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to a full house. The entire cast
was from the Dana College
Chorale, which is directed by
Dr. Richard Palmer. Pictured
here telling the "Parable of the
Seed" are Kristin Hansen '97
(Ruskin, Nebr.) and A.D.
Ward '99 (Omaha). Between
them, in the background, is
Heidi Torgerson '00
(Casselton, N.D.). Also
pictured are Beth King '97
(Omaha) and Matt Worley '99
(Columbus, Nebr.). *Godspell*
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Paul Schneider directs Dana's
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"Then and Now and Then": Thoughts on Dana 2000 from opening convocation

Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, used the title "Then and Now and Then" for his address at opening convocation on August 26, the start of our 113th academic year. He used the occasion to consider what life was like four years ago ("Then"), how it has changed to this date ("Now"), and how it will change in the next four years ("Then"). The following summarizes his remarks.

Over the centuries of Western civilization, our need for education has changed fundamentally several times. In earliest times, we needed to learn just to survive, and the primary mode of learning was watching others, followed by trial and error. We have progressed through various stages to a point where the most prevalent model for education, that of preparing individuals to function in an industrial society, appears no longer adequate for the age in which we live. Our school systems were designed to meet needs by increasing specialization (teachers who know only certain subjects well) and to provide an economy of scale (consolidation of schools and large lecture sessions).

For several reasons, this model is being called into question as our society continues to demand higher accountability of the education sector. We are learning through research on the brain that active modes are better than passive modes for learning and long-term retention or for future application of knowledge. All of this challenges us to think of what we can do. What will the future be

like in education—at Dana College?

First and foremost, Dana College will continue to be a community of learners—learners and scholars who share their learning and excitement for learning. We will continue to be church related. By this we mean we have the freedom to search for truth. This search is continual, not because all truth is relative as some today would have us believe, but because we are privileged to experience only a partial view of truth at any given time. It also means we have the freedom to examine the whole human experience, the freedom to publicly experience, speak of and examine spiritual matters, and the freedom and obligation to be a community of faith and learning.

Dana College of 2000 will continue to be residential; we might even choose to be more so than we are now. The importance of a living/learning environment is becoming more clear with the latest research. Many practical applications to life come with human connections and that is what residential schools provide. It is interesting that large places are modeling after us! Ohio State University, arguably the largest

university in the world at well over 55,000 students, proudly proclaims these days: Come to OSU for the small school environment in a large university setting.

Dana 2000 will continue to be rooted in relationships—people caring for each other, people learning about each other's

differences and celebrating, not just tolerating, them.

Connections to Blair and Omaha for practical experiences are part of these extended relationships.

The Dana of the future will be even more interdisciplinary, not only for breadth of background and future options, but also for connections between no longer distinct

disciplines. It is more and more clear that discrete disciplines are less useful for categorizing knowledge and that more integration is better in keeping with what we are learning.

Dana College is an evolving, living organism with a past, a present, and a future. Not just resting on laurels or wedded to Danish roots, although they are important and will not be forgotten. Not just focused on the
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*Photo by Kayleen Wilson '98
Paul Formo*

Two celebrations in one

A surprise party for President Christopherson on July 18 in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center celebrated his birthday and his tenth year as Dana's president. Here he's pictured with his wife, Anne, as he tries out a new desk chair for his office purchased with contributions from members of the faculty and staff, Regents, Alumni Council, other alumni and friends of Dana.



Formo on future: "Our society needs us"

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market that is now, though that too is important. And, not just leading to a desired future, no matter how essential it is for us to plan for it. Being a living organism means all of these.

Dana 2000 is a place where personal and institutional integrity is valued. This is the kind of community we aspire to: where there is a willingness, indeed a duty, to challenge and be challenged. Where knowledge and skills are recognized as tools of service. To paraphrase Stephen Covey: There we come to understand that the gods of consumerism, economic utility, and technology may have answers for how to make a living, but they do not have answers for how to make a life.

What does it mean to be a community of faith and learning? It is a continual honest examination and re-examination of all that we know to keep us from fallacies in our thinking. Learning how to learn becomes one of the goals. Using critical thinking skills and creative thinking skills. Learning requires change, which can sometimes be painful.

When learning is prized, we all are rewarded beyond our individual contributions. All the components in the learning process are seen as important—presentation strategies, nurturing methods (from encouragement to prodding), measurement tools, standards for judgment—in short, all that it means to be a teacher.

When learning is the goal, academic integrity is a given. Grades are merely progress

reports, not ends in and of themselves. Cheating and plagiarism retard or halt learning. Only in an environment of integrity can one truly learn. The world of daily life does not value progress reports or grades like it does competence and excellence. Cooperative and collaborative efforts are more the norm than individual work in contemporary life, but individual competence to function in that setting is essential.

Dana College will continue to prepare all for lives of service that are founded on consideration of moral and ethical questions. These questions will permeate the curriculum as well as the extracurricular. It is our challenge to make our focus on ethics more public and measurable by 2000. Dana's future is in that our society needs us. ○

Gift from Omaha couple establishes college's first endowed professorship

On September 24 President Christopherson announced that Dana had received a \$250,000 gift from Willard and Leitha Richardson of Omaha that will create the college's first endowed professorship. It will be known as the Leitha K. and Willard A. Richardson Professorship in the Liberal Arts.

"We give thanks to the Richardsons for this marvelous gift," Christopherson said. "It will allow us to reward selected outstanding faculty members and permit them to enjoy extra support for the period they are granted the professorship."

Recipients of the professorship will receive support for

research and/or travel. A recipient will be selected to hold the professorship for a period of two or three years, after which another faculty member will be selected for a similar period.

Details of the professorship are being worked out by Christopherson and Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs, in consultation with the faculty and Board of Regents.

Christopherson hopes that additional professorships at \$250,000 each and endowed chairs at \$1 million each will eventually be funded by donors to enable the college to attract and retain the best teachers. ○



Willard and Leitha Richardson

New faculty members join Dana community

Six full-time faculty members are new to the campus this fall.

Two have joined the biology faculty. **Dr. Carla Delucchi** received her B.A. in creative studies from the University of California-Santa Barbara and her Ph.D. in aquatic entomology from Cornell University. She comes to Dana from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where she was an assistant professor of biology. **Dr. Susan Hoffmann** received her B.S. in biology from Avila College and her M.S. and Ph.D. in medical microbiology and immunology from the University of South Florida College of Medicine. She also taught there and was a lab instructor in microbiology and chemistry. Delucchi is an associate professor and Hoffman an assistant professor.

Julie Krofcheck-Strong is head volleyball coach and a physical

education instructor. She has a B.S. in physical education from Union College in Kentucky and is completing her master's degree in kinesiology at Kansas State University. She has been an assistant volleyball coach at Kansas State and Northwest Missouri State.

Dr. Mary McComb is an assistant professor of communication. She received a B.S. in communication-radio, TV and film from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Her advanced degrees—an M.Ed. in adult education and a Ph.D. in speech communication—are from Pennsylvania State University. She comes to Dana from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she was an assistant professor of communication arts.

Dr. Robert Moussetis is an assistant professor of business

administration. He received his B.S. in electrical engineering from San Diego State University. His M.B.A. in international business and Ph.D. in business administration in strategic management are from United States International University. He has served as a consultant for Strategic Telesis International.

Dr. Christine Schnieders is an assistant professor of special education. Her B.A. in special education is from the University of Iowa. She received her M.Ed. in education administration and Ph.D. in special education from the University of New Orleans. Her experience includes serving as special education coordinator at Northwest Missouri State University and as undergraduate coordinator for special education at the University of New Mexico. ○

Historian Warman: "What I want to do in my teaching is to pass on the fire" and "to make connections between history and life"

Donald Warman, associate professor of history, joined the Dana faculty in 1961. A native of North Carolina, he received his B.A. from Park College and his M.A. from the University of South Dakota.

At this stage in my life and career, a few years away from probable retirement, many of the challenges/threats/opportunities of my life are already history. Yet it is clear to me, that if only a week remains in my career, my objectives are the same they were on the first day I taught: September 1, 1961.

First and foremost, I want to pass on the fire, or what my brother called "the unquenchable lust for learning" bequeathed to me by my models, inspirations, and mentors: Cedric Cummins, the gentle chairman of the History Department at the University of South Dakota, where I got my master's, which has turned out to be my terminal degree; Glenn R. Driscoll at the University of South Dakota, the thesis adviser who met with me several hours every week for a year, and in the process taught me how to write, talk, and explain clearly; Edgar Nathaniel Johnson, the great medievalist at the University of Nebraska, that Niagara of erudition at whose feet I drank the cascading waters of scholarship.

Later in my career, further models were furnished at the five Summer Seminars for College

Teachers that I have attended: Mulford Q. Sibley of the University of Minnesota, who furnished another example of the kindly gentle scholar who teaches by example and not coercion, by inspiration and not demands; John A. Brinkman of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, who provided a

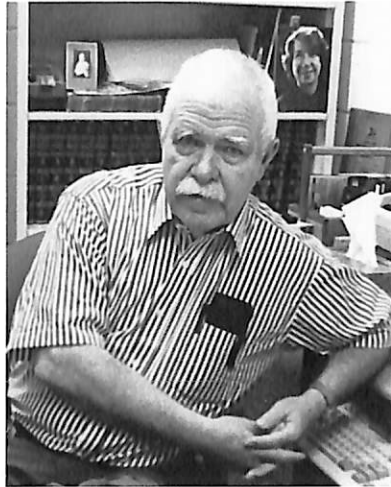


Photo by Kayleen Wilson '98

Don Warman

model of the soft-spoken polymath and ultimate specialist; Thomas A. Bisson, world-class medievalist at U.C. Berkeley; Richard Frye, Aga Khan professor of Persian at Harvard; and finally Billie Jean Isbell, the superb Latin Americanist at Cornell, who, late in my life, provided me with a female model of scholarship and teaching skill. I have mentioned all of these people in great detail, not so much for the information and the details they taught me, but for what they showed me through their example.

Because of my "affliction," a stroke in June 1993, which has made it difficult, but not impossible to discuss and lecture, I have been given a unique opportunity to pass on the fire, directly and premeditatedly, to my assistant Matthew Plowman, a

splendid Dana graduate and a graduate student at the University of Nebraska who does most of the lectures in my basic courses, The Ancient World and The Medieval World. His admiration of me and my teaching is exceeded only by my deep appreciation of his blossoming talents as a lecturer and scholar. It gives me an abiding satisfaction to be so fortunate.

What I want to do in my teaching is to aid understanding, to clarify, to explain and explicate. If I have any special talent, it is the capacity to explain things in a way that anyone can understand them.

I really enjoy being a "wordsmith," choosing and polishing just the right word for the situation, so that I am at the same time precise, accurate and comprehensible.

If the historian has a unique function, it is to explain the past so that we can understand the present and anticipate the future. We do this by driving home the fundamental historical truth of multiple causation: nobody ever does anything for just one reason. In the process we must combat the prevailing modern myth of objectivity, which is the source of many of our problems.

I try to introduce the student to the worlds of thought, scholarship, creativity, and most recently, the Internet and World Wide Web. The name of my World Wide Web site gives an insight to my point of view and teaching goals: "Professor Gigabyte's Gateways to Infinity" <<http://www.dana.edu/~dwarman>>. That is what I see a good teacher as: a

gateway to infinity.

Using both the old traditional tools of lecture and seminar, and the time-honored arts of reading, writing and speaking, as well as the newest "state of the art" tools of today, I try to give the student the tools to make sense of complex events in a world that seems to be increasingly chaotic.

Francis Bacon said that the unique task of the intellectual was to "continually move back and forth between speculation and reality." So we have to create theories → test them against reality → go back and modify the theory → test against reality again, etc. The great failing of modern academics is their lack of ability (or interest?) in doing the reality checks. There is a seductive temptation to wander around forever in a theoretical fog made denser by technical jargon. I have always tried to avoid this temptation. So as a historian I have to make connections between history and life. And always I must fight against the most virulent academic malady: hardening of the categories.

It seems to me that an essential part of the teacher's task is to help the student recognize her/his own strengths, and to build the self-confidence of the student. Often I have had an alumnus tell me, "Mr. Warman, you had more confidence in me than I did in myself." It gives a great deal of pleasure to hear this. The one thing a teacher must never do is to kill hope. An essential part of my job is keeping alive the student's hope of A) learning and B) passing alive throughout the semester. If any student ever gives up, I have failed completely as a teacher. ○

Tante Johanne is first volume from Dana's Lur Publications

A Danish immigrant woman is the central figure in *Tante Johanne*, the first volume to be issued by Dana's Lur Publications.

The book is a collection of letters written between 1887 and 1910 by Johanne Nielsen and members of her extended family. It has been edited by Dr. John W. Nielsen D'48 T'53, who has woven the letters together with short commentaries. Longer sketches describing such subjects as the daily life of immigrant farm women, rural schools, railroads, the Panic of 1893 and the Spanish-American War are included to assist the reader in placing the letters in their social and historical context. The work includes family photographs, maps and a chart of the extended family connections.

The Rev. C.C. Mengers, the recipient of most of the letters in the book, began saving the first letters of what Dr. J.R. Christianson of Luther College calls the largest collection of family correspondence known to American immigrant scholarship. The collection, which consists of over 13,000 letters, is located in Dana's Danish Immigrant Archive.

Many members of the Mengers family have lived in Blair. They include the Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Mengers, the Rev. and Mrs. L.C. Hansen (Agathe Mengers) and their family and Dr. and Mrs. Ethan Mengers and family. Sara Hansen-Walter, a daughter of L.C. and Agathe, still lives in Blair.

Johanne Nielsen, the title character, came to the U.S. in the early 1870s with her husband,

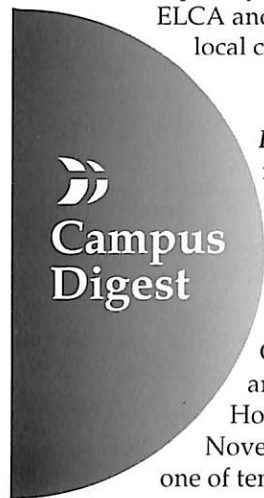
Herman, and their three eldest children. They settled first in Illinois but moved to Algona, Iowa, in 1886 where they lived on a farm until Johanne's death in 1902. Most of the letters in the book are from their Algona years and reveal both the loneliness of Johanne as she continued to long for Denmark and the Americanization of their children. One of the Nielsen daughters was the mother of H. Carl Andersen who represented the southwest district of Minnesota in Congress for 12 terms.

According to editor Nielsen, who is also the director of special projects of the Dana Archive, the importance of the seemingly commonplace is increasingly becoming the focus of archival collections. It is these everyday occurrences viewed against their historical background that provide the richest insight into the life and activity not only of immigrants but also of all ordinary people.

Nielsen says Lur Publications intends to issue a series of books dealing with Danish immigrants and their descendants from materials in the college's Danish Immigrant Archive. The next projected volume is the publication next spring of a diary kept in 1894 by another immigrant farm woman, this one living in Minnesota.

Tante Johanne can be purchased through the Dana Bookstore by using the order form on page 18 of this issue or at the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library. ○

On July 12 and 13 Dana hosted a conference titled *"Ethics: Connecting Congregations and Colleges"* attended by ELCA parishioners, pastors and college faculty members. Dr. George Forell, prominent Lutheran theologian and former director of the School of Religion at the University of Iowa, was the keynote speaker. The conference was sponsored by "ELCA Colleges of the Heartland": Bethany, Grand View, Midland Lutheran and Dana. It was funded in part by the national ELCA and donations from local congregations.



Campus
Digest

Dr. Sybille Bartels (German) received the annual Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) and the Goethe House New York on November 22. She was one of ten recipients of the 1996 award for outstanding achievement in furthering the teaching of German in schools, colleges and universities in the U.S. The prestigious award has been presented annually since 1978 by the AATG and the Goethe Institute to a select group of educators in the field of German. The ceremony took place at an awards luncheon during the AATG's annual meeting in Philadelphia.

"Crying for a Dream," the concert program performed by the Dana College Chorale, the Clarion Chamber Chorale, the Central High School Concert Choir and the Omaha Public School Mini-Singers at Omaha's St. Cecilia's Cathedral last February 19 was given Honorable Mention in the list of the year's Top Ten Artistic Events by the *Omaha World-Herald*. It was the only choral event in the city to receive mention. Because of the Chorale's February appearance, it has been invited to appear in the St. Cecilia's Cathedral Artists Series. The March 2 concert, scheduled for 2 p.m., is titled "Benedicite." The Chorale is directed by **Dr. Richard Palmer**.

The Dana Chorale formed part of the choir singing J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 80, "Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott," on October 13 in an Omaha concert

commemorating the 450th year of the death of Martin Luther. The concert was sponsored by Omaha Lutheran congregations and Lutheran Brotherhood. Other concert participants included the Clarion Chamber Chorale of Omaha, the Heartland Orchestra and choir members from several Lutheran churches.

Sports information director **Paul Clark** has been selected to serve on the GTE Academic All-American committee of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). As one of 92 committee members, he will serve as the District VII coordinator for GTE's Fall/Winter and Spring At-Large teams in the college division. The at-large teams encompass several sports, including soccer, cross country, wrestling and track. Clark will be a voter for all of GTE's Academic All-America teams as selected by CoSIDA, which has over 2,500 members nationwide.

Paulette Alderink, director of student activities, has been appointed newsletter editor for the Heart of America Region of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). The Heart of America Region includes schools in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. NACA is a national, nonprofit association that links students and campus activities professionals with talent agencies, self-represented artists and promotional specialties firms.

Two sermons by campus pastor **Michael Ostrom** appear in *Lutherans at the Crossroads: Papers and Proceedings 1996*, recently published by the Lutheran Education Conference of North America (LECNA). **President Christopherson '61** wrote the introduction to the publication. He is the recent past president of LECNA, an association of almost 50 Lutheran colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Kay Ferguson (education and psychology) has been asked by the Consortium for the Application of Space Data to Education (CASDE) to be a part of its review group for an independent assessment. CASDE is a partnership among the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies, the California Institute of Technology Jet

Propulsion Laboratory and Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth. CASDE was formed as a response to Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey's challenge to find better ways of applying NASA's data to education. Dr. Ferguson was invited to join the group because of her expertise in the development of Dana's summer Space TREK program.

This summer **Dr. John Lyden** (religion) wrote the article on "Protestant Christian Ethics" for the *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*, to be published by Academic Press. He also attended the Biennial Convocation of Teaching Theologians of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held August 16-18 in Chicago. The convocation dealt with the topic, "Lutherans and the Other: The Promise and Problem of Pluralism."

In July over 130 social workers from across the U.S. met at Dana for the Second Annual Conference of the Society for Spirituality and Social Work. Dana hosted the conference and was a co-sponsor, along with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Kansas, the University of Utah and Catholic University. **Jan Potter, Richard Potter** and **Lou Ann Stednitz**—all members of the college's Social Work Department—led workshops at the conference.

Prof. Diana Brown (Spanish and French) has received the nationally recognized Tandil Award from the government of the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, for her advocacy of Argentinean literature and excellence in research. The biannual award was presented to Brown last summer by the mayor of the city of Tandil.

Brown, with contributions from Prof. Nora Gratton of University 3E in Argentina, recently translated into Italian and published in Argentina her third translation of Argentinean poetry. She is working on a fourth book, due out next summer.

Brown and Prof. Kathy Collins, a former member of Dana's English Department who now teaches at Creighton University, were recognized for their research by the University of Belgrano in Buenos Aires and the city of Tandil. Brown and Collins, who have

traveled to Argentina for the past two years, have addressed eight conferences and lectured at four universities throughout the country. They presented their studies in comparative literature among Argentinean, American and European authors, comparing, for example, the writings of Willa Cather to those of an Argentinean writer or of an Argentinean writer to those of a Russian writer. They have been invited to return to lecture at the University of Belgrano next summer.

Dr. Milt Heinrich (art) recently shared the 1996 "Honor Award for Excellence in Craft" granted by the Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It was given in recognition of the collective liturgical appointments done for St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in Omaha by Heinrich and three other area artists. Heinrich designed the altar crucifix.

Religion professors **John Lyden** and **Del Hutton** recently taught classes for the adult education program at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha. Dr. Lyden presented a series of three classes on Islam and the Christian-Muslim dialogue, and Dr. Hutton, a series of four classes on archaeology and the Bible.

These juniors and seniors have been named to the 1997 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Roisin Bell (Bellevue, Nebr.), Kyla Clay (Beresford, S.D.), Shawn Fasbender (Omaha), Paul Gardner (Plattsmouth, Nebr.), Heidi Gerth (Winona, Minn.), Nicole Havens (Wiota, Iowa), Sara Hildreth (Red Oak, Iowa), Marnie Jensen (Cairo, Nebr.), Sarah Kobs (Walnut, Iowa), Kerry Maas (Parkston, S.D.), Tim Marsden (Red Oak, Iowa), Sarah Packard (Cumming, Iowa), Damian Pollack (Omaha), Janet Reisdorff (David City, Nebr.), Elaine Rivard (Sandstone, Minn.), Jennifer Zahnow (Las Vegas, Nev.).

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 (English) is editor of the *Newsletter of the Danish American Heritage Society*. He is assisted by **Esther Gunderson '97**, an administrative assistant at Dana who is also a part-time student. A translation from the Danish by **Laura Meldrum '97** (Mertztown, Penn.) and **Dorte Staermose**, who taught Danish at Dana

last year, of Hans Christian Andersen's story, "The Old Poultry Woman's Family," appeared in the June 1996 *Newsletter*.

This semester the theme for *LARP* (Liberal Arts Reading Program) was "Systems." Student and faculty participants viewed an opening presentation film titled *The Immigrant Experience: The Long Long Journey* and read four books: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, *The Prince* by Machiavelli, *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair and *The Broken Cord* by Michael Dorris.

Dana has received a \$23,300 grant from *Aid Association for Lutherans* (AAL) to develop a new student recruitment brochure and conduct a recruitment operations study. AAL awarded the grant through its Affirmations of Lutheran Higher Education program. The program assists Lutheran colleges, universities and Bible institutes in launching new ideas or approaches to meet the institution's own specific needs and goals.

On November 8 and 9 Dana hosted the fall conference of the *Nebraska Association of Teachers of German*. The conference theme was "Austria—History, Traditions and Contemporary Issues."

The *Brigit St. Brigit Theatre Company* of Omaha presented Tillie Olsen's *I Stand Here Ironing*, featuring Omaha actress Connie Lee, at Dana on September 26. Olsen has been working to arrange a film version of the story featuring Lee. The play was directed by **Cathy Wells**, adjunct professor of English at Dana and artistic director of Brigit St. Brigit.

The *Heartland Opera Theater* singers, the professional core of Opera Omaha, performed Mozart's *Così fan tutte* at Dana on October 26. The performance was sponsored and funded by the Special Events Fund of the Student Senate, The Forum, the Department of Music and a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council.

Students belonging to *SAO* (Social Awareness Organization) again collected food and clothing from Blair residents and members of the Dana

community in a late October "Treat or Treat" drive. Jennifer Moores '98 (Sidney, Iowa) led the drive. She reported that 1093 items were collected compared to 950 last year. The food and clothing were given to Blair's Food Pantry and Clothing Pantry and to Omaha's Open Door Mission. ○

Volunteers can help with campus projects

The college would like to begin a Dana Volunteer Program this spring, and it's looking for individuals who would give of their time and talents to a variety of interesting projects.

These projects could include (to name a few) campus beautification, electrical work, construction and painting. Dana would provide food and lodging.

Readers who would like to know more about the program are invited to write to Anne Christopherson at Dana. The winter *Review* will include additional information. ○

Retention rate high

Ninety-two and one-half percent of eligible students who enrolled at Dana last spring returned to the campus this fall. This retention rate is Dana's highest ever.

The good news about retention, however, was offset by fewer new students, a count that includes new first-year students, new transfer students and re-entering students. This year 169 new students entered Dana compared to 215 a year ago.

Because of this drop, the total number of full-time and part-time students this year is 613; last year it was 656.

Many colleges and universities experienced declines in enrollment this fall. Dana's Admissions Office has been evaluating reasons for the drop in first-year students and is taking several steps to improve the recruitment of good prospective students.

Lockridge named Outstanding Young Alumna; Bussey, Rostan enter Athletic Hall of Fame

Three graduates were honored at the October 5 Homecoming brunch. Sharon Lockridge '84 of Omaha was named an Outstanding Young Alumna and Bill Bussey '86 of Lakewood, Colorado, and Rick Rostan '79 of Lisle, Illinois, were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lockridge's award was presented by Christine (Rose '85) McCartney of Omaha, Bussey's by Dana wrestling coach Ron Beaman '74, and Rostan's by Tim Barber '82 of Edgewood, Washington.

Lockridge is a senior credit analyst at First National Bank of

Omaha. She belongs to the Urban League of Nebraska and Midwest Striders Track Club and is head basketball coach for the YMCA. She has been involved in First National Bank's Adopt-a-School Program. In 1992 she was named Basketball Coach of the Year at her local YMCA. She has received First National Bank's Quality First Award and has been a nominee for the Jefferson Award and the Midlands Woman of Distinction Award.

Lockridge gives seminars on credit to high school students in the Omaha area through Urban Bankers of Nebraska.

At Dana Bussey won eight varsity letters in wrestling and football. He holds a wrestling record of 109-9, was captain of the wrestling team, was named Dana Wrestler of the Year three times and earned Wrestling All-America and Wrestling Academic All-America honors. In football he served as defensive captain, was chosen by teammates as "most inspirational/valuable" and won football all-conference, all-state and all-district honors. He was twice named National Player of the Week and in 1985 was a Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Bussey earned his M.D. in 1991 from the University of Iowa College of Medicine and completed his family practice residency in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He has worked as an emergency room physician in New Mexico, Colorado and Nebraska.

Rostan, a three-year letter



Photo by Greg Pejsar

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Rick Rostan (second from left) and Bill Bussey (second from right) with presenters Tim Barber (left), Ron Beaman (right) and President Christopherson.

Homecoming celebrates LARP's 40th year

A buffet supper at Homecoming on Friday evening, October 4, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the college's Liberal Arts Reading Program, known to all alumni since 1956 as "LARP."

Two students and three alumni spoke of the influence LARP has had on them: Marnie Jensen '98 (Cairo, Nebr.), Joel Jorgensen '97 (Blair), President Christopherson '61, Cheryl (Harris '73) Fleming and Prof. Jim Olsen '62. Olsen is the current LARP coordinator.

A complete list of books read in LARP since 1956 is now on Dana's World Wide Web site <<http://www.dana.edu>> as part of the Academic Affairs home page.

Readers not connected to the Internet who would like to have a complete list of LARP books can write to or call Ann George in the Alumni Office (402-426-7235).



Photo by Greg Pejsar

Outstanding Young Alumna Sharon Lockridge (center) with presenter Christine (Rose) McCartney and President Christopherson.

winner in both football and baseball, received all-conference and all-district honors in both sports. In football he holds career records for tight ends for receptions and receiving yards. In baseball he holds the team's fourth highest single season home run total: eight in 1978. That year he also hit two home runs and seven RBIs in a game against Bellevue.

Rostan is district manager for the Chicago office of Expeditors International. ○



Homecoming 1996: Which is the real Paul Simon?

The real Senator Paul Simon '49 isn't wearing his customary bow tie! Members of the college's Development staff paid tribute to the retiring U.S. senator at the Saturday morning golf cart parade. They decorated the cart with an oversized bow tie and glasses, wore bow ties, dark suits and Simon masks and carried posters reading "Simon Says" . . . "Study," "Serve," "Give," "Vote," "Explore the World." Simon and his wife, Jeanne, posed with staff members after the parade. At a post-football game reception that afternoon, alumni, students, faculty and staff thanked the Simons for all they had done for the college. President Christopherson named them Honorary Great Danes of Dana and presented them with Viking helmets. Jeanne Simon was also named an Honorary Alumna "in recognition of her contributions as a lawyer, legislator, writer, Presidential appointee [she has been serving as chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a Clinton appointment], hostess, wife, mother, and friend of Dana."

UELC's founding celebrated

The Homecoming worship service, a Festival of Remembrance commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, was attended by more than 300 alumni and friends, many of them former members of the UELC.

The presiding minister was the Rev. Dr. Edward Hansen D'39 T'42 of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Paul Johnson '76 of Fremont, Nebraska, was the organist. Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, assistant professor of music at Dana, sang a medley of hymns often heard in the UELC. The opening prayer was led by Helga (Jessen '51) Hanson of Blair. Three Trinity Seminary graduates read the First and Second Lessons and the Gospel: Emery Petersen D'38 T'43, Aurora, Colorado; Oscar Johnson D'44 T'47, Cedar Falls,

Iowa; and Andrew Staby D'36 T'39, Loveland, Colorado.

The Rev. Dr. Homer Larsen D'45 T'48 of Cedar Falls, Iowa, delivered the sermon titled "Looking at Where We Have Been," and the Rev. Dr. Paul C. Johnsen D'49 T'52 of Huntington Beach, California, gave the General Prayer of the Church. President Myrvin Christopherson '61 brought greetings from the college, and the Dana Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Richard Palmer, sang "O Day Full of Grace" as the offertory anthem. The closing prayer was offered by Richard E. Andersen of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Returning members of the UELC also attended Saturday evening and Sunday morning coffees and a Sunday brunch after the worship service. ○

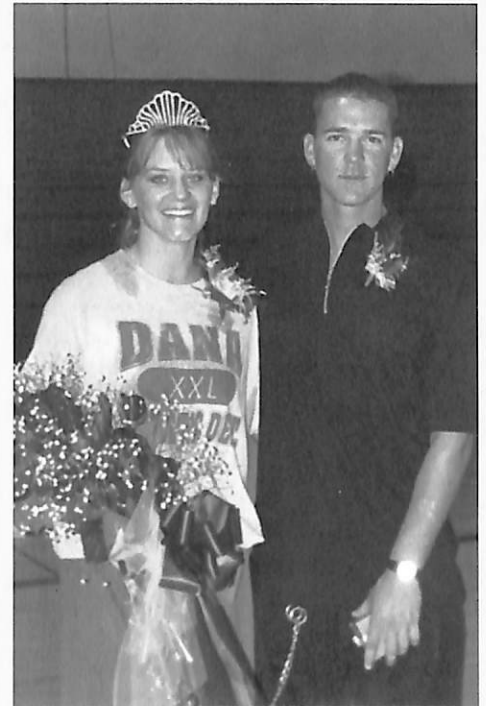


Photo by Heather Olsen '97

Seniors reign at Homecoming
Diane Crawford and Mike Gerson reigned as this year's Homecoming queen and king. Crawford is a social work major from LaSalle, Colorado; Gerson is a Spanish secondary education major from Alameda, California. Members of their court were Melinda Almand, Chino, California; Mercedes Buller, Beemer, Nebraska; Sarah Kobs, Walnut, Iowa; Janet Reisdorff, David City, Nebraska; William Collins, Asheville, North Carolina; Ryan Luebbe, Lincoln, Nebraska; Paul Gardner, Jr., Plattsmouth, Nebraska; and Rodney Ronk, Emerson, Iowa. All are seniors.

○ Art work by *Kelly Harris-Wilson '96* and *Kimberly Beck '96* is currently on display at the Bistro Art Gallery at 12th and Harney in Omaha's Old Market. Both majored in art.

○ The October 10 edition of the *Carroll, Iowa, Daily Times Herald* reported that Carroll High

School teachers *Amy*

Brown '95 and *Earl*

Kallemeyn made a

presentation

called "Real

Learning for

Real Life" in

Des Moines on

October 1 at the

Iowa Vocational

Association/

Iowa Vocational

Administrators

Conference. The

conference theme was "Connecting Education and Employment."

Brown teaches mathematics and

computer science; *Kallemeyn*,

industrial technology. They

described an integrated curriculum

project in which their students

jointly studied coordinate systems

using computers and computer

numerical control equipment,

concepts that are used by several

Carroll businesses and industries.

○ *Josephat Mwatotele '95*, who has been working as a commercial assistant at the U.S. Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia, is one of three Namibians to receive the annual British Chevening Scholarship Award for study at a British institution. An article in a Namibian newspaper reported, "At the handing over ceremony held in Windhoek, British High Commissioner Glyn Davies said the scholarships were directed at individuals, that young

professionals were benefiting from it and that the representatives were from the brightest and best in the country. . . . The programme is designed to enable post-graduate students and young professionals from overseas to pursue or research a course of study in the United Kingdom at a formative stage of their careers."

○ *Sharon Street '86* has written and published a science fiction novel for teenagers titled *The Gift*. For information or to order an autographed copy, write to Sharon at 1414 Grant Street #3, Blair, NE 68008, or call her at (402) 426-4305.

○ This spring *Monique (Bentzinger '78) Poldberg* received the Teacher of the Year award at Butterfield Elementary School (K-5) in Lake Elsinore, California. She teaches second grade at the visual and performing arts magnet school, which has approximately 1,000 students.

○ In May *Marilyn Hansen '76* of Rosalie, Nebraska, received the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching from HunTel Systems. She is an elementary teacher at Bancroft-Rosalie School in Bancroft, Nebraska.

○ *Fred Baltz '74*, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Galena, Illinois, has written a new book titled *As of First Importance: A Theology and Method for Mainline Evangelism*. An article headlined "Reaching Out—Pastor urges mainline churches to evangelize" appeared in the July 6 issue of the *Dubuque, Iowa, Telegraph Herald*. *Baltz* is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

○ *Brent Peterson '69*, administrator of Cherry County Hospital in Valentine, Nebraska, has been elected chairman of the board of the Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. His term begins January 1.

○ *Susan (Shadle '68) Jaderstrom*, business office technology instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College in Petaluma, California, received the Excellence Award of the National Institute of Staff and Organization Development on May 29 in Austin, Texas. The award is given to community college educators for teaching excellence. *Jaderstrom* was selected to represent the Santa Rosa Junior College faculty because of her many contributions to the development of the business office technology program, particularly at the Petaluma Center. She has been instrumental in organizing and teaching intensive certificate programs that train students in eight weeks for entry-level office jobs.

○ This summer *Pastor Stan Nielsen '68* was one of ten community leaders in western Iowa to receive the Western Iowa Development Association's Community Betterment Award. The nomination letter submitted by the city of Shelby read: "There is no limit to the dedication *Stan Nielsen* has shown to the city of Shelby and its residents. No matter what project he is involved in, he gives 100 percent. We are very fortunate to have *Stan* heading up the nature trail project. It would not be where it is without his continuing efforts. He is also a member of a number of community organizations. As head of the tourism group, he is always

promoting Shelby. He also continues to be a strong supporter of the school system and its extracurricular programs. Stan has made a difference through his contributions to the city. . . ."

○ *Joanne Bracker '66*, women's basketball coach at Midland Lutheran College, as a member of USA Basketball helped put together this country's first national team. The core of that team was chosen to represent the U.S. at the Olympics.

○ *Dr. Rod Wead '57* has written *Coming This Far by Faith: A History of Selected Black Churches in Columbus, Ohio*. It is Wead's fourth book. He is executive director of Neighborhood House, a settlement house on the near east side of

Columbus that provides social services to the area. The book was published by Neighborhood House and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. It lists the African-American churches in Columbus, and Wead features the histories of eleven of them. They include A.M.E. (African Methodist Episcopal), Baptist, United Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran congregations. One of Wead's research assistants was *Joel Morgan '92*, a student at Trinity Seminary.

○ *U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49* of Illinois was one of five Lutherans honored on September 18 by The Luther Institute of Washington, D.C. The five were recognized for their contributions to church and society at the seventh presentation

of the Wittenberg Awards at a gala at Washington's Hyatt Regency. President and Mrs. Myrvin Christopherson attended the gala. The Luther Institute is an inter-Lutheran organization "dedicated to the Church's presence in ministry and witness in those places where decisions are made that often have an impact on the course of history." The other award recipients were Liv Ullman, Norwegian actress, film director and author; Dr. Sidney Rand, former U.S. Ambassador to Norway and president emeritus of St. Olaf College; Lois Rand, musician, speaker and writer; and Krister Stendahl, Bishop Emeritus of Sweden and Andrew W. Mellon Professor Emeritus of Divinity at Harvard University. ○

Relighted Tiffany windows at ARC in D.C. are memorial tribute to Carolyn Scholl

The three massive Tiffany stained glass windows at American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., darkened for 50 years, shine again as a memorial tribute to the late Carolyn Scholl '69 of Des Moines, Iowa.

Scholl began to work for the Red Cross soon after graduating from Dana. At the time of her death from cancer on May 26, she was regional executive officer for an area that included Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and the Dakotas. She had been on field assignments to Mexico and Tanzania and in 1991 went to Washington to direct Red Cross staffing during the Persian Gulf War.

According to an article in the September 27 issue of the

Des Moines Register by Kenneth Pins of the *Register's* Washington Bureau, the windows were darkened during World War II because the Red Cross building was only two blocks west of the White House. Then "the press of expenses since 1945" kept the Red Cross from finding the funds to relight them, Elizabeth Perry, Red Cross executive director of history and education, told Pins.

The windows were commissioned at the end of World War I to illustrate the humanitarian role of the Red Cross.

Pins wrote: "When Scholl died, Red Cross Senior Vice President Sharon Ritter-Smith announced at her memorial service in Des Moines that she was

establishing a fund in Scholl's name to pay for the permanent relighting of the windows. . . .

"Ritter-Smith left Des Moines with a \$1,000 check, and money came in, sometimes in \$5 and \$10 checks, some raised at bake sales, and part in a donation from Tiffany & Co."

The memorial fund paid for repairing the lights. It also pays for illuminating the windows every evening, Pins reported.

Scholl's mother Ruby and brother Rich '72, both of Anita, Iowa, attended the September 26 relighting ceremony, as did her uncle and aunt, Arlo '50 and Margaret (Bloebaum '49) Andersen of Omaha, and many other relatives and friends. ○

Men's cross country takes 4th at nationals

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Cross Country

As the top ten teams were announced following the NAIA men's national championship cross country race on November 16, the emotions and thoughts of Dana Head Coach Jay Birmingham and the rest of the Viking contingent ran the gamut.

But when all was said and run, the Vikings were toting an NAIA fourth-place trophy and all the glory that it stands for in becoming the highest-finishing Dana team ever at a national championship event. Behind another All-American effort from Ben Sandy, the Dana men shocked the rest of the 34-team field with a stirring performance that exceeded expectations at every level and in every way.

Not that Dana didn't plan on having a fine race that crisp fall day in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and coming in well ahead of its #14 national ranking. A top ten finish was definitely in reach, and after bettering its final national ranking by seven spots last year (ranked 24th, finished 17th), Dana could even dream about doing the same and placing as high as seventh this fall.

So when the top ten were finally announced at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside national course, Birmingham and the Viking runners listened intently.

"When they announced the tenth-place team score, I knew we were going to be ahead of that so we were all getting pretty excited about ninth or eighth or seventh—something like that," Birmingham said. "They kept going and we're through sixth and fifth and then I'm thinking, 'Oh no, they missed us—there's a mistake.'

"But then we heard, 'in fourth

place—Dana, Nebraska' and it hit us that we were taking home a trophy," added Birmingham. "It was quite an exciting moment for us and for Dana College."

Balance and depth were the keys to Dana's fourth-place finish as the Vikings put all five of their scoring runners among the top 91 overall finishers in a field of 317; the scoring quintet from Dana all placed in the top 73 when individual qualifiers were pulled from the results for tabulating team scores.

Sandy, a junior from Newcastle, Wyoming, placed 27th at nationals for a second straight year and in doing so became a back-to-back All-American in men's cross country. With his All-American status last spring in outdoor track, Sandy becomes Dana's first-ever three-time All-American. He timed in 25:21 for 8,000 meters Saturday, trimming 46 seconds off his time at nationals last year under much better running conditions this time around.

The standout performer of the meet for Dana was junior Max Grady of Dunlap, Iowa. After placing 135th at nationals last year, he was a stunning 41st at Saturday's meet and in surprising position as the Vikings' second runner to the finish chute for the first time this year. Grady timed in 25:53, shaving 1:45 off his 1995 nationals time.

First-year runner Scott Stanley of Malvern, Iowa, was next for the Vikings in his initial run at nationals. He timed in 26:02 and placed 52nd overall. Sophomore Chad Grosse of Omaha was next for Dana in 57th place in 26:05, an improvement of 1:27 from his mark at Kenosha one year ago.

Neal Smith, a sophomore from Gillette, Wyoming, was Dana's fifth and final scoring runner, placing 91st in 26:24. He shaved 59 seconds off his time from last year. Sophomore Matt Poulter of Shenandoah, Iowa (104th, 26:34), and sophomore Bob Spangler of Ogallala, Nebraska (177th, 27:11),

were Dana's sixth and seventh runners at nationals and did not figure in the team scoring.

The national meet culminated an exciting season for the Dana men, which included the Vikings' first Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship. Sandy won his second straight men's individual NIAC title, and the Vikings had five runners among the top nine finishers to dominate the field as the conference meet was contested on Dana's home course.

Grosse won the other two meets held at Dana this fall—the Dana All-Comers Meet on September 14 and the Dana Invitational on October 12.

It was another solid year for the Dana women's cross country squad as well. The Vikings finished fifth in the NIAC meet in a strong field that included three teams picked to go to nationals. Junior Angie Sparacino of Houston, Texas, was Dana's top finisher at the conference meet in 16th place. First-year runner Jennifer Williams of Blair placed 22nd and sophomore Amanda Buttry of Shenandoah was 23rd.

Junior Anna Hovde of Gillette was Dana's most consistent runner through the fall. She led the Viking women at the Dana Invitational, placing eighth, and was the first Dana runner to the finish line at the Dana All-Comers Meet, the Nebraska Invitational, the Lucent Technologies Invitational in Omaha and the Mount Marty (S.D.) Invitational.

Football

The 1996 Dana football season was a study in determination and resiliency as the Vikings refused to let tough losses early on ruin the entire fall.

After starting out 1-4, Dana won three of its last four games to finish with a 4-5 overall record. That included a 3-3 mark in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) play that landed the Vikings on the wrong side of a fine line between the upper and

lower divisions of the conference. Dana finished fifth in the league, but just one game out of a three-way tie for second place.

The Vikings' biggest win of the season came on October 19 as Dana traveled to Crete and stunned 22nd-ranked Doane, 13-11. Ironically, that win came on the heels of the toughest loss of the season, a 20-19 setback at home to Midland Lutheran.

After beating Doane, the Vikings hammered conference foes Nebraska Wesleyan (23-11) and Concordia-Seward (40-20) before falling to Hastings in the season finale, 23-14.

The Vikings treated a big Homecoming crowd to a 19-13 nonconference win over Buena Vista (Iowa) on October 5.

Early losses included nonleague setbacks to Dakota Wesleyan and Peru State and a 19-13 defeat at NIAC champion Northwestern (Iowa) in the first overtime game in conference history on September 28.

Five Dana players were named first-team All-NIAC, including two-time selections William Collins, a senior linebacker from Asheville, North Carolina, and Jeff Jones, a senior defensive end from Papillion, Nebraska. Collins and junior safety Ben Tams (Oxford, Nebr.) were unanimous choices. Dana's other first team picks were senior kicker Derrick Weyand (New Port Richey, Fla.) and sophomore return specialist Jason Mitchell (Sidney, Nebr.).

Dana's second-team All-NIAC

players were Jeremy Jones '98 (Norwalk, Iowa), John Olson '98 (Kimballton, Iowa), Darren Osbahr '97 (Avoca, Iowa) and Justin Smith '98 (Omaha). Honorable mention choices were Bret Erixon '99 (Blair), R.J. Gall '98 (Howells, Nebr.) and Marshall Smith '98 (Carson, Iowa).

Volleyball

Although the wins were not as plentiful as hoped for, there was no doubt that big strides were made this fall in the rebuilding of Dana volleyball under Coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong.

The Vikings went 12-23 overall and 1-11 in NIAC play, which tied Dana for sixth place with Midland in the conference. The Vikings bowed out of the NIAC post-season tournament in a thrilling five-set match at Concordia.

The highlight of the '96 campaign was a home court victory over Midland Lutheran on October 17. The Vikings and Warriors split the first two games of the match by identical 15-7 scores before Dana won games three and four by scores of 15-9 and 15-3.

Unfortunately, that was the last victory of Coach Krofcheck-Strong's first season at Dana. Early season wins included nonconference triumphs over Grand View (Iowa) and Avila (Mo.) in the Bellevue Labor Day Invitational and victories over Sterling (Kans.) and York at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in September.

Senior outside hitter Chestnut Pearl (Rocky Ford, Colo.) was named second-team all-conference for the

Vikings. Diane Crawford '97 (LaSalle, Colo.), Jodi Hook '97 (Council Bluffs, Iowa), Andrea Spreen '98 (Elkader, Iowa) and Susan Weddingfeld '98 (Panora, Iowa) all received honorable mention to the All-NIAC squad.

Weddingfeld led the conference in blocks, averaging 1.32 per game, and Crawford was sixth in the NIAC in service percentage at .938.

Soccer

A new sport made its varsity debut at Dana this fall as Coach Jennifer Haralson and the Viking women's soccer team competed in the first season of NIAC play.

Dana went 1-12 overall and 1-4 in the NIAC. The Vikings picked up their first win in school history on September 18, downing Northwestern (Iowa) by a 2-1 score at Viking Field. First-year player Emily Nessen (Woodbridge, Va.) scored early with an assist from junior Carrie Knapp (Lexington, Nebr.), and it was Knapp who scored the game-winner in the 61st minute against the Red Raiders.

York visited Dana for the first match of the season and the Panthers trimmed the Vikings, 3-1. Sophomore Joy Pudenz (Plainview, Nebr.) scored the Vikings' lone tally and went down in the record books for scoring the first varsity goal in school history.

Dana lost at York, 4-2 in overtime, later in the year and also dropped a 4-2 overtime decision at home to Doane. ○

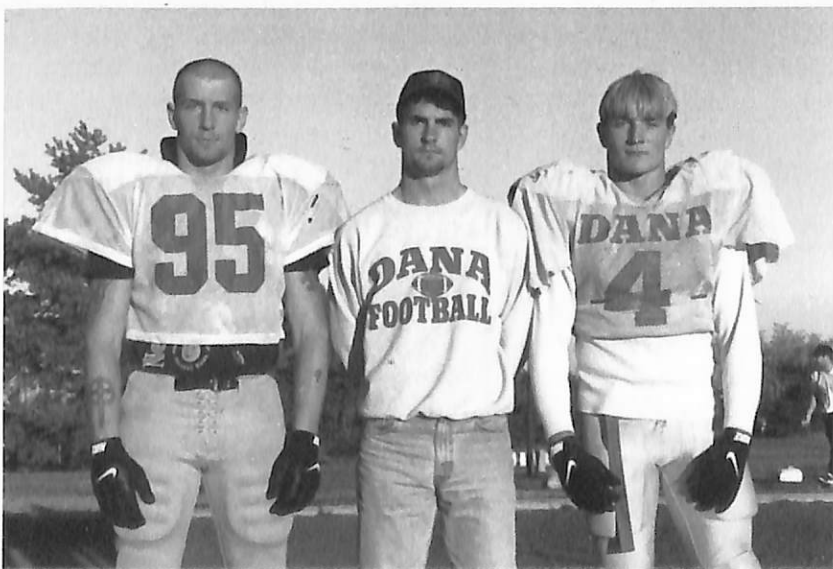


Photo by Paul Clark

Three brothers are teammates

Three brothers from Nebraska City were part of the Dana football team this fall. Pictured (from left) are Shane, Jason and Pat Morris, sons of Tim and Carolyn Morris. All three attended Lourdes High School in Nebraska City and played eight-man football as preps there. Pat, the youngest of the three, started at cornerback for the Vikings in his second season with Dana. Jason, the oldest, suffered a season-ending knee injury against Peru State in the Applejack Bowl in a bittersweet return to his hometown. Shane played on special teams and saw increased playing time at defensive end later in the season. Dana head coach Jim Krueger '85 is already keeping an eye on two more Morris brothers playing at Lourdes.

Four new employees join professional staff of college's Institutional Advancement

The college's Office of Institutional Advancement, which includes College Relations and Marketing (formerly Public Relations), Development, and Admissions, has four new professional staff members.

Barry Anderson '73 joined the Dana staff in late November as director of college relations and marketing. He has worked at the University of Nebraska at Omaha since 1990 as marketing manager for UNO television and KVNO radio. In that position he wrote promotional announcements, scripts and grants, coordinated promotional efforts and developed marketing and public relations campaigns and materials. In Omaha Anderson has also been creative director at Drake Advertising, media production manager for Bozell Advertising and producer at Bozell & Jacobs Visual Communications Center.

A freelance music director and composer, he has composed and performed music for the Nebraska Theater Caravan, the Omaha Community Playhouse and other area theaters. He is also a freelance writer who wrote and produced a radio drama series for NPR (National Public Radio) Playhouse.

This year Anderson received an award from Nebraska ITVA for the best sales, marketing and motivational video production. Other awards include a gold, first place award for media production from the Council for the Support and Advancement of Education (1995); a Theater Arts Guild

Award for Outstanding Music Score and Sound Design (1993); a University of Nebraska, University Relations Council Charles Helmkin Communication Award (1992); and an Omaha Federation of Advertising Addy Award for the Best National or Regional Television Campaign (1986).

Anderson has a master's degree in communication from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Niel Nielsen has joined the Development Office staff as director of annual giving. He is a graduate of Creighton University, where he was a National Merit Scholar and president and student organizer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Nielsen has worked for The

Bethphage Foundation in Omaha, most recently as annual gifts coordinator and earlier as grants coordinator and resource clerk. He has also been a youth counselor and coach for the YMCA in Omaha.

Bobby Loud and Braedi Nelson are new admissions counselors. Loud has a B.S. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His territory for Dana admissions includes Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin, the eastern half of Iowa, half of Omaha, and Lincoln, Nebraska. Nelson has a B.A. from Iowa State University. Her territory includes northwest Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and most states east of the Mississippi River. ○

Alden J. Snowbeck remembered for almost 3 decades of service

Alden J. Snowbeck, retired Dana business manager, died at home on Saturday, August 10. He was 88.

Known to most as "A.J." or "Snowy," he came to Dana in September 1946 as instructor and head of the Department of Commerce. He taught business administration and economics. In 1955 he became business manager, a position he held until he retired in 1973. In 1987 he received an honorary doctorate from Dana.

In a message to faculty and staff, President Christopherson said that Snowbeck had been

"instrumental in developing the business program at Dana and in directing the development of the physical plant and business operations over the almost three decades that he served Dana." During Snowbeck's tenure, Christopherson noted, "ten buildings were planned and completed."

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law David '63 and Judith (Dose '65) Snowbeck of St. Charles, Illinois; daughter and son-in-law Mary Ellen and John Boynton of Shoreview, Minnesota; four grandchildren and two brothers. ○



LB goal is met

Dana has met the challenge from Lutheran Brotherhood to raise \$122,900 in matching funds for the endowment. The LB Challenge Grant Program has doubled the amount raised, for a total of \$245,800 to help support the college's campus ministry.

In announcing that the challenge had been met, Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement, thanked Lutheran Brotherhood for issuing the challenge and alumni and friends for helping the college meet it.

"Campus ministry is a vital part of student life," Jones said. "The challenge grant program will help us serve our students better."

Alumna takes *Dana Review* along with her to South Africa

Last spring the *Dana Review* invited alumni to take a copy of that issue along on their summer travels and to send the *Review* a photo of themselves holding it in a setting that would help identify the locale, city or country.

Kris Swank '86, a librarian at Thunderbird—The American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, Arizona, was one of 13 who replied. (We're sorry we ran out of room in this issue for the remaining photos taken in France, Japan, Kenya, Canada, England, Turkey, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Hawaii and Alaska. They'll appear in ensuing issues.)

About her photo, Kris writes: "During my one-year assignment in South Africa, I've met many of

the Xhosa people of the Eastern Cape Province. The young males, or 'amaKweta,' undergo initiation rites to mark their passage into manhood. . . . The guys in this picture were in the middle of their rites and were forbidden contact with women. But they agreed to let me stand in front of the fence and pose with the *Dana Review*."

Kris is helping Border Technikon, a South African college, go online with the Internet. She's also designing its World Wide Web site. In January she'll co-lead a Winterim seminar for 20 Thunderbird students who are traveling to Johannesburg to learn about the business and political environment of the new South Africa. Kris returns to Thunderbird in February. ○

Two join Regents

Members of the Board of Regents at their October 4 meeting elected two new members to six-year terms and named two current members to Regent Emeritus status.

The new Board members are Earl K. Madsen of Council Bluffs, Iowa, corporation executive and broker with Dain Bosworth in Omaha, and Bill Sapp of Ashland, Nebraska, chief executive officer of Sapp Brothers Petroleum and Truck Stops headquartered in Omaha.

The Regents Emeriti are Earl Fries '38, retired insurance executive from West Des Moines, Iowa, and U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49. Fries served on the Board from 1986 to 1996, and Simon from 1978 to 1981, and from 1985 to 1996. Both men were given Dana lamps as an expression of thanks from the college for outstanding service.

Shopping at the Dana Bookstore



Jansport red sweatshirt with full chest design in black and white. Sizes: L, XL, XXL. Price: \$24.00



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'90s

○ **Tami Ahrendt '96** is director of youth and family ministries at Messiah Lutheran Church in Ralston, Nebraska. She also works with the Ralston After School Youth Program, providing activities such as drama, music and games for area seventh- and eighth-graders.

○ **Shawn Bluml '96** is an associate at Children's Square in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

○ **Michele Bristol '96** is youth director at Palm Valley Lutheran Church in Round Rock, Texas.

○ **Austin Brown '96** and **Jennifer Johnson '96** were married on June 8 in Dana's Trinity Chapel. They live in Des Moines. Austin

works at CGB Printing and Jennifer works in the marketing department for the Iowa State Fair.

○ **Diana DaValle '96** is a social worker at Chino Valley Rehabilitation Center in Pomona, California.

○ **Sherry DeForest '96** and **Larry Guyette** were married on June 22. She works at Perfection Learning Corp. in Logan, Iowa. She is also a substitute teacher in area schools.

○ **Elmer Ellefson '96** teaches vocal music in the Missouri Valley (Iowa) Public Schools.

○ **Paula (Cultice '96) Forck** is an eighth grade English teacher in Lubbock, Texas.

○ **Jodi Hoff '96** of Mondamin, Iowa, is a substitute teacher in area schools.

○ **Antonie (Schropfer '96) Holmstrom** is a resident assistant at Uta Halee Therapeutic Shelter Care in Omaha.

○ **Jason Jackson '96** teaches social studies and coaches baseball at MFL Mar Mac High School in Monona, Iowa.

○ **Erik Jensen '96** is traveling in Europe after working as an intern with the city museum in Odense, Denmark, from August through October.

○ **Ginger Jensen '96** is an underwriter at Northwest Insurance Brokers

Network in Chicago, Illinois.

○ **Thomas Jenson '96** and **Jennifer Kiesel '95** were married on July 27. They live in Omaha, where she is a medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and he is a special education teacher at Spring Lake Elementary School.

○ **Lorraine Johnson '96** is a special education teacher of behaviorally disordered children in the Omaha Public Schools.

○ **Heather Witte-Heun '96** is a social worker at the Cedar Home for Children in Lincoln, Nebraska. **Tim Heun '96** is an account executive in advertising for Triathlon Broadcasting in Lincoln.

○ **Gina Jacobs '96** and **Tom Conroe** were married on May 31. He's stationed at the Pensacola, Florida, Navy Base.

○ **Mike Kahle '96** is a management trainee for Rent-A-Car in Schaumburg, Illinois.

○ **Cliffon Kay '96** is a graduate student in marine biology in Galveston, Texas.

○ **Rhonda Lane '96** is a grant and contract specialist at Boys Town, Nebraska.

○ **Kimberly Lilly '96** teaches K-6 art and 4-6 TAG (talented and gifted) classes in Bronson, Iowa, for the Lawton-Bronson schools. Her husband teaches science in Lawton.

○ **Amy (Beebout '96) Lofgren** is an intensive family preservation support specialist at Lutheran Family Services in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ **Joan Loontjer '96** is a manager trainee at Menards in Omaha.

○ **Jeff Lutt '96** teaches elementary school physical education for the Omaha Public Schools.

○ **Mary Maus '96** teaches special education in the middle school of the Midlands School District in Oxford Junction, Iowa.

○ **Angela Melby '96** teaches mathematics for the Omaha Public Schools at Monroe Junior High School.

○ **Anne Pestel '96** is a half-time special education teacher in Malvern, Iowa.

○ **Jeff '96** and **Dana (Holz '95) Rademacher** are living Columbus, Ohio, where Dana is a junior at Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

○ **Erin (Foulkes '96) Rega** is a client services representative for Central States Indemnity Co. of Omaha.

○ **Melanie Richter '96** is a sales associate at Von Maur Department Store in Omaha.

○ **Karri Roberts '96** is assistant manager/sales at Big Apple Bagel in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

○ **Cindy Aken Smith '96** teaches special education half time for the Papillion (Nebr.) Public Schools.

○ **Stacy Spencer '96** is a graduate assistant in the Adaptive Physical Education program at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

○ **Leasa Stark '96** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is specifications representative at Omaha Paper Co.

○ **Valeria Stickler '96** of El Paso, Texas, teaches at Silver Christian Academy, First Church of the Nazarene.

○ **Nicole Stromgren '96** is a basketball coach and substitute teacher in Underwood, Iowa.

○ **Jodi Sweers '96** is an accountant in the Iowa state treasurer's office.

○ **Nickole Tobin '96** teaches special education and language arts K-8 in Schuyler (Nebr.) District 4-R. She lives in Columbus.

○ **Michael Tupa '96** is a credit manager at Norwest Financial in Omaha.

○ **Stephenie Wilson '96** is a credit manager at Norwest Financial in Lincoln.

○ **Scott Wilty '96** is training for management at Menards in Ankeny, Iowa.

○ **Kim Zulfer '96** and **Neal Anthony '95** were married on August 10 in Lincoln, Nebraska. They live in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Neal is in his second year at Luther Seminary and Kim is substitute teaching and seeking acting opportunities.

○ **Army Spec. Leanna Dehm '95** has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood.

○ Elizabeth Jody was born on May 3 to **Kristina (Bohannon '95)** and **Larry Fors** of Oakland, Nebraska.

○ **Rieko Ikeda '95** is working on a master's degree in computer science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

○ **Lea Jaspersen '95** teaches seventh



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and eighth grade English and eleventh grade composition at Wabasso (Minn.) High School.

○ *Gretchen Last '95* is director of youth ministry at First Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa.

○ *Mitchell Novak '95* and *Melanie Papstein '98* were married on June 8. They live in Blair.

○ *Richard Ullarich '95* is training to be a divisional manager at Herbergers in North Platte, Nebraska. He and his wife Tania are the parents of Jasmine Jordan, born November 3, 1995.

○ Shannon and *George Ashman '94* of Earlham, Iowa, announce the June birth of their son Cole. George teaches physical education and health at West Central in Dexter, Iowa.

○ *Meredith Dickerson '94* is regional sales manager for PaperTec, a new division of Omaha Paper Co. based in Kansas City, Kansas.

○ *Martin Hipondoka '94* is working on his master's degree at the International Institute for Aerospace and Resources Survey in The Netherlands.

○ *Chad '94* and *Dawn '94 Juelsgaard* of Hastings, Minnesota, announce the January 8 birth of son Baylor.

○ *Jennifer Karre '94* works in accounts payable for The Container Store in Dallas, Texas.

○ *Susan Lee '94* and Mark Johnson were married on June 22 in Nebraska City. They live in Dunbar, Nebraska. Susan, who continues to teach music at Verdon School in Dawson, Nebraska, reports that her high school band received a superior rating at district contest for the first time in 11 years.

○ *Angel Moore '94* and *Curtis Thomas '92* were married on September 28 at Dana.

○ *Jon Rademacher '94* and Pam Cultice of Grand Forks, North Dakota, were married in Omaha on August 31.

○ *Lairon Walters '93* is a loan officer for Citizen Mortgage in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

○ *Karen Clements '92* spent six weeks in August and September on the island of Negros Oriental, The Philippines, working at an orphanage as a missionary. She helped take care of 25 children, some of whom were

waiting for adoption to families in the U.S.

○ *Kurt James '92* of Manhattan Beach, California, recently spent a month in Mexico. He is western regional sales manager for Fear and Loathing Sports in Los Angeles.

○ *Melissa Reinikainen '92* and Kenneth Lee Darr were married on October 21, 1995. They live in Pittsville, Wisconsin. In April Melissa took a new position at Figi's, Inc., as quality assurance manager.

○ *Steve '92* and *Beth '92 Swenson* of Minneapolis, Minnesota, announce the September 23 birth of Isak Eli. He joins sister Ava.

'80s

○ *Emily Kurth-Christensen '89* and *Michael Christensen '88* live in Oakland, Iowa. Michael is vice president at Oakland State Bank; Emily works for Packers Bank Nebraska in the marketing department.

○ *Jim Jordan '89* teaches grades 7-12 vocal and instrumental music in Charter Oak, Iowa. He is also responsible for the sixth-grade band. Last year, when Jim taught in Iowa at Irvin-Kirkman-Manilla Schools, both of the high school choirs he directed received number one ratings at the state contest.

○ *Anne Lande '89* and Theo Peters were married on June 21 in Norway. She teaches at Jakarta International School, and he works at the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta. They will be in Jakarta for two more years.

○ Allen and *Sue (Warren '88) Dlouhy* of Auburn, Nebraska, announce the February 15 birth of Kyle Merritt. He joins brothers Ryne (5) and Luke (3) and sister Dana (3). Sue writes, "I keep very busy trying to keep up with the children and working part time as a pharmacist in Auburn."

○ *Derwin Roberts '88* and Betty Bryant were married on August 24. Both are employed by Tri-County Bank in Stuart, Nebraska, she as a personal banker and he as vice president.

○ In September *David Iversen '86* became cataloging librarian, with reference and collection development

duty, at the Gordon B. Olson Library at Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota. He writes that Minot has an annual Scandinavian celebration, the Hostfest, where he and other members of Dana's Danish Dancers performed in 1982. He adds, "I am definitely looking forward to living in a town with a large Scandinavian element within its population."

○ *Ann (Esbeck-Tillman '86)* and Todd Nitzel were married on May 25. Their address is 1234 McDonald Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. Daughter Alecia Tillman is five years old.

○ *Kate Gaard '86* and Steve Metzger were married on July 6; they live in Grand Island, Nebraska. Kate continues to teach fifth through eighth grade instrumental music in the Aurora Public Schools. Steve is a commercial estimator for State Glass in Grand Island.

○ *Stacy Crossland '85* and Ty Giebler were married on May 4. They live in Omaha. Stacy is an account executive with Telecom USA Publishing Co.

○ *Diane (Lauritsen '84)* and *Tom '84 Law* of Omaha announce the birth of twins Cassidy Kay and Reno Ray on September 2.

○ *Keith '84* and *Kathi (Klover '84) Uhlinger* of Moses Lake, Washington, welcomed their second child, Conner Roger, on April 28. Sister Sierra is three. Keith continues to teach English and science at Chief Moses Junior High; he also coaches football and basketball. Kathi is a social worker for Washington State Social Services.

○ *The Rev. Michael Martin '83* and Theresa (Terri) Scarcia were married on June 11. They live in Laurium, Michigan. Mike is a graduate student at Michigan Technological University, where he will complete a master's degree in rhetoric and technical communication next May. He is also a graduate assistant, teaching freshman composition and poetry and literature. Terri will finish her nursing degree in May. Mike notes that he became the stepfather to three daughters, two of whom are married, and that he is also a step-grandfather to three grandchildren.

○ *Jennifer Jensen '82* has been named

manager for marketing communications at Inacom in Omaha.

○ Tammy and *John Ragan '82* of Wheaton, Minnesota, announce the August 14 birth of Paul Nicholas George.

'70s

○ In August *Shirley Steffens '77* completed the requirements for a doctor of philosophy degree with a major in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is assistant professor in special education at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

○ Michael Thomas was born on August 3 to Tom and *Kathy (Berntson '75) Radig* of Breckenridge, Minnesota. Sister Laura will be four in December.

○ *Connie (Andersen '73) Weidler* lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009-2425, at 4760 Wimbleton Way.

○ *Carol (Schmidt '73) Willadsen* received her M.Div. in May 1995 from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. This past year she interned at Gothenburg, Nebraska; she is now attending Wartburg Seminary for a "Lutheran year."

○ *Greg Hayes '71* is president of EDIT, Inc. (Electronic Dissemination of Information Technologies) in Framingham, Massachusetts. He describes EDIT as "a systems integration company that utilizes proven defense technology for various civilian applications," with a "primary focus. . . in the transit industry with an emphasis on complex information systems." Hayes, who has had more than ten years of experience with display technologies, is leading EDIT into the manufacturing of large format displays for highway and transit applications. EDIT is also a manufacturer's representative for GE/Ericsson, a world leader in communications technologies.

○ *The Rev. Dr. Craig Moran '71* has joined the Department of Christian Missions and World Religions at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, as an associate professor of missions and director of the Global Mission Institute. He spent ten years at the Lutheran Theological Seminary

in Hong Kong, where he was academic dean and assistant professor of systematic theology. He was also a lecturer in Chinese history at the Chinese University of Hong Kong from 1987-89, and he served as assistant pastor of Anointed Grace Church at the Shatin Youth Centre from 1992-96.

'60s

○ *Bruce Falksen '69* was installed on September 15 as an associate pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iola, Wisconsin.

○ In June *Duane L. Anderson '65* was appointed pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in Ross, Iowa, and Gray United Methodist Church in Gray.

○ After living in Vienna, Austria, the past two years, *Drs. Walter '62 and Margaret (Nielsen '61) Rodenburg* have returned home to Centerville, Ohio. Margaret writes, "Lots of traveling, Copenhagen, relatives near Ringkobing, Poland, Prague, Budapest, Rome, Paris, etc. Cruise on Nile in Egypt and safari in Kenya. In 1995 I was chairwoman for the U.N. Women's Guild Bazaar, a one-day event with food stalls from 37 countries, national goods from 32 countries. Thirty thousand people attended and we raised \$200,000 for charities."

Deaths

○ *Ben Reyes '98* in Houston, Texas. Survivors include his parents, Ben and Kamilla.

○ *Betty (Smith '66) Fultz* of Colorado Springs, Colorado, on August 13. She is survived by husband Jim and son Jim Jr.

○ *Janice Larsen '63* on October 13 in Seattle, Washington. She had served as a missionary to Kenya since 1972 and was on furlough when she died unexpectedly. Her funeral was at St. John's Lutheran Church, her home congregation in Oregon, Wisconsin.

○ *Doris (Jacob '56) Sorensen '78* of Kennard, Nebraska, on August 18. Survivors include husband Don of Dana's Maintenance Department, son Steve and daughter Karen Long '91 of Blair; and sisters JoAnn Japp '53 '71

and Ruth Hagerbaumer and brother Herman.

○ *Verla Mohn '73* of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on May 16. She taught in Carter Lake and Council Bluffs at Thomas Jefferson High School for the past 20 years; during summer vacations she traveled to Mexico with students in her Spanish classes. Survivors include daughters Dorothy Dunham '72 of Missouri Valley, Iowa, Shirley Molden, and Nancy Stransky, and sons Daniel and Merrill.

○ *Howard "Bud" Petersen '49* of Phoenix, Oregon, on September 7. He had retired from teaching at Cabrillo Community College in Aptos, California. Survivors include his wife Louise, daughter Lisa Van Horn '74 and son Jim '78, both of Medford, Oregon, and son Jon '85 of Phoenix, Oregon.

○ *Abbie (Vaughn '48) Bellows* of Tampa, Florida, on August 27. Survivors include her husband Ray and four children.

○ *L. Madsen Andersen D'39 T'42* of Camarillo, California, on November 6. He served parishes in Luck and Racine, Wisconsin, and in Norwalk, San Bernardino and Camarillo, California. In the former UELC Andersen also served as chairman of the Board of Stewardship and wrote a regular column, "The Wrestler," in *The Angsar Lutheran*. He was a member of the Merger Committee whose work led to the formation of the ALC. Andersen is survived by his wife Charlotte (Richter '42) and their three children: Martha Kay Glanzman, Carl and Paul.

○ *Alvin Carlsen '35* of Shenandoah, Iowa, on September 14. He taught and then served as principal of Shenandoah High School for almost 30 years. He was a 53-year member and two-term president of the local Rotary Club and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He was also past president of the South Central District of the former Iowa Education Association, past member of the executive committee of the Iowa Association of Secondary School Principals, a member and three-term president of the Iowa High School Speech Association Executive

Committee, a 20-year member and two-term president of the Iowa Unified High School Activities Federation, and a member of the advisory committee to the Iowa State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In 1976 he was inducted into the Iowa High School Speech Association's Hall of Fame. In 1977 the Lions Club named him Citizen of the Year, and in 1980 he received the Optimist Club's Friend of Youth award. This past summer the Rotary Club presented him with its Service Above Self award. He is survived by his wife Betty (Christensen '32); son Ken and daughters Mary Woodworth and Nancy Schmitt; brothers Verner D'36 T'39, Viggo '35, Stanley D'45 T'47 and Niels D'49 T'56; and sisters Esther Hansen '38, Rhoda Holl '48 and Eunice Larsen '60.

○ *Ellen (Rasmussen '35) Knudsen* of Walnut Creek, California, on August 9. In addition to her 26 years in public education, she taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible school and sang in church choirs for most of her life. Her husband Rudolph '36, who survives her, writes, "She was always known as a most caring and loving person who would seek out the depressed and lonely. She was an outgoing Christian

lady who will be missed by all who remember her ready smile. We believed in Christian Higher Education, and the Knudsen Scholarship Fund for Dana students will be a lifelong testimonial to her life." She is also survived by three children—Karl, Arlette and Cheryl—and by sisters Martha Staby '36, Esther Laursen '41 and Violet Jacobsen '45.

○ *Dr. Robert Larsen '33* of Urbana, Illinois, on June 27. He received a doctoral degree from the University of Iowa in 1938. As a clinical psychologist, he worked at the University of Illinois counseling center from 1938 to 1977, helping students make career choices. He was a member of the American Psychological Association.

○ *Elizabeth Noble '31* of Albion, Nebraska, on September 20. Before retiring in 1964, she was an escrow officer at the Van Nuys, California, branch of Bank of America. She retired in 1964 and took a trip around the world with friends. In 1985, because of failing health, she moved to Albion to live with her sister Jane '28 Nore, who survives her. In Albion she volunteered for the Mustard Seed Association for the Blind and was a

member of many organizations. ○ *Gerhardt Jersild '29* of Oak Park, Illinois, in late July. A retired attorney, he was past president of United Charities of Chicago and the Lutheran High School Association of Metropolitan Chicago. Survivors include his wife Harriett, son Thomas and daughter Susan Kolb.

○ *Lillian (Lund '26) Healey* of Englewood, Colorado, on October 17. She was the retired head of the choral music department at DJ's Music Box in Denver.

○ *Ruth (Moore '23) Blanchard* of Blair on October 5. She and her late husband Tom sang on the Chautauqua circuit and then had a radio show in Chicago before moving to Blair in 1942, where they lived in her parents' home. Both subsequently taught at March School in Washington County. Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Dr. Irvin Tilden '32 of Hawaii.

○ **Before 1920.** *Seena (Hansen) Nielsen*, a resident of the Danish Home in Chicago, on September 15. She attended the former Dana Academy. She is survived by sons Harald and John and sister Grace (Hansen '42) Pearson of Omaha. ○

Phoenix luncheon planned for Feb. 22

The twelfth annual luncheon for snowbirds, alumni and friends in the greater Phoenix area will be held at noon on Saturday, February 22, in the North Room of The Arizona Golf Resort, 425 South Power Road (at Broadway and just north of the Superstition Freeway).

Readers who plan to be in Arizona at that time are invited to attend. The cost is \$9.50 per person. To make reservations, call Pastor James Olsen in December at (970) 663-1027 or in January and February at (602) 924-3253. ○

Homecoming 1996

The document room of the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana was named "The John Wolter and Elizabeth Solevad Nielsen Room" at Homecoming on Sunday afternoon, October 6. The room was named to honor the Niensens' "dedicated and inspiring leadership and service" to the Archive.



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Dr. Nielsen D'48 T'53 is a retired Dana professor of religion who also directed the college's humanities program. Elizabeth Solevad '49 Nielsen '64 is a former humanities assistant. They are pictured (on the right) with current library director Ruth Rasmussen (second from left) and former library directors Vivian Peterson of Fremont, Nebraska, and Ronald Johnson '61 of Forest Grove, Oregon.

I love good news. Perhaps that is why I love the Bible. It tells the good news of the God who was, who is and who is to come. It promises salvation for all in Christ Jesus. Good news seems to be rare today. Much of what we read and hear on radio and television brings reports of the “mean streets” of society.

From the President

One sometimes wonders if people have any moral grounding. Have we really made any progress as a people when war, assault, racism, theft and a variety of inhumane acts become so commonplace?

On our own campus recently, we have been dealing with a sexual assault case. It grieves me and all of Dana terribly when incidents occur where anyone is wronged. We constantly search for ways to create a more humane community, one in which the dignity of every person, male or female, is upheld and where race, nationality, ethnic background and other features of identity are celebrated as features of God’s creation, not as sources of prejudice.

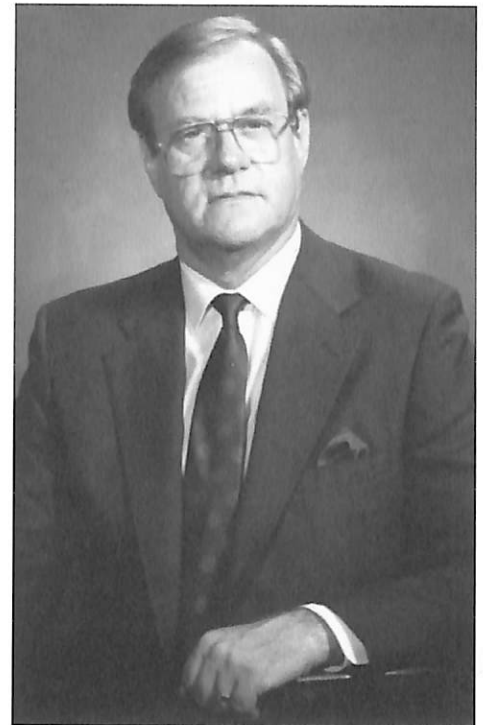
It disappoints me when Dana students are involved in anything that sheds a negative light on the Dana College community. I know, of course, that we are a part of the world, but I like to believe that a community of faith and learning

like ours should rise above the norm.

There are so many good things that happen here. Our students, faculty and staff volunteer often, whether it is to staff the Washington County Recycling Center, visit and entertain the elderly at local nursing homes, collect food for the hungry, offer programs for young children, and much more.

Our faculty and students educate and train for success. Recently our men’s cross country team earned the right to participate in the NAIA national meet in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where they finished fourth in the nation; and our cross country coach, Jay Birmingham, was selected NAIA Coach of the Year. These feats received scant mention in the regional media. A visiting accrediting team of educators from several states recently spent several days examining our teacher education program. On their exit visit they praised our program and reported that they found “no weaknesses”—a rare finding, we were told. When approximately three dozen of our Dana students performed brilliantly to capacity crowds in the musical *Godspell*, we received enthusiastic acclaim from those who attended, but beyond our local community nobody much cares or learns about these talented students.

When you hear negative news about the Dana community, I hope that you will keep us in your prayers and help us grow to become more worthy of your support, more effective in our educational and spiritual



mission. We are not perfect and we do not do everything well or right. But this is a good place with good people who seek to learn from their mistakes.

I am grateful to be a part of a community that turns to one greater than ourselves for hope and “good news.” It is a joy to know that there is one who makes saints of sinners and offers good news when bad seems so much more newsworthy. Please keep Dana in your prayers that we may help create leaders for tomorrow who will make good news more compelling than the bad.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Myrvin F. Christopherson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

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