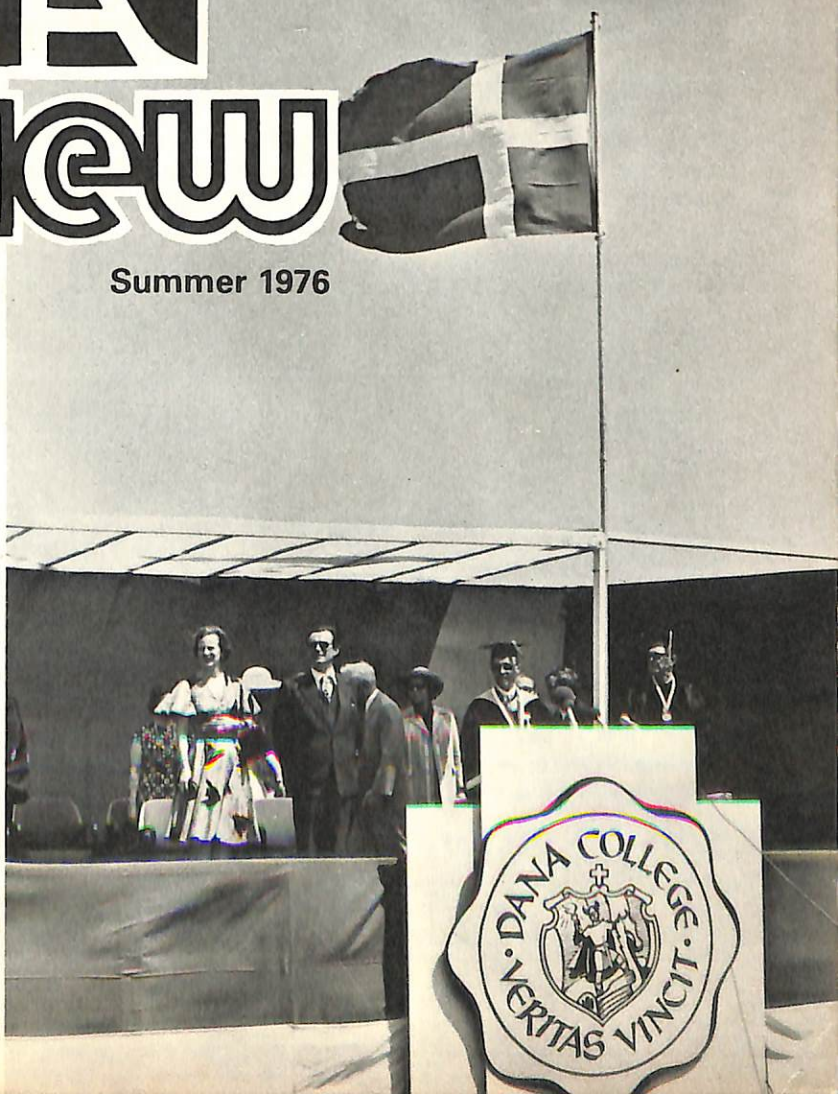
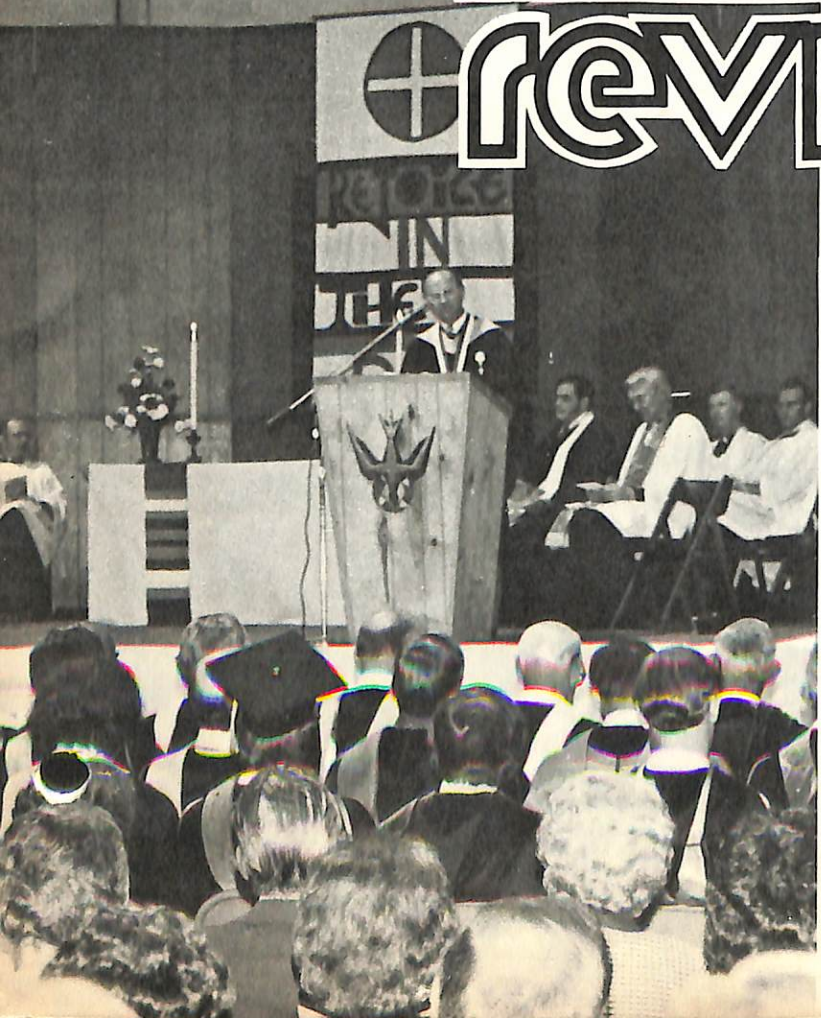


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# QUEEN MARGRETHE BRINGS A



Dana's first outdoor commencement in recent years was held in this dramatic setting on Viking Field. A crowd of some 5,000 persons attended.



A total of 119 seniors received their degrees during the May 20 ceremony. The medallions worn by the graduates were created especially for the occasion and presented to them as gifts from the College.



Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik responded warmly to the greeting they received upon arriving at Dana.

**NOTE:** The following article is reprinted from the front page of the May 21 edition of The Omaha World-Herald.

*By Tom Allan*

The promise of tomorrow and a treasure of yesterday remained after Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik of Denmark visited Dana College and Blair Thursday.

The world's youngest reigning queen told Dana President Earl Mezoff that she was "looking forward to even greater relations between your country and mine."

It was evident in her commencement address to the 119 Dana graduates and a large crowd in Viking Stadium that Dana will remain close to her heart.

In her speech, the queen hailed Dana as a "consistent stronghold of the Danish-American heritage and its values."

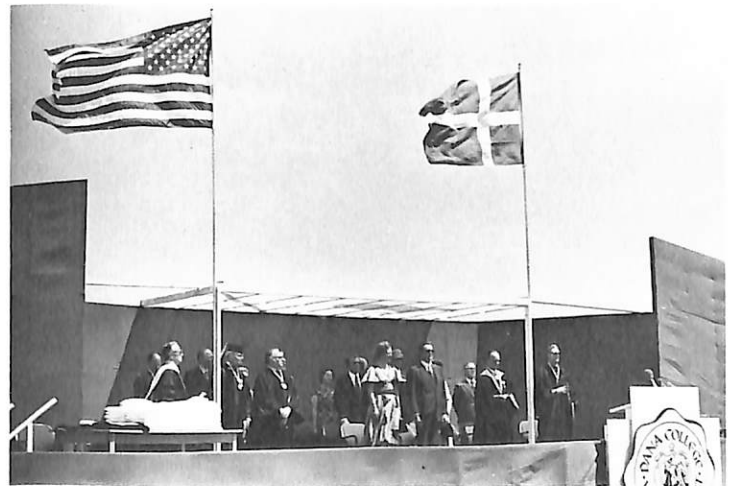
Friday the queen was driven from Omaha's Hilton Hotel, where she spent the night, to Eppley Airfield.

Following a brief farewell which included mostly members of the local Danish community, the queen's jet took off at 9:50 a.m.

Her next stop is Seattle, then San Francisco. After trips throughout California, the queen will tour the Caribbean and then return to Denmark about June 8.

Besides giving Dana the honor of being the first Nebraska college to have had a reigning monarch as a commencement speaker, she gave the college a teakwood case containing what Mezoff called a "particularly meaningful treasure."

The case held a battle-ax, flint and dagger from the late Neolithic period dating from 3800 to 1800 B.C., artifacts of the first people to inhabit Denmark. The royal gift will be placed in the Danish Heritage Room of the college library.



Participating in the commencement program were: (right to left) Dr. Erwin Goldenstein, Chairman of the Dana Board of Regents; President Mezoff; Prince Henrik; Queen Margrethe; Dr. Robert Glass, Dean of the College; Dr. C. C. Madsen, President Emeritus and Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, Professor Emeritus. Also seated on the stage were the Ambassador of Denmark and other officials of the Danish Foreign Service.

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# TREASURE OF YESTERDAY TO DANA

Despite a five-minute delay in arrival from an earlier visit and luncheon to the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, her visit went off with royal protocol clockwork.

The only deviation from the strict rules laid down by the Danish Embassy in Washington and the U.S. Secret Service was an unidentified woman's surprise visit to the royal couple.

The woman approached the couple at an invitation-only reception. The royal pair greeted her warmly and had an animated brief conversation with her before she disappeared into the crowd.

College officials said they had been contacted earlier in the day about a woman who had gone to school with the queen. Phil Pagel, college public relations director, had advised that arrangements probably could not be made to introduce the woman and suggested that she try to meet the queen any way she could.

Otherwise, the reception and a visit to the Lauritz Melchior Room and Danish Heritage Room at the library were without incident.

At the reception, Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beermann and his wife presented the queen a pewter Bicentennial plate bearing the state's seal as a gift from the people of Nebraska. Prince Henrik received a pewter mug with the state seal.

The queen also was given a leather-bound philatelic cover of the first issue of Danish stamps commemorating the American Bicentennial, a gift from the Franklin Mint and the Nebraska Bicentennial Commission.

Blair Mayor Al Sick and his wife made the queen an honorary citizen of Blair.

Earlier, the queen's convoy had paused briefly in downtown Blair where Nebraska's reigning Junior Miss, Becky Hanson, gave her an official welcome and presented her with a bouquet of roses.

The queen, bareheaded, wearing a print dress with a purple sash, stepped from her car to wave to the crowd, including flag-waving children who lined the American and Danish flag-bedecked street.

## Slipping Cap

While she was receiving an honorary doctor of letters degree from Dana, she twice grabbed at her slipping academic cap, an anxious moment that brought smiles to the queen and laughter from the crowd.

She and her entourage then walked to the Campus Center,



Dr. Robert Glass, Dean of the College, (left) and President Mezoff (right) assist Her Majesty with the doctoral hood. She received an honorary doctor of letters degree.

where she had a chance to relax in the Presidents Room before taking a seat of honor in the main hall. Mrs. Robert Glass, wife of the dean, served coffee, and the royal couple had a chance to smoke a cigarette before the formal introductions.

Four students were among those introduced to the royal couple. They were Paul Hundtoft of Blair, the 1975-76 student body president; Dennis Downard of Brooks, Iowa, the newly elected president for 1976-77; Lance Poldberg of Escondido, Calif., president of the senior class; and Alan Kent Hanson, North Platte, Neb., the graduating class's valedictorian.

Hanson said he was glad that Dana had the privilege of a queen for a commencement speaker.

"But I have a queen of my own," he said. By his side when he was introduced was his bride of a month, the former Mary Henriksen of Atlantic, Ia., who also was a graduating senior.



President Mezoff accepts the Queen's gift to Dana.



Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beermann (left) presents a gift to Her Majesty on behalf of the people of Nebraska.

## Scholarship

Mezoff said that the queen expressed particular pleasure in the college's official gift to her — the Queen Margrethe II Scholarship. It will be given to two students annually, one for study at the University of Copenhagen and the other for study at Dana.

"She said it was a great honor," Mezoff said.

Prof. Norman Bansen, who made the presentation, said that the scholarship was made possible by donations from Mrs. Frank Lawson of Omaha, widow of the former Danish vice consul for Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Larsen of Grand Island; and Alfred Parmelee of Kansas City, Mo., the Danish consul there.

Although many in the crowd used programs, umbrellas, and newspapers to shield themselves from the hot sun, the queen and prince apparently were delighted by the weather.

She told Dana officials that she had left "rainy and cold Boston this morning, and here it is so nice and warm."

But she wasted no time in removing her academic robe when Mezoff suggested she might be more comfortable without it.

Dana's longtime official hostess, Alice Laaker, who was the college's official lady-in-waiting Thursday, helped her remove the gown and escorted her to the powder room.

For the seniors, it was a day to remember. They had sweated through final exams Monday through Wednesday, an honors convocation Wednesday night and had the traditional Sunday baccalaureate Thursday morning. Most left immediately for their homes after a traditional public kaffebord was served on the lawn following commencement.

But for the Blair High School band ensemble, who had practiced long on the Danish National Anthem and other music from "The King and I," it was just a beginning. They had to perform again Thursday night at Blair High School's own commencement.

# Text of the Commencement Address Delivered by Queen Margrethe



President Mezoff,

I thank you for your warm words of welcome. Prince Henrik and I have been looking especially forward to visiting Dana College, which embodies so many elements of the Danish-American heritage.

My parents visited this college in 1939 and always preserved warm memories of that occasion. And so it gives me particular pleasure to participate in your commencement ceremony today and to have the opportunity of congratulating all students as you receive your baccalaureate degree.

At Dana nearly 50% among you are of Danish heritage, and so you are some of the descendants of the 330,000 Danes who emigrated to the United States.

We know of a small number of Danes who made their way to America at various times in the early days before the Republic, but the emigrations in the true sense of the word started in the 1860's and continued until the beginning of this century. Most of the emigrants settled in the midwestern states, many in Nebraska.

There may very well be some correlation between the Homestead Act of 1862, entitling every immigrant to 160 acres, and the fact that the Danish emigration increased dramatically from 1868 onwards. There were other factors, of course, but the prospect of becoming a free and independent farmer was a magnet for the younger sons of farmers who could not expect to inherit the family farm, or to the landless who could never hope to get a farm of their own. Denmark was at that time nearly a completely agricultural society.

There were other motives, of course.

More than 50,000, about 30% of the population, emigrated from North Slesvig when their province was ceded to Prussia and Austria after the disastrous war of 1864.

Others were inspired by religious motives. More than 16,000 Danes settled as Mormons in the State of Utah.

There was thus a combination of motives behind the great wave of Danish emigration; one of them — let us not forget — was the straightforward spirit of adventure.

But it must be emphasized that the emigrants did not flee from political or religious oppression in Denmark.

Rather, the key to understanding their motives lies in the age of enlightenment, the American revolution and the ideas expressed in the famous words "that all men are created equal and all have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

These ideas very soon found their way to Denmark and led to great agricultural reforms. Education was similarly affected. The first law of general public education was given in 1814 and towards the mid-century private idealism created the Folk High Schools; this must undoubtedly be seen as part of the background for the democratic constitution of 1849.

The reforms, the social unrest, all led to a new mobility and a social buoyancy in the population. Political and religious movements swept the minds.

Thus the young men and women who crossed the Atlantic in the latter half of the 19th century were free, independently minded people, already the product of more than one generation of a general education.

Therefore, there was also less nostalgia than among many other immigrant groups. They cherished their Danish heritage, but they did not try to recreate Denmark in America. They had wanted to become American citizens. It was their free personal choice.

The challenges of America were many; the immigrants faced them with energy and hard work and a will to succeed and with faith. Denmark has watched them with pride and love whether they made their way to the top or became the more anonymous but equally important solid backbone of their new country. The record of what was achieved by the Danish-Americans is nowhere better known than here at Dana College. What I would like to dwell on today is the land where they were born, from where their roots were sprung.

The Denmark of today began in 1864 when Slesvig had been lost and when it seemed that our days as a nation might be at an end. But as is so often the case the catastrophe became the spur.

The country then was mainly agricultural, and industry was still of very minor importance. Now new energy was put into the work on the land. The cooperative societies were created, a tremendous task of converting farming from grain crops to dairy products was undertaken, and as the century draws to a close we see Danish farming exporting more and more of its produce, perfecting its older methods and inventing new ones. The towns are growing — especially Copenhagen which becomes a modern industrial city and the general standard of living is rising steadily. At the turn of the century a new and much more vigorous political awareness set in, engendering social movement and little by little an advanced social welfare. All the while education has been developing, becoming ever more comprehensive. This century has seen a continuous expansion along all these lines.

What is your picture of Denmark, I wonder? Neat white farms whose thatched roofs nestle between small rolling hillocks. Long rows of golden sheaves under a westering sun, winding roads and peaceful villages and towns with red roofs by the sea, which seems to embrace the land. An enchanting picture, we all agree. Yet the reality is no longer quite like that. The farms are now as mechanized as you would find them over here, the harvesters drone all over the country on an August day — if it isn't raining — the roads are broad and teem with traffic and their attractive curves have been straightened and their bumps levelled. Modern factories designed with an eye both to efficiency and good looks herald the towns, which are growing ever larger as



Alan Hanson, valedictorian of the class of '76, and Mrs. Hanson, with Her Majesty and His Highness.



Professor Norman C. Bansen presented Her Majesty with Dana's official gift, The Queen Margrethe II Scholarship.

more and more people have moved away from the land. Only 7-8% of the population is engaged directly in agriculture today. We are a very busy country. But we are still a small country and our population is only 5 million. Our worst fault is perhaps our inverted superiority complex, which is apparent every time we solemnly declare how small we are while at the same time congratulating ourselves on being so clever at being so small.

Today is an important day at Dana College. Many among you will be receiving your degrees and the rest of you who still have some time left at Dana will be receiving yours in a not very distant future. You are the young people of a very large country and of a very great nation in which you take great pride, I know. But each of you, though not all of Danish extraction, has also had the benefit here at Dana College to come into contact with some of the qualities which distinguish a smaller country: The intimacy, the awareness of being dependent on one another and of caring for one another. Qualities which in a small country are perhaps more apparent and more readily realized and which we in Denmark believe to be ever more needed. The world has shrunk since the days of our grandparents and great-grandparents; it is necessary for us in the world of today to realize that no man is an island unto itself as John Donne said more than 300 years ago — and that every one of us is involved in mankind.

Dana College has been a consistent stronghold of the Danish-American heritage and its values. It is the sincere hope of Prince Henrik and myself that the College may continue to prosper in that spirit, and I wish the College, its staff, its students, and its new graduates all the best on this commencement day and in the future.



Several thousand guests attended the traditional commencement 'kaffebord' held on the lawn in front of the Campus Center.



Her Majesty and President Mezoff, flanked by Secret Service agents, led the academic recessional from Viking Field to the reception in the Campus Center.



Among the reception guests selected to meet Her Majesty and His Highness were Professor Emeritus Paul Nyholm and Mrs. Nyholm, and Margaret Fischer, Dana Regent.



Her Majesty, escorted by President Mezoff, in the Melchior Memorial Room.

# Three Faculty Members Given Emeriti Status

**Dr. Herta Engelman, Professor Emeritus of English; B.A., Wheaton College; M.A., Ph.D., Northwestern University. At Dana since 1955. Retired, 1976.**

*Excerpts from tribute by Professor Norman C. Bansen at academic convocation in recognition of appointment to emeritus status, May 13:* Long before the term

'women's liberation' came into use, Dr. Engelman began her championship of women's rights, attacking even the church for its unfair attitudes and practices, pointing out gross misinterpretations of Scripture in order to keep women from occupying positions of responsibility and authority.

Her thorough academic background has been enriched by wide travel: In addition to seeing much of Africa and South America during her two years in mission work, she has, since being a member of the Dana faculty, made trips to the British Isles, Europe, Hawaii, and, just last summer, to Russia. . . .

A few years after joining the Dana English faculty, she originated the annual presentation of an Elizabethan Evening, giving students in Shakespeare the experience of bringing to the stage excerpts from the works of the great playwright. . . .

No greater tribute can be paid than to say that Professor Engelman has always maintained high academic standards, that she not only has great knowledge of her field, but that she loves both her subject and her work. Just last winter a man who recently won his doctorate made this statement: "But for Dr. Engelman's insistence on my mastering Freshman English — a course I barely squeaked through the first semester — and but for her encouragement, I never would have gone on to advanced work."

One is never in doubt as to where Professor Engelman stands in relation to Christianity, to politics, and to women's rights. Her enthusiasm, vigor and vitality have known no bounds. She will understand me — and may even say, "Thanks, and the same to you!" — when I say in all honesty and with admiration, "You have been at once the most exasperating — and the most exhilarating — of all colleagues."



Dr. Herta Engelman

**Elmer M. Rasmussen, Professor Emeritus of Education and Psychology; B.A., Dana College; M.A., Columbia University; Ph.D., University of Nebraska. At Dana since 1941. Retired, 1976.**

*Excerpts from tribute by Professor Ray Weckmuller at academic convocation in recognition of appointment to emeritus status, May 13:* During his tenure at Dana Dr. Rasmussen has taught in the areas of education, psychology, and mathematics.

He has held the posts of Dean of the College, Director of Counseling, Dean of Students, Director of Research, and Registrar. He never enjoyed the luxury of holding just one of these posts at a time but as rule held two or three of them at once and did some teaching on top of that. . . .

For years faculty members have speculated about the number of people the College will have to hire to even try to cover the areas that Dr. Rasmussen handles so well. Time will tell.

Much of his most important work has been characteristically hidden under a basket. An example is the work he has done on re-



Dr. E. M. Rasmussen

cent North Central, NCATE, and Nebraska Board of Education reports. While many of the rest of us were penning glorious statements, he was quietly and very competently constructing the statistical tables and charts which take weeks to develop and cover a few pages. This work was so well done and presented with such clarity (one of his great attributes) that the halo effect made the rest of the report look great.

Much of the first North Central report was of his making, and I have heard many say our accreditation would have been impossible at the time without his work.

In terms of the work he did (much of it he asked to do) he could easily have justified having his door closed most of the time. Instead he had the only open door policy I have ever seen actually work. . . . All day long staff and students flow in and out of his office. When did he do the other work? Early mornings, evenings, weekends, vacations. He is a real curve breaker.

Dr. Rasmussen represents close to the ultimate in what is sometimes referred to as the mature man. Truly compassionate, not soft and sentimental but tough when necessary, but always loving and accepting. It is sometimes said that there is no end to what you can get done if you don't care who gets the credit. This is one reason Elmer Rasmussen got so much done.

**F. Wm. Thomsen, Professor Emeritus of Art; Cleveland Institute of Art; B.A., St. Olaf College; B.D., Trinity Seminary; M.F.A., Drake University. At Dana from 1935-37, 1942-75.**

*Excerpts from tribute by Professor Clifford T. Hanson at academic convocation in recognition of appointment to emeritus status, May 13:* When a person seeks to

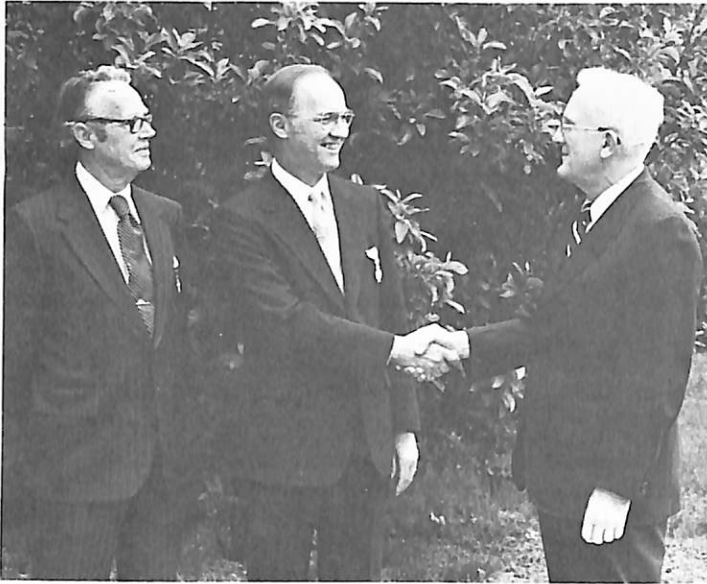
characterize Professor Thomsen, he cannot but be reminded of the uniqueness of each human being. Always low key in his approach, Professor Thomsen directs his attention to that which transcends ordinary experience. It was said about Spinoza, the famous philosopher of the seventeenth century, that he was a God-intoxicated man. I believe that one can say the same about Bill Thomsen. Mr. Thomsen is always looking beyond the world that we see to the mystery of the unseen. He is a person who is enamored by the infinite. This mystical dimension gets expression in most of his art work. This same quality is in evidence in his work as a minister. Though he is a faithful proclaimer of the Gospel, he has never been satisfied with the settled doctrinal statements which the theologians of the church have called revealed theology. He persists in his search beyond articulated theology to the mystery of the hidden God. As a preacher he is unique; he is willing to stand in the pulpit and admit to his puzzlement and uncertainty. At the same time he commits himself to this God that transcends human understanding, and he inspires others to do the same. There is more faith and confidence in Bill Thomsen's uncertainty than in the smug security of the dogmatism of many of the rest of us.

Because of these qualities Professor Thomsen has been an inspiration and a challenge to many generations of students. They have been stimulated by his sense of the mystical and also by his interest and concern for them. . . .

His art has the quality of drawing your mind first to the piece of art, but then from the piece of art to the infinite mystery of being.



Rev. F. Wm. Thomsen



President Earl R. Mezoff received the Cross of the Knight Order of Dannebrog by action of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark at a May 16 ceremony. He is shown here after the ceremony with Mr. Kenneth Holm (right), Royal Danish Consul, Nebraska, and President Emeritus Clifford C. Madsen (left), who is also a member of the Order.

## Gift Represents Best in Danish Furniture Design

A chair recently given to the College as a Bicentennial gift is an outstanding example of the beauty and craftsmanship of Danish furniture. Its twin — the only other chair of its kind in existence — has been given to the Cooper-Hewitt Museum of Design in New York City.

Designed especially for the American Bicentennial by Danish architect Ole Wanscher, Dana's chair is on display in the library's Heritage Room. It is appropriately made of American walnut.

According to a letter from Danish Ambassador Otto R. Borch to President Earl R. Mezoff, both chairs were made by Fritz Hansen, Inc., a Danish furniture company, which gave them to the Danish Committee to Celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial. That committee in turn presented one of the chairs to Dana upon the recommendation of the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington.

## Eighteenth Century Danes Celebrated American Victory

How did the Danes react when they learned that Americans had defeated the British in the Revolutionary War? Henrich Steffens (1773-1845), a German philosopher born in Norway, lived in Elsinore during his boyhood. His book *Was Ich Erlebte* (Breslau, 1840) includes an account of his impressions on the day the news of the peace treaty reached Denmark:

"I still remember vividly the day when the conclusion of peace, the victory of struggling liberty, was celebrated at Elsinore and in the harbor. It was a fair day, the harbor was full of mer-

chant ships of all nations, men-of-war too. All the vessels were dressed, their mastheads adorned with long pennants; the most splendid flags were hoisted on the main flagstuffs, and there were others on the jackstuffs and strung between the masts. There was just wind enough to make flags and pennants fly free. This unusual decoration, the joyful people who swarmed over the decks, and the gun salutes from warships and from every merchantman that possessed a pair of cannon made the day festive for us all. Father had invited home a few guests, and, contrary to the prevailing custom, we boys were bidden to table; father explained the significance of this festival, our glasses too were filled with punch, and as toasts were drunk to the success of the new republic, a Danish and a North American flag were hoisted in our garden. The victory of the North Americans and the liberty of other peoples were discussed in lively fashion; and a certain anticipation of the great events to be derived from this victory was in the minds of those rejoicing. It was the friendly morning light of a bloody day in history."

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## Blair Rescue Squad, Alumni, Seniors Honored at Dinner

This year for the first time since it was instituted in 1965, Dana's College-Community Service Award has been presented to a group rather than to an individual. That group, the Blair Rescue Squad, was recognized together with seniors and distinguished alumni at the May 19 Recognition Dinner.

President Earl R. Mezoff, in presenting the award to the Rescue Squad, said that "Although their training, skill and equipment is second to none, every bit of work is on a volunteer basis . . . There are some in this community who owe their very lives to the men of the Squad. All others of us owe them a debt of gratitude and respect which can never be repaid." He noted that Dana's Coach Paul Peterson ('41) has been instrumental in organizing and training the Squad.

Three of the five alumni receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards attended the dinner. They were: Mr. James L. Andersen, Guidance Director and Counselor, Algona, Iowa, Community Schools; Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, Professor Emeritus; and Dr. Margaret Nielsen Rodenburg, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Kettering College of Medical Arts. Mrs. Ellenora Plugge of Blair, daughter of the Rev. P. C. Jensen, was present to accept her father's award. Because the Blieses, both missionaries in Bangladesh, were unable to begin their furlough at the time they had anticipated, Dr. Kathleen Bliese's former pastor, the Rev. Eric Christensen ('39), now of Palmer, Kansas, accepted the award for her.

Campus Service Awards were presented to eight seniors in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the College. The seniors were: John Beck, Chula Vista, California; Robert Bresemann, Mount Prospect, Illinois; Al Hanson, North Platte, Nebraska; Paul Hundtoft, Blair; Paul Johnson, Carnegie, Pennsylvania; Lance Poldberg, Escondido, California; Deborah Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota; and Jean Wood, Blair.

## Author Winther Honored:

# Denmark His Bir

Dr. Sophus Keith Winther, author of three novels on the Danish immigrant experience in Nebraska at the turn of the century, was honored by Dana on April 22. Winther emigrated from Denmark to the Elmwood-Weeping Water area with his parents when he was a child. He is Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Washington.

Winther has lectured at Dana several times in recent years, has given his professional library to the College, and most recently, has established the Sophus Keith Winther Fund for visiting lecturers.

Earlier in April, students and faculty in the College's Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) read Winther's first novel, *Take All to Nebraska*, which was reprinted by the University of Nebraska Press last winter. (It and the other two novels about the Grimsen family, *Mortgage Your Heart* and *This Passion Never Dies*, were first published by Macmillan and have been translated into Danish and Swedish.)

Winther met with LARP students on the morning of April 22 to answer their questions about *Take All to Nebraska* and to discuss the writing process. His evening lecture on the immigrant novel followed the presentation of a Winther marker and cottonwood tree to the College by the Dana chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Those participating in the presentation were Mr. Kenneth Holm, Royal Danish Consul, Nebraska; State Senator Walter

George of Blair, a former Dana faculty member; Dr. Herman Gimmestad, Professor Emeritus of English, Midland College, representing Nebraska universities and colleges; and Dr. C. C. Madsen, President Emeritus, Dana. The day's events were arranged by Mr. Norman C. Bansen ('47), Dana Professor of English and Danish.

The marker, located near the corner of College Drive and 27th Street, reads: "Cottonwood, State Tree, A Tribute to Sophus Keith Winther, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington. Denmark His Birthplace, Nebraska His Home. Author of the Grimsen Trilogy: *Take All to Nebraska*, *Mortgage Your Heart*, *This Passion Never Dies*."

## At The Presentation - -

### Dr. Herman Gimmestad:

The principal focus of Dr. Winther's literary scholarship is upon the tragic drama of Eugene O'Neill. The authoritativeness of his *Eugene O'Neill: A Critical Study* rests (1) upon his extensive knowledge of the theory of tragedy as conceived by the ancient Greeks and perpetuated in altered form into the twentieth century, (2) his perceptive reading of O'Neill's plays, and (3) - of inestimable significance - his close, and devoted friendship with the playwright himself, a relationship that lasted for more than 20 years, ending only with O'Neill's death.

Biographers note that on the memorable day in 1936 when O'Neill was being interviewed by the press as winner of the Nobel Prize, Dr. Winther was seated at his side. About two decades later, Dr. and Mrs. Winther were among the few friends allowed to read the typed copy of *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, posthumously published. "I remember being so moved," said Dr. Winther, "that I could hardly talk!"

The reader of Professor Winther's searching volume is aided by illuminating commentary epitomizing O'Neill's views of the *human situation*: for example: "*His pessimism is born of man, not of God or the universe. It is a pessimism that has in it some gleam of hope, for it holds that man's greatest tragedies are of his own making.*"

And in his substantial essay entitled "Strindberg and O'Neill: A Study of Influence" published in 1959, we discover this admirable summary statement: "(O'Neill) saw in Strindberg's plays . . . a struggle for the survival of the spirit against the inexorable powers of fate. Strindberg revealed what to O'Neill became the greatest truth of all: that in the conflict between what the heart desires and the barriers to truth lies the great and tragic drama of human life."

Like O'Neill, Professor Winther has thought compassionately about man's reduced stature in the universe of modern science, beset as he is by biological and environmental limitations. He deals with the tough, inescapable implications of this view with integrity and courage. These qualities are the indispensable foundation of what Alfred North Whitehead called "the moral temper required for the pursuit of truth."

### Dr. Sophus Keith Winther:

I am very proud to be honored by Dana College. I am also surprised that it should recognize me among the many creative



Pictured with Winther (left) are: Norman C. Bansen, (center) Professor of English-Danish and President of the Dana Chapter of The American Scandinavian Foundation; and Dr. Paul C. Nyholm (right), Professor Emeritus and founder of the Dana Chapter of the ASF.

# thplace, Nebraska His Home

personalities who have long testified to the greatness and to the importance of this College. I am glad to be among them, and I share their belief and their unqualified conviction that the greatest achievement in education is the knowledge of how to live a good and intelligent life. If this ideal does not triumph over the shoddy practices of unenlightened mankind, then all that awaits us is an everlasting night, darkness, and despair.

For a moment when I looked at this piece of solid and enduring granite, I allowed myself the vain thought that now I am immortal. Granite is enduring, but nothing, not even granite, lasts forever. Here, deep-cut in stone are words that fire my spirit, and give testimony to the twin forces that made me what I am.

I was born in Denmark and came to this country with my parents when I was less than two years old. After a year in Massachusetts we came to Nebraska. I grew up in the warmth and comfort of the Danish language. To me, in my childhood, all life and thought outside the shelter of our Danish life style seemed a bit unreal. I did not reject this strange new world nor my boyhood American friends, but always a sense of relief and comfort came over me when I closed the door and sat down at the kitchen table. Here was a reality that could be found nowhere else. There, an aura surrounded me, an invisible blanket that sheltered me in its folds. In time this changed and the new world held me in its grasp. The voices of Denmark grew faint for a time, but they were never completely silent. Even now in my approaching old age I have moments that I know are completely irrational, but none the less terribly real, moments when I feel that anyone who has not had the heritage of the "old country" to nourish his youth must have missed one of the greatest and most meaningful experiences of life.

In my eighteenth year I enrolled as a student at the Weeping Water Academy; that was the beginning of a new life so exciting and full of adventure that it lasted a lifetime. It was there that I first read a Shakespeare play. Not even Paul on the road to Damascus experienced a greater revolution in his life than I did when I discovered the beauty and depth of the English language. When Macbeth cried out in agony, "I have put rancors in the vessel of my peace," I knew what poetry was, and that only poetry could sound the full depth and meaning of human life.

There at the Academy began the development of my life in relation to Nebraska. I lived all my working life away from this state, yet in a sense, I never left it. Summer after summer I returned to walk again across the fields and by the streams where life had first become meaningful for me. I returned to sit in the graveyard on Gospel Hill and look out over Weeping Water, one of the loveliest villages in the land. I came back year after year to see the "Old Place," and to catch again the sense of wonder I had experienced in my youth as I watched the living earth grow verdant under the sunny skies of spring. Then in imagination I saw the green cornfields and the yellow grain making such patterns as only an artist can reproduce. I heard the great thunder storms that shook the earth as though it had been struck by Thor's mighty hammer.

I watched in the autumn as the sere and yellow leaf drifted to the earth. I felt the beauty of a great cycle nearing its end. I drove once more in fancy along the roads that were bordered by wild plum trees with millions of plums in every color of the rainbow,

and at night, in the moonlight, the road was a ribbon of silver, and romance was the only measure of reality.

The peace and fulfillment of autumn sank into memory patterns as the cold winds from the north buried all action in the crust of the frozen earth. Then as winter gained full control the mighty blizzard came to exalt the awesome power of nature.

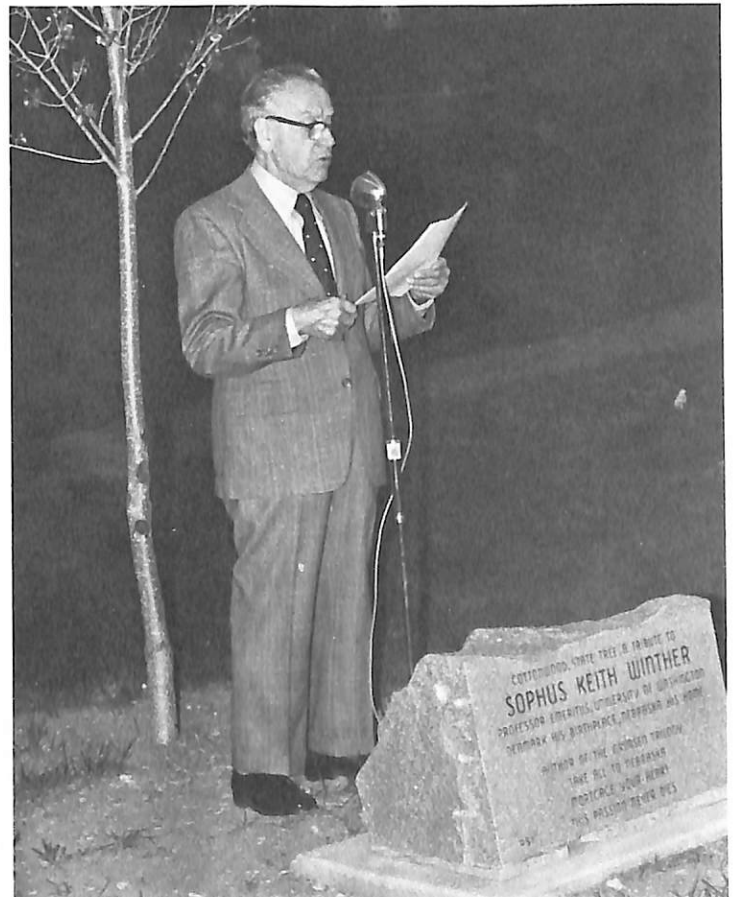
On the dawn of the third day after such a storm, the earth had changed into an endless series of white domes that stretched into the horizons of infinity. In the midst of such a scene a man could recognize the challenge of life, and he could hope that he might have the strength and the courage to meet it.

Then from his bed at night he could see the glitter and the glory of the moonlight on the snow. In the great silence he could feel the pulse of mother earth, pregnant with life that moved and whispered under its blanket of snow.

This was what Nebraska meant to me. This was the land that nourished my creative life, and this is what I feel that Dana College has honored in this dedication to my Grimsen Trilogy. Nebraska is my home.

## Winther Establishes Lectureship

A contribution to Dana by Dr. Sophus Keith Winther for visiting lecturers has been named in his honor. Interest from the amount, which has been supplemented by another contribution, will be used as honoraria for lecturers in the humanities. Additional contributions are welcome.



Sophus Keith Winther

# campus NOTES



More than 70 students were recognized for their scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments at the annual Honors Banquet on May 6. Dr. Ronald Roskens, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, was the speaker.

A coffee to honor faculty and staff members leaving the College was held on May 19. Those honored were Dr. Herta Engleman and Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, both of whom are retiring; Mrs. Shirley Emmerich, Library Assistant; Mrs. Jane Lemon, Assistant to the Director of Placement; and Miss Lana Chamberlin, secretary in the Admissions Office. Mrs. Lemon will teach business courses at Blair High School; Miss Chamberlin plans to continue her education.

Two professors from Denmark, Iver Kjaer, University of Copenhagen, and Mogens Baumann Larsen, University of Aalborg, spent a week on the campus in April. They did research in the Dana library and in the field, taping interviews in connection with their linguistic specialty, the Danish language in America. Kjaer lectured at Dana several years ago.

Student government officers for the 1976-1977 school year are: president, Dennis Downard, Brooks, Iowa; vice-president, Paula Christensen, Blaine, Minnesota; treasurer, Fredrick Miller, Rocky River, Ohio; and secretary, Allison Willadsen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

President Earl R. Mezoff has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education (NETCHE).

Pastors in residence during the second semester have included Robert Albers, First Lutheran Church, Blair; Gerrit Van Hunnik, Circle R Lutheran Camp near Elkhorn, Nebraska; and Lowell Hemken, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Omaha television station KMTV has given Dana's KDCV-FM a large audio-control board and two turntables that the station no longer needed.

Soviet dissident Paul Litvinov, who was expelled from the USSR in 1974 for his activities in behalf of human rights and political prisoners, spoke at Dana in April. His appearance was sponsored by the student government's Human Rights and Concerns Committee.

NORMAN C. BANSEN ('47), English, lectured on "The Danes of Winther's Nebraska Trilogy" in March to students and faculty of the English and history departments of Creighton University in Omaha.

A review by Bansen of Kristian Hvidt's *Flight to America* is in the 1976, No. 1, issue of *Scandinavian Review*. Hvidt spoke at Dana in the spring of 1975. In the same issue there is extensive mention of Dana and an aerial view of the campus in Harry Edward Neal's "*Danish Legacy in America*."

Seven faculty members have received Faculty Growth Awards from the Division of College and University Services of the American Lutheran Church. They are: CAROL HAUSSERMANN ('69) and Dale Lemon, physical education; Harold Moseley, social work; Dorothy Kundel Olson, education; Richard Palm, Dean of Students; Joel Snell, sociology; and Donald Warman, history.

The Dana and Midland College, Fremont, music departments cooperated in an exchange of recital programs in March and April.

Dana has established a Washington County Bicentennial Award for students from Washington County. Through it, the College will match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500 per year, all scholarships presented by recognized Washington County organizations to students enrolled at Dana.

Two scholarships for Washington County students attending Dana have been established by the Blair Lions Club. The scholarships amount to \$200 each and will be matched by the College.

Journalist Jim Risser, who spoke at Dana last February on investigative reporting, has won the Pulitzer Prize in national reporting for his series of articles on grain fraud. Risser, a reporter for the Washington Bureau of the *Des Moines Register*, is the son-in-law of campus hostess Alice Laaker.

Paintings by two Dana students have received awards at the National Student Art Competition sponsored by the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. An acrylic by junior Elizabeth Peterson Searle, Omaha, received a purchase award, and a self-portrait by senior Gary Rasmussen, Blair, won an exhibition award. He is the son of DR. and MRS. ELMER RASMUSSEN ('39, '40) of Dana. The 400 entries in the competition were submitted by art majors at Lutheran colleges.

The Spring 1976 issue of the *Dana Review* has been selected by the Carpenter Paper Company to advertise its products. Six thousand copies have been reprinted for use in the eastern United States.

Alumni gifts received to date from this year's Phonorama total \$25,849. Total alumni giving for the fiscal year as of April amounted to \$42,500.

## Distinguished Alumni of 1976



Pictured with their awards at the Recognition Dinner are the 1976 Distinguished Alumni of Dana College and Trinity Seminary: (left to right) the Reverend Eric Christensen, who accepted the award for Dr. Kathleen Bliese; Mrs. Robert Plugge, who accepted for her father, the Reverend P. C. Jensen; James Andersen; Dr. Margaret Rodenburg; and Dr. Paul Nyholm.

## Dana Men Contribute to Book on American-Scandinavian Culture

*Scandinavian Presence in America*, a book recently released by Harper's Magazine Press/Harper and Row, includes essays by two Dana men — Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, Professor Emeritus, and Norman C. Bansen ('47), Professor of English and Danish.

The book discusses the status and future of Scandinavian-American culture. Its contents are the product of SCANPRESENCE I, a 1973 seminar held in Minneapolis whose invited participants included Nyholm and Bansen.

Bansen is on the 11-member planning committee for SCANPRESENCE II, scheduled for 1977 in Minneapolis.

## Play By Former Faculty Member Becomes A Novel

A play called *1332 -- Or So* first produced at Dana College in 1964 has recently been published in novel form by its author, Rod Whitaker. Whitaker taught at Dana from 1963 to 1966.

Written under the pseudonym "Nicholas Searle," the novel, titled *1339 -- Or So, Being An Apology For a Pedlar*, is published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. At Dana Whitaker used the pseudonym "Trevanian" in crediting the play, a pseudonym that he later used for two other novels, *The Eiger Sanction*, which was recently made into a film, and *The Loo Sanction*. Another book, *The Language of Film*, appears under his own name.

An ad for *1339* in the December 8, 1975, issue of *The New Yorker* calls the novel "a hilarious Chaucerian spoof."

## Business Professor Develops ITV Program

"Management: The Small Businessman" is the title of a new three-lesson instructional television sequence developed and moderated by Dana professor R. Gary Dean, business administration.

The program was shown for the first time in May on Nebraska ETV.

Interviews with Blair pharmacist Frank Elstun throughout the sequence highlight the sophisticated accounting practices which have aided him and which are available to most small businessmen.

Produced by the Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education (NETCHE), the lessons are designed for upper level undergraduates in management to help them examine the problems facing the small businessman. NETCHE is a consortium of 15 Nebraska colleges and universities, including Dana, which have joined together to develop television materials to supplement regular classroom instruction.

## Archives Need Documents

The notebooks, papers, and journals of two men who were associated with Trinity Seminary in the 1890's — President G. B. Christensen and Professor A. J. Dahm — are among the valuable manuscripts in the Dana archives.

These and other materials, such as old documented photographs and letters, reveal much about the history of the seminary and college. Librarian Ronald D. Johnson ('61) and history professor Richard S. Jorgensen ('64), who are working on the collection, are seeking additional materials which would make this history even more complete.

Items can be sent to Johnson; Dana will pay mailing costs if the sender feels the need for reimbursement.



**Victor Borge  
At Dana  
On  
October 17**

Victor Borge, one of the most famous Danish performers in the world and an American stage and television favorite, will present a special Dana Benefit Concert on Sunday afternoon, October 17, 1976. Mr. Borge will receive no fee for his appearance here and all proceeds from the concert will be presented to the College.

Alumni, parents, and other friends of the College are urged to attend the 1976 Homecoming weekend at Dana (October 15-16-17) and the extra special attraction of the weekend, the Sunday afternoon appearance by Victor Borge.

Details concerning price and tickets will be available from the Dana Public Relations Office after August 15. A self addressed, postage paid envelope must accompany all requests for tickets and/or information.

# Alumni Association Revises Constitution

When PAUL E. OLSON ('60) became President of the Dana Alumni Association, one of his top priorities was to revise the governing Constitution to make it a more viable and up-to-date instrument. Many hours of debate and rewriting went into the finished product. Finally, at the January 17, 1976, meeting of the Alumni Council, a new Constitution was adopted.

Many changes were made — some minor, but some very different from the previous document. Among the changes:

1. The Alumni Council will now be called the Board of Directors, with the officers of the Association being elected by the Board from its own membership. All alumni will continue to vote for the members of the Board.

2. The Senior Class President will serve as an advisor to the Board.

3. The Board, comprised of 15 members, may elect up to three members-at-large to serve on special projects during that fiscal year.

4. Officers shall serve a term of one year and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. In the past, officers were elected for three-year terms.

5. Nominations of candidates to the Board will be made for the broadest representation possible of alumni. Previously, nominations were based on a formula according to the number of graduates in each class.

Since the new Constitution requires certain procedures for terms of office and elections, President Olson has appointed an ad hoc committee to study the best method of implementation. The first elections under the new Constitution will be held in the Spring of 1977.

Copies of the new Constitution can be obtained from the Alumni Office.

## Prominent Engineer Supports Liberal Arts

"A liberal arts education should produce people who can communicate, for students, no matter what profession they get into, will be successes or failures to a large degree on how well they can communicate," Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Theodore M. Schad, a civil engineer, told members of the Dana faculty and administration during his week in residence in early April.

Schad said that learning to write well is especially important, and that "extensive reading is needed to develop these communication skills." Executive Secretary of the Environmental Studies Board of the National Research Council, he has spent much of his professional life writing reports, speeches, and letters. In his present position he has had to teach people with Ph.D. degrees how to write reports.

A water resources specialist, Schad attended The Johns Hopkins University during the Depression, when the typical — and necessary — attitude of most students was "to finish school and



Theodore M. Schad

get a job." As a result, he said, his education was technological. Except for some French and Spanish, his only class in the liberal arts was in English literature, and that, he said, was "the best class I have ever had, with the best teacher I have ever had. It changed the course of my cultural development."

Schad said that he regretted not having a background in the liberal arts, which should "teach a student to appreciate the arts, letters, and music." Religion courses are also important, he said, for "they teach an important part of our cultural heritage."

Schad expressed an "aversion toward bigness in institutions," and said he doubted that a "state university is the place to go for a liberal arts education." He recommended that a student have four years of liberal arts before beginning specialized training.

## Alumni Association Lists Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors of the Dana Alumni Association are continually trying to find ways to serve alumni and the College. Perhaps one of the biggest problems facing the Board, however, is trying to find out what alumni would like to do.

Do you have an idea? Comment? Suggestions? You are invited to write to one of the Board members listed below and tell him. Why not do it today?

### PRESIDENT

Paul E. Olson - '60  
4031 S. 36th  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Stanley Lassegard - '74  
227 S. 16th  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

### SECRETARY

Jarilyn Uecker Kolterman '69  
1928 Colfax  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Tim Brown - '67  
174 Ryan Drive  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Phillip Wittig - '56  
2845 Laurel  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Robert Krogh - '56  
1103 S. 13th  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Margaret Hazard Zion - '69  
2880 Bauman  
Omaha, Nebraska 68112

Paul Ahrendt - '68  
940 Old Cheney Road  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68523

Judy Reuter Brehm - '67  
513 S. 16th  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Sharon Mardesen Nelson - '61  
10915 N. 62nd  
Omaha, Nebraska 68152

Homer Nielsen - '41  
564 S. 17th  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Tom Nielsen - '59  
8005 Poppleton  
Omaha, Nebraska 68124

Dr. Paul C. Nyholm - '28  
823 N. 25th Ave.  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

John Prouty - '70  
1902 N. 56th  
Omaha, Nebraska 68104

Adrienne Simpson - '71  
1150 Caddock  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Howard Thompson - '33  
P.O. Box 504  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Gloria Paulsen Weinman - '71  
1534 Wilbur  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

Barbara Wolf Triplett - '73  
1652 Nebraska  
Blair, Nebraska 68008

## Students Can Study In Denmark

Dana's new Spring Semester in Denmark offers students the opportunity to earn 15 hours of credit by attending classes taught in English at the University of Copenhagen. The opportunity to live with Danish families is an additional cultural experience.

The program in Denmark is under the direction of Denmark's International Student Committee (DIS), which is subsidized by the Danish Ministry of Education and the University of Copenhagen.

College students other than those enrolled at Dana can also participate in the program, with credits earned through Dana transferable to their respective schools.

Classes are in the humanities and social sciences in such diverse areas as education in Denmark, Scandinavian design, Nordic mythology, Scandinavian literature, Kierkegaard, contemporary international politics, European opera, and society and culture of the Greenland Eskimo. Instruction in the Danish language is also available. Many of the professors have been visiting lecturers at American colleges and universities.

Dana recommends the program especially for juniors, but sophomores and seniors able to make arrangements with their parent colleges can also participate. A grade point average of B (at Dana, a 6), is required for acceptance, together with other supporting materials that demonstrate that the student will benefit from the experience.

The dates for the 1977 Spring Semester are February 9 (departure) to June 5. Applications must be received by September 20.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. Robert Glass, Dana's Dean of the College. (A form for this purpose is on p. 15.)

## HOME COMING:

### An American Tradition

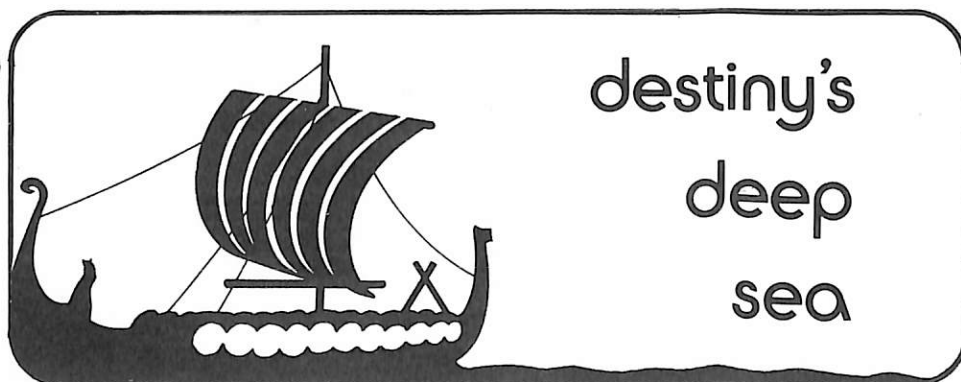
October 15-17, 1976

Honoring 50 years of football and athletics at Dana College

Special reunion classes: 1926 and earlier, 1951, 1966, and 1971

All former athletes and Viking fans are urged to send us pictures, pennants, buttons, programs, and news clippings of Dana athletic events and homecomings. Send all material to the Alumni Office. These materials will be used in displays during the weekend, and for a special program.

More information about activities will be forthcoming.



### JOB AND PROMOTIONS

1974

ERIC A. HANSEN, 1875 S. 75th #206, Omaha 68124, is a professional musician. He plays electric bass for C. W. McCall and has appeared on NBC's "Midnight Special."

1973

JANE HENDRICK Prochaska, Attorney, will be an associate of Margaret R. Fischer, Attorney, in the general practice of law in Miss Fischer's Omaha firm. Miss Fischer is vice chairman of the Dana Board of Regents.

1966

PASTOR and Mrs. WAYNE JOSEPHSON are living in Kennard, NE 68034, where he is serving Emmaus Lutheran Church and Orum's Immanuel Lutheran.

1963

MRS. Larry (MARJORIE BEHRENS) Thiemann became superintendent of schools in Pawnee City, NE 68421 on January 1, 1976.

1959

ERNEST and SHAROL (CRANDALL '61) ANDERSON live at 616 N. Pinecrest, Bolingbrook, IL 60439. Ernie has been promoted to accounting supervisor at the Product Support Center of International Harvester Co. in Hinsdale. In 1975 Sharol was appointed to the American Lutheran Church Hymnal Review Committee, one of two lay people on the nine-member committee.

1951

DR. PAUL LAURSEN has been named Dean of the College at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

1939

PASTOR ADOLPH KLOTH is organizing a new congregation of the American Lutheran Church in Irvine, CA. He and LUCILLE (NEVE '40) live at 4101 Reyes St. 92714.

1904

DR. WILLIAM C. SMITH, 92, is living at the Oakwood Glen Home for the Aged, 421 S. Evans St.,

McMinnville, Oregon. He writes that "I am certainly happy to observe things you are doing at Dana. It brings back good memories."

### ADVANCED DEGREES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1975

MICHAEL NAUROTH, 308 S. 8th St., Dunlap, IA 51529, graduated from the South Dakota State University School of Pharmacy in May.

1973

KAJ NEVE will intern at the Lutheran Medical Center in New York City. He has been at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

JOEL BOHLING, who has been at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, will intern at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA.

1970

WAYNE JENSEN received an M.A. degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha last summer. He is teaching special education in middle school; his wife SUE (DAVIS) teaches emotionally disturbed children on the elementary level. Their address is 413 NE 14th Ave., Cape Coral, FL 33904.

1966

RICHARD HOUSTON has received his M.A. degree in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin. He and wife EUNICE (ERICKSEN) live at 1206 Archibald Ct. in Northfield, MN 55057.

1965

JANE (JENSEN) WARMAN received her M.S. degree in library science from Catholic University of America in May 1975. She and her husband Joseph live at 13113 Wellford Dr. in Beltsville, MD 20705.

1958

CARLENE (PETERSEN) HEISER received her M.A. degree in education in June, 1975, from the Oregon College of Education. She and her husband James live at Rt. 3, Box 319, McMinnville, OR 97128.

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## PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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1974

PAM MILLER recently returned from a trip to Europe. Her address is Box 216, Herman, NE 68029.

1956

JAMES A. CLEMON, editor of the *Omaha World-Herald's* editorial pages, has been elected a member of the American Society of Newspapers Editors.

1950

PAUL SIMON, U.S. Congressman for the 24th District of Illinois, was awarded an honorary doctorate by Valparaiso University on May 16. He was cited for his 20 years of public service in state and federal government. During each of the sessions that he served in the Illinois House and Senate he was named "Best Legislator" by the Independent Voters of Illinois. He also served as Lieutenant Governor of the state for four years. He is the author of four books and the co-author of two others. Dana presented him with an honorary doctorate in 1966.

1934

PASTOR and Mrs. ALVIN PETERSEN are the subjects of a book titled *Pastor Pete*, which tells the story of their more than 30 years of campus ministry at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Author Duane Hutchinson is a Methodist pastor at UNL's Wesley House. The book was privately printed for limited distribution.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

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1971

MICHAEL JONES and FAYE COLES ('77) will marry on August 22 in Bridgeport, N.J. Mike is Assistant Director of Admissions at Dana; Faye attended Dana for 2½ years and is now in her freshman year at Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis, MO.

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## MARRIAGES

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1976

MARY HENRIKSEN and ALAN HANSON were married April 17 in Atlantic, Iowa. Beginning in September they will live in St. Paul, MN, where Alan will attend Lutheran Theological Seminary.

1973

DEBORAH ANDERSON ('74) and DONALD R. KIRKEGAARD were married March 20. Their address is 5285 E. Eastman, Denver, CO 80222.

DONNA JENSSSEN and Paul Lacy were married August 10, 1975. Donna is curriculum director for the Raggedy Ann and Andy Day Care Center in Portland, ME, and Paul is bookkeeper-waiter at the Gaslight Restaurant. Their address is 534 Sawyer St., S. Portland 04106.

ROGER MEINTS married Kristi Baker April 17. Both are auditors for the Auditor of Public Accounts, State of Nebraska. They live at 4401 S. 27th, Apt. D7, in Lincoln 68512.

KENNETH and LINDA (LIVINGSTON) NELSEN were married June 21, 1975. Their address is 8000 Midcrown Dr. #2301, San Antonio, TX 78218.

1970

JANET WINKEL married Kenneth Vetrovec October 25, 1975. She teaches kindergarten at Olympia Brown School in Racine, WI, and her husband is the Exploring Executive for the SE Wisconsin District of Boy Scouts of America. Their Racine address is 3219 Drexel Ave., 53403.

1968

LARRY P. CORNWELL married Leanne Chambers August 23, 1975. He is a captain in the U.S. Air Force. They live at 1743A Eleventh Ave., Langley AFB, VA 23665.

1964

JAMES DAVIS married Marty Rogers March 22, 1975. He is director of education in Bellevue, NE, and is working toward a Ph.D. in educational administration at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Their Bellevue address is 909 Vannoram Pl., 68005.

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## Births DAUGHTERS

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1974

Stacy Ann, born June 8, 1975, to MR. and Mrs. EDWARD FOY, 616 Eastborough Lane, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Renae Erin, born December 11, 1975, to Harlan and VIRGINIA (BOHLKEN) Ottemann, RFD, Johnson, NE 68378.

Mindi Leigh, born January 13, 1976, to MR. and Mrs. RONALD SCHNEIDER, 3038 Anderson Dr., Blair. Ron is a divisional staff financial analyst for Sperry Rand.

1973

Danielle Sue, born January 20, 1976, to MR. and Mrs. DOUGLAS J. LARSON, 2204 32nd St., Des Moines. IA 50310.

1972

Robin, born March 20, 1975, to JOHN and EILEEN (BOONE '73) AASE, 2327 N. 63rd St., Omaha 68104.

Kelly Lynn, born December 7, 1975, to ROGER and CAROLYN (DUMKE) CARLSON, 2865 Ida, Omaha 68112.

1971

Ann Marie, born June 26, 1975, to JOHN and RUTH (JACOBSEN '70) LEITEL, Almont, ND 58520.

1970

Lisa Beth, born December 26, 1975, to Philip and JANET (PENKE) Bates, 871 W. Sixth, Wahoo, NE 68066.

Amanda Ruth, born October 5, 1975, to PAUL and KATHIE (BUSS '71) HAERTLING, 3647 Paris Blvd., Westerville, OH 43081.

Sarah Jean, born April 16, 1976, to Bobby and RONDA (MARQUETTE) Martz, 8 Evelyn Dr., Newport News, VA 23602.

Ryndee Elizabeth, born August 4, 1975, to Galen and CHERYL (KUSTER) Olsberg, 10630 O St., Omaha 68127.

Dawn Marie, born September 10, 1975, adopted November 20, 1975, by GARY and CAROL (MARESH) PANKO. Gary is pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lawler, IA 52154.

Gina Alyssa, born June 24, 1975, to GARY and KAREN (BORKHUS '65) SCHOENING, Rt. 2, Box 29, Missouri Valley, IA 51555.

Tracy Lee, born August 30, 1975, to MR. and Mrs. JAMES VORDERSTRASSE, Box 165, Chester, NE 68327.

1969

Mindy, born July 18, 1975, to MAX and CANDACE (HOLVERSON '71) BOUSTEAD, 806 Ely St., Woodbine, IA 51579.

Merea Diann, born May 8, 1975, to JAN and RUTH (NELSON) Haugen, 215 N. Mediapolis, IA 52637. They have another daughter, Ginny, who is four. Jan teaches physical education and coaches girls' softball and basketball.

Clair, born August 10, 1975, to ROBERT and JEANNE (MACKLIN) WHITNEY, Box 44, Arthur, IA 51431. She is their third child.

1968

Jennifer Laurel, born October 26, 1975, to DR. and Mrs. MARVIN K. HARRIS, 1011 Dominick Dr., College Station, TX.

1967

Tamara Jean, born October 17, 1975, to Lawayne and BARBARA (HOLSING) Feit, 4910 Cresthaven Dr., Lincoln, NE 68516.

Allison, born February 9, 1976, to MR. and Mrs. GAIL FRAZIER, RR 2, Logan, IA 51546.

1966

Sarah Jane, born November 11, 1975, to KENNETH and CONNIE (ANDERSON '68) QUIRK, 5000 Oregon Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Anne Elizabeth, born December 5, 1974, to Lee and BARBARA (PETERSEN) Ward, Strawberry Point, IA 52076.

1963

Tricia Christine Rae, born September 23, 1975, to EUGENE and NANCY (JACOBSEN '64) TeSELLE, 522 S. 15th, Tekamah, NE 68061.

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## Births SONS

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1975

Jacob Nicholas, born November 26, 1975, to MR. and Mrs. JOEL M. JOHNSON, 3210 S. 109th St., Omaha 68114.

1973

Ryan Michael, born November 6, 1975, to Mark and BRENDA (ALTON) Stirtz, 2010 Rimbey Ave., Apt. 106, San Diego, CA 92154. Daughter Tecia Marie is four years old.

**1972**

Jason Edward, born January 27, 1975, to M. Bruce and NANCY (DAVISON) Lee, 2820 N. Ellen #2, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

Ryan Joseph, born January 13, 1976, to Guy and CATHY (HANSON) Thomas, 1312 E. Monument, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

**1971**

Aaron Janes, born January 7, 1976, to PASTOR and Mrs. GARY BOWMAN, 319 Highland Ave., Wallingford, PA 19086.

Matthew John, born January 10, 1976, to DAN and BARB (FUDGE '72) JACKSON, RR 2, Essex, IA 51638.

Douglas Kent, born April 28, 1975, to ROBERT and LINDA (McNICHOLS) VERGAMINI, 515 Arnold, Council Bluffs, IA 51501.

**1970**

Christopher Thomas, born January 5, 1976, to Thomas K. and NANCY (BLOBAUM) Ludwig, 1319 Onyx Dr., Harlan, IA 51537.

Jason, born February 28, 1975, to Craig R. and JANET (PECK) Owen, RR 1, Gray, IA 50110.

**1969**

Eric Alexander, born December 17, 1975, to Jack J. and NANCY J. (HANSON) Nicholson, 202 E. 13th St., Ellis, KS 67637.

Dana Charles, born December 19, 1975, adopted December 31, 1975, by Milton and SHIRLEY (ALBERS) Stubbendick, Syracuse, NE 68446.

John Nance, born February 9, 1975, to MR. and Mrs. JOHN UNDERDAHL, 571 Robindale, Oregon, OH 43616.

**1968**

Ryan Charles, born November 21, 1974, to MR. and Mrs. CHARLES E. GUPTILL, 89 Pleasant St., Brunswick, ME 04011.

Matthew, born July 29, 1975, to Victor and BEVERLY (JENSEN) Van Arsdel, 11460 Queens Dr., Omaha, NE 68164.

**1965**

Thor Carl, born September 19, 1975, to Rollin and LEOTA (SCHNITKER) Benson, 10950 N. Westview Lane, Mequon, WI 53092. He joins brothers Dayn, six, and Andy, four.

Greg Paul, born June 20, 1975, to MR. and Mrs. STEVE BOLTON, 1412 S. 139th, Omaha 68144.

Todd Jacob, born November 24, 1975, to David and CHRISTINA (MOOSMAN) Ferguson, Box 546, Eagle, CO 81631. David is a pastor in Eagle. The Fergusons also have a daughter, Sara, who is two.

Patrick Carl, born February 20, 1976, to MR. and Mrs. RONALD L. MATTISON, 1726 Harlem Blvd., Rockford, IL 61103.

**1964**

Colby Dean, born March 16, 1976, to JOHN and JILL (McCLANAHAN '65) LAUGHUNN, 106 Snyder St., Missouri Valley, IA 51555. They also have a daughter, Ann, who is eight.

**1963**

Jesse Richard, born October 21, 1975, to Joshua and JUDITH (MAYLAND) Morris, 42 Rangeley Rd., Winchester, MA 01890.

**1952**

Mark Edward, born March 20, 1976, to MR. and Mrs. JURI TAHT, 768 Doughty Ave., Franklin Square, NY 11010.

**DEATHS****1936**

RUTH E. JOHNSEN, Denmark, WI, in August 1975.

**1917**

DR. MAGNUS CHRISTIAN PETERSEN, 83, a Rochester, MN, psychiatrist and former superintendent of the Rochester State Hospital. Survivors include his wife Rosa and son Allan of Rochester.

**Before 1908**

Mrs. Peter (CECELIA JORGENSEN) James, 89, Audubon, IA, in April.

Friends of Mrs. Lawrence (Cornelia Johnson) Siersbeck were saddened to learn of her death in early May. She was the wife of Dana's tenth president and a 1924 Dana graduate. The Siersbecks have lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin, since 1952, where they have served St. Mary's Lutheran Church. Survivors include her husband (7957 25th Avenue, Kenosha 53140) and three daughters: Mrs. Bernard (Marilyn '51) Erling of St. Peter, Minnesota; Mrs. Warren (Mildred '51) Rasmussen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Mrs. Walter (Sylvia '54) Larsen of Kenosha.

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# Calendar of Events

## Opening of 1976-77 School Year

**September 2-3**  
Faculty meeting

**September 5**  
Reception on campus for freshmen, transfer students, and parents

**September 6**  
Registration of returning and transfer students

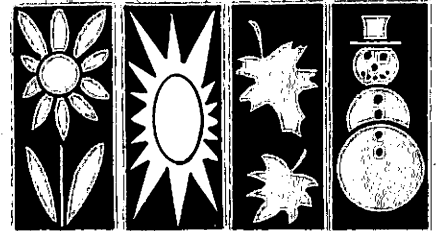
**September 7**  
Registration of freshmen

**September 8**  
Classes begin

**September 9**  
Fall honors and opening convocation

## Homecoming

**October 15-17**



## DANA - DENMARK SEMESTER



Please send me information on Dana's Spring Semester in Denmark.

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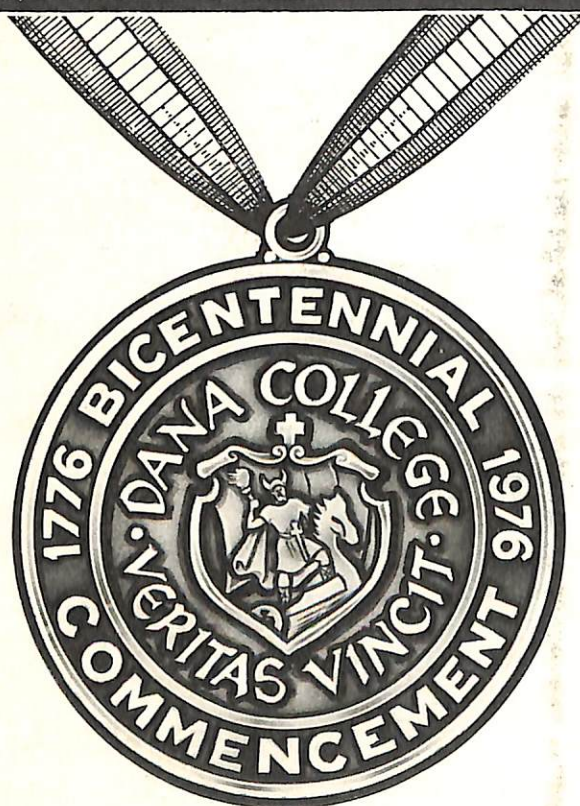
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To commemorate the visit by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and the 1976 Dana Commencement ceremony, a special medallion was created and presented to the members of the graduating class, the faculty, and the Board of Regents. The medallions were worn during the May 20 ceremony.

In answer to numerous requests, a limited number of additional medallions have been secured and are now avail-

able to parents, alumni and other friends of the College. The medallion is finished in bronze, measures 2½ inches in diameter, and carries the College seal on one side and Queen Margrethe's personal monogram on the other. The medallion comes suspended on a red, white, and blue ribbon and is gift boxed. Cost is \$10.00 each including postage. Orders and payment should be addressed to the Public Relations Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.