

DANA REVIEW

O'Connor appointed vice president of academic affairs

Dr. Kathleen O'Connor has been named vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, succeeding Dr. Clifford Hanson '44, who is retiring.

O'Connor comes to Dana from Pacific Lutheran University, where she has been chair of the department of sociology and associate professor of sociology.



This past semester she has been on sabbatical leave at California Lutheran University, serving as administrative intern to

the vice president for academic affairs.

"She comes to us highly recommended as an outstanding educator, one who is cited for her energy, her vision and her commitment to the goals of Lutheran higher education," President Christopherson said.

O'Connor received her PhD in sociology with a minor in psychology from Washington University, her MA in sociology with a minor in education, also from Washington University, and her BA in sociology with minors in history, music and physical education from Stanford University.

O'Connor has also been director of research for the Colorado State Commission on the Status of Women and assistant professor of sociology at Colorado Women's College.

Her publications include articles on working with non-traditional students and on women's studies and programs. >>

IMPACT well-named

IMPACT, Lutheran Brotherhood's matching gift program, continues to benefit the college. Receipt of an IMPACT check for \$38,499 this quarter has raised the cumulative total of Lutheran Brotherhood's matching gifts to Dana since 1979 to \$464,661. >>

Spring highlights

Dr. Clifford Hanson '44 was named "Professor Emeritus" at Commencement on May 17. He is retiring after 34 years of service to Dana as professor and dean of the college.

This year's valedictorian was **Jane Eskildsen**; **Lisa Oelrich** was salutatorian. Both received their degrees summa cum laude.

Students have named **John Mark Nielsen '73** their Professor of the Year. Award criteria include excellence in teaching, positive interpersonal relationships, intellectual stimulation and desirable behavior outside the classroom that exemplifies a Christian life.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57 is this year's recipient of the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in teaching.

Bob Hardy, Blair street commissioner, received Dana's College-Community Service award at Commencement exercises.

Commencement Sunday speakers were **Dr. Richard Jensen '56** at Baccalaureate and **President Christopherson '61** at Commencement.

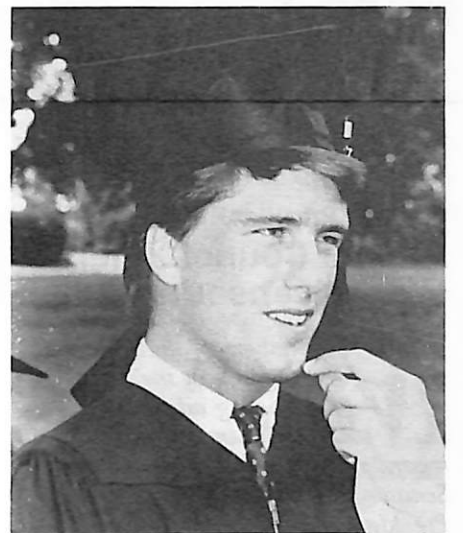
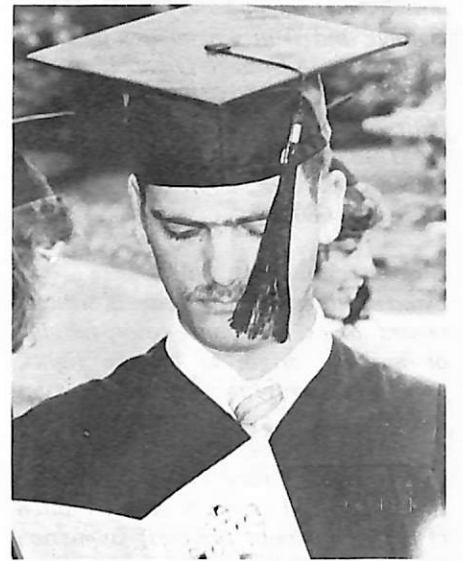
Attendance at the May 16 **Builders' Luncheon** and **Recognition Dinner** set new records, with 96 at the luncheon and 291 at the dinner.

Seniors receiving **Campus Service Awards** at the May 16 Recognition Dinner were: Teresa (Kraft) Doksansky, Jane Eskildsen, Ronda Fritz, Kelvin Grasz, Kay (Rasmussen) Jay, Karen Jensen, Sue Kallman, Meri Jo Meier, Cathy (Campbell) Messinger, Rob O'Donahue, Kris Reinert and Charleen Steffen.

A new award recognizing exceptional leadership by students in all four classes was started this spring. The first recipients of **Campus Leadership Awards**, presented on May 14, were: **freshmen** Troy Novak and Dawne Preston; **sophomores** Ken Ehline, Tim Hanssen and Angie Johnson; **juniors** Karla Jensen, Dave Moore and Janet Skinner; and **seniors** Teresa (Kraft) Doksansky, Dewey Heffelfinger, Kay (Rasmussen) Jay, Meri Jo Meier, Cathy (Campbell) Messinger, Margie Miller and Sheryl Petersen. >>



Waiting for the Commencement procession to begin—clockwise, from top left, seniors Kris Reinert, Dave Nielsen, Matt Peterson.



Alumni Council elects officers

Members of the Alumni Council at their May 16 meeting elected the following new officers: Mark Grorud '75, president, and Paul Johnson '76, vice-president. Jane (Olson '65) Owen was elected to a second term as secretary.

New Council members elected to three-year terms are: Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Tom Nielsen '59 and Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen. Herb Larsen '38 was elected to a second term.

Because she and her husband are moving to California, recently elected Leanne Danahy '83 has submitted her resignation. Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen has been appointed to this three-year term.

New members-at-large, appointed to one-year terms, are Mary (Asmus '81) Barkley and Scott Rasmussen '82. Margaret (Christensen '53) Madsen has been appointed to a second term as a member-at-large.

Other Council members are: Jayne (Botos '66) Kolterman, Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, Erling Schultz '55 (past president), Brad Schweer '74, Tom Taggart '81, Rod Thompson '65 and Phil Wittig '56. >>

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Can readers help identify these Dana students? This 1925 photo was among 20 sent by Waldo Burnett Nielsen of Copenhagen (see spring Review) for the college archives. It's especially valuable because, in spite of Dana's Danish heritage, few photos in the archives reveal that heritage. So we're pleased to have this contribution from a photo album that belonged to Nielsen's grandparents. The students are identified (from left) as Agnes Andersen, Margit and Ingfried. (This particular Ingfried, we believe, became the wife of Prof. Paul Nyholm; they were members of the Dana community for many years.)

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Ann (Harms '54) George, Editor/Director, Alumni Affairs

Simon's Presidential bid: Alumni Council offers support, encouragement

Members of the Alumni Council at their May 16 meeting adopted the following resolution regarding the candidacy of U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 for the Presidency of the United States. Members of the Board of Regents have passed a similar resolution.

Whereas, United States Senator Paul Simon of Illinois is an alumnus of Dana College, a recipient of the Dana College Distinguished Alumni Award, and a present member of the Dana College Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Senator Simon has consistently brought recognition to Dana College, not only by his association with Dana, but by his consistent willingness to speak about Dana and acknowledge that association; and

Whereas, Senator Simon is a strong friend to Dana College in word and deed; and

Whereas, Senator Simon is currently a candidate for the highest elective office in this nation, namely, President of the United States;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Dana College Alumni Council, speaking on behalf of the Alumni of Dana College, offer their support and encouragement to Senator Simon in his efforts; and

Be it further resolved, that the Alumni Council show their recognition of Senator Simon's accomplishments and his desire to serve his country in this manner, by forwarding this resolution to him as a sign of our support and encouragement. ♪

Alumni directory to be published

Dana is pleased to announce the publication of a comprehensive alumni biographical reference volume that will be available for distribution in early September 1988. The directory will list all known, living alumni alphabetically, geographically, and by class year.

The directory, Dana's first since January 1981, will include full names, occupations, business and home addresses, and business and home telephone numbers.

In late January 1988, alumni will receive biographical update questionnaires to be completed and returned to the alumni directory publishers. Those wishing to reserve their personal copy will be given the opportunity to buy either a hardbound or softbound edition. It is imperative to the project that alumni complete and return the questionnaires as soon as they receive them.

The directory will be made available only to Dana alumni. It will tell them what their former classmates and old friends are doing, where they work and live and how to contact them by phone or mail. The geographical index will tell them which alumni are in their own areas and will be a useful aid in contacting former classmates when traveling.

The new directory will have a limited printing—only those ordered in advance will be printed.

So, alumni—watch the mail for your personalized biographical update and reservation form, which will be sent to you by our publisher, Carleton Graphics, P.O. Box 4427, South Bend, IN 46634.

Alumni participation in this program is vital to the project's success. Upon receipt of your questionnaire, please complete your biographical form, fill out the order card, and return them in the enclosed business envelope.

Thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation on this project. ♪

A thank-you note

Our thanks to the many alumni and friends who have taken the time to send us letters and cards with the addresses of our "lost" alumni, or leads on locating them.

Your response to our request in the spring Review has indeed been overwhelming, and we thank you. Thanks, too, for the many kind notes that accompanied the addresses.

In the meantime, a few more have shown up missing. Does anyone know where these alumni are?

1985—Thomas Goodrie, Mark Jackson, Steven Olson, Christine Rose; **1981**—Nancy Schmitz; **1980**—Louis Sloger; **1978**—Roger Suhr, Cindy Thompson; **1972**—Martha (Pugh) Ditch, Alexis (Spencer) Busse; **1971**—Rodney Miller; **1966**—Chester Sutton III; **1965**—Eldon Jensen; **1926**—Dagmar Thom. ♪

From the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

What is a Dana alum? I have just completed my first year at Dana. What a marvelous year it has been for me. We have enjoyed increased enrollment over the previous year, ending the year with 15 full-time equivalent students more than in 1986.

Second, retention appears to be improving. We have a higher percentage of students who chose to continue their study from the fall to spring semester than in recent years, and we are working hard to increase that retention throughout the four- or five-year enrollment of our students. We intend to increase retention from approximately 53 percent to 75 percent or higher of our students who enter as freshmen and graduate as seniors four or more years later. We realize that it makes no sense to recruit students only to have them leave a semester or a year later.



Finally, we want to recruit students who can be successful at Dana. That means that we seek students who are reasonably conscientious and whose previous record shows promise of college success. This also means that we recruit students who are willing to be challenged to grow in learning and in faith, students who are willing to get involved in campus activities and to be known personally by instructors, by college staff—yes, even by the president.

We are looking for students who will be the Paul and Art Simons of tomorrow. Paul is a U.S. senator from Illinois. Art is chief executive officer of Bread for the World, a huge charitable organization.

Yes, and we are looking for the Dick and Bonnie Jensens. Dr. Richard Jensen is the director and speaker for Lutheran Vespers radio and television ministry of the American Lutheran Church. Bonnie is the chief executive officer of American Lutheran Church Women.

All four of these Dana alums were involved in multiple activities at Dana. All four grew to greater maturity as students and as Christians while attending Dana. Paul Simon is now an announced candidate for President of the United States, and a growing number of newspapers and other media have indicated how impressed they are with the man.

Oh, and we are talking about the tens of Dana alumni who become distinguished professors at other colleges and universities. I speak of people like Dr. James Iversen, professor of aerospace engineering at Iowa State University who was honored recently along with Dr. Richard Jensen and His Lordship, Judge Vern Simonsen of Manitoba, Canada, as Distinguished Dana Alumni.

I speak, too, of Dr. Phil Larsen, head of plant pathology at the University of Minnesota, and of Judge Jane Prochaska, Douglas County Court

judge, both of whom graduated from Dana.

And I speak of a new breed of successful entrepreneurs like Herbert Knudsen, formerly patent counsel for SOHIO and now president of several venture capital firms. And I speak of company presidents like Bud Christensen, president of NSP, located near Toronto, Canada, and of Herb and Don Jorgensen, president and vice-president of R-Line Foods, Ripon, Wisconsin. And of researchers like Dr. Rachael Neve, a geneticist at Harvard Medical School, and of medical doctors, of teachers, clergy, sales representatives, and many more.

Everywhere there are Dana people making a difference for their companies and their communities. They make us proud, and they make us realize that the solid core liberal arts education offered at Dana College and the opportunity to participate (indeed, the near-obligation to participate) in campus activities gives the Dana student the edge on most colleges and universities in the country where size means faculty and staff "simply can't be bothered" in quite the same way that is the norm at Dana.

At Dana, we don't smother our students, but we don't leave them alone to find themselves either.

We have had an outstanding year. Giving is at a record high (and still needed and rejoiced in), making it likely that Dana will hit the black after a beginning-of-year projected deficit of almost half-a-million dollars. All of the Dana family deserves the credit for that—faculty and staff as well as alumni and friends. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you ever so much!

Someone said, "We're on a roll." Well, I hope we are, and if we are, we are going to need your help in paving the way.

Identify students who will profit by an environment created by caring, competent people who insist that students aspire to the best to which they can become.

Send students who value competence and knowing and thinking and articulate expression, and genuine concern for others, and who value doing things right and doing the right things at the same time.

And send us students who value peace and creativity over power and greed.

When you find such students who also enjoy a good time and are willing to participate in campus life—maybe even in football or basketball and band or choir, then send them to Dana. We'll help them discover what we already know, namely, that Dana is a college where "excellence is affordable."

I am very excited about the prospects that await Dana. My wife, Anne, and I join the faculty and staff at Dana in welcoming alumni and friends to join us in making available to many more this extraordinary opportunity in education.

Thank you for making this first year a blessed one.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

A Kappa Chi Lambda reunion is being planned for Homecoming 1988. Watch for details in future Reviews.

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CAMPUS NOTES

The Board of Regents at their spring meeting granted tenure to **Shirley McAllister '69**, assistant professor of education and psychology, and promoted **Dr. Dorothy Olson**, elementary education, and **Dr. Milt Heinrich**, art, to full professors.

Dana voice instructor **Jeanmarie Nielsen '78** is a soloist for Mozart's "Regina Coeli" with the London Loch Lomond Festival Chorale, which is giving concerts in London and Scotland in June.

Inducted into the Nebraska Beta Chapter of **Alpha Chi**, the national college honor scholarship society, on May 6 were: senior Tim Ness and juniors Catherine Bachelor, Sue (Warren) Dlouhy, Angela Ferguson, Sally Larson, Gina Linsenhardt, David Moore, Jennifer Parks, Rich Prosch, Kay Schjodt and Jeanine Tharp.

Dr. Constance Gengenbach, a faculty member at St. Olaf College, was at Dana April 27 and 28 for a theological development program for members of the faculty and staff. She spoke on "Secularization of Vocation and the Worship of Work" and "Academic Vocation and the Church-Related College."

Eighteen students of French, German, Danish and Spanish were initiated into **Alpha Mu Gamma**, the national honorary language society, on May 4. The newest members are: **Danish**—Chris Doerfler '90, Lisa Hansen '90, Kim Soderberg '90; **French**—Shelley Carter '90, Kirsten Christopherson '90, Carter Hansen '89; **German**—Dolly Hansen '89, Steve Krieg '88, Steve Meister '88, Nancy Overbeck '90, Kris Pronske '90; **Spanish**—Bill Albus '89, Jamie Johnson '89, Tonette Kellett '90, Stacey Lien '90, Rich Prosch '88, Mark Smeby '89 and Roberta Sullivan '90.

Laurie Nielsen, a senior business administration and German major, was one of three Nebraska students who recently took the Goethe Institut's "Mittelstufenpruefung," a senior/graduate level proficiency test in German. She passed with a "gut."

Dr. Sybille Bartels, assistant professor of German, was a member of a testing team this spring that administered the "Zertifikat Deutsch" and "Mittelstufenpruefung" to students from Dana, Creighton University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. >>

Student's history paper wins conference award

A research paper by Jennifer Parks, a Dana junior, was selected as the best non-American history paper submitted to the Twenty-Second Student History Conference, held on April 10 at the University of South Dakota.

Her subject was "Why Us? An Analysis of Foreign Intervention in Norway's First Independence Movement."

The paper, which she read at the conference, won for her a certificate and for the college library, a check to buy history books of her choosing.

Her paper was one of two to win an award. The other was on American history.

Three other Dana students also presented papers at the conference:

■ Freshman Chris Doerfler, "Wanted: Strong Kings" (about the French monarchs of 843-987);

■ Junior David Moore, "The Importance of the Battle of Ligny and Related Events, with Regard to the Battle of Waterloo"; and

■ Sophomore Kelly Tierney, "The Purposes and Accomplishments of the Spanish Inquisition."

Professors Don Warman and Richard Jorgensen '64 also attended the conference. >>

Dana Club starts in southeast Wisconsin

A new Dana Club for southeastern Wisconsin has been formed. Twenty-six area alumni attending a dinner at Kilbourn Gardens west of Racine on Saturday, May 9, named Leroy '60 and Lois (Jensen '62) Pedersen co-presidents.

The meeting was also attended by Ann (Harms '54) George, Dana's director of alumni affairs. Many other alumni unable to attend the dinner have expressed interest in joining the club.

The new organization is the first in a plan to establish or re-establish three

Dana Clubs within the next three years.

The new organization joins the longstanding Chicago and Denver Clubs, which help the college in a variety of ways, from assisting with Phonoramas, fund-raising dinners and admissions programs to providing the college library with funds for subscriptions to the Chicago Tribune and Denver Post. The Chicago Club also gives a \$400 scholarship annually to a Chicago-area student at Dana.

Members also gather socially once or twice a year. >>

Announcing . . . Lutheran College Nights

Dana will have representatives at Lutheran College Nights in the following cities during the 1987-88 school year:

Beginning September 21: Suburban Chicago—west and northwest, Rockford, Appleton, Milwaukee.

Beginning September 27: Portland and San Jose.

Beginning October 11: Denver, Omaha, Sioux City, St. Louis.

Beginning November 1: Washington, D.C.

Beginning April 7: Minneapolis—St. Paul, Waterloo, Ames, Madison, Quad Cities.

We invite alumni and friends to tell prospective students about these events and to visit the Dana booth with them.

Dates, times and locations will be announced by Lutheran churches in each area. This information can also be obtained by calling the Dana's Admissions Office—(402)426-7222—closer to the dates. >>

With 17 players eligible to return and some highly touted recruits joining the team, Lemon is optimistic about getting back on the winning track in 1988. The Viking tradition, he notes, has always been a winning one.

Five players were named to the NIAC's all-star team: Rumelhart, Moon, Betts, Smith and Oliver. Kubik and freshman Chris Simon received honorable mention. >>

Softball

The Lady Vikings placed first this year in NIAC play with eight wins and four losses. The overall season record was 9-13. Competition included two teams ranked nationally among the NAIA's top 15.

Coach Steve Kissel '85 says that the team had a strong defense but weak offense. "We didn't hit the ball well," he says, "and sometimes we didn't get the hits at the right time." The team ended its season in Omaha at the district tournament.

Senior Lisa Meyer led the team with a .393 batting average and a .689 hitting percentage. She paced Dana in doubles, triples and home runs, and as pitcher struck out 56 batters in 20 games.

Meyer and fellow senior Joyce Broekemeier were named to the NIAC's all-conference team, Broekemeier as shortstop and Meyer as a pitcher.

Outfielder Dolly Hansen '89, first baseman Carin Mayr '89 and catcher Nancy Brich '90 made the conference's second team.

Named to the All-District 11 team were Meyer, Broekemeier and Mayr. Outfielder Laurie Christensen '88 and third baseman Julie Royer '89 received honorable mention. >>

Track and golf

In track, Catherine Bachelor '88 placed first at the conference meet with a 5'6" high jump, and then came in fourth at the district meet. Scott Walker '89 placed sixth in the discus throw at the conference event. The track team was coached by Jim Krueger '86.

The men's golf team, coached by Business Manager Keith Hansen, finished the season undefeated in dual meets. The team had its best invitational finish at the Midland Invitational, where it finished fifth in a field of ten teams. Carter Hansen '89 finished eighth in the two-day district meet held at Hastings' Lochland Country Club. >>

the season record of 53 and one short of the career mark of 142.

A knee injury that kept him out of four games late in the season probably prevented him from breaking these records.

Rumelhart stole 24 bases and holds Dana's season mark of 35 (1985) and career mark of 88.

First baseman Bill Oliver, who transferred to Dana for his senior year, managed a .331 batting average.

The third senior who will be missed, Lemon says, is Greg Kubik, who has a 4-8 pitching record and an ERA of 8.62. His new records are 37 starts (a tie with Barry Olson—1976) and 22 losses over his Dana career.

Looking ahead to next season, Lemon has juniors Brian Moon, Brian Betts and Jeff Smith returning. The lone returning sophomore regular is Canadian Kent Smith. Sophomore pitcher Mike Kraft is also returning. These eight upperclassmen were joined by 12 freshmen who all contributed to the season.

SPORTS

Baseball

Even though the Vikings tied for first-place with Doane and Nebraska Wesleyan in the conference, Coach Dale Lemon says that this season's action fell far short of what had been hoped for.

After an early 5-1 start, the team lost 14 in a row, including a 0-10 Oklahoma trip, and eventually ended up with 13 wins and 31 losses.

The team's offense was strong, and a batting record of .303 usually means a winning season, Lemon notes. But the team couldn't stop the opposition from scoring.

Three team members were seniors, and two of them contributed greatly to the offense.

Rod Rumelhart completed four years in "grand style," Lemon says, with a .426 batting average. Over his four years Rumelhart had a near-record .355 average, missing Steve Woitock's .357 average (1974) by less than .002. Rumelhart had 52 hits in 40 games and scored 51 runs, falling short of

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DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

'80s Beth Gibson '87 has been accepted in the physical therapy program at the Mayo School of Health-Related Sciences, Mayo Hospital and Clinic, in Rochester, Minnesota. . . Sandra (Ohr) Ellis '86 is employed in the tax department of Touche Ross in Omaha. . . Twins Creston Joseph and Keith Benjamin were born April 5 to Joe '85 and Helen (Schroeder '85) Block, 1828 South St., Blair. . . Liza Brandes '84 is a counselor at Richard Young Hospital in Omaha. She lives at 9455 Western Plaza #3 (68114). . . Jeff DeYoung '84 has been named editor of the Glenwood, IA, Opinion-Tribune. He was formerly sports editor and assistant editor of the Nebraska City News-Press. . . Linda Lemon Kelly '83 is news director and morning show co-host for KFMQ in Lincoln, NE. Recently she and news team members spent several days at the NBC studios in New York City, interviewing media personalities such as Jane Pauley for direct transmission to KFMQ. Linda lives in Lincoln at 943 Roanoke Court #23 (68510). . . Jennifer Jensen '82 has been listed in Outstanding Young Women of America. . . Pastor Mark Rath '82 graduated from Wartburg Seminary last December and received his call to McGregor, ND, in March. In August 1986 he married Vicki Osborn. Their address is Box 155, McGregor, ND 58755. . . Burke Petersen '81 married Melanee Balaban on April 11. He is Dana's assistant director of public relations. . . Paulette (Strecker '81) Orr is pursuing a teaching certificate in elementary education at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. She is also a graduate assistant for a voice professor in his research project, "Sounds of the BodyMind: The Resonance of Self. The Effects of Posture on Ventilation and Sound Emission of the Human Structure." She and her husband, Byron, live at Rt. 1, Box 15, in Reading, KS 66868.

'70s Kay Konz '79 has accepted a position as a behavioral therapist in a behavioral medicine unit at Lincoln (NE) General Hospital. She has been a school psychologist for four years with the Loess Hills Area Education Agency in Council Bluffs. Her Lincoln address is 3310 Serenity Circle, Apt. 10 (68516). . . Rachel Quinn was born on September 11 to Janet (Sorensen '79) and Jim McMahan. Brother Daniel is 5. The McMahons live in Rockford, IL, at 2003 Hawthorne Ave. (61107). . . Marie and Loyd Neve '76 announce the birth of Jaclyn on July 28, 1986. . . Don Baack '75, a Dana faculty member from 1981-84, received his Ph.D. in business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May. As a UNL graduate student he published numerous articles and presented several conference papers. His article, "Analysis of an Antecedent Model of Organizational Commitment," appears in the most recent issue of Human Relations, an international management journal published in England. Pam Baack, who was secretary to the dean of the college at Dana, is a

senior at Missouri Southern State College. She recently received the "outstanding student" award in her key area, paralegal studies. The Baacks' address is 2616 Oliver, Joplin, MO 64801. . . Walter Schacht '75 received his Ph.D. in range science in June from Utah State University. He is going to Lesotho, Southern Africa, as a range animal science specialist to conduct research in animal production. . . Dr. Daniel Smith '73 has been appointed superintendent of schools in Knoxville, IA. He served as superintendent of the Dunkerton, IA, Community School District for the past five years. . . Darril Rasey '70, 703 W. Wellington, Chicago (60657), is head of Clipper Sales, Inc. He also pilots large yachts from Chicago down various waterways to Mobile and into the Gulf to Miami.

'60s Lt. Col. Paul Christiansen '68, a career officer in the U.S. Army, is stationed in Colorado Springs, where his address is 7225 Grashio Dr. (80918). He and his wife, Jane, have three sons. . . Mary Beth (Rasey '68) Lake and her husband, Leo, live in Edina, MN. She teaches at Normandale College. They have two daughters and a son.

'50s Don Ofte '52 has been named manager of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory; he previously served as the U. S. Department of Energy's principal deputy assistant secretary for defense programs.

'30s Pastor Anker Jensen D'36 T'41 and his wife, Vita (Hansen '37), were honored by the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley, CA, on March 15. A recognition dinner was held for them, and Jensen was named "Pastor Emeritus." In 1939, as a Trinity Seminary student, he was sent by the United Evangelical Lutheran Church to Hayward, CA, to survey the area and to start a congregation. That congregation later continued in Castro Valley as Faith Lutheran. After Jensen's ordination he was pastor to congregations in Edmore and Sidney, MI, and Luck, WI. Then the Jensens moved to California and Faith Lutheran, where he was pastor from 1955-68. His last call was in Inglewood, CA; since retirement he has been interim pastor in 12 churches. In 1985 the Jensens moved back to Hayward and rejoined the family of Faith Lutheran. At the March 15 service California Assemblyman Johan Klehs, a member of Faith Lutheran, presented Jensen with a California Assembly resolution commending him for his devoted spiritual service.

Deaths Lila (Jeffers '36) Ashley died on January 20. She was a classroom and music teacher for many years at Tri-County Area Schools at Plainfield and Hancock, WI, and other Waushara County schools. She is survived by one daughter, Sharon (Ashley '67) Fraedrich of Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Alum's new book "Danes in America"

Dr. Peter Petersen '62, professor of history at West Texas State University, has written a book called "The Danes in America." Petersen is also the author of Dana's centennial history, "A Place Called Dana."

"The Danes in America" is the thirty-second volume in the widely used "In America" series published by Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis. The series is designed for use by students at the middle school level, with each book in the series describing the immigration history and contributions to American life of a single ethnic group.

Petersen has also written on other aspects of immigration, including studies of Norwegian settlers in Texas and Danes in Iowa.

The grandson of Danish immigrants who settled in Shelby County, Iowa, he describes writing "The Danes in America" as a "labor of love."

He says he was particularly pleased that Lerner's editorial staff chose a picture of his mother and grandparents for the cover of the book. "The photo was one among many that I submitted to the press. I didn't even tell the editors it was of my family. But they liked it," Petersen says, "and since then they've also used it on some of their other promotional material."

"The Danes in America" sells for \$7.95 and is available at the Dana Bookstore. Please include \$1.50 for postage and handling. »

Jensen close competitor for ELCA position

Alumna Bonnie Jensen, executive director of American Lutheran Church Women, was a leading candidate for secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at the May constituting convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary is the second-highest full-time position in the new church.

One of 88 candidates for the post at the start of balloting, she was one of three remaining on the next-to-last ballot, where each candidate received about one-third of the vote. Jensen, however, received the fewest votes and was dropped from the final ballot.

Lowell Almen, editor of the Lutheran Standard, was elected secretary. Responsibilities of the position include maintaining official church records and rosters and administering church archives. »

October Homecoming has full schedule

Homecoming 1987, set for October 9-11, will be a mix of the traditional and the new.

The Saturday morning program includes the traditional aebleskiver breakfast, hot-air balloon race, golf tournament, Fun Run and Folk Dancers' reunion.

It also offers a new workshop for elementary teachers on bulletin board cutouts, teaching games and other activities. Called "Share an Idea," the workshop will be conducted by Dr. Dorothy Olson.

Also new will be a presentation by John Mark '73 and Dawn (Carper '74) Nielsen called "Voices from the New Land: The Story of Danish Immigrants to Nebraska."

A tour of the new Madsen Performing Arts Center with a short recital on the tracker organ by Dr. Alan Brandes is another morning event.

A reception honoring Professor Emeritus and Mrs. Clifford Hanson hosted by members of the Alumni Council will precede the traditional pre-game luncheon.

At the luncheon the Dana Boosters organization will be inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

A new Homecoming activity, a volleyball game pitting Dana against Northwestern, starts at 1 p.m.; it will be followed by a football game against Hastings at 2.

The traditional choir reunion in the E. C. Hunt Campus Center comes at the end of the buffet dinner.

The evening program, "Dana Showcase II" in the Madsen Performing Arts Center, will feature soloist Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, New Day, the Jazz Ensemble, the Dana Folk Dancers and guitarist Jeanette Landsvig, Danish instructor at Dana for 1987-88.

The Sunday morning worship service will have special music by the Dana Choir.

Special education graduates and the Classes of 1937, 1962, 1977 and 1982 will have reunions. (A reunion of the Class of 1947 has been postponed because of the small number in the class; a cluster reunion of several post-war classes is being considered for Homecoming 1988.)

The Homecoming brochure and reservation form will be mailed to alumni in August. »

Homecoming is for alumni kids too

The Admissions Office invites alumni with children who are high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to bring them along Homecoming weekend as guests of the college.

Their weekend will include a Dana roommate, meals and tickets to events.

The Homecoming mailer will include a form alumni can return to the college for more information on this program. »