

The Dana REVIEW

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

May, 1973

Lauritz Melchior Trophies Headed for Dana Collection

Lauritz Melchior, famed Wagnerian tenor, died in California on March 18 at the age of 82.

Melchior had been associated with Dana for many years, having appeared here in concert during the 1940's and since then on several occasions as soloist with the Dana Choir. In 1968 he was honored by the College with an honorary Doctor of Music degree.

The College is scheduled to receive a portion of one of Melchior's most prized possessions—his big game trophies. An internationally known hunter and holder of several world hunting records, Melchior had amassed a large and impressive display of stuffed animals from all parts of the world.

Several major pieces have been selected from his collection and will be suitably displayed on campus as a memorial to him.

Two Danians Honored By Blair Community

Two well known Dana personalities, Paul Peterson, Athletic Director, and Mrs. Alice Laaker, Campus Hostess, were recently honored by the Blair community.

"Pete" was honored at a special dinner sponsored by the Blair Volunteer Fire Department and the Blair Rescue Squad for his work in First Aid education and for promoting the development of the Blair Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Laaker was selected by the Blair Jaycees as the first woman recipient of their Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at the Jaycees' annual dinner and Mrs. Laaker was praised for her continuing support of community projects.

Commencement 1973 . . .

170 Seniors Graduate: College-Community Service Award to Harold C. Jorgensen

Ceremonies marking the end of the 1972-73 academic year at Dana were held on campus on Sunday, May 27.

The traditional Baccalaureate service on Sunday morning was conducted



Harold C. Jorgensen

by the Reverend Lothar Pietz, Campus Pastor. Assisting him were three visiting clergymen and fathers of graduating seniors: the Reverend H. Leonard Andersen of Sparta, Wisconsin; the Reverend Jerrold Elling of Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Reverend W. Clayton Nielsen of Omaha. The Baccalaureate address was delivered by Dr. C. C. Madsen, former Dana President.

President Earl R. Mezoff presided at the afternoon Commencement program which saw degrees conferred upon 170 senior candidates. Brief greetings were delivered by the President and the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class of 1973: Miss Jane Hendrick of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mr. Kaj Neve of Tokyo, Japan.

The highest non-academic honor given by the College, the College-Community Service Award, was presented by President Mezoff to a long-time Blair resident and friend of Dana College, the Reverend Harold C. Jorgensen. Rev. Jorgensen is the ninth resident of Blair to be honored with this award.

Rev. Jorgensen, who graduated from St. Olaf College and Trinity Seminary, came to Blair as Pastor of First Lutheran Church in 1939 and served in



A capacity crowd, estimated at 2,500 persons, attended the Commencement program on Sunday, May 27.

that post until 1958. During those years he was active in a variety of church, college and community projects. He served as editor of the Christmas Chimes for four years, District President of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church, member of the Board at Dana, member of the Board of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, volunteer worker for the Diamond Jubilee Fund-Raising Campaign and County Chairman of the Red Cross disaster group during the Missouri River flood of 1952.

From 1958 to 1968 Pastor Jorgensen served congregations in Audubon, Iowa; Ashland, Nebraska, and Millard, Nebraska. In 1968 he was elected to the position of Judge of the Washington County Court and served in that capacity until 1972. Although now retired, Jorgensen continues to actively support a variety of college and community-related projects.

Let's Get Together at Homecoming . . . Oct. 26-28 '73

Plates, Piano and Painting Added During April 29 Ceremony

During brief but impressive ceremonies held on the campus on April 29, three major "gifts in kind" were received by the College.

The first major presentation of the day was made by Mr. George P. Christiansen, Jr., of Christiansen Jewelry in Omaha. Mr. Christiansen presented the College with the final plate needed to complete its collection of Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plates. That collection, now on display in the Heritage Room of the Library, is valued at approximately \$10,000.

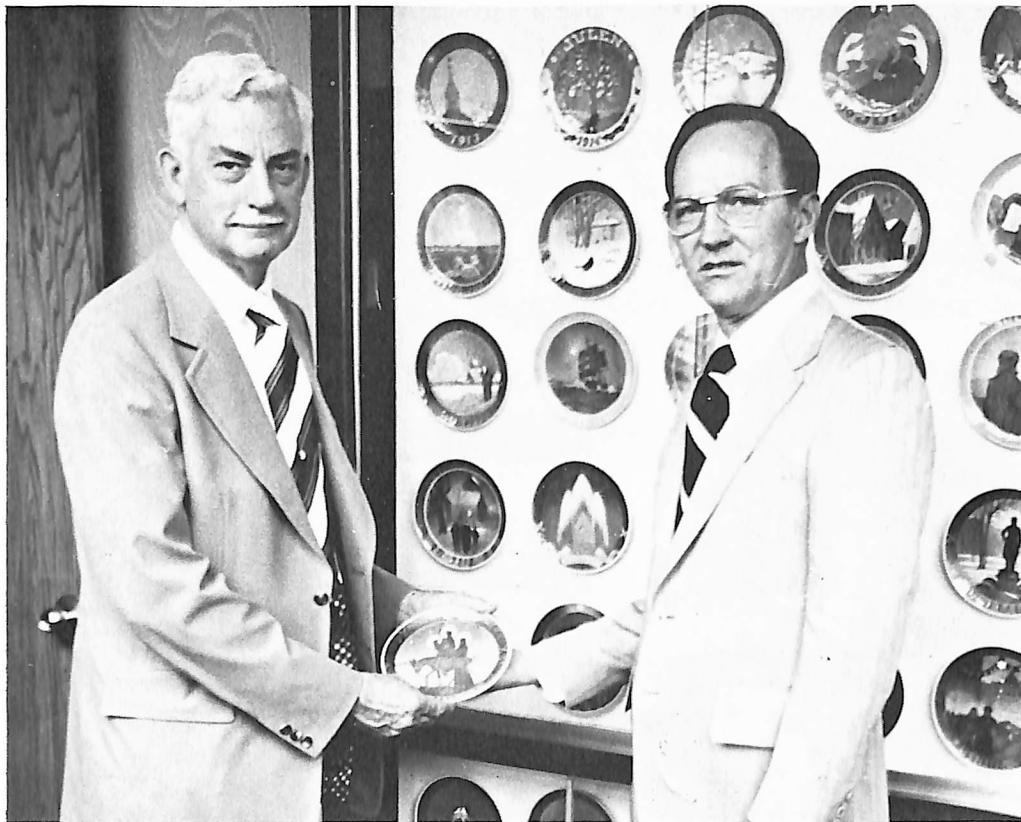
An unexpected presentation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Larsen of Grand Island, Nebraska, who, in response to an article on the Christmas Plate collection in the Omaha World-Herald, came to the campus on April 29 to present several plates needed in the Bing & Grondahl series.



President Mezoff and the Slocums examine the antique Danish piano.

The second scheduled presentation of the afternoon was a beautiful antique piano, built in Denmark in 1858, and presented to the College by Mr. Duane Hillmer of the Hillmer Foundation in Omaha. Dr. Alan Brandes of the Dana Music Department performed several numbers on the antique instrument during the presentation ceremony. The piano is also on display in the Heritage Room.

The final presentation of the day was made by Mrs. Marie Christian, well known Omaha artist and a part-time member of the Dana Art Department faculty. Mrs. Christian presented an original oil painting to the College which now hangs in the Library.



George P. Christian, Jr. (left) presents the final plate needed to complete the Royal Copenhagen collection to President Earl Mezoff.

President Earl R. Mezoff presided at the ceremonies and, in addition to expressing thanks to the donors for their gifts, pointed out the importance of "gifts in kind" and encouraged others to follow the example set by the three donors.



President Mezoff and Mrs. Christian with the College's most recent art acquisition.

Dana's collection of Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plates is now complete. The collection, consisting of 64 plates and valued at over \$10,000, is on permanent display in the Heritage Room of the C. A. Dana-LIFE Library.

The following individuals and firms have donated plates to the Royal Collection and our sincere thanks is extended to them:

- Christiansen Jewelry, Omaha, Neb.
- Miss Rubie Jessen, Omaha, Neb.
- George Jensen, Randers, Denmark.
- Mrs. Marie Madsen, San Francisco, Calif.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nielsen, Harlan, Ia.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gwin, Hudson, Wis.
- Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Miami Beach, Fla.
- Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lund, Rochester, Minn.
- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matson, Omaha, Neb.
- Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Tabberson, Cokato, Minn.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, Oak Lawn, Ill.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sorensen, Creighton, Neb.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holm, Omaha, Neb.
- Mrs. Stephanie Segard, Mountain View, Calif.
- Mrs. Arthur Robinson, Lewis, Ia.
- Miss Kristi Planck, Washington, D. C.
- Klopps Jewelry, Blair, Neb.
- Dr. and Mrs. Chs. Johnson, Shawnee Mission, Kans.
- Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nielsen, Aurora, Neb.

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With the completion of the Royal Collection, renewed efforts are being made to complete a collection of Bing & Grondahl plates as well. The Dana Development Office reports the following Bing & Grondahl Christmas Plates are needed to complete that collection:

1895, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1912, 1914, 1919, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1947, 1949, 1954 and 1955.

Possible donors of these plates or other "gifts in kind" are invited to contact the Dana Development Office, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

Destiny's Deep Sea

NEW JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1953

MR. AND MRS. GERALD (ANGELA SORENSEN) BORGLUM and four children live on Route 1, Elkhart, Indiana 46514. Gerald is a research biochemist for Miles Laboratories.

MR. DONALD OFTE has been named Director of the Space and Special Programs Division at the Atomic Energy Commission's Operations Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

CHAPLAIN, MAJ. and Mrs. F. W. REINKE and two children live at 8825-B, 3rd Street, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan 48753.

Mr. and MRS. Charles (ELEANOR LARSEN) Stiles and four children live at 948 Kansas Street, Superior, Nebraska 68978. Eleanor is a para-professional teacher for the Superior public schools.

Mr. and MRS. Alfred (YVONNE HANSEN) Vorthmann and four children live at Route 2, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501. Yvonne is a substitute teacher.

1952

MR. and Mrs. KENNETH L. CHRISTENSEN and four children live at 1040 W. 10, Wahoo, Nebraska 68066. Kenneth is Registrar at John F. Kennedy College.

REVEREND AND MRS. EDWIN H. (ELEANOR ANDERSEN '42) HANSEN and four children live at Route 3, Newville, Pennsylvania 17241. Edwin is pastor of an L.C.A. church.

Mr. and MRS. Harold (MARILYN JACOB) Huntess and three children live at 522 W. 98 Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas 66207. Marilyn is taking a refresher course for nursing.

REVEREND AND MRS. GERHARDT (RUTH WAGSCHAL) MENGERS and four children live at 218 S. Wall Street, Covington, Ohio 45318. Gerhardt is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church.

MR. and Mrs. BRUNO TIMPA and son live at 587 W. Arlene Drive, Wood Dale, Illinois 60191. Bruno is a chemist for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Chicago.

1951

Mr. and MRS. Barnhard (MARILYN SIERSBECK) Erling and four children live at 1412 Washington, St. Peter, Minnesota 56082.

MRS. CAROL M. PETERSEN HANSEN and three children are living at 203 Houlihan, Decorah, Iowa 52101. Carol is teaching in the Decorah Community School System.

Mr. and MRS. Charles M. (HELEN HALSTEAD) Kofoid and four children live at 1831 Ashby Drive, Charleston, Illinois 61920.

MR. and Mrs. PAUL H. LAURSEN and two sons are living at 3145 N 70th, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507. Paul is a professor of Chemistry at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

MR. AND MRS. CARL H. (PHYLLIS BENSON '55) NIELSEN and two children are living in Creighton, Nebraska 68729. Carl is principal of Creighton Community High School.

LUCY ANNE POUCHER is Catalog Librarian for Southern Oregon College. Her address is 1535 Webster Street, Ashland, Oregon 97520.

MR. AND MRS. WARREN L. (MILDRED SIERSBECK) RASMUSSEN and four children are living at 620 Pleasant Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904. Warren is science teacher and Chairman of the Science Department for School District 12, Colorado Springs.

MR. and Mrs. JIMMY L. SORENSEN and four children live at 131 N Addison Road, Wood Dale, Illinois 60191. Jimmy is a partner in the Arthur Young and Company Accounting Firm and specializes in management consulting.

1950

REVEREND AND MRS. VIRGIL (LAVAILLE JENSEN) ANDERSON and twelve children are living in Kensington, Kansas 66951. Virgil is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church and has recently completed requirements for a masters degree in guidance and counseling.

CHAPLAIN, COMMANDER AND MRS. JOHN (VIRGINIA LIPPINCOTT '49) BECK and three children are living at 5114 Central Avenue, Bonita, California 92002.

Mr. and MRS. Lawrence (ELSIE JENSEN) Everson and six children are living at 10913 Roseton Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670. Elsie teaches in the Mountain View School District.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER (MARCIA HANSON) LARSON and two sons are living at 13 Prospect Drive, Great Falls, Montana 59405. Marcia is teaching second grade in the Great Falls public schools.

REVEREND AND MRS. ARNFELD C. MORCK and two sons are living in Apdo, Aereo 51133, Bogota 2, Colombia. Arnfeld is Director of Colombia Synod's Seminary. The Morck daughters are living in Canada.

MR. and Mrs. LYLE R. MORGENSEN and five children live at Route 3, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Lyle is Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for Community Unit School District #100.

MR. AND MRS. CARL (ASTA LARSEN) HENDRICKSEN and four children live in Tilley, Alberta, Canada. Carl is farming and Asta is Vice Principal of the County of Newell school.

1949

MR. AND MRS. BOB (ERNA PETERSEN) BERTHELSEN and four sons are living at 1666 S Broadway, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007.

REVEREND AND MRS. NORLAN L. (ALICE ROMER) HANSON and three children live at 4648 Kensington Drive, San Diego, California 92116. Norlan is pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Mr. and MRS. Gerald (EMMELINN FREDERICKSEN) Hoar and three children are living at 4 Central Avenue, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075. Gerald is superintendent of Schools of South Hadley.

Mr. and MRS. Walter (ANNA HANSEN) Huber are living on Hiway 73, S. Blair, Nebraska 68008. Anna is serving as secretary for her husband who is an attorney in Blair.

Mr. and MRS. Donald D. (GRACE BORGLUM) Reed and two sons are living at 1406 Concord Drive, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

MR. AND MRS. AUGIE (JODY PETERSEN) STRICKER and three children are living at Route 1, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537. Augie is Vice President and Manager of the Great Plains Natural Gas Company.

1948

Mr. and MRS. Bill (PAULINE ANDERSON) Bensen, Jr. and three children live at 804 S Grove, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

Mr. and MRS. RANDY (JOAN DAMSKOV) Jordan and two daughters live at Route 2, Franklin, Tennessee 37064. Joan serves as a secretary in her husband's trucking business.

MRS. MARGARET PETERSON LIENEMANN and three sons live at 2556 El Rancho, Sidney, Nebraska 69162. Margaret is Bookkeeper, Night Auditor and Desk Clerk for the Ft. Sidney Motor Hotel.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT (DOROTHE MAE PETERSON) LORENSEN and two sons live at Route 1, Brush, Colorado 80723. Dorothe is a secretary in the counseling office at Fort Morgan High School, Fort Morgan, Colorado.

1946

Mr. and MRS. Dale (DORIS RASMUSSEN) Swanson and four children are living at 13108 E 23rd, Spokane, Washington 99216. Doris is a registered nurse.

1942

REVEREND and Mrs. CLIFFORD R. PAULSEN and five children live in Emmons, Minnesota 56029. Clifford is pastor of Emmons Lutheran Church.

BIRTHS

Daughters

1972

Holly Jean, born March 8, 1973, to MR. and Mrs. JOHN RIECKEN. Their address is 1904 Sequoia, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521.

1958

Andi Lynn, born July 13, 1972, to MR. and Mrs. FRANKLIN G. HANSEN. Their address is 436 S. Rose Street, Bensenville, Illinois 60106.

Sons

1971

Troy Michael, born August 30, 1972, to MR. and Mrs. MAURICE BYERS. Their address is Hornick, Iowa 51026.

DEATHS

1971

JAMES R. COPP was killed April 29, 1973, in an automobile accident in Waterloo, Iowa. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Copp of Glidden, Iowa.

Campus News Notes

Approximately 75 students received special recognition of various kinds at the annual Honors Dinner held on campus on May 17. Dr. Kirk Naylor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha delivered the Honors Address.

Six Dana seniors were awarded Campus Service Awards at the Recognition Dinner held on May 26. Recipients include: John M. Nielsen, Blair; Carin Christensen, Minden, Nebraska; Bob Ehmen, Beatrice, Nebraska; Gale Madsen, Luck, Wisconsin; Beth Nixon, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Cheryl Harris, Onawa, Iowa. The Awards were based on individual contributions to life at Dana.

Two Danians, Professor Norman Bansen and Professor Emeritus Paul Nyholm, were among fifty invited participants at "ScanPresence," a seminar on the Scandinavian Presence in America held May 1-3 in Minneapolis. The seminar was sponsored by the University of Minnesota and Scandinavian Airlines System.

Dr. Larrie Stone of the Dana Biology Department has been elected President of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences for the 1973-74 year.

Approximately 100 prospective students attended the first "Viking Weekend" held on campus in late April. The event was co-sponsored by the Admissions Office and the Student Senate. Plans to repeat the program are being made for next year. The main purpose of the weekend was to attract prospective students and let them see for themselves what life at Dana is like.

Some eighty members of the Dana chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation gathered on campus for an evening of food and fellowship on May 8. Danish food, prepared by members of the chapter, was served. Entertainment was provided by the Dana Folk Dancers and the Dana Gymnastics Team.

Thirty members of the Dana Choir participated in the Centennial celebration of First Lutheran Church in Omaha on May 6. Choirs from Concordia, Midland and Dana were invited to participate in the Festival.

Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, Registrar and Director of Counseling at Dana, has been elected Chairman of the Nebraska ACT Council. Representatives from educational institutions throughout Nebraska made up the membership of the organization.

Departing Faculty and Staff Honored at Year-End Affair

Members of the Dana faculty and staff who are leaving Dana at the end of the current year were honored at an informal reception hosted by President and Mrs. Mezoff on May 24.

Those scheduled to leave Dana this year include: Dr. C. Arthur Christian, Academic Dean; Mrs. Ruth Carey, Director of Food Service; Mrs. Myra Andersen, Head Resident in Argo Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Olav Ballisager, Visiting Instructors in Danish Gymnastics; Mrs. Elaine Johnson, Head Resident in Mickelsen Hall; Mr. Rafe Anders, Head Resident in Holling Hall and Instructor in Speech; Dr. Jack Beal, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Donald Pearson, Instructor in Social Work; Mr. Richard Voth, Instructor in Business Administration, Mr. Jerry Rainforth, Head Football Coach and Instructor in Physical Education, and Mrs. Lilah Larsen, Manager of the Campus Coffee Shop.

Vikings Tie Wesleyan U. For Conference Honors; 5 Players on All-Star Team

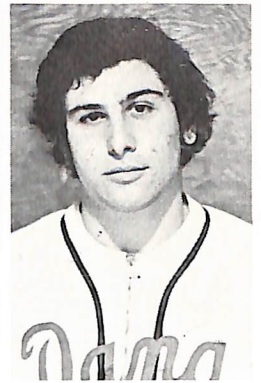
For the third time in the four-year existence of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Dana Vikings are sharing conference baseball honors—they tied Nebraska Wesleyan University for the conference championship with a season record of 8 and 2.

And, for the fifth straight year, the Vikings were selected for participation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District Playoffs. The Vikings' season record was 13-15. Two Dana players, Steve Woitock of Racine, Wisconsin, and Joel Eskelsen of Moorhead, Iowa, were selected for the All-District Team chosen by the District coaches.

Five Dana players were named to the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Star Team. Included were Steve Hines of Hiawatha, Iowa; Mike Brady of Amherst, Ohio; Mike Giovanni of Whitehall, Pennsylvania; Steve Woitock of Racine, Wisconsin, and Mike Urdahl of Germansville, Pennsylvania.



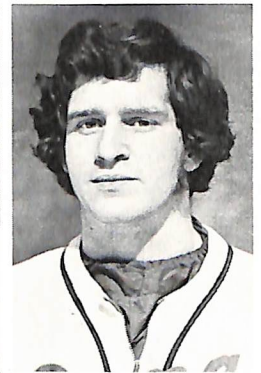
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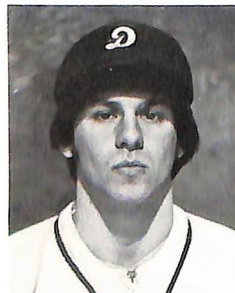
Mike Giovanni



Mike Urdahl



Steve Hines



Steve Woitock

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