

Dana Accepted By National Agency

Association Praises High Standards Here

The National Association of Schools of Music, at a recent meeting announced the admission of the Dana Institute of Music to full membership.

For two years Dana's has been an associate member of the agency, the only national accrediting organization in the country. Its purposes are to elevate educational standards and improve musical relations among the associated schools.

Full membership in the Association of Music Schools puts the Youngstown College music students on a standard with students of the Julliard School of Music, Eastman School of Music, Cincinnati Conservatory Baldwin - Wallace College, Cleveland Institute of Music, Oberlin College and the University of Michigan.



Dean Miller

The announcement climaxed a three-year period of preparation. The Dana Institute applied for associate membership in 1947 and obtained it after a year of investigation. Recommendations made to the college by Dean Price Doyle of Murray (Ky.) State Teachers College, a representative of the agency, were reported to be exceeded by the music school.

Comments On Policy

In granting full membership, the association commended Dana's on the progressive policy that has been followed for the past several years.

College appropriations for library and instrumental expenditures were said to have been increased to a point sufficient to maintain a high standard of music scholarship. The agency investigator found the practice and recital rooms capable of supplying the space for considerable music activity on the local campus.

President Jones congratulated

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Dean Miller, on his efforts to better the standing of his department. Miller is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Eastman School of Music. He was appointed Dean here in August, 1947.

Degrees that the association has authorized the Dana Institute to confer are: Bachelor of Music in Applied Music, Bachelor of Music in Theory-Composition, Bachelor of Music in Music Education (both 4 and 5-year courses), and Bachelor of Arts in History and Literature of Music.

Begun By Stearns

Music education was initiated at Youngstown College by Doctor Henry V. Stearns in 1930, when, with a group of part-time instructors, he organized college courses in the theory and practice of several musical instruments. In 1941, the Dana Institute of Warren merged with the college school and formed the present organization.