



The Dana REVIEW

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

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Second Annual Recognition Dinner Will Honor Five Alumni And Graduates Of 1973

The 1973 Distinguished Alumnus Awards will be presented to five outstanding Dana alums at the second annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening, May 26. The dinner has been scheduled for Saturday evening before Commencement in order to make it possible for parents of graduating seniors to attend. Members of the class of 1973 will be guests of the Alumni Association at this traditional event. Details concerning the dinner and reservations are carried on page 4 of this issue of the REVIEW.

The following alums have been selected by the Honors Committee to receive the 1973 awards:

JAMES A. CLEMON

Chief Editorial Writer, The Omaha World-Herald

James A. Clemon graduated from Dana in 1956 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and has since gone on to prove that a non-journalism graduate from a small liberal arts college can find success as an editorial staff member of a major metropolitan newspaper.



James A. Clemon

Following graduation Clemon began work as a reporter with the Omaha World-Herald and his entire professional life has been spent there. His assignments at the Herald have included everything from Police Reporter to City Editor. In 1967 he chose to join the anonymous ranks of the editorial writers and became a member of the World-Herald editorial staff. In 1969 he was named Chief of that staff and remains in that position today. He is an active member and a past president of the Omaha Press Club and a willing advisor to the College news service staff, campus newspaper and the alumni office. For a time he served as editor of the DANA REVIEW and has given of his time and talent to assist in other college and alumni projects. He is married and the father of two children.

FLORENCE M. HANSEN

Director, Social Services Department, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Miss Hansen graduated from Dana in 1948 with a B.A. degree in Social Science and went on to earn her Master's degree in Social Administration at Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences. Her career in-



Florence Hansen

cludes positions in the Social Service Departments of Lutheran Hospital in Cleveland, University Hospital in Omaha and the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission in Salem. In 1967 she was named to the staff at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and a year later became Director of the Social Service Department at the Center.

Miss Hansen is regularly involved in planning social work institutes, serves as practicum instructor for undergraduate and graduate students in social work and trains people for positions as hospital social work directors. She is active in numerous professional organizations and has served on several national boards and committees. During her years in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area she has been an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in the Bluffs and has served as a member of the Church Council. She has also been a volunteer worker for Dana Alumni projects including the Phone-o-Rama and serves as a member of the Alumni Advisory Council.

PHILLIP E. KALDAHL

Chairman, Department of English, Bellevue High School

Phillip Kaldahl graduated from Dana in 1953 with a B.A. degree in History. He received a Master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and has done advanced study at the University of Michigan, Northwestern University and the University of Nebraska. For the past fifteen years he has been a member of the faculty at Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Nebraska, and chairman of the English department there. He is also a member of the night school faculty at Bellevue College.



Phillip Kaldahl

Kaldahl was a Fulbright Scholar in 1960-61 and studied and traveled throughout Europe and Asia. He is the author of several articles which have appeared in professional journals and has served on local, state and national committees of the State and National Education Associations. He was honored by his local community by being named Bellevue's first outstanding young educator and recently was elected President of the Nebraska State Education Association. He is married and the father of two sons.

LUELLA K. NIELSEN

Associate Professor of English, Dana College

Miss Nielsen graduated from Dana, cum laude, in 1942 with a B.A. degree in History and English. She received her Master's degree from the University of Minnesota and has since done further graduate work at the University of Wyoming, the University of Vermont, Western State College and Oxford University.



Luella Nielsen

Prior to returning to Dana as a member of the faculty in 1958, Miss Nielsen taught in the high schools of Pender and Blair, Nebraska. At Dana she was the first woman ever elected to the Faculty Senate and served as chairman of that body from 1965 to 1967. She was also a member of the committee which initiated and pioneered Dana's Integrated Humanities program and has served on the Humanities staff since its inception. She is a member of several professional organizations as well as local church, civic and cultural groups. Her chief interest outside her professional life is travel and she has made five trips to Europe and numerous excursions to various parts of the United States. She is a popular guest lecturer in the area of travel and literature.

Peder Mickelsen—Dana's Friend—Dies in Florida

Peder Mickelsen, one of Dana's most dedicated and loyal supporters, died at his home in Florida during the latter part of March at the age of 83. He is survived by his widow, Christine; a daughter, Mrs. Emma Fronk; two grandchildren, one great grandchild and a brother in Denmark. Dana President Earl Mezoff and Board of Regents Secretary Ben Krantz attended the funeral services for Mr. Mickelsen held in Homes Beach, Florida.



Mickelsen

Peder Mickelsen's association with Dana goes back many years. As a member of the Church Council of the former UELC he was directly involved in forming policy which directly affected Dana's development. He was elected to the College Board of Trustees in 1951 and served in that position faithfully and proudly until 1962 when age forced his retirement from the Board. He remained an honorary member of the Board until his death.

Mr. Mickelsen and his wife Christine have always been extremely generous

in their financial support of Dana College. Typical of Mr. Mickelsen's way of doing things is an incident recorded in **Saga of the Tower**, the history of Dana College and Trinity Seminary. According to the book, the President of Dana College received a letter from Mr. Mickelsen in the early 1940's suggesting the College consider purchasing several homes along College Drive to be used as faculty residences. Included with his suggestion was a check for \$500 to begin the project.

In June of 1958, when Dana was involved in a major fund-raising campaign, the Mickelsens presented a gift which amounted to approximately \$75,000, the largest single gift ever received by Dana to that date. And, when the first building of the Diamond Jubilee Campaign was being planned, the Regents named it Mickelsen Hall in tribute to Peder and Christine Mickelsen.

The name Mickelsen is familiar to hundreds of Dana students who have enjoyed the comfortable living accommodations in Mickelsen Hall. The furniture in the lounge of Mickelsen was a special gift to the girls in the dorm from Mrs. Mickelsen. Other Dana students are also familiar with the Mick-

MERRILL J. REEH

Ophthalmologist, Portland, Oregon

Dr. Reeh attended Dana from 1924 to 1927 and graduated from the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Following graduation, he served as an Intern with the U.S. Public Health Service and then joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps, advancing from First Lieutenant to Captain. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Air Force, advancing from Major to Colonel, and served as a surgeon at Randolph Field. In 1947 he moved to Portland, Oregon, where he has since been teaching and practicing Ophthalmology. Some of his activities and positions since then include: President of Staff, Providence Hospital, Portland; Director, Dever's Memorial Eye Clinic, Portland; Chief of Ophthalmology, Good Samaritan Hospital; President of the Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology; Consultant to the Surgeon General of the United States, and numerous positions and projects in professional and civic organizations.



Merrill J. Reeh

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elsens, having received financial assistance from them through a scholarship established in memory of their son, Lt. Henry Mickelsen who was killed during World War II. Excluding the scholarship, the Mickelsens are credited with gifts to Dana totaling more than \$175,000.

In speaking of Mr. Mickelsen, President Mezoff had this to say: "It was with a deep sense of loss that we received the news of Peder Mickelsen's passing. He was the right man at the right time to exercise leadership and challenge to the Board of Regents to build a better Dana. He was a giant of a man in spirit, conviction and dedication to Dana. We have lost a real friend but his life as a Christian and his faith in Dana can serve as an inspiration to all of us."

SPECIAL REMINDER

Now is the time to make plans for those special reunions at Homecoming this fall. Graduates and members of the classes of 1948, 1963 and 1968 are reminded of their 25, 10 and 5 year reunions scheduled during Homecoming weekend, October 26-27. Why don't you get in touch with your Class Agent and plan for something special?

Destiny's Deep Sea

NEW JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1957

Mr. and MRS. Roland (MARILYN WOLSMANN) Rasmussen and three children live at 749 N. 13th Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Marilyn works part-time as a nurse at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.

DR. AND MRS. LARRIE (NORMA NELSON) STONE and three children live at 964 N. 25th Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Larrie is professor of Biology at Dana and Norma is an assistant in the art department.

Mr. and MRS. Warren (DONABELLE DYNNESEN) Warp and two children live at 836 8th Street, Havre, Montana 59501.

1956

Mr. and MRS. Richard (GERALDINE ADAMS) Ayers and two sons live at 10094 E. Ohio Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80231.

Mr. and MRS. Kaare (BONNIE JACOB) Jacobson and two children live on Route 2, Poulso, Washington 98370.

KEITH JENSEN is University Service Director for the Iowa State Education Association. The Jensens and six children live at 322 College Blvd. North, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314.

REVEREND AND MRS. RICHARD A. (BONNIE HAGEDORN '70) JENSEN and three children are living at 3113 Kaufmann, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Dick will be teaching systematic theology at Wartburg Seminary and Bonnie is teaching seventh grade mathematics in the Western Dubuque schools.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT (CAROL NIELSEN '55) JORGENSEN and two children live at 678 Gary Street, Ripon, Wisconsin 54971. Herbert is President of the R-Line Food Company.

Mr. and MRS. Edward (LOIS M. JOHNSON) Kemble and two children live at 5918 Sunrise Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

REVEREND AND MRS. BILL (ANTOINETTE NELSON '55) LAWSON and three children live at 1227 Division Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303. Bill is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN R. (CAROL OLSEN) LODL and four children live at 630 Hughes Street, Eugene, Oregon 94702. Jack is a corrections counselor for the State of Oregon.

REVEREND AND MRS. JOHN E. PETERSEN live at 8101-83rd Avenue SE, E-14, Tacoma, Washington 98498. John is an assistant professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University.

1955

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE (ILA MAE HANSEN) CHRISTENSEN and four children live at 1621 Taylor, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126. Ila is a substitute teacher in the Iowa Falls Community Schools.

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. HAROLD (ANNA MARGARET HANSEN '46) NELSON and five children are living at 8506 116th Street SE, Tacoma, Washington 98498. Harold has been assigned to the Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma.

MR. and Mrs. KEITH PETERSON and three children live at Shelby, Iowa 51570. Keith is farming.

Mr. and MRS. Orin (BETTE MILLER) Simon and three children live at 920 15th Street, International Falls, Minnesota 56649. Bette is a substitute teacher there.

1954

MR. AND MRS. JACK R. (MARY ANN BAIN '53) ALLEN and four children will be moving to Chicago where Jack will become a district manager for the Crown-Zellerbach Paper Company.

Mr. and MRS. Kenneth (PAT BAKER) Bansemer and four children live at 5911 Hoffman Lane, Fair Oaks, California 95628. Pat is bookkeeper for her husbands construction firm.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN (MYRA VIG) CHRISTENSEN and four children live at 318 Parkview Circle, Taft, California 93268. John is Chairman of the Social Science Department and Myra is a part-time teacher of Parent Education at Taft College.

REVEREND and Mrs. EDWARD C. ESKILDSEN and three children live at 8-11 Otowa Cho, Shizuoka, Japan 420. Ed is pastor of Hikari Lutheran Church.

Mr. and MRS. Walter (ANN HARMS) George and two sons live at 3065 College Drive, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Ann is a part-time English teacher at Dana.

REVEREND and Mrs. ARNE K. JESSEN and four children live at 51-91st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11209. Arne is Director of Pastoral Care at the Lutheran Medical Center.

REVEREND AND MRS. PETER (ELNA NIELSEN) MATHIASSEN and four children are living at C.P. 691, Ponta Grossa, Parona, Brazil 84100. Pastor Mathiasen serves a parish stretching 120 miles north and south with a total of over 3,000 baptized members.

MR. and Mrs. NEIL MOORE live at 16 W. Harrison Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920. Neil is assistant professor of Physical Education and assistant track coach at Eastern Illinois University.

MR. and Mrs. CARL C. NELSON and three children live at 5523 N. Maroa, Fresno, California 93704. Carl is a biology teacher at Fresno City College.

MR. AND MRS. VORDYN (DIXIE ALLEN) NELSON and five children live at Route 2, Big Rapids, Michigan 49307. Vordyn is Director of Technical and Applied Arts at Ferris State College.

ELMER P. PETERSEN will be teaching art at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas beginning this fall.

Mr. and MRS. Charles (ROMA GEISLER) Staudenbaur and two children live at 942 Fairbrook Lane, Santa Ana, California 92706. Roma is a substitute teacher in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

MR. and Mrs. BRUCE W. SULLIVAN and two children live at 21 Kelly Lane, Granby, Connecticut 06035. Bruce is a project engineer for the Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft Corp.

Mr. and MRS. Russell (MARJORIE BAXTER) Tueveson and four children live at 10127 W. Burleigh, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222.

MRS. FLORENCE JENSEN WILSON and four children live at 1201 N. Cedar, Tacoma, Washington 98406. Florence is a high school art teacher in the Puyallup School District and the art workshop instructor at the University of Puget

Sound and Central Washington State College.

1953

REVEREND RICHARD ANDERSEN has recently had two books of devotions published. One is printed and distributed by Concordia Publishing House, "Loving is Forgiveness" and the other is printed by Augsburg Publishing House and is written for vacationers. Pastor Andersen is serving The Lutheran Church of the Master at 1601 West La Habra Blvd., La Habra, California 90631.

ANNA CAROLINE CHRISTENSEN is a nurse at Hyland Convalescent Hospital in Santa Clara, California. Her address is 676 Pamilar Avenue, San Jose, California 95128.

BIRTHS

Daughters

1972

Gina Denise, born March 22, 1973, to Mrs. John Collison. Mrs. Collison, Gina and son Alan, age two, live at Parkside Apt. 27, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

1960

Karen Christine, born August 15, 1972, to MR. and MRS. LEROY (LOIS JENSEN '62) PEDERSEN. They also have daughters Lynne, nine, and Nancy, seven, and are living at 935 Echo Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53406.

Sons

1970

Patrick Michael, born January 30, 1973, to MR. and Mrs. DANNY L. WATTS. Their address is Box 85, Indian Springs AFAF, Indian Springs, Nevada 89018.

1969

Christopher Michael, born March 26, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. David (LINDA ANDERSEN) Schroeder. Their address is 1103 Fairview Heights, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

Randall Lynn, born August 29, 1971, to MR. and MRS. Gerhart (VESTA KRAFFT) Thompson. They are living at 1338 Lincoln Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

1965

Joel Gerald, born October 23, 1972, to MR. and MRS. JERRY (JANET PETERSON) JORGENSEN. They also have sons Jon, four, and Jason, two. Their address is 1128 Nebraska Street, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

1962

Eric Ralph, born February 18, 1973, to MR. and Mrs. RALPH P. HANSEN. Ralph is senior budget accountant for Eastman Kodak and their address is 48 Galways Drive, Rochester, New York 14623.

DEATHS

1924

EMMA M. JENSEN, a 1924 Academy graduate, died at LaHabra, California, on February 5, 1973.

Icelandic Folk Group to Visit Dana Campus During May

"Allt i Gami," a folk group composed of Iceland's four most popular musicians, will be spending a week at Dana in early May.

The group is currently touring the United States under the sponsorship of the Icelandic government and their tour is designed to introduce Iceland's culture and music to America. During their stay at Dana they will visit classes, share music and stories informally with students and present a full public concert.

The public concert is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 13, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium. Admission is \$1.00 per person and tickets will be available at the door. Their program will include acoustic music and a presentation with color slides depicting Iceland.

Annual Elizabethan Evening Slated for Saturday, May 4

The annual Elizabethan Evening at Dana, produced by Dr. Herta Engelman and her class in Shakespeare, is scheduled for Friday, May 4, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium. Scenes from several of Shakespeare's plays as well as music and poetry of the Elizabethan Period will be presented. The program is open to the public and tickets will be available at the door.

Alumni, parents of '73 graduating seniors and other friends of the College are invited to attend the second annual Recognition Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening, May 26, at 7 p.m., in the dining room of the Campus Center. Five outstanding Dana alums will be honored at this event along with members of the graduating class of 1973. Advance reservations for the dinner are required and persons planning to attend are asked to return the reservation form below, along with payment, before May 15, 1973. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

DANA COLLEGE RECOGNITION DINNER

Saturday, May 26, 7:00 p.m., Campus Center Dining Room

Please reserve _____ tickets for the Recognition Dinner. My check for \$ _____ is enclosed to cover payment. Please mail tickets to me at the address below _____ or hold them for pick-up at the door on the night of the dinner _____.

NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Are You: _____ An Alumnus, Years at Dana _____
_____ Parents of '73 graduate _____
_____ Other, please explain _____

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Rainforth Resigns; Coach Pete to Resume Basketball Duties

President Mezoff recently announced the resignation of Jerry Rainforth as head basketball coach for the Vikings. Rainforth, who came to Dana in 1968 following a number of years of successful coaching and teaching on the high school level, has accepted a post as head basketball coach at Central City High School, Central City, Nebraska. He will assume his duties there later after May 31.

Mezoff also announced that Paul "Pete" Peterson, Dana's venerable "athletic-man of all seasons" has accepted the Vikings head basketball coaching responsibilities for 1973-74. Pete will continue as Director of Athletics and Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education.

Alumnus Named Director of Blair Chamber of Commerce

William C. "Bill" Anderson, a 1969 Dana graduate, will make the jump from Alaska back to Nebraska this month to become Executive Director of the Blair Chamber of Commerce. Anderson has been serving with the Air Force for the past four years and is currently completing a six-month shared assignment with the Air Force and the city of Anchorage. His major area of work in the Air Force has been in journalism and public relations.

How Much Is a Dana Alumnus Worth?

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According to officials at Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, New York, one Dana alumnus—Anthony DaCruz, is worth \$1.5 million.

According to Kodak, DaCruz was kidnaped early in April by eight well armed political leftists in Buenos Aires, Argentina. DaCruz, a technical operations manager for Kodak's South America plant, was held by his captors for three days until Kodak paid \$1.5 million in ransom.

More than 50 Argentine and foreign businessmen have been kidnaped in similar fashion during the past two years and more than \$5 million in ransom has been paid to get them released. DaCruz was the first American to be kidnaped in the country.

DaCruz, son of the late Dr. Anthony DaCruz, Sr., who taught German at Dana during the late 1940's and early '50's, received a bachelor's degree from Dana in 1950.

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