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## Dana Women's Club Helps with Admissions Mailings

Last spring Admissions Director Dennis Barnum had a problem. Barnum, in order to increase the number of students in Dana's "prospect pool," needed to send information about the College to 18,000 high school students, but didn't have the staff for the job.

Lela Nielsen '43 Neve, a Parnassus assistant, and members of the Dana Women's Club had a solution. They offered to stuff the envelopes as a service project for the Club, and soon the 18,000 pieces of mail were on their way.

This fall the women are again at work, but now the number on the mailing list has grown to 36,000. Learning about the project, others on the campus have also volunteered--members of the housekeeping staff work on the project during their coffee and lunch breaks, the campus switchboard operators between calls, and head residents and student teams in their dormitory rooms.

The mailings, which include a letter, a new descriptive brochure about Dana called an "interest generator," and a reply card, go to high school students who are members of congregations of the American Lutheran Church or who have indicated on their Student Search Service forms that they are interested in a college with Dana's characteristics.

Barnum says that within a week after the first thousand or so pieces went out this fall, replies asking for more information about Dana began to come back, and he projects that the number of students in Dana's prospect pool will reach 5000 as a result of the mailing. (A year ago the number in the pool was 1400.)

When reply cards are received, Barnum's staff takes over by sending each prospect another letter, Dana's new view book, an application form, and an invitation to visit the campus. And after that mailing, Dana's admissions counselors write, telephone, and visit students.

By the time this issue reaches its readers, the mailing of 36,000 will have been completed. But the volunteers will still be needed. Barnum says that "If we are to increase our enrollment substantially, we need to broaden the scope of our efforts and improve the effectiveness of our admissions program," and he plans to mail information about Dana to between 75,000 and 80,000 students this year.

## Mezoff to Tusculum College

Dr. Earl R. Mezoff, on sabbatical leave as Dana's president last year, has accepted the presidency of Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Mezoff became Dana's twelfth president in 1971.

### Non-discrimination Policy

Dana College admits students without regard to sex, age, race, color, religion or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, religion or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, or other school-administered programs.

**The cover:** New faces in the crowd--President and Mrs. James G. Kallas at the Homecoming football game. (Photo by Peter Bonde '81)

Photography by Peter Bonde '81, Nerstrand, Minnesota, Mark Latenser, '81, Omaha, and Mark Amman '82, Randolph, Nebraska.



Alumni president Krogh (left) at the fall meeting of the Association's board of directors with John Beck (Trinity '55), director of alumni affairs; Eugene Meyer, executive director of college relations; and President Kallas.

## Bob Krogh Heads Alumni

Bob Krogh '56, Blair, has been elected president of the Alumni Association by members of the Association's board of directors. He succeeds Sharon Mardeson Nelson '61, Omaha, who now serves as past president and a board member. Other officers are Judy Rueter Brehm '67, Blair, secretary, and Herbert Knudsen '63, Bay Village, Ohio, vice-president.

Alumni using the ballot in the spring *Review* have elected an incumbent, Adrienne Simpson '71, Blair, and three new members--Lois Lynge Boe '41, Omaha; Pastor Thorvald Hansen D'40 T'43, Audubon, Iowa; and Calvin Jorgensen '52, Blair, to the Association's board.

Other board members are Stanley Lassegard '74, Homer Nielsen '41, Roger Petersen '61, and Barbara Wolf Triplett '73, all of Blair; David Snowbeck '63, Wheaton, Illinois; Gloria Paulsen Weinman '71, Alliance, Nebraska; and Philip Wittig '56, Lincoln, Nebraska.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Alumni and friends of Dana are invited to submit nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Awards that will be presented at Dana's annual Recognition Dinner May 12, 1979.

To be eligible for consideration, a nominee must be a graduate or former student of Dana or Trinity Seminary; have distinguished himself or herself in his or her chosen profession; have rendered exceptional service to his or her community, church, and Dana; and be present to accept the award at the Recognition Dinner.

Please submit nominations and information about the nominees to Dana's Office of Alumni Affairs by January 3, 1979.

# JAMES G. KALLAS DANA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. James G. Kallas, a multi-faceted man who has been professor of religion at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks since 1961, became Dana's thirteenth president on September 1.

For a special introduction to Dr. Kallas and a message from him, please read the eight-page insert in the center of this issue.

## \$50,000 BRINGS CHALLENGE

President Kallas and Dana received a pleasant surprise in early October when Mrs. LaVanche A. Wurdeman, wife of the late Trafford J. Wurdeman, former president and chairman of the board of Standard Chemical Manufacturing Company in Omaha, presented the College with an unrestricted cash gift of \$50,000.

Mrs. Wurdeman, a former teacher who lives in Omaha, has maintained her interest in young people and education since graduating from the University of Nebraska with a degree in physical education. After visiting the campus, she decided to lend her support to the future of Dana with a generous cash gift.

Mrs. Wurdeman's check was presented to the board of regents during their fall meeting on campus--along with a challenge to match the \$50,000.

Following the board meeting, President Kallas announced that Mrs. Wurdeman's check and her challenge had been enthusiastically accepted by the regents. The 18-member Dana board will meet the challenge by collectively raising an additional \$50,000 before the close of the current fiscal year.

## New Faculty Announced

Five new full-time and two part-time faculty members have brought a wide range of talents and experience to the campus.

Dr. Janet Weller, assistant professor of speech and theatre and director of theatre, comes to Dana from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she received her Ph.D. in 1975.

She replaces Dr. Dennis Henneman, who has joined the faculty of Gannon College, Erie, Pennsylvania, as an associate professor and director of theatre.

In Madison, Dr. Weller directed Apple Corps Theatre Ltd., a semi-pro company, for ten years, and organized and directed the Lutheran Campus Players, whose productions have included several musical reviews and chancel dramas that she has written, translated, or adapted. She has also written *Blues Mass*, published by the Missouri Synod Board for Youth Ministry, Concordia Publishing Company.

She has an M.A. (1967) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. (1965) from Valparaiso University, Indiana.

Dr. Thomas G. Williams, associate professor of music and chairman of the music department, has taught at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, since 1966, where he was associate professor of music and coordinator of music education.

He holds a D.A. Mus. (1972) from the University of Mississippi, an M.M.E. (1963) from Drake University, Des Moines; and a B.M.E. (1959) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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President and Mrs. Kallas meet alumna Lois Lorenzen '61 Olson.

## Staff Assignments Change

When Dr. Kallas assumed the presidency of Dana College, the responsibilities of two men who held interim positions during the last school year changed.

Dr. Robert J. Glass, who had been acting president, returned to his position as dean of the college, and Dr. Clifford Hanson T '44, acting dean of the college, became associate dean of the college on an interim basis for the first semester. Hanson is also professor of philosophy and religion.

Two members of the admissions staff have been given new assignments within that office: Bob Arnold, formerly assistant director of admissions and an admissions counselor, is now assistant director of admissions and director of financial aid, and Richard Poggendorf, former admissions counselor, is an assistant director of admissions.

Arnold was named to his new position when Craig Green, director of financial aid, accepted a similar post at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

A new counselor, Liesa Montag-Siegel, has also joined the admissions staff. She holds a B.A. (1972) from Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa, with an English major, and an M.A. (1978) in English from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She has taught English composition at UNO and Iowa Western Community College.



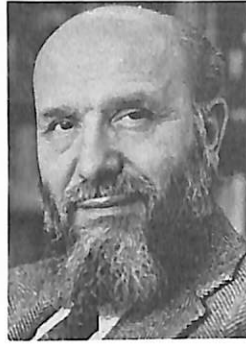
Dr. Robert J. Glass (right) was thanked for his interim presidency by members of the faculty, staff, and board of regents, and their husbands and wives, at a campus reception August 30. On behalf of the faculty and staff, Dr. Clifford Hanson (left), interim acting dean of the college, presented Glass with a Danish porcelain figure of Hans Christian Andersen telling one of his stories to a child. Mrs. Glass (center) was also thanked for her support.

## Chapel Lecture Series Announced: Leading Theologians Will Speak at Dana

President James G. Kallas has announced plans for a Dana Chapel Lecture Series that "will make our school literally the theological hub, the center of ferment for the entire nation, by bringing on campus each year three or four of the greatest theologians in the world to spend several days in lectures and discussion."

About the Series, Campus Pastor Bruce Bergquist says that it "will make Dana a college without peer as a place where undergraduate students can hold a dialogue with the world's leading Christian thinkers. The program will also be a real service to the Church at large, for Dana will be a center for theological discussion and inquiry."

The first lecturer is Dr. George Forell of the University of Iowa School of Religion, who will speak on "The Christian Message in a non-Christian World" on December 4-6.



Forell is a native of Breslau, Germany, and received his early education there and in Vienna, Austria. He is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Princeton Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. During his years at Iowa, he has served as a visiting professor at such institutions as the University of Hamburg, All-Africa Theological Seminary, and Japan Lutheran College. He is the author of numerous books and a frequent contributor to scholarly journals.

At Dana Forell will hold informal meetings with students and members of the faculty and staff and will also give three public lectures, all scheduled for 8 p.m. Their titles are "The New Polytheism and the Christian Message," "The New Narcissism and the Christian Message," and "Against the World, for the World: The Hartford Appeal and the Future of Christianity."

Initial funding for the Series is being provided through a gift from Golgatha Lutheran Church in Chicago and individual donations from members of the Dana board of regents.

## SIX NEW REGENTS JOIN BOARD

Three alumni, a Minneapolis lawyer, a Blair businessman, and a Phoenix, Arizona, dentist are new members of the Dana board of regents.

Alumnus Richard Andersen, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California, graduated from Dana in 1953 and from Trinity Seminary in 1960. He received his Ph.D. in 1972 from the California Graduate School of Theology. Andersen is the author of 16 books and numerous magazine articles. He is married to the former Lois Petersen '52.

The Rev. James W. Olsen, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, is both an alumnus and a former member of the Dana administration. He attended Dana in 1936-37, graduated in 1943 from Minot State Teachers College, North Dakota, and in 1949 from Trinity Seminary. From 1961-63 he was vice-president of church relations and development at Dana. Olsen is secretary of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church.

The third alumnus, U.S. Representative Paul Simon of Illinois, was student body president in 1947-48. He has served in the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate and was elected lieutenant governor in 1968. In 1974 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Simon is the author of four books and co-author of two others, one with his wife and another with his brother Art—who is also a Dana alumnus.

Regent David L. Graven, a member of the law firm of Holmes, Kircher and Graven, Minneapolis, is a graduate of St. Olaf College. He holds an LL.B. from the University of Minnesota and has taught at the law school there. Graven is the author of *Minnesota Criminal Law and Procedure* (1968) and other articles in legal publications. He is chairman of the drafting committee of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure and a member of the American Lutheran Church's Committee on Adjudication and Appeals.

Regent Richard A. Hunt of Blair, vice-president and chief engineer of HunTel Systems, has long been an active Dana

supporter. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in electrical engineering. Hunt has been involved in many community activities, including service as president of the Blair Chamber of Commerce. He is currently church council president at First Lutheran in Blair.

Dr. Omer K. Reed of Phoenix received his B.S. and D.D.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He has spoken to dental educational and technical groups in East and South Africa, Australia, Sweden, Canada, and France and to dental society and continuing education department meetings in this country. He is on the faculty of continuing education at the University of Southern California and has served on the board of regents of California Lutheran College and the board of directors of Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company.



Mr. Ben Krantz (center), superintendent of the Blair school system, has retired from the Dana board of regents after 21 years of service. For 16 of those years he was board secretary. Here he is thanked by President James G. Kallas (left) and board chairman Donald Swanson. Other retiring board members are Mr. Hans Nielsen and Mr. Leonard Sutton, both of Denver, Colorado.

## THE DANA EXPERIENCE: A New Audiovisual Production

"I've had trouble putting the way I feel about Dana into words, but this says it all," has been the typical student response to *The Dana Experience*, an audiovisual production completed last May by Market 8, a Lincoln, Nebraska, firm.

The slide presentation, which uses two projectors for automatic dissolving, includes unrehearsed interviews with students and faculty. The production has already been shown to many groups visiting the campus and is being used off-campus by the admissions and development offices.

Congregations and alumni groups wishing to see *The Dana Experience* should write to Dana's Office of College Relations.



Homecoming queen JoAnne Roberts, a junior from Allen, Nebraska, is presented roses by President James G. Kallas at the coronation ceremony October 6. Members of her court were Kathy Appel, Scranton, Iowa; Mary Erickson, Camrose, Alberta, Canada; Jean Irby, Casper, Wyoming; and Teresa Lee, Omaha.

## Instructor Takes Art Ideas To Nebraska's Teachers

Mr. Milton Heinrich, art instructor at Dana College, was recently one of four Nebraska artists to conduct "Classroom Update" workshops for the Nebraska Department of Education in seven towns across the state.

Other team members were Sandy Christopherson, a dance therapist, and two faculty members from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Sheila Brown, music education, and Dr. Marvin Spomer, art education.

Heinrich says that "The purpose of the workshops was to give general elementary and special education teachers 'hands-on' experience in teaching strategies in aesthetic education."

Between 400 and 900 teachers attended each of the workshops that team members conducted in North Platte, Chadron, Ainsworth, Neligh, McCook, Holdrege and Hebron. They also worked in Valentine, Nebraska, with approximately 100 fourth and fifth grade students.

Mr. Royal Henline, administrator, curriculum services, the Nebraska Department of Education, has written to Dr. Robert J. Glass, Dana's dean of the college, that "The concept of the arts being taken to the schools is exciting and challenging. Heinrich's contribution to this effort has been exceptional."

## Northwall Begins Omaha Congregation

Dr. John Northwall, special assistant to the president for the 1977-78 school year, submitted his resignation this summer to accept a call to develop a mission congregation of the American Lutheran Church in west Omaha.

The congregation, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, held its first worship service on October 29 at the Millard, Nebraska, high school.

Northwall came to Dana in 1968 after serving parishes in the ALC's Central District. At Dana he was associate professor of speech and director of church relations and continuing education before being named special assistant to the president.

## Poetry Reading First In Winther Series

Poet Ted Kooser read his work at Dana October 12 as the first event in the Winther Lecture Series, established by Dr. Sophus Keith Winther of Seattle, Washington, a friend of the College, a novelist and literary critic, and a retired English professor at the University of Washington.

Kooser is the author of several volumes of poetry, including *A Local Habitation and A Name and Old Marriage and New*. Poetry critic William Cole of the *Saturday Review* has called him his "favorite young poet."

Dr. and Mrs. Winther drove to Blair from their Seattle home for the event, and then to Weeping Water, Nebraska, which celebrated "Sophus Keith Winther Day" October 15. Weeping Water, where Winther lived as a child and young man with his Danish parents, is the setting of his three novels on the Danish immigrant experience in Nebraska--*Take All to Nebraska*, *Mortgage Your Heart*, and *This Passion Never Dies*.



Kooser (left) and Winther at a Parnassus reception following the poetry reading.

# AN ALUMNUS PREPARES FOR HOMECOMING

## “Watering the Roots”

*Editor's note: Pastor John Beck D'50 T'55, director of alumni affairs, gave the following talk about the meaning of Homecoming to students and members of the faculty and staff in chapel the morning of October 6, a few hours before alumni began returning for the weekend. Five generations of Beck's family have been associated with Dana.*

Let us pray: Now thank we all our God ... for much more than any of us can express ... or even are aware of. But especially today, Lord, we thank you for our roots ... our roots of human family, our roots within your family of faith, our roots growing deep into the rich earth of this College. May we water well these roots, O Lord. For we pray in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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This morning I want to share some thoughts with you about watering the roots.

In the corner of the back yard of our home in San Diego, there was a small, struggling bush. Several other bushes like it were planted closer to the house and nearer to the sprinkling system.

I had cultivated around those bushes, and even made a ditch around each one to hold the water near the plants. And since the sprinkling system covered the area where these plants were growing, they thrived. Their roots were watered regularly.

But somehow I never got around to cultivating or regularly watering the small bush in the corner. Rain is sparse in California, and its roots just didn't get watered ... and it did not grow ... it did not thrive as the others did. It was barely surviving when we moved, and if it receives no more water for its roots now than I gave it when we lived there, it will eventually die.

*Watering the roots is important, for the plant draws its life through its roots. If there is no watering of the roots, the plant will be stunted ... it will wither ... and it will eventually die.*

In these last years we children of God have begun more and more to realize that we, like the plants, have roots that want watering, too. Roots from which we draw strength and life.

Alex Haley created that realization in us when he published his remarkable book, *Roots*.

Indeed, we all have roots in our families and in the ethnic cultures which they represent. And they are roots that need watering, roots from which we can draw strength, roots which can help us walk taller.

A family reunion is a “watering the roots” activity which gives both children and adults a sense of who they are and from whence they came. Just last summer the Neve family met here on this campus for a large reunion--and they came from Japan and Oregon and New York to be here--because they know if we do not tend and water these roots of family, they may die. And something in us dies with them. *We have family roots.*

*And we all have faith roots, too.* We come from a heritage of faith. And we all walk in the steps of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of Peter, James and John and Paul and Augustine and Luther and Wesley and A.M. Andersen and his friends who founded this school because the pioneer church needed pastors, shepherds, educated workers, and missionaries.

And if we do not tend these roots of faith with the watering of worship, with prayer, with the study of God's word, with Christian fellowship, these roots, too, will dry up and no longer nourish us--and something vital within us withers and may die.

*We are a people of the roots, people of the family of God. So watering the roots is important.*

And this week I have been wondering: What is it that will bring hundreds of alumni, young and old, back to Dana College, today, tomorrow and Sunday for Homecoming? Is it perhaps a play? Is it the coronation of a Homecoming queen? Or balloon races? Or a grand parade with bands and floats? Or some speeches? The football game? Reunions of the choir or the Folk Dancers? Or, perhaps, all of the above? Or none of the above?

*Well, I believe that most alumni have many deep roots here, and we alumni know it.*

And we know that we can thank this Christian college, founded by Christian men and women 94 years ago, for the best parts of what we are, and even of what we shall become.

And if we know that many of our roots are here ... and we cherish what God gave us here ... then we must, as we are able, be about the watering of the roots.

So hundreds will come. Thousands more would come if they could. Some will travel from as far away as California and from New York. Others will drive up the hill from Blair. Welcome them all as your family.

You will see them all over the campus. The frail, elderly lady you see staring at the front of Old Main may be really looking at an outside stairway to the second floor that was removed two decades ago. She may be seeing not the side of a building, but herself and the man she was married to for more than 50 years sitting together, holding hands, young again on those long-gone steps.

The couple puffing up the west staircase in the north wing of Old Main may be looking for the old seminary chapel, for they were married there. The chapel is gone now, but the echoes of the past are still there.

*There are roots, here, roots of romance, courtship and marriage. And roots need tending and watering.*

The prosperous looking man intent on reaching the top floor of Old Main may be a doctor or a research chemist who is looking for the old chem labs where he inhaled sulfurous fumes in his student days and dreamed his dreams of the future.

The gray-haired man looking intently at the wall of Old Main may be a bishop of the American Lutheran Church or a farmer from Nebraska looking for that special brick where he carved his name so long ago.

The tall but paunchy fellow nosing around below us where the practice rooms are now may be a coach from Iowa who was an all-conference center years ago. He's looking for the locker room and its smells of sweat sox and musty towels.

*There are roots here. Roots of vocation.*

The young woman you see standing on the sidewalk outside of Blair Hall, looking up at a distant window, may be looking at the window of the room where she lived not so very long ago, and at the room where she matured in her Christian faith and the promise of her baptism was fulfilled.

And the bald-headed man you see trudging up the hill just behind Elk Horn Hall may be looking for the old wooden cross which stood at the top of that hill, before the hill behind the new dorms became the place of the cross. For he has memories there, of hearts brought closer to God and to each other.

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# AN ALUMNUS LOOKS BACK AT HOMECOMING

**“Dana is something precious and a bright spot in a world sometimes shoddy.”**

*Editor's note: A few days after Homecoming, the Public Relations Office received the following article from alumnus Steve Bernison '76 of Paullina, Iowa, who explained that "Upon returning from Homecoming at Dana I was so impressed with the good things now happening there that I was moved to write a short article on my feelings about that weekend." Thanks, Steve.*

Dana Homecoming, 1978: What was it?

Certainly it was the traditional Homecoming activities--the football game, in which the Vikings won a convincing victory over a scrappy Doane team; a student-directed comedy, *The Real Inspector Hound*, presented twice and of typically high caliber; the church service, at which Dana's new president, Dr. James Kallas, delivered a dynamic message based on Phillipians and termed Homecoming a time for alumni to "recharge their spiritual, social and intellectual batteries." Add to this the Saturday morning balloon races and parade, the alumni luncheon, the Homecoming banquet, the dance, the alumni drop-in at the Tivoli restaurant, the choir reunion.

Homecoming was returning to our alma mater (literally our "foster mother") and renewing the deep and abiding friendships fostered there. Danians drove hundreds of miles to reunite with their compatriots. They laughed, talked, smiled, joked, caught up on families, jobs and plans. It was a curious blend of people whose only real connection to one another was that all had a love affair of sorts with Dana. Some had shared the same rites of passage: the grueling humanities tests, life on a same floor or dorm, or perhaps a particular band tour or drama production. Lifelong friendships were begun years ago in the sharing of the mutual triumphs and tragedies of the four years of shedding adolescent snakeskins and emerging in the adult world. So Homecoming was good fellowship among good friends.

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## An Alumnus Prepares (continued from page 6)

*There are roots here, roots of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Roots there are ... a whole catalog of them.*

*And the roots pull people back again ... and again ... and again. For to come back is to water the roots, at Homecoming or at any other time.*

For me, Dana College has been an alma mater, a fostering mother, a mother who took me when I was not yet sure of who I was, of what I was to do, or of where I must go, and dealt with me with love, with forgiveness, with patience, with compassion, with understanding, with all of the needful things which could make it possible for me to know the joy of faith in my Lord, acceptance of myself, and purpose and meaning in my life and my work.

And as often as I returned those many years before I was called to work here last winter, I have felt that I was coming home.

And this Homecoming, I have realized anew that these roots of long ago still are among the roots that sustain me, and nourish me.

And I believe that the roots are good ... and that watering roots is a very important thing. And for these roots, I am thankful.

*Lord, bless our college: Bless these days of coming home--of "watering the roots." Amen.*

It was a walk on campus. The steps were the same--past the Copenhagen lamps, still lit, around the oval, perhaps up the hill to the cross for that marvelous view of Dana and the Missouri River valley below. We retraced old paths and returned to old haunts. And what didn't evoke memories? After all, what mind wouldn't wax nostalgic at returning to what was our home away from home for four years, a place where we invested so much of ourselves?

Homecoming was visiting with professors. They continue to give huge chunks of their lives to their students. They are gluttons for learning and make their students intensely hungry too. We talked with them not as our former teachers, but as lifelong friends. They had given us a crash course in diversity, and provided opportunities to broaden the expanse of our lives, and do the same with their students now.

Certainly Homecoming 1978 was all this and more. But after all the hooplahs and hoorahs, I returned home from this truly happy weekend knowing the best part of Homecoming was something entirely different. It was seeing that the spirit of Dana still lives and indeed is growing.

I saw this most in the students. They are an impressive bunch, full of vigor and vitality, sometimes ebullient to the point of zaniness, but in all things committed and caring for each other and their school. They attend Dana not only in body, but in spirit. In a few years, they too, will be alumni, and when they speak of Dana, it will not be some sentimental mush or empty salespitch, but honest words of praise, not unlike those now spoken by thousands of Dana alumni for whom Dana is something precious and a bright spot in a world sometimes shoddy.

So I left from another Homecoming well assured that this spirit of Dana will thrive under the guidance of the good and loving hands to which she is now entrusted.



*"... the students ... are an impressive bunch, full of vigor and vitality." (Viking Kip Tyler '80, Creighton, Nebr.; clown Annette Grorud '79, Centerville, S.D., added color to the Homecoming parade and football game.)*

## REUNION CLASSES



1953: Margaret Christiansen Madsen, Floyd Petersen, Mark Thomsen, Vaughn Christensen. (Also present, not pictured, Shirley Hansen Sorensen).



1968: l.-r., row 1--Judy Strohbehn, Ron Strohbehn, Rose Golda Brabec, Connie Anderson Quirk, Paul Ahrendt, Kathy Niemyer Kuster, Ed Piner, Bob Powers; row 2--Jim Holtam, Al Thomas, John Thomsen, Helen Hansen Sorenson, Jeanette Wallman Slusher, Joel Kolterman, Garyld Kuster, Betty Worthan Jenson; row 3--Dan Busse, Lyle Brehm, Tom Kalchik, Richard Hansen, Paul Jensen, Ken Lizer, Ken Koester, Frank Jenson. (Also present, not pictured, Stan and Cheryl Paulsen Nielsen, Steve Bohling, Don Hanson, Sherry Rasmussen Hintz, Leroy Schafersman, Peggy Vogel Hetrick.)

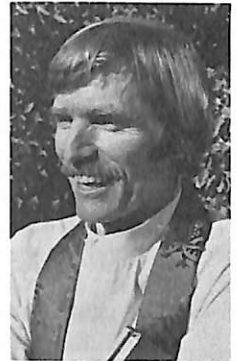


1973: l.-r., row 1--Alan Brodbeck, John Nielsen, John Elling, Dane Diefenderfer, Linda Carlson, Nancy Johnson, Carolyn Schropp; row 2--Bob Oleson, Linda Munson Scholz, Beth Nixon, Karen Oldre Nielsen; Carol Madsen Gruner, Gale Madsen, Carol Wood, Julie Hansen Jones, Diane Jundt Retzloff, Lynette Schmidt Spetman; row 3--Bill Kruse, Dave Jones, Ron Scholz, Joel Eskelsen, Brenda Haack, Debbie Sams, Barb Wolf Triplett, Deb Nordlund, Susan Dountas, Terri Frye, Jocilyn Hulsebus, Mary Christensen Burmeister, Cheryl Heinz Behrens.

## WHAT IS YOUR WORTH?

--Notes from Chapel by Campus Pastor  
Bruce Bergquist

*What is man that thou art mindful of him ...? Yet thou has made him little less than God.'-- Psalm 8:4-5.*



Who am I? Why am I here? What is the purpose of life? These are major and vital questions that have surely been asked by every person who has had enough courage to examine himself, who has felt the need of taking inventory to see where he was going in life.

Whenever we raise such questions, there is the danger we will run into one of two extremes. On the one hand, there is the extreme of foolish pride. When we evaluate ourselves pridefully, we will ultimately be led to callous self-centeredness and a lack of love. If our lives are self-centered, they cannot be God-centered, and then we will never find the true core of our human identity.

On the other hand, there is the extreme of despair at our own insignificance, of thinking that we are of so little worth that our lives are meaningless.

Blaise Pascal, the seventeenth-century French philosopher and mathematical genius, devotes a good portion of his book, *Pensees*, to this problem of understanding human worth. In one well-known passage, Pascal says: "Let man then contemplate the whole of nature in her full and grand majesty ... and from the little cell in which he finds himself lodged, I mean the universe, let him estimate at their true value the earth, kingdoms, cities, and himself. What is a man in the infinite?" (*Pensees*, #72). The world in which we live, and we as individual human beings, seem truly, from the perspective of the universe, to be insignificant.

A little first-grade boy came home one day with a science book from school. He sat looking at a diagram which symbolized the solar system. There was a large sun, some smaller planets, and a comparatively tiny Earth. As he studied the picture, the tears welled up in his eyes. His father, happening to notice, asked him, "Why, Billy--what's wrong?" The youngster pointed to the picture of the planet Earth and said simply, "We're so little."

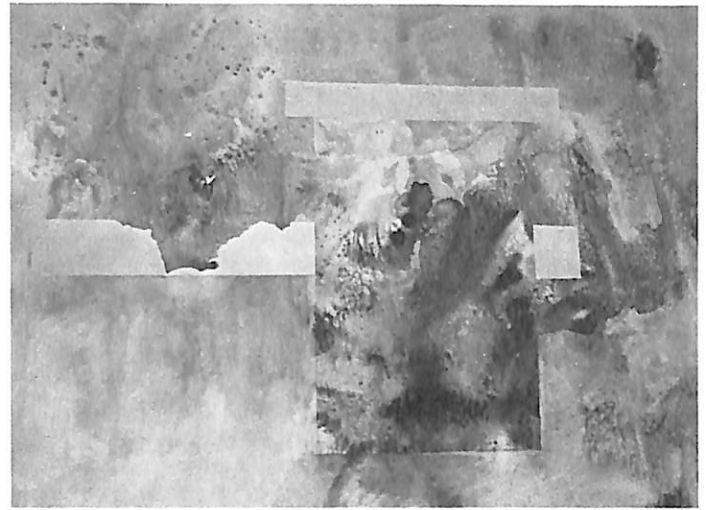
We are little. But we're also very important in the eyes of God--so important, that, as the Psalmist says, we have been made "little less than God." So important, that God has given us a clear and powerful demonstration of how much he cares for us through his son, Jesus Christ.

When Billy felt small and insignificant because his world was so little, his father picked him up and hugged him, and told him, "But God loves us even if we are little." And that is just what God has done for the world in Christ--he has reached out and hugged the world, and in that way has shown us his love. And when you know that God loves you, you know that you are worth a great deal indeed.

# Parnassus Show Features Alumni Artists

A three-artist invitational in Parnassus this fall exhibited the work of alumni Richard Brink '60, assistant professor of art at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska; Donald Dynneson '66, assistant professor of art at Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska; and Ryle Smith '73, a post-graduate student at Dana who recently completed his M.F.A. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

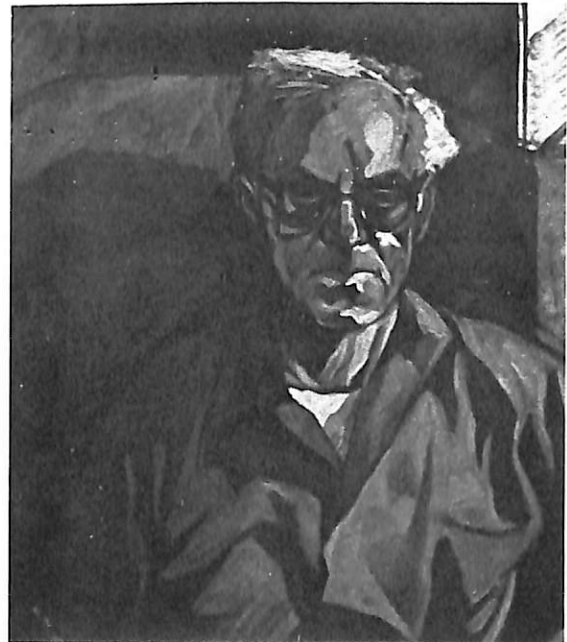
The comments accompanying the photographs below are by Dr. John Bienz, an assistant professor of English at Dana who has studied art history.



"Brink exhibits delicate mixed-media abstractions. In his work, washes of color blend together on bright fields organized by finely lined squares and rectangles that appear to recede or advance from white paper backgrounds. Irregular black lines accent the washes of color and provide a counter rhythm to the floating geometrical shapes." - J. Bienz



"Dynneson exhibits kinetic and stabile constructions of metal, wood, and stone. Some pieces exploit the distinctive properties of the artist's material to suggest natural organisms (plants, birds, etc.); other pieces are vigorous non-representational forms. The larger objects are displayed outdoors on the Dana campus and interact directly with light and landscape." -J. Bienz



"The work of Ryle Smith is represented by a series of portrait drawings and paintings. Smith's subjects are treated objectively in compositions defined boldly through the use of broad dark lines. In the paintings, lighted planes are marked by sections of pure colors in sharp contrast to the wide black shadow areas. The objective treatment emphasizing a strong compositional technique enhances the personal quality of these intimate portraits." -J. Bienz

Coming in the winter *Review*--The beginning of a series on student body presidents, from 1926-79.

# Mrs. J. P. Nielsen (1893-1978): "A Life of Grace and Dignity"

*Editor's note: Mrs. J. P. Nielsen, '34, who had been closely associated with Trinity Seminary and Dana College for almost 50 years, died on October 1. Survivors include her son, Carl '56, of 7002 Timberon Lane, Wichita, Kansas 67206.*

*The following is a tribute given by Dr. Clifford Hanson T'44, professor of philosophy and religion, at Mrs. Nielsen's funeral.*



In Memorial Community Hospital in Blair on the night of October 1, Mrs. Gertrude Nielsen quietly passed away from this life. Though she may not have been known to many of the present residents of Dana College, her life coincided with the life of the College since 1929 when she was united in marriage to Dr. J. P. Nielsen. Shortly before this marriage, Dr. Nielsen had been appointed professor of theology at Trinity Theological Seminary, which at that time was joined with Dana College. In 1932 Dr. Nielsen was appointed president of Trinity Seminary and retained that position until his retirement in 1946. During those years Mrs. Nielsen, as First Lady of Trinity Seminary, lived out her role graciously and with dignity. She won the respect of the students, the faculty, and the administration of the College and the Seminary.

Mrs. Nielsen's active involvement with Dana did not end with the retirement of her husband. Nearly every year from 1950 to 1969 she taught art for elementary teachers. Again in this role she manifested her characteristic grace and dignity. She was quiet and unassuming, yet she commanded respect. Her presence made all of us a little more careful about the way

we acted and a little more respectful of our fellow human beings.

The death of Mrs. Nielsen, together with the recent deaths of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Larsen and Dr. and Mrs. Nyholm, marks the end of an era, an era that for some of us carries with it many rich memories. These people together with Dr. J. P. Nielsen, who died in 1963, have contributed powerfully to the lives of many. Since as Christians we look in hope to the future, we should not expect to restore the past. Nevertheless, the tradition symbolized in these persons should not be forgotten by Dana College. In our Dana school song, which was composed in the period before World War II, we sing,

*O hail, fair Dana, hail to thee,  
Though time thy walls may claim,  
Thy spirit live, another throng  
Rise up and sing our song.*

As yet time is not claiming the walls of Dana College, but it has claimed some of our stalwart leaders and exemplars. They represented a tradition of scholarship, Christian commitment, and piety. Now we are "another throng" that these voices of the past are calling upon to sing Dana's song, which includes committing ourselves to the goals and ideals that motivated these persons of an earlier generation.

There is an inescapable note of sorrow when death separates us from those who have inspired us deeply. But at the same time the memory of the lives of these leaders of the past also provides us with an occasion for joy--joy because of their loyalty and devotion to the College and Seminary, joy because of their loyalty to Christ and His church, joy because they lived their lives to the full in service of others, joy because we are privileged to have the opportunity to carry on in the direction which they have pointed.

## New Faculty (continued from page 3)

His publications include "Traveling Jazz Mini-Festivals: A New Dimension" and "An Assessment of Jazz Education" in the periodical *Educator*. In Arkansas he was that state's president of the National Association of Jazz Educators; this September he became the Nebraska president of that organization and also serves as its middle-western divisional coordinator for seven states.

Williams, who taught early in his career at high schools in Stanton, Iowa, and in Firth, O'Neill, and David City, Nebraska, fills a vacancy left by the retirement of Dr. Wayne Wise, now professor emeritus of music.

Ms. Betty Bullock, instructor of sociology, replaces Mr. Joel Snell, who is now teaching at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A Ph.D. candidate at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ms. Bullock has taught at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and Longview Community College, Lee's Summit, Missouri. This past year she was a research associate at the Creighton Institute for Business, Law and Social Research in Omaha, where she was a project manager for a grant to study the possible link between learning disabilities and juvenile delinquency.

She has presented papers at meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society and has published in *Sociological Symposium* on such subjects as "Youthful Voters: Continuity and Change" and "The Recruitment, Training, and

Professionalization of Women for Academia."

Her M.A. (1973) is from the University of Kansas and her B.A. (1970) is from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. At Baker she received an achievement award in music; in Omaha she was concertmistress for the premiere concert of the Nebraska Wind Symphony.

Two of the new faculty members have joined the department of business administration: Mr. Elwin Lee Ahrens, assistant professor of business administration, and Mr. Eugene R. Pibal, assistant professor of business administration and accounting.

Ahrens comes to Dana from Bellevue College, where he was an assistant professor of business. He has also been a part-time instructor and teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he received his B.S. in 1975 and is working on his M.B.A., and a teaching assistant at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, where he received his M.S. in economics in 1976.

Pibal, who has been an assistant professor of accounting at Creighton University since 1974, has also taught at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has also worked for several banks in Denver, Colorado, as a senior tax accountant, staff accountant, and internal auditor.

He has an "all-but-dissertation" status in the Ph.D. program in business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and

# SPORTS



## THREE JOIN HALL OF FAME

Three graduates of the 1950's--Dr. Paul Laursen '51, Dr. Mark Thomsen, '53, and Mr. Bill Davis '59--were inducted into Dana's Athletic Hall of Fame at the alumni Homecoming luncheon October 7.

Laursen, now provost at Nebraska-Wesleyan University in Lincoln, earned 12 letters at Dana--four each in football, basketball, and track. He was named Honor Athlete for the 1949-50 school year. Paul Peterson '41, a Dana coach since 1942, says that "Laursen could always be counted on for a fine, dependable performance."

Thomsen, pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa, and a former Dana faculty member, was an honorable mention on the 1950 "Little All-American" team, the first Dana athlete to receive that honor. That year he was also on all-conference back. Called "an exceptional athlete" by Peterson, halfback Thomsen scored 92 points during the 1951 season and was football co-captain for two years (with Laursen for one of those seasons).

Davis, who coaches at the Elkhorn, Nebraska, high school, is described by Peterson as "one of the finest basketball players I have ever coached," and "a player with exceptional ability and a fine sense of sportsmanship." An all-conference player, Davis scored a career total of 1207 points and was a four-year letterman. He was also an outstanding pitcher on Dana's baseball team for four years.



Laursen



Thomsen



Davis

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION PLANNED

All members of women's basketball teams at Dana between 1951 and 1967 are invited to a reunion planned for February 2, 1979, at the Dana-Midland game, Richard Palm, coach of the Dana team, has announced.

Former players at the 7:30 p.m. game will be honored at half-time and at a coffee reception following the game in the Presidents Room in the Campus Center.

Reunion co-captains Sonja Jacobsen Switzer '64 and Mary Skobo Weckmuller '50, '69 will be sending letters to former team members in early December. Records are incomplete, however, and Palm asks that those who don't receive letters by January 1 notify the Office of Alumni Affairs.

## Football Season Shows Two Wins

Dana's football season dropped from 1977's record of 4-4 to two wins and seven losses in 1978. It was "disappointing" according to fifth year coach Gary Seevers, who said that "Early season losses by three points to Westmar and two points to Nebraska Wesleyan, both teams being outplayed, perhaps made a lot of difference in our season." Dana tied with Midland for fifth in the conference race.

Three seniors, center Gary Boeck (Ida Grove, Iowa), quarterback Doug Meggison (Red Oak, Iowa), and nose guard Jay Paist (Hatboro, Pa.) completed four years of play in which they started every game in that span. Other four-year lettermen include tight end Rick Rostan (Chicago), guard Rick Lubbert (Port Huron, Mich.), and tailback Bill Rock (Avoca, Iowa). As of this printing, all-conference selections had not been made, but Meggison, Paist and Rostan were selected a year ago.

Among notable records set were Meggison's 286 career completions, 83 in a season, 4,108 yards passing in a career and 21 career passing touchdowns. Rostan caught 37 passes in one season and gained 499 yards in a season. Sophomore Doug Lemon (Blair) kicked 13 of 13 extra points and had a season record five field goals.

Leading tackler was Paist with 43 unassisted ones. Freshman Kevin Carlin (Gambrillis, Md.) led in total tackles with 122, while Paist and senior Steve Daeges (Harlan, Iowa) each totaled 109. The leading rusher was frosh Mike Wyskowski (Omaha) with 362 yards, 4.16 per carry. Frosh Russ Hawley (Vail, Iowa) had five pass interceptions.

holds an M.B.A. (1965) and a B.S.B.A. (1964) from the University of Denver. At UNO he established the banking program in the department of finance. In 1974 he received the University of Denver Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

The two men fill a position taught last year by part-time instructors and another left open when Mr. Bill Brockmeyer, assistant professor of business administration, accepted an appointment this summer with an Omaha firm.

Mr. John Mark Nielsen '73, a part-time instructor, has been named coordinator of Dana's Teaching-Learning Center, which helps students develop study and writing skills. A Dana graduate, he has an M.A. (1976) in English from Creighton University, Omaha, where he also taught. Last year he and his wife, Dawn '74, studied children's theatre in Denmark under a grant from the Danish-American Foundation in honor of George C. Marshall.

Assisting him is Dr. Betsy Mulliken, who holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Wisconsin (1968), an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania (1964), and a B.A. from Ursinus College (1963), Collegeville, Pennsylvania. She has also taught at Midland Lutheran College, the University of Wisconsin, and Mount St. Paul College.

Mrs. Ruth Rasmussen, assistant librarian and instructor in library science, has become head librarian at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. Her position on the library staff has not been filled.

# campus NOTES



Forty-seven students and members of the faculty and staff traveled to Chicago October 20-22 to view the touring Pompeii exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute. The trip was sponsored by Dana's humanities department.

Jennifer Johnson, assistant dean of students, has been appointed by Bishop Archie L. Madsen '49 of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church to a task force on "The Role of Women throughout the District and the World." She has also been named an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1978, an award given to selected women throughout the country in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to community efforts.

Dr. Sarah Penick, French, has been elected president of the Omaha chapter of Alliance Francaise.

Dana has received an award from the American Red Cross, "The Eight Signs of Life," for campus participation in last spring's Bloodmobile. A large number of volunteers worked with the program, and the number of donors exceeded Dana's quota. The award, the highest the Red Cross gives in this category, was accepted by student co-chairman Carol Weckmuller '80, Blair, at a luncheon in Omaha.

On September 24, 33 participants in a CROP Walk for World Hunger--12 from Blair and 21 from Dana--raised \$787.80. Earning the most in pledges were Dana students Cheryl Lustgraaf '80 from Council Bluffs, Iowa, at \$120 and John Ragan '82, Blair, at \$93.

The annual Washington County Appeal began October 25 with a goal of surpassing the \$44,328 raised in the 1977 Appeal. Co-chairmen are John O'Hanlon, a Blair attorney, and Lyn Wederquist of the Blair Bank.

An article by Norman C. Bansen '47, English and Danish, "The Danes in Winther's Trilogy," is included in the first issue of a new journal, *The Bridge*, published in Oregon by the Danish American Heritage Society. Bansen presented the article as a paper in 1977 at an international Scandinavian studies conference at the University of Washington.

Books being read in the Liberal Arts Reading Program for the first semester include Schweitzer's *Out of My Life and Thought*, Plato's *Symposium*, *Eugenie Grandet* by Balzac, Shakespeare's *Othello*, and *Who Should Play God?* by Howard and Rifkin.

Summer travels by members of the faculty and staff took Dr. Sarah Penick, French, to Russia and Poland; Mrs. Esta Deets, head resident in Mickelsen Hall, to Wales, where she visited a daughter; and Helen and Frank Hengeveld '41, chemistry, to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, West Germany, and the Netherlands. In Norway they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Susanne '65 and Richard Miller. Miller has been assigned by his American company to spend three years at a nuclear reactor in Halden, which is southeast of Oslo near the Swedish border.



## JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1978

GWEN RASMUSSEN, Box 82, Melvin, Iowa 51350, teaches mathematics to grades 7-12 at the Melvin Community School.

ALLISON WILLADSEN is a legislative assistant to State Senator Walter George of Blair, a former member of the Dana faculty. Her address is 2227 A Street, Apartment 4, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502.

1977

RUTH (FEVOLD) Hanson is a second grade teacher with the Fort Dodge, Iowa, Community Schools. She and her husband, Dave, live in Callender, Iowa 50523 (Box 6).

CAROLYN (CAMPBELL) PRICE works for Catholic Social Services in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in adoptions and foster care. Her address is 736 Mynster, Apartment 2, Council Bluffs (51501).

JANE RADLOFF, 1008A Linden Drive, Apartment 34, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641, is a production scheduler with Motorola, Inc., Communications Division.

1976

DAVID MENZ, a student at Luther Theological Seminary, is interning at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, Iowa, where his address is 912-1 Victoria (51537).

1975

CAROL (FISCHER) Hoffman and her husband, Stephan, live at 1805 East 151st Terrace in Olathe, Kansas 66061.

JEFF and KATHY (ANDERSON '74) MEYER live in Osmond, Nebraska 68765, where Jeff is band director at Osmond Community Schools.

1974

DONALD BECKMAN has been appointed supervisor of the Oaks Mission Children's Home, where he has served as a social case worker since 1974. He is also enrolled in a master's program at the University of Oklahoma. Don's Oaks address is P.O. Box 32 (74359).

DIANNE NICOLAISEN, 815 1/2 North Tejon, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, is a computer programmer for the Proto Shop in Colorado Springs.

1973

Lt. and Mrs. ROBERT EHMEN (CANDACE WILDE) live at 608 N. Colton, Lubbock, Texas 79416. Bob has recently returned from Kunsan, Korea, and is now in undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB. He will be promoted to captain on November 19. Candy is an R.N. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

JOHN and KATHRYN (PIEPER '74) ELLING live in Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848. Katie has been a lecturer in Spanish at Mount Senario College and serves as secretary to the college's fine arts division.

TOM AND JEAN (KNUTSON '75) VAN STEENHOVEN live at 315 West 15th, Apartment 42, in Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403. Tom works for Campbell Mithun, an advertising agency.

1972

CARL and MARGARET ANNE (WALSH '75) NIELSEN live at 13422 Montfort #1010 in Dallas, Texas 75240, where Carl is an investigator for the Food and Drug Administration.

## December 3: The Sights and Sounds of Christmas

For a schedule and smorgasbord reservations, write or call the Public Relations Office, 402/426-4101.

## ADVANCED DEGREES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

RUTH (HANSEN) JENSEN Weaver, who also attended Dana in 1934 and 1935, has taught for 27 years, for the past three at a rural school in Boyd County, Nebraska. Her address is Box 176, Herman, Nebraska 68029.

1971

JOEL DICKINSON is a salesman for the Pacific Cash Register Company of San Francisco, California. His address is 1225 Shelter Bay, Mill Valley, California 94941.

CAROLE (DIAL) Johnson and her husband, Geoff, live in Grandview, Missouri 64030, at 6801 East 129th Street.

The Rev. GORDON PUTNAM and his wife, Jerry, have moved to Mayville, Wisconsin 53050, where he is assistant pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Their address is 4 South Walnut Street.

Dr. DENNIS SCHMIDT was ordained in Elkhorn, Nebraska, at Bethany Lutheran Church, where his father is pastor, on October 8, 1978. Dennis received his doctor of musical arts degree earlier this year from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is minister of music at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin, Minnesota.

1970

CHRISTINE (ZWANZIGER) Faust is women's basketball and tennis coach and assistant to the dean of student affairs at Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina, where her address is 2031 Shelly Street, Apartment A-4 (29108).

The Rev. CHARLES GILMORE is pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in South San Francisco, California. He and his wife live at 859 Commercial Avenue #1 in South San Francisco (94080).

RICHARD ZION has purchased McCormick String Clinic in Ralston, Nebraska. He repairs all types of stringed instruments and has many for sale. Dick is also the bass player for the band, "Mike Shields and Jump Fingers."

1969

STUART and BETTE (MITCHELL) SCHETTLER and their two children live on Cape Cod at 26 Skunknet Road, Centerville, Massachusetts 02632. Stuart is vice president of Cape Cod Hospital, and Bette is a salesperson at the Casual Male, a men's clothing store.

1968

Dr. MARVIN HARRIS and his wife, Carol, and family live at 1011 Dominik in College Station, Texas 77843. An associate professor at Texas A&M, he writes that "Since Carol, Michael (13), Richard (16), and I 'attended' Dana, Jennifer (2-1/2) came along and is a delight to us all."

JAY PLANALP, JR., was recently elected assistant vice president and internal auditor for Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. He and his wife, GRACE (ROWOLDT '66), live at 802 Stonehaven Drive in Jarrettsville, Maryland 21084.

JERRY VOLL is principal of Butterfield Elementary School, a new school at 3400 West Massingale Road in Tucson, Arizona 85704. He is married to the former SANDRA JOHNSON.

1966

GARY HAGERMAN is at the University of Alabama College of Education, P.O. Box 2996, University, Alabama 35486.

KENNETH JACOBSEN, 2906 West 73rd Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208, is director of the Division VII Training Center for the Department of Labor, Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. TIMOTHY and SHARON (MESSER '65) JENSEN moved in May to Adelaide, South Australia, where Tim is a lecturer in religion studies at Sturt College of Advanced Education. Their address is 8 Braeside Avenue, Seacombe Heights, South Australia 5047, Australia.

1965

LINDA KNUDSEN, 513 Lake Street, Rockwell City, Iowa 50579, is with Iowa Children and Family Service as a houseparent in a group home for teenage boys.

1964

REBECCA (ROESENER) Holst and her husband, Robert, live at 5805 Bryn Mawr Road in College Park, Maryland 20740.

BRIAN RICH is associate principal at Highland High School District #1 in Adams County, Colorado. He and his wife, CONNIE (SNELL) live at 6672 Urban Court in Arvada, Colorado 80004.

1963

The Rev. STERLING and NANCY (ANNIS '64) NELSON live at 412 15th Avenue W. in Ashland, Wisconsin 54806. Sterling is dean of the Northwest District #11 of the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and pastor of Saron Lutheran Church.

1961

LOWELL "BUZZ" MADSEN was recently promoted to officer status in Mutual and United of Omaha in his appointment as an assistant vice president in the Group Insurance Division. He recently completed his fifteenth year with Mutual and United; during the past year he has made several trips to the Panama Canal Zone as liaison with the firm's office there.

1956

Sister SIGRID NELSON, 101 North 38th Street #116, Mesa, Arizona 85205, retired in July 1977 after teaching microbiology and chemistry for 21 years.

1954

The Rev. WILLIAM and JOYCE (HAYEK '53) KING live at 1107 Jefferies Drive in Clinton, Iowa 52732.

The Rev. RALPH and NINA (YOUCH '56) SPEAR and their family live in Grafton, North Dakota, where Ralph is pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Their address is 517 Kittson Avenue (58237).

1950

The Rev. ROBERT N. HANSEN (T'53) and his family live in Harmony, Minnesota 55939, where he serves St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Harmony and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Granger.

1951

ELAINE (MADISON) Brostrom is part-time director of public affairs at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. In that position she is executive director of Gustavus Library Associates and is responsible for summer programs and other public events. Her husband, Milt, a former Dana faculty member, is an associate professor of mathematics at Gustavus Adolphus.

1949

Dr. C. ARTHUR CHRISTIANSEN is acting vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. He is a former Dana faculty member and dean of the college.

EMMELINN (FREDERICKSEN) Hoar and her husband, Gerald, live at 4 Central Avenue in South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075. This past summer they celebrated their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary by visiting Copenhagen.

1938

EARL J. FRIES, resident manager of Northwestern National Insurance Company in Des Moines, Iowa, since 1968, has been elected a vice president of the company.

1937

EVELYN (SORENSEN) Bogan retired from teaching in June 1967 after 38 years in that profession. She lives at 5830 Pontiac Lake Road in Pontiac, Michigan 48054.

1927

E. B. JENSEN lives at 2295 Umpqua Road in Woodburn, Oregon 97071.

1978

LESLIE TRIPP has graduated from Texas Christian University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in radio/TV/film. He is working in Fort Worth, Texas, where his address is Box 29116 (76129).

JERRY WALLACE is attending law school at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. His address there is 1033 Washington, #5 (52242).

1976

LOIS WESTFALL, 2615 Pembroke Trail, Austin, Texas 78731, a senior on internship from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, is interning in the CPE program at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin.

1975

JAMIE (HEIDE) KUIKEN recently completed the University of Chicago's respiratory therapy program. She and her husband, TIM '73, live at 53 N. Cromwell in Fairfield, Iowa 52556.

PATRICIA (HEWITT) SCHWEER received her master's degree in special education-resource teaching in learning disabilities-at the University of Omaha in August.

1974

JOHN DEVASURE received his master of science in special education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha last August. He lives at 9268 Cady in Omaha (68134).

1972

Dr. CHARLES REEG, associate professor of chemistry at Whittier College, Whittier, California, is on sabbatical leave at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, where he is doing physical studies of muscle protein. He, his wife, and two children live in Iowa City at 605 Brookland Park Drive (52240).

1970

TERESA DETTERER, 209-10 41st Avenue, Apartment 45, Bayside, New York 11361, completed work in May on a B.S. in nursing at C.W. Post College at Long Island University, Greenvale, New York.

1967

THOMAS C. CHRISTENSEN, 806 West Cass Street, Greenville, Michigan 48838, received his M.A. in elementary administration from Central Michigan University in 1977 and was elected to a two-year term on the Greenville City Council last November.

1964

LARRY KRON completed requirements for the M.B.A. in health at the University of Chicago, Executive Program, last June. His address is Box 85, Route 4, Galesburg, Illinois 61401.

1963

J. KENT HOWARD, acting administrator at Memorial Hospital of Dodge County, Fremont, Nebraska, has completed a three-year program of graduate level study in hospital and health care administration sponsored by the University of Minnesota.

DIXIE (HAGEDORN) PETERSEN has received an M.A. in elementary education from Wichita State University. She and her husband, DUANE '60, teach for the Wichita public schools. They and their son live in Wichita at 6510 Magill (67206).

1962

CONSTANCE (SHELSTAD) GIRTZ received her master of education degree in student personnel and guidance from Wichita State University in May. She and her husband, the Rev. ALBERT GIRTZ '60, live at 4522 Dundee Avenue N, in Wichita, Kansas 67203.

1949

CAROL (MENGERS) Johnson recently earned a master's degree in instructional technology from Northern Illinois University.

## PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND AWARDS

1976

DENNIS NELSON, laboratory analyst for Peets Feeds, Inc., in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was interviewed in July by the Council Bluffs *Nonpareil* about his interest in environmental work. Dennis is on the Energy Task Force of Iowa and the state board of Common Cause, and earlier in the summer presented short oral summaries of papers on energy use at the Department of Energy's Regional Solar Energy Policy Forum in Kansas City, Missouri.

1975

KATHERINE GROSS has co-authored a biology treatise published recently in the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science*. She is enrolled in a graduate program at Michigan State University and lives at Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Grove, Michigan 49060.

1973

An acrylic painting by LARRY ANDREWS was judged best of show in the recent fall exhibit of Associated Artists of Omaha at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center.

1967

PAUL BONDO is co-editor of and a contributor to *Guidelines for Analytical Toxicology Programs*, Volumes I and II, published in 1977 by CRC Press, West Palm Beach, Florida. The work provides physicians and laboratory directors with practical guidelines for development of a reliable toxicology service for their community. Paul, who has donated both volumes to the Dana library, lives at 19882 Alou Lane in South Bend, Indiana 46637.

1960

EVERETT JOHNSON has been named executive secretary of the Iowa High School Music Association. He, his wife (JUNE SANTAGE '62) and family have moved to Boone, Iowa, where they live at 320 South Story Street (50036).

1938

Dr. DAVID R. SIMONSEN, technical associate for development in Eastman Kodak Company's manufacturing technology division, Rochester, New York, recently addressed the International Symposium for Contamination Control in Washington, D.C., on problems created by nuclear fallout radiation in the production of photographic materials. He lives at 52 Oakridge Drive in Irondequoit, New York 14617.

## MARRIAGES

1978

LAURA COFFEY and Russell Nylander, July 16, 1978. They live at 1320 19-1/2 Street South #6 in Moorhead, Minnesota 56560.

1977

ROXANNE SCHWANDT '78 and MICHAEL SCHACHT, May 20, 1978, in Beatrice, Nebraska. They live in Tekamah, Nebraska 68061, where Mike is manager of the Medicine Chest Drug Store.

1976

JEANMARIE NIELSEN '78 and ROGER BARRATT, May 27, 1978, in Blair, Nebraska. They live in Blair. Roger is a counselor for mentally retarded adults in the ENCOR (Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation) program.

Marie Harvego and LOYD NEVE, August 26, 1978, in Breckenridge, Minnesota. They live in Omaha, where both work for ENCOR.

1975

SHAUNA SPILDE and JERRY CLANTON, July 23, 1978, in Badger, South Dakota.

1974

LYNDA SALSNESS and Nylis Renschler, January 29, 1977. They live at 202 Linden in Vermillion, South Dakota 57069.

DIANE GUNIA and Rod Zeller, December 2, 1977. They live at Route 2, Box 17, in Ravenna, Nebraska 68869.

1973

Deborah Andrade and LAYNE JOHNSON, September 30, 1978, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They live in Ames, where Layne is a doctoral candidate at Iowa State University.

SUSAN ERBES and Jeff Williams, October 15, 1977, in Fontanelle, Iowa. Their address is 1106 Lyford Lane, Wheaton, Illinois. He is an attorney with a Chicago law firm and she is coordinator of client services for the DuPage County Employment and Training Office in Wheaton.

1972

DIANE SHERMAN and Charles Anderson, December 17, 1977. They live at 20577 July Avenue in Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025. She is an elementary physical education teacher in the Forest Lake school district and is attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota. He teaches and coaches at Forest Lake Senior High School.

Jennifer Marie Olson and WALTER L. WOLFF, June 1975. Walter graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, in June 1976.

## BIRTHS Daughters

1976

Melanie Lynn, born July 22, 1978, to MICHAEL and DIANE (BRADLEY) STEWART, 227 N. Pine, Genoa, Nebraska 68640.

1974

Emily Christine, born July 17, 1978, to the Rev. FREDERICK and CINDIA (SAND '75) BALTZ, 201 S. High Street, Galena, Illinois 61036. Fred is pastor at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Galena.

Karen Ann, born October 9, 1978, to Bill and ANN (SAMSON) Duey, Box 128, Republican City, Nebraska 68971. She has a brother, Mark, 1-1/2. Tenise Lee Ann, born June 1, 1978, to Mike and GRACI (FOX) Gillming, Greeley, Nebraska.

Beth Janelle, born June 26, 1978, to ROGER and PEGGY (SCHILLING '72) WILLIAMS. Her parents both teach in Council Bluffs, Iowa, schools.

1972

Amy Frances, born April 18, 1970, to Arnold and DEBORAH (JENSEN) KATT, 637 N. 24th Street, Blair.

1971

Julie Marie, born September 8, 1977, to PETER and CHARLOTTE (THOMSEN '72) CHRISTENSEN, 12 Pioneer Road, Westbrook, Maine 04092. She has a brother, Derek, 4, and a sister, Shari, 2.

Katherine Marie, born August 15, 1978, to Jim and VICKI (RADFORD) Hester, 14905 Park, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Susan Dawn, born October 10, 1978, to JON and BONNIE (HOEHN) WICHT, 3636 Charles Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53402. She is their second daughter.

1969

Kirsten Joy Brinkman-Hansen, born September 2, 1978, to Charles Brinkman and PAULA HANSEN, 116 Reybold Drive, Delaware City, Delaware 19706. Paula received a master of divinity degree in June 1977 from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in June 1977; her husband is an Episcopal minister.

Melissa Jeanne, born May 5, 1978, to BUD and SHERRY (RASMUSSEN '68) HINTZ, 1316 South 165th Street, Omaha (68130). She has a sister, Erin, 3-1/2.

1968

Andrea Lynn, born June 26, 1978, to DAN and LYNN (JOHNSON) BUSSE, Box 196, Bird City, Kansas 67731. She has two brothers, Ryan and Cory.

1965

Dana Susan, born March 22, 1977, to Rod and SARA (ANDERSEN) Larson, 6119 West 70th Avenue, Arvada, Colorado 80003. She has two sisters, Melanie and Julie.

1963

Andrea Lynne, born July 6, 1978, to Joshua and JUDITH (MAYLAND '63) Morris, 42 Rangeley Road, Winchester, Massachusetts 01890. She has a brother, Jesse, 3.

1957

Heather Lynn, born September 14, 1977, in San Salvador, Central America, and being adopted by TOM and MARIE (HANSEN '60) LANGENFELD, 5624 York Avenue So., Edina, Minnesota 55410. He new parents went to Central America in June 1977 to bring her to this country.

## BIRTHS Sons

1976

Daniel Andrew, born April 13, 1978, to MONTY and Patsy CARR, Bladen, Nebraska, where Monty teaches English and coaches boys' basketball and track.

1975

Jeremy Allen, born June 9, 1978, to Steve and BIANKA (CURTIS) Carlo, Emerson, Iowa. Steve and Bianka teach in Iowa elementary schools--Steve in Malvern, and Bianka in Nishna Valley.

Matthew Heath, born October 26, 1977, to ROBERT and R. KRISTINE (MASCHMAN) COFFEY, 1731 South Street, Blair.

1974

Patrick Coughy, born May 3, 1978, to Rodney and LINDA (DENNEY) Harnish, whose address is Hwy. 73-75, Trailer Park, Fleetwood Lane #11, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005.

1973

Kaj Henning, born September 30, 1978, to JOHN MARK and DAWN (CARPER '74) NIELSEN, 2910 College Drive, Blair.

1971

Jason Leroy, born January 19, 1978, to Edward and CLAUDIA (HARRIS) Brunick, RR 1, Hayti, South Dakota 57241. He has two brothers, James, 4, and Joel, 2.

Jason Daniel, born December 14, 1977, to JOHN and DOROTHY (PAULSEN) GROESSER, Route 1, Box 157, Weeping Water, Nebraska 68463. He is their second son.

Eric Frederick, born January 6, 1978, to Donald and BARBARA (KRAUSE) Haag, 2205 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. He has a sister, Marcella Anna, 8.

Timothy John, born August 17, 1978, to BRUCE and SUSAN (KRUSE '73) JOHNSON. He joins Nathan, 3-1/2, and Virginia, 2-1/2. Bruce is an appraiser for the State of Minnesota; Susan is a church organist and piano teacher. They live at 231 Lyon Street, Box 299, in Balaton, Minnesota 56115.

John Carl, born March 8, 1978, to GREG and Connie WITTE. Greg has completed his theological internship at St. John Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan, and is in his last year at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. They live at 1818 Delhi in Dubuque (52001).

1970

Scott Christopher, born February 3, 1978, to Mr. and Mrs. JERRY BRUNING, 231 N. 21st Street, Blair. Jerry works at the Blair Bank.

Travis Garrett, born January 2, 1978, to GARY and KAREN (BORKHUS '65) SCHOENING, RR 2, Box 29, Missouri Valley, Iowa. They have two daughters, Allison, 8, and Gina, 3. Gary is a teacher and coach

1969

Joshua Philip, adopted June 14, 1978, by PHIL and PAULA (WESTFALL) VASBY, Route 2, Box 302, Cambridge, Wisconsin 53523.

**1968**

Jeremiah James, born September 28, 1977, to STUART and LELA (HANSEN '69) MILLER, 304 Second Avenue N.E., Waseca, Minnesota 56093.

Grady, born October 7, 1978 to BRIAN and JAYNE (BOTOS '66) KOLTERMAN, 2619 College Drive, Blair.

Eric Scott, born April 12, 1978, to JAMES and ANNETTE (SORENSEN '69) HOLTAM, 1267 East First, Fremont, Nebraska 68025.

**1966**

Brett Allan, born January 19, 1978, to JAMES and VICKI (YOWELL '67) BECK, 148 Anned Drive, Placentia, California 92670. He has two sisters, Lisa, 8, and Tracy, 5.

**1964**

Nathan Andrew, born May 9, 1977, adopted June 1977, by ROGER and LINDA (ANDERSON '65) HOWLAND, 832 North 14th Avenue, Blair.

**DEATHS****1953**

The Rev. LYLE KOHLER, September 8, 1978, in a traffic accident near Ottawa Lake, Michigan, where he was a pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. He was also president of the Toledo Conference of the American Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette, daughter Beth and son Phillip.

RUTH NEVE Petajan, October 2, 1978, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was president of the Utah League of Women Voters, a founding member of the Utah Housing Coalition, and chairperson of the Pacific Southwest Synod's Commission on Social Ministry for the Lutheran Church in America. Survivors include her husband, Jack, 3072 South 2900 East, Salt Lake City (84109), a son and two daughters.

**1947**

The Rev. HAROLD ANDERSEN T'50, June 28, 1978, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of a heart attack. He was pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and had earlier served congregations in Indianapolis and Portland, Indiana; and in Shelby, Ringsted, and Fenton, Iowa. Survivors include his wife, Ann (Lage '47), two sons and two daughters.

**1938**

WILFRED JENSEN, October 1977, Lancaster, California. Survivors include his wife, Marie (Kofoid '38), 1301 East Avenue I #427, Lancaster (93534), and four sons.

**1937**

SENA BERTELSEN, June 24, 1978, in Brush, Colorado. She is remembered by many former students as librarian and assistant librarian at Dana from the late 1930's to 1958. A niece, Mrs. Reynold Olsen of Brush, survives her. Funeral services were held at First Lutheran Church in Blair.

**1926**

Chaplain LAURITS PEDERSEN T'29, July 13, 1978, in Omaha. He was a U.S. Army chaplain with the Fifth Army in Africa and Europe during World War II, and after the war served as chaplain at Veterans Administration Hospitals at Fort Meade, South Dakota; Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Omaha, retiring in 1971 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. From that time until his death, he served in Omaha as chaplain for the Inter-Lutheran Hospital Visitation Program of Lutheran Family and Social Service. Survivors include his wife, Ellen (Bondo '29), 2317 South 50th Street, Omaha (68106), a son, and a brother and sister in Denmark.

**1916**

The Rev. P.C. JENSEN, June 16, 1978, in Blair. Pastor Jensen was historian and statistician for the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and editor of a Danish weekly newspaper for many years. He was knighted by the king of Denmark for his work in serving the Danish people in this country. Several years ago he gave much of his library and many of the historical records he had kept to the Dana library. Survivors include his wife, Kirsten, of the Good Shepherd Home, Blair; daughters Dania Hundtoft, Ingrid Matzen, and Ellenora Plugge '45, all of Blair; Bertha Olsen, Van Nuys, California; and son Ansgar, Laurel, Montana.

**Friends of Dana**

Henry Andersen, April 1978, Tulsa, Oklahoma, a generous benefactor of the College.

John Hansen, July 20, 1978, Bettendorf, Iowa, also a generous benefactor of Dana. Hansen was founder and president of the National America-Denmark Association, which raised nearly a million dollars to provide financial and moral support to Denmark during the occupation in World War II. After the war, he and actor Jean Hersholt were sent to Denmark by President F. D. Roosevelt to observe conditions there. Hansen was awarded the Knight of the Order of Dannebrog in 1946 and the King Christian X Liberty Medal in 1947. Founder of Hansaloy Manufacturing in Davenport, Iowa, he was active in many community affairs. He is survived by daughters Ellen Madison, 2556 30th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265, and Elsie Dort, 39 North Park Plaza, Brownville, Texas 78520.

# Calendar of Events

**November 10-12**

Dana Players, George Bernard Shaw's *Candida*, 8 p.m., Alumni Memorial Auditorium

**November 12-December 1**

Horning Exhibit--Jerry Horning, ceramics, and Mary Jo Horning, weavings, Parnassus

**November 13-14**

Dr. Edna Hong, "Christianity as a Path of Healing," Staley Foundation Christian Scholar Lecture program, 8 p.m. November 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. November 14, Alumni Memorial Auditorium

**November 18**

Student voice recital, Elizabeth Falksen and Kip Tyler, 7 p.m., Borup Colliseum

**November 20**

Student choral group, Brahms' *Liebesslieder* waltzes, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Auditorium

**November 21**

Dr. Menahem Mansoor, "The Case of the Dead Sea Scrolls," 3:30 p.m., Dana Hall Auditorium

**November 22**

Thanksgiving recess begins at end of classes

**November 27**

Classes resume

**December 3**

"The Sights and Sounds of Christmas," Dana's Christmas Open House

**December 3-16**

"The Art of Christmas--The Tree, the Creche, the Print and the Book," Parnassus

**December 4-6**

Dr. George Forell, "The Christian Message in a non-Christian World," Dana Chapel Lecture Series, 8 p.m.

**December 5-6**

Synchronized swim program, 6:30 p.m., Borup Colliseum

**December 10**

Mid-year Commencement, 2 p.m., Dana Hall Auditorium

**December 16**

Christmas vacation begins at end of first semester exams

**January 3**

Interim classes begin

**January 21**

Student recital, Janelle Siffring (clarinet), 7:30 p.m., Parnassus

**January 26**

Interim ends

**January 28-February 3**

Jury show of art by high school students; exhibit of work by Dana students in photography interim

**January 29**

Second semester classes begin

**February 2**

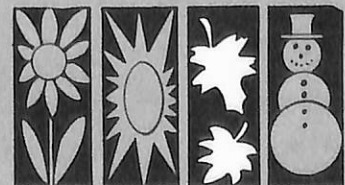
Women's basketball reunion, 7:30 p.m., Borup Coliseum

**February 2-4**

Dana Players, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, 8 p.m., Alumni Memorial Auditorium

**February 5**

Student recital, Kevin Nelson (voice), 7:30 p.m., Alumni Memorial Auditorium



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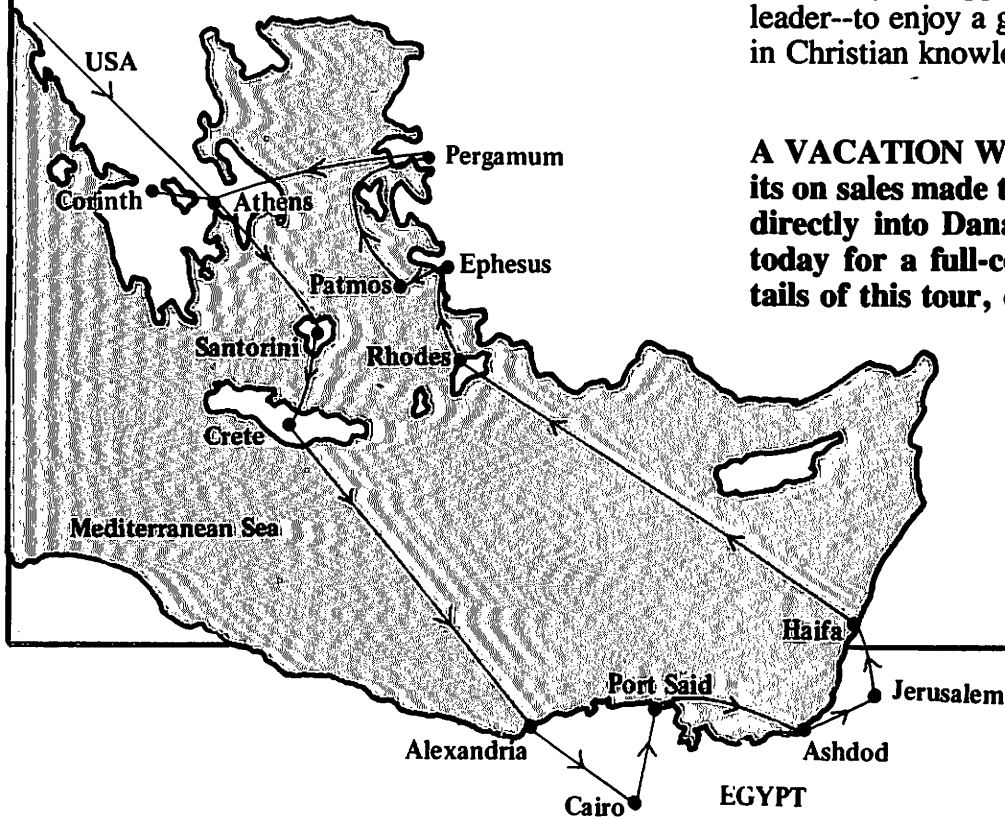
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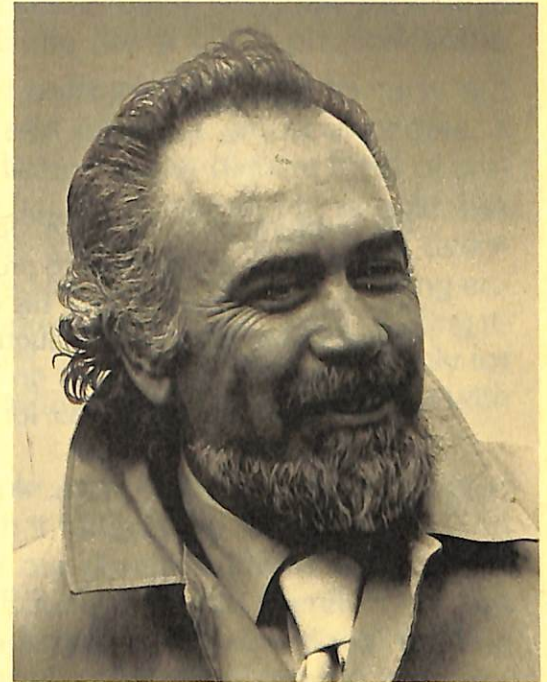
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JAMES G. KALLAS

Introducing ...



# **JAMES G. KALLAS**

Thirteenth President of Dana College  
Blair, Nebraska

On September 1, 1978, Dr. James G. Kallas became the thirteenth President of Dana College. We are pleased to provide this information on Dr. Kallas as an introduction to the man, his beliefs, and his dreams for Dana College. We are also pleased to announce that the formal inauguration of Dr. Kallas as President of the College will take place here on the campus on Thursday, April 19, 1979. We invite you to make plans now to be with us in Blair for this very special occasion.

# Dana college

Blair Nebraska 68008

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Dear Friends:

Dana College has a bright and shining future, an optimistic outlook--there are great days ahead! How can we be so confident? Why do we look forward with such enthusiasm?

First of all, because Dana College has a superb *physical plant*. Dana is undoubtedly the most beautiful small college in Nebraska, probably one of the most attractive and striking of all small colleges in the entire nation! An excellent library, fine science hall, striking student center, new dorms--we have a plant here which, with normal maintenance, will serve us well for decades to come! We have, in other words, a lovely adequate functional place in which to live and work! We are grateful ... Dana has a good physical plant.

Dana also has an excellent academic program, and *outstanding people* to carry out that program! Our faculty is one of the finest! An able and energetic group of people, a large percentage of whom have earned doctorates, dedicated to the highest level of service to our young people. Dana's richest heritage is not her buildings but her people, her teachers and staff. This is a group of consecrated people without peer in terms of devotion to duty, a sense of service, a concept of mission. In recent years, years of shrinking enrollment and declining income, that dedicated faculty worked without pay raises, spilling itself out in a selfless hymn of praise and dedication to Dana. We are grateful ... not only for a fine physical plant, but for Christ-centered dedicated people who fill those buildings with life and vibrancy.

But above everything else, beyond plant and people and programs, Dana has *purpose*, a sense of destiny, a high calling under God which it intends, by the power of God Himself, to fulfill! That purpose is to infuse the lives of our young students with the full sweep of the dignity of what it means to be Christian! Education is not merely data and dates, the accumulation of facts and figures. Education is not merely vocational training equipping us to earn money and hold jobs. Those things are important--but the most important is the establishment of a perspective, the building up of a point of view, the creating of convictions out of which all the great decisions of life will be made. And Dana College believes that at the center of that perspective stands Jesus Christ. Dana College believes that all of learning, all of life, is illuminated by the cross and the resurrection of Jesus our Saviour.

*"... A BRIGHT AND SHINING FUTURE, BUT A PROBLEMATIC PRESENT ..."*

There is no way to hide the fact that Dana of late has had some bad years. The last several years have been among the most trying and troublesome of Dana's 94 years of existence. Enrollment has been shrinking steadily. From over 800 students in 1970 to 438 this Fall. Gift-giving has not shrunk--it just never got really started in the first place! Of all the colleges of The American Lutheran Church, including even its two-year junior college, Dana has traditionally been at the bottom of the list in terms of dollars annually received from its alumni and friends.

In short, Dana has seen a drying up of its funds. Its assets have all but disappeared. Property owned by the College has been sold off in recent years and the money put into

the operating budget in order to make ends meet. Programs were abbreviated, services were cut. A decline had set in. A serious decline. A decline which could be fatal if left unchecked.

A difficult, a dangerous, and yet in one sense a courageous step was taken. A deficit budget was adopted. The Board and the faculty and the administration all decided that the thing to do was stop retreating, no longer cut back, cease retrenching and abbreviating and abridging. The point had come where a decision had to be made--fight back, or continue to slowly wither away. Fight back! That was the decision! Prime the pump! Pour money into the program--more money than we had! Deficit spending which would turn things around, revitalize Dana, bring back new life and vigor! To continue to retreat meant inevitably to die. To amputate programs, to restrict operations, would mean we could no longer attract students, and enrollment would decline even more rapidly. To continue to retreat would mean dismantling a faculty, letting consecrated people whose whole lives were dedicated to Dana fall by the wayside!

In short, hard decisions were made--right decisions were made! Dana would not be allowed to erode any further! A dramatic vision was seen. Dana was worth fighting for! Dana was worth investing in! Dana has a bright and brilliant future and it would not be forfeited! Money would be spent, programs would be launched, all of which would turn things around and lead Dana back up to the pinnacles of her proud past!

Those programs have already begun to work! The realization of those dreams is not a far-distant ethereal hope but a reality already assuming substance and form! This year's incoming freshman class is the largest to arrive on the Dana campus in several years! The withering away of our student body is arrested, we have turned the corner! The strategy of deficit spending, of investing right now to assure our future, is bearing fruit! A steady, solid increase in financial support is beginning to pour in from our friends, alumni, and supporting congregations. The wheels are already turning. Earlier this month we found a new and generous friend of Dana, Mrs. LaVanche Wurdeman of Omaha. Mrs. Wurdeman visited the campus, liked what she saw, and presented us with an unrestricted cash gift of \$50,000--and a challenge to the Board of Regents to match that amount. The Regents enthusiastically accepted both the check and the challenge.

The future is bright. But the present is problematic. While we have turned the corner, there is yet a long way to go. It will be several years before the damage of the recent decline can be fully corrected. The day is coming when student enrollment and consequent tuition fees, plus the money generated by our fund raising efforts, will be sufficient to handle Dana's monetary problems--that day is coming. But it is not yet here! The time will come when financial stability will again be achieved, deficit financing can be ended, and the enormous opportunity of the future can be realized: But that time is not yet here. The cash shortfall of the present is Dana's biggest threat.

We are in danger. The situation is not too much different from that bad joke about the patient who was operated on--"the prognosis is very good, but the patient died on the operating table!"

*"... DANA WILL MAKE IT! WE WILL NOT GO DOWN! ..."*

That last remark, dying on the operating table is only meant to make a point. It is facetious. It is not true. Dana will not die. Dana will survive and prosper! Dana College



Dr. Kallas (left), accepts a check for \$10,000 from Bishop Archie Madsen. The gift was from the Nebraska Caucus of the Central District of The American Lutheran Church.

has stood for nearly 100 years and it will stand for 100 more! We are the proud inheritors of the past, the custodian of the dreams of a century of people who have poured their lives, their aspirations, their children and their money into Dana. We will not fail them. We will not fail the Lord who inspired them. Dana will make it!

The only question is, will Dana's survival be extraordinarily difficult, or eased by your aid? Dana will make it. But how? With your help? Or without it?

*We need your help!* If you believe in the purpose of Dana College--to train young men and women up in the mind and image of Jesus--then we need, and want, your help--right now! We are not asking for a blood transfusion for a corpse. We are not going to die! But we are asking you to make a sacrifice to help us through this problematic present on into our grand and glorious future! We have no one else to turn to but you. We cannot go to large and impersonal donors and private philanthropists. They did not create Dana. They do not own Dana. The church created Dana, the church owns Dana. It is the church, the alumni, the people who know Dana, who own Dana, who believe in its purpose--those are the ones. *You are the one*, the only one, to whom we can turn!

Help us. To do the kind of job we must do this year, to sustain the kind of quality program to which we are committed, it is going to cost Dana College \$600,000 more than we've got! Unless steps are taken right now to remedy that situation, Dana College can be out of cash the first of next April! We are taking those steps--we are doing all we can on the one hand to pare down expenditures as far as possible without crippling our program. We are aggressively launching an effort to increase giving to Dana. We are investigating interim financing and mortgaging to see us through this troublesome and problematic present. We will not go down! We have come not to bury Dana but to raise her! We will survive. But the key question is, how? With effort or with ease? With whose help? With you or without you? We appeal to you, be partners with us in the progress of Dana! Come to our aid, right now, as you never have before!

Did you give a gift to Dana recently? Last year? The year before? Ever? If not, why not begin right now--right now, today, when your money is desperately needed! And if you did give a gift, long ago or just a little while ago, why not another, a bigger gift, right now?

How much? Only you and your Lord, your bankbook and your dedication to Dana, can decide! But, as said, Dana's deficit this year, will possibly go as high as \$600,000. And the average of unrestricted gifts Dana has received in one year from all of its people is \$200,000, only one-third of the deficit. The arithmetic is clear. It is cold, clear, and commanding. If we are going to see our way through, our friends are going to have to give us three times, treble, their past patterns!



President Kallas (left) visits informally with Dana Regent Margaret Fischer of Omaha and President Emeritus Dr. C. C. Madsen.

There is a goal to shoot at! We appeal to you. Help us. Send us money. Send us students. Talk about us. Come and see us. Invite us in to see you and tell the Dana story. Above all else, friends of Dana, pray for us that this college dedicated to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord will stand for another century as a center of Christian concern and commitment!

*James Kallas*  
JAMES G. KALLAS  
President

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## 'Human Dynamo' Brings His Energies to Bear on Dana College's Problems

By Tom Allan

World-Herald Staff Writer

Blair, Neb. — He flies in an airplane over the campus and zooms through it on a motorcycle like a kid.

He's a former tough kid runaway from Chicago's northwest side, a 12-letter collegiate football, baseball and track star, and ex-professional football halfback.

He was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar and winner of Fulbright and Rockefeller scholarships.

He is a doctor of divinity, a theologian, missionary, author, lecturer, professor, tour director and promoter.

No, he's not Superman, just a super salesman.

He's a Greek among Danes. But the Vikings on the Dana College hilltop campus here and the Danes, Germans and those with other ethnic roots of the American Lutheran Church are not heeding the literary admonition to "beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

They have been welcoming this one who is seeking gifts while spending overtime in the giving of his talent and energy since hitting the campus a month ago.

"He's a human dynamo!" gasps Clifford Madsen, who retired in 1971 as Dana's 11th president.

### Ran Away

The dynamo is James Gus Kallas, 49, the 13th president of Dana.

Kallas, for the past 17 years professor of religion at California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, was picked after a year-long search from more than 200 candidates.

The search committee had a tougher time landing him than the Navy did during World War II. He ran away from home in 1943 to enlist at the age of 14 under the assumed name of John Edward Benline.

"When I saw that war-time poster 'Uncle Sam wants you,' I was convinced he meant me," Kallas said.

His career was nipped in the bud when his Greek immigrant father showed up at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to unceremoniously convoy him home.

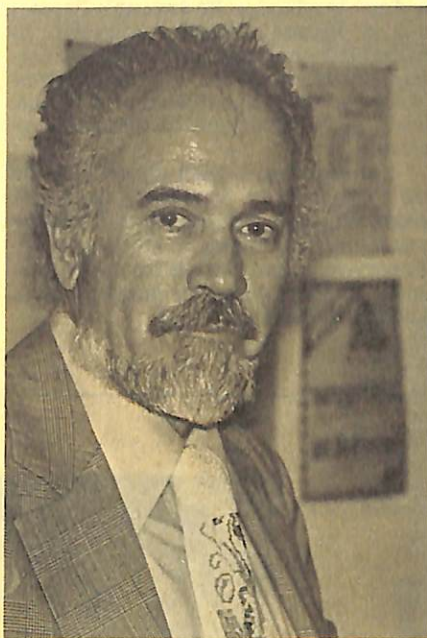
But when Dana first said "We want you" he turned them down.

"There was no negative reason," Kallas said. "I was happy and content. Then they called me again and told me Dana had problems. That more than any other was the deciding factor in my acceptance. Dana's problems are why we came."

Dana, like many four-year church-affiliated colleges without government aid, does have problems with both a shrinking income and enrollment in recent years. It has the biggest budget deficit in its 94-year history.

But that is the challenge to the fiery Greek, who calls himself "a champion of

church colleges because I know what one did for a tough kid with a chip on his shoulder.



### Whole Person

"I am convinced education is much more than the mere impartation of knowledge . . . It has to have spiritual or moral factors. If not it is dehumanized. Dana is not an education factory. It develops the whole person."

Last week, Kallas, making his first public appearance in Blair at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, set Dana's status and future on the line.

"I did not leave California to be a pallbearer at a funeral. I came not to bury Dana but to raise her."

Citing Dana's outstanding physical plant, faculty, staff and excellent programs, he vowed "Dana is going to make it. It will not go down. It will not wave a white flag. It will not surrender. The only question is whether survival is going to be difficult or easy."

Later in an interview he said he was "convinced Dana will make it. It won't be easy. But the future is bright and brilliant."

On the eve of Dana's homecoming this weekend the super-salesman had already taken personal steps in just a month to make it easier and to assure Dana that "bright future."

He announced at the luncheon that plans are already under way to make Dana a "world hub of theological endeavor" and a "center for theological ferment."

### Preview

By the next academic year three to six of the world's leading Christian thinkers and theologians, regardless of denomination, will be brought to the campus for up

to week-long seminars for students, faculty, pastors, lay leaders and the public.

"I have already begun to consolidate a list of names and hopefully by next March we can announce the program for the 1979 academic year," he said.

There will be a preview Dec. 4-6. George Forell of the University of Iowa, one of the leading American theologians, will be on campus.

Kallas and his wife, Darleen Phyllis, for the past 10 summers have conducted Christian education tours to the Holy Land and the lands of the Reformation. He'd accepted the Dana helm before completing this summer's tour.

"On the last day (of the tour) I gathered the 450 members of the tour about me and told them I had become president of a small Lutheran College that needed help," he said. "Surely they must have some unused travelers checks left in their bill-folds. They reached in their pockets and came up with \$12,000."

The super-salesman made a "How much do you believe in Dana?" pitch to the college's board of regents. They gave him personal checks for \$14,000 to finance the start of the "hub of theological endeavor" program.

His candid "lay it on the line" approach was demonstrated a week ago at a five-state American Lutheran Church pastors conference at Kearney in a pitch to further sell Dana to their congregations. He told them at a luncheon they ought to set an example and sent around an envelope asking for \$2,000 in contributions. That night at the banquet he told them the collection was \$19 short. So he passed the envelope again and reached his impromptu goal plus \$49 and a standing ovation.

### Out of Suitcase

Last week on the eve of homecoming activities he announced receipt of an unrestricted gift to Dana of \$50,000 from an anonymous donor.

He set his enthusiasm in motion and established family roots here before he ever got home to California after the tour. En route he landed in Omaha Aug. 31, took over the next day and addressed the faculty that night flashing that \$12,000 tour-collection check. The next day, one of his three children, daughter Paris Kimberly, was married in Black Elk Park pavilion overlooking the campus as a "symbol of unity of college and family."

He and his wife spent the next week living out of suitcases in an empty house before flying back to California to pack and move to Blair. They've been so busy they still haven't had time to unpack.

Befitting a former athlete, he took time to check out Dana's athletic program and he told the Blair chamber, "People are talking about football Big Red out of Lincoln. Pretty soon they'll be talking about Little Red out of Blair. It's just a matter of time."

Athletics, he said, is important "because the kid who gives up in the third quarter could easily give up in life if not motivated."

He said he was heartened by the "beginning of the turn-around at Dana," the biggest freshman class in years. It includes some outstanding athletes.

The son of a Greek father and German mother said he hesitated because he was a Greek to step into Dana's rich Danish heritage. It will be preserved, he said, but he is urging that the college seek to build on a broader base as a national school attracting students of all heritages.

## Jail Cell

Kallas, a nationally known theologian, teacher, lecturer and author of seven books, chuckles when he says he hasn't had time yet to see Blair, let alone Nebraska, and tells of his last previous peek at Nebraska. It was as a runaway 14-year-old through the bars of a North Platte jail cell.

He said when his attempt to join the Navy failed he was crushed and angered and ran away again heading for California.

"I ended up one morning on the highway outside of North Platte penniless and starving. It was 6 a.m. when a farmer stopped his pickup and offered me a job for \$5 and all I could eat. I was fired three hours later at 9 a.m. because I was still eating."

Cold, scared and desperate he landed in jail for setting fire to a haystack. Little damage was done and he was released two nights later after the farmer interceded and a check showed he had no juvenile record.

He went home to become a school leader and star in athletics. He gave up a University of Nevada football scholarship to follow his high school coach to St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., where he starred in three sports and graduated summa cum laude, majoring in mathematics and literature.

A professional football career with the old Chicago (now St. Louis) Cardinals ended when as a short, stocky halfback he was injured attempting to block a tackle. He survived to play for the former Minneapolis Bombers while attending St. Paul's Luther Seminary.

## Full Speed

George Halas invited him to "take one more shot" at football with the Chicago Bears in his last year in seminary in 1954.

"The Bears and Mr. Halas were great to me," he recalled. "They gave me every chance but one day I went to Mr. Halas and told him, 'Look, both you and I know it, I'm about a half step slower than I used to be.'"

But since then Kallas has been running full speed, first as a Fulbright scholar in England followed by studies at the Alliance Francaise in Paris and the Goethe Institute in Munich, Germany. He won a Rockefeller scholarship to the University of Southern California where he obtained his doctorate majoring in the New Testament.

Following his ordination he became director of Protestant missions for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in French Cameroon, West Africa, for five years before joining the California Lutheran College.

The date for his formal inauguration has not yet been set. He's too busy, and so is Dana, trying to keep pace.

## GETTING ACQUAINTED...



Dr. Kallas (left), enjoys an informal cup of coffee with Alumni Council President Bob Krogh of Blair during Homecoming weekend.



President Kallas (left), visits informally with Dr. Robert Glass (center), Dean of the College, and Dr. Royce Ronning (right), a member of the Dana Board of Regents.



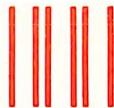
Mrs. Kallas (left), and Mrs. Bernice Krantz, wife of retiring Dana Regent B. E. Krantz, in a happy moment at a reception for the Kallas' and the Regents.



Dr. Kallas (right) takes advantage of the Thursday morning faculty coffee hour to become better acquainted. He is pictured with faculty members Luella Nielsen, Melvin Boehr, and Norman Bansen.



Dr. Kallas visits informally with students in the Linden Room Lounge.



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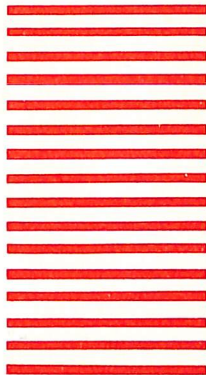
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