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This issue of *The Bridge* contains fifteen articles originally presented as papers at the DAHS-sponsored international conference, "Danish-North American Relations Since World War II," held at Omaha, Nebraska, October 10-13, 2002. In order to publish such a large number of articles, the traditional two annual numbers of *The Bridge* have been combined in this volume. We will return to our normal publishing schedule with volume 28 in 2005.

As John Mark Nielsen, Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, points out in his introduction, the conference featured not only scholarly accounts but also personal reflections about immigrant experiences and relations between the three nations. This mixture of scholarly and popular is reflected in the papers published in this issue. Topics range from anti-Americanism in Denmark and an account of Eugenie Anderson's tenure as United States Ambassador to Denmark to the experiences of a Danish teenager as an exchange student in California in the 1950s and the memories of another Dane who first encountered American jazz in the clubs of Copenhagen.

Readers who attended the conference or look at the conference program printed in "Appendix A" will quickly discern that not all the papers from Omaha are published here. A few presenters spoke from notes or outlines and declined to write a paper for publication. A smaller number described their presentations as the preliminary results of on-going research projects and preferred to delay publication. One contributor, Axel C. Kildegaard, passed away before he could expand his brief presentation. Finally, the panel discussions have yet to be transcribed as the DAHS board seeks a means to provide access to these interesting and informative conversations.

We hope that the publication of these proceedings will encourage attendance at the next DAHS-sponsored international conference, "Danish Culture—Past & Present: The Last 200 Years," scheduled for October 13-15, 2005, at the Embassy Suites On The River Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa. More information will be forthcoming.