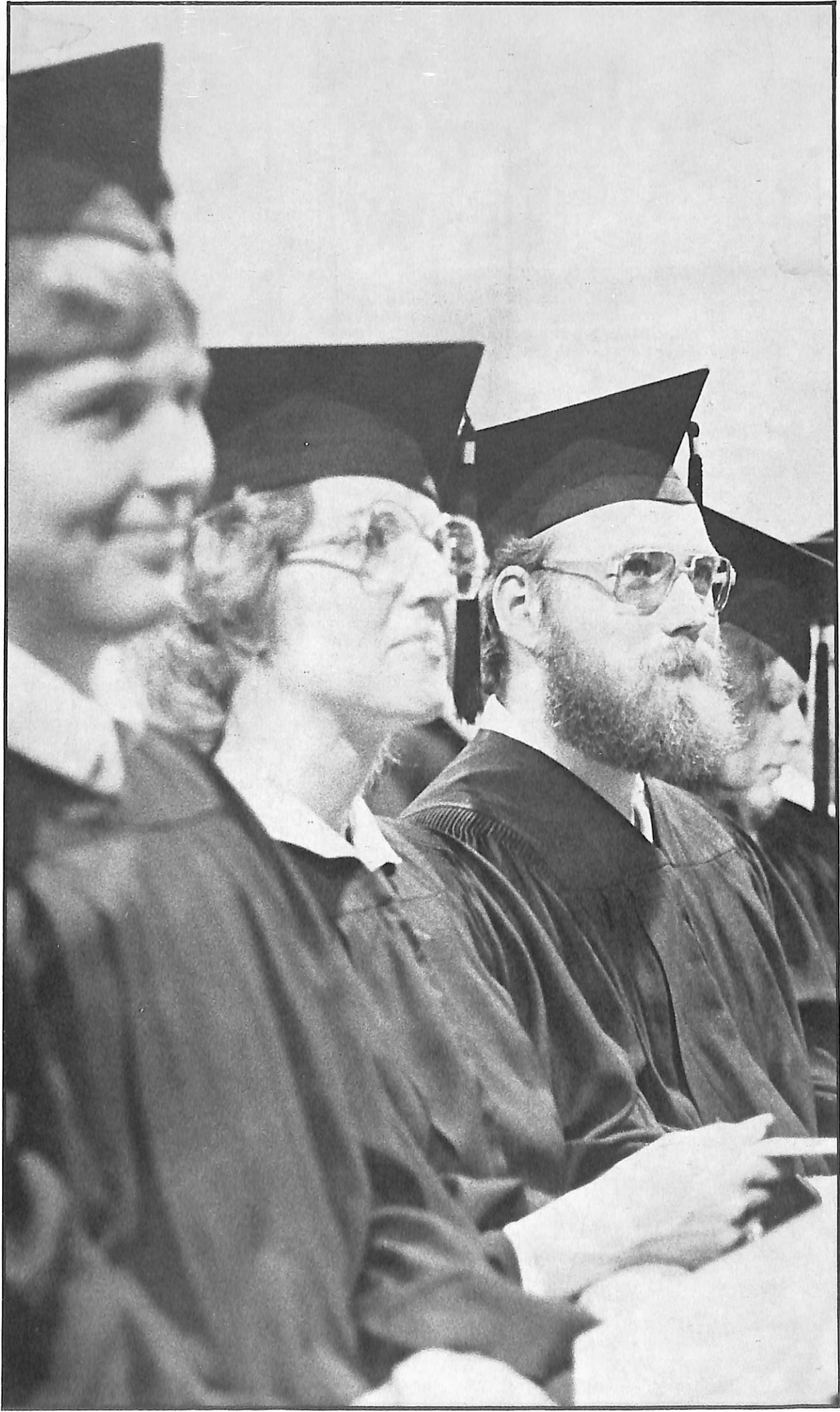


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The walls of Dana's Elk Horn Hall Conference-Retreat Center are now brightened by the work of 28 artists who are members of Central District congregations of the American Lutheran Church, thanks to a "Visual Arts Project" originated and coordinated by Lorraine (Sandberg) Madsen '48, the wife of Central District Bishop Archie Madsen '49. (Here she is pictured with President Kallas.) The art was brought to the campus for display and judging during the district convention May 28-31. After judges selected the winning entries, the other works were auctioned by Kallas to an enthusiastic audience that bid a total of \$3,666, and the proceeds were given to Dana.

Campus photographs by Peter Bonde '81, Nerstrand, Minnesota.

## Greetings, Friends in Christ!

Two things are taking place as I write this. One, the 1979-80 academic and fiscal year is drawing to a close. And two, the Central District of the American Lutheran Church is having its district convention on our campus. These two events are not unrelated. Let me talk about them and then try and tie them together.



First, the end of the 1979-80 financial and educational year, closing out on May 31. Friends in Christ, friends of Dana, you will be delighted to know that we have literally exploded into the decade of the '80s! Dana College, right now, is finishing out one of the finest years in its century of existence! There were evidences, way back last fall, that things were turning around, that Dana, after a decade of decline, was rebounding, reborn, renewed. Last September enrollment was up — dramatically up — 17 percent up, an overwhelming, humbling increase. The campus throbbed with the pulsating excitement of an enlarged, enthusiastic student body.

And that same upbeat positive experience has carried right on through the entire year. At our mid-May Board of Regents meeting, as we intensely studied the results of the year-long increased giving, the outpouring of loving gifts of our friends and alumni, it became clear that we are going to be in the black this year! The discouraging wave of deficits, dampening morale, curbing our programs, has for this year at least ended! How much we will be in the black remains yet to be seen, for the books are not yet closed — but it is clear that our congregations, families, and friends have put us over the top!

The other item, friends, the Central District ALC convention on campus. How appropriate! We are the only college of that district! How appropriate that they come home and let us host them! We are a college of the church — we are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every arena of life and we seek to be His people in the area of education! We believe that fullness of life comes only to that person whose head and heart are enriched by and empowered by the resurrection of Jesus. We at Dana want to be an outpost of evangelism, a spokesman to the academic world for the American Lutheran Church — how appropriate that they should gather in convention, assembled here on our campus to consider their tasks!

Friends, it is because we are a college of the church that we have had a good year and will continue to have good years! We are filled with a force that will not fail, propelled into the excitement of the '80s by the power of God! The future belongs to the committed. The timid and the frail will fall and fail. The pool of dollars is shrinking, and estimates indicate that within the next five years there will be 35 percent fewer Nebraska high schoolers in our state schools, thus fewer obviously going on to college. We face grim facts like that unafraid, confident that the recent renewal of Dana College is but the first phase of a robust new beginning for this school! We are confident because we have read the Book of Acts, we have seen the promises of God, we know that despised and lowly peoples, mocked in the eyes of the world and persecuted by the powers that be, could topple the mightiest temporal powers of its day! Praise God for the vision which uplifts and the strength which propels! "If God be for us who then can stand against us? . . . we shall be more than conquerors!"

In Jesus' name . . .

Dr. James Kallas, President

# Fall's Visiting Theologians Come from England, Germany

*Honest to God* author John A. T. Robinson of Cambridge University, England, and New Testament scholar W. G. Kümmel, professor emeritus, Marburg University, West Germany, head the list of Visiting Theologians coming to the campus during the next school year.

Each will spend a week on the campus during the first semester: Robinson from September 22-26, and Kümmel from November 10-14.

Dean of the Chapel at Cambridge University's Trinity College and author of 20 books, Robinson is perhaps best known to the American public for his book *Honest to God*, published in 1963. (And that book is first on the list for Dana's Liberal Arts Reading Program this fall.)

At Dana Robinson will speak on "The Gospel of John — as if it had just been discovered." Of his subject, Robinson says that "I find laymen are usually much more sympathetic to my ideas on St. John as a gospel that may take us very near to source than many of my fellow New Testament scholars!"

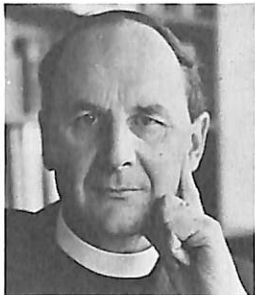
Professor Kümmel taught at Marburg University in the early 1930's and joined the faculty of Zurich University in Switzerland in 1932, remaining there until 1951 as professor of New Testament. He then returned to West Germany to teach for a year at Mainz University, and then at Marburg, becoming professor emeritus there in 1973.

Four of his books have been translated into English, most recently, in 1975, his *Introduction to the New Testament*, revised edition.

Kümmel will speak at Dana on successive evenings on "The Proclamation of Jesus," "The Death and the Resurrection of Jesus and the Foundation of the Church," "The Theology of Paul," "The Message of the Fourth Gospel," and "Unity and Diversity in the New Testament."

Other Visiting Theologians speaking later in the school year are Luther biographer Roland Bainton of Yale University (January 12-16), two colleagues — Dr. Luise Schottroff of Mainz University and Dr. Wolfgang Stegemann of Heidelberg University — who will discuss the method of a sociohistorical interpretation of the New Testament (February 9-13), and Dr. Gustaf Wingren of Lund University, Sweden, who will speak on the general theme, "The Work of God and the Work of Man" (April 20-24).

All of the lectures, which are free and open to the public, are scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium.



Robinson



Kümmel

## Allen, Bauer, Brahams, Sibole Named to Board of Regents

Four men recently named to the Dana Board of Regents bring to that board — and Dana — a wide range of interests and activities.

The four are television director, producer, and performer Steve Allen, whose commitment to the humanities and liberal arts is apparent in his television series *Meeting of Minds*; Hank Bauer, #39 of the San Diego Chargers; the Rev. Harry Brahams, a well-known La Jolla, California, pastor; and Mr. John Sibole, coordinator, professional/technical staffing, at The Williams Companies in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the world's largest pipelining firm.

Allen, who attended a Bible class taught by President Kallas in Los Angeles, says of his appointment that "I am pleased to support Dana College for a number of reasons. First, because virtue will always be in short supply in this world. An at-least minimum degree of virtuous behavior is literally required for the preservation of civilization. Any institution that successfully encourages it deserves our support.

"Secondly, Christianity is by no means immune from the present world-wide wave of irrationality, of which increasing political and religious fanaticism are two dominant forms. It would perhaps be ideal if virtue and reason were encouraged in the home. It is painfully evident that this happens too rarely. For long centuries there have been churchmen, and women, who have perceived the wisdom of encouraging virtue in a climate of formal education. Dana College continues this honorable tradition."

Bauer, a Scottsbluff, Nebraska, native known as the Chargers' "Mr. Touchdown," is a *cum laude* graduate of a Lutheran college, and he holds a secondary school teaching certificate. In 1978 Bauer was named the Chargers' "Most Inspirational Player." He is a columnist for the *San Diego Sports Digest* and has participated in NFL-USO Goodwill Tours of the Far East and Europe.

Brahams is an outstanding pastor who serves La Jolla Presbyterian Church. He holds a B.A. from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, and a B.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1970 Maryville College, his alma mater, recognized his accomplishments by awarding him an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Sibole, another graduate of a Lutheran college, is a prominent Lutheran layman. Organizer of annual major performances of Handel's *Messiah* by Lutheran church choirs from the various synods, he is known throughout the greater Tulsa area as "Mr. *Messiah*."



Allen



Bauer



Sibole

**The cover:** These seniors were among 84 receiving their degrees at Commencement exercises May 18. They are (from left) Bruce Bro, Exira, Iowa; Barbara Bock, Omaha; Gary Beltz, Norfolk, Nebraska; and Sandra Barnum, Marshall, Missouri. Photo by Peter Bonde '81, Nerstrand, Minnesota.

## Senior Prank Becomes Gift of Love

A 12-foot, all-wood clock handcrafted by two students has become one of Dana's "sights and sounds."

The clock, with works of wood, a sphere showing the phases of the moon, chimes, and handcarved hinges, hands and numerals, was designed and built by Dana seniors Jim Borden of Rockford, Illinois, and Tom Kendall of Omaha as the culmination of an independent Interim project they called "It's About Time."

The two humanities majors gave a history of their "Borden-Kendall" clock at a May 1 unveiling in Parnassus, the center of Dana's humanities program.

Their plan to build a clock for Dana evolved, they said, as a result of several experiences. First of all, they enjoyed working with wood (even though their experience was limited to introductory high school classes) and Borden had already built three smaller clocks.

Then in January 1979 they toured Europe with a Dana Interim class and admired the antique clocks they saw there. When they vacationed together in Canada last summer, they talked about clocks and decided to work together to build grandfather clocks for each other.

At summer's end they visited Borden's home in Rockford. There they went to a clock museum to examine old clocks and attended an auction where they bought a stack of 100-year-old walnut boards covered by almost an inch of paint.

Last fall they returned to Dana with the boards, which they began to refinish in a dormitory basement. Removing the paint was the most difficult part of the project, they maintain.

Soon they realized that building two clocks would take too long. Inspired by the artist Christo, they had already planned a senior prank — to wrap the tower of Old Main in sheets. They decided instead to build one large clock and then to give it to the College "in appreciation," they said, "for all of the opportunities and dedication Dana has given us. We love it here."

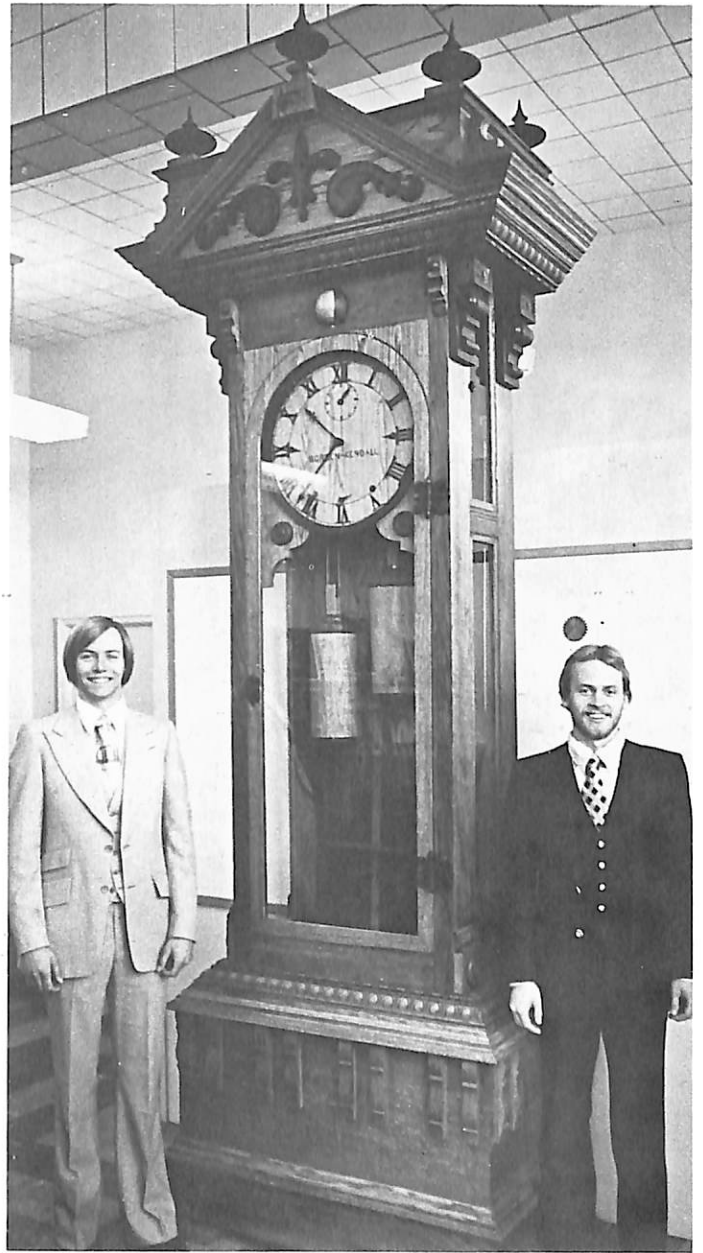
They also decided to keep the clock's appearance a secret and to drape their gift (instead of the tower) for an unveiling at a presentation ceremony.

And so they proposed to a faculty committee that they study the history of clocks and then build one as an independent study project for Dana's 1980 Interim.

The committee approved the proposal, and in January the two friends set to work. Borden assumed responsibility for designing and building the works, pendulum, weights and chimes, and Kendall for building and finishing the cabinet and handcarving the ornaments.

At this point several other people and organizations became involved. Two of them were clockbuilders who gave Borden and Kendall advice and inspiration: a 96-year-old man in southern Nebraska and Harold French of rural Blair. Harold Ortmeier, who teaches woodworking at the Blair High School, allowed them to use the school's shop and showed them how to operate the machinery. When they broke the glass for the front of the cabinet, the Blair Glass Company replaced it at no charge. And F. W. Thomson, professor emeritus of art at Dana, gave them a valuable ebony log for the hands and numerals.

With the cutting and shaping finished at the high school, Borden and Kendall moved the project to Dana's maintenance shop. The month-long Interim was over, and they had to juggle time spent on the clock with their classes. Often they were in the maintenance shop until 3 in the



Kendall (left), The Clock, and Borden

morning, and they estimate that they spent 1000 hours on the project.

The result, appraised by an Omaha clock firm at \$12,500, is impressive. When the two friends removed the drape at the presentation, the crowd of students and members of the faculty and staff gave them — and the clock — a standing ovation.

Since then Parnassus has had a steady stream of visitors to see Borden's and Kendall's creation. Said one student: "Just think. Fifty years from now, when we visit Dana we'll look at this clock and say, "We knew the students who built this."

## Regents Adopt Alcohol Policy

The Dana Board of Regents at its May meeting reexamined the issue of alcohol consumption on campus and adopted the following policy: "The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the Dana College campus."

# Sophomores Find Their Family Trees Nourished by History, Courage, Humor

*My thanks to these sophomores for permission to use their papers in writing this article — Paulette Strecker, Tony Render, Duane Barrier, Russ Gibson, Lillian Hovendick, Scott Rasmussen, Krista Swenson Cook, Mark Hohneke, Colleen Dutch, Teri Hupp, John Gonzales, Kayla Walsh, Paul Judson, Connie Ohde Frahm, Ronda Newman, Teresa Michelsen, Jan Maystrick, Selma Sims, Mitch Rew, Karla Hernes, Lynn Hagen, Kathy Gerking, Amy Holmquist, Danette Johns, Julie Jensen, and Lisa Hanson. Ann (Harms) George '54, editor*

Coming together on the Dana campus this past school year as members of the sophomore class were descendants of —

a German immigrant who fought in the American Revolution (and who was over 100 when he applied for his pension),

a cook for a Danish queen,

a Cherokee Indian who returned to North Carolina after the Trail of Tears,

a U.S. Land Commissioner in Nebraska (also a German immigrant and Lutheran missionary-pastor) who helped settle the state and establish a town,

a Spanish officer sent to the Philippines to command the Spanish army, who married and stayed there,

an Italian immigrant who taught English to his fellow immigrants,

a German baron who sailed his own ship to this country in 1709 and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, and

Sir Francis Drake, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Boone, and Admiral George Dewey.

Sophomores discovered these ancestors as each researched a family branch and its ethnic history for a humanities seminar. And although many students share a Danish heritage (since Dana was established by Danes, that tradition remains strong here), they found — as the list above indicates — ancestors from a multitude of countries.

The seminar project, according to Dr. John W. Nielsen '47, humanities director, was started in 1973 as a required part of the second-year humanities program, several years before the popularity of Alex Haley's *Roots* interested Americans in their genealogies.

"We give the assignment," Nielsen

says, "because so many of our students know little about their ancestors and their ethnic heritage. Most high schools have classes in American and English history, but that's all. Although it's unintentional, the implication is that the histories and cultures of other countries are insignificant. If their ancestors came from those countries, students often feel that their ancestry is unimportant and even something to be embarrassed about."

The project, which all sophomores participate in during the first semester, changes those feelings. One student concluded that "The United States and my German heritage have been good to my family, and my family has been good to the United States." Another quoted from a family history her grandfather wrote in 1968: "Let it be known that our [Swedish] forebears were all humble folk. They were peasants, sharecroppers, and laborers. They were also honest, industrious, frugal, and deeply religious. No one can ask for an inheritance of greater worth."

Some ancestors, sophomores discovered, had been involved with historic events and persons:

A great-grandfather's brother carried him into the mountains during the Civil War to hide from Yankee soldiers.

Scottish great-great grandparents, southern Iowa farmers, fed the James Gang breakfast when the gang stopped at the farm on their way back to Missouri after robbing a train near Anita. ("The James Brothers were seeking revenge on the railroad for having taken their land," the student wrote, and "my ancestors, along with most common folk of that time, knew and respected them for their efforts against the railroad.")

A family came to New England between 1629 and 1641 to escape persecution by England's Charles I and Archbishop Laud.

A Schleswig-born Danish grandfather served Germany as a Prussian Grenadier Guard and later worked to free Schleswig from Germany.

Ancestors left Ireland during the Potato Famine.

A relative was a guide for President Theodore Roosevelt in Glacier National Park.

An ancestor, an aide-de-camp to

General Muhlenberg during the American Revolution, built his Virginia home (now in the National Trust for Historic Preservation) in 1794 with architectural refinements suggested by Thomas Jefferson.

Successive generations of a family moved from Kentucky, to Indiana, to Missouri, to Nebraska, illustrating America's westward expansion.

A grandmother (the daughter of a Prussian general who had emigrated to Russia's Odessa region in search of land) at the age of 12 fled with her family from the 1917 Russian Revolution.

Wrote one sophomore after making such a discovery: "I feel that I have had a part in these historical events to know that my ancestors were [involved in them]."

Students also found examples of courage: the courage of a young Swede who rescued himself after 24-hour burial by an avalanche; of a Norwegian sailor who drowned (in 1840) trying to save his oldest son who had fallen overboard; of young men and women emigrants who left their homes, knowing that they would never see them again (although a few in old age returned for joyful visits); and of homesteaders who raised large families in sod houses, log cabins, and 12' x 14' shanties while fighting dust storms, grasshoppers, hail, blizzards, and range wars — but who fed, rather than fought, hungry Indians.

They found stories of immigrants with little schooling who educated themselves to know history, economics, and literature, and who recited poetry. (One great-grandfather stayed up every night "to read history books into the early morning hours, and after only three to four hours of sleep, rose for his farm chores.")

They found humor. One wrote: "My grandmother was a city girl at heart. She hated pigs, cows, crops and bugs. She hated farming and farmers. My grandfather loved pigs, cows, crops and bugs. He loved farming and he was a farmer. But, he had one thing going for him that won my grandmother over. He had Irish charm."

And they found ingenuity. The newlywed grandfather of another student built a house in the backyard of his parents' Omaha home, tore it all down

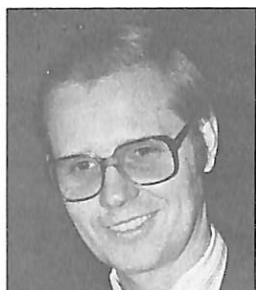
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# V. Whatever Happened to Our Student Body Presidents?

*For this installment, Dana's former student body presidents write from five states and two other countries — Taiwan and Australia.*

## 1959-60: David R. Larsen

"I thank God for those four beautiful years at Dana," Pastor David Larsen writes. "It was like one big happy family, including — not only the students — but the faculty and administration as well. It was an academic community, but far more importantly, it was a caring community. God's Word obviously counted, and His love made the big difference on campus. I have prayed through the years that Dana will always have that 'something extra' for which it truly deserves the status of being called a Christian/Church-Related College.



"I graduated from Dana in 1960, going on from there to Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, graduating in 1964. Between the second and third years I spent an exciting one year and three months on the West Coast. I thoroughly enjoyed a three-month clinical pastoral education course at Immanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon, in the summer of 1962, prior to a full year of internship at Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Los Angeles.

"I was ordained at my home parish in Elk Horn, Iowa. From there I went to north-central Kansas to begin work in my first parish, American Lutheran Church at Smith Center.

"It was there that I met and married my wife, Bernice, and where our four children were born: Mark, John, Timothy, and Debra. What more could a person ask in addition to the multiple joys of that first parish!

"From 1971 to 1976 I served the congregation of Trinity Lutheran in DeWitt, Nebraska, prior to accepting the call as assistant pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha.

"Being so close to Blair, I had planned to see more of Dana, not fully considering the fact that most social functions, including Homecoming, center around those already busy weekends.

"I am positively delighted by the good reports that I currently hear coming from Dana, and do pray that they will continue."

Pastor Larsen and his family live at 11352 Gold Street in Omaha (68144).

## 1960-61, first semester: Myrv Christopherson

Dr. Myrv Christopherson writes from Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan: "After my first-semester graduation from Dana in 1961 and after working for a few months as an admissions counselor for Dana, I traveled with the Dana Choir to Denmark. Though not a member of the choir at that time, I enjoyed the summer in Europe before beginning my graduate work at Purdue University, where I completed the Ph.D. in 1965. My emphasis was on the study of communication and philosophy. As a matter of fact, my doctoral dissertation re-



search was completed in Denmark at the Royal Library and the University of Copenhagen where I also gathered materials for my dissertation entitled, 'Soren Kierkegaard's Dialectic of Communication.'

"Following graduate study, I joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin at Madison as an assistant professor of communication arts. In 1969 I became an associate professor and later professor of communication and chairman of the department of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"In that capacity I was able to help develop what has grown to become an outstanding program at the undergraduate and master's level. We have 500 undergraduate majors and approximately 50 graduate students studying all aspects of human communication — interpersonal, corporate and mass communication. Our program is housed in a renovated building which offers students a modern, spacious color television studio, a newspaper facility and an FM radio station which broadcasts 24 hours a day as well as a cinema laboratory for motion picture production.

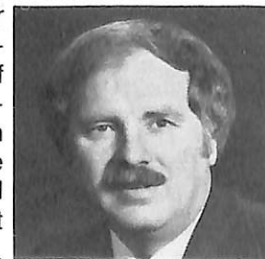
"Two years ago it was my privilege to teach in one of our overseas programs associated with West London Institute in England, and this year I (together with my wife, Anne, a 1962 graduate of Luther College, and our three children, Kirsten, 11; Berit, 7; and Bjorn, 3) was asked to teach in our program here at Soochow University.

"When in the States, I continue to serve as a consultant in corporate communication for a wide range of organizations such as AT & T, Mortgage Guarantee Corporation, Sentry Insurance, as well as a range of professional and governmental organizations. For the past seven years, I have been chairman of the Governor's Health Policy Council Legislative Committee, State of Wisconsin. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of the Palmer College of Chiropractic and have had the privilege of serving as director of the adult Christian education program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stevens Point. Last year I was honored by the Wisconsin Communication Association by being named the outstanding college teacher of the year.

"Regarding my experience at Dana College — My years at Dana will always stand in my memory as among the happiest of my life. I found the faculty and administration a caring, competent, 'model group of people.' Those years provided me with a solid Christian foundation and lent purpose to my life. Indeed, as my wife will confirm, many times I have thought that the highest reward would be to some day have the opportunity to teach at a fine Christian liberal arts college like Dana. Among the most rewarding experiences was to head the drive to raise funds to build the swimming pool at Dana."

## 1960-61, second semester: Peter Petersen

A 1962 graduate, Dr. Peter Petersen received his M.A. the following year from the University of South Dakota, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Iowa in 1971. He taught at Dana during the summers of 1963 and 1964 and currently is professor of history at West Texas State University, where students recently voted him Faculty Member of the Year.



Petersen has written many articles, essays and reviews in books and scholarly journals on the influence of Scandinavian culture in the U.S. and the social effects of the Great Depression. He recently was a consultant to NBC News and the Texas Committee for the Humanities for television programs on the Depression. He is also a member of the editorial board of *The Annals of Iowa* and the editorial and publication committee of the Danish American Heritage Society.

Petersen writes that "I value my years at Dana for many reasons. Foremost among them, of course, is that I met my wife then. In addition, I am indebted to the Dana faculty for assisting me in making a career decision; in fact, I still have a letter from Professor Paul Henlein suggesting a major in history.

"Certainly the years at Blair also helped to awaken an interest in my Danish heritage, although I now regret not taking better advantage of Dana's classes in Danish language and Scandinavian literature. Even now, I continue to benefit from books read as part of the Liberal Arts Reading Program. Finally, I met a lot of good people at Dana — students, faculty, and staff — and I am happy after two decades to still call many of them 'friends.'

"In the area of student government, the project I most clearly remember is one of raising money so that a swimming pool could be included in the Borup Coliseum; I must confess to occasional feelings of proprietorship when I view the pool during return visits to the campus."

Petersen and his wife, Shirley (Thompson '63), and their two sons, Eric and Brant, live at 1407 26th Street in Canyon (79015).

#### 1961-62: Nena Wegener

Nena (Wegener) Hankins, a 1962 graduate, writes that "Since 1966, we have been living in the Akron area of Ohio. I have been teaching accounting at Kent State University on a part-time basis during most of that time. My children, John and Paula, are in fourth grade and kindergarten and my husband, Ken, is an associate professor of accounting at Youngstown State University. In my free time I keep occupied with Sunday School teaching, PTA, Kent Junior Women's Club and the Kent Arts Council.

"Kent State recently promoted their school with ads describing the 'Kent State Experience.' I could talk at length about the 'Dana Experience.' It was an opportunity to express yourself in more than just your major area; to sample theater, music, art, science, communications, etc. It was an opportunity to make friends not only with fellow students, but also with faculty, administration and staff. And it still provided me with the basic education necessary to complete an M.B.A. and earn the CPA. That was the 'Dana Experience' for me and I'm sure that it is still true today."

The Wegeners live at 1950 Kimberly Drive in Kent, Ohio 44240.

#### 1962-63: Herbert Knudsen

"I thoroughly enjoyed my years at Dana," Herbert Knudsen, new president of the Alumni Council, writes. "There was always something exciting to think up. I found Dana a place where you could make things happen.

"Probably the most memorable experience that I can relate during the time I was student body president was our hosting of the American Lutheran Church



College Conference at Dana. This conference approximately doubled our student body population, and somehow I successfully persuaded our students to sleep on the floor and to give their beds to our student guests. That is only one evidence of the Dana spirit in the student body at that time which, from my observations as a member of the Alumni Council, still exists today.

"I especially enjoyed wrestling and coaching for the Dana wrestling team. We had three very successful seasons and a lot of fun in my Victory wagon.

"After graduating from Dana in 1963 with a degree in chemistry, I received a law degree from the University of Nebraska. I am currently in charge of the patent department of The Standard Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio. Today I am still thinking up hot schemes to sell and protect our inventions.

"The greatest thing that happened to me at Dana was meeting Karen Nielsen, a Dana graduate of '65. We have four children: Peter, 11; Debbie, 9; Karl, 5; and Mark, 2." The Knudsens live at 29614 West Oakland in Bay Village, Ohio (44140).

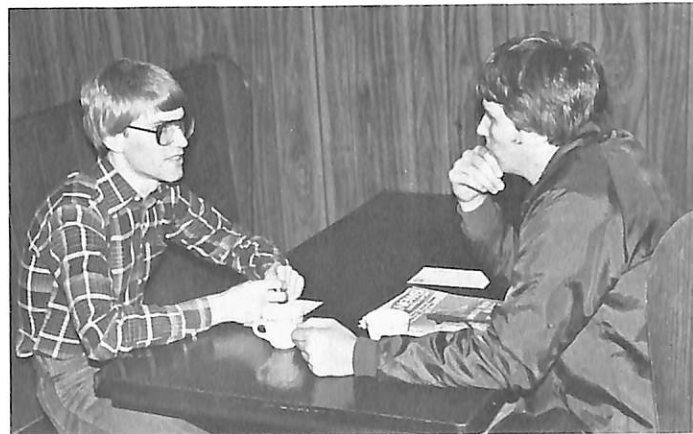
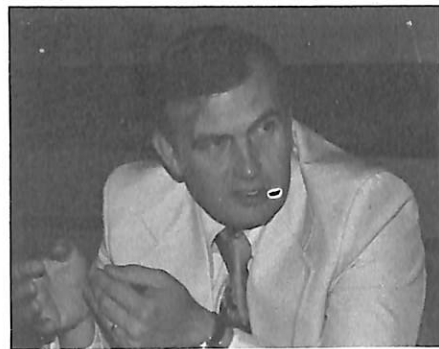
#### 1963-64: Thomas Lange

Dr. Tom Lange writes that "I hope it's apparent in my sketch that days rarely pass that I don't reflect on my experiences or my friends from Dana.

"My Dana years meant more than obtaining a degree, but rather were a transition from boyhood to manhood — physically, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually.

"Shortly after arriving on campus, Therm Kaldahl and I shaved our heads, thinking we could hide under the frosh beanies. Fortunately all the hair grew back, at least temporarily. I remember having my Sunday School faith shaken to bedrock in Pastor John Nielsen's Old Testament class. I learned that questions deepen the mystery and make grace all the more precious.

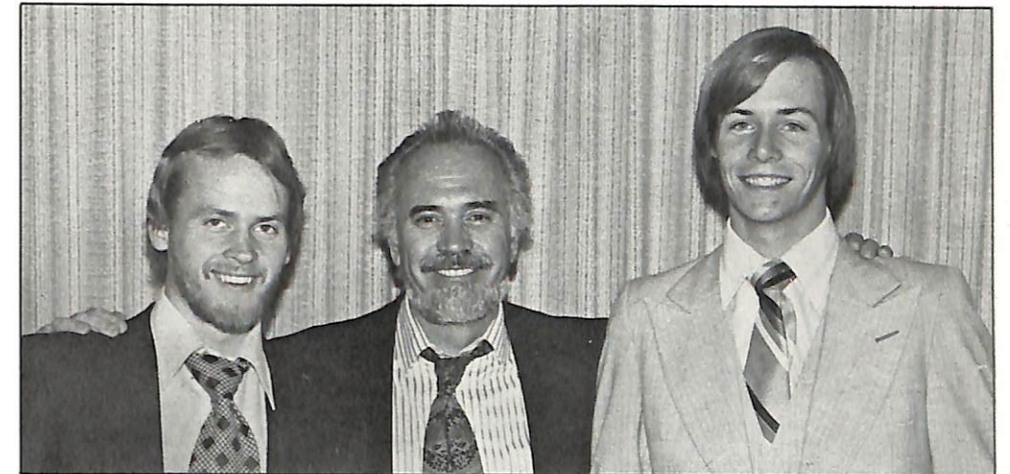
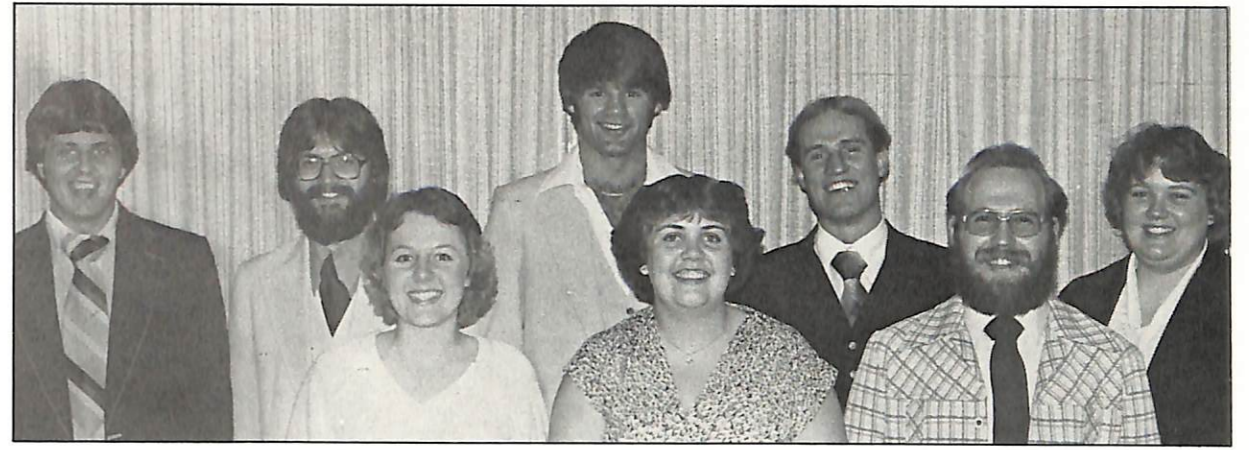
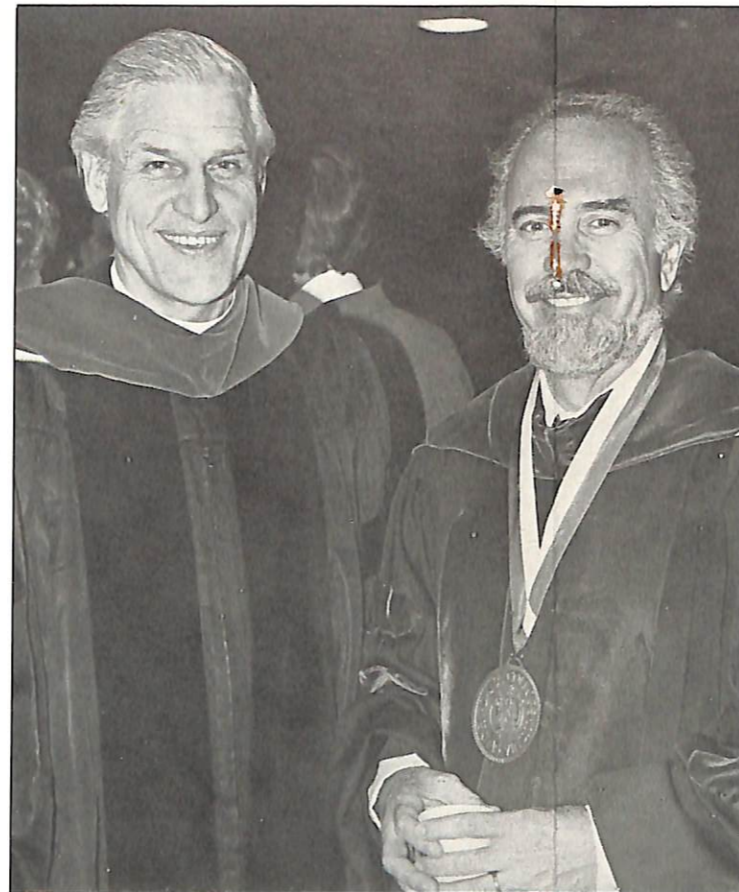
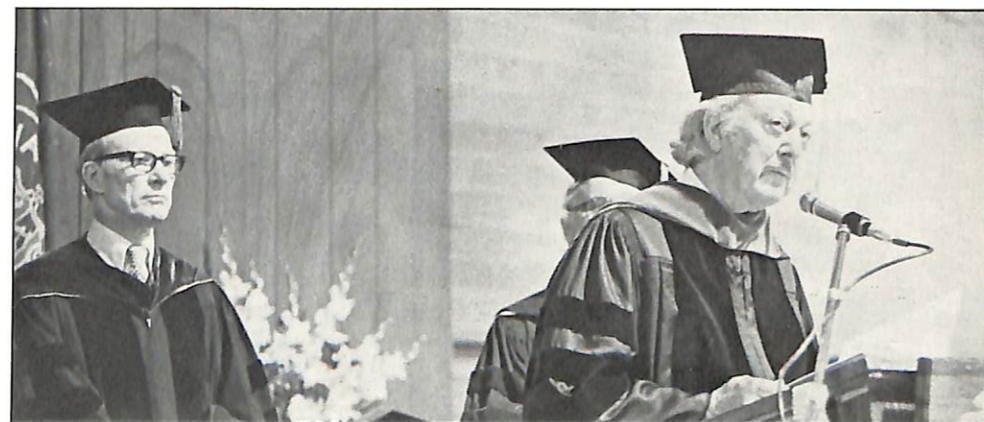
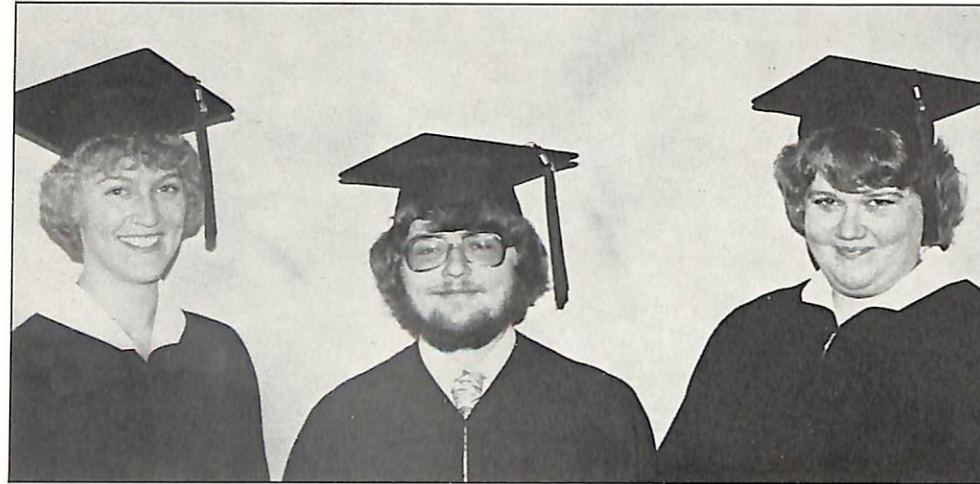
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Mogens Knudsen '82 of Herning, Denmark, made history at Dana this spring when he was elected student body president, the first from another country. English major Knudsen (left) — pictured in the Dragon's Head with Bruce Bro '80, student body president this past school year — enrolled at Dana in 1978, intending to stay only one year. He liked Dana, and decided to complete his degree here. Other new officers are Scott Rasmussen '82, vice-president; Renae Claussen '81, secretary; Colleen Dutch '82, treasurer.

# Commencement Weekend

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*About the photos:* At the May 17 Recognition Dinner (this page from top), Campus Service Award recipients were (from left) Bruce Bro, Kip Tyler, Mary Heistand, Gary Cissell, Cheryl Lustgraaf, Tim Nietfeld, Gary Beltz, Carol Weckmuller; Mrs. LaVanche Wurdeman was named an Honorary Alumna for her gift that marked the turning point in Dana's financial recovery; (with President Kallas) clockmakers Jim Borden and Tom Kendall (see page 4) as major donors to the College were the first recipients of the new Dana tie; (from left) Paul Jersild '53, dean of Wartburg Theological Seminary, presented a Distinguished Alumnus Award to former roommate Art Simon '52, founder and director of Bread for the World, and Don Ofte '52, manager of the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Area Office, was given his Distinguished Alumnus Award by former roommate Paul Laursen '51, provost, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

At the May 18 Baccalaureate (bottom center), Pastor Homer Larsen '45 delivers the sermon.

At the May 18 Commencement (opposite page, counterclockwise from top), co-valedictorians (from left) were JoAnne Roberts, Jerry Schmidt, Carol Weckmuller; Blair resident Ralph Steyer, "a man in love with nature," receives College-Community Service Award from President Kallas as Mrs. Steyer looks on; the academic procession crosses the campus; Professor Robert Jacobsen, Luther College, receives honorary doctorate; sculptor Marshall Fredericks addresses audience after receiving honorary doctorate (Dean of the College Clifford Hanson at left); Commencement speaker David Preus, president of the American Lutheran Church, and President Kallas talk at post-ceremony reception.

## Dear Friends and Fellow Alumni,

Dana's Development Office sometimes is a fascinating place to work. If you think that we deal only in ordinary checks and drab dollars — you just don't have it right.

A few years ago there was that syrup pail full of old coins given to Gene Meyer by Dana's good friend, Anna Tammen. Just this spring there was an incredible, 12-foot high "GRAND-FATHER" — or perhaps Great-Great Grandfather — clock (see page 4) totally handcrafted by Dana seniors Jim Borden and Tom Kendall and donated to Dana.

So our gifts cannot all be deposited in the bank. Did you ever try to deposit 100 bushels of soybeans? Or a rare book? Or old photographs?

We have received ranch land and automobiles, a 23-foot cabin cruiser and rare china vases, airline tickets and books (even whole libraries), coins and corn and Danish Christmas plates and stamp collections — among lots of other things!

About a year and one half ago a good friend of Dana, John Hansen, died. Mr. Hansen had been generous to the College in life, and he was also kind to us in his will. He left, for instance, an uncommon, handcarved set of office furniture, fit for the President's office. And . . . he left us his stamp collections — to sell or keep as Dana saw fit.

Since stamps have been numbered among my favorite things since childhood, and I have studied



them avidly, I was asked to check over the bequest which arrived at Dana about a year ago.

A decision was made to evaluate these stamps as well as the other ones accumulated in the vault and dispose of at least a part of them.

A check of the stamps showed some very choice material as well as the foundation for a fine collection of the stamps of Denmark. It was decided to keep the Danish collection for the College's Heritage Room collections and to dispose of the remainder.

Some stamps were sold locally, but the finer material was sold through a San Francisco auction house. Over \$10,000 was realized from all sources for Dana. Some remainders were given to children's stamp clubs in Blair and Tekamah.

It was an interesting experience. But I'm not writing this only because I think it's interesting — but also because I think that some of you may have gifts which you may wish to give to Dana. Officially these kind of gifts are called "Gifts in Kind." I prefer to think of them as "Kind Gifts."

But if you have some things of value to leave to the College in a bequest or to simply give us now — you may do Dana a favor and give yourself a tax break at the same time.

Of course, I prefer stamps, but President Kallas likes gold coins — Gene Meyer is keen on aeroplanes and antique cars — Paul Strand is big on corn and soybeans — Laurie Harper likes diamonds and Sharon Gordon is fond of large tracts of land.

So feel free to call us at 402/426-4101, extension 230, or write to our Development Office.

John Beck  
Director, Alumni Affairs

(from page 7)

"When I switched majors to pre-med, I was afraid 'science' was going to dehumanize me — what-a-silly-notion. Dr. Marie Tucker introduced us to cellular biology and stimulated an interest in the 'how' and 'why' which carries over into my professional life as an orthopedic surgeon.

"Marriage to my high school sweetheart, Ginny Tishken, and medical school at the University of Wisconsin followed graduation. Dana had certainly spoiled me — daily chapel, working in the kitchen for 55¢ an hour, noisy roommates — I missed it all after crossing the Missouri River for the last time and was forced to make new adjustments and transitions.

"Following medical school, we spent seven years in the navy, during which time we added to our family here and there. JoEllen (11) was born in Newport, Rhode Island, Michael (9) in Philadelphia, and David (8) in Trenton, New Jersey.

"Upon completion of my orthopedic training and pay-back period in the navy, we moved to Gainesville, Florida, for a year of study in the management of bone tumors. From sunny Florida we headed back north to our native Wisconsin, where currently I am a junior (untentured) faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

"One year ago we adopted our baby, Jason, who is a native Wisconsinite. We are approaching a record for length of residence in one place here in rural Oregon, Wisconsin [6070 Lincoln Road - 53575], where I enjoy the challenge of my work, our home, new friends, and most

importantly, our family.

"If you make Dana a great place to be, it will be a great place to be from when you move on."

### 1964-65: David Copperud

David Copperud writes from Worthington, Minnesota, where his address is 1111 Fifth Avenue (56187).

"I cannot help but be pleased," he says, "about a place that provided me with an opportunity to continue my education. I 'found' Dana in *Lovejoy's College Guide* between 'Creighton' and 'Doane.'

Dana College was small, Lutheran, relatively inexpensive, coed, away from home, liberal arts, and regionally accredited. Dana was the right place for me.

"My recollections of Dana from 1962 to 1965 vary from events of national significance to simple personal likes and experiences. A partial list of those recollections would include J. F. Kennedy's assassination, coffee in the canteen in Old Main, a statistic project for Statistics 409, Saturday afternoon football games on the 'hill,' C. C., student representation on faculty committees, Awareness and Action, Coleman's 2nd edition, Lehmer's crimson robe at commencement, Christianity in a Modern World, Liberal Arts Reading Program, rub a dub dub in the cafeteria, stanine grading, Matthies' psychology department, 2-S deferment,



Tekamah, Ned and John, Miller Analogies Test at O.U., pictures of Danish kings in Pioneer Memorial, Kirkegaard's 'leap for faith,' swimming in Borup, the ed block, the silent march memorializing J.F.K., 'hours' for women students, G.R.E.'s, Sunday School teachers' meetings, *Motivations and Personality* by Maslow, Vivian, . . . and on and on.

"Part of what I am today (a high school psychology teacher, married, and a father) is a reflection of what part of Dana was then. I give thanks for a place like Dana."

### 1965-66: Timothy Jensen

Writing from Australia, Dr. Timothy Jensen recalls that "The mid-1960's at Dana were prosperous years. Dana Hall of Science and Holling Hall were dedicated, a student congregation established, and the fall 1966 enrollment was a record 811 (with evening school the total was almost 1000). Yet success did not mean ease, for there



were continuing questions: about Dana's purpose as a church college, about valid ways to religious understanding, about emerging political issues, such as women's rights, urban poverty, and the Vietnamese War. There was great intellectual, spiritual, and political ferment, yet balanced with unfailing personal warmth and friendliness. One of Dana's great strengths has been its ability to encourage creative intellectual and spiritual inquiry, to refuse to be a haven from religious doubt. I loved the late-night discussions at LSA retreats, the stimulation of classes with (particularly) Hanson, Hutton, Nielsen, and Warman, the opportunities to discover new ideas through the Liberal Arts Reading Program, and regular visits to faculty homes.

"After graduation from Dana I attended the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where I received a master's and Ph.D. in the history of religions with an emphasis on Hinduism. I then taught for six years at Mary Washington College, a small liberal arts school in the beautiful countryside of northern Virginia. Since May of 1978 I have been working at Sturt College of Advanced Education in Bedford Park, South Australia. I'm teaching comparative religions and assisting in the development of an innovative cross-cultural religion studies curriculum for both primary and secondary public schools in South Australia.

"In 1970 I married Sharon Messer '65. She spent two very happy years working with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, later taught elementary school in the Chicago area, and is now doing graduate work in library science. We have two children, Erik Matthew, 6, and Joel Kaj, 4. Both were born in Virginia, but are fast developing Australian accents. Even though we are now 10,000 miles from Nebraska, our years at Dana remain dear to us, and the human warmth, intellectual intensity, and spiritual depth which we found there continue to live within us and to enrich our lives."

### Five Elected to Alumni Council

John Beck '50, director of alumni affairs, reports that newly elected members of the Alumni Council are Susan Thorson Holstein '76, Ivan Johansen '38, Herb Knudsen '63, Roger Lorsch '71, and Roger Petersen '61.



An English oak was planted on the campus between Old Main and the Campus Center on April 26 as a memorial to the late Professor Mel Boehr. Assisting in the planting — as members of the Dana community watched — were (from left) Mrs. Boehr, Education Department colleague Ray Weckmuller '52, President Kallas, and maintenance staff members Willard Meier and Eugene Thomas.

### Choir Releases New Record

*Making a Joyful Noise*, a record of sacred music made this spring by the Dana Choir under the direction of Dr. Paul Neve, can be purchased for \$5 (plus \$1 for postage) through the Public Relations Office.

The new release, issued by Recorded Publications Company, Camden, New Jersey, includes works by J. S. Bach, Arnold Mendelssohn, Pelham Humphreys, and F. Melius Christiansen. Soloists are Tom Jacobson '81, Loveda Barthelmeh '81, Craig Shaffer '82, Elizabeth Falksen '80, and Amy Nichols '82.

# campus NOTES



One hundred and 24 students and 12 teachers from nine Nebraska high schools attended the fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Federation of Students of German on the campus in April. Their hosts were members of Dana's Deutscher Verein and German instructor Bodil Johnson.

The 202 students who participated in a CROP Fast Day last spring raised \$248.46. The CROP check was presented by SAGA Food Service at Dana.

Dr. Alan Brandes, music, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend an eight-week seminar this summer at the University of Minnesota. The seminar is on eighteenth century English art and literature.

Members of the Dana community gave 179 pints of blood in April when the Red Cross Bloodmobile came to the campus. The goal of the Ars Medica-sponsored drive was 120 pints. Last year 164 pints were given. This time 200 volunteered to give blood, 20 more than last year, according to chairman Carol Weckmuller '80.

Student Rhonda Wellsandt '81 has been elected secretary of the Student Education Association of Nebraska, an affiliate of the Nebraska State Education Association.

Students belonging to the Dana Art Club traveled to Chicago in April to visit that city's museums. Hosts to the group were Dana friends Mr. and Mrs. Marius Landbo of Homewood and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lang of Palos Heights.

Seniors reigning at this year's Mayfest were Kathy Appel and Gary Fauskee. Members of their court were Angela Ankenbauer, Cheryl Lustgraaf, JoAnne Roberts, Mary Rowland, Gary Beltz, Ralph Brown, Jeff Fahrenkrug, and Kip Tyler.

Senior Gary Beltz presented a paper to the Medical Sciences Division of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences at its 90th annual meeting in April at Nebraska Wesleyan University. His paper, on "New Bonded Phase Extraction System for Clinical Analysis," describes a novel approach to the extraction of various drugs from human blood serum for use in the hospital laboratory. His report was based on research he did during the 1980 Interim at the South Bend, Indiana, Medical Foundation. Dr. Larrie Stone '57, biology, was honored at an evening banquet as one of the Academy's past presidents.

The Dana Board of Regents at its May meeting named Dr. Clifford Hanson Dean of the College. Hanson has been acting dean during the past school year. In other actions, the Board promoted Mr. Darrell Dibben to associate professor of speech and granted tenure to Dr. John Bienz, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Tom Williams, associate professor of music.

Participants in a campus Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon in April raised approximately \$4200, chairman Mari Barry '80 reports. Winning first place in amounts pledged and the most popular couple award were JoAnne Roberts '80 and Tom Harm '80.

Pastors James McGowen of Bethany Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Greg Uthus of Joy Lutheran Church in Parker, Colorado, were in residence at Dana in April.

In April the Dana Forensics Team, coached by Professor Sieghard Krueger, placed second among ten colleges and universities at the Nebraska Speech Contest. Creighton University took first. On the Dana team, Joanne Hansen '81 took first place in after-dinner speaking, and she and Angela Ankenbauer '80 placed third in duet acting. Miss Ankenbauer won second place in prose and second in drama.

Dr. Tom Williams, music, was a consultant this spring at the University of Mississippi in Oxford for that school's doctoral program in music and its graduate and undergraduate music education programs.

Milt Heinrich, art, was moderator at the opening panel discussion of the annual meeting of the Association of Nebraska Community Arts Councils in May at Hastings College. The meeting was a joint conference of the arts councils and state professional organizations of music, visual arts, and theater educators.

Rosanne Williams, part-time instructor in education, has received her Ph.D. in elementary education from the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Delvin Hutton, religion, participated in a seminar on Islam at the Arab World Symposium at Doane College in April. He will be director of the Summer Greek Program at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, from July 28-August 30.

A "Catalog of Major Ecological Disasters of the 1970s" compiled by members of Dana's Environmental Studies Seminar, taught by Professor George Grube, biology, appeared in the April 1980 issue of *Quality Environment Council News*.

Professor Darrell Dibben, speech, was a judge at the Nebraska High School State Speech Finals at Kearney State College in April.



# SPORTS

## Baseball: District NAIA Champs

The baseball season ended with 24 wins and 20 losses. "That's not the most outstanding record," Coach Dale Lemon says, "but what's contained in it certainly labels it a good one for the Vikings." The team battled back from a 1-13 mark in early April, winning 23 of 30 after that, a share of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, and a first time-ever district National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship. Dana lost two straight in the area NAIA playoff, but that failed to dim the feeling of the season's many accomplishments.

Lemon says that the season started with many unknown factors, including a young team of ten freshmen and five sophomores on a 21-man squad. The four infield positions were a real concern, he says (Lemon reached a 300-wins milestone when Dana swept a pair from Nebraska Wesleyan), but three new players emerged with good batting averages. Pitching was good, as a four-man rotation was uncovered, with one of them, Gary Fauskee '80, emerging as an all-conference and all-district selection. (His teammates also voted him 1980's Most Valuable Player.) The team batted a strong .292 over the season and established a stolen base record of 82, "making a shambles of the old mark of 66," Lemon said.



**Fauskee - Most Valuable**

Mitch Lane '82 was a .415 hitter. He led Dana with 11 doubles, established new strikeout marks, or lack of strikeouts, and once went 71 times straight without fanning. Overall he averaged 31.5 at bats for each of his three seasonal strikeouts, "amazing marks," Lemon says. Dale DeBuhr '82 made new records in hits (62), runs (45) and triples (7), bettering the old stolen bases record with 18. Scott Petersen '81 claims that record, however, with 27 thefts. Petersen also hit .339 and played very well at second base.

Not only Fauskee, but also DeBuhr, Lane, and Petersen were named to the all-conference and all-district teams.

## Men's Track: Program Grows

Two members of the men's track team — Doug Lemon '81 and Mitch Rew '82 — were point getters at the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet, with Lemon earning third place in the triple jump at 45'9½".

The squad has grown in size, Coach Ron C. Johnson '70 reports. Twenty-two reported this year and 18 competed after injuries, he said. Few were seniors, so that most of the members will be returning next year.

Varsity cross country and indoor track are being added to next year's program.

## Women's Track: A Quality Team

Coach Carol Haussermann '69 reports that "quality, not quantity, was the word for the 1980 women's track team." A squad of eight athletes broke the following school records: *field events* — javelin, Teresa Michelsen '81, 127'2"; discus, Jean Watts '83, 103'5"; shot put, Jean Watts, 34'0"; long jump, Kayla Walsh '82, 17'1"; *track events* — 100 M. hurdles, Traci Schlueter '83, 16.4; 100 yd. dash, Julie Granville '83, 12.3; 400 M. run, Felicia Collins '83, 1.03.

The season culminated with the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet where the squad scored 37 points — an excellent showing against squads of greater depth. Kayla Walsh set a school and conference record with her first place long jump of 17'1". She also added a second place medal with a high jump of 5'4". Teresa Michelsen took a first place medal in the javelin with a season's best throw of 127'2". This throw improved her previous school record by 18'. She also holds the Division III, AIAW state record in the javelin.

## Golf: Best Season Ever

This year's golf team, the best in Dana's history, completed its season by winning second place in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, losing the 27-hole match by a mere four strokes. Coached by Paul Peterson '41, the team lost only one match out of seven duals or triangulars and placed either second or third in four large invitationals.

In the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District #11 match, the team came in a close third after challenging both the winner and second-place team throughout the 36-hole meet.

Tim Barber '82 led the Vikings as a medalist in most of the matches.

## Tennis: Team Competitive

Despite a winless season, the tennis team played competitive tennis and gained valuable experience for the next season, Coach Betty Bullock reports. Only one player, Bruce Bro, graduated, and the team next year will benefit from the leadership of returning players.

Dave Jensen '81 and Lynae VanderWiel '81 were the season's bright spots, Coach Bullock says. VanderWiel will provide leadership for the newly formed 1981 women's tennis team.

## Softball: Second in Division

The women's softball team, now in its second year as a club sport, had a five win-nine loss season against varsity teams and came in second in the state's Division III Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women playoffs.

"There is so much potential and talent in this club that it is difficult to single out a few of the athletes in evaluating the season," Coach Lee Ahrens says. "Dawn Munyer '81 and Lori Hansen '81 were the mainstays of our pitching staff and they really did a super job. Hansen, in her first year of pitching, really developed into a superb pitcher. Ronda Newman '82 led the big bats for us while Hansen won the homerun crown. Munyer was RBI leader and Felicia Collins '83 was runs scored champ. Heidi Faudel '83, Mary Welp '81, and Kayla Walsh '82 also had big games. Walsh probably has one of the best throwing arms around."

**Kudos: to Coach Paul Peterson '41, the Omaha World-Herald's State College Coach of the Year; and to Joanne Gochenour Bracker '66, Eddie Johnson '74, D Club Alumni Award winners**



## JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1979

CYNTHIA GUNDERSON is a social worker for Traveler's Aid Society of Metropolitan Chicago in its Traveler's Aid Backstretch Services for migrant workers at thoroughbred horse racetracks in northern Illinois.

ROGER KNOWLTON is assistant superintendent for the Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area, Ogallala, Nebraska.

1977

TIM WAGGONER is head of the drama department at Fremont, Nebraska, Senior High School. His wife, JANIS (BOYCE '78) teaches fifth and sixth grades and music at a rural school. They and their daughter, Jessica, 1½, live at 725 East Third in Fremont (68025).

1976

STEVE BERNTSON farms near Paullina, Iowa, where his address is RR 1 (51046).

MARY STABY, P.O. Box 1049, Frisco, Colorado 80443, is a professional photographer in Breckenridge, Colorado, specializing in sports photography.

1974

MIRIAM HILLER is home on a year's furlough after four years in Bangladesh serving under the World Mission Prayer League, a Lutheran mission organization. She plans to return in January 1981. Her present address is Box 257, Napoleon, North Dakota 58561.

1972

J. DENNIS WEIDLER, 135 Candlewyck, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001, is national sales manager and broadcast consultant for Kalamusic, a service of Fairfield Broadcasting Company.

1970

JAMES and Karen VORDERSTRASSE live at RR 1 in Hebron, Nebraska 68370, with their three children — Tricia, 7, Traci, 4, and Tyson, 2.

1969

EILEEN (TAAKE) Simonsen writes that "We have moved from Omaha to 1107 Valleyway in Glenwood, Iowa 51534. Jens is the school psychologist here, and I am presently in retirement from teaching. I am home with our two daughters: Kari, 5, and Sara, 1."

1968

CHARLES DAVID and CAROL (HANSEN '69) HUBERT live in Perth, Australia, where he is on exchange with the Royal Australian Air Force as an instructor of student pilots. Their address is: American Consulate Perth, APO San Francisco, California 96209.

GARY SHUCK lives in Coral Gables, Florida, at 727 Almeria Avenue #5 (33134).

Dr. JEFFREY VINTON has been appointed assistant professor in the department of oral surgery at the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been a commander in the U.S. Navy since 1971, assigned most recently to the U.S. Naval Regional Medical Center in the

Philippines as chief of dental and oral surgery service.

1966

MERRY (FAVARO) Walker, 402 North Maple Avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, is working at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic as a psychiatric social work intern in order to complete her master's degree. She has taught for five years.

1965

ROGER ROBERT has been promoted to vice-president of Continental Management, Inc., in Omaha. He joined the company, a security broker-dealer, in March 1978 as a commission salesman and became manager the following August.

1964

DONALD LACY is administrative officer at the Fish and Wildlife Service Research Laboratory in Columbia, Missouri. His wife, JANINE (KROEGEN), teaches in the Ashland, Missouri, school system. Their Ashland address is Route 1 (65010).

1963

KENT HOWARD, who has been administrator of Dodge County Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Nebraska, for six years, has accepted a position with a group that operates several hospitals in the Salt Lake City area.

1960

DAVE HOGAN, 2563 Sweetwater Trail, Redding, California 96003, writes that "After living in Ponca, Nebraska, since 1964, we have moved to Redding. My wife, Marilyn, and I have three children: Julie, 15, Jackie, 13, and Nick, 8. We are agents for the DeAnza Delivery System, Inc., and operate their Redding Service Center."

1956

JOHN and BEVERLY (KRUTY) WILLIAMS live in Anaheim, California, at 870 South Barnett (92805). John is director of engineering at Master Specialties Company in Costa Mesa.

1954

PETER and ELNA (NIELSEN '56) MATHIASSEN's address is Box 447, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada S0K 3R0. Since October 1979 he has served the two congregations of Rosthern-Hague Lutheran Parish.

1953

FLOYD and DOROTHY (LANDBO '56) JORGENSEN live at Thistledeew in Pinewood, Minnesota 56664. They write that their daughter Karen graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in May.

MARK THOMSEN has accepted a position as associate professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, teaching in the newly established ALC chair of Christian Mission and World Religions. He has been pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dubuque, Iowa, for the past eight years. He and his wife, Mary Lou, will live at 1483 Branston in St. Paul (55108).

## ADVANCED DEGREES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1977

CURT MASCHMAN received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in May. He is an associate attorney with the law firm of Kotouc, Kotouc, and Fankhauser in Humboldt, Nebraska.

1957

MARILYN (WARD) Nichols received her M.A. in English as a second language in May from the University of Arizona. Her address is 6661 North Camino Abbey, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

## PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND AWARDS

1976

DENNIS NELSON, 435 Simms Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501, is an energy resource person for Breadbasket Alliance, a local anti-nuclear power group aimed at stopping nuclear power plant construction and finding energy alternatives.

1973

Two poems by STEVE HAHN appear in *The Sandhills & Other Geographies: An Anthology of Nebraska Poetry* published by Sandhills Press, Ord, Nebraska.

1970

GERALD PETERSEN received the 1979 Outstanding Service Award from the National Society of Professional Engineers. He has joined The Schemmer Associates, Inc., an Omaha-based architectural, engineering, and planning firm as a land development specialist. He holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is a registered professional engineer. He and his wife, LYNN (NORGAARD '69), live in Omaha (68144) at 1326 South 114th Street.

1965

MARLENE (TOFT) Ross, 172 Heatherlawn Court, P.O. Box 187, Somerset Center, Michigan 49282, directed a 75-member volunteer choir in a March concert that was broadcast on Palm Sunday.

1951

RUTH (LARSEN) Randall, 13100 Harriet Avenue #361, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337, has been awarded a Bush Public Schools Executive Fellowship by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators and the Bush Foundation. She is assistant superintendent of personnel in Independent School District 196 in Rosemount, Minnesota.

## MARRIAGES

1980

MARY HEISTAND and BRUCE BRO, June 7, 1980, in Blair.

1973

Cindy Isaacs and WARREN C. NIELSEN, August 12, 1979. They and son Chad, 4, live in Templeton, California, where Warren is pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church. He was recently elected president of the local hospital chaplaincy organization.

1972

Linda Heeren and STEVE TURNER, January 19, 1980. They live at 5625 North 117th Court in Omaha (68164). He is starting his fifth year in professional sales with AAA Cornhusker Motor Club, and she works for the Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha.

## BIRTHS Sons

1976

Ryan Thomas, born November 20, 1979, to THOMAS and KRISTIN (GRORUD) WALKER. They live at 1608 C Eustis #309 in St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

1971

Michael Richard, born November 6, 1979, to Donald and BARBARA (KRAUSE) Haag, 2205 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. He has a brother Eric, 2, and a sister Marci, 10.

1969

Brian James, born September 17, 1979, to ALLAN and FRAN (PEDERSEN) ANDERSON, who live at 12645 Orchard in Omaha (68137). Brian joins a brother, Matthew, who is 4.

1968

Dana Alan, born March 9, 1979, to CHARLES and MAXINE (LUBKEMAN) SCOTT, 2095 Roundtable Road, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa 51054.

1967

Brett Timothy and Brian Thomas, born March 7, 1980, to TIM and LU (VASBY) BROWN, 174 Ryan Drive, Blair.

**BIRTHS**  
**Daughters**

1979

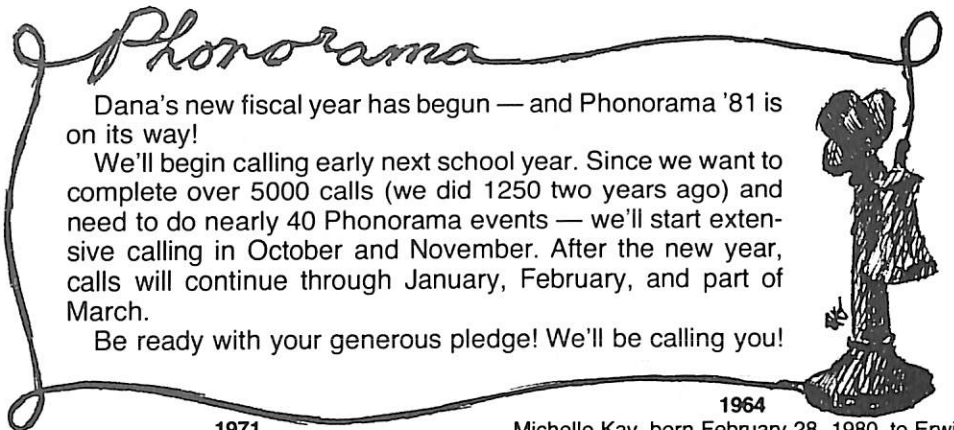
Kari Ann, born March 18, 1980, to DOUGLAS and Lori MEGGISON. She has two brothers, Jason, 4, and Andy, 2. On February 1 Doug became recreation director for the city of Red Oak, Iowa.

1975

Erin Jean, born December 23, 1979, to ROBERT and KRISTINE (MASCHMAN '74) COFFEY, 250 Ryan Drive, Blair. Her brother, Matthew, is 2½.

1973

Kristi Lea, born October 21, 1979, to John and PHYLLIS (KUHLMANN) Schwab, Box 207, Curtis, Nebraska 69025. Phyllis teaches second grade in Maywood, and John works for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company in Curtis.



Dana's new fiscal year has begun — and Phonorama '81 is on its way!

We'll begin calling early next school year. Since we want to complete over 5000 calls (we did 1250 two years ago) and need to do nearly 40 Phonorama events — we'll start extensive calling in October and November. After the new year, calls will continue through January, February, and part of March.

Be ready with your generous pledge! We'll be calling you!

1971

Anne Marie, born March 21, 1980, to Gerry and KAREN (BANSEN) Maguire, 5544 Rainier Drive, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

1970

Megan Renae, born January 5, 1980, to DOUG and Pat WITTE, Box 26C, Plainview, Nebraska 68769. Her sister, Heather, is six.

1969

Jody Dawn, born December 27, 1979, to BOB and Kimberly KUEHNER, 612 Morsman Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526.

1964

Michelle Kay, born February 28, 1980, to Erwin and HARRIET (PUTNAM) Dobson, 22018 East Highway 6, Sterling, Colorado 80751. They have two other children — Jennifer, 10, and Butch, 8.

**DEATHS**

1969

CHARLES (CHUCK) MESERVE, September 16, 1978, while clearing land with two partners. He ran to push a partner out of the way of a falling tree, but then was struck himself. His action has qualified him for the Carnegie Hero Award. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meserve, 28 Greenway Drive, Falmouth, Maine 04105, and his sister, Betty.

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The Rev. EDWIN SVENDSEN T'44, March 7, 1980. He had been associate pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Holbrook, Arizona, since last October, and had earlier served congregations in Wisconsin, Texas, and California, and the Oaks, Oklahoma, Indian mission. He had also been a navy chaplain, campus pastor at Oregon State College, the University of Oregon, and Texas A&M, and chaplain at Home of Guiding Hands in California. Survivors include his widow, Ruth, of 403 Anita Drive in Holbrook (86025).

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The Rev. M. G. CHRISTENSEN T'23, April 7, 1980. The first administrator and chaplain of the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, he also served parishes in Canada, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Iowa. Survivors include his widow, RUTH (FOGDAHL '30), of 7501 University Drive in Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.



Yes, this is a campus photo. Dana is one of only a few colleges in the area with a sculpture foundry. Here students Reginald Tullos '82 (left) and Mark Jorgensen '80 pour molten bronze from the crucible into molds buried in sand.

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— marking it piece by piece — shipped the pieces by train to Gillette, Wyoming, and then by wagon to a homestead ranch where he rebuilt it. There he and his wife “spent the happiest years of their lives.”

Some students discovered family treasures — recipes, linens from Bohemia, old photographs, a trunk and clothing from Norway.

Others have decided that they've inherited ancestral traits. A descendant of Daniel Boone wrote that “I too cherish the outdoors . . . I can feel that innate sense of adventure well up inside me . . .” Another — “The Danish stubbornness and sense of humor are the only ‘traditions’ I find to be still very much alive in my family.”

Often a student's family became involved in the project. One wrote, “I feel proud of my family heritage. This paper has made me curious about the details I can't fill in, and I am working on a complete family tree. What is really exciting is that I got my whole family hooked on the search for a heritage! It is about the first family project we've had since we once tried to put together a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle when we were snowbound one winter!”

From the papers it's obvious that sophomores have gained a new respect for their pasts. One wrote, “Joy, enlightenment, closeness, reverence for a creator — God, and maybe a little sadness, are all expressed in the emotions I have as I look into my heri-

tage.”

Another said, “I think [my great-great grandmother] was wonderful. She stood only 4'11” tall, never weighed over 80 pounds, and yet she crossed an ocean, half a continent, helped manage a farm, and raised nine children and a brother and sister. I wonder if any man or woman today would care to do as much.”

And one sophomore hopes that, when she tells her children “the story of the old [Russian-German] grandmother and her four sons, who braved the crossing of the stormy Atlantic [in 1876] to forge out a new life, . . . they, too, will be instilled with the trust in God and iron will of their fathers before them. They, too, will pass this story on.”

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**HOME COMING 1980**

**Friday, October 10**

- 2:00 p.m. Registration opens, Linden Room
- 5:00 p.m. Pig roast
- 7:30 p.m. Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor* (from Chekhov), Alumni Memorial Auditorium
- 9:30 p.m. Hayrides
- 10:00 p.m. Coffee, Parnassus (programs and exhibits celebrating 10th anniversary of Parnassus)  
Pep rally and bonfire

**Saturday, October 11**

- 7:00 a.m. Alumni Council breakfast meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Hot air balloon races  
Coffee, Parnassus
- 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast, Dragon's Head
- 9:00 a.m. 5000-meter Viking Fun Run (sponsored by Dana Boosters Club)
- 10:00 a.m. Homecoming parade
- 11:15 a.m. Audiovisual, *The Dana Experience*, Dana Hall Auditorium
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon, Campus Center (program includes Athletic Hall of Fame Awards)
- 1:30 p.m. Pre-game entertainment, Viking Field
- 2:00 p.m. Football, Dana vs. Doane (coronation of Homecoming Queen, half-time)
- 4:30 p.m. Simultaneous events: Folk Dancers, Oval; 1975, 1970, 1955, 1950 class reunions, Dragon's Head;  
Golden Reunions (1930 and earlier), Presidents Room; President's reception for team and parents,  
Linden Room
- 5:00 p.m. *The Dana Experience*, Dana Hall Auditorium
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet (continuous serving, 6-7), Campus Center
- 7:15 p.m. Choir reunion, Campus Center
- 8:00 p.m. Special performance of *The Good Doctor* with alumni in some roles  
(watch for tryout announcements this fall)
- 9:00 p.m. Coffee, Parnassus
- 9:30 p.m. Dance, Borup Coliseum  
Drop-in reunion, Dragon's Head (drama reunion, entertainment, bridge for fun)

**Sunday, October 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast, Dragon's Head
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Borup Coliseum
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch, Campus Center
- 2:00 p.m. *The Good Doctor*, Alumni Memorial Auditorium

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