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## Six New Faculty Members Commence Duties on Staff

Mingled with the many new faces on the Dana campus are those of several new instructors.

Dr. Donald Lehmer will be teaching in the fields of sociology, anthropology, and history. He received his B.A. from Arizona, his M.A. from Chicago, and his Ph.D. from Harvard. Dr. Lehmer is presently living in Omaha.

Wilbur Clements of the physical education department comes to Dana from Arlington, Nebraska, where he was both coach and mathematics instructor from 1954 to 1961. Clements is a graduate of Dana and has done graduate work at the University of Omaha. Mr. Clements replaces Coach Peterson as head basketball coach.

In the physics department is Arvin Hernes. He received his B.A. degree from Augustana College and is presently working towards his M.A. in physics. Before coming to Dana, Hernes did theoretical research in electro-optics and was an engineer at a radio station.

From Parkville, Missouri, where he earned his B.A. degree, comes Mr. Donald Warman who teaches

in the history department. He received his M.A. from the University of South Dakota, did graduate work at the University of Nebraska, and is now working towards his Ph.D. From 1958-1961, Warman was the park historian at Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Another new face on the campus is the new Dean of Women, Mrs. Alice Laaker. Mrs. Laaker is a graduate of Arlington High School and was employed in Denver by the May Company for five years. She and her husband have lived in Blair for eleven years. Ten of the eleven years, she and her husband were the directors of the Crowell Old People's home here in Blair. Mrs. Laaker and her husband occupy the suite on the main floor of Mickelsen Hall.

Dr. Marie Tucker, although not a stranger to the Dana campus, is new to most students. Miss Tucker was a Biology instructor here at Dana from 1946 to 1951. During her absence, Dr. Tucker taught at Youngstown, Ohio, as assistant associate professor of biology.

## Dr. Madsen Knighted to The Order of Dannebrog

Dr. C. C. Madsen has been appointed Knight of the Order of Dannebrog by His Majesty, King Frederick IX of Denmark. News of the appointment came from the Office of the Royal Danish Consulate General in Chicago. Presentation of the award will be made on Friday, September 22, in the Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

Mr. Val Peterson, former Governor of Nebraska and Ambassador to Denmark, will be present as the main speaker.

Madsen will receive the Cross of the Knight Order from Mr. Earl Jensen, Royal Danish Vice-Consul of Omaha. In addition to



Dr. C. C. Madsen

the Cross, President Madsen will also receive a citation from King Frederick IX which reads: "His Majesty, the King of Denmark, has graciously appointed the President of Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, Dr. Charles Clifford Madsen, Knight of the Order of Dannebrog in recognition of the valuable contribution to the strengthening of Danish-American cultural relations rendered by him." A personal letter from the King, bearing the ancient Royal Seal of Denmark, will also be presented to President Madsen.

### Order of Dannebrog Is a Legend

According to legend, the Order of Dannebrog was first instituted by King Valdemar The Victorious in the year 1219. At that time, however, it was restricted to members of the Danish nobility. In 1908, King Frederick VI broadened presentation regulations to include not only the nobility, but other citizens of merit as well.

The medallion itself is a red and silver cross which bears the Royal Ciphers of King Christian V and the motto, "God and the King" on the front. On the reverse side are the dates 1219, 1671 and 1808—all important dates in the origin and development of the Order. The Ciphers of King Frederick VI and the crowned Cipher of King Valdemar are also found on the back side.

The name of the Order of Dannebrog is taken from the name of the Danish flag which is the oldest flag in the world. According to legend, Dannebrog descended as a sign from heaven in 1219 and turned defeat into victory for the Danish Crusaders under King Valdemar.

DANA COLLEGE NEWS SERVICE

## Welcome From the President

I speak for all of us of the faculty and administration when I express an earnest welcome to all of you, new and returning students, to Dana College. We are pledged to give to you the very best we possibly can in Christian Higher Education: a sound, challenging academic program in wholesome social surroundings permeated with a spirit of positive Christian faith and dedication.

In turn we look to you to exhibit the accomplishment of these goals. This is your golden opportunity to strive for your highest possible scholarly achievements, to share happy and wholesome fellowship with one another, to give your talents wholeheartedly in extracurricular activities and to mature in Christian faith through your devotional life and your witness to others.

We are grateful for the many ways in which you who are returning to Dana have made such contributions; and we are inspired by the spirit and promise of you, the many Freshmen and transfer students who are joining us this year.

Under the glass top on my desk I have the words of a beloved college president who is a little older and a lot wiser than I. He says, "To watch youth come to life morally and spiritually, to see him develop to intellectual stature, to witness his growth in maturity of insights and understanding, to see him take his place of authority and responsibility as a good citizen and a supporter of the things that are righteous, holy and pure—this is the greatest reward that can come to any man."

We bid you welcome in the hope and confidence that we will experience this joy together during this school year.

C. C. MADSEN,  
President

## Camp Brewster Is Sight Of Retreat

The annual LSA fall retreat will be held the weekend of October 7-8, at Camp Brewster, near Omaha. The central theme of the program will be: Your faith—does it make a difference? Speaker for the event will be Dr. C. C. Madsen, Dana's president. The passages to be studied as a basis for discussion are taken from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

The Christian student's relation to his God, the world, and the Christian college campus will be the subjects of messages included in the retreat.

The total fee for the two-day affair is \$4.25. Paul Petersen, LSA president, reports that only a relatively small number of the original 100 reservations are still available.

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## Dana Comes Alive As Stage Is Set For Another Year

The campus on the hill, quiet and lonely-looking in the summer months, seems to brighten its countenance as it looks toward the sky. It shrugs off the dreary atmosphere of the silent corridors and noiseless rooms and inadvertently readies itself once again for the return of the footsteps and voices of its scholarly inhabitants. The stage is set; the action is about to begin . . .

For the freshmen, anticipation has reached its height. The time has come to make new friends, develop new routines, and cope with new frustrations. Moving days can easily turn out to be a "moving daze" for upperclassmen as well as freshmen. Getting acquainted with the campus may at first pose a problem, but after a few days some places are sure to be familiar: the Library (remember those Freshmen tests?), the Dining Hall (where the chow line seems never ending), and the gymnasium where the myriads of meetings are held (because the new class is too big to meet anywhere else). Oh, yes! The Girls' Dorm is always a point of interest for the fellas as well as for the occupants.

After the confusion of registering for classes, which is a feeling inevitably common with both upperclassmen and new students, and then, just as a few faces are beginning to look familiar—the fun begins.

"Put your beanie on!" is heard across the campus. And a flustered freshman starts to "sass" back, thinks better of it, and meekly complies with the shouted command. These days are probably the most trying of all, for the sophomores are quite intent on making those freshmen "suffer!" And beanies are just the beginning of four long weeks of meekness and humiliation. But cheer up, freshmen, and remember that it's all in fun and it's the upperclassmen's way of saying "Welcome!" So wear those beanies proudly and join in the fun!

## Denmark Choir Meets Its First Encounter-Copenhagen

Copenhagen, the city of hedges, flowers, Tivoli, bicycles, and red tile roofs, holds many a memory for choir students as their first encounter with the magic of a foreign country.

The big airport seemed quite modern American and we had a hard time convincing ourselves that we had actually left the States, until we were greeted by the Danish-speaking people and presented with bouquets of flowers freshly picked from the six-o'clock morning dew. Each of us was impressed and touched by such a simple show of welcome on the part of the Danish people, which—had we prophetic talents—we would have recognized as a sample of the hospitality which was to come.

Because of our early morning arrival, we were quickly initiated into the Copenhagen rush hour of bicycles. We observed that people of every age, size and profession perched on these two-wheeled monsters and made their perilous ways to work—perilous for pedestrians, that is. We unlocomotivated Americans used to the hazards of the hot rod soon discovered that it was equally important to look out for bicycles.

Since Copenhagen is nearly synonymous with Tivoli and vice versa, we must dwell upon this inspiration of Disneyland. Tivoli at night is one great spectacle of lights, gaiety and entertainment—a sort of super-dignified state fair. Among all of the picturesque restaurants and outdoor band shells for concerts and ballets, wind paths which here cross a water canal with small rowboats and there pass by a pattern changing fountain. In addition, bright colored flowers, an oriental pagoda, various shaped lighting fixtures, a small amusement park, and jovial Danes, all add to the "gay-osphere" of this night spot in the center of Copenhagen.

By the time tourists and choir members raise their weary bodies from their feather beds, Tivoli has assumed its daytime character of comparative disuse, so our thoughts and eyes turn to the city itself. We are amazed at the lack of debris in the streets and have just come to the conclusion that Danes eat paper wrappers when we discover that on the ends of a very few park benches are small waste paper containers. We also learn that each home owner is responsible for keeping his own part of the street clean—a neat arrangement if everyone cooperates.

We take a quick tour of the city, noting the Square, the King's Castle and the "Little Mermaid," recall our concerts at the Grundtvig Church and Church of Our Lady, and prepare to leave a most delightful city—Copenhagen.

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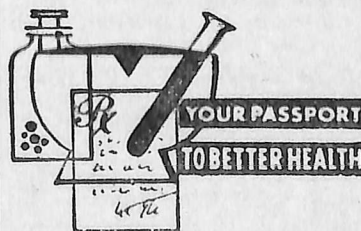
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## Letters to Editor

Many thanks to the students, staff, maintenance crew, and faculty who shared in making our reception "tick." And an extra "Thank You" to the students for their fine attendance.

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## Ken's Comments

Another year has begun upon "The Hill." In spite of the fact that many of us may be getting a little tired of welcomes and welcome speeches, I do want to say that it is good to be back with the familiar faces and even better to see so many new and interesting personalities . . . especially those who stroll to class with their hair sheltered from the autumn Nebraska sun by a brilliant red (or fertile green if one is privileged) Dana beanie. After the upperclassmen pulled out their hair trying to register and the freshmen seemingly breezed through the preliminaries, I have much confidence that the new class shows much promise in being able to organize themselves, at least it seems so for the time being.

The past few days have seen much in the way of social functions. I do want to say "hats off!" to the splendid job done on the upperclass talent show. I know that the kids didn't have too much time to whip things into shape; however, Dennis Berkej can be given much credit as M. C. for coordinating the acts with his Berkej-Type sense of humor. The thing which made the show a success was not so much the quality of the talent, which was quite good, but the variety of the acts staged. Some old favorites as Jean Gebhardt and the folk dancers seemed to improve over the summer with age just like wine. Maybe it was my appreciation for their fine job that improved.

A great big hearty thanks is due to Joan Nielsen who has also done a splendid job as social director. Without her, our first few days at college would have been a bore. Such enjoyable and well-planned events as the watermelon feed and square dance just don't happen. It takes many hours of work and planning.

My old habit of long-windedness seems to have crept into my writing style also. However, I must mention that some important positions have been awarded this past week end—namely class officers. Congratulations to you all and let us as a student body show our sense of responsibility and help them to help us to have a better student body.

As I bow out for this week, I would like to extend an invitation. I need some additions to the staff. Any student interested in journalism, whether experienced or not, can contact me in person or through campus mail, Box 120. We have openings in news and feature writing as well as the circulation department.

Well, until then . . . farewell.  
Kenneth Jensen

## Class Bodies Hold Initial Meetings

**New Leaders Assume Duties**

As the 1961-62 school year begins at Dana, many organizational meetings are held so that various student groups may best contribute to campus life. Included in this are the functioning class bodies. The leaders of the four respective classes were either chosen or were seen performing their official duties for the first time Friday, September 8.

In the executive positions are found Senior student Lonnie Hayne, Arlington, Nebraska; Junior President Arden Dorn, Pickrell, Nebraska; Sophomore leader Howard Johnson, Minden, Nebraska; and newly-elected Freshman class head Chuck Jorgensen of Pine River, Wisconsin.

Leaders and workers in the classes are found also in the other class officers. These are: representing the Seniors, Ward Christensen, Vice-president, Minden, Nebraska; Carlene Benson, Secretary, Craig, Nebraska; Wayne Anthony, Treasurer, Malmo, Nebraska. Juniors, Gary Hanson of Somers, Iowa, Sonja Jacobsen of Atlantic, Iowa, and Mary Jane Folkerts of Talmage, Nebraska, filling the respective positions of Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. Vice-president Richard Jorgensen, Des Moines, Iowa; Secretary, Liz Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minnesota; and Treasurer, Ned Kitomari of Tanganyika will occupy the Sophomore class posts. Elected to the Freshman Executive Committee were Judith Dose, Underwood, Iowa, as Vice-president; Vivian Jenkins, Omaha, Nebraska, in the Secretarial position; and Jack Seeley, Dunlap, Iowa, will balance the books as Treasurer.

Junior representative is Dave Snowbeck of Blair. Miss Elja McCullough is faculty advisor. Sophomore Tom Lange, Racine, Wisconsin, is his class' representative, and the Sophomores chose Rev. Harold Becker as the faculty advisor. Jay Rydell of Great Falls, Montana, is the Freshman representative, with Dr. Elmer Rasmussen advising the newly-formed class.

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## Students Interested In Forensics Will Meet Wednesday

A meeting of all students who are interested in forensics will be held Wednesday morning, September 20, at 10:30 in OM 212 under the direction of Professor Sieghard Krueger. Any student with class conflicts should feel free to see Mr. Krueger in his office (OM 211).

There are three divisions of forensic endeavor in which Dana will compete: intercollegiate debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking. Present plans call for entering four or five meets this year, among them the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association meet to be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Positions are available for a number of upperclassmen and several freshmen. They will be given the opportunity to compete both individually and on teams.

### Attention!

Watch for information to be posted concerning Activities Night this coming Wednesday evening.

## Freshmen-Sophomore Social Tomorrow Night

All freshmen and sophomores are invited to the "freshman-sophomore social" tomorrow night, September 15, at 7:30 in the gymnasium. This social is another way for the sophomores to become acquainted with the freshmen.

The social will include games, freshmen folk song-singing led by Professor Roger Welsch, and a special attraction under the suspicious heading of "grab-bag."

This social is for the members of the freshman and sophomore classes only.

## Cheerleaders Chosen

Linda Laursen and Judi Jensen have been elected to the Dana cheerleading squad. They won out over seven other girls in a close contest Monday night. The election was by preferential ballot of the students present at the tryouts in the gym.

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## Professors Return From Sabbatical

Mr. Norman C. Bansen, Associate Professor of English and Danish has returned to Dana after a year of sabbatical leave to resume his position as head of the English Department.

During his leave of absence, Mr. Bansen did work toward his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley, California, in the department of Scandinavian literature.

A Dana graduate, Mr. Bansen served as Public Relations director from 1947-1949. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1953 and began his teaching career here at Dana the same year. He is currently president of the Dana Chapter of The American-Scandinavian Foundation and advisor for the SOWER.

Professor A. Gordon Ferguson has returned to Dana to resume his duties as head of the modern languages department after a year of sabbatical leave. Mr. Ferguson finished his dissertation for his doctorate this past year at the University of Barcelona, Spain. The dissertation, "Spain Through Her Contemporary Novel—1940-1960" will be presented to the University of Nebraska for acceptance.

Mr. Ferguson has been at Dana since 1953 and was advisor for the HERMES from 1953 to 1960.

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# DANA VIKINGS TO ATTACK TARKIO OWLS

## Viking Squad Has Potential

On Saturday evening, September 16, the college football squad will make its first appearance of the year at Tarkio, Missouri. The Vikings, who have been drilling since the first of September, show promise of giving the Owls a rough fight.

Tarkio, a long-time rival of the Red and White, tripped Dana 14-7 in a non-conference tilt last year. This may be some indication of another hard fought game that will go to the wire.

The coaching staff is optimistic about the Viking team this season. In a scrimmage against Omaha University last Saturday afternoon, the team showed evidence of great potential. Such veteran gridders as Stan Cupp and Bryce Olson should provide the speed for the backfield behind the forward wall of lettermen Addie Adkins, John Templeton, Stan Erlandsen, Everitt Petersen, and Mark Bondo, all of whom should provide the driving punch needed.

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## Coaches Disclose the Official 1961 Red and White Roster

When the Viking eleven meets the Owls at 7:30 this Saturday evening on the Tarkio field, the squad from Missouri is going to tangle with a revengeful Dana team. The Danes can boast of an experienced squad this season with 18 returning lettermen that literally remember the past season's 14-7 defeat. There are 45 members on this year's football squad under the

direction of co-coaches Keith Skogman and Paul Peterson aided by assistant coaches Wilbur Clements and Harold Becker. The 1961 roster is as follows:

Name	Home Town	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Age	Yr.
Adkins, Addie *	Bowling Green, Ohio	6-1	185	G	21	Sr.
Anderson, Ken.	Audubon, Iowa	6-1	175	E	20	Jr.
Barnes, Lynn *	Mineola, Iowa	5-11	160	E	19	So.
Beck, Roger *	Exira, Iowa	6-3	185	QB	20	So.
Bondo, Mark *	Racine, Wis.	5-11½	182	G	19	So.
Brekke, Sig	Audubon, Iowa	6-2	180	FB	19	So.
Burch, Michael	Denver, Colo.	5-10	200	T	18	Fr.
Cupp, Stan *	Eagle Grove, Iowa	5-9	150	HB	22	Sr.
Dolleck, Lawrence	Blair, Nebr.	5-11	170	HB	20	Sr.
Erlandsen, Stan *	Chicago, Ill.	6-1½	206	T	20	Jr.
Evans, Dick	Brunswick, Maine	5-10	160	HB	18	Fr.
Gill, Steve	Phillipsburg, Kan.	5-9	180	G	18	Fr.
Hansen, Jim	Plainview, Nebr.	6-1	205	T	17	Fr.
Hein, Jerome	Kensington, Kan.	6-3	185	C	18	Fr.
Iversen, Mark	Sidney, Montana	5-9	170	T	18	Fr.
Jackson, Tom *	Omaha, Nebr.	6-3	210	C	19	So.
Jensen, Byron *	Audubon, Iowa	6-1	180	E	20	Jr.
Jensen, Mickey	Blair, Nebr.	6-2	155	QB	18	Fr.
Jorgensen, Chuck	Pine River, Wis.	5-11½	200	G	17	Fr.
Kellerman, Maynard	Stuttgart, Kan.	5-6	163	HB	18	Fr.
Larson, Lowell	Northfield, Minn.	6-1	175	E	18	Fr.
Laughhunn, John *	Kansas City, Mo.	6-1	170	QB	19	So.
Lippincott, Roger	Blair, Nebr.	5-11	175	FB	20	Jr.
Marhenke, Lawson	Baltimore, Md.	6-2	165	E	18	Fr.
Muehl, Jack	Pewaukee, Wis.	6-2	195	E	18	Fr.
Muehl, Ken	Pewaukee, Wis.	5-10	175	T	22	Jr.
Mueller, Mel *	Griswold, Iowa	6-0	215	G	20	So.
Oliver, Jammes	Sun Valley, Calif.	5-8	160	FB	18	Fr.
Olson, Bryce *	Northfield, Minn.	5-8	165	HB	18	So.
Osterholm, LeMar	Glenwood, Iowa	5-9	185	G	18	Fr.
Pedersen, Michael	Omaha, Nebr.	6-1	170	E	18	Fr.
Petersen, Everitt *	Scranton, Iowa	6-2	195	T	20	Jr.
Petersen, Phil *	Waupaca, Wis.	6-0	185	HB	22	Sr.
Reinking, Al	Phillipsburg, Kan.	5-11	170	FB	18	Fr.
Rholl, Darryl *	Lexington, Nebr.	5-11	165	E	19	So.
Rydell, Jay	Great Falls, Mont.	6-1	202	T	19	Fr.
Schoening, Gary *	Glenwood, Ia.	6-0	195	C	19	So.
Seeley, Jack	Dunlap, Iowa	5-6½	165	QB	18	Fr.
Stegmaier, Bob *	Farmington, Minn.	6-3	228	FB	20	Jr.
Templeton, John *	Blair, Nebr.	5-10	205	C	20	Jr.
Thorngren, Ron	Omaha, Nebr.	5-8½	160	G	18	Fr.
Tietz, Rich	Omaha, Nebr.	5-8	155	HB	18	Fr.
Triplett, Bob	Blair, Nebr.	6-1	180	HB	17	Fr.
Tuttle, Barry *	Sioux Falls, S.D.	6-1	175	G	18	So.

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