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About the cover—Three members of Dana's "New Day" at "An Elizabethan Christmas," one of this year's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" events. From left, they are: Kay Schjodt '88, Blair; Mark Olsen '89, Blair; and Rebecca Brabec '89, Clarkson, Nebraska. Miss Schjodt is the daughter of Harald and Rhoda (Iversen '49) Schjodt; Olsen is the son of James '62 and Lois (Vaught '66) Olsen; and Miss Brabec is the daughter of Mrs. Donna Brabec. *Photo by Nathan Kramer '88*

A Message from President Farwell

As we pause to celebrate the birth of our Lord and sing peace on earth, good will to men, we are especially grateful this year at Dana because we can look forward to the coming of Myrvin and Anne Christopherson and their four children as the first family of the college. We are delighted that they have accepted, and we look forward to a prosperous new year for Dana College.

This has been a magnificent December. The "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" went beyond anyone's enthusiastic expectations. The weather for the weekend was perfect and every event seemed to be done exactly right. For most people there were two beautiful highlights. First, the worship service on Sunday morning with a congregation of more than 900, set in Borup Coliseum as a lovely Danish chapel. Terry Cassell had a most impressive sermon, and the music provided by the brass quintet and the Dana Choir enhanced our worship. The second highlight was the afternoon concert by the concert band and the choir.

In addition to selecting Myrvin Christopherson as Dana's 15th president, the regents also named the Performing Arts Center in honor of President and Mrs. C. Clifford Madsen. In my opinion we have an exceptional board and they are determined to provide leadership to the college, particularly in the areas of fund-raising and public relations. With a new vision for the future and a new determination on campus, the college seeks the support of its alumni to meet the financial challenges of this year. We covet your involvement and encourage you to increase your financial gifts to Dana. The regents will meet again in February for a two-day meeting, spending an extra day in a study of long-range objectives. President-elect Christopherson will join the board for these meetings. He will assume the presidency of the college on July 1 after completing the academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Our Annual Fund is off to a tremendous start with the largest solicitation ever achieved in Washington County, more than \$110,000, including \$35,000 from the Dana community. For all of these people, we give thanks. Our admissions program is beginning to pick up, and there is a new enthusiasm supporting it here. However, we need your help too, and we encourage you to bring students to the campus for a visit. Dana is a strong college with an exceptional liberal arts program, and you will be doing some young person a great service if you are the one responsible for his or her enrolling in Dana.

Mrs. Farwell and I have enjoyed our months at Dana and have appreciated the gracious way in which we have been received on the campus and in the community. When we leave here in May, we will leave with wonderful memories, and Dana will have become a part of our lives. We certainly intend to return often for activities on campus. We also appreciate having had the opportunity to meet many Dana alumni.

Elwin D. Farwell
President

Christopherson Is Elected President

The 15th president of Dana College will be Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, a 1961 Dana graduate. Elected by the Board of Regents at a December 14 meeting, he plans to assume his new duties by July 1.

Christopherson, 46, is associate dean of the college of fine arts, head of the division of communication, and professor of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is also chairman of the faculty senate.

In 1982 he was the second recipient of a Distinguished University Service Award from Stevens Point, and in 1979 the Wisconsin Communication Association named him Outstanding College Teacher of the Year. As a Dana senior he was student body president; last spring he was named a Distinguished Alumnus.

Christopherson says that he considers President Emeritus C. C. Madsen his "primary mentor for the presidency of Dana." Dr. Madsen, he says, "taught me by his example that Christian leadership calls for humility and trust in God. By his dedication and vision Dana grew."

He also expresses admiration for President Farwell, who "has brought honor and strength to the office of president. I count it a privilege to follow after this great leader," he says. "Dr. Farwell's love of the church colleges has extended to Dana and given us courage and vision for a new future.

"I pray that I might enjoy a measure of the abilities of these two great leaders, and earn the support of alumni and friends to assure Dana's future."

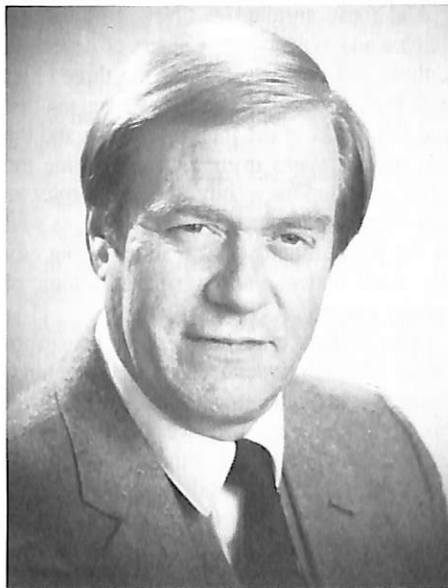
Christopherson received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University, completing his research on his doctoral dissertation on Kierkegaard's dialectic of communication at the University of Copenhagen.

After receiving his doctorate in 1965, he started his teaching career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1969 he went to Stevens Point. There he has helped develop a program that has grown from 25 communications majors to 700.

He has participated in the university's international studies programs as a teacher-administrator at Soochow University in Taiwan and as a teacher-counselor in England and guest lecturer at West London Institute.

He has been a consultant to national corporations on corporate communication, advertising, public relations, and conflict resolution.

Christopherson has served as president of his American Lutheran Church congregation and as a board member of the ALC's Office of Communication and Mission Support. In 1983-84 he



Christopherson

was a member of the Design Task Force on Communication of the Commission for a New Lutheran Church.

He also served as chairman for seven years of the Governor's Health Policy Council Legislative Committee, State of Wisconsin.

He and his wife, Anne, have four children—Kirsten, Berit, Bjorn, and Nisse. Anne is a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Three Presidents From Wisconsin—

A Matter of Luck

Remarkably, one small area in northwest Wisconsin has given Dana three of its five most recent presidents: President-elect Myrvin Christopherson '61; Dr. Richard Morton '34, the college's 11th president; and Dr. C. Clifford Madsen '31, its 12th, all grew up in the Luck-Milltown area in homes and churches separated by only a few miles.

Morton, president from 1944-56, was raised on a farm in the Township of Milltown. He graduated from Milltown High School, and he and his family belonged to Luck Lutheran Church in the Village of Luck.

Madsen, president from 1956-71, was raised in the Township of Luck, only three-and-one-half miles from the Morton home. He graduated from Luck High School. He and his family were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Luck Township, two-and-one-half miles from the Luck church. The two congregations, a joint

parish served by the same pastor, belonged to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Christopherson's home was in the Village of Milltown, where his parents still live. The Christopherson home is only three miles from the former Morton home, and like Morton, Christopherson graduated from Milltown High School. He was raised in the Milltown Lutheran Church, a former UELC congregation only four-and-one-half miles from the Luck church.

(We thank Lowell Madsen '35 of Luck for supplying us with this information. That three of Dana's presidents should come from one small Wisconsin community is indeed remarkable.)

Madsens Are Honored

Members of the Dana Board of Regents, at their December 14 meeting, voted to name the college's new Performing Arts Center in honor of President Emeritus and Mrs. C. Clifford Madsen.

Details will be included in the spring *Review*.

Christopherson's Message To Alumni and Friends:

"Join with us. . ."

I feel a tremendous sense of honor and responsibility in assuming the presidency of Dana College. I have a great love for Dana. There I grew in my Christian faith. There I acquired a love of learning that will last a lifetime. There I made friends from throughout the world. Now, I call upon all alumni and friends to help me and the Dana faculty, staff, students, and regents to assure that thousands of students in the years to come will also be able to experience the difference that Dana makes in their lives.

This "Dana Difference" is something we must all cherish. I am grateful to those who chose me for this great work. My family and I ask for the prayers and support of all who love Dana. The challenges are many—to maintain excellent faculty and curriculum, to grow in student population and in endowment—but all of these challenges can be met. Thank you all for this opportunity to serve. Please join with us in securing the "Dana Difference" throughout the second century and beyond.

Luther Graduate Heads Admissions

Mary Bunge Docken, a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, will become director of admissions on February 1. She comes to Dana with several years of experience as an assistant director of admissions at Luther.

Mrs. Docken follows Mike Jones '71 as admissions director. Jones has resigned because of eventual plans to move to another part of the country. To provide continuity in the office, he will remain on the admissions office staff through the summer, working closely with Mrs. Docken.

In another admissions appointment, Meta Brandes '74 of Blair has been named a full-time admissions counselor. She has worked for the college's admissions office on a part-time basis for several years.

Appeal Exceeds Goal

Annual Fund Director Bob Schmoll '83 reports that the Washington County Appeal has raised \$111,938 in gifts to the college. The goal was \$100,000.

The local drive, held this fall under the leadership of co-chairmen Bill Anderson '69 and Mick Jensen '65, set a new record. The last annual campaign, conducted before the start of the three-year Centennial Fund, raised approximately \$65,000 in local contributions.

Interim Brings Change of Pace

Students will begin their regular second semester classes on February 3 after spending the four-week January Interim concentrating on one or two subjects.

Many chose Interim courses involving travel.

In a two-week course, students who went "Canoeing in the Everglades" with Coach Dale Lemon and Athletic Director Dan Travaille learned about canoeing and camping, group living, and the biological intricacies of the area by paddling through 75 miles of creeks, marshes, rivers, and open waterways.

Members of the four-week "Dana College Travelling Troupe" and Prof. Sieghard Krueger held workshops at high schools to demonstrate the various kinds of forensics events.

Students enrolled in "The Aegean" spent the month visiting Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Crete, Rhodes, and

Delos with Prof. John W. Nielsen '48. They studied the Aegean world—ancient, Roman, and Byzantine—with an emphasis on the history, mythology, literature, and art of those eras.

And those enrolled in "New York, Philadelphia and Washington: Centers of American Culture and the Arts" visited the three cities with Prof. James Olsen '62. They spent the first and last weeks of the Interim at Dana and the two middle weeks in the cities, studying the cities' contemporary cultural life and roles as conservators and purveyors of culture, as well as the political and social realities of big city life. Each student also investigated a topic of special interest.

Other students used the Interim to gain experience through extended student teaching, business and accounting internships, a social work practicum, and volunteer work in human service agencies. Still others worked on approved independent study projects.

Campus-based courses, some of them involving field trips, included "Black Literature in America," "Passport to Germany: A Course in Basic Conversation and Elementary Grammar," "Giants in the Earth" (a study of the "golden age" of Western music, 1710-1825), "Sports in American Culture," "American Film Institute's Best Films," "Speech Handicapped School Children," "Agricultural Economics."

"Masculine and Feminine Psychology: A Multicultural Perspective," "Bulls and Bears," "Survival Education" (learning the skills to survive in emergency situations), "Diet/Exercise/Nutrition—Facts and Fads," "Jewelry-Making—Metalsmithing and Casting," "Introduction to PASCAL," "The Norman Conquest," "The Wars of the Roses," "Advanced Swimming," "Introduction to Biochemistry."

"Introduction to Exceptional Children," "The Literature of War and Peace," "The Small Town in American Literature," "The City in American Literature," "Methods of Teaching Elementary Language Arts," "Mathematical Statistics," "Science for Citizens," "Problem Solving," "Thirty-Five Millimeter Photography," "Cooperative Sports and Games," and "World War II."

Senator's Letter Helps Endowment

U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 sent a letter to alumni and friends this fall asking for contributions to Dana's endowment fund.

John Beck '50, director of development, reports that as of January 6 initial cash contributions as a result of this appeal amounted to \$12,736.

Grant Awards Good Teaching

Thanks to a grant from the Burlington Northern Foundation, each year for the next three years a faculty member will receive an award of \$1,500 in recognition of outstanding teaching.

Recipients will be announced at the annual Honors Banquet.

A committee of two faculty members, two students, the president, and the academic dean will make the selections.

Christmas Event Sets New Record

The college's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" on December 8 again set attendance records. Crowd size was estimated at up to 7,000. About 2,000 were served at the smorgasbord, and 3,500 attended the "Sounds of Christmas" concert by the band and choir.

In a thank-you note to students, faculty, and staff that appeared in the weekly *Campus Bulletin*, President Farwell wrote: "The spirit of cooperation, of sharing and of love was obvious from the beautiful opening worship service to the concluding Santa Lucia ceremony. Thanks to all of you who gave extra hours in the preparations for this event that makes Dana a special place."

Alumni Career Night... Students Meet Pros

Six graduates returned to the campus on November 14 for an Alumni Career Night. During the panel and small group discussions they talked about their careers, answering such questions as "What courses or activities at Dana benefitted you most?" "What would you have liked to know as a senior that you know now?" and "What would be an entry-level position in your company for a college graduate?"

All six gave their Dana liberal arts education high marks.

Participants were:

—John Cederberg '65 (major—history, minor—accounting), partner, Touche Ross, Lincoln, and national director of taxation for the Commercial Banking Industry, Touche Ross;

—Ramona (Alwill) Klaasmeyer '70 (major—accounting), manager of grants accounting, University of Nebraska at Omaha;

—David Kuehn '72 (major—psychology/sociology), national sales manager, KMTV, Omaha;

—Sally McMahon '61 (major—English and psychology), president, Houseworks, Inc.;

president, McMahon School of Real Estate; president, McMahon Real Estate Services, Omaha;

—Roger Rogert '65 (major—accounting), broker for A. G. Edwards, Omaha;

—Patrick Tripp '74 (major—speech), private law practice and Washington County Attorney, Blair.

A handout gave students information on the participants' majors, graduate work and professional certification, and on jobs held since graduation to show the development of their careers.

The Career Night was sponsored by Dana's Career Center, Alumni Office, and Society for the Advancement of Management.

They also sponsored a panel on October 29 on "Preparing for an Interview." Speakers were Mike Mendenhall of the Personnel Department, City of Omaha, and Timothy Young, personnel manager, Nebraska Department of Revenue, Lincoln. The two discussed application forms and letters, resumes, interviews, and follow-ups.

The moderator for both was Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie, Career Center coordinator.

An Alumni Career Night on February 13 will bring back several graduates in the sciences and mathematics to discuss their careers. The program will be sponsored by Ars Medica, the Career Center, and the Alumni Office.

Alumna Weaves Sacred Textures

Self-taught weaver Elaine (Bringewatt '72) Olson has turned her hobby into a career. The former elementary school teacher, who calls herself a "liturgical artisan," has formed her own company, "Sacred Textures." She weaves dressings for the church (vestments, paraments, banners) and is a consultant who also holds workshops on art in the worship environment.

It was such a workshop, titled "Dressing Holy Places: 'Form'ing Our Images of God," that brought her to Dana from her home in Littleton, Colorado, on November 12-13.

She returned to the campus in conjunction with Dana's yearlong emphasis on "Worship: Music and the Arts." Her three seminars were on "Imaging God in the Forms of Yesterday," "Imaging God in the Forms of Today," and "Imaging God through the Forms of Worship at Dana." In this last presentation she shared ideas with students and members of the faculty and staff about the liturgical forms (furnishings, arrangements, cloth, and appointments) for worship services in the Performing Arts Center and other areas on campus. She also spoke in chapel.

In an interview for the *Review*, she said that after graduating from Dana she taught for four years to put husband Mark '73 through Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. After their son Brent was born, she stopped teaching and bought a loom. By the time daughter Sarah, their second child, was born, she had woven some liturgical vestments for Mark. They were living north of Dubuque, in Garnavilla, where Mark had a parish, and she took several stoles she had woven to the Seminary and showed them to students and professors there. "They liked them, and supported and encouraged me," she says.

As a result, in the past five years she has woven her dressings for the church for pastors and congregations across the country.

Her career is an ideal one, she says, because she can work out of her home, and she and Mark can work and share together. And, she says, "It's a way in which I can give my God thanks and praise."

Munk's Widow, Daughter Are Campus Visitors

The widow and daughter of Danish martyr Kaj Munk visited Dana on October 16.

Munk, described by English translator R. P. Kergwin as "pastor, playwright, patriot," was murdered by the Nazis in 1944 for his stand against them. (The *Lutheran Book of Worship*, under "Lesser Festivals and Commemorations," lists Munk as a martyr on January 5, the day he died.)

It was Fru Lise Munk's first visit to the campus. She continues to live in the parsonage at Vedersoe, Munk's parish, by special dispensation of the Danish government. Her daughter, Solveig Mehning of Cheyenne, Wyoming, had visited the campus before.

They had lunch with several faculty members and a campus tour that included a special exhibit in the library commemorating Munk. They also visited a Danish class.

After returning home to Vedersoe, Fru Munk wrote the following letter and Christmas greeting to Prof. John Mark Nielsen:

"My heartfelt thanks for the unforgettable experience it was to visit Dana College. It was a happy surprise to see the exhibit of my husband's books for which I must also express my appreciation. Thank you too for making us feel a part of the warmth of Dana.

"On our return trip to the East Coast, Solveig and I often spoke of how happy we were that we had experienced Dana College and what it represents.

"I have sent the college a book about my husband. He is very famous in Denmark perhaps because people miss the kind of literature that speaks to the larger human experience.

"Be sure that you greet all those who made our visit such a beautiful memory. Don't forget the sweet girl from Ribe [Danish instructor Pia Werborg].

"A merry Christmas and a good new year with hope for a long and bright future for Dana College."

Fru Munk and her daughter Solveig with two of their campus hosts—Professors Norman C. Bansen '47 and John Mark Nielsen '73.



Students Meet Challenge — Four Give Sermons in Spanish for Omaha Church



With Spanish instructor Diana Brown (center): (from left) Cheri Lee, Cindy Sorlien, Ingrid Westhoff, Pam Pohlman.

Four students in Spanish instructor Diana Brown's classes accepted an invitation this fall: to give sermons in Spanish at Salem Lutheran Church, a South Omaha congregation of the Lutheran Church in America, for the congregation's Mexican-American members.

The invitation—and challenge—came about when Pastor Ginny Wagener of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, Omaha, asked Argentina-born Mrs. Brown if she would give sermons in Spanish at Salem. The congregation had had two pastors, one for its Anglo members, and a Spanish-speaking pastor for its Hispanic members. The latter pastor had left, and with no immediate replacement, attendance by its Spanish-speaking members had declined.

Mrs. Brown saw the invitation as a good opportunity for her students, and so third-year students Cheri Lee '88 (St. Paul, Nebraska), Pam Pohlman '86 (Harvey Marquette, Michigan), and Cindy Sorlien '89 (Bird Island, Minnesota), and second-year student Ingrid Westhoff (a part-time nontraditional student from Omaha) accepted the challenge.

The four, who were each paid \$50 for expenses, agree that they learned a lot.

Pastor Peter Friberg of Salem Lutheran reported to Mrs. Brown that attendance by Hispanic members improved. In a thank-you letter to Mrs. Westhoff, he wrote, "I was astounded by how freely you spoke. You must have done a tremendous amount of work in preparing; the message was uplifting and you didn't stumble at all with the Spanish. God bless you, and thank-you."

Then on Sunday, November 24, Mrs. Brown and students from all of her Spanish classes traveled to Salem Lutheran to sing Christmas songs in Spanish, first for the Sunday school and then for the worship service. After the service they were invited to coffee, giving them an opportunity to speak Spanish with some of the members.

The students had decided in advance that they would return the \$50 expense fee for that Sunday to the church, asking that it be used to buy Christmas gifts for children in the congregation.

Warman— On a Liberal Education

Prof. Don Warman, history and political science, spoke in chapel on November 18 on "what we mean when we say that Dana is a liberal arts college." We believe that what he had to say should interest our readers.

John 8:32—"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

VERITAS VINCIT—"Truth conquers."

We here at Dana take as one of the self-evident truths of our existence that we are a dual-purpose college: 1) we are a Christian college; and 2) we are a liberal arts college. We go beyond taking this for granted and put it in nearly all our publications. Every faculty member and every administrator is keenly aware of our double role, and if every student is not aware of it, it is not because we haven't tried.

It is not my purpose here to state what we mean when we say that Dana is a Christian college. Reinhold Niebuhr pointed out that you can't have Christian institutions or Christian nations, but only Christian people. To be fair to ourselves, we usually say that Dana is a college of the Church, and not that Dana is a Christian college. Other people have been explicitly designated to discuss the role of the Church in relation to the college, and they are more qualified than I am.

What I *do* want to talk about is what we mean when we say that Dana is a *liberal arts* college. A good way to start understanding any phrase or word is of course to look it up in the dictionary. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "liberal" as:

1) Befitting a person of free birth; not restricted; as, a liberal manner or liberal education.

2) Bestowing in a large and noble way; bounteous; openhanded; abundant; ample.

3) Not narrow or contracted in mind; broad-minded.

In defining the liberal arts, the dictionary says: "The languages, sciences, philosophy, history, etc., which compose the curriculum of academic or collegiate education, as distinguished from *technical* or *professional* education."

In all of these definitions, we find the recurrent theme of freedom: a free human being freely searching for the truth. There are also the recurrent themes of openness, breadth, abundance.

This enormous breath of fresh air can be frightening, even terrifying, as many of us know. As Erich Fromm said, there is a natural human tendency to "Escape from Freedom," because

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Weckmuller— Good People Needed

This editorial by Professor of Education Ray Weckmuller '52 appeared in the December 6 issue of The Hermes, the campus newspaper.

We are currently being bombarded with film clips, newspaper articles and editorials about problems which face our educational system. We read about such problems as low teacher salaries, impending teacher shortages and the poor quality of both teacher candidates and teacher education programs. While much of this media hype has exaggerated these problems, the attention seems to have had a positive effect on the profession.

For the first time in years, teachers' salaries are rising faster than the cost of living. During the past two years, the average teacher's salary has risen from \$20,700 to \$23,550 per year. This represents an increase of 14 percent, well above the cost of living increase. It is predicted that this trend will continue for a number of years.

Although most of the teacher shortages are in the Sun Belt and in the major urban centers, it does appear that the over-supply of teachers is about to end. The sad picture of well-qualified, dedicated young people not being able to find teaching positions will disappear except in a few subject areas. Teacher shortages will bring about pressures for higher salaries and will attract more people into the teaching profession.

Much has been made of the fact that ACT scores of high school seniors who indicate they are interested in teaching are lower than those of students interested in other professions. Part of this can be accounted for by the fact that teaching is one of the few professions that require only four years of college for entry. Students with more modest financial resources are likely to be attracted to professions with more immediate access. There is a positive correlation between ACT scores and socio-economic level. The increased attention has caused colleges across the nation to raise their entrance requirements to teacher education programs. Many state legislatures have mandated various entrance and exit examinations (usually without funding provisions for their implementation). There are many problems associated with this movement: for example, minority students who want to be teachers are being eliminated in vastly disproportionate numbers. The bottom line, however, indicates that the academic credentials of teacher education candidates are improving.

National accrediting standards for teacher education programs have been rising steadily in recent years. We are pleased that our own studies have shown that Dana College students rate the teachers and courses in our teacher

education program equal to or above those in the balance of the institution. This is true for most other colleges and universities in the state. It must also be noted that Dana students have always given the total faculty high marks when asked to make evaluations. These facts are presented not to give the faculty ego vitamins, but to counter the frequently heard charge that teacher educators are poor teachers.

So, is everything coming up roses? I think not. It is my belief that if by magic the average teacher's salary was raised to \$75,000 per year and the average teacher had a 30 ACT, few of our problems would disappear. The media have missed the important issue. What we really need are more people who are dedicated, compassionate and selfless in their view of vocation, more people who see teaching as one of the most important professions they could hope to enter. Please spare me from the unpleasant task of having to work with students who choose to enter the teaching professions because of good pay, long vacations or academic elitism. Teachers should be well paid, they should be good students and they must be professionally competent; but above all they must enter teaching with a sense of service. I have had the privilege of working with hundreds of such students at Dana and I am grateful.

Parnassus Shows Danish Design

"Danish Design in Dana Homes," a November display in the college's Parnassus Room, featured toys, china, jewelry, textiles, furniture, and kitchen utensils from faculty and staff homes.

The display was arranged by John W. '48 and Elizabeth (Solevad '64) Nielsen in settings that created the atmosphere of a Danish home.

Dr. Nielsen, director of the humanities department, said that "The exhibit seeks to show how descendants of Danish immigrants have maintained an interest in Danish design, and how this Danish contribution has been recognized by wide segments of American society as a significant artistic expression."

Pastor Spends Week on Campus

The Rev. Gregory Gabriel, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Maskell, Nebraska, spent the week of November 18 at Dana as a pastor-in-residence.

While on campus he attended classes, met with students, faculty, and members of the administration and spoke in chapel.

Several other pastors will visit the campus during the second semester.

Our Dana-Ribe Connection

Pia Werborg of Ribe, Denmark, likes to travel. She's spent four months working at a kibbutz in the Golan Heights, and she dreams of someday crossing the U.S.S.R. on the Trans-Siberian Railway. So when she was asked if she'd like to spend a year in the U.S. teaching Danish at Dana College, she said yes with enthusiasm.

Prof. John Mark Nielsen '73 initiated the contact last spring through acquaintances at Ribe's



Pia Werborg

teacher training institute, where Pia was about to receive her degree in physical education and Danish.

Then he followed through with correspondence and the paperwork needed to bring her to the U.S. and Dana. She arrived at the end of August already knowing a great deal about the college, she says, because Nielsen and his wife, Dawn (Carper '74), had sent her "good information about it."

Pia's schedule is full. In addition to teaching first and second-year Danish, she's auditing classes in American literature and second-year humanities. She dances with the Dana Folk Dancers and on Wednesday evenings instructs students in Danish gymnastics. She was involved with the *Julestuen* (Danish Christmas Room) at this year's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas." She also attends almost every special event on campus.

"By now," she says, "when I return to Dana from being somewhere else, I feel like I have returned home."

She'll return to her Danish home in Ribe, Denmark's oldest town, this summer after a visit to California. She says that she is already looking for a teaching position in Denmark through the mails, and she's certain her year of teaching at Dana will help her find one.



by *Sonya Johnsen '86*
and *Nathan Kramer '88*

Christian clowning is not a new dimension to the idea of worship, but one that is being reintroduced to the church today. Long ago clowns were common in the church, and they maintained a vital role. If the service seemed dull, or the parishioners looked at all disinterested, a clown would pop out of a door and redirect interest back to the service in a humorous way.

Throughout history there has been a fool in every society who became the brunt of every joke. Laughed at, abused, and thrown into the mud, the fool took the pain of society upon himself. In this way he was an outlet for the frustration and ugliness of everyday life. The fool, or clown, did what seemed to be foolish, but was in reality wise. This can be paralleled with Christ who died to take away our sins, which may seem foolish to some, but it is indeed the wisdom of the Gospel. For 1 Corinthians 1:25 says, "For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

As Christians, we need to be reminded that Jesus Christ died for us. The white of the clown face historically symbolizes the mask of death. This symbol connects us to the cross and its significance. But as Christians we cannot dwell on death alone, but look to the resurrection. The victory of Easter is revealed through the splashes of color on the face of the clown. Red, blue, green, and purple show the hope and vitality of life. Therefore the clown face dramatizes the victory of life over death.

Clown White at Dana is a student-run organization that puts into action the ideals of the Christian clown. In 1983 the clown troupe was born on the campus and fed by six devoted, creative students. They wrote and produced sketches portraying Christian beliefs, with the intention of bringing such abstract truths as love, hope, and faith within the grasp of the logical mind. Social awareness issues such as hunger, pain, and the daily struggle of life were also brought into a new realm of understanding. The troupe began by traveling to a few widely disbursed churches. Members now receive

diverse invitations from churches, schools, and community organizations all over the Midwest. Clown White was and continues to be self-supporting, drawing monies from donations of individuals, gifts, and benefactors.



Clown White troupe members LaraJean McBride (top) and Angie Ferguson.

Clown White is more than a ministry team of the Dana campus, it is a social group as well. Inside and outside of scheduled meetings there is a real opportunity to grow with the help of every member. Personal as well as social problems can be discussed easily among the members, while each one continues to search for a deeper understanding of their God. Each member of the troupe takes on a different role in the organization to further its success. Members of the troupe are: Sonya Johnsen from Huntington Beach, California; Jill Jorgensen '86 from Poy Sippi, Wisconsin; Brenda Meyer '86 from Omaha; LaraJean McBride '89 from Wheat Ridge, Colorado; Lisa Erickson '89 from Denison, Iowa; Nathan Kramer from Bethune, Colorado; John Hollingsworth '87 from Hoffman Estates, Illinois; Tim Hanssen '89 from Lisle, Illinois; Shannon Haley '89 from Nodaway, Iowa; Angie Ferguson '88 from Omaha; Denise Iskra '86 from Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Steve Godwin '86 from Exira, Iowa. Their diverse backgrounds add unique dimensions to every project.

After participating in a clown worship experience one is never the same. The symbols used begin to pervade every facet of life.

Sonya Johnsen, co-team leader, expresses the impact that clowning has made in her life. "We perform a communion sketch that literally shows the progression of a baby (Jesus) from a little cuddly bundle, to being revealed as a loaf of bread and nailed onto the hard wood of a cross. Since the birth of this living image, I have felt the sacrament of Holy Communion become alive in me. The bread and the wine are living remembrances of the great gift God gave to me through Christ."

Nathan Kramer, the other co-team leader, has also felt this impact. "One event in our ministry that had a great impact on me," he says, "happened during the prayer segment of a worship service. The clowns held a large tablet of newsprint before the congregation with the words "Prayers of the People" boldly printed at the top. We invited the members of the congregation to share their prayers by writing them with a marker on this tablet. The people became excited with short prayers such as "Love," "Peace," and "Sins Forgiven." One little boy in the back of the church squirmed in his pew and waved his hand wildly, indicating that he also had a prayer to offer to God. We gave him the marker, not knowing that he was too young to write, and he proceeded to diligently draw two outwardly meaningless circles in the middle of the paper. To me this was an act of great faith on the part of this child, for he gave the very best of his ability to Jesus. I only wish that I could give as big a gift to God."

The goal of Clown White is to bring new insight into the traditional institution of worship, and to witness to the society in which we live. This is accomplished through our sketches within the worship service, Sunday school programs, and Bible studies. Workshops are also

an avenue used to teach the basic concept behind the Christian clown. In the pursuit of this goal, the members of the troupe have become more vital ministers to each other and to the community. It has provided each with a challenging opportunity to question, search, and grow in faith.

Introducing the authors: Here with and without their clown makeup are Nathan Kramer and Sonya Johnsen. Nathan, a Clown White founder, is studying the fine arts; Sonya is an English major. Nathan's clown name, he explains, is "Irow," meaning "I Take Away" in Greek—a reminder of Christ's mission on the cross. Sonya's clown name is "Exit," meaning to go out and excite in the ministry.



Clown White to Perform

Readers will have an opportunity to see Clown White in a public performance on Sunday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. There will be a free-will offering.

The clowning and mime performance, which will be both sacred and secular, will demonstrate troupe members' creative skills and their staging and choreographic techniques.

Guest artist Karen Antons, a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, will perform several pieces from her pantomime and movement repertoire. An instructor at the Omaha Community Playhouse, she has served internships as a children's television show co-host/scriptwriter in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and as a therapist for emotionally disturbed adults in Minneapolis. She has worked in Iowa as a mime instructor and an assistant instructor in dance, mime, and tumbling.

She will also participate in the April 19 workshop described on these pages.

Shaffer on Campus For Clown Workshop

The Rev. Floyd Shaffer, the man who popularized the concept of Clown Ministry through worship and workshops, will conduct a workshop at Dana on Christian clowning on Saturday, April 19 (see box, this page, for details).

Shaffer is a parish pastor of the American Lutheran Church whose craft includes interpreting the historic metaphor of the clown.

His film, *A Clown is Born*, brought him the "Best in Christianity Award" in 1981 from American Media Educators in Religion. Two other films are *Mark of the Clown* and *That's Life!*

Shaffer has held workshops and clown services at 25 theological schools and more than 50 colleges and universities in almost every state and in Australia, Mexico, Bermuda, Canada, and the Caribbean. He has worked with many Christian denominations.

He has also produced a filmstrip, "Introduction to Clown Ministry" (Contemporary Drama Service), and two cassettes—the "Complete Clown Ministry Workshop Kit" and "Clown Ministry: Continuing Insights." His books are *If I Were a Clown* (Augsburg, 1984) and *Clown Ministry: A How-To Manual* (Group Books, 1984).

Shaffer has been recognized for his pioneering work in this field—with its applications to humor therapy, psychotherapy, youth ministries, personal growth, hospital staff work, and theological stimulation—by *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Vogue* (with Norman Cousins and Ray Moody), *Dramatics*, and denominational magazines. Newspapers carrying feature articles about him include the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles*

Times, the *Baltimore Sun Magazine*, and the *Minneapolis Tribune Magazine*.

He has appeared on NBC News and Australian television, as well as on many regional and local television news programs in this country.

About the Workshop

The Floyd Shaffer Workshop on April 19 is being sponsored by Dana, the Clown White Ministry Team, and the Central District of the American Lutheran Church.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Workshops in the morning and afternoon will focus on the basic aspects of clown ministry by Shaffer, mime by Karen Antons (see biographical information in "Clown White to Perform"), and creativity by members of Clown White.

At 4 p.m. Jackson and Almeda Berkey will give a concert in the Lauritzen Theatre. The Berkeys are classical musicians, composers, and members of Omaha's Mannheim Steamroller, which plays "18th century classical rock."

A 5:30 dinner and 6:30 worship service conducted by Shaffer follow the concert.

The workshop registration fee of \$14 includes the daylong workshop, two meals, and the Berkey concert. Registration closes on March 14. Full payment should accompany registration; refunds will not be issued after March 14. Send registration and check to:

Floyd Shaffer
Clown White Ministry Workshop

Dana College
Blair, NE 68008

Checks should be made out to "Clown White Ministry Team."



Floyd Shaffer



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the free man must decide for himself, with no one else to decide for him.

The cautious Christian may prefer the safe harbor of tradition, habit and comfort. But Christ himself has said: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." *Not safe! Free! Not happy! Free! Not wise! Free! Free*, with all the terror, joy, fear, excitement and majesty which freedom brings.

What is a liberal education? As indicated in the dictionary, it is *not* vocational education, not job training.

If you see your four years at Dana as *only* a preparation for your future job, then you have completely misunderstood the nature of your alma mater.

Why do I say this:

First, it is not possible, even if it were desirable, to train students for jobs that don't exist yet. Or that won't exist any more in five years.

Second, work in the sense of physical, clerical, or factory labor is becoming increasingly obsolete.

Third, liberal education is preparation for *living*, not for earning a living.

Liberal education is more than vocational, technical, and professional education. Liberal education is education that liberates. As Ralph Barton Perry put it:

"A man is free, or he enjoys liberty, in the proportion to which his life is governed by his own choice. And choice itself is a matter of degree: for it may be wide or narrow, deep or shallow. Choice is narrowed by ignorance, habit, or obsession: it is broadened by knowledge, spontaneity and reflection... Education is liberal in so far as it invites and qualifies men to choose deeply and fundamentally, to choose ends as well as means, to choose remote ends as well as immediate ends, to choose from many rather than few possibilities."

Aha, you say! You talk about choice, and yet you won't even let us pick any courses we want. I want to start making my choices right now, and I choose not to take any courses in English, science, or humanities.

Very well, make such a choice, and be willing to abide by the consequences. For if you deny yourself knowledge in these critical areas, you are limiting seriously your future range of choice in occupation, recreation, and growth.

If you promise not to tell anyone beyond this room, I will let you in on four rather deep and well-kept secrets.

First, liberal arts colleges don't train followers, they teach leaders. Almost all major corporations and other institutions want

technical and professional trainees for their bottom positions, but one after another asks for liberal arts graduates to prepare for the top positions. One of the things a liberal arts education does for you is to give you experience at seeing the larger picture, and not just the end-of-the-month balance sheet. The reason we don't talk about this leader business much is that it makes us sound like snobs, and nobody likes snobs.

The second deep secret is that liberal arts graduates often start lower on the occupational ladder, but they almost always finish higher. So we can't brag about what money you will be making the first year out of Dana. The competition would embarrass us with their first year statistics, and you might not listen to the rest of our story.

The third deep secret is that liberal arts graduates get more out of life. They can go deeper into the passing moment, fill their lives with more intense experience. Liberal education resembles what Zen Buddhists call "satori" or enlightenment. Someone asked D. T. Suzuki what satori was like. He replied: "Just like ordinary life, only three inches off the ground." Day in and day out, I have experienced the full intensity and richness of life, and I learned to do that in a liberal arts college even smaller than Dana.

The fourth deep secret is that liberal arts graduates have style and class. As Alfred North Whitehead put it: "Style, in its finest sense, is the last acquisition of the educated mind; it is also the most useful. It pervades the whole being. The administrator with a sense for style hates waste; the engineer with a sense for style economizes his material; the artisan with a sense for style prefers good work. Style is the ultimate morality of mind."

I was unable to attend the Alumni Career Night last week, but I understand that one of the main points made by the Dana grads was that the liberal education they got from Dana had put them miles ahead of the competition and that they had general skills from Dana, and were able to pick up specific skills on the job.

A key question in a time of sweeping change such as we see ahead of us is: "Does a liberal education help prepare me for the unknown?"

That is precisely the unique value of a liberal education. Technical and professional education, whether in the medical arts, the ministry, business, education or any other area, can only prepare us *for* and *in* the known.

Liberal education, by its very nature, is aimed at preparing us for the unknown and unexpected. Part of my main interest in speaking here is to give you a sense of urgency for what lies ahead. The '70s and early '80s have been a time of rest and recuperation from the frenzies and wars of the '60s.

The reckless irresponsibility of the leaders of the great powers, combined with the accelerating growth of the new technologies, confronts us with a future of great uncertainty, perhaps even what the Bible refers to as a "time of troubles such as there never was." A liberal education prepares us to deal with uncertainty, a technical or professional education does not.

One of the greatest blessings of a liberal education is a *sense of options*. If we are liberated, we can see many more alternatives than those who have not been freed from what William Blake called "the mind-forged manacles of man." In the perilous times which lie ahead, when the mounting problems seem to close off one possibility after another, I suspect that such a sense of options may be one good way to preserve our sanity.

Let me point out in closing that all education is self-education. There is nothing that we teach you at Dana or at any other institution that you could not learn on your own. We do believe, however, that we can facilitate and speed up some of your learning.

What it comes down to in the end is trust. The students find that they have to trust the professors when they say that the liberal arts are indeed the high road to the mountain top. There are no easy roads to learning, and liberal learning, while the most valuable of all, is often the hardest of all.

We do not ask that you enjoy the books that you read, or the work that you do. Enjoyment is a happy by-product of liberal education, and must never be understood as its central aim. But the difficult road of liberal education is worth the effort. As with so many other things, Alfred North Whitehead said it better than anyone else:

"The justification for a college is that it preserves the connection between knowledge and the zest for life, by uniting the young and the old in the imaginative consideration of learning... This atmosphere of excitement, arising from imaginative consideration, transforms knowledge. A fact is no longer a bare fact; it is invested with all its possibilities. It is no longer a burden on the memory, it is energizing as the poet of our dreams, and as the architect of our purposes."

John 8:32—"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

VERITAS VINCIT—"Truth conquers."

A PR Appointment

Burke Petersen '81 has joined the Dana staff as assistant director of public relations. He has a degree in communications from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Thirty Blair businesses provided evergreen wreaths to decorate the campus for this year's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas." The wreaths were displayed on all campus buildings.

At a November forensics meet at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, **Kim Schlagel '88** (Longmont, CO) placed fifth in poetry and fourth in dramatic interpretation. Three others advanced to semi-finals in prose: **Kelly Nass '89** (Cortland, NE), **Cathy Campbell '87** (Avoca, IA), and **Gail Bray '88** (Bancroft, NE).

Aid Association for Lutherans has given the college a videotape of the television film, *The Well-Tempered Bach* with Peter Ustinov.

LARP readings for the second semester include Hamlin Garland's *Main Travelled Roads*, Ursula LeGuin's *The Dispossessed*, Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country*, and Shakespeare's *Pericles of Tyre*.

Members of the **Student Senate, Ekklesia Koinonias** (the campus congregation), and a **student ministry team** caroled on December 6 at Blair's Good Shepherd Home and at the homes of six needy families who were also given food baskets. Earlier this fall the Student Senate

and Ekklesia Koinonias sponsored a CROP walk; participants earned \$315 for world hunger.

Campus Pastor Terry Cassell recently discussed spirituality on a program that appeared on Omaha's KMTV. The program was part of a 13-week series that looks at current issues, events, and concerns from a Christian perspective. The series is produced by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries and Great Plains Media Ministry.

Fourteen seniors have been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Bill Bussey (Glenwood, IA), Paul Christensen (Taft, CA), Sandra Ellis (Blair), Ronda Fritz (Salem, NE), Kate Gaard (Nevada, IA), Michael Hennick (Panora, IA), Dave Iversen (Ames, IA), Sonya Johnsen (Huntington Beach, CA), Jill Jorgensen (Poy Sippi, WI), Jeff Langholz (Creston, IA), Jon Pedersen (Exira, IA), Dave Ragan (Blair), Marty Stessman (Dunlap, IA), and Kristine Swank (Estes Park, CO).

Small World Department. . . But Who Is the Alumna?

A chance encounter in China by a Dana alumnus with the husband and daughter of an alumna again demonstrates that we live in a small world. Alton Neve '43 of Albert Lea, Minnesota, writes:

"I went to Japan to visit my brother Lloyd '45, who will soon be leaving Japan, and spent a few days in Hong Kong and Manila before going to Japan.

"From Hong Kong I took a day trip into China. We were about ten people at a table having a Chinese dinner and got to telling each other where we were from. Sweden,

Australia, California, Oregon, Minnesota and Nebraska were given as home by those present. After the dinner I got to talking with the fellow from Nebraska. He was there with a teenage daughter. He is now teaching at Ohio University, and I said that I had a brother who taught at Dana College in Nebraska. He said his wife went to Dana in the seventies, and she was sure she sang in the choir when she was there. I did not get his name, but I believe he said his relatives were in the implement business. . . If I remember he was from central Nebraska."

Dear Danians,

It is trite to observe that life is not always fair and that the guilty one is not always punished nor is the righteous one always rewarded in this life.

In fact sometimes the best people we know seem to go unrecognized or perhaps even get the "short end of the stick."

This may account partially for my personal delight in the news that Dana College will soon have the Madsen Performing Arts Center and that the names of Clifford and Esther Madsen will remain a part of Dana life and activity for as long as there is a Dana.

When I think of the Madsens words like integrity, faith, honesty, love, humility, sacrifice, compassion and dedication come to mind. I have known them all of my adult life as people who never asked anything for themselves—either recognition or material things.

In a time when there is so very much grasping for more, I am thankful to know these two who have "enough," and who define "enough" in modest terms. They are then free to give much to others.

And these two Christian lives, lived so very well, have not gone unnoticed.

When a large anonymous gift for new chapel facilities for Dana was made in the Centennial



Fund appeal, it was given on the condition that the new chapel space be named "The Madsen Chapel."

Dr. Madsen was not pleased. He said that chapels should not be named after people. The chapel should be named "Trinity Chapel" to continue the name of the seminary which was founded here more than 100 years ago.

Since it later became clear that the donor wanted the Madsen name to be given to a building, but not necessarily the chapel, this board action pleases nearly everyone and makes the Madsen Performing Arts Center a reality.

And it honors the two most beloved people in our Dana Community, Cliff and Esther Madsen.

I like happy endings, and this one was in my judgment a happy ending.

We have the Madsens' name on our Performing Arts Center. Cliff Madsen knows that the chapel facilities will likely carry the name of Trinity Chapel.

Dr. Clifford Madsen's roots are in Luck, Wisconsin. Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, Dana's president-elect, also claims that part of Wisconsin near Luck as home. So did Dr. Richard Morton, another distinguished former Dana president.

Dr. Christopherson, a 1961 Dana graduate, will strongly applaud the Board's action, too. For he describes President Emeritus Cliff Madsen as his "primary mentor for the presidency of Dana," because he "taught me by his example that Christian leadership calls for humility and trust in God."

So Cliff's influence continues in the lives of men and women who were closely touched by his life and example. He has influenced my life strongly. He may have influenced your life. I know that he has influenced Myrvin Christopherson's life.

And I think that Cliff would say that this is much more important than having a building named after you—that's even embarrassing!

What do you think?

The Rev. John Beck
Director of Development

Basketball

Denver alumni were able to help cheer the Dana Vikings, coached by Tom Brosnihan, to an exciting 60-59 victory over Denver University on November 30. That win was one of six by December 17, when the team's record before Christmas break stood at 6-8.

The women's team, coached by Kathy Foley, could claim six wins and four losses by that date.

As one can tell by these results of games played in November and December, both teams are highly competitive this year, and they have been playing exciting basketball. Conference play for both men and women starts in January, and the spring *Review* will report on both seasons.

Wrestling

Wrestling coach Ron Beaman '74 reports that the team is entering the season with a "good balance of experience and youth." For the squad to be successful this year, he says, "the experienced wrestlers need to do well while the younger guys have a chance to mature."

Beaman says that team leaders will be captains Trent Gutschenritter (142#), a junior from Imogene, Iowa, and Tim Weltzin (177#), a senior from Marshalltown, Iowa. Both are former National Tournament qualifiers who will probably qualify again this year.

Beaman notes that the team should also benefit from the return of Doug Birdsell (150#), a junior from Sioux City, Iowa, for the second semester. Birdsell also qualified for Nationals last year.

In addition to these upperclassmen, Beaman says that he has a promising lineup of eight freshmen and six sophomores.

Coach Praises Team

The following story by Jodi Powers appeared in the November 18 edition of Blair's Pilot-Tribune. We appreciate the paper's permission to reprint it.

Of the two major colleges and three professional football teams he has coached during his 30-year coaching career, Dana Football Coach Leo McKillip describes his 1985 Dana College football team as the "most unselfish bunch of young men I've ever coached."

He adds, "They were determined...they never gave up...their morale stayed high all year...they played as hard as they could...and they had the ability to rebound in the face of adversity."

Tri-captains

Dana College, which completed its season on a 1-8 note, was led by senior tri-captains Grant Christensen, Mike Stessman, and Rob O'Donahue.

Christensen was "very durable, very dependable, and a very valuable player." Coach McKillip adds of his defensive tackle, "He was there for every game, giving everything he had."

Defensive back Mike Stessman "provided us with leadership in the secondary. He understood the overall defense better than anyone else." McKillip notes that Stessman played with a broken hand throughout the season. "I didn't even know about it," says McKillip. Stessman "played beyond the call of duty" because "he knew we were short of people."

Fullback Rob O'Donahue "would play just about any position where he was needed. He developed into a real good back and blocked well for Allan Pogue." In addition to playing fullback, O'Donahue also snapped on the punts, the extra points and was in on punt coverage. "It never got too tough for Rob," adds McKillip of his "aggressive" fullback.

Other Seniors

Dana's four other seniors who played for the '85 Vikes included Bill Bussey, Shawn Finney, Jim Wajda, and Dave Tadlock.

"Bussey was our mainstay on defense. He averaged 15 unassisted tackles a game and had six to eight assists per game. He was one of the best middle linebackers in the league." Coach McKillip compliments Bussey for his desire, noting that "Dana's defense played well when Bussey played well." Bussey, who maintains a 3.6 GPA in his pre-med studies, "should make Academic All-American," according to McKillip.

Shawn Finney's best talent on the gridiron was his pass protection. "I could see steady improvement in his pass pro," observes McKillip.

Outside linebacker Dave Tadlock "gave everything he had. He made some outstanding plays on defense." The Dana coach lauds Tadlock for being an "aggressive player" and a "very intelligent player."

Linebacker Jim Wajda "improved as the season progressed. He gave to the best of his ability, and played with a lot of heart."

Indebted to Seniors

"I feel indebted to all seven of the seniors for keeping the program together, and for providing leadership for the other players."

McKillip adds that his seniors were unselfish as they carried out a number of unrequired assignments like watering and marking the playing field.

Coach McKillip believes his seniors will "be successes in life if they maintain the attitude they have now."

Award Winners

Three players were named recipients of three awards presented at the close of the season.

Bill Bussey was awarded the "Most Inspirational Award" based on his leadership.

The "Gene Stauber Award," presented to the player who did the most, but received the least amount of credit, was presented to Grant Christensen.

Special team man Rick Conrad received the "Suicide Bansai Award" for his efforts on the kickoff team.

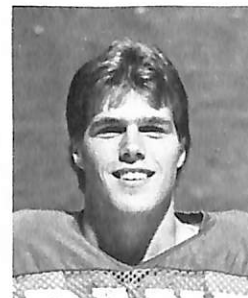
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"If we get everybody to return, I look forward to having a better season" next year, states Coach McKillip.

Dana's building block for future seasons lies in sophomore southpaw quarterback Allan Pogue, who led the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at passing throughout the year. [For Pogue's statistics, see box.]

Pogue Wins Honors

National recognition came to Dana quarterback Allan Pogue '88 of Stromsburg, Nebraska, after Dana's end-of-the-season 49-13 win over Dakota State at Vermillion, South Dakota.



Pogue

Pogue was named the NAIA's National Offensive Player of the Week; he was also polled as the NAIA's fifth leading passer. His statistics: 160-134, 10 interceptions, 14 touchdowns, 2,191 yards, 243.56 average.

Pogue was also named to the NAIA's all-district team, and he and teammate Bruce Stewart '88, a wide receiver from St. Louis, were both selected for the NIAC's all-conference team.

Other NIAC all-conference players were Derwin Roberts '88, offensive tackle from Allen, Nebraska; Bill Bussey '86, linebacker from Glenwood, Iowa; and Bob Bolton '88, defensive back from Sioux City, Iowa.

Homecoming 1985—Reunions

Reunions of the Classes of 1980, 1975, and 1960, a Golden Reunion, and a 1935 European Choir Reunion brought alumni back to the campus from across the country. The graduate traveling the greatest distance, from South Korea, was Melba (Junker '60) Waggoner. The Class of 1960 gave a memorial gift to the college in memory of classmate Howard Christensen, and the Class of 1975 gave one in memory of classmates Tricia Groat and Mark Taft.



1980—(from left) Larry Jirovsky, Cheryl Lustgraaf, Terry Dutton, Judy (Petersen) Lefeber, Barb (Kalal) Hawkins, Paul Madsen, Joanne Roberts, Mark Jones, Genette (Miller) Albertson, Sherri John, Mari (Barry) Lohman, Skip Brown, Steve Albertson, Bob Murtaugh, Shelli (Meyerholz) Northwall, unidentified, Jane Travnicek, Bruce Bro, Mary (Heistand) Bro, Al Pedersen, Kathy (Appel) Taggart, Tim Nietfeld, Jane Mundschenk.

1960—(from left, row 1) Nancy (Horton) Svacha, Karen (Jensen) Capel, Richard Brink, Beverly (Peterson) Jensen, Beth (Prochnow) Burdess, Shirley Haahr; (row 2) Melba (Junker) Waggoner, Pat (Peterson) Miller, Carol Petersen, Marie Johnson, Betty (Prochnow) Hart; (row 3) Donna (Byriel) Rector, Elaine (Lillethorup) Olson, Lyle Rasmussen, Sigrid Christensen; (row 4) Gerhard Hanson, Isaac Jenkins, Karl Hansen, Noel Petersen; (row 5) Leo Kirchhoff, David Larsen, Jerry Sinclair, George Landbo, Everett Johnson, Marlin (Dean) Petersen. Others attending, but not pictured: Joyce (Hansen) Christensen, Paul and Kaye (Lubkeman) Christensen, Don Joern, Dale Albus.

1975—(from left, row 1, women) Shauna (Spilde) Clanton, Susan (Zabel) Dryburgh, Kathy Bernston, Jamie (Heide) Kuiken, Vicky (Peterson) Lower, Kathy (Paulsen) Soetmelk, Carol (Miller) Bogacz, Diane (Kniep) Urdahl, Anne (Walsh) Nielsen; (row 2, men) Bill Lindahl, Gary Soetmelk, David Larson, Gary Erbes, Bob Coffey, Brian Lensch, Everett Baltz, Jerry Clanton, Mike Williams, Jim Kovalskas, Paul Barnett.

Golden Reunion—(from left) Anker Jensen '36, Vita (Hansen '35) Jensen, Emery Petersen '38, Ruth (Peterson '35) Andersen, Edward Andersen '35, Lilly (Jorgensen '34) Sorensen, Carol Petersen, Severin Sorensen '34, Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen, Edward Larsen '36, Ninna (Schultz '33) Engskow, Dolliver Thogerson '35, Regina Larsen, Carl Brown, Alpha (Hansen '29) Junker, Wally Junker, Herbert Larsen '38.

1935 European Choir Reunion—(from left) Anker Jensen, Elna (Jensen) Steen, Earl Fries, Eloise (Morris) Sperati, Irene (Jensen) Starrett, Frank Jorgensen, Evelyn (Christensen) Jensen, Dorothy (Bran) Malmin, Marian (Peterson) Anderson, Rudolph Knudsen, Ellen (Rasmussen) Knudsen, Director Gunnar Malmin, and Emery Petersen. Other choir members attending but not pictured: Helen (Pedersen) Lincoln and Agnes (Peterson) and Ivan Johansen. The Johansens, who live in Blair, were hosts to choir members and their spouses at an Oct. 12 brunch.

Alumni Write

This column is the second in a series in which alumni describe their careers and the way in which their Dana education has made a difference. We'd like to hear from alumni readers.

Jane (Matthies) Goding is a 1977 graduate who received her B.S. with a major in sociology and a minor in business administration. She writes:



"Not too long after carrying books I found myself carrying bolts of fabric. My career began with SoFro Fabrics as manager of two Omaha locations. I was kept busy with merchandising, hiring, customer requests, training and payroll.

"A year later I found myself in Grand Forks, North Dakota, opening a new store—and I thought my final in humanities was

hard! This was definitely a challenge and one I enjoyed, but I was ready to move on.

"In 1980 I began working at First Westside Bank in Omaha. As a Personal Banker I assisted customers with new accounts, investments, and installment loans. I became a member of the National Association of Bank Women, completed the Principles of Banking and Business Law courses offered by the American Institute of Banking, and also attended the National School of Retail Banking at the University of Oklahoma.

"Taking my personal banking experience with me, I moved on to one of First Westside's facilities as assistant manager. If I wasn't busy closing a loan, I was helping one of my tellers balance!

"In May 1984 I was married and moved to Lincoln where Tom, my husband, was employed. I began volunteer work for the Girl Scouts and Lutheran Brotherhood

until what I hoped would be an ideal job to further my banking career came along.

"It was only within a matter of seven months that Tom was transferred to Omaha and I found myself back in banking. I am presently with First National Bank of Omaha. Our department, First Financial Services, markets, converts and supports First National's computer system to various midwest banks. I also keep busy as a director with the Professional Christian Business Women and secretary for the Supervisory Committee at the Nebraska Lutheran Credit Union.

"Just as important as the classroom knowledge I acquired at Dana have been the insight and skills required for 'life after college.' Working with people, organizing projects, and taking responsibility for one's actions are all valuable lessons I learned at Dana."

Destiny's Deep Sea

'80s

Jodie Barrett '85 married Brian Krayenhagen on August 10, 1985. Their address is Box 301, Merville, IA 51039. . .

Lori Zimmerman '85 is the special education teacher at District 74 in Boone County, NE. . . Pete Jacobson '84 is attending Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul, MN. . . Dan Jensen '84 teaches social studies and history and is head boys' basketball coach in the Johnson-Brock (NE) school system. . . Deanna Nielsen '84 and Steve Appel '84 were married on July 27, 1985. They live in Blair, where she works at a day-care center. Steve works for Wats Telemarketing in Omaha. . . Kevin '83 and Kari Jo (Molzer '85) Johnson are living in Omaha at 13314 Kingswood Drive #4 (68144). . . Janice (Butts '83) Petersen has been named auditing officer of First National Bank of Council Bluffs, IA. . . Ellen Stokebrand '83 is the resource teacher for junior and senior high students in the Hebron (NE) school system. . . Curtis Fett '82 of Sioux City, IA, a MONY field underwriter, has qualified for the Omaha District Office Million Dollar Club. . . Tim Kloth '82 married Sandy Skadeland '82 on August 3, 1985. They live in Wichita, KS 67217, at 4480 S. Meridian, Lot 64. . . Kayla (Walsh '82) Laune is the high school special education teacher in Ashland, NE. . . Tom Jacobson '81 married Kim Anderson on August 17, 1985. He was ordained in Fairbury, NE, on December 29; his first parish is in Barrington, IL. . . Doug Lemon '81 is co-author of "Physiological factors affecting oxygen transport in an artificial capillary" that was recently published in *Federation Proceedings*. He is a graduate student in biochemistry at Rice University. . . Scott Simms '81 has been named branch manager of Western Federal Savings and Loan in Glenwood, IA. . . Alan '80 and Jackie (Payne '81) Pedersen announce the birth of Jocelyn on May 12, 1985. Alan has a new position in Carroll, IA, as a loan officer with the Federal Land Bank. Their address is 1512 Highland Drive, Carroll, IA 51401. . . Steve Johnson '80 married Lynn Krolkowski on August 3, 1985. Both are employed by the Arlington, NE, school system.

'70s

Connie Sue Gerlt '78 has been awarded the Certificate in Management Accounting by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants. She works in corporate accounting at Commercial Federal Savings and Loan in Omaha. . . Bryan Kroenke '78 has been named printing services manager for ConAgra's diversified food company. . . Brad '77 and Marsha (Boysen '77) Larson of Corwith, IA, announce the birth of their first child, Mark Robert, on November 12, 1985. Brad teaches high school math and computer science, and Marsha works at the Corwith State Bank. . . Aaron James was born on July 13, 1985, to Rick and Joy (Rethwisch '77) Smith, RR 1, Box 199, Allen, NE 68710. Sister Jennifer is 2. . . Jason Martin was born on August 27 to Dr. Richard and Bonnie '77 Sand-Whittier. They live at 7120 Aylesworth in Lincoln, NE 68505. . . Terry Jensen '76 and his wife, Connie, announce the birth of Bock James on November 16, 1985. He was welcomed home by brothers Joshua Lee, 5, and Trent Michael, 3. Terry is manager of The Hoffman Agency in Correctionville, IA, where they live at 732 Fir (51016). . . Paul Barnett '75 has been hired by the Pottawattamie, IA, County Board of Supervisors as the juvenile court jail removal project director. He is responsible for developing an alternative to putting youth in jail in the County and the Fourth Judicial District. . . Bob Coffey '75 is president of the Mid America Direct Marketing Association. . . Heather Anne was born to Sharon (Hansen '73) and Don Davis on November 10, 1985. She joins John, 3, and Megan, 2. Sharon is a caseworker at the Nebraska Department of Social Services in Fremont; Don is a salesman at Diers Ford. Their Fremont address is 1971 E. 9th Street (68025). . . Judy Krysl '72 was the featured artist at a "Women in The Arts" reception at the Norfolk, NE, Arts Center on November 3. Thirty-eight of her paintings were displayed in the Center's gallery through November 30. . . Jon '72 and Brenda (Haack '73) Fosse announce the birth of Bethany Anne on July 20, 1985. She joins brother Nathan. The Fosses live in Anchorage, AK, at 2601 Douglas (99517). . . Elaine Strand '71 and Michael

Johnson were married on May 4, 1985. She is an elementary school teacher in Mesa, AZ, and he is an investment counselor. . . Doug Witte '70 is principal of West Point (NE) Elementary School.

'60s

Dr. Paul D. Christiansen '63 is a computer-based instruction analyst for the Saudi Technical Development Program. The program's objective is to train Saudis to assume positions with ARAMCO (Arabian-American Oil Co.). His address is: Resource Sciences Arabia, Ltd., ACC Dhahran North.

Alumnus Honored

Earl Pace '50, assistant superintendent for business in the Ralston, Nebraska, Public Schools, received top honors in November from two statewide organizations for educational administrators: The Nebraska Association of School Administrators recognized him for his outstanding administrative leadership, and the Nebraska Schoolmasters' Club presented him with its annual Distinguished Service Award.

Both organizations cited Pace's expertise in school business management, his continuing involvement in negotiations, his experience as a legislative liaison for the schools, his involvement in professional development of administrators, and his promotion of improved school insurance coverage.

Building #12. Dhahran, Saudi Arabia... Dr. Emory Anderson '61 and his family are living in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he is working for the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES). They will be in Denmark for approximately five years. Their address is Mothsvej 19, Soelleroed 2840 Holte, Denmark... Pastor Noel '60 and Ruby (Hansen '63) Petersen were honored with a reception by the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha, on December 29 for their 25th anniversary... Lonnie Hayne '62 has been selected to appear in the 20th edition of *Who's Who in the Midwest*. He was cited for his career with the State of Wisconsin and his involvement in church and school district activities. He and his wife, Gloria (Pedersen '64), live in Stoughton, WI, and have two daughters, Lisa, a Dana sophomore, and Vicki, a high school senior.

'50s

Pastor Anton Kirkegaard '52 was honored in June 1985 on his retirement from the ministry with a reception at Christ Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa... Andrew "Butch" Hansen '50 is superintendent of the Prague, NE, Public Schools.

'40s

Evelyn (Jessen '41) Kelso lives in San Diego, CA (92128) at 17543 Plaza Marlana.

'30s

David Simonsen '38 has moved from Rochester, NY, to 106 White Oak Lane in Greenwood, SC 29646.

Deaths

Ruth (Petersen '35) Andersen of Eugene, OR on November 22. Survivors include her husband, Edward '35, 2670 Taylor Street, Eugene (97405). Esther (Fogdahl '34) Cryberg of Cedar Falls, IA. Survivors include her husband, Magnus '34, 1426 Starbeck, Cedar Falls (50613)... Waldemar Junker, on October 31. Survivors include his wife, Alfa (Hansen '29), 1926 N. Rutherford Avenue, Chicago, IL 60635, daughter Melba '60 Waggoner, and sons Harry '67 and Waldo '62... Peter Vammen '22, on December 11, in Blair. Survivors include his wife, Nona, 1079 N. 25th Avenue, Blair, and son James '58.

Twin Cities Have "Mini-Gathering"

"The Gathering," a highlight of Dana's Centennial year, was a campus reunion in the summer of 1984 of former pastors and members of the old United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dana's parent church until the 1960 merger.

Because that event was so much fun, three alumni couples in the Twin Cities area hosted a "mini-Gathering" in Edina, Minnesota, on November 2 for area pastors and their wives, pastors' widows, and missionaries—all of them with roots in the UELC.

Hosts were Ed '39 and Shirley (Bondo '42) Hansen of Bloomington, Theodor '34 and Edith (Sorensen '34) Jensen of Edina, and Aster '39 and Ruth Neve of Shoreview.

Ed Hansen reports that the participants were delighted at the opportunity for the fellowship and reunion. With Aster Neve as the master of ceremonies ("Master Aster" they called him),

they had lunch and spent the afternoon reminiscing and singing from the UELC's *Hymnal for Church and Home*.

Those joining the host couples were: Pastor and Mrs. J. E. Andersen (Comfrey), Pastor and Mrs. Donald Hansen (Minnetonka), Pastor and Mrs. Robert Hansen (Harmony), Pastor and Mrs. William Hanson (Edina), Pastor and Mrs. Fred Jacobsen (Alden), Pastor and Mrs. Jack Jacobsen (Champlin), Pastor and Mrs. Russell Jensen (Minneapolis), Pastor and Mrs. Roy Mumm (Albert Lea), Pastor and Mrs. Gerhard Nygaard and Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Petersen (Northfield), Pastor and Mrs. Al Rueter (St. Paul), Pastor and Mrs. Reynold Tange (Hutchinson), and Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Wekander (New Richmond, Wisconsin).

Homecoming Set For October 3-5

Alumni—mark your calendars! Next fall's Homecoming is set for October 3-5. Reunions planned include a 1961 European Choir reunion, reunions of the Classes of 1936, 1961, 1966, 1976, and 1981, a reunion of special education graduates (Interested in spEd People), and one of Parnassus Volunteers from over the years.

For the reunion of Parnassus Volunteers, a collection of memoirs is being compiled for the Parnassus staff. Please submit reminiscences and/or other ideas to Deb Schou, Route 2, Box 220, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

A Progress Report

...Tower of the Four Winds

The Black Elk-Neihardt Park Corporation has raised all but \$40,000 of the \$150,000 needed for construction of the "Tower of the Four Winds" created by Professor Emeritus of Art F. W. Thomsen '45.

The announcement was made at a November 8 fund-raising dinner. Guest speaker was Hilda Neihardt-Petri, daughter of John W. Neihardt, the late Nebraska poet laureate.

Thomsen knew Neihardt, author of *Black Elk Speaks*, and had many conversations with him. Their friendship led to Thomsen's concept for the park and tower, which will feature a mosaic inspired by *Black Elk Speaks*.

The area, at the top of College Drive west of the campus, is part of the City of Blair's park system.

Smaller mosaics by Thomsen based on the book's descriptions of the four quarters of the earth are already mounted in the park on pedestals indicating north, south, east and west.

These mosaics, the hilltop view, prairie grasses, an exercise trail, a path around the park, an architecturally unique picnic shelter, and a variety of trees planted by the City of Blair under the supervision of City Forester Ralph Steyer are attracting many visitors.

...Danish Immigrant Museum

The Danish Immigrant Museum has been awarded a \$13,000 grant by the Iowa Community Cultural Grant Commission. The purpose of the grant program is to employ Iowans on projects that promote a community's historical, cultural, and ethnic heritage through the development of cultural programs such as the museum.

The grant will help the museum with initial steps, such as site and topographic surveys, in construction of its building.

The site is 20 acres of land on the west edge of Elk Horn, Iowa. The land, donated by the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, is farmed, but it will become the setting for a living museum to preserve the Danish American heritage for future generations to enjoy.

In Memory

Lorentz "Larry" Thorngren '36, Dana regent for 25 years, died of cancer in Omaha on December 20.

He was a retired vice-president and general legal counsel for Mutual of Omaha. A 1937 graduate of Creighton University Law School, he had practiced law privately since his retirement. He resigned from his Dana regents seat in November.

In addition to his long service to Dana, most recently as secretary of the Board's Executive Committee, Thorngren was a member of the Nebraska Independent College Foundation and the Service Corps of Retired Executives, a past chairman of the Lutheran Medical Center Board, and director of the Nebraska Lutheran Credit Union.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of 11302 Pacific Street, Omaha (68154), son Ron '65 of Valley, Nebraska, and daughters Joan '62 Johnson and Karen '70 Gilligan of Omaha.

"Mom" Marie Truax Hurdum, 88, died on May 28. She worked in Dana's kitchen for 11 years during two periods—in the late '20s and early '30s and then in the '40s and early '50s. Alumni from those times will remember the tiny lady in the starched white uniform who was always well in command of the situation.

Mrs. Hurdum lived with her daughter, Peggy Weare, in Carter Lake, Iowa.

From Alumni President Erling Schultz

The Alumni Council is active and working hard for the benefit of Dana College as Dana continues a second century of dedication to the principles of Christian higher education.

As Dana makes renewed efforts to grow and move forward, meeting the changing needs of young people, the college continues to preserve its ideals, heritage, and principles.

The Alumni Council is pleased that Dana has the excellent leadership of Interim President Elwin Farwell. The council is confident that Dana's new president, Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, will continue this outstanding leadership and stands ready to support him in every possible way.

Dana's renewed effort can only be realized if alumni and friends continue to provide the kind of support given so freely in the past. I am sure that all who have regularly shared their resources would agree that it is truly a joy to be a part of Dana's successes. There are many ways alumni and friends can help. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to increase your support, you will be able to do so as Dana alumni contact you during the annual Phonorama. Dana has great need to increase the endowment fund. You may contribute to this fund by direct giving or through your will. Remember that any gift

given to the endowment fund will be invested to earn interest. Only the interest will be spent each year to support Dana. Be sure to contact Bob Schmoll '83, director of annual funds, or the Rev. John Beck '50, director of development, for more information if you have any questions.

Dana also needs increased help from alumni and friends in identifying potential students. You will be helping the student and Dana as well by listing names and addresses of high school students and mailing this information to the Director of Admissions. The admissions staff and Alumni Council's Alumni Admissions Committee will do the rest.

The Alumni Council, under the direction of our dedicated and efficient director of alumni affairs, Ann (Harms '54) George, meets four times each year. The council is made up of five committees which work closely with the Dana staff. These committees and their members are listed below. New council members are appointed by the Alumni Council to a one-year term as members at large. Members are then elected by a ballot in the *Dana Review* to a three-year term, and may be elected to only two terms. If you are interested in serving on the council and can make most of the meetings, contact Ann George.

Admissions Committee

Jane (Olson '65) Owen, Omaha, NE—Chairperson (Council Vice-President); Laurie (Barber '76) Holben, Treynor, IA (Council Secretary); Paul Johnson '76, Fremont, NE; Marjorie Kathmann '65, Denver, CO.

Annual Fund Committee

Roger Howland '64, Blair—Chairperson (Past Council President); Sue (Thorson '76) Holstein, Blair; Dr. Paul Laursen '51, Lincoln, NE; Rod Thompson '65, Omaha.

Career-Education Committee

Brad Schweer '74, Omaha—Chairperson; Roger Lorsch '71, Blair; Tom Taggart '81, Omaha.

Homecoming Committee

Lois (Edmonds '73) Jensen, Blair—Chairperson (Presidential Search Committee); Paul Hundtoft '76, Blair; Ivan Johansen '38, Blair.

Distinguished Alumni Recognition Committee

Rev. Mark Grorud '75, Fremont—Chairperson; Herb Larsen '38, Kimballton, IA; Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, Blair.

Schultz '55 lives in Omaha. He is a science teacher and department chairman at Arbor Heights Junior High School in District 66.

