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Borge concert helps scholarship program

Victor Borge, pianist, humorist, and a "Great Dane of Dana," returned to the campus on November 14 to give a benefit concert for Dana scholarships. He performed in the Lauritzen Theater to a full house of concert patrons and special guests.

"Borge delighted the crowd with his razor-edged balance between classical music and humor," roving reporter Tom Allan wrote the next day in the *Omaha World-Herald*. "He had the audience roaring with laughter at one moment, then sitting in rapt silence at his musical mastery the next."

Plans for the concert began in February 1993 when Borge invited President and Mrs. Christopherson and Phil Pagel, vice president for institutional advancement, to visit him at his Connecticut home. During that visit Borge agreed to give another benefit performance for the college, his third, with the stipulation that his appearance would produce \$100,000 for scholarship support.

Concert patrons met this proposal with so much enthusiasm that President Christopherson was able to announce at the end of Borge's performance that the concert had produced not \$100,000, but \$175,000.

Christopherson said that \$100,000 would support the Victor Borge Scholarship that Dana had established earlier in his honor and the remaining \$75,000 would support the college's general scholarship fund.

Christopherson followed his announcement by introducing this year's Borge Scholarship recipients—Camilla Larsson Knapp '96 of Sweden and now of Blair, and Kelly Hansen '98 of Pender, Nebraska. They presented

Borge with a Dana baseball cap, athletic jacket, and sweat shirt.

Borge and Dana share a Danish heritage. He first visited the campus in 1976, when he gave a benefit performance in Borup Coliseum and was awarded an honorary doctorate. It was then that the Borge Scholarship was established.

A few years later Borge performed for a group of Danish business persons on Dana's behalf at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

In 1989 he gave his second benefit performance for Dana, this time at Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. It netted \$50,000 for the

replacement of Old Main. At the end of that concert President Christopherson gave Borge a Viking helmet and named him a "Great Dane of Dana."

(When the Christophersons and Pagel visited Borge in 1993 they found him at the piano, wearing his Viking helmet. President Christopherson asked if he had put it on for their benefit, and Borge quipped, "Oh no—I always wear it when I practice.")

Among those at the November 14 concert were Bent Kiilerich, the new Danish counsel general based in Chicago, and his vice counsel, Hugo Petersen. It was Kiilerich's first visit to Dana. ○



Photo by Eric Francis

Borge models a Dana baseball cap presented by Camilla Larsson Knapp '96, a Borge Scholarship recipient.

Thanks to the generosity of Victor Borge and the patrons listed below, the November 14 benefit performance by Borge produced \$175,000 for Dana scholarships:

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Schedule for 1994 Professor of the Year includes travel, translations, research

After five years of research on several prominent Argentinean women writers, Spanish professor Diana Brown in June 1993 traveled to Argentina, her native land, to interview them.

Those interviews have led to ever-increasing professional activity for Brown, Dana's 1994 Professor of the Year.

Two of the writers she interviewed, Olga Bressano de Alonso and Martha Mercador, visited the campus last April on Brown's invitation. While in Nebraska they also attended the Midlands Conference on Language and Literature at Creighton University, where Mercador was the keynote speaker and Bressano de Alonso was the subject of a paper Brown presented.

Then in August Brown attended the 76th annual meeting in Philadelphia of the national/international American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, Inc. (AATSP), where she chaired a session on Latin American literature and gave another paper on Bressano de Alonso.

At the meeting Brown was elected to chair a larger group of sessions under the general heading, "Writers of the Southern Hemisphere," at the AATSP's August 1995 conference in San Diego. As chair, she will judge papers for presentation submitted by professors at major universities in the U.S., Latin America, and Spain.

Earlier in the summer, before

the August conference, she'll return to Argentina as a guest lecturer on the invitation of two prominent organizations whose representatives attended the Philadelphia conference. Argentina's most prestigious private university, Universidad de Belgrano, a Jesuit school in Buenos Aires, has invited her to lecture in late May, as a visiting professor, on the poetry of Bressano de Alonso and Emily Dickinson. And the director of the Educative and Cultural Foundation of Argentina's large Independence Bank has invited her to lecture in early June in Rosario, Canada de Gomez, and Cordoba on writers of the Southern Hemisphere.

Brown and Dr. Kathy Collins, a former member of the Dana English Department, have been doing research together on Bressano de Alonso and other poets, and Collins will travel with Brown to Argentina. Collins now teaches at Creighton University.



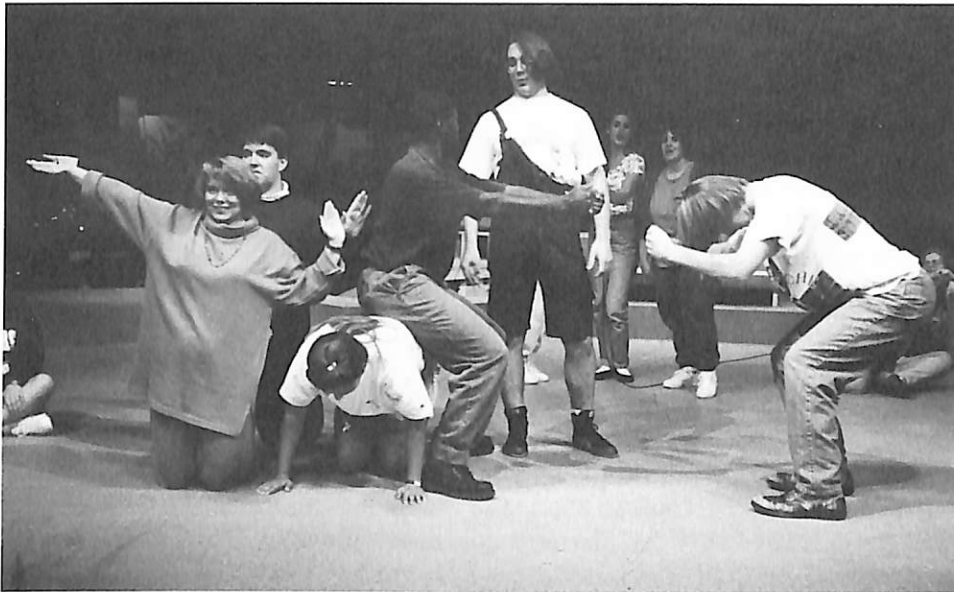
Diana Brown

Photo by Jennifer Johnson '96

Translations also have an important role in Brown's professional activity. Of her current projects, one has an Argentinean connection and one hasn't.

The Argentinean: Bressano de Alonso has invited Brown to work with her on a bilingual edition of her poetry that will be published in 1995 in Argentina.

And the non-Argentinean: Under the sponsorship of School District 66 (Omaha), Brown recently translated a children's cultural book, *Ara Goes to Mexico*, by Joe Villela, and her voice will be soon be heard reading the story in Spanish on a CD-Rom edition. ○



Working has "wit, beauty"

Photo by Paul Schneider

In rehearsal: Cast members form a "car" for the "Lovin' Al" number in Dana's October 26-30 production of the musical Working. The play by Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso is an adaptation of Studs Terkel's book. Theater director Paul Schneider described the musical as "a stunning, sad and beautiful look at American life and values through the eyes of ordinary working people," with "wit and beauty in a mix of songs that range from the comic to the profoundly moving." Pictured are (from left): Dana Holz and Tim Marsden (car fins), Kim Zulfer (seat), Damien Pollock (driver), Soren Schmidt (the owner), Holly Haskell and Kim Capel ("uh-huh girls"), and B.J. Nesselhuf (steering wheel and front of the car). Dana's production was directed by Dan Hays.



Photo by Kayleen Wilson '98

"Sights and Sounds" draws crowds
Several thousand visitors spent Sunday, December 4, at Dana enjoying the "Sights and Sounds of Christmas." The schedule included an opening worship service, the Christmas smorgasbord, and a "Sounds of Christmas Concert" by the Dana Concert Band and Dana Chorale, plus a variety of other activities. One of them was "Let's Make It Danish," where guests learned to make traditional Scandinavian Christmas ornaments and visiting artisan Annette Andersen of Omaha (pictured) demonstrated bobbin lacemaking.

Staley series will feature Susan Briehl

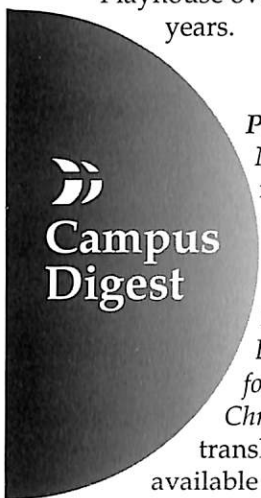
The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series, set this year for February 16, will feature the Rev. Susan Briehl. She will give four presentations on "The Christian Life: A Spiritual Journey."

Briehl, former campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University, was recently appointed co-director of Holden Village in Chelan, Washington, a retreat center of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Her presentations are sponsored by Dana's Campus Ministry. Campus Pastor Michael Ostrom said that "the goal of her series will be to reveal the hand of God at work in the passages of our lives, leading to the promised eucharistic feast in the future dominion of God." She is especially known, he added, "for her creative use of story and metaphor."

Briehl will speak in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center and in Trinity Chapel. Her lectures, scheduled for 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 4 and 7:00 p.m., are free and open to the public. The afternoon and evening lectures will be followed by receptions. ○

The Omaha Community Playhouse has presented *Dr. Milt Heinrich*, professor of art, with its Edward F. Owen Award. The award honors individuals, businesses, and foundations that have supported the development and growth of the Playhouse over a period of years.



Campus Nurse Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen has been notified by her editor at Bell Publishing Co. that her book, *Living With It Daily: Meditations for People with Chronic Pain*, when translated will be available in Korea.

Jennifer Kasuboski '95, an environmental science major from Ripon, Wisconsin, has received a Special Achievement Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for her research this past summer at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge near Blair. The award is rarely given to seasonal employees.

An article by *Prof. Michael Anderson*, "Trumpet Players Travel the Information Superhighway on the TPIN," was published in the September 1994 issue of *International Trumpet Guild Journal*. The Trumpet Guild has approximately 7,000 members around the world. Last June he attended and performed at the International Trumpet Guild Conference at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, and this coming summer he'll perform at the International Brassfest at Indiana University in Bloomington. Anderson and *Jeanmarie Nielsen '78* were also on the music faculty at Blue Lake Fine

Arts Camp in Michigan last summer. At Dana Anderson is assistant professor of music and instrumental music director, and Nielsen is an adjunct instructor in music and director of The Forum, the Center for General Education.

Students remembered the needy this fall. Shortly before Thanksgiving break, members of the *Student Awareness Organization* organized a "Scavenger Hunt" and collected over 600 items of used clothing, canned goods, and boxes of food from Blair residents. And before Christmas break, staff members of *KDCV-FM*, the college's radio station, sponsored a "Music for Ransom" promotion, offering to air a listener's favorite song in exchange for a can or box of food. Contributions were given to local and area food and clothing pantries.

Bookstore manager *Nancy (Harris '74) Beaman* has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Mid-States Association of College Stores (MSACS). The professional association of college and university bookstores in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska assists members in their efforts to serve their respective institutions and students more effectively through professional development and training. MSACS represents 117 member stores and 123 associate vendor members. Beaman has been active in MSACS for 16 years, serving on the board and several committees and presenting educational sessions.

The *Dana College Chorale*, under the direction of *Dr. Richard Palmer*, performed Jackson Berkey's *Magnificat* on November 5 at the Lied Center in Lincoln for the 1994 Intercollegiate Choral Festival of the Nebraska Choral Directors Association. Earlier in the week Berkey and Almeda Berkey,

conductor of Omaha's *Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum*, led a workshop at Dana on the performance of their choral music.

On October 27 *Professors Jan Potter and Richard Potter* of the Social Work Department gave a presentation called "Male/Female Communication: Hope on the Horizon" in Council Bluffs for members of Chapter 13 of the Iowa Counselor Association. The dinner meeting was sponsored by Dana's Admissions Office.

The theme for the second semester *Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP)* is "Spiritual Journeys." Students and faculty are reading and discussing *Bless Me, Ultima*, a novel by Rudolfo Anaya; John Osborne's play, *Luther*; *Mutant Message Downunder*, an autobiography by Marlo Morgan; and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. In addition, they're attending the opening presentation on spiritual journeys by Staley Foundation lecturer Susan Briebl and the Dana production of *The Tempest*. Student participants will also write a paper.

An article by *Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73*, professor of English, titled "To Have Revenge on the Self-Righteous University: Pietism and Religious Doubt in Sophus Keith Winther's *Beyond the Garden Gate*," has been published in the December 1994 issue of *The Bridge*, the journal of the Danish American Heritage Society.

Governor Ben Nelson of Nebraska has appointed *President Christopherson* to a second four-year term on the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority (NEFA), the state agency that administers tax-exempt bond issues for independent colleges in the state. Christopherson is chairman of NEFA. ○

"Why I teach": Schneider first in series

This article by Dr. Paul Schneider, professor of English, chair of the English Department, and director of theater, is the first of a new Review series, "Why I Teach." Schneider joined the Dana faculty at the start of the 1991-92 academic year. That spring he was one of two faculty members chosen by students as Professor of the Year. Schneider came to Dana from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was a vice president at Kidder, Peabody & Co. Before joining Kidder, Peabody, he was a tenured assistant professor of English at Syracuse University, New York, and the founder and Producing Director of the Contemporary Theater of Syracuse. He received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, his M.A. from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Two stories, widely separated in time and place, illustrate the reasons why I chose the teaching profession as a young man and why I returned after a nine-year detour into the world of finance. One night 20 years ago at the Syracuse University library I ran into Gilbert Hoffman, a business major whom I had not seen since he took my Shakespeare course several years earlier. After bringing me up to date on his subsequent activities Gilbert, now a law student, became very serious and said: "Dr. Schneider, I have not had the opportunity until now to thank you for something you said in one of your lectures on *Hamlet* that completely changed my life." Though I had been affected in a similar way by a professor at the University of Virginia, that was the first time I fully understood the immense power wielded and daunting responsibility undertaken by a teacher at any level of the educational system. Heady stuff for a 28-year old from a working-class neighborhood on the south side of Milwaukee.

Intentionally or not, for better or for worse, teachers help form the attitudes and shape the lives of the students who sit before them. Especially at the college level, students are exploring not only what we say but *who we are* as they seek models for their own behavior. When I shared with classes my excitement about the plays of Shakespeare or the poetry

of Chaucer or the novels of George Eliot, I was not only helping them learn to understand the intricacies and complexities of great art, I was showing them simultaneously the personal benefits of doing so. It was true then, and it is true now, that the exhilaration of sharing what I have learned with young adults and knowing that from time to time I will work great positive changes in the lives of the Gilbert Hoffmans of the world is more than sufficient reward for me and thousands of dedicated teachers around the country.

But there is another and even more important reason why I love college teaching, illustrated best perhaps by a conversation I had during the recent holiday break with my 27-year old nephew, Jeff. A rebellious and angry second son, he had been arrested for theft and fathered a child before the age of 16. Ten years and thousands of hours of dedicated fatherly love later, Jeff had gained control of his life and completed three courses at a community college with a 4.00 average. Like any good uncle (if your name is Schneider), I quizzed (ok, "grilled") him about his career plans and encouraged him to become a full-time student as soon as possible. Despite his success, Jeff seemed reluctant to take more than a course or two at a time. When I pressed him for a reason he said he feared that the stress of matriculating would cost him what he enjoyed most about his



Photo by Jennifer Johnson '96

Paul Schneider

college courses: "Just learning stuff I don't know."

At least for me, my nephew was more eloquent than he could ever have imagined: I teach because I have never wanted to stop "learning stuff I don't know." Though this may sound like a tired commercial, every class is an adventure because I refuse to haul out weathered notes and say the same thing year after year. Literature remains exciting to me because I experience it anew almost every time I discuss it and constantly challenge my most strongly held beliefs in the process. I have virtually never given the same lecture twice, and I change my mind routinely. As my students learn, so do I.

But what, exactly, had I said about *Hamlet* that permanently transformed Gilbert's life? When I asked him, he looked at me quizzically, hesitated for a long moment, and said: "I can't remember." Since then, my life-altering wisdom, unrecorded, remains "stuff I don't know." Perhaps I will stumble upon it this spring when I talk about that wonderful play again. ○

○ A learning model developed by *SusanAnn (Peloso '88) Harrison*, a second grade teacher at Jaramillo Elementary School in Belen, New Mexico, was recently displayed at a monthly Governor's

Breakfast. *Kevin '86*, her husband, has been officially recognized as a lay minister by the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches.

Kevin continues to work in records and

information management for Geo-Centers on contract to the Nuclear Waste Management Program at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.

○ Members of Forté, a local musical group, gave an abbreviated version of their Christmas cantata on Omaha's KMTV on Saturday, December 24. Forté members are *Duey '88* and *Tracy (Erickson '87) Heffelfinger*, *Mark '85* and *Kay (Schjodt '88) Dickinson*, *Cindy Kempcke '93*, and Karna Dam. Forté gives concerts, mostly at worship services in area churches, in the summer and during the Christmas season.

○ A paper presented last April by *Dave Iversen '86* at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in Rock Island, Illinois, has been published as "Carl Hansen's Concept of Christmas" in *The Bridge*, the journal of the Danish American Heritage Society. Iversen is a librarian at Rider

University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. In October he was co-coordinator and co-conductor of the inaugural meeting of the Technical Services Special Interest Group of the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative. The meeting was attended by 35 librarians from all types of libraries in a three-county area.

○ In October the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals and the Nebraska Council of School Administrators named *Brad Best '83* their Outstanding New Principal of the Year for the State of Nebraska. Best is high school principal at Creighton (Nebraska) Community Schools. The annual award is given to an administrator with fewer than five full years of administrative experience who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of education. The November 2 *Creighton News* reported that Best "has initiated, developed, and is coordinating a comprehensive student recognition program for academic achievement that is supported by over 20 local businesses and a student, staff, and community recognition program for positive contributions to Creighton High School." The article added that Best has also researched, rewritten, and organized a comprehensive crisis management plan and "leads the continuing implementation of current educational technology in the district."

○ *Mary (Heistand '80) Bro* is executive vice president of sales and marketing at Intellisell Corp., which was recently ranked #135 in *Inc.* magazine's listing of America's 500 fastest growing private companies. An Omaha-based

company, Intellisell provides outbound telemarketing services. Its sales growth from 1989 (the year it was founded) to 1993 was 1,745 percent.

○ The Iowa Football Coaches Association has named *Dave Kuhl '78* of Missouri Valley, Iowa, its 1994 District 10 Football Coach of the Year. A feature story announcing his selection in the December 16 *Missouri Valley Times-News* called Kuhl "the 'football phenom' of Missouri Valley athletics." Kuhl has been at Missouri Valley High for four years. He teaches social studies and, in addition to serving as head football coach, coaches girls' basketball.

○ In July *Dr. Kathleen Bliese '62* and her radio ministry program, "Kindle the Flame," received the World Missionary Broadcast Award from Voice of Hope Broadcast Network and High Adventure Ministries. Bliese, a family physician, has conducted the radio ministry for 13 years. The program has been international for the past seven years.

○ *Dr. Rodney Wead '57*, executive director of Neighborhood House in Columbus, Ohio, was one of three individuals representing the U.S. to make a presentation at a recent international conference on settlement houses held in Curaçao, the Netherlands Antilles. Twenty-two countries were represented at the six-day conference. Wead spoke on barter technology as an important self-help measure that can strengthen low-income communities. He reports, "I was very, very proud to represent the U.S.A. at this conference." Wead is a member of the Dana Regents.○

Ohio teachers give Ukraine "time, talents"

This fall John '69 and Marjorie Knight returned to their Huron, Ohio, home from a second trip to Ukraine. John is a middle school teacher and Marjorie is a sixth grade science teacher. On both of their trips—in October 1993 and '94—they taught and observed in Ukrainian public schools, mostly in Kiev.

"Our life is full and filling," John writes, "but by no means yet fulfilled!! To Ukraine Marjorie and I have been giving our time and talents."

The Knights were two of eight delegates from Ohio selected for "Hands Across the Water," an American-Russian-Ukrainian teacher exchange in 1993. Their hosts and counterparts in Kiev were Igor and Natalia Kirsenko. Igor is a vice principal who also teaches physics and Natalia holds the title, "Master Teacher of All Ukraine." (She teaches in a program funded by the George Soros Foundation that is similar to this country's Head Start.)

After their first trip the Knights were interviewed by reporter Candace Barczyk of Huron's *Photojournal*. They told her of the conditions they encountered: "'Teachers only get about six dollars a month,' Marjorie said. 'The superintendent only makes about \$120 a year,' said John.... 'The poorest person in Erie County is richer than Ukraine's general population,' said Marjorie."

They also found "a lack of tools and equipment" and a cumbersome school bureaucracy, "with all calendar and curriculum decisions ... made at the federal level."

Most classes are lecture and recitation, they said. Reporter Barczyk writes, "The only time



American and Ukrainian exchange teachers John (left) and Marjorie Knight and Natalia and Igor Kirsenko have become good friends.

they observed students questioning and discussion dialogue was when they taught. Teachers were taken aback when they noted the Knights allowed discussion and encouraged questions. 'Students loved it,' they said."

After such a session, "Students and teachers would cluster around them in the hallways asking questions and sharing answers with those not fluent in English."

The Knights made another discovery as well. John writes, "We have found a society of exceptional people with a great capacity for love and openness—much unlike any other culture we have previously experienced."

They and the Kirsenkos have become good friends. And, as a result of the exchange program, Igor and Natalia have visited the Knights and the Huron school system to learn about American teaching techniques and school administration.

The Knights have also brought a young woman they met in their classes to Ohio. "After she completes her studies at a four-year college, she'll return to Kiev to use her knowledge gained here in the U.S.A. to further help in Ukraine," Marjorie writes.

Students at the American and Ukrainian schools have also exchanged letters and pictures. At present 1,000 students from Ohio are corresponding with 1,000 Ukrainian students.

The Knights plan to return next October, and, John writes, "Upon my retirement from public service here in Ohio, I expect more protracted stays. Why do we want to do this? Does stewardship require explanation to a Danian?"

He continues: "We are attempting to open a nonprofit academy of English in Kiev. The purpose of the academy will be to prepare junior and senior students (our tenth and eleventh grades) in technical English—this versus conversational only."

The Knights (whose daughter, Molly, graduated from Dana in 1989) are organizing a shipment of 28,000 textbooks to Ukraine and Kyrgystan that will be sent this summer. (Last year they sent 6,000-8,000 books.)

The Ukrainian shipment of 20,000 books will be the basis for beginning the program at the new academy.

"If anyone would like to help," John writes, "we can use all the support we can get!!" ○
(The Knights' address is 3920 E. Cleveland Road, Huron, OH 44839.)

Books by alumni are published this fall

Two alumni, Dr. Ruth Mirtz '81 and U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49, published books this past fall.

Mirtz's first

Mirtz, assistant professor and director of the First Year Writing Program at Florida State University, is co-author of *Small Groups in Writing Workshops: Invitations to a Writer's Life*.

Published by the National Council of Teachers of English, it is her first book. Her co-authors are Robert Brooke and Rick Evans.

Mirtz has also recently published journal articles in *Dialogue* and *Composition Studies*.

She also sends other news: "I married Kevin Miller August 1, 1992, and moved to Tallahassee the next day to start my position as assistant professor of rhetoric and composition at Florida State University.... I became director of the First Year Writing Program in the spring of 1993. The program has a staff of 80 faculty and teaching assistants, and we teach six courses in first year writing to about 3,000 students each semester."

Simon's fourteenth

Simon has written *We Can Do Better: How to Save America's Future—An Open Letter to President Clinton*. His fourteenth book, it has been published by National Press Books of Bethesda, Maryland.

In addition, he has significantly enlarged an earlier book, *Freedom's Champion, Elijah Lovejoy*. The expanded biography was published this fall by Southern Illinois University Press.

Simon dedicates *We Can Do Better* to Ray Johnsen '49. He writes: "To Ray Johnsen, my friend during our days at Dana College and a coworker since those days. His dedication and loyalty have meant much to me and the people we have served." (Johnsen has

worked with Simon from the start of his classmate's political career; he recently retired after serving as executive assistant in Simon's Washington, D.C., office.)

Simon also mentions Dana in his text. In a discussion of this country's prison system, he refers to Dana and the national conference held on campus in 1993, "American Prison and Sentencing Policy: Developing a National Agenda." In another discussion, this one on the funding of higher education, he writes, "...I serve on the board of regents of a small, liberal arts college in Nebraska that I attended, Dana College, and to bring its campus-wide computer system up to date—now the most modern in

that state—took a hefty investment of limited resources that many schools cannot afford."

In *Freedom's Champion, Elijah Lovejoy*, Simon writes of the Illinois newspaperman and abolitionist who faced many mobs before he was gunned down in Alton, Illinois, on November 7, 1837. Lovejoy died defending his press from a mob intent on throwing it into the Mississippi River.

Clarence Page in his foreword to the book writes that Lovejoy "persevered simply on principles whose persuasive force was energized by his death, stirring a groundswell that brought the great slavery debate to a head and brought the country to civil war." ○

Simon won't seek re-election

U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 of Illinois announced on November 14 that he would not seek re-election in 1996.

Simon's distinguished and productive career in politics began in 1955 when he became a member of the Illinois House. He subsequently served the State of Illinois in its Senate and as lieutenant governor. In 1975 he entered the U.S. House of Representatives and in 1985, the U.S. Senate. In 1987-88 he was a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In announcing his decision to retire, Simon said, "I have an obligation to the people of Illinois, to the Senate, and to myself to leave the Senate while I am still eager to serve, not after I tire of serving."

At a later news conference he cited the task of raising up to \$10 million for his next campaign as another reason for his decision. That amount would mean, he said,

that for the next two years, until the November election, he'd have to raise \$14,204.54 every day.

"You don't do that without an awful lot of work," Simon, a Dana Regent, said. "I don't mind asking people for money if I'm calling them for Dana College in Nebraska where I spent two years of college. I feel a little awkward saying, 'Can you give me \$1,000 for Paul Simon?' There's no good way to handle it."

Simon, who supports public financing of candidates, estimated that if he ran again he'd have to spend at least one-third of his time fund-raising rather than doing the work he was elected to do.

He concluded his November 14 announcement by saying, "I have no personal plans beyond 1996. I have served in public life to make a difference, not to hold a title, and I know there will be opportunities in private life to make a difference after retirement from the Senate." ○

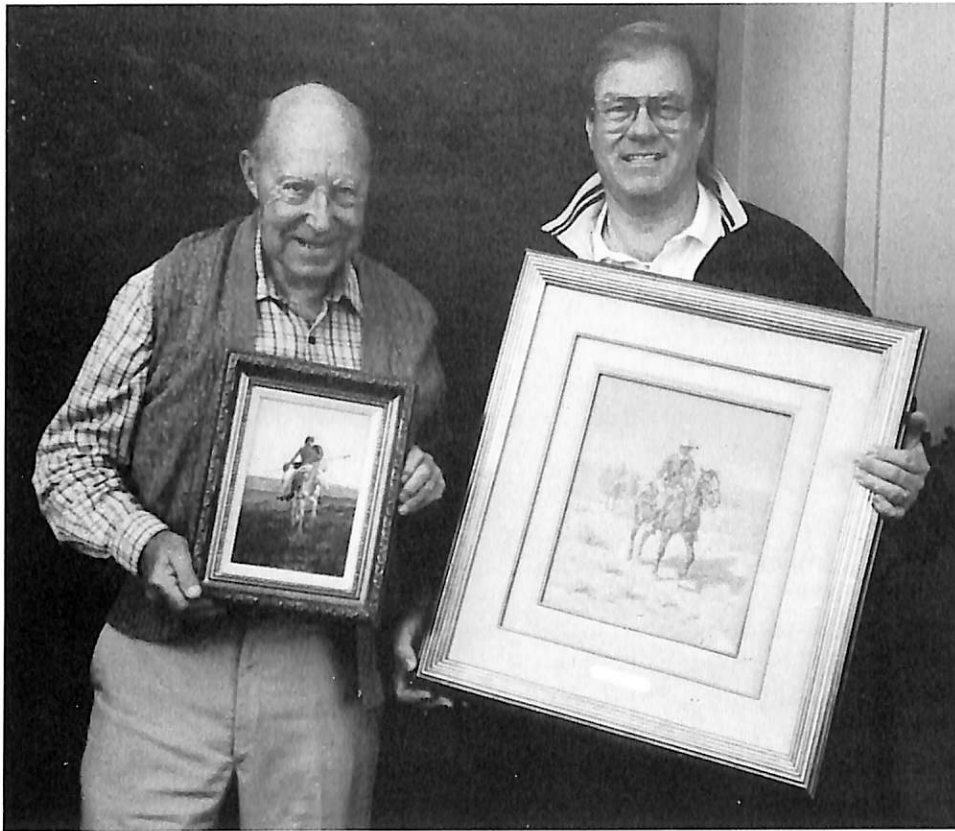


Photo by Anne Christopherson

*College is given art of American West—
paintings are by Danish-born artists*

Dana friend Dr. John M. Murphy of La Jolla, California, recently gave the college two original oil paintings in memory of his wife, Isabelle. Murphy (left) and President Christopherson are pictured here with the paintings. Murphy holds the work of the late Olaf Seltzer, and Christopherson of the late Olaf Wieghorst. Both artists were born in Denmark at the turn of the century, immigrated to the U.S., and became among the most celebrated artists of the American West. The works will be part of a permanent exhibit in the Dana library.

New program helps pay back student loans

The following information on AmeriCorps, a new national service program described as a "domestic Peace Corps," is being provided as a service to alumni, particularly those with outstanding student loans (i.e., NDSL, Perkins, GSL, Stafford, and SLS loans), and to current and prospective students.

Participants in AmeriCorps, the new government program for national and community service, can earn "education awards" to pay back student loans or help finance their college education.

AmeriCorps is the centerpiece of the National and Community Service Trust Act signed into law by President Clinton in September 1993 and launched earlier this fall.

AmeriCorps projects include service opportunities at the community level in education, public safety, human needs, and the environment. VISTA volunteers in AmeriCorps, for example, live and work among the poor in urban or rural areas, sharing their skills and experience in fields such as literacy, employment training, public health, housing, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization.

An individual who completes a full-time or part-time term of service in an AmeriCorps-approved project will earn an education award. The award for full-time service is \$4,725, and the award for part-time service is \$2,362. Smaller awards of \$1,000

are also granted for summer programs. In addition to this education-related benefit, participants receive a monthly living allowance and comprehensive health coverage.

Participants can earn up to two awards that can be used to pay back previous student loans and/or help finance their future college education. They must use their awards, however, within seven years of completing their service. Payment is sent directly to the loan holder or the educational institution.

For information on joining AmeriCorps, write to The National Service Trust, Corporation for National Service, 1100 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20525, or call (202) 606-5000. ○

Alumna helps athletes reach top condition for Hawaii's 17-hour Ironman Triathlon

The "Ironman Triathlon" for most of us evokes a vague image of athletes participating in a grueling race—swimming, biking, and running—in an idyllic Hawaiian setting.

Last October Dr. Faye (Coles '77) Jones of Blair was one of 22 chiropractors from the U.S., Canada, and Australia invited to help Ironman participants prepare for, and recover from, the 17-hour ordeal that took place on Saturday, October 15.

Since then her image of the Ironman has become more specific and colorful. For her the athletes have human faces. She's become friends with some of them, and they exchange letters and Christmas cards.

Jones, a Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician, said she learned of the need for chiropractors to

work with Ironman athletes when she took classes for her Diplomate. She had previously worked with athletes, some of them from Omaha's Offutt Air Force Base, who had participated in triathlons, long-distance bike races, and marathons.

Then a chiropractor friend in Colorado Springs who has also participated in the Ironman Triathlon suggested that she apply to work at the next one. She was accepted and participated at her own expense, flying to Kona, Hawaii, on October 9 and returning to her Blair and Tekamah practices on October 17.

She describes her experience in working with these top athletes as "fun, challenging, and overwhelming" and the day of the race as "spine-tingling and long." (She adds that she worked approximately 22 hours that day.)

One thousand four hundred and sixty athletes—men and women from six continents—participated, she said, and 1,290 completed the Triathlon within its time frame. Their ages ranged from 18 to 77. Only 160 of the entrants were professional athletes.

The greatest number were from the U.S., Japan, Canada, and Germany, Jones said. Four were from Denmark.

The race began at 7 a.m. and ended at midnight. (The Ironman is typically scheduled in October when there's a full moon because participants need the light, she said.) It included a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bicycle race, and a 26.2-mile run.

All of the entrants had to

complete the swim within two hours and 15 minutes, the bicycle race within eight hours and 15 minutes, and the run within six hours and 30 minutes. Men and women had separate winning categories. The men's race was won in eight hours and 20 minutes.

Among those finishing the race was a 77-year old, Jones said. Also finishing was a 63-year old Catholic nun who started to train for triathlons when she was 49 or 50.

These were only two of the many athletes Jones got to know. "We worked on them all week before the race so that their bodies would be able to work efficiently," she said. "They, and all of us, had to overcome jet lag and temperature, humidity, and altitude changes."

Another obstacle was the language barrier. One day only one of the ten athletes she worked with spoke English.

A 53-year old English-speaking Austrian surprised her. "We were exchanging small talk while I worked on him," Jones said. "He told me about his family and asked about mine.

"I told him that my husband [Mike Jones '71, Dana's director of development] works at a small Lutheran college in Blair, Nebraska. 'Oh,' he said, 'Dana College.'"

Jones regrets that she wasn't able to learn how he knew of Dana.

Does she want to work at the next Ironman? "I'd do it again in a minute," she said. ○



Faye Jones works on a triathlete from South Africa. The chiropractors worked outside on portable adjustment tables.



Danians at Wartburg Seminary
 In 1956 Trinity Seminary (which shared the campus with Dana) moved to the campus of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and in 1960 it merged with Wartburg. The Dana-Wartburg connection continues to this day. This fall Dana alumni at Wartburg (students, faculty, and spouses) gathered in the seminary's Loehe Chapel for a photo: from left, seated—Kristin (Wass '91) Meyer, Sonya (Johnsen '86) Pedersen, Jon Pedersen '86, Sharon (Pedersen '74) Albers; standing—Kevin Meyer '88, Mary Frohs '85, Dick Jensen D'56 T'59, Rhonda Wellsandt '81, and Dwight Albers '74 '93.

Are You an Active Alum?



Fellow Alumni!
 What is an active alumnus or alumna? Whether you graduated one year or 81 years ago, *now* is the time

to begin being an active alumna/us.

I know what you are thinking ... many of us already have more commitments than we can handle, but we would still like to do something for Dana.

To be active simply means that you do two things: First, keep in touch with Dana and your former classmates. Second, promote and support Dana. There are many ways you can accomplish the above, help your alma mater, and be active:

○ If you have a reunion coming up, plan to attend. This is a great way to keep in touch with your college friends and see how Dana has progressed through the years.

○ Besides Homecoming, there are always sports events, fine arts activities, and Sights and Sounds of Christmas to attend.

○ In addition to keeping in touch with what Dana is doing, let all of us know what *you* are doing and where you're at. This can be done by writing to the *Dana Review*. When the *Review* arrives, my wife and I immediately turn to "Destiny's Deep Sea" to keep up on our fellow classmates.

○ One of Dana's primary needs is that of recruiting students. If you know of any high school students who would be good candidates for Dana, take two steps. First, contact the students to tell them about your experience and discuss their plans. Second, write or call the Admissions Office at 800-444-DANA to put them on the mailing list.

○ Make sure your church or even local high school has Dana information posted on its college bulletin board.

○ If you belong to an ELCA

congregation, encourage it to set up a scholarship fund for all those who attend ELCA-affiliated colleges.

○ Alumni have been a very important part of past and present fund-raising campaigns. Your continued financial support is critical to helping Dana move forward. Keep Dana on your list for regular contributions.

○ Become a Dana Builder by including Dana College in your estate plans.

○ Consider becoming a member of the Alumni Council. You can express your interest by contacting Ann George in the Alumni Office.

Being an active alumnus or alumna does *not* necessarily mean that you have to dedicate a substantial amount of time or money. It simply means that you keep in touch, promote, and support Dana when you can.

Kevin C. Johnson '83
 President, Alumni Association

Remembering Homecoming '94; planning begins for '95



Photo by Burke Petersen '81

At Homecoming: Teacher education alumni who have received local, state, regional, and national awards were recognized at the October 1 reunion of teacher education graduates. Those present to receive recognition were: from left, row 4 – Andrew Hansen '50, Paul Kolb '73, Bob Bair '72, Melvin Sick '58; row 3 – Barbara (Dayton '74) Lebedz, Jean (Wood '76) Hundtoft, Dorothy (Willmert '58) Schultz, Lynn Edgell '70, Bernice (Christensen '55 '71) Howe, Janis (Sorensen '72) Christensen; row 2 – Dawn (Carper '74) Nielsen, Jane Heinrich '82, Chuck Jorgensen '65, Dixie (Hagedorn '63) Petersen, Eunice Levisay '70, Kim Cooper '78, Leo Kirchhoff '60. In the front row are President Christopherson (right) and Mary (Skobo '50 '69) Weckmuller (center), widow of Education Department professor Ray Weckmuller '52, with Education Department faculty members (from left) Shirley McAllister '69, Dorothy Olson, Kay Ferguson, and Bernie Matthies.

Homecoming next fall is set for October 6-8, so mark your calendars now and begin making plans to attend.

The Classes of 1945, 1955, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990 will have reunions. Members of other classes or of majors and organizations interested in helping plan a reunion are invited to write, call, or e-mail Alumni Director Ann George at Dana (402-426-7235; ann@fs1.dana.edu).



Photos by Burke Petersen '81

At Homecoming: Tom Taggart '81 (top photo, center), senior tax manager at Ernst & Young, Des Moines, Iowa, received the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the October 1 Homecoming dinner. He is pictured here with Des Moines attorney Andy Johnson '83 (right), who presented the award, and with President Christopherson. Dennis Sellon '69, Blair, and Steve Woitock '74, Savage, Minnesota, were inducted into the Dana College Athletic Hall of Fame at the dinner. Woitock (middle photo, center) is pictured with presenter Jerry Wilson '74 (right), Omaha, and President Christopherson. Sellon (bottom photo, right) is pictured with his wife, Mary (Lemke '80), presenter Lynn Edgell '70 of Blair, and Christopherson.

Nineteen serve on 1994-95 Alumni Council

Alumni Council officers for 1994-95 are Kevin Johnson '83, president; Carol King '84, vice president; and Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, secretary. They were named by the Council to their second and final one-year terms in those positions.

King and four other alumni were elected by ballot to three-year terms (the ballot appeared in the spring *Review*)—Jennifer Jensen '82, Andrew Johnson '83,

Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, and Anita Woodward '91. King, Johnson, and Leistad are incumbents; Jensen and Woodward have each previously served for two years as appointed members-at-large.

At their spring meeting Council members approved the appointment of three new members-at-large to one-year terms (appointments can be renewed for an additional year):

David R. Larsen '60, Marilyn (Guyer '48) McCormick, and Arlyce (Fuchs '61) Olsen.

Other Council members are Scott Rasmussen '84 (immediate past president), Steve Appel '84, Jerry Christensen '82, Bob Coffey '75, Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen, Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen, Paul Larsen '48, Glenn Schacht '70, and Jean (Brehm '71) Shelstad. ○

Alumni golfers discover fellow Danians teeing off at Omaha benefit tournament

Small World Department... A Dana alumni reunion was held July 11 in Omaha at Highland Country Club, Kay Konz '79 reports. "As it was not a planned reunion," she writes, "it was a surprise to most of the alumni when several Dana grads found themselves participating in the Second Annual Tee Off Against Blindness Golf Tournament benefiting the Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) Foundation."

Konz is co-president of the Nebraska-Iowa RP Affiliate Fighting Blindness. She writes that she was taken aback at the first tournament in 1993 when she realized that two other Dana alumni, Dan Hult '77 and Larry Jirovsky '80, had volunteered to serve on the golf committee. Hult and Jirovsky both work in Omaha for US West and became involved in the tournament through their co-worker Pat Shields, tournament chair and now Konz's co-president.

At the 1994 tournament, Konz, Jirovsky, and Hult were joined by other Dana alumni, not knowing the Dana connection. Rick Plugge

'77 played in a foursome sponsored by Blair's HunTel Systems, and Mike Urdahl '76 and Mick Jensen '65 were part of a group from Great Plains Communications, also in Blair. Terry Dutton '80 from Blair's Washington County Bank played in Jirovsky's foursome.

Konz, a licensed professional counselor at Catholic Social

Services in Lincoln, has retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic, progressive eye disease. She explains that the impromptu reunion was part of an effort by the Nebraska-Iowa RP Foundation Affiliate to raise funds for research. The Second Annual Tee Off Against Blindness Golf Tournament raised almost \$20,000. ○

Archives seek Oaks memoir

A note found in the Dana College Archives concerning the Oaks (Okla.) Indian Center reads:

"A year after statehood, Nana Nielsen was hired as a teacher [at Oaks]—and thus a tradition began, for almost without exception there were warm memories of 'Miss Nana' along with those of Rev. and Mrs. Nielsen. On October 18, 1976, Miss Nana wrote much history about those early days from 305 Villa Faith, Good Samaritan Village, Hastings, Nebraska, 68901."

An original or a copy of these writings would be invaluable to

those who are now studying Oaks Indian Center and those who will in the future. (Dana College, Trinity Seminary, and the Oaks Indian Center were all supported by the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church.)

Assistance in locating this information will be greatly appreciated. Do any of our readers have an original or a copy of these writings—or know where they are? Please write to the Dana College Archives, Attn: Dr. John W. Nielsen, C.A. Dana-LIFE Library, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008. ○

Winter sports: Basketball teams enter 1995 with early wins; young wrestlers struggle

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Men's Basketball

With the first winning season in 15 years a top priority this winter, the men's basketball team stood at 9-6 after taking part in a holiday tournament at Northern State SD in the final week of 1994.

Coach Dave Jensen and the Vikings are off to the best start for the school since the 1979-80 team went 10-5 in its first 15 games on the way to an 18-10 record.

Dana posted two wins over Bellevue and knocked off Sioux Falls SD, Mount Marty SD, Peru State, York and Dordt IA in non-conference games before the holidays. In tournament play, Dana was second at the Teikyo Westmar IA Invitational and at the Northern State tourney as well. Among the teams that defeated Dana in the non-conference portion of the season were NCAA Division II schools University of Nebraska at Omaha and Wayne State and last year's NAIA Division II national runner-up, Northern State.

Six Dana players averaged in double figures for scoring through 15 games. Sophomore Nathan Babbitt (Emerson, IA, son of Vaughn Babbitt '73), an all-tournament selection at Northern State, led the way by scoring 15.4 points per game. Rob Coursey '95 (Galesburg, IL), Shawn Fasbender '97 (Omaha), Jason Jackson '95 (Clarinda, IA), Tony Collins '95 (Omaha) and Mark Andrews '96 (Monterey, CA) averaged 10+

points per game as well. Collins concluded his collegiate career in December and finished as the #3 all-time scorer at Dana behind Todd Hinkle '87 and Gary Cissell '80.

Women's Basketball

With a first-year coach and three first-year players in the starting line-up, the Dana women's basketball team raised more than a few eyebrows by taking a 6-3 record into the holiday break.

New coach Kris Grappendorf '93 and the Vikings opened the season with a pair of wins at Borup Coliseum, defeating Dordt IA (62-51) and Sioux Falls SD (86-68). That would be the extent of Dana's home action before Christmas as a game with York was postponed by snow and rescheduled for January.

Although the Vikings lost three road games early in the year, they also won twice on opposing courts and picked up a pair of wins at a neutral site by beating Mid-America Bible OK (79-65) and Kansas Newman (64-54) at the St. Mary KS Classic. Dana won at Sioux Falls (53-52) and at Dordt (81-74) to complete two-game sweeps of those teams. A trio of South Dakota teams—Huron, Mount Marty and Dakota Wesleyan—dealt Dana its losses before the holidays.

Senior guard Heidi Grappendorf (Chariton, IA) led the team in scoring through nine games with a 17.3 average. Sophomore forward Nichol Buening (Parkston, SD) averaged 12 points and 8.4 rebounds per game in the first part of the season. First-year players Jennifer

Wuebker (Manson, IA), Jennifer Dierks (Camanche, IA), and Carrie Knapp (Lexington, NE) all filled spots in the starting five for Dana in November and December.

Wrestling

A young Dana wrestling team with no seniors has struggled to find its way early in the 1994-95 season.

Dana is 0-3 in dual meets with all of the competition coming against NCAA Division II opponents on December 9 at Kearney. Central Missouri State pinned the Vikings 32-9 and University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) handed Dana a 41-4 loss. The Vikings just missed knocking off Northeast Missouri State, falling by a 24-23 count.

The Vikings have competed in open tournaments at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Fort Hays State KS and UNK, with no team scores being kept at any of the open meets. Sophomore D.J. Walton (Crescent, IA) placed fourth at 126 pounds in the 20-and-under division of UNO's Ryan Kaufman/Glen Brands Open, one of the biggest collegiate meets in the nation. Dana did not have any individual placers at the Fort Hays State and UNK meets.

Individually, Walton is 5-4 on the season. Heavyweight Chase Roller '97 (Oakland, IA) had a 6-6 record at Christmas break. Chad Caskey '96 (3-4) and T.C. Aguilar '97 (6-8) were both close to moving above the .500 mark on the season. (Caskey is from Carson, IA, and Aguilar is from Grand Island, NE.) ○



Sports

Here's an update on January scores as this issue was being readied for the printer:

Women's Basketball

Jan. 3 at Nebraska Wesleyan W 54-53
Jan. 10 Midland Lutheran (home) L 78-87
Jan. 13 at Northwestern IA L 82-86 (ot)
Jan. 16 York (home) W 85-71
Jan. 17 Mt. Marty SD (home) W 72-67

Win-loss as of Jan. 19: 9-5

Men's Basketball

Jan. 4 Nebraska Wesleyan (home) L 80-109
Jan. 7 at Northwestern IA W 111-89
Jan. 11 Hastings (home) L 86-100
Jan. 14 at Peru State L 74-78
Jan. 18 at Doane L 71-88

Win-loss as of Jan. 19: 10-10

Wrestling

Jan. 13 Northwestern IA (home) W 28-27
Jan. 17 Teikyo Westmar IA at Oakland L 8-37
(neutral site)

Ben Sandy Qualifies for NAIA Nationals Marathon

Ben Sandy '98 of Newcastle, Wyoming, placed fourth at the Midland Lutheran Half-Marathon on Saturday, December 3, and earned a spot in the marathon field of the 1995 NAIA Track and Field Championships.

Sandy timed in 1:13:01 over the 13.1-mile course between Fremont and Valley in eastern Nebraska. The qualifying time to beat was 1:14:30. Sandy becomes the first Dana runner in school history to qualify for the national marathon.

Sandy was Dana's top male runner in cross country this past fall and will be a distance runner for the Viking track team in the spring.

Another Dana runner, Shannon LeFave '96 of Yamhill, Oregon, also completed the Midland Half-Marathon. LeFave finished fifteenth in a time of 1:31:49.

The NAIA Track and Field Championships will be held May 25-27 at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. The marathon is traditionally held in the morning on the final day of competition. ○

Grappler wrestles in Russia as member of all-star team

Scott Stickler '94 was part of a 12-member USA-NAIA Division II all-star wrestling team that visited eastern Russia for two weeks last summer.

Team members stayed with host families and participated in two regional tournaments: Stickler won his weight class at a meet in Tinda and finished third at the other in Khabarovsk. Several of the teams they wrestled had members who also competed in this summer's Goodwill games.

He qualified for the team by placing fifth in the 142-pound weight class at the NAIA Wrestling Nationals and by attaining All-American status.

Khabarovsk and Tinda are on the Russian-Chinese border. "I guess there haven't been many American visitors to that part of the country," Stickler told Paul Clark, Dana's sports information director, in a *Blair Enterprise* interview.

"When they saw us as a group of Americans they all came up and tried to talk to us and wanted to touch us. It was weird because we're not that different from them, but they kept touching us and saying, 'Americans! Americans!'"

Clark reported that many Blair businesses and a fundraiser in Stickler's hometown of Clarinda, Iowa, helped him collect the \$3,000 he needed for the trip.

On his return home Stickler headed for Army boot camp—to Fort Sill for eight weeks and then to Fort Bliss for five. He is now a radar specialist. Wrote Clark: "In

another era, the people Stickler met on his trip would have been his biggest enemies as a soldier. Now they are friends as he begins a three-year tour of duty in the Army."

Stickler told Clark that he plans to try out for the all-Army wrestling team that participates in Goodwill competitions. ○

Oldtimers' game scheduled for Saturday, May 6

Dana's fourth annual Baseball Oldtimers' game will be held on Saturday, May 6. The tentative starting time is 1 p.m.

Dana baseball alumni of any age are invited to join their teammates, retired Coach Dale "Juice" Lemon, and new Coach Paul Davis for the game and an evening dinner.

Those arriving the day before will be able to cheer this year's players on at a twilight doubleheader.

Invitations and a schedule will be mailed to former players this spring. Any player not receiving information by the end of April who would like to participate can write to Dale Lemon at 1435 Adams, Blair, NE 68008, or Paul Davis, Borup Coliseum, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008. ○

Foley guides athletics into promising future

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Since the summer of 1993, Kathy Foley has looked at Dana College and its commitment to the future of intercollegiate athletics from a different perspective—and she likes what she sees.

It was prior to the 1993-94 year that Foley replaced Dr. W. Leo McKillip as athletics director at Dana after coaching three different women's sports for various tenures since 1981. The Blair native skippered Viking teams in women's basketball, volleyball and softball, leading Dana to its first Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (NIAC, now Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference) championships in softball and volleyball. She also coached two Dana women's basketball teams that advanced to the NAIA District 11 championship game and within one win of a national tournament berth.

But as a coach, Foley found herself questioning the school's commitment to athletics from time to time, all the while holding on to the promise and potential that she saw in the program. Now in her second year as athletics director, Foley says there is no doubt in her mind that Dana is poised to become consistently competitive in each of its nine scholarship sports.

"I was in the trenches for a lot of years and it was easy to think there wasn't a lot of support for athletics from the

administration," Foley said. "You would feel sometimes like you were being held back and not being given a chance to win on a consistent basis. What I see now as athletics director is that there is a commitment. The administration of Dana College is doing everything it can and more to build our program with the resources we have. When you sit in the room with the people who have to pay the bills and balance the budget, you see there is a very sincere effort to get it done."

Among the projects that Foley points to as critical is a new scholarship system in the works that will provide the optimum balance between academic excellence and athletic ability in Dana's student-athletes. She believes Dana will become a leader in the pursuit of athletic success with a high level of academic integrity.

"We're establishing our scholarship system on the right things," explained Foley. "When you're building an athletic program, it's easy to say that you'll just go out and get the best players and win games. There's more to it than that, or at least there should be. We cannot sacrifice academic integrity to win in athletics, but we can go out and get the people with the best combination of academic and athletic ability. That's the right way.

"I think our coaches are some of the best recruiters around because they have been fighting the odds a lot of the time on students who are getting offers of more



Kathy Foley

Photo by Jennifer Johnson '96

money or whatever from somebody else," she said. "If we can compete head-to-head with other schools for the best students who are also good athletes, we will get our share of the quality student-athletes that are out there."

Foley knows a little bit about being a quality student-athlete. She was an All-Big Eight softball player at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and also played women's basketball for the Huskers. She was a member of Blair High School's first girls' basketball teams in the mid-1970s and once scored 46 points in a high school game, a state record at the time that still ranks among the top 15 individual performances all-time among Nebraska preps.

As an alumna who still supports the scarlet-and-cream of Nebraska, Foley encourages Dana alumni to support the scarlet-and-white of the Vikings.

"I really hope people who attended Dana will get on the bandwagon and support what we're trying to do here," Foley said. "Dana has a great tradition of academic excellence and we aspire to have the same in athletics. We should serve our student-athletes in such a way that they leave here saying they were proud to be students at Dana and proud to be athletes, too." ○

ELCA plans August "Festival of Word & Deed"

A "Festival of Word and Deed" to bring together and connect thousands of ELCA members will be held in Minneapolis August 18-20 alongside the 1995 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The festival opens Friday, August 18, at the downtown Minneapolis Convention Center and continues into Sunday, August 20.

"What has been a reunion banquet for our Lutheran schools, colleges and seminaries during previous assemblies will change to a festival reuniting and connecting all ELCA members," said Patty Lindell, who co-chairs the festival with the Rev. Eldon DeWeerth.

Plans for the Friday event include entertainment, food from various traditions, and time to gather for those with ties to specific ELCA ministries, communities, and colleges.

Alumni and friends who are members of ELCA congregations are invited to participate in this Friday event and in the many other "Festival of Word and Deed" activities being planned for Saturday and Sunday.

"Because many of the costs will be covered by local contributions, we will be able to offer the Festival at a cost of \$50 for adults, \$30 for children 5-12 years old, and free for children under five years," DeWeerth said.

Major funding for the festival is being provided by Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans.

ELCA members are encouraged to consider including the festival in their vacation plans. Registration opened January 2.

For more information, write

or call Festival of Word and Deed, P.O. Box 15206, Minneapolis, MN 55415; (612) 330-3167 or 1-800-328-

7185. Information on housing and tours will accompany a registration packet. ○

Dana Chorale tape sales help European concert tour

As a fund-raising project to support its 1995 Viking Tour of Germany and Denmark, the Dana Chorale is selling a cassette tape of favorite hymns, spirituals, and psalms sung by the Chorale.

The Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Richard Palmer, recorded the tape last spring. It was released this fall.

The cost of the tape is \$10 plus \$2 shipping and handling. It can be purchased using the order form below. Checks made out to the Dana College Chorale should be clearly identified as a tape purchase.

In addition to tape sales, the Chorale is planning several benefit concerts to raise \$8,000 for the tour. The first concert was held at Dana on October 16, and funds generated by the concert were matched by local Lutheran Brotherhood Branch 8706.

The two-week tour, known informally as "The Viking Tour," is scheduled for May 22-June 5. The Chorale will give concerts in the north German cities of Bad Segeberg, Luebeck, Kiel, and Flensburg, and the Danish cities of Ribe, Fredericia, Odense, and Copenhagen. ○

ORDER FORM: Dana College Chorale Cassette Tape

Return to: Office of Public Relations
Dana College
2848 College Drive
Blair, NE 68008

Enclosed is a \$ _____ check for _____ cassette tape(s).

(Tapes are \$10 each plus \$2 for shipping and handling; please make check out to the Dana College Chorale and identify it as a tape purchase.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

'90s

- Shannon and *George Ashman '94* of Earlham, Iowa, announce the October 8 birth of Taylor Stephen.
- *Daniel Barton '94*, Omaha, coaches football and basketball in the Bennington, Nebraska, school system; he is also a security guard at Norwest Bank.
- *Vicki Behrends '94* is a computer-billing operator at Owens and Minor, Omaha.

○ *Bryan Dirks '94* is an assistant manager trainee at Champs, a sportswear shop at the Westroads, Omaha.

○ *Sonia Farwell '94* is an assistant family teacher at Boys Town, Nebraska.

○ *Kris Flack '94* is a service and sales representative at O'Maera

Ford in Northglenn, Colorado.

○ *Cheryl Gibbs '94* is a group home manager for Ida Sheltered Industries in Battle Creek, Iowa.

○ *Martin Hipondoka '94* is a conservation scientist trainee at Etosha Ecological Institute in Namibia.

○ *Peter Katzdorn '94* is a graduate student in history at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

○ *Susan Lee '94* teaches vocal music at Monroe Junior High School in Omaha.

○ *Sara Olson '94*, Omaha, is manager of Original Cookie Co. at the Westroads.

○ *Heather Petersen '94* is assistant food manager at Hills Community College in Hillsboro, Texas.

○ *Courtney Ross '94* is a framer at Lewis Art Gallery in Omaha.

○ *Stefanie Soda '94* is a medical records clerk at Montgomery County Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa.

○ *Janelle Stolen '94* works for Norrell, an Omaha company that assigns workers to other organizations as temporary employees. Her assignments have

included data entry at Ford Motor Credit Co. and work in the purchasing department at Bergan Mercy Hospital.

○ *Brad Volcek '94* is an accountant at Bland, Datesman and Assoc. in Omaha.

○ *Craig Barsness '93* works in quality assurance at Malt-O-Meal in Northfield, Minnesota.

○ *Theresa Hutfless '93* and David Banark were married on October 8 in Omaha. She is a crisis counselor with Boys Town and a customer service representative with Metropolitan Utilities District. He is an assistant director of operations with Metro Medical Transportation.

○ *Jennifer (Edelman '93) Lindelof* teaches second grade in Basehor, Kansas.

○ *Kelly '93* and *Kimberly (Gosch '91) Ryan* of Blair write that Kelly is purchasing the Arlo Jones Crop Insurance Agency in Fremont, Nebraska, and that Kimberly teaches grades K-6 in The Learning Center at Catlin Elementary (Omaha Public Schools).

○ *Sheila Young '93*, Omaha, is an account executive for Telecom USA Publishing Co., which handles yellow page sales in telephone directories.

○ *Heidi Hahn '92* and *Darrell Smith '90* were married on September 4. They live in Canton, Michigan.

○ *Bryce Biffar '91* received his CPA certification on October 26.

○ *Kimberly (Farmer '91) Cole*, Omaha, is site director for Pacesetter Academy. She is completing certification for elementary education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her husband, Duan, a 1992 graduate of Creighton University, is assistant manager at Norwest Financial.

○ *Lori (Ohms '91) Royal* teaches sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in Otoe, Nebraska.

○ Woodard and *Diana (Jones '90) Thomas* announce the October 28 birth of BreAnna TaShon. They've lived in England since the end of November.

○ Stephanie and *Mark Weber '90* of Dawson, Minnesota, announce the April 28 birth of Esten Carl. In November Mark became a quality assurance chemist at Minnesota Corn Processors in Marshall.

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○ Bud and *Tami (Miller '89) Dunham* of Dunlap, Iowa, announce the June 25 birth of Kenneth John.

○ *Kevin Meyer '88* graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary on December 15. He has been assigned to the Southwest Texas Synod and is presently awaiting call.

○ Devin and *Laurie (Manes '87) Dorn* of Delavan, Kansas, announce the June 12 birth of son Logan. Sister Rachel is three.

○ Rachel Marie was born on July 12 to Jacy and *Greg Kubik '87* of Omaha. Her parents both work in research labs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. They write, "Our first Christmas with Rachel was filled with smiles and laughter."

○ Alexandra Jo was born on April 24 to *Jill (Smith '87) and Phil '88 Morrison* of Arrowsmith, Illinois. She joins Britany (6) and Zachary (3). Phil is football defensive coordinator and head of the history department at Prairie Central High School in Fairbury; Jill is a primary cross-categorical teacher at LeRoy Elementary School in LeRoy.

○ Shelley and *Todd Quick '87* of Elgin, Nebraska, announce the January 19, 1994, birth of their first child, Matthew George. Todd teaches K-12 physical education and serves as head football coach in the Elgin Public Schools. His 1994 team advanced to the state championship.

○ *Heidi (Winkle '85) Sea* of Sioux City, Iowa, writes that she and her husband, Martin, "are celebrating a new house and a new baby. Mallory Autumn Aleah was born October 21, '93, and joins her two-year-old sister, Aubrey Rebecca Alena."

○ Mike and *Jill (Evenson '85) Wells* of Woodland Park, Colorado, announce the March 31 birth of Tanner Matthew.

○ Dave and *Sherrie (Stone '84) Gordon* of Fenton, Missouri, announce the birth of their first child, Christopher James, on November 6.

○ *Steve Sauvain '84*, who teaches in Auburn, Nebraska, has been named girls' basketball coach there.

○ *Denise (Steenbock '82) and Davin '82 Dickerson* of Neola, Iowa, announce the birth of Hanna Darlene on July 28. She

joins Shannon (8), Matt (6), and Taylor (2).

○ *Terry Kelly '82*, who has taught at Ashton/Franklin Center High School in Illinois for the past six years, has been named the school's varsity baseball coach. He is also defensive coordinator for the football team, and he writes, "We recently completed our best football season ever, finishing at 10-1. We won our conference championship and were rated #10 in the state, Class 1A. (Illinois has six classes of football, and 1A is the smallest.)"

○ Mark and *Jill (Wetzel '80) Biar* of Houston, Texas, announce the November 2 birth of Emily Ruth, their first child.

'70s

○ Tom and *Lanette (Monasmith '79) Ehresman* of Loveland, Colorado, announce the November 19 birth of Marissa Marye. Brother Mark is two.

○ On December 16 *Paula Christensen '78* received her Ph.D. in counselor education from the University of Iowa. The title of her 400-page dissertation was "Predicting Academic Grades in College: A Comparison of Student Characteristics at Thirteen Universities Across Three Levels of Achievement." She included 14,500 students in her study on how prepared students are for college and how well they do in college. Paula teaches at Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

○ *Rhonda (Oelrichs '78) Hall* and Mike Rose were married on May 21 in Lohman, Missouri. Rhonda is program coordinator for the Missouri Ag Industries Council, and Mike is senior assistant counsel for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission. They live at 302 Verdant Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

○ *Arnold Young '77* and Gabriele Roche were married on October 2. They live in Reeders, Pennsylvania. A registered respiratory therapist, Arnold is now a supervisor at Pocono Medical Center; Gabriele is a registered nurse on the OB/GYN floor at the Medical Center.

○ *Lance '76* and *Monique (Bentzinger '78) Poldberg* have moved to Lake Elsinore, California. Monique teaches fourth grade at Butterfield Elementary in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

○ *Dawn (Qualley '76) Smith* has received a master's degree in counselor education. She is now an elementary guidance counselor for the Bloomfield, Nebraska, Public Schools. ○ *Chuck Smith '73* of Omaha has been promoted to vice president and general manager of Prairie Systems Information Services.

○ *Fred Bryson '72* is pursuing studies and a position as lay minister at First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. "God has a purpose for each of us," he writes. He continues to work at Eaton Corp. in Shenandoah.

○ *Deb (Davis '71) Cecrle* of Hastings, Nebraska, teaches Spanish in the Sutton school system.

○ *Gordon Putnam '71* is the new chaplain at Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, a Milwaukee suburb. He is the first chaplain at the 120-bed hospital, where he is establishing a new Pastoral Care Department.

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○ *Charles Scott '68* is now superintendent of schools in Eldora-New Providence, Iowa.

○ *Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen*, Blair, teaches fifth and sixth grade instrumental music in the Omaha Public Schools.

Deaths

○ *Geraldine "Jeri" Nauroth '66* of Dunlap, Iowa, on November 29. She was a retired school teacher. Survivors include her husband Roy; daughter Janet Eddy '69 of Greenfield, Iowa; sons R. Michael '75 of Phoenix, Arizona, Patrick of South Sioux City, Nebraska, and William of Denver, Colorado; and four grandchildren, including Dana student Molly Houston '98.

○ *Carol (Andresen '49) Kair*,

Hacienda Heights, California. She was a secretary in special education for a local school district. Survivors include her husband Lowell, daughter Krista, and son Lance.

○ *Dr. P. Milton Pedersen '35* on October 24 in Walnut Creek, California, after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of Alameda, California, where he was an ear, nose, and throat specialist until he retired in 1984. He also had been a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, retiring as a colonel after serving as Commander, 8th Air Force Medical Region.

Pedersen attended Dana for three years and then, following in his father's footsteps, entered medical school at the University of Nebraska. At Dana he was an outstanding basketball player. Survivors include sisters Norma Mckay and Helen Lincoln '37 of Walnut Creek, California, and sons Paul Michael, Brian Charles, Stephen Jon, and Kevin Robert.

○ *Margaret (Badgerow '34) Diehl* in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 5, 1994. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include her husband, Rutherford.

○ *Martha Pedersen '30* on May 20 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

○ *Emory Bergh '21* on October 16 in Plainview, Nebraska. He was a retired farmer. Survivors include his wife Doris; daughters Sherry Christenson and Cheryl Debes; and sons Galen and Garland.

Friends

○ *G. Virginia "Ginger" Scheibe*, Blair, on December 4. She retired in 1989 after serving Dana for 20 years as a member of the custodial staff assigned to Pioneer Memorial and other campus buildings. Survivors include two daughters and three sons.

○ *Dr. Marie Tucker* on December 17 in Springfield, Illinois. She taught biology at Dana from 1946-51; then, in 1961 at President C.C. Madsen's invitation, she left a teaching position at Youngstown University to teach here again, remaining until 1966. She was a highly respected teacher and a mentor to many biology majors. ○

Alumni sons, daughters pick Dana

These sons and daughters of alumni are Dana students this year:

Tami Ahrendt '96, daughter of Paul '68 and Kathy (Hulsebus '71) Ahrendt, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Marcus Albers '95, son of Dwight '74 '93 and Sharon (Pedersen '74) Albers, Dubuque, Iowa.

David Anderson '98, son of Janet (Hansen '65) Anderson, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Matt Anderson '98, son of Fran (Pedersen '69) and Allan '69 Anderson, Omaha.

Michael '98 and Nathan '97 Babbitt, sons of Vaughn Babbitt '73, Emerson, Iowa.

Kristina Bohannon '95, daughter of Jo Ann (Williams '66) Bohannon, Tekamah, Nebraska.

Jay Cecrle '98, son of Deborah (Davis '71) Cecrle, Hastings, Nebraska.

Drew Fischer '98, son of Richard Fischer '72, Milford, Nebraska.

Mark Gustafson '97, son of Judy (Hanson '60) Gustafson, Des Moines, Iowa.

Heather '95 and Jason '97 Hansen, daughter and son of Shirley Hansen '92, Fremont, Nebraska.

Kristin Hansen '97, daughter of Karen (Nelson '69) and Richard '68 Hansen, Ruskin, Nebraska.

David Henneman '96, son of Mary Lou Henneman '70, Youngstown, Ohio.

J. Ryan Holtam '98, son of James '68 and Annette (Sorensen '69) Holtam, Fremont, Nebraska.

Molly Houston '98, daughter of Janet (Nauroth '69) Eddy, Greenfield, Iowa.

Erik Jensen '96, son of Sharon (Messer '65) and Tim '66 Jensen, Blair.

Thomas Jenson '96, son of Dale '58 and Charlotte (Sorensen '73) Jenson, Thor, Iowa.

Michael Johnson '95, son of Everett '60 and June (Santage '72) Johnson, Boone, Iowa.

Joel Jorgensen '97, son of Pat (Kiracofe '63) and Richard '64 Jorgensen, Blair.

Nancy Kemmish '97, daughter of Char Les (Grap '68) and Kenneth '66 Kemmish, Crescent, Iowa.

Emily Kempcke '97, daughter of Cindy Kempcke '93, Blair.

Beth King '97, daughter of Carol King '84, Omaha.

Rhonda Lane '96, daughter of Marilyn Hansen '76, Rosalie, Nebraska.

Danielle Larson '98, daughter of Douglas Larson '73, Waverly, Nebraska.

Robert "Reed" Mayberry '98, son of

Robert Mayberry '67, Scribner, Nebraska.

Ivy Nielsen '96, daughter of Stanley '68 and Cheryl (Paulsen '68) Nielsen, Shelby, Iowa.

Mark Nielsen '97, son of Tom Nielsen '59, Omaha.

Daniel Olsen '97, son of James Olsen '62, Blair, and Lois (Vaught '66) Olsen, Omaha.

Jami Prouty '98, daughter of Carol (Holmstedt '75) and James '73 Prouty, Omaha.

Jeffrey '96 and Jeremy '97 Rademacher, sons of Robert '64 and Darlene (Haecker '67) Rademacher, Oberlin, Kansas.

Erin Rasmussen '96, daughter of Emily (Behrens '66) and David '66 Rasmussen, Blair.

Tyler Renken '95, son of Douglas Renken '66, Omaha.

Mark Taht '98, son of Juri Taht '52, Bowie, Maryland.

Tricia TeSelle '98, daughter of Eugene '63 and Nancy (Jacobsen '64) TeSelle, Tekamah, Nebraska.

Kent Vergamini '97, son of Linda (McNichols '71) and Robert '71 Vergamini, Morris, Illinois.

Jennifer Willers '97, daughter of Gene Willers '68, Schuyler, Nebraska.

Heather Witte '96, daughter of Douglas Witte '70, Norfolk, Nebraska. ○



"Dana" in Africa

While traveling in Cameroon, Africa, Peter Mathiasen '54, executive director of the Division for World Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, spotted a familiar name. "Thought you might like to see what Dana in Africa looks like," he writes. "As far as I can understand, the sign reads, 'Welcome to Lokoti by Dana.' I asked about the meaning of Dana in the local language and was told that it means 'bridge.'" (Another photo he sent shows a Lokoti dispensary labeled "Dana 1.")

Mathiasen relates another interesting news item: In January 1994,

representatives of the German, Australian, and North American partners of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea met in Brisbane, Australia. Three North American representatives attended the meeting, and all of them were Dana graduates—Mathiasen, Bonnie (Hagedorn '60 '70) Jensen, and Mark Thomsen D'53 T'56. Thomsen and Jensen are both in the Division for Global Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As executive director, Thomsen heads the division, and Jensen is the division's program director for Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific.

National attention was directed at Nebraska on New Year's Day eve when the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers captured the national championship by defeating the University of Miami Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl. This ended the speculation by sports pundits that Nebraska and Coach Tom Osborne were somehow incapable of defeating the "more spectacular" Florida team in their home stadium.

What pleased me most, and I suspect many others as well, is that the victory came to a coach who consistently refuses to

engage in the sensational self-praise that often marks the talk of coaches and players in contention for the number one ranking. I can't help but believe that Tom Osborne's foundation as a Christian and as a

product of one of our church-related, liberal arts colleges in Nebraska, Hastings College, has had a hand in shaping his modest, refreshing outlook.

Osborne was repeatedly asked by the national television sports gurus whether his career could ever be fulfilling without achieving a national championship. It pleased me to hear Osborne remark again and again that he thought there were things much more important than achieving a national championship and that he was much more impressed by what he helps to make happen on and off the field in his players who give their best and their all for a sport that is, after all, a game.

As I contemplated Osborne's refreshing refusal to admit that anything less than a national championship is failure, I was reminded of David's words in Psalm 39 where he says in verse 4, "Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is." I fear that all too often these days the measure of success and worth is in winning rather than in working steadfastly to do the best that we can do with the gifts that God has given us.

I commend for your consideration a new book by Dana alumnus and

Regent, Senator Paul Simon, entitled *We Can Do Better*, a 1994 National Press publication. The book is an open letter to President Clinton with thoughts from Senator Simon on "how to save America's future." What impresses me about Simon's book is that it is a thoughtful, reasoned presentation of how Senator Simon believes we can do better as a nation in addressing such key issues as crime, welfare and poverty, education, health care, the environment, and reforming campaign financing. Instead of the headline-grabbing rhetoric that so often substitutes for thoughtful policy deliberation in our nation, Senator Simon asks President Clinton to consider factual evidence about our society and urges him to dare to lead toward real solutions that may not assure political favor but will create a better society.

As Simon writes in his introduction, "The path to greatness does not wend its way through polls and its direction may not always please the media. Remember, too, that as politicians, you and I like the applause of crowds, but the sound of applause dies quickly and will not resonate in history books. You will serve yourself and the nation well by asking not how a certain policy is playing in Connecticut or Illinois or Wyoming, but how it is affecting the future of Chelsea and any grandchildren she may have one day."

You and I may wish to disagree with some of Paul's specific recommendations, but I am certain you will be impressed by his reasoned, thoughtful analysis and tone and by his desire to help create a better nation.

I believe that Senator Simon, like Coach Osborne, has been shaped in some small way by the foundation which he gained from Christian parents and teachers who challenged him to do better. Some of that challenge came from teachers and colleagues during Simon's student days at Dana College, a liberal arts college of the church. I am reassured as I encounter people of the moral fiber and character of Coach Osborne and Senator Simon that we can and will do better as a people when we place our trust in something other than "being number one."

It is quite probable that Dana College, in the scheme of things, especially in view of the fact that there are so many larger, more prestigious, better endowed colleges and universities



in this nation, will go relatively unknown and unsung. However, when we return to the question of the Psalmist, "what is the measure of my days," I believe that God will gracefully bless those among us who will never achieve number one status. Our prayers will be answered and our cries heard as we go about our work and our relationships quietly, lovingly, thoughtfully, every day steadily and without great fanfare.

I'm grateful for the Dana College community, the dedicated faculty and staff who by their daily example and teaching challenge students to do their best and to seek a better way to solve human problems. I am also grateful for the many alumni and friends who by their sacrificial giving and encouragement help to sustain us in our daily work.

Finally, as we enter another new year, we give thanks that our hope is in a God who cares for us whether we are number one, number two, or not even in the running.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

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