

DANA FAMILY ALBUM

**Narrations by alumni and friends
of Dana College
whose names appear
on the
Old Main Commemorative Wall**



**Dana College
Blair, Nebraska
1996**

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PREFACE

About the Dana Family Album. The names of major donors, those alumni and friends who gave or pledged \$5,000 or more to Dana College from late 1988 through 1995, appear on the Old Main Commemorative Wall in the Dana Classroom Center opposite the entrance to Trinity Chapel. Most of these contributions were made during the college's ADD (Accelerating Dana's Development) campaign, which began soon after the August 25, 1988, fire that destroyed Old Main, and ended at Homecoming on October 2, 1993, with the dedication of the Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel.

These donors were invited to write about their relationship to Dana and/or Trinity Seminary, and, as applicable, about their family's relationship and their feelings about their experiences at Dana and Trinity Seminary. This volume contains the narrations of those who responded to this invitation. The narrations were written between late 1992 and early 1996.

About Old Main. Old Main was built in 1886, two years after Danish Lutheran immigrants founded Trinity Seminary, Dana's mother institution. The French Second Empire structure was on the National Register of Historic Places. As the new school's only building, it housed classrooms, offices, and the library, dining room, kitchen, and president's living quarters. At the time of the fire, a few days before the start of the 1988-89 academic year, Old Main was home to the Departments of Art, Languages, Business Administration, and Education and Psychology, as well as the Office of Career Services. Much of the interior had recently been remodeled, and new facilities for an expanded photography program had just been completed. Little could be salvaged from the building whose tower had been a symbol of the school for more than one hundred years.

About the Old Main Commemorative Wall. Dr. Milt Heinrich, Dana professor of art, used clay and other materials to create the Old Main Commemorative Wall. A modeled relief of Old Main is the central feature of the work, which measures 8.5 x 18.5 feet. The two decorative bricks at the bottom of the relief are from Old Main. Five hundred and fifty-four individual clay tiles with the names of major donors are an integral part of the design. To inscribe the names, Heinrich and his assistant, art major Karl Hermanson, used a few simple tools in a method reminiscent of ancient cuneiform writing.

About the Order of Names on the Old Main Commemorative Wall. The following pages list the names of donors in the order in which they appear on the Old Main Commemorative Wall. (Variations in alphabetical order were sometimes necessary for the sake of the design.) The names are in three sections. **Section One** lists alumni and friends who contributed during the ADD campaign. These names begin at the top left, continue down and then up; they resume on the right side and end three lines below the panel that gives the dates of Old Main. **Section Two** is to the left of this panel, and **Section Three** is below the panel (lines 4-12). These last two sections list the names of those who contributed between October 1993 and December 1995.

Names on the Old Main Commemorative Wall in the Order in Which They Appear

* indicates an entry in the *Dana Family Album*.

Album entries are in alphabetical order.

In a few instances, entries combine information about family members whose names appear on the Commemorative Wall as separate listings.

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WILLIAM AND LUELLA ADAMS

Because our family had its roots in the old American Lutheran Church, we did not have a long-standing tradition with Dana; however, with the impending merger of the early '60s, we developed an interest in Dana as one of "our" colleges.

Mary (Adams) Teten attended Dana in the years when a two-year teaching certificate was still available; she entered in the fall of 1957 and was a member of the band, home economics club, and Lutheran Student Association and worked in the cafeteria.

Donna (Adams) Reimers attended for one year (1959-60) before entering nurses' training. She was a member of the Lutheran Student Association, the pep club, and home economics club.

Corinne (Adams) Robinson attended for four years, graduating with the Class of 1966. She was a member of the choir which went on tour to California, a member of the Dana Folk Dancers, a dorm counselor, and worked in the library.

As a result of our attending Dana, our parents, William and Luella Adams, developed a strong interest in Dana and expressed that through attendance at many events and through their financial gifts to Dana.

All of us found that our education at Dana was both challenging and inspiring. There we formed lifetime friendships. The values which had been instilled by our parents, those of a commitment to lifetime learning, a strong and personal faith life, and a commitment to community service, were strengthened and extended by our education at Dana.

Prepared by Mary (Adams '61) Teten, Talmage, Nebraska; Donna (Adams '63) Reimers, Griswold, Iowa; Corinne (Adams '66) Robinson, Minneapolis, Minnesota

AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) is a fraternal benefit society of 1.6 million Lutherans joined together for financial security and for helping each other. As part of its commitment to help Lutheran congregations and institutions, AAL has developed the Affirmations of Lutheran Higher Education Program. This has provided "seed money" to Dana College over the years to help launch new ideas and approaches which might not otherwise have been accomplished.

Dana also receives funding each year through AAL's Lutheran Campus Scholarship Program which provides scholarships to qualified AAL members attending Dana College.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Gothenburg, Nebraska

Our congregation has had students attend Dana College over the years, and our congregation takes seriously its financial responsibility to Dana College.

Prepared by Janice Gonzales, Gothenburg, Nebraska

ANDY AND SUSAN (JORGENSEN) ANDERSEN

Our relationship to Dana almost plays like the "personal column" in your local newspaper. "SWM WANTS TO MEET SWF. MUST BE FUN-LOVING, BUT ON A LOW BUDGET." I met Susan (Class of 1959) at Dana, my brother Jim met his first wife at Dana, and Susan's brother Charles Jorgenson met his wife Jelayne (Carpenter) at Dana. It is also noteworthy that Susan's uncle, Levi Jensen, met a lot of "neat chicks" at Dana. Others attending Dana from Susan's side of the aisle were:

Astrid (Jensen) Shjeflo	Bismarck, ND	Class of 1940
Martha (Jensen) Nowak	Milwaukee, WI	Class of 1944
Maxine (Jensen) Broderius	Hector, MN	Class of 1953

My mother and father, Rev. Andrew P. and Nina Andersen, were also strong supporters of Dana, as were Susan's parents, Arnold and Sigrid Jorgenson.

BERTHA C. ANDERSEN

I was introduced to Dana College when my parents took me there for the Synodical Conventions, and upon graduation from Elk Horn High School I received a scholarship that gave me the incentive to enroll as a freshman in 1930. I graduated with a two-year course in 1932 and began my teaching career. In 1959 I returned to graduate with a B.S. degree.

My three nephews were students: Raynor Hemmingsen ('53 and '54), Franklin Hemmingsen (BS '63), and Dewey Hemmingsen (BS '70).

Through the years I have been able to attend the conventions, reunions, Gatherings and festivals and renewed my friendship with former classmates, pastors and missionaries.

Prepared by Bertha Andersen '32 and '59, Elk Horn, Iowa

HAROLD AND MARIAN ANDERSEN

I suspect that one reason I was contacted by--and attracted to--Dana College is the fact that my name is Andersen (. . . sen, that is).

I'm proud of my Danish-American heritage, and Mrs. Andersen and I are keenly aware of the important role that small liberal arts colleges play in American higher education. So it was not difficult for me to be persuaded to take a leadership role in two of Dana's fund drives and for Mrs. Andersen and me to be persuaded to make contributions in support of Dana.

I was pleased also, as publisher of *The Omaha World-Herald*, to arrange for World-Herald Foundation contributions in support of Dana.

So although we are not Dana alumni, Mrs. Andersen and I have been pleased to be included in the family of Dana supporters. We very much appreciate the job that Dana has done for more than 100 years, and we appreciate the opportunity to have played a small part in Dana's success story.

Prepared by Harold W. Andersen, Omaha, Nebraska

INGVARD M. AND ELLA (BERTELSEN) ANDERSEN

Ingvard Marius (I.M.) Andersen was born August 18, 1888, in Groenderup, Denmark, the son of Jens and Petrea Andersen. In 1902, he moved with his family to Ruskin, Nebraska. He attended Dana College for four years before graduating with a B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1913. In 1915 he graduated from Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska.

Ella Bertelsen Andersen was born to Hans Peter and Anna Margrete Bertelsen in Blair, Nebraska, on October 5, 1889. Until her marriage, her home was with her parents on the site of the present Pioneer Memorial. They "kept" chickens behind their house. She had fond memories of Blair, her church, and attending the Old West School. She attended Dana before her brief teaching career.

The Andersens were married on June 7, 1915. Ingvard was ordained into the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church at the synodical convention in Luck, Wisconsin. Their 43 years of service to their church were spent in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Maine, Iowa, and Colorado. Their seven children--Irene, Raymond, Grace, Amy, Jimmy, Miriam, and Lois--are grateful for good and loving parents and for the privilege of being "preacher's kids." Visiting Dana College, across the road from their Bertelsen grandparents, was a happy time in their growing up years. Later, five of the seven attended Dana.

Pastor and Mrs. Andersen retired in 1959 to Brush, Colorado, and are buried there.

Prepared by their daughter, Miriam (Andersen) Petersen, Peoria, Illinois

L. M. AND CHARLOTTE (RICHTER) ANDERSEN

The Andersens' association with Dana has roots in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon, Iowa, and Trinity Lutheran Church on Washington Island, Wisconsin. While delivering the welcome speech to Dana's student body in 1938, L. Madsen Andersen (Dana 1932-34, 1937-39; Trinity 1939-42) spotted a young lady sitting in the front row listening with rapt attention. She was Charlotte A. Richter (Dana 1938-39). They were married June 20, 1942, one week after his ordination to the office of word and sacrament in the UDELIC.

They served parishes in Luck and Racine, Wisconsin, and Norwalk and San Bernardino, California; retired in 1978 and moved to their present home in Camarillo, California.

They have three children--Martha Kay, Carl Edwin, and Paul James. Martha Kay is a public school teacher, a graduate of California Lutheran University with a music major; she has two children, Tanya and Scott, and they live in San Jose, California. Carl is an ELCA pastor in Fisher, Minnesota; he's a graduate of California Lutheran University with a music major. He has two children, Joel and Rachel. Paul, a graduate of the University of California in computer science, is a software systems architect. He lives in Santa Fe Springs, California, and has three sons, Brian, Dana and Corey.

Dana's influence on these two people? The setting that brought them together.

At Dana they were introduced to some of the treasures of historical thoughts and events of the ages, together with added understanding of the nature of humanity and the need for an almighty God who is holy and requires that of humanity. This God they discovered was incarnate in Jesus Christ; that he died for them on the Cross and rose again from the grave so that in Him there is hope of everlasting life. Their experience at Dana developed this.

RUTH (STAUGAARD) ANDERSEN

I married the Andersens' only child, Edward, Jr., in 1946. I have heard many times the stories of Ruth's time at Dana. She enjoyed that time so much that now I've got fond memories--or thoughts--of Dana!

As I remember it, though, Ruth and her husband, Edward, attended Dana when it was only a junior high, or maybe, the high school. Is that possible? She was born in 1904, and that would have made her attending school there in the 1915s or thereabouts. Her family emigrated to the U.S. when she was eight years old. She said she met her future husband there, when she was about eight years old. He was one of the sons of their pastor, Rev. Fritz Andersen, who has a history of his own in establishing churches in Nebraska and the surrounding area.

Prepared by their daughter-in-law, Evelyn Andersen, Arleta, California

ERNEST AND SHAROL (CRANDALL) ANDERSON

My earliest recollections of Dana College began in the mid-1940s when we as a family came to Blair to visit my maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Simonsen. I always looked forward to a trip up the Hill to see Dana on each trip to Blair. I always felt connected to Dana because my father, Rev. Wesley M. Anderson, had spent ten years on the campus as a student (three in the academy, four in college and three in seminary) and had met my mother, Olga (Simonsen) Anderson, there. In addition, an uncle, Rev. Elmer Anderson, met his wife at Dana. An aunt, Dr. Marie Simonsen, graduated from Dana and later became the first woman to graduate from the University of Nebraska School of Medicine.

When I arrived on campus as a student in 1955, two cousins (LeRoy and Ada Anderson) and a second cousin (Keith Grill), were also students. A number of other students had been members of my father's parishes and in some ways it was like a reunion to again be together with some of these people. I also met people that my parents knew from their years at Dana--like Rufus Olson, Dr. Cliff Madsen and Dr. Richard Morton.

In 1957 I was joined at Dana by a brother, Emory. Later three additional brothers, Ron, Allan and Larry would attend and graduate from Dana. Another notable arrival at Dana in 1957 was a young coed named Sharol Crandall. We started dating in the fall of 1958 and were married in September of 1961. Two brothers, Emory and Allan, also married girls that they met at Dana.

Sharol grew up on a farm near Laurel, Nebraska. Her maternal grandfather, Magnus Hansen, had been active in the establishment of the Lutheran Old People's Home in Blair, and four of his children had attended Dana. Later, Sharol's cousin, Lisa Galvin '83, graduated from Dana.

In 1983 our daughter, Sonya Anderson '87, became the third generation member to attend Dana. Her presence on the campus gave us an "excuse" to come back to Dana several times a year and it was a real thrill to see many old friends who were either on staff or parents of students.

With my parents now both buried in Blair and two brothers and their families living in Omaha, we still have good reason to come to the Blair area. A visit to Blair isn't complete without a drive through the campus and perhaps a stop to visit some of the dear friends whom we have come to know and love over the years. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and guide Dana now and in the future.

Prepared by Ernie Anderson '59, Racine, Wisconsin

KEN AND LORRIE ANDERSON FAMILY

Leaving the family farm in Audubon, Iowa, to attend Dana College in the fall of 1959 was a major leap for Ken. Both of his parents had been required to work full time after their graduation from the eighth grade; therefore, being the first member of his family to graduate from college in 1963 was one of the highlights of Ken's life. He worked hard to pay his own way through college but still found time to take advantage of the opportunities Dana offered. Ken joined the football team, lettered in cross country, traveled to Denmark with the Dana Choir and gained lifelong friends.

Ken was the first but not the last member of his family to have a relationship to Dana. He would be followed by two brothers, Duane and Don, would gain a sister-in-law, Gloria (Jenson) Anderson, and meet his wife-to-be.

We were married in 1964 and warmly welcomed into the Dana family. Residing in Blair for twenty years, Ken and I felt fortunate that our four children, Jeff, Kate, Bill and Mike, grew up in the Dana community. They all cheered the Vikings at sporting events, learned to swim at Borup Coliseum, enjoyed Dana's theatrical productions and art exhibits, and marveled at the "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" each year. Dana is truly a family affair.

Ken's relationship to Dana has taken many forms over the past thirty years. In 1963-64 he was an Admissions Counselor recruiting new students. After receiving a Master's Degree in Public Relations from Boston University, Ken returned to Dana to serve as Associate Director and later Director of Development 1966-69. In the years that followed, he organized and participated in numerous fund raisers, served as member and president of the Alumni Council and was among the "Dana One Hundred."

Giving generously of time, talent and resources was Ken's way of supporting the things he valued. High on his list of priorities were continuing education and assisting others to realize their full potential. After his death in December of 1993, family and friends established The Kenneth D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship to honor his legacy of generosity and perpetuate the spirit of Dana.

Prepared by Lorrie Anderson, Grand Rapids, Michigan

RALPH M. AND JUDITH (BRUCE) ANDERSON, JR.

My first impression of Dana College came in the summer of 1958, when I went to the administration building to see about enrolling. One of the first persons I met there was Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, who took me into his office to look over my previous transcript and grades. Dr. Rasmussen was probably the main reason for my attending Dana and eventually graduating. He made me grow up in a hurry.

During most semesters at Dana, I and four or five other students from the Burt County, Nebraska, area commuted in a car pool. We carried our lunches and during the really cold weather ate our lunch in the lounge area of Old Main. Most of us spent many hours together for the four years. Carlene (Benson) Petersen, now of Omaha; Bill Anderson, now principal at Tekamah-Herman Schools; and Carolyn R. Eckley, now of Grand Forks, North Dakota, were among the travelers.

In the summer of 1964 I took the University of Nebraska Law School entrance exam and was accepted for attendance. I was trying to apply my freshman year's grades back to Dana for senior credit, but Dana would not accept this arrangement, as I hadn't completed a science requirement that was to be offered only in the second semester of 1965, so I graduated from Dana and began law school one year later.

Although my wife graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she attended summer school at Dana in 1960 and 1961.

When Old Main burned in August of 1988, I felt that I lost part of my background of education. I know the replacement will be wonderful, but I still miss looking at Old Main when I drive up the hill.

WILLIAM AND DOROTHY ANDERSON

Arriving at Dana in September 1935 has proved over the years to be the start of the most memorable year of my life. Friendships that came about because of that one year's attendance are still active and among my most cherished.

How little did I realize the influence one term could have over an entire life.

My attendance at Dana was a first for our family. My sister, Ruth '44, attended some years later and while there met her husband-to-be, Iver Iversen.

It is my hope that this new facility will become as memorable to new generations as "Old Main" had become to past generations.

Prepared by William H. Anderson '39, Lodi, California

ARTHUR AND HELENE ANTHOLZ

Our relationship to Dana College began in the early '60s when our son-in-law, Clayton Nietfeld, began his college education in preparation for his future calling as a pastor in the American Lutheran Church. He graduated May 30, 1965, and went on to Wartburg Seminary to complete his studies. His wife, Lila, and children Katherine, Timothy, and Eileen found friends in the schools at Blair and also became part of the Dana family.

In 1976 our relationship to Dana was renewed when our grandson Timothy Nietfeld began his college education there. He completed his college work and graduated on May 18, 1980.

Arthur has served on the leadership committee of the college and he and his wife have been faithful supporters of the ADD campaign. They are loyal supporters of Dana.

Prepared by Arthur and Helene Antholz, Eaton, Colorado

AQUILA ENERGY

Aquila Energy is located in the Omaha community. The close proximity of Aquila to Dana College has resulted in key contributions to Aquila's success being made by numerous employees who are graduates of Dana.

Prepared by Marc Petersen '63, Omaha, Nebraska

GWEN AND CLYDE ATEN

I moved to Blair in 1950 with my husband and five little ones. I had taught one year in Dodge County with one year of college. I was delighted to attend Dana and get my degree by going evenings and summers.

My son Daniel graduated from Dana in 1966 and I finally got my Degree in 1969. I taught 30 years in the Blair School System and I am now retired.

Prepared by Gwendolyn Aten '69, Blair, Nebraska

CLARICE (JENSEN) AUS

I was a student at Dana for two years, from 1935-37, soon after high school graduation. Following those two years I attended a three-year nurses' training program and spent my life as a Registered Nurse.

The two years at Dana made an impression on me that lasted all my life.

I fulfilled my mother's wish that one of her nine children should attend Dana. My youngest brother Dan attended for one year, about 1946.

Three other relatives, Delores Johnson and her two sons, Paul and Andrew, also attended Dana.

CHARLES AND CAROLE BAGBY

Although none of our family has attended Dana College, we recognize the immense cultural enrichment that we all have received from the presence of Dana College in our community. In thanks for that we are pleased to lend our support.

Prepared by K.C. Bagby, Blair, Nebraska

PETER H. AND ANNE M. BANSSEN FAMILY

Our relationship to Dana College began around 1920 when our first pastors who were Dana College graduates spoke highly Dana, and my deceased husband Peter H. and I have supported Dana ever since.

Our son, Norman, graduated from Dana as did Lloyd. His wife, Ann Jessen, also attended Dana. Their daughter (Lisa, now Harp) and son Jon are Dana graduates, and their son Ted attended for three years. Jon's and Ted's wives are also graduates.

Our granddaughter Karen Bansen (now Maquire) and my niece Patricia Andersen are also graduates.

God bless Dana.

Prepared by Anne M. Bansen, Ferndale, California

LEE AND NORMA BARNEY

I was a roommate of Ken Glover's at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, my freshman year. He talked about Dana often, so I applied and Dana said yes. So thanks go to Ken Glover, who then came in 1959 to 1961 and graduated from Dana. Thanks, Ken Glover.

Prepared by Lee Barney '61, Oregon City, Oregon

JOHN AND VIRGINIA (LIPPINCOTT) BECK

Our families have known Dana College and Trinity Seminary, Dana's mother institution, since before the first brick was laid for Old Main. Joshua Lippincott, Ginny's great grandfather, settled north of Blair in the 1850s and my great-great grandfather, Marcus Beck, came to farm near Orum in 1866. He served on the school's first board and his team hauled brick to build Old Main. My mother's father, John Th. Lund, was an 1896 Trinity Seminary graduate. Grandmother Anna Beck was Dana's cook and mother to students during the second ten years of this century. My father and mother met at Dana, and all three of their children attended college here.

Ginny and I met at Dana and our three children (John, Barbara and Eric) are all Dana graduates. Ginny is a Dana alumna and I graduated from both Dana and Trinity Seminary and was ordained in 1955.

After twenty years of ministry in the U.S. Navy and a time in a congregation in San Diego, we returned to Blair, where I served at Dana in a number of jobs over a fifteen-year period: Director of Alumni Relations, Director of the Annual Fund, Director of the Dana College Centennial Fund, Director of Development, and Director of Planned Giving and Church Relations. I retired in 1993.

Ginny has been highly active in the Dana Women's Club and involved in supporting the work at Dana in countless ways.

Many of our dearest friends are Dana friends. We believe that Dana offers students something very special--a very personal concern for each student and an education for life where faith and knowledge share equal space in the classroom. We are thankful for Dana and believe Dana has a proud heritage of faith to pass on to the coming generations of students.

Prepared by John Beck D'50 T'55, Blair, Nebraska

MARCUS AND AGNES (LUND) BECK FAMILY

The Beck family relationship with Dana College began at the genesis of Trinity Theological Seminary in 1884, when Marcus Beck, Danish immigrant and farmer near Orum, Nebraska, was treasurer of the group of pastors and laymen who incorporated the seminary.

Marcus Beck, who died in 1911, was the grandfather of the Marcus Beck honored by our family gift.

Rev. John Th. Lund, father of Agnes (Lund) Beck, was an 1896 graduate of Trinity Seminary who served the church until his death in 1934.

Marcus Beck and Agnes Lund met at Dana and married a few years later. Beck was always close to Dana, first as a part-time instructor and then as Alumni Association president, as a member of the Board of Trustees, and as co-chair of the successful fund-raising effort for the old gymnasium which has since been removed to make way for the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

All three of Mark's and Agnes's children attended Dana. Their daughter Pat D'56 was Homecoming queen in 1955, and sons Dr. Marcus R. Beck D'45 and John T. Beck D'50 T'55 met and married Dana coeds. Marc married Margaret Ann Johansen D'44 and John married Virginia Lippincott D'51.

In 1978 son John returned to Dana to work in the Development area where he continued until retirement.

Three of old Marcus's great-great-grandchildren and Marcus and Agnes's grandchildren are Dana graduates: John T. Beck II '76, Barbara (Beck) Meduna '77, and Eric C. Beck '82. A great-great-great-grandchild carries the name of Dana.

Prepared by their son, John T. Beck D'50 T'55, Blair, Nebraska

MARCUS AND MARGARET (JOHANSEN) BECK

Dana is very special to us because we met there and a few years later we were married in the old Seminary Chapel on the fourth floor of Old Main on March 25, 1944. Marc's grandmother, Anna Beck, who was both "Mother" and college cook to the Dana students in the years around 1915, had a long, hard walk up the steps to attend our wedding. Much of the Beck history with Dana College and Trinity Seminary is in the narratives of Marcus and Agnes (Lund) Beck and John and Virginia (Lippincott) Beck.

Marc attended Dana one year (1941-42) before transferring to the University of Nebraska, where he was a pre-medical student and then a medical student in the Army Specialized Training Program. He served for more than twenty years in the Army as a pathologist, then practiced in civilian life and taught at the University of Missouri Medical School as well.

I attended Dana for two years. My father, J.O.A. Johansen, Sr., of Fresno, California, was a strong Dana supporter. He first visited the campus en route to Denmark in 1919 to see a Fresno seminary student, Joe Girtz, who is right now the oldest living Trinity Seminary alumnus.

In 1929 he inherited \$10,000 (a very large amount of money in those days) from his mother and tithed \$1,000 to Dana toward construction of a new dormitory. When the bank failed not long after, he was so glad that he had given it, for the rest was lost and could not be recovered.

We treasure Dana, for we began our college education there, we met there, we were married there, our families have long associations there, and many of our strong, life-long friendships began there.

Prepared by Margaret (Johansen '44) Beck, Columbia, Missouri

STEVEN AND DANIEL BERKE FAMILIES

It was through meetings and mutual acquaintances at Dana that Steve got to know his future wife Lori Johnson. Lori was on the Executive Committee of the Central District while Steve was a Dana student. Visits to the Berke farm and ranch, much letter writing, and occasional dates ensued. In 1976 we were married at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, with several old Dana friends in attendance.

Steve remembers the Humanities program, Greek with Dr. Del Hutton, and psychology courses taught by his adviser, Dr. Bernard Matthies, as significant aspects of his academic growth at Dana. Music and drama were highlights of his extracurricular interests, including four choir tours, two chancel drama tours, and two additional theater productions. In 1973-75 a trio comprised of Steve, Bill Blundell, and Diane Kniep (along with our friend, admissions representative Greg Witte) became known as "Living Water." We were musical ambassadors for the college, singing at many regional youth, church, community, and campus events. Steve was also closely associated with the campus congregation, playing guitar, leading the liturgy, and once or twice even venturing into the realm of preaching at chapel.

Steve's parents, Daniel and Dorothea Berke, were constant supporters of his academic efforts through eight years of college and seminary. They enjoyed coming occasionally to the campus for special events. They have been true friends of Dana and of its mission as a college of the church. All of us are grateful to have shared in Dana's story.

Prepared by Steven Berke '75, Greeley, Colorado

SENA BERTELSEN

Sena Bertelsen (1892-1978) grew up on Dana Hill in a home where Pioneer Memorial now stands. Her parents were Rev. and Mrs. Hans Peter Bertelsen. Her sister was Ella Bertelsen Andersen.

Sena attended Dana and taught school near Blair for a few years. She was then a librarian at Dana College from 1937 to 1958, when she retired.

To her nieces and nephews she was always "Aunt Sena," an important part of our family. We often visited her home on Dana Hill--climbing that sometimes muddy road after the two-day drive from Wisconsin. Five of us attended Dana while she was a librarian. She also welcomed three of her grand nephews and nieces as Dana students. Her lifelong relationship to Dana helped build a love for Dana in all of us.

Nieces and nephews who attended Dana are: M. Irene Olsen, Raymond H. Andersen, Grace Endicott, Amy Andersen, and Lois Sorensen. Grand nephews and nieces who attended Dana are: Stanley G. Olsen, Eric J. Olsen, and Janet Sorensen McMahon.

Prepared by her niece, Amy R. Andersen '50, Brush, Colorado

ROBERT AND ERNA (PETERSEN) BERTHELSEN

Both of us have had a connection with Dana almost all of our lives. Bob's cousin, the other Bob Berthelsen, attended Dana and Trinity Seminary. His uncle, Adolph Berthelsen, attended Dana. His home congregation of Golgotha Lutheran in Chicago had strong ties with Dana.

I first visited Dana with my parents, probably in the early '30s, when we attended a church convention for one day. I also attended a National Luther League Convention of the UELC in the early '40s. After that visit, I was determined that some day I would attend Dana. That became a reality when I enrolled in 1947. I have had three sisters and two brothers who have also attended Dana. They were Margaret, Edwin, Ruth, Kenneth, and Marion Jane Petersen.

Bob and I met at Dana and were married in 1952 after Bob received his BA.

We love coming back for visits and we have friendships that have continued through all these years since we were Dana students.

Prepared by Erna (Petersen '49) Berthelsen, Albert Lea, Minnesota

GARY AND VIVIAN (CHRISTENSEN) BIESECKER

Destiny's Deep Sea

I came to Dana with my best friend from high school. Myron stayed one year and transferred to Hastings College. I pursued a teaching career before switching to pre-med.

I met my future wife Vivian Christensen '65 during my sophomore year at Dana. Her destiny began when her father, President of the Danish American Society, met Dr. C.C. Madsen at a fund-raising trip in New York City.

After completing her two-year requirements for a B.S. in Nursing at Dana, and cheerleading too, Vivian finished her nursing education at Lincoln General Hospital, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I was fortunate to assist Phil Pagel on the Dana Choir trip to Denmark in 1961. Destiny again raised its head and Vivian and I were married in Copenhagen in 1965. Her parents, native Danes, had returned to Denmark for a few years after leaving Denmark during World War II. They have since returned to Connecticut.

Destiny's Deep Blue Sea

I served in the Navy for eight years. In 1973, as Chief of Surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital, New London, Connecticut, we were stationed only twenty minutes from Vivian's parents' home in Mystic, Connecticut.

My fondest memories include fund-raising for Borup Coliseum and seeing its completion; living at the "C" House and all of its comradeship; German class under the trees with Roger Welsch (and now watching him on Sunday mornings with his "Post Cards from Nebraska"). Also, working part-time for spending money at Kelly Ryan's, picking apples, running a lathe making mortar housing, panty raids in Mickelsen Hall and trying to escape detection by Alice Laaker, double dating with Pete and Shirley (Thompson) Petersen and Marc and Carlene (Benson) Petersen, river parties and driving to Peony Park dances in Kenny Anderson's Plymouth.

Dana was a place where one felt the security of a big family, and where one could grow, mature, assume responsibilities and still have the freedom to explore one's values.

Prepared by Gary Biesecker '63, High Point, North Carolina

BONNIE (DEEPE) BOCCITTO

In September 1968, my sister Betty and I arrived as freshmen at Dana College. We were joining our older sister, Beverly, who was a junior that year.

Probably the strongest influence that Dana had on me came from a German professor there, and I didn't even study German. In my sophomore year, a fellow classmate's German professor offered to assist Dana students in making arrangements to live and work in Germany for the following summer. Without knowing any German I didn't have a lot of hope of landing such a position, but with the help of the German professor, I did.

That was the beginning of my love of traveling which has lasted to this day. After graduating from Dana I went to live in Australia, then New Zealand, and then Japan. As a teacher, I always had my summers free to travel--to exotic and interesting places such as Burma, Afghanistan and Nepal.

Now, as an actuary and underwriter for Prudential Reinsurance Company, my traveling time is more limited, but I still find time to take my son, Marco, for at least one trip to a foreign country each year.

I thank Dana and the staff there for giving me my first opportunity to travel, for encouraging my curiosity about the world, and for instilling in me the self-confidence to make that first and most important trip.

Prepared by Bonnie (Deepe '71) Boccitto, Hopewell, New Jersey

RICHARD C. AND LOIS B. (LYNGE) BOE

I arrived at Dana in September of 1937 full of enthusiasm and eager to find out what was in store for me. Little did I know I would find my husband, Richard Boe '40, there.

Richard's parents brought him from Maine out to Dana. They arrived on a Sunday afternoon and I was sitting "under the tree" visiting with friends. Later I learned that when he saw me he told his parents that he was going to marry me. And he did!!

On May 29, 1941, Richard and I were married in the Seminary Chapel located in a corner room on the top floor of Old Main. We were told that ours was the first wedding there. Our attendants were Nelson Boe, Richard's brother, and my sister Gladys Lynge, later to become Mrs. Hughie Hughes. Our pastor was Pastor Frank Nielsen, Richard's uncle and a brother of his mother. The organist was Phyllis Olson who later became Mrs. Nelson Boe.

Our connection, however, began much earlier than that. My father, Martinus Lynge, came to Racine, Wisconsin, from Denmark around 1914. When it became too cold to do construction work many young men went to Dana where they became winter students and were taught reading, writing, and arithmetic in English. My aunt, Rena Jensen, attended Dana at the same time as my father did and she introduced my mother to my father. They were married in 1917.

Our daughter, Barbara, attended Dana from 1959 to 1963. There she met Tom Vierk, her husband. Our daughter Jackie spent an Interim session helping to catalog library books for the new library. Tom's mother, Edith Carlsen Vierk, also attended Dana as did Tom's brother Richard.

From the time we were little children we had heard about Dana and we never thought of going to any other school. We are so pleased to see the progress Dana has made over the years and pray for her continued growth. We also pray for the dedicated Administrative staff, teaching staff, and all of the other staff members.

We look forward to being at Dana for the dedication ceremony.

Prepared by Lois (Lynge '41) Boe, Bentonville, Arkansas

JOHN AND CAROL (MILLER) BOGACZ

My Dana experience started as mine only. As the youngest of five, I was the first to attend a liberal arts college. I choose Dana because as anxious as I was to go into the world, I needed to stay close to home.

The fall of 1971 was hot and dry, just like my throat as I watched my parents drive away. However, the first year was over in a flash and that summer I began my association with the Kellogg Co. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation has enabled me to provide a generous gift. I worked summers at the "Big K" and since 1976 have been employed at the Omaha plant. And Kellogg's is where I met my husband John and so, it seems, a circle was made.

I am so proud of my Dana years and want to give back some part of what Dana gave to me. I want to express my love for my Dana family. When I graduated a part of me remained on that hill and it tugs at me to remember my own Dana experience.

Prepared by Carol (Miller '75) Bogacz, Omaha, Nebraska

ELMER AND INGRID (BECK) BONDO

Elmer was the only son of the Peter Bondos. He was born December 18, 1904, in a new home built in 1903 in Hazel Dell Township. Dr. A.O. Wyland was there to assist in the home delivery as was common then.

Elmer attended Hazel Dell #1 School, Dana College, and Iowa State College at Ames.

On March 25, 1930, he married Ingrid Beck '22, R.N. She was a member of the first class of the Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha and graduated in 1925. She was employed at Immanuel as supervisor and anesthetist, having graduated in 1928 from the Ravenswood Hospital School of Anesthesia in Chicago.

They were the parents of Elaine Rennerfeldt '56, Phyllis Shavlik '61, and Paul '67.

The years 1930-1939 were Depression years, with banks closing and the drought in 1933-36. There was also a severe infestation of grasshoppers, so poison bran was scattered along fence lines for control.

There also occurred a changeover from horses to mechanical farming. The cornpicker was a boon, with the Bondos getting their first one in the fall of 1945. They also welcomed the tractor, loader, and hay baler. The combine replaced the grain binders and threshing machines. They also saw commercial fertilizers, weed sprays, hybrid corn and soy beans come into use.

Elmer served in numerous positions in community life, as a school director, township treasurer, township trustee, church council member, and a member of the Hazel Dell Township A.S.C.S. Committee.

In the early 1950s their country road was graveled and their school consolidated with Underwood.

In 1969 they retired and moved to Blair, Nebraska.

Prepared by their daughter, Elaine (Bondo '56) Rennerfeldt, Blair, Nebraska

ERVIN F. AND PALMA K. BONDO

The Bondo family has been related to Dana College and Trinity Seminary since immigrating to the United States. Ervin's father, Henry Bondo, attended Dana College and Trinity Seminary. Rev. Ervin Bondo attended and graduated from both Dana College and Trinity Seminary and was ordained in Blair, Nebraska, in 1936.

He met his wife, Palma, while pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oregon, Wisconsin. They had two sons, Mark and Bruce. Mark graduated from Dana in 1964.

Rev. Bondo's twenty-five years in the ministry were primarily in the parish until his death in 1961. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Dana College from 1949-1957; three of the years were as Chairman of the Board.

His wife, Palma, continued to be a strong supporter of Dana College and was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin, until her death in 1991.

Prepared by their son, Mark H. Bondo '64, Freehold, New Jersey

L. C. AND KAREN BONDO

My father, Henry W. Bondo, was the second oldest son of Laurits and Karen Bondo. From the time I was very young I heard about Dana College, as my father was on the Board of Trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary. When I finished High School I just took it for granted that I would attend Dana. I graduated from the two-year teaching program in 1930 and was back for two semesters before entering nurse's training in 1935. In 1942 I was back to finish my requirements for my B.A. degree and served as College Nurse.

My grandparents donated money to build a "Professor's Home" which was named "The Bondo Memorial." This house has been sold and the money received was used to establish The Bondo Memorial Scholarship Fund.

My sister Ellen Pedersen (deceased) and brother Ervin Bondo (deceased) also attended Dana, and Ervin attended Trinity Seminary as well.

Other descendants of L.C. and Karen Bondo who attended Dana and/or Trinity are: Elaine C. Bondo Rennerfeldt, Phyllis J. Bondo Shavlik, Paul Beck Bondo, Ruth Larsen Randall, Alvina Larsen Hjortsvang, Dorothy Larsen, Lee Weismann, Glenn Christoffersen, Yvonne Hansen Vorthman, Donna Lee Hansen Carrier, Eileen Larsen Denne, Rev. Ernest Larsen, Rev. Stanley Larsen, and Kenneth Christensen.

For years I had a dream of seeing an infirmary named after the Bondo family, as so many of the grandchildren were in the nursing and medical field, but it never materialized. Having my grandparents' name on the Commemorative Wall makes me very happy.

Prepared by their granddaughter, Edna (Bondo '42) Nance, Littleton, Colorado

CHARLES AND JUDITH (RUETER) BREHM

I always remember wanting to come to Dana, from the time the Dana Men's Quartet sang at our church in Tulsa, to when our family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and I started high school. My father and mother (Dr. Alvin '42 and Beulah Nielsen '44 Rueter) met at Dana. My maternal grandfather, Rev. Carl E. Nielsen, had graduated from Dana and Trinity in 1913. My sister, Christine Gilmore '71, started at Dana the same year I graduated. I met and married my husband, Charlie '67, during our Dana years. His sister, Ann Hill '64 Winner, had come to Dana because her future husband, the late Jack Hill '63, was attending Dana. Next Charlie came, then his brother Lyle '68, brother Jim '70, and sister Jean '71. Charlie's parents, Willard and Gladys Brehm, were honored at Jean's graduation for having had five children graduate from Dana. Jean is married to Gary Shelstad '68.

It's always enjoyable to attend Dana Homecomings because it's like a family reunion as well as a reunion with old friends and acquaintances. We've attended every Homecoming since starting at Dana, and we don't intend to miss any in the future.

This past Homecoming '92 was a special time for our family. My Dad, Alvin, and his class celebrated their 50-year class reunion, and Charlie and I celebrated our 25-year class reunion.

We both have fond memories of our four years at Dana. We have many friendships that continue today. We are grateful for the education we received at Dana, and for the attention we received as individual students and not just numbers. It was a special time in our lives, and we experience just a little bit of that feeling each time we visit "up on the hill."

Prepared by Judy (Rueter '67) Brehm with Charles Brehm '67, Blair, Nebraska

ALAN AND KAREN BRODBECK

I first saw Dana in 1969, initially as a visitor and then as a freshman. No one in my family had attended Dana but I felt like I already had Dana roots. Two of my high school teachers, Duane Petersen and John Hill, were instrumental in convincing me to enroll, not because of what they said about the school, but because of the obvious warm feelings they had toward it.

My parents, George and Naomi Brodbeck, were always supportive of my attending Dana. The many personal sacrifices they made so I could attend Dana have meant a great deal to me. They typify to me the strong feeling of family I was fortunate enough to have as a child. In many ways, Dana became a second, more extended, family to me.

My first years at Dana were spent as a music major. At the time, most of my classes were held in Old Main. There was something about that grand old building that made me feel secure. Old Main, in many ways, represented Dana to me. Those feelings which so many of us have had over the years made the loss of Old Main a very traumatic experience. With time those wounds have healed, especially with the construction of the new building. As I have thought about what Dana means to me, I have realized it really wasn't Old Main that made me feel secure. Instead it was the spirit of Dana itself that provided those emotions.

Old Main was the brick and mortar that helped bind me to generations of Dana friends and alumni. But Old Main was nothing without the school and its people. My feelings of warmth and security about Dana are borne of the soundness of the institution with its century-old roots of tradition, its foundation in Christian principles and its real brick and mortar of students, faculty, staff and friends both past and present.

C. MILTON AND ELAINE (MADISON) BROSTROM

Dana College, the college of my church, First Lutheran Church of Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, was a natural choice for me as a place where I could continue my education and prepare for a career. Dana College was the only college of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and in Blair, Nebraska, I found a national student body with friends from Portland, Maine, to Long Beach, California.

My family had come to America as part of the Danish immigration of the 1860s and '70s and they settled in eastern central Wisconsin. They were farmers and very soon after their arrival they established a church with roots in the Inner Mission movement from Denmark.

In 1945 I came to Dana College. It was a long way from home and I was quite unhappy so I left after one semester. After two years, during which I received secretarial training and worked in an office, I returned to Dana and from January 1948 until May of 1951 I was a college student at Dana College.

My major was English with minors in history and education. The world of learning and the library became my home with guidance, counsel and tolerance from mentors such as Sena Bertelsen, Nellie Falk, Aagot Hoidahl, Elmer Rasmussen, Dr. Swanson, Viola Thiel, and Marie Tucker.

Although Blair was 500 miles from Poy Sippi, there were always friends close by. Pastor Richard Morton and his wife, Mildred, had served my home church, and several of my cousins attended Dana during the years I was there.

And in my senior year Milt Brostrom, a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, came to teach in the mathematics and physics departments, replacing, for one year, Art Lindberg. Milt and I were married in 1952 and have been involved in Lutheran higher education all of our lives, first at Luther Junior College in Wahoo, Nebraska, and from 1955 until our retirement at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

After spending our lives in Lutheran higher education, we realize how important those years at Dana were to us. Because of the Dana experience, we have always taken our academic freedom for granted in the setting of a Lutheran college. We have known the love and concern of our colleagues and our students. And we have felt directed and supported by our church as we determined to live our lives in service to God.

Prepared by Elaine (Madison '51) Brostrom, St. Peter, Minnesota

DON BRUNING

The first time I set foot upon the Dana campus was in 1961 to visit my sister while I was on leave from the USAF. I was impressed by the friendliness of everyone I met while there, so when I completed my tour of duty in the military, I entered Dana as a freshman in January of 1963. I completed my degree in 1966.

There are other members of my family with Dana connections. My sister, Carol Bruning Petersen, attended from 1960 to 1962, and her husband, Paul I. Petersen, spent four years at Dana, graduating in 1962. Paul went on to graduate from Wartburg Seminary and is a Lutheran minister. Two of their daughters have also attended Dana. My brother, Jerry Bruning, entered Dana in 1965 and graduated in 1970. He worked one year as a Dana admissions counselor.

Since we are first generation college graduates, we cannot point to ancestors who also attended Dana, but we can remember with pride that our father, Dale H. Bruning, also had significant Dana connections. In the 1960's he was a volunteer fund raiser for the Lutheran Ingathering for Education (LIFE). Funds from that campaign were used in the construction of a new library at Dana. At commencement ceremonies in 1970 he received the Dana Distinguished Service Award. He also served as a member of the Dana Board of Regents from 1970 until his death in 1975.

My Dana education has served me well. I remember with fondness my Dana experience and the extended Dana family of faculty and fellow students. I have not been back to the campus since the unfortunate demise of Old Main, but I hope to get back sometime soon to see the new facility about which I have heard so many complimentary comments.

LEANNE (DANAHY) BULAND

I still remember my first visit to Dana with my pastor and a few youth from my church. Excitement grew as I rode up the hill. Once on top, the sight of such a beautiful campus touched my heart in a special way. I knew this is where I wanted to go.

There was a tall building in the middle of the campus called Old Main. At the time, I had no idea how much time I would actually spend in Old Main, but once enrolled, all of my Social Work classes were held in that particular building. I have many memories of Old Main, and it will always be a place I hold dear in my heart, which is why I was devastated when I heard the news that Old Main was gone.

Dana has now moved on in the construction of a new building in its place. I am thankful that it will serve the needs of our children in the future.

FRED AND ELSIE BURKLUND

We cannot claim Dana College as our Alma Mater, but we are proud to join hands and hearts with so many who share a dedication and commitment to Dana College which is unsurpassed in most realms of our society today.

Elsie was privileged to be elected to Dana's Board of Regents about seven years ago and was just re-elected and will serve as vice chair of the Board. We have come to understand the place small Christian colleges have in our society and the important part they play in the lives of both traditional and non-traditional students.

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm and optimism which is present on campus, both in students and faculty.

Financial and spiritual support is a major factor in the life of the Dana Colleges of the future. We thank God for the privilege of sharing in the lives of students for many years to come.

Prepared by Elsie Burklund, Omaha, Nebraska

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Omaha, Nebraska

Calvary Lutheran's relationship with Dana goes back to the merger of the ELC, ALC, and UELC. Calvary was a part of the ELC and with the merger then became a part of the Central District of the ALC.

Dana, located close to Omaha and also in the Central District, then became the church school that we supported with students, prayers, and money. We have also had the privilege of having some of its musical groups lead us in worship.

ROBERT AND KAREN (JENSEN) CAPEL

In the Fall of 1956, following in my brother's footsteps (Dr. Richard Jensen), I began my Dana journey under the leadership of the newly appointed President, C.C. Madsen. We were told that this was a new era for Dana and that we would see great growth in the years ahead. During our senior year, the hill beside the girls' dorm was leveled to make room for this expansion.

As a choir member, it was my privilege to sing for the dedication of the linden trees which grace the circular sidewalk joining the upper and lower campus, as well as to represent Dana to the Danes on our '61 tour of Denmark.

Over the years, I served on the Alumni Council, helped to organize reunions, appeared in many Homecoming shows, encouraged my students to attend Dana, and tried to spread the Dana story to anyone who would listen.

When Old Main burned, I stood in front of the T.V. watching the flames destroy a building which was a part of my home; the tears rolled. Then, as always, I realized how very important a part of my life this small college was. Its wonderful professors taught me more than the skills needed to succeed in life; they taught me Christian values including, but not limited to, the fact that I am a valued human being. Friendships established here have lasted a lifetime.

Although Bob did not attend Dana, he fit right into the spirit which has become its trademark. He always kids that we should change our name to Capelsen so it sounds better on the hill.

With our older daughter now attending Dana, we are grateful that God has blessed us with the Dana experience. We pray that many generations to come will continue to be blessed. The buildings may change, but the spirit will live on!

N.C. AND MARTHA (NEVE) CARLSEN FAMILY

When Niels Carlsen and Martha Neve were married June 15, 1910, little did they dream that their children would number ten and that eight of their children would also choose their life-mates at Dana. Furthermore, someone has calculated that Niels and Martha and their children were students at Dana and Trinity Seminary a total of 47 years. Including spouses, the number would probably pass 75 years.

Because the Carlsen children lived in Blair, before they became students they had acquired a taste of life on the Dana hill. Often they were seen sliding down the snow and ice-covered hill--playing on the clay tennis courts--sneaking into the gym to shoot a few baskets--or climbing the Old Main tower to see the most wonderful view of the Missouri River valley.

After enrolling at Dana, the Carlsen home one block west of First Lutheran Church became their dormitory, dining hall, study hall, and counseling center. Their mother Carlsen became the cordial hostess to many college students who stopped in for a visit, some of whom left with nice red juicy Jonathan apples, picked from the three large trees by the street.

Building on the strong education received at Dana, three sons became pastors and all three served a significant time as military chaplains, and two served on Dana's Board of Regents. Two sons became school teachers and administrators, and one son an engineer. The Carlsen daughters were involved in the teaching and nursing professions.

For 25 years Dr. Carlsen was president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. During that time he was a strong supporter of Dana, providing leadership and encouragement to administrators, faculty and students. During World War II Dana's existence was rather precarious, reaching a low enrollment of 85 students. At that crucial point in time, Dr. Carlsen proposed a 60-year Diamond Jubilee Appeal which would build the Pioneer Memorial building, dedicated in 1948. By the time of his death in 1950, the student body had grown to 391 students.

In a *Hermes* editorial following Dr. Carlsen's death in 1950 were these words: ". . . The influence of his years directly involved with the school as synodical president show that his attitude toward the college and seminary was one of great interest and concern, that these schools be what they profess to be: centers of Christian higher education . . . We who love Dana . . . give thanks to God for such a friend."

Written by Stanley Carlsen D'45 T'47, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of our parents, and brothers and sisters, Alvin '34, Viggo '35, Verner D'36 T'39, Esther '38, Rhoda '48, Raymond '41, Lois '44, Eunice '60, and Niels D'49 T'56. We express special thanks to John Beck, former Director of Planned Giving at Dana, for some of the material included in the above.

NIELS AND NATALIE CARLSEN

Our relationship with Dana goes back to 1902 when Niels' father, Dr. N.C. Carlsen, matriculated at Dana College. After three years of intensive study, he had to leave school due to ill health. He returned to Dana and Trinity, graduating from Trinity Seminary in June 1910. In 1925, he became president of the United (Danish) Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Carlsen had ten children, all of whom attended Dana College. Niels was the last of the ten to attend. He was one of the "town kids" the first year, followed by two years of dorm living.

In 1949 Niels met Natalie Peterson, a Dana student from Scarborough, Maine, and they were married in Westbrook, Maine, on June 27, 1950, by Natalie's grandfather, Rev. C.C. Kloth.

In 1953 Niels and Natalie returned to the Dana campus, where Niels attended Trinity Seminary, graduating with the last class to graduate from Trinity at Blair in 1956.

Niels has fond memories of Dana, not only as a student, but as a child growing up in the shadow of Dana College. The memories also include his six years as a member of the Board of Regents of Dana.

ROBERT W. CHAPIN FAMILY

My husband and I became acquainted with Dana in the early 1980s, when we attended the Sights and Sounds of Christmas with friends. Our visits to Dana impressed us and we noted the important contribution the college offered to the young people in the community and surrounding areas.

I am pleased to be part of Dana's family.

Prepared by Mrs. Robert W. (Eileen) Chapin, Omaha, Nebraska

JOHN O. CHATT

My knowledge of and interest in Dana College came about at an early age while I was living in Tekamah, Nebraska. I was familiar with their choir which frequently performed in the Methodist Church in Tekamah and I passed the campus on the way to Omaha--that was my contact with Dana until I met President Christopherson, his wife, and Mike Jones in Eugene.

That visit kindled an interest and I started a gift toward scholarship help for Burt County residents who were part-time students or desirous of furthering their education or seeking a degree.

I have had occasion to keep in touch and have been pleased with the limited results--perhaps if the Lord blesses I can be of further assistance. No, I didn't attend Dana, but I am as proud of "our" school as if I had.

Prepared by John O. Chatt, Eugene, Oregon

DALE AND ARLENE (MILLER) CHRISTENSEN

The first contact with Dana College that I remember was hearing the Dana College Choir sing when I was a child. My father could speak, write and understand Danish, which further enhanced my interest, along with growing up in the Danish Lutheran Church.

My father and some of my aunts and uncles attended "winter courses" at Dana in the early part of the century.

I met Dana students at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp and became interested in attending Dana. One of my brothers and several cousins attended soon after. I met my wife, Arlene Miller '56, while she was a freshman and I a senior in '52-'53. We were married in 1955 when she was teaching school and I was in medical school.

We have continued to enjoy the many friendships and relationships which developed as a result of our experiences at Dana.

Prepared by Dale Christensen '53, Lake City, Iowa

RUTH (PEDERSEN) CHRISTENSEN

I grew up at Dana College. While I was not born in Blair, my family moved there when I was a toddler. My father, a physician, had attended Dana before entering the University of Nebraska Medical School. I was the youngest of six children and we all spent some time at Dana.

I say that I grew up at Dana because when I was three years old or so, we lived in a house across the road from the upper campus. My brother Carl (probably four and something) and I used to walk across the road to the campus to find a "cool, ciet pot." That translates to "cool, quiet spot." I don't know if I remember that or if I remember family reports of it. If you have been in Blair in the summer, you know that it is nice to find a "cool, ciet pot."

I was a member of the freshman class in 1951. I spent two years at Dana. I lived at home and my parents' home was a gathering spot for students. Mom's kitchen could stretch food most amazingly. As friends of my siblings had been years earlier, my friends were frequent guests for Sunday supper.

I would have preferred being a "dorm" student. I felt that I missed out on a lot by living at home. So during the spring of my freshman year, I decided it would be fun to go to Hastings College. I wrote for the catalog and had my plans well along. When I told my father of my plans I was met with unwavering disapproval.

After two years at Dana I had accumulated enough credits to apply for admission to a medical technology training course. I thought I would go to Research Hospital in Kansas City. I would get paid \$25 a month. At the U of N Medical College (where Daddy wanted me to go!) there was tuition to pay. I figured I could also get a job and Daddy would not have to support me. So I approached him with this idea. I began my medical technology training at the U of N in February and was graduated one year later with a Bachelor of Science degree.

A marriage, three children, a divorce, and 40 some years have brought perspective to those early experiences. When my daughters were of college age they each chose a small Christian college close to our home. They lived at home. Their friends were frequent guests in our home. I came to understand that many (most?) children are not ready for the "real" world at age 17, 18, 19 or even 20. The school that is small enough to know its students, that is founded on and grounded in traditional moral values, that acknowledges the existence of right and wrong is worth the price!

And so I have become a Dana booster. And it was with a feeling of satisfaction that I attended the ceremonies in October 1993 when a seminar room was dedicated to the memory of my parents, Andrew M. and Anna S. Pedersen.

Prepared by Ruth (Pedersen '55) Christensen, Riverside, California

SIGRID CHRISTENSEN AND MARIE JOHNSON

Sigrid K. Christensen: Through the influence of my pastor, Dr. R.E. Morton, and my younger friends from Luther League who were attending Dana, I came from Chicago in 1943 after working several years as bookkeeper. Happily for me personally and for Dana, Dr. Morton accepted the presidency in March 1944. Returning to Chicago in 1945, I worked as secretary and accountant in a finance company.

In 1948 President Morton contacted me to return to Dana as his secretary, which I did that fall and continued in that capacity until his resignation in 1956, serving also as secretary to the dean of Trinity Seminary, Dr. T.I. Jensen. In the fall of 1956 at the request of Dr. A.J. Snowbeck, business manager, I moved to the business office, serving in various capacities as secretary, bookkeeper, assistant business manager, and accountant until my retirement in 1979.

Through Dana's night school program and with the encouragement and support of my superior and friend "Snowy," I completed my B.A. degree in 1960. The blessings I have received from contacts with teachers, colleagues and students have enriched my life and I will ever be grateful to God for the privilege I have had of studying and working at Dana.

My brother Kenneth M. Christensen, brother-in-law Cleo D. Hanson, and niece Nancy Hanson Mahr have also had the privilege of attending Dana.

Marie A. Johnson: I became aware of Dana through contact with Luther Leaguers at Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota. I wanted very much to attend college after high school but finances were a problem, so I worked at the Albert Lea Public Library, but my hope was still to attend Dana. After a number of years, I arrived at Dana in the fall of 1944, not knowing whether I would be able to stay one or two years.

After I wiped dishes in the college dining room for a few weeks, Mr. P.V. Hansen, registrar and business manager, offered me a job as part-time secretary in the offices. The summer of 1946 I went to full-time which resulted in a 35-year stay. I completed my last two years of degree requirements in evening classes.

When Dr. A.J. Snowbeck was appointed business manager, I worked for him for several years. He had a great impact on Dana with his dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of the college.

The latter years I was privileged to serve as Assistant Registrar to Dr. Elmer M. Rasmussen. There's no way to measure the great influence he had on so many students.

There are so many others that have enriched my life in so many ways. These friendships are some of my most treasured possessions. My hope and prayer are that Dana may continue its mission of training dedicated young men and women for the future.

Prepared by Sigrid Christensen '60 and Marie Johnson '60, Blair, Nebraska

AARON AND ALICE CHRISTIANSEN FAMILY

Aaron Christiansen attended Dana Academy, residing in Old Main from 1920-23. He and his wife, Alice (Johnson) Christiansen, met in Sunday School at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin, where both had been baptized and confirmed. They later married there in June 1929, when Aaron completed Trinity Seminary.

The Rev. Aaron E. Christiansen served parishes in West Branch, Iowa; Brush, Colorado; and Hartland, Wisconsin. He served as an Army chaplain during World War II and then was a Lutheran Social Services chaplain in Detroit, Michigan, and V.A. chaplain in Dearborn, Michigan, until his retirement in 1962.

Their daughters, Margaret '53 and Helen '56, attended Dana, as did their grandson, Andrew Madsen '89, and five nieces and nephews.

Alice, though never able to attend college due to family commitments prior to and following marriage, shared Aaron's love of Dana. Through their many sacrifices their daughters were able to attend, and along with their husbands are grateful to honor them in this way.

Prepared by their daughter, Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen, Rhinecliff, New York

MYRVIN F. AND ANNE C. CHRISTOPHERSON

Our connection with Dana began with Myrv's family. Myrv's dad, Fred Christopherson, was born to Peter and Karen Christopherson on a farm north of Luck, Wisconsin. Fred was baptized and confirmed in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, a church served by Pastor P.S. Vig, one of the pioneer founders and presidents of Trinity Seminary and Dana College, and many other UELC pioneers; hence, the connection to Dana goes back to 1900. Fred married Inger Haug of Milltown, Wisconsin, and they took up residency in that community where Fred was general manager of the Milltown Cooperative Services. Inger had been confirmed by the Rev. N.C. Carlsen, another giant in the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, later the UELC.

The pastors who served the Milltown Lutheran congregation were all graduates and/or supporters of Dana College. Myrv was baptized by Rev. N.P.J. Nielsen. His initial confirmation instruction was given by Rev. Elmer W. Andersen, and he was confirmed and encouraged to attend Dana by Rev. Aster Eberhardt Neve.

It seemed that the top students in the church and in high school from Milltown attended Dana. Indeed, it is interesting to note that Dr. Richard Morton and Dr. C.C. Madsen, who occupied the Dana presidency from 1944 to 1956 and from 1956 to 1971, respectively, both came from that region. Dr. Madsen grew up in the same congregation as Myrv's dad at Luck, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and Dr. Richard Morton graduated from Milltown High School, the same high school from which Myrv graduated. Hence, it was not surprising that people in the Luck-Milltown area considered Dana a very special place. Myrv enrolled at Dana in the fall of 1957 and graduated in 1961, and he returned to Dana as President in 1986. He had been student body president his senior year at Dana.

Anne, of West Salem, Wisconsin, and Myrv met at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisconsin, where she was Director of Young Adults and he was teaching at the University of Wisconsin. They were married on June 10, 1967, and are parents of four children. The oldest, Kirsten, graduated from Dana in 1990 and serves as Director of Youth and Education at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Their other three children, Berit, a student at Augustana College, Bjorn and Nisse have all been fully involved in the Dana community since they moved to Blair. Anne serves as the Coordinator of Special Events at Dana.

Prepared by Myrv '61 and Anne Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska

BOB AND KRIS (MASCHMAN) COFFEY

Family relationships have always been a strength of Dana College . . . and a source of many of its students. My family and I were no exceptions. My father was the first of the Coffeys to attend Dana. Most of his brothers and sisters followed (Bob, Jean, Joan and Dick).

I remember the day when my uncle Dick Coffey graduated from Dana. He was the youngest of my father's siblings. The importance of that day went beyond Dick's commencement . . . because all of my father's family had also gathered to see my grandfather, Max Coffey, receive Dana's College-Community Service Award. Surrounded by all that love and appreciation for this place called Dana, I decided then and there that this is where I wanted to go to college.

Never once was I disappointed in my choice. The opportunities to learn, meet other people and participate were tremendous. I was able to compete in cross country, wrestling and track; serve my classmates on Student Senate, *The Sower*, *The Hermes*, and KDCV Radio...and best of all, meet my future wife, Kris Maschman.

Others in my family followed (Pat, Laura and Jerry), as did cousins, my brother-in-law (Curt Maschman)...and even my grandmother, Dora Coffey, for a course or two! She has always shown me that learning never has to stop.

And now with this beautiful new facility, learning will indeed go on. Learning such as we never dreamed of. May others use this building, this campus, this place called Dana to its greatest purpose as it enriches their lives and the lives of those they touch.

JAMES AND BELVA JOY COFFEY

In the late summer of 1946 the Max Coffey family moved to Blair. I (James) was the oldest of the six Coffey offspring and had graduated from Omaha South High School that summer. My youngest brother, Richard, had been born that August shortly before the move. I had applied to the University of Nebraska and had been accepted but chose to apply at Dana simply because it was close-by and I could live at home while attending. I wasn't Danish, or even a Lutheran, but the quaint little college on the hill was warm and inviting, quite unlike the imposing institution that the Lincoln campus presented.

Although the decision was largely determined by chance, in retrospect it was one of the most important in my life. For this and many other blessings I am eternally thankful. I almost immediately became fascinated by the physical sciences, notably chemistry, thanks to Frank Hengeveld, one of the most inspiring people I have met in my life.

At the beginning of the second semester of my freshman year I became acquainted with the person who would probably influence my life more than any other and that was Marie Tucker. I knew absolutely nothing about biology, had not studied it in high school, and now at the beginning of the second semester found that there were no courses open that did not have prerequisites. Miss Tucker, as we all called her, said that was no problem and accepted me into the second semester of general zoology. During that semester and the next two years I would take every biological science course that was offered at Dana besides working as a lab assistant. I went on to medical school after only three years at Dana and was next to youngest in my class. Now I am a pathologist, still essentially living in the lab and still loving it, thanks to the inspiration I acquired at Dana and through the person of Marie Tucker.

Most of my siblings and several of our six children have gone to Dana. My father, Max, was the first recipient of Dana's College-Community Service Award, and my mother, Dora, has been closely associated with Dana's Bill Thomsen in the creation of Black Elk-Neihardt Park.

Prepared by James Coffey '50, Fargo, North Dakota

MAX AND DORA COFFEY FAMILY

Max and Dora Coffey came to Blair in the late summer of 1946 with their six children ages two weeks to 17 years. The oldest son enrolled at Dana College that fall, beginning a long and successful association between Dana College and the Coffey family. Five of the six children went on to attend Dana, where three of them graduated. All five of those who attended Dana went on to advanced degrees in medicine, education, engineering and computer science. Several of Dora and Max's 23 grandchildren and their spouses are Dana alumni. There are 33 great-grandchildren.

Max spent his early years in Wellman, Iowa, where his parents published a weekly newspaper. He was the eldest of nine children. He graduated from the University of Iowa where he met Dora who was also a student there. He had a career in the field of journalism, working for the *Omaha World-Herald* for over 40 years. He was a sports writer, farm editor, and editorial staff writer, and also worked on the war desk during WWII.

Max and Dora have been active community members in Blair. Max received the College-Community Service Award in 1968 from Dana College. He served on the Blair Utilities Board and Dora was a member of the Library Board for many years. Both of them actively supported the Fort Atkinson project and the Blair Elk-Neihardt Park project. They were charter members of the Blair Rose Society, instrumental in the planting of the beautiful rose garden in south Blair.

Since Max's death in 1973, Dora has remained active on the Board of the Black Elk-Neihardt Park and the Historical Society and has continued to support Dana College.

In honor of Dora's 85th birthday in 1991, Max and Dora's family contributed funds to furnish a classroom in the new building at Dana College.

Their children are: Jim '46-'49, Bob '49-'51, Kathleen, Jean and Joan, both '54-'58, and Dick '64-'68.

Prepared by their daughter, Kathleen Flynn, Blair, Nebraska

ROBERT AND JOAN (NELSON) COFFEY

As a resident of Blair, I was very familiar with Dana College. My older brother, James Coffey of Fargo, North Dakota, attended Dana before he went to Medical School. I enrolled as a freshman in 1949. Five of the six siblings in my family attended Dana, including Jean Coffey Gay of New Castle, Colorado, Joan Coffey Smith of Kearney, Nebraska, and Richard Coffey of Bellevue, Washington, so our family had an enduring relationship with Dana. In 1968, after all of us had left Dana, my father Max Coffey, who was an editor at the *Omaha World-Herald*, was honored with the College-Community Service Award. His enlarged family, including grandchildren, were present on the day when he was honored.

While attending Dana I met Joan Nelson of Racine, Wisconsin, who came from a place where there was a lot of support for Dana because of the many Danes living there.

In 1952, I went on to Iowa State College at Ames, where I received my Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, while Joan graduated from Dana in 1954 as an elementary teacher. We married and had three children, two of whom became Dana students. Timothy Coffey of Clinton, Indiana, attended Dana from 1976 to 1978 before going into geology. Sharon Coffey Friedel received her degree from Dana in 1985 in commercial art and now lives in Blair with her husband Dean Friedel, whom she met at Dana.

We feel Dana was a home away from home, where we made many long-lasting friendships. We also received a good education with a religious foundation that has served us well in our lives.

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ConAgra has been a supporter of Dana College since 1982. Dana has a long history of helping to enrich students' lives while preparing them for their place in the world. ConAgra supports many organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where ConAgra employees live and work. Dana College does that very well.

Prepared by Patricia Schweiger, ConAgra, Omaha, Nebraska

ELSIE CURLEY

My family has had no relationship with Dana; they all live in Howard County.

I've had so many good friends that are at Dana, and I have no family, so I do want to be a part of the college.

Prepared by Elsie Curley, Blair, Nebraska

HENRY G. AND ESTA L. DEETS

Henry Deets was born in Germany in 1908 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1924. His family settled in the Beemer/West Point region of Nebraska, where he met Esta (nee) Pagels. They married and relocated to Omaha, where they raised three daughters.

After Henry's death, Esta took a position as Housemother at Omaha Village on the Dana campus, and served for the next 18 years as Head Resident there and at Blair Hall and Mickelsen Hall. She touched the lives of many Dana students.

Henry and Esta were strong witnesses to their Christian faith. They dearly loved their church and were strong proponents of Christian higher education. In Blair, Esta was a member of Trinity Lutheran.

Esta was born in 1911 in Clearwater, Nebraska, and died in 1993 at the age of 81 1/2 years.

Prepared by their daughter, Norma J. May, Chanhassen, Minnesota

F. LOWELL AND DOROTHY (GRANLUND) DEVASURE

Lowell begins: Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in." This verse describes Dana's role in my life. I was poor, not Danish, not Lutheran, a "town-kid" riding the Dana College bus from Tekamah, living off campus, and asking to begin at second semester. I was the stranger and you took me in.

This was January 1941 when you began teaching me truths and values for which I have been most thankful. Dr. S.M. Thomsen taught me never to guess; Professor Nyholm introduced me to Soren Kierkegaard; and Coach Paul Peterson let me play the quarterback position on his first football team.

July 1943 the Navy sent me to Doane College where I received my B.A. in 1944.

Visiting Dana in the fall of 1946 I met Dorothy Granlund, the college nurse. From her I learned what faith in Jesus Christ meant. I wanted that faith. I turned to former classmates, now Trinity Seminary students, and they began a "Campus Ministry" to help me. In time, with their and Dorothy's help, I could say, "I believe."

Dorothy writes: In 1946 while working as a Red Cross nurse volunteer in Minnesota during a polio epidemic, I received a call from Reverend Morton, then president of Dana, who offered me the position of college nurse. I had a strong Swedish heritage and had never heard of either Dana College or Blair, Nebraska. But since the position offered board, room, and tuition and I was eager to work toward a B.S. degree, I accepted. It was a decision I never regretted. Not only did I receive my degree with the class of 1947, thanks to Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, but I met my wonderful future husband, Lowell. God has blessed us both through Dana.

Our son, John, is Dana '74. Our daughter, Jane (DeVasure) Siebrandt, is Dana '77. Lowell's sister, Glennis (DeVasure) Nicolai, is Dana '50. Dorothy's brother, Paul Granlund, made the processional cross which is in the Chapel.

We taught an Interim course on Rural America in 1971 and 1972. In 1973 we took a class to Sanibel Island, Florida.

We came as strangers and you welcomed us. We became a part of the Dana family. We are thankful to God that we can help support Dana College as you continue to mold lives and welcome strangers.

Prepared by Dorothy (Granlund '47) and Lowell '44 DeVasure, Tekamah, Nebraska

DARRELL AND MARGE DIBBEN

Marge and I and our four children came to Blair and Dana College in the fall of 1965. I was hired to teach speech, to develop a communication skills program for general education, and a mass media curriculum. Within ten years I was to begin a campus radio station.

KDCV went on the air in October, 1973. The station was located in the stacks of the old library in Pioneer Memorial. . . I was the station manager until I retired in May, 1995.

During my 30 years at Dana, I served on the Faculty Senate, was adviser for the Student Activities Board in the late '60s and early '70s, and for three different time periods was adviser for the Student Senate.

I served as Chairman of the Communication Department for 25 years.

I was chosen by the students as the Professor of the Year in 1987-88.

Marge graduated from Dana in 1973. She was director of the Blair Preschool for 21 years. During part of that time, the Preschool was located on the campus, and Dana students observed and aided in the Preschool. Classes were on the ground floor of the library.

Our four children, Shelli, Sherri, Dan and Dave, graduated from Dana. Sherri '86 is an English teacher at Boys Town. Shelli '80 teaches fifth grade in the Millard schools. Dan '84 is a data base analyst at Boys Town, and Dave '84 is a technical system analyst for US West Direct.

Marge and I feel Dana is part of our family. Many of our friends are faculty and staff at Dana. We enjoyed over the 30 years participating and attending many of the events on the campus. Our lives have been enriched by these many friends and events.

During my 30 years at Dana I taught over 2,000 students. They influenced my life beyond measurement, especially when they honored me as Professor of the Year. I know my life would not be as full today as it is if I hadn't been chosen to teach at Dana. I feel God called me to teach here, to use my skills in some way to glorify his name and his message in the classroom, on the campus and in my daily life. Our name on the Commemorative Wall is our way of saying thanks.

Too, Marge and I feel we are continuing the giving to Dana by her parents, Louis and Vera Tesdahl. They gave annually to Dana while they lived during the years I taught. They felt honored that their son-in-law was teaching at Dana, a college of their synod, the American Lutheran Church.

Prepared by Darrell Dibben, Blair, Nebraska

JOE AND SUSAN (ZABEL) DRYBURGH

Most days as I travel to work and do errands in the suburbs of Philadelphia, my time at Dana seems far away. Certainly as the working mother of three small children, I have few moments to think about my four years in college!

A drive by the campus of Villanova University one beautiful fall afternoon sparked memories, however. As I waited at the light and watched the students, I remembered the countless walks across the Oval from Mickelsen to Old Main. Each time I left the dorm, I turned to look at the cross on the hill.

That view and the symbol will always represent to me the place that Dana has in my life. My years on campus among faithful Christians helped to shape my own faith and to teach me how to incorporate a servanthood into my daily life. That is Dana's strong heritage and the one that is never far away from me.

RAYMOND AND SUSAN D. (SCHWEER) EDELMAN

I entered Dana in the fall of 1966 as an excited freshman and roomed with a friend from Fairbury, Nancy Blobaum. Coming from a class of nine to over 800 in the student body, I was sure I would never know anyone else. How wrong I was! We soon had a group of girls that went everywhere together. What FUN we had in Humanities those first few weeks when the professors would call roll call after Christiansen, Hansen, Johnson, Paulsen, Petersen, they got to two rows of names that began with Sch. We all laughed that the Danes needed some of our German blood! My German heritage was strongly influenced by enjoying Danish foods, the Christmas tree in the Center, Santa Lucia and the beautiful blue and white porcelain.

In my four-and-one-half years at Dana I lived in every women's dorm and the married housing units without being married! I never had the same roommate but have been in close contact with all of them since our life together at Dana. I enjoyed four years in the Choir under the direction of Paul Neve and was privileged to go on the Choir trip to the Orient in June 1969. Many of my choir friends and I have enjoyed our reunions. I also babysat the Brandes girls and have enjoyed keeping in contact with Meta when she has been out recruiting for Dana.

Four years after my entrance to Dana my brother, Bradley Kent Schweer, began his four-year quest for a degree and another four years passed and my brother, Barry Scott Schweer, began his Dana journey. My parents have always been very proud that all three of us graduated from Dana, and our families and church, St. John Lutheran at Daykin, have been Dana boosters since our graduation.

JEAN EISENHAUER

I arrived at Dana as a freshman in the fall of 1961. During the next four years I, a good German Lutheran, learned a lot about Danish traditions and how they are an integral part of Dana. That learning plus all the other education I received while at Dana has remained an important part of my life.

My sister Mary entered Dana when I was a senior and stayed through her sophomore year. While I have had no other family attend Dana, I have retained friendships formed there. It is my hope that Dana will have a long, successful future.

DAVID AND MARILYN FALKSEN

Going to Dana was something that I had thought of as a natural progression of my education after high school. I was raised as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota, which was part of the old Danish synod and a strong supporter of Dana. My family has been involved with Dana for a number of years.

My mother attended Dana for one year, and four of her brothers and sisters also attended Dana. My sense of belonging at Dana was strengthened by having one of my cousins, Jim Falksen, as a senior at Dana when I started as a freshman in 1963. I also arrived at Dana knowing Professors John W. Nielsen and Luella Nielsen, who were very good friends of my parents.

My family has continued the Dana tradition with the attendance of my brother Bruce and my sister Elizabeth (Falksen '80) Brockhoff. While I do not get back to Dana very often, it was and is a special place for me.

Prepared by David Falksen '66, Arlington, Virginia

ELWIN AND HELEN FARWELL

Elwin Farwell served as President of Dana College in 1985-86. He has been a member of the Board of Regents since 1986, and in 1995 was named Regent Emeritus by the Board. His service to Lutheran higher education began in 1961 when he served as the first Academic Dean at California Lutheran College. In 1963 he assumed the Presidency of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where he served until his retirement in 1982. Dr. and Mrs. Farwell reside in Decorah, where they are active in the community and at Luther College. A high-use residence hall at Luther has been named after them.

During retirement, in addition to service to Dana, Dr. Farwell has also served as Administrative Adviser at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and as Interim Bishop of both the Nebraska Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Prepared by Elwin D. Farwell, Decorah, Iowa, and President Myrvin Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Oakland, Nebraska

Our congregation has a great interest in Christian higher education and we always encourage young people to consider Dana.

Prepared by Michael H. Dimer, Oakland, Nebraska

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fremont, Nebraska

The stories of First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, and Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, have been intertwined throughout their histories. In fact, both share a common starting point. As the Danes began to settle the Midwest and move into Nebraska in the 1870's, Nebraska quickly became a mission field of the Danish Lutherans already in America. As congregations began forming in various communities, there was a need to establish some sort of organization to this frontier church growth. The question for these early congregations "was whether to unite with the existing Danish church in the United States, to affiliate with the Inner Mission back in Denmark, or to organize independently and go it alone."*

In September of 1884, a special meeting was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Argo, Nebraska (20 miles west of Blair, and 20 miles north of Fremont). The purpose of this meeting was to answer the question of church organization and affiliation. The result was the formation of an independent synod, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association in America. "The original membership included nineteen congregations plus fifteen preaching places (one of which was First Lutheran in Fremont). The beginnings were small, certainly, but strong in faith and hope. And recognizing that growth could come only if there was a theological seminary to train pastors, the Argo meeting voted to establish such a seminary and elected A.M. Andersen (who had begun the Fremont preaching point) to begin the work. Out of this effort came Trinity Seminary and Dana College."*

First Lutheran and Dana College have shared a continuous relationship since that time, through membership in successive Danish Synods, the American Lutheran Church, and now the ELCA. The vast majority of First Lutheran's pastors (including its present pastors) have been Dana graduates. There are many Dana alumni at First Lutheran, including Dr. Bill Christensen who wrote *The Saga of the Tower* for Dana.

As a congregation, we continue to support Dana College through our stewardship, but more importantly, through our best wishes and our prayers.

(* indicates material quoted from *New Song in the Lord* by Dr. Bill Christensen.)

Prepared by Rev. Mark A. Grorud '75 and Dr. Bill Christensen, Fremont, Nebraska

LEN J. AND SANDY (WALTKE) FLEISCHER

My first experience at Dana was through my church when I attended a five-day summer camp.

I liked the smallness as well as the setting of Dana. When it was time to look at colleges, I found that Dana offered an excellent program. I decided on Dana and came with a friend.

I was the first of my family to attend Dana, so there was a definite uniqueness to my being there.

Dana prepared me for what I needed to succeed. I hope it continues to accomplish this for others as well.

Prepared by Sandy (Waltke '73) Fleischer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

PAUL AND PATRICIA FORMO

We are pleased to join the many dedicated people who over the decades have given their support to Dana College.

As Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Paul has come to love and appreciate Dana for its special place in higher education. We know from personal experience the lasting value and memories that come from attendance at an ELCA college and wish for that opportunity to be available for others.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity and ability to be a part of helping future generations to enjoy the Dana experience.

Prepared by Paul Formo, Blair, Nebraska

EARL FRIES

In 1934 after graduating from Elk Horn, Iowa, High School at the age of 17, I came to Dana to pursue my college career. At that time the campus consisted of Old Main, Elk Horn Hall, and a girls' dorm (now Argo) which also included the dining room and kitchen. The fairly new gym was a block or so south and east of Old Main. We were fortunate at that time to have Trinity Seminary as an important part of Dana.

None of my relatives except my aunt, Inez Petersen, attended Dana, and she also taught at Dana for two years during the early 1920s. She is still living today in Elk Horn at the age of 97--and still sends a respectable check to Dana every year.

My grandfather, Hans Petersen of Elk Horn and a former Dana Regent, was knighted by the King of Denmark. He was always supportive of Dana and made it a point to see to it that I went on the Dana Choir tour to Denmark during the summer of 1935. In fact, my grandfather was a teacher in the Elk Horn School before it was made a part of Dana when the college was moved to Blair.

Whatever success I have had in life has been in no small part due to Dana, and I am proud to say that my granddaughter, Heather Price, has been accepted at Dana and will be enrolled in the fall of 1993.

GARDNER FOUNDATION

The Gardner Family has lived and worked in Northeast Nebraska for over 40 years. Through our good fortune and the support of the many people who have worked with us over the years, we were able to establish the Gardner Foundation. The Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life in Northeast Nebraska, a quality that we have been able to enjoy.

Our Board of Trustees understands that education is one of the primary blocks that can be used to build quality of life. Therefore, the opportunity to help Dana College in its efforts to educate the area's young people and the students from outside the state who become Nebraskans through their Dana experience provides the Foundation with an opportunity to fulfill its commitment to Northeast Nebraska.

We are most happy and proud to do so.

Prepared by Mike R. Alvano, Executive Director, Wakefield, Nebraska

LESLIE GARDNER-BEBEE

I attended Dana College from 1975-1977. During my freshman and sophomore years I met several close friends, and ten of us still get together every Saturday after Christmas in Omaha. It is a great time of sharing our past year, our past at Dana, and the many memories we all have of those years.

In 1979 I married Tim Bebee and we have three children, Javanah, Timarie and Garek. We have lived in Wakefield for the past 13 years.

Dana College is the type and size of school I hope my children attend, a place where they can be involved and get a quality education.

J. TIMOTHY AND JANIS (JENSEN) GAULE

It's difficult to put my feelings about Dana College into words. I have fond memories of the wonderful friendships, learning experiences, teachers, administration, and staff that meant so much to me during my three years there.

I came to Dana in the fall of 1969 as a sophomore transfer student for various reasons--my Danish heritage, my Lutheran background, and wanting a smaller, more intimate learning environment than the larger state college I'd transferred from. My cousin, Joan (Hendriksen) Willmert, had attended Dana and graduated in 1967. I developed an interest in Dana then and came for a tour of the campus in the summer of 1968. I fell in love with Dana then and knew I would attend college there.

My great grandparents on my father's side came to Nebraska from Denmark in the 1880s. Jacob Christian Jensen married Oline Olagaard in 1891 in Fremont, Nebraska, and then farmed in Burt County. They had ten children, one being my grandfather, Axel Jensen. Most of my relatives lived in the Fremont area and carried on Danish traditions, including an aebleskiver reunion every January and visiting Dana for the Christmas programs.

My sister, Jean (Jensen) Harpst, attended Dana in 1971 and graduated in 1975, so we were there together for one year. I have been a faithful supporter of Dana ever since I graduated in 1972 so others could enjoy the same wonderful college experience I had.

My parents, Richard and Mabel Jensen, were proud of my sister and me graduating from Dana College. And I still enjoy coming back to Dana for Homecomings, class reunions, and Christmas programs which are reminders of the wonderful time I spent there. If Tim and I have children, we want to encourage them to consider Dana in their college plans.

JAMES AND DEANNE GERKING

Our connection to Dana College has nothing to do with being Danish, but everything to do with the church and people of the church.

My husband and I were married in 1958, and began building a family and a business together in Brock, Nebraska. Through the merger of the church into The ALC, we began to hear and learn more about Dana. Jim's sister Kathleen Gerking attended Dana for a year in the 1960s, and still speaks fondly of the music faculty and her experiences at the college. Jack Hill, a schoolmate of mine from Talmage High School, graduated from Dana, along with my cousin, Mary Jane (Folkerts), and her husband Wayne Anthony.

During the 1970s, Jim served several terms on the District Church Council and its Executive Committee of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church (TALC). Gathering people from five states, these meetings were often held at Dana, and our connections to the College began to grow. Since other church conventions and gatherings were often hosted by Dana, eventually most of our family came to know Dana as an important partner in the mission of the church. Our children, Kent, Kathy, Karen, and Kim, attended the "Leadership Training Schools" of the church for several summers on the Dana campus.

Our future son-in-law's brother, Paul Johnson, serving on the Admissions team for Dana in 1977, visited our home to discuss Dana as a college choice for our son Kent. Dana was not Kent's choice, but a year later eavesdropping daughter Kathy enrolled as a freshman. Our family shared in her "Dana Experience" in many ways over the years, attending several concerts, enjoying the "Sights and Sounds," and observing the many ways that Dana was expanding her horizons. It was gratifying to see Kathy so excited about learning, to see how Dana was further shaping her values and her character, and to see her confidence and compassion grow. It was due to her German study at Dana, combined with her church experience, that she was selected to travel in a Church Youth Delegation to the German Democratic Republic in 1981. Jim and I returned to Eastern Europe with her in 1984 as she helped lead busloads of Lutherans on a "pilgrimage" to visit our brothers and sisters in these churches with vastly different experiences. In 1985 Kathy was married to Andy Johnson, certainly the greatest effect of the Dana experience on her life--and ours!

We have been blessed by the ministry of Dana College in many ways, and we are privileged to participate in its mission. A place like Dana can and should provide a formative environment for young people to experience and discover their "God-giftedness," along with being equipped to live a life in service to their Creator, whatever their occupation might be. It is our wish that Dana continue to be such a place in the future. And, we hope that some of our nine grandchildren--Cory (13), Kyle (10), Kellen (9), Anna (6), Laurel (5), Kaci (3), Grahm (2), Aaron (1) and Kale (1)--will eventually have their own Dana experience in the years to come!

Prepared by Deanne Gerking; Brock, Nebraska

WILLIAM AND BARBARA GIBBS

Bill and Barbara Gibbs are longtime residents of La Jolla, California. Bill and Barbara are the owners of Gibbs Flying Services, Inc., located at Montgomery Field in San Diego, and of commercial and rental properties in Southern California. The Gibbs are well known for their philanthropic contributions in the San Diego area. Their connection to Dana began when Bill was appointed to serve on the Dana Board of Regents in 1982. He and Barbara have been longtime members of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church, and they have been active in many civic organizations, including the La Jolla Garden Club, Salvation Army, San Diego Kiwanians, and the Scripps Clinic Foundation.

Bill served twelve years on the Dana Board and was made an emeritus member in 1994. Bill has been an enthusiastic supporter of Dana and is especially known for his desire to provide good living conditions for Dana students. He has been the primary force behind making certain that sufficient money is spent to upgrade mattresses in the residence halls and to maintain the halls to create a welcome environment for Dana students.

ERWIN AND PEARL GOLDENSTEIN

We are very proud to be a part of Dana's family. Our relationship with Dana College dates back to the 1950s when the late President Cliff Madsen visited with Erv about the possibility of his joining the Dana administration. Events at the time were such as to preclude that possibility. In 1960, however, Erv had the honor of being one of the first former ALC representatives elected to the Dana Board of Regents, and he was privileged to serve in that capacity for a total of 14 years. A highlight of his ceremonial duties in that capacity was the opportunity to bestow honorary degrees on the Queen of Denmark and on Victor Borge. Erv's relationship with Dana continued in a different role when he was elected to the Board for College and University Services of the American Lutheran Church.

Pearl's significant relationship with Dana began in the 1960s as a member of the Central District's Committee on Higher Education when she worked with Dana faculty members to provide seminars for churches in the area. Her relationship with Dana was strengthened in 1980 when Bishop Archie Madsen appointed her as Coordinator of Resources for the Central District. It has become even stronger and more direct as Vice President of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Dana has been very good to us and for us; it has contributed to our spiritual growth in many ways. We cannot claim Dana as our *alma mater*, but it is our dear mother in many ways.

Prepared by Pearl and Erv Goldenstein, Lincoln, Nebraska

KERMIT AND DAGMAR (OLSON) GOLL

It seems as long as I can remember, I have always had a warm spot in my heart for Dana.

I was born and raised in the Herman area, just ten miles north of Blair. My family had numerous connections with Dana and the Seminary.

My Petersen grandparents, Lars and Birthe, came from Denmark in 1876 and homesteaded four miles west of Herman in the area known as Hill Creek.

Long before I was born, my grandmother was instrumental in getting Dana students and pastors to come from Blair and conduct church services in their small community. The meetings were either held in their home or in the country school house.

When my grandmother died in December of 1923 and my grandfather died in February of 1924, Pastor Vig had charge of their services and a male quartet from Dana sang beautiful hymns. Pastor Vig was the one who performed the marriage service for my parents and also baptized me as a baby.

Several of my close relatives attended Dana before I enrolled in the fall of 1929. Later, another relative, William Christensen, taught there and also wrote the book, *Saga of the Tower*. There was never any question as to where I would go to college, even though it was during the Depression and I am sure it worked a hardship on my parents.

As I write this my mind is flooded with the many memories of all the Dana and Seminary alumni who came to Herman to serve the little congregation at Hill Creek. My mother was a good cook and at my father's urging, Sunday dinner guests nearly always included not only the speaker but his friends who came with him.

One humorous event which I would like to include concerns the lily pond which was built in the spring of 1930 between the dorms and Old Main. My good friend, Elsie Jensen from Cody, Wyoming, and I had the "dubious honor" of being the first persons to be thrown in the pool. I can still hear the water squishing out of my crepe rubber soles as I climbed the stairs in the dorm.

Unlike so many Dana alumnae, I did not meet my husband there. Kermit was a bookkeeper for an oil company in Tekamah and I worked for the firm which transported petroleum products to his company. We have been married for 45 years.

Prepared by Dagmar (Olson '30) Goll, Blair, Nebraska

FRED J. AND SHARON J. GORDON

Sharon began her fund-raising career as an employee of the Dana College Development Office. During her 14 years at Dana, she held many different jobs, including Alumni Director and Acting Director of Development. She still thinks fondly of the many Dana constituents she visited during the Capital Campaign for the Madsen Performing Arts Center and the early years of the Dana College Builders.

Prepared by Sharon Gordon, Blair, Nebraska

WILLIAM AND BOBBIE GORDON

We became friends and supporters of your great college through the Hunt family. Thank you.

Prepared by William T. Gordon, St. Paul, Nebraska

DAVID AND SALLY GRAVEN

David Graven was elected a Regent of Dana College by the American Lutheran Church in October 1978. He served for 12 years. During that time he developed meaningful friendships and encountered a heightened sense of the Church's trust in his judgment and the fiduciary responsibilities accorded a Regent. It was a good experience for him and one he thoroughly enjoyed.

David died, after a short illness, on April 28, 1991.

Prepared by Sally Graven, Minneapolis, Minnesota

MARK AND CARYL (CHRISTENSEN) GRORUD

Dana is a very special place for both Caryl and me. We first met the second day of classes our Freshman year in Mr. Dibben's speech class in one of the crowded ground-floor classrooms on the back side of Old Main. Both Caryl and I had come to Dana because we desired a strong Christian Liberal Arts education. We were not disappointed with the education, and continue to rejoice in finding each other at Dana.

I graduated from Dana in 1975 with degrees in Music and Religion. Caryl left Dana after two years to pursue a degree in Nursing, but returned in the 1980's, studying Computer Science, and becoming the very first person ever to receive her diploma from the new Weekend College Program at Dana.

Through the 1980's, I served on the Dana College Alumni Association Board, serving a total of nine years, two as President of the Alumni Association.

Both Caryl and I have fond memories of our time at Dana and in Blair. We give thanks for the teachers who cared enough to give of their very best. The education we received at Dana has continued to serve us well in our lives, and in our faith.

Prepared by Mark A. Grorud '75, Fremont, Nebraska

H. LYLE AND VIVA A. GUYER

As children in the Blair Public Schools, we (Lyla Guyer Woodworth, Lee L. Guyer, Mildred Guyer Hill) have had classmates and friends who were the children of college professors. We had some instructors and practice teachers in High School who matriculated at Dana. We attended many musical and sports events that were held at the College.

We all attended Dana College briefly while living in our own home and prior to further education elsewhere. This experience was shared with other Blair relatives and classmates. Experience in the choir was particularly enjoyable for one, and two of us met our future spouses at Dana.

Our parents were lifelong Dana supporters and our Mother was once on a Dana Choir tour through the Northern U.S. and Southern Canada as a chaperon. They both enjoyed many special relationships with several Dana students over the years.

Prepared by their daughter, Lyla (Guyer '44) Woodworth, Golden, Colorado

EVERETT AND KATHRYN HAGEDORN

Everett Hagedorn was baptized in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Royal, Iowa, in 1909 and was a member of that congregation until his death in 1979. Dr. N.C. Carlsen was pastor of Bethlehem and also president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC) during part of his tenure at Royal. He was influential on Everett during Everett's confirmation and Luther League years. Because Dr. Carlsen was working so closely with the UELC, Dana College was also prominent in the information and concern he expressed in his ministry at Royal.

Two of Everett's relatives attended Dana in the 1920s: a cousin, Merle Hagedorn, and an uncle, Marinus C. Hagedorn, graduate of Trinity Seminary and Distinguished Alumnus.

After Everett married Kathryn Carlson (a member of the Augustana Synod) in 1934, they were very active at Bethlehem and regularly attended UELC district and national conventions. They spoke often of the persistent and perennial concerns for the financial solvency of Dana College. During the time that conversations were under way regarding moving Dana to California for the initiation of the new Lutheran college (later to become California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks), they favored that move as a solution to Dana's financial problems, believing that the California context would create a broader base of support for the college.

Two of the three Hagedorn children attended Dana: Bonnie Hagedorn Jensen, 1956-57 and 1965-70, class of 1970 and Distinguished Alumnus of 1982; and Dixie Hagedorn Petersen, 1959-61.

During their adult years, Everett and Kathryn were supportive of Dana, giving verbal and moral support as well as financial gifts. They believed in higher education within the Christian fellowship and context.

Prepared by their daughter, Bonnie L. (Hagedorn) Jensen '70, Park Ridge, Illinois

BERTHA (HÖLL) HALL AND BILL AND CHERYL (HALL) NEAL

Our relationship with Dana began in Sidney, Montana, where a group of Danish immigrants had established Pella Lutheran Church. In spite of the Depression, Jens and Dorthea Höll strongly urged their daughter, Bertha, to go to a church college. Dana was the school of their choice, as strong church ties existed between the communities of Sidney and Blair. Also, Bertha's sister Carrie had married Marius Hansen, a brother of Dana graduates Fred C. Hansen and Neils B. Hansen.

Bertha arrived by freight train in 1929 to begin her studies in English and Latin. Half way through she was forced to quit school and work as a maid in Omaha for two years so she could earn the money to finish. She graduated in 1935 and returned to Sidney to marry Arthur S. Hall, raise three children, and teach elementary school for 29 years.

Whenever higher education was discussed with me (Bertha's daughter, Cheryl) the phrase "when you go to college" was never used. Instead it was worded, "when you go to Dana." That day arrived in September, 1965, when I enrolled and began my Elementary Education/Psychology studies.

In Norman Bansen's Advanced Comp class I met my future husband, Bill Neal, of Ames, Iowa, who had come to Dana after Coach Pete recruited him with a track scholarship. Also, the Neal family had heard of Dana from friends and relatives in Western Iowa and from a young pastor in Moorhead named Bill Thomsen (later Professor of Art).

Bill and I spent four of our happiest years at Dana and were married soon after graduating in 1969. We have lived in Minneapolis ever since, and have two children.

Not only did Dana provide us all with an excellent academic education but it taught us how life is to be lived.

Prepared by Cheryl (Hall '69) Neal, New Brighton, Minnesota

EDWARD AND SHIRLEY (BONDO) HANSEN FAMILY

Edward and Shirley Hansen have been related to Dana College and Trinity Seminary since 1935, when Edward came as a student from Harlan, Iowa. In the 1938-39 school year Shirley Bondo from Evan, Minnesota, was a student at Dana, and it was here that they first met. Shirley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Bondo, had also been students at Dana College.

Shirley and Edward sang in the Dana Choir. Edward was active in drama and music. He was a member of the Dana College Male Quartet which toured during the summers of 1938 and 1939, singing in nearly all of the churches of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Edward Hansen continued his studies at Trinity Seminary for three years from 1939-42, and graduated with the class of 1942. During that time, he was instrumental in the setting up of the little 'Trinity Chapel' on the fourth floor of Old Main. Seven members of this seminary group who had been classmates, and later became UELC pastors, kept up a 'round robin' letter throughout the years of their lives since that time.

Shirley, a graduate nurse from Fairview Hospital, and Edward were united in marriage in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 15, 1942. Their two daughters, Lee Anne Hansen and Linda Hansen Kau, are graduates of Lutheran colleges, and have contributed to this commemoration on the Dana Wall.

The Rev. Edward A. Hansen served parishes of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at Immanuel, Minneapolis, and Faith, Hutchinson, Minnesota. For a number of years he served on the faculty of The Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis and Teaneck, New Jersey. St. Olaf College honored him with a doctor of divinity degree in 1961, and Dana College named him as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1972. Dr. Hansen was elected as bishop of the S.W. Minnesota District of The American Lutheran Church in 1960, and served in that capacity for 18 years. Upon his retirement, his constituents voted to name him "Bishop Emeritus."

He was considered as a nominee for the presidency of Dana College in 1978; however, the final choice for the post at that time was James Kallas. Dr. Hansen assisted with arrangements for two reunion "Gatherings" of UELC laity and pastors on the Dana campus, in 1984 and 1990.

FLORENCE M. HANSEN

Dana College and Trinity Seminary have been highly regarded by my family for several decades. We lived 32 miles from Blair, so we had frequent contacts. I grew up in rural Underwood, Iowa. All four grandparents were charter members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of rural Neola, Iowa--more commonly known as the Boomer Township church. Our first pastors were Danish immigrants. The establishing of Trinity Seminary was a tremendous help in the training and ordination of our pastors. They served my congregation for the next 60 years, until our merger with The American Lutheran Church. Seven men from my congregation graduated from Trinity Seminary, and one, Dr. J.P. Nielsen, was president for several years.

My parents (Peter W.I. and Anna Hansen) supported Dana with financial gifts and prayers during their lifetime. My sister, Ruth Hansen Nielsen, attended the Academy in the early 1930s. Her enthusiasm was catching--I enrolled at Dana in 1941.

On December 7, Pearl Harbor was attacked. Countess Ebbe Trampe, who had lived in Russia and experienced persecution because of her Christian witness, was on campus that weekend as a lecturer and Danish folk singer. She was a "Tower of Strength." She met with us in our Dormitory Reception Room for devotions on that Sunday evening. We were sad and expressed our feelings of uncertainty, and she provided spiritual guidance concerning the future.

Campus life changed dramatically: young men left to serve our country, and there were fewer male voices in the choir - I sang tenor! During World War II, I was a civil service secretary. Every September, I experienced a strong desire to return to Dana, and did so in 1945. Former classmates returned during that year to resume their studies, and some graduated with me in 1948.

Dana's meaningful experiences: freedom of discussion in classes, concerned and understanding faculty, solid foundation for graduate work, Lutheran Student Association, devotions in the fourth floor chapel of Old Main, choir concerts in Danish Lutheran churches in several states, and Student Council meetings.

Forty-four years after graduation: memories of education with a spiritual emphasis, lasting friendships, and the inspiration to meet challenges of the future.

My prayer: May Dana continue to be guided by spiritual leaders who strive for excellence and leadership.

Prepared by Florence M. Hansen '48, Omaha, Nebraska

FRED C.M. AND CARRIE HANSEN

F.C.M. Hansen came to Dana College from his parents' farm home near Kenmare, North Dakota, in 1907. After three years of a theological preparatory course at Dana and a year at the Nebraska State University at Lincoln, he returned to Blair and enrolled in Trinity Seminary for his theological training. In 1914 he graduated and was ordained.

While a student at Dana College he met Carrie E. Hansen, also a student. They were married on June 2, 1914, and went to their first parish in Davenport, Iowa.

The Dana tradition continued with their four children attending Dana: Vita M. Jensen, Elmer F. Hansen, Rhoda M. Daggett, and Deloris L. Bengtson. Some of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren also followed the tradition of attending Dana: Timothy Jensen, Roger Daggett, Gloria Daggett, and Erik Jensen. A daughter-in-law, Sharon Jensen, was also a Dana student and became a Dana faculty member as librarian. Sons-in-law Lee Daggett and Anker Jensen also attended Dana, the latter also graduating from Trinity Seminary.

After serving the parish in Davenport, Iowa, F.C.M. and Carrie served parishes in the following locations: Audubon, Iowa; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Chicago, Illinois.

Prepared by their son, Elmer F. Hansen, Solvang, California

HOMER P. AND GRACE E. HANSEN

My allegiance to Dana is really based on the principles and morals for which Dana stands. Memory reminds me that my father attended Dana to learn the English language--and both my parents attended many conventions of the old UELC at Dana. The Church and Church College were dear to my parents--and they, in turn, passed that commitment to me. It was at a UELC convention that I met my wife--Grace (Ohlsen).

And so it was that I attended Dana in 1939-40 as a Freshman at the insistence of my widowed Mother--even though we were living in California at the time.

I have many memories from the year I was at Dana. I appreciated the guidance and counseling given me by Professor Harry Shadle and Nurse, Maralee. Many other memories also--like playing on the Seminary basketball team, students who became life-long friends, etc. Our children all attended Pacific Lutheran University--but I hope that at least some of our grandchildren will attend Dana.

Even in one short year--Dana had a great deal to do with the way my life was molded--and for successes incurred during my lifetime.

RAY AND MARGARET HANSEN

My interest in Dana College goes back to 1932 when I graduated from high school. At that time, during the worst of the Depression, Dana had a farm work program which helped provide part of students' expenses and helped the college in many ways. However, I could not avail myself of the opportunity at that time. But I still remember wishing I could.

Many years later, when my children were all in school, I decided to attend classes at Dana and work towards a degree. Since I had a teacher's certificate from another college and had taught for seven years, I was a bit apprehensive about returning to school. However, I found the experience most rewarding and a real pleasure. "Older" students, such as I, were accepted graciously by both the faculty and the younger students. I received my B.S. degree from Dana in the spring of 1996.

My late husband, Raymond Hansen, and I have always been supportive of Dana and feel the college is one of Blair's greatest assets. Ray (current mayor at that time) was present at the planting of the beech trees given to Dana, and is also mentioned on page 24 of *Saga of the Tower* as attending the ground-breaking ceremony for the athletic complex.

In 1974 Ray was proud to receive Dana's College-Community Service Award.

I continue to wish the best to Dana and intend to help in any way that I can.

RICHARD AND ANN HANSEN

Our association with Dana began with my father, Raymond C. Hansen. His friendship with Dr. and Mrs. C.C. Madsen in the late 1940s endured through my father's passing in 1980. My father, as Mayor of Blair, was privileged to serve on many fund-raising endeavors for Dana, and my mother cheerfully joined in each effort.

Ann and I are grateful for Dana and her core of multi-cultural and educational opportunities presented to the Blair community.

Dana's progress and future are unrivaled in their importance to this community. We laud Myrv and Anne and their staff for rekindling the great legacy of Blair and Dana.

Prepared by Richard Hansen, Blair, Nebraska

ROBERT D. HANSEN, SR.

A grandfather attended Dana prior to World War I as a kind of Danish academy. A cousin attended when Dr. Paul Nyholm was a first-year teacher. Paul was later a dedicated interim pastor (1949-51) at Our Savior's Lutheran in Sioux City when my father was congregational president. Our church choir director, Oluf Lund, was director of music for one year at Dana (1953-54). My brother, Brent, now with Maytag corporate offices, graduated from Dana College. Dana's teachers were exemplary people, rich in human warmth, professional knowledge, and accessibility. The opportunity to participate in debate, choir, band, drama, and Christian interaction became a life's treasure.

Prepared by Robert D. Hansen, Sr. '64, St. Lawrence, Minnesota

WILLARD R. HANSEN FAMILY

I first began to hear about Dana College in the mid-1940's when my father, Tom Hansen, was elected to the Board of Directors for the college. He became an ardent supporter of the institution and was inspired to write a promotional piece he titled, "Why Dana?" From reading it, you would have assumed that he attended the college and decided to become its number 1 advocate. In reality, he never set foot at Dana College until he became a director, but the fact that his booklet totally captured the spirit and essence of this institution is a real tribute to the depth of his dedication as a director. In that role, he strived to build a better institution from which students would leave, not only equipped to cope in the material world, but inspired to become leaders and advocates for social betterment. It stemmed from his conviction that teaching skills without enriching the soul was a mindless mission.

In 1946, my older brother, Jim Hansen, set off for Dana as a freshman and during his senior year was chosen as student body president. I followed him to Dana in 1949 and became student body president in 1951. The experiences I had at Dana contributed so heavily to the positive aspects of my life that I shall also be grateful to this institution and thankful for the role which my father, Tom Hansen, played in making Dana College what it was then and appreciative of today's leadership which has taken it on to undreamed of limits of greatness.

Prepared by Willard "Bill" Hansen '53, Des Moines, Iowa

ARNDT AND CLARA HANSON FAMILY

Arndt Hanson was born in the vicinity of Hutchinson, Minnesota, of Danish immigrant parents. As a young man in the early part of this century, he left his home and laid claim to 160 acres in North Dakota near Westby, Montana, under the Homestead Act. He built a wooden shack, covered it with sod, and spent the required five years as a bachelor to gain title to the land. One winter while there he attended Brorson High School and, together with many young men, was strongly influenced by Jens Dixon. A number of these men became pastors in the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Later he returned to Hutchinson and married Clara Tange, who was also born of Danish immigrant parents. They lived on a small farm near Hutchinson. In September of 1934 they brought their daughter, Marion, the oldest of three children, to Dana College as a freshman. Arndt, who had himself had only about four years of schooling, was criticized for borrowing money to send a girl to college.

Marion attended Dana two years and received a Bachelor's degree from Mankato State Teachers College. Subsequently their son, Clifford, also attended Dana for two years and, after graduation from the University of Minnesota, entered Trinity Theological Seminary on the Dana campus, graduating in 1944. Later he received a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. From 1946 to 1948 their younger son, Roger, attended Dana and was graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College.

Marion taught more than 30 years in elementary schools in Morton and Redwood Falls, Minnesota; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Terre Haute, Indiana. She also went on to receive her Master's degree from Indiana State University, where her husband taught. Roger went on to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska and taught physics at Grinnell College for 13 years and at the University of Northern Iowa for 24 years, serving a number of years as head of the Physics Department. Clifford was pastor of Underwood Lutheran Church in Underwood, Iowa, for five years and for 31 years served on the Dana Faculty as a teacher of philosophy and religion and, before his retirement, as Dean of the College.

Arndt and Clara Hanson were faithful members of Main Street Lutheran Church (later renamed Faith Lutheran), often serving in leadership roles. They were also committed to the synod of their church, the former United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, which founded Dana College. Their commitment to the church, Dana College, and their children, led to their strong support of their children's decisions to attend Dana.

Prepared by their son, Clifford Hanson D'41 T'44, Blair, Nebraska

CLIFFORD AND FLORENCE (HANSON) HANSON

Dana has been "home" to us for many years. I came as a freshman in 1937 and spent two years at Dana. Then I transferred to the University of Minnesota where I received my B.A. degree. Florence and I met in the fall of 1941 when she began her first year at Dana and I was in my first year at Trinity Seminary, which was on Dana's campus. I graduated from seminary on May 26, 1944, the day after we were married.

After my graduation from seminary, I accepted a call to Underwood Lutheran Church, Underwood, Iowa, where we lived for five years. Two of our children were born there, Donald (1945) and Lois (1947). Desiring to become a college teacher, I received my Master's degree in philosophy and became part of the Dana faculty in 1949. In 1955 I received my Ph.D. Then in 1956, anxious to see what other colleges were like, I took a position at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. Neil was born in Blair shortly before we left for Oregon. During our second year at Willamette, Wartburg College lured us back to the Midwest. After five years at Wartburg, Dana kept tugging at our heart-strings, and in 1963 I came back to teach philosophy and religion. In 1979 I became Academic Dean and remained in that position until my retirement in 1987. Since then I have been teaching part-time.

By the time of our wedding Florence had completed one and a half years of college. In 1974, thirty-three years after her first day on campus, she graduated from Dana, *Magna Cum Laude*, with a major in religion. This led to a position for her as Pastoral Assistant at First Lutheran Church in Blair. In this position, she was commissioned as an Associate in Ministry in the American Lutheran Church.

From our student days, we have had a fondness for Dana that could not be erased. This sense of attachment resulted in our returning to Dana twice to make it our "place called home."

Prepared by Clifford T. Hanson D'41 T'44, Blair, Nebraska

ROGER AND MARILYN (JUUL) HANSON

My wife, Marilyn (Juul '45-'47) Hanson, and I cannot claim to have met at Dana since we had known each other from childhood in Hutchinson, Minnesota, but we did overlap at Dana for one year so we have a common experience there which we have always cherished. Though my parents, Arndt and Clara Hanson, had opportunity for only a very limited formal education, our home was one in which learning was valued. Reading was important, especially for Dad, and evening entertainment at our farm home often involved quiz games from our farm magazines, crossword puzzles for Mother, and practicing such things as matching capitals with states and recalling the names of U.S. presidents in order of service. Our parents made it possible for my sister, Marion, and brother, Clifford, to attend Dana in the 1930s at a time when considerable sacrifice and careful stewardship of resources were needed to make that possible. Following that tradition, it was natural for me to decide to attend Dana in 1946-48 in more favorable economic times.

For Marilyn, the opportunity to attend Dana was more unusual since her older brothers and sister had not had the chance to go to college. Much credit goes to a very loving and encouraging person, Rev. N.B. Hansen, pastor of our UELC church in Hutchinson. He gave Marilyn very strong encouragement and made arrangements for a scholarship, which, though small, did make attendance at Dana possible.

For both of us, our experience at Dana was most enjoyable and meaningful, and yielded some lasting friendships. It provided a good foundation and perspective for our continued education. Participation in the Dana Choir was one of the highlights for me, both because of the musical experience and the close friendships developed. Much credit for my interest in music goes to my mother, Clara, who loved good music, played the piano in our home, and encouraged me by arranging for me to take violin lessons.

Our interest in education has continued since our Dana days. I obtained M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in physics and have taught 13 years at Grinnell College and 23 years at the University of Northern Iowa. Marilyn, in addition to assuming the major responsibility of caring for our four children, earned an M.A. degree in special education and taught for nearly 20 years. We both remember with fondness our days at Dana and enjoy our visits when we return to the campus and see the many changes in facilities which have occurred.

Prepared by Roger J. Hanson '50, Cedar Falls, Iowa

WILLIAM AND DORIS (PETERSEN) HANSON

Dana is an important factor in our lives because it made it possible for both of us to receive a quality education at a manageable cost. The U.S. was not out of the '30s Depression when I began Dana in 1941 and Doris first attended in 1942.

Doris was not able to complete her college education for a variety of reasons, not least of which were marriage and child-bearing/rearing. Our oldest child, Donald, was born in 1948 while we were living in the veterans' housing on campus and I was finishing Trinity Seminary, following military service. Our second child, Karen (now deceased), was born six months after I completed seminary. So one-half of our four children are Dana-related offspring (the others are William Jr. and Beth, both born in California). This is appropriate inasmuch as Doris and I met at Dana and were married February 9, 1946, while I was still in the service.

Dana College provided us with the educational foundation for productive service in church and society. Dana provided us with a support network of lifelong friends who have enriched us through the years. Dana contributed significantly to our spiritual growth and maturity.

Our years in Denmark (1961-65) as the pastor/developer of the English-speaking ministry there were made more meaningful because of the Danish culture we learned to understand and love at Dana. Even though Doris was raised in the Danish half of her Scandinavian background in Racine, Wisconsin, I had no Danish blood or culture. Dana provided insight and appreciation for things Danish.

Doris's brother, Elmer Petersen, also graduated from Dana and taught art there for a short while.

Although none of our four children attended Dana, they have an appreciation for what the college has meant to us. We now have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. It would please us both if one, or more, of them were to have the privilege we enjoyed of being Danians.

HOWARD AND MYRNA HAWKS

Our relationship with Dana has derived solely from the contribution that Dana makes to the Omaha area via education, both in areas of formal education and "values" education and secondly, from our association with the Lutheran Church--Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha.

So I guess simply put, there really isn't any reason for us to support Dana other than that we respect and value what you do--maybe that's the best reason of all.

Prepared by Howard and Myrna Hawks, Omaha, Nebraska

ALFRED AND MELVERINE HEDEGAARD

Our relationship to Dana College dates back to 1905 or 1906, at which time my mother, Katherine Marie (Iversen) Hedegaard, was a student there, along with two of her sisters (my aunts).

My father and mother with the family attended the dedication of the men's dormitory in the late 1920s.

Maynard, our son, attended Dana College in 1960 and 1961. He sang in the choir and travelled with them on the Denmark tour in 1961.

We had moved to Billings, Montana, where he finished college.

Dr. C.C. Madsen, former president of Dana, was a friend of ours.

We have been on the campus of Dana several times throughout the past years for various functions.

Prepared by Alfred Hedegaard, Omaha, Nebraska

NORMA (PARDE) HEEREN

Dana College was a place where I learned, not just about the academics, but about myself. I enrolled as a freshman in 1957, and in the four years I spent at Dana, I was always intellectually challenged. The liberal arts education I received prepared me for a fulfilling career as a classroom teacher and a reading teacher, and the close relationships I had with professors, advisers and all my new friends helped me mature and develop a new sense of confidence about myself.

Following graduation in the summer of 1961, I traveled to Denmark with the touring Dana Choir. This was the first time I had left the United States and not only was this fun for me, but the trip gave me insight into the Danish culture and taught me an important lesson about the differences as well as the underlying similarities of people everywhere. I truly have been richly blessed by this institution.

DUEY AND TRACY (ERICKSON) HEFFELFINGER

One very hot August day in 1983, my wife (to be at that time), Tracy Erickson, and I arrived at Dana College from Denver, Colorado. We had never seen Blair or the Dana campus before, so we came a day before school was to begin to see the sights and play a little golf. Driving into Omaha we missed several turns and almost immediately got lost. All we knew was that Blair was somewhere north of Omaha, so we just kept heading north. Finally after seeing most of north Omaha we met up with Highway 75. When we reached Fort Calhoun, I stopped to make sure we hadn't missed Blair. Having lived in the Denver area, we couldn't believe how far away from civilization we were. Once we arrived in Blair we took a look at the Dana campus and then headed for the Blair Golf Club. I was planning to play on the Dana golf team, so we wanted to know what the course was like. When we arrived at the golf course to our surprise the fairways were a golden brown. In 1983 there was no irrigation on the entire course except on the greens, so the hot summer had made the fairways very hard and the grass looked like golden wheat. That night Tracy and I camped at Cunningham Lake just north of Omaha in a very uncomfortable and hot tent.

That started what became some of the most memorable years of our lives. Tracy and I were married on December 31, 1983, following our first semester at Dana, at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Blair. We shared classes, work experiences and many friends. Tracy was head student cook in the food service and I the banquet manager. Tracy was the Student Activities Board (SAB) Director and I the SAB projectionist on campus. (There were movies once a week on campus at that time.) Following our wedding we moved into a one bedroom apartment in Omaha Village (O.V.). We had many friends who visited on the weekends to get off the main campus. We had friends too who lived in our apartment building, including Steve and Tracy King, Kathy and Chris Messinger, and Mark and Kay Dickinson. Often we would leave our front doors open so we could talk with each other from one apartment to the other. The O.V. guys also played many, many football games together for fun and exercise in the yard at O.V.

Starting with the summer of 1985, we made our closest friends. Dr. Richard Palmer and the music department at Dana decided to create a traveling singing group for the summer. This group would go to camps, churches and other functions where students and parents alike might see a special ensemble representing Dana. "New Day" was born. That first summer we went on a six-week touring contract. Two weeks prior to the tour we spent in rehearsals on the Dana campus. The members of New Day stayed in Argo Hall together, so we visited, watched movies, and did everything together. Following the rehearsal period the ten of us spent every moment together riding in a van from church to church in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and Iowa. We also spent more than a week at the Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp during our trip. Members of the first New Day ensemble were basses Mark Dickinson and Jim Jordan, tenors Duey Heffelfinger and Tim Rongstad, altos Kay (Schjodt) Dickinson and Lisa (Hayne) Swenson, sopranos Julie (Williamson) Hill and Ann (Burgard) Thieman, percussionist Teri (Kraft) Doksansky and accompanist Barb (Anderson) Hamel. There were two summer tours the next two years. I traveled all three summers. The other members of the later tours included: Becca Brabec, Karyn (Hillesland) Overbeck, John Hollingsworth, Steve Meister, and Jayne (Stein) Jensen. We still keep in very close contact. We have a reunion every other year and I write a newsletter to them three to four times a year.

Both my brother and sister also attended Dana for a short time. My sister, Delana Heidrich, attended for two years. My brother, Derry, who also started in 1983, attended only one semester. My mother, Doris Cooksey, fell in love with Dana. She visits frequently and is an active supporter of the College.

MILT AND JANE HEINRICH

Our connections with Dana began in the summer of 1975 when our family moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Blair so Milt could begin teaching art at Dana. His office was one of the "loftiest" on campus, on the fourth floor of Old Main with a spectacular view of the Missouri River Valley. The spacious art rooms on the top floor of Old Main provided an atmosphere that fostered creativity and a closeness among students in the art department.

Milt was truly saddened by the fire that took Old Main, but out of tragedy there also came good. A new and thriving art department now exists in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Jane enrolled at Dana in 1980 to complete her college education and graduated in 1982 with an elementary education degree. She has been a Dana Women's Club member since 1975.

Many family activities revolved around Dana events. In the early years our children, Christopher and Amy, joined us for weekend campus movies, swimming at Borup, 4th of July picnics and fireworks on Old Main's terrace, and watching sports events. They fondly remember those times as well as the friends they made with other Dana families.

More recently they were both enrolled at Dana for parts of their college education. Christopher spent three semesters and Amy spent one summer session at Dana.

Milt was given the unique opportunity to express his creativity and fondness for Old Main by designing and building the "Commemorative Wall" sculpture in the Old Main replacement building. While working on the sculpture this summer he reminisced about many Old Main stories and events, and heard many new stories about how donors were connected with Dana. He feels a special emotional attachment to this piece of art--a part of him is now permanently in the "new" Old Main.

Prepared by Milt and Jane Heinrich '82, Blair, Nebraska

FRANK AND HELEN HENGEVELD

My first direct contact with Dana College occurred when I arrived in Blair in the fall of 1938 with my friends, Harold Sorensen and Harold (Harley) Andersen. During the succeeding three academic years I pursued a major in Chemistry, together with other required subjects. Outside of class, I worked as a chemistry lab assistant for my mentor, Dr. S.M. Thomsen, and also for the maintenance department. One Saturday morning, Leonard Andersen and I were directed to replace the rope on the flag pole on top of the tower of Old Main. This required climbing up through the hatch onto the top of the tower (no railing), letting the pole down section by section, threading a new rope through the top pulley, and re-erecting the pole. We celebrated our achievement by scratching our initials on the ball on the top of the pole.

In the summer prior to graduation, Helen Michelson and I were married. I returned to school in the fall, and she continued to work in Racine. Following graduation, I obtained a job at the manufactured gas plant in Racine, and continued in that position until the end of World War II. During that period, our first daughters, Sue and Pam, were born.

Our lives took a dramatic turn in the summer of 1946 when Dr. Morton called with an offer to return to Dana and teach Chemistry. On arriving in Blair we moved into the "Miss Johnson House" just east of the campus. In the ensuing period of time, we tried part-time farming (we owned the 40 acres at the top of the Hill), earned a Master's degree at the University of Nebraska (Coach Peterson was my roommate during those summers in Lincoln), spent a lot of time and effort trying to improve the physical plant of the Chemistry Department up on the fourth floor of Old Main, and organized and operated the Dana College Soil Testing Service. Our daughter, Lonna, and our son, Steve, were born in the old Blair Hospital during those years.

In 1956 economic pressure persuaded me to return to industry, and I obtained a position as Senior Scientist with the Diamond Alkali Co. in Painesville, Ohio. My work there involved a number of projects, including the analysis of sodium hydroxide for mercury in parts per billion range, dimensionally stable anodes for chlorine caustic cells, and nuclear fuels for submarine service.

In 1965 we yielded to the persuasive powers of President C.C. Madsen, and I returned to Blair and Dana as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. After twenty years working with my friend and colleague, Eugene Lindblad, I retired from teaching chemistry full time, but remained on the faculty part time, teaching basic math for several years.

Apart from household and family activities, our four children are involved as follows: Sue Miller (Dana '65) is a doctoral candidate in Bioarchaeology at the University of Idaho at Pocatello; Pam Wetzel (Beloit '67) designs and supervises the installation of water mains in Gresham, Oregon; Lonna Meston (Dana '71) is the Human Resource Manager at a division of the Heinz Food Company in Eugene, Oregon; and Steve (Dana '73) is a Computer Systems Analyst for Boeing Computer Services in Seattle, Washington.

Prepared by Frank Hengeveld '41, Blair, Nebraska

SCOTT AND RUTH (HULTGREN) HENNEMAN

Dana College was familiar to both of us throughout the late 1970s as we were both prospective students. Scott nearly attended Dana in the fall of 1978 as a football player from Clarinda, Iowa. Ruth considered attending Dana in 1978 as she was a member of the Union Creek Lutheran Church near Akron, Iowa, an LCA congregation. However, both of us graduated from the University of South Dakota instead for what it seemed to be at the time, more "practical" reasons. With relatives in the Sioux City and Omaha areas, we continued to maintain a curious interest in this "Scandinavian Lutheran College." (Since Ruth is Swedish and Norwegian, anything Scandinavian is of interest!)

Our family chose to move to Blair in December of 1991 because we had heard that quality education is a high priority in Blair. The presence of Dana College in the community was a major reason given for this degree of importance. We appreciate the cultural and educational benefits which Dana College provides for us and our two children.

Dana College is a presence in our lives not only because of our Lutheran and Scandinavian heritage but also because we live at the top of College Drive. We enjoy the beautiful hilltop campus. Now our connections run deeper. In August of 1992, Ruth began working as Assistant Director of Development at Dana College. In that position, Ruth has been blessed to work with a fine group of people who honestly seek to serve others. Ruth will also always appreciate the kindness of the many fine folks that Dana is blessed to call as friends and alumni. The people associated with Dana are a special "family" with a special Christian spirit. We will always have a place in our hearts for Dana, and Dana has made us realize the value of "Christian-based" higher education.

Prepared by Ruth Hultgren-Henneman, Blair, Nebraska

THORVALD AND ANNA HENNINGSEN

On that day at Dana in the late '50s, I was wet-mopping the old wood floors in the top level of Old Main. They sloped one way and then slanted in another as I proceeded down the hallway from the chemistry lab northward. I ducked into one of the little side rooms and recalled that my late father (Thorvald Henningsen '26) had bedded in one of them in the early '20s.

After the wet-mopping, wax was applied to the floors on top of many other layers and so their use was perpetuated for future students including my sisters, Ruth Larsen and Lois Rode, who would follow me at Dana. Each layer of wax had its own story to tell.

My father had emigrated from Denmark a year before starting his study at Dana. There was little financial or family support for many of these early immigrants and they relied on their Dana family.

Those of us that followed in the late '50s found a more sophisticated educational system with more diversity and separate buildings for the dormitory rooms. We were also blessed with people who cared. For example, one layer of the waxed floor would recall my chemistry professor, Dr. Paul Hansen, Jr. He taught all the chemistry courses and could use a slide rule faster than many can use a calculator today. He agreed to teach me a course in organic chemistry my last semester at Dana. It was not a course offering but a last-minute requirement for med school and he agreed to teach me--one on one, three days a week.

I recently visited our new "Old Main" and nostalgically thought back on the years and the buildings I knew at Dana. The floors of this new building are not crooked; the acoustics, the lights, the amenities all obviously lend themselves to a better educational experience than our venerable old "Old Main." And then I put aside my sadness about all those layers of wax that are no more. I knew the spirit of Dana had prevailed and a swan had risen from the ashes.

Prepared by their son, John Henningsen '59, M.D., Rice Lake, Wisconsin

ALFRED AND GLADYS HERNES FAMILY

The Hernes family became associated with Dana College when one of the Hernes sons, Arvin, became a professor of physics at Dana in 1961.

Alfred Hernes was born in 1898 in Norway and immigrated to the United States in 1905. Gladys was born in South Dakota in 1903. Alfred was a carpenter by trade. Although his formal education ended early, he was self-educated in many ways. Gladys was a school teacher before their marriage and a diligent and faithful homemaker in the years that followed.

Alfred and Gladys visited the Dana campus many times in the years that followed. Alfred enjoyed seeing the wide variety of trees and plants on the campus. He also watched the construction of new buildings over the years.

Two of their grandchildren are graduates of Dana--Karla '82 and Kevin '85.

Their daughter-in-law, Betty, was the campus nurse for nine years.

Alfred and Gladys are the parents of seven sons. Four of them, Leslie, Joel, David, and Selmer, are parish pastors in the ELCA. Burnett is an airline pilot, Paul is a civil engineer, and Arvin is a college professor.

The children were raised in a strong Christian home. Alfred and Gladys strongly supported higher education in a Christian atmosphere. They would be very pleased that their family has helped to support a new building at Dana to insure a place of learning for future generations.

Prepared by their son, Arvin Hernes, Blair, Nebraska

JEFFREY HOGDEN

My family history as it relates to Dana College is brief though not insignificant. I was the first to attend Dana beginning in 1972. My connection with Dana came by way of a minister and his wife serving the church of my childhood in western Wisconsin. I grew up in Galesville, Wisconsin. I belonged to French Creek Lutheran Church in rural Ettrick, Wisconsin. Reverend Kenneth Jensen '62 and Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen were special friends of mine in my high school years. We shared a bond of music, faith, and conversation. I chose Dana through lengthy discussions about higher education with Ken and Bonnie. I also received a hand-written letter from one of Dana's music professors, Dr. Wayne W. Wise. One of my criteria in choosing a college was to be somebody and not a mere number at an enormous institution. The letter I received from Dr. Wise suddenly set Dana apart from all the other institutions. The first time I would see Dana and meet Dr. Wise would be the week of enrollment and moving into Rasmussen Hall.

Coming to Dana was a major step not only for myself but for my family as well. I was the first in my family and the fourth in my extended family to attend college. My alma mater was farther away from home than what most of my relatives had ever lived. And last, I would be moving outside of my Norwegian-American/German-American heritage into a Danish-American culture. Though this ethnic transition and experience seems slight compared to my present residence in multicultural/inner city St. Paul, Minnesota, the move was significant for me at the time.

I believe Dana to be a gift in my life. Dana provided many opportunities to grow both within and outside the confines of classroom education. Perhaps my greatest treasures were experiencing and experimenting with things I had never done before and having people about me to share them with and even guide me. Such were the situations of KDCV Radio, Dana Folk Dancers, Music Form and Analysis, German, and Ekklesia Koinonias to name a few. The gift of Dana is to see the world and yourself as gems. Each is valuable and multifaceted. As the two interact with each other change occurs in both and a new side is generated. It is in the event of change that I believe Dana offers guidance and prepares people for the unexpected. That preparedness stems from a rounded education of many disciplines and the hope that the greatest Dana student acquisition is a mindset of learning for a lifetime.

One of my cousins, Bart Near, joined me at Dana for a while. After I had graduated, my sister Candy chose Dana for two years. I know Candy thinks of Dana fondly though she would eventually graduate from another church college. I believe Dana to be a special place for the student of faith and the one yet seeking. I believe people need to be someone as opposed to somebody. Dana certainly provides many opportunities to be someone. And last, I believe some institutions inadvertently instill a crux of self-proclaimed superiority, a disservice to both the student and society. Dana's environment and its openness to community I believe sustains a healthier tension of knowledge and responsibility.

I am glad to be a Dana grad! I value the education and experiences provided during my attendance. I believe in Dana's commitment to quality and its vision to the future. May the flower of Dana College continue to thrive for all time.

Prepared by Jeffrey E. Hogden '76, St. Paul, Minnesota

DONALD AND PAULINE HOGZETT

I graduated from Dana in 1942 with a B.A. degree. My major was in English. I had a minor in German and a minor in biology. It was my intention to teach and coach athletics and I received my Nebraska teacher's certificate shortly after graduation. Unfortunately, World War II came along and I spent the next four years of my life in the U.S. Army.

My wife, Polly, and I were married on May 29, 1943, while I was stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Shortly thereafter, I was sent overseas where I served for nearly a year in combat infantry as a Company Commander and was captured during the now famous "Battle of the Bulge." My First Sergeant and I escaped our captors on December 19, 1944, and managed to work our way back to our lines near Bastogne, Belgium. I was wounded on December 24, 1944. I was evacuated and hospitalized in England for approximately three months, after which I was sent home to recuperate at Brook Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, where I spent my last year and a half in the Army. Our older son, Michael, was born on February 10, 1946. Upon discharge from the Army, I elected to go to law school. Accordingly, I enrolled at Drake University upon discharge from the service and graduated in the summer of 1948. I immediately came to Oakland, Iowa, where I established my law practice and have been in continuous practice for the past 44 years.

Our son, Michael, graduated cum laude from Dana in 1968. He and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Chris and Matt, and they reside in Harlan, Iowa. Michael is employed as a counselor for Iowa Children & Family Counseling Services, and Susan commutes to Council Bluffs, Iowa, three days a week, where she works as an R.N. at Mercy Hospital.

Our second son, Steve, was attending Dana and was in his sophomore year until his untimely death in an automobile accident just outside of Blair on May 12, 1970.

Dana occupies a special place in my life. The many friends I made while there, as well as the quality of education that Dana offers its students, make me more appreciative of a small church-related college and what it has to contribute to our American heritage.

Prepared by Donald Hogzett '42, Oakland, Iowa

PETER AND EFFIE HOLM

We wish to honor my parents, Peter and Effie Holm, by our support of Christian influence in education and preservation of the Danish influence of which they were proud.

My wife, Gloria, and I are pleased to be a part of Dana's family. The Danish heritage, religion and education have always been important in our family. We wanted to honor my parents' heritage and interest in religious education, as well as continue the support of Danish influence in America. We and our relatives in Denmark are pleased that measures are being taken to preserve the Danish influence in America.

Prepared by their son, Richard Holm, Beaverton, Michigan

GUNNAR HORN

I really have no connection to Dana College, except that we both have a Danish heritage.

Many years ago I began donating books to the Dana Library. I found that they were much appreciated, and so I have continued to make donations from time to time.

I came to Omaha from Brovst, Denmark, in 1915, at the age of three, with my parents Jacob and Lovise Horn.

I grew up in Omaha and attended Central High School and the University of Omaha, as it was then known. I began teaching in the Omaha Public Schools in 1934. In 1937 I came to Benson High, where I remained until my retirement in 1977. Besides teaching Journalism classes I sponsored the school newspaper, the *Benson High News*. My students won many state and national honors. Among my students were such later notables as Floyd Kalber, Jim McGaffin and Jane Palmer.

In my retirement I co-authored four mysteries with a long-time friend and colleague, Josephine Frisbie.

In 1993 I established a scholarship at Dana for an English major.

ROGER AND LINDA (ANDERSON) HOWLAND

Roger '64: I knew when I started my search for a college that I wanted to attend a small, liberal arts college. First we drove to Fremont to look at Midland and then to Blair to see Dana. I fell in love with the beauty of Dana's campus and immediately made my choice. I never regretted that choice in the four years I spent there, or in the years since. I was recruited by Coach Paul Peterson and began my freshman year as a wrestler, the first year for that sport at Dana.

Linda '65: I transferred to Dana after my freshman year at the University of Nebraska. Dana was to be only a temporary stop until I decided where I "really wanted to go." Once I was there, however, I felt like I had found a home and never thought of transferring again.

Both of us have very fond memories of our years at Dana and of the lasting friendships that we made there. Thanks to an outstanding faculty and staff, the education we received at Dana went far beyond the textbooks and has enriched our lives immeasurably.

Several family members have followed us to Dana. Roger's sister, Diane Howland, and her husband, Ron Briggs, and Linda's brother, Richard Anderson, attended in the 1970's, and our niece, Julie Howland, attended in the late 1980's and was student body president her senior year.

There is indeed a "Dana Difference" and we are both glad that we were able to experience it. We are happy to be able to help in the rebuilding of "Old Main" and to help ensure the continuation of this very special place in the future. Perhaps some third generation Andersons or Howlands will follow us someday.

Prepared by Roger '64 and Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Blair, Nebraska

ABIGAIL HUBBARD

I enjoy telling friends, colleagues, and acquaintances about the Trivial Pursuit degree I received at Dana College, "back when students *really* had to study." I do not say that to denigrate Dana or my education, but rather to emphasize that I received what seems to be a rarity these days--a liberal arts education. You see, whenever friends invite us to play (original version) Trivial Pursuit, I am the one most sought as a team member, because I am one of the few who knows something about history, art, music, literature, and other issues deemed "trivial" by the game.

I attribute my vast success to the Humanities courses I took as a freshman and sophomore. For those reading this, now or in the future, Humanities used to be a REAL course! We had 16 intensive hours of instruction (required!) from some of the most interesting professors on planet earth. We also had killer exams and plenty of reading. What we acquired, as a result of all of that, was a wonderful appreciation of the complexity of life, and an understanding of the richness of human history. I think that we also acquired greater tolerance for different perspectives, and a process of evaluation that serves each of us well today.

I have immense respect for my former professors, because they required us to work hard and shared their knowledge and wisdom with us. While some of them were very intimidating to us as freshmen (and even sophomores), they all eventually came to be known also as real humans with compassion, spirit, and a sense of humor. One incident in particular always brings a smile to my face when I recall it.

It seems that there was a particularly difficult humanities exam during our sophomore year. Those exams were always given right after lunch. My friend, Suzanne Cole, and I walked to the exam together from the cafeteria, Suzanne taking along an apple left over from her lunch. Suzanne and I left the exam at the same time, and were lamenting our fate, given the difficulty of the exam. We determined that there was only one thing left to save our grades, and that was a bribe. Dr. Cliff Hanson was the proctor for the exam that day, so we took the apple Suzanne had from lunch, and left it with a note at his office door as our bribe. Of course, we asked that he give us each a "9." Soon thereafter, we each received a letter from Dr. Hanson via campus mail. He thanked us for our bribe, said he would gladly award the "9," but since there were two of us, we would share the "9," and thus each earned a grade of 4.5. He went on to state that unfortunately the apple we used as a bribe was half rotten, so he could only give us half a grade, so we each only earned a 2.25. I still have that letter, and for some unexplained reason, I will probably always keep it.

I am now a college professor, and have often reflected about the role models I had at Dana. My professors at Dana taught me that one can have high standards when fairness is the norm; that a professor should have high expectations for his or her students, and encourage them to achieve their goals. I highly value my experiences at Dana, and hope that Dana continues to provide students the same opportunities I had for many years into the future.

Prepared by Dr. Abigail Hubbard '71, Houston, Texas

PAUL AND JEAN (WOOD) HUNDTOFT

My grandpa, Karl Hundtofte, wrote in his diary about leaving his parents back in Denmark when he was 29 years old to travel to America. His intentions were to study and become a Lutheran pastor at Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska. He remained a student at Trinity Seminary from 1893-94. My mother's dad, P.C. Jensen, came over from Denmark at the age of 12 and eventually attended Dana College from 1909-1913 and Trinity Seminary from 1913-1916. I can still vividly recall Grandpa P.C. telling stories about living on the fourth floor of Old Main and getting up at 3 a.m. to trek down the flights of steps which led outside to the primitive bathroom facilities.

Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins of mine from Iowa, Nebraska and Montana also attended Dana. My dad, Tony, left the farm in Sidney, Montana, to receive an education at Dana from 1933-34. Looking through his autograph book, I found a note of best wishes from his fellow classmate, C.C. Madsen. Upon my graduation from Dana in 1976, Dr. C.C. Madsen, now President Emeritus of Dana College, was one of the three people I selected to write a letter of recommendation for me.

On the eve of my graduation, Grandpa P.C. Jensen was honored as a recipient of the Dana Distinguished Alumni Award. But the most cherished participant at the graduation ceremonies was my fiancée and fellow classmate, and now my wife, Jean Wood Hundtoft.

Prepared by Paul Hundtoft '76, Blair, Nebraska

LYNNETTE HUNT

My relationship with Dana is longstanding. Shortly after moving to Blair in 1959 I was drawn to Dana and the members of the Dana community whom I found to be an intelligent, loyal group with a serious commitment to developing the abilities and minds of the students who came to the school. I spent a short period of time as manager of the Dana bookstore and snack bar when it was still located on the first floor of Old Main. I live close to the Dana campus and through the years have maintained contact with the students and faculty through a series of volunteer services ranging from checking the card catalogue at the library to working with foreign students.

I appreciate the contribution the school makes to the Blair community and wish it many more productive years in helping students develop their personal talents as well as a sense of their productive place in our society and the world community.

Prepared by Lynnette Hunt, Blair, Nebraska

DAVID AND JANINE HUNT

David has known of Dana College since shortly after his birth. Having lived so close to the campus, he has many stories of exploring the entire area. My introduction to Dana was attending the dedication of the Campus Center, when it was named the "E.C. Hunt Campus Center." I began to understand the strong involvement Dave's family has always had with the college.

The two of us have enjoyed many wonderful experiences through people and gatherings at the college. We wholeheartedly support the Dana program and all that it stands for. We hope to continue our involvement through the years . . . and help Dana continue to touch the lives of students and the community.

Prepared by Janine Hunt, Blair, Nebraska

EMORY AND EDNA HUNT

Having been residents of Blair since 1926, Edna and Emory Hunt have watched Dana go through many changes and grow into the fine educational institution it is today. For this and many other reasons, Dana holds a very dear place in their hearts. The Blair community is very fortunate indeed to have such a wonderful facility to call our own.

Prepared by their granddaughter, Karen Hunt, Blair, Nebraska

HUGH AND JANE HUNT

The relationship Jane and I share with Dana goes beyond personal friendships. From a businessman's perspective, Dana provides a significant impact on our local economy, enabling Blair to compete in the product and service arena with surrounding metropolitan areas. On the humanitarian side, Dana provides a wide variety of cultural and recreational opportunities. Benefits reaped by the entire community are in no small part attributable to the quality personnel attracted by Dana and their positive interaction both on behalf of the college, and in their own right. Being able to offer an outstanding liberal arts program in a Christian atmosphere is another Dana "plus."

In 1988, I was presented Dana's College-Community Service Award. This was an unexpected honor; supporting such a deserving educational facility in your home town just seems the "thing to do." It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to share such a mutually gratifying relationship with an institution such as Dana. In closing, I think it would be safe to say that not only has the quality of life been enhanced for Jane and myself, but for all who take the opportunity to become involved with Dana.

Prepared by Hugh W. Hunt, Blair, Nebraska

JANYCE AND RICHARD HUNT

I was privileged to serve on the Dana Board of Regents for 12 years. Janyce and I have grown to love Dana and all that it stands for.

We have been host parents to many wonderful Dana students from foreign lands as well as to American students.

We have received many blessings through the years from the various activities we have participated in at Dana.

Prepared by Janyce and Richard Hunt, Blair, Nebraska

HUNTEL SYSTEMS, INC.

HunTel Systems has indeed long been a patron and friend of Dana College. Over years too numerous to count, HunTel has supported the endeavor of Dana to provide quality educational opportunities in a rural setting. The ability to attract students and staff from all over the country is directly attributable not only to a first-class liberal arts curriculum and campus, but also the exemplary leadership Dana continues to have in place.

Dana's reciprocal involvement in the community is yet another reason for the special relationship fostered between Blair area residents and students/staff of the college. Recreational, entertainment, and educational opportunities are open to the entire community. From a business perspective, Dana alumni are an immediate resource available to area employers, and historically many Dana graduates make Blair their home after college.

It is our desire at HunTel Systems to continue to be a part of the Dana "community." Its growth and development provide an ongoing source of excitement and pride for all who take advantage of the opportunity to become involved.

Prepared by Reneé Myers, Marketing Manager, Blair, Nebraska

ISCO, INC.

Isco's relationship with Dana College developed as a result of Phil Wittig's (1956) employment by Isco. As Chief Financial Officer, he has had responsibility for management of Isco's charitable contribution program. Over time, the support of higher education, private and public, has become an important component of Isco's contribution program.

JAMES AND MARGERY IVERSEN

I attended Dana College my freshman and sophomore years, 1951-53, and if for not transferring to pursue an engineering career, would have been a member of the Class of '55.

Dana College was a natural choice. Brother Reuben and sister Rhoda attended before me as well as two Danish immigrant aunts (Marie and Kathrine Iversen) in the first decade of the twentieth century. A number of other relatives have been students since, including son David Iversen, BA 1986.

Two unforgettable years included chapel services in Pioneer Memorial and Old Main, singing in the Dana Choir, the men's chorus, and the college men's quartet. Included among the memories from Dana are not only fellow students, but also faculty members, people like Bill Thomsen for whom I worked as an assistant teacher while still a student. Although the room on the fourth floor of the northwest corner of Old Main where our classes were held is gone, the memories remain. Many years later, I worked again with Bill in connection with his monumental Tower of the Four Winds.

Our connections with Dana did not end with my leaving as a student in 1953. While son David was on campus Marge and I served as members of the Parents Committee. The Distinguished Alumnus Award received from Dana in 1987 is a much cherished honor. My Danish heritage, some of which I learned to realize at Dana, has been valuable background to our service for the Danish Immigrant Museum, located in the town of Elk Horn, Iowa, where some of Dana's history exists from a century ago.

ANKER AND VITA JENSEN

I came to Dana in 1932 and graduated in 1936 with a B.A. degree. In 1938, after receiving the M.A. degree in English literature from the University of Chicago, and teaching one semester at Morgan Park Military Academy, I returned to the Dana campus to attend Trinity Seminary from which I graduated in 1941, with the B.D. degree.

Vita (Hansen) came to Dana in 1933 and graduated from the music supervisors course in 1935. She then attended Milwaukee State College, taught one year in Milwaukee, and then returned to the Blair area where she taught Junior High at March School until we were married in 1941.

We did not meet at Dana but we met because of Dana. We met in Audubon, Iowa, in 1933 when she was on her way to Dana. One of our highlights at Dana was the choir; I was a member of the choir that went to Denmark in 1935.

Our son, Timothy Jensen, and his wife, Sharon (Messer), both graduated from Dana, Timothy in 1966 and Sharon in 1965.

Their son Erik is a student at Dana (Class of 1996).

Vita's parents, Pastor Fred C.M. Hansen and wife Carrie (Hansen), both went to Dana. Vita's father also went to Trinity Seminary, graduating in 1914.

GENEVIEVE (SKAU) JENSEN

Dana College has always been a part of my life, since I grew up in Blair. I never considered attending any other college when I graduated from Blair High in 1938. I lived at home, so was not a part of dorm living, but I did get acquainted with students because I worked in the office for Rev. Siersbeck and P.V. Hansen. As I look back, I'm very grateful for classes taught by Christian teachers.

I continue to keep Dana in my prayers and attend the Dana Builders luncheon and Homecoming whenever possible.

My daughter, Betty (Jensen) Muhs, also attended Dana for one year.

To me, "Happiness is"--having Old Main replaced. I tell people my only claim to fame is having the beloved C.X. Hansen a relative--my uncle Chris.

H.P. JENSEN FAMILY

Hans Peter Jensen, born April 28, 1857, immigrated to the U.S.A. from Denmark when he was in his early twenties and had learned the carpenter's craft. His mother died when he was seven and he was sent out to herd cattle. At night he removed his rain-soaked clothing and slept in a haymow. Often his clothing was icy in the morning but there was nothing else to put on. Despondent, he hunted in vain for a rope with which to hang himself. At age 14 he knew he wanted to become a carpenter. For two years beginners were required to keep all tools in excellent condition. At age 16 their eager yearning to work with wood could begin.

In Story City, Iowa, Hans Peter bought a house for his step-mother and half-brother, sent for them to come from Denmark and provided their livelihood. In Nevada, Iowa, Hans Peter met Anna Johnsen who at age 11 had emigrated from Denmark together with her parents and siblings. H.P. and Anna became engaged in 1887 when he had decided to study for the ministry. He was ordained at the Seminary in Elk Horn, Iowa, on March 12, 1893, with the Rev. Chr. Anker officiating. Two days later the Rev. H.P. Jensen and Anna Johnsen were united in holy matrimony, and again the Rev. Chr. Anker officiated. Parishes served by these dedicated servants of the Lord were Fredericksburg, Nebraska; Luck and Neenah, Wisconsin; Cedar Falls, Iowa; again Fredericksburg, and then the last parish was West Branch, Iowa. To this union seven children were born--Dagny, Olga, the twins Aaron and Reuben, Amos, Asaph, and I, Olivia. I am the last survivor of this Jensen family. I miss them all very much!

Dad was faithfully committed to the sacred duties of Jesus Christ's ministry. Mother likewise was a loving and gifted servant of the Lord. She was organist for all services and special occasions. She had also learned the wonderful domestic arts early in life and pursued them diligently and meticulously. In her retirement years here in California she won nine blue ribbons at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Dad faithfully supported Dana College and served 20 years on the Board of Trustees. Olga, Aaron, Asaph and I respected the Christian faculty and atmosphere at Dana.

At age 93 our father enjoyed physical mobility and spiritual vigor. From time to time we were amazed by his intimate quotations of Scripture from memory. In our last conversation he complained of "chest pains" and added "But I take comfort in Ephesians, 6th Ch. '...above all take the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.'" In the morning he was still seated in his chair, fully dressed, but his soul with "SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS" (Fanny Crosby).

Prepared by their daughter, Olivia (Jensen '27) Soe, Los Angeles, California

IRVING F. AND ELISABETH JENSEN

Irving F. Jensen's relationship with Dana goes back many, many years. Dana College and Trinity Seminary provided spiritual leadership to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, from the early days of the congregation up until the time Trinity Seminary was merged with Wartburg Seminary. Since that time the spiritual leadership has come out of Wartburg Seminary. Irving and his father, Chresten M. Jensen, both had a long-time relationship with Dana College and the faculty of the college.

President Cliff Madsen appointed Irving to the Board of Regents of Dana College in 1963. He served on the Dana Board through 1976. Irving continued to support Dana and visit the campus on a regular basis up until 1990, the year of his passing.

During his years of association with Dana he was supported by his wife, Elizabeth, in his endeavors. Elizabeth has traveled with him many times to attend meetings at Dana College. In May 1989 President Christopherson and the Dana College Board awarded Irving the new order of the Great Danes of Dana.

Irving Jensen was very proud of Dana College and his Danish heritage.

KENNETH AND LILLIAN (HANSEN) JENSEN

"Dana College" was a household word as I grew up as a child. My parents (Rev. N.B. Hansen and Metta Sorensen) both attended and met at Dana and often spoke of fond memories and the wonderful friendships they had made there. Because of growing up in the parsonage, I had the opportunity to meet many guests from Dana and the UELC--pastors, missionaries, male quartets, representatives of the college, etc. Dana was our college. It was the only natural school for us to attend. Even though it was far from my home in those days, I wanted to attend there and receive the blessings that my folks referred to so many times.

All the expectations that I had were there: I received a good education; I made many good friends with a Christian background and common interests; and the experience enriched my Christian life and prepared me for a life ahead as a wife and a mother.

Since the mergers, there have been many changes. The church has gotten so large and we have several Lutheran colleges close to us, some of which our children attended. Even in light of this, we continue to thank our Lord for the background, the memories, and the friendships that we received through our associations with Dana. May God bless our school that it may continue to serve our young people as was intended when our forefathers started Dana.

MERTON JENSEN FAMILY

Two members of the Merton Jensen family attended Dana College, Merton himself '34 and his daughter Jane '65.

Merton comes from a strong Danish farming background. His grandfather Soren Jensen immigrated to this country from Denmark in 1864 and eventually became the largest landowner in Washington County. Soren helped many other Danish farmers get their start in this country. Merton's parents Henry and Esther Jensen farmed just north of Dana until 1972.

Merton enrolled at Dana in 1928. Football had just come to Dana in 1926 and the Vikings had not been doing well. In the second game of the 1928 season, the Vikings scored their first victory, and Merton had the distinction of scoring the first touchdown by a Dana player. He was also a member of the undefeated football team of 1932. During his years at Dana, he was known as one of the "town boys" as he did not live on campus. He remembers the "town boys" gathering room in Old Main and often tells of their escapades. However, he was a good student as well as an outstanding athlete.

After Merton graduated from Dana, he farmed his father's land and in 1937 began farming on his own. He also assisted John "Choppy" Rhodes in coaching the Blair High School football team. During this time, he met his future wife, Betty Jane Crichton, Choppy's sister-in-law. They were married in 1939 and moved onto a farm three miles north of Blair. They had four daughters, Judith, Jane '65, Valerie (deceased) and Deborah.

The Jensens' love of learning was passed on to their daughters, and Merton's respect for Dana College encouraged his daughter Jane to enroll there in 1961. There is definite agreement between father and daughter that Dana College provided not only an excellent education but also a strengthening of values.

In 1976 Merton was among the six charter inductees into the Dana College Athletic Hall of Fame, an honor of which the whole family is very proud.

Merton and Betty lived on their farm for over 51 years until they moved to Blair in 1991. They still own some of the land on the homeplace and continue to cooperatively farm it. And Dana still remains dear to the hearts of the family. We are proud to have Dana College as a part of our lives and to play a part in erecting a new "Old Main."

Prepared by their daughter, Jane (Jensen '65) Warman, Beltsville, Maryland

MILTON AND BEVERLY (PETERSON) JENSEN FAMILY

Both Milton and Beverly come from a long line of Dana alumni.

Milt met his wife, Beverly (Peterson '60), while both were students at Dana. Their sons Dave '81 and Mark '85 also met their wives while attending Dana. Dave married Amy Nichols '82; Mark married Karla Jensen '88.

Milt '58 served as a teacher and coach in the Iowa public schools for 28 years before entering Wartburg Seminary in 1986. He was ordained in November of 1990 and served Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church near Fremont, Nebraska, and now serves St. Peter Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, Iowa. He also served a one-year term on the Dana Alumni Council.

Prepared by their son, David Jensen '81, Fremont, Nebraska

PAUL AND LIZBETH (AHRENS) JENSEN

During my confirmation years, my pastor, Allison Hansen of Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook, Maine, urged me to consider attending Dana College. When all was said and done, my family and I thought that a smaller (student-to-faculty ratio) college would be the best for me. My mother, Vivian Jensen, and father, Robert Jensen, and younger brother Jonathan, drove me from Westbrook, Maine, to Blair, Nebraska. During my junior year I urged my older brother Wayne, who had been recently discharged from the Air Force, to also consider Dana. Wayne graduated in 1970 from Dana and went on to get his master's degree.

Wayne and I both fell in love and married Dana students. Wayne married the former Susan Davis, and I married Beth (Ahrens '70) Jensen in 1969. Beth's folks were stationed in Japan in the Air Force. Her parents, Frank and Myrna, knew that Beth had two cousins who were also attending Dana. Furthermore, they felt that Dana, being a smaller midwestern church college, would give both Beth and her parents more peace of mind while separated by 15,000 miles.

Both Beth and I, as well as all of the other students who were our friends while at Dana, have excellent positions with various corporations throughout the United States. We all owe Dana College our continued support as God moves us through life's maze.

RICHARD A. AND BONNIE (HAGEDORN) JENSEN

Richard (Dick) and Bonnie Jensen's first acquaintance with Dana College was through their pastors and congregations: First Lutheran in Fremont, Nebraska, and Bethlehem Lutheran in Royal, Iowa. Both responded enthusiastically to the witness of Dana College students and representatives at Luther League events, choir tours, and Okoboji Bible Camp (Milford, Iowa) programs. United Evangelical Lutheran Church pastors who were enthusiastic supporters of Dana College greatly influenced their Christian commitment and attitude toward vocations within the church. Sometimes it seemed that commitment to the church and commitment to Dana College were almost synonymous.

Dick attended Dana, 1952-56, graduating with B.A. *cum laude* with a major in philosophy. He was active in campus life, Lutheran Student Association, a capella choir, men's glee club and the men's tennis team. He planned to attend Trinity Seminary on the Dana campus in the fall of 1956 but moved to Wartburg Theological Seminary with the Trinity Seminary faculty and student body. He served as campus pastor and religion professor at Dana, 1965-68, and religion professor, 1968-70. In 1970 he commenced a leave of absence for Ph.D. studies. In the meantime, he received a call to the faculty of Wartburg Theological Seminary and did not return to the Dana faculty.

Bonnie was a student at Dana for her freshman year, 1956-57, and then was married to Dick and joined him in Dubuque, Iowa, at Wartburg Seminary. During Dick's years on the Dana faculty, 1965-70, she completed her last two years at Dana, graduating with a B.S. *magna cum laude*, majoring in elementary education.

Bonnie's sister, Dixie Hagedorn Petersen, attended Dana for two years, 1959-61, and married Dana graduate Duane Petersen, class of 1960. Dick's sisters attended Dana: Karen Jensen Capel, 1956-60, and Janet Jensen Sono, 1964-65. Dick and Bonnie's daughter, Dodelle, attended Dana for the spring semester, 1979.

Dick and Bonnie are greatly influenced by the theological perspective and Christian piety of Dana College and the UELC, particularly as it was characterized by strong personal faith commitment combined with openness to new theological insights and trends. During their years as missionaries and leaders in the American Lutheran Church, 1960-1987, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1988 and following, they have conscientiously represented the Dana/UELC tradition of warm piety and theological openness within the wider milieu of American Lutheranism.

Both have been named Distinguished Alumni of Dana College, Bonnie in 1982 and Dick in 1987. They remain supportive of the ministry of Dana. Bonnie became a member of the Board of Regents in 1993.

Prepared by Bonnie L. Jensen '70, Park Ridge, Illinois

RICHARD J. JENSEN

I did not attend Dana College. My daughters--Janis R. (Jensen) Gaule, Class of 1972, and Jean C. (Jensen) Harpst, Class of 1975--graduated from Dana. We feel close to Dana College.

Janis and Jean chose Dana for many reasons. My father's parents came to America from Denmark. Janis and Jean had cousins graduate from Dana. They toured the Dana campus and liked the small college atmosphere.

Dana will continue to have many fond memories for Janis, Jean and myself. My deceased wife, Mabel E. Jensen, and I were always proud of our daughters' graduation from Dana. My daughters (Janis and Jean) and I have established the Mabel E. Jensen Scholarship Fund at Dana.

Prepared by Richard J. Jensen, Omaha, Nebraska

PAUL AND ADA (STOKES) JEPPESEN

For all of my life Dana has been a part of me. My father attended Dana and Trinity Seminary, living, studying, and working in Old Main. For him the Dana campus was the place he realized the fulfillment of objectives for which he emigrated from Denmark, so in my childhood in the UELC parsonage in Indianapolis, Dana was often in our conversations. It was assumed that Dana College would be the college my brother Herbert and I would attend.

World War II delayed my coming to Dana, as it did many of my college friends, but by September, 1946, I had arrived in Blair where I spent four years in academic preparation, meaningful friendships, and spiritual growth.

After graduation from Dana, I did graduate work at the University of Minnesota. There, through my acquaintance with Luella Nielsen, who was also doing graduate work, I met Ada, her cousin. We married later and started our teaching careers in California. Ada knew much about Dana through the years from her cousins and her aunt and godmother, Meta Nielsen of Albert Lea. Ada, a Valparaiso University graduate, because of her cousins and her yearly visits to the Dana campus, feels almost like a Dana alumna.

Both Ada and I feel what Dana stands for has enriched our lives and the lives of our relatives and close, lifelong friends. We want that enrichment to be a part of the lives of many students to come as they spend a very meaningful part of their lives here.

Prepared by Paul A. Jeppesen '50, Pomona, California

ARTHUR A. AND BERTHA M. JERSILD

The Korean War interrupted my first year at Dana in 1951. The fall of 1952 I started my course work toward a degree in Secondary Education at Dana. Since my interests were technical in nature, the following fall I transferred to Stout State College in Menomonie, Wisconsin, where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Education in 1955.

A number of young people from my home congregation, Highland Park Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, were in attendance at Dana at the time. Art Sorensen, a Trinity Seminary student, was a mentor in a number of ways. We discussed Dana College as a small Lutheran school, not only as to location and curriculum, but also as to the caring attitude of upper classmen and teaching staff. Art was the bookstore manager and he helped me financially by making me aware of a part-time opening in the bookstore, which I applied for and was awarded.

A number of first cousins were students at Dana at that same time. Paul Jersild and Marilyn (Steffensen) Jersild were there. Anton Kirkegaard and his brother Walter and sister Mary Ruth were also students there at that time. Anton and Walter both completed their Theological studies at Trinity Seminary and have had active careers in the Lutheran Ministry. Paul, Marilyn, Mary Ruth, and I have had very active careers in Education.

Having been out of school for more than five years made getting back into the study mode a very time-consuming effort. The educational environment at Dana helped make my efforts pay off. One of the A's which I received in Mathematics transferred to Stout as four credits instead of the three credits which I received for the course. Thank you, Dana.

Dana's archives, within the past year, helped fill in another part of our family genealogy records with information about my great-grandfather, Rev. A.L.J. Soholm. He was honored by the King of Denmark with the Cross Emblem of the Knights of Dannebrog for his lifelong and faithful service to his emigrated countrymen. The information was also helpful in taking our genealogical records back to Denmark to his parents in southern Jutland. Thank you again, Dana.

To serve one's fellow men is not only the obligation and responsibility of the church-related colleges and its environment toward future ministers, but also toward teachers, health care professionals, social workers, and even artists and business persons. My two roommates are good examples. Bent Damkar was a Pre-Seminary student and Howard C.R. Jensen was a Business Administration student. For various reasons, we were called "The Pious Three." If our behavior had a positive effect on other peers around us, then the "name" was positive in character. Serving one's fellow men is what Dana is all about.

My mother was a Nurse. My wife Bertha was both a Nurse and an Educator, and my wife's mother was an Educator and a Farmer's wife, so functioning in a serving atmosphere was not only expected, but also nurtured from both my wife's and my youth. My father was an accountant for Standard Oil for over 40 years and was the church Treasurer during most of my growing up years. My grandfather Jersild was Sunday School Superintendent during most of those same years.

Prepared by Arthur A. Jersild '55, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

HANS C. AND CARRIE (SINAMARK) JERSILD

My father, Hans, taught at Trinity Seminary. My mother was director of the Dana Choir. They met at Dana. My brother, Paul, also attended Dana and I attended in 1946-48. My father's brothers, Marvin and Gerhardt, are also Dana alumni. Attending Dana was a rich experience for me and I've always been appreciative of it.

Prepared by their son, Harold J. Jersild '50, Moline, Illinois

JOHN P. AND DORA (SINAMARK) JOHNSEN

John P. Johnsen was born January 1, 1894, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Peter and Marie Johnsen. He moved with his family to Fremont, Nebraska, where he attended the Fremont schools, including the Normal college. His wife, Dora Mae Sinamark, was born May 23, 1892, in Fremont. She attended the Fremont schools and then attended Dana College for part of one year. John was treasurer of the Nebraska District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for many years.

They were married in 1920 at First Lutheran Church (UELC) in Fremont. They were members of First Lutheran Church the remainder of their lives. Three sons born and baptized in Fremont are Marvin S. Johnsen (b. 7/3/21), Paul C. Johnsen (b. 6/29/25) and Ray V. Johnsen (b. 9/15/27).

Paul and Ray attended Dana College and both were graduated in May 1949. Paul was graduated from Trinity Theological Seminary and was ordained into the U.E.L.C.A. in June 1952.

Marvin is married to Alice Cunningham, Paul is married to Carolyn Joyce Nelson '50, and Ray's wife is Nancy Watson.

Sue, daughter of Ray and Nancy, attended Dana College. Timothy, David and Sonya, children of Paul and C. Joyce, attended and graduated from Dana College. Mark, also a son of Paul and C. Joyce, attended Dana College a short time.

Prepared by their son, Paul C. Johnsen D'49 T'52, Huntington Beach, California

PAUL C. AND C. JOYCE (NELSON) JOHNSEN

Knowing I would be drafted into the service in the summer of 1943, I graduated from high school a semester early and came to Dana for one semester in January, 1943. When discharged from the service, I returned to Dana in September, 1946, graduating with the class of 1949. I returned to Trinity Seminary the following year, graduating from the seminary in the spring of 1952.

Joyce also came to Dana in 1946. She attended for three years between the years 1946 and 1950.

My mother, Dora (Sinamark) Johnsen, studied one year at Dana prior to attending nurses training in Omaha.

Joyce's father, the Rev. Carl A. Nelson, attended Dana and graduated in 1925, going on to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Four of our five children attended Dana. Tim (the Rev. Timothy Johnsen of Palm Desert, California) attended from 1971, graduating in 1975. Dave (the Rev. David Johnsen of Chino, California) attended from 1973, graduating in 1977. Mark (of North Hollywood, California) attended an academic Interim at Dana. Sonya (Mrs. Jon Pedersen of Dubuque, Iowa) attended from 1982, graduating in 1986.

Dana College has been dear to the hearts of the Johnsen family from the days our parents attended there, and remains so.

RAY JOHNSEN

As I was growing up at home, my parents always spoke highly of Dana College and what a fine place it was.

My brother attended Dana first, and his feelings about the place impressed me.

When I got to Dana, I realized that Dana College was interested in giving a person a top-quality education--but more importantly--in giving a person a real purpose for living. The Dana influence made a big difference in my life and I believe in the lives of all who have attended Dana. My thanks to Dana and to all those dedicated people who have been associated with it all these years.

Family members who attended Dana: mother--Mrs. John P. Johnsen (Dora Sinamark), brother--Rev. Paul C. Johnsen, daughter--Mrs. Patrick Flynn (Sue N. Johnsen).

Prepared by Ray Johnsen '49, Arlington, Virginia

ANDREW JOHNSON AND KATHY GERKING

My family's connection to Dana goes back many years (see the information provided by my brother Paul Johnson '76). I was not aware of that history at the time I chose Dana. I only knew of my parents' devotion to the institution and Paul's enthusiasm for the school. However, I was influenced a great deal by the choir being at our church in Pittsburg when I was in junior high. I knew when I went to college, I wanted to be around the kind of people I met that night.

Kathy '82 was actually the second Kathy Gerking to attend Dana. Her aunt, Kathleen (Gerking '67) Parker, studied music at Dana and loved singing under Dr. Neve. A cousin of her mother's, Mary Jane (Folkerts '63) Anthony, also graduated from Dana. My wife's connection to Dana grew through years of involvement in high school church youth organizations in the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. She served on that body's District Council (as did her father, Jim), and the positive experience of that group of people blended for her with a place called Dana where they always met (staying in Elk Horn Hall). Along with "Encounter School" and Conventions, these opportunities held at Dana exposed her to this college of the church.

Following the pattern set by my parents and brother, Dana was a matchmaking place for Kathy and me. We shared experiences in different Dana activities such as Choir and Danish Dancers, but it was really the "old" IBM Selectric typewriter that she owned which got us to spend so much time together! Now, just 13 years later and firmly into the computer age, we're aware of how much has changed all around us and with us--and with Dana. We are both grateful that our parents, Jim and Deanne, and Oscar and Dody, made it possible for us to attend this church college. Dana was for us a place that nurtured relationships and offered the tools to pursue knowledge and meaning in life. These connections continue for us--most recently as college friends have served as baptismal sponsors for our children: Danette Johns '82 for Anna, and Joanne Hansen '81 for Aaron. We hope that this new building will make it possible for the people who make Dana the jewel that it is to continue in the mission of the church and of its college.

Prepared by Andy Johnson '83, Cambridge, Iowa

ED AND CANDY JOHNSON

I arrived at Dana College in the fall of 1970. The first of my family to go to college, I knew almost no one at Dana. When I left four years later, I not only had a fine education but a lifetime full of friends that make up the most important people outside my own family to this day.

Dana was the catalyst for the period of my life when I matured and grew the most. It challenged me academically to do better and it challenged me athletically to compete against schools more equipped to field competitive teams. Most important, Dana was about people. From Mrs. Laaker to Dean Rasmussen, from Coach Rainforth to Coach "Pete," I found people I respected and liked.

Dana provided me the core of my closest friends today. I was fortunate to meet people like Gary Kratina, Bryan Traylor, Brad Schweer, Jerry Wilson, and Steve Woitock. They are people I counted on then and still can count on today.

I am proud to be the first of my family to graduate from college. I am prouder to say it was from Dana that I received my degree. I hope this new facility will be a place for many more students to come, grow, exchange ideas and make a family of lifelong friends.

JOHN AND KRISTI (PLANCK) JOHNSON

Dana College, with its Danish Lutheran heritage, was a place where I looked forward to attending. I shared that heritage and soon became part of the Dana Family. In 1962 I graduated from Dana and still consider myself part of the extended Dana family of friends, faculty, and administrators.

Prepared by Kristi (Planck '62) Johnson, Bethesda, Maryland

KEVIN C. AND KARI JO (MOLZER) JOHNSON

Dana College has a special place in our lives, which is why we are proud to be a part of the Commemorative Wall. In 1982 we met while the Dana College Choir was on a tour in Europe. Kevin graduated from Dana in May of 1983 with Math, Business Administration and Computer Science majors. In May of 1985 Kari Jo graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Psychology.

We are both the first in our families to graduate from Dana. The Lord willing, our children Kirsten and Kaitlin, as well as future generations, will be granted a chance to attend Dana. We hope that the "new" Old Main will mean as much to future students, as Old Main and Dana College have meant to us.

Prepared by Kevin '83 and Kari Jo (Molzer '85) Johnson, Omaha, Nebraska

OSCAR AND DODY (JENSEN) JOHNSON

Oscar: In my senior year in high school I felt that I had a call to the ministry. This meant, of course, that Dana College was destined to become a big part of my life.

I came to Dana in January of 1939. Our family had come through the Great Depression and years of drought in Central Nebraska. I had \$6, my father little more. Instead of enrolling me, Dana put me to work on the college farm. The starting pay was \$.15 an hour which did soon advance to \$.20. By September I had enough (\$150) to enroll as a freshman. In those first two years I had earned both a living and the beginning of a college education.

Money ran out after two years so I joined the great exodus to California, the aircraft industry and the beginning of World War II. A bout with polio changed my 1A draft status to 4F so I went back to Dana to finish college and seminary. Like many other Dana students, I met my life's partner at Dana, "Dody," who will tell her story.

Dody: The Dana Choir sang in my home church in the mid '30s. Clarice Aus, my aunt, was a member of the choir. It was a big event in my young life and from then on I wanted to go to Dana.

My two years at Dana were very special years in my life. Being a part of the choir was the best of probably too many activities and I thank Paul Neve for my love of Bach's music.

From Dana years I have treasured friendships and a Norwegian husband. Two of our four children are Dana grads--Paul '76 and Andrew '83--as are their wives. It is a thrill for me to sing in Dana reunion choirs with them. Our other two children, David and Julianne, graduated from other schools but have helped make this gift possible.

We hope our six grandchildren, Jason, Jeremy, Nathan, Kristina, Anna and Aaron will "rise up and sing our song" at Dana.

Students went to Dana from every parish we served--maybe partly because the Dana Choir sang in each one!

Prepared by Oscar E. Johnson D'44 T'47 and Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa

PAUL AND LIZ (MILLER) JOHNSON

When I arrived at Dana as a freshman in 1972, I saw the name of one of my great-aunts, Clarice Aus, on a plaque in the Campus Center. It helped give me a sense of "belonging," knowing that my family had helped make Dana what it was. Liz and I are pleased that if our children, Nathan and Kristina, attend classes in this new building, they will see by this Commemorative Wall that their parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, believed in Dana and its mission, and that they too may feel that same sense of "belonging."

As far as I know, my family's relationship to Dana goes back to 1903 when J.P. Jensen, the husband of my grandfather's sister, came to teach at Dana and Trinity Seminary. Two years later he became President of both schools. Unfortunately, he died of typhoid fever only three years later at the age of 37. He was the only Dana President to die in office.

My mother and father, Dody (Jensen) and Oscar Johnson, attended Dana in the 1940s and Dad graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1947. They thought enough about Dana to give me "Dana" as my middle name in 1953. The day I arrived as a freshman, Mom suggested that, since I was named for the college, my middle name should be pronounced with a short "a," as the name of the college is pronounced, rather than with a long "a." So it was!

Liz's grandmother, Frances Sully, received her teaching degree from Dana in 1964 at the age of 60. Like many others, she went back to college after years of teaching when schools began to require teachers to get their bachelor's degrees.

Just as my parents met at Dana in the 1940s, I met my future bride at Dana in the 1970s. I was serving as an admissions counselor and Liz had a work-study job in the Admissions Office. My brother, Andy, met his wife-to-be, Kathy Gerking, at Dana also, as did Liz's sister, Margie Miller, who married Ted Bansen.

So Dana is truly a family affair for Liz and me. We also continue to enjoy the "extended" family we've acquired through close, lifelong friends we met here on the hill. It is our hope that this new facility will serve as a meeting place for great people and great ideas for many generations to come.

MICHAEL AND FAYE (COLES) JONES

September 1, 1967, is an important date that carries significance for the Michael Jones family. This is the date that Michael started as a freshman at Dana. It is because of Frank Gabby '57 and his family that allowed Dana College to become such an important part of Michael Jones, his wife Faye, and their two children, Eva and Mark. Faye Jones started Dana College in the fall of 1973, attending classes for five semesters before transferring to Logan Chiropractic College in 1975. Faye has been a chiropractor in the Blair-Tekamah area since 1979.

Dana College means a lot to the Jones family for many reasons. It is where Michael and Faye met and decided to wed. It is where Michael has spent most of his adult working life being associated with Dana and working on behalf of the college. Michael worked for the Admissions Office for thirteen years during the '70s and mid-'80s, becoming their Director of Admissions. In 1986 he became associated with the Development Office and now works as the Director of Development. Michael writes, "It is a privilege for me to represent Dana College and to help in our mission to serve. I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about the world, myself, and others, and I appreciate the opportunity to work with others who work very hard and are dedicated to providing a Christian liberal arts education for our students. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our alumni and friends who believe in Dana College, and I hope that opportunity prevails for many years to come."

Prepared by Michael Jones '71, Blair, Nebraska

DON AND JOYCE (VASBY) JORGENSEN

Growing up in tiny Poy Sippi, Wisconsin, and attending the "Danish Lutheran" Church, it was almost a given that if one went to college, the only option was Dana in faraway Blair, Nebraska. So, after moving to Ripon in the fifth grade, ultimately graduating from high school and spending a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, I rebelled against those early collegiate aspirations and started at another institution. After one semester I had determined that it would probably be best if I would drive to the West Coast and ship out on a merchant ship in an attempt to find my niche.

It was here that destiny took hold. My brother Herb, who had graduated from Dana in '56, convinced me to drive through Blair and at least talk to someone about a fresh start. I did in January of 1957, and I stayed. Within a month, I met my future wife, Joyce Vasby '60, and as they say--the rest is history.

Joyce's reason and route in finding Dana was somewhat different. Her mother had passed away when she was in high school, and her father eventually remarried a former Danish missionary, Dagmar Petersen, whose father, Pastor N.C. Petersen, graduated from both Dana College and Trinity Seminary in 1904.

Upon graduation from high school, Joyce worked for a year in order to earn enough money to attend college, and her mother's influence led her to travel to this remote area of the Midwest and begin her academic career at a place she'd never seen.

A year and a half after we met, we were married. So, what began with my brother Herb ('56) meeting and marrying his wife Carol (Nielsen '57), followed by Joyce and me, continued with three others in Joyce's family meeting and marrying at Dana College: Brother Owen '64 and Pat (Petersen '64), sister Lucille '67 and Tim Brown '67, and brother Phillip '69 and Paula (Westfall '69). Our middle son Joel followed up later, graduating in 1991.

So, Dana has had a major influence on our family over the years. The values of the Christian liberal arts education that we were all privileged to receive cannot be over-emphasized. Because Dana has been blessed with outstanding leadership throughout its years of existence, we know that it will continue to be a shining beacon of hope and faith throughout future generations.

Prepared by Don Jorgensen '60, Ripon, Wisconsin

FLOYD AND DOROTHY (LANDBO) JORGENSEN

My relationship to Dana goes back a number of years. I grew up in the North Luck, Wisconsin, community and was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the home of Dr. Clifford Madsen and Rev. George Robertson. The importance of Dana and its positive influence was stressed before I entered public school. While growing up I had excellent teachers in Daily Vacation Bible School, including Rev. Verner Carlsen, Dr. Lloyd Neve, and other former Dana and Trinity Seminary students. Of course, being a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, I also had the influence of Dr. Morton's home church at Luck, Wisconsin. It was also my privilege while in college to conduct church services in Milltown, Wisconsin, the home of Dr. Christopherson while he was a small lad. There were also the special concerts of the Dana College Choir when they toured N.W. Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Dorothy's family was also close to Dana, which held a very special place at Golgotha Lutheran Church of Chicago, Illinois. Dorothy had special contacts with Dana and Trinity through her church and Bible camp at Greenville, Michigan. Because of her church background and because so many relatives and family friends had attended Dana, Dana was the only college she ever considered attending.

With these backgrounds and influences, it was no real surprise that we both attended Dana College. I received my B.A. and Dorothy, who attended in 1952-53, received a good foundation for her degree which she later completed at Bemidji State University after our children were in school.

The relationship with Dana went on as our son Mark graduated from Dana and our daughter Ann completed three years and then went on to earn her nursing degree.

We still get back to Dana on occasion and it will always remain very dear to our hearts. Even here, near Bemidji, Minnesota, we have found alumni from Dana, and we spread the word about Dana at every opportunity.

I am now retired from the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Minnesota, and Dorothy continues teaching seventh grade English at Bemidji Middle School. One of these students is the grandson of two Dana alumni. It is a small world!

Prepared by Floyd Jorgensen '53, Pinewood, Minnesota

JIM AND LINDA (MONEY) JORGENSEN

Our family has had very close ties with Dana College. Jim graduated from Dana in 1966, Linda in 1965, Jim's brother, Richard, in 1964 and his wife, Pat (Kiracofe), in 1963. Jim's and Richard's father, Stanley, attended Dana one year (1933-34), and Richard's and Pat's son, Joel, began attending Dana in 1994. Other family members who graduated from Dana include cousins Gail Koldenborg '59, and Cathrine '68, Janice '72, and Gary '75 Madsen. Gail's mother, Sigrid, and Cathy's, Janice's, and Gary's mother, Lenore, were Stanley's sisters. Stanley's mother, Cathrine (Hansen) Jorgensen, was a first cousin of C.X. Hansen. Jim and Richard also served on the staff at Dana, Jim as Dean of Students (1971-74) and later as Director of Planned Giving (beginning in 1994). Dr. Richard Jorgensen has taught in the History Department at Dana since 1970.

Jim and Richard Jorgensen grew up in Des Moines, graduating from North High School. While in Des Moines their family attended Highland Park Lutheran Church (U.E.L.C.). They were baptized by Rev. Stanley Larsen D'38 T'41 and confirmed by Rev. Ervine Bondo D'33 T'36.

Dana proved to be a home away from home, a place Jim enjoyed very much. In addition to carrying a regular class load, he participated in a number of activities, including student government, homecoming committee, dorm council and athletics. He was inducted into Dana's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. He also formed an entertaining group called the "Dana Three." Together with other classmates, Rick Houston and Jayne (Botos) Kolterman, they performed at high schools, college campuses, and community functions across Nebraska and Iowa.

Although raised in Blair, Linda lived on campus during her four years at Dana. She credits Rev. Bill Thomsen for motivating her to pursue an art major which she felt would have been unattainable at a larger college due to an insufficient high school art background. Rev. Thomsen nurtured in his students an appreciation for life as well as art.

Dana provided both of us with lifelong friendships together with many beneficial and memorable experiences.

Prepared by Jim '66 and Linda (Money '65) Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska

STANLEY AND ETHEL JORGENSEN

Probably the earliest of my relatives to have a connection with Dana College and Trinity Seminary would have been C.X. Hansen, who was my mother's cousin. Next would have been any of C.X. Hansen's children who may have attended Dana College and who would have been my second cousins.

The next would have been B. Marie Hansen from Lyons, Nebraska, about 1927-29. Next would have been her brother, Donald "Pat" Hansen from Lyons, who was at Dana the same time I was (1933-34). Both were my cousins.

In about 1959 my niece Gail Koldenborg from Kenosha, Wisconsin, was a student at Dana.

Next and most important to me were my two sons, Richard "Rich" S. Jorgensen and James "Jim" R. Jorgensen, in the mid-1960s.

Finally, my nieces and nephew Cathrine, Janice and Gary Madsen from Audubon, Iowa, were students from about 1968-75.

CHRISTIAN AND MARY (HANSEN) JUSTESEN

There were four girls in our family. The oldest, Anna, together with a friend, entered Dana College in the fall of 1918. When they returned home in spring of 1919 to Elk Horn, Iowa, where we lived, it was quite fascinating to hear how wonderful it was to be at Dana College. My parents were quite impressed and decided that I should also go there.

In September of 1919 Anna and I set out for Dana. We boarded a train in Atlantic, Iowa, and it didn't take long to travel the short distance through Iowa, cross the Missouri River to Omaha and transfer to a train for Blair, Nebraska. We alighted and soon spied the tower of Old Main of Dana on the hill.

My three sisters and I met our life mates at Dana College and Trinity Seminary. Anna became the wife of Marius Hansen, and some years later Christian Justesen and I were married. Our sister Martha also attended Dana College and she became the bride of Scriver Kloth. Finally the same happened to the fourth sister, Edna. She and George Robertson were friends at Dana and their wedding took place in the Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, Iowa. Three of the gentlemen graduated from Trinity Seminary and became pastors in Danish Lutheran churches serving congregations in various places. Marius Hansen became a medical doctor.

Chris and I had two daughters who also attended Dana. The oldest, Janet, married a Dana student, Paul Brostrom. Our second daughter, Lois, is married to Ron Miller and they live in Garden Grove, California.

The days I spent at Dana were some of the happiest in my life. I thank God and my parents for their guidance and direction for leading me there. May other generations have such a rewarding and joyful experience.

Prepared by Mary (Hansen '20) Justesen, Stanton, California

RODNEY AND NANCY KASTRUP

My family's involvement with Dana began in the early 1900s when my grandfather, Ernest Christensen, and his brother, Oscar Christensen, briefly attended Dana "Academy." Later, their sister, Serena Christensen, attended Dana. During the 1920s, Serena's husband, T.M. Hansen, served as Dana's President. C.C. Madsen was a student at that time.

In the generation that followed, my father's sisters, Elsie (Kastrup) Nielsen and Ruth (Kastrup) Kenaley, attended Dana and received teacher's certificates in the 1940s. My parents, Thorkild Kastrup and Lorraine (Christensen) Kastrup, met at Dana in the 1946-47 academic year.

My aunt, Mabel Kastrup, attended night school at Dana and graduated, with a teaching degree, in 1969. My brother, Roger Kastrup, and his wife, Marilyn (Muff) Kastrup, met at Dana in the early '70s.

When I graduated from Dana in 1972, I could look back on a long history of my family's involvement with Dana. More importantly for me, I took with me the memories, experiences, and friendships of my own years at Dana.

ERNEST AND IRENE KEHLBECK

We have no relationship to Dana College, as none of our family members attended it, but when the 1960 merger occurred, it became our college of the Central District. Quite a number of our church young people attended Dana, however, including the Rev. Clayton Nietfeld, who stayed with us for seven years, helping with farming and other responsibilities, taking out two years time to serve in the Army.

His son, Tim, and family live in Blair now, and the elder Nietfelds are in a parish near Pickrell, Nebraska.

Our family consists of us, a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Roesener, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of us wishing continued success in the on-going development of Dana College.

Prepared by Irene Kehlbeck, Bird City, Kansas

BRUCE AND CINDY (BLOBAUM) KEMPCKE

Having been raised in the Blair area, we have always been "aware" of Dana College. Before the new Blair Junior/Senior High School was built, equipped with a new gymnasium, we attended Blair basketball games at Dana during our high school years. In addition, Dana lent its track facilities to Blair prior to the addition of the high school's track.

In 1985 Dana College introduced its "Weekend College" program, and Cindy enrolled as a member of the first class of "weekenders." In addition, Cindy joined Dana's Development Office in September 1989, first as Records Assistant and presently as Administrative Assistant. After what seemed like forever, Cindy graduated in 1993 with three majors and as one of four class valedictorians.

Our daughter, Emily, enrolled as a freshman in September 1993, and hopes to graduate as part of the "Class of '97." It is our hope that her brothers, Lowell and Craig, will consider Dana when it is time for them to make college decisions.

Cindy's parents, Bob and Lois Blobaum, are also listed on the Commemorative Wall. We believe in the outstanding education Dana College offers its students, and are pleased that the new Classroom Center/Trinity Chapel is now complete.

ROALD A. AND SHIRLEY L. KINDEM

My first meeting at Dana was in 1968 when I served on an "evaluation team" for the Board of College Education of the American Lutheran Church. We were hosted both at the home of President C.C. Madsen and also at the college. Even in those days Dana had the reputation of having the most facilities per student of any of the ALC colleges.

After that "in depth" exposure to Dana I had the privilege of participating in several college-related advancement conferences in my capacity as Vice President for Development at California Lutheran University. Later I was a presenter and participant in a number of church-related conferences and conventions held at Dana. During all of my visits to the campus I have been impressed by the hospitality of the faculty and staff.

The highlight of our involvement with Dana came on the weekend of May 17, 1981, when Shirley and I were guests of the college. I gave the Commencement address and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree that year.

In 1982 Shirley and I were guests at the First Annual Builders Luncheon in honor of those who have remembered Dana in their estate plans. My theme for that day was: "God's Will Through Yours." We are pleased to be charter members of the Dana College Builders.

A final connection with Dana is through President Myrvin Christopherson. When I served as Director of the ALC's Office of Communication and Mission Support, Myrvin was a member of our national board.

Many fond memories about Dana College linger in our hearts. We are pleased and proud to be associated with such a quality church-related institution!

Prepared by Dr. Roald A. Kindem, Apple Valley, Minnesota

MICHAEL HALL KIRK

Michael Kirk, who would have graduated in May 1984, died unexpectedly at his home on August 24, 1983.

Mike was president-elect of the Dana chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He was vice president of the D-Club and on the Dean's List. In 1980 he traveled to Denmark with the basketball team.

He had been hauling sand in a wheelbarrow to a beach area at his parents' home at Riverside Lakes near Waterloo, Nebraska, when he suddenly collapsed and died.

Memorial services were held at Dana on September 9, after the start of classes. At the memorial service Prof. Don Baack spoke of Mike's "quiet but confident manner." He "seemed to have a smile for everyone," Baack said. "He was a hard worker in the classroom, and toward everything in his life that was important, including his athletic career and his business major.... Mike had all of the qualities that make an effective leader--common sense, courtesy, empathy, friendliness, confidence, communication skills, and a sense of direction.

"He also had all of the qualities that make for a good person," Baack said. "But maybe the thing I liked most about Mike was his ability to laugh. Even though he was a hard worker, he didn't take himself or the things around him so seriously that he couldn't enjoy life. And that was probably the reason he was so popular with his classmates."

Family members surviving Mike include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirk, two sisters, one of whom--Sabina (Kirk '82) Wiekhorst--attended Dana for two and one-half years--and a grandmother.

Dana was very dear to Mike--and to us.

Prepared by his mother, Mrs. John (Patricia) Kirk, Waterloo, Nebraska

LEO KIRCHHOFF

Being the first in my family to have the opportunity to attend and graduate from high school, I did not have a role model to follow for high school, let alone college or university. A graduate of a Nebraska one-room rural elementary school and Weeping Water High School with a graduating class of 15, I was reluctant to attend a large university or college. I had the honor and distinction of being the first relative on either my father or mother's side of the family to attend an institution of higher learning.

When I arrived at Dana I didn't know a single person. I was amazed how friendly and cordial the other freshmen, upperclassmen, faculty, staff, and townspeople of Blair were to me, a "country hick." Everyone quickly made me feel at home and helped me get adjusted to a new way of life.

Like many freshmen students, I didn't have any idea what I would major in, knowing only that I would not be a teacher. It was "Miss Mac," a dear education professor, who convinced me that I should consider the education field. I had the opportunity to be her driver to observe student teachers in school districts in and around Blair, and during those trips she helped convince me to at least try the teaching field in addition to my Business Administration Degree.

Needless to say, I am still in education. After graduating from Dana I received a Master's Degree in Administration and returned to the Blair community as an elementary school principal. Upon completion of my Doctor of Education degree from the University of Kansas, I left the Midwest and headed West to become a member of the department of education at Chico State, later to become California State University at Chico.

I have been fortunate to be able to travel extensively and to live in various parts of the world. My liberal arts education at Dana has given me the opportunity to build a solid foundation and a respect for other cultures, ideas and alternatives.

Being single, I now consider Dana a major part of my family.

MARTIN L. AND CARRIE KIRKEGAARD

Martin Kirkegaard's contact with Dana came very early in his life. In 1905, at age 14, he first attended Dana, studying stenography. He received his diploma in May 1906, the youngest person ever to receive a diploma from Dana at that time. In the next 35 years Martin would return to Dana in a variety of positions.

After working as a law clerk for several years, Martin returned to Dana in 1912 to continue his studies. At this time he had decided to enter the ministry. His studies also took him to the University of Nebraska, where he received his B.A. degree in 1919. At Dana during the school years 1918/19 and 1920/21, he received additional theological training. He was a member of the faculty, teaching business courses. During two summers he traveled, recruiting new students for Dana. The 1921/22 school year was spent at the University of Copenhagen, where he studied theology and the Danish language. During the 1922/23 school year Martin completed his studies at Trinity Seminary and was ordained at the yearly convention of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, at Elk Horn, Iowa.

In September 1923 Martin married Carrie Robertson of Blair. Martin had accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church at Mason City, Nebraska. Daughter Mary Beth was born here. Still Dana beckoned, and in 1925 Martin resigned his pastorate at Mason City and returned again to Dana. Now serving as registrar, Martin and family lived in the Men's Dormitory. A son, Lewis, was born in Blair. During the following years, Martin taught Business, New Testament Greek and New Testament Exegesis. Carrie never attended Dana as a student, but she enjoyed her years as a faculty wife.

In 1929, torn between his love of the ministry and his interest in Dana, Martin chose to return to the ministry and accepted a call from Pella Lutheran Church in Omaha. Another son, Paul, was born here. During the eleven years Martin was in Omaha, he served seven years as synodical secretary. His work with the synod kept him in close touch with Dana.

In 1940 the Kirkegaards moved to California, but Martin and Carrie never forgot or lost interest in Dana. Martin was especially fond of Old Main. Memories of Dana were often a part of family gatherings. Martin Kirkegaard died in 1947 and Carrie died in 1986.

Prepared by their son, Lou Kirkegaard, Moraga, California

CARSTEN C. AND ELISABETH (HANSEN) KLOTH

The Reverend Carsten Christian Kloth and Elisabeth Hansen Kloth and their extended family have had and still have a long connection with Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary. Pastor C.C. Kloth's connection with Dana/Trinity began between the years 1902-1906 when he pastored three Fremont, Nebraska, area churches and also served as Nebraska District President of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During these years he came to Blair as needed to teach Greek and Hebrew. On one later occasion (or two) C.C. Kloth was offered a professorship at the seminary, but chose to stay in his parishes.

From 1927 to 1930 Christian Scriver Kloth, third son in the line, studied at and graduated from Trinity Seminary. From 1935 to 1942 Adolph Brorson Lorenz Kloth, last son in the line, was a student at Dana and Trinity.

Then various grandchildren and great grandchildren of Carsten and Elisabeth Kloth were at Dana, Trinity or both. These include Robert W. Kloth, Paul A. Kloth, Dorothy Kloth, Mark Kloth, Luther C. Kloth, Stephen Kloth, Timothy Kloth, Ellen Kloth and Dana Kloth.

Extended members of the clan, all on the side of Elisabeth Hansen Kloth, include Evelyn Petersen and Clarence I. "Jerry" Lund, then members of the Kristian Hansen Lincoln family, namely, Luther H. "Abe" Lincoln, Richard H. "Dick" Lincoln, Chester "Chet" Lincoln, Elaine Lincoln, and grandson "Jerry" Lincoln. Add spouses of all these people and the line almost becomes a roster.

Carsten and Elisabeth themselves served in the full-time ministry of the U.D.E.L.C. (later the U.E.L.C.) for just one month short of sixty years. Pastor Kloth was not only District President in the Nebraska District, but also in the Atlantic District for a full twenty-five years. He served a total of thirteen congregations before retirement and did many interims along the way in the U.E.L.C. and other synods. Being fluent in German as well as Danish and English, he served at least two German Lutheran churches while serving his own Danish origin churches, one in Warren, Pennsylvania, and one in the Fremont, Nebraska, area. For retirement, Falmouth, Maine, was their home of choice. There they have their earthly resting place.

Prepared by their youngest son, Adolph B.L. Kloth D'39 T'42, Irvine, California

LUTHER C. AND DORIS (SIERSBECK) KLOTH

What brought Doris Siersbeck and Luther Kloth to the Dana College campus in 1957? It was no accident. Dana College had been a part of our families for many years before that. At the time of our enrollment, Doris' sister Beverly and brother Ronald were also attending Dana. Luther's uncle, Coach Paul Peterson, was the head coach, teacher, and athletic director, a position he would hold for 40 years. So Dana was truly a home away from home for us.

We both had roots in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Danish Synod that supported Dana as its only college. Lu came from one of two Danish congregations in Maine and Doris came from the only Danish congregation in Indiana. From miles apart, our common bond was Dana College.

Doris heard of Dana College early in life. Her uncle Lawrence Siersbeck, who had attended Dana College and Trinity Seminary, was the president of the college as Doris was growing up. In addition, Lawrence's daughters had attended Dana as well. Anker Siersbeck, Doris' father and Lawrence's brother, played a major role in encouraging his children to attend Dana because of its strong academic and Christian tradition. Furthermore, the Siersbecks' relationship with Dana continued through the next generation, when many of Doris' second cousins attended there.

Luther's connection with Dana began when his grandfather C. C. Kloth taught at Trinity Seminary. Lu's uncles, Scriver and Adolph Kloth, attended Dana. Also attending Dana have been many of Lu's first and second cousins on both the Kloth and Peterson sides. Coach Pete's brother "Bud" Peterson attended Dana as well.

Many of these relatives on both sides met their spouses at Dana just like Luther and Doris met each other. As a result, some well-known Dana names have become a part of the Kloth and Siersbeck families.

To continue the Dana College tradition in our family, we are proud that our son Dana (long "a") is presently enrolled at Dana. He will graduate in 1994.

Both of us treasure our years at Dana and continue to invest in its future. We feel that the excellent education we received and the Christian direction we were given have truly shaped our lives. We have always felt prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. For that we owe Dana College a debt of gratitude. Dana will always be a major part of our family history.

Prepared by Doris (Siersbeck '61) and Luther '61 Kloth, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

CARL AND JOYCE (PETERSON) KNUDSEN

My mother, Joyce Knudsen, is deceased. My father, Carl Knudsen, lives in Northfield, Minnesota. Neither had a chance to attend college, and yet Dana was as much a part of their lives as it has been for the four children they put through Dana.

My mother's father, Ezra Peterson, attended Dana and I'm told roomed with Christian Nelson, inventor of the Eskimo Pie. My mother's grandfather, P.M. Petersen, was one of the original four students at Dana.

My mother will be remembered for 33 dedicated years at the First National Bank in Northfield. She will also be remembered for her beautiful alto voice, much like that of her cousin, Donna Jean Petersen, whose beautiful voice has graced Dana on a number of occasions.

My dad represents those many Dana supporters whose children were the first generation of the family to attend college. My dad had great respect for Rev. John W. Nielsen, a Dana graduate who was pastor in Northfield. I believe that Rev. Nielsen would agree with me that my dad has done an excellent job of educating himself by reading avidly and learning skills on his own.

Best wishes for a prosperous future for Dana!

Prepared by their son, Larry Knudsen '72, Denver, Colorado

RUDOLPH AND ELLEN (RASMUSSEN) KNUDSEN

Ellen Knudsen: My first knowledge of Dana College and Trinity Seminary was when my folks helped send our hired girl to Dana after she graduated from high school.

Every summer for two weeks we had Bible School classes from 9 to 3 every day with one or two Seminary students who usually had board and room in our home. To name a few-- L. Siersbeck, Elmer Christensen, Paul Nyholm, N.B. Hansen, J.P. Nielsen, M.C. Hagedorn. We learned the old catechism by heart, from cover to cover, plus all the old Bible stories, and memorized most of the songs from the old Sunday School songbook compiled by F.C.M. Hansen. I was the first of our family to attend Dana, followed by my sisters Martha Rasmussen Staby, Esther Rasmussen Laursen, and Violet Marie Rasmussen Jacobsen.

We truly all believe a Christian college like Dana is a place for young people to get their start in life and away from home for the first time.

The Dana Choir trips with G.J. Malmin are memories held dear, and until two years ago we had a Round Robin letter of the 1935 choir members when all of a sudden it stopped. We miss it.

Rudolph Knudsen: On February 22, 1897, my parents, Hans and Kristin Knudsen, were married in Denmark. A few days later they were on their way to the United States. They came because of greater opportunities for those willing to strive for the rewards of a new country.

They raised a large family in Minnesota. A top priority of their Christian life was to help organize a Lutheran congregation and to build a church. Bethany Lutheran Church in Gilfillan, Minnesota, is a living testimonial to that group of Danish pioneers.

My oldest sister, Olga Nielsen, will be 94 in March 1993. She was the first child baptized at Bethany.

My parents always invited visiting missionaries and pastors to their home to keep informed of the needs in foreign and home missions. Needless to say, they became diligent supporters of Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

I came to Dana in 1932 and became a lifelong booster. I met my wonderful wife of 57 years at Dana. Over the years Ellen and I have remembered "*Dear Old Dana*" with various gifts. With careful planning and sacrifice we have established an endowment fund at Dana to aid deserving students to graduate from an institution of higher learning with an ethic of Christian principles for life.

The many letters of appreciation we receive from student recipients is truly gratifying. Ellen and I fervently hope that many other friends of Dana will endow scholarships to keep the Christian ethic in higher education a viable force for the future of our country.

Prepared by Ellen (Rasmussen '35) and Rudolph '36 Knudsen, Pleasant Hill, California

KARL AND PATRICIA (STOLLEY) KOEPPEN

Winter for us conjures reminiscences of some of the coldest, spent on the Hill; the warmth of Old Main's Canteen when the '60s were a new decade; and the old building's indelible shadow that spans more than time and space.

Prepared by Patricia (Stolley '64) Koeppen, Overland Park, Kansas

ROBERT AND JOAN (PETERSEN) KROGH

My earliest recollections of Dana began when I was four years old, at the time my oldest sister, Iola Petersen Young, was a freshman student. It was a holiday to make the long drive (75 miles) crossing that magnificent Blair Bridge to finally arrive at Dana to visit her.

Then ten years later my sister, Lois Petersen Andersen, came to Dana. The special friends she made, and often brought home to visit, and the happy hours I spent at Dana on occasion during my high school years, left no doubt that Dana was where I wanted to spend my college career.

Bob Krogh grew up in Blair and enrolled at Dana in the same freshman class as I. In those days of a small student body we quickly developed close friendships or at least were acquainted with nearly the entire campus family, faculty and staff as well as other students. In our case friendship led to courtship, then marriage. Our son, Paul, after looking at other colleges chose to attend Dana, too.

We have continued to live in Blair, watching and participating in Dana's growth, through highs and lows, and ever greater highs. Those friendships of our student days have matured into a special strong bond knitting us into the Dana family. We are grateful that circumstances led us to Dana, one of the best choices we ever made!

Prepared by Joan (Petersen '56 '69) Krogh

TIMOTHY AND JAMIE (HEIDE) KUIKEN

Dana College will always hold a special place in our hearts, as Jamie '75 and I met here in the fall of 1971 when I was a junior and she was a freshman. We are glad to have the opportunity to play even a small part in providing other young people the chance to enjoy their college years here and to experience the same enrichment a "Dana" education provided us.

Prepared by Tim Kuiken '73, Fairfield, Iowa

ALICE AND ALLEN LAAKER

Alice and Allen Laaker moved to Blair from Arlington, Nebraska, where they both had lived since childhood, in 1951 to serve as superintendents of Crowell Memorial Home. Their association with Dana College began immediately through invitations to Dana students and faculty to participate in chapel services and other special programs for the residents of Crowell Home. During her high school years, 1951-55, Sandra Laaker Risser took piano lessons in Old Main and worked in the dining hall one summer.

In the fall of 1961 Alice was named Dean of Women at Dana College and she and Allen moved into the head resident's apartment in Mickelsen Hall. For the next ten years they served as house parents to hundreds of Dana students. Following Allen's death in 1972, Alice remained at Dana, serving as resident hostess in Elk Horn Hall until her retirement in 1985. Alice died in 1990.

The Laakers' contributions to campus life were recognized in many ways: the green room behind the stage in the Madsen Fine Arts Center is named "The Laaker Room"; when Alice retired, she was named Campus Hostess Emeritus and a special scholarship fund was established in her honor by her friends and members of the Central District American Lutheran Church Women; Alice received the Dana College-Community Service Award in 1975.

Prepared by their daughter, Sandra Laaker Risser, Menlo Park, California

BYRON AND MARY (JENSEN) LANGENFELD

When I trudged up the hill to Dana during the Depression of the 1930s, I had no idea how the following years would change my life.

I had been out of school for six years and I had no high school diploma. Though scholastically rusty, I somehow managed to get back into studies, including making up my missing high school credits.

I also began my most important relationship with Mary Jensen '36 (still my wife after 59 years). The students, with wanton disregard for my complete lack of journalistic experience, elected me editor of *Hermes* in my second year.

At long last I completed my requirements and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

But I didn't trudge down the hill again. I stayed on at Dana the following year to teach freshman English. Several years later I was elected to the Board of Regents, and in 1960 I was asked to serve as chairman of Dana's building expansion program.

Our family's association with Dana continued as our sons Tom and Mark, our daughter Janet and our grandson David attended there.

If anyone should ask me what Dana can do, I have a ready and positive answer.

I still don't have a formal high school diploma. Perhaps I should work on that next.

C.B. AND ABELONE LARSEN

Christian Bernhard Larsen and Abelone Nielsen were natives of Denmark who travelled different roads after coming to America. But their paths converged at Dana College in 1914.

Abelone immigrated to Chicago in 1911 after experiencing what she described as a "personal calling from her Lord to work in the mission field." She lived in Chicago for two years before receiving a call to serve at Oaks Indian Mission at Oaks, Oklahoma. It was there that she heard about Dana and decided to enroll at the Academy where she met Chr. B. Larsen.

Larsen had immigrated to Negaunee, Michigan, in 1906, and it was here that he read an article published in a U.D.E.L.C. synodical paper about Trinity Seminary. He came to Blair in 1910 and enrolled at Dana, alternately working and studying until he received his diploma in 1915. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Nebraska in 1917, Larsen returned to Blair and classes at Trinity. In February of 1918 he co-founded and co-edited with classmate Anders Jorgensen, the first edition of *Hermes*.

After his ordination at Hutchinson, Minnesota, in June of 1920, Chr. B. Larsen and Abelone Nielsen were married and the couple left at once for Australia where Larsen served for three years as a missionary in Queensland. They returned to the U.S. and served U.D.E.L.C. congregations in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Penn Yann, New York, and in 1926 Larsen received the call to be a professor of theology at Trinity Seminary. He served in this capacity, and as a professor at Dana College, until blindness forced his retirement in 1955. In his book, *A Place Called Dana*, Peter L. Petersen makes this observation about C.B. Larsen:

Professor emeritus C.B. Larsen died on December 15, 1976. He was followed in death by his widow on October 25, 1977. Only P.S. Vig rivals Larsen in terms of influence on the theological thinking of the old United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Described by Dr. Robert Albers, then pastor of Blair's First Lutheran Church, as a "man gifted by God with superior intelligence, insight and wisdom, a man who believed in the full utilization of man's capacity to search for truth," Larsen nonetheless, Albers noted, "was humbly aware of the finite nature of our ability to comprehend the truth. He often said, 'When everything is considered, we really don't know very much.'"

Mrs. Larsen remained in good health after her husband's death and during the summer of 1977 visited her family in Denmark. She participated fully and vigorously in the Trinity Seminary Reunion which was held at Dana in October of 1977 . . . an event which she described as "a mountain-top experience in my lifetime." Her death occurred shortly after the Seminary Reunion and thus ended, fittingly, sixty-plus years of loyalty and service by Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Larsen to Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

C.B. and Abelone Larsen were the parents of four children: Agnes (Mrs. Lyle) Paulsen, Lydia (Mrs. Peter) Beckman, Ezra, and Philip.

Prepared by their son, Philip Larsen '49, Blair, Nebraska

DAVID R. LARSEN

My memories of Dana began early in my life. My father, Ludvig, told of his experiences during two winter academies at Dana. His brother and my uncle, Andrew, died while attending. All of my pastors at Elk Horn Lutheran Church (Iowa) graduated from both the college and seminary, including Pastor Anders Hansen who baptized me. He was a close friend to Dr. Clifford Madsen, both coming from Luck, Wisconsin.

Dr. Madsen often preached at our church. He and Pastor Hansen and others of my pastors who were from Dana and Trinity were outstanding witnesses to me as to what it meant to be a servant of Christ. Cousins from Racine, Wisconsin, attended Dana. My sister, Marilyn, and a cousin, Thomas Christensen, plus a long line of students from my home church attended. Our Luther League was accustomed to an annual overnight retreat at Dana. All of these associations were so positive that no one had to sell me on the idea that Dana was a special place.

However, I did not know that I personally would ever attend any college, not even Dana. Not at least until I experienced a sense of calling to the Christian ministry during the year following graduation from high school. A whole series of experiences, including my associations with members of the Dana family, contributed to that sense of calling. I recall a particular message by Pastor John W. Nielsen at a youth convention which apparently triggered that unbelievable notion.

I had been harboring a resistance to any such calling when Dr. C.C. Madsen made a personal visit to our farm home for the purpose of recruiting my younger sister, Carol. I recall the lump in my throat as he concluded that visit, knowing that it would likely not be my sister but me who would be attending Dana. Though my mother encouraged me to give myself a chance to know whether the calling was real by attending Dana for a year, I still came there with much resistance. It didn't take long, once I became a part of the Dana family, to know what I wanted to do with my life. My four years at Dana are still among the most positive that I have ever known. I will always carry a deep sense of gratitude to God for the love and direction that I found at Dana.

EDWARD AND INGA (SCHULTZ) LARSEN

Over the years since our graduation in 1936 Dana has meant "family" to Ed and me in many ways. There we met each other, and there we also met our first mates, Lela Sondergaard and Bill Larsen. Ed was the first in his family to attend Dana, and later his brothers, Herbert and Chester, and his sister Lillian also became Dana students. After Ed's retirement we made many trips to the campus for Homecoming, athletic events, choir concerts, and to meet friends. Ed died on October 14, 1992.

In my childhood, Dana Academy and College and Trinity Seminary were often referred to as "Skolen i Blair" (the school in Blair). My grandfather, Pastor Kristian Anker, had been president of "Skolen" for several years. My uncle, Sigurd Anker, who was a Dana instructor, had initiated a fund-raising campaign to make possible the building of the first gymnasium for the use of the student body. My father, Pastor A.T. Schultz, came as an immigrant from Denmark to be a part-time instructor at "Skolen" and also to serve as pastor of First Lutheran Church in Blair.

My family's association with Dana is not unique. Hundreds of men and women gave Dana consecrated and unselfish service as instructors, administrators, and members of the Board of Trustees. Thousands of others made financial sacrifices so that "Skolen" could continue to provide education in a Christian environment.

My sister Ninna (Mrs. B.J. Engskow) and I attended Dana, and my brother, Pastor John Schultz, graduated from Trinity Seminary. My roommate in the "Girls' Dorm" was my cousin, Lilly Jorgensen, from Fresno, California (Mrs. Severin Sorensen). Most of us were there because our parents wanted to give us an education in preparation for future employment, to help us enlarge our knowledge and imaginations, and to have contact with a professing Christian faculty. I remember with gratitude faithful and diligent teachers who presented the living Christ to us, not only in chapel talks, but by the example of their lives.

Friends from Dana days continue to be my special family. We are united in Christian fellowship, in part because of family influences, but also because in our youth God's spirit moved among us in our campus associations. It is impossible to estimate the contributions Dana students have made in our society and in American church life. I thank God for what Dana has given me and many, many other students.

Prepared by Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa

HERBERT AND REGINA LARSEN

My father, Claus J. Larsen, was a staunch supporter of Dana College and sent me there in 1934-35. My brothers Chester and Edward also attended Dana, as well as my sister Lillian Larsen Woodruff.

My wife, Regina, didn't attend Dana, but together we have had a great interest in the college. We attend many events there and enjoy the friendly association we have with all the Dana people. I also enjoyed my years on the Alumni Council very much.

Prepared by Herbert B. Larsen '38, Kimballton, Iowa

OLUF AND LILLIE (BONDO) LARSEN

Oluf Larsen immigrated to the United States from Denmark in 1913 at the age of 16. He learned the English language from Miss Kirkegaard who was affiliated with Dana; she conducted English classes at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Boomer Township, Neola, Iowa, in the winters of 1914 and 1915.

Oluf was a successful farmer in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, for many decades and maintained his interest in agriculture until his death at age 94.

During his lifetime Oluf served in a variety of policy and governance positions on boards for public schools, the church, an insurance company, a lending institution, agricultural cooperatives, and the like.

Lillie (Bondo) Larsen attended Dana from 1917-1919. She was a talented homemaker using her knowledge, interest, and skills in church work, 4-H, and community until her death at age 78.

Lillie was a second generation Dana student as three uncles, Henry, Willie, and Sherman Bondo, had earlier attended Dana and Trinity Seminary.

Lillie's siblings, Esther (Bondo) Magnussen, Emma (Bondo) Christensen, Elmer Bondo, and Alvina (Bondo) Weismann, also attended Dana.

Oluf and Lillie were the parents of six children, three of whom attended Dana: Alvina (Larsen) Hjortsvang '48; Ruth (Larsen) Randall, 1947-49; and Dorothy A. Larsen, 1949-51. A son-in-law, Herbert A. Hjortsvang, graduated from Dana in 1950, and a granddaughter, Julie Larsen, attended Dana in 1977-78.

In 1908 Lillie's grandmother, Karen (Hendricksen) Bondo, gave a monetary gift to Dana in memory of L.C. Bondo, her husband and Lillie's grandfather. The purpose of the gift was for construction of a residential home for Dana's president; the construction was supervised by Lillie's father, Peter Bondo. The home was used by Dana's presidents into the mid-twentieth century.

Oluf Larsen and Lillie (Bondo) Larsen were lifelong supporters of education, knowing education is an investment in the future. They were loyal American citizens with a deep appreciation for their Danish heritage, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC) and successor synods, and Dana College.

Prepared by their daughter, Ruth (Larsen '51) Randall, Lincoln, Nebraska

PAUL AND GAIL LAURSEN

Paul's father, Ejvind L. Laursen, came to the United States in 1923 from Denmark. Paul's grandmother and grandfather (on his mother's side) also migrated from Denmark, his grandmother when she was sixteen years old. Paul's father was employed as a farm hand in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota the first five years he was in the United States. He worked for several Danish-American farmers during these years, particularly at corn picking time. One of Ejvind's first memories of Dana is when he was told of a course Dana offered during the winters to help Danish immigrants learn English. He was not able to participate in this course or any of the other special "short" courses offered by Dana.

In 1928 Paul's father married Jacobina Johnson in Ord, Nebraska. They were married in Bethany Lutheran Church where Paul's father was a member for many years and his mother was a member all of her life. Bethany was a very small, UELC church served for many years by student pastors from Trinity Seminary. Two of these student pastors that Paul and his father particularly remember were Alvin M. Petersen and George J. Robertson. (These men, and others who served Bethany in this way, rode the train from Blair to Ord and back each weekend that they conducted services.)

Ejvind (now nearly 92) has memories of being a delegate to UELC conventions in Blair and in Fremont. He remembers attending sessions in Old Main and staying in a private home during a Blair convention. (He also has strong memories of the convention at which serious consideration was given to discontinuing support for our present church home--our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln--which was a UELC mission church for many years. Interestingly, in the thirty-three years Gail and Paul have been members of Our Saviour's, four Dana graduates have served or are serving as pastors for our church: Alvin M. Petersen, James W. Olsen, Robert G. Nelson, and Merle L. Brockhoff.)

Paul graduated from Dana with the class of 1951. He met Gail at Oregon State after spending two years in the army. Gail graduated from Oregon State; she has become a very loyal supporter of Dana since moving to Nebraska. Paul's sister Emilie Farrens and his brother Brian began their college educations at Dana. Millie completed two years at Dana and then taught for several years before completing her degrees at the University of Nebraska. Brian attended Dana for two years and then completed an engineering degree at Oregon State University.

PHIL AND FLORENCE LARSEN

I literally grew up in the shadow of Old Main, having been born in the Kline house in 1926 and lived there until 1939. The Kline house was located on the site of the present Dana Hall of Science and was owned by Dana College. It was in 1926 that my parents, Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Larsen, came to Blair because my father had been called to be a member of the Trinity Seminary faculty. He served in that capacity until 1955 when he was forced to retire because of failing eyesight.

I attended Dana twice in the 1940s, having had educational pursuits interrupted by military service in World War II. Daughter Diane took piano lessons at Dana from Dr. Brandes while she was still in high school. She attended Dana and graduated in 1975, as did her husband, Dr. Gary Madsen. Daughter Lorene received her elementary education certification at Dana in 1984. After our marriage, Florence also took classes at Dana.

Memories abound about my first Dana experiences. I remember:

. . . as a boy of six or seven sneaking quietly to the chapel balcony in Old Main and, oh so carefully, pushing the door located on the northeast corner leading into Room 305 slowly open. My dad, who was conducting a class, had his back to the door but the students saw me and what I was doing. One of the students in that room who reminded me many times of the incident in later years was Rick Morton. Twelve years later I sat as a student in Nellie Falk's freshman English class, in that same room.

. . . when I was 13 or 14 I was the World-Herald carrier for the Dana area. Among my customers were Rufus Olson and S. Milton Thomsen who had apartments on the first floor of the Boys Dorm, and a dozen or so students who lived on the other three floors. The cost of six daily issues delivered to your door was only 12 cents per week (that's right) but most students could not afford that.

. . . often gazing, for minutes at a time, entranced, at the skeleton that stood like a sentry within a glass cabinet in the southwest corner of the third floor biology classroom. Someone had managed to unlock the door and had neatly printed on the right hip these words: "Died for Dana."

. . . and the list could go on. But that was then, and this is now, the decade of the nineties. While a peek at the past serves a purpose, it is the future that is important. The future is bright for Dana, and Florence and I are happy to be a part of that future in this small way.

Prepared by Phil Larsen '49, Blair, Nebraska

VICTOR E. AND MARGARET H. LAURITSEN

Our relationship to Dana College/Trinity Seminary has its roots in my Danish heritage. My father, having emigrated from Denmark in 1888, settled in Audubon County, Iowa (primarily a Danish community), and ultimately became a member of the Danish Lutheran Church. The pastors of the Danish Lutheran Church, later called the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, received their seminary training at Trinity Seminary. Thus, the awareness of Dana was closely associated with the Danish Church and its members.

In the early history of Dana a special academic program for farm youth was conducted during the winter months for those not otherwise able to pursue the regular curriculum. An older brother, Theodore, was able to attend Dana for one of these courses.

Leonard Andersen, friend and fellow church member at Audubon, Iowa, was the person who encouraged me to enroll at Dana after graduation from high school in 1937. He was so convincing that I did not seriously consider alternatives. Leonard graduated from Dana and Trinity Seminary. He served as a pastor in the UELC until his death.

It has been through friendship with Therkild and Margaret Nielsen that I was able to return a service to Dana as well as the Nielsens by acting as Mrs. Nielsen's personal representative and co-trustee of a trust for the benefit of Dana. Since 1977 the Trust has provided financial support for the Department of Religion, the Choir and the Infirmary. The Nielsens' tie with Dana was because of the Danish Church, Trinity Seminary, and friendship of many UELC pastors. In view of their support for Dana, the contribution from the Nielsen Trust for the Chapel construction is most appropriate.

WILLIAM AND TONI (NELSON) LAWSON

As I started my sophomore year in 1953, a freshman coed from Denmark, Wisconsin, enrolled at Dana. Her name was Antoinette Nelson, although she soon took the shorter name, Toni. In February 1954 after dating for two weeks, I proposed marriage. She agreed, although the marriage did not take place until after my graduation in 1956.

Toni and I grew up in congregations of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Since Dana was the only college of that Church, it was the only college the church talked about. So it is not unusual that we both attended Dana. I had also heard about Dana through my uncle, Kenneth Lange. He only attended one semester, for the Second World War was on the horizon at that time.

I was also influenced through Homer Nielsen, the son of the pastor who baptized me, Rev. Frank Nielsen. As Dana's Public Relations Director, Homer was persuasive. He wouldn't take "no" for an answer. So, I set out for Dana after high school graduation in 1952.

Toni had seen Dana before she enrolled. She was influenced to attend when she came to Blair for a National Luther League convention. I had never been to Blair. Coming from Racine, it was a culture shock to drive into town and up College Hill. My parents were continuing on to Denver for a vacation, so I had no other choice than to stay. And although talking about quitting every semester, I obtained my B.A. in Business Administration four years later.

A year earlier, Toni had received a two-year certificate from Dana and signed a contract to teach elementary education in the Westside School system in Omaha.

Our marriage was blessed with three children--a son, Scott, and two daughters, Jolene and Krista. Krista, following high school, attended Dana for three semesters. The college did provide her something her parents also received from it: a marriage partner, a young man in her class, Tom Goodrie, from Crookston, Minnesota.

I believe all members of our families were provided an excellent education, from a fine and friendly faculty. So, as Dana's song says, "as ivy to thy walls do cling, our hearts will cling to thee." And they do!

May ivy cling to the walls of Old Main's replacement, that the hearts of others may cling to Dana for generations to come.

Prepared by Bill Lawson '56, Green Bay, Wisconsin

F.E. "RED" AND DORCAS (VAMMEN) LEIGHTON

My home was Falmouth, Maine.

I visited Dana in the Spring of 1945. When Paul Peterson came home that summer, he asked me if I would like to go to Dana College. When he told me of the great possibilities Dana offered plus the opportunities the Midwest offered, I decided to attend Dana in the Fall of 1945.

During my second year at Dana we had 11 or 13 students from Maine there.

My stay at Dana provided me with a great education and offered many leadership opportunities that helped me tremendously when I went out in the business world. I competed with college graduates from many of the largest colleges in this country. My selling career started with Carpenter Paper Co. in Kansas City. They were bought out by Champion Paper Co., now Champion International, and the division I worked for was Nationwide Papers until my retirement in 1988. I then sold memberships for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce until October 1992.

I met my wife Dorcas '50, whose last name was Vammen, at Dana and actually asked her to marry me in Old Main. Old Main will always have a warm place in our hearts.

Anyone attending Dana and willing to study, learn, and work will always have a great opportunity to obtain the goals they intend to reach in their lifetimes.

Other individuals attending Dana who were my relatives were Coach Paul Peterson, Bud Peterson, and Toddy Peterson, now Toddy Videbeck.

In 1946-47 my wife had 21 cousins at Dana. My wife's dad, Rev. C.A. Vammen, also attended Dana, as well as her brother Adolph and sister Ardis.

JOHN AND KATHLEEN (NIELSEN) LEISTAD

My first recollection of Dana is looking at pictures in my parents' photograph album that were taken when they (Olga Petersen '25-'27 and Emerald R. Nielsen '25-'27) attended Dana. Also in the album were pictures of uncles and an aunt who attended Dana. There was never any doubt in my mind that someday I would be a student at Dana College.

My sister, Delores (Nielsen) Ingram '48-'50, attended Dana before me. I attended from 1951-53 and received a Parish Worker's Certificate. My brother, Elliott Nielsen '61, and his wife, Juane Skow, also attended Dana. Our daughter, Ann (Leistad) Bolton '87, our son-in-law Robert Bolton '88, niece Deanna (Nielsen) Appel '84, her husband Steve Appel '84, and nephew David Nielsen '88 are Dana graduates of this generation.

When I first came to Dana I would verify my identity by telling people I was the daughter of Emerald and Olga Nielsen or the sister of Delores. Years later when visiting our daughter and family at Dana we would tell of our relationship to the Boltons. At a Homecoming banquet when the Boltons were on campus we had our granddaughter Dania Bolton with us. The hostess said to us when we came with the two-year-old, "You must be Dania Bolton's grandparents." What a place to be--a family place--a community. Identity had gone full circle!

My parents kept in close contact with many of the people they met at Dana. I was privileged to meet many of them and their families also. My father's room was on Old Main's top floor when he was at Dana. My siblings and I attended Dana Choir rehearsals and student-led evening chapel in the Old Main chapel. We were roused from sleep the morning Old Main burned by a tearful call from our daughter Ann.

Now we rejoice in the many new buildings on the campus. The piano on the stage of the Madsen Performing Arts Auditorium was given by my parents. Visiting Dana is part of my memory and memorial to my parents. Now we anticipate grandchildren as well as many other young people using the many facilities in the Old Main replacement building and learning much from the dedicated faculty of Dana College.

As from the words of "Hail Dana": "Our hearts . . . cling to thee . . . another throng rise up and sing our song."

Prepared by Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, Elk Horn, Iowa

DALE AND JANE LEMON

The Lemon family has had ties with Dana College since 1963 when I was hired to teach in the Physical Education Department and to coach basketball and baseball. Through the years I served as an assistant football coach, as the athletic trainer (for 30 years), and continued to coach baseball for my entire 31-year career. I retired from full-time teaching in May of 1994.

One of the highlights of my career has been to watch the successes of many of my former students and players as they have established themselves in their careers and raised their families.

I have also been involved in Red Cross swimming instruction for both college students and community youth since 1971.

Jane was fortunate to work from 1965 to 1976 for Ray Weckmuller as secretary in the Education Department and Teacher Placement Office. Ray's encouragement led her back into classroom teaching, which she has done at Blair High School since 1976. She often thinks about "what Ray would do" in a certain situation and also about some remarks made by Dr. Clifford Madsen challenging the teachers to "find the spark in every student." Jane feels a huge Dana influence on her career even though she was never a student here.

All three of our children have graduated from Dana and have done well in their respective areas. Doug '81 majored in chemistry, earned his Ph.D. from Rice University in biochemistry, and is a scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Doug and I were both honored to be selected for Dana's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Linda majored in communications, worked in radio for a few years after graduation in 1983, later returned to take the teaching block, and now teaches communications and English at Boys Town High School in Omaha. She has helped to influence a few of her students to attend Dana.

Steve '93 truly experienced the "Dana Difference" by starting his college years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and then transferring to Dana. He was so impressed after the first class session with Roger Olson and really appreciated the smaller classes and the personal interest of the faculty. He taught one year at Lexington, Nebraska, where he also tried to recruit students for Dana. He is currently teaching math and coaching at Bellevue West High School in Bellevue, Nebraska.

All of our kids have enjoyed the opportunity at Dana to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, from drama to band to athletics. All of these experiences have enriched their lives in many ways. Doug's and Linda's Interim trips to Europe with John W. Nielsen are among their fondest memories.

So we have many reasons to be thankful for Dana--a lifetime of employment, the quality educations of our children, and, perhaps most of all, the lifelong friendships which we have

made. We hope that Dana will continue to thrive and that our grandchildren might someday have the opportunity also to attend Dana.

Prepared by Dale and Jane Lemon, Blair, Nebraska

LUTHER "ABE" LINCOLN

When Luther (Abe) Lincoln came to Dana from California as a freshman in 1933, it was the start of a family tradition that was followed by his brothers, Richard and Chet, and his sister, Elaine. Years later, his oldest son, Jerry, would graduate in 1961 and son, Michael, and grandson, David, would give Dana a try.

Abe's roommate was Paul Pedersen from Dannebrog, Nebraska. Paul invited Abe to his home on weekends and holidays. It was there that Abe met Paul's sister, Helen. Romance blossomed. When Abe had to stay in California the following year to help run the family lumber and building business, the long distance romance continued with Helen, who was now a Dana student. Helen sang in the choir and gave up the choir tour to Denmark to marry Abe. The choir attended their May 4, 1935, wedding before they set sail.

Helen's family had a Dana tradition also. Not only had her brother, Paul, done his pre-med studies at Dana, but her father, Peter Pedersen, did his pre-med at Dana also.

In California Abe continued in the building business and was involved in state politics. He served ten years in the State Assembly and was speaker for four years, retiring in 1959. He continued to support Dana in many ways by serving on various boards and committees over the years. He also served on boards and committees of the UELC Synod.

Just as Abe and Helen met at Dana, Jerry and I met and married while attending Dana. We did not give up the choir tour to Denmark in 1961, but used it as a delayed honeymoon, something Abe and Helen encouraged us to do.

Abe died on June 27, 1980. Helen and his four children, Jerry, Michael, Gregory and Susan agreed that Abe's name belonged on the Old Main Commemorative Wall. Dana has meant a great deal to the whole family.

Prepared by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (Nielsen '61) Lincoln, Walnut Creek, California

NANCY AND GENE LINDBLAD

It was only two months before the start of the 1963-64 school year when we heard about a place called Dana College that needed a chemistry teacher--the previous year's professor had resigned unexpectedly. After 12 years as a chemist with Union Carbide in Charleston, West Virginia, Gene was exploring teaching opportunities because he was sure that he wouldn't spend the rest of his working years in industry. So he followed up on the letter from Dana. One thing led to another, he was offered and accepted the job, and thus we and our three children headed to Blair--not even knowing where we would be living. (The housing situation in Blair for new faculty seems to have improved little in 30 years!)

Arrive we did, housing materialized, and there began a 30-year second career for him. (What if someone would have said that it was insane to teach four chemistry courses each semester? Fools rush in! But in a couple of years Frank Hengeveld came back on staff and Gene's sanity was restored.) In the meantime, the transition for Nancy and the children proceeded, sometimes traumatically and sometimes smoothly. After a few years we became Nebraskans, and the temptation to move never arose.

Dana turned out to be the right place for us. In spite of being in relative poverty, the teaching rewards from the connections made with most students and colleagues in this "people place" far outweighed the frustrations that come with those students who "could have, but didn't" or who weren't ready for what Dana could provide for them.

Thirty years later, in 1993, Gene retired from full-time teaching, Nancy plans retirement soon from 25 years of work with Blair's Dr. Kuether, three (soon four) grandchildren are on the scene, and life is changing as we enter the "golden years." The years have been good ones--once here, there was no desire to make a career change--but now there is the challenge of the change that comes with retirement. But, we'll accommodate to that change somehow. As we do, we will be a bit removed from the daily activities on campus, but we have confidence that the new young people who have joined us recently, and those many to come in the next few years, will strengthen the institution as they, too, find that Dana is a place that captures one's heart and life.

HARRIET (MORTENSEN) LIPE

I came to Dana in September 1946 from a rural community and a small Lutheran church, and it was good for me to have the Dana experience for two years, which included 10 a.m. chapel, hearing the choir, Lenten devotions on the hill, and learning about and from Trinity Seminary.

Through the years I have looked forward to the Dana alumni and college news as well as the future plans for Dana. May Dana be around to serve students another hundred years.

Prepared by Harriet (Mortensen '50) Lipe, Lincoln, Nebraska

TOM AND JANICE LIPPINCOTT

Tom and I were both born and raised on farms in the Blair area. Therefore Dana College was always a familiar part of our community.

I attended Wayne State College after high school graduation for one year, and then taught in a country school near our home. Tom and I were married in 1958 and soon after I began night classes at Dana. It was a marvelous opportunity for me to continue my education, and finally in 1972 I received my degree from Dana after years of night classes and summer school. After teaching sixth grade in Blair for nine years, and owning a business in Blair for ten years, I am now into the "volunteer" stage of life. I am involved with the Dana Women's Club.

Tom was asked to serve on the Dana Board of Regents in 1991. This was Tom's opportunity to "go to college," having worked his way through the "School of Practical Experience"--going from warehouseman to owner of Nebraska-Iowa Supply Company (which deals in petroleum products) and Kopper Kettle Restaurants. He is enjoying the challenges of this new experience in helping to plan for the future of Dana College.

Tom and I have been truly blessed and are thankful to God for all He has given us. We are privileged to be able to share with others, and are supporters of Dana College. We pray that Dana will always be a familiar part of the Blair community.

N.T. AND MARIE LUND

N.T. Lund was long associated with Dana College. He taught history and literature there from 1905 to 1915. He also directed a male chorus for a time. Apparently to cut back on salaries they used the few faculty members they had in several capacities.

I recall that when I was a child, my father took me and my next older sister to one of his evening classes. We were placed in the first row of double-desks so he could keep an eye on us of course.

We lived in the large house just west of Pioneer Memorial. My father had bought the home from Rev. Kristian Anker in 1906. Dana rented a few rooms in this place early on to house some students inasmuch as there was a shortage of rooms at Dana.

It was a privilege to live so near the campus, and as children we felt we had the run of the grounds all summer long. We got to know many of the students back in those days especially.

My father was very dedicated to Dana College as well as to First Lutheran Church in Blair. He was on the Dana Board of Trustees for many years. He worked hard to keep the college in Blair when many years ago there was some talk of moving it to perhaps Racine, Wisconsin, or elsewhere.

My father met my mother, Marie Hansen of Hampton, Nebraska, while they were both students at Midland College. My uncle, Rev. A.W. Lund, introduced them. Another uncle, Rev. J.Th. Lund, married them in Hampton on August 12, 1903. They became parents of seven children, six of whom attended Dana for a period of time. Their grandson, Richard Lund, attended briefly, and another grandson, Tom Van Steenhoven, graduated from Dana in 1973. Tom's wife, the former Jean Knudsen of Northfield, Minnesota, graduated in 1975.

My father was born at Varde, Denmark, on December 13, 1874, and died in Blair on November 26, 1959. My mother was born in Hampton, Nebraska, on October 15, 1878, and died in Blair on June 20, 1966.

Prepared by their daughter, Norma (Lund '36) Van Steenhoven, Parker, Colorado

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER
Omaha, Nebraska

The relationship of Lutheran Church of the Master with Dana College, as well as my relationship, goes back to the 1960s with the formation of The American Lutheran Church. Before 1960 the church college of the Midwest for us was Wartburg College. With the formation of the new church, Dana became "our" church college. A familiarity soon developed through trips with Luther Leaguers to the campus, my sister attending Dana, and an interest in Christian Education. Through the years I served in a variety of ways and have developed a great affection for Dana. I became an alumnus after receiving an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1987. The dedication and leadership of so many fine people that I have come to know at Dana is a constant inspiration to me. May our Lord bless the ministry of Dana College forever!

Prepared by Robert J. Schaff, D.D. Dana '87, Lutheran Church of the Master, Omaha, Nebraska

JEFF AND KAY (BEUNE) MACDONALD

Kay Ann (Beune) MacDonald, born in West Point, Nebraska, 6-19-56; graduated from Dana College in 1978.

Jeffery Nesbit MacDonald, M.D., born in Lincoln, Nebraska, 2-4-50.

Michael Ian MacDonald, born in North Platte, Nebraska, 6-16-87.

Thomas Jeffery MacDonald, born in North Platte, Nebraska, 12-20-90.

I had no Dana roots. I was Lutheran, but not Danish. I was a Nebraska farm girl trying to choose a college. I would be the first family member to go to college. Greg Witte was my recruiter and I was impressed by my visit to the campus. Dana was only 50 miles from the farm where I grew up. My parents and I were satisfied that we needed to "look no farther," and I began my three years at Dana in 1974. I graduated in 1978 from the 3+1 medical technology program, the last of which I took at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln.

I have entirely fond memories of my three-year experience at Dana. I made many quality friends. I enjoyed the classes, the campus, the professors, the surrounding community. Dana "legends" that I crossed paths with were: Dr. Nielsen, humanities professor; Alice Laaker, a woman of grace unsurpassed by any female of "my generation"; Professor Warman, who opened my eyes to conservation, which has continued to be a priority in my life; Milton Heinrich, who gave me a love for art; Dr. Hutton, who broadened my religious mind; and Norman Bansen. Of course I spent most of my time in the science building with Eugene Lindblad, and Dr. Larrie Stone who taught biology with such enthusiasm! Jobs I held were also formative: a small house-cleaning job off campus; secretarial for Dr. Northwall; chem lab assistant; 4th Blair resident assistant; and secretarial for Dr. Nyholm off campus right before his and his wife's deaths.

Anyone who goes to Dana cannot help but feel a link to its past, by the people we meet. My roommate was Diane Larsen, granddaughter of a past Dana president, Siersbeck. And I typed for Paul Nyholm, a REAL Dane and former professor at Trinity Seminary.

The Queen of Denmark visited the campus while I was there, and so did Victor Borge (in concert).

Following my degree from Dana, I went on to school to obtain physician assistant certification from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. I was employed by Bryan Hospital in Lincoln, the American Red Cross and UNMC in Omaha. I married Jeff MacDonald in 1986, at which time I moved to North Platte, Nebraska, where my husband was anesthesiologist for ten years. I have had a medical billing service since then. We have recently moved to Lincoln, where Jeff is working as an emergency room physician and I am continuing medical billing.

Prepared by Kay (Beune '78) MacDonald, Lincoln, Nebraska

ARCHIE AND LORRAINE (SANDBERG) MADSEN

My first recollection of Dana College was coming to Dana for U.E.L.C. Conventions when I was a young girl. Then I specifically remember coming to Dana for a Luther League Convention in the spring of 1944. I had graduated from Underwood High School and was working in Omaha at the time. I shared a room with Dagny Jessen and Esther Ericksen. They were so very hospitable and kind to me.

I thought to myself during these days, "Why can't I come to Dana College?" I quit my job and enrolled the fall of 1944. I had two wonderful years at Dana, and I shall never forget the moment that World War II was over. Everyone on the campus really celebrated.

It was then that many young men came to Dana. One of those young men was the man I eventually married. His name was Archie Madsen. He graduated from Dana in 1949.

I am very grateful for the wonderful professors and the leadership of Dr. Richard Morton, President. Dana College has truly been an inspiration and a spiritual blessing to me through the years. God Bless Dana College.

C. CLIFFORD AND ESTHER A. (JOHNSON) MADSEN

Clifford Madsen and I met in Luck, Wisconsin, the summer of 1928. Cliff had been at Dana College for the school year, and I had been at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. I came to Luck to teach Daily Vacation Bible School for the summer. Cliff was happy with his experiences at Dana and I agreed it was a great place, so I decided to go to Dana in the fall for my senior year in college. And so it was that Cliff and I became better acquainted as students at Dana in 1928-29. After three years at Dana, Cliff enrolled at the University of Minnesota and graduated with a B.A., majoring in Greek. I graduated from Dana in 1929. He returned to Blair to attend Trinity Seminary. We were married in 1934.

Cliff and I both came from Lutheran churches where the congregation promoted Dana, and our parents were of Danish descent. I was one of four of Nels and Christine Johnson's children who attended Dana College. My oldest sister and my only brother were the first to attend. Both are now deceased. Then my sister Alma and I chose Dana, hoping to earn our degrees. My father questioned our view. He said, "A year at Dana is a good experience." With fatherly amusement, he asked the two of us, "Did you want to 'specialize' in some subject at Dana?"

I was thankful that I received my B.A. from Dana and for my years of teaching while Cliff completed his courses at Trinity Seminary. My sister Alma moved to California in 1934 after two years at Dana. She completed her B.A. requirements at Redlands University, Redlands, California, and at San Diego Women's College. She has now retired after over 25 years of teaching.

Our children, Carole Dickson and M. Lowell Madsen, are Dana graduates. Their spouses also attended Dana. Several nieces and a nephew are also Dana graduates; they include Gale Madsen, Dan and Lynn Busse, and Paul and Lisa Madsen.

After six years of failing health, Cliff Madsen died on January 21, 1991. His tombstone is located in the older part of the Blair cemetery. Our special Bible verse from Psalm 121 is on the tombstone: "Our help comes from the Lord." The tombstone also has a brief summary of Cliff's life activities:

Cliff Madsen - Husband and Father
UELC Pastor and USN Chaplain
College and Seminary Professor
Dana College President

We are pleased to provide a sizeable scholarship, the "Madsen Grant-in-Aid," to encourage students to continue their education at Dana. With deepest gratitude for Dana's gifts to us.

Prepared by Esther (Johnson '29) Madsen, Blair, Nebraska

GARY L. AND DIANE E. (LARSEN) MADSEN

Diane E. (Larsen) Madsen: Dana is part of my heritage. My grandfather, Dr. C.B. Larsen, met his wife, Abelone (Nielsen) Larsen, while attending Dana in 1917. They later returned to Blair when my grandfather became a faculty member of both Dana and Trinity Seminary. After World War II my father, Philip Larsen, attended Dana.

Growing up in Blair gave me continuous exposure to Dana and its offerings. My family always took advantage of Dana's activities: sports events, concerts, Homecoming, etc. I started taking piano lessons from Dr. Alan Brandes when I entered the eighth grade. Many of my elementary and high school friends were sons and daughters of Dana faculty members.

I felt comfortable with Dana's intimate atmosphere which is why I transferred from another larger Lutheran college. The years at Dana hold many of my favorite memories, and like my grandparents, I met my husband Gary at Dana.

Dana continues to be a part of my life. For these reasons, I feel my pledge of support for Dana's future is one way to show my gratitude.

Gary L. Madsen: My family's association with Dana goes back as far as I can remember. I grew up in the Danish Lutheran community of Audubon in Southwest Iowa, so the locale and heritage were certainly right for learning about Dana.

Three of my first cousins graduated from Dana: Gail Koldenborg from Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Jim and Richard Jorgensen from Des Moines, Iowa. Jim Jorgensen was Dean of Students while I was at Dana in the early 1970s and Richard continues on the faculty as Professor of History.

All three of my parents' children graduated from Dana. My sister Cathy was Valedictorian of her class in 1968 and Janice graduated in 1971. My parents continue their support through a Dana scholarship awarded to an Audubon student who elects to attend Dana.

Prepared by Dr. Gary '75 and Diane (Larsen '75) Madsen, Libertyville, Illinois

LEONARD K. AND LENORA J. MADSEN

Our association with Dana College goes back many years.

My first recollection of Dana came through my mother, Cathrine (Hansen) Jorgensen, whose first cousin was Dr. C.X. Hansen. "C.X." was a professor at Dana for many years and also served as its President.

Later on, several of my cousins attended Dana, and in the 1930s my brother, Stanley Jorgensen, was a student there.

My niece, Gail Koldenborg, and two nephews, Richard Jorgensen (now a professor at Dana) and James Jorgensen, graduated from Dana in the 1960s.

All three of our children graduated from Dana also--Cathrine Madsen Stone, valedictorian of the Class of 1968, Janice K. Madsen in 1972, and Gary L. Madsen with the Class of 1975. Gary married Diane Larsen, also a 1975 Dana graduate, and whose grandfather was Dr. C.B. Larsen, professor at Dana for many years.

None of these students ever regretted attending Dana College. They all speak highly of Dana and appreciate the high quality of education they received, the dedicated professors and the Christian atmosphere at the college.

Dana has been good for our family and we thank God for its blessings to us.

Prepared by Lenora (Jorgensen) Madsen, Audubon, Iowa

O. VICTOR AND ESTHER (FROST) MAGNUSSEN

I followed in the footsteps of my father--Julius Magnussen--who completed courses in seminary in Blair, and was ordained in 1904. Two brothers, Ethan (Bill) and Philip, preceded me at Dana, and two sisters, Ellen and Vashti, spent some time there later.

Due to the encouragement of Dana recruiter Edwin Petrusson, I entered Dana the fall of 1928 with interruptions now and then to earn funds for continuing my education.

As a member of Edwin Petrusson's and Ruth Jensen's wedding party, I met his sister Edith of Chicago. She then attended Dana for two years when we became better acquainted. I took my first year of seminary training at Maywood Seminary in Chicago where she had returned to take a position.

I completed my training at Trinity Seminary in Blair in 1939. After my ordination in Oakland, California, a first-time occasion for the UELC synod convention on the West Coast, Edith and I were married.

After serving parishes in Northfield and Racine, we accepted a call to California in the Fresno area; ten years later we accepted a call to Petaluma, California, where we moved with our three children, Stephen, Juliane, and John. Two years later Edith lost her life in an automobile accident.

Three years later I married Esther Frost '29, whom I had known at Dana when we were both members of the 1929 Dana Denmark Choir.

Although her family had been associated with Grand View College, Esther, as a young girl intrigued by fine reports of Dana from a Danaite visiting in their home, determined early that Dana was the school for her. Living on the West Coast, she had to convince her father that she was serious in her resolve to attend this out-of-the-way small college so far away from home by earning her first year's tuition--\$150. Although homesick for a few months, she spent two years earning an A.A. in music.

Her sister Martha attended Dana for two years, brother Carl one, and brother Tom touched down for one semester before entering the Army.

We have both been grateful for Dana's adherence to high standards of scholarship, fine Christian emphasis, and the inculcation of a sense of responsibility in sharing these benefits. We have and still enjoy renewing Dana friendships and are happy to have Dana classmates as fellow residents here at Walnut Manor Home in Anaheim as well as in the area. A REAL SERENDIPITY!

Prepared by Esther (Frost '31) and O. Victor Magnussen D'35 T'39, Anaheim, California

ROBERT AND DOROTHY MANDSAGER

Our relationship with Dana College involves a couple of facets that finally gelled into a Board of Regents appointment and the subsequent direct relationship. We, being of Scandinavian heritage, have had an interest in the colleges of our church with like beginnings. Dorothy is of mostly Danish heritage. Her family lived in a Norwegian-Danish community near Vermillion, South Dakota. She was intensely interested in the Borup gift and the subsequent Borup Coliseum. This family was from her home community. They were members of the neighboring UELC congregation.

Secondly, there was our own interest in Christian higher education. We both had attended Dana's sister college, Augustana, in Sioux Falls. It was while there that we met and later married. Our lives were surely supportive of all the institutions of Christian higher education of our church as we entered our respective professions, namely teaching and medicine. The imprint of our education within the walls of a church college carried with us into two terms of mission service with the ELC, which later was to become the ALC.

Thirdly, during our time in Cameroon, Africa, we met and served with Dr. James Kallas, who later was to become president of Dana College. Dr. Kallas and I later served together on the Board of World Missions of the ALC. It was through these contacts and relationships that he asked me if I would consider an appointment to the Board of Regents of Dana College, if the board so nominated me. Thus, in the early '80s, I began our direct relationship with Dana College. I have continued to serve in that capacity since that time.

In spite of various adversities, not the least the loss of Old Main, low student enrollment, and lack of adequate endowment and tight budgets, we have joined with other regents, administration, faculty, and staff in seeking to provide an excellent Christian higher education for the students of Dana College. It is to this end that we continue our prayers and support for Dana.

Prepared by Dr. Robert Mandsager, Marshalltown, Iowa

**ADOLPH AND ESTHER MARKING
ARNE MARKING**

Dana's first lady, Anne Christopherson, is a daughter of Adolph and Esther Marking and sister to Arne Marking. Adolph and Esther, and more recently Arne, have owned the Brookhaven Dairy Farm located on approximately 200 acres on County Road B, adjacent to the Maple Grove Country Club southwest of West Salem, Wisconsin. The Markings have farmed on that location since 1950. It is a beautiful location and has often been the featured farm for visits by political and farming groups and area school children.

They have been outstanding supporters of Dana College throughout the tenure of Myrv and Anne Christopherson as President and First Lady, and strong supporters of Christian higher education, mission outreach, and medical care, and to scores of needy people throughout the region and world. The Markings are proud of their Norwegian and Lutheran heritage. In addition to Anne and Arne, they have three additional children: Dr. Ralph Marking, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Dagny Sollie, Tacoma, Washington; and Ingrid Wynveen, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Prepared by Myrvin '61 and Anne Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska

MICHAEL S. MARTIN

My first exposure to Dana College occurred the fall of 1978 when I was traveling on a Lutheran Youth Encounter team. We sang in chapel and stayed in the residence hall with student hosts. I still remember my student hosts, Kip Tyler and Gary Beltz. We had visited other Lutheran colleges that year, but Dana was different. It was the first college that treated us as guests, but also took a genuine interest in us as people. We visited Dana twice that year and by the second visit, I was working with Richard (George) Schuler to change my status from visitor to student. The following fall, I was a first-year student at Dana.

While at Dana I was involved in a variety of activities from choir to intramurals, student government to Parnassus. The smallness of Dana was, for me, both a blessing and a curse, and my junior year I transferred to and attended the University of Iowa. However, a visit to a former Dana student in Idaho prompted me to return to Dana my senior year and graduate from Dana rather than Iowa.

I think my fondest memories of Dana are twofold. The classmates and friends are important, but perhaps even more important are the friendships with some faculty. I am now teaching at a sister Lutheran college and working as a Campus Pastor. I am grateful for the quality education I received at Dana. I do not believe I could have made a better choice for my first step in post-secondary education.

To be able to be a part of this new building and help Dana is a gift and a small way for me to give back something for all I have received while I was a student in Blair. I pray for God's richest blessings on this new facility and for all the students who will benefit from the learning that will occur there.

Prepared by Rev. Michael S. Martin '83, Houghton, Michigan

LARRY MASON

As with many students, Dana is a family tradition. I realized this fact on registration day, 1960, when Dr. Elmer Rasmussen, registrar, came from his office and greeted me. I was surprised to learn that he was a student at Dana at the same time as my mother, Ruth (Paulsen '38) Mason. He was watching for me that day to learn news about my mother.

Our family history here began with my grandfather, C.M. Paulsen. He was a Dana student and later became a teacher and also coached basketball for Dana in 1915-1916. My grandmother Anna was one of his students. They were later married and had a daughter, my mother Ruth.

I have lived and worked in many states, thanks to the fine education I received at Dana. People often ask where I attended school. Many know of Dana and its fine reputation, which makes all Dana students proud.

For me our long family tradition illustrates the richness of Dana. I will always be grateful to my parents, Tom and Ruth Mason, for continuing this family tradition and allowing me to be a third generation at Dana.

Prepared by Larry Mason '64, Duluth, Georgia

BERNARD AND MARY MATTHIES

Mary and I came to Dana in 1962 when I joined the faculty at the invitation of then President C. C. Madsen. Unlike many whose names appear on this Commemorative Wall, neither of us is a Dana alumnus, nor had our families any previous connection to the college. But we soon adopted Dana as our own, and Dana adopted us. Just when this adoption became "official" is hard to say, but we are pleased to have become a part of the Dana family. Over the past 31 years I have had the opportunity to serve the college as Professor of Education and Psychology, as chair of the teacher education and psychology programs, and as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College.

While our daughter Susan chose to attend and graduate from St. Olaf, our son Grant graduated from Dana in 1989. Having also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a time, he soon learned to recognize the many advantages that Dana had to offer.

From 1965 until the structure burned on August 25, 1988, my office was in Old Main, and most of my classes were held there as well. Old Main had a distinctive character apart from its unique facade and stately tower. The floors squeaked and sagged and the floor tiles had been patched so often over the years that no two seemed to match, the ceilings were laced with pipes and other ducts, and the winter winds rattled the windows and blew through, chilling the offices and classrooms inside. Nevertheless, it had a charm that all of us appreciated and we felt akin and comfortably at home within its walls, as if Old Main literally meant Dana College. It served well the many generations of Danians that lived, studied, and worked there. Its loss brought tears.

Now it is our hope that this new facility will serve as well the coming generations. It is fittingly designed for the purpose of Christian higher education and has all the amenities that Old Main lacked. May it stand as proudly for the next one hundred years.

Prepared by Bernie Matthies, Blair, Nebraska

FRED AND CAROL MATTHIES

We are very pleased, proud and honored to be part of the Dana family. Our good feelings toward Dana were greatly enhanced as a result of the Dana experience of our daughter, Jane Carolyn (Matthies) Goding, and her graduation with the Class of 1977. Most of all, we are pleased that her fine Dana education has enabled her to be very successful in the work force, a leader in church activities and an excellent mother.

Encouragement and promotion of education, and of Lutheran Higher Education in particular, has been a high priority item with us. We are advocates of strong private colleges and universities in partnership with public education institutions. While our daughter was a student at Dana, we were active in the Parents Club. In furtherance of our support of Lutheran Higher Education, Fred served 13 years as a Regent of Augustana College (Sioux Falls). *The Lutheran* magazine's Nebraska Supplement, December 1992, includes an article, written by Fred, which discusses Lutheran Higher Education and the costs of such education. Dana is used as an example of those considerations.

Dana and been good to (and good for) us, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and society in general. May God's blessings continue to flow to, and through, Dana.

Prepared by Fred Matthies, Omaha, Nebraska

JAMES McKINLEY

Unlike many others who will probably be giving a family history for this book, I had no past ties to Dana. My mother completed high school and my father finished his education with the eighth grade, leaving to work to support himself and his mother. But lack of education did not keep my dad from becoming successful or from supporting a college education for his two sons, and like the true American dream, he wanted us both to have more than he was able to have.

So it was really to fulfill my father's dream, not mine, that I enrolled at Dana. I am afraid that for the first couple of years, I was attending to make him happy, as I still had no idea what I hoped to achieve from the Dana experience. I had no goals, lacked confidence in myself, and was not involved. I was not a terrible student; it is just that I only really excelled when something motivated me, whatever that was.

I guess at some point in my junior year something connected. As a biology major, it had to eventually or I was out of there. But, seriously, I attribute the time of change to when one of my professors, who probably knew me a whole lot better than I did myself, asked me to participate as a lab assistant for that year's principles and vertebrate classes. I am not going to say this led to an immediate new sense of direction, but from that point on, I knew I would graduate from Dana College.

Well, anyone reading this probably thinks I am now going to relate how I went on to do great things in the field of biology or some related area. But no, I have been in automotive parts sales for years now and fairly confident I am a success at it. So, what is the point I am trying to make? Just this. If it had not been for the quality of life and education at Dana College and the care and genuine concern of those teaching there, I would most likely not have fulfilled my father's dream. I have deep feelings for knowing that the Dana tradition will continue to exist and be there to help others fulfill dreams of their own.

JOHN AND JANET (RASMUSSEN) MEHR

My first visit to Dana College was in 1930 when my parents brought me along to the annual synod convention. My father had recently become a UELC pastor in Saskatchewan, Canada. Being only 18 months old at the time, I have no recollection of that visit.

In August of 1949 my brother Hans and I came from Denmark and arrived in Blair with just enough money to pay for half a semester for one person. Currency restrictions made support from our parents difficult. Somehow we survived.

In the summer of 1950, my two brothers and I rented the old washhouse which stood south of the dining hall. It had been converted into an apartment for married students. The accommodations were not the greatest, but the rent was low and it provided shelter while we found employment in Blair. When the college reopened in the fall, Carl went home to Denmark, and Hans and I moved into the dormitory. Eventually the old house was torn down.

My wife and I are both children of former UELC pastors. While my father attended Grand View College, my father-in-law, Rev. Joseph Rasmussen, was one of the first American-born UELC pastors to be educated at Dana and Trinity Seminary. He attended Dana when it was very Danish and once told me that he at times felt like an outsider since he had never been to Denmark.

My wife is related to two people who have buildings named in their honor. Dr. C.C. Madsen of the Madsen Fine Arts Center was a brother-in-law to Uncle Ben; John Rasmussen of Rasmussen Hall was her father's cousin.

My mother-in-law grew up on a farm near Blair and was one of seven sisters. After the death of Rev. Rasmussen she returned to Blair and bought a house on the hill behind Dana. There she lived until she died in 1974. With her death our frequent visits to Dana came to an end.

A visit to the cemetery in Kennard is an experience in family history. The names Carlsen, Knudsen, Andersen, Larsen, Kronberg, Rasmussen and Cunningham are all members of a big clan which for years met annually for a family picnic in the Blair park. Among the descendants of these Nebraska farmers are several Dana alumni.

Prepared by John Mehr '52, Woodbridge, Virginia

ETHAN AND CATHERINE MENGERS

Ethan and Catherine met at Dana College. They graduated from the Academy in 1921. Catherine taught one year of school and then went to Augustana Hospital in Chicago for nurse's training. Ethan took college classes at Dana and then went to the Lutheran Seminary in Maywood, Illinois, near Chicago. They were married in 1926 and Ethan was ordained in 1926. He served congregations in Kenmare, North Dakota; Denver, Colorado; and Northfield, Minnesota. In 1946 he was called to be the Old Testament professor at Trinity Seminary. He also taught some college classes in religion, philosophy, and logic. When Trinity Seminary moved to Dubuque, he was one of the three Seminary professors who joined the faculty there. He died in June of 1958.

Catherine went back to nursing during World War II. She worked many years as a private duty nurse. Catherine and other Seminary wives joined to meet with the wives of Seminary students to give them support and advice in the contribution a wife is called to give to a pastor. Catherine died in 1971. They are buried in Dubuque.

Their three sons, Paul Eugene, Gerhardt, and Gunnar and their daughter Carol are all graduates of Dana College.

Dana was very dear to Ethan and Catherine. They had a loving relationship as husband and wife for 32 years, and they were happy to recall many memories from their lives as students at Dana. They were also happy to return to the campus and enjoyed the ten years they spent there. They appreciated the many friendships made on campus as students and later in the teaching years. Dr. Mengers enjoyed so much his seminary teaching and many of his students have told me they gained much from his classes, both in his knowledge of the Bible and the example of a life committed to God. We don't know if those who have gone before us through the gates of gold can know what is happening here on earth. But if they can, I am sure they are happy about the continuing spirit of support and love for Dana in these times.

Prepared by their daughter, Carol (Mengers '49) Johnson, Clarendon Hills, Illinois

GENE AND SUSIE MEYER

The Gene Meyer family came to Dana and Blair in August of 1974 when Gene became a part of the Dana development team. We came in two "waves"--first Gene and Duane arrived by car pulling a trailer in early August for Gene to start his new job and so that Duane could attend basketball camp at Dana. Later that month, Gene and Duane flew back to Georgia to get Susie, Kevin and baby Lynda (age 1 on August 10th) and the family's pet dog.

Walking the campus those early weeks with Lynda in Dad's backpack, the Meyer family was warmly welcomed. Living in the famous Mengers house, rented from Dana, was a real treat because of its spaciousness. Eight bedrooms and huge living areas with high ceilings allowed for the largest Christmas tree ever. The art department kiln filled the detached garage in back of the house.

During the nine ensuing years we were privileged to work with three presidents including one "acting" president. We saw and/or participated in many important events and happenings, some more exciting than others. We were privileged to play a major role in the Centennial Fund Campaign and observe the construction and furnishing of the performing arts facility, including field trips to view pipe organ installations that could be considered for Dana.

One of the greatest pleasures we experienced over these years was to see our younger son, Kevin, attend and graduate from Dana.

We are very proud to have been a direct, daily and formal part of Dana for nine years and now to continue to be part of the contributing family. Dana has meant much to us, and we will always try to mean much to Dana.

Prepared by Gene and Susie Meyer, Blair, Nebraska

MID-AMERICA COMPUTER CORPORATION

Dana's relationship with Mid America Computer Corporation (MACC) is many-faceted and not dissimilar to that of numerous other supporters within the Blair community. MACC applauds Dana in its ability to provide a first-class liberal arts curriculum while maintaining a Christian atmosphere for students and staff alike. These are merely examples of characteristics "standard" for Dana, positioning it highly among secondary educational institutions nationwide.

Beneficial to the business community, and particularly MACC, is the fact that Dana alumni provide an invaluable resource to be drawn upon in the employment pool arena. In turn, these associates provide direct economic impact to the entire community by "giving back" when patronizing local merchants, schools and churches.

Mid America Computer Corporation is proud to have the opportunity to become an involved and ongoing supporter of Dana and values not only a mutually beneficial business relationship, but also the real "friendship" offered by Dana, its students and staff.

Prepared by Mark Wagner, Blair, Nebraska

HAROLD AND MARY MILLER

Harold and Mary (Rattenborg) Miller became associated with Dana College in the late 1950s through membership in the Dana Chapter of The American Scandinavian Foundation. Primarily because of a mutual Danish heritage, their interest in and affection for Dana College grew rapidly.

The Millers opened their hearts to the Dana community and soon their lovely north Omaha home, "Valby Bakke," with its magnificent view of the Missouri River and the bluffs of Iowa, became a gathering place for Dana students and staff.

The Millers were frequent visitors to the campus and took great pride in introducing prospective students, personal friends and business associates from the Omaha-Council Bluffs area to Dana. They also became actively involved in making campus improvements. For example, while attending a concert by the Dana College Concert Band, Mary noticed that the uniforms the performers were wearing were in disrepair. Before the next Band concert, the performers were outfitted in new uniforms, compliments of the Millers. On another occasion it was noted that the wrought iron railing which once graced the tower of Old Main had not been replaced following several remodeling projects. Once again the Millers responded and soon a new railing was created and installed, compliments of Harold and Mary.

Harold, a highly successful general agent for Mutual of New York Insurance (MONY), was elected to the Dana Board of Regents in 1964 and served in that capacity until 1970. In recognition of his outstanding service to the College, he was named an Honorary Regent. He continued his active support of the college until his death in 1990. Mary preceded him in death in 1971.

Prepared by Harold's sister, Marie Miller, Omaha, Nebraska

JULIE MILLER

Dana College is where Mogens '81 and I met and began our life together. Mogens had planned to come to the United States for one year of college and then return home to Denmark. He chose Dana because they gave him a scholarship and he thought he would get some Danish food now and then!

Julie, my younger sister, had been exposed to the stories of how we loved Dana, and she had met many of the extraordinary people of the Dana family. She decided in 1984 to transfer to Dana from Wichita State University. In May of 1986 she received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

Upon graduation Julie chose Tulsa, Oklahoma, as her home. She accepted a sixth grade teaching position in Bartelsville, Oklahoma. On her way home from her third day of teaching, she was fatally injured in a traffic accident.

We miss Julie tremendously, and Mogens and I are grateful for this opportunity to have her memory live on in the heart of Dana. Julie was passionate about her love for learning and her love for children. It is our hope that her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who will benefit from this scholarship that we have given in her memory.

Prepared by her sister, Sally (Miller '81) Knudsen, Lexington, Nebraska

MARGARET A. AND ALEINE S. MILLER

We learned that Dana was our church college through our local church and pastors and were made more aware of it from representatives calling on each home for contributions.

It was through the influence and encouragement of former Dana Librarian Thea (Dorothea) Jensen that I considered attending Dana. I felt much apprehension about going so far away from home, but felt secure knowing I would know at least one person--Miss Jensen.

It was a wonderful experience to receive an education in a church college atmosphere. I'm always grateful for devoted and dedicated teachers and for lasting friendships.

Margaret always has had special interest in Dana (with a sister enrolled) and, as President of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, supported Dana College.

Prepared by Aleine S. Miller '33, Waupaca, Wisconsin

NEIL E. AND SHIRLEY (BOHS) MOORE

Throughout my high school days I saved money from a variety of jobs so that I could attend college. The summer after I graduated, August 1950, I had a serious accident while driving my Dad's new car. The cost of repairs took all of my savings and I had no idea how long I would have to postpone my plans to attend college. I was working a drill press one particularly hot day when Coach Paul Peterson contacted me about the possibility of attending Dana College. He offered me an athletic scholarship and the chance of a job cleaning up the locker rooms. This was the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Coach Peterson, who was my close friend, role model and counselor, and who initiated my commitment to Dana.

Coach Keith Skogman and Coach Peterson stressed the importance of academics. This emphasis and their interest encouraged me to develop the intellectual as well as the athletic skills to succeed and graduate from Dana and to prepare for graduate school. The dedication of those coaches and the outstanding faculty of Dana helped me to develop interests in areas outside of athletics. Because of their excellent teaching, I was motivated to complete a Master's degree in History and a Specialist degree in Kinesiology.

As a native Blairite I was initially skeptical of my welcome from Dana students who came from all over the country and several foreign countries. I discovered that former Blair classmates and I were warmly welcomed and that one of my favorite and most demanding high school teachers, Luella Nielsen, had been fortunate enough to be hired to teach at Dana. There are bonds, both direct and indirect, between Dana and Blair that made my educational experience particularly rewarding. I am pleased to see that those bonds have continued to develop and strengthen.

I've always felt I was lucky to attend Dana and that my fine education has continued to open doors of opportunity. I have always tried to return to Dana some of the benefits which resulted from that scholarship offered by Coach Peterson in late August 1950.

MORRISON KNUDSEN CORPORATION

We at Morrison Knudsen Corporation are grateful to Harold W. Andersen, a Morrison Knudsen director, for bringing Dana College to our attention. As we have come to know more about Dana College, we have gained appreciation and respect for its mission. As a company that has long been supportive of educational endeavors, we are especially grateful that institutions such as Dana College retain, practice, and teach the values that provide such an essential foundation for genuine learning. Your consistency in fulfilling that role makes it a pleasure to do our part to support you.

Prepared by Stanley D. Crow, Vice President, Communications, Boise, Idaho

RICHARD AND MILDRED (JOHNSON) MORTON

My first contact with Dana came in September 1927, when I enrolled at Dana as a freshman. I flirted a bit with the idea of going to another college. My father quickly took care of that idea: "If you want to go to college, you'll go to Dana." My two brothers had attended Dana and he saw no reason for me to go elsewhere.

Mildred, on the other hand, had been associated with Dana for as long as she could remember. The reason was that her parents, Jens and Anina (Hansen) Johnson, were students together at Dana around the turn of the century (they were married in 1902). Mildred came to Blair often because her grandmother lived there, so as a child she heard often of Blair and even observed some of the activities at Dana. She remembered also how she and her sister, Lilah, and their parents crossed the Missouri on a ferry, powered by a team of horses towed from each side. "The Bridge" was built around the mid-twenties, I believe.

Mildred's and my associations with Dana continued for two years. We then transferred to the University of Minnesota where we graduated in 1931. She taught high school in Wisconsin for three years and I attended Trinity Seminary. We were married in Minneapolis and I was ordained in Audubon, Iowa, in June 1934.

Our next contact with Dana came in 1944. I was elected president of Dana at the convention of the former UELC in June of that year. Those were perilous years for Dana. The war was on, men were involved in the war effort. Enrollment dropped and there was talk in the church of closing Dana. A friend of mine said to me, "Have you come to close Dana?" It struggled on. The most serious problem was the fact that Dana did not have North Central Accreditation. I engaged a retired commission member from the Association to make a study of Dana with attention to her weaknesses and strengths. We then applied for accreditation. It was denied. We focused on the areas of weakness, then applied again. Again the answer was "No." The chairman of the accrediting committee said privately to me, "I do not see how a Church as small as yours can adequately support both a college and a seminary." The 1956 convention of the church brought some marked changes to the church, particularly to Dana. The seminary was moved to Wartburg and financial support for Dana doubled. Within a few years Dana obtained North Central Accreditation.

In September 1954, my daughter D'Arlene enrolled at Dana, making her a third generation to attend Dana. She graduated in 1958.

It was a thrill to see Pioneer Memorial erected and dedicated in 1948. It was the first building of consequence at Dana since 1927. It served as the administration, classrooms, and library until the "big push" came with new construction for dormitories, the science building, the field house and gymnasium, the library, the fine arts building and the campus center.

In the spring of 1956, I informed the Board of Trustees that I did not want to continue at Dana. I believed I had done all I could for Dana. It was time for new leadership.

Prepared by Richard Morton D'31 T'34, Lodi, California

WILLIAM AND IVA MUNDSCHENK

The Mundschenk family first heard about Dana College in the early 1930s when friends of William from Petersburg, Nebraska, attended there. Over the years Old Main served as a landmark with fond thoughts as the Mundschenks passed through on their way from Illinois to their home in Nebraska.

William of Albion, Nebraska, ventured to Illinois in the dirty thirties where he learned the carpenter trade and became a contractor. He was also half owner in a heating and plumbing shop in Graymont, Illinois, and served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

In 1946 he married Iva (Haas) Mundschenk, and the couple lived in Illinois until 1954 when they returned to Albion, Nebraska. During the 1970s they had two nephews who graduated from Dana and their daughter Jane started her relationship with the college. At Dana she was a person, not just a number, and the faculty enlightened and encouraged her through to her graduation in 1980.

There have been a good many times in the last sixty years that thoughts of Dana and of friends and family who attended there have warmed our hearts.

Prepared by William Mundschenk, Albion, Nebraska

DANA AND MAUREEN MUNSON

I, Dana Munson, was and am the only member of my family to attend Dana College. In the spring of my senior year at Dodson, Montana, High School, I was searching for a college to attend. My mother thought there was a college with my name somewhere. So I looked in a book on colleges and found the name Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. I also found out it was affiliated with the Lutheran Church. Being Lutheran and my parents wanting me to go to a private college spurred me to write to Dana College.

I wrote. I received information from Dana College. I applied and was accepted. When I arrived in Blair, Nebraska, to attend Dana in the fall of 1970, I had never seen the campus nor had I talked with anyone from Dana. Since Dana College was 1,100 miles from my Montana home, my sister drove me to Dana on her way to St. Olaf College in Minnesota. She dropped me off at my dorm room and left the same day. I was alone in a new state, in a new room, on a strange campus of a college I had never seen before, and a thousand miles from home. I did not even have any relatives anywhere near.

But it was an adventure. I fought off homesickness the first semester at Dana. The scholastic demands of Dana kept me well occupied along with my after-hours job which I needed to work my way through school.

I settled in and stayed all four years at Dana. I graduated in 1974, returned for a visit in 1975, and never returned to Dana College. It is now 1992. I still remember my excellent professors, my work pals, and the best friend of my life. The education I received was of the highest quality. It gave me a perspective and an ability to meet career challenges I had never dreamed of while at Dana.

Prepared by Dana Munson '74, Federal Way, Washington

RUSSELL AND MADELYN MUSICK FAMILY

Dana College has made a significant impact in the lives of all the members of the Russell and Madelyn Musick family. Russell and Madelyn moved to Blair in 1947 and managed the J.M. McDonald department store for over 25 years. All four children graduated from Dana College: David '70 in music, Mark '72 in math, Jim '73 in music, and Marilyn '76 in music. Additionally, David married Cynthia Homes '73, and Mark married Susan Miller '72, who are also Dana alumni.

The classrooms in Old Main helped form an educational basis for the Musick Family because many of their classes were held in those rooms. Dana's liberal arts education helped them in dealing with the future challenges of life and to continue with educational endeavors and the attainment of advanced degrees.

Old Main was the main building for classrooms in the late '60s and early '70s when we attended Dana. Memories of the building are fond and vivid. The loss of Old Main ended a part of history which is now left only in the minds of the students and faculty who had the privilege of teaching and studying in it. The replacement will be just the beginning of new memories for the future faculty and students of Dana.

Prepared by their son, Mark Musick '72, Lincoln, Nebraska

PHILIP AND JANET (WOHLERS) MYER

Our family's first contact with Dana College was in the early 50's when Janet's cousin, Eleanor Wohlers, was attending classes. Janet recollects coming to Dana as a Sunday dinner guest of her cousin and being impressed by the friendliness and comradeship of the student body and staff. She began to look forward to becoming a Dana student as the time came for her to choose a college in 1960. Her anticipation became reality and she joined the Class of '64 as a biology major.

After marriage to Janet, Philip Myer completed his pre-med education at Dana in 1968. Our daughter Edith Myer attended Dana in 1982-83 and the following year our daughter Barbara enrolled. She also received her degree as a pre-med student in 1987.

Over the years we have come to appreciate the solid education and spiritual growth afforded by our Dana experiences and hope it will be available to our grandchildren.

Prepared by Janet Myer '64, Manning, Iowa

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES
OFFICE OF CHALLENGE GRANTS**

NEH awarded a challenge grant of \$150,000 (to be matched with nonfederal funds by 3:1 ratio for a total of \$600,000) to support construction costs of a new classroom building which will replace Old Main, destroyed by fire four years ago.

Prepared by Harold C. Cannon, Director, OCG, NEH, Washington, D.C.

ARNO AND BETTY (JORTH) NEBEN

The Jorth family had five representatives at Dana in the twenties and forties. My Dad's uncle, Aaron Jorth '24, and his aunt, Dagmar (Jorth) Larsen Thom '26, attended Dana. My aunt, Pollie (Jorth) Hahn, attended Dana from 1948-50. Another aunt, Marjorie (Jorth) Wahlgren, attended from 1945-47. My Dad's brother, Curtis Jorth, attended Dana and Trinity Seminary from 1941-46. My parents, Arnold Jorth and Nora (Bisgard) Jorth, met while attending a Luther League convention at Dana. With these family ties, my Danish background, and because of my interest in a degree in elementary education, I chose Dana.

Arno, being of German and Luxembourg descent, had no family connection to Dana. He chose Dana because of the good mathematics department and the opportunity to participate in more than one sport. His Luther League and high school athletic and forensic teams had visited the campus many times and he liked it.

Dana has a special place in our hearts. Not only did it bring us together and give us great educations for our careers, but we also made numerous friends with whom we still keep in touch.

Prepared by Betty (Jorth '71) Neben, Papillion, Nebraska

NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Nebraska Independent College Foundation was founded in 1953 with seven charter member colleges, including Dana College. During our 39-year history, NICF has had the privilege of raising annual support for Dana College from Nebraska businesses, corporations and foundations. The partnership between NICF and Dana College is one of enduring friendship and mutual benefit.

The support NICF is able to develop for its member colleges is a direct reflection of the high regard in which each of the member colleges is held. For well over 100 years Dana College has met the very highest standards of educational excellence and has been a model of quality for all institutions. Dana College enjoys a reputation as an institution of singular importance to Nebraska and to its students. NICF is proud to have played a small part in the success of this fine institution.

We wish Dana College continued success in its efforts to provide educational opportunities for students from Nebraska and around the world.

Prepared by Thomas R. Horgan, Omaha, Nebraska

NEBRASKA SYNOD, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sees Dana College as one of its very important ministries of education. The 274 congregations of the Nebraska Synod count it a privilege to be in partnership with Dana College in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We appreciate that while Dana College does not force members of its community to believe in God, nevertheless we want all to know that we proudly carry on the bold faith of the founders of the college.

Prepared by Dr. Richard N. Jessen, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA, Omaha, Nebraska

ERLAND AND NAIDA NELSON FAMILY

Erland and Naida Nelson's close relationship with Dana began in 1927 when Erland was hired as head of the college's commercial department. In 1929 he became acting president. Becoming Dana's ninth president in 1931, he served to 1936.

After leaving Dana, Erland taught Psychology at Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina, served as president of Carthage College (then at Carthage, Illinois, now at Kenosha, Wisconsin), and taught at the University of South Carolina.

Dana was loved and supported by Erland and Naida Nelson.

Prepared by their daughter, Isabelle F. Wittig, Payne, Ohio

ARTHUR F. AND RUTH (RASMUSSEN) NELSON

Arthur Fredrick Nelson was born in Shennington, Wisconsin, on May 19, 1901. His mother's parents came from Holbaek, Denmark. Arthur's father, Chris Holm Nelson, born near Lunde, Jylland, came at age 15 with his father to Iowa to work two years to pay for passage for the Nelson family. In the late 1890s, the family lived in Racine, Wisconsin, where Chris met and married Trena Marie Pederson, whose family farmed in Door County. (As a young woman, Trena had spent two summers at Dana Summer School.)

In 1906, Arthur's family homesteaded in Daneville, a community of Danish pioneers in northwest North Dakota. Affiliated with the Danish Lutheran Synod in Blair, Nebraska, they worshipped in homes until Arthur's carpenter-farmer father supervised the building of a church.

Not until he was twenty years old could Arthur be spared to attend high school for the two years that were then offered. In 1923, Arthur enrolled at Dana Academy. During the second year, possible only because of hail insurance money, Arthur also started college work and a life-long interest in Chemistry. Because Dana offered little Chemistry, he transferred to St. Olaf College, from which he graduated with honors in 1928.

Except for five years as a research chemist, Arthur taught college-level Chemistry. After substituting for a year at St. Olaf, he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Iowa. In 1929-30, he taught at Dana, where he met History teacher Ruth Rasmussen, from Boston, Massachusetts. They left Dana to continue their graduate studies. In 1932, Ruth earned her Ed.M. (from Harvard Graduate School of Education) and Arthur his Ph.D. (from Iowa). Arthur taught at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Ruth taught high school at Manchester, Vermont. They were married June 23, 1934. Starting in 1942, Arthur taught at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York.

The final move was in 1947 to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where Arthur (for 22 years) and, later, Ruth (for 16 years) taught at what is now St. Cloud State University. In 1985, Arthur Nelson was honored by St. Olaf with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

At Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, Arthur was Sunday School Superintendent for about eight years and organized and was Scoutmaster for seven years of Bethlehem's Troop 14. For fifteen years, starting in 1975, Arthur and Ruth were actively involved in refugee resettlement. They maintained a life-long relationship with the Danish Lutheran Church, headquartered in Blair. In 1984, they attended the Danish Church Reunion at Dana.

God richly blessed Arthur and Ruth Nelson with good health, many friends, and warm relationships with their children--Karen (Hoyle), Alan, Deborah (Biorn), Fredric, and David--their children's spouses, and ten grandchildren.

Arthur Nelson died June 18, 1989. He is buried at the Danish Cemetery in Becker Township near St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Prepared by Ruth (Rasmussen) Nelson, St. Cloud, Minnesota

HAROLD AND ANNA MARGARET (HANSEN) NELSON

My relationship to Dana College/Trinity Seminary began at birth. I was born in Bondo Memorial to Theo. M. and Serena (Christensen) Hansen. My dad was president of Dana at that time.

Theo. M. Hansen and Rodney V. Hansen, my two eldest brothers, also attended Dana. When I returned to Dana as a student in 1945, I discovered that several of the staff had been students at Dana with my brothers in the '30s.

In 1952 I returned to Dana one more time, this time as the wife of Harold Nelson. Harold attended Dana after his tour in Korea. He was a pre-sem student graduating from Dana in 1955. He continued his seminary training at Trinity. I was not the influence for Harold's attending Dana. Dana was. He just felt the warmth of the campus when he visited in the late '40s. When he decided in Korea to become an Army chaplain, he also knew where he would go to school.

Being UELC from birth, I found my childhood friendships matured at Dana. What a warm, wonderful year my year at Dana was for me.

Prepared by Anna (Hansen '49) Nelson, Gig Harbor, Washington

A.V. AND DORA NEVE FAMILY

Anders Valdemar Neve (the name he was given at baptism though he often referred to himself as A.V. Neve) was born February 22, 1886, in Ringsted, Iowa. After ninth grade he attended school irregularly and only in the winter because he had to help with work on the farm.

At the celebration of his 65th birthday, Anders recalled, "On a December morning of the year 1904 I walked up the steps of Old Main at Dana College to enroll at the winter quarter.... It was a decisive step for me, for at that time I had never been more than 25 miles from home." He returned the next winter and at that time he felt the call to enter the ministry. Consequently, in September 1906 he enrolled at Dana College and graduated in the spring of 1910. Three years later he graduated from Trinity Seminary in Blair and went on to study at Maywood Lutheran Seminary in Chicago.

He served parishes in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Beresford, South Dakota; and Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. During his ministry in Beresford, he was Secretary of the Iowa District from 1923-25, and President of the same district from 1925-29. At that time he was instrumental in starting the Lake Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

After 42 years in the parish ministry, A.V. Neve retired in Blair and continued his active interest in the affairs of the college.

Dora Christine Larsen was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, on April 7, 1887. She entered a three-year nursing program at Immanuel Deaconess Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 1, 1909, having spent six months of the previous year traveling in Denmark and England. She met Anders while she was on duty, nursing his brother George. "That occasion was the beginning of a romance which culminated in our marriage on July 21, 1914," A.V. noted. Dora served beside her husband in his parishes. She was a spiritual influence on their children and encouraged their pursuit of education and culture.

Seven children were born to this union: Aster, Paul, Alton, Lloyd, Ried, Marlyn, and Ruth. They all attended Dana and three were on campus during their seminary training at Trinity. Paul taught at Dana for 41 years. Many of the Neves' grandchildren also attended the college. Dana has been the scene of several family reunions.

Anders Valdemar Neve died on the Dana campus, suffering a heart attack while attending a basketball game on December 7, 1965, at the age of 79. Dora Christine Neve was struck by a car as she was returning from a visit to a shut-in and died March 25, 1970, at the age of 82.

Prepared by their son, Aster Neve D'37 T'44, St. Paul, Minnesota

ALTON AND MARJORIE NEVE

My father, Rev. A.V. Neve, enrolled at Dana after only four years of elementary schooling and took his college and seminary training there. He was a lifelong booster of Dana and when he passed away and mother was provided for, he made eight bequests--one for each of his children and one for Dana College.

There was no pressure for any of us to enroll at Dana, but all seven of us did so. I spent three years at Dana. My first wife (the late Rebecca Andersen) and I constituted one half of the B.A. graduates in the class of 1943.

ASTER AND RUTH NEVE

Aster Eberhart Neve, oldest child of A.V. and Dora Neve, was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on January 6, 1916, and moved with his parents to Beresford, South Dakota, when he was two. Throughout his school years, Aster's family lived in Beresford. Aster attended Dana during school years 1935-1937. He was on the football team and in the choir and went with the choir on the 1937 California choir tour. After two years at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a year teaching social studies and coaching football at the Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, Oklahoma, Aster returned to the Dana campus to attend Trinity Seminary. He graduated in 1944. Ordained as a pastor of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church on June 11, 1944, he took a call in Farmington, Minnesota.

In 1948, while doing graduate work at Biblical Seminary in New York City, Aster met Ruth Sallwasser. They were married in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 17, 1949, after she completed the work on her master's degree in religious education. They had four children: Grace Marlyn, Lois Christine, David Eberhart, and Mary Teresa.

Mary attended Dana in 1982-83 as a junior. She sang in the choir and was on the drill team. During the January Interim she was one of eleven students who traveled in five European countries with Professor John W. Nielsen as leader.

Aster served parishes in Milwaukee, Milltown, and Kenosha, Wisconsin; Big Rapids, Michigan; and Keokuk, Iowa. In Big Rapids Aster also served as Lutheran Campus Pastor at Ferris State College. Ruth edited *The Little Lutheran*, the UELC Sunday School paper, in 1958 and '59, working closely with Otto Stave at the Lutheran Publishing House in Blair.

After retiring from full-time parish ministry in 1979, Aster served as District Representative of Lutheran Brotherhood Life Insurance in Iowa for two years and as Visitation Pastor at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights in Minneapolis for three years. Ruth worked for the State of Minnesota for five years, retiring in 1986 from her position as manager of the development office of Metropolitan State University. Aster and Ruth live in Shoreview, a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Prepared by Aster D'37 T'44 and Ruth Neve, St. Paul, Minnesota

LEIF NEVE AND BONNIE LUTZ

Mom and Dad asked all of their children to try Dana for just one year. After that first year we were free to remain at Dana or try some other school. That is why I found myself in the freshman class in 1973. Kaj had already graduated and Nina had left Dana for a college in California, but Rachael was still there, and Kim and Peter came before I graduated. When you leave your home in Japan and come to the U.S.A. to go to college, it is nice to have family members along who can help you through the turbulence of culture shock.

It is also nice to go to a college where your family already has an established tradition. Dad told me that Grandpa had told him he was runner-up in Dana's tennis tournament in the 1910s. Tennis has been big in my life and was when I played for Dana, so this might be called following a family tradition. I also sang in the Dana Choir directed by Uncle Paul, and had classes taught by teachers who either roomed with Dad at Dana in the '40s or who actually were his teachers, just as he had teachers who had taught his Dad.

I didn't meet Bonnie at Dana, but if attendance at Dana had not brought me to Dana I probably would not have been in Nebraska to meet her in Lincoln as I did later. At present she is a home loan officer with a bank in Maryland and I am a computer programmer. It was a matching gift from Bonnie's bank which helped make possible our Commemorative Wall gift.

Prepared by Leif Neve '77, Bethesda, Maryland

LLOYD AND MURIEL NEVE

Lloyd Neve: Going to Dana was as taken-for-granted in my boyhood days as entering first grade. As a child I had studied Danish under A.M. Andersen, Dana's founder who was living at that time in Beresford, South Dakota, where I grew up. In addition to my father, several Neve aunts and uncles had attended Dana. All six of my siblings had already, or were about to, attend Dana. Finally, there were always cousins by the dozens (Neves, Vammens, Carlsens, Andersens) as we liked to say. One distinct memory is a cousin reunion of current Dana/Trinity students which gathered 24 people (including some in-laws and non-Neve relatives) in 1946-47. So to go to Dana meant plugging into a large and enjoyable family network already there.

Because my oldest brother came back to the Dana campus to attend Trinity Seminary while I was in college, and because my brother, Paul, came back as a teacher in the music department, and finally because I stayed on to attend Trinity Seminary myself, I was able to be at college with five siblings. Being at Dana together was a great unifying factor in our immediate family.

Old Main was a direct link to the family past. That building had been classroom building, dining hall, and dormitory for my father, A.V. Neve. Dana, in its archives, has a picture which includes my father as one of the student body of 1907 gathered to be photographed on the front steps of Old Main. At one time, Father told me that each room in the Old Main dormitory had a long rope lying coiled in the corner to be used in lieu of a fire escape; but if visitors asked what the ropes were used for, the students would jokingly reply that they were there so the students could hang themselves if studying became too stressful!

When the excavating was done for the new classroom building in 1992, I searched the site which would have been directly under Old Main for artifacts which might be a link to my father's days at Dana. I found only some shards of heavy porcelain plates and cups which I fancy might have been used by Father in the dining hall when he first came to Dana in 1904.

Muriel Neve: Because I married into the Neve family, I also sort of married into the Dana tradition. I am really from Oakland, California, and graduated from what was then known as The College of the Pacific. After I met and married Lloyd in Japan in 1949, Dana became an important part of my life. In 1979 Dana honored us with a Parents Appreciation Award and an accompanying letter which congratulated the whole family for attending Dana, both parents and six children. So I consider myself at least an honorary alumna of Dana. But now that we live in Blair (after retirement in 1988 from 40 years of missionary work in Japan and elsewhere) I am now turning the honorary alumna into the real thing by taking courses at Dana. But whether honorary or real, I am as loyal to Dana as anyone who has ever sat in a Dana classroom.

Prepared by Lloyd D'45 T'47 and Muriel (Dana, part-time, 1990-93; named Honorary Alumna 1996), Blair, Nebraska

PAUL AND LELA (NIELSEN) NEVE

Lela and I have held Dana College in high esteem since the days of our early youth. Our fathers, N.P. Nielsen and A.V. Neve, attended Dana and graduated from Trinity Seminary. I first arrived at Dana as a student in 1937 and Lela came in 1939. We received our B.A. degrees from Dana, mine in 1941 and Lela in 1943.

I became a member of the Dana Faculty in 1943 and after our marriage in 1944, we remained close to Dana and the employ of Dana. After raising a family of four children, Lela was employed as a secretary in the Humanities department and in the Library. She also greatly assisted me in the work of the Dana Choir during the years I was Director from 1943 to 1984. Lela was instrumental in organizing the Sights and Sounds of Christmas as we have it today.

We are pleased that our four children, Leon, Lois, Loyd and Lori, all attended Dana, and all but Leon received baccalaureate degrees from Dana. Leon's wife, Alice Petersen, is a graduate.

Through the years there have been many from the Neve and Nielsen families who have had ties with Dana and Trinity.

All of my brothers and sisters received education at Dana. Brother Aster was at Dana for two years and graduated from Trinity Seminary. Brother Alton and his wife, Helen Rebecca Andersen, graduated from Dana. Brother Lloyd graduated from both Dana and Trinity. My brother, Ried, graduated from Dana and Trinity and his wife, Eunice Petersen, received her degree from Dana. Sisters Marlyn and Ruth attended Dana and Marlyn's husband, Allan Nyegaard, is a graduate of Dana.

Two of Lela's sisters, Dagmar and Lydia, received education at Dana. Charles Doidge, the husband of Vera Mae, a sister of Lela, graduated from Dana. Brother LeVern graduated from both Dana and Trinity and brother Merl Dean attended Dana. Brother Carl earned a degree from Dana and his wife, Phyllis Benson, also attended Dana. Their daughter, Jeanmarie Nielsen, and her husband, Michael Anderson, are members of the Dana Faculty. J.P. Nielsen, uncle of Lela, graduated from Dana and Trinity, and for many years was President of Trinity Seminary.

During these many years we have built lasting friendships with many of the bigger Dana family and we are thankful to all of those who have enriched our lives so much.

RACHAEL NEVE

Even though I grew up and had my elementary and secondary schooling in Japan, I somehow found myself on a one-way track to Dana. Our high school, the American School in Japan, which could be favorably compared to an elite private school in the U.S.A., usually encouraged us upon graduation to try for the bigger and better colleges. My parents, however, did not conceal the fact that they wanted us to go to Dana. So they asked all of their six children to try one year at Dana. If we did not like it we were free to take our last three years at another college of our choice.

I am one of the four who stayed at Dana until graduation. I have never regretted that decision. For one thing, it was fun to get first-hand exposure to my Dad's Danish heritage, which I did by studying Danish. Some missionary children want to distance themselves from family influences when they go off to college. I enjoyed studying under teachers who had roomed with Dad (Norman Bansen) or had taught him (Clifford Hanson) while he was at Dana. I also got to know cousins and second-cousins, some of whom I hardly knew existed before I went to Dana.

I do not mean to slight the fact that Dana gave me a good education in the humanities which laid foundations which are there for my use the rest of my life. In addition, it was a class in biology under Dr. Larrie Stone that steered me into the scientific world which now is not only my career but also a lifelong consuming passion.

Above all, it was at Dana that the Christian faith in which I had been reared was confirmed for me and became my own, a fact for which I will be eternally grateful.

RIED AND EUNICE (PETERSEN) NEVE

Dana has been an important part of our lives since we met on campus in September, 1946, on Ried's return from service in the U.S. Navy. The 1946-47 year was Eunice's second year on campus. But our roots in the college go back much further.

Ried's father, A.V. Neve, came to Dana as a student in 1904. He also received his theological education at Trinity Seminary prior to his ordination in 1914. Eunice's father, Anker B. Petersen, attended Dana one winter term in one of the last years of the second decade of this century. All of Ried's older brothers, Aster, Paul, Alton, and Lloyd, attended Dana before Ried. Sisters Marlyn (Neve) Nyegaard and Ruth (Neve) Petajan also attended Dana. Four Neve brothers received B.A. degrees from Dana. Aster, Lloyd and Ried also received B.D. (later known as M.Div.) degrees from Trinity Seminary. Three of Eunice's sisters, Jeanette (Petersen) Lubkemann, Marietta (Petersen) Stenson and Marilyn (Petersen) Meyer, each attended Dana for one year.

Eunice and Ried were married the day after Ried's graduation from Dana. Our two oldest children, Juel and Deborah, were born during Ried's years at Trinity Seminary. Two younger daughters were born in Blair while we were at our first parish at Kennard and Orum. So for ten years we were blessed with being able to enjoy the religious and cultural life on the Dana campus because we lived in or close to Blair and Dana. Both Juel (Neve) Pierce and Susan (Neve) Hettinger received their undergraduate degrees from Dana. Patricia (Neve) Tinnel spent her first year of college at Dana.

Through the years that we spent in ministry in Iowa and Nebraska congregations, and during our final years of work in Greeley, Colorado, we came back to Blair and Dana for graduations and events like Sights and Sounds of Christmas as often as possible. The pull of Dana has been and continues to be strong for us. Living in Omaha makes it possible for us to participate in and enjoy the many good things that Dana continues to offer its alumni and friends. We hope and pray that Dana will attract some of our grandchildren and future generations after them.

A. CRAIG AND JANICE NIELSEN

I was raised in San Francisco, but my introduction to Dana came the summer of 1948 in Fresno at a convention of the old United Evangelical Lutheran Church: a slide presentation by Norman Bansen, a very distant relative then working on college publicity.

Soon after, my mother and I drove our family's 1937 Pontiac (guaranteed to boil on every long grade) to the Midwest on a vacation trip. Dana College became a must-see, and the magic of Old Main took over from there. I was hooked.

One of my mother's old friends lived in Fremont, Nebraska. It was there that I met their son, John Beck, then a Dana sophomore. John and I agreed to become roommates the next year, and our friendship, as with so many others from those years, continues to this day.

Jan was raised in Central City, Nebraska, but had no ties to Dana until we were married. On her first visit there after our marriage, she caught the Dana spirit, too, and now counts many of my classmates among her personal friends.

My father, Andrew, had a special feeling for Dana that manifested itself in a way that was, perhaps, the genesis of fund raising for the college. Born in Denmark in 1876 and with only a sixth-grade education, he had strong feelings for the value of education, especially in a Christian environment. His first visit to Dana was for my graduation. He stayed the next week to attend the annual convention of the UELC, where a report on Dana revealed a \$25,000 operating deficit for the year.

In those days the college received a sizable subsidy from the church. Dad did not want delegates going home reporting to their congregations that this additional amount would have to be covered by them. He thought everyone present should dig deeply into their wallets to make it up and called for such a collection, which was done. I never heard how much was collected, but the next year the Dana College Foundation was formed to receive contributions. I have always felt that it was the willingness of people to give at that convention that encouraged someone to come up with the formal program that started the next year.

Dad died a week after we returned home, so he never knew how generous Dana's alumni and friends have become.

Prepared by A. Craig Nielsen '52, Anacortes, Washington

ELCAR AND LILLIAN NIELSEN

Our association with Dana College began over 30 years ago. Dana President Dr. C. Clifford Madsen made a trip to Kansas City to request that I consider serving on the Dana Board of Regents. Dr. Madsen had accepted a call to Our Savior's (Danish) Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas, in the early thirties. This was his first parish after graduation from seminary and he came with his new bride, Esther.

I was confirmed by him in 1935 and he performed our wedding service on September 8th, 1940.

Dr. Madsen was the type of person that you could not turn down, resulting in my election to the Board of Regents. Today I proudly display in my office a beautiful plaque for my 18 years of consecutive service to Dana's Board of Regents.

My wife, Lillian, and I have many cherished memories of our association not only with the Board of Regents but faculty and students as well.

Prepared by the Honorable Consul E.A. Nielsen, Prairie Village, Kansas

ELLIOTT AND JUANE (SKOW) NIELSEN

We met each other at Dana College in 1957 when we were freshmen. Elliott managed to sit at the "assigned tables" in the college dining room where Juane was waiting tables. (Remember family style eating!) She worked in the dining room for 25 cents an hour, which went directly to payment toward tuition.

Dana became a family tradition for the Nielsen family. Elliott's parents, Emerald Nielsen and Olga Petersen, also met at Dana in the 1920s. Both of Elliott's sisters attended Dana, Delores (Nielsen) Ingram and Kathleen (Nielsen) Leistad. Two of our three children, Deanna '84 and David Jon '87, graduated from Dana. Deanna also met her husband, Steve Appel '83, at Dana.

Elliott, Deanna, David, and Elliott's parents each had the privilege of being in the touring choir while at Dana.

We appreciate the family atmosphere Dana provided and are thankful we had the opportunity to be a part of the Dana family.

Prepared by Elliott '61 and Juane (Skow '61) Nielsen, Minden, Nebraska

HOMER AND IONE (CHRISTENSEN) NIELSEN

As a boy, and throughout my secondary school years, I listened to stories about Dana from my father, and from students who had attended, or were attending, Dana. It never occurred to me to attend any college other than Dana.

My father, Rev. Frank Nielsen, came from Westbrook, Maine, and attended Dana and Trinity Seminary from 1909-1916. To the best of my knowledge, he was the first student from the New England area to attend Dana.

Ione and I met at Dana. She graduated in 1940, and I graduated in 1941. I was the first of the 1941 class to be drafted into the Army (July 14, 1941), and we were married in 1942, prior to my overseas duty.

We were four children, all of whom attended Dana. A sister, Ruth, is married to Herbert C. Jeppesen, who also attended Dana. Herbert's father, Rev. Christian Jeppesen, attended Dana and Trinity Seminary during the same years my father attended.

A brother, Rev. L.M. Nielsen (deceased), attended Dana and Trinity Seminary, and his wife, Marilyn (Young), also attended Dana.

A sister, Vera Currier, was the fourth member of our immediate family to attend Dana.

Ione's brother, Donald Christensen (deceased), also was a member of the Dana student body.

After four and one-half years of military service, I attended Columbia University in New York City for my M.A., and then returned to Dana for a period of four years as Director of Public Relations.

Dana means a great deal to all of us, and we enthusiastically extol its virtues and values at any given opportunity.

Prepared by Homer '41 and Ione (Christensen '40) Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska

LUELLA K. NIELSEN

Like so many others, I am part of a Dana family. In my case, I am the first of the line. Since I grew up in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and was confirmed at Trinity, an old United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation, whose pastor, Rev. H.W. Bondo, was a member of a well-known Dana family and who himself served on the Board of Trustees of the College, there was no question in the minds of my parents as to where I would go. I had other ideas, but my parents were paying for my education, so I agreed to try it for one year. That year stretched to four, and I was definitely hooked.

After teaching high school English for 13 years and attending graduate school in Minnesota and Wyoming, I came home to Dana to teach--mostly American literature, linguistics, and humanities--for the next 36 years.

I was followed to Dana as a student by all of my siblings--two brothers, John and James, and four sisters: Eleanor (now Mrs. Donald Schou), Marion (Mrs. Gary Hansen), Margaret (Mrs. Bill Rodenburg), and Elizabeth (Mrs. Michael Pedersen). All four sisters met their husbands at Dana, and John married Elizabeth Solevad, a Dana student. John also taught at Dana, serving for a time as campus pastor and finally as director of Humanities.

Third generation Dana students include Gregory Schou, John Mark Nielsen and his wife (Dawn Carper), Thomas Nielsen and his wife (Patti Meier), Steven Schou, Deborah Schou, Jane Nielsen, Anne Nielsen and her husband (John Hibbing), Laurie Schou, David Nielsen, Cynthia Schou, Randa Rodenburg and her husband (Thomas Quale), Ron Rodenburg and Rene Rodenburg.

At present (1994) there are still three Nielsens at Dana--John Mark, as professor of English, Tom as an assistant in the library, and Patti as college nurse.

JENS PETER AND MARTHA NIELSEN

Having grown up in the Golgotha Church in Chicago, I have heard and known about Dana College all of my life. Aunts, uncles, friends spent time studying at Dana.

Not until 1962 did we become actively involved, when our daughter Karen attended school there. Beginning with Karen's senior year, 1964, my husband Jens Peter served on the Board of Regents for four or five years, a position he enjoyed until he had to resign due to ill health. We met many fine Christian friends during the years we were able to serve and visit Dana.

The Dana campus is so beautiful, a Christian atmosphere is everywhere, and a very personal interest in the students' progress and well being was always so evident. Dana was a good college for our daughter.

Prepared by Martha Nielsen, Palos Heights, Illinois

ORVILLE V. AND DELMA (MADSEN) NIELSEN AND FAMILY

As a teenager I remember the Dana Choir coming to Fredericksburg Lutheran Church in Minden, Nebraska, for a concert. One of the men that stayed with my parents at that time was introduced to me later through Orville, Clarence Henrickson. Clarence and Orville were members of the 1929 Touring Choir that traveled to Europe.

We visited Dana several times for Homecoming and other events where I got to know several other choir members and interesting people. Orville kept in touch with all of the choir members and they would meet each year to reminisce about their trip and their families as they grew. Professor Waldo B. Nielsen and his wife BiBi were also included in our festivities. Orville kept a running history through the years until his death in 1990.

Dana has held a very special place in our hearts over the years with Orville's family members also attending Dana. I am still in touch with Betty Noble, Jane Nore in Albion, Mrs. Esther Madsen (Dr. Clifford Madsen's wife) and various choir members since Orville passed away. The history books along with pictures of the 1929 Choir are now in the hands of our daughter.

Prepared by Delma M. (Madsen) Nielsen, Aurora, Nebraska

RUTH HERMAN NIELSEN

My relationship to Dana College is quite an unusual one. I grew up in the former A.E.L.C. and taught at Grand View College (long ago). But, this narrative will tell of my growing respect and attachment for Dana College.

Dorothy Burton Skaardal, noted Oslo scholar of Scandinavian literature and friend from high school days, was a guest at Dana. I had the privilege of taking her from Omaha to Blair. That evening I met another scholar, Norman Bansen, who impressed me with his love for things Danish.

John Mark Nielsen and his work with the writings of Kristian Ostergaard (an A.E.L.C. pastor) impressed me at my first Elderhostel--a solid regard for his academic interests continues to grow.

"When did you graduate from Dana?" asked an alum.

"I didn't, I'm not a Dana Alum," my response.

"O, yes you are. You have graduated from three Elderhostels," said Dr. Christopherson.

Who can forget the weekend when the RESCUE OF THE DANISH JEWS became an unforgettable experience?

Translating letters and records in the archives has given me much joy. The research about Oaks, its roots, its history, has been most rewarding.

I feel richly blessed that I live so close to Dana that I can participate in many events of great interest, depth, meaning and worth.

The scholarship in memory of my parents, Marinus and Mathilde Thorup, recognizes my thankfulness for my education and for my love for Danish heritage given to me.

Prepared by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska

ALLAN AND MARLYN (NEVE) NYEGAARD

I cannot remember a time in my life that I did not know about Dana. This was because my father, A.V. Neve, graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1913 and my five older brothers all attended Dana College--Aster, Paul, Alton, Lloyd and Ried. I must mention my deceased sister Ruth, who also attended Dana. From early on, I was encouraged to put my money away for Dana College and I did. I can say I remember Dana fondly.

Allan's roots at Dana College go back many years beginning with his great grandfather Marcus Beck, who was one of the founders of Trinity Seminary and who served on its first board of directors. His grandmother, Anna Beck, daughter of Marcus Beck, was Dana's cook from about 1910 through the early 1920s. She actually filled the unofficial role of mentor for many Dana students as well. Allan's father Kaj Nyegaard met his mother Laura Beck at Dana prior to 1920. His father attended Dana and graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1923. Allan (a member of the Class of 1950) and I met at Dana in 1947.

**DONALD AND OLLIE MAE O'CONNOR
KATHLEEN O'CONNOR**

The O'Connors began their relationship with Dana College as Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald R. O'Connor, became Dana's first woman Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College in July, 1987. Their relationship to Lutheran higher education dated to 1977 as Dr. O'Connor began her sociology faculty career at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

The entire O'Connor family continues its prayerful support for the strength and vitality of church-related higher education. We are proud to claim ourselves as Dana College Builders.

Prepared by Kathleen O'Connor, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

DUANE AND LILLIAN (NIELSEN) OHLSEN

It's difficult to put into words the many ways that Dana has impacted our lives and the resulting relationships we enjoy. The two of us, coming from very different and widely separated parts of the country, met at Dana, married, and began a family. We have always been grateful for the Christian environment provided by faculty, administration, and fellow students.

The guidance and development we received during those crucial years were invaluable for a rich and fulfilling life.

To come back for a visit is always to come home!

Prepared by Duane '52 and Lillian (Nielsen '52) Ohlsen, Portland, Oregon

JAMES AND VERA OLSEN

I don't know when I first heard of Dana College, but it goes back as long as I can remember. I grew up in Kenmare, North Dakota, and since our congregation was a member of the former UELC, I heard a lot about Dana. My wife Verna's experience was similar since her hometown was Sidney, Montana, another UELC stronghold. In addition, her grandfather, Rev. Niels Damaskov, was one of the first graduates of Trinity Seminary, and during that time he lived in the dormitory on the top floor of Old Main.

I recall hearing a Dana Male Quartet sing in our church and I determined then that I wanted to attend Dana. Finally two years out of high school I was able to come to Dana for one year. But these were Depression days and so I transferred to Minot State Teachers College and began teaching school, earning my degree by attending summer sessions.

After I had taught for five years, World War II came along and I enlisted in the Air Corps. Following this I decided to enter the ministry, something I had had in the back of my mind for some time, and which was now possible because of the G.I. Bill. I attended Trinity Seminary for three years and was ordained in 1949.

After being in the ministry for about 12 years I served as Vice President for Church Relations and Development at Dana for a period of about three years. Then prior to retirement my relationship to Dana took a different turn when I was elected to the Board of Regents. I served in this capacity for 14 years during some of Dana's most difficult years and also during the dawning of a new day and a promising future.

Our daughter, Kathy, graduated from Dana in 1965, and when she went on to earn her M.A. at the University of Nebraska she never felt handicapped because she had attended a small Christian college. One of my sisters, Donna Johnson from Sidney, Montana, also attended Dana for a year during her teaching career.

Dana has influenced our lives in many ways. It is our hope and prayer that during the years ahead Dana will remain "The Light on the Hill," rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to His Love, Grace and Power.

Prepared by Rev. James W. Olsen D'40 T'49, Loveland, Colorado

DUANE AND ELAINE (LILLETHORUP) OLSON

Dana is a family choice!

Elaine's mother, Nina Lillethorup, uncle Rev. Viggo Peterson, and sister Kay Dungan attended Dana, as did Duane's brother Marvyn Olson and wife Audrey Ericson, sister Dorothy and husband Rev. Jim Wilken, and cousins on both sides of the family.

There is something very special about a small Christian liberal arts college--not only in the atmosphere and friends one meets, but in the care and concern of the faculty and staff. Opportunities for involvement in various activities abound, and the education received is excellent.

We have so many fond memories of, and appreciation for, Dana. May Dana continue to be a light on the hill.

Prepared by Elaine (Lillethorup '60) and Duane '61 Olson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

ALFRED AND LETHA PAGEL

Neither Alfred nor Letha Pagel had the opportunity of attending college, but, if they had, they would most certainly have chosen Dana. As active members of First Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin (a congregation of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church), the Pagel home was a regular stopping-place for visiting pastors, missionaries, quartets and choirs from Dana College and Trinity Seminary. Sons and daughters of First Lutheran in Poy Sippi were urged and encouraged to attend Dana. In fact, during the late 1940s and early 1950s, a record number of eleven students from this congregation of less than 200 members was enrolled at Dana or Trinity.

The Pagel-Dana connection became more personal in the late 1940s when Letha's brother, Harvey Jorgensen of Poy Sippi, returned from service in the Army and decided to enroll at Dana as a student. Several years later, the Pagels' only daughter, Lorraine, followed in her uncle's footsteps and enrolled as a student at Dana. Some years later, Lorraine's daughter, Kathy (Jensen) Allen of Minneapolis, also became a Dana student.

The second Pagel to attend Dana, Phillip, reluctantly enrolled in the fall of 1952 with the understanding that he would return to Wisconsin after one year and complete his education there. Obviously his attitude changed and he graduated from Dana in 1956.

After completing supplemental work from the University of Texas and at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, Phil received his bachelor's degree from Dana with the first Speech-Theater major ever given by the College. He had completed two years of teaching at the secondary level in Waukesha, Wisconsin, when President C.C. Madsen invited him to return to Dana as the College's Director of Admissions. He served in that capacity for two years and was then promoted to Director of Public Relations and News Service.

Between 1960 and 1985, Phil's title changed several times but his work continued to focus on initiating special events and promoting and publicizing Dana College. In 1985 he was named Vice President for Institutional Advancement with responsibility for people and programs in Public Relations, Church Relations, Planned Giving, Development-Fund Raising, Alumni Affairs, and Admissions.

Prepared by their son, Phil Pagel '56, Blair, Nebraska

E. GORDON AND ANNE LESLIE PAHRE

Our daughter Katherine is a 1986 graduate of Dana College. Living an hour's driving time away enabled us to attend many functions for parents or the general public. We became acquainted with many of Katherine's professors and acquired the feeling of being part of the Dana family.

Prepared by Anne Leslie Pahre, Omaha, Nebraska

FRANCIS M. "STUB" AND RUTH (DUFFY) PEARSON

We are proud to be DANA ALUMNI! When a discussion of colleges or Blair, Nebraska, occurs, we always interject the fact that we graduated from DANA.

I began my college life in January 1945 during World War II. The enrollment was less than 100 and the staff was at a minimum. I was 16 and had never been away from home alone, even for a night. I was young and immature, starting college at mid-term when friendships and bonds had already been established. Because of the intimate and caring concerns of the professors and the staff, I survived my first semester and returned to Dana to meet my future husband, F.M. (Stub) Pearson, who returned from the Marine Corps and became a DANIAN.

When World War II ended, the enrollment at Dana began to surge and the climate at Dana changed with the influence of the independent servicemen who were now a part of the student body. Stub's brother Bill was discharged from the Air Corps and joined Stub as a roommate, in the spring of 1946. Reminiscing of the good 'ole Dana days is always a topic of conversation at our reunions.

I left Dana to teach at a rural Blair school for one year. We moved to Kansas where Stub taught for three years. We ultimately returned to Dana and finished our degrees by going to summer school and night school. I graduated in 1969 and Stub graduated in 1974.

Stub retired in 1988 as an Executive Vice President of Warren Distribution Company, based in Omaha, Nebraska. I retired from the Council Bluffs School System in 1990.

We feel blessed that Dana has influenced our lives and helped us to fulfill our dreams.

PAUL D. AND LILLY PEDERSEN

It seems that I had always known that I would go to Dana College if I was to further my education. The one thing which made that possible was that I was able to work on campus during the summer of the year of my high school graduation. The money I earned that summer (20 cents an hour) paid for my tuition and books. Since I lived at home, I had no other major expenses. It took a variety of jobs to help me through the three years that I attended Dana. Somehow, the education was gotten and I was able to gain admission to the University of Nebraska Medical School. My sister Helen started the same time as I and later went into nursing school.

The Pedersen family has had a long association with both Dana College and Trinity Seminary. My father's uncle, J. Chr. Pedersen, was an early graduate of Trinity Seminary. Another uncle who attended Dana was P.M. Pedersen. He went on to study medicine. Both spent their professional lives in Dannebrog, Nebraska. Both my father and one of his sisters attended Dana.

I am particularly happy about some of the events that took place during the time I attended Dana. One of the highlights was the National Convention of the Luther League in February of 1941. It was at that convention that I met Lilly Pedersen of Chicago who was to become my wife and my source of much happiness through the years, as well as a source of support whenever I have needed it. This has continued to this day.

Both of my brothers, Arthur and Carl, attended Dana. Carl was the only one to get a degree. Arthur met his wife, Mary (Jensen), when they were students at Dana.

Dana has indeed touched the Pedersen family in many ways and for over 100 years.

ALLEN AND CLARA (JUHL) PETERSEN FAMILY

As the children of Danish immigrants who settled in Shelby County, Iowa, Allen Petersen (1911-1981) and Clara Juhl (1906-1979) had many indirect ties to Trinity Seminary and Dana College. Allen was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville, the congregation where Pastor P.S. Vig began his formal ministry. Allen's uncle, Alex Rasmussen, who was attending Dana as a "winter student," died in his Old Main room in January 1908 during a flu epidemic. One of P.S. Vig's brothers worked for Clara's family as a "hired man" after he emigrated from Denmark. Allen and Clara were married in Omaha in 1932. They had four sons, three of whom graduated from Dana.

Peter L. Petersen (1935-) graduated *cum laude* from Dana in 1962. While at Dana he met Shirley Thompson of Graettinger, Iowa. They were married in 1962. Peter received an M.A. from the University of South Dakota and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Iowa. Among his many publications is *A Place Called Dana: The Centennial History of Trinity Seminary and Dana College*. In 1991, Dana honored Peter with a Distinguished Alumni Award. Peter and Shirley live in Canyon, Texas, where he is a Professor of History at West Texas A&M University and she is the secretary at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. They have two sons, Eric and Brant, and a granddaughter, Megan.

Roger H. Petersen (1939-) graduated from Dana in 1961 with a degree in elementary education. He was active in athletics and served as Tri-Captain of the Viking football team. Roger earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Omaha and an educational specialist degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has spent his entire educational career in the Blair schools and is currently Principal at Arbor Park Middle School. He married Pamela Stronberg and they have three children, Steven, Scott, and Cynthia. Roger has served on a variety of Dana alumni committees.

Everett K. Petersen (1942-) graduated from Dana in 1966. After service as a platoon leader with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam, Everett earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Iowa and became a social worker for the State of Iowa. Eventually, he purchased an acreage near Hampton, Iowa, and began to raise hogs. Today he is recognized as a "Master Pork Producer." He and his wife, Doreen Reding, have two children, Christopher and Cara.

The fourth Petersen son, John (1936-), lives near Irwin next to the retirement home of Allen and Clara and farms their land. He is married to Barbara Jorgensen and they have two daughters, Amy and Julie.

ALMA (MADSEN) PETERSEN AND DONNA PETERSEN

When I first set foot on the Dana campus in December 1983 for the "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" (at which I was privileged to sing), it was the culmination of a lifelong desire to see this special place that I had heard about, literally, all my life! And memories of my family's long relationship with Dana came into sharp focus.

My paternal Grandfather, Rev. Peter M. Petersen, was one of the four original students of Rev. A.M. Andersen in 1884--this class considered to be the beginning of the institution which came to be known as Dana College and Trinity Seminary. He graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1891 and served as an active pastor for 45 years--including organizing the congregation at Beresford, South Dakota, from which congregation has come the church "furniture" now used for worship at Dana.

My Father, Rev. Spener Petersen, attended the "Academy" at Dana as a very young man before World War I, returning after his wartime service in France, graduating from Dana and then from Trinity Seminary in 1924. He was for 35 years an active pastor in our church. His brother, Bernhard, and nephew, Larry Knudsen, also attended Dana--and his cousin, Mildred (Johnson) Morton, was the wife of the former President of Dana, Dr. Richard Morton. We have always been very proud of his great contribution to the continuance and growth of the college during a very difficult period of its history.

My Mother, Alma (Madsen) Petersen, came to Dana in 1921 and graduated with a Diploma in Music in 1922. She remembers very warmly her wonderful piano teacher, Carrie Sinamark (Mrs. Hans Jersild), who guided her through the "perils" of her Senior Recital--the joys of touring with the Dana Quartette--and the pleasures of singing under Miss Sinamark's direction in the "Choral Union" (later known as the Dana Choir).

Several of Alma's cousins have been a part of the college also, including Dean Petersen (who later served as Mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska) and Ida (Hansen) Graham, who taught music at Dana from 1927-1930.

These family ties have been joined by the warm association with--and the memories of--many friends and classmates from my parents' Dana days whom I have enjoyed meeting thru the years, and who have all helped me to realize what a very unique and special place Dana is.

I do wish that I had had the joy and privilege of spending some of my college years there!

Prepared by Donna Petersen, San Francisco, California

HUBERT AND EULELLA (SCHJODT) PETERSEN

The Argo St. Johannes Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burt County, Nebraska, was incorporated on February 22, 1886. Pastor A.M. Andersen, whose home was in Blair, was elected chairman, and Otto Hansen, my grandfather, was named one of the trustees of the Argo Congregation.

Pastor Andersen, a friend of my grandfather, started Trinity Seminary in his home, where he conducted classes for four students. The Argo church was the birthplace of Dana College and the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church synod. My grandfather and his family moved to Blair from Argo in 1910, and he was a member of the boards of Dana College and First Lutheran Church in Blair. He served as Treasurer of the UELC Synod for 24 years. He was a friend of many Dana students and graduates of Trinity Seminary who served as pastors in the UELC churches throughout the United States.

My mother, Marie (Hansen) Schjodt, and daughter of Otto Hansen, took some classes at Dana to complete her high school education.

My father, Albert J. Schjodt, attended the winter term at Dana to learn the English language after arriving from Denmark in 1915.

I attended Dana College in 1938-39, at a time when one could go for one year and receive a teaching certificate. Hubert's sister, the late Elna Petersen, received a teaching certificate in the same way in the early "thirties."

Our son, Richard G. Petersen, graduated from Dana in 1968; our daughter, Mary Kay (Petersen) Hennings, graduated in 1974, and her husband Dennis in 1973.

Three nieces have graduated from Dana - Joanne D. Hansen in 1981, Sondra (Schjodt) Buell in 1977, and Kay Lynne (Schjodt) Dickinson in 1988.

My sister-in-law, Rhoda (Iversen) Schjodt, graduated in 1947 with a two-year teaching degree.

A niece, Annette (Hansen) Brown, attended Dana in 1965-66, and a nephew, Lyle Schjodt, attended in 1968-69 and 1969-70.

Our grandson, Chris L. Petersen, attended Dana in 1987-88.

Dana College has had a special place in our hearts for many years, and we wish only the best for it in the years to come.

Prepared by Eulella (Schjodt '42) Petersen, Fremont, Nebraska

IMMANUEL AND ELNA (HOFGAARD) PETERSEN

Family relationships to Dana College and Trinity Seminary:

Pastor Arthur Hofgaard (Elna's father)--Dana and Trinity
My uncle, Nels Damaskov--Trinity
My brother, Sigurd D. Petersen--Dana and Trinity
Myself, Immanuel Petersen--Dana and Trinity
My wife, Elna Hofgaard-Petersen--Dana
My brother, Adolf S. Petersen--Dana and Trinity
His wife, Marie Larsen-Petersen--Dana
My brother, Alvin M. Petersen (a teacher at Dana)--Dana and Trinity
My children: Patricia Ann Petersen-Miller--Dana
 Noel D. Petersen--Dana and Trinity/Wartburg Seminary
 Ruby Hansen-Petersen (Noel's wife)--Dana
 Paul I. Petersen--Dana and Wartburg Seminary
 Carol Bruning-Petersen (Paul's wife)--Dana
 Heather Petersen (Paul & Carol's daughter)--a current Dana student
 Mary Louise Petersen-Paul--Dana
 David C. Paul (Mary's husband)--Dana

MARC AND CARLENE (BENSON) PETERSEN

My wife's attendance at Dana in her freshman year (1958-59) was preceded by a sister Florence, who attended Dana in the 1956-57 school year. Florence's husband, Melvin Rogers, also was a Dana graduate (1958), as well as their two sons, Scott and Marty Rogers. Carlene graduated in 1962 as an education major.

I was a first generation attendee of Dana from the Petersen family and graduated in 1963 with a degree in Business Administration. During our attendance at Dana, major facility additions were made to enhance the beauty of the campus and the tools available for heightening the education process.

I met my future wife at Dana, and we were married in 1963 shortly after graduation. Our daughter Holly was attracted to Dana, somewhat due to her parents' previous affiliation, and received her degree from Dana in Commercial Art in 1992. In early 1993 she married Jeff Kress, a Dana graduate.

Carlene is currently a member of the Alumni Council at Dana, and I have the privilege of membership on the Dana Board of Regents.

A family affair---yes!

PAUL AND RUTH PETERSON

Paul received his B.A. degree from Dana in 1941. He was a member of the physical education staff, a coach, and director of athletics from 1942-1985. He also was a founder of the Blair Rescue Squad. In 1977 he was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1992 was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Dana College.

Ruth (Hansen), a retired teacher, first entered Dana in 1940-41. She later took summer school and evening classes and received her B.S. degree in education in 1972.

All three of their children are Dana graduates: Brian '66 (deceased), Brent '69, and Beth (Peterson '73) Papasadero.

DONALD F. AND JANE H. (HENDRICK) PROCHASKA

When a student attends Dana College, Dana and all her faculty and staff become like a second family. Even though I left Dana more than twenty years ago, Dana is still very much a part of my life.

I graduated from Dana College in 1973 and went on to law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln. After finishing law school, I obtained employment in the law firm of Margaret Fischer. Margaret was a member of the Dana College Board of Regents during my college years, and I never would have suspected that my career would lead me to employment in her office.

After ten years of practicing law, during which I maintained frequent contact with Dana, I was appointed to the Douglas County Court Bench by then-Governor Bob Kerrey. On the day that I was sworn in, I was astonished to see that a dozen or more Danians, including the acting President, Dr. Farwell, and a number of the Board of Regents and faculty, had traveled to Omaha for my swearing-in ceremony.

Shortly thereafter, I became a member of the Dana College Board of Regents myself, an experience which has allowed me to participate in the life of the school in an entirely different manner from before. It has offered me a means by which to re-pay Dana, at least in some small way, for the terrific education which I received there.

I continue this day to serve on the Board of Regents. During my tenure on the Board, it was my pleasure to see my younger sister, Susan, attend Dana and receive her degree. Dana is definitely a family affair.

Prepared by Jane (Hendrick) Prochaska '73, Omaha, Nebraska

HAROLD AND ELLEN ANN QUALSETT

Harold Olaf Qualsett was born and raised in Petersburg, Nebraska. He attended Dana College from 1933-1937 and was a strong supporter of the college until his death. His activities were: four years in the A Cappella Choir and participation in all the United States trips, as well as the European one. He also was on the football team and varsity basketball team. Following graduation and several years of teaching and coaching in the Kennard and Tekamah schools, he went into banking in Tekamah and later in Clarkson and Schuyler. At the time of his death in 1972 he was president of the First National Bank in Schuyler.

Ellen Ann Qualsett, an alumna of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, has served on several synod committees of the E.L.C.A. and is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Schuyler. Ellen Ann is presently Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in Schuyler, Nebraska. She is also a member of the Dana Board of Regents.

Dana College has truly fulfilled the motto of the Class of 1937, when Harold was senior class president:

"Build on, make thy castles high and fair, rising and reaching upward
to the skies." -Longfellow-

Prepared by Ellen Ann Qualsett, Schuyler, Nebraska

GERALD AND TAMARA (LYKKE) QUIRK

My decision to attend Dana College was an easy one for me simply because I had all sorts of great references and recruiters. First there was my cousin, Jean (Petersen) Rosenquist, who attended Dana in 1954. She never graduated but always came back to Racine (Wisconsin) with great stories and experiences about Dana. Then there was Pastor Thorvald Hansen, who was our Pastor at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Racine. Since he graduated from both Dana and Trinity Seminary, he encouraged my parents, Harold and Eleanore, to have "the boys" attend Dana. Then there was Cal Jorgensen, Admissions Director at Dana in the '60s, who recruited many students from Horlick, Park, and Lutheran high schools in Racine.

While all of these folks encouraged me to attend Dana, the real reason I attended Dana was my brother Ken. Unhappy with a state school in Wisconsin, he transferred to Dana a year and one-half before me in January, 1962. When he returned home after his first semester, I could see Dana had changed him. He was excited . . . just like my cousin Jean eight years earlier. I figured if the Dana experience was such a good thing for both of them it should also be a good one for me. I was right . . . and have never looked back on my decision to attend Dana.

Ken and I went on to graduate, in 1966 and 1967 respectively, and also found our future brides at Dana. Ken married Connie Andersen from Audubon, Iowa, and I married Tammy Lykke from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Tammy's uncle, Dr. Einer Juel, Jr., from Atlantic, Iowa, served on Dana's Board of Directors during the 1960s and was an influence on her decision to attend Dana. I guess the Dana experience rubbed off on our son, Todd, who also graduated from Dana in 1991.

Dana College . . . what a great experience!

RUTH (LARSEN) RANDALL

My career in education began at Dana College where I earned a teacher diploma after attending classes from 1947-49. I taught intermediate grades at Avoca, Iowa; Council Bluffs, Iowa; and in the Omaha Public Schools. Following my experience as a teacher, I served as a supervisor of teachers in the intermediate grades, as elementary principal, and as assistant secondary principal in Omaha.

In 1976 I earned a doctorate of education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and in 1978 I moved to Rosemount, Minnesota. There I was, successively, assistant superintendent of personnel, deputy superintendent, and superintendent of schools.

Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich appointed me as Commissioner of Education for the state in 1983 where I served until 1990. Then I relocated to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a professor of educational administration. In 1992 I became an associate dean in Teachers College.

When I began classes at Dana in 1947 my sister, Alvina Larsen Hjortsvang, was a senior majoring in social service. She graduated in 1948. Another sister, Dorothy A. Larsen, earned a two-year teacher diploma in 1951. A brother-in-law, Herbert A. Hjortsvang, received his degree with a major in English in 1950.

My father, Oluf Larsen, an immigrant from Denmark, learned the English language from Miss Kirkegaard who was affiliated with Dana.

My mother, Lillie Bondo Larsen, attended Dana from 1917-19. A niece, Julie Larsen, attended in 1977-78. A number of my cousins also are Dana alumni.

Other relatives who took courses at Dana were my mother's sisters, Esther Bondo Magnussen, Emma Bondo Christensen, Alvina Bondo Weismann; her brother, Elmer Bondo; a sister-in-law, Ingrid Beck Bond; and brothers-in-law, Carl Magnussen, Leon Christensen, and Boas Weismann.

My great-uncles, Henry, Willie, and Sherman Bondo, attended Dana and Trinity Seminary and were subsequently ordained in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. My grandfather, Peter Bondo, supervised the building of the Bondo Memorial House, a gift to Dana from my great-grandmother, Karen Hendricksen Bondo. The home was used by the presidents of Dana until the mid-twentieth century.

In May 1984 I received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Dana and in 1993 I became a member of the Board of Regents of Dana College.

Young people (and older people) who come to Dana to study teaching enjoy exemplary preparation programs. May Dana's graduates continue to influence the future in their careers in education!

Prepared by Ruth (Larsen) Randall '51, Lincoln, Nebraska

JOHANNES AND CLARA RASMUSSEN

"No great men live in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of the great." Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)

This information is written to honor my parents.

This is a *biography* of a great couple who lived in Maddock, North Dakota. They raised six children and insisted that each of them secure a college education. They themselves had not had the privilege. Johannes Rasmussen was born in Utteslev, Denmark, and emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 21. So desperate was he to learn to read, write and speak English correctly that he attended night school while employed at a livery stable in Racine, Wisconsin. His wife, Clara, who was born at Maddock had received all available education.

Their life at Maddock, where they managed a farm, was a life of hard work. But their diligence showed results. However, it would take a long time before Johannes would see his "folks" in Denmark again! But their boundless energy and interest in everything in their environment was an inspiration to their children. It was here where their children learned about appreciating nature and how to care for what God had placed around a fortunate family! They were among the first individuals to plant tree shelter-belts there on the boundless expanse of prairie and coulee. He was so happy when one of us could identify a new bird; and the trees brought a lot of new species. And there is still prairie on that land!

Christian education was also important to them. Because of the proximity of Moorhead, Minnesota, to Maddock, Concordia College was a natural choice for a college for their children. Numerous sacrifices made it possible for all to obtain college.

So why did I choose Dana College as a place where I could honor my parents and thereby pay a tribute to them? There are numerous reasons but I will only state a few. It has become a *special* college to my family by association through Elderhostels, by sponsoring a Danish relative and other students from Denmark and through attendance at "Sights and Sounds of Christmas." I know that if Dana had been closer, it could have been my choice and probably of several of my siblings.

Then also, I know that my parents would have been absolutely thrilled to have taken a tour where they could have felt a little bit of Denmark.

Prepared by Anna Rasmussen-Rasmusson, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

PAUL G. AND LILLIE A. (PETERSEN) RASMUSSEN

In 1896 a few Christian men knelt on the wide open prairie north of Kenmare, North Dakota, and dedicated areas on which to build Trinity Lutheran Church and Brorson High School. This became a large Danish Lutheran community of young people who homesteaded. My parents were among them. There were so many duplications of names in this community--Petersen, Hansen, Nielsen--so they each had a nickname. Since my father had worked in New York before homesteading, he was always New York Petersen.

The church was the center of activity, so through the Luther League we heard of Dana College. Eventually we six in my family that attended Dana--what a help that was educationally and inspirationally through the Depression years which followed.

My sister Ruth and I were members of the 1929 Dana Choir trip to Denmark under Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen. What a great experience that was as we caravanned five cars and one homemade bus to New York, giving concerts along the way. We boarded the United States of the Scandinavian-American Line--sailing and singing for 12 days. All of this was before airplanes. I was choir historian and wrote a booklet, "Dana Choir Abroad."

My sister Emma was married to Pastor Harold C. Jorgensen who was the pastor at First Lutheran in Blair, Nebraska, for many years. My brothers sang in Dana Choirs and in men's quartets. We all loved singing as we had grown up singing at home with organ, guitar and piano.

I married a Dana classmate, Paul G. Rasmussen from Boston. He became a pastor and we had parishes in Kimballton, Iowa, and Chicago. Our son Paul Jr. was born in Chicago in 1939. Shortly thereafter, World War II broke out and my husband became a chaplain for three years. Two years were spent in southern Italy with the 461st Bomb Group. It was a strenuous time for all. I lived in Boston and did nurse's aid work at a hospital. When he returned, we had parishes in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Neenah, Wisconsin. In Neenah, our last parish, a beautiful new church was built. Paul Sr. died in 1959 after 24 years of our ministry together.

I had been a teacher and in 1961-63 I taught at our mission school in Asaroka, New Guinea. It was an exciting and challenging experience to work with the 30 boys and six girls (my class) of a very different culture. Upon my return to the U.S., I taught in Eugene, Oregon, until my retirement.

My son, Paul Jr., became a chemistry professor at the University of Michigan, and for the last 14 years I have lived near him and his family in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I have enjoyed being active in Zion Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor.

Dana College has been very important in my life, and Paul Jr. and I are very pleased to be able to be a little help to future students of Dana. God Bless Us All.

Prepared by Lillie (Petersen '29) Rasmussen, Ann Arbor, Michigan

PAUL N. RASMUSSEN

Late 1800s

My Great Grandfather Anders Rasmussen hauled brick for building the first Trinity Seminary building (Old Main). He attended Trinity Seminary and became a pastor in the Danish Lutheran Church.

1936-39

My parents Enoch A. Rasmussen and Gena H. Madsen attended and met at Dana College. They married in 1941.

1964-68

I attended Dana and graduated with majors in chemistry and general science and minors in math and physics.

1968-72

I was drafted and became a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, flying C-141s from California to Southeast Asia and around the world.

1972-present

I started flying for Pacific Southwest Airline (PSA) of San Diego in 1972 and became Instructor and Check Captain ten years later. I am now flying Captain on the Boeing 767 for USAir, the corporation which bought PSA in 1986.

Prepared by Captain Paul Rasmussen '68, San Diego, California

DONNA (BYRIEL) RECTOR

How appropriate it is to think about Dana and families! There have been so many families who have helped to make Dana the great place that it is.

I think of the ones who have touched my life: the Skobo family--Edie was an admissions counselor at Dana and the reason I chose to attend Dana back in 1956; the Petersen families--most of my friends were Petersens!; the Johnson family; the Anderson family; and so many more.

There was even the Byriel family from Hamlin, Iowa. Being the oldest, I was the first to attend Dana; my sister Faye followed me; my little sister Phyllis made the third family member to attend Dana; and my niece Cheré Fox followed several years later.

After I graduated from Dana and started teaching in 1960, it was only natural that I dreamed of returning to Dana to teach one day. It was Pete Petersen, the soon-to-be husband of my friend Shirley Thompson, who encouraged me to send a letter of application to Coach Paul Peterson, so it would be on file in case there might be an opening some day.

A few years later, there was--and Coach Pete contacted me about applying. So, I became a member of the health and physical education faculty at Dana. (Pretty heady stuff for this shy country girl!) I think I was the first full-time member of the HPE staff at Dana.

I have wonderful memories of that staff, especially Coach Pete and "Juice" Lemon; the other colleagues, many who had been my mentors; and the students I taught.

I taught at Dana for four years. I would probably still be there if my husband-to-be at that time, Harley Rector, had been able to leave his job as a principal in the Norfolk school system to join me.

Dana means family to me in another way, too. The love and caring I experienced as part of the Dana family were very important to me. They helped me grow from a shy, country kid to a concerned, caring, and more assured adult. My preparation for teaching was excellent. My preparation for life was wonderful. I can't think of a better place to have spent those four very important years as a college student than at Dana!

Prepared by Donna Byriel Rector '60, Norfolk, Nebraska

JURGEN AND FANNIE REMMERS

The Remmers family had four sons, Orville, Darryl, Marlow, and Leslie. Marlow and Leslie both attended Dana College--Marlow for four years, and Leslie for three.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurgen Remmers farmed near Pickrell, Nebraska, until they moved to Beatrice in 1990. They currently live at 2013 High Street in Beatrice.

Prepared by their son, Marlow Remmers '67, Lincoln, Nebraska

THEODOR AND DOROTHY REPSHOLDT

On a hot September morning in 1939, I walked from the bus depot in Blair to the men's dorm, wondering what life at Dana would be like. I soon found out that, more than classes and work and athletics, it would be all about people. My teachers--Hartwig, Swansen, Wind, Siersbeck, Preuss, Langland, C.B. Larsen, Elmer Rasmussen, Shadle--were concerned about me as well as their specialty. In athletics I learned from "Red" Olson and shared experiences with Bud and Paul Peterson, Homer Nielsen, the three Svendsens, Bob Jensen, and Hughie Hughes. Under Ed Hansen, I played Scrooge in the *Christmas Carol* and worked with Herb Jeppesen under Pop and Ma Merrill in the college kitchen. Other special names are associated with journalistic endeavors--Alton Neve, Norman Bansen, Bob Hogzett. Yes, they are some of the members of my particular Dana family.

The curtain began to close on my Dana life that fateful Sunday, December 7, 1941. Like most of my classmates, I became a part of WWII. Graduation was deferred to another time and place. But Dana was forever a part of my life and my memories.

J. HILTON AND FERN RHOADES, KENNETH AND VIRGINIA RHOADES

The Rhoades family connection with Dana College spans three generations.

The late J. Hilton Rhoades attended Dana College and received his teaching degree as part of the Dana instruction. Hilton taught school in the Washington County area until he became associated with his father, the late John A. Rhoades, in the newspaper and printing business in Blair. J. Hilton Rhoades covered and reported on many of the significant news events surrounding Dana activities as far back as the late 1920s.

His son, Kenneth H. Rhoades, followed in the newspaper business in Blair and continued the coverage of Dana news events. Kenneth took many pictures of sporting events and the construction of many of the Dana buildings and recorded them in the *Blair Enterprise/Pilot Tribune*. This included the news and pictures when Old Main was destroyed by fire.

Kenneth, his wife Virginia and son Mark, are heavily involved with the newspapers in Blair and six other Nebraska and Iowa newspapers. The Rhoades family and children have shared in the many cultural and athletic activities made available by Dana College. Ken and Virginia helped in the fund-raising activities for the construction of the Old Main replacement building.

Ken and Virginia also have two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Candace) Suverkrubbe of Blair and Mrs. Michael (Penny) Overmann of Waterloo. Candace has taken many classes at Dana College while Penny has taken advantage of the events brought to the area by Dana College.

The Rhoades family is pleased to have provided the funds for the Print Media Room in the new Old Main replacement building. Hopefully Ken and Virginia Rhoades' grandchildren will have the opportunity to continue their support of Dana College in the future. Those grandchildren include: Mindy, Jessica and Nathan Suverkrubbe, Chris and Travis Rhoades and Collin Michael Overmann.

Prepared by Kenneth Rhoades, Blair, Nebraska

ROBERT H. STORZ FOUNDATION

An interest in Dana College by the Trustees of the Robert H. Storz Foundation developed from a relationship between Robert H. Storz and Milt Heinrich, who was commissioned by Mr. Storz to do two metal sculptures for the Omaha Community Playhouse.

When the Foundation was first approached by Professor Heinrich to fund a radio broadcasting classroom-studio in the building replacement for "Old Main," it seemed like a natural thing to do. Much of the financial support for the Foundation was possible because of Mr. Storz's 42 years as a successful owner-operator of a chain of radio stations throughout the United States.

The Foundation is pleased to lend its support to Dana College's radio broadcasting program.

Prepared by H.A. Engdahl, Omaha, Nebraska

C.N. JR. "BUD" AND JANICE ROBINSON

I graduated from Dana in 1950 with a B.A. in Business Administration. My sister, the late Lila Robinson Macrides, attended Dana in the late 1940s. My parents, Stella and C.N. Robinson, were Blair business people their entire adult lives. They owned the Robinson Cafe, Home Theatre, and the Tots to Teens store.

My wife, Janice, is a native of Newman Grove, Nebraska, and a graduate of the Immanuel School of Nursing. We are the parents of five children, Kristen, Tom, Richard, David, and Steven. We have two grandchildren, Eric and Alyssa Stapp.

At the present time I'm the senator in the Nebraska Legislature representing the 16th District.

My days at Dana were four great years.

MELVIN AND FLORENCE ROGERS FAMILY

In 1954, Melvin Byron Rogers began what was to become a family tradition when he enrolled at Dana College. In 1955 Melvin's high school sweetheart and wife-to-be, Florence (Benson) Rogers, followed him to Dana. Melvin and Florence's two sons, Scott and Marty, followed the paths of their parents and received their college education at Dana during the early 1980s. Each of our family member's experiences at Dana resulted in far more than a solid college education. Dana prepared us for rewarding careers and reinforced in each of us the values that our family feels are essential in living happy and successful lives.

Melvin Byron Rogers (1936-1989) graduated from Dana in 1958. He later received an M.A. from the University of Omaha and an education specialist's degree from the University of Nebraska. He taught English and coached at Underwood, Iowa, from 1958 to 1962. He became high school principal at Tri-Center Community School District of Neola, Iowa, in 1962. He was superintendent of schools at Tri-Center from 1965 until his death in 1989. He served as a member of the Iowa State School Administrators Association and Iowa Girls Representative Council for Iowa School Athletics. He was an elder for the Neola Presbyterian Church. There is a Melvin Rogers Scholarship Fund for students from Tri-Center who wish to attend Dana College.

Florence Benson Rogers (1937-) attended Dana and received an associate's degree in 1957. Florence taught one year at Tekamah Public Schools and then married Melvin in June of 1958. Florence taught for the Underwood School District for four years. She has taught at the Tri-Center School since 1964. She has been an elder for the Neola Presbyterian Church, a member of the church choir, Sunday school teacher and Bible school teacher. She has been an active member in the Womens Service Group of the church. She is a volunteer at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital. Melvin and Florence have both served on Dana alumni committees.

Scott J. Rogers (1961-) graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting from Dana in 1984. Scott earned his Juris Doctorate from Creighton University School of Law in 1987. He married Kyle (Danker) Rogers on June 25, 1988. Today, Scott and Kyle have one child, Kale Benson Rogers, born April 23, 1991. Scott, Kyle and Kale live in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Scott practices law and is a principal/owner in the Peters Law Firm, P.C. Kyle teaches second grade in nearby Treynor, Iowa.

Marshall ("Marty") Benson Rogers (1962-) graduated from Dana in 1985 with a B.A. in education. Marty teaches fifth grade in the Blair, Nebraska, Community Schools and also coaches varsity girls' basketball, track, and junior high football. During his first two years of coaching, Marty led the Lady Bears to first and second place in the Nebraska State High School Tournament. Marty married Amy (Mayberry) Rogers on August 19, 1989. Amy is also a teacher and a graduate of Dana. Marty and Amy presently reside in Blair. They have one son, Marshall Brandon Rogers, born September 25, 1992.

Prepared by Florence (Benson '57) Rogers, Neola, Iowa

ALVIN AND BEULAH (NIELSEN) RUETER

I came to Dana as a freshman in 1938 because it was only 55 miles from my home in Rosalie, Nebraska, and the first year's cost for tuition, board, room, and textbook rental was \$298. I was one of the few on campus whose family roots were not in Denmark. My father was a pastor in the original American Lutheran Church. It wasn't until I came to Dana that I realized I was a "German." One classmate trying to figure out what to do with me asked, "Are you a *Grundtvianer*?" (I found out later that *Grundtvianer* was Danish for *Grundtvigian*, which meant "Happy Dane," and that was different from "Holy Dane," someone aligned with Dana.) Fifty-four years later at the Homecoming football game, I noticed that the only Scandinavian name on the Dana team was "Johnson," and then I saw that he was African-American.

I became Danish by marriage, finding Beulah Nielsen '44 at Dana. She came from Ringsted, Iowa, from a United Danish Evangelical Lutheran congregation. Her father, Rev. Carl E. Nielsen, had graduated from Dana and Trinity in 1913. When I was serving American Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, we sent two of our daughters to Dana, Judith Brehm '67 and Christine Gilmore '71.

I found that my years at Dana prepared me well for my graduate work (Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, M.Div., 1945; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, M.A., 1972 and Ph.D., 1988).

From 1954 to 1966 I served as a pastor in The ALC's Central District, coming to Dana frequently for Central District meetings. Beginning in 1979 I conducted numerous Preaching Workshops at Dana in Elk Horn Hall, a building familiar to me as the Men's Dorm.

My experience as a "German" adjusting to a Danish culture may have helped prepare me to be a Lutheran in a Roman Catholic culture. From 1985-91 I taught Homiletics and Communication at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. In 1991 I began teaching Homiletics in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

I took several music courses at Dana and sang in the Dana Choir. This started my interest in vocal music of the church, leading to my creating in 1955 a weekly half-hour radio program, "Sing for Joy," vocal music chosen to relate to the Lessons for the Day. As of 1992, it's heard on some 270 stations in 41 states and 7 countries.

Both Beulah and I are grateful for what we received at Dana College.

Prepared by Alvin Rueter '42, St. Paul, Minnesota

PAUL AND DOTTIE SALCHOW

We are happy to be friends of Dana through the Marcus and Agnes Beck Family.

Prepared by Paul and Dottie Salchow, Warrensburg, Missouri

WILLIAM AND LUCILLE SAPP

We really don't have a story or special connection with Dana except that it's our Church College and we're interested in helping with Christian education.

Prepared by Bill and Lucille Sapp, Ashland, Nebraska

WILLIAM AND LORRAINE (PETERSON) SCHAEFFER

In 1992 my husband and I attended the fiftieth anniversary of my class at Dana where I became reacquainted with classmates and family friends. Since the only buildings in existence when I was a student were the ad building, the gym, and two dormitories, it was gratifying to see all the positive changes (including construction of the replacement for Old Main) that had taken place in the past 50 years.

Both my mother, Sena Westh, and father, Pastor James C. Peterson, were students at Dana earlier in the century. What might it have been like then? Surely the same Christian principles and Danish Lutheran heritage were very much in evidence. Dana is a very special place.

Prepared by Lorraine (Peterson '42) Schaeffer, Canoga Park, California

CARL AND ALICE (KNUDSEN) SCHATTAUER

It was in the year 1949 that I came to the campus of Dana College to enter Trinity Theological Seminary. Having married Alice Marjorie Knudsen and having joined Highland Park Lutheran Church (United Evangelical Lutheran Church), Des Moines, Iowa, I was encouraged to attend Trinity by my pastor, The Rev. Ervin Bondo. Since that time Dana and Trinity have had a great influence on my life through contacts with students and faculty who have remained my friends throughout the years.

In 1981 I became the Senior Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Blair, Nebraska, and again had close relationships with members of the Dana community, serving many of them as pastor. In 1984 Dana College and First Lutheran, which were both founded by Pastor A.M. Andersen, celebrated their centennials, and I was privileged to be a member of the Planning Committee for that celebration. Then in 1990, I was elected to the Dana College Board of Regents. Through the work of the Board, I have again sensed Dana's witness as a college of the Church committed to the truth of the gospel in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prepared by Carl Schattauer T'52, Omaha, Nebraska

JERRY AND RUTH (BEHRENS) SCHMIDT

"As ivies to thy walls do cling, our hearts will cling to thee." These words from *Hail Dana* not only remind us of our alma mater, but of friends and family too. Jerry's parents, Victor and Irene (Johnson) Schmidt, attended Dana, as did his sister, Lynnette Spetman '72. My parents didn't attend Dana, but they hold Dana in high regard. All three of their children graduated from Dana: Lois in 1992, Paul in 1983, and myself in 1981.

Victor attended Dana the winter of 1936. Food and supplies were scarce that winter. He often reminisced about walking up the dirt road from the Missouri River bridge to Dana because bridge toll was \$.50 per car but only \$.05 per pedestrian.

Irene attended Dana from 1940-42 and obtained her teaching certificate. She also played on the women's basketball team. She attended Dana at the same time as some of our professors, so those stories are always fun to hear.

It is the combination of people and experiences that makes Dana important to us. We are grateful to our professors for the knowledge they imparted, as well as the wisdom. Not only did they instill a desire for lifelong learning, but they became friends. Many fellow students also became lifelong friends. We spent many hours together in fun and frolic, but there were also numerous hours of studying for HUM tests, working in labs, completing projects, and reading the next morning's LARP (Liberal Arts Reading Program) book.

Jerry graduated in 1980 as one of three valedictorians, a Dana first. He spent his four years on third South Holling, known as the *Primates*. These guys became close friends and often explored the "lesser known sights" of the campus together. Much of his academic time was spent in the Dana Hall of Science as a Math and General Sciences major. During Interim 1979, he went to Europe with Pope John (Prof. John W. Nielsen).

When I followed the brick streets of Blair up to Dana as a freshman, Old Main greeted me. I spent many hours attending classes and climbing her stairs while pursuing my Elementary Education degree. She too became a friend. In May 1981, I walked past her with my classmates, now friends, in our graduation procession.

Yes, Dana has many special memories of family friends. I also have been an Administrative Assistant in the Development Office and made many more friends. But on August 25, 1988, I arrived at work to find Old Main in jeopardy. I stood at her feet with many friends--professors, alumni, co-workers, and Blairites--and helplessly watched fire consume this friend, Old Main.

Our Blair home was the former residence of three Dana Presidents--Mezoff, Glass, and Kallas.

"Oh hail fair Dana, hail to thee. Though time thy walls may claim, thy spirit live, another throng rise up and sing our song." Time did claim Old Main, a building full of many special

memories. Our hope for this new building is that it will provide the facilities for future education and be a catalyst for new memories. The spirit of Dana will continue for generations to come as new students journey up "the Dana hill." Our children, Erik and Karin, may attend Dana. If they do, we hope their Dana experiences, like ours, will always be close to their hearts and that they will "rise up and sing our song," *Hail Dana*, as affectionately as students and family before them.

CAROLYN SCHOLL

Carolyn Scholl was Dana's student body president in 1968-69. Soon after graduating from Dana in 1969, she began working for the American Red Cross in Omaha as a consultant for Donor Resources Development. At the time of her death on May 26, 1996, she was regional executive officer of the Red Cross's seven-state North Central Region headquartered in Des Moines. She served as an International Red Cross delegate and traveled to Tanzania twice to work with that country's Red Cross Society. During Operation Desert Storm she was asked by National Red Cross headquarters to manage its staffing unit in Washington, D.C. In 1994 she was named a Distinguished Alumna of Dana College.

DONALD AND ELEANOR (NIELSEN) SCHOU

Donald Schou '49 and Eleanor Nielsen '50 met at Dana College in 1946. They married in December of 1948 when Donald was in his senior year and Eleanor was teaching first grade in Blair. After Donald taught in Janesville, Minnesota, for two years, they settled on the Nielsen farm near Albert Lea. Donald worked for the Soil Conservation Service and later started his own drainage engineering business. He and Eleanor raised seven children and never questioned that each would carry on in the Dana tradition.

Four of their children, Gregory (1972), Steven (1973), Deborah (1976), and Cynthia (1984) graduated from Dana with honors. Another son Brent (1974) and another daughter Laurie Hovendick (1980) each attended Dana for one year before pursuing other endeavors. The youngest son Jeffrey, a born farmer, never attended Dana but assisted his siblings financially.

Donald and Eleanor's support of Dana has continued over the years with their involvement in the Albert Lea Area Dana Club and various fund-raisers.

Prepared by their daughter, Deborah Schou '76, Bloomington, Minnesota

CLEMENS AND MILDRED (THOMSEN) SCHROEDER

To the best of my knowledge, our family was not aware of Dana College until 1931. At that time my brother, S. Milton Thomsen, received his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin and signed up with a teacher placement agency. One of the applications he submitted was to Dana for teaching Chemistry and Physics. Milton visited Dana and met with President Erland Nelson. He was offered the position and accepted. The size of the school and the idea of being the only teacher in the Chemistry and Physics Department were intriguing. He also served as Dean of Men and taught math in his early years. Milton taught from 1931 until 1944.

In 1935 I graduated from high school in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. That summer I had surgery and was also involved in a car accident. By September I had not regained my strength. Milton suggested I attend Dana, as living on campus and attending classes would be less strenuous than commuting to a school in Milwaukee.

My two and one half years at Dana are memorable. I enjoyed becoming reacquainted with my brother and being involved with his growing family. Over the years Clem and I have enjoyed the many friends from my days at Dana. We visited Dana numerous times.

Our son Thomas attended Dana, graduating in 1966. When our family attended Tom's graduation my cousin-once-removed, John Jacobsen, went with us. John immediately liked the school and when he graduated from high school, Dana was his choice. At Dana John met and married Lois Jensen, daughter of Rev. Ronald Jensen and granddaughter of Rev. John M. Jensen. Lois graduated in 1973 and John graduated in 1976.

ERLING AND DOROTHY (WILLMERT) SCHULTZ

The history of the Schultz family at Dana goes back to 1925-26, when Holger Schultz, an immigrant from Denmark, enrolled in classes at Dana in order to improve his English. Six of the children of Holger and Carrie (Nelson) Schultz were to eventually attend Dana. Including cousins and in-laws, the number of family members would finally tally over twenty.

Alice Schultz was the first of the next generation of the Schultz family to attend Dana. While there, she met her future husband, Will Layman, who would return for a time in the '60s as a member of the chemistry department.

I was the next of the family to attend, graduating in 1955. That fall my brother and sister, twins Margaret and Myril, arrived on campus, as well as my future wife, Dorothy Willmert. I had continued to live near campus while teaching at Blair Junior High School. Margaret met her future husband, Errol Wiges, who attended classes the same year. Cousin Harry Landbo was also a student during this same time, as well as Errol's brother Lee.

The Schultz-Nelson family had three generations taking courses at the same time, as grandmother Beata Nelson, and aunt Sigrid Nelson, a Lutheran Deaconess, were also at Dana in the '50s. Another aunt, Othilia (Nelson) Hauge, was a staff member for a time. She also attended Dana as did her daughter Beata and Beata's husband, Pastor Robert Sorenson.

My younger sister Dorothy (Dottie) Schultz and her future husband Norm Bock were at Dana in the early '60s, followed shortly by youngest brother Holger, Jr. (Hal) and his future wife Cheryl Donahoo.

Dorothy Willmert's younger brother Walter and wife Joan Hendriksen complete the roster of brothers and sisters to attend Dana.

(Dr.) Donald Nelson, a cousin, was recently named a Distinguished Alumnus.

The latest of our family members at Dana was our daughter Deborah. While she was at Dana we often saw many other parents who were also alums - as the Dana tradition continued.

It is evident from our brief "family history" that Dana played a very important role in our family. Not only was Dana important for our education, preparing us for our careers, but it was at Dana that many of us met our spouses. It was an honor and privilege for me to serve on the Alumni Council, and as its president. Dorothy was most pleased to be honored as a Distinguished Alumna. We are happy to continue to support Dana in a number of ways.

We are thankful for all that Dana has meant in our lives and know that it will continue to richly bless future generations.

Prepared by Erling Schultz '55, Omaha, Nebraska

JOHN AND BETH SCHULTZ

In an age of computers, Dana will continue to know itself as a community, a school where folks learn together. My pioneer grandfather, the Rev. Kristian Anker, having established the Elk Horn (Iowa) Folk School, brought also this heritage when he became Dana's president.

Both of my sisters and their husbands were Dana students. Ninna married Ben Engskow, and Inga married Bill Larsen. Both found their calling to parsonages and parenthood. Later, when Beth and I came with our family to study at Trinity Seminary, located then on the Dana campus, our lives were also enriched by Dana faculty and students.

Dana's pastoral role has never been abandoned; on the contrary, it is enhanced. When I was five, my father, the Rev. Anton Schultz, was pastor of First Lutheran Church in Blair. It was the college church as well as town church. Some twenty years later campus worship was routine. Today the ministry of the campus pastor and the new chapel witness to Dana's determination to fulfill its calling to be a Christ-centered college.

Our support of Dana reflects our appreciation of a faithful history and a dedicated present administration.

Prepared by John Schultz T'45, Beaumont, California

ALTON AND MARY SCHWANDT

Our relationship with Dana College began in the late 1950s, when the late Dr. Clifford Madsen, then President of Dana, preached at our first congregation in Mineola, Iowa. He encouraged support of Dana as a College of the Central District, ALC, and students of the church went to Dana. We frequently visited the campus for programs and athletic events.

Numerous times we have hosted the Dana Choir, Dana Band, the New Day Singers and faculty speakers in congregations we served. This was always uplifting. In 1976, Alton was honored with being elected to the Dana Board of Regents, serving for 13 years. He also gave the baccalaureate sermon in 1977 at Dana, an exciting challenge and privilege. These opportunities came during Alton's 23-year pastorate at St. John Lutheran Church in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Mary's relationship with the college was enhanced when she was invited to serve on the Central District ALC Task Force for Dana.

We are proud to claim two daughters among Dana graduates. They are Roxanne Lichte, who received a degree in physical education in 1978 and who now teaches music and coaches volleyball in the Middle School in Belgrade, Montana. Together with her instructor, she started the first synchronized swim program at Dana. Julianna Bansen graduated with a degree in social work in 1985. She married the student body president '84-85, Jon Bansen. Together they own and operate Double J Jersey Dairy at Monmouth, Oregon.

Dana College continues to have our interest and support as we continue our ministry, living in retirement in Lincoln, but serving as pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Palmyra, Nebraska.

Prepared by Alton and Mary Schwandt, Lincoln, Nebraska

BARRY S. AND CHRISTINE A. SCHWEER

I attended Dana College from 1974-1978. I followed in both my sister's (Susan Schweer Edelman) and brother's (Bradley Schweer) footsteps. Being four years apart, we were never on campus during the same years. However, from my many visits to the campus while they attended Dana, I realized it was an outstanding institution. I immediately fell in love with the beauty of the campus, sitting high above the Missouri River valley, and feel to this day that it is one of the most beautiful campuses in the Midwest. More important, the quality of education I received while attending Dana was second to none. The faculty truly cared about the student, and the small class sizes were beneficial.

As the years have gone by, the many wonderful memories and lasting friendships will always hold a place in my heart. It is my family's and my hope that the tradition of Dana College will prosper and grow. It is with great pleasure and pride that I offer my support as an alumnus, so families like mine may continue the Dana tradition.

Prepared by Barry S. Schweer '78, Daykin, Nebraska

BRIAN SERR

Although I am the first and only member of my family to attend Dana, I feel that I became part of an additional family during my years in Blair. Although much has been written and said about the "Dana family," I certainly found this characterization to be accurate. When most persons think of "family," they think of those people who are closest to them. The same is true when I think about the Dana family. I think about special people--friends, roommates, teachers, coaches, and even a remarkable campus hostess.

Any description of my "relationship" to Dana College would be glaringly incomplete without mentioning some of these important people by name (or nickname). So, I would like to thank the following members of my Dana family for everything they have meant to me: My closest friends--Googy, Reno, Frito, T.K., Simmy, Bear, Tags, Krug, Rass, and Andyman; my favorite teachers--Roger Olson, Arvin Hernes, "Pope John" Nielsen, Luella Nielsen, Norman Bansen, James Olsen, and Richard Jorgensen; my basketball coaches who were also my friends--Coach "Pete" and Coach Lemon; my favorite Dana person--the late Alice Laaker, a wonderful campus hostess who embodied everything special about Dana; and my first love--Annette.

My life has been enriched by all of these persons. I will never forget them. And because I will never forget them, I will never forget Dana.

Prepared by Brian J. Serr '81, Waco, Texas

LAWRENCE AND CORNELIA (JOHNSON) SIERSBECK

The Siersbeck family's association with Dana College and Trinity Seminary began in the 1920s. Lawrence "Siers" Siersbeck attended Dana College ('22) and Trinity Seminary ('28) and was ordained as a pastor in the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1928. Cornelia Johnson attended Dana Academy where she studied music and was an accompanist for the Dana Choir. Siers and Cornelia were married June 2, 1928.

Siers returned to his alma mater as president from 1938-44, and at that time was the youngest college president in the United States. Although there were decreases in enrollment as students were drafted into the armed forces and increasing financial pressures, strong additions were made to the faculty and Dana survived the war years. In 1959, Lawrence Siersbeck received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, the first such degree awarded by Dana.

During the summer months of the presidency years, the Siersbeck children had the whole campus as a playground, enjoying the fish and waterlilies in the pond, collecting tadpoles, and sitting in the arbor cooling off from the hot Nebraska sun. They conducted their own tours through the classrooms and labs, inspecting specimens preserved in bottles and studying the bones of a skeleton standing in the corner of a classroom. They often visited the college farm below the hill with its own natural underground refrigerator.

The children also enjoyed the life of the school year with memorable events, including the visit of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark, concerts in the old chapel, talks by missionaries such as Joe Girtz of India, theater presentations in the old gym with performances of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* and Kai Munk's *Ordet*, exciting football and basketball games, especially with Luther and Midland, and a visit by the Harlem Globetrotters. For formal Homecoming and May Festivals, students transformed the gym, with the ceiling draped in crepe paper streamers, and the children watched happy couples as they walked hand in hand to the celebration. Students and faculty enjoyed the feast of the year on Thanksgiving.

It is a high measure of esteem in which the Siersbeck family has held Dana through these seventy years. Three generations have thus far attended Dana, including the Siersbeck daughters, Marilyn Erling, Mildred Rasmussen, and Sylvia Larsen; four Siersbeck grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews.

Prepared by their daughters, Marilyn Erling '51, St. Peter, Minnesota; Mildred Rasmussen '51, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Sylvia Larsen '54, Kenosha, Wisconsin

PAUL AND JEANNE SIMON

I attended Dana College from 1946-1948, and my brother, Arthur, attended Dana for three or four years after I was there.

They were great years!

My wife, Jeanne, never attended Dana but has been there frequently and feels as though she is an alumna of Dana College.

Prepared by Paul Simon '49, Washington, D.C.

A.J. AND BERNICE SNOWBECK

In the fall of 1946, just after the war, President Richard Morton employed me as a teacher of business subjects at Dana College. For six weeks I lived in a dormitory room until the college could buy a house that I could rent for Bernice and our little son, David. He grew up and married Judith Dose; both are Dana graduates. Our daughter, Mary Ellen, is an Augustana graduate. Within the period of eight years, the "business subjects" were expanded to what became majors in the Department of Economics and Business Administration.

In the year of 1954, I was appointed to the position of Business Manager and Treasurer of Dana College. For a year or two, the responsibilities included public relations and student recruitment. President Morton, Dean Elmer Rasmussen and the Business Manager, known as "The Administration," initiated formal application for North Central membership. Chiefly the college finances improved and accreditation was achieved during the tenure of Dr. C.C. Madsen. The acreage of the campus was increased and reshaped, eight large buildings and four smaller buildings were financed, built, and furnished. Concurrent with the expansion of the physical plant, there occurred the church merger of the ALC and the expansion of the enrollment to about 900 students. I retired in the year 1973 during the early presidency of Dr. Earl Mezoff.

During my 19 years in the Business Office, Marie Johnson and Sigrid Christensen worked in support of Dana College during the rapid changes and growth in the school. Both are Dana degree graduates and continued to serve the college.

My wife, Bernice, was my continuing direct help. She was supportive in all activities of the college and was an active member of the Dana Women's Club until her death in May 1992.

ARTHUR AND JOAN (PETERSON) SORENSEN

Art: My relationship with Dana and Trinity Seminary began very early in my life. Baptized as an infant by Dr. Paul Nyholm and confirmed by Dr. Theodore Jensen, the college and seminary were almost in my blood. My older brother Edward had attended Dana and I had early contact with Coach Paul Peterson. The football and track programs interested me and I had always followed Dana's sports programs. Dana seemed like a good place to get a college education and participate in those sports that I loved doing. And so it was!

I also have fond memories of my seminary days. My first seminary year was also spent managing the college bookstore. My middler year saw three of us great Danes infiltrating the hallowed Norwegian halls of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. This was a good experience I have always been grateful I had. In coming back to Trinity for my final year, I realized that I have always had a great appreciation for the quality of theological education offered us in such a small school.

My wife Joan (Peterson '50 from Falmouth, Maine) has written of our places of service and of our family. Although we have lived most of our married life in California and thus, far from the Dana campus, we have followed the fine development of the college these past years. We are most happy that a replacement will sit upon the site of Old Main and that it is such a beautiful new building. I took my turn at stoking the coal-burning furnace of Old Main those many years ago. And how well I remember the very, very small chapel on the third--or was it the fourth?--floor of Old Main. To have a new, beautiful chapel named Trinity is truly a joy to my heart and a most fitting visible evidence of the centrality of the Christian faith to the whole of our lives.

Joan: I entered Dana College as a freshman in the fall of 1947, coming from the town of Falmouth in the great State of Maine. The first day that I was at Dana I was promptly nicknamed "Toddy"--my sister's nickname--and it stuck so that now most Dana people know me not as Jo Pete, but as Toddy. I enjoyed my three years and one summer at Dana and graduated with the Class of 1950.

I attended Dana because my uncles, Coach Paul Peterson and Rev. H. Milton Peterson, my sister Toddy and several cousins and friends preceded me there and I was to carry on the family tradition.

I met my husband, Art Sorensen, at Dana but we did not go together until my third and final year. At that time, he was already in the seminary. I do remember particularly one comment by Professor Elmer Rasmussen during one of our psychology classes, when he said with his infectious smile, "Deep down in every Lutheran mother's heart is a desire to have her son become a minister. But even deeper down is her desire to have her daughter become a minister's wife." So I apparently satisfied the deepest desire of my mother's heart. And I must say it has been a good life.

We have served congregations in Graettinger, Iowa; Salt Lake City, Utah; Novato,

Thousand Oaks and Half Moon Bay, California. We have wonderful friends and memories from each place where we have lived.

We have three grown children, Peter, Ann and Philip, and four grandchildren. They reside in California, Arizona, and Virginia, respectively, so it gives us interesting places to visit during vacation.

Our gift to the Commemorative Wall was made possible by our good friends from Novato, Ned and Kathy Dean, who saw fit to honor us in this way. They are faithful members of All Saints Lutheran Church where we served for nearly 20 years and they have been our good friends ever since they were married 27 years ago.

Both Art and I are still working full-time and looking forward to retirement when we get old enough. At that time we hope to play lots of golf, do lots of reading and continue to travel as much as possible.

Prepared by Arthur W. D'49 T'52 and Joan (Peterson '50) Sorensen, Petaluma, California

CONRAD AND JEANNE (NIELSEN) SORESENSEN

Conrad (Connie) grew up in Des Moines and I (Jeanne) grew up on a farm at Jacksonville, near Harlan, Iowa.

Connie attended Dana for two years from the fall of 1949 to the spring of 1951. After that he was drafted into the army and spent two years in the service. After being discharged, he worked in Des Moines in his father's restaurant equipment business.

I attended during the summer of 1949, the following year '49-50, and then began teaching in a rural school. Some twenty years later, I completed my BS degree at Dana by attending night and summer classes.

Connie and I had met prior to our year at Dana together and continued as acquaintances until 1951 just before he went into the army when we began a serious relationship. We were married after he was discharged from the army in 1953. We have two sons, Mark and Paul.

We lived in Des Moines for some years, then moved to Harlan, Iowa, where Connie farmed and I taught school. Now for the past 18 years we have served as Directors of Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, with retirement planned for this year, 1993.

Dana had always been an important place in our lives. My parents attended in the '20s and met there. As a child I came to know many of their Dana acquaintances when we would attend sports events there or attend church conventions. Connie's older brothers had also attended Dana and so he also knew many people there and it was natural for him to go there for his college education.

Other relatives of ours have attended Dana and so a homecoming visit there seems like a family reunion. Among them are our son, Mark; my brothers, Stan, Don and David Nielsen; Connie's brothers, Edward and Arthur Sorensen; and more recently, my niece, Ivy Nielsen.

It is our hope that some of our grandchildren will choose to attend Dana and that they may also be blessed by being a part of this great family.

Prepared by Jeanne (Nielsen '72) Sorensen, Milford, Iowa

JIMMY SORENSEN

I first visited the Dana campus as a 16-year-old high school student in 1944. A group of us came together on the overnight train from Chicago to attend a national Luther League Convention being held at Dana. As we rode up from Blair, the tower of Old Main came into view, outlined by the afternoon sun against a sky of fleecy white clouds. What a beautiful sight! Even though, within the hour, I fell and broke my right arm, the weekend was a wonderful experience for me, and my college choice was made.

After two years in the U.S. Air Force, the benefits of the G.I. Bill allowed me to enter Dana in the fall of 1947. My four years at Dana were filled with many memorable experiences, including choir tours to both coasts and singing with the men's glee club.

One experience I will never forget was driving back to Dana one cold winter night from a glee club concert in Elk Horn, Iowa. We came over the top of a hill and ran directly into a horse that was galloping up the middle of the highway in the dark. Fortunately, neither the horse nor any of us in the car were hurt. But, the windshield was smashed and the roof was crushed down on to the steering wheel. In my memory, I can still hear the car horn blowing steadily into the still winter night, and the cold wind blowing through the car, as we drove very slowly the rest of the way back to the campus.

But, most importantly of all, Dana provided me an excellent education, preparing me well for the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead over the next forty years. Small class sizes, a caring faculty, and a curriculum based on Christian values, were among the special benefits that Dana provided, and which I have come to better appreciate over the years.

I commend the current administration for leading the return to a greater emphasis on the values on which Dana was built, and which served it so well in the past. To the Board of Regents, and to President Christopherson and his staff, I say "keep up the good work."

Prepared by Jimmy L. Sorensen '51, Wood Dale, Illinois

SEVERIN AND LILLY (JORGENSEN) SORENSEN

Since Severin was an only son, his father had two goals for him: One, he should take over the family farm; two, he should have one year at Dana. So it was that he came to Dana for the 1927-28 year as a sophomore in the Academy. Two years later he was back at Dana for his freshman year. In the spring of 1932 the family finances gave out. Sev was hired to teach grades 7 and 8 at the Oaks Indian Mission School, where he taught for seven years. Severin came from Beresford, South Dakota.

My first contact with Dana was in 1920 when my family visited my uncle, Anders Jorgensen, a senior at Trinity Seminary. He was a 1916 graduate of Dana College. I remember visiting his room on the fourth floor of Old Main. Oh, so many steps.

In the fall of 1931 I arrived on campus as a freshman. I had worked for two years after high school graduation in Selma, California. I had saved \$750. My childhood dream of becoming an elementary school teacher could become a reality. I was at Dana for three years.

The romance with Sev '34 blossomed during the 1932 choir tour. We were married in 1937 while we were both teaching at the Oaks Indian Mission School.

Severin's sister, Evelyn, attended Dana for two years in the '30s. My nieces from Berkeley, California--Rosamund, Virginia, and Ellen Jorgensen (also nieces of Johannes and Harold Jorgensen, Dana alumni)--attended in the '50s. To carry on the family tradition our daughter, Starla, attended Dana in '65 and '66.

The reason many of us are not graduates of Dana stems from financial conditions.

We can truly say, the college on the hill, Dana, has always been a beacon and a promise for our family.

Prepared by Lilly (Jorgensen '35) Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska

LEONARD AND MYRNA SORENSON

I arrived at Dana in 1947 after World War II, having been in the service from 1943 to 1946.

Dana was very, very good to me; without her, I would have never qualified to be a State Farm agent, which I have been for 37 years, 1958 to 1994.

I was introduced to Dana by my sister, Letha (Sorenson '51) Grutzik, as she convinced me to try it. It was absolutely great!

Also, my mother Edna Elizabeth Larsen, and my aunt, Margaret Larsen, attended Dana about 1910-1912. Interesting. God Bless Dana. Also, I met my wife, Myrna Williams, in Blair, and we have been married for 42 years. We have two sons now and six grand kids. Life is great.

Prepared by Leonard C. Sorenson '52, Columbine Valley, Colorado

HERBERT AND HILDA SPILKER

Neither Hilda nor I graduated from or attended Dana College. In fact, we have only been on or rather drove thru the Dana campus once, but we have in a small way over past years contributed thru donations. In 1992 we were able to do some better. We have done so as it is a Lutheran institution of learning in Nebraska located in our area of the state, which makes it more available for students to further their educational careers. Over the years Dana has had a good reputation as a teaching facility, and we hope under good strong leadership it will continue.

Prepared by Herbert and Hilda Spilker, De Witt, Nebraska

ANDREW AND MARTHA (RASMUSSEN) STABY

My relationship with Dana began in the Fall of 1910, when my Dad, Victor Staby, enrolled along with several others from Brorson High School to begin study for the ministry. He graduated in 1918. My natural Father, Peter Paulsen, and Mother, Lina Olsen, also attended at that time. My Father died when I was an infant. He was a brother of Carl M. and P.C. Paulsen (hymn writer and translator), who both went to Dana. My Mother was married to V.R. Staby after he completed his work at Trinity Seminary.

I entered Dana College in 1931 and graduated in 1936, with time out for one and one-half years to work during those Depression years. In my senior year I met my wife-to-be, Martha Rasmussen from Audubon, Iowa. She, with her three sisters, Ellen, Esther and Vi, attended Dana, as did my two sisters, Norma and Mildred. Two of Martha's sisters also found their life-partners during their Dana years.

After graduation, I entered Trinity Seminary and was ordained in 1939. This ended my eight-year residence on campus. That was the longest period of time I had ever lived in one place and it felt like home. Martha and I have been together for 53 years and have four children, two of whom have also graduated from Dana: Paul in 1969 and Mary in 1976.

We particularly cherish the lifelong friendships that were formed during our Dana days. They have survived in spite of time and distance. Even today we have monthly gatherings with three couples here in Colorado. We call ourselves BOPS (Berthelsen, Olsen, Petersen and Staby) and feel blessed because of our close association.

Thank you, Dana, for enriching our lives!

EDWARD AND ELNA (JENSEN) STEEN

Elna (Jensen) Steen, from Audubon, Iowa, enrolled at Dana College in the fall of 1934. She was a member of the Dana Choir which toured Denmark in the summer of 1935. She graduated with the class of 1939. Following graduation Elna taught high school business courses at Bennington and Ashland, Nebraska, schools.

Elna and I married in 1948, at which time she was associated with her parents in the grocery and general merchandise business.

After becoming a resident of Elk Horn, Iowa, in 1957, she taught fifth grade for twelve years in the Elk Horn-Kimballton school system. She died of cancer in September 1991.

I came to Dana from Gray, Iowa, in the fall of 1935. I remember being directed to the office of P.V. Hansen, Bursar.

Mr. Hartwig (English) often referred to us freshmen as "you people who have just come out from behind those cornfields." How right he was.

Following two years at Dana I went out into the business world.

In 1941 I was drafted into the Army where I served for 53 months at Camp Roberts, California, and in the Pacific. I was a member of the Philippine Liberation Forces.

In 1953 I entered a partnership with a brother in the farm supply business which we operated until the spring of 1994 at Elk Horn, Iowa.

JAMES A. STONE

My first introduction to Dana came in 1943 when I was eight years old. I came to the campus to visit my older brother, James A. Stone, who was a freshman majoring in political science. James graduated from Dana in 1947, taught high school for several years, and in 1960 received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In 1953 I came to the Dana campus as a freshman interested in athletics and a career in veterinary science. During my junior year I became acquainted with a beautiful young co-ed named Norma Nelson who attended Dana from 1954 to 1956. In 1956 Norma became my wife and later the mother of our three children. I graduated from Dana in the spring of 1957, and in the fall of the same year I started my graduate training in the Department of Zoology and Physiology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1962 I returned to Dana College as an assistant professor in the Biology Department, and in 1968 I finally completed my Ph.D. program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

All three of our children have attended Dana College. Our oldest son Steve, who came into the world just in time to see me receive my diploma from Dana in 1957, graduated from Dana in 1979. Our second son David attended Dana in 1977, and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in engineering. Our daughter Sherrie graduated from Dana in 1984 with a degree in business.

Prepared by Larrie E. Stone '57 and Norma (Nelson '58) Stone, Blair, Nebraska

PAUL AND LIL STRAND

Paul and Lil Strand's relationship with Dana College began after their move to Omaha, Nebraska, from Racine, Wisconsin, in 1960. At that time Paul worked for the Danish Brotherhood in America, and through local Danish-Americans they were introduced to Dana College.

Paul, with his parents, Einar and Mette, and his sister, Carla, immigrated to Racine, Wisconsin, from Randers, Denmark, in 1913. It was in Racine that Paul met Lil, who was the daughter of Danish immigrants Anders and Anna Nielsen. Paul and Lil married July 1, 1934, and except for a brief stay in Seattle, Washington, lived in Racine until their move to Omaha in 1960.

In August of 1964, Paul joined Dana's staff, beginning their commitment to the college. Along with Paul, Dana also got Lil, and together over the years they traveled many miles raising funds for Dana. They sought out the support of Danish-Americans and Paul was often referred to as "Dana's Traveling Beggar." After joining the staff at Dana, Paul and Lil moved to Blair. In Blair they became members of the First Lutheran Church and formed friendships throughout the Blair community.

The same year the Strands came to Dana so did their niece, Paula Jean (Zackman) Wolf '68. They were her second parents and their home was hers. This "parental" friendship was also extended to others who attended Dana over the years, and Paul and Lil came to be known as "Mom" and "Pop" to many.

Dana, its faculty and staff, students and alumni became their extended family and focal point in their later years. This community of friends and family lent their support during their illnesses and deaths, Lil's in 1986 and Paul's in 1988.

Losing Old Main to fire in 1988 was very emotional for Paul, so this office in the new "Old Main," made possible through family and friends, is a wonderful memorial to both of them.

Prepared by their niece, Paula Jean (Zackman '68) Wolf, Norridge, Illinois

AUGIE AND JOAN (PETERSEN) STRICKER

I was born and raised in Blair, Nebraska--Dana has always been a part of my life. Old Main, the Courthouse, and the Blair swimming pool have been my "security blankets"; I thought they'd be around forever!

Augie and I are both thankful to Dana for the lifelong friends we made during our years there. We have also felt the lasting influence of instructors who shared more than just basic classroom teaching with us. Though we were in two very different fields, Augie '51 in pre-Architecture and Engineering and I in Elementary Education, the one instructor who touched both of us in his quiet caring way was Rev. William "Bill" Thomsen. We were pleased when he was honored recently in the dedication of the new Art Department.

Augie's memories of Dana stem from a very young age also. Many families from his home in Greenville, Michigan, and the surrounding area felt that Dana was the only place to send their young people for education in a Christian atmosphere. The Strickers hosted the Dana Choir when it was on tour during Augie's high school years. This experience encouraged their interest in the school in Blair. Augie's choice of Dana was a natural.

Though we didn't attend Dana at the same time, Dana is where we met, and with the help of Dana friends we kept in touch and were married in 1953.

In his "memo" in the 1949 Danian, President R. E. Morton wrote of the young people who passed through Old Main. His hope and that of the school was that these young people set out knowing that "the best way of life is *Christ's Way*." As we plan for a "New Old Main" we are happy to have a part in continuing that *Tradition*.

MARION (HANSON) SVENDSEN

I came to Dana during the depths of the Depression. Higher education was so important to my parents, Arndt and Clara Hanson, that they borrowed money to send me to college, even though the cost was only \$244 for tuition, board, and room for the school year of 1934-35. At that time, in our little town of Hutchinson, Minnesota, it was rather unusual for a girl to go to college. One of my father's relatives commented, "That's foolish to send a girl to college; she'll just get married anyway." My father's response was, "A college education will give her something no one can take away from her."

As a matter of fact, I did marry, raise a family, and teach elementary school for more than 30 years, so my college education was hardly "wasted"! I've been so grateful for my parents' foresight, sense of values, and willingness to sacrifice for my future.

Both of my brothers, Clifford and Roger Hanson, attended Dana, as did my husband, Ethan Svendsen, and other members of his family. Dana had much to offer: a school with Christian emphasis, classes taught by dedicated teachers, and a student body of like-minded people, many of whom became close friends.

I was so saddened by the fire which destroyed Old Main, but now look forward to the new building. My hope is that it will become as meaningful to future students as Old Main has been to me.

DONALD AND PATRICIA SWANSON

I was introduced to the Dana family by way of Ben Krantz, then board member of Dana College under Dr. Mezoff. I was invited to serve on the board--as a Swede and as a Presbyterian (former Lutheran). I served during the difficult "no Confidence" of President Mezoff with ultimate resignation. I became Chairman of the Board after Dr. Goldenstein's resignation during the trials of this matter. I served as Chairman during the hiring of Dr. James Kallas and shortly after his coming to Dana I was replaced on the board.

When Dr. Christopherson was brought to the campus to serve as the new President, I was asked to once again serve on the board. I was always impressed with the quality of the board members and with the great dedicated faculty and staff and administration. I was very pleased to return to the board of Dana College and am presently serving as Secretary.

Prepared by Donald D. Swanson, Omaha, Nebraska

TOM AND KATHY (APPEL) TAGGART

My father, Ingvert Appel, was the son of Danish immigrants who settled in Graettinger, Iowa. He, and some local boys, came to Dana in 1951. The army decided to interrupt his stay there but he returned with a new bride in 1956 and completed his education degree in 1958--two weeks after I was born. In 1994 he retired as superintendent in Eldora, Iowa. The position was then given to another Dana graduate, Mr. Chuck Scott.

I have always known about Dana and would drive through it on our visits to Blair to see the Kroghs, the Gabbys, and the Larrie Stone family. I never gave it much thought that I would attend anywhere else.

I came to Dana as a freshman in 1976. At that time we were still required to take three semesters of Humanities. It was one of the most rewarding challenges I have ever undertaken and I am amazed how that information and appreciation continues to be brought into my daily life.

I graduated in 1980 and taught high school English for five years before staying home with our two sons. Cole, now 9, and Chase, 5, know all about Dana!

Tom Taggart came to Dana in 1977 and earned an accounting and business degree in 1981. We were married that July. He has since served on Dana's Alumni Council, continues to help coordinate Central Iowa's Dana Club, and has helped with several fund-raising campaigns. I'm proud to say he's being recognized at the '94 Homecoming Banquet as an Outstanding Young Alum.

My brother Steve arrived on campus in 1979 and earned a degree in education. He met Deanna Nielsen, whose parents were also Dana graduates, and they were married in 1985. They now live in Blair with their daughter Marissa.

Dana was, is, and will always be a great place. If you had family there or not, the Dana family was yours to embrace. Memories and friends tie us to this place with commitment and joy.
To God be the Glory!

Prepared by Kathy (Appel '80) Taggart, Wauke, Iowa

JURI AND CARMEN TAHT

The year was 1950 when I received a telegram from the office of the Lutheran World Federation in Frankfurt asking me to come for an interview. As it turned out, the students of Dana College had provided a scholarship for a "Displaced Person" student and eventually I was selected to be the recipient of that scholarship.

I arrived at Dana at the end of January 1951, just in time for the second semester, after three weeks on a stormy Atlantic with a U.S. Navy troop transporter and after two days on a train from New York to Omaha.

Dana College became my first home in the United States. I was so very lucky to have had the chance to adjust to a new country and learn a new language in a caring and friendly environment. I have kept in touch with Dana all these years and have even had the opportunity to perform there several times. Even though I have lived in many different places since graduating from Dana and have travelled all over the U.S., Dana has remained a very special place for me.

So many people have in the past found Dana--in my case, however, Dana found me and thus truly changed my life and also the lives of my mother and brothers, who followed me to America from wartorn Germany.

America has been good to me, and it all started with Dana College where the students decided to stretch out a helping hand and I was fortunate to grasp it.

Prepared by Juri Taht '52, Bowie, Maryland

WAYNE AND JOAN TANDERUP

Having been Lutheran all of our lives, we have known about Dana College in Blair for many years, but it wasn't until we had been on campus for some meetings and church conventions that we came to realize what a wonderful place it was. Just being there, you kind of catch the vitality of the college and the difference it can make in the lives of our young people and the world.

Prepared by Wayne and Joan Tanderup, Seward, Nebraska

IRVING AND JOAN TANGE

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, was unknown to me until I met Marjorie Tange in Minneapolis where we both worked. She introduced me to her brother, Irving, when he returned from the South Pacific after World War II.

I soon learned that Dana was the College that most of the Danish Lutherans, affiliated with the former UELC Synod, attended. Irving was no exception as he spent his junior, senior, and seminary years on the Dana Campus in the later 1930s.

Irving was serving the congregation in Shelby, Iowa, when the U.S. became involved in World War II. He volunteered for the Chaplaincy in the Army. After attending Chaplains School he was assigned to Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and shortly thereafter he was sent to the South Pacific where he remained for three years.

As I earlier mentioned, I met Irving shortly after he returned home from the war. The spark that was struck at that time burst into flame and we were married June 5, 1947. Thus this Hollander with a Dutch Reformed Church background became a Dane by osmosis and a Lutheran.

Dana College became a reality when Marjorie and I visited Irving at Shelby before we were married. His cousin, Clifford Hanson, and his wife, Florence, were serving the church at Underwood at the time. They had both attended Dana. Reynold Tange and his wife, Ruth, were living in Blair where Reynold was attending Dana and Trinity Seminary. Other pastors in the area had also received their education at Dana. So there was a sense of "family." "Family" has a special meaning--belonging, closeness, caring. Then I realized that Dana was "Family."

Our son, Paul, was born while we were in Shelby. Another son, Philip, was born when we were serving Nazareth Lutheran in Cedar Falls, Iowa. When we lived close enough to Blair to make the round trip in one day we, on a couple of occasions, took some young people with us to introduce them to Dana and attend a Homecoming football game.

Many changes have taken place at Dana since Irving attended. Most of the changes have been in the physical appearance, especially since the destruction of "Old Main." But the most important element has not changed--that is the "Family" atmosphere. "Hail Dana" will continue to ring thru her halls and into the world thru her graduates.

Prepared by Joan Tange, Cedar Falls, Iowa

JAMES AND LIDA RAE TAYLOR

Being a businessman in Blair, I realize the importance and benefits of having Dana College in our city. Watching and participating in Dana College's growth all my life has been very exciting.

I was elected to the Dana Board of Regents in 1986. At that time, Dr. Elwin Farwell was president of Dana. One of the Board's first responsibilities was appointing Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson as president.

Although my wife and I are not graduates of Dana College, we have nothing but the highest regard for its educational system. We have enjoyed our close relations with Dana over the years.

Prepared by James Taylor, Blair, Nebraska

F. W. "BILL" AND ORPA THOMSEN

Fred William "Bill" Thomsen was born in Hjörning, Denmark, to Theodor Marinus Thomsen and Kristine (Sorensen) Thomsen. He immigrated with his family to the United States in 1912. The family settled in Racine, Wisconsin. His father was a building contractor, and the family lived in various parts of the country, with Memphis, Tennessee, standing out in Bill's mind.

It was in Memphis that Bill won the Tennessee-Alabama-Mississippi Golden Gloves Middleweight Championship, owing to as Bill put it, his "fright" and "speed." While in Memphis he also studied at the Memphis Technical Art School.

Bill moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to study at the Cleveland Art Institute and received the B.S. degree in 1932. The following year he spent in Luck, Wisconsin, working on a series of drawings pertaining to the Book of Revelation.

At the request of President Erland Nelson of Dana College, Bill became a member of the Dana staff in 1934. His desire was to study for the ministry as background for the art profession. From 1934 to 1937 he was art instructor at Dana.

Bill and I (Orpa B. Andersen) were married September 7, 1939, at First Bethany Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado, by our friend and pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ethan Mengers. We left Denver en route to Northfield, Minnesota. Bill did stop at Dana to introduce me to Dana College and his friends!

President Lars W. Boe at St. Olaf College in Northfield had commissioned Bill to execute a mural for the art building and to serve as art instructor while working toward the B.A. degree, which was necessary to study for the ministry. Bill graduated in 1942.

He returned to Dana to serve as art instructor and to study at Trinity Theological Seminary. He received his B.D. degree and was ordained February 18, 1945.

After Bill's ordination Dr. R.E. Morton asked him if he would be willing to accept the call from Bethesda Lutheran Church at Moorhead, Iowa, and to serve on a part-time basis as associate professor of art at Dana. Bill accepted! There were times when the Missouri River flooded that it was necessary to commute to Blair by airplane. A colleague would meet Bill at the airport and provide transportation to Dana. The two professions--art and the ministry--blended well together.

Bethesda Church was originally in the country and on a high hill. It served not only as a place of worship but also as a signal for guidance to airplanes. Later the congregation built in the town of Moorhead. Bill designed the new church and with the help of church members and friends in Moorhead, the church was built and dedicated on July 10, 1949, with the Rev. N.C. Carlsen officiating. While serving Bethesda, Bill was a member of the Lake Okoboji Bible Camp Board and Director of the Senior Bible Camp at Okoboji for five years. While living in Moorhead he also commuted to Des Moines, Iowa, and attended Drake University to work on a Master of Fine Arts degree, which he received in 1968.

In 1955 the Thomsen family (Bill, Orpa, Paul ['65] and John [BS '68]) moved to Blair to live in the newly renovated apartment in Elk Horn Hall. Bill was to serve as Chairman of the Art Department and as Dean of Men. When assigned, he also taught Christianity, served as Director of Christian Activities, and was in charge of Chapel. Bill enjoyed working with the students in the Art Department and living in Elk Horn Hall as Dean of Men, which proved to be an interesting and rewarding experience. He still found time to study at Iowa State in the summer of 1967 and at Colorado University in the summer of 1968. In 1970 Bill and I traveled to Europe, visiting France, Denmark, and Germany, and concentrating on visiting the beautiful cathedrals.

While teaching full time at Dana and having the summer months free, he designed and constructed a number of mosaic murals. One of the murals is on the Dana Hall of Science. Other murals are in such cities as Ralston, Beatrice, Albion and North Platte, Nebraska; Audubon, Missouri Valley and Sioux City, Iowa; Luck and Racine, Wisconsin; and Sioux Falls and Yankton, South Dakota.

Bill retired from Dana in 1975 at which time he received Professor Emeritus status from the Dana Board of Regents. In 1978 he was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Alumni Association. He was pleased to be among "The Dana Hundred" at "The Gathering" of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1984 and to receive the Blair Community Service Award in 1986. Bill enjoyed his affiliation with Dana College and the fine support of the Blair community.

The last project Bill was involved in was that of creating the 80-acre Black Elk-Neihardt Park. Forty acres were made available by Dana College and another forty by the Blair Utilities Commission. Bill designed the forty-four foot monument named "The Tower of the Four Winds." The concept developed after he read the book, *Black Elk Speaks*, by Dr. John G. Neihardt in the humanities program at Dana. The park was a Bicentennial project. The park was dedicated in 1976, and the tower in 1987.

Prepared by Orpa Thomsen, Blair, Nebraska

PATRICK AND KATHY TRIPP

Pat attended Dana from 1970 to 1974. Also attending Dana have been two brothers, both parents and Pat's grandfather.

Prepared by Patrick Tripp '74, Blair, Nebraska

EDWARD AND SHERIDA (NOHRENBURG) VAHLE

When I arrived at Dana in the fall of 1966 to begin my college education, I was already familiar with the campus. For many years my mother, Barbara Nohrenberg, had delivered cream and chickens to Alice Laaker, who was housemother for Mickelsen Hall. My grandfather, W.L. Hindley, did some of the dirt work prior to construction of some of the campus buildings. He also helped demolish the old heating plant. My father, Pete Nohrenberg, cut and trimmed trees on the campus a number of years ago.

So you can see that Dana has been a part of my family for many years.

I met my husband, Edward Vahle '69, while attending Dana. We both attended high school in Blair but did not meet until we were at Dana. In August of 1969 we were married in Alumni Memorial Auditorium and moved into the married students' housing.

Our son, Daniel, was born a few days before my graduation in May 1970. We brought him home to Dana. He spent his first month of life in the Dana Hall of Science because I worked for Professor Frank Hengeveld. His Godparents are Gene and Nancy Lindblad.

My sister, Tera Nohrenberg, also attended Dana, where she met her husband, Ted Hansen. They were married on the steps of Old Main in June of 1985.

Last year we returned to Dana and Black Elk-Neihardt Park to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends.

As Dana has played an important role in our family, I am sure it will continue to serve families for generations to come.

Prepared by Sherida (Nohrenberg '70) Vahle, Beaver City, Nebraska

FRANK AND NORMA (LUND) VAN STEENHOVEN

I (Norma) was born in the large home immediately west of Pioneer Memorial and spent my first twenty-some years there.

As children (there were seven of us) we felt we pretty much owned Dana. We spent much of our free time on the campus, particularly when Dana was not in session. I now "brag" to my grandchildren how I was able to roller skate from the wide stairway, once attached to Old Main, and continue down the hill, turning corners and jumping over the bumps in the sidewalk, to the bridge over Cauble Creek.

I made some good friends when I attended Dana and thought the faculty was superb. The school was like one large family back then and we had many good times. I'm sorry I was unable to attend more than one and one-half years but I was offered a secretarial job in Blair and felt I couldn't refuse it. After all, these were Depression years. My Dad paid for part of my education by supplying the school with potatoes he had grown. After I started working I was able to pay off the balance in small (very small) monthly increments.

Dana holds a very special place in my heart and I seem to have converted my husband into a very interested supporter as well. Our son (Tom) and daughter-in-law (Jean Knudsen) are both graduates of Dana; in fact, that is where they met.

JOHANNES AND DAGMAR VASBY

Our touching base with Dana is indeed of an unusual long standing. Niels Christian Petersen, my father, came to Dana from Denmark in 1896. After seven years of studies, he went back to Denmark to get his fiancée. That was in 1903. In 1904 he was ordained on June 5, and on July 12 of the same year Chris and Laura were married after an engagement of ten years. They served several congregations in Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois until 1922. He with several other ministers returned to Denmark to serve there. With a family of nine children, Laura and Chris launched out on faith without knowing what was ahead. Therefore the younger children called them Sarah and Abraham. After only six weeks he was offered two churches in Jutland where he served until his retirement in 1942. In his retirement years he worked as chaplain in hospitals, went on night missions in the city of Aarhus, and was honored by the King when he was called for an audience and given the assistant pastorate in the Cathedral of Aarhus for nine months. He passed away on September 14, 1959.

When Joe and I were married in 1954, after his wife had passed away, college was the most important issue on the agenda. Marilyn, the oldest of the five, was enrolled at Whitewater State College. Joyce was undecided, so I suggested Dana. That decision opened up and ushered in a family tradition. Joyce was off to Dana. There she met and later married Don Jorgensen, who now has served on the Dana Board of Regents for six years, the last two years as Chairman, and has been re-elected for another term. Owen followed suit. He met and married Pat Petersen there. Along came Lucy, who married Tim Brown from Dana. After graduation they settled in Blair, where they both teach. Our youngest, Philip, just matter of factly chose Dana. He met and married Paula Westfall. Last but not least, Joel Jorgensen, our grandson, graduated from there in 1990.

We now have 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All the homes are happy and intact.

Rev. Chr. Petersen visited Dana in 1956 with mother; that was the highlight for him in his 80th year.

The road to Dana from Cambridge has been travelled regularly for 35 years.

Thank you Dana for giving us these fine young people.

Prepared by Dagmar Vasby, Cambridge, Wisconsin

PHILIP AND PAULA (WESTFALL) VASBY

When my sister, Joyce (Vasby) Jorgensen, was looking for a college to attend, my mother suggested Dana College--the college her father had attended when it was Trinity Seminary. Joyce went off to Dana in 1957 as did my brother, Owen, in the fall of 1961 and my sister, Lucille (Vasby) Brown, in the fall of 1964. As many younger brothers do, I followed the path of my older siblings and began my education at Dana in the fall of 1965.

Dana College was a great place for me to "grow up" and receive an excellent education. I met many wonderful people along the way including the girl who would become my life partner. Paula '69 and I have many wonderful memories of our four years at Dana--a place that truly came to feel like home. Many of the friends we made at college have remained close friends throughout the years.

Both Paula and I know that Dana College was a good investment in our lives and are willing and honored to invest in Dana's future for the benefit of those students yet to attend such a fine institution.

Prepared by Philip Vasby '69, Cambridge, Wisconsin

RICHARD AND KAREN VIERK

Dana holds a special place in the family history of both Karen and myself.

My family history with Dana begins in 1936 when my Danish mother, Edith M. (Carlsen) Vierk, came to Dana from the American Danish community of Boelus/ Dannebrog, Nebraska. She was preceded by her brother, James L. Carlsen, in 1932. Their Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church focused them on Dana and began an educational legacy that was transferred to her three children: Thomas F. Vierk '63, Sally Jo (Vierk '67) Wolff, and Richard J. Vierk '68.

In 1959, my mother brought Tom to Dana and on his first day he met Barbara Boe '63 who would become his wife. Barbara's father, Richard Boe, was a classmate of my mother Edith. In 1963, my sister Sally Jo followed her mother and brother to spend one year at Dana. Then in 1964 I started and graduated in 1968.

Although my wife Karen Holm Vierk did not attend Dana, her heritage is also Danish and has ties to Dana. Her father, Kenneth L. Holm, is a Knight of Dannebrog of the Second Order and has served as Royal Danish Counsel for Nebraska since the 1960s. He was counsel and assisted in the visit of Queen Margrethe to Dana in 1976. He also served on the Dana Board of Regents for a number of years thereafter.

Prepared by Richard J. Vierk '68, Lincoln, Nebraska

THEES AND MARIE WALLMAN FAMILY

German immigrants in Southeast Nebraska contributed to the growth of the Lutheran church and planned for their children's education "while yet our land was wilderness." While early settlers raised their children in the 1900s, they worked to provide the best spiritual and academic education for their children. Thees and Marie Wallman, descendants of those early settlers, sacrificed to provide a sound college education for their four children throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

Jeanette (Wallman) Slusher graduated from Dana in 1968 with a B.A. in Education, and later received an M.A. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She works today as a school counselor in Lincoln, Nebraska. She and her husband, Dave, whom she married while a senior at Dana, have two children, Kyle and Theese. As a graduate of a very small Nebraska high school, Jeanette greatly appreciated the cultural diversity that professors and international students brought to Dana.

David Wallman graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Mathematics in 1971. He was named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 1979. He works today as a vice-president and actuary at Security Mutual Life in Lincoln. He has served on Dana's ADD council and is the chair of the committee for actuarial science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dave and his wife, Rose, are active in Lincoln's civic programs.

Debra Wallman graduated in 1976 with a B.S. in Elementary Education, and later received her M.S. from the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She currently teaches junior high special education classes in Fremont, Nebraska. Debra has also served on the Dana Alumni Council, so that others can experience the sense of community that she enjoyed while a student at Dana.

Malinda (Wallman) and Robert Jepsen continue the family's long history of church and community service. Malinda, the youngest of Thees and Marie Wallman's children, received a B.A. in Mathematics in 1978, graduating *magna cum laude*. In 1974, she met her husband, Bob Jepsen, of Chappell, Nebraska, also a student at Dana. Bob left his formal studies in mid-year 1976 to work at HunTel in Blair. Bob and Malinda married later that year, and now have two children, Aaron and Christopher. Today, Bob works as a senior systems specialist for HunTel Communications, Inc., and Malinda works as a programmer analyst in the research and development department at Mid America Computer Corporation in Blair. They are both involved in church and community activities in and around Blair, and in the fall of 1993, Malinda will become a member of Dana's Alumni Council.

The values of a good education and the commitment to Christian service that Jeanette, David, Debra, and Malinda Wallman and Bob Jepsen learned while at Dana continue to guide them through the "wilderness" of the modern world, just as those values guided their parents and grandparents.

Prepared by their daughter, Jeanette (Wallman '68) Slusher, Martell, Nebraska

RAY AND MARY WECKMULLER FAMILY

The Ray Weckmuller family's association with Dana College started through their Danish heritage.

Ingvard and Mathilda Skobo, immigrants from Denmark, had set a priority that their daughters would attend college. In 1944, the Skobos seized the opportunity to purchase a farm east of Blair. Now their daughters could attend Dana College. Mary, their eldest daughter, attended Dana from 1946-48 and graduated in 1969 with a B.S. in Nursing. May (Jackson) graduated in 1952, Edith (Faye) in 1954, and Edna (McFarlane) in 1956. In 1967 Ingvard and Mathilda Skobo made a substantial donation to the Dana library.

Raymond Jensen Weckmuller of Troy, New York, was encouraged by the Rev. James Lund, former pastor of First Lutheran Church in Blair, Nebraska, to attend Dana College after his service in the military.

Ray's college years, 1947-52, were interrupted by another year of military service, from 1950-51, during the Korean War.

Mary and Ray met in the fall of 1947 and were married in April 1952.

Their three daughters also attended Dana--Ann (McPhillips) in 1973, Lyn (Pahls) from 1975-76, and Carol graduated in 1980. Their son Paul enlisted in the Coast Guard.

Professionally, Ann has a B.S. in Nursing and is employed as a Nurse Clinician at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Lyn has an M.S. degree in Education and is an elementary school teacher in the Millard, Nebraska, Public School system. Carol is a Family Practice Physician in Blair, Nebraska, at the Blair Clinic.

Ray taught in the Blair Public School system for three years, followed by another three years as principal at Mount View Elementary School in Omaha. In 1958 Ray started his teaching career at Dana and became Chairman of the Department of Education. He continued in this capacity for 29 years until his death on October 8, 1986. He had been named "Professor of the Year" by his students and was honored posthumously for his dedication to teaching and education.

"Love one another" was Ray's motto for living. It was exemplified in his caring and giving attitude, ever present wit and humor, and readiness to listen to anyone.

Yes, he was a large person, but the magnitude of his love for his family, students, peer associates, profession, and people in general was just as large.

Prepared by Mary (Skobo '50 '69) Weckmuller, Blair, Nebraska

ERVIN, MARGUERITE AND KRISTI WESTFAHL

When Marguerite's grandmother Pedersen, mother, three aunts, and uncle came to the United States from Denmark in the 1890s, Trinity Seminary was preparing young men for the ministry in American churches--including their churches in Wisconsin. Little did Bestemor or Mama realize what impact that would have on the lives of their future daughters and granddaughters who have made Dana College their Danish home.

Since 1972, when Marguerite was elected to the Central District's Tri-State Conference Board of the American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW)--and subsequently to offices of vice president and president of the Central District's ALCW Board, National ALCW Board, and Central District Church Council--many meetings, gatherings, and seminars were held on Dana's campus. Spiritual growth and "warmth of family" permeated every step of the way.

Marguerite also was elected to the Dana Board of Regents where she served for seven years as representative of the ALCW. Several highlights of those years are:

1. Returning to her alma mater, the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, to interview Myrv Christopherson for the presidency of Dana College.
2. Serving on committees for new buildings and for academics.
3. Becoming charter members of the Dana Builders.
4. Meeting Victor Borge.
5. Meeting Rabbi Melchior of Denmark at the "Danish Jewish Seminar."

Daughter Kristi graduated from Dana in 1975, as did her husband, Pastor Karl Guhn, in 1976. Kristi's interest in her Danish heritage developed and grew at Dana. She is now employed at the Minnesota Museum of Science in St. Paul.

Ervin has been a profound backer of Dana College during the years of PDT (putting daughter through) and of being a "Regent's Spouse," a Dana Builder, and backer. The friendships formed at Dana during these years are deep and lasting. Even though the terms of office are over, we still feel close to Dana College--our heritage.

HAROLD AND AUDREY WILHELMSSEN

We are providing support to Dana College through the Wilhelmsen Endowed Scholarship. This fund was originally established in memory of my father and mother, Dr. Rev. Karl J. and Cora I. Wilhelmsen, by Louis and Katie Nielson. We have provided additional funds to increase the reach of the fund within the Dana community and to further recognize the contribution of my parents to the Lutheran Church and all of God's people.

Prepared by Harold J. Wilhelmsen, Scottsdale, Arizona

WAYNE AND RUTH WISE

I became a part of the Dana family in 1957. Dr. Madsen hired me (I was the first in his new administration) to teach theory, music education and direct the band. My first wife Edith taught instrumental music in the public schools. She was active in college events, and being a versatile musician was a great help to the Dana Band during concerts and the touring season. I am very proud of the band room dedication we received in the Madsen Performing Arts Center.

I served on a number of faculty committees, and was twice President of the American Association of University Professors.

After retiring in 1978, I went back to school for two years. In 1981 I married Ruth Borsheim, an English and literature teacher in the Ralston and Millard schools. Ruth is a real promoter for Dana, particularly "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas." Although we live in Omaha now, we still feel very much a part of The Dana Family.

PHILIP AND KARAN WITTIG

As a high school senior, I was the recipient of a Nebraska Church College Scholarship. Among those Nebraska colleges was one called Dana College. I did not know anyone who had attended Dana College. But being somewhat adventurous, I decided to apply for admission to this college of the U.E.L.C., a synod about which I knew very little. I arrived at Dana in September 1952 to begin my "Dana Experience," which lasted four wonderful years. I was fortunate to have two great roommates, Wayne Christensen and Keith Jensen, for my first two years.

My home church, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rushville, Nebraska, was without a pastor when I was a freshman. The faculty and students of Trinity Seminary came to the rescue. One of them traveled to western Nebraska each week to conduct Sunday worship services for this rural parish and a sister parish in Gordon. As I recall, some of the faculty and students making that weekly trip were: Dr. C.C. Madsen, Dr. T.I. Jensen, Vernon Andersen, John Beck, George Demant, Russell Eckert, Robert Kloth, and Roy Mumm. Those emissaries from Trinity Seminary provided many wonderful memories for those Germans from that western Nebraska ALC church. Over the years, several youth from Immanuel Lutheran Church in addition to my sister, Irene, and my brother, Edward, enrolled at Dana.

After graduation and at the urging of Dr. Madsen, I applied for and was accepted by the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School. Dana, that college unknown to me back in 1952, provided me with an excellent Christian education which served me well during my naval service and subsequent years in business.

Karan, my wife, never attended Dana but has a special place in her heart for Dana and is considered by many of my Dana associates as an honorary Dana alumna. Karan and I are members of Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, where we have established a scholarship to provide financial assistance for members of the congregation attending Dana.

In the fall of 1992 I was elected to serve on Dana's Board of Regents. I consider it an honor to serve and support Dana in response for what she gave me as an undergraduate.

Prepared by Philip Wittig '56, Lincoln, Nebraska

BOB AND LOUISE WOODHOUSE

Our Dana experience began in the mid-1970s when we came to Blair. We purchased the Ford Agency from the Sapp family. Dana has been a business friend through all those years. We realize how important Dana is to the health of Blair and try to give financial aid when we are able. We became particularly close these years of 1991 through 1993. President Myrv and Anne Christopherson are very community-oriented and have put Blair business on their list of things to make better. As a result, we have worked with them on many cooperative efforts to improve this town and its business.

Dana--you are a wonderful friend of Blair and of the 74 people in our organization. Thank you. Let's grow healthy, wealthy and old--together.

Bob and Louise Woodhouse
and children Dawn and Dena Rae

Prepared by Bob Woodhouse, Blair, Nebraska

JESS AND PATRICIA WRIGHT

As citizens of Blair and supporters of Dana College, we appreciate the exposure to culture that Dana brings to the community.

Prepared by Jess and Patricia Wright, Blair, Nebraska

GENE AND BARBARA WULF

I arrived at Dana as a freshman in August 1972. Freshman life was new to me. Being away from home was new for me. Studying hard was new for me. But Dana was not new. I had been to Dana frequently as I was growing up. My mother, Leona Jenson Wulf, attended Dana just before World War II. She left to start teaching. In 1959 she returned to teaching, and she returned to Dana to complete her degree. During the next several years I had the opportunity to visit and listen to my mother discuss her classes and professors. I even got to go to night school with her. She would go off to her class while I would take my sister and brother to swimming classes. Dana is where I learned my first profession of lifeguard and swimming instructor. During my high school years I had the opportunity to visit Dana with my Luther League. I also had the opportunity to attend a three-day Luther League leadership training school held on campus. I knew Dana College. Dana College was a friend of mine. Dana College fit my needs. Nothing else "stacked up" to Dana College.

When it came time to look at colleges to attend, Dana met my needs. I came from a very small high school and Dana's intimate atmosphere fit my needs. I was a shy young man, and Dana gave me the opportunity to grow and experiment with leadership, religion, friendships, and education, yet feel comfortable with the risks. At one point I felt Dana sheltered me from the outside world. After 20 years to reflect on this attitude, I finally came to the realization that Dana did not shelter me from the outside world, but Dana prepared me for the outside world. By providing me with a well-rounded education, I am able to intelligently analyze, debate, and appreciate what is happening in our world.

WILLIAM R. AND SONJA B. YATES

I (William) first became aware of Dana College through our local ALC congregation, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Following completion of high school, I was awarded a Dana President's Scholarship allowing me to afford a four-year period of study at Dana College. I attended Dana College between 1970 and 1974. I graduated with a B.A. degree with a chemistry major, becoming the first family member to graduate from college.

Several other important things happened during my years at Dana: 1) I married my wife Sonja and 2) I became interested in becoming a physician. My studies at Dana successfully prepared me for completing an M.D. degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I then completed specialty training in family practice, and practiced primary care back in Geneva between 1980 and 1983. I then completed psychiatry training at the University of Iowa while also obtaining a master's degree in Preventive Medicine. I have been an academic psychiatrist at the University of Iowa since 1986. I was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1991. My area of research expertise is medical and psychiatric aspects of alcoholism.

Dana provided a very comfortable and supportive environment to make new friends and become exposed to a variety of academic areas. The Humanities course provided a chance to view historical periods through religious, artistic, and political perspectives. The science courses taught by Professors Stone, Hengeveld, and Lindblad enhanced my interest in the biological and physical sciences. My time at Dana is fondly remembered as a time of growth and excitement within a nurturing Christian academic setting.

Prepared by William R. Yates '74, Iowa City, Iowa