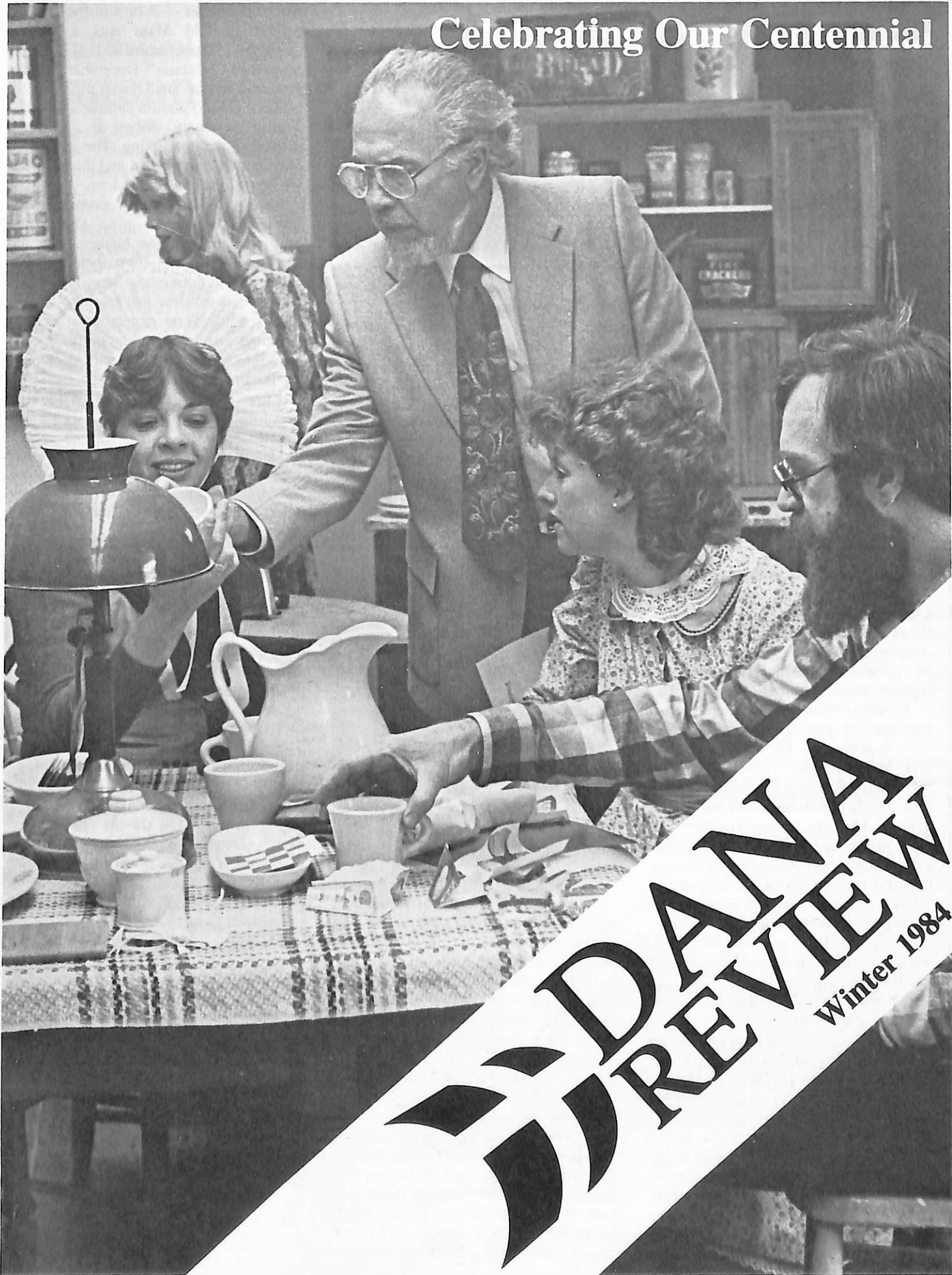


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**About the cover** — A turn-of-the-century exhibit in Old Main was a special Centennial Year feature at "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" December 5. Here President Kallas and Karen Hansen '85 (seated, center) admire antique Dana and Trinity Seminary dishes at a kitchen display in the north wing. The same area once housed the kitchen and dining room where the dishes were used.

Carol '71 (in Danish costume) and Leroy Schafersman '68, sister and brother, recreated the kitchen with old furniture and items from their Telbasta Store, an antique shop near Blair in a former general store that has been in their family for several generations. Leroy's daughter Andra (background) demonstrated how the neck ruffs worn by Danish-Lutheran pastors were ironed.

Karen Hansen of Kenosha, Wisconsin, is a fourth-generation Danian. Her great-grandfather, Dr. C. X. Hansen, was a student in 1886 when the central section of Old Main was new. Except for two years, he taught at Dana from 1894 to 1941 and was twice president. *Photo by Mark Amman '84.*

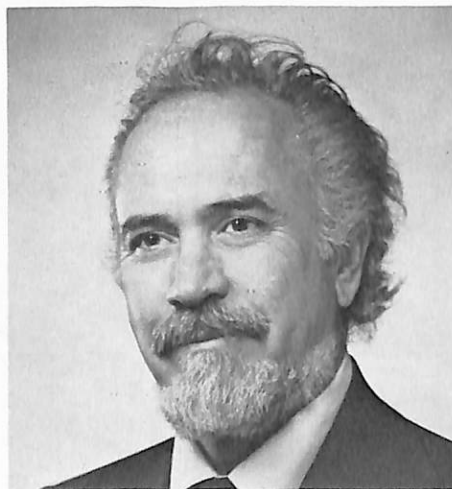
## **Greetings, Friends in Christ!**

Christmas. Dana's Centennial Year Christmas. Christmas 1983. Christmas! What a majestic time! What magnificent images, powerful pictures. But pictures of paradox, opposite images, held together in delicate tension.

A babe is born. And there are soaring expectations, profound potential, excitement is generated. The Magi come from afar following the star, the heavens themselves proclaim the birth of a king. And the shepherds near hear the angels' anthem. Marvelous things are afoot! But then, juxtaposed and threatening, alongside of the potential and the excitement, there is exposure, threat, the unprotected infant lying helpless. Herod slaughters the innocents, Joseph and Mary must flee.

There are both promise and peril, woven together, inseparable, opposites balanced in delicate tension.

When we were young we knew no fear. Our days were unnumbered and our present untried. Our strength was unfolding, as yet untested by trial, and we were confident of our capacities. Typical of brash adolescence. As ancient as Enkidu in The Epic of Gilgamesh, as recent as Jack London's forays into the frozen Klondike, we were part of that enthusiastic army of the young who will make a mark, those who sail little barks confidently into rolling seas, sure that our names would be sung around countless campfires. Potential unlimited, promise



unqualified, the future was bright and shining.

The optimism of adolescence is tempered by the trials of our twenties, further threatened in our thirties, and finally falls with the failures of our forties. The melancholy of middle age is the sadness evoked by the somber and sobering realization that much of our potential will not be achieved. There are Herods in the world. There is unprotected exposure, enemies afoot, not every dream shall be achieved. Perhaps our names will not be sung around countless campfires nor the flags of the capitals flown at half mast. Perhaps instead, at best, a farewell dinner in the church basement, creamed peas on toast with sliced ham, and Lutheran Brotherhood

napkins. That at best. For others silence.

This melancholy is a consequence, the product of our becoming aware of our limits. We learn that we are unprotected, exposed, that demonic powers rage.

And in those hours stalked by the phantoms growing up out of our damp weakness, Christmas assumes another facet, yielding yet another ray of hope. That is the way He came, as a babe, naked and in peril. His parents fled when He was but a youth, and He felt fear as an adult, imploring the Father "Take this cup from me." His friends failed Him and betrayed Him. And yet when the blow was struck He asked the Father to forgive them, and as He had urged His friends to do, He prayed for those who persecuted Him.

Evil is inadequate. It will not have the last word. The birth is but the beginning. The resurrection is the last word. The crown and climax of Christmas is the celestial carol that there is no room for fear, for unto us is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. The battle is about to begin, but the outcome is assured. God has not abandoned His people but has sent His Son who sides with us, wears our humanity, knows our troubles and holds our hand. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

In Jesus' name,

Dr. James Kallas, President

\$6 Million Goal in Sight . . .

## Centennial Fund Passes \$5 Million

Dana completed the second year of its three-year, \$6 million Centennial Fund drive with more than \$5 million in gifts and pledges.

The gift that put the drive over \$5 million, according to John Beck '50, director of development, was a check from alumni Emerald and Olga (Petersen) Nielsen '28 of Minden, Nebraska. They have specified that their gift be used toward the purchase of a grand piano for the stage of the new performing arts center. The center is being built with funds from the drive.

"Our development team is delighted," Beck said. "These past two years we've watched the numbers grow from \$1,700,000 in December 1981 to \$3,800,000 in December 1983 and now to over \$5,100,000 at Christmas 1983.

"That \$6 million seemed so distant, but now we're confident that we can reach the goal by summer's end."

Beck said that plans for the last year of the drive include area campaigns in San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno, the greater San Francisco area and Phoenix. Volunteers and staff are also completing work among the congregations of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church.

There is also still work to do among businesses, foundations, and major donors, Beck said.

In addition to construction of the performing arts center, proceeds from the Centennial Fund will be used for restoration and remodeling of Dana's Old Main, for construction of a college chapel, for operating expenses, and for the college's endowment.

### Plans Are Announced For "The Gathering" — First UELC Reunion

The first reunion of pastors, families, and friends of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCL) will be held at Dana the weekend of June 29 - July 1, 1984. Known as "The Gathering," this special reunion is scheduled in connection with the centennial anniversaries of Trinity Seminary, Dana College, and First Lutheran Church of Blair.

According to Dr. Edward Hansen '39, bishop emeritus of the ALC's Southwest Minnesota District and coordinator of the event, "The Gathering will be similar to and in the spirit of our UELC conventions. And, while we will have no business

to transact, there will be plenty of opportunity for coffee drinking, conversation, and reminiscing with friends and fellow pilgrims of an earlier time. There will be worship and singing from the once-familiar *Hymnal for Church and Home*, and there will be words of inspiration and encouragement from preachers who have known and understand our heritage."

Families and special-interest groups from the UELC are encouraged to plan their own reunions as part of the weekend. And participants are encouraged to send or bring with them all manner of memorabilia from the days of the old UELC. Those needing assistance in arranging a reunion or having materials to share for display are encouraged to contact Dana's Public Relations Office.

The weekend program will include an opening service on Friday evening with an emphasis on missions. Dr. Mark Thomsen '53, director of the ALC's Division of World Missions, will be the guest speaker. On Saturday morning there will be a service of communion at First Lutheran with Pastor Niels Carlsen '49 as preacher. Later in the morning Dr. Ed Hansen will present "100 Years of the UELC" in the Doctors Auditorium of the Dana Hall of

## A Look at the Performing Arts Center

*Construction of the performing arts center is on schedule, with interior work progressing well. The area to the far right is the main entrance to the building, which will house the music and theater departments. This photo was taken December 5 as members of the campus community made final preparations to greet more than 5,000 "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" guests. In the foreground Cindy Lorenzen '84 of Gridley, California, crosses the campus in a Danish costume on her way to the Julestuen, the Danish Christmas Room.*



Science. Saturday afternoon is reserved for family and group reunions and a special Open House at First Lutheran. On Saturday evening there will be a buffet dinner and program featuring a dialogue between Dr. and Mrs. Dick Jensen. Dr. Jensen '56 is host of the ALC's *Lutheran Vespers* program and Mrs. (Bonnie Hagedorn '70) Jensen is national director of American Lutheran Church Women. The worship service on Sunday morning will be held at First Lutheran with Pastor George Pallesen '38 as preacher. The closing service of "The Gathering" is set for Sunday afternoon with Dr. C. C. Madsen '31 officiating and Pastor Homer Larsen '45 preaching. Madsen is president emeritus of Dana, and Larsen is pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Food and lodging for the weekend will be provided at Dana, and early reservations are encouraged. Dormitory rooms will be available at \$7 per room per night. Guests must supply their own linens. A limited number of rooms will also be available in Elk Horn Hall, where all linen service is provided, at \$16 per room per night. Meals will be available in the college dining room on a pay-as-you-go basis. Advance reservations are requested for the Saturday evening buffet and program at \$6.50 per person. Every individual registering will be asked to pay a one-time registration fee of \$10, and that fee is due when reservations are made. Reservation forms and detailed schedules are now available by writing to Dana's Public Relations Office, Blair, NE 68008.

## Alumni Office Seeks Four, Five Generation Dana/Trinity Families

Is there a family that can claim more than four generations at Dana and/or Trinity Seminary? The Office of Alumni Affairs plans to honor the family or families with the longest Dana/Trinity Seminary tradition at next year's Homecoming luncheon October 6.

Sharon Gordon, director of alumni affairs, would like to hear from families that qualify. She'd also like to enlarge her list of four-generation families. Please write to her as soon as possible.

A card catalog has been given by family and friends to the college's C. A. Dana-LIFE Library in memory of Professor Emeritus Elmer Rasmussen '39.



## Danish Cultural Counselor Brings Gift

*Mr. Uffe Himmelstrup (second from left), cultural counselor at the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C., visited the campus November 15. He brought with him, as a gift from the Embassy, 24 books for the library on a variety of subjects, including Danish history and literature. Here with Himmelstrup (from the left) are Phil Pagel '56, director of public relations; Lela Neve '43, president of the Dana chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation; and Norman C. Bansen '47, professor of English and Danish.*

## New Appointments Are Announced

**Greg Witte '71** becomes campus pastor in February, filling a vacancy left last year when Dr. Bruce Bergquist accepted a call to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. Witte has a master of divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and a master of theology degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is completing work on a Ph.D. at Union.

**Ruth Rasmussen**, assistant librarian, has been appointed acting library director. She succeeds Ron D. Johnson '61, who became director of library services at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, in January. Part-time library assistant **Sharon Messer Jensen '65** has been named assistant to the director, a full-time position.

**Mike Calvert**, assistant to the dean of students and offensive coordinator for the football team, will be head football coach, head track coach, and instructor in physical education. Calvert has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, and a master's degree from the University of South Dakota. He succeeds

Ron C. Johnson '70, who recently submitted his resignation.

Faculty and staff held a farewell coffee for both Johnsons December 15. Bodil Strom Johnson '61, instructor in Danish and German and the wife of Ron D. Johnson, will complete the school year at Dana before moving to Oregon.

**William Bleil** is a new admissions counselor. A graduate of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, he has a master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he was a student recruiter for the past two years.

## 1984 Choir Will Sing In Nebraska, Colorado

The 56-voice Dana Choir makes its 60th annual consecutive concert tour from March 16-25. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Neve '41, the choir will give concerts in central and western Nebraska and in Colorado.

The Denver Dana Club is planning a meeting March 18 in conjunction with the choir's visit.

For information on concert locations, dates, and times, write to Dana's Public Relations Office or call 402/426-4101, ext. 116.

# February Centennial Events Feature Alumni

Three alumni—a theologian, a scientist, and a musician, return to the campus in February for Centennial Scholars Month. The three, Dr. Paul Jersild '53, Dr. Rachael Neve '74, and Juri Taht '52, will each be at Dana on consecutive Mondays. The lectures by Jersild and Neve and Taht's recital are set for 8 p.m. in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium.

**Dr. Jersild**, the theologian, will speak February 6 on "The Church's Responsibility in the Contemporary World." An author and lecturer, he has been dean of the seminary and professor of ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa; professor of theology at Saint Xavier College, Chicago; assistant professor of religion at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; pastor at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Palmyra, Wisconsin; and instructor in religion at Dana.

He received his M.A. in philosophy from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, his B.D. from Wartburg Seminary, and his Dr. Theol. from the University of Muenster in West Germany. He has also studied at the University of Heidelberg, West Germany; Union Theological Seminary, New York; and the University of Chicago Divinity School. In 1983 he was a visiting fellow at the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy in Washington, D.C.

Jersild's many publications include *Moral Issues and Christian Response* (co-edited with Dale A. Johnson) and *Invitation to Faith: Christian Belief Today*.

**Dr. Neve** is a research fellow in the department of genetics, Children's Hospital Medical Center, a part of the Harvard Medical School. She will speak February 13 on "New Discoveries, New Dilemmas: Ethical and Religious Issues in Modern Science."

She is doing research at the Medical Center on the molecular genetics of Down's Syndrome, a condition that results from an extra copy of chromosome 21. She explains that her work "utilizes the tools of recombinant DNA technology and bacterial genetics to identify genes on chromosome 21 and to study the expression of these genes in order to determine why extra doses of the genes causes the defects characteristic of Down's Syndrome."

Dr. Neve graduated from Dana with a B.A. in humanities and received her Ph.D. in genetics from the University of California, Davis. She was a postdoctoral researcher and science writer at Yale

University's department of molecular biophysics and biochemistry before taking her present position in 1981.

Her publications have appeared in *Nature*, *Genetics*, *Gene*, and *Federation Proceedings*.

**Cellist Taht** is a member of the Don Shirley Trio. He will be at Dana February 20.

A freelance musician, last spring he completed a six-year run playing for the musical *Annie* in New York. He is a member of the Cameo and String Quartet based on Long Island and has also taught chamber music at the Long Island Extension of Queens College.

Taht has also played for recording sessions with Andre Kostelanetz and with

the touring Mantovani Orchestra and the American Ballet Theatre. Other Broadway musicals for which he has played include *My Fair Lady*, *Raisin*, *1776*, and *No, No Nanette*.

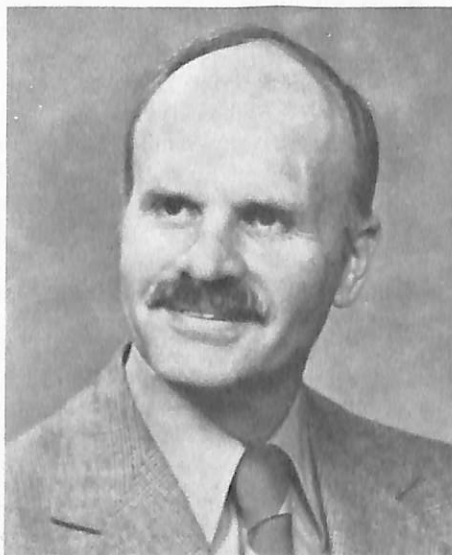
A native of Estonia, he studied cello there and, after World War II, at the conservatory of music in Stuttgart, West Germany, before coming to this country and to Dana. His master of music degree is from the Manhattan School of Music.

**Note:** U.S. Congressman Paul Simon '49, presently scheduled to speak February 27 as a Centennial Scholar, is seeking reelection to Illinois' 22nd Congressional District. His lecture has been postponed until after the Illinois primary. The date will be announced later.

Rachael Neve



Paul Jersild



Juri Taht



## For Recipes, Memories

**Recipes and Reminiscence . . . A Dana College Centennial Cookbook Prepared by the Dana Women's Club** is available from the Dana Bookstore for \$9, plus \$1 for handling and 36¢ sales tax for Nebraska residents.

The 200-page indexed book is also part history, with several old photographs and many reminiscences about events related to food at Dana over the past 100 years.

Found in the eight chapters are not only American and Danish recipes, but also some from Germany, France, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Australia, Libya, and Japan.

The chapters are: **Dana and Trinity Families** (recipes from the wives of former Trinity Seminary faculty members and Dana presidents), **Student-Faculty Memories** ("Eating in the Dining Hall" and "Entertaining Students"), **Progressive Dinner and Friendship Tea, Sights and Sounds of Christmas, Heritage Recipes** ("Sophomore Heritage Recipes" — ethnic and pioneer recipes sophomores have included in papers on their family roots for a humanities seminar, "Dana Women's Club Heritage Recipes," and "An International Dinner"), **Smorrebrod and Favorite Breads, Bake-a-Cake for a Dana Student, and Queen Margrethe Visits Dana** (cookies served at the reception).

The 8½x5½-inch book is printed in dark-brown ink on ivory paper. The cover is beige with a dark-brown spiral binding. The chapter divider pages feature linoleum block prints of campus scenes found in two Dana yearbooks from the 1930s. A coupon for ordering the book is on the back cover of this *Review*.

## Shakespeare Company Presents *Twelfth Night*

The National Shakespeare Company comes to Dana April 4 with a production of *Twelfth Night*. The troupe will also hold workshops for college and high school students, community theater groups, and the general public on voice and movement for the actor and on stage combat. All are sponsored by Dana's Special Events Committee with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council.

The Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is funding the publication of an illustrated study guide on Shakespeare, his times, and his comedies written by Dr. John Bienz, assistant professor of English at Dana.

## Martinson Gives April Lectures

Dr. Roland Martinson, associate professor of pastoral theology and ministry at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, will give a lecture series at Dana April 1-3. The general topic of his series will be "A Journey of Faith in a World of Fear."

Martinson will be at Dana as a Visiting Theologian and Staley Foundation Distinguished Christian Scholar.

The times and subjects of his lectures will be: April 1, 8 p.m., "A Journey in a World of Fear with a God Who Cares"; April 2, 3 p.m., "A Journey Together," and 8 p.m., "A Journey Inward"; and April 3, 9 a.m., "A Journey Outward." All of the lectures will be in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium.

Martinson is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and of



Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. He received his S.T.D. from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

## More "Dana Hundred" Awards



Presentations of "Dana Hundred" awards to special friends of Dana College and Trinity Seminary continue. Five were given at the December 5 "Sounds of Christmas" concert. Jane Eskildsen '87 (above, left), Nagoya, Japan, accepted the award from President Kallas for her grandfather, Dr. Eskild Carl Eskildsen, Dana's oldest living alumnus (see story elsewhere in this issue). Other recipients were Donna Petersen of the San Francisco Opera, who sang at the concert; Regent Emerita Margaret Fischer, Omaha; John Lauritzen, Omaha (pictured is Bruce Lauritzen, who accepted the award for

his father); and Dr. Leslie Grace, Blair (not pictured).

The first recipients were listed in the fall *Review*. Others also named since then are: Dr. Howard Dooley, Omaha; Paul Steffensen, Elmsford, New York; Pastor and Mrs. Robert Schaff, Omaha; Byron '38 and Mary Jensen '36 Langenfeld, Racine, Wisconsin; Archie '49 and Lorraine Sandberg '48 Madsen, Denver; the Royal Danish Embassy, Washington, D.C.; Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton, Wisconsin; the C. A. Dana Foundation, New York City; and the Union Pacific Foundation, New York City.

## Winning Is More Than Trophies . . . Forensics Students Talk Their Way to Success

Members of Dana's Forensics Team have already won many trophies this year, but their coach, Prof. Sieghard Krueger, says that "even those who haven't come home with trophies have been winners in gaining self-confidence. Not everyone will get a trophy, but there can be successes on many levels."

By the middle of December, three students had already qualified for the American Forensics Association's National Individual Events Tournament scheduled for April — Dixie Lee Tripp '84 of Osmond, Nebraska, in oratory and poetry interpretation, and Kelley '86 and Peggy '84 Dutch, sisters from Omaha, in dramatic duo.

Because they and other students have placed high in first-semester events, Dana's team has come in third in competition with 11 other schools at a meet held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), fourth in competition with 16 other schools at Midland College, and sixth in competition with 30 schools at Kansas State University. The teams that have finished higher have all been from "very big schools with thousands of students," Krueger says.

At the Midland meet, for example, the first three winning teams were from UNO, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Kansas State University. Dana's wins are "an objective way of showing that we have students as good as any in the country," says Krueger.

Regular competition has come from colleges and universities in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota, and at other times from schools in Colorado, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Illinois, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

Krueger credits two Forensics Team alumni for much of this year's success. Bob Schmoll '83, who went to Nationals in after-dinner speaking several years ago, and Jennifer Jensen '82 have coached team members. They, together with Sue Lazzaro '82, Patty Reed '80, and Connie Frahm '82, have also been judges.

To qualify for Nationals, a student must finish high in three meets or in the top ten percent of competition at a district qualifier meet scheduled for March in Minnesota. Krueger is confident that by this spring several other team members will also have qualified.

*Forensics Team members with the trophies they've won — clockwise from left: Lesa Bishop '87, Kelley Dutch '86, Dixie Lee Tripp '84, Prof. Sieghard Krueger, Karen Jensen '87, Sonya Anderson '87, Brenda Meyer '87, Joe Bonaiuto '85, Lynette Laubscher '85, Jeff DeYoung '84, Jeanne Stoeckinger '86, Ron Rodenburg '86, Brett Foster '87, Peggy Dutch '84, Mark Jensen '85, Willy Pierson '87, Teri Kraft '87, Barbara Myer '87, Coach Bob Schmoll '83, Cathy Campbell '87, and Brenda Pederson '86. Not pictured — Niles Vorhmann '87.*



Depending on the event, students either write their own material or interpret literature, he says.

For Dixie Lee Tripp, a non-traditional student who returned to college after raising her family, the meets take on an added dimension when she competes in poetry interpretation against her daughter Hillary, a freshman at Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. After the UNO meet an *Omaha World-Herald* feature story described their competition as "eyeball-to-eyeball, stanza-to-stanza." The story was picked up by the Associated Press and carried in newspapers across the country, ranging from the *Carroll County Times* in Westminster, Maryland, and the *Knoxville (Tennessee) Journal* to the *Kansas City (Missouri) Times* and the *San Bernardino (California) Sun*.

Incidentally, Dixie finished first and Hillary second in preliminary competition at the UNO meet. At that point, Dixie said that "it doesn't make that much difference if I win or lose. I'd like to see her beat the socks off me. I think it would be the greatest thing in the world to be beaten by my own daughter." They met again in the finals, where Dixie came in fourth and Hillary sixth.

### Two Help with 1911 Photo

After receiving the fall *Review*, Ray Lund '25, Blair, and Roy Christensen '36, Wayne, Nebraska, wrote with identifications of several members of the 1911 American Literature class pictured in that issue. Lund, the son of N. T. Lund who taught the class and is pictured in the fourth row, fourth from left, says that several of those pictured "roomed at our house at different times. Some would come over after hours and consult with dad about their assignments in class. I was seven years old when this picture was taken. It is one of several I gave to the college around 1970."

Lund also notes that the photo was taken on the north side of Old Main, and not by the women's dorm.

Thanks to Lund and Christensen, these are the students now identified: (all rows from left) row 1, fourth — P. C. Jensen; fifth — Skov Nielsen?; sixth — H. A. Svendsen (known as Swanson); row 2, third — Chris Debel; row 3, first — Tinus Christensen; second — Silas Andersen (son of A. M. Andersen); third — Karl Mathiesen; fifth — J. P. M. Magnussen; row 4, first — Frank Nielsen; second — Theodore Lund (Ray Lund's cousin).



Stories and photographs from Dana's past are being featured on these center spread pages during the Centennial Year of Celebration.

## First Hermes Article Evokes Past

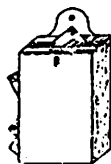
The oldest of Dana's campus publications, The Hermes, started as a magazine in February 1918. With the name Hermes: A Messenger from Dana, the first issue featured student writing and some campus news. Editors Chris B. Larsen and Anders Jorgensen in a foreword explained that the publication was a private, rather than an official, undertaking.

The next issue appeared two years later, and publication was annual after that for several years. Many of these issues also included alumni news.

World War I influenced the contents of the 1918 publication, which included an essay on "The Triumph of Democracy" by Anders Steensen, an article by Agnes M. Nielsen about food conservation in the dining hall, and a list of students and graduates "now serving under the Stars and Stripes." The co-editors announced that copies of the Hermes would be sent to those listed.

The magazine also included a poem by P. S. Vig and a short story by Victor Staby (both in Danish), several short essays called "Reflections" by Larsen, and an article by L. A. Laursen on the need for a new library and science hall.

It is the first article in this first issue, however, that reveals the daily life of students at Trinity Seminary and Dana College. Written by seminary student James M. Lund, it is a eulogy on a box in Old Main that had been the collecting point for outgoing mail since 1895. (The drawing is also by Lund.)



### The Old Mail-Box

by James M. Lund

Lund's story begins with a "little, brown squirrel" dropping a nut in an Oregon pine forest 125 years earlier. It becomes a "mighty pine tree" that "the sunshine of a hundred summers had made tall and stately" and "the cold blasts of a hundred winters had made strong and beautiful." Then the tree is felled, and Lund asks, "Ah — little, brown squirrel, — why did you drop that seed?" — a refrain he repeats throughout the story.

"The beauty of a hundred years of life — gone," the tree is sliced into boards and consigned to a lumber dealer in Blair. Part of it becomes a mailbox. The story continues:

It is twenty-two long years ago since it entered upon this new stage of its existence. The smiling faces of the student body of Blair College, twenty-eight in number, greeted the appearance of the new mail-box on the wall. This evening over one hundred students pay it a last tribute. For twenty-two years it has been the greatest factor in the life of this institution. For all these years it has served as the great connecting link between the school and the world at large. It has been the means of bringing joy and hope to the loved ones far away. The first letter to pass through the mail-box was from a young man to his father and read thus:

Blair College  
November 21, 1895

Dear father,

I just want to write a few lines to let you and ma know that I am feeling pretty good and getting along alright. Thanks for the letter you sent me last week. I kinda wish I was back home again, cause this is a pretty strict place. We have to haul up our own coal, and carry down the ashes, — and fill our lamps every morning. The monitors come around every morning at 7:30 to look at our rooms, and by that time we got to have the beds fixed — and everything cleaned up. We take turns about sweeping and scrubbing the halls. Next week it's my turn. We all belong to the boarding club and help each other to wash the dishes. I'm glad I learned how when I was home. There's 31 of us in all here now, — 28 students and 3 teachers. Pretty big family, — isn't it? They charge us \$12 a month this year cause everything is so high. Next year they're going to try to start a class in German.

I guess I'll have to close — and get to bed cause its nearly 9 o'clock and I got to get up early tomorrow morning and chop some wood. Give my love to ma and sis and the cat. Is it still alive?

Yours respectfully  
Hans Petersen

More than anyone else the old mail-box has helped to establish a reputation for the school and has been a means of inducing thousands of students to come here. Hundreds of young men and women who were stranded on the rock of financial embarrassment have through the old mail-box sent out their cry of distress. Ships laden with gold have come to their rescue and enabled them to sail on through the quiet seas of school life. To rich and poor, to young and old, to teacher and student, it has always been the same, — giving to each a happy thought. No one has come to it in vain. Ah, what burdens it has relieved us of! To it we have poured out our hearts. To it we have come with our tales of woe, and with our songs of joy and love, — with our hopes and our fears, — with our laughs and our tears. And always we have found relief. Faithfully it has kept the secrets we have entrusted to it. Often as we passed it in the hall it has brought to us thoughts of home, reminding us time and again that it was time to write to mother — or a sister. Ah, the millions of loving words that have passed through that old mail-box! In the twenty-two years of its existence it has been the means of bringing about many a happy marriage. . . .

To it belongs the honor of having formed the acquaintance of scores of illustrious personages who from time to time have been the guests of the school. Among these are: an ambassador from a foreign country, a chancellor, Gov. Moorehead, Judge Sutton, a United States Senator, an Indian Poet, and Irish Poet, — noted singers, and lecturers and professors from foreign lands, — and what more shall I say?, for the time would fail me.

In the twenty-two years of its existence a veritable museum of curios has passed through this old mail-box: several engagement rings, but also many gallons of tears; a live rabbit, and many smaller animals; a pig tail; peace proposals, and other kinds; false teeth; candy and other sweet things, especially on the first of April; but there have also gone letters to kings and presidents and other great men.

The last, and also the fatal letter was put in the old mail-box Feb. 14, 1917. It was



by one of that class of young men who have not the courage to speak out the burden of their hearts to the object of their affections. And to such the old mail-box has always been a helpful friend.

“My dear Miss X,

It is with beating heart and trembling hand that I venture to write to you for the first time” . . . . . Then followed fourteen big pages of loving thoughts which we shall not repeat here, for the young man is among us. That letter was the straw that broke the camel’s back. Faithfully the old mail-box had done its work for twenty-two years, but when this love missive was squeezed down between sixty others, the old mail-box burst and was laid aside as useless. Such were the last moments of its life. Ah, — little brown squirrel, why did you drop that seed?

At present it lies in state in the museum of Dana College from whence it will soon be borne in solemn procession to our new crematory with the tall smokestack,\* there to be fed to the flames and add a little heat to some cold room. Then it shall return to the air from whence it came helping to form another pine seed; then shall its mission be fulfilled.

For the following lines I want to offer an apology to: “The Old Oaken Bucket”.

The scenes of my schooldays are dear to me always,  
When fond recollection presents them to view,  
The orchard, the campus, the dark, winding hallways,  
And every loved spot which in school days I knew,  
The rolling, green lawn by big shade trees surrounded,  
The chapel, reception room — (dearest of all) —  
The class rooms, the teachers who kept me confounded,  
And e’en the old mail-box that hung on the wall;  
The old wooden mail-box; the faithful old mail-box;  
The shattered old mail-box that hung on the wall.  
That old wooden mail-box I greeted with pleasure,  
For often at morn as I went to my work  
It served to remind me, at least in a measure,  
Of duties neglected, of things I might shirk.  
It carried my thoughts to the scenes left behind me  
To father and mother and home far away,  
It filled me with longing, and seemed to remind me  
Of brother and sisters who are busy all day,  
The old wooden mail-box, the faithful old mail-box,  
The varnished old mail-box that hung on the wall.

\*The new central heating plant.

*Pastor Lund later became editor of Home Altar and Christmas Chimes, both publications of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was an interim professor at Trinity Seminary in 1929-30 and served congregations in Blair and in Wisconsin, North Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota. He died in Stockton, California, September 15, 1981.*

## Eskildsen Is Oldest Alumnus

Dana’s oldest alumnus, 96-year-old Dr. Eskild C. Eskildsen, lives today in Monrovia, California, with his son, Roy ‘54. Born in Kolding, Denmark, Dr. Eskildsen attended Dana from 1912 to 1915. Other alumni still living attended Dana even earlier, but so far as is known, Eskildsen is the oldest.

After graduating from Dana, he joined the U.S. Army, which sent him to medical school at the University of Nebraska. By the time he completed his M.D., World War I had ended, and he was discharged.

He married Louise Andersen in the early 1920s, and they were sent to China by the Lutheran Missionary Society of Denmark. They attended a language school in Peking and then lived in Suihua, Manchuria, where Eskildsen was a medical missionary.

Son Edward (Trinity ‘54), a missionary in Japan since 1960, writes that “My father, who had had architectural training in Denmark, designed and built the hospital building, homes for ourselves and the missionary pastor and family, and later also the local Lutheran church building. By the mid-1930s the hospital had been built up so that it was self-supporting.”

After returning to this country in November 1940 with his wife, both sons, and daughter Lucile, Eskildsen had a private practice in Sanger, California, from 1942 to 1965, retiring when he was 78. His wife died in 1976.

Granddaughter Jane, Edward’s daughter, follows in her grandfather’s footsteps: a Dana freshman this year, she is a premed student.



*Dr. Eskildsen (photo taken in August 1983)*

*Dr. Eskildsen (right) and roommate Vilhelm Beck (today a retired pastor in Montreal, Canada) in their dormitory room on the fourth floor of Old Main’s south wing.*



## About Institutional Advancement

### Student Recruitment

by Dennis Barnum,  
Executive Director for  
Institutional Advancement

Dana has a noble mission, a crystal-clear central purpose. It is to provide students with a personalized education of excellence for careers and for a full life in a caring Christian campus community.

It is gratifying that Dana is supported in her mission by students and parents who identify with Dana and the abundant opportunities available for quality Christian education. It is remarkable that, while national and regional demographic data reveal we are in a period of declining high school enrollments, Dana College is actually *increasing* the number of new students matriculating. Why is this happening?

Increasing numbers of prospective students are including Dana among the colleges they are considering. This is occurring primarily because the Dana student recruitment program, with the support of Dana's students, faculty, administration, and staff, is more effectively conveying information and understanding of the *benefits* of the Dana experience to greater numbers of students. What are these benefits?

If there is a reasonably good match between the student's educational and career interests and the programs Dana has to offer, then the following benefits become quite important, if not compelling, in the student's decision-making process:

- Talented faculty members in a variety of academic areas who are committed to a student's personal as well as intellectual growth;

- A 13:1 student/faculty ratio, which translates into high accessibility to professors for academic help and personal counseling;

- Enough labs, studios, athletic facilities, computer terminals, practice rooms, and living space so that students don't have to spend their college years waiting in line;

- Opportunities for off-campus internships that add practical experience to a quality academic program;

- Opportunities to study abroad;

- A Teaching-Learning Center to help students develop good study habits;

- A student-oriented attitude that expands offerings to meet student needs;

- A wide range of opportunities for involvement in extracurricular activities;

- A full calendar of activities that includes free admission to all athletic events, concerts, speakers, dances, movies, and other entertainment;

- An excellent professional food service . . . with no limit on quantities;

- One of the most beautiful college campuses in the Midwest;

- A campus life with ample opportunities for Christian growth and personal friendships; and

- An education that recognizes the ethical considerations of the decisions we teach students to make.

But what about the *price*, the cost to students and their families for a Dana education?

When truly understood, the most practical benefit of all is the fact that the Dana experience is *affordable*.

Everyone knows that a college education is expensive — but it must also be recognized as an investment that will pay major dividends in the future. Everything of value comes at a price, and the benefits of a Dana education last a lifetime.

Second, the basic cost of a year at Dana is substantially lower than at most comparable private colleges.

Third, our student financial aid program makes Dana even more affordable. More than 85 percent of all students enrolled receive some form of financial assistance.

Fourth, a totally new scholarship program at Dana offers four levels of financial assistance ranging from \$3,200 to \$12,000 over four years of study at Dana to high school seniors and transfer students who meet certain achievement criteria. Our purpose is to elevate and further enhance the level of scholarship and academic integrity at Dana College. For students, we seek to encourage academic achievement by providing generous scholarships to recognize attained excellence.

Finally, Dana individually tailors student financial aid to meet demonstrated student need. This very important fact means that Dana is competitive, not only with other private colleges, but also with public colleges and universities. While public institutions (being tax-supported) typically charge less, they also help less, if at all, in meeting student financial need. The point is that the *net* cost of a Dana education could likely be no greater than the *net* cost of attending a public institution.

All of the personal benefits we have been describing — personalized education of excellence, quality campus life, a Christian environment, and affordability — have been available at Dana for a long time. They are available now, to those for

*Members of the admissions staff and financial aid office with Barnum (right): from left, seated — Vaughn Christensen '53, assistant director of admissions; Judy Carmichael, secretary — financial aid; Ted Hanlon '81, admissions counselor; Norma Stork, admissions secretary; Lori Dunkle, secretary — admissions; standing — Mike Jones '71, assistant director of admissions; Tim Nietfeld '80, admissions counselor; Judy Csejthey '81, admissions counselor; and Bob Arnold, assistant director of admissions and director of student financial aid. (Not pictured is William Bleil, who joined the staff as an admissions counselor on January 1.)*



whom they are important.

Dana alumni and friends, we invite and encourage each one of you to join with all of us here on campus to convey the "good news" of the opportunities available at Dana. With your enthusiastic support, even greater numbers of students, including the children of Dana alumni and friends, will benefit from "the Dana experience."

For referrals of prospective students that you can make at this time, please use the referral coupon at the back of this *Dana Review*.

**Note:** The next issue will present a full discussion of Dana's student financial aid program.

## Six Graduate at Mid-Year

Six seniors received their bachelor's degrees at an informal commencement ceremony December 11. The six were Mark Amman, Michael Bloemer, Leslie Deo, Peter Jacobson, Pam Larsen, and Vanessa Reiter.

## Practicing Theory: Applying Christian Faith In Dana's Classrooms

*This article continues a series introduced in the previous issue on the college's objective of "teaching in harmony with the Christian faith." The series is based on presentations by several faculty members at a Faculty Theological Development program held on campus last spring. The program was supported by a grant from the Division for College and University Services of the American Lutheran Church.*

## II. Athletics and The Lutheran College

by Tom Brosnihan,

Head Coach of Men's Basketball

St. Paul said, "The whole of the Law is summarized in a single commandment: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If we are guided by this love, we must never let our religious ideas, customs, rituals, and conventions become more real to us than the risen Christ. Paul continues, "All these religious accessories are worthless if they get in the way of our faith in Jesus Christ and from loving our brother in Christ."

In Dana's basketball program we try to obey this commandment by being "Men for Others." When we huddle during

timeouts or in the pregame locker room, we put our hands together and say "Men for Others" in unison. By "Men for Others," we mean men who will not live for themselves but for others and for Christ, the God who lived and died for man and all the world; men who cannot conceive of the love of God which does not include love of their neighbor, men completely convinced that a professed love of God that does not work for justice for men is a mockery.



*Brosnihan: "Athletics do not build character, but they reveal it. They can teach us to become all that we are."*

How can we apply this commandment to the actions of a basketball team? We try to cultivate three attitudes:

1. A determination to live more simply as individuals, as families, and as social groups, and in this way to stop short or slow down the expanding spiral of luxurious living and social competition. In basketball we do our best, giving 100 percent — and loving to give 100 percent — but without the desire to be number one.

2. A determination not to profit from unjust sources. Let there be men and women who will devote their energies not to improve their positions, but to help the underprivileged.

3. A resolve to be agents of change in society. This is the most difficult task: not merely to resist conditions, but to try to reform them.

At Dana I can try to achieve the attitude of "Men for Others" by being a coach, and more important, by teaching young men and women to become coaches. This vocation, however, goes beyond being a coach. As a human being I believe my life and responsibilities must always evoke a sense of God's presence for myself and my fellow human beings.

Athletics do not build character, but they reveal it. They can teach us to become all that we are.

Only by being a man for others can one become fully human, not only in a natural sense, but in the sense of being the spiritual man of St. Paul. A man for others is filled with that spirit of Christ who gave his life for the salvation of the world — the God who, by becoming man, became beyond all others — the Man for Others.

*A popular guest speaker at midwest state high school basketball clinics, Coach Brosnihan is credited with developing Nebraska's popular mini-clinic program.*

## Lutheran Brotherhood Financial Aid Helps College and Students

Over the past four years, Dana and its students have been receiving substantial financial support from Lutheran Brotherhood, the second largest fraternal benefit society in North America.

Lutheran Brotherhood has developed three major programs, two of which have resulted in \$9 million of direct aid for Lutheran higher education through the end of 1982.

Through IMPACT, the popular matching gifts program for LB members, the Society has contributed \$5.75 million to 70 Lutheran colleges, seminaries, and Bible schools. During the four years this program has been in effect, Dana received \$233,459 from IMPACT and other Lutheran Brotherhood programs. These programs include Lutheran College Scholarships, LB Member Scholarships, and Guaranteed Student Loans.

The most recent program, implemented earlier in 1982, is designed to help meet the long-term needs of Lutheran institutions by providing matching incentive grants for their endowments. The grants will be allocated to the colleges' permanent endowments to be used for financial aid to Lutheran students.

Dana is one of the 38 Lutheran institutions of higher education selected to participate in the \$7 million program. The Society has committed \$25,000 in challenge funds for the college. To qualify for the grant, Dana must raise, over the next three years, \$2 for its unrestricted endowment for each \$1 from Lutheran Brotherhood.

The third major program, begun in 1979, earmarked \$3.25 million for special theological education sponsored by Lutheran church bodies.

## Preaching Workshop Expands to Two Sessions

The Preachers' Workshop held on the campus annually since 1979 is being expanded to two sessions, February 6-10 and February 13-17, according to an announcement by its director, Pastor Alvin C. Rueter '42 of St. Paul, Minnesota.

"We're trying to strike a balance between the larger number of enrollees needed to make it viable at a reasonable cost and the smaller number desirable for the learning experience we want," said Rueter. "So we expect to limit each week's enrollment to 21 pastors."

The length of the workshops is also being extended. In past years, they were three days long. Because of the extensive amount of material offered, the schedule has been expanded to four days. Lectures, discussions, and videotape exercises will be on the topic "Preaching as Dialogue."

The preaching workshops are timed to coincide with part of Dana's Centennial celebrations. Distinguished alumni-scholars are returning to the campus to present lectures. During the first week of February, preaching workshop enrollees will hear Dr. Paul Jersild '53, a theologian. During the second week, those present will hear Dr. Rachael Neve '74, a scientist doing research in genetics.

## Winterfest Royalty

Seniors Deanna Nielsen (first, left) and Rex Peterson (second, left) were named Winterfest queen and king December 10. Members of their court were: from left — Diane Heistand '84, Kristine Hester '84, Ann Klein '85, Deb Dill '85; Bill Schlange '84, Mike Soe '85, Jon Bansen '85, and Tim Rongstad '84.



In response to requests by participants, Rueter has been conducting a second level for those who have attended before. On the second level, participants reinforce the principles of "Preaching as Dialogue," and spend more time practicing them than is possible on the first level. A second level will be offered again at the February workshops.

For information on the workshops, write to Rueter at 1603 Garden Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113, or call him at 612/646-3332.

## CompuCamp Comes . . . "We Can't Wait 'til Summer"

This is CompuCamp's theme. And, CompuCamp comes to Dana this summer. Children between the ages of nine and 16 will be gaining a strong foundation in computer skills while living and dining on campus and enjoying our many other fine facilities.

Six one-week CompuCamp programs have been scheduled between June 17 and August 3. Their variety of programs is geared to serve all experience and ability levels: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced.

Now, the special news for our alumni: 50 scholarships have been set aside for children and grandchildren of Dana alumni. Each scholarship is worth \$75 and will be applied against the regular tuition of \$395 for the one-week program or \$790 for the two-week program. But, there are only a limited number available, and you must apply before March 1, 1984.

To receive more information, your brochure, and application, please call Dana's Public Relations Office (402/426-4101, ext. 127) or write, immediately, to CompuCamp, Box 31332, Omaha, NE 68131.

We can't wait 'til summer. We think you and your children will agree.

## Alumna '53, Son '88 Attend Homecoming, Write Impressions

Margaret Christiansen Madsen '53, Cypress, California, and son Andy, a prospective member of the Class of 1988, spent Homecoming weekend on campus — Margaret for her class reunion, Andy to see what Dana was like. When they returned home, both wrote letters reflecting on their visits. Here are parts of those letters:

**Margaret** — "My bags are unpacked and the memories of Homecoming are tucked away with others from my student days and Homecomings past.

"What an outstandingly beautiful and memory-filled weekend it was from start to finish. It was exciting to live in the dorm again . . . laughter mixed with tears . . . old *Danians* tucked under our arms so as to trigger the memory. Some of my tears were shed as always at the reunion choir concert following the banquet on Saturday, and at saying goodbye once again. Others were shed as I rewalked the steps I'd walked with my beloved cousin Garbone as a happy frosh in '49. . . . It was good to be with his classmates — Esther, John, Bud and Cal.

"Tears of love were shed for my beloved parents who sacrificed to send me to Dana, and later my sis Helen too. Dad, also an alum, always reminded us that our Dana friendships were far more important than grades — they'd be for life. How prophetic he was. He died 20 years ago, but seeing his Dana friends again was heartwarming.

"And so it's back to business as usual, but I return refreshed and strengthened by the bond that is Dana. A special thanks to all of you from the class of '53 who put forth the effort to return. It was so good to

# Campus News

The Dana chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management held a seminar November 10 for college and high school students on the future of jobs and the job market in the next five years. Speakers were from the Nebraska Job Service, Mutual of Omaha, and the Federal Information Center.

The Dana Choir was the liturgical choir, singing the Latin mass of Martin Luther's time, at a November 13 service in Omaha at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The service commemorating Luther's 500th birthday was sponsored by member congregations of the American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America, and Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

A symposium on poverty-related hunger in eastern Nebraska was held on campus November 10. Speakers were from the social work department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha's Siena House Men's and Women's Shelters, and the Visiting Nurses Association for Washington, Burt, Cuming, and Thurston Counties. A Dodge County judge also spoke. Sponsors were the Dana chapter of Bread for the World, the campus congregation, and the college's Social Awareness Organization and Special Events Committee.

Dr. Alan Brandes, music, and organ builder Jan van Daalen, Minneapolis, were featured on a December 17 television program on an Omaha channel. Called "Music for Christmas — the van Daalen Organ," the show recently won an award

see you all. The laughs we shared still echo in my heart. Let's do it again soon."

**Andy** — "I believe the most striking feature I felt radiating from those whose paths I crossed while spending a few days on the Dana College campus was a genuine sense of openness — whether it was a passing grin or 'hello' from members of the student body, a recollection of fond memories of Dana from alumni and the college staff, or the sight of long-term relationships established at Dana five, ten, or even 25 or 30 years ago being reinforced. Dana impressed me without even attempting to do so. It opened its doors and allowed me to feel its vitality and at the same time recognize its educational endeavor."

for television excellence at a meeting in Baltimore of United Methodist Communicators.

New to the Alumni Council as members at large are Mark Grorud '75, assistant pastor at First Lutheran Church, Fremont, and Dr. Paul Laursen '51, provost of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln.

Selections read in the Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) this past semester included Luther's "On Christian Liberty," Osborne's play, *Luther*, Attar's *Fable of the Birds*, Dinesen's *Out of Africa*, and Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun*.

Don Baack '75, business administration, gave a paper in October on "What Are Your Turnover Goals?" to the Nebraska Economics and Business Conference that met in Lincoln.

Forty-two students and members of the faculty and staff traveled to Chicago on two weekends, one in September, the other in October, to view the Vatican Exhibit at the Art Institute. Both excursions were sponsored by Dana's humanities program. The program has also sponsored many trips this fall to Omaha for concerts by the Omaha Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, the Omaha Ballet, an Opera/Omaha performance, and concerts sponsored by Tuesday Musical.

College nurse Betty Hernes and Dana junior Deb Dill attended a Red Cross Bloodmobile conference this fall where Dana was presented the "Eight Signs of

Life" Award, the highest Bloodmobile award, for last year's campus drive. Ars Medica sponsors and organizes the annual event.

These seniors have been named to the 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Mary Beth Anderson, Jeff DeYoung, Stanley Hansen, Peter Jacobson, Katherine Klover, Marlene Kreutzian, Jeff Levine, Cynthia Lorenzen, Val McCoy, Mary Margaret Morgan, Todd Morgan, Pam Robinson, Randa Rodenburg, Cynthia Schou, and June Weber.

Bob Arnold, financial aid, participated in a panel discussion in September for Omaha and area bankers on how colleges and universities handle Guaranteed Student Loans. In October he led a group discussion on the desirability of establishing a state loan consolidation agency at a meeting in Lincoln of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administration.

Norman Bansen '47, English and Danish, was one of the lecturers at the annual Fall Meeting, a Danish heritage conference, held in September at Tyler, Minnesota. He spoke on the Danish Immigrant Museum planned for Elk Horn, Iowa, and on "Man and Nature in Winther's Grimson Trilogy."

A few copies of the January 1981 *Alumni Directory* are still available. If you'd like a copy, please send \$1 for postage and handling to the Alumni Office.

## I would like to recommend the following as prospective Dana students:

Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Phone ( _____ ) _____	Phone ( _____ ) _____
Year in School (1983-84) _____	Year in School (1983-84) _____
High School _____	High School _____
Comments _____	Comments _____

Please return to: Admissions Office  
Dana College  
Blair, NE 68008

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Friends,**

"Will they take the initials off the bricks when they restore Old Main?" This last Homecoming several alumni asked the question.

Plans are being made for the work. When the grass begins to thrust tiny green swords through the decaying brown dead leaves and the last vestiges of white snow . . . when the trees bud out in tender beauty and prepare to leaf out and make green umbrellas over the campus . . . when the class of '84 begins to worry about final examinations . . . then the plans made now will begin to cause visible changes on the face of Old Main.

I believe it is most appropriate that a major part of our Dana College Centennial Fund effort should be directed toward the restoration and renovation of Old Main.

For I realized again at this Homecoming '83 that the single place on Dana's campus all alumni from the class of '13 to '83 hold in common is that building.

Aaron Jensen '16 was back for the first time in more than 50 years. The campus was a strange place to him until we approached Old Main and he pointed up to one of the fourth floor windows and



cried out, "Right there — that's my room!"

Our '83 class members have no memories of living in that gracious old building, but they have many other memories.

And from the very beginning the students (and I suspect the faculty) could not resist carving names and initials in the soft red brick. I am sure that at first

the Administration posted stern warnings, but as time passed it became an accepted custom.

The first classes were held in Old Main in the fall of 1886. That's about 98 years of carving initials! Farmers and bishops, millionaires and paupers, saints and sinners, fools and wise men, poets and quarterbacks, lovers and lonely ones, thousands have paused with some tool and made their marks.

And now soon the restoration begins. A total renewal, they say, of the exterior of Old Main is the first phase, and it begins this spring when the snow melts and the tulips bloom on campus. The interior will be done later.

"Will they take the initials off the bricks when they restore Old Main?"

A new roof . . . strengthening of the southwestern wall, now disfigured by cracks . . . new windows (and even storm sashes) — though of the same old style. Outside doors, a restored front door area . . . some tuck-pointing of the bricks and . . . . But . . . what about the initials?

"Will they take the initials off the bricks when they restore Old Main?"

They'd better not!

Rev. John T. Beck  
Director of Development

**Sports**

**Basketball and Wrestling — An Early Report**

Basketball and wrestling seasons were just getting under way by the semester's end, so here's a brief report.

**Basketball:** Conference play for the men's and women's teams starts in January. At the time of this writing (before Christmas break) both teams had gained experience against a variety of opponent schools large and small. By December 12 the men, coached by Tom Brosnihan, had four wins and nine losses, and the women, coached by Kathy Foley, had three wins and six losses.

Both teams are young, but their coaches report improvement with each game. Leading scorers for the men have been Omahans Matt Peterson, Todd Hinkle, and Jon Hayes, all freshmen. Leading rebounders have been Hayes and Steve Olson, an Omaha junior. Olson has an ankle injury that Brosnihan says could affect the rest of the season.

Leading scorers and rebounders for the women have been sophomores Lisa Meyer

of Sumner, Iowa, and Ronda Fritz of Salem, Nebraska. Coach Foley says that she is looking forward to a good second half of the year.

**Wrestling:** Coach Ron Beaman '74 considers this year's squad the best overall team he's had in his four years of coaching at Dana. His co-captains are senior Don Joseph (177 lbs.) from Arvada, Colorado, and junior Marty Hug (118 lbs.) from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Beaman reports that sophomore Tim Weltzin (190 lbs.) from Marshalltown, Iowa, has already qualified for Nationals, and Beaman expects several others to qualify at tournaments next semester. Freshman Tom Calvert (134 lbs.) from Sioux City, Iowa, placed third at the Kearney State Tournament.

Others who are wrestling well, Beaman said, include: Doug Birdsell '87 (142-150 lbs.), Sioux City; Rick Rosen '87 (118 lbs.), Clyde, Ohio; Trent Gutschenritter (142-150 lbs.), Imogene, Iowa; Matt Carl (126 lbs.), Corning, Iowa; Niles Vorthmann '87 (134 lbs.), Treynor, Iowa; Dale Johnson (167 lbs.), Hanford, California;

Vail Oleson '87 (134 lbs.), Tekamah, Nebraska; and Bill Bussey '85 (177 lbs.), Glenwood, Iowa.

Beaman adds that the team will be further bolstered by the second-semester return of 1983 National qualifier Curt Berkland, a 134-142 pound senior from Omaha.

**Football Postscript**

Punter Chris Specht '84 of Diller, Nebraska, finished the season with a 45.3 average. As reported in the last *Review*, Specht was the nation's leading punter among NAIA Division II schools, and he also ranked fourth among all NAIA and NCAA schools.

Specht, who plans to enter NFL tryouts, made the NAIA All-District team, and he and three other Vikings were named to the All-NIAC team. The three were Rick Lee '86, a tight end from Onawa, Iowa; lineman Mike Jensen '86 from Harlan, Iowa; and linebacker Jim Krueger '85 from Denmark, Wisconsin.

**'80s** **Danette Johns '82** works in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, as secretary of First Lutheran Church. Her address is 2320 Silver Lane #525, New Brighton, MN 55112. . . . **Jeff Fahrenkrug '80** teaches American history at the Missouri Valley (Iowa) high school this year. He is also women's basketball coach and assistant volleyball coach. . . . **Dennis Andrew** was born October 20, 1983, to **Dennis and Karen Allison South '80**. His parents teach on the reservation in Lander, Wyoming. Karen is also a board member for Child Development Services of Fremont County, an agency that serves handicapped preschoolers. Their Lander address is 935 McDougall Drive (82520). . . . **Kip '80** and **Sherri Sandoz '83 Tyler** announce the birth of **Hollie Nicole** October 5, 1983.

**'70s** **Diann Frank '79** married **Joseph Cellucci** October 22, 1983. They live at 7535 Pierce Plaza No. 12, in Omaha (68124). . . . Twin daughters **Natalie Jean** and **Michelle Marie** were born October 13, 1983, to **Jean and Richard Lubbert '79**. . . . **Karen Barter Perry '79** is a staff accountant at Insumet in Emeryville, California. The company sells software to insurance companies. . . . **Carol Arnvig '78** teaches art for grades 1-12 in Treynor, Iowa. . . . **Ian Michael** was born October 25, 1983, to **Steven and Debra Jenner '78 Billington**. They live at 2150 W. Sherman in Muskegon, Michigan. . . . **Roy Wuchter '77** and his wife, **Cece**, announce the birth of **David Joseph** on May 16, 1983. At home are **Nicole**, 6, and **Jason**, 3. Roy works for Junior Achievement of Omaha. They live in Blair. . . . **Gary L. Madsen '75** was recently promoted to group leader of Hepatitis Technical Support and Research and Development Laboratories for Abbott Laboratories at the Abbott Park Facilities in North Chicago. He and his wife, **Diane (Larsen '75)**, live at 101 Adair Ct. in Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061. Diane is a private piano instructor. Son **Lars** is 2. . . . **Douglas '74** and **Glenda Holsing '72 Bro** announce the birth of **Paul Matthew** on November 8, 1983. Brother **Andrew** is 5. . . . **Steven James** was born Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1983, to **James '74** and **Roxanne Hester** of 1217-54th Street in Blue Springs, Missouri 64015. He joins a sister, **Stacey**, 2. . . . **Luke Isaac** was born to **Larry Andrews '73** and his wife **April** 12, 1983. Larry received his M.S. in special education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in August. . . . **Dr. Laurence K. Rasmussen '72** and his wife announce the birth of **Morgan Lea** on December 1, 1983. Brother **Alex** is 5 and sister **Blair** is 2. . . . **Mark Michael** was born to **Mike '71** and **Faye Coles '77 Jones** on November 15, 1983. Sister **Eva** is 2½.

**'60s** **Susan Shadle Owen '68**, state supervisor in business education for the Kansas State Department of Education, presented two sessions titled "Keyboarding for Computer Literacy" at the American Vocational Association Convention in Anaheim, California, in December 1983. Susan, who serves as secretary to the National Association of Business Education State Supervisors, was elected vice president of that organization. She lives in Kansas City with her husband, **Jeffrey**.

**'30s** **Alfred R. Jensen '33** and **Agnes Beck '25 Jensen**, now retired and living in Hood River, Oregon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 11, 1983. Their children, **Richard I. Jensen '59** and his wife, **Karen Petersen '59 Jensen**, and **Jerome D. Jensen '56** joined other Dana-related guests in the celebration. Nephew **Allan Nyegaard '50** and **Marilyn Neve '50 Nyegaard**, sister **Laura Beck**

**Nyegaard**, widow of **Kaj Nyegaard '23**, and brother **Marcus Beck '21** also attended the celebration in Salem, Oregon.

## DEATHS

**Freshman Troy Kaup**, 19, was killed December 17 in a car accident as he was returning to his Stuart, Nebraska, home for the Christmas holidays. His westbound car was struck head-on by an eastbound car that crossed the center line. Survivors include his parents and two brothers. . . . **Bill Vig '35**, Albert

**Lea**, Minnesota, died November 7, 1983, at the age of 71. The son of former president **P. S. Vig**, he was a teacher and school superintendent. Survivors include his wife, **Lucille (Hanson '32)**, 816 Garfield Avenue, in Albert Lea (56007), three daughters, sister **Ruth Olsen '37**, Colville, Washington, and brother **Victor '40**, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. . . . **Dr. Niels Nedergaard '12**, San Luis Obispo, California, died this past summer. He was 86. He and his wife, **Myrtle**, were medical missionaries in Thailand for 22 years. He later practiced medicine in California.

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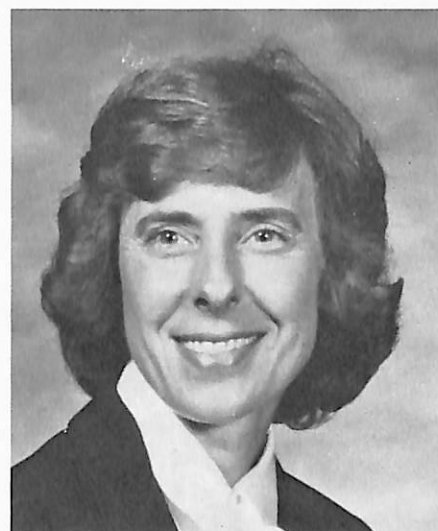
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