, who plays Good Deeds.

6-Day Band Tour Ends With Home Concert

Dr. Wayne Wise and the 45 members of the Dana College Band will be making a four-day concert tour through Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado later this month. A total of twelve concerts are scheduled including evening appearances in Herington, Kansas, on March 17; Bird City, Kansas, March 18; Fowler, Colorado, (3 p.m.), March 19; Brush, Colorado, on March 20, and Minden, Nebraska, on March 21.

The annual home concert by the Band is scheduled for Sunday evening, March 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium. The concert is open to the public at no admission charge.

The Band will also be featured in a special "concert in the park" on Sunday, May 7, at the Danish Park in Omaha. Time of the concert has not been determined.

Class Agents Bridge Gap Between Campus-Alums

The recently implemented Class Agent Program has produced a considerable amount of interest, information and funds, according to the College Alumni Office. According to plan, each Agent has or will in the near future contact individuals who would have graduated from Dana in each year from 1919 to the present.

Individuals who have received alumni information forms and not yet returned them are asked to do so as soon as possible. An extra benefit realized as a result of the information form are the names of prospective students submitted by alums. The Admissions Office informs us they are following up on all such suggestions.

Following is a list of Class Agents and the year(s) they represent. Anyone wishing to volunteer as Agent for the years missing is urged to contact the Alumni Office at Dana.

Class Year	Class Agent
1919-1926	Rev. Christian Justesen
1927-1932	C. C. Madsen
1933-34-35	
1936-37-38	Rev. Andrew P. Staby
1939-40-41	
1942-1946	
1947	Lorraine Nelson Schacht
1948	Florence M. Hansen
1949	Paul Johnsen
1950	Andrew "Butch" Hansen
1951	Jeanette Christensen Nixon
1952	Bruce A. Jensen
1953	Margaret Madsen
1954	Joan Nelson Coffey
1955	Erling Schultz
1956	Edna Skobo McFarlane
1957	Marilyn Ward Nichols
1958	Delores Petersen Jorgensen
1959	
1969	Howard Christensen
1961	Ellen Andrews Fisher
1962	Carlene Benson Petersen
1963	Judy Johnson Harder
1964	Harriett Putnam Dobson
1965	Linda Money Jorgensen
1966	Jayne Botos Kolterman
1967	Twilarae Willmot Stender
1968	Helen Hansen Sorensen
1969	
1970	Sharon Boone
1971	Karen Bansen

Senior Recital Features 'Old Maid and the Thief'

A new approach to the traditional Senior Recital has been announced by Mrs. Mildred Slocum, instructor in voice.

According to Mrs. Slocum, three senior music students will combine their talents in a single effort to present Menotti's famous opera, "The Old Maid and the Thief." The work will satisfy the department's requirements for a Senior Recital.

Scheduled to appear in the opera are Mrs. Barbara Jackson of Albert Lea, Minnesota; Mrs. Arlene Haack of Princeton, Nebraska, and Mrs. Vickie Glock of Coleridge, Nebraska.

Performances of "The Old Maid and the Thief" are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. Both performances will be held in Alumni Auditorium and are open to the public at no admission charge.

Goehring Medical Books Given to Dana Library

Mr. Ron Johnson, Head Librarian at Dana, has announced the receipt of some 275 medical text and reference books from the personal library of the late Dr. Walter Goehring of Blair. The books will be added to the College's growing medical collection.

Dana Professor Receives Biology Research Grant

Dr. Larrie E. Stone, Professor of Biology, has been awarded a Cottrell College Science grant by the Research Corporation—a foundation for the advancement of science. The grant, in the amount of \$8,140, will be used to support a research proposal that involves a study of the distribution of DNA in the chromosomes of Chinese hamster cells. The research project is intended to help determine and understand some of the basic structure of the chromosome.

'72 'SOWER' Available

The 1972 edition of "The Sower," literary-art anthology published by the students at Dana, will soon be ready for distribution. Copies may be ordered in advance by sending \$1.00 to "Sower," Dana College, Blair, Nebraska. Co-editors of the current edition are John Mark Nielsen of Blair and Steve Schou of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

ALUMNI CLOSE-UPS

ROBERT F. HEMPHILL, USAF Retired

Came to Dana in 1936 for two years . . . graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A. degree in 1941 . . . graduated from the University of Denver with a J.D. degree and from the American University with an M.Ed. degree . . . did additional graduate work at the University of New Mexico . . . became a career officer in the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1941 to retirement in 1968 . . . served as judge advocate, pilot, staff planning and programs, Air Attache at the American Embassy in Tokyo . . . served with the United Nations Truce Supervision Commission in Palestine . . . recipient of the United States Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation. . . . Awarded the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure by the government of Japan . . . author of the best article of the year, 1970-71, "Air University Review." . . . Colonel Hemphill commented on his years at Dana in this way: "I have always been glad my first college years were spent at Dana . . . the new academic experience was keyed to professional excellence and the institution was large enough to excite student enthusiasm, small enough to nurture the individual personality. . . . Dana was a bridge to the future."



MARION CHRISTENSEN, Artist, Teacher

Graduated from Dana in 1954 . . . M.A. degree from the University of Iowa in 1962 . . . additional graduate work at the Universities of Colorado and Southern California . . . from 1957 to 1970 taught art in the community school system of Davenport, Iowa . . . since 1970 has been devoting full time to art from her own studio in Davenport, which includes an etching press . . . has work in the permanent collections at Olivet College, Michigan; Dana College and Laura Musser Museum, Muscatine, Iowa . . . has been featured in nineteen individual shows in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, and Nebraska . . . in speaking of her years at Dana, Miss Christensen says: "It is not difficult to recommend Dana to anyone . . . in the years since I left, I have not felt that my four years on campus were anything less than the best . . . artists often express through their art reflections and attitudes of life . . . certainly from this respect prospective artists attending Dana have the opportunity to think and create and evaluate their art from a Christian viewpoint."



ART SIMON, Clergyman, Author

Attended Dana from 1948 to 1951 . . . received B.D. and S.T.M. degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis . . . served as an instructor at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, and Assistant Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver . . . currently serves as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City . . . author of several well known books including "Faces of Poverty," "Stuyvesant Town, USA" and "Breaking Bread with the Hungry" . . . also the author of numerous articles published in such magazines as the Atlantic Monthly, The New Republic, and Commonwealth . . . is currently studying poverty and hunger in the underdeveloped countries . . . Reverend Simon commented on his experiences at Dana in this way: "Dana was an important part of my development as a person and a Christian . . . it gave me three of the finest years of my life."



VIKING SPORTS

By Russ Eppenbaugh

BASKETBALL

The Dana College basketball team is experiencing an off season. At the time of this writing the Vikings have three road games remaining on their 1971-72 schedule. Their season record is currently 8-15.

Dana's main handicap is inconsistency. The Vikings just cannot "put it all together" for any length of time.

The Vikings did put it all together when they won the Westmar Invitational Basketball Tournament (held January 7-8) by beating Dakota State University 69-48 and then blitzing the host Westmar College Eagles 82-66.

The Vikings have played well on numerous occasions this season. They have taken powerful Hastings College into overtime twice only to lose them both. Dana does own double victories this season over Concordia College (85-72, 87-71) and over arch rival Midland.

Dana is paced this year by 6'2" Bryan Traylor from Council Bluffs, Iowa. (Bryan started the season at guard for the Vikings and has successfully made the transition to the forward position.) Traylor is currently battling two other conference foes for the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference scoring title. (By the way, Bryan currently ranks second in scoring for all Nebraska colleges.)

BASEBALL

Viking head baseball coach, Mr. Dale Lemon, reported that on the opening day of practice (February 21st), there were 11 returning lettermen. The Vikings did lose 4 of 5 starting pitchers; all-conference and all-district catcher, Phil Facendola, plus all-conference third baseman Brian Moerer.

Dana does have returning all-conference and all-district pitcher Steve Hines (junior), probably the most outstanding pitcher in the state of Nebraska. Along with Steve are two outstanding hitters, sophomores Bryan Traylor (shortstop, batted .321 in 81 times at bat) and Jerry Wilson (outfielder, batted .324 in 37 times at bat).

The Vikings are out to win their third straight Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. Dana will also be aiming for an NAIA District II playoff spot—if this is accomplished, it will mark Dana's fourth straight appearance in the tournament.

WRESTLING

The Dana College wrestling team closed out a fairly successful season by placing third in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament held at Dana on February 19, 1972. The Vikes, who had a season dual record of 4-5, lost many of their dual matches because they were forced to forfeit at the 118 and 126 pound divisions. They did, however, take first place in the Midland Invitational Tournament, and placed third in the NAIC Tournament. The Vikings had two individual champions in Mike Todd at 158 and Bill Kruse at 167.

Destiny's Deep Sea

NEW JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1971

LARRY ANDERSON is a computer programmer trainee for United of Omaha. He is living at 127 North 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

1970

DAVID R. MUSICK has been promoted to Airman 1/c in the U.S. Air Force. David is attending the Department of Defense Language Institute at Montera, California. His address is A1/c David Musick, HHC Box 892, Percidio of Montera, California 93940.

1968

RICHARD HANSEN is assistant manager of Woolworth's at the Imperial Mall, Hastings, Nebraska.

PAUL RASMUSSEN has been promoted to Captain and is now a C-141 aircraft commander stationed at Travis AFB, California.

1967

CHARLES (CHUCK) JOHANSEN is working for Hospital Supply as a stock control analyst. His address is 655 Deepwoods Drive, No. 25, Mundelein, Illinois 60060.

1965

MARVIN MANN has received the Masters degree in Agricultural Education and the Masters in Guidance and Counseling. He is now guidance counselor in the high school at Plainville, Kansas. The Manns and daughter Sherri live at 401 S. Wyoming, Plainville, Kansas 67663.

1964

SOL BIRD MOCKICIN (SOL GIPSON) through a court petition was granted the name of Sol Bird Mockicin. Bird Mockicin is his grandfather's name and Sol is now the "last" of the Mockicins in the Cherokee tribe. His current address is Lutheran Social Services, P.O. Box 476, Pierre, South Dakota 57501.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorbert (BARBARA NELSON) Price and two children are living on Route 2, House Springs, Missouri 63051. Barbara is a substitute teacher.

REVEREND ARDEN DORN is now pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2312 Harvard Road, Lawrence, Kansas.

1963

BURNELL POHLMAN is the director of outpatient social services at the Norfolk (Neb.) Regional Center. The Pohlman and two children live at Stanton, Nebraska.

REVEREND ALAN LORENTZEN is now pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Papillion, Nebraska. He is also serving as chairman of the committee of evangelism for the Nebraska Synod of Lutheran Church of America. The Lorentzens have two daughters, Julie, one, and Janelle, six.

1961

DR. MYRVIN F. CHRISTOPHERSON, chairman of the communications department at the University of Wisconsin is the author of a newly published "Speaker Trainer's Guide" for the nationwide Bell Telephone System. His address is 1316 Reserve, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

1953

PAUL JERSILD has co-edited a book entitled "Moral Issues and Christian Response" which was published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston. The Jersilds and four children live at 10550 Prospect, Chicago, Illinois 60643.

Allen W. Laaker, "adopted father" to hundreds of Dana co-eds in Mickelsen Hall from 1959 to 1971, died suddenly at the Blair Hospital, Tuesday, February 29. Mr. Laaker is survived by his wife, Alice, who continues to serve as switchboard operator and campus hostess, one daughter and one son.

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