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Past and present members of the Dana College Chorale joined voices at the annual choir reunion during Homecoming weekend. Professor Emeritus Paul Neve directed the reunion ensemble.
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President Christopherson appointed Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog

By Phil Pagel '56
Assistant to the President

In an impressive ceremony marking the opening of the 1997 homecoming weekend on campus, President Myrvin Christopherson '61 was named Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog by order of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.

Presenting the official decoration of knighthood to President Christopherson was Denmark's ambassador to the United States, the honorable K.E. Tygesen.

"It is well deserved for all that you have done to keep Dana College relations to the old country alive," Tygesen said during his presentation remarks. "We in Denmark are very appreciative for what you all do here in Blair."

Ambassador Tygesen also surprised and pleased the audience by announcing that the Danish Ministry of Education will

soon provide financial support for Danish language teaching at Dana College.

The plan of support calls for an annual financial stipend beginning this fall and continuing through the year 2000. At that time, the ministry will reevaluate the Danish language programs in the United States and determine whether or not the subsidy program should continue.

Mogens Bay, a native of Denmark and member of the Dana College Board of Regents, also presented remarks.

"This fine institution has truly been blessed to have had the leadership of the Christophersons over the last 11-plus years," he said. "They have provided new ideas, lots of progress and great leadership in the time they've been here."

Bay read congratulatory letters to Christopherson from Bruce Lauritzen, Danish consul in Nebraska, and Victor Borge. Bay also read a proclamation from Governor Ben Nelson.

Alumni, students, major donors



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Danish Ambassador K.E. Tygesen (right) congratulates President Christopherson on his knighting.

and other friends attending the knighting ceremony gave President and Mrs. Christopherson a long and enthusiastic standing ovation as an expression of congratulations and good wishes.

"It was truly an honor and reflects favorably on the excellence of students, faculty and staff of the Dana College community," Christopherson said. "Anne and I were especially glad that our four children could enjoy the event with us."

The Knight Order of the Dannebrog, one of Denmark's oldest and highest honors, is said to have originated in 1219 and was named in honor of the arrival of Denmark's flag, the Dannebrog.

The first awarding of knighthood did not come until 1671 and at that time was reserved for men of the nobility. In 1808 it was determined that any subject could be considered for

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Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Tony Ward '98 (center) arranged the version of the Danish national anthem sung at the knighting ceremony. He is joined by Ambassador Tygesen and President Christopherson.

Three alumni honored at Homecoming

Three Dana College alumni were honored during Homecoming activities Sept. 27. Sandra (Ohrt) Ellis of Blair, a 1986 Dana graduate, received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. 1987 graduate Ronda Fritz and 1976 graduate Barry Olson were inducted into the Dana College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ellis, a native of Farragut, Iowa, is director of administrative services at Mid-America Computer Corporation in Blair.

She has served on the Blair City Council, the Memorial Community Hospital Board and on a Blair Area Chamber of Commerce committee studying future needs of the community.

Her husband, Jeff, a 1985 Dana graduate, made the presentation.

Fritz, originally from Salem, Neb., was a letter winner in basketball and softball at Dana. She received all-conference and all-district honors in basketball and was twice named her team's most valuable player.

The 5-9 forward finished her career as Dana's all-time leading scorer with an average of 12 points per game. She still ranks in the top ten in 20 statistical categories for Dana.

Fritz now teaches middle school health and physical education in the Beatrice (Neb.) Public Schools. She also coaches middle school volleyball and track and is the girls' high school basketball coach.

Dana Athletic Director Kathy Foley, Fritz's former coach, made the presentation.

Olson, a native of Minnetonka, Minn., was a baseball letter winner at Dana. He won all-district and all-conference honors for two years. As a senior, Olson received the Coach Rufus Olson Memorial Award.

Olson completed his pitching career with a 28-14 record from the mound, including six shut-outs (four in his senior season). He had a 2.48 earned run average and struck out an average of six batters each seven innings pitched.



Photo by Barry Anderson '73

Sandra (Ohrt) Ellis '86 of Blair received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Her husband Jeff '85 (left) made the presentation. She is congratulated by President Myrvin Christopherson.

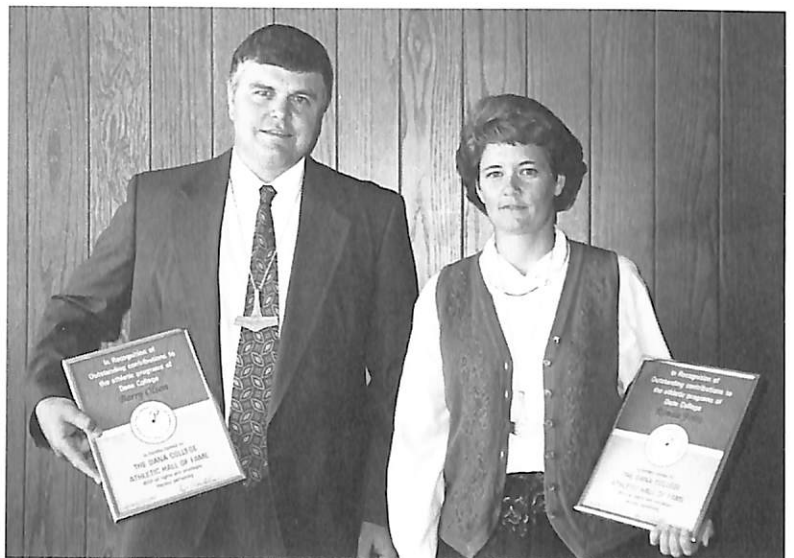


Photo by Barry Anderson '73

Barry Olson '76 and Ronda Fritz '87 were inducted into the Dana College Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend.

He currently is a junior high science teacher and coach in Owatonna, Minn. This year he was named Section 1AAA Coach of the Year at Owatonna High School.

Olson is head negotiator for the Owatonna Education Association, president of the Blooming Prairie Recreation Association and a trustee at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. He was named Zone 8 Lion of the Year for Southern Minnesota in 1996-97.

Paul Haack '75, Olson's friend and former teammate, made the presentation. ○

Alumni share publishing experiences

Four Dana College alumni shared their publishing experiences during Homecoming weekend.

Don Baack '75, Gladys (Lynge '45) Hughes, John W. Nielsen D'48 T'53 and Ninna (Schmidt '33) Engskow took the time to sign their recently published books and make a presentation on their experiences.

○ Baack is in his 19th year of teaching at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. Over the past couple of years he co-authored college textbooks on organizational behavior and management.

This fall, he took a different kind of book to press. "How to Survive Your Child's College Education: From Application to Graduation" is described by Baack as a "funny how-to book."

The 200-page book takes parents through the college process from campus visits through graduation.

"I borrowed from years of teaching and having a son go through the process," Baack said. His oldest son is a college senior.

Baack decided to write "How to Survive..." when he realized there were plenty of books to help students prepare for college, but none for parents.

"Nobody else has talked about it from a parents' perspective," he said. "A lot of people know that your relationship as a parent doesn't stop when your kid goes to college."



Luella Nielsen '42 buys an autographed book from Gladys (Lynge '45) Hughes during Homecoming weekend.

Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

"How to Survive Your Child's College Education: From Application to Graduation" was released in November. Baack says the book should be available at most major bookstores.

○ Hughes of Picayune, Miss., took to writing after 30 years of teaching high school speech and drama. She had written plays for her community theater and is the author of the yet-to-be-released humor book "How To Talk Mississippi."

"Good-Bye Forever," Hughes' first novel, is a story of Danish immigrants and their experiences in America. She drew upon her own Danish heritage to write the novel. Hughes' parents both hailed from Denmark.

"I started (writing) and now I have another (novel) halfway through," she said. "I'm finding it a very interesting experience to write."

Hughes' novel is self-published under a company called Pinecone Press. Dana was one of

her many book signing stops across the country.

To order a copy of "Good-Bye Forever," send \$9.95 plus \$1.55 postage to Pinecone Press, Attention: Gladys Hughes, Box 1470, Picayune, MS 39466, or it is also available at the Dana College Bookstore.

○ Lur Publications, the publishing company of the Dana College Danish Immigrant Archive, has released its second book, "Many

Danes, Some Norwegians."

The book, written in both Danish and English, was edited by Nielsen, director of special projects of the archive, and translated by Engskow.

"Many Danes..." is an 1894 diary kept by Karen Miller, a Danish immigrant farm woman living in southern Minnesota. Aspects of daily life, including milking and haying, candle making and spinning, are mentioned as are occasional activities.

Nielsen said a third book, "Big Sky, Thick Sod," is in the works. The upcoming book will have a broader focus, telling of the experiences of several Danish immigrants in eastern Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, western Nebraska and Wyoming.

"Tante Johanne," the first book of Lur Publications, is in its second printing.

"Tante Johanne" and "Many Danes, Some Norwegians" are available at the Dana Bookstore. ○

Professor continues to create for others

By Carrie L. Larkins '94, Review editor

Run-of-the-mill items hang along the walls of Dr. Milt Heinrich's garage—a snow shovel, weed trimmer, rake and other garden tools. His family's cars, however, are parked out in the street in front of his Blair home. Saw horses, tubes of paint, a power sander and a scale model of his latest piece of artwork occupy the area where a car should be.

Leaning against the east wall of his garage is Heinrich's work-in-progress, a large piece made of metal, clay and plastic laminate for the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society. One of Heinrich's students at Dana College, senior Moses Thompson, moves back and forth in front of the artwork, tearing off pieces of masking tape and sticking them to the clay beneath the names of Jewish merchants.

Heinrich anxiously leads the visitor from one end of the piece to the other, pointing out the names of car dealers, jewelers, grocers and other business families still prominent in the Omaha area.

"Just by perusing this mural it's surprising how much one learns about how important the Jewish merchants were to the development of Omaha," Heinrich said.

"The intent of this piece is to look at history from generation to generation," he said. "It's not the founding fathers who are going to be looking at this piece. It's the grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Heinrich was contacted last spring by members of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society to create a wall relief which depicts a portion of Nebraska Jewish history. After conferring with Barbara Morrison-Bresler, archivist for the society, and others, the history of the Jewish merchant community was settled on as a topic.

"This history is still in the process of being written," Heinrich said. "I worked hand-in-hand with Barbara trying to conceptualize what this history might be and how it would look."

The wall relief tells the history in two ways. It lists over 1,000 names of the founding merchants organized by category, including butchers, jewelers, department store owners and others. The size or length of existence of the business isn't important. The names are included "whether they were Mom and Pop groceries or whether they were as large as Baker's, No Frills and Bag 'N Save," Heinrich said. Space has been left so names can be added.

The mural also tells a pictorial history in the

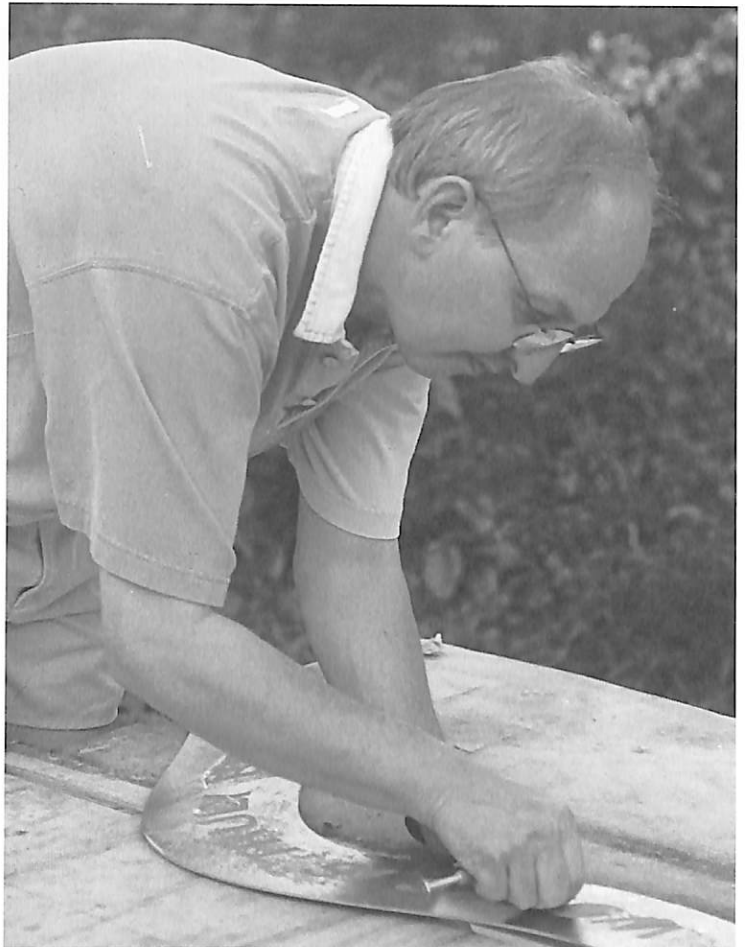


Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Dr. Milt Heinrich cleans the metal ribbon before mounting it on his wall relief for the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society.

form of a spiral of etched metal. Organized roughly by decade are photographs of businesses and people as well as letterheads, logos and advertisements. The center photo, from the early 1870s, pictures one of the first volunteer fire departments standing in front of M. Hellman and Company.

"It's something completely different than we've ever had in our building before," Morrison-Bresler said.

This latest work simply continues Heinrich's trend of creating for others. The Dana College art professor has been commissioned to create art for public display in Omaha and other areas for just over 10 years.

"I like to get into other people's minds," Heinrich said. "It's more fulfilling for me to work with other people's needs. That's what you hire an artist for is to make your ideas a reality."

Heinrich's first work for public display was "Missouri River Symphony," a wall relief giving multiple views of the Missouri River in metal and clay.



"Missouri River Symphony," on display at Eppley Airfield in Omaha, was Heinrich's first commissioned work for public display. It was completed just over 10 years ago.

It appears in the south end of the terminal at Eppley Airfield in Omaha.

Heinrich has since tackled many other disciplines outside of his area of expertise. The artist has four major works on display in the Omaha Community Playhouse. "Actors Procession" is featured on the south side of the building and "Actors Quest" is on the north. Inside is an abstract work entitled "Opening Night," and "The Constellation" is in the Scott Lobby of the playhouse.

The artist participated in a few theater productions while in high school and college.

"I had no idea at that time how theater would be professionally important to me," he said. "Without being personally in theater myself...I would have never been able to do that."

Heinrich has not been afraid to tackle theological projects as well. He has completed commissioned works for First Lutheran Church and St. Stephen

the Martyr Catholic Church in Omaha as well as a mural for his home congregation, First Lutheran Church in Blair.

"I feel very comfortable dealing with mission and goal statements of congregations," he said. "There aren't many artists today who are attracted to making a religious statement. I think my own faith is supported and renewed by teaching at Dana College."

Religious support is not the only thing Heinrich receives from teaching at Dana. He uses his colleagues, as well as his liberal arts background, as resources in researching his art. For example, when Heinrich was commissioned to create a piece for the library in Papillion, the professor turned to the Dana College Library staff. Sharon Jensen, assistant librarian, pointed him immediately to a quotation in a poem by Langston Hughes.

"What a fantastic resource to have all these minds--all this

fertility--here to tap in to," Heinrich said. "If I was an artist in my own studio, I couldn't do what I do."

Several years ago, Heinrich wrestled with where his life was taking him and how he should be working as an artist. He took a semester sabbatical leave from teaching and devoted the time to work exclusively on non-commissioned work.

"I wanted to see what was inside of me when I am working in a more solitary fashion, when there is not the interaction of people in my work," he said. "I found it very unsatisfying. I got real lonely.

"There is a big difference between doing art and teaching art. Teaching art is a service. It's working with people, not with objects. Without that aspect to what I do, I wouldn't be complete."

"The Person Who Works is Truly Blessed" is on display at the Jewish Community Center, 333 S. 132nd Street, Omaha. ○

Sophomores *Stephanie Greiner* of Bellevue, Neb., *Rachel Hospodka* of Omaha, and *Kelly Kumm* of Bloomfield, Neb., have met the requirements for continuing Dana students and were approved by the Honors Program Advisory Council for admission this fall.

Richard and Jan Potter, associate professors of social work, presented workshops and a retreat at the Annual Conference of the Society for Spirituality and Social

Work held at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., June 28-July 1. Richard's workshop was entitled, "Deconstructing and Reconstructing Reality: Some Lessons from Sufism."

Jan's workshop was "Coming Home: The Final Stages of the Spiritual Journey."

Dr. Robert Mousettis, assistant professor of business administration, presented his paper entitled, "Portugal in the European Union: The First Ten Years," at the Academy of International Business in Monterrey, Mexico, on Oct. 10.

The Nebraska Foreign Language Association (NFLA) held its fall conference at Dana College Oct. 10. Approximately 175 language teachers attended.

Diana Brown, professor of Spanish and French, was a presenter at the Iberoamerican Academy of Poetry at Georgetown University Oct. 15-19 in Washington, D.C. Other presenters at the Iberoamerican Academy were Dr. Milagros Salvador, University of Madrid, Spain; Dr. J. Najenson, AIP Jerusalem; Dr. F. Alegria, Stanford University; Dr. L. Jimenez, National Poet of Spain; and Dr. O. Betanzos Palacios, director of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language. The participants were

honored in a ceremony Oct. 17 at the Mary Pickford Theater, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building. Brown has also been invited to present in April 1998 in Baltimore for the NEMLA (North East Modern Languages Association).

Richard Palmer, head of the choral division, was this year's guest conductor for the Niobrara Valley Conference Choral Clinic in Spencer, Neb., Oct. 27. Conference directors included *Michael Hanson '97*.

Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of education, visited the Space Center in Houston Oct. 28-29 for a Space Simulators workshop. It included a behind-the-scenes view put together for persons who conduct space simulations and presentation of integrated curriculum materials for K-12 students. Ferguson heads Dana's annual summer TREK camp.

Tom Jackson, Dana's grounds supervisor, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute on Park and Grounds Management. He presented a training program for pesticide safety and a paper at their 27th Annual Educational Conference in Houston, Texas, Nov. 2-5. The National Institute on Park and Grounds Management Inc. works with campuses of colleges and universities and major city parks and state parks and provides seminars and training meetings.

Religion professor *John Lyden's* article, "From Sacrifice to Sacrament: Repentance in a Christian Context," has been published in "Repentance: A Comparative Perspective," edited by Amitai Etzioni (Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield, 1997). The nine essays in this volume were originally presented at a conference on repentance at Georgetown University in 1995, sponsored by the Center for Communitarian Policy Studies.

Richard Palmer was one of the featured presentors at the 1997 Nebraska Music Educators Association Annual Convention

Nov. 20-22 in Lincoln. Palmer's session, entitled "World Music for Voices," presented vocal/choral music of non-Western cultures suitable for both the classroom and concert stage. He also outlined the fundamental premises of the most recent addition to the choral division at Dana—VOICES—as guidelines for possible public school adjustments in choral music curricula.

Bob Schmoll '83, vice president for business affairs, has been appointed to serve on the ELCARM (ELCA Risk Management) Board of Trustees, effective with the first meeting in November.

Richard Palmer, professor of music, conducted the East Husker Conference Choral Festival Nov. 11 at Pender, Neb. Conference schools were from Oakland-Craig, North Bend and West Point, among others, and featured a mass choir of nearly 400 high school singers.

Sharon and Tim Jensen have an article, "The Danish Immigrant Archive-Dana College: Inevitably American and Unmistakably Danish," published in the 16th Danish Canadian Conference book. Sharon is assistant library director and reference librarian/archivist.

First Lutheran Church of Blair has named *Richard Palmer*, professor of music, to the position of Senior Choir Director following the retirement of David Carlsen after 30 years of service.

An article by campus nurse *Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen*, R.N., titled "When Death by Cold is the Stalker," has been accepted by the journal *Point of View* for the Winter 1998 issue. The article tells the story of the Omaha twins who nearly died of hypothermia last January and gives emergency room nurses step-by-step actions to take in preventing numerous complications. *Point of View* is published by the suture company Ethicon and is widely distributed to hospital emergency rooms and surgical suites. ○

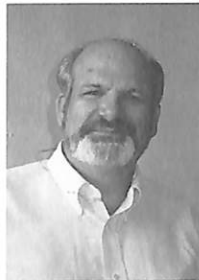
New employees announced at Dana

Five new full-time faculty members opened the 1997-98 academic year at Dana College.

Dr. William Hall is serving as assistant professor of music and director of bands. Sandi Mitchell has been hired as an instructor of physical education and head women's basketball coach. Dorothy Willis is the new library director. Debra Balzer fills a new cabinet position as dean of enrollment and Rev. Joanne Richmond is serving Dana as campus pastor.

Band director

Hall completed his doctorate of philosophy in music education this fall at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. He holds a master's degree in trombone performance from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor of music education from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.



Hall

Hall has performed professionally on trombone with the United States Army Field Band and United States Army Band (Pershing's Own). He taught instrumental music in the public schools from 1967-74 and 1985-94.

Women's basketball coach

Mitchell completed her master's degree in kinesiology at the University of Lamar in Beaumont, Texas, last spring.

She holds a bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla.

For the past two years, Mitchell has served as first assistant women's basketball coach

at Lamar University, an NCAA Division I school.

Mitchell was a standout college and high school athlete in basketball and tennis. During her senior year of college eligibility, she was named all-conference basketball, leading rebounder and second leading scorer.



Mitchell

Library director

Willis received her master's degree in librarianship from the University of Denver. Her bachelor of arts degree in education is from Peru State College.



Willis

Willis has served as dean of instructional support services at Clarkson College in Omaha since 1994. She also held the positions of director of instructional support services and director of library services at the college since 1990.

Campus pastor

Richmond obtained her master's of divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and her bachelor of arts degree in religion from Carthage College.



Richmond

She most recently served as pastor and Lutheran campus minister at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Michigan Technological University.

Admissions

Two new faces will greet potential students in the admissions office. Debra Balzer has been hired as dean of enrollment.

Phillip Raleigh is director of international student recruitment and assistant director of admissions.

Balzer, a native of Staples, Minn., is a graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Following graduation, she worked as Augsburg as an admissions counselor, assistant director of admissions and associate director of admissions. Balzer was a member of the Alumni Board for six years and has been a class agent for 11 years.



Balzer

Other new employees

Seven professors serve as new adjunct faculty at the college, Jeff Baron, Alan Bone, Ernst Niemann, Gina Wagner, Mark Levy, Nyundu ya Rubango, and Frank Taylor.

Kris Graulich is the new head women's softball coach and is assistant athletic director.

Three new assistant coaches have been hired in the athletic department: John King and Brett Williams '97, football; Ted Arndt, women's soccer.

Other new employees include Joanna Colhour and JoNel Oerman, campus security; David Whitmore, maintenance; Carrie Larkins '94, assistant director of college relations; Donnelle Lippincott, bookstore assistant; and Shawn Lorenzen '91, swimming lessons instructor. ○

New officers elected to Alumni Council

Three new officers head the Alumni Council this academic year: Jennifer Jensen '82, Omaha, president; Shawn Lorenzen '91, Omaha, vice president; and Bob Coffey '75, Blair, secretary.

Jensen is manager of marketing communications at Inacom, Lorenzen is supervisor at First Investors Corp. and Coffey is president of Copy Direct.

These officers and immediate past president Carol King '84, Omaha, make up the council's executive committee.

Elected last spring to three-year terms are: Helga (Jessen '51) Hanson, Blair; Jennifer Jensen; Douglas Larson '73, Waverly, Neb.; Paul Madsen '80, Omaha; and Maija Nielsen '93, Omaha.

Elected members can serve two three-year terms. Hanson enters her first term and Jensen her second. This past year Larson, Madsen and Nielsen served one-year terms as appointed members-at-large.

Council members have appointed these members-at-large: Ingvert Appel '58, Eldora, Iowa; Alan Pedersen '80, Gretna, Neb.; and Trasy Sparr '93, Omaha. Members-at-large can serve two one-year terms.

Other council members are: Jerry Christensen '82, Blair; Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen, Blair; Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen, Blair; David Larsen '60, Gretna; Paul Larsen '48, Fremont, Neb.; Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, Omaha; Arlyce (Fuchs '61) Olsen, Omaha; Glenn Schacht '70, Sioux City, Iowa. ○



Photo by Barry Anderson '73

Ann (Harms '54) George, director of alumni affairs, is retiring after 31 years of service at Dana College. In the fall of 1966, Ann began her career at Dana teaching part-time in the English Department. She also worked in public relations as assistant director (1975-1984) and began working as director of alumni affairs in 1985. President and Mrs. Christopherson presented Ann with a bouquet during the Homecoming brunch.

Alumni invited to travel on interim trips abroad

Alumni and friends of Dana College are invited to accompany Dana faculty and students on two Interim trips this January.

Michael Anderson and Jeanmarie Nielsen are traveling to Europe and England to view the Great Cathedrals. The group will spend time in and around the areas of Cologne and Munich, Germany; Paris, France; and London, England.

The estimated cost of about \$3,000 will include air fare, surface transportation, lodging, admissions to all scheduled sites and at least one daily meal.

For more information, contact

Anderson at 402-426-7314 or log in to the cathedrals home page at www.dana.edu/~manderso/.

Jim Olsen is planning a three-week travel experience to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Participants will visit important sites dating from ancient times to the present. Emphasis will be placed on historical, religious, social, political and artistic significance.

The estimated cost of approximately \$3,000 includes all air fare, surface transportation, lodging, two meals daily and admission to all scheduled sites and museums.

For more information, contact Olsen at 402-426-7206. ○

The Dana Connection—It's Everywhere...

Most days, I find myself faced with too many meetings, tackling too many deadlines and needing to accomplish too many tasks.

One luxury I permit myself in the midst of the chaos is the daily reading of the local newspaper. I can proudly relate that I come by this habit naturally; both of my parents were avid newspaper readers during my youth. I feel a total "disconnect" without a review of the latest headlines, a glance at the day's markets, a reading of the Living and Business sections and a quick look at top sports stories.

One of my favorite sections of the newspaper is the comics. I'm always guaranteed of a chuckle whenever I read "Dilbert", "Cathy" and everyone's favorite Viking, "Hagar The Horrible."

As I read, I take great delight in discovering familiar names in news articles or faces I recognize in advertisements or photos. Religiously, I clip special articles and store them in a safe place for

later review and reflection. (This means they usually end up on my coffee table until I have a chance to file them properly.)

In reviewing the clippings that have recently found their way into my filing system, I find an amazing number with Dana connections.

One headline, from a Tom Allan column, reads "College to Celebrate Knight and Dane." A photo of Dr. Christopherson, Dana's newest knight, accompanies the column. An announcement from a Sunday business page recaps the promotion of my Dana classmate, Pat Kenealy, to vice president and controller of Omaha's ConAgra Flour Milling Co.

A warm review of "Treasure Island" at the Omaha Theater Company for Young People reminds me that former Dana thespian, Kevin Barratt, plays "a salty pirate and a half-mad comic character Ben Gunn" in the production.

One of the most meaningful

of my clippings is not a news article. It is an advertisement for The Lied Transplant Center. The headline reads, "Kim has always been my role model. Now he's my hero for life." The ad copy continues: "Growing up, Kim Townsend was always there for his sister, Camille. But in 1994, he became her hero for life. Kim was the donor of Camille's life-saving bone marrow transplant. Kim came through for Camille again in 1995 as her donor for two separate stem cell transplants." A photo of Camille Townsend and her brother, Kim, accompanies the ad copy. Kim Townsend is a 1980 graduate of Dana College.

I'm so proud of my Dana connection. It's something very special, indeed.

Jennifer J. Jensen '82
President, Alumni Council

Jennifer Jensen, president of the Dana Alumni Council, is director of marketing - communication Services at Inacom Communications in Omaha.

Dana President knighted during Homecoming

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knighthood and in 1951, the honor was extended to women.

Knighthood is awarded to selected Danes and Danish Americans throughout the world in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation and advancement of Danish culture.

The honor of knighthood came to Dana College in the early 1900s when the first four presidents of Dana and Trinity Seminary—A.M. Andersen, G.B. Christensen, P.S. Vig and Kristian Anker—were awarded this high honor by their native Denmark.



Mogens Bay

In 1961, the late Dr. C.C. Madsen became the first Dana

president in recent history to be named Knight of the Dannebrog. Dr. Earl R. Mezoff, president of Dana during the visit here by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II in 1976, was also given knighthood.

Then, in 1984, as an expression of congratulations to Dana on the occasion of her centennial celebration, knighthood was awarded to president James Kallas.

In all of the college's history, only two non-presidents have been awarded knighthood. That distinction belongs to Professor Emeritus Norman C. Bansen and the late Dr. Paul C. Nyholm. ○

Outreach program strengthens connections

This article, written by Leslie Schroeter '00, originally appeared in the Sept. 19 issue of the Hermes. It is reprinted here with permission.

Strengthening the connection between Lutheran churches and Dana College was a goal this past summer.

Two Dana students, Deneen Schriver and Lindsay Bruning, accomplished this goal under the supervision of Barry Anderson, director of public relations.

Initially, the idea of getting Dana reacquainted with Lutheran churches came from former campus pastor Mike Ostrom. Pastor Ostrom approached Schriver and Bruning last spring with the idea. After getting the funding approved for the project, Schriver and Bruning began the job one week after the end of the spring semester. They traveled to Lutheran churches to meet personally with pastors and to let them know more about Dana College. If no one at the church could meet with them, they left a brochure about what Dana has to offer to churches.

"We traveled to about 100 churches within a 100-mile radius of Blair. Three days a week we were on the road and we spent Mondays and Fridays in the office," said Bruning.

"We told pastors about the special music and the speakers we have to offer. We gave them



Lindsay Bruning '99 and Deneen Schriver '99 locate their next church visitation on the map.

Photo by Sara Crawford '99

options for things to do with youth groups, like bring them to Dana for lock-ins and special performances. We also wanted them to know that the college is available for special retreats for different groups," Schriver said.

Another reason for all of this traveling is that the Lutheran student population at Dana has dropped from less than one-half in the 1960s to less than one-third this year, according to Anderson.

"Diversity is definitely a goal at Dana, but we still need to

rebuild our connection to the church," commented Anderson.

As far as the actual traveling and meeting with people, Schriver and Bruning both agreed that it was a learning experience for them in many ways.

"The first couple of weeks I

was really nervous about talking with people I had never met before, but it got a lot easier after that," said Bruning.

Schriver thought that it helped her map skills and planning skills.

"It also helped me to learn to take things in stride," she said.

To follow-up the project this summer, people from Dana, such as special musical groups and speakers, as well as the campus ministry

group, will be going around to churches to give special performances and to help with church services.

"This will expand the opportunities for personal growth of Dana students as well as help the churches," said Anderson. "It has already helped Deneen and Lindsay to build confidence and professionalism. They are more

self-motivated and more ready for a professional career."

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Deneen Schriver '99
Regarding outreach program

Schriver. "Pastors in small churches were flattered that we traveled to meet with them and talk to them face-to-face. It was a really terrific experience."

To involve Dana in your home congregation, contact the College Relations office at 402-426-7216. ○



Alumni travel in U.S., abroad with *Review*

To British Isles: (top left) Rev. Melius Bollesen D'52 T'56 of Huntington Beach, Calif., and his sister Phyllis (Bollesen '55) Matthews of Omaha spent 17 days on a tour of the British Isles in July. They had their picture taken in the area where the Loch Ness Monster is supposedly seen. "However, we were disappointed that we did not get to see him," Phyllis writes.

To Wisconsin: (top right) On the shore of Green Bay near Fish Creek, Wis., in June, a group of friends posed

with the Dana Review. They had gathered together to strengthen the bonds which began as freshmen at Dana in 1961-62. Attending were (front) Marilyn (Andersen) Abariotes, JoAnne (Johnson) Adkins, Jann (Terwileger) Rodberg, (back) Judy (Mortensen) Heil, Judy (Jensen) Archibald, Jackie (Swendseid) Dudley, and Linda (Money) Jorgensen.

To St. Croix: (bottom left) Paul '68 and Kathy (Hulsebus '71) Ahrendt, left, and Ron '70 and Rikki (Forney '70) Hulsebus, right, went to St.

Croix in April to visit Niels Rasmussen, center. Rikki writes: "Niels has many fond memories of his experience at Dana. However, he much prefers living on St. Croix!"

To Paris: (bottom right) Spencer '63 and Janet (Frandsen '64) Martin took an educational tour to London and Paris last summer. They had their photo taken at what became the highlight of their Paris trip, Janet writes, an elegant little church, San Chapelle, which was built specifically to house the Crown of Thorns.

Cross country runners head to nationals

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Cross Country

A third straight trip to nationals for the Dana men and the first-ever appearance by Dana women runners at the NAIA Championships highlighted the cross country season this fall.

The NAIA Nationals were contested Nov. 15 in Kenosha, Wis., after the deadline for this edition of the *Review*. The Dana men earned a spot at nationals for a third consecutive year by winning an

NAIA Qualifier at Sioux Falls, S.D., on Nov. 1. That came after the Vikings, with two-time defending champion Ben Sandy ailing, failed to defend their NIAC crown and finished second in the conference to Concordia.

The Dana men were ranked 7th in the final NAIA ratings of the season while the Dana women debuted in the national rankings at No. 24 in the final poll of the season. That was not good enough to get the Viking women an at-large bid to nationals, but senior Angie Sparacino and junior Amanda Buttry earned spots at nationals with their individual performances at the NAIA Qualifier.

Women's Soccer

Although a final record of 4-12-1 is not especially appealing on the surface, the Dana women's soccer team of 1997 had a good fall in terms of making progress in just the second year of the sport at the varsity level.



Photo by Paul Clark

Molly Fuxa '01 maneuvers the ball away from a Midland defender in action Sept. 10.

The Vikings beat Midland Lutheran in the first-ever women's soccer meeting between the schools, 3-0, and also tipped the Warriors later in the season, 3-2 in overtime. The Vikings played at home on Homecoming Saturday and turned in a great performance, beating York, 4-1.

Dana's fourth win of the season included school-record team and individual scoring performances. The Vikings' offensive output in a 7-5 victory over Concordia was the best ever and first-year player Amanda Stoffel recorded the first hat trick in Viking women's soccer history with three goals against the Bulldogs.

Stoffel and sophomore Rachel Herman shared the team lead for goals scored on the season with seven each. Senior Carrie Knapp had five goals and six assists and she and Herman shared the team scoring lead with 16 points apiece. Sara Duff and Sidsel Raskmark shared the bulk of the playing time at goalkeeper for the Vikings.

Dana had a 2-4 record in the second season of Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) women's soccer.

Volleyball

It was a rough season for the Dana spikers as the Vikings finished up 0-12 in the NIAC and ended the regular season at 2-37.


Sports

Home wins over Buena Vista IA and Westmar IA in a pair of non-conference matches were the lone victories on the '97 slate for Dana. The Vikings did not have anyone selected for the first or second all-conference teams.

The Vikings were seeded sixth in the NIAC post-season tournament and opened tourney play Nov. 8 at Doane. That match was after deadline for the *Review* and Dana's post-season outcome as well as final volleyball stats will appear in the next edition.

Football

Dana stood at 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the NIAC with two games left to go in the 1997 regular season.

The Vikings started the year 0-3 before knocking off Buena Vista IA, 31-24, in a non-conference game at Storm Lake, Iowa. Dana followed that victory up with conference wins over Midland Lutheran, 37-28, and Concordia, the latter coming on Parents' Day at Viking Field for Dana's lone win in three home contests this fall.

Junior defensive back Biff Schofield was the Vikings' leading tackler through eight games while sophomore defensive end Jim Rosterman led the team in sacks. Kicker Joel Krominga was perfect on his first 12 extra-point tries and sophomore Jason Mitchell was again a danger kick-return specialist as well as being the Vikings' leading receiver and scorer.

Dana got its best rushing performance from senior transfer running back Marlon Pierre while senior Michael Babbitt was Dana's starting quarterback for a third straight year. Babbitt's season was cut short, however, by a pair of concussions suffered late in the fall. ○



Matt '98 and Mark '01 Haufle

Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Brothers share talents on Dana stage in fall musical, "H.M.S. Pinafore"

By Carrie L. Larkins '94, *Review* editor

Nearly 15 years ago, brothers Matt and Mark Haufle made their theater debut together on the stage of the Red Oak (Iowa) Community Theater in the production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

This fall, the brothers were together again, this time on the Dana College stage for Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Matt, a senior music and religion major at Dana, has played a role in the past several musical productions at the college, including "Guys and Dolls," "Godspell," "The Robber Bridegroom," and "Working." He was featured as one of the leads, Captain Corcoran, in this fall's musical.

"The Pied Piper was my first show," Matt said. "I liked that so I just kept doing it."

"It's brought me out of my shell a lot," he said. "When I came to Dana, I was really shy. It's a great way to meet people and get involved."

Mark, a freshman, doesn't quite share his brother's enthusiasm about being on stage, but he does appreciate using the musical as a way to get more involved on campus.

"I really don't like being on stage as much as I like being backstage," Mark said. But, as they say, college is a place to broaden your horizons, and Mark was featured as a member of the chorus on stage in "Pinafore."

"I thought it would be a good experience for me," he said.

Although the Haufles don't really come from a musical family, music is the tying force which brought the brothers to the stage. They were both members of the high school chorus at Red Oak and now Matt is in the Dana College Chorale and Mark participates in Dana VOICES.

"I was just a shot in the dark and Mark just followed in my footsteps, I guess," Matt said.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" was presented Oct. 1-5 under the direction of Dwayne Ibsen. ○

'90s

○ **Kyle Anderson '97** is working in the human resources/employment department of West Teleservices in Omaha.

○ **Rachel Brotherton '97** is teaching at a Christian children's center in Des Moines, Iowa.

○ **Jeff Buman '97** and **Janet Reisdorff '97** were married Sept. 20 in David City. Janet is employed at Shelby County State Bank in Harlan, Iowa, and Jeff is farming in the Harlan area.

○ **Stephanie Carlson '97** and **David Pruch** were married Sept. 21 in Omaha.

○ **Kyla Clay '97** is attending Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo.

○ **Matthew Cox '97** is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

○ **Heidi Gerth '97** is a graphic designer for Fastenel Co. in Winona, Minn.

○ **Jodi Hook '97** is a computer programmer at Lozier in Omaha.

○ **Jennimarie Joslin '97** is an assistant in benefit administration for Medical Security Card Co. in Tucson, Ariz.

○ **Bret Marchese '97** is a performance analyst for Salt River Project in Phoenix, Ariz.

○ **Tim Marsden '97** teaches music in Council Bluffs at Lewis and Clark Middle School and in Omaha at Northwest High School.

○ **Kristi Mentink '97** is a kindergarten teacher in Woodbine, Iowa.

○ **Nicole (Parrack '97) Minmiss** is teaching special education-primary I mildly/moderately in the Omaha Public Schools.

○ **Jody Mitchell '97** is a graphic designer for Intellitek, Inc., in Omaha.

○ **Heather Olsen '97** is a graphic artist in advertising at The Omaha World-Herald.

○ **Janet Pattee '97** teaches K-12 vocal music at Walnut, Iowa.

○ **Jeremy '97 and Roisin (Bell '97) Rademacher** have moved to Madison, Wis. Jeremy is working at Best Buy selling computers while also substitute teaching. Roisin is enrolled in law school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

○ **Chestnut Pearl '97** is studying genetics in the graduate program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

○ **Heather Robinson '97** is a day rehabilitation specialist/case manager at Community Alliance in Omaha.

○ **Marty Santoni '97** teaches elementary

physical education for the Ralston Public Schools.

○ **Jason Scott Shannon '97** is news director at Country 101.5 in Blair and is also working as assistant baseball coach at Dana.

○ **Chris Togneri '97** will be coaching a baseball team, playing on another team and eventually teaching English in Bratislava, Slovakia.

○ **Jennifer Willers '97** is working as a nanny in Warren, N.J.

○ **Karen Bertram '96** started a new job as an actuarial technician with Empire Fire and Marine in Omaha in September.

○ **Sherry (DeForest '96) Guyette** is an elementary special education teacher for kindergarten-grade 5 at Tri-Center School in Neola, Iowa.

○ **Christina Hall '96** and **Shane Haggstrom** were married Sept. 6 in Omaha. Christina is a software licensing administrator at Inacom.

○ **Terra Keiser '96** teaches elementary music in the Omaha Public Schools.

○ **Michelle (Parks '96) Lewis** is a second grade teacher at West Harrison Schools in Mondamin, Iowa.

○ **Jeff Lutt '96** and **Melissa Covington** were married June 21 in Ralston, Neb. He teaches in the Omaha schools, and she is director of Kids Club for the Omaha Schools Foundation.

○ **George Smith '96** and **Ranae Kozisek** were married April 19 in North Platte, Neb. They live in Stapleton. George is employed at the Giles Ranch.

○ **Nicole Stromgren '96** is a substitute teacher and high school girls' basketball and junior high girls' track coach at Underwood (Iowa) Community Schools.

○ **Carmen Toel '96** and **Aaron McNaughton** were married June 21. They live in LeMars, Iowa. Carmen is a high school special education teacher in the Sioux City (Iowa) schools.

○ **Cary Crabtree '95** and **Justin Wagner** were married Sept. 13 in Council Bluffs. Cary is a receptionist at The Pet Clinic.

○ **Lee Daugherty '95** is teaching fourth grade in the Channelview Independent School District at the DeZeVaLa School in Channelview, Texas.

○ **Michael Johnson '95** teaches vocal music at Sac Junior-Senior High School in Sac City, Iowa.

○ **Brian '95 and Jona '97 Williams** have moved to Story City, Iowa, where Brian is head of the sales and marketing department at Horizon Technologies, an environmental technology company headquartered in Webster City.

○ **Bryan Dirks '94** and **Krista Ladenthin** were married June 21 in Marcus, Iowa.

Bryan manages Champs Sporting Goods in Little Rock, Ark.

○ **Sonia Farwell '94** and **Pat Leece** were married June 7 in Essex, Iowa. She is employed with the Clarinda Community School District.

○ **Roxane Fenton '94** graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in dance from the University of Minnesota in June. She is beginning a five year MA/Ph.D. program in dance history and theory at the University of California-Riverside. She received a Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, a five-year award, to pay for the program. Fenton had an article, "A Dancer Looks at 'Dance' Cross-Culturally," published in the Spring 1997 issue of the *Journal for the Anthropological Study of Human Movement*.

○ **Carrie Larkins '94** of Blair is the assistant director of college relations and marketing and editor of the *Dana Review* at Dana College.

○ **Christopher '94 and Jackie Moore** of Albuquerque, N.M., are the parents of a daughter, Jade Sheridan, who was born Aug. 31.

○ **Sara Olson '94** of Omaha is a direct service technician at Bethphage Mission of Great Plains.

○ **Tammy (Hoyer '94) Williams** of Gretna, Neb., started a new career as a defined benefit plan administrator (administrator of pension plans) for Mammel and Associates in Omaha.

○ **Dwight Albers '93** was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and First Congregational Church-Neuberg Parish, United Church of Christ in Mott, N.D., in July. He was ordained in June.

○ **Michelle Benham '93** and **Jeff Gross** were married Sept. 20 in Defiance, Iowa. Michelle is an account executive with First Data Resources in Omaha. The couple is living in Defiance.

○ **Patrick Mallory '93** of Chadron Neb., teaches vocal and instrumental music at Sioux County High School and Harrison Grade School at Harrison, Neb.

○ **Kristi Olsen '93** teaches reading, grades 7 and 8, at the McMillan Magnet School, the Omaha Public Schools.

○ **William Henry** was born May 15 to **Melissa (Reinikainen '92) and Kenneth Darr**. He joins sister Allie (5).

○ **Joel '92 and Jennifer '95 Morgan** are in Arlington, Virginia, where Joel is interning at Faith Lutheran Church to fulfill a requirement for his M.Div. from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

○ **Heidi (Hahn '92) and Darrell '90 Smith** of Milford, Iowa, announce the May 9 birth of daughter Kiah Elies.

○ **Jordan Allen** was born July 26 to **Jeff**



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and Jennifer (Rose '92) Woodward of Omaha. Jennifer writes, "I have resigned from my teaching position at St. Stephen's School to stay at home and be a full-time mommy."

○ *Melodi (Campbell '91) Szymczak* has been promoted to manager of sales operations at Vital Learning Corporation in Omaha. She has worked with Vital Learning for two years.

'80s

○ *Sgt. Andrew Madsen '89* will leave the Army in February '98 after serving five years. He and Sgt. Heather DuCloux have chosen May 2, 1998, for their wedding.

○ *Scott and Vonda (Holzberger '88) Ford* of Missouri Valley, Iowa, announce the February 28 birth of Sierra Mae. Vonda writes: "She has two excited brothers, Nolan Leo (5) and Eric Vaughn (3)."

○ *Dr. Jane Eskildsen '87* began her medical practice at Medical Specialist Center in McCook, Neb. She specializes in general surgery and endoscopy, with a special interest in new and extensive laparoscopic procedures.

○ *Kay (Rasmussen '87) Jay* of Tekamah, Neb., was a speaker at the National Catholic Educator's Convention in Minneapolis in April. Jay, along with Mary Anderson, principal of the school, presented a joint lecture entitled "Rural Catholic Schools: Academic and Community Issues." Jay has taught at St. Patrick's Elementary in Missouri Valley, Iowa, for 10 years.

○ *David Iversen '86* had his review of the book "A New Life: Danish Emigration to North America as Described by the Emigrants Themselves in Letters, 1842-1946" by Niels Peter Stilling and Anne Lisbeth Olsen, published in the Spring 1997 issue of *Great Plains Quarterly*. He is cataloging librarian at Gordon B. Olson Library at Minot (N.D.) State University.

○ *Barbara (Anderson '85) Hamel* is a full-time piano instructor at Swinney Conservatory, Central Methodist College, Fayette, Mo. She had been an adjunct professor at the college for the past year. In addition to teaching, she is providing piano accompaniment to choral and opera groups on campus.

○ *Dean '85 and Shari (Coffey '85) Friedel* of Grant, Neb., announce the birth of their third daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on May 18. Her sisters are Alecia (5) and Emma (4).

○ *Annette Faudel '84* is a physical education teacher at the J.F.K. International School in Zehlendorf, Germany.

○ *Stephanie (Wiemer '84) Petersen* is elementary principal and part-time elementary guidance counselor at Laurel-

Concord (Neb.) School. She and her husband, *Scott '82*, live near Laurel with their two children Tyler and Sadie.

○ *Gina Marie (Wilson '84) Scheffler* of Atlantic, Iowa, is an education aide at the Atlantic Educational Opportunity Center. She is also teaching classes at Iowa Western Community College in Atlantic.

○ *Jenny Atkinson '83* of Albion, Neb., and Gerry Schmitz were married July 12 in Albion. She is a teacher at Madison Elementary School.

○ *Lynn '83 and Nancy Petersen* of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Marie, who was born Aug. 15. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

○ *Mark Friis-Hansen '82* is the general manager of Ramada Limited in South Sioux City, Neb. His responsibilities include total operation and management of property. Prior to joining Ramada Limited, he worked for Ramada Inn in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as general manager.

○ *Danette Johns '82* received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary on May 25. She was ordained Aug. 23 at First Lutheran in Columbia Heights, Minn. She has been called to serve Fremont Lutheran, rural Red Oak, Iowa, and Tabor Lutheran, rural Stanton, Iowa. She started Sept. 1 and was installed Sept. 21.

○ *Paul '82 and Nancy (Anderson '81) Judson* and their three children have moved to Wayne, Neb., where Paul is Lutheran campus pastor at Wayne State College and associate pastor of youth and family ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. They have three children: Noah (13), Nic (10) and Anjulena (9).

○ *Kevin Lee '82* was installed as senior pastor of Morningside Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, on Sept. 14. Lee and his family moved to Sioux City from Albuquerque, N.M. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Jenna (8), Laura (6) and Joseph (2).

○ *Susan Kay and David Holmes '81* of Omaha announce the adoption of Michaela Song Bai Holmes. Michaela was born July 23 near Xiangxiang City, Human Province, China, and arrived home Aug. 13.

'70s

○ *Martin Steenbock '79* is manager of patient accounts at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

○ *Brad '77 and Marsha (Boysen '77) Larson* have moved to Sioux Center, Iowa, where Brad teaches upper level math classes.

○ *Dave Stickrod '75* became director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for Iowa's Loess Hills Area Education Agency

on July 1. He and his family are living in Glenwood.

○ *Judge Ronald Brown '74* has been elected to a two-year term as presiding judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. He has been on the court for three years.

○ *William R. Yates M.D. '74* has been named professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa campus. His appointment began July 1. He will direct a community-based psychiatry program with six full-time faculty members, 70 volunteer faculty members and 16 resident physicians in post-graduate psychiatry training. Previous to his appointment, Yates served as professor of psychiatry and family medicine at the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

'60s

○ *Rev. Stan Nielsen '68* of Shelby, Iowa, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination July 20. For 15 of his 25 years as an ordained minister, Nielsen has been pastor of the Shelby Lutheran Church, where he still ministers. He has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, Iowa, for nine years.

'50s

○ *Rev. Harold Laursen '56* retired Sept. 29 after 37 years in the ministry. He and his wife *Barbara (Whiteside '58)* served Peace Lutheran Parish in Deshler, Neb., for the past 10 years. They have retired to McCook, Neb. The couple has three children: Kathryn Fulwider of Brewster, Kan., Elizabeth Laursen of McCook and *James Laursen '88* of Englewood, Colo.

○ *Wilma (Christiansen '52) Quelle* of Mesa, Ariz., brought Navajo history to reservation students by developing an elementary textbook, "Navajo History 1766-1996." The spiral-bound book is filled with easy-to-read passages, games, worksheets, artwork and space for kids to create their own work. About 20 schools on the Navajo reservation are using the book. According to an article in the *Arizona Republic*, "Quelle's project evolved out of necessity when she moved to the reservation in 1987. She wanted her students to know where they came from so they could figure out where they were going." Quelle and her husband, Wilbur, have retired to Mesa.

'40s

○ *Rev. C.I. "Jerry" Lund D'49 T'52 and Maryann (Nelson '49)* celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 2. They have retired in Mukilteo, Wash. Celebrations were held at Immanuel

Lutheran Church in Seattle with the families of all six children standing with them for the renewal of vows, including their nine grandchildren, and at Pastor Lund's last parish, Christ Lutheran, Monterey Park, Calif., with a host of relatives and friends representing all four of his California parishes. Present also were the pastor who married them, the Rev. Adolph Kloth D'39 T'42 of Irvine; their brother-in-law, the Rev. Paul Johnsen D'49 T'52, who sang the song he sang at their wedding; Joyce (Nelson '50) Johnsen, maid of honor; Jeanette (Christensen '51) Nixon, a bridesmaid; and Carl Nelson '54, who was master of ceremonies and had been an acolyte at their wedding at First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Neb.

Deaths

- *Paul Jeppesen '50* of Pomona, Calif., on Sept. 21 at the age of 72. He was a retired teacher. Survivors include his wife, Ada; and his brother, Herbert Jeppesen '43, of Chicago, Ill.
- *Rev. Sidney E. Jorgensen '49* of Eureka, Calif., at the age of 77. He was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1951 and served churches in Wisconsin and California. He was serving as a chaplain at Sunset, Seaview, Granada and Pacific Care Homes, all in Eureka. Survivors include his wife, Eileen (Fleeton '48); his son and daughter-in-law Jim and Lois Jorgensen of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and his daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Richard Whitaker of Eureka.
- *Emily (Allen '40) Morton* of North Platte, Neb., on Oct. 2 at the age of 79.
- *Ella (Juel '39) Biffar* of Orange, Calif., on Aug. 14 at the age of 79. Survivors include a son, Steven John Biffar.
- *Ferne (Lantefield '37) Wachter* of

Phoenix snowbird luncheon planned

The 13th annual luncheon for snowbirds, alumni and friends in the greater Phoenix area will be held at noon on Feb. 14 at the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 South Power Road.

Readers who plan to be in Arizona at that time are invited to attend.

To make reservations, call Pastor James Olsen in December at (970) 663-1027 or in January and February at (602) 924-3253. ○

- Sausalito, Calif., on Sept. 13 at the age of 79. She and her husband Bill, who died in 1993, managed the Alta Mira Hotel, a landmark in Sausalito, for over 40 years.
- *Bertha (Holl '35) Hall* of Sidney, Mont., on Aug. 21 at the age of 88. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Hall of Tucson, Ariz., and Ron Hall of Sidney; and a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl (Hall '69) and Bill Neal '69 of New Brighton, Minn.
- *Stanley Jensen '35* of Blair on Sept. 24 at the age of 83. He was a retired farmer. He ran the time clock, along with Bob Jensen, for several years at Dana. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976. Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law Mick '65 and Gail of Blair, John '68 and Ingrid (Lauritzen '69) of Boulder, Colo., and Curtis and Deanna of Blair.
- *Helen (Nicolaisen '32) Chapman* on Aug. 7 in Spencer, Iowa, at the age of 87. She was an active member of the Spencer community and a long-time member of the First Congregational Church where she taught Sunday School for 30 years and was pianist for the children's choir.
- *Herbert A. Christensen '28* on June 28 in Racine, Wis., at the age of 93. He was employed at the Wisconsin Natural Gas Co. as accounting supervisor for 42 years before retiring in 1968. He was an active

member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Racine, serving in the Sunday school and choir and on the church council as president when the church was built. He also visited shut-ins and delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. He was a member and past president of the Racine Churchmen's Club and a member of Kiwanis. Survivors include many nieces and nephews, among them Jeannette (Olsen '44) Olsen.

○ *Emma Frances (Bondo '24) Christensen* of Coralville, Iowa, on Sept. 28 at the age of 95. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Christensen '54. Among those who preceded her in death were siblings who also attended Dana: Lillie (Bondo) Larsen, Esther (Bondo) Magnussen, Elmer Bondo and Alvina (Bondo) Weisemann.

Friends

- *Pastor Harold Becker* on June 7 in Waverly, Iowa. He was a member of Dana's religion department from 1960-64. Survivors include his wife, Anne; daughters Kristi Platz, Jane Miller and Carolyn; Myles, and son John.
- *Ruth Nelson* on Oct. 11. Her daughter, Karen Hoyle, writes: "During the last hours I read excerpts from the Danish service Dr. John Nielsen from the Danish Archives faxed me." ○



Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Seniors Matt Haufle of Red Oak, Iowa, and Angie Sparacino of Houston, Texas, were crowned Homecoming king and queen Sept. 28. Other candidates were Jana Bentley of Macedonia, Iowa, R.J. Gall of Howells, Neb., Carrie Knapp of Lexington, Neb., Elaine Rivard of Sandstone, Minn., Rodney Ronk of Emerson, Iowa, Søren Schmidt of Escanaba, Mich., Susan Weddingfeld of Panora, Iowa and Mark Witt of Omaha.

I was honored when Queen Margrethe II of Denmark appointed me a Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog, and the decoration was presented at a special ceremony during our fall Homecoming activities by Denmark's Ambassador to the U.S., K.E. Tygesen.

I am grateful to the many who sent wishes of congratulations. It was a wonderful event for Anne, me, our children and other family members. It was also a great honor which surely

belongs to the entire Dana community and to Anne and our children who have supported our work at Dana College.

I appreciate the honor all the more because it recognizes Dana's Danish heritage and continued efforts to celebrate and understand that heritage and consider how our connections

with Denmark can benefit our students. It is and should be a source of pride to this learning community that we have connection to the world beyond us.

Denmark is a small nation, but it is a proud and venerable kingdom whose citizens now enjoy one of the highest standards of living anywhere in the world. Denmark is culturally rich, too, a champion of freedom, and a model of service to those victimized by poverty, prejudice or disaster.

While once the majority of Dana students descended from Danish ancestry, these are in the minority today. Yet, I believe we should celebrate our ties to Denmark. Not to the exclusion of other nations, but ours is a longstanding connection, one from which we can gain lessons which can help us build bridges to all peoples of the world.

Our rich history in Denmark and Danish Americans is being rediscovered by the many who volunteer their time to work with the marvelous collection in the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College. (Note: This fine group of volunteers love Dana. Recently, archive volunteers led by Marian Svendsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, initiated a fund to build a much-needed passenger elevator

in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. They donated nearly \$2,000 to this project. Of course, it will cost scores of times more, but maybe others will participate and the elevator will become a reality.)

Two fine books have already been published by our newly formed press, Lur Publications. Both are edited by Dr. John W. Nielsen, emeritus professor of religion and humanities, and volunteer director of special projects of the Danish Immigrant Archive—Dana College. These books draw upon the letters and papers of Danish immigrants to tell the moving stories of settlement in a new land across the sea.

Similar stories of hardship and adversity as well as hope and victory are repeated in other settings today by newcomers to America from other lands. Perhaps Dana's lead in accepting and helping students from Africa, Asia and Latin America has roots in the risk-taking faith of those Danish immigrants who helped give birth to this college in 1884.

Our connection with Denmark is nourished today, too, as we have several students from Denmark studying at Dana, and often have Dana students on study tours of Denmark. We still teach the Danish language, utilizing an instructor from Denmark, and continue to teach Danish literature and study Danish music and art. We are most grateful that at the knighting ceremony Ambassador Tygesen delivered the good news that the Ministry of Education in Denmark will provide partial funding to support our teaching of Danish.

Of course, our roots are not only in Denmark but are especially in the Christian faith of the Danish immigrant pioneer clergy and lay persons who saw education as critical to the development of this great nation of people of diverse national, racial and ethnic heritage.

I am reminded that the high honor that Queen Margrethe II of Denmark bestowed upon me and Dana College pales in comparison with the high honor that is bestowed upon each of us every day by a loving God who gave us a personal savior, Jesus Christ.

This is the Jesus who promises "If you ask anything in my name, I will give it to you." (John 14:14) Despite this assurance, I still tend to act as though I can go it alone, depending on myself, and asking in "my" name.



As president of Dana, I too often think any problem we encounter can be solved by reliance upon my good judgment or work or the good work and judgment of my colleagues. While I think my confidence in colleagues is well placed here, I know very well that God alone must be our source and guide. As we seek God's purposes and serve God's children, so do we glorify God. This is a truth which colleges like Dana are uniquely free to proclaim and be guided by.

So, in conclusion, I thank the many who have graciously congratulated me on receipt of the Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog. I am, indeed, grateful and honored, but I also give thanks for the privilege to serve at a college that has roots and friends across the globe, for a college community that freely acknowledges a loving Savior who has called us into service and has promised to do whatever we ask in His name. May what we ask and do here glorify God and serve humankind.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myrvin F. Christopherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'M'.

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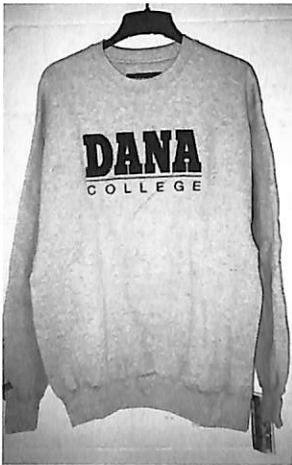
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