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About the cover:

Commencement '75 began with the traditional academic processional moving from Pioneer Memorial across the campus to Borup Coliseum. Leading the processional were two presidents -- Dr. Earl R. Mezoff, President of Dana College, and Dr. David W. Preus, President of The American Lutheran Church.



Alice Laaker Receives College-Community Service Award

A highlight of this year's Commencement ceremony was the presentation of the 1975 College-Community Service Award to Mrs. Alice Laaker, former Dean of Women and presently Campus Hostess, and one of Blair's best known and most highly regarded citizens.

The College-Community Service Award is the highest non-academic honor given by Dana, an honor reserved to recognize and thank outstanding Blair residents for their continuing support of college and community projects. This year was the first time in the eleven years of the award that it was presented to a member of both the Dana and Blair communities.

Over the years, and even before the Laakers came to Dana in 1961, both helped greatly in developing a closer relationship between the college and the community. Dr. Mezoff in his presentation of the award noted that Mrs. Laaker "has met thousands of people, in hundreds of places, and in a myriad of circumstances — not all of them pleasant — but in all of her associations with people she has taken time to consider their needs and to respond with kindness, generosity and encouragement. There are few of us at Dana and in Blair whose lives have not been touched in some way by this lady we honor today."

Another surprise came for Mrs. Laaker when she returned to her seat in Borup Coliseum after the presentation and discovered that her daughter Sandra, Mrs. James Risser, was present at the ceremony, having flown in from her home in Washington, D.C.



College-Community Service Award Recipient Alice Laaker is congratulated by President Mezoff, her daughter Sandra Risser, and Mrs. Mezoff.

Student Achievements Recognized At Honors Banquet

The scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments of seventy Dana students were recognized at the annual honors banquet on May 15.

Achievements included qualifying for scholarships for the coming school year; awards in writing, art, music, drama, religious studies, broadcasting, business, science, and

Dana Queen Becomes Baseball Sweetheart



Diane Kniep

Miss Diane Kniep, Dana's 1974 homecoming queen and a member of the class of 1975, was one of nine area college coeds named as a "Sweetheart" of the 1975 College World Series.

Diane and each of the other "Sweethearts" were assigned as official hostesses to participating teams at the College World Series held in Omaha from June 6 to 12.

Two Groups Honored At Recognition Dinner

Awards were presented to two groups of people at this year's Recognition Dinner on May 24: five distinguished alumni were recognized for their contributions to their respective fields and to society and/or the church; and eleven seniors were recognized for their contributions to campus life beyond elected, paid, or assigned duties and for their participation in campus events and activities. These Campus Service Awards were kept secret until the time of presentation at the dinner.

This year's Distinguished Alumni were Captain John T. Beck, Chaplain, U.S. Navy; the Rev. Joseph M. Girtz, Pastor, The American Lutheran Church; Dr. Leo H. Kirchhoff, Associate Professor of Education, California State University at Chico; Dr. Paul H. Laursen, Professor of Chemistry, Nebraska Wesleyan University; and Mr. A. Craig Nielsen, Regional Manager, Farm Credit Administration, Columbia, South Carolina. All five were present to receive the awards.

Campus Service Awards this year went to Bruce Bates, Glidden, Iowa; Steven Berke, Cozad, Nebraska; Bill Blundell, Sioux City, Iowa; Gerald Clanton, Omaha; Constance Gibson, Omaha; Layne Johnson, Nerstrand, Minnesota; Diane Kniep, Aurora, Colorado; Jennifer Meyer, Everly, Iowa; Carl Rasmussen, Elmhurst, Illinois; Susan Walth, St. Paul, Nebraska; and Susan Zabel, Cook, Nebraska.

mathematics; election to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, to Alpha Chi (the national honor scholarship society), and to Alpha Psi Omega (the national honorary dramatics fraternity); recognition of this year's editors of student publications and student body officers; and the announcement of assistantships granted by several universities to seniors entering graduate school next year.

Dana Hosts Conferences

Dana's facilities this year have been used for conferences and retreats by numerous off-campus groups, with the number in each ranging from fourteen for a church council retreat to 200 for several of the youth groups. Those staying on the campus overnight or for several days have been using dormitory space in Elk Horn Hall, Mickelsen Hall, and Blair Hall. Each of the latter has an unoccupied floor and all of Elk Horn is available for housing.

Since this January the following have met on the campus: an intern cluster, ALC District committees, three church council retreats, a married couples retreat, a planning group for a summer training conference, a Baptist youth group, the Omaha Conference of American Lutheran Church Women, the Omaha Conference Luther League, and the Christian Women's "Women Aglow" retreat.

Groups scheduled for this summer include an ALC Seminar Training Conference, July 18-20; a Central District Lutheran Youth Encounter School, August 8-15; and a Central District Council Meeting, August 22-28.

Organizations interested in using Dana's facilities can write to Business Manager Keith Hansen.

Dana Salutes Poy Sippi Church

First Lutheran Church of Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, a congregation which has over the years sent more than 30 students to Dana and which was served by a pastor who later became a Dana president, Dr. Richard E. Morton, this year is observing the 100th anniversary of its founding.

To join in the celebration and to thank the congregation for its long support of Dana, Dr. C. C. Madsen, former Dana president, and "The Four Winds," a male quartet from Dana, participated in First Lutheran's morning worship service on Sunday, April 20, and in a special evening program. Dr. Madsen also presented the congregation with a special citation from Dana. The Reverend C. Richard Becker is pastor at First Lutheran.

Dana Men Lauded At Wartburg Seminary

Four of seven Dana men who graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque earlier this spring received the Seminary's only citations of merit on their M. Div. thesis.

The M.Div. thesis is not required for graduation but is encouraged by the faculty and is looked upon as an opportunity for the mature graduates to show their creativity and competence in doing sound independent study and research. All of the 1975 Wartburg graduates to receive citations of merit on their theses were graduates of Dana. They include:

Charles Gilmore, Dana '70 — "Christology and Eucharist, An Investigation of Christological Themes and Their Implications for a Lutheran Understanding of the Eucharist."

John Leitell, Dana '71 — "A Study of the Theological Implications of the Plays of Edward Albee."

Craig Moran, Dana '70 — "An Investigation in Value Education."

Bill Thomsen Retires After 33 Years at Dana

F. W. "Bill" Thomsen, who has been at Dana for 33 years—longer than any other faculty member—retired at the end of this school year.



President Mezoff thanks Bill and Orpa Thomsen for their devotion to Dana. Bill has retired after a record 33 years at Dana.

Bill first came to Dana in 1934 and for two years taught art as a part-time instructor. In 1942 he returned, again on a part-time basis while serving as pastor of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Iowa. In 1955 he became a full-time member of the Dana staff, continuing part-time in the art department and serving as Dean of Men. From 1960 to 1972 he taught art full-time and was Chairman of the Art Department. In 1972 he returned to teaching art on a part-time basis.

Throughout his years at Dana, Bill continued to work as an artist; his murals, windows, and paintings can be found in churches, hospitals, public buildings, and homes throughout the Midwest. A current project that will continue to keep him busy is the Black Elk-Neihardt monument planned for the new Blair city park to the west of the campus.

In presenting several token gifts to the Thomsens, Dr. Mezoff said: "As a teacher, counselor, pastor and friend, Bill has touched the lives of thousands, and he and his wife Orpa have been generous in giving of themselves to Dana and its students. We are pleased that they will remain in Blair, and we look forward to seeing them often."

Dennis Schmidt, Dana '71 — "Composition as an Expression of Ideas."

In a letter to Dana President Earl R. Mezoff, Dr. William Weiblen, Wartburg Seminary President, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Seminary faculty for the "magnificent contribution graduates of Dana have made at Wartburg Seminary."

Weiblen also said: "The record that the students from Dana in the class of 1975 at Wartburg have achieved continues to testify to the wonderful contribution that Dana College continues to make preparing people for ministry in the Church. We congratulate you, the faculty and students of Dana, for your continued and faithful support of young men and women who wish to prepare for study at the seminary. We say without qualification that the people who come here from Dana are well prepared to take up the life of continued study in preparation for the ministry."

Farewell Reception Honors Departing Faculty and Staff Members

A farewell faculty-staff reception honoring five who will be leaving Dana was held on May 22. Those honored included two who are retiring — college nurse Grace Brewster (see the Spring Review) and Professor F. W. Thomsen. Both were presented with appropriately engraved watches and framed prints of Old Main.

In addition, two admissions counselors, GREG WITTE ('71) and LARRY KNUDSEN ('72) have resigned. Both became members of the admissions staff in September of the year of their graduation. Although their plans are as yet indefinite, both are considering graduate study.

Faculty member Jack Hohensee will also be leaving Dana. He joined the sociology department in September 1973 on a part-time basis, and this past year taught fulltime while Joel Snell was on leave of absence.

Stately Mansions

A "Destiny" item in last fall's Review told of alumna JEAN MARIE DAMSKOV JORDAN'S ('51) home in Franklin, Tennessee. The Jordans moved from Los Angeles about five years ago, and now live in an antebellum Williamsburg-type house built in about 1812. One of this year's Distinguished Alumni, A. Craig Nielsen of Camden, South Carolina, and his family also live in a house with a history. Mr. Nielsen writes:

"We settled in Camden because of Jackie's and my mutual interest in history and things historical. It is the oldest inland town in South Carolina, the site of two major Revolutionary War battles — the Battle of Camden and the Battle of Hobkirk Hill. Camden has a large number of antebellum homes and buildings. We purchased a large old home that dates to about 1830. It sits on the crest of Hobkirk Hill near where General Nathanael Greene had his headquarters.

"For a number of years before and during the Civil War it was owned by a Judge Thomas Jefferson Withers, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession and a delegate to the Confederate Convention, also one of South Carolina's first senators when it joined the Confederacy. Interestingly, the house still retains scars from a visit by General Sherman's troops — bullet holes in an interior hall glass fanlight.

"Sherman could have saved us a lot of trouble if he had burned it down as he did so many other places. The house was in terrible shape when we bought it, and we are attempting to restore it in a manner in keeping with its age and style. After two years of working on it things are looking up, but we still have a long way to go!"

Novel By Former Faculty Member Becomes Film

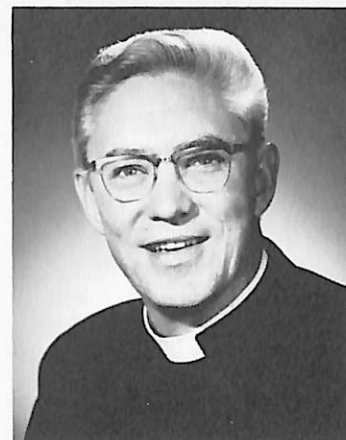
The Eiger Sanction, a best-selling novel by Rod Whitaker, Dana faculty member from 1963 to 1966, has been made into a film now being shown in theaters across the country. Whitaker, who is listed in the film credits as a script writer, published both *The Eiger Sanction* and a second novel, *The Loo Sanction*, under the pseudonym of "Trevanian." Another book that he has written, *The Language of Film*, appears under his own name.

The Whitakers are currently living in southern France, where he is working on a third novel scheduled for publication this fall.

Alumni Re-Elected To Central District Positions



R. O. Berthelsen, Pastor



Dr. Archie Madsen

Two Dana alumni were re-elected officers of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church at the District's 1975 convention held in April in Estes Park, Colorado.

Bishop ARCHIE MADSEN ('49) was re-elected District President for a second six-year term, and BOB BERTHELSEN ('42), pastor of Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was re-elected Vice President. Berthelsen recently accepted a call to Hope Lutheran Church in Broomfield, Colorado.

1975-76 Alumni Council Membership

The Dana Alumni Council for the coming year will have the following members:

Officers. President, Paul E. Olson ('61); 1st Vice President, Tim Brown ('67); 2nd Vice President, Robert Krogh ('56); and Secretary, Jari Kolterman ('69).

Class representatives. Dr. Paul Nyholm ('28), Howard Thompson ('33), Homer Nielsen ('41), Philip Wittig ('56), Tom Nielsen ('59), Sharon Nelson ('61), Judy Brehm ('67), Paul Ahrendt ('68), John Prouty ('70), Adrienne Simpson ('71), Gloria Weinman ('71), Barbara Wolf ('73), and Stanley Lassegard ('74).

Regents representative. Margaret Zion ('69).

Faculty representative. Dr. Richard Jorgensen ('64).

Ex-officio members. Dr. Earl Mezoff, Eugene Meyer, Richard Showers, Phillip Pagel ('56), and Paul Strand.

This list includes incumbents as well as newly elected and appointed members (as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumni Association).

Student Body Officers Elected

Members of the Dana student body have elected the following officers for the 1975-76 school year: President, Paul Hundtoft, Blair, a senior majoring in art and humanities; Vice President, Mike Schacht, Neligh, Nebraska, a junior majoring in business administration; Treasurer, Steve Callaghan, Council Bluffs, Iowa, a senior majoring in history and psychology; and Secretary Julie Miller, Hancock, Iowa, a senior majoring in elementary education.

Commencement '75

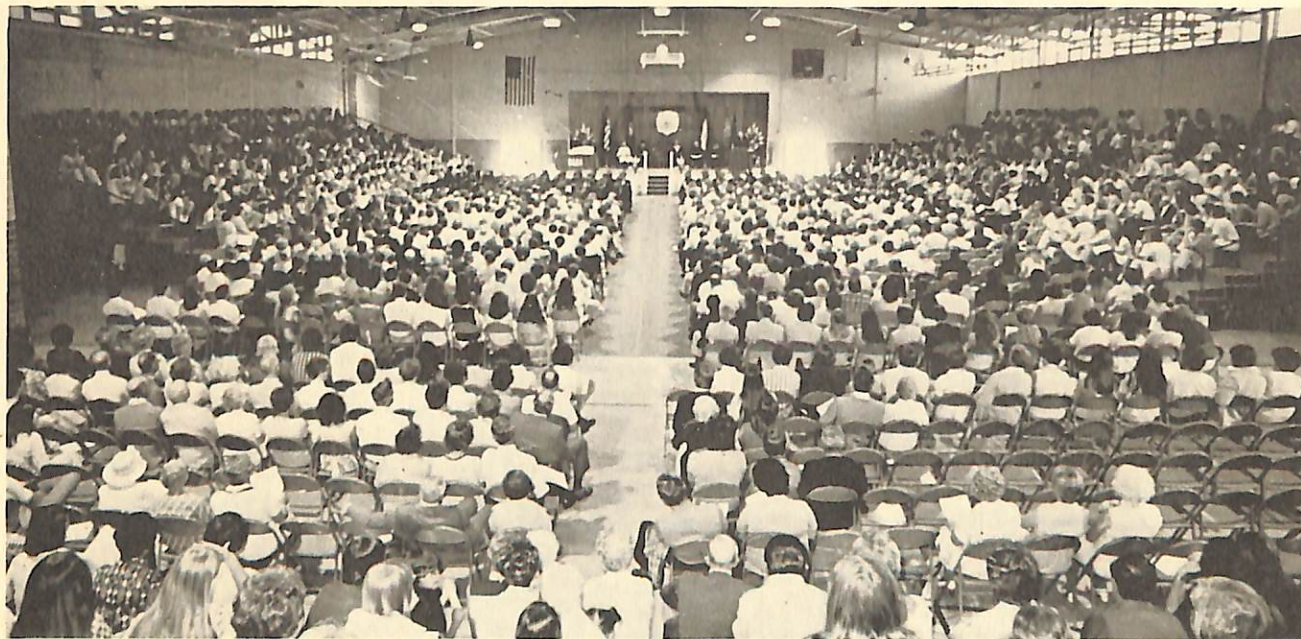
..... Baccalaureate speaker Pastor Joseph Girtz, one of this year's Distinguished Alumni; Commencement speaker Dr. David Preus, President of The American Lutheran Church; Rana Chapman speaking for the graduating class; Steve Berke, Valedictorian; Kathryn Berntson, Salutatorian; College-Community Service Award honoree, Mrs. Alice Laaker.

..... The academic procession in a light rain, crossing the stage to claim one's degree, the handshake, the post-

commencement "kaffeboard," the congratulations.

..... A time for parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters; a time for sorting and packing; a time for last-minute goodbyes to friends, to faculty members; a time to promise return for Homecoming.

..... The end. The beginning.



The Commencement audience: families, friends, students, alumni, staff and faculty members gather to honor graduates.

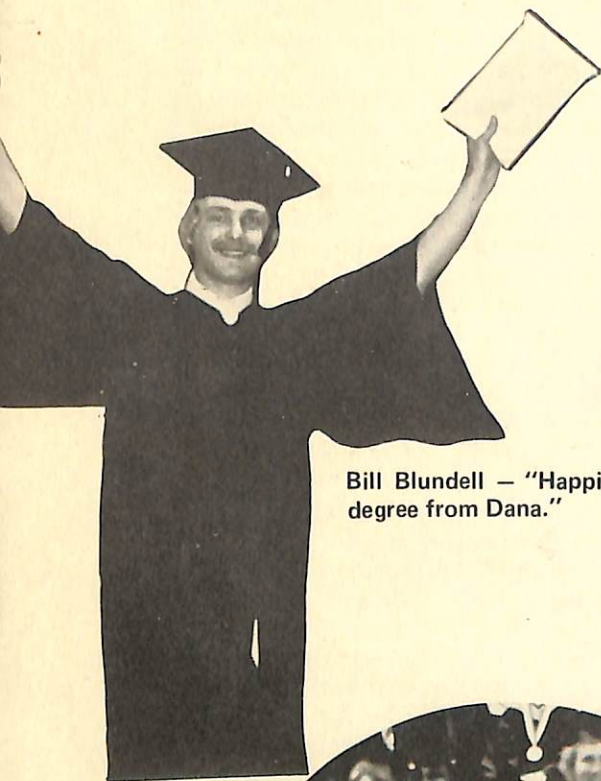


Distinguished alumnus Joseph Girtz, the Baccalaureate speaker.

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This year's Distinguished Alumni with President Mezoff: l. to r. — Craig Nielsen, John Beck, Paul Laursen, Mezoff, Leo Kirchhoff, and Joseph Girtz.



Bill Blundell — "Happiness is a degree from Dana."



About the Class of 1975 . . .

Statistics can be interesting. Here are some about the 106 members of Dana's spring graduating class:

Nine are the children of ordained clergymen.

Eight are the children of Dana or Trinity Seminary alumni.

Twenty-five indicate that more than one person from their family — brothers or sisters — have also attended Dana.

There are three husband-wife teams — Stan and Jill (Anderson) Johnson, Gary and Diane (Larsen) Madsen, and Gary and Kathy (Paulsen) Soetmelk.

There are two brother-sister, sister-sister combinations — Jennifer and Jeff Meyer and Theresa and Anne Walsh.

The largest family represented is the Fred Hiemke family of Hartland, Wisconsin, with Rita, their sixth child to attend Dana, a 1975 graduate. Another large family represented is the Carl Knudsen family of Northfield, Minnesota. Four of the Knudsen children have been Dana students, including Jean, one of this year's graduates.

Fifteen states are represented; the largest contributing state is Iowa with 49, followed by Nebraska, Minnesota, and Illinois.

The most distant point represented is New Guinea, the home of Tricia Groat.

The most unusual profession represented is that of John Hoppe, Blair's Chief of Police, who completed his college work this year.

WHEN THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

It's as simple as it sounds. When there is a written will, there is a way to do whatever you want done with your personal possessions after your death. Without a will, there is no way to accomplish your wishes.

Every year thousands of persons die without a written will and the states in which they reside then assume responsibility for disposing of their estates -- not according to their directions, but according to the laws of the state.

That in itself seems to be a sufficient reason for every person to have a will, but it's amazing how many people feel they do not own a significant amount of property or have sufficient assets and investments to warrant a will. One of the reasons for this attitude may be that very few people actually know the value of their belongings. Take a minute to think about the value of the things you own -- your car, house, jewelry, antiques, artifacts, savings accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance -- and you'll be surprised at their total dollar value.

Our point in talking about wills and estate planning is to emphasize that you can do significant things for others after your death if you will only take time to plan now. Not only that, but you may be able to realize significant tax savings and other advantages if you will only plan ahead. That's what estate planning really means.

We suggest you follow these three easy steps: (1) Take a personal inventory and list everything you own; (2) determine the names of individuals and charitable organizations you would like to remember with a gift; (3) and decide on the person you would like to be responsible for executing your wishes. Take this information to your attorney and have a legal will drawn up and placed on file. Explain what you would like to accomplish and he will advise you as to the best method of doing it. Keep a copy of your will on file in a safe deposit box and notify your family

where it is located. It is also a good policy to place a copy of your will in the hands of the person you have asked to serve as the executor of your estate. Then as conditions change, adjust your will periodically to include those changes. Contrary to some opinions, changes in wills can be made easily and quickly.

Making your will can be a challenging and rewarding experience. Besides assuring your own peace of mind that your family will be provided for after your death, there can be great personal satisfaction in knowing that you have done everything possible to keep estate taxes at a minimum and so have provided the greatest degree of support for those you chose to remember. And most important, you can be confident that everything will be taken care of according to your precise wishes and directions.

Wills have become an important avenue of giving for persons who, while they are living, cannot contribute as much as they would like to institutions such as Dana College. By remembering Dana in your will, you assure future support of Christian Higher Education.

There can also be some tax advantages in making a will. An attorney or tax consultant can advise you regarding estate and inheritance taxes which sometimes can be saved, or at least sizeably reduced, by including a specific bequest in your will.

Whatever your age, marital status or financial condition, you should have a legal will on file. And when you decide what should be done with your personal possessions after your death, we hope you will remember Dana.

For additional information on all matters pertaining to your charitable wishes, we invite you to contact our Director of Development. He will meet with you and your attorney to assist you in any way possible.

And remember, with a will there is a way to do whatever you want done.

campus NOTES



An article by Layne Johnson, a member of this year's graduating class and an environmental sciences major, was published in the March/April 1975 issue of the *Journal of Environmental Health*. In it he reported on "The Effects of Anhydrous Ammonia on the Environment and Its Direct Effect on Humans."

The Dana Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Wayne Wise had a mini-tour the weekend of May 3 to Kansas and Kansas City, playing concerts for the Scandinavian Club of Kansas City, Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lawrence.

"Danish Days" at Minden, Nebraska, on June 14 and 15 featured a lecture-seminar by Professor Norman Bansen of the English department on the Danes of Keith Sophus Winther's novels. Bansen also gave a second talk on "The Danes." The new Danish Consul from Omaha was another invited speaker.

Art Waters, Food Service Manager for Saga Foods at Dana since the spring of 1973, left in May to become Director of the Anderson College Food Service, another Saga account, in Anderson, Indiana. His replacement at Dana is Dan Taggart, who comes to Dana from a Saga service at Marquette University.

Dr. Earl Mezoff was recently elected President for 1975-76 of NETCHE (Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education), a non-profit consortium of 14 public and private colleges and universities in the state banded together to provide high quality television lessons to supplement college classroom teaching.

Associate Professor of Biology George Grube recently served as a panel member for the Nebraska Task Force on Global Food and Population Concerns, with the panel, which met in Omaha, considering the questions "Can lasting agricultural systems be developed with changing soil and climate?" and "What resources are necessary for long-term organic farming and for long-term chemical farming?" In the latter part of April he traveled to Washington, D. C., to testify before House and Senate Appropriations Committees on behalf of the Papio Valley Preservation Association, and in May

participated in a discussion on Omaha's KBON-TV of the impact of the construction of dams in the Papio Valley.

Two NETCHE Visiting Minority Scholars recently spent several days on the campus. On April 28 and 29, Dr. Don C. Ahshapanek, Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Indian Studies Division at Haskell Junior College, met with classes, gave several talks, and showed films on American Indian culture. Then on May 6 and 7, Dr. Nelson Trout, Director of Lutheran Social Services of Ohio, visited Dana, with his activities including a chapel talk and a caucus with black students.

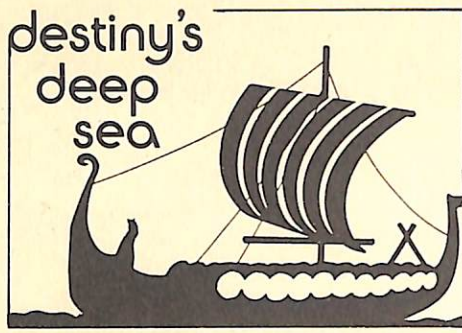
Dr. Delvin Hutton, Associate Professor of Greek and Religion, represented Dana and was on the program of the Lutheran-Jewish Concerns Consultation held April 27-29 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

One of the four seminars on innovative teaching techniques for college teachers sponsored this spring by NETCHE was conducted by Dr. Paul Emmerich Associate Professor of English. His seminar was dedicated to giving teachers with limited computer experience actual hands-on control of the computer, with the participants using it to solve simulated problems and to formulate computer applications for the classroom. The seminar was held in Lincoln's Telecommunications Center with remote terminals there tied into the University of Nebraska's computers.

On April 30 Dr. Michael Novak, author, educator, and Catholic lay theologian, and his wife, Karen Laub-Novak, were at Dana under the sponsorship of the student committee on Human Rights and Concerns. They met with several classes and gave two public lectures, one on "Mysticism and Politics" and the other on "The Awareness of God."

Visiting speakers for the "Unknown Arabs" lecture series on May 1 were Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormhoudt of William Penn College; David Schoenbrun, the well-known news commentator and analyst; and Joseph Hayeck, President of the International Arab Federation. Dr. Wormhoudt, Professor of Language and Literature at Penn, is a translator of classical Arabic poetry; his wife is an Associate Professor of Fine Arts and teaches music and art. Both have traveled widely in the Middle East. Their morning and afternoon lectures were on Arab contributions to world culture. In the evening Schoenbrun and Hayeck debated the Arab-Israeli conflict. The series was funded under a grant from the S&H Foundation.

A ceremony in the state capitol building in Lincoln on May 15 inducted Nebraska's late poet laureate Dr. John G. Neihardt into the state's Hall of Fame. Pastor F. W. Thomsen, Professor of Art and a friend of Dr. Neihardt, gave the invocation at the ceremony.



JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1975

KATHY MAKELA, who graduated at mid-year, has been promoted to the position of assistant manager of the Fremont, Nebraska, Children's Training Residence of the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation.

1974

Rafe and MARY (SAUKE) Anders are living in Jacksonville, Oregon 97530, where Rafe is a State Farm Insurance Agent and Mary is his secretary.

MIKE SCHMIDT of Le Mars, Iowa, has been appointed rehabilitation supervisor at the Plymouth County Work Activity Center for Handicapped Adults.

1973

JOHN and KATHRYN (PIEPER '74) ELLING now live at 710 E. 11th Street N in Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848. Kati is active in community and children's theater in Ladysmith.

1972

LARRY and Linda MEINTS have purchased the Nebraska Journal-Leader at Ponca, Nebraska. They took possession of the weekly newspaper on June 1.

1971

LARRY and KATHY (MADSEN '73) FORRISTALL are living in La Moille, Illinois 61330 (Box 27). Larry has been promoted to Personnel Manager, Northern Illinois Division, of Marathon Electric Corporation.

CLAUDIA (HARRIS) Brunick and husband Edward live on Route 1, Vienna, South Dakota 57271. They have a son, James Russell, born July 15, 1973. Claudia is the 1974-75 chairman of the local women's Extension Club, and she and her husband, who works for the South Dakota Highway Maintenance, help sponsor the junior-senior high youth at the local Methodist church.

1970

MICHAEL and LYNNETTE (SCHMIDT '72) SPETMAN are living at 2823 Grand Avenue in Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501, with children David, born in September 1972, and Michelle, born in November 1973. Michael is employed by the U.S. Geological Survey.

1968

PAUL S. and LIZBETH (AHRENS '70) JENSEN live at 4967 S. 86th Parkway #4 in Omaha (68127). Paul was recently promoted to supervisor of the Pension and Profit Sharing Division of Aetna Life and Casualty in Omaha.

RICHARD G. and Linda PETERSON and Tracy, born January 7, 1974, live at 9518 Sprague in Omaha (68134).

1966

BERNHARD and REBECCA (LYCHE '68) VAALER live at 5021 New York in Cypress, California 90630. He is office supervisor at Certified Grocers.

1963

ROGER H. LIPPINCOTT has been promoted to major in the U.S. Air Force. He is chief controller with the 1962nd Communications Squadron, a unit of the Air Force Communications Service. His wife is the former NORMA MAYFIELD ('68).

1961

AL and CONSTANCE (SHELSTAD '62) GIRTZ have moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he is Coordinator of Family Life Education, Lutheran Social Service, for Kansas and Oklahoma. Their Wichita home address is 4522 Dundee Avenue N (67220).

1937

PASTOR MILTON C. and Ruth JOHNSON are living at 1020 Mocho Street in Livermore, California 94550. He is pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and serves as chairperson of the Task Force on Stewardship, Commission on Parish Services, Pacific South-west Synod, Lutheran Church in America.

MARRIAGES

1975

SUSAN ZABEL will marry Joseph J. Dryburgh, Jr., of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, on August 16, 1975, in Cook, Nebraska. An employee of Penn Central Railroad, he is a 1974 graduate of St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in English. They will be at home at 2709 27th Street, Apt. C1, in Altoona, Pennsylvania 16603.

1974

DIANE WILLIAMSON ('76) and BILL LUXFORD were married on June 1 in Atlantic, Iowa. He is currently a manager trainee for Commercial Federal Savings and Loan of Omaha, and she has been attending Iowa State University.

1972

JUDY KRYSL BROOKE and Robert Shankland were married on May 10, 1975. Their address is Box 762, Atkinson, Nebraska 68713.

1968

MARY SUE PETERSON and Paul Edgecomb were married on March 21, 1975. He is a landscape architect working for the city of Eugene, Oregon, in parks design. Their Eugene address is 875 W. 20th Avenue (97405).

BIRTHS DAUGHTERS

1974

Gretchen Elizabeth, born April 12, 1975, to MARK and CARI (ANDERSEN '73) MORGENSTERN, 113½ Amelia Street, Cassville, Wisconsin 53806. Mark is a student at Wartburg Seminary and has also been doing social work for Project Concern in Dubuque, Iowa. Cari is a special education teacher.

1970

Amy Lynn, born January 17, 1975, to JERRY and LYNN (NORGAARD '69) PETERSEN, 1326 S. 114th Street, in Omaha 68144.

1967

Kathryn Joan, born April 11, 1974, to John and JEANNE (BEHRENDT) Grover, 5280 Manhasset Drive, San Diego, California 92115.

1963

Suzanne, born November 1, 1974, to Clyde and MARY JANE (CLAUSEN) Canman, 1635 Meadow Lane, Racine, Wisconsin 53406.

SONS

1972

Joel, born October 21, 1974, to STAN B. and Shirley PETERSEN, 321 S. Birchwood, Fremont, Nebraska 68025. Joel has two older brothers, Jay and Matthew. Stan manages the Pizza Shack in Fremont as well as five others in Iowa.

1971

Ryan John, born February 19, 1975, to JOHN and DOROTHY (PAULSEN) GROESSER, Route 1, Box 157, Weeping Water, Nebraska 68463.

1968

Michael Aaron, born December 22, 1974, to DOUGLAS and JUDY (GOLLNER '69) POHL, 6723 Nebraska Avenue, Omaha 68104.

ADVANCED DEGREES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1972

DONALD W. MATTHIESSEN was graduated April 30 from Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He will serve a triple parish in South Dakota — Redeemer Church of Clearfield, Christ Church of Winner, and Zion Lutheran Church of Hamill.

1970

BOYD HORST is teaching at the University of Missouri at Columbia on a fellowship while completing his doctorate. He and his wife LYNN (JOHNSON '71) live at 6-J University Terrace, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

1969

MRS. SHIRLEY McALLISTER, a specialist in learning disabilities with the Tekamah-Herman Consolidated Schools, co-conducted a workshop in Omaha on "Individualized Learning via the Open Classroom" in June. Since graduating from Dana she has received her master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in elementary administration and supervision. She and her husband Dale live in Craig, Nebraska, and own and operate Hillsdale Farms.

1965

JOHN SEBURG, who teaches fifth grade in the Blair Community Schools, was recently named Educator of the Year by Blair's JayCees.

DEATHS

Members of the Dana community were saddened by the death of Dale Bruning, Bruning, Nebraska, on April 19 after a short illness. He was 64. Mr. Bruning was a devoted friend of Dana and a member of the Board of Regents. A church and civic leader, at the time of his death he was also President of the American Lutheran Church Men of the Central District, and earlier had served several terms as National Chairman of that organization. Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Bruning; a daughter, Mrs. PAUL (CAROL) PETERSEN ('64) of Lexington, Nebraska; and two sons, DONALD ('66), 2117 Jaynes, Fremont, Nebraska; and GERALD ('70), Parkside Apartments, Blair.

1964

Lance, the young son of JOHN and JILL (McCLANAHAN '65) LAUGHUNN. The Laughunns live at 106 Snyder Street, Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555.

1935

DR. CHARLES JOHNSON, 63, of 2115 W. 78th, Prairie Village, Kansas, died in April. He had practiced medicine in Johnson County, Kansas, since 1953, and was a staff member at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. Survivors include his wife Esther and two daughters, Mrs. Joann J. Caccavale of Detroit and Mrs. Carol Watson of Kansas City, Kansas.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Donald J. Lehmer, 57, Professor of Anthropology at Dana since 1961, died in an Omaha hospital of cancer on June 5. Funeral services were held on June 9 with Dr. C. C. Madsen, officiating.

Lehmer, a graduate of the University of Arizona, the University of Chicago and Harvard University, was known for his extensive studies of Indian cultures which flourished along the Missouri river. Prior to coming to the Omaha area he served as a research archeologist at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Steve Harrover of San Francisco, California; and three sons, Samuel, David and Timothy Lehmer, all at home.

The family of Dr. Lehmer suggests memorials earmarked for the completion and/or continuation of his work in archaeology through Dana College. Memorials may be sent directly to the Development Office at Dana.

Alumnus Receives National Recognition As High School Counselor

JIM ANDERSEN ('58), high school counselor in Algona, Iowa, for the past eleven years, was recently named "Secondary School Counselor of the Year" by the American School Counselors' Association. The national award was presented to him at the International Personnel and Guidance Association convention in New York.

Andersen was nominated for the award by educators at the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa, with supporting letters of recommendation from the Algona principal and the superintendent of schools.

At Algona Andersen has developed a highly successful self development program which involves the entire student body and many staff members; the program stresses personal growth within a climate of interpersonal relationships. He has also conducted many in-service training workshops throughout the Midwest for counselors, teachers, and administrators.

Currently a Ph.D. candidate with the Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, California, Andersen has his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Drake University, with additional post-master's work at the Universities of South Dakota, Iowa, and California. He has also attended the Center for the Study of the Person at La Jolla, California, and an NDEA Group Counseling Institute in South Dakota.

He and his wife ANN (LINDHOLM '57) have three children.

Dana Personnel Attend Workshop On Future Of Church Colleges

Several representatives from Dana participated in a workshop on future directions for Lutheran higher education at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, from June 28 through July 2. The sessions, which re-examined the mission of the church's colleges, were attended by approximately 125 persons from throughout the country. Dana's representatives were President Earl Mezoff; Dr. Robert Glass, Dean of the College; Mr.

Paul Hundtoft, student body president; and Drs. Larrie Stone, Richard Jorgensen, and Clifford Hanson, faculty members.

The workshop was sponsored by the Division for College and University Services of The American Lutheran Church.

Wanted: One Accordian



Commencement this year created a problem for Dana's Danish Dancers: the student who owned the accordian used to accompany the group graduated.

And so we're issuing a call. Is there an alumnus or friend with an accordian in good condition who would be willing either to donate it to Dana or to sell it at a reasonable price?

If you can provide the solution to the Dancers' problem, please write to the Public Relations Office.

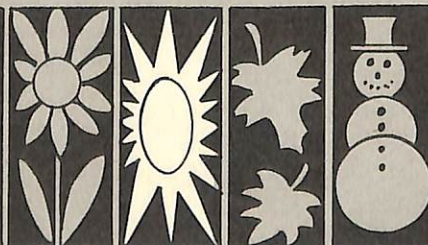
Elk Horn Hall Becomes Conference-Retreat Center

Work began in mid-June on a project which will greatly improve the College's facilities for hosting on-campus conferences, retreats, seminars and the like.

By action of the Board of Regents, Elk Horn Hall is now being remodeled and refurbished and will soon be put into use as the first permanent Conference-Retreat Center at Dana. When completed, it will accommodate up to 80 persons in double-occupancy rooms with each room having access to a semi-private bath. The first floor will contain a large meeting room for up to one-hundred persons, a small chapel-meeting room, self-service snack area and an apartment for a resident hostess. A relaxation lounge and a library-reading room are also included on two of the floors. All rooms in the Conference-Retreat Center will be carpeted and air conditioned.

Provided work proceeds on schedule, the newly remodeled facility should be ready for use by early fall of 1975. Persons interested in receiving information on the availability and use of the Conference-Retreat Center should write directly to Dr. John Northwall, Director of Church Relations at Dana.

Calendar of Events



Summer School

June 10-July 18 — Regular Session

July 21-August 8 — Post Session

Conferences at Dana

July 18-20 — ALC Seminar Training Conference

August 8-15 — Central District Lutheran Youth Encounter School

August 22-28 — Central District Council Meeting

Opening of 1975-76 School Year
August 29-30 — Faculty Meetings

August 31 — Reception on campus of freshmen and transfer students

September 1 — Orientation and testing of new students, registration of returning and transfer students

September 2 — Freshman registration

September 3 — Classes begin, fall honors and opening convocation

Homecoming
October 10-12

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October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1975

Reunions of the Classes of 1950, 1965 and 1970
Dedication of the Lauritz Melchior Memorial Room
Performances of "Barefoot in the Park" by the
Dana Players
Football game, Dana vs. Nebraska Wesleyan
Alumni Luncheon and Homecoming Smorgasbord
Dance
Alumni Drop-In, Coffee Hours, Informal Reunions



Homecoming Festival Worship Service, with An Alumnus Guest Speaker

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**Details, schedules, registration forms etc. are available
by writing the Public Relations Office, Dana College,
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