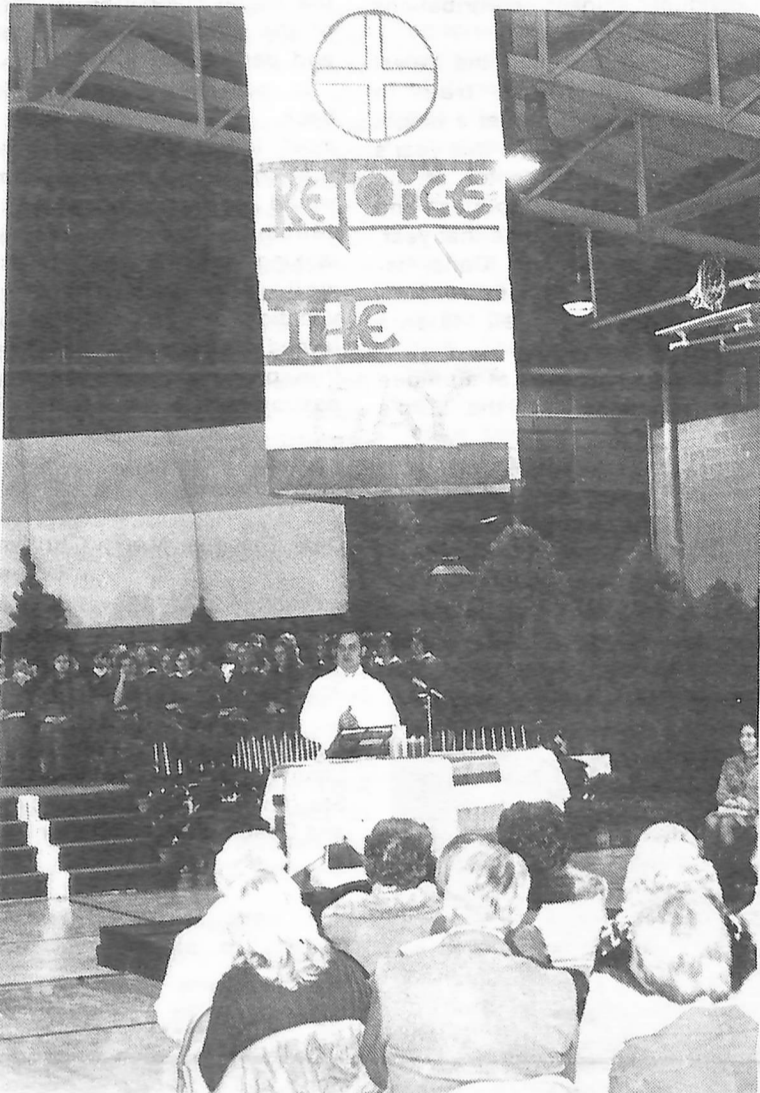


# Peace on Earth . . .

## Christmas open house brings season to Dana



Christmas Open House officially began with a festival worship service in Borup. The service was arranged with a round altar and participants on all four sides. Three banners made by members of the student congregation hung from overhead. Campus Pastor Lothar Peitz is shown giving the message for the service, while one of the banners proclaims rejoice!

Dana's Christmas Open House program took place last Sunday as parents and friends of Dana intermingled with students, faculty and staff.

The day was highlighted by the program "An Hour of Christmas" put on by the Music

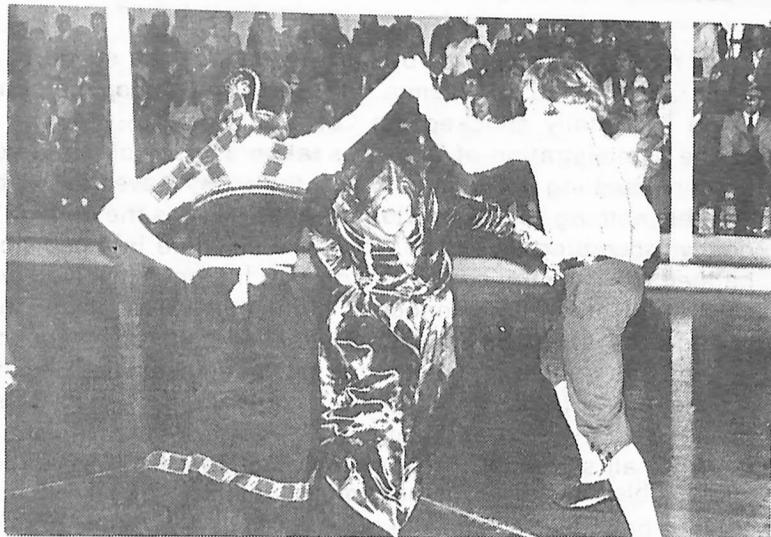
Department, with a surrounding scene of candles, poinsettias and evergreen trees.

The day began this year with a festival worship service, put on by the student congregation. Featured in the service were three large banners designed by Mr. Heinrich of the Art Department and constructed by mem-

bers of the congregation. The altar for the service was placed centrally, and participants sat on all sides of the round altar.

Professor Nielsen of the Humanities Department, presented a "storytime" off and on throughout the day in Parnassus. He read many poems, prose that dealt with the Christmas season. Also taking place throughout the day was the "Christkindlmarlt" a German tradition which features music, food and decorations of Christmas.

One of the more beautiful parts of the day came in the three presentations of the Santa Lucia Ceremony. Nancy Hansen was chosen this year to wear the green wreath topped with lighted candles. The story of this tradition was read to the



The Danish Dancers also participated in the festivities Sunday afternoon. Here Karen Barter (left) Deb Petersen (middle) and Dennis Preston (right) are shown performing in AMA.

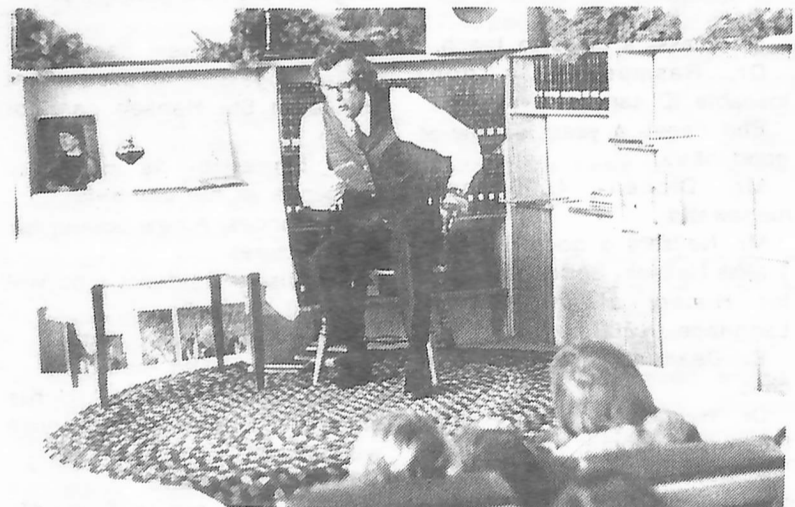
audience in between the singing of songs of the season in their native languages by the young ladies participating.

The Dana Folk Dancers were

participants in the day's program as well. Having three performances, they did many of the traditional numbers of the schools name-sake country.



The Dana College choir and brass ensemble were the highlights of the Christmas Concert Sunday afternoon. It was estimated that 1,500 people attended this event.



One tradition of Dana's Christmas open house has been the "story time" in Parnassus. Humanities Professor John Nielsen read prose and poetry during the presentation.

## Thirteen Dana students to receive degrees Sunday

Thirteen Dana seniors will receive degrees at Mid-Year Commencement ceremonies scheduled for Sunday, December 14. The Commencement program will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Doctors' Auditorium of the D.A. Dana Hall of Science. Dr. Earl R. Mezoff will welcome the graduates and their families and award the degrees.

Following the program, graduates, guests, and faculty are invited to attend a reception honoring the seniors in the Blue and Gold Rooms of the Campus Center.

The graduating seniors are: Linda K. Brown (BA) Omaha,

Nebraska; Justus Obioma Ike (BA), Aba, East Central State, Nigeria; Dennis C. Caddell (BS) Logan, Iowa; Ekanem Efiog Ekanem (BS), Uyo, Nigeria; George Patrick Hertz (BS), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Dennis Blaine Hoch (BS), Omaha, Nebraska; Karen Jensen Howard (BS), Fremont, Nebraska; Diane Lynn Lensch (BS), Rolling Meadows, Illinois; Lynda Jeane Martin (BS), Elk Horn, Iowa; Marlene Mullins (BS), Arlington, Nebraska; Mrs. Doris Spetman (BS), Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Sheila Stevenson (BS), Petersburg, Nebraska.

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The Christmas Open House was topped by this performance of Santa Lucia in the campus center. Nancy Hansen was elected to be Lucia and heads the group, followed by (in the first row from the left) Jane Radloff, Jeanmarie Nielsen, Iris Frey and Deb Jenner. In the second row there is Shirley Kenneth, Sue Ronnenkamp and Janis Boyce. Third row is Karen Barter, Jean Wood, Jana Christiansen and Lisa Sorensen. Mary Staby and Roxie Schwandt are the last two of Santa Lucia's maids.

# EDITORIALS

## Raid showed us a lot about our school

As most people realize by now, Dana was the scene of a drug raid, that did not seem a surprise to many people around Dana but totally shocked the "outside world".

The administration of Dana has taken a wise course of action in handling this situation, in that they have done absolutely nothing to the individuals involved. It is the college's policy, according to Mezoff, to wait until there is a decision handed down by the courts stating that the ones involved are something other than innocent. Until this takes place, the college, as all of us for that matter, should remain open-minded and realize that no charge has been sustained as yet.

I also do not wish to condone the breaking of drug laws, even if we can see areas that need revision or improvement. I feel that all students on campus realize that we have to be responsible for our own actions when they reflect on the student body as a whole. All of us, because of this incident, have been put on the defensive. We are now suddenly put into positions where we have to explain ourselves, and our college.

I would also like to say geography plays a big role in our problem. We are located in a rural area and such incidents tend to be expanded and played out. This is not necessarily wrong or good, it is just how events seem to be handled. In metropolitan areas, such things only catch the attention of those that really need to, and thus the problem can be squared out with little difficulty.

We have learned a great deal from this. We now know that we as students have an administration that is willing to take a great amount of criticism and gripe from people to defend its faculty and students. We know that our rights on campus will be respected, and also that the laws applying to Nebraska and Blair also apply to us up on the hill.

I also hope that all of us at Dana do not take this incident lightly and that all of us will take it upon ourselves to keep the credibility we have as students, and not let such incidents destroy our personal right to learn.

## Christmas: Time for revelation of self

In this Christmas season, there are numerous topics that can be written on, and numerous fallacies can be found in the celebration of such a holiday that touches people's emotions. I have chosen to ignore such topics in this article however, and turn my thoughts to something that we seem to belittle this time of the year, ourselves.

To me Christmas is a personal moment, one that I have always sought to celebrate, in between all the rushing around, all by myself. I strongly believe that one cannot grasp the total meaning that Christ's birth has on mankind until he finds and understands what this event in history has done for himself.

Everyone has their own concept and thoughts about Christmas, but they never get much thought, as we all seem too busy trying to make it meaningful in other ways, the ways everyone else uses. There is nothing wrong in this, but it can cause a great deal of frustration and anxiety, why not come out and admit to ourselves that Christmas is for us.

I believe that we have to know where we stand on such important matters, before we can spread our good cheer and whatever else we give out at Christmas. More often than not we give out an inferior product, for we give out something that even we do not have confidence in.

I see nothing wrong in wanting to spend Christmas alone, somewhere away from all the other aspects of the day, and think about how I personally fit into this whole big world, with its God, however he is conceived. This does not, I have found, distract from my expressions of giving to others, but increases its meaning and worth.

There should always be time spent with friends and relatives, it adds to our growth and enriches our understanding of man, but we need that special time to ourselves where we can say what our own feelings are to God and acknowledge his gift to us.

The Hermes welcomes comment from students in the form of letters to the editor. If you have a problem or are not satisfied with the way something is on campus, please let your views be known. All letters must be in good taste and the Editorial Board of the Hermes reserves the right to reject and edit any letter sent in.

## DANA HISTORY

by David Menz

Your Hermes historian takes a look at Christmas at Dana through the years.

In 1963 "Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the Christmas festivities that included, besides the annual banquet, skits put on by the admissions staff, a boy's quartet and group caroling. Also that year, the choir of Dana appeared on KMTV, in a half-hour program of Christmas music. The annual faculty and staff dinner was briefly interrupted by a dozen students who sang Christmas carols.

In 1965 the Drama Department put on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes" as a part of the Children's Christmas Show. The

Hermes also told the History of Santa Lucia. Also as part of the winter season, there was a beard growing contest. In part of the spirit of giving, the Student Council started a Christmas fund for children by donating \$250 and hoping individual student contributions could match it.

In 1966 Dana had the tallest indoor Christmas tree in Washington County, at a height of 20 feet, which, like this year's tree, sat in the center of the student center. "Sounds and Lights" was the theme that year, with all aspects of Dana, including the religious department, pooling their talents together.

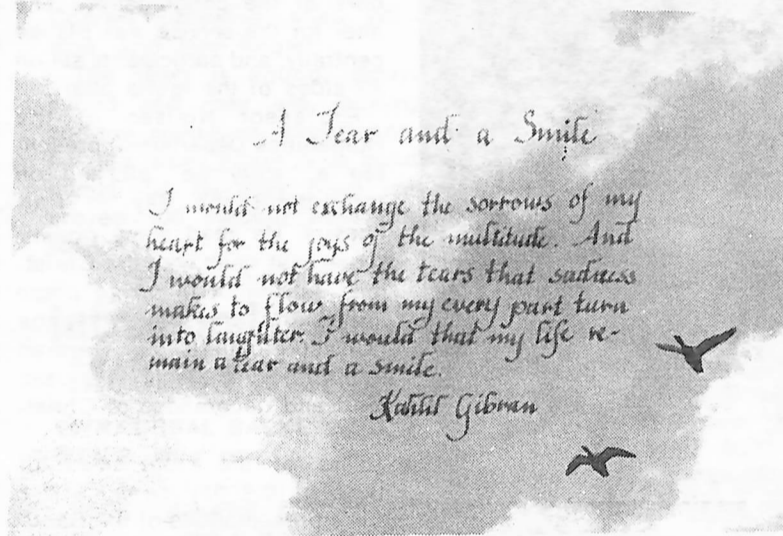
1967 was the time of a unique candlelight service, the Lord's

table was set in the center of the floor with the congregation gathering around it. Also that year students sent gift packages to a Marine outfit in Viet Nam. The amount of the gifts went well over \$300. In that same year a guy named Ken Lizer headed the social committee in charge of the annual Christmas party and dance.

In our final year of looking back, 1969, we find that the most talked about event was that once again Christmas would be marred by war. It seemed like goodwill was lacking that year on campus as well, for over Christmas vacation, a student's car was turned over and later set afire in the parking lot, completely destroying it.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS DANA

To: Nancy Petersen



From Dean Knutson

Dear Campus, Merry Christmas  
- Breeeee

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Merry Christmas to all you thumper lovers, Ears to ya.  
-R. J.

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Thank you Mike, Julie, Steve, Lanny, Lori, Mary, Kent, Dennis, Stu, Mike Stewart, Liz, Howard and Dean Palm for all your help.  
-Paul

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A very Merry Christmas Season to all of you, even Lothar.  
-Jerse

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Dennis and I wish everyone a Merry and a Happy --  
-Kay Beune

## Christmas lists that could have been but never were

by Howard L. Kulzer

The faculty and staff were too busy to let me know what they wanted for Christmas so I took the Liberty in this article to make things up for them.

President Mezoff- 20 million dollars.

Mr. Bansen- California weather here in Nebraska during the winter.

Ron Johnson- A new next door neighbor for his library.

Pastor Pietz- The perfect Church Council.

Dr. Jorgensen- 400 students that are fanatics of English History.

Mr. Warman- a nice slow river to go down in his canoe.

Keith Hansen- 40 million dollars.

Dr. Glass- a class to teach.

Dr. Rasmussen- a non-loseable ID card.

Phil Pagel- a years supply of good news.

Mr. Dibben- 4500 more megawatts.

Mr. Neilsen- a doctorate.

Miss Neilsen- Better nickname for History of the English Language (HEL(L)).

Dr. Dean- about five more inches.

Dr. Henneman et al A new Fine/Arts building.

Mr. Heinrich- More opportunities to use his talents.

Mr. Shotts- The part of the

knight in the new Monty Python movie.

Dr. Stone- A new deck.

Mr. Hengeveld- An experiment that even Stu Hansen can not botch up.

Dr. Emmerich- As much intelligence as his computer.

Dr. Brandes- A new pointer for Hum lectures.

Jim Olsen- Students who will laugh at his jokes.

Roger Olsen- New math.

Mrs. Olsen- Old math.

Dr. Weckmuller- All his student teachers would survive without him.

Dr. Wise- A band.

Dr. Neve- A trip to Europe.

Mr. Snell- New carpet for his office.

Dan Taggart- The perfect food.

Dr. Hansen- A new concept of Philosophy.

Dr. Hutton- To use his nickname on all his Greek students.

Dr. Engelman- More German students.

Mr. Ragan- A stronger American economy.

Mr. Showers- 567 more students just like us.

Mr. Myer- More things to develop.

The PE staff- nine new tennis courts.

Dr. Matthies- More time to go hunting.

Dr. Boher- More IV in AV.

Mr. Lindblad- A new way to teach Physical Science.

Mr. Grube- Birds (?)



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## A LOOK AT CHRISTMAS

# Christmas Traditions From Many Lands

BY Dan Hendersen

This month of December marks the beginning of the most traditional time of the year. Our whole lives become consumed by the advent of tradition and customs. Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, bells, candles, gifts and a host of other traditional symbols begin to appear shortly after Thanksgiving. Our thoughts begin to anticipate the coming of "Mr. Claus" and we are filled with tension and delight. Some people are filled with a sense of compassion and good will toward their fellow men. As these traditional feelings and objects fill our existence for about 30 days, and as the greeting cards are delivered helter-skelter, along with the hanging of the mistletoe and holly, I had to ask myself one very important question: Why?

What is it that makes all of these rituals so important every year? What is it that makes such emotions of peace and good will alive in people's hearts? Why do we do the things that we do every December; just because it is Christmas time?

### Beginnings

Is it enough to just accept traditions without any knowledge of where the traditions came from, or even what they mean? On the contrary, isn't it the knowledge of the origins and meanings behind the traditions and rituals which actually give the actions of the traditions their true significance?

With the hope of making you more aware of our Christmas traditions and their significance, the following paragraphs are a summary of the origin and meaning of Christmas symbols, some of which are common to the United States, and some that are known exclusively in other countries. Hopefully a better understanding and appreciation of our Christmas rituals will be gained.

The fat, jolly, red-clothed figure, whom we know as "Santa Claus", has an interesting heritage. Santa Claus is undoubtedly descended from Saint Nicholas of European origin. Saint Nicholas was always kind and thoughtful, doing good deeds to rich and poor alike.

### Kriss Kringle

It is the Christ Kindel (Christ Child) who brings gifts in some countries, and Kriss Kringle undoubtedly had some connection with the same idea. In Sweden, it is Jul Tomten or Tomta Jubba, a tiny old man who leaves gifts. In some sections of China it is "Christmas Old Father" who leaves the gifts, while in Russia it is old "Grandfather Frost". "Pete Noel" leaves the gifts in France while Jule Nissen (Christmas Elf) does the honors in Denmark, and St. Basil brings them in Greece.

The Christmas Star is of interesting origins. The wise men, of course, followed a star to Bethlehem. In some countries the appearance of the first star

on Christmas Eve signals for the lighting the lamps and beginning the Christmas Mass or festivities.

In Sweden, the "Star" children with silver stars pasted on tall white hats visit the homes of friends. Each group makes one large silver or gold star trimmed with tinsel and a tiny bell fastened to each point of the star.

In some European countries such as Holland, wooden shoes are used like stockings are used in the United States; to receive gifts. They are placed by the fireplace and often contain offerings for the reindeer or the white horse of the gift bearer. The white horse was used by St. Nicholas in his journeys.

### Christmas Seals

Have you ever stopped to think where Christmas seals originated? It was the idea of postal clerk, Einar Holboell, in the post office at Copenhagen, Denmark, to issue a stamp for letters at Christmas time, the proceeds to be used for some worthy cause. A picture of Queen Louise, by consent of King Christian IX, was the first seal sent out in 1904.

In Scandinavian countries, sheaves of grain are tied outside of the house for the birds at Christmas time.

There is a belief in Greece that St. Basil makes his journeys in a ship. Thus many replicas of ships can be seen.

Plum pudding got its start centuries ago, when the King of England was lost in the woods where he had been hunting with his friends on Christmas Eve. The cook put everything he had in the pot for the simple feast and made the first plum pudding. The ingredients used on that occasion are said to have formed the basic plum pudding to this day.

### Unusual Traditions

Firecrackers are used widely in the southern part of the United States as well as in the Orient, to celebrate the arrival of Christmas.

Goats made of straw were the earliest gifts to Swedish children are still important as Christmas decorations.

Greeting cards were first published in England in 1844 by Mr. Joseph Cundall and thus originated one of the most widely used customs today.

Harp, "the angels' instruments", are used in the dawn service on Christmas Day in Wales.

Holly, which grows in some form in almost every country, has been used for festival decorations for centuries. In connection with Christmas it has come to represent the crown of thorns worn by Christ when He was crucified, the red of the berries representing His blood. Legend attributes holly, the power to keep away witches and bring charm wherever used. In many yuletide songs it was spoken of as the male while the ivy was considered the female.

"Blowing the Yule" is a Danish custom, just as the sun is rising on Christmas "the trumpeters play four hymns, one for each corner of the earth.

The Advent Wreath is a wreath of evergreens with four candles, two red and two white placed in it. One candle is lighted before the evening meal on the first Sunday in Advent, or four Sundays before Christmas. This candle is extinguished after the meal is finished. The second Sunday evening, two candles are lighted and so on until the fourth Sunday and on Christmas Eve, all four candles are lighted.

### Mistletoe

There are several interesting versions of the mistletoe legend.

From Scandinavia comes the story of Baldur, the Apollo of the north, who was hated by Liki, a wicked spirit. Baldur could not be harmed by anything which sprang from earth, fire, water, or air. Loki used much effort in an attempt to devise a way to kill Baldur and finally succeeded by shooting him with a dart made of mistletoe. The gods, who had loved Baldur, wished to make some reparation to his mother Frigg, so they dedicated to her the mistletoe so long as it did not touch the earth. Frigg was determined that the mistletoe should no longer be an instrument of death and sorrow so she declared it to be the emblem of love and that all who passed under it should receive a kiss as a token of love.

In some countries the story of significance of the mistletoe goes back to the Druids who went in solemn procession for the annual cutting of the mistletoe on the sixth day of the moon nearest the new year. The priest officiated clad in white robes and bearing a short golden cycle with which he detached the mistletoe and reverently received it on a white cloth. The custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe also comes from the Druids, with the maid unknissed going husbandless for another year.

### Saturnalia

Before the Christmas era, candles were used at the time of the Saturnalia to light the young pine tree which sprang up as the Thunder Oak fell. After Christ's birth when the mid-winter festival became a celebration of Christ's birth, candles were used for many purposes.

There are several legends centering about the candle which lighted the way of the lonely child to the home where he was kindly received. After

leaving the home some evidence of his identity was discovered and ever after a light was placed in the window on Christmas Eve to light his way should he return to the home.

Candles were used by Martin Luther on his Christmas tree to represent the stars shining through the evergreens in the forest on Christmas Eve.

Credited to St. Francis of Assisi, whose first crèche, or Christmas Crib, erected with permission of the Pope, was a simple manger with a doll in it, to which children brought their gifts and elders their prayers. Beside this crèche Francis and his brethren sang Christmas carols. Later, animals, borrowed from neighbors, were added to the scene, until today in homes and churches in many countries, including the United States, we find the scene of the nativity depicted.

### Carols

Christmas carols originated in the custom of joyfully celebrating various festivals which have been held through the centuries. As the mid-winter observances of the Roman Saturnalia gave way to the more universally observed Christmas, a great wealth of songs with the Christmas theme sprang into being. Some of these carols, or songs, are of "folk song" origin. A far greater number of Christmas songs have been composed by great writers, for almost every creative poet and musician has made a contribution to this type of musical literature.

Two thousand years before Christ was born, bells were used in the Orient for joyful as well as sad occasions. Since Christ was born they have been used in many countries to announce His birthday.

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## Reflections of a Journey: "Barks" Expected in Port

by Deb Schou

For the last seven weeks I have been out in my little bark doing my student teaching. It has been quite an experience and my bark has held up surprisingly well. Each day is different and the sea of students vary. Sometimes I have clear sailing and other times my bark is tossed about. It all depends upon the waves of the students' interest and the winds of their enthusiasm.

When their waves of interest come crashing upon my lectern and the wind of their enthusiasm comes gusting from the east, it is a great day for teaching and learning. The students are thrilled as we sail along through the material. They understand my lecture, they enjoyed their reading assignment, and they are aroused from their daydreams. They are filled with questions and inspired to discuss. Learning is exciting for them. On such days I am convinced I want to be and should be a teacher. And fortunately it is on these days that the Admiral of the Sea, Dr. Weckmuller,

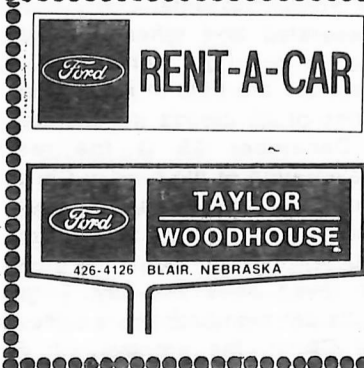
comes for his visits.

The waves of their interest are forever changing. Usually on Monday the sea is completely still; when they are sleeping it is hard to stimulate their interest. Some days I feel like I am in the horse latitudes and have thrown the last horse overboard. Once I have gotten rid of all my intellectual ballast, the students seem more interested. The waves begin to roll and eagerly lap at the sides of my bark. I give them tidbits of interesting information or apply the material to their experiences; such as pointing out a bawdy scene in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" or discussing the persecution of Martin Luther King.

Then there are those trying days when the sea is stormy; the waves come from all directions and the winds gust from the wrong direction. These days are quite unexpected. The wind of their enthusiasm shifts directions. Sometimes it gusts from the north as great excitement from an event stirs up the students. It may be a football victory, a rumble the night

before, a special event at school, or an incident in another class. Sometimes the wind gusts from the south as the unusually beautiful weather causes early cases of spring fever. Eyes are constantly roving from the blackboard to the windows, feet are periodically shuffling, hands are rhythmically tapping the desktops, and bodies are fidgeting for the full forty minutes. On times like this, I am as thankful to hear the bell ring as they are. After such days I sail back to Dana limply to recuperate before the next day.

I would have to admit that this little bark constructed here at Dana has held up quite well



upon destiny's deep sea. This trial run at sea has made more sea-worthy. My bark will be back in port for five months soon. It will get a new paint job and some new sails. But when May 20 comes, my bark will be ready for the final launching. It should be able to hold up in any squall or endure the long voyage of a full-year of teaching. Wait -- on second thought maybe I should build an ark?



## HRC FEATURE

# Old Ben Brings Enlightenment to The Twentieth Century

by Howard L. Kutzer

One had to continually remind himself that it was a professional actor named Neil Wyrick from Miami, on stage and not Ben Franklin. Wyrick was that convincing in his HRC-sponsored presentation December 3 of Franklin down to the gout in his right leg.

Wyrick, a cartoonist as well as an actor, got the idea of doing portrayals from watching Hal Holbrook do several. Wyrick added something new to his act, however, by bringing the individual he portrayed into the present century to comment on contemporary issues everyone understood.

According to Wyrick, a great deal of study goes into each character he "recreates." He spent a year or more on just Franklin research alone. Martin Luther, Charles Wesley and Wally, a character he created himself out of the Buck Rodgers tradition, are other personalities that he can do.

He will not just imitate anyone either. Wyrick stated that he has to be at least "in the same ball park" as far as philosophy goes of anyone he portrays on stage. He truly believes everything he says while doing the presentations and there are some that he simply will not do, he stated.

Some aspects of Franklin were revealed by Wyrick that

many did not associate with him. Also there were some surprising evaluations of our present troubles, that seemed very profound coming from such an old man new to modern times.

Franklin's age alone seemed cause enough for his ideas to be respected. He touched all areas, from marriage, saying that "a man without a wife is only half a man," to big business, mentioning that tar and feathers had been used to control the merchants of his century. He admitted and apologized to us for his part in the institution of slavery, and also told of the times he found listening to Thomas Jefferson and many of the other young founders of America very boring.

One observation made was his handling of the two major crises of our time that to us seem disastrous and unique, Watergate and Viet Nam. Franklin showed the significance these two events have had in history by spending little time on them, mentioning them only in relation to other major wars and the Teapot Dome scandal. By doing this, he tried to express the inability of man to learn from its history. "If men hate war," he said, "their actions surely do not show it."

He went on to relate an event in his personal life, that many in the audience could identify with. He told the story of how he lost

the respect of his son over the Revolutionary War. His son was loyal to the British, and could not understand his father's radical attitudes. This was something that seems to result from all wars.

Franklin continued, this time bringing up the Age of Enlightenment, and how many in this era saw America as "a dream too big to be true." He also stated his idea that if the revolution had not occurred in 1776, it never would have.

He also had personal reasons for coming out and talking to everyone, he told his audience as he continued. As he put it, he had to come back and show everyone that he was not some kind of nut who flew kites out in thunderstorms trying to get himself electrocuted.

There were many little side comments that he threw into the program periodically. He began a thought once this way: "Have you ever stopped to think . . . I hope you have, you're in college." Another was this statement on men -- "if you have a love affair with yourself, you have no rivals."

Franklin then began to conclude his little visit with some observations he had made of the 20th century. He said we appeared to lack two things -- 1) respect and 2) the willingness to work. Honest fatigue makes a good pillow," he added.



Called by an historian as the Eighteenth Century Kissinger, Ben Franklin, as portrayed by Neil Wyrick, brought his philosophy of life to the present times.

## A LOOK AT CHRISTMAS

# Traditions Continued

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### Christmas Trees

The Christmas tree which has been used in America fewer than a hundred years has a fascinating background of legends some of which briefly are as follows:

1) On the night of Christ's birth all the trees in the forest blossomed and bore fruit.

2) All the trees went to the manger where the tiny evergreen was crowded into the background by the larger trees. Stars from the sky settled on the tiny evergreen and it received a smile of benediction from the Babe.

3) A child wished to be carried across a stream. The man who carried him across felt the burden grow heavier and heavier until he reached the opposite bank where he discovered he had been carrying Christ. From that time on he was called Saint Christopher of Christ Offerus, Christ Bearer. He was instructed to plant his staff in the ground and became an evergreen which is the type of tree most used for Christmas.

4) Angels chose the evergreen for the Christmas tree because it symbolized the everlasting life of Christ.

5) Martin Luther is credited with decorating the first tree in Germany following a walk

through the forest on Christmas Eve when the shining through the evergreen trees impressed him so much that he attempted to show his family a sight like it, so cut down an evergreen and decorated it with lighted candles.

### Christmas Eve

December 24 is when Christmas festivals begin to reach the climax in most countries. Special decorations are made ready for the first showing after dark on Christmas Eve, the oil lamps are lighted at the appearance of the first star in some countries, feasting begins in others, followed by the Christ Mass (from which we get the name Christmas) held at midnight. In Spain, minor offenders are liberated from prison. In England and many parts of America the carolers sing, candles placed in the window, the doors left unlocked so the Babe or Virgin may enter easily, trees decorated and other festivities begun. Midnight Christmas Eve services are held in many churches of all creeds in America.

December 25 is the real celebration of the birth of Christ in Bethlehem of Judea. Gifts, in memory of the gifts the Wise Men brought to Christ are given to loved ones this day. These gifts are significant as a symbol of Christ, the greatest gift of God to mankind.

## Shotts Brings to Dana Experience and Hobbies

by Dennis Nelson

This Theater Corner spotlights Mr. Lawrence Shotts, instructor of speech, who started this year as technical director for the theater.

Mr. Shotts obtained an Associate of Arts degree at Hutchinson Junior College in Kansas. Four years after obtaining a B.S. degree in Education at Emporia Kansas State, he returned in May, 1974, for graduate work on a M.A. degree.

Mr. Shotts will be married 10 years this August. His wife's name is Cynthia, and they have a 6 year old girl (Jennifer) and a boy (Jeffrey) who will be 2 years old in January.

Even though his main interests are speech education, forensics, and the all-around educational growth of students (his major being speech-theater), Mr. Shotts's hobbies include restoring antique automobiles (the present project being a 1929 two-door sedan Model A Ford) and collecting swords (most from the Civil War era). Mr. Shotts is a nostalgia and history buff who studied military tactics for the Civil War on his own when in the Navy. On top of these, another interest is civic affairs.

Among his favorite types of drama, Mr. Shotts selects straight drama done well and farcical comedy. Favorite



No, he is not a Danish bullfighter, it is just the new Speech and Theater Professor, Lawrence Shotts, showing off a member of his ancient sword collection.

playwrights include Shakespeare, Arthur Miller, Neil Simon, Maxwell Anderson, and Tennessee Williams. Also, besides the elements of abstract and impressionistic scenery being important, the combined effort of the director and scene designer can reflect good imagery successfully when working closely together.

Mr. Shotts believes that the Dana Theater Department provides an opportunity for beginning and seasoned actors to participate in a wide variety of plays. However, he sees several needed improvements. One is more drama in the forms of

period plays and the "theater of the absurd" (e.g., Edward Albee). Another, which should be a number one priority of the building program for the administration, is a new fine arts building because "the arts programs are well-deserving." Finally, pertaining to more exposure and involvement, the students should have more of an "open eye" about theater.

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## Dana Interim poses exciting opportunities

There are 35 classes offered not counting the independent study and inter-Campus Exchange. Several are going away from campus including the Skiing and Ice skating course which plans to do some work in the Colorado Rockies with the help of the National Ski Patrol. One group is going to California. It promises to be exciting with Prof. Bansen in the lead. It will encompass study of the life and literature of today's society in that state.

Mr. Nielsen will lead a study of "The Medieval World". They plan to study business practices, trade routes and political structures with their cultural implication and with a stop planned for Yugoslavia as well as many other European countries.

### On Campus

The rest of the courses offered center around campus but should be no less worthwhile. Professor Boehr is handling an extended student teaching program for K-12.

Dr. Dean is holding three courses one in accounting which involves intensive on-the-job training and one which involves a business internship at an industrial firm or government agency. And one which involves moral responsibility in Today's Economic Society. It will deal with advertising, taxation, profit solving, labor organizations, and environmental conservation.

Mr. Dibben has a course on the study of parliamentary law. It will involve the study of clubs, city councils, county boards, and state assemblies in Nebraska and Iowa.

Dr. Emmerich has a course on computers in education. Students will learn BASIC programming language and apply it to classroom situations.

Dr. Engelman is offering a course in Great Contemporary Drama and plans to study the greatest of the European and American plays of the century.

Dr. Glass is offering a course in Creativity. This will involve studies in self-actualization and self-renewal.

Mr. Grube and Mr. Holmquist have a course on Consumerism. It will include a look at the Ralph Nadar Syndrome.

Dr. Hanson has a course in Social Philosophy. It involves the study the human judgement regarding social issues.

### Opera

Dr. Henneman and Dr. Brandes have a course which covers the grand opera from Naples to Nashville. They will attempt to bring out the thought that opera is fun.

Mr. Hernes and Mr. Olson have a class in astronomy. They plan to study the stars, planets, and other celestial phenomena.

Dr. Hutton is offering a course on Arabs and Jews. If it is anything like his slide presentation on Israel, it will be worth attending.

Mr. Lindblad is offering two Chemistry courses. One on the principles of Organic Chemistry and the other on Synthesis and Analysis.

Dr. Matthies is featuring a course on exceptional children. It will include study on mental retardation, impaired hearing, blindness, defective speech, emotional and orthopedically handicapped.

Dr. Moseley is heading up a class for those interested in private flying. The class includes ground school preparation.

Miss Nielsen is offering a history course which involves the study of history through fiction.

### Images and Objects

Mr. James Olsen is studying Images and Objects. It involves consideration of Men's tangible creative effort both past and present.

Mrs. Olson will be taking care of the student teachers who will be extending their practice teaching.

Coach Peterson is offering a course which enables the students to get a wide variety of experiences in recreation as observed in communities, industry, private agencies, housing complexes, and schools.

Mr. Ragan's course shows the student how to prepare federal and state income tax returns. Emphasis will be on filling out a return and making income determinations.

Mr. Snell is offering a course in Social Gerontology with a survey on the needs and problems of the aged.

Dr. Stone again is offering his ever-popular course in 35mm photography. This is an introduction to the basic techniques involved in exposing, processing, and enlarging of 35mm black and white film.

Dr. Wise's course is all about the History and Development of Jazz. Jazz will be looked at from the standpoint of historical, sociological and musical implications.

Mr. Warman will be taking up the ways of growth including looks at rote memory, yoga, transcendental meditation, solitude and Zen Koans.



Dick Gregory, on campus last year, is shown warming up in preparation for his upcoming "hunger run" planned for next year. Gregory officially began his training on the Dana campus while he was here.

## Gregory to make hunger run-training begins at Dana

Dick Gregory, an advocate of the injustice of hunger, will run from Los Angeles to New York, via Lincoln, leaving on March 30, 1976, and arriving July 4, averaging 40 miles a day.

Gregory officially began his training for this run at Dana last year while on campus for an HRC presentation on world hunger and the possible plots to assassinate John F. Kennedy.

In preparation for his run, Gregory began a fast over the Thanksgiving holidays. He hopes to remain on the fast until New Year's Eve 1976, ending it with a big week-long rally at West Harter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, whose pastor is the Reverend Ralph Abernathy. The rally, he hopes, will draw American attention to the present Hunger Crisis, which now holds 2/3's of our planet in its grip."

The fast will be supervised by Dr. Alvenia Fulton, "an expert in the area of fasting." He will also be instructing interested people in the steps necessary to prepare for a fast.

Others going to be in attendance in Atlanta include Muhammad Ali, Stevie Wonder, Richard Dryvres, and Ryan O'Neill. Students interested in

attending, according to Gregory, are welcome and should contact him at his home. His address is: Dick Gregory, World Hunger Fast, PO Box 266, Plymouth, Mass. 02360.

"We must alert the people of America to the epidemic of hunger in the world, when there is enough for all," Gregory said. "We must make everyone's right to eat a priority to be addressed by all America in 1976," he concluded.

## Study guides-tutoring in program to help students

During the past year and a half, Dana has been participating in a project to develop programs which help college students become more successful academically. The program is administered in a consortium of Nebraska colleges and universities through the Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education. On Dana's campus, Dr. Paul Emmerich is coordinator of the programs. To date, the project has resulted in the development of English 101, Reading-Study Skills; mini-courses on test taking, how to study textbooks, and other academic skills like spelling and vocabulary development; and a tutoring service. Obviously, these programs have been developed for students.

Last year's work also included assistance to faculty members in developing or acquiring software such as overhead transparencies, slides, and tape recordings for their courses, and some training in teaching techniques.

## Humanities Advanced Seminar have position papers

Steven Berntsen and Giles Bronson, members of the Advanced Humanities Seminar class on "The Middle Ages," presented their position papers, Tuesday night at 7:30 in Parnassus.

Berntsen's topic was Eginhard's life of *Charlemagne*, and Bronson's was titled Anselm's *Cur Deus Homo*.

The format of the program had each member give a presentation of their topic, summarizing in it what they found in their semester long research. Each brought out the major thesis of the works they studied.

## SAB reports success of 'Ozark'

SAB has reported that only \$2000 dollars had to be deducted from it's First Semester Fund to sponsor the Ozark Mountain Daredevils, last month.

A \$10,000 price tag was placed on the concert, according to Lenny Carlson, SAB director of the concert featuring Ozark and Timberline. The \$2000 price for Timberline was totally paid by Midland College.

Lenny also reported that attendance was good considering the weather conditions that evening and that there was no damage sustained in Borup. "SAB thanks you for your cooperation", he added.

On slate tonight from SAB are a series of light comedy movies. "We invite you to come and take a study break and come and go as you please". Lanny said. Featured are Donald Duck 7:30-8:00, Mister Magoo's Christmas Carol 8:00-8:30, Walt Disney's Million Dollar Duck 8:30-10:00.

Tomorrow night, the Freedom Road Band will provide music for the annual semi-formal Christmas Dance. The dance will take place in AMA from 9:00-12:00. The group featured plays a variety of music, from Lynyrd Skyrd to the Eagles.

This year the project has been modified and expanded. The functions of developmental programs for students and instructional development for faculty have been combined into a single Teaching-Learning Center. The expansion has come in the area of administration.

The Teaching-Learning Center has as its focus an office on the top floor of the library (room 304). Here materials for both the student and faculty programs are stored. The student materials have been used primarily by students in English 101 because their lab sessions are held in that area. But the materials are available to all students. Lab assistants are on duty during the afternoon each day Monday through Friday to assist in the selection and use of the books, recordings, and other equipment available there.

The tutoring program is a volunteer organization of students who are willing to donate their time and efforts to helping other students.

After each presentation, the invited faculty, students, staff, and guests were allowed to ask the two "minor scholars," questions they had on the topics.

This Seminar, according to Professor Nielsen, is to give the student background and experience that would help in the development of major research and writing of thesis.

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## Young, Explosive Grapplers Start Season

By Ray Wuchter

The Viking wrestlers are working hard this year and the improvement should be seen in the upcoming matches.

"Last year the team was plagued by injuries, inexperience and limited personnel," commented Coach Abariotes. "This year the team is young but impressive. Their attitude is outstanding, and they are learning more at every practice and meet. We should win quite a few meets and have a lot more individual winners this year, unless we get hit with injuries again. We had a full line up until Keith Peterson hurt his ankle. We had to move Freshman Pete Guntner up a weight class. Peterson should be back in a few weeks."

Last Saturday the grapplers traveled to Yankton for their first tournament, four Dana wrestlers placed, Freshman Wayne Driver placed third at 150 pounds and Junior Co-Captain Gordan Rasmussen took third at the 167 pound weight class. Junior Steve Lefeber, the other Co-captain took fourth place at 134 and sophomore Chuck Earlywine captured fourth place a heavyweight.

"Most of the bouts were close, we were only out-classed in a few matches," reported Coach Abariotes.

Juniors Steve Lefeber and Gordan Rasmussen are the experienced team leaders and share the captain duties. According to them, "all the new guys are very promising, have good attitudes, and the burning

desire to win. We are looking forward to a good season and a great team."

Steve Lefeber, junior, came to Dana from Tri-Center High School in Iowa. He wrestled varsity all four years and was a two-time conference champ at 126 pounds. Last year he placed first in the NAIC. At Yankton, Steve defeated the first seeded man, but got hurt himself in the match. He had to forfeit one match because of the injury and had to settle for fourth place.

Junior Gordan Rasmussen the other Co-captain transferred to Dana from Colby Junior College. While at Colby J.C. he placed fourth in the National Qualifying Tournament. At Colby High School, Gordi placed fourth in the states his junior year and third his senior year. Gordan is one of the more versatile performers of the team.

Other members of the team include freshman Terry Tilson, Wayne Driver, Bob Katella, Mark Fijare, Pete Guntner, Henry Barber, Jim Godbolt and Les Redinbaugh. Sophomores include Keith Peterson, Rich Ohm, Charles Earlywine, Mike Winslow, and John Kegler.

The team is young, determined and they are lacking college wrestling experience, but the teams future is in good hands. So far they have improved 100 percent over last season.

### Intramural report: Men and Women

#### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL MEN'S

- Punks I 6-0
- IBT I 7-1
- Saints I 5-1
- Grinders 5-2
- Mooners 5-2
- Raiders 5-2
- Valhalla 5-2
- MOC 4-2
- Dyaks 4-3
- Primates 4-3
- Fardquards 4-4
- IBT II 2-4
- Anads 2-5
- Ducks 1-7
- Punks II 1-7
- Faculty 0-7
- Saints II 0-8

(Through Tuesday December 9 games)

There will be 3 divisions set up before 2nd semester starts by a random drawing. Playoffs will begin after the regular season ends with the top team in each division and the 2nd place team with the best record participating.

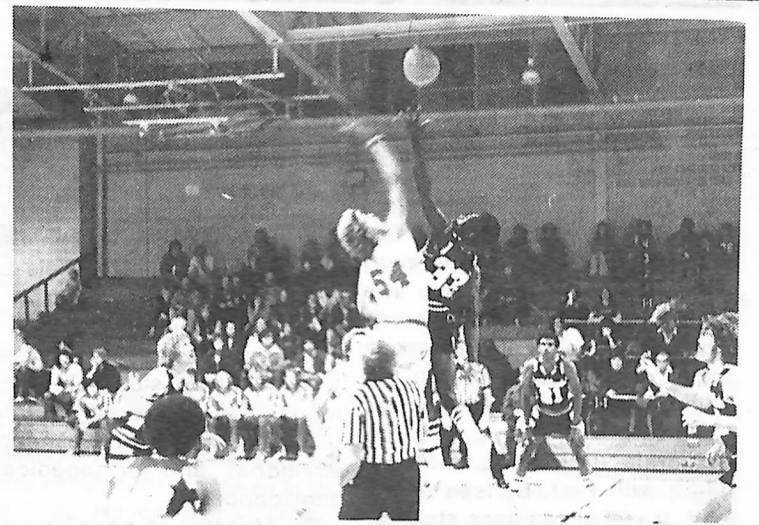
#### FIRST SEMESTER WOMEN'S INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

The outcome of the revised schedule was:

- 1st place 2nd Mike 3-1
- Tie for 2nd place - 3rd Mike 3-2, 3-4 Blair 3-2.
- 3rd place Argo 2-2
- 4th place 2nd Blair 0-4.

Due to the fact that the tile floor was not available for women's intramurals, the last two weeks of the season were not completed.

The Intramural Board may decide to run a few extra weeks of volleyball in the second semester.



Dana began its home basketball season against Wayne State last week. Tom Rettig (54) and John Redmonds of Wayne State try to tip the ball to their respective sides. Wayne ended up winning the game.

### ON TO YANKTON

## Dana defeats Bellevue

Last year the Dana basketball team lost its first seven games, but recovered to win five on the season. This year the Vikings were defeated in five in a row to start the season, but took their first step toward recovery with an 82 to 74 win over the Bellevue Bruins in Borup Coliseum on Wednesday.

Dana started its season with the Emporia Jaycee Classic Basketball Tournament during Thanksgiving vacation and finished eighth among eight teams with losses to Emporia State, Culver-Stockton, and Tabor College. Then followed two more losses before Wednesday's game, to Wayne State and Dordt college.

However, the Vikings usually play well at home and usually play well against Bellevue, and repeated that pattern in their first win. Dana jumped to a 2-0 lead, but then fell behind 10-4 before taking its largest lead of the first half at 18-13. The hot outside shooting of Steve Williams was the main factor that allowed Dana to stay close in the first half and trail by just 34-30 after twenty minutes. Williams had fourteen in that half to somewhat offset the combined twenty-five by Bellevue's Gregg Smith and Bob Drake.

Dana then opened the second half with red-hot shooting and quickly changed the four-point disadvantage into the same size

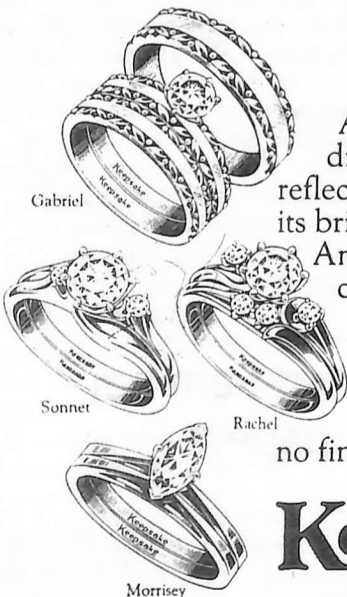
lead. Terry Brownfield made five of five from the outside and Stan Gustafson three of three, as the Vikings then pulled away to a 57-50 lead. Then the Bruins came back to within 57-56 before Steve Probst took his turn at pinpoint shooting to score three consecutive baskets and put the lead back at seven. Bellevue, which had won four of six games previously, never got too close after that as Dana built its lead to over ten points and finished with the eight-point differential.

High scorer for Dana was Williams with 20 points, Gustafson and Probst each had 17, Barry Olson scored 14, Brownfield counted 12, and Tom Rettig had 2. Smith (23) and Drake (20) topped Bellevue.

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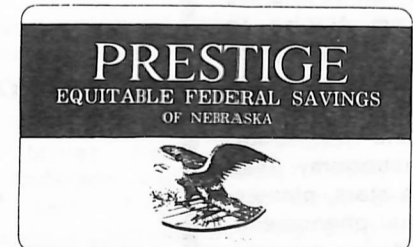
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