



Dana Review

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Illness, recovery allows time to reflect

By Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson '61, President of Dana College

Cancer by 55 and a heart attack by 60. Hardly meritorious achievements. Yet that is what has happened to me. Happily, the cancer was thyroid cancer that could be treated by surgery and radio-active iodine therapy, and the last visit to Mayo showed no additional growth in the thyroid region.

Then recently, nine days before my 60th birthday, I experienced two separate episodes of tightening in the chest, suggesting angina. One occurred when I played tennis with my son, Bjorn, and had to stop briefly during the preliminary volley. Then the next morning when Anne and I went for our daily walk, I had to stop to rest after only 15 minutes. I assumed it was muscular discomfort and believed I just needed to relax or have an adjustment. Anne thought I needed to see a doctor and made an appointment at the Blair hospital that resulted in further tests and a ride to Immanuel Hospital in Omaha courtesy of the Blair Rescue Squad.

I still thought this was "much ado about nothing." That is, until the cardiologist said I had suffered a mild heart attack. That meant a three-day stay in the hospital and cardiac catheterization which revealed a 95% blockage of the right coronary artery and a 25 percent blockage of the left main coronary artery. Dr. Dehning and his team did a coronary

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

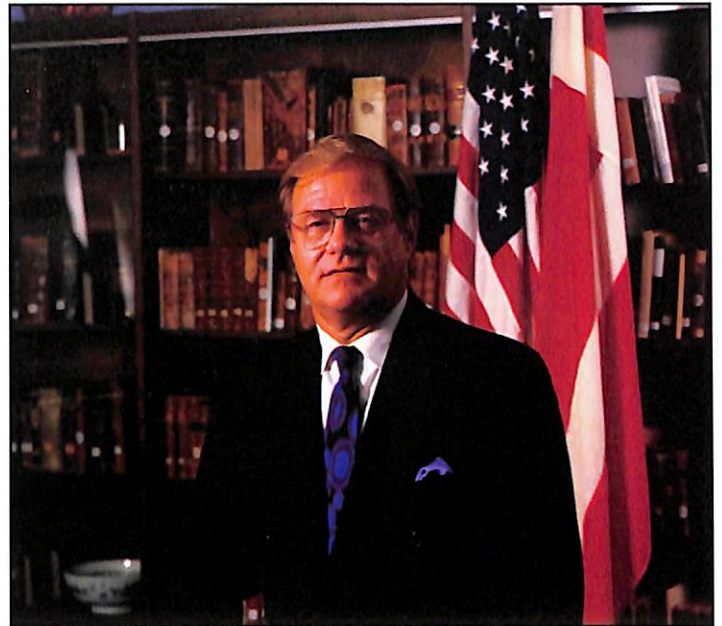
angioplasty to open the 95 percent-blocked artery and inserted a stainless steel stent to open the artery. Consultations with the nutritionist and rehabilitation experts left me with advice that I better make some adjustments in my eating and work habits and use prescribed medicines to prevent a repeat insult on my heart.

Stays in the hospital and recovery periods give one time to reflect on and be grateful for a loving wife and children, faithful friends and colleagues and a good and gracious God. Recovery also gave me time to reflect on the past year and the ones to come.

We have just had another good and successful year at Dana College. A too-small endowment always makes it a challenge to finish the year in the black, but thanks to prudent management of resources and generous support from alumni and friends, we accomplished that once again.

As we begin preparation to announce a major \$40 million campaign for Dana College to perpetuate the legacy that we have inherited in this place, I ask God to richly bless us with alumni and friends who continue to share their resources to assure that the legacy can be shared for many generations to come.

Although I was engaged in teaching and administration in other universities for 25 years after graduating from Dana, I never once forgot my Dana experience. I never forgot the outstanding teachers, coaches, and staff who believed in me, opened new vistas to me, and made me thirst for learning. I



never forgot those who helped to ground me in my Christian faith and inspired in me a desire to serve humankind. As I talk to alumni and employers, I hear them tell how grateful they are for the "added something" that Dana graduates bring to the workplace and/or to the community organizations which they serve. For the vast majority of these Dana graduates, life is more than just another job or "making a bundle." Instead, they seem to recognize that just as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there until the earth has been watered (see *Isaiah 10:11*), so they have an obligation to share their gifts in a way that helps create a better world and fulfills God's purposes for them.

I believe that Dana and other like colleges offer an important legacy, one that the world desperately needs. As we traveled with the Dana Chorale throughout northern Germany and Denmark, I was struck by how special Dana students are. Audiences everywhere loved them for the precision and beauty of their combined voices and the brilliant leadership of their director, Dr. Palmer. By their song and interaction they witnessed to a glorious and gracious God and offered hope and assurance for things to come.

Rev. A. M. Andersen began a legacy here in Blair on a hill over 115 years ago, and that legacy has been extended by throngs of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who were nurtured here and have gone on to make some small difference in the world by the sharing of their gifts and service. As I reflect on my small part in that legacy, I recognize how insignificant my contribution is, but how together, by the grace of God, we can make a mark so indelible that the walls of hatred and evil, indifference and ignorance might be broken and lives might be enriched.

Thoughts like these come to one in the aftermath of a wake-up call following a game of tennis and a morning walk.

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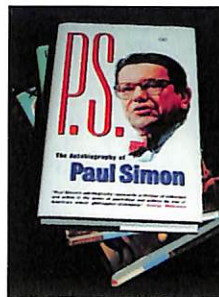
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One hundred nine graduate from Dana

One hundred nine students received bachelor's degrees during commencement ceremonies at Dana College on May 23.

Two valedictorians were honored during the ceremony for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average: Esther Gunderson of Blair and Laura Hiebenthal of Milford, Neb. A total of 37 students graduated with honors.

Jaclyn Smith of Hay Springs, Neb., was the third Dana student to graduate as a Morton Scholar, having completed the recently instated honors program.

Dr. K. Charles and Carole Bagby of Blair received the 1999 College-Community Service Award, the highest non-academic honor presented by Dana College for extraordinary service to college and community.

"They are consummate models of good citizenship and community service," said Dana College President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61 concerning the selection of the Bagbys.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57 received professor emeritus status, retiring after 37 years of service to the college.

Graduating with honors were:

Summa Cum Laude: Melissa Blum, Manning, Iowa; Angela Coufal, Shelby, Neb.; Carrie Eckhoff, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Anthony Eitzmann, Sidney, Iowa; Esther Gunderson, Blair; Rachel Heitmann, Victor, Iowa; Laura Hiebenthal, Milford, Neb.; Michelle Hurt, Seward, Neb.; Deena Knapp, Anita, Iowa; Kim Kraushaar, Modale, Iowa; Kristin Mathis, Glenwood, Iowa; Rebecca Plowman, Ponca, Neb.; Tara Stark, Ponca, Neb.;

Magna Cum Laude: Evan Bees, Oakland, Iowa; Lindsay Bruning, Stanton, Iowa; Jill Dewald, Canova, S.D.; Daniel Formo, Blair; Janelle Kahl, Seward, Neb.; Joy Pinkelman, Plainview, Neb.; Jaclyn Smith, Hay Springs, Neb.; Ramona Urasa, Dar Es



SPEAKERS: Special honorees at graduation ceremonies were (from left) Lindsay Bruning, senior speaker; and valedictorians Laura Hiebenthal and Esther Gunderson.

Salaam, Tanzania; Doan Matthew Worley, Columbus, Neb.;

Cum Laude: Jodi Bradley, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Sara Crawford, Watertown, S.D.; Sandi Frey, Tilden, Neb.; Charissa Kennelly, Stromsburg, Neb.; Joel Krominga, North Platte, Neb.; Juliet Langley, Tekamah, Neb.; Daniel Matz, Minneapolis, Minn.; Tiffany Menard, Grand Island, Neb.; Kenneth Nikolas, Maplewood, Minn.; Nina Papousek, Scribner, Neb.; Jennifer Patience, Crescent, Iowa; Amanda Poulter, Shenandoah, Iowa; Kevin Ronnenkamp, Albion, Neb.; Tara Tiefenthaler, Butte, Neb.; Joni Travis, Hamburg, Iowa.



HONOREES: Dr. K. Charles and Carole Bagby received the College-Community Service Award during commencement ceremonies.



PROFESSOR OF YEAR: Student Senate President Mark Knudsen presents retiring professor Dr. Larrie Stone with Professor of the Year honors.

Love of students, fate keeps Stone at Dana for 37 years

By Carrie L. (Larkins '94) Reed
Editor, Dana Review

A love of students helped keep biology professor Dr. Larrie Stone at Dana College for 37 years. That admiration was mutual and was reflected as Stone received Professor of the Year honors this spring, a fitting tribute to a man who spent more than four decades of his life on the Dana College campus.

A graduate of Exira (Iowa) High School, Stone first visited the Dana campus in the early 1940s when his brother James was a student.

"When it came time to go to school, I just didn't know of any school to go to other than Dana," Stone said.

His plan was only to stay for a couple years and then transfer to another university where he could better pursue his interest in engineering. As a sophomore, Stone took biology from Dr. C. Arthur Christensen and he fell in love with the sciences.

Stone graduated from Dana in 1957 with a biology and a teaching degree. He was preparing to teach high school biology in western Iowa when the break he had been waiting for happened. Stone received a telegram from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln for a fellowship.

He packed his family, which included wife Norma (Nelson '58) and a son, in a 1953 Chevy and headed to Lincoln to complete his master's degree. When Larrie

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Krueger retires after over 20 years at Dana

By Carrie L. (Larkins '94) Reed
Editor, Dana Review

It was his first college teaching position and his final one. However, retiring communication and theater professor Sieg Krueger's career at Dana College spanned nearly four decades but totaled less than 25 years.

Krueger began teaching at Dana in January 1960 after Curt Siemers left to teach at Omaha University. The Concordia University-Moorhead graduate didn't know anything about Dana College when he came to interview.

"It was an opportunity to do what I was training to do and make some money," Krueger said. That wasn't the only reason he accepted the position, however. "I was really impressed with the people I interviewed with and met here."

Krueger left Dana three years later to join the Peace Corps, a relatively new organization at the time. "Travel was something I'd always dreamed of doing," he said. "It was a chance to be sent to Africa on government money. It definitely changed my whole perspective on life--my world view."

Upon returning from the Peace Corps, Krueger reentered the world of academia, but not at Dana College. In 1979, what Krueger refers to only partly in jest as "a call from God" brought him back to Dana. He heard about the position at Dana from a former student.

"I applied knowing it wouldn't be the same place that I left, but I wasn't the same person either,"

Krueger said.

The move from Culver-Stockton College in Missouri back to Nebraska brought both him and his wife, Brenda (Francis '63), closer to their families.

"Everything



TRAVELS: Prof. Sieg Krueger shows some of the items he has brought back from travels overseas.

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The annual convention of *Nebraska's Association of Students of German* was hosted by Dana College on May 8. Over 200 middle and high school students from 11 schools, as well as teachers, parents and instructors from other schools, colleges and universities, participated in competitions and activities. The event has been held at Dana four times in the past five years.

Michael Anderson, assistant professor of music, delivered his paper/presentation "Trumpet and the Internet" and performed in the Festival of Trumpets concert at the 1999 International Trumpet Guild (ITG) conference at the University of Richmond in Virginia in May. He is a member of the ITG board of directors, chair of the technology committee and web site founder and director.

Diana Brown, associate professor of Spanish and French; **Dr. Kay Ferguson**, professor of teacher education and psychology; and **Bill Hall**, assistant professor of music, were selected by the Division for Higher Education and Schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the recipients of the 1999-2000 ELCA College and University Faculty Study Grants. The grants are awarded to assist faculty in achieving their professional goals.

Nancy Penna, assistant dean of the college and registrar, attended the national conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Charlotte, N.C., in April. Nancy is currently the president-elect of the Nebraska association. She was a co-presenter for a session titled, "Moving on Up. . . How to Survive the Culture." She serves on the Professional Development Committee for the national organization.

Barbara Zimmerman, instructor of psychology, gave two presentations at the Sixth Annual APS Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in Denver, Colo., in June. She led a roundtable discussion group on "Promoting Critical Thinking Using Self-Help Books in a Gender Role Development Seminar." She also presented a poster entitled, "Games as Active Learning Tools in Introductory Statistics."

Curtis Isaacson '02, Kelly Kuiken '02, Wendy Troff '01, Megan Cosgrove '01, Danielle Mozeika '01, Laura Rosenberry '00 and Renee Osmera '99 were inducted into Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society, this spring. In order to be a member of the society, a student has to have a 3.65 grade point average and two semesters with a 4.0 (second year or above) in the target language.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, professor of English, presented a paper entitled, "Gendered Communication in Danish Immigrant Pietist Letter Writing," at the 89th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies held at the University of Washington at Seattle. The paper is a result of on-going

research in the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College and draws specifically on the Hansen-Mengers collection. The conference featured 67 sessions with over 250 scholars attending from around the world. Prior to the conference, Nielsen attended a pre-conference meeting and dinner hosted by the Danish government and the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"Professor Gigabyte's Gateway to Infinity," the web page of **Don Warman**, associate professor of history, was recently referenced in an article titled, "Teaching and Classroom Authority," published in the new juried on-line journal *Radical Pedagogy*. The article reads in part: "His method of engaging students in on-line research and publishing is elegant in its simplicity and profound in its implications. It is also an extremely good model for use in Humanities courses. In addition, 'Professor Gigabyte's Gateway to Infinity' is an excellent portal for exploring cyberspace from the vantage point of a highly educated and curious mind with a high regard for teaching others, and unencumbered with commercial concerns." You can access Warman's site at: www.dana.edu/~dwarman.

Scholarship established

Clarice J. Andersen '58 died in December 1998; but she, who served youth and education throughout her life, continues to serve. Provisions in her estate have helped to establish the Clarice J. Andersen Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will help students with high financial need majoring in the field of education at Dana College, and students from Washington, Burt or Dodge Counties.

Ms. Andersen was born Feb. 28, 1922, to Jens and Anna Andersen. She attended Dana College and worked as

a Douglas County elementary teacher and a legal secretary. She also worked in the office of the Washington County superintendent of schools for a number of years. At one point she served as interim superintendent. She later served as secretary for the Blair Schools Board of Education until she retired.

Ms. Andersen's siblings, sister Verda Swanson of Urbandale, Iowa, and brother Alvin Andersen of Washington, Neb., were instrumental in establishing the scholarship.

Danish music school students visit Dana

The Grindsted Music School Choir and Band from Grindsted, Denmark, performed at Dana College in the Madsen Fine Arts Center on June 23. They also performed in Elk Horn, Iowa, the following day, and were the opening act on the main stage at Omaha's Summer Arts Festival on June 25.

The energetic group consisted of 63 singers and dancers and nine instrumentalists ranging in age from 13 to 21. In recent years they have performed their pop/rock music at the original LEGOLAND Park in Denmark and on tours throughout Europe.

This was the group's first trip to the United States. They came to perform at the new LEGOLAND Park in Carlsbad, Calif. After making connections with the Dana Chorale, they added the Omaha area stop to their itinerary.

The choir, which hosted the Dana College Chorale for one night on its recent tour of Denmark, stayed on the Dana campus.

The head of the Grindsted Music School, Stig Moller, said he wanted the group to experience "typical



SPECIAL GUESTS: The Grindsted (Denmark) Music School Choir and Band poses for a photo outside of First Lutheran Church in Blair.

American" activities while in the Dana area. They went to a church dinner at Blair's First Lutheran Church, a professional baseball game (the first for most of them), the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Western Heritage Museum,

and the SAC Museum. On their last evening here they went to an open-air concert in Omaha by Blood, Sweat and Tears. It was followed by a fireworks show.

Activities for everyone at Homecoming '99

Make plans now to attend Homecoming '99: A Festival to Remember Oct. 1-3.

When was the last time you participated in a pep rally? On the evening of Oct. 1, you can cheer along with current Dana students as well as alumni at a good old-fashioned pep rally which will include the coronation of the Homecoming king and queen. Popcorn and cider will be served in the tent near Viking Field.

Other options for Friday night entertainment include seminars by Dana professors and staff, Dana Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, Dana volleyball versus Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Confer-

ence foe Northwestern, the Alumni Revue (a variety show back by demand for the second straight year), the Punchline game show and a couples' reunion.

Once again, Shepherd's Flock will provide child care as late as 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday for families with young children.

A mini-course, using the Dana Space TREK computer lab, is available for children in grades 3-9. Cost is \$15 per student.

An all-you-can-eat barbecue will be served in the tent near Viking Field after the football game and prior to many of the class reunion gatherings on Saturday.

Class reunion sites are:

- 1949: Dinner/program in the Presidents Room
- 1954: Gather at the home of Ann (Harms) George
- 1959: Drop in for dessert at the home of Mary Jo (Andrews) Kubie
- 1964: Open house at the home of Bonnie (Nelson) Jensen
- 1969: Drop in at the home of Dennis and Mary Sellon
- 1974: Meet at the Blair Country Club after the football game.
- 1979: Meet at a local acreage after the barbecue.
- 1984: Meet at Jake's Talk of the Town after the barbecue.
- 1989: Meet at the Viking Restaurant after the game.
- 1994: Pregame party at the home of Chris and Michelle (Klockentager) Tauber.



Two named All-Americans at NAIA Championships

Seven Dana College track athletes competed in the NAIA Championships May 24-26 in Palm Beach County, Fla. Two earned All-American status.

Two Dana athletes were named NAIA All-Americans after the 26.2 mile marathon event. They were Derek Fey from Omaha Westside who came in fifth with a time of 2:36:30, and Bob Spangler of Grant placed sixth with a time of 2:37:44.

Aaron Schlote of Plainview, a sophomore, also competed and came in 17th at 2:52:48. Dana athletes have placed in the marathon 11 times in the past four years at the NAIA Nationals.

Justin Christensen of Schuyler ran the 3000 meter steeplechase in 9:16.69, breaking his own Dana record set last spring at the NAIA Mid-States Championships in Overland Park, Kan. He had earned a national ranking of 14th going in and finished in seventh place.

Scott Stanley of Malvern, Iowa, placed ninth in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:54.04, setting a school record.



Fey



Spangler



Schlote

Stanley is the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference champion in the indoor mile with a 4:17.11. He was the Dana record holder in the 1500 with a time of 3:55.84 which earned him the silver medal in the NIAC outdoor 1500.



Stanley

Tiffani Nielsen of Neola, Iowa/Underwood came in 10th at Nationals with a time of 18:54.06. She placed 11th in the 5k in the NAIA Indoor Nationals in March. She registered six school records in the distances this spring. She was ranked 24th nationally and holds the school record for the 5K run of 18:22.24.



Wagner

Allen Wagner, a freshman from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, came in eighth in the 1500 meter run preliminary heat with a time of 4:01.66. He has personal records of 4:19 in the mile and 3:58.9 in the 1500.



Christensen

Two Dana College baseball players were named NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes for the 1999 season.



Nielsen

Midland ends Dana's baseball season

Untimely errors rose up to knock the Dana Vikings from the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference post-season tourney, ending the season at 24-20-1.

The Vikings entered the tourney seeded third and faced No. 2 Midland in a slugfest in the first round. The Warriors took an 8-2 edge heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Vikings used a late game rally to send the game into extra innings with the score tied at 11.

The Warriors tacked on two more runs in the top of the tenth, and Dana was unable to answer the call this time, losing the 10-inning contest, 13-11.

The Vikings rebounded to pummel fourth-seeded Nebraska Wesleyan in the consolation bracket, 11-5.

In game three, the Vikings and Warriors met once again. This time, Dana really never got its offense started, losing 11-1. The game and likewise the season ended on an error, a tell-tale indicator of many of the Vikings' losses throughout the season.

Dana students named NAIA Scholar-Athletes

Two Dana College baseball players were named NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes for the 1999 season.

Tony Eitzmann, a senior from Sidney, Iowa, boasts a 3.99 grade point average with a major in business administration at Dana.

Teammate Joe Pope, a junior from Carthage, Miss., was also named to the list. Pope, a biology major, has a 3.50 GPA.

To earn NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete status, athletes must be a junior or senior who participates in varsity athletics and has at least a 3.50 GPA based on a 4.0 system.

VIKINGS SPORTS

Fall Viking athletic schedules released

Women's Soccer

8/28	Northwestern	1 p.m.
9/4	Wartburg	10 a.m.
9/5	Grand View	5 p.m.
9/9	York	5 p.m.
9/11	at Concordia	1 p.m.
9/13	at Midland	5 p.m.
9/18	at Hastings	3 p.m.
9/23	Doane	5 p.m.
9/25	William Penn	1 p.m.
9/29	at Neb. Wesleyan	4 p.m.
10/2	at McPherson (KS)	4 p.m.
10/3	at York	2 p.m.
10/5	Buena Vista	4 p.m.
10/9	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
10/12	Concordia	4 p.m.
10/15	at Sterling (KS)	4 p.m.
10/19	Midland	4 p.m.
10/23	at Mt. Mercy	1 p.m.
10/24	at Iowa Wesleyan	1 p.m.

Volleyball

8/31	Bellevue	
9/2	Mt. Marty	
9/4	Dakota St./Buena Vista	
9/8	Briar Cliff	
9/10	Univ. of Sioux Falls	
9/14	Concordia	
9/17-18	at Missouri Valley Tourney	
9/21	at Midland	
9/23	Nebraska Wesleyan	
9/28	at Doane	
10/1	Northwestern	
10/5	at Hastings	
10/7-9	at Dakota Wes. Tourney	
10/12	at Concordia	
10/14	at Bellevue	
10/19	Midland	
10/20	Peru State	
10/21-23	at Dakota State Tourney	
10/26	Doane	
10/29	at Northwestern	
11/2	Hastings	
11/4	at Nebraska Wesleyan	

Times for all volleyball games were not available at press time. For more information, contact the Dana Athletic Department, (402) 426-7290.

Football

9/4	at Dakota Wesleyan	7 p.m.
9/11	Huron	1 p.m.
9/18	Applejack Bowl vs. Peru State	6 p.m.
9/25	at Hastings	7 p.m.
10/2	Northwestern	2 p.m.
10/9	at Dakota State	1:30 p.m.
10/16	at Midland	1:30 p.m.
10/23	Doane	1 p.m.
10/30	at Neb. Wesleyan	1 p.m.
11/6	Concordia	1 p.m.

Cross Country

9/11	Dana Open	10 a.m.
9/18	at Nebraska Invite	10 a.m.
9/25	at Minnesota Invitational	9:30 a.m.
10/9	Dana Invitational	10 a.m.
10/16	at Dakota Wesleyan Invitational	10:30 a.m.
10/23	at Barry Inter-Regional Invitational	10 a.m.
11/6	at NIAC Championships	10:30 a.m.
11/20	at NAIA Championships	10:30 a.m.

Thomsen named NIAC player-of-the-year

Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference player-of-the-Year Jessi Thomsen (Millard North) headed the list of all-conference honorees for Dana this spring.

The Dana College junior catcher topped nearly all of the offensive statistics for the Vikings. She led the team in batting average (.424) and also led the Vikings in stolen bases with 30.

Thomsen was named NAIA player-of-the-week the first week of May after hitting a .583 in the NIAC tournament, scoring four runs and stealing nine bases.

Her efforts also earned her NAIA Second Team All-American honors.

Also named to the NIAC first-team were pitcher Jennifer Schneider

(Treyner, Iowa) and designated hitter Sarah Graham (North/Omaha).

Schneider, a junior, shouldered the majority of the pitching duties for the Vikings this season, compiling a 17-20 record.

Graham, a sophomore, hit in the number four spot in the line-up for much of the season. She had a .338 batting average and a team-leading 30 RBIs. Graham was named a NAIA First Team All-American following her outstanding season.

Third baseman Lisa Cady (Gross/Omaha) was named to the NIAC second-team. The lead-off hitter led the team in runs.

Named to the honorable mention team were Meaghan Shea '02, Jamie Peters '01 and Lisa Shefland '00.

Eight Dana baseball players also earned NIAC honors.

Senior third baseman Kyle Murata, senior outfielder Rich Martell and sophomore pitcher Aaron Woodard were all named to the first team.

Ryan Enright '00, Joe Pennucci '00, Sam Breuklander '99, Tony Eitzmann '99 and Craig Wetterberg '00 earned honorable mention status.

NIAC championship extends softball season

The Dana Vikings softball team entered Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference post-season play as the fourth seed, but took home the tournament championship as well as a berth in the Great Plains Regional Tournament.

The Vikings swept through all four contests of the tourney, defeating Nebraska Wesleyan, top-seeded Northwestern and Midland Lutheran twice for the championship.

Dana's good fortune would not continue the following week, however. The Vikings were defeated in their first two contests in the double-elimination Great Plains Regional tourney to end the season.



Chorale makes good impression

*By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations*

The following is Barry Anderson's account of the Dana Chorale's recent trip to Germany and Denmark. Anderson served as tour director for the trip.

June 9th as we waited for our luggage at Omaha's Eppley Airfield, one tired Dana freshman commented, "I saw more things, did more things, and had more fun in the last two weeks than the rest of my life all together." That may have been an exaggeration, but all agreed that the Dana College Chorale's tour of northern Germany and Denmark was a great experience.

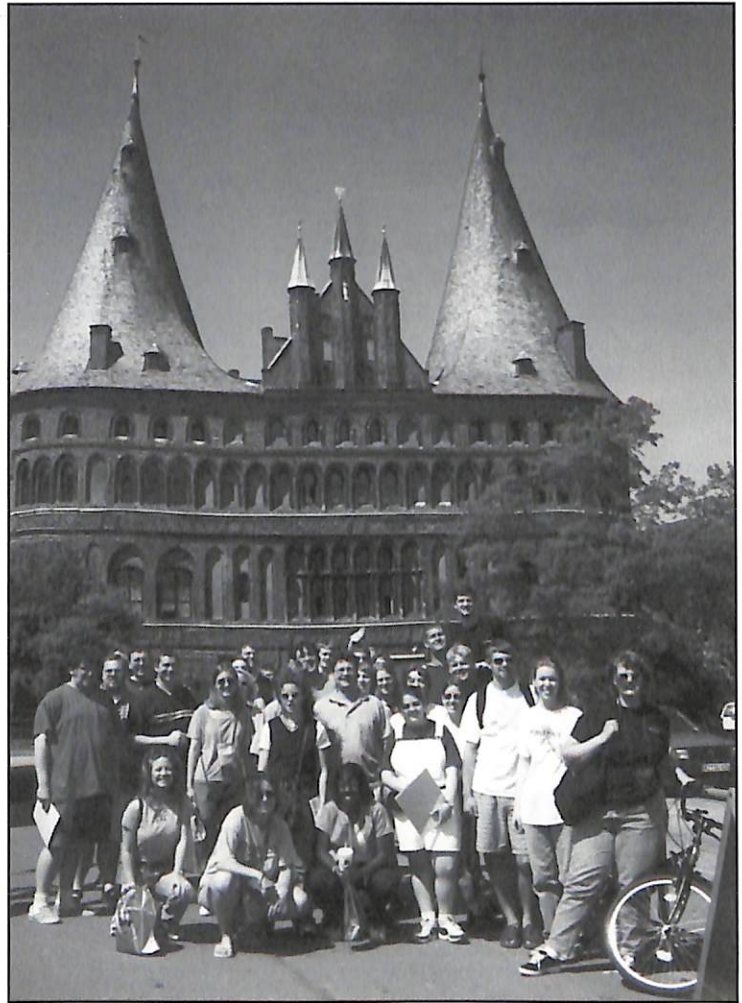
This outstanding group of young people performed consistently well and made a good impression wherever we went. Leading the group were Chorale Director Richard Palmer and his wife Leslie along with my wife Nancy (Comfort '75) and myself as tour director. The President and First Lady of Dana College, Dr. Myrvin '61 and Anne Christopherson, also accompanied the group whenever their schedule made it possible.

The tour began in northern Germany. We arrived in Bad Segeberg, Germany, on May 27 and were greeted by city officials. After our evening meal, we met with English language students from the Bad Segeberg Gymnasium (high school). After just a few quiet moments, the Dana students started to mingle and within an hour there were several lively discussion groups. A few Dana students taught American jump-swing dance steps, while German dancers demonstrated their techno-disco style.

The next day we had a formal reception at the Rathaus with Burgermeister Otto Frielich, followed by a walking tour of town. That evening the chorale gave its first concert at Otto Flath Art Hall. It was well received, with several old friends of Dana and a couple of alums attending.

The next morning we headed for Lubeck, Germany. We went to St Jacobi's Cathedral, the home of 20th century composer Hugo Distler. There the chorale sang a piece Distler wrote following the bombing of the cathedral in 1942.

That evening the chorale performed at St. Georges Church in Oeversee, Germany and stayed in the homes of members of the church choir. Only a few of them spoke English, and even fewer of our students knew German, but language proved no barrier. The next morning as we



SEEING THE SIGHTS: *The Chorale poses for a photograph while awaiting its bus near the city gate in Lubeck, Germany.*

boarded the bus, one student commented that she felt she was leaving a second set of parents.

On May 29 we headed for Romo, Denmark, an island on the west coast. Late that afternoon we made the short trip to Ribe, a charming town with roots back to the Viking age. While there we stayed in the homes of students and faculty of the Statsseminarium, or teacher's college. The Ribe Statsseminarium has been supplying Dana's Danish instructors for more than a decade. The historic Ribe Domkirke made a spectacular setting for the chorale's performance Sunday afternoon.

Monday the chorale gave a brief concert on the Pirate Stage in LEGOLAND followed by a free afternoon in the park. That evening we had dinner with students and faculty from the music school in nearby Grindsted. The chorale sang a couple of numbers, and then the Grindsted group took a turn performing.

The next morning we did some sightseeing in the Danish countryside on our way to Vejle. We saw one of the "Wonders of the Ancient World"—Runic stones from the Viking

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Chorale

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age that are called the birth certificate of Denmark.

The concert that evening in the Vejle Music Theater drew an audience of more than 1,100. Denmark radio was there to record a story on the tour. The local press wrote that the chorale was “enormously capable and professional” and the direction “brilliant.”

While in Vejle we were guests of the Vejle Handelsskole, providing our students another chance to get to know local young people. Dana and the Vejle Handelsskole are discussing ways to cooperate in information technology and exchange student programs in coming years.

Wednesday we took a trip up the coast to Aarhus to perform at Den Gamle By (The Old City), a reconstructed living history site.

Thursday morning we crossed the bridge to the island of Fyn and toured a Middle Ages exhibit at Hollufgaard, one of the many museums in the city of Odense. Dana’s archives and collections have played major roles in



CHESS, ANYONE? The group stops to play chess at the youth hostel in Bad Segeberg, Germany.

Odense museum exhibits in recent years.

Late that afternoon the city of Odense treated us to a reception at Odense Rådhus (City Hall) followed by a concert together with the Hans Christian Anderson Choir.

After a night’s rest, we went to the H. C. Anderson House and Carl Nielsen Museum in downtown Odense. That afternoon the chorale sang their second Odense concert at another historic cathedral, Sct. Hans Kirke. Saturday morning we took in the Fyn Village, a living-history recreation of a Danish rural village.

We then headed for Egeskov Slot, a fairy-tale castle complete with moat, drawbridge, and manicured grounds. Our bus driver in the Odense area was Bendt Hansen, father of Dana’s Development Director, Thomas Hansen.

Sunday we took the second longest bridge in the world to the island of Zealand and headed for Roskilde to take in the famous Viking Ship Museum. Next we saw the Roskilde Domkirke, one of the most impressive cathedrals in northern Europe and where most Danish kings and queens are buried. That evening we had dinner and an informal concert with a group of grade-school youngsters from the Bramsnas Music School.

The next morning we took the long way to Copenhagen, heading north to see Fredensborg, the Danish royal family’s summer palace, Kronborg Slot (also known as Hamlet’s castle), and the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen harbor. After checking into our hotel, we went to Tivoli where the chorale was honored with



LONG-LOST RELATIVE: Dana Chorale member Allison Botkin meets her 95-year-old cousin in Vejle, Denmark.

the rare opportunity to perform two concerts on the main outdoor stage. The new U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, Richard Swett, greeted us there. Tivoli provided everyone with ride tickets, so we were kept busy late into the night.

Tuesday was a free day in Copenhagen. Sightseeing and shopping were the most popular activities, though a few Dana students also came home with new Danish hairstyles. We met again that evening at DGI Byen (Danish Gymnastics Association City) in the heart of Copenhagen. We had a tour of their facilities, including a new youth hostel they are building. Dana has hosted the Danish Gymnastic Team on their U.S. tours, so it was interesting to see one of their two main training centers.

There were a few misty eyes as we realized the trip was almost over and this outstanding group had sung its last performance.

At noon the next day we were on the bus again heading for the Copenhagen airport. We chased the sun back to Omaha arriving late that same evening, technically, though many hours later.

As one student said, “I’m pooped, but it’s a good pooped.”



Five new regents named to Dana board

Five new board members began their terms on the Dana College Board of Regents in February.

Mary Heistand-Bro '80, Dennis Gethmann '71, Rev. Keith Nelson, Rev. Kip Tyler '80 and Richard Vierk '68 replaced outgoing board members Herbert Knudsen '63, Jane (Hendrick '73) Prochaska, Jim Taylor, Don Jorgensen '60 and Elsie Burklund.

Bro of Harlan, Iowa, is president of Consortia Insurance Direct in Lincoln, Neb. She and her husband, Bruce '80, have two children, Justin and Rebecca.



Bro

Gethmann of Maple Plain, Minn., is vice president of the Eberhardt Company in Minneapolis with duties and responsibilities in both the mortgage production and



Gethmann



Nelson

advisory services departments. He and his wife, Debra, have two children, Kent and Kate.

Nelson of Omaha is associate director for planned giving for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Founda-

tion. He and his wife, Ann, have two children Matthew and Adam.

Tyler of Omaha is pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha. He and his wife, Sherri



Tyler



Vierk

(Sandoz '83), have three children, Hollie, Sean and Ian.

Vierk is a certified public accountant and partner at Deloitte and Touche. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Byron and Elizabeth.

Stone

completed his master's degree, he and Norma had two sons, and they decided to stay in Lincoln for Larrie to finish his Ph.D. as well. He had always intended to go somewhere else for his doctoral work, but fate had other plans.

Stone wasn't even looking for a job when Christensen, now dean at Dana College, called him in 1962. The Dana biology department was increasing from one professor to two and Christensen wanted Stone to fill the vacancy.

"The idea was I was going to be here for just a few years," Stone said. But the atmosphere and his colleagues soon changed that thought. "I liked the people here--the faculty and staff. Everybody was interested in students."

Although the sciences have changed dramatically since Stone took his first biology course as an

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undergrad in 1954, Stone says the students themselves haven't changed all that much.

"Our biology students tend to evolve into people who are very dedicated and people-oriented," he said. "I've always been real proud of our students. We've had some super young people in the biology department over the years. You hate to see them graduate sometimes."

"I think Dana has so much to offer students," Stone said. "There is a good education to be had at Dana."

Stone says he has no concrete plans for his retirement years. He may spend time doing research for his own interests, a lot of reading and possibly some writing.

The one thing that is for certain is that he and Norma will continue living in Blair. "We have no reason to go anywhere else," he said.

Krueger

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just fit together too nicely," he said. "I was returning to my Lutheran roots."

This time, the move was permanent, lasting 20 years. "It really is the students who keep you here," Krueger said. "I don't see how you can get bored teaching. No two classes are the same. There's always that need to adapt to the students that keeps it interesting and alive."

Krueger's plans for retirement are still vague, he says. "There is one part of me that just wants to sit on my hill and pull weeds and plant flowers," he said.

In reality, retirement activities will likely include travel, and for at least the fall semester, a bit of teaching. Krueger will teach one course, "Oral Interpretation."

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

James Anderson '96 started at quarterback for the Madison (Wis.) Mad Dogs versus the Lincoln (Neb.) Lightning in Indoor Football League action in April. Anderson was the second-leading all-time career passer for the Dana Vikings with 5,114 yards in his career. In an article in the *Omaha World-Herald*, Dana Coach Jim Krueger '85 was quoted as saying: "I remember when he played for us. He had a great arm throwing the ball. He was a smart and intelligent kid, and he always made great decisions on the field." Anderson threw touchdown passes of eight, 12 and 29 yards to help his team defeat Lincoln in the regular season contest, 37-34.

Retiring teacher **Pete Nelson '65** was featured in an article in the *Boone (Iowa) Today* in May. Nelson retired this spring from teaching middle school math in the Boone Community School District after 32 years. Nelson said: "I'm not retiring, but I'm going from working three months a year in home construction to year round. Besides developing G&N (Construction) more, we hope to build ourselves a home, work with Habitat for Humanity of Boone County, and do a little traveling."

Amy Thomas '88 was named a Buffett Award teacher this spring and was featured in the *Omaha World-Herald*. A colleague wrote: "Amy is a delightful teacher filled with energy and creativity. Students are successful with Ms. Thomas and they feel good about themselves. She and the students go to the phone often to call home to 'brag' about something that the student has accomplished. She asks for any 'problem' students to be placed in her classroom." Another said: "Giving extra help is where Ms. Thomas truly excels. She is not only willing to give her students extra help, but any students or staff members."

Bruce Bro '80, owner of Bro Business Center in Harlan, Iowa, has been selected as the 1999 Small Business Person of the Year for the SBA's Des Moines district office. According to an article which appeared in the *Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil*: "Bro Business Center is a model for success. Gross sales and net income have grown at a steady pace, and in 1998 Bro Business Center relocated to a newly renovated 13,500 square foot facility. . . In 1997, Bro Business Center was recognized nationally by being awarded the Business Technology Association's "Award of Excellence" for office machine dealerships under \$5 million in sales. This award is given to only one dealership of its size each year."

Mary Baker '70 was featured in an article in the *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal* upon her retirement from teaching this spring. "No more classes, no more books. Mary Baker has completed her years of teaching. It's been a good career--45 years. She looks back fondly, remembering hundreds of children. . . and their children. . . and even their children, all of whom have been her students."

Joanne (Gochenour '66) Bracker was among the first inductees to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June. She has compiled a .758 winning percentage during a 28-year coaching career at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. She is also a member of the Midland, Dana and NAIA halls of fame. According to an article which appeared in the *Omaha World-Herald*, Bracker said that she felt "really honored and privileged knowing the other inductees and what they've been through." Twenty-five were inducted in the inaugural class.

Long-time kindergarten teacher **Dorothy Miller '74** was featured in an article in the *Oakland (Neb.) Independent* upon her retirement this spring. She said: "I have truly loved teaching kindergarten. The fall walks, singing at Oakland Heights for Halloween, making pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, our "100-Day Party," Valentine parties, spring walks, going fishing at the pond, the track meet and our zoo parties for parents--all were exciting activities for the kindergarteners and me."

James Olsen '62, professor of art at Dana College, received the 1999 Golden Apple Award from HunTel Systems. Five educators and eight high school students were selected for their outstanding educational accomplishments. "HunTel is honored to have the opportunity to recognize this year's outstanding group of Golden Apple recipients for excellence in education," said Karen Aman, general manager of HunTel Systems. "These individuals have demonstrated their dedication to education through their outstanding accomplishments and leadership."

Reinhardt Ochs '99 was the subject of Rainbow Rowell's column in the *Omaha World-Herald* on May 9, 1999. Ochs, a native of Namibia, worked as an intern at Blair's country music radio station this spring. Rowell explored the challenges Ochs has had to face to earn his college education, including taking correspondence courses and night classes to learn English and being separated from his wife and children for two years. "It was a really tough decision for me and a tough acceptance for my wife and also for my family," said Reinhardt concerning leaving Namibia. "It was a struggle," he said. "It was not easy even after we had the funds."



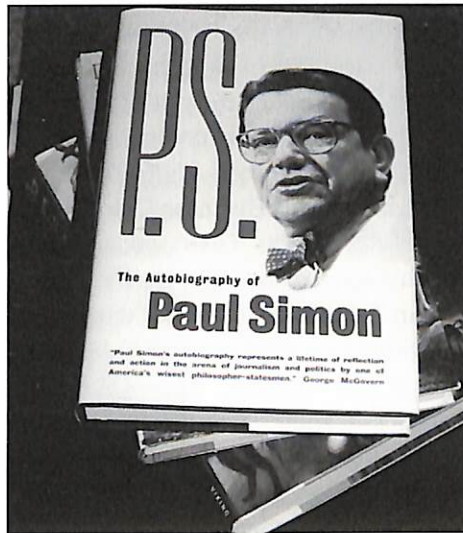
Simon devotes chapter in autobiography to Dana

The following excerpt is from Paul Simon's '49 recently published autobiography, *P.S.* It is reprinted here with permission from Simon and his publisher.

Because of my birthday, and skipping one year of grade school, I started college at the age of sixteen, my initial year being at the University of Oregon. Since I worked 30 to 35 hours a week at the *Register-Guard*, my plunge into college had limited impact on me, with the exception that I had as my faculty advisor a small, quiet, shy man, the dean of the school of journalism, George Turnbull. He took an interest in me, encouraged my writing, and his gentle admonitions meant a great deal.

But because of my work schedule I took part in no extra-curricular activities at the University of Oregon, and my educational enrichment was not as great as my later college years would be. Partly because of my experience, I have always favored enough aid for students in the form of grants and loans so that if they want to go to school full-time they can, and are not forced into the work/school combination that may diminish their college experience. "I worked my way through college" has a good ring to it, but is not necessarily a good thing.

When my parents told Art [Simon's brother] and me about the move [to Highland, Ill.], I first decided to stay in Oregon and finish my college years there, but the tug of the family and the excitement of moving to a new area prevailed. I transferred to Dana College in Blair, Neb., a small liberal arts college of Lutheran and Danish background. Unlike my first-year college experience, I did not work (except for a few hours each week in the college canteen and for the summer months) and found my years at Dana more exhilarating in every way. I had some outstanding teachers, particularly Elmer Rasmussen, who taught psychology; Paul Nyholm, religion; and Marie Tucker. Miss Tucker taught zoology, which I took to fill out my science requirements. My interests in the scientific field were minimal. I took her zoology course intending to get my credits but not expend any great effort. However, Miss Tucker made us work, and much to my surprise, I not only learned, but I



DANA YEARS: *Paul Simon's autobiography can be ordered from Bonus Books Inc., 160 East Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-225-3775.*

enjoyed it, a tribute to what a superior teacher can do.

Because of the location of the University of Oregon in Eugene, I commuted from my home. That, and my newspaper job, relieved my parents of financing my first year of college. But at Dana I stayed in a dormitory, and found the daily bull sessions enriching. The ethnic (with one exception) and geographical diversity of the student body I found stimulating. The Lutheran and Danish and Nebraska-Iowa presence were matched by people like Ben Limjoco from the Philippines; Sam "Socko" Kachichian from Racine, Wis.; Norman Bansen from California; Lloyd Neve from Minnesota, and others. We had lengthy discussions well into the morning hours, primarily focused on politics, religion, and women. The idea of male and female students staying in the same dormitory had reached no campus in the nation during my years at Dana, 1946-1948.

A day or two after arriving I had a date with Eunice Petersen, the only date I had with her but it became significant for my college and cultural life because she persuaded me I should try out for the Dana College Choir. I did and made it. I loved it. As a boy I took three years of piano lessons, under duress. My mother had hopes that Art and I could become at least musically superior. Our cousins—Carlos,

Leah, and Victoria Messerli—displayed exceptional musical talent, and she expected at least the same from us. But in vain! I can still remember that piano teacher hitting my knuckles with a pencil when I struck the wrong notes. Art and I finally persuaded my father that taking more lessons did not make sense, and he gently worked on my mother. However, she did take us to concerts frequently, and as boys we heard Jose Iturbi, Fritz Kreisler, Lanny Ross, Gladys Swarthout, Nelson Eddy, the Don Cossack Choir, the Hall Johnson Choir, and other artists whose names mean nothing to most people today, but in an earlier day excited listeners. The Dana College Choir, under the direction of Paul Neve, gave me much more appreciation for music, particularly the choral variety. Years later when *Life* magazine asked if I had a favorite musical group, while my younger Senate colleagues mentioned rock bands and other popular entities, I said the Dana College Choir.

Informal singing sessions in the college canteen, or outside under a large tree in favorable weather, added another cultural dimension.

I became a member of the school paper staff, and the assistant editor of the yearbook. The library was not in the category of one of the world's greatest, but it gave me a chance to read and devour so much that I found fascinating. Years later I read the autobiography of Kansas journalist William Allen White in which he said he got more from the University of Kansas library than from the University of Kansas classroom. That held true for me too at Dana.

My friends the Johnsen brothers, Paul and Ray, organized an intramural basketball team for which we had numbers attached to our uniforms like 3/8 and 1/12. We won few games but we enjoyed ourselves.

My parents saved my letters from college. I obviously did not have history in mind when I wrote them. They show little more interest in journalism and politics and religion than most students might show, but generally are typical. Art always seemed to owe me a letter; I frequently asked for stamps; and I wrote frequently

about money. "Last night was a polio benefit game here. Cost me one dollar which sent my pocketbook well down into the red," I wrote, obviously hinting. In one letter I note that my suit had worn out but I bought one from a fellow student who had gained weight. He paid \$35 for the suit and I got it for \$15 but I needed some money to get the pants adjusted. I also bought a pair of gabardine Army surplus pants for \$10 and assured my parents it was a good deal. I spent \$3.43 for a new white shirt. Some days I kept a meticulous account of my spending, but other days I did not. My spending included \$1.50 for a corsage for my date at the major spring social event at the college. Another entry simply says: Date, \$1.00. I am sure I impressed her! On a postcard I sent to my parents I wrote: "This is Saturday night. I have exactly six cents in my pocket so another fellow and I (he's also broke) are taking our girls walking."

Involved in the usual senseless but harmless college pranks, I helped assemble one of the student's beds in the main room of the library with the help of another student who had a key to the library, startling Sena Bertelsen, the librarian, when she walked in the next morning. We took the Model T Ford of Art Sorensen and Jim Hansen, not a heavy car, up the wide front steps of the Old Main building and parked it there. But we also did constructive things on a voluntary basis for the college and the community.

As I finished my sophomore year I ran for student body president, overcoming two popular and respected opponents. I headed a move to have a large hall rented in Omaha for a Dana College Choir concert, my assumption being that if you have a large hall and put posters around Omaha the hall would be filled. It was a disaster. We had a huge hall and fifty or seventy-five people bought tickets, the few present in the audience almost outnumbered by the choir. The auditorium, which seated perhaps 2,500 people, looked ominously barren. No one cited it as the high point of my service as student body president.

More meaningful, no African Americans had ever enrolled in the college, not unusual for a liberal arts college in the year 1947-48, but not good. I headed a successful effort to make it the clear policy of the college not to discriminate, and to wel-

come African Americans. A member of the Board of Regents from Colorado who read about my activities in the college paper wrote to the Dana president to ask if I was a Communist. That shook the president up; he talked to me about it.

Because I held membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which at that time many considered to be a radical group, I took the liberty of inviting the head of the NAACP, Walter White, to visit our campus. He could not make it, but agreed that his assistant, Roy Wilkins, later the leader of the national group, could speak. When the president of the college, R.E. Morton, a good but cautious man, already uneasy after the trustee's reaction to my move toward integrating the campus, learned that Roy Wilkins would speak at Dana, he promptly disinvented him. I learned about it too late to reverse the action.

Two years later Dana had its first black student, and since that time the college has been solid in this area. When I later served on the Board of Regents, Dana had a higher percentage of African American students than any private college in the state.

As the newly elected student body president I attended the first convention of the National Student Association at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, with perhaps 2,000 in attendance. It opened my eyes to a broader world. A few Communists were among the delegates, but noisy beyond their numbers. They regularly introduced amendments and made motions, and always were overwhelmingly defeated. But the convention gave me my first contact with a real, live Communist. The gathering divided into subcommittees, and I managed to get named to the one dealing with racial discrimination in education. The student representative of the NAACP at the convention nominated me for the chairmanship, and because I had a touch of a flu bug I declined, but I appreciated the honor not just to me but to the small college from which I came. I first met Cliff Wharton here, later president of Michigan State University and Deputy Secretary of State under Warren Christopher.

Being a college of Christian background, its religion courses all had Christian theologians as teachers. Years later when the Anti-Defamation League gave me their national award for fighting

discrimination, together with \$10,000 in cash, I gave the money to Dana for hiring a Jewish rabbi part-time to instruct students in a course on Jewish traditions. I have since received letters from two students, one a Muslim from Bangladesh, telling me how meaningful this course had been for them, thanking me.

After announcing my retirement from the Senate, I took \$100,000 from my remaining modest campaign treasury and gave it to Dana as a loan fund for students who want to study or travel abroad, with the understanding that they would have no legal obligation to repay but a moral obligation to do so. Once a year Dana will remind the former students who have borrowed from the fund that they owe money, and even though they have no legal obligation to repay the loan, my guess is that they will, and do more than repay. The one requirement is that students must do it before their senior year, so that they can return to the campus and infuse the college with a greater sense of international concern. When I mentioned my action to Sol Price, a friend in San Diego, he added \$50,000 to that amount. Because such a small percentage of U.S. students study abroad, my hope is that this fund will not only help students at Dana, but serve as an example and inspiration for other schools. I would like to get that total up to \$2 million at Dana, so that they can promote study and travel abroad much more actively. And I hope eventually every college and university in the nation will have such a fund. While the United States has many international students studying here, only about seven-tenths of one percent of our students study abroad. The only nation that has a lower percentage is North Korea. Part of the reason for provincialism in the United States Congress and too often in the White House is that at the grass roots level in our nation we are too myopic, seeing only to the edge of our national borders, and sometimes not seeing those much closer who live in our inner cities and rural areas of poverty. Higher education has to take part of the blame when our nation fails to act responsibly in international affairs. I hope that small loan fund at Dana can help to change things.

Dana College was good to me, and in a small way I want to repay that fine school.



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'90s

- **Ryan Barrett '99** works for Jorgensen Construction in Blair.
- **Jon Barta '99** is a kindergarten through fifth grade physical education teacher at Sandoz Elementary, Millard Public Schools, Omaha.
- **Evan Bees '99** is an accountant for Mutual of Omaha in Omaha.
- **Gerd Bents '99** is working as a respite coordinator at Boys Town in Omaha.
- **Melissa Blum '99** and **Ryan Jacobsen '98** were married June 12, 1999, in Elk Horn, Iowa. Melissa has been accepted to the physicians assistant graduate school program at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Ryan is attending the Creighton University School of Pharmacy in Omaha.
- **Ryan Boozikee '99** is an investment representative at Edward R. Jones Co. in Omaha.
- **Caseina Cole '99** is a human resources/training administrator at Great Plains Communications Inc. in Blair.
- **Kristel Conrad '99** is an account specialist for Slosburg Company in Omaha.
- **Angie Coufal '99** is a social worker at David Place in David City, Neb.
- **Sara Crawford '99** and **Chad Foust '96** were married June 19, 1999, in Watertown, S.D. Sara is employed at Region V Mental Health Family and Youth Investment Program in Lincoln. Chad is an environmental field scientist at Terracon in Omaha.
- **Jill Dewald '99** is marketing coordinator for Omaha State Bank.
- **Carrie Eckhoff '99** has been hired as a business teacher for Woodbine (Iowa) Public Schools.
- **Tony Eitzmann '99** and **Joni Travis '99** were married July 3, 1999, in Hamburg, Iowa. Tony is working as an accountant for Seim, Johnson, Sestak & Quist in Omaha. Joni will enter the dental hygiene program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha this fall.
- **Kristi Farland '99** is serving as youth minister at First Lutheran Church in Blair.
- **Dan Formo '99** is a Spanish teacher at Brownell-Talbot School in Omaha.
- **Brian Frahm '99** is working for Frahm Farms Inc. in Plainview, Neb.
- **Rebecca Gibbons '99** is a vocal music teacher at Bryan Middle School in Omaha.
- **Lewanna Gleffe '99** is working for JCPenney Company in Omaha.
- **Chad Hansen '99** is completing an internship and studying Spanish in Mexico.
- **Jesse Hardy '99** is completing an internship at First Design in Omaha.
- **Rachel Heitmann '99** is a German teacher at LeMars (Iowa) Public Schools.
- **Michael Hemmingsen '99** is working for the Audubon County Engineer's Office.
- **Denise Henton '99** is a data systems analyst for Mid-America Computer Corporation in Blair.
- **Laura Hiebenthal '99** is an English teacher for Omaha Public Schools.
- **Michelle Hurt '99** is a middle school Spanish teacher for Bellevue (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Darby Jones '99** is teaching junior high math and coaching junior high football at Mineral Wells, Texas.
- **Janelle Kahl '99** is a sales assistant for General Broadcasting Group (WOW, Z92, 101.5) in Omaha.
- **Nicole Kinsey '99** is a graphic designer for Land and Sky in Lincoln.
- **Deena Knapp '99** and **Michael Bisig '97** were married June 5, 1999. Deena is attending graduate school and working as a teaching assistant in communications at South Dakota State in Brookings. Mike is a sales representative for G & G Manufacturing out of Omaha.
- **Carla Jo Krance-Luebbe '99** is a special education teacher at Arbor Park Middle School in Blair.
- **Kim Kraushaar '99** is a special education teacher at West Harrison Community Schools in Mondamin, Iowa.
- **Joel Krominga '99** is a commercial loan officer trainee at Washington County Bank in Blair.
- **Melanie Lubbers '99** is assistant manager at Eddie Bauer in One Pacific Place in Omaha.
- **Kristin Mathis '99** is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in history.
- **Daniel Matz '99** is attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.
- **Tiffany Menard '99** is working at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha.
- **Elizabeth "Liza" Moberg '99** is teaching art and German at North High School in Omaha.
- **Jeff Mulder '99** is a manager trainee at Menards in Omaha.
- **Theresa Novak '99** is a youth worker at Children's Square USA in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Reinhardt Ochs '99** is a theology student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.
- **Matthew Oestmann '99** is working at Excel Physical Therapy in Omaha.
- **Melanie (Mowinkel) Olson '99** is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in molecular biology and genetics.
- **Sandra Paasch '99** is a social worker at Community Alliance in Omaha.
- **Nina Papousek '99** is a social worker at Immanuel Fontenelle Home in Omaha.
- **Elishia Petersen '99** and Matthew Coble were married May 8, 1999, in Neligh, Neb. Elishia works in the accounting department at UPS.
- **Joy (Pudenz) Pinkelman '99** is human resource manager at Woodhouse Ford in Blair.
- **Rebecca Plowman '99** is a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Ponca (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Amanda (Buttry) Poulter '99** is a social worker for the Department of Social Services in Red Oak, Iowa. **Matt '99** is working at Phoenix Promotional Products in Red Oak, Iowa.
- **Max Riffner '99** is a graphic designer for Gravity One in Gretna, Neb.
- **Kevin Ronnenkamp '99** is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.
- **Brett Schofield '99** is working in sales for Innovative Laboratory Services in Ashland, Neb.
- **Greg Sealock '99** is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Pharmacy in Omaha.
- **Jaclyn Smith '99** is employed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as an extension assistant at the Richardson County Extension Office in Falls City, Neb.
- **Marshall Smith '99** is a special education teacher at Sapulpa (Okla.) Middle School.
- **Bill Stoffel '99** is a draft specialist for Budweiser of Omaha.
- **Jeremy Stuecklin '99** is a resident counselor at Cooper Village in Omaha.
- **Tara Tiefenthaler '99** is enrolled in the physical therapy graduate school program at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.
- **Rob Wheeler '99** is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Pharmacy in Omaha.



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- **Matt Worley '99** is a resident counselor at Cooper Village in Omaha.
- **Jana Bentley '98** is a foster respite care coordinator for Lutheran Social Services in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **R.J. Gall '98** and Jessica Wilke were married May 22, 1999, in Columbus, Neb. R.J. is employed at Great Western Bank.
- **Beth King '98** has been accepted to the graduate school of music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall term. She has earned a teaching assistantship which includes full tuition and stipend. Her teaching assignment will be assistant to the choral director.
- **Beth McCabe '98** is employed as a billing specialist/coder trainee at Memorial Community Hospital Physicians Clinic in Blair.
- **Lynette Riemersma '98** is a science teacher at Humboldt (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Terra (Schmidt) Beethe '98** is a special education teacher for the Louisville (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Brian Stevens '98** and Cynthia Reeder were married June 18, 1999, in Omaha. Brian is a student at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.
- **Jeffrey Bryan '97** was named vice president at Concrete Equipment Company (Con-E-Co) in Blair. He began his career with Con-E-Co in 1977 in the production department. He became service manager in 1986 and was appointed operations/international sales manager in 1992.
- **Audra Kobs '97** is teaching English and Spanish at Tekamah (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock** is teaching K-12 vocal music at Essex (Iowa) Public Schools. She will also be directing the school play this fall in addition to her teaching duties.
- **Karla Meyer '97** is teaching business and computers at Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

- She is also serving as assistant girls basketball coach.
- **Julie Seeba '97** and Jeremy Reece were married June 26, 1999, in Omaha. Julie is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Iowa in Iowa City where she is a research assistant.
 - **Brett Williams '97** and **Jennifer Allemang '95** were married June 4, 1999, in Blair. Jennifer is a kindergarten teacher at Millard Public Schools and is an aerobics instructor at Golds Gym in Omaha. Brett is a fifth grade teacher at Blair Public Schools and assistant football coach at Dana.
 - **Leasa (Stark '96) Brouillard** is an elementary art teacher at Lewis Central Elementary School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
 - **Shannon '96** and **Mary (Hennings) LeFave '96** adopted a son, William Austin. William was born March 11, 1999, and came home on April 16. The family lives in Deshler, Neb., where Mary is a day care provider and Shannon is a science teacher at Deshler Public School.
 - **Angela (Melby '96) Ulven** is teaching mathematics in grades 6-12 at Otte Middle School and Blair High School. She is also coaching eighth grade volleyball.
 - **Jill Beckman '95** and Scott Albright were married June 26, 1999, in Fremont, Neb. The couple is living in Greenville, Ohio.
 - **Katie Krueger '95** is a computer lab resource teacher at North High School in Omaha.
 - Eric and **Michelle (Parks '95) Lewis** are the parents of a son, Keith William, who was born on Feb. 12, 1999. The family is still living near Little Sioux, Iowa, and Michelle continues to teach at West Harrison Elementary in Mondamin, Iowa.
 - **Tyler Renken '95** and Robin Anderson were married May 29, 1999, in Omaha. Tyler is pursuing a master's degree from Peru State College. He is a special education teacher and a coach at Millard High School.
 - Louis and **Kristine (Jesse '95) Stoeger** are the parents of a son, Tyler Louis, who was born Jan. 18, 1999.
 - Charlie and **Shelli (Wiebelhaus '94) Oborny** are the parents of a daughter, Bailey Nicole, who was born Dec. 26, 1998. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Shelli is now teaching primary special education at

- Bloomer Elementary School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed** is working as publications manager at Bethphage in Omaha.
 - This summer, **Kristin (Olsen '93) Koubsky** is teaching literature at Creighton Prep summer school. She is stage manager for the Canterbury Kids, a portion of the green show for the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival in Omaha. She also works at Salomon Smith Barney, assisting her husband Ken with his financial consulting business. She will return to her teaching position at St. Joan of Arc School this fall, where she teaches seventh and eighth grade literature.
 - **Dan '91** and **Carrie (Pedersen '93) Hanson** are the parents of a daughter, Emma Jayne, who was born on April 1, 1999. She joins a brother, Jakob, age 2.
 - **Lori Humphrey '90** and Mike Welbes were married Nov. 14, 1998. Dr. John W. Nielsen, professor emeritus of religion, performed the ceremony. Lori works at Valmont Industries in Valley as a sales order configurator administrator. She manages the database program through which all of the irrigation machine orders (both domestic and international) are entered.
 - **Mark J. Olsen '90** received his master of fine arts in cinema television production from the University of Southern California in May.
 - **Dr. Cory Wilson '90** completed his family practice residency in Vancouver, Wash., in July 1998. He and family live in Forks, Wash., where Cory works as a family physician. He and his wife, Michal, have a two-year-old son, Caleb.

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- **Michelle Krenke '88** and Michael Wright were married June 19, 1999, in Omaha. Michelle is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is a software support representative with Nelson Data Resources.
- **Rich Greene '87** was promoted to the position of Director of Trade Relations for Organon Pharmaceuticals. Rich and his wife, Sheryl, along with their sons, Spencer and Jacob, live in St. Louis, Mo.

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● **Grant Christensen '86** was promoted to assistant vice president at Physicians Mutual and Physicians Life Insurance Cos. in Omaha. He has worked for the firm in the accounting department since 1986.

● Tim and **Michelle (Blaas '85) DeCoursey** of McHenry, Ill., are the parents of a son, Maxwell Allen, who was born Feb. 5, 1999. He joins a sister, Bailey, age 4.

● As of July 1, 1999, the ministerial call of **Rev. Mary Frohs '85** has changed slightly. Since 1995 she has been serving a two-point parish in Potter and Sidney, Nebraska. In the small western Nebraska community of Potter, the First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church have decided to federate. Each will maintain its denominational identity, but will worship together as well as continue sharing its Sunday School, vacation bible school and youth programs. Frohs will serve as the first pastor of this new ministry. She writes: "It is very exciting to ponder the possibilities of what these two congregations can do in this community and beyond. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help shape this new thing. . . I'm looking forward to seeing how this all develops with the help of the Holy Spirit."

● **Barbara (Anderson '85) Hamel** graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in May with a Ph.D. in music education. Her dissertation was about the contributions made by Dr. Alan Brandes to his students, Dana College and the music profession. Dr. Brandes taught piano, organ, and other music classes at Dana College from 1966 until his death in 1994. A copy of the dissertation may be obtained through inter-library loan from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Hamel was also promoted to the rank of assistant professor of music at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo.

● **Dr. Monte Bernhagen '84** began work as a psychiatrist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Pella, Iowa, this spring.

● **Rev. Rick Danforth '83** began his ministry at Salem Lutheran Church in Wakefield, Neb., on Easter Sunday. He and his family came to Wakefield after serving Zion Lutheran Church at Pickrell, Neb.

● **Kristie (Hansen '83) Mendez** has accepted the position of Independent Senior Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics Corporation. She and her husband, Bruce, live in Chicago, Ill.

'70s

● **Karl Guhn '78** and **Kristi Westfahl-Guhn '75** moved from Billings, Mont., to Red Wing, Minn., recently. Karl is the spiritual health services coordinator for Fairview Red Wing Health Services. He is an ELCA pastor and board certified chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains. They have one son, Kaj, age 13.

● In April, **Al Schutt '78** was hired as the first-ever director of public safety at Buena Vista University. Buena Vista did not have a public safety or security program in existence and Al was hired to build, develop and administer the new department. Prior to accepting his new position, Al spent 11 years as a supervisor at Creighton University in Omaha.

● **Annette Minderman '73** graduated from the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest on May 18, 1999, with a master of divinity degree. She began her ministry as pastor to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Homer, Neb., and Trinity Lutheran Church in Hubbard, Neb., on July 1, 1999.

● **Carol Wood '73**, president and CEO of the Christian Home Association-Children's Square USA, received the outstanding citizen award from the Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 6011 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

● **John Christensen '71** was named dean of the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He had served as acting dean of the college since June 1998. He came to UNO in 1978 as an instructor in the department of counseling and special education/speech pathology.

'60s

● **David G. Hanson '64** ranked fifth among more than 1,200 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of investment products issued in May 1999. David is affiliated with the Great Chicago Agency in Itasca, Ill.

● Ann and **Waldo Junker '62** have retired from McGregor Furniture in Marshalltown, Iowa, after more than 30 years. They have started a second career by purchasing a resort on the Lake of the Ozarks, Bayhill Yunkers Resort. The resort's name was



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chosen by using Danish for their last name and putting Bayhill in front to get further to the front of alphabetical listings.

'50s

● **Ernest A. '59** and **Joann (Hundtofte '61) Larsen** of Roundup, Mont., retired this spring from the ministry. They write: "After 36 years of rich ministry, we begin a new chapter of interim and weekend preaching! Thank you for preparing us for the many surprises God has and is giving us!"

● **Roger Madsen '59** was recently presented the Counselor of the Year award from the Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling. Roger is the guidance counselor at SCMT High School in Sheffield, Iowa. After nearly 40 years in teaching and counseling, he retired at the end of the 1998-99 academic year. Roger taught at Sheffield-Chapin and SCMT High School for the past 34 years. He and his wife, **Shirley (Alme '58)**, continue to live in Sheffield.

'40s

● **Hugh Hughes '48**, retired professor of education at the University of New Orleans, was honored by his former students as a Favorite Professor. Alumni were given the opportunity to honor those who made a difference in their lives—whether by caring, challenging, influencing career decisions or ways of thinking. The faculty members were honored at the Founder's Day Convocation and received a certificate of appreciation.

Deaths

● **Timothy P. Johnsen '75** died May 26, 1999, at the age of 46. During his ministerial career, he served Christ Lutheran Church in West Covina, Calif., Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert, Calif., and Grace Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, Calif. Survivors include his two daughters, Jennifer and Melanie; his parents, Paul D '49 T '52 and C. Joyce (Nelson '50) Johnsen; a sister, Sonya (Johnsen '86) Pedersen; and three brothers, David '77, Eric and Mark.

● **D. Florence Hanson '74** died May 28, 1999, in Blair at the age of 78. She served as pastoral assistant at First Lutheran Church in Blair for a number of years and

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was a volunteer for many civic organizations. Survivors include sons and daughter-in-law Donald '67 and Yvonne Hanson, and Neil Hanson; and a daughter and son-in-law, Lois (Hanson '69) and Wade Bolton. Rachael Neve '74 had the following to say about Florence: "Florence Hanson was a remarkable woman, and I feel sad that she is no longer with us. I remember my first year at Dana, when I started a Philosophy club that met every Wednesday night at the Hanson home. Florence was great--she not only baked wonderful desserts for us, but she also participated in all the discussions. She was a vibrant, energetic, adventurous woman who never stopped growing. I know that her last months were not physically comfortable for her, so it's probably a blessing for her that she is now in a place without pain, but I'll miss her."

● **Evelyn (Christians) Clark '73** of Crescent, Iowa, died May 7, 1999, at the age of 76. She taught for 33 years in rural schools in Harrison County and at Lake and Gunn elementary schools in Council Bluffs. Survivors include a son, Edward R. "Bob" Ayers, and two daughters, DiAnna Cady and Tracy Riley.

● **Mary Christensen '69** died July 20, 1999, at the age of 51. She taught in Omaha schools for 10 years and was later a partner in the Blair Liquor store. Most recently, she was co-owner of the Mobile Home Park in Valley. Survivors include her mother, Irma (Nelson '41) Christensen and brothers George Christensen '72 and Robert Christensen '66.

● **Marjorie Capwell Cook '67** died June 5, 1999, at the age of 84. Survivors include her husband, LeRoy; daughters Judy Vielbig, Sharon Chamberlin; and Mary-Margaret Pursel; and a son, Bill Cook.

● **Berniece (Hansen '66) Wingender** died April 4, 1999, in Omaha at the age of 54. She worked for H&R Block for 20 years. Survivors include her husband, Bruce; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Katy Wingender, Kenneth and Sandy Wingender, and Keith Wingender; daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Mike Sandfort; and parents Elmer and Cleone Hansen.

● **Bertha L. Jarvis '65** died March 11, 1999, at Rogers, Ark., at the age of 94. After teaching for many years in Iowa area schools, she received her degree in education at Dana at the age of 60. Survivors include a daughter, Helen M. Gorr; and a son, Col. Richard J. Jarvis.

● **Myrtle (Nelson '64) Lammers** died May 23, 1999, in Blair at the age of 86. At 16, she began her teaching career. She taught for 20 years in rural schools and for 20 years in the Blair Community Schools, while obtaining her teaching degree at Dana. Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Donald '66 and Margaret '91 Nelson; and Roger and Donna Nelson.

● **Clifford T. Hanson D '41 T '44** died July 28, 1999, in Blair at the age of 80. A professor emeritus of philosophy and religion at Dana College, he served as the academic dean from 1979-1987. Survivors include sons and daughter-in-law Donald '67 and Yvonne Hanson, and Neil Hanson; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois (Hanson

'69) and Wade Bolton; sister Marion (Hanson '38) Svendsen; and a brother and sister-in-law Roger '50 and Marilyn (Juul '49) Hanson.

● **Evelyn (Jessen) Kelso '41** died April 29, 1999, in Thomasville, Ga., at the age of 79. Survivors include her husband, Col. William R. Kelso; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. William R. II and Carol Kelso; and a daughter and son-in-law, Jocelyn and Peter Cree.

● **Florence (Young '40) Anderson** died Aug. 20, 1998, in Las Vegas, Nev., at the age of 79. Survivors include three children, Nancy Thompson-Jones, Gary Anderson, and Gayle Edwards; and a brother, Chris F. Young '40.

● **Alfred N. Nelsen '27** died July 29, 1998, in Morton Grove, Ill., at the age of 91. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Corrections

Gerald Hatt '49, who died March 21, 1999, taught at Dana College, Shelby (Iowa) Public School, Schuyler Public School, Denison (Iowa) Public School and Midwestern College in Denison. He retired in 1988 and moved to Grand Island in 1990 and Dannebrog, Neb., in 1992. Some of the above information was misstated in the last *Dana Review*.

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- 30 Classes begin
31 Opening Convocation
9 a.m., Lauritzen Theater
Madsen Fine Arts Center

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Brunch on the Hill
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cafeteria
E.C. Hunt Campus Center

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Homecoming
2 Discover Dana Day
Call the Admissions Office for more
information, 1-800-444-DANA
10 Brunch on the Hill
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cafeteria
E.C. Hunt Campus Center
23 Kids on the Hill Day
23 Parents' Day
27-31 Fall Musical
7:30 p.m., Lauritzen Theater
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NOVEMBER

- 2 Band Concert
7:30 p.m., Lauritzen Theater
Madsen Fine Arts Center
13 Discover Dana Day
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14 Brunch on the Hill
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cafeteria
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- 4 Discover Dana Day
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4 Sounds of Christmas Concert
7 p.m., Lauritzen Theater
5 Sights and Sounds of Christmas
12 Brunch on the Hill
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