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Greetings, Friends in Christ!

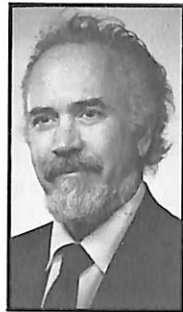
Christmas Eve it was. Twenty-five years ago. We were young then, missionaries in our first call, living in West Africa. On Christmas Eve we were heading for N'Gaoundere, the seat of our mission, the largest city in the north of the Cameroun. The missionaries were gathering for their annual Christmas party, to exchange gifts and to comment to one another after six months in the bush that the kids were getting bigger, that we missed America, that we loved our work. It was a good time of the year, and we planned for it for weeks and weeks.

We were climbing the Adamaoua Plateau. N'Gaoundere was still 20 kilometers off or more. The blood-red African soil had faded to gray, and then black as night fell. The Land Rover lights sprayed along the hardpacked road, occasionally reflecting back a pair of unblinking animal eyes staring out of the bush, watching us roll by.

We woke the little girls up, telling them we had one more grade to climb, and that then, over the top of that hill, they'd see N'Gaoundere and all its Christmas lights. They stood up on the back seat, just barely able to see out the windshield. Anticipation built, for soon they would see the Christmas lights blazing out the birth of Jesus. And then we cleared the hilltop, looking for lights. It was darkness. We could see an occasional camp fire, and one or two or three of the one-roomed, mud-walled homes had a lantern shining through the door. But these intrusions into the darkness aside, there were no lights.

Of course not. The light of the gospel had not penetrated that corner of Dark Africa yet. There were no signs of Christmas, no announcement in neon or otherwise that Jesus the Saviour was born. We had forgotten, overlooked the obvious. Brand new missionaries, our first Christmas on the field, we had overlooked the obvious — we were there precisely because there was blackness. We had come to share the light of our Lord.

I have never, ever, since that day, said one word against the commercialism of Christmas. Nor will I ever,



Thomsen Talks on World Hunger

Dr. Mark Thomsen '53 will speak at Dana in February on "The Gospel and World Hunger." Thomsen is director of the American Lutheran Church's Division for World Mission and Inter-Church Cooperation.

His lectures are scheduled for the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium at 8 p.m. on February 9 and at 9 a.m. on February 10.

Thomsen is a graduate of Dana College and Trinity Seminary and a former Dana faculty member.

Non-discrimination Policy

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again. Whatever the motive of the merchant who bathes his store in brightest light, be he driven by profit or piety, his light in his store window, his playing of carols on the speaker inside, in its own way is testimony to the birth of Jesus.

In the case of those moved by commercial reasons alone, it is as if they are obliged unknown to themselves to pay homage to His arrival. There is a parable there, the overarching power of God able to bring all to the performance of His will.

Pilate meant it for evil, but God turned it to salvation, reminding the short-sighted Roman that "You have no power over me, lest it be given thee from above. . . ." Judas meant it for evil, a gain of 30 pieces of silver. But out of his treachery which led to the cross came the resurrection. He sinned on Friday, but God acted anew on Sunday. Judas meant it for evil, and God brought forth victory.

Paul tells us that the time is coming when "every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord." Paul does not tell us that these shall be praises of piety thrown heavenward by believers. One instead senses that what Paul is saying is that even the unbeliever will be obliged to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ, that even those who scoff or ignore, who curse and care not, will be perhaps despite themselves brought to that posture where they acknowledge the Lordship of Christ.

Never, ever again, will I find fault with commercialism, with the merchandising maneuvers of Christmas sales. For in its own way, perhaps unknowingly, perhaps even begrudgingly, these signs of light and joy and gift-giving are the acknowledgement of the new dawn come into the world.

There is a parable here, the assurance that whatever our motives, whatever our degree of cooperation or comprehension, or lack of same, God's will will be done. The light has come into the world and darkness will not be allowed to remain.

In Jesus' name . . .
Dr. James Kallas, President

Ground-Breaking Highlights Conference

A ground-breaking ceremony for the performing arts center opened the College's Second Centennial Fund National Leadership Conference on December 4.

A National Leadership Conference on November 7, 1981, launched the \$6 million drive, and it was at that event that President James Kallas announced plans for construction of the performing arts center as the first stage in a three-part building program.

At the December 4 conference Kallas said that \$3,775,116 had been pledged to the three-year drive. (At this writing on December 17, the amount had grown to \$3,830,791.)

The following reports were also given on the results of area campaigns held over the past year:

Blair and Washington County: \$1,017,039 (drive not yet completed) — 13 times previous annual gift total;

Omaha area (including Council Bluffs): \$1,037,594 (drive not yet completed) — 22 times previous annual gift total;

Fremont: \$45,776 — 20 times previous annual gift total;

Denver and eastern Colorado: \$88,248 — 9.5 times previous annual gift total;

Des Moines and Ames: \$33,676 — 14.5 times previous annual gift total.

John Beck '50, Centennial Fund director, said that other drives are planned for 1983 and 1984 in Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin, California, Arizona, Washington, and Oregon.

Blair Firm Signs Contract

The Harold G. Wright Company of Blair has been awarded a \$1,380,000 contract for construction of Dana's performing arts center. Keith Hansen, the College's business manager, said that the firm's bid was the lowest among those submitted by four contractors, three from Nebraska and one from Iowa.

The contract was signed on December 4 at the Centennial Fund's Second National Leadership Conference.

The Wright Company is a continuation of the Korshoj Construction Company, which has built every major structure at Dana since World War II.

At present a large mound of dirt is surcharging the area to compress unstable subsoil. Construction will take about 15 months, Hansen said, and will start this spring "as soon as we're told that the site is ready."

Student body president Bob Schmoll '83 told participants that the Dana students' drive for the Centennial Fund had already reached \$4,500.

Participants in the program included President Emeritus C. C. Madsen '31, Centennial Fund honorary national co-chairman; President Kallas; Herb Knudsen '63 and Richard Hunt, Centennial Fund national co-chairmen; Eugene Meyer, executive director of college relations; Beck and Schmoll.

The cover: Among the ground-breakers on December 4 for the performing arts center were: top row, from left — Richard Hunt, vice-chairman of the Board of Regents and a Centennial Fund national co-chairman; President James Kallas; Dr. C. C. Madsen '31, president emeritus and a Centennial Fund honorary national co-chairman; bottom row, from left — Dr. Clifford Hanson T'44, dean of the college; Bob Schmoll '83, student body president; and M. Stanley Jensen, mayor of Blair.

All of the ground-breakers are pictured below: front, from left: Schmoll; Dr. Tom Williams, associate professor

of music; Harold Wright, contractor; George Haecker, architect (Bahr Vermeer and Haecker); and Eugene Meyer, executive director of college relations; standing, from left — Sieghard Krueger, assistant professor of speech and theatre; Harold Miller, regent emeritus; James Olsen '62, assistant professor of art; Ken Anderson '63, president of the Alumni Association; Madsen; Hanson; the Rev. Robert Schaff, Centennial Fund National Executive Committee; Jensen; Darlean Kallas; Kallas; Robert Woodhouse, president of Blair Chamber of Commerce; John Beck '50, director of Centennial Fund; and Dr. Paul Neve '41, professor of music. *Photos by Peter Jacobson '84.*



Gift of Real Estate Sets College Record



President Kallas thanks Howard Hanson for gift from Hanson and his wife, Marymaude.

Marymaude and Howard Hanson of Blair have given the College their home and surrounding acreage, adding another excellent real estate asset to Dana's holdings. The gift will become the President's residence in early 1983.

President James Kallas, in announcing the gift on December 3, said that "While I am not at liberty to disclose all the details, I am free to say that this arrangement, whereby Dana receives title to the Hansons' home and acreage, is partial gift and partial purchase, with the gift portion exceeding \$500,000.

"In the entire 100-year history of Dana, there has never been a single gift of that dimension ever given to the College before, either by an individual, a foundation, or a corporation. We here at Dana are strengthened by this vote of confidence of the Hansons, and accept their kindness with profound gratitude."

Hanson is president of the Blair Bank and a former Dana Regent.

Philatelists Give U. S. Collections

Dana has been given two large collections of U.S. stamps, one as a gift to the Centennial Fund, the other as a memorial.

The Centennial Fund gift from Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Snow of San Bernardino, California, has been appraised at \$14,560. (Mrs. Snow is the sister of Esther Johnson '29 Madsen, the wife of President Emeritus C. C. Madsen '31.)

Aaron Jensen '20 of Canton, Texas, has given his collection — appraised at \$106,760.80 — to Dana in memory of his father, the Rev. H. P. Jensen. Pastor Jensen was a member of the Dana-Trinity Seminary school board from 1909 to 1928 and served as its president for some of those years. President Kallas, in thanking Jensen for his gift, wrote that "You have given Dana a lifetime labor of love to honor your father and the school he loved. What could be more fitting?"

(Jensen has also given Dana his collection of Danish Christmas seals. That story appears on page 11.)

About Estate Planning . . .

Through the years as I have visited with friends and alumni of Dana College, I have noticed that they often tell me something like this — "I would like to leave something to Dana in my will, but my estate is so small that it wouldn't even be noticed." Many of the estates we receive do fall in the "small" category. Frequently the College receives the residue of an estate, that portion which remains after specific bequests to the family and other loved ones are fulfilled.

While Dana appreciates large gifts, and in fact could not exist without them, we also rely heavily on the smaller estate. For example, a bequest to the College of \$10,000 invested at current interest rates could earn \$1,000 per year in perpetuity. This same \$1,000, if given to a student through student aid, could be the deciding factor in whether or not a particular young person is able to continue his or her education. When you think that this same \$10,000 can continue working for many, many years, the magnitude of this gift is amazing. Think of how many lives will be touched because of the thoughtfulness of one person in dividing his or her worldly goods. Perhaps that gift will educate 100 teachers, or 100 pastors, or perhaps a Nobel Prize winner, or an Olympic athlete. A bequest to Dana College can affect many, many lives in the years to come.

If I can be of help to you in planning your estate, please give me a call.



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Alumni Couple Co-Host ALC Television Series

Alumni Richard '56 and Bonnie Hagedorn '70 Jensen will co-host a pilot television series called "Reflections" for the American Lutheran Church during Lent. He is speaker on the Lutheran Vespers radio programs, and she is executive director of American Lutheran Church Women.

The five-program series will air in approximately 25 test cities. A release from the ALC's Office of Communication, Minneapolis, said that the ALC's communication staff would work in cooperation with Lutheran congregations in those cities in seeking air time.

The project was announced in October at a standing committee meeting of the Office of Communication and Mission Support.

In their series the Jensens will address five themes related to Christ's last words on the cross: loneliness, guilt and forgiveness, caring community, meeting physical needs, and death and dying. Each program will blend music, interviews, sharing of personal experiences, and meditations by Jensen.

The release said that the test situations will include broadcasts over commercial stations and cable systems and use in non-broadcast settings such as closed circuit systems in hospitals.

Dr. Elmer Rasmussen . . .
“A Long and Memorable Association”

By Dr. Clifford T. Hanson

We who lived and worked with Dr. Elmer Rasmussen will long remember the devoted service which he gave to Dana for 35 years. His association with Dana was long and memorable. Some of us remember him during his student days. He came to Dana as a student in the fall of 1935. He was somewhat older than the average student and with his maturity served as a role model in his dedication to his studies. He took a heavier course load than the average student and yet did more work for each of his classes.

In addition, I remember that he would go to Omaha to the Omaha Public Library periodically to get books to read, some for his courses and some for leisure reading.

Though he was obviously more conscientious in his studies than the rest of us, yet he was tolerant and understanding toward us of the younger set. He didn't flaunt his studiousness, and the result was that we admired him and were challenged by him to be more studious ourselves.

After his graduation from Dana in 1939, he went to Columbia University where he received his master's degree in 1940, and in the 1941-42 academic year, he taught in the Drewry Practice High School at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. Then in the fall of 1941, he was appointed to the faculty of Dana College, and from the outset he was admired and respected as an excellent teacher. If my memory serves me correctly, in those early years he taught almost twice as many hours as would now be considered a normal teaching load.

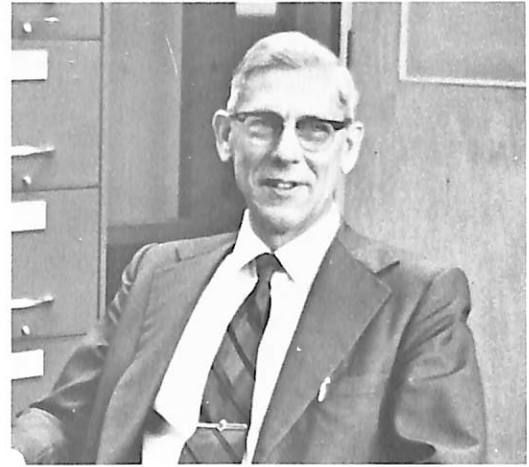
During his years at Dana, he served as professor of psychology and education, as dean of the college, as dean of students, and as registrar and director of counseling. The position which he held longest was registrar and director of counseling. In all of these roles he served the College with distinction.

Dr. Rasmussen went about his work quietly and systematically. What he did was probably not that visible to people outside the College. Nevertheless, his contribution was extremely important, even though it was not the object of public notice.

Dr. Rasmussen was a knowledgeable person. He understood Christian higher education, was well read in his field, and at the same time he knew the students, understood their problems, and counseled them well. Regardless of his official position, he always had time to talk with students. He was sympathetic with their needs, and because of his caring nature, he sought to bring out the best in everyone.

Dr. Rasmussen was a wise person. Lively discussions are frequent occurrences among faculty members at Dana, and most of them are good humored. Dr. Rasmussen was not usually in the center of such discussions, but he would observe and, if the discussion was good humored, he, with a twinkle in his eye, would make a carefully worded, telling comment that would command the respect of all the listeners.

Dr. Rasmussen was a patient person. This patience was manifested in his relationship with students and with his colleagues all during his working years at Dana. After his retirement, his patience in suffering was shown with his multiple sessions in the hospital. Despite the paralysis which he experienced in one leg and arm, he continued to find ways to work in his garden and help with the household chores. At the same time, he continued reading, and I am sure it is the regret of many of us that we did not make greater use of the opportunity to visit with him in these later years.



Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, Professor Emeritus, Distinguished Alumnus, recipient of an honorary degree from Dana, and friend, teacher, and counselor of countless students, died in Blair on November 24 after a long illness. He was 72.

His funeral on November 27 at First Lutheran Church, Blair, was conducted by Dr. C. C. Madsen T'34 and the Rev. Carl Schattauer, Jr. T'52. A memorial service was held at Dana on December 1. Dr. Clifford Hanson T'44, dean of the college, paid tribute to Dr. Rasmussen at both services. (The tribute he gave at the funeral appears on this page.)

Dr. Rasmussen received his B.A. from Dana in 1939, his M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1940, and his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1952.

He joined the Dana faculty in 1941 and was a teacher and administrator here until he retired in 1976. His involvement with education extended beyond the campus. He was Blair's first PTA president, a member of the Blair Board of Education for almost 27 years, and a Sunday School teacher and superintendent at First Lutheran Church. He also served on First Lutheran's church council as a member and its president.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Lee '38 Rasmussen, 333 N. 18th Street, Blair; one daughter, Phyllis '64, 5119 Clacton Avenue, Suitland, Maryland 20746; and three sons, David '66, Box 178, Forest River, North Dakota 58233; Richard '69, 217 East Ridge Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265; and Gary '76, Waverly, Nebraska 68462.

The family has said that memorials may be made in his name to Dana College.

When we read about the history of Dana College in *Saga of the Tower*, we meet such names as A. M. Andersen, G. B. Christiansen, Kristian Anker, and C. X. Hansen. We cannot but look at them with a high degree of respect as the pioneers who founded and sustained Dana College. In more recent years we think of such persons as Dr. J. P. Nielsen, Dr. C. B. Larsen, and Dr. Paul Nyholm. Dr. Rasmussen's name belongs with this illustrious list of persons who have been responsible for charting Dana's course and sustaining it. Those of us who observed him live and work at the College remember him for his conscientious service, for his knowledge, his wisdom, his patience, and for his concerned and caring nature. The memory of his commitment to Christian higher education at Dana College will continue to challenge the rest of us who now have to carry the torch.

Visiting Theologians Will Lecture in February, April

February 13-15: David H. C. Read

A pastor described by *Time* magazine as "the prince of the Protestant pulpit" will be at Dana on February 13-15 as a Visiting Theologian and Staley Foundation lecturer.

Dr. David H. C. Read, Scotland-born and educated, was First Chaplain at the University of Edinburgh and Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland before coming to this country in 1955. Since that time he has been minister of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

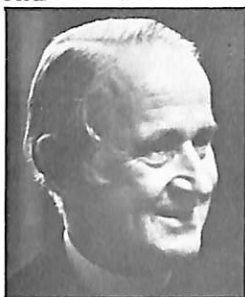
Read will speak in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium on "What Religion for Today?" His individual topics are "Why I Believe in God" (February 13, 8 p.m.), "Is Christ the Only Way?" (February 14, 3 p.m.), "The Historic Church and Modern Cults" (February 14, 8 p.m.), and "Piety in a Nuclear Age" (February 15, 9 a.m.). Read is also at Dana as this year's Staley Foundation Distinguished Christian Scholar.

The *Time* article (December 31, 1979, "American Preaching: A Dying Art?") says of Read:

"A typical Read sermon may begin with a quote from Humpty-Dumpty to Alice and turn on some apt lines from Samuel Johnson or Shakespeare as it wrestles with a timeless (but contemporary) problem using the perspective of the Bible.

"Scholarly content is terribly important," Read says, "but it shouldn't intrude." Read's material is solid enough to make him one of the few preachers whose collected sermons can be read as literature — and at the same time enjoy a respectable sale in book form.

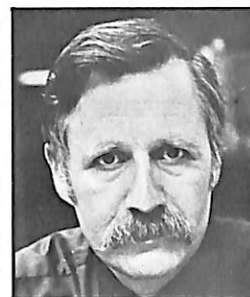
"Read is not merely elegant and literary; his words carry authority. . . . What he manages best of all is to be civilized and witty yet dedicated to a faith that many worldly and successful men find hard to maintain. . . . Through his thought runs a strain of deep feeling and faith capable of convincing others."



April 10-12: Richard R. Niebuhr

Dr. Richard R. Niebuhr, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard University, speaks here on April 10-12 on "Patterns of Theology."

He will lecture on April 10 at 8 p.m. on "The New Sense of the Heart," on April 11 at 3 p.m. on "The Journey" and at 8 p.m. on "Wilderness," and on April 12 at 9 a.m. on "The Commonwealth of Being."



Niebuhr, who has taught at Harvard since 1956, has recently been a guest lecturer at universities in Japan and England.

His principal interest is in the development of symbolism in modern religious thought and in literature. He and two colleagues teach a comparative religion course that examines the phenomenon of pilgrimage as symbolic action in the various religious traditions of the world. He is also engaged in research and writing on the American preacher, philosopher, and theologian, Jonathan Edwards, and on Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the English poet, critic, and religious thinker.

Niebuhr's books include *Resurrection and Historical Reason: A Study of Theological Method*, *Schleiermacher on Christ and Religion: A New Introduction*, and *Experiential Religion*. A new book, *A Wider Self: Studies of Jonathan Edwards, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and William James*, is scheduled to appear in Japan soon.

Niebuhr will give all of his lectures in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium.

Dunn Speaks on Crisis Points In Early Christian Expansion

Dr. James D. G. Dunn, professor of divinity at the University of Durham, England, spoke at Dana on November 14-16 on "Crisis Points in the Earliest Christian Expansion Movement." He was the first speaker in this year's Visiting Theologians series.

Dunn, a Methodist, said that we tend to think of the beginnings of Christianity as "a Golden Age when everything was as it should be." This idea, he said, is "greatly helped by what we read in Acts and in Paul's letters, even though Paul occasionally has sharp words about fake apostles and sham brothers."

It is in Luke's writings, however, Dunn said, that we find "deeper patches of troubled narrative" that Luke "tended to play down or ignore."

Dunn's series, which he subtitled "What Luke Didn't Tell Us," looked at several crisis points, beginning with what Dunn called "The Stephen Affair." Other lectures were on "The Hidden Years of Paul," "The Antioch Incident," and "The Gentile Mission and Jerusalem."

In his concluding lecture Dunn said that realizing that factions developed in the early church should "stop us from feeling guilty about divisions today and from using them as an excuse for lack of vitality. If God worked through men and women like you and me then," he said, "why not through us, and why not now?"



College Has New Harpsichord

Dana's harpsichord was dedicated at a concert of Baroque music on November 14. The harpsichord, designed by Frank Hubbard of Boston, is based on an eighteenth-century French model. It has two manuals with a 63-note compass, two eight-foot, one four-foot, and a buff stop. The kit was a gift of Wayne '66 and Cindy '80 Josephson, pictured here with Dr. Alan Brandes (seated). The instrument was built by Roger Ellingson '79 and painted and decorated by Milt Heinrich of Dana's art department.

Early "Hail Dana" Is Cornerstone Treasure

The copper box must have appeared watertight when it was sealed in the cornerstone at the dedication of Alumni Memorial Auditorium in 1928. It certainly looked watertight when it was removed this fall. But hearts sank when it was opened. Its contents were a damp mass, brown and crumbling.

Then Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology, offered to help. Several years ago he had stabilized foodstuffs from the Steamboat Bertrand at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge near Blair (story in Winter 1981 *Review*), and he said that he'd ask personnel at the Refuge for advice on preserving paper.

And so, after the open box and its contents were displayed at Homecoming, Dr. Stone carefully separated the documents and dried them. Most were copies of publications already in the library and archives — such things as a college catalog and synodical publications and the *Hermes*, the campus newspaper.

One item was unique, however, and although it was in two pieces, it was otherwise in good condition. That was a copy of "Hail Dana," our school song.

"Hail Dana" (titled "Alma Mater" on the copy) was Magnus Christensen's ('26) winning entry in a contest for a new school song. The contest was announced in a February 1926 issue of the *Hermes* after a speaker had commented on the need for a school song at Homecoming that month. The winner's name was given three months later in a May issue.

Then the March 1, 1927, *Hermes* reported that Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen of the music department had composed a "splendid melody" for Christensen's "three expressive stanzas." A story in the same issue about the Homecoming banquet on February 26, 1927, says that "All joined very enthusiastically in singing the school song. Prof. Nielsen has written special music for the verses written by Magnus Christensen and much praise is due to him. The song is full of pep and yet is very appropriate to sing at quieter occasions." (The note at the bottom of the score — "Dana Homecoming Banquet, February 26, 1926 — apparently was added later, and either the writer's memory or pen slipped.)

The 1927 banquet was perhaps the first time "Hail Dana" was sung, at least by alumni.

When Magnus Christensen, who lives in Denver, Colorado, was told recently of the find, he wrote: "Regarding my reminiscences about the song. This was my first attempt and I shall never forget my surprise and appreciation upon being named the winner in the contest. This was the result of an assignment by our English teacher, whose name was Nellie Falk, who had previously attempted to write a school song. A better teacher I have never known. She displayed to me a copy of her efforts. One line which happened to be the theme of her song greatly appealed to me and was my inspiration. That line reads 'O Hail, Fair Dana, Hail to Thee.' I asked permission to use it in my song, and she replied, 'By all means use it if you like.'"

"Hail Dana" has been sung countless times in the past 56 years, and anyone who has heard or sung it knows it is a stirring song. Visitors have admired it too. One, a former editor of *Forum* and *Century* magazines, called it one of the finest college songs he had heard. "It captures the very spirit of Dana," he said.

By now the other documents from AMA's cornerstone have been stored in the library's archives, but this copy of "Hail Dana" — the earliest the College possesses — will be displayed in our Heritage Room.

COACH PETE DAY

Saturday, April 9, 1983

This is an invitation to all alums and friends to help honor a coach, a teacher, a man who has been a part of Dana College for 47 years.

Schedule

2:00-4:30 Informal reception in Campus Center
6:00-8:30 Dinner and program in Campus Center
9:00 Team reunions

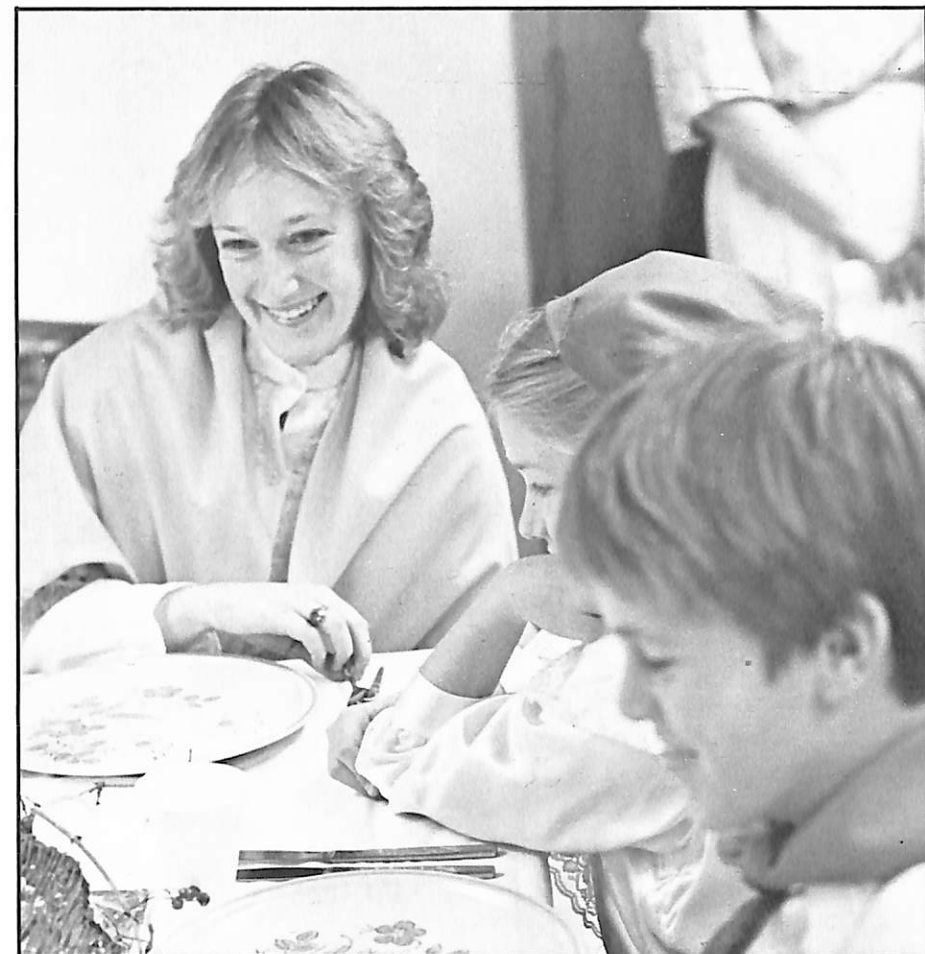
Please send your reservations by March 20, 1983, making your check payable to Dana College.

Costs

Dinner — \$8.50 per person
Room (Elk Horn Hall) — \$8 per person

Total

**Mail to: Vaughn Christensen, Box 1181,
Dana College, Blair, NE 68008**



The Sights and Sounds of Christmas

Visitors from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, and Washington State — 4,500 of them — came to Dana for "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" on December 5. (Those from Colorado included 40 who traveled by bus from Denver in a trip organized by Archie '49 and Lorraine Sandberg '48 Madsen.)

Among the many Sights and Sounds were (from top, clockwise): Storytime (here storyteller John W. Nielsen '47 tweaks a nose; the two little girls, one from Duluth and the other from Des Moines, are the granddaughters of Pastor Astier Neve '39); Joyeux Noel a la Francaise (Sheriane Hann '86, Melanie Kloonan, and Ken Brown, the son of French instructor Diane Brown, re-enact a French family's Christmas in a small mountain village); Julestuen — Danish Christmas Room (Lisa Johnson, the daughter of faculty members Ron '61 and Bodil Strom '61 Johnson, lights an Advent wreath); and a 20-foot spruce decorated with Danish ornaments in the Campus Center.

The day opened with a 10 a.m. worship service (Bishop L. David Brown of the ALC's Iowa District gave the sermon) and closed at 7 p.m. with a performance in the Campus Center by the Santa Lucia Singers.



Student's Find Recalls Dana's Farming Days

A handbill discovered by sophomore Paul Fullmer in an old barn at the edge of the campus is a reminder of an almost forgotten part of Dana's history.

Fullmer, together with other students, was clearing old college furniture from the barn south of Hansen Drive in preparation for an auction the next day (see story on page 11) when he found the handbill tacked to a beam. It announces the sale of a "Purebred and Registered Holstein herd to be sold February 15th at Dana College Farm," names the cows, and gives their production records.

Dana College Farm? Cows named Rose, Della Topsy, and Lady?

According to *Saga of the Tower*, the history of Dana written by Bill Christensen and published in 1959, the College purchased the 103-acre farm in October 1935 (in the middle of the Depression) when Erland Nelson was president.

"We're putting the 'culture' into agriculture," Nelson said. "The production of food will permit a real saving for the College and will do much toward continuing reasonable costs to the student."

About a year later, Dana's agricultural experiment started. The September 21, 1936, *Hermes*, the campus newspaper, reported that the farm would "produce foodstuffs needed in the college kitchen — milk, butter, meat and cheese." The article also noted that "To have an agricultural department in connection with a liberal arts course is new and almost unheard of. The experiment is being watched with interest by educational men over the country."

Students worked on the farm, and an instructor-manager taught courses in agronomy and animal husbandry. These courses ended in 1940. After that a manager operated the farm until it was put up for sale in 1943, the year the handbill was circulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kempcke then farmed the land for 12 years. When asked recently about the property, Kempcke said that his father-in-law, Mr. Chris Jensen, had purchased the land from Dana and that Dana bought it back in the mid-1950s.

Today Borup Coliseum and Viking Field stand on ground once plowed and harvested by students and grazed by the college herd. The house, a large barn, and other buildings are gone. But the small barn and a nearby windmill nestled at the foot of a tree-covered slope are reminders of Dana's brief venture into agriculture.

PRODUCTION RECORD					
of the Purebred and Registered Holstein herd to be sold February 15th at					
DANA COLLEGE FARM					
Name	Born	1941		1942	
		Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Fat	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Fat
Rose	Oct. 1, 1934	13,030	439.3	10,097	370.5
Della Topsy	Oct. 3, 1934	19,525	654.7	18,972	614.2
Lady	Oct. 15, 1935	12,793	479.7	12,179	475.0
Sensation	July 12, 1935 (274 days)	9,413	292.6	11,793	387.5
Daisy	Sept. 24, 1935	11,994	429.2	13,805	510.6
Della	Dec. 3, 1935	11,311	389.8	13,535	457.4
Dandy	Oct. 13, 1935	10,454	374.9	9,011	344.5
Girl	March 8, 1939	9,628	311.2	9,372	326.5
Jocelyn	Oct. 16, 1939			12,073	418.2
Opal	Jan. 14, 1940 (256 days)			8,344	289.4
Ernest	Oct. 12, 1940 (47 days)			1,631	61.9

This old handbill was found by a student.

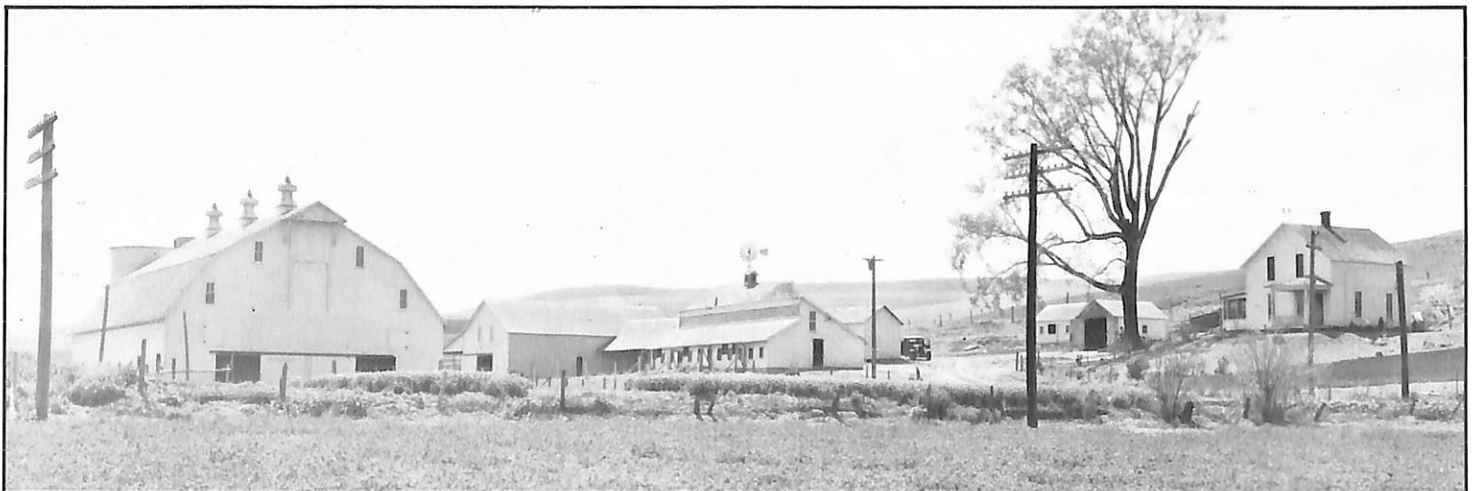
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We're seeking alumni reminiscences for two Centennial publications:

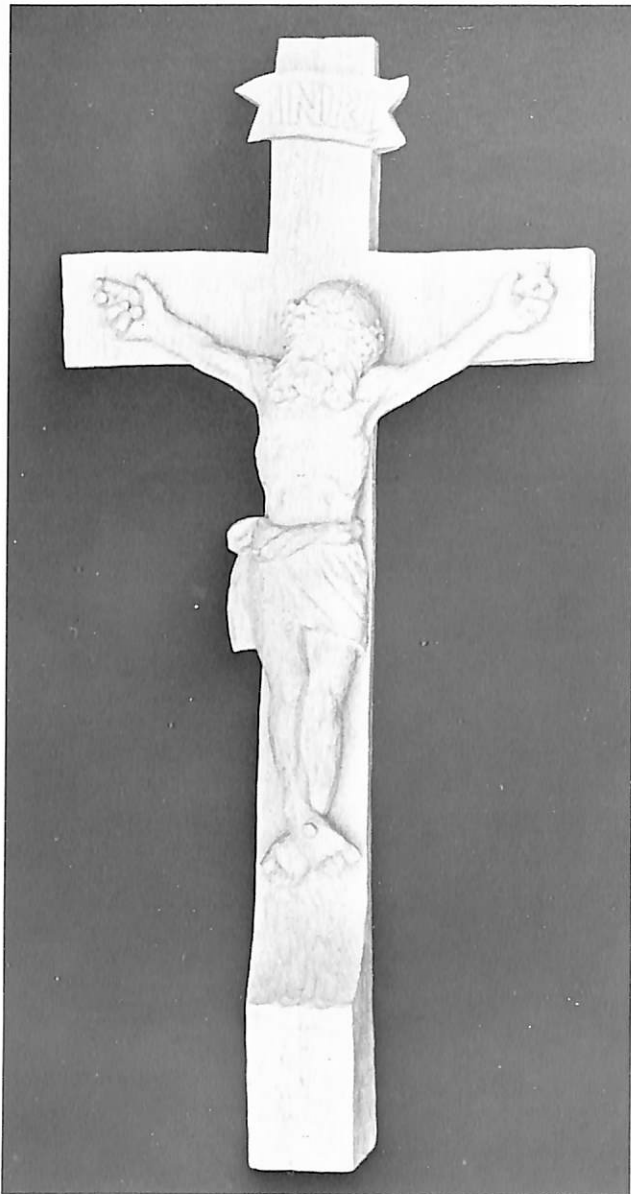
—One is an update of the history of Dana being written by Dr. Peter Petersen '62, professor of history at West Texas State University. Petersen is especially interested in recollections by older alumni of their experiences at Dana and Trinity Seminary. If you'll send your replies to Phil Pagel, director of public relations, he'll forward them to Petersen.

—The second publication, sponsored by the Dana Women's Club, is a collection of recipes and reminiscences. The club is looking for special memories of food at Dana — for example, in the kitchen, in the dining hall, or at banquets — and in faculty homes (Dana and Trinity). Please send these reminiscences (and recipes as well, if you have any related to the school's past) to Ann George, assistant director of public relations, by February 28.

If you send reminiscences that could be used in either publication, we'll make duplicates.



The former Dana College Farm. Only the building to the right of the large barn and a windmill (not the one pictured) remain.



Cross from WWII Returns

A wooden crucifix that many Trinity Seminary graduates will recognize has been presented to Dana by Dr. T. I. Jensen T'33, former seminary dean. It hung in his office here and later at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, after the Trinity faculty moved there in 1956.

Dr. Jensen has taped this history of the cross to the back:

"The hand-carved crucifix was carved by an East European artist in a prisoner of war camp. The word 'Marco' is carved on the reverse side of it, which must have been the artist's name.

"It is carved out of a crude piece of wood found in the prison camp, and the only tool he had to work with was a metal spoon, the spoon which he also used for his food. What a long and laborious work it must have been.

"He gave it to the prison camp chaplain, the late Einer Romer, as a token of gratitude for his ministry to him and the other prisoners."

Romer T'22 later gave the cross to Dr. Jensen. And now he, in his retirement, has given it to Dana.

Alumna "Celebrates Bach"

The two-year-old Southwest Iowa Bach Festival, sponsored by the Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony, has already become a major area event.

Karen Jensen '60 Capel, a voice teacher and church choir director in Council Bluffs, and Mary Lou McGinn have been festival coordinators both years. "The event was Mary Lou's idea," Karen says, "and she asked me to be co-chairman. The Guild took it on as a project." (Karen is now president-elect of the Guild.)

Last summer their Bach Festival '81 received the highest award in a nationwide competition of new guild-sponsored projects. Winners were announced at a national convention of symphony guilds in Washington, D.C.

This year's festival was held on the weekend of November 6 and 7 at First Christian Church in Council Bluffs. Saturday's program started with an afternoon "Bach-a-thon" featuring area artists, among them classical guitarist Dennis Hoch '76 of the Dana staff.

That evening the Nebraska Sinfonia, directed by Thomas Briccetti, played Bach. The next afternoon Bach was again featured, this time in a choral-organ concert. Karen was rehearsal director for the Bach Chorus, a community group, and John Miller was guest director at the concert.

"Both festivals have been exciting," Karen says, "and they've received excellent support from the community. We hope our Bach celebration continues as an annual event."

(Note: Karen Jensen Capel and Richard Jensen — see "Alumni Couple Co-Host . . ." page 4 — are sister and brother.)

Heritage Room Features Danish Christmas Seals

The College's collection of Danish Christmas seals has recently been enhanced by a gift of imperforate (without perforation) sheets and blocks of stamps from Aaron Jensen '20 of Canton, Texas.

Denmark's first seals date from 1904. That year a Danish postal worker suggested selling a specially designed stamp to help children with tuberculosis. The seals became popular in Denmark, and eventually several other countries, including the U.S., adopted the idea.

Since 1950 the sheets have featured complete designs; before that, each stamp had the same design. One of the most beautiful complete designs is a sheet by Queen Margrethe II, which she called "Heaven Prepares for Christmas." Both the imperforate and perforate versions of that sheet are part of a newly mounted display of the entire collection in the library's Heritage Room.

Students Hold Successful Auction

The students' Centennial Fund drive for the performing arts center grew by \$1,591 on November 6 when students cleared out the old barn at the edge of the campus and auctioned its contents.

Dana has used the barn as storage space for many years, and the building yielded everything from tables (used when the kitchen and dining area were in Argo Hall) to old classroom desks, doors, and bathtubs.

Bob Schmoll '83, student body president, said that student groups helping to organize the auction included the football team, the choir, the church council, and the Student Senate. Auctioneer Phil Jensen generously contributed five percent of his ten percent fee to the fund. Schmoll said.

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THE LANDS OF LENIN AND LUTHER May 23 - June 11

A celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth with visits to the Wartburg, Wittenberg, Erfurt, and Eisenach, all in East Germany, combined with an opportunity to see Moscow, Leningrad, Budapest, Prague, and East and West Berlin.

All profits on both tours generated by sales through Dana go directly into the College's operating budget. The brochures pictured above give complete descriptions of both trips. For copies, write to: Dr. James Kallas, Dana Tours, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008.

Folk Dancers Win Standing Ovation

The Dana Folk Dancers earned a standing ovation at the 1982 Norsk Hostfest held in Minot, North Dakota, October 22-24. An estimated 20,000 visitors attended this year's event.

Alumni Roger '48 and DeNee McBride '52 Hansen of Minot report that the crowd's "enthusiasm [for the Dancers] was running high." They write that "The Folk Dancers did a *tremendous* job for our Hostfest and Dana College. We have had many fine compliments. DeNee and I enjoyed their stay. Without any exception, they are really great individuals. The four performances were excellent, and we were proud to be associated with them. I wish you could have seen the standing ovation of thousands of people when they danced to Myron Floren's finale — at his request."



The Folk Dancers at one of their Hostfest performances.

Campus Notes

Members of the Dana community gave 168 pints of blood, 14 more than the goal of 154 pints, when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the campus on October 28. There were 182 willing to give blood. Seventy-five students and members of the faculty and staff assisted Bloodmobile personnel during the day. The visit was sponsored by Ars Medica, an organization of students interested in the health sciences.

LARP (Liberal Arts Reading Program) books selected for the second semester are Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*, Knut Hamsun's *Growth of the Soil*, Farid ud-Din Attar's *The Conference of the Birds: A Sufi Fable*, Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*, and Roger Welsch's *Shingling the Fog and Other Plains Lies*. Welsch, a former Dana faculty member, will return to the campus to discuss Nebraska folklore.

Eight seniors received their degrees at a mid-year Commencement ceremony on December 12.

Dr. Alan Brandes, music, was recitalist at the dedication of a tracker pipe organ at Hanscom Park United Methodist Church in Omaha on December 19. Four Dana students also participated in the recital. Brandes was piano soloist, playing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, at recent concerts by the Nebraska Wind Symphony in Omaha and Blair.

The Dana Boosters Club has purchased a complete video recording system for the athletic department, for use in taping games.

Forty high school students, youth leaders in Central District churches of the American Lutheran Church, attended a "Christian Scholars Day" on campus November 13. They participated in seminars and discussions on the role of the church in liberal arts higher education.

Sixteen seniors have been named by the faculty to the 1983 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Lisa Bansen (Yamhill, Oregon), Paul Behrens (Kensett, Iowa), Anita Dettmer (Kensington, Kansas), Julie Elliott (Minden, Iowa), Sarah Hansen (Omaha), Andrew Johnson (Cedar Falls, Iowa), Sheryl Kester (Widefield, Colorado), Carol Larson (Hazard, Nebraska), Mike Martin (Sioux City, Iowa), John Murtaugh (Harlan, Iowa), Debra Olson (Red Oak, Iowa), Shelly Peterson (Lexington, North Carolina), Tom Quale (Fort Collins, Colorado), Bob Schmoll (Las Vegas), Jeanette Seburg (Blair), and Sherri Sandoz Tyler (Wahoo, Nebraska).

An article called "New Roots in Nebraska" about Tamara Weber, secretary to both the campus pastor and dean of students, appeared in the January 1983 issue of *SCOPE*, the magazine for American Lutheran Church Women. Born in Russia, she lived in Germany during World War II and then in the Netherlands before coming to Nebraska as a young girl. Her Christian father, a teacher, disappeared in 1939 after his arrest by Russian soldiers. The article is by Ann Harms '54 George, *Review* editor.

Dana students raised \$1,756.91 for muscular dystrophy at a dance marathon in Borup Coliseum on November 20-21. The single winners with the most pledged were Annette Faudel '84 (\$274.56), Kathy Matthews '83 (\$251), and Lynn Petersen '83 (\$195.50). Couples with the most pledged were Kathy Matthews and Lynn Petersen (\$446.50), Annette Faudel and Bill Schlange '84 (\$329.96), and Peggy Sorensen '84 and Todd Morgan '84 (\$215.70). Kappa Theta Phi, a Dana sorority, sponsored the marathon.

Vinton Motors of Blair continued its support of Dana in a special way when Keith and Bob Vinton recently gave President Kallas the keys to a new 1983 Oldsmobile Delta 88. For several years the firm has provided a car for Kallas, at no cost and with free maintenance.

Sports

Basketball and Wrestling — An Early Report

December 15: Wrestling and men's and women's basketball seasons have started, but it's too early to make predictions. The two basketball teams were described as "young but competitive" at the start of their seasons.

Men's basketball coach Tom Brosnihan takes his team to Colorado at the end of December for games at three colleges. Conference play starts at Dana January 22 against Midland and ends February 26 — the last game of the season — with a home game against Nebraska Wesleyan.

The women's team, coached by Kathy Foley, closes its season on February 19 with a home game against Dordt. Freshman Ronda Fritz of Salem, Nebraska, was leading scorer in a tournament at Northwest Missouri State in early December. She scored 35 points and had 21 rebounds, a performance that put her on the all-tournament team.

Wrestling coach Ron Beaman '74 reports that his squad "has some bright new faces as well as a strong nucleus of familiar faces from last year." The grapplers have had only two meets; their full season starts January 14. Omaha senior Curt Berkland, who wrestles at 126 pounds, placed third with a two and one record at an invitational at Yankton.



Winterfest Royalty Chosen —

This year's Winterfest King and Queen were (top) seniors Phil Sibole of Tulsa and Kristi Swensen of Omaha. Reigning with them on December 11 were (from bottom) Chris Specht '84 (Diller, Nebraska), Linda Nouss '84 (Papillion, Nebraska), Bill Schlange '84 (Albion, Nebraska), Peggy Dutch '84 (Omaha), Andy Johnson '83 (Cedar Falls, Iowa), June Weber '84 (Blair), Tim Koca '84 (Papillion), and Diane Nickeson '84 (Wymore, Nebraska).



JOBS AND PROMOTIONS

1982

WILBUR HOLZ completed a seven-week course in Tentmaker Ministry last summer in Minneapolis and is now serving as a Youth Tentmaker Pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Marshall, Minnesota.

CAROL OLSEN is a financial aid assistant at the Brown Institute in Minneapolis. She lives in Minneapolis at 3246 Girard Avenue S. #103 (55408).

1976

JOHN SUTTON recently opened a law office in Blair. He graduated from Creighton University Law School in 1979 and has had a law office in Omaha.

1974

PAT TRIPP has been elected county attorney for Washington County, Nebraska.

1972

DAVE KUEHN has joined the local sales staff of Omaha television station KETV.

1970

DICK STUEVE has been promoted to general manager of the eastern Nebraska region of Tele-Communications, Inc., a cable television firm. His region covers the state west to Lexington.

1954

The Rev. ARNE JESSEN has been appointed director of clinical chaplaincy programs and church relations for the Sharp Hospitals in San Diego, California.

1953

Dr. LYLE SKOV is in his 27th year of teaching education and psychology at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska.

1949

PAUL SIMON has been elected by a 2-to-1 margin to a fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. His district is in southern Illinois. An article in the October 10, 1982, issue of the St. Paul

(Minn.) *Sunday Pioneer Press*, called "A look behind closed doors on Capitol Hill: A congressman's day is life in the fast lane," describes Simon's activities in his district and in Washington.

ADVANCED DEGREES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1979

JIM SIVERTS graduated from Creighton University Law School last May. He works for Touche Ross and Co. in St. Louis, Missouri. His address is 16 Millbrook Lane, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.

1973

Dr. KAJ NEVE completed his psychiatric residency last June at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. He is now a fellow in the public psychiatry fellowship program at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and New York State Psychiatric Institute in New York City. He writes that "I am doing my clinical work at Morrisania Neighborhood Family Care Center in an area of the South Bronx, one of the worst poverty areas in the U.S."

1970

ART and BETTY HOLDORF '72 BECKMAN are living in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 220 "E" Street (50613). Art has received a sabbatical leave from Omaha Public Schools to work on a master of arts degree in German language and culture at the University of Northern Iowa. He has also received an assistantship in UNI's modern language department. Betty is taking courses and auditing German at UNI. They'll travel to Europe this summer, where Art will complete the final part of his program at a teachers' institute in Klagenfurt, Austria.

PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND AWARDS

1980

BARBARA BOCK has been selected by the Omaha Council of PTA-PTSA as a recipient of an Exceptional Child Scholarship. She teaches at Catlin Elementary School in Omaha and will graduate next May from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with an M.S. in education, specializing in teaching emotionally disturbed children.

1979

KAY KONZ was named the "outstanding student in school psychology" by the Iowa School Psychology Association at its fall conference in October. She is a second-year graduate student at the University of Iowa in the department of special education and school psychology. She lives at 315 Ellis Avenue, Apartment 13, in Iowa City (52240).

1969

R. SPENCER WEDBERG was named "outstanding young man" by the Fremont, Nebraska, Jaycees. He is vice-president of the Arlington State Bank, practices real estate, and manages a 400-acre farm.

1944

ART and MARIE NIELSEN WELCH celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 3. They were married August 3, 1942, in Dana's chapel. One of those helping them celebrate was Marie's roommate at Dana, ELAINE DITLEVSON '45 Scott. Art works for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Marie is well known in arts and crafts and needlework circles.

1979

ELLA JUUL Biffar lives at 7963 McConnell Avenue in Los Angeles (90045).

MARRIAGES

1982

Denise Hornbeck and MITCH LANE, October 9, 1982, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He works in Council Bluffs for Interstate Electric.

1977

MARSHA KAHLANDT and David Ruwe, April 24, 1982, in Blair.

1972

JUDITH SOLOMON and JEFFREY MADDOCKS '71, November 6, 1982, in Omaha.

BIRTHS

1978

Aaron Robert, born November 21, 1982, to BOB and MELINDA WALLMAN JEPSEN, 1824 Colfax, Blair.

1977

Nicholas Peter, born July 3, 1982, to STEVE and JUDY PETERSEN '80 LEFEBER.

1976

Elizabeth Reda, born November 14, 1982, to GILES and Linda BRONSON.

Ian Daniel, born December 3, 1982, to DANIEL and Diana DYE, RR 2, Box 134, Jackson, Missouri 63755.

1975

David Edward, born December 13, 1982, to DON and Pam BAACK. Don is a faculty member at Dana.

1974

Shaun Adam, born October 17, 1982, to David and LISABETH EBERT Harris. He joins sisters Nicole Dawn, 7, and Misty Lee, 5½.

1973

Eric James, born March 18, 1982, to Ted and JENNY NELSON Rudberg, 5430 E. Sapphire Lane, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253. His sister, Anna, is 3. Their father is a family doctor in Scottsdale.

1972

Adam Robert, born August 18, 1982, to RUSTY and BARBARA WOLF '73 TRIPLET.

Benjamin Wilson, born September 12, 1982, to GENE and Barbara WULF, 2120 West Roberts Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin 54914.

1971

Timothy Mark, born June 7, 1982, to MAURY and Marilyn BYERS. Brother Troy is 10, and sister Rebecca is 8.

Megan Lynn, born July 21, 1982, to LARRY and KATHY MADSEN '72 FORRISTALL.

1969

Justin Michael and Shawn William, born November 26, 1982, to RICHARD and SUSAN ANGELL '72 RASMUSSEN.

Scott Robert, born March 6, 1982, to Bob and MARLENE KALDAHL Wilson. He joins a sister, Melissa, 3.

1966

Geoffrey David, born July 31, 1982, to DAVID and Marilyn FALKSEN.

1965

Kyra Louise, born November 24, 1982, to DAVID and NANCIE BROCKMEYER PETERSON. She has two sisters — Kimberly, 16, and Kristina, 14.

1962

Peter Christian, born January 29, 1982, to MARY BERTELSEN Ruden and her husband. He joins a brother, James "Jimmy" Joseph II, 3½.

DEATHS

1940

Dr. HOWARD MICKELSON, October 31, 1982, of cardio-respiratory arrest, in St. Peter, Minnesota. He had retired from teaching duties at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, on May 21, 1982, after 42 years of teaching on the secondary and college level in Nebraska and Minnesota. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary, 821 Austin Drive, St. Peter (56082), and sons John and James.

Anna Lindquist Nelson, 95, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She taught at Dana in 1913-14.

*Calendar
Of Events*

January 31-February 10

Student photography exhibit, Parnassus

January 31

Second semester classes begin

February 6

Student recital, Beth Anderson, 7:30 p.m., Parnassus

February 7

Marson Collection (exhibit and sale) of European and American art, Parnassus

February 9

Exhibit and sale of mats and frames by Lucey's Inc. (Omaha), Parnassus

February 9-10

"The Gospel and World Hunger," Dr. Mark Thomsen '53 (see page 2)

February 13-March 3

"The Brasses of Oxford" by John W. Nielsen '48, Parnassus

February 13-15

"Expressions in Ink" by David Tyrrell (Ft. Collins, Colo.), Parnassus

February 13-15

"What Religion for Today?" Visiting Theologian David H. C. Read (see page 6)

February 20-March 3

Off-loom weavings (fiber art) by Joy Christensen '76 Sanford (Spring, Texas), Parnassus

February 24-25

Dana Synchronized Swimmers, 8 p.m., Borup Coliseum

March 6-24

Ceramics by Jerry Kessler (Castana, Iowa), photography by James D. Petersen '78 (Blair), Parnassus

March 10-13

"Story Theatre," Dana Players, 8 p.m., Pioneer Memorial 318

March 17

Student trumpet recital, 7:30 p.m., Borup Coliseum 214

March 24-April 1

Choir tour

March 25

Spring break begins at end of classes

April 4

Classes resume

April 6-21

Paintings and drawings by David McLeod (Omaha), Parnassus

April 9

Coach Pete Day

April 10

Home choir concert, 3 p.m., Borup Coliseum

April 10-12

"Patterns of Theology," Visiting Theologian Richard R. Niebuhr (see page 6)

April 13

"Spring Opera Gala," 7:30 p.m., Borup Coliseum 214

April 16

Senior Talent Show, 7 p.m., Borup Coliseum

April 17

Student organ recital, Pam Larsen, 7:30 p.m.

April 21

Student clarinet recital, Cindy Nelsen, 7:30 p.m., Parnassus

April 22-26

Band tour

April 24

Recital by voice instructor Sandra Polhemus, 8 p.m., Borup Coliseum 214

April 24-May 10

Student art show, Parnassus

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