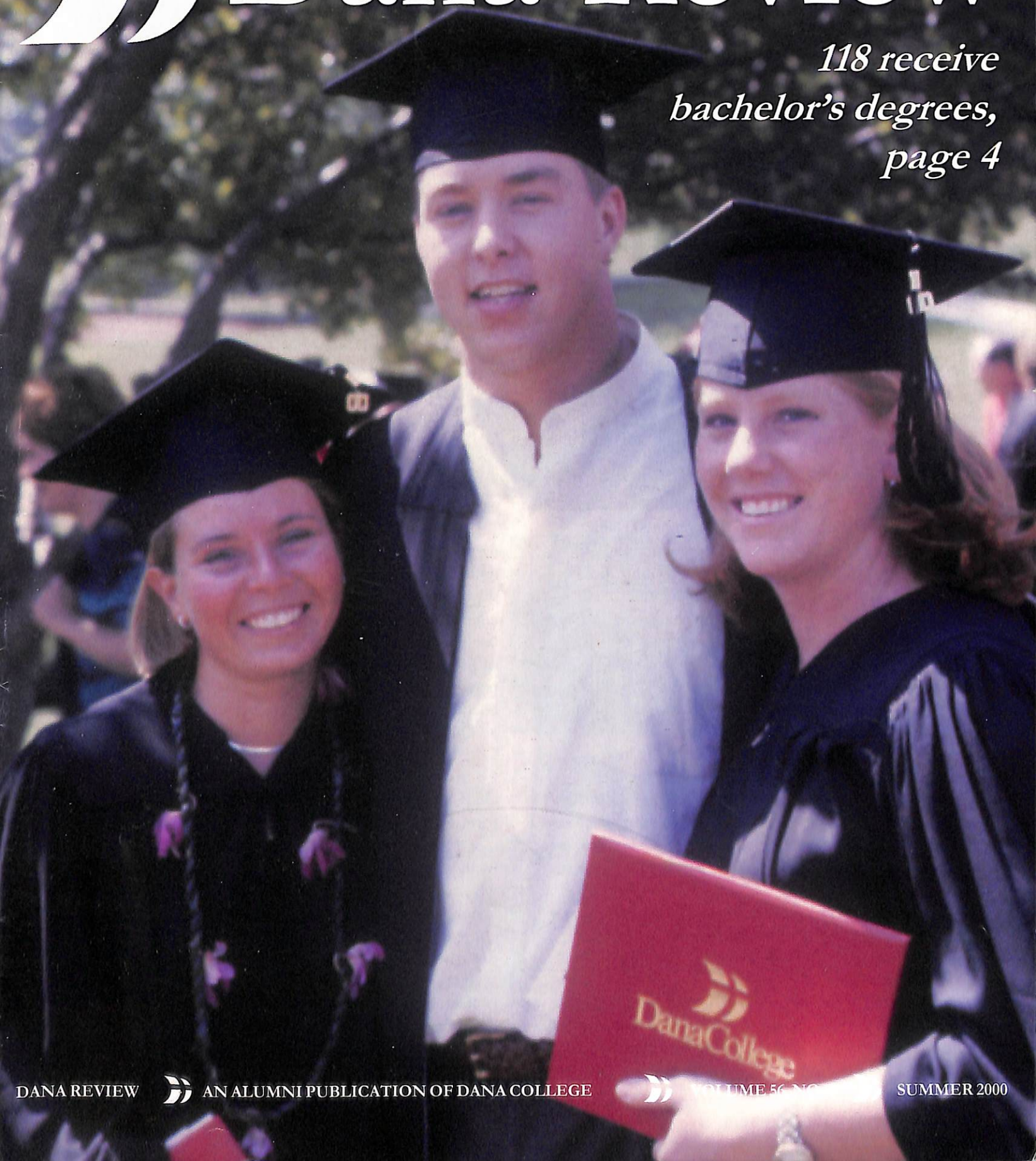




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Dana provides “seamless education”

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

Many educators today talk about the value of so-called “seamless education,” a term used to describe uninterrupted learning, that is, learning which takes place inside and outside the classroom, and learning which addresses the development of the whole person.

Independent residential liberal arts colleges like Dana were established to provide such education and continue to be uniquely equipped to provide this kind of exemplary education.

In my 25 years at great American public universities before coming to Dana, I encountered quite a number of students who received extraordinary attention inside and outside the classroom because of one or more dedicated faculty members, advisors, and other university officials.

However, the large size of the universities and their academic or service units prevented most students from experiencing the collaborative attention of large numbers of the college community.

Because of our intimate size and defined community boundaries (i.e. all buildings arranged conveniently and attractively on the hill on 150 acres uninterrupted by other



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housing, business, or industrial developments) Dana students, faculty, and staff interact as a community of learners. Two important principles of communication—proximity and propinquity—work together at Dana to almost guarantee that students will be challenged through communication encounters inside and outside the classroom.

The closeness of people in community on the hill (proximity) combined with frequent encounters (propinquity) in the library, campus center, dining hall, or walkways assure that scrutiny will be given to the ideas, behavior patterns, and aspirations of each student.

Dana isn't for everyone. Some students choose large universities precisely because they want to escape close attention of faculty and staff. Students may elect courses taught only by distance learning technology for the same reason.

However, in escaping the intimate campus community, students almost certainly lose the benefit that more continuous interaction offers. By contrast, learning at Dana will be seamless.

Requiring students to live on campus during their first three years of college, except in extraordinary circumstances approved by a housing board of students, faculty, and staff, supports this philosophy of seamless education,

and enables us to attend to the educational development of the total person.

Students who participate in athletics, music, drama, student government, and other activities continue their learning outside the classroom by coaches and activities directors who regard their coaching and directing as an extension of their teaching.

Dana's attention to the whole person does not rely alone on proximity and propinquity. As a Lutheran liberal arts college, we celebrate the freedom we have to make worship and course work in religion a central part of the educational experience of every student regardless of faith background. Questions relating to the meaning and purpose of life and service to others as an extension of one's personal faith and reason for being are less likely to be encouraged at secular colleges and universities.

On the other hand, a college mission informed by the Christian faith tends to foster in the community a unique blend of caring and “tough love” which in turn tends to challenge each student to become the best citizen, performer, and scholar she or he can become.

Of course, there are no guarantees that attention, even by those informed by Christian faith, will grow learners who are good citizens and good scholars. However, as I watch what happens to the vast majority of students who come to us and remain to graduate, such growth seems to occur with surprising frequency.

Hoppy O'Halloran, the Irish headmaster in Frank McCourt's popular book, *Angela's Ashes*, tells his students: “You can make up your own minds, but first stock them.... Stock your minds and you can move through the world resplendent.” I think the Dana community is well positioned to stock student minds for life long resplendence. And for that, we have many to thank.



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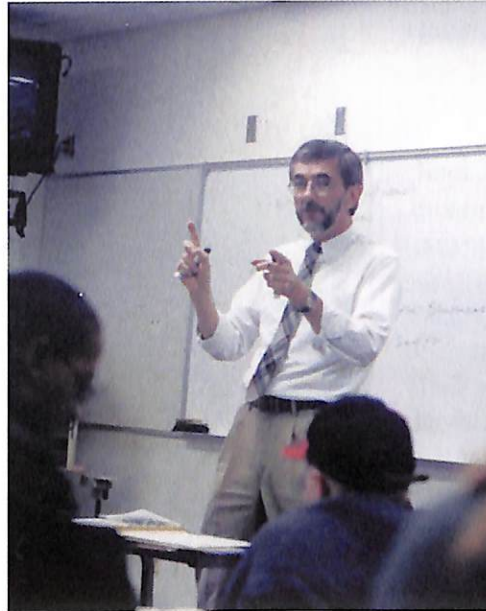
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One hundred eighteen graduate

One hundred eighteen students received bachelor's degrees during commencement ceremonies at Dana College on May 20.

Three valedictorians were honored during the ceremony for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average: Rachel Hospodka of Omaha, Leora Jaeckel of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Stephanie Lassek of Omaha. A total of 25 students graduated with honors.

Willard A. Richardson of Omaha, a founding partner of Henningson Durham and Richardson Inc., received an honorary doctorate degree in business.

Robert Blobaum of Blair received the 2000 College-Community Service Award, the highest non-academic honor presented by Dana College for extraordinary service to college and community.

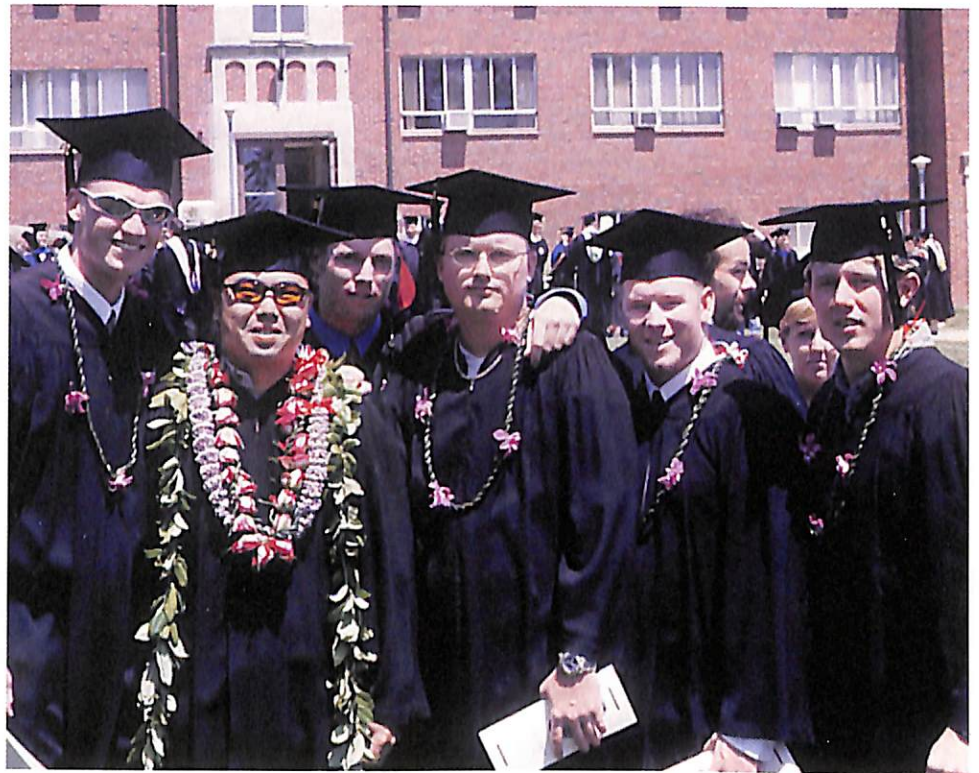
Professors Gil Ragan and Fran Mallory received professor emeritus status, retiring after a combined 52 years of service to the college.

Graduating with honors were:

Summa Cum Laude: Dana Cooper, New Richmond, Wis.; Lisa Decker, Huntley, Neb.; Gina Flood, Newman Grove, Neb.; Rachel Hospodka, Omaha, Neb.; Leora Jaeckel, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Stephanie Lassek,



HONOREE: Robert Blobaum received the College-Community Service Award.



HAWAIIAN FLAIR: Jason Houston, Ryan Enright, Rich Martell, Robert Howell, and Joe Pope join their Hawaiian friend Kris Nakasone (second from left) for a photo prior to commencement.

Omaha, Neb.; Christina Nutter, Gibbon, Neb.; Jennifer Oden, Centerville, Iowa; Leslie Schroeter, Brayton, Iowa; Yin Bing Shen, Shanghai, China;

Magna Cum Laude: Jennifer Formo, Blair, Neb.; John Henningsen, Ruthven, Iowa; Brian Jones, Columbus, Neb.; Kelly Kumm, Bloomfield, Neb.; Jenny Lemmerman, West Point, Neb.; Elizabeth Snedigar, Clarinda, Iowa; Bryan Soukup, Seward, Neb.; Amber Weber, Neligh, Neb.; Kari Wiese, Fridley, Minn.; Hitomi Yoda, Komoro, Nagano, Japan;

Cum Laude: Jessica Clark, Bassett, Neb.; Rebecca Dunnell, St. Louis, Mo.; Cassandra Green, McCook, Neb.; Kelly Medlin, Blair, Neb.; Melanie Stewart, Aurora, Neb.



THE WALK: Faculty lead the newest Dana alumni across campus prior to commencement ceremonies on May 20.

Long-time business professor dies at age 65

Gilbert Ragan, an associate professor of accounting and economics at Dana for 41 years, died Aug. 9, 2000, after a battle with lung cancer.

Gilbert Ragan joined the Dana faculty in 1959, and served as associate professor of business and economics until this year. He was honored with professor emeritus status during May's commencement ceremonies.

"I would guess that Gil has granted more college credits to students than any of us here," said Michael Doyle, professor of economics, "and also that he has earned more college credits than any of us here."

Ragan graduated from Augustana College in 1956 and earned a master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1958. He also earned a masters of business administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1971, and became a certified public accountant in 1974.

Through the years Ragan also took many computer courses. He success-



Ragan

fully wrote a Title III grant which helped to computerize the Dana campus. He was recognized with the "Golden Apple" award from HunTel Systems for his excellence in teaching and his dedication to the students at Dana. He served as the business department chair for 35 years.

On top of his formal education, Ragan obtained a wealth of experience as an accountant and business consultant in the areas of tax, estate, and corporate planning. His insight and

understanding helped make Ragan an effective teacher and mentor.

Friends, business associates and former students from across the country honored him at a retirement reception last semester. Local business leaders related how they sought his advise in "tough cases." Students came from as far away as Portland, Ore., to recount how Ragan effected their lives.

"Before he died Gil wanted to thank all who remembered him at the time of his retirement with cards, notes, and contributions to the Ragan Scholarship Fund. The Ragan family also thanks those who are remembering their father with gifts to the endowed Ragan scholarship fund."

Ragan's wife, Joyce, passed away in March of 1999. Survivors include four children.

Memorials are suggested to the Ragan Scholarship Fund at Dana College and the Television Ministry Fund at First Lutheran Church in Blair.

Mallory named professor emeritus of business

Frances Mallory was named professor emeritus of business during commencement ceremonies in May.

Mallory came to Dana College in 1989, fresh out of the MBA program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Besides her education, she had years of business administrative experience, working for the New Cassel Retirement Center in Omaha (1973-1977), Chrysler Corporation (1977-1979) and General Motors, Chevrolet Motor Division (1980-1986).

"Dana was a career change for me. I had been in the business world all my life," she said. "Then I went back to school to finish my degree. I just loved the academic world. When the opportunity came up at Dana, it was perfect. It was a challenge for me and a wonderful experience."

The Dana business department and business students have benefited from her knowledge of the corporate world and how it works.

In his remarks at commencement, Professor David Miller said, "When it came time to select a new chairperson to head the department, it was unanimous that Fran was the best person for the job."

Under Mallory's leadership, the business department, which had long enjoyed a reputation for excellence, was accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.



Mallory

"She brought to the department a new efficiency and effectiveness necessary to meet the highly stringent requirements for our department to meet accreditation," Miller said.

Frances and her husband, Veston, have six children. Since the end of the school year, the Mallorys have moved to South Carolina. "She just doesn't like cold weather," Veston said.

Her plans for retirement? "I've retired from teaching, but I haven't retired from working. I just made a one year commitment to the Department of Social Services in McCormick, S.C. I'll be trying to increase the number of children who are enrolled in Medicaid so that all children have access to medical services," Fran said.



Dr. Betty Jean Harmsen, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a talk titled "Formulas: The Heart of Dana's Math Competency Program" at the Mathematical Association of America spring meeting in April at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dana English professors **Dr. Kathleen McSharry** and **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73** gave presentations at the Creighton Conference on Language and Literature held at the Sheraton Hotel in Omaha in April.

John Mark '73 and **Dawn (Carper) Nielsen '74** presented their program, "Voices from the New Land," to 60 members of the Elk Horn Valley Genealogical Society in West Point, Neb., in April. The program is sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council.

Nancy Penna, registrar, attended the annual conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in April. She serves on the Professional and Staff Development Committee and delivered a presentation entitled, "Job Search—How to Be Successful." Penna is currently president of the Nebraska chapter and attended several workshops and professional development opportunities related to that office.

Carol Haussermann '69, assistant professor of physical education, was appointed the faculty athletic representative to the Conduct and Ethics Committee for the newly named Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Thirteen students were inducted into **Alpha Mu Gamma**, the national foreign language honor society. They were **Eric Friedericks '01**, **Chad Grosse '01**, **John Henningsen '00**, **Erin Sorensen '03** and **Justin Wiese**

'03 (Danish); **Leora Jaeckel '00** (German); **Todd DeWees '01**, **Andrew Lyons '01**, **Jesse Otto '00**, **Nicholas Pribyl '01**, **Lauri Kahl '03**, **Bryan Soukup '00**, and **Brian Anderson '02** (Spanish). In order to become a member of the honor society, a student must have a grade point average of 3.60 or above and two semesters of 4.00 (second year or above) in the target language.

Carla Andersen, **Prof. Jan Potter** and **Dr. Christine Schnieders** were selected by the Division for Higher Education and Schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as recipients of the 2000-2001 College and University Faculty and Staff Study Grants. These grants are awarded to assist faculty and staff in achieving their professional goals.

Jan Potter, associate professor of social work, served as a site visitor for the Council on Social Work Education in April. She visited the social work program at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago as part of their reaccreditation effort.

For the last two years, Dana has been home to **Camp Easter Seals**, which runs during the months of June and July. The camp offers programs for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. During their week on campus, participants enjoy classes in crafts, music, and drama, and outings to the Henry Doorly Zoo or Omaha Golden Spikes baseball games.

In the first week of June, the **Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY)** held its annual seminar at Dana, bringing motivated high school students to campus to attend lectures and workshops on leadership and community service. The young people also learned about teamwork by working with Dana College maintenance in a

variety of tasks and helping with the recycling on campus.

On June 10, a reunion of the historic **United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC)** brought 143 participants to Dana College, many of whom were Dana College alumni. The conference explored aspects of Danish immigration and life in the UELC, featuring talks by **Rev. John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53**, **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73**, and **Dr. Paul Jersild D'53 T'59**.

On June 24, more than 90 cyclists arrived on campus to take part in the **MS150 Ultimate Bike Tour**. Dana served as the headquarters for a two-day, 150 mile-long bike tour, which serves as a benefit for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In the second week in July, the annual **Space TREK** (Technology, Resources Exciting Kids) was held. Now in its twelfth year, the camp brings talented young people to Dana College to study the technology employed in the study of space. The goal of the program, according to its director, Dr. Kay Ferguson, is "to motivate young men and women to pursue careers in math, science, and technology." Several Dana College education students and alumni served as counselors for the program: **Megan Ahrens '02**, **Mandy Bassinger '01**, **Rachel Herman '01**, **Nick Hollinger '02**, **Mike Stessman '02**, **Sarah Thompson '03**, **Justin Wiese '03**, **Walter Willman '00** and **Amy Zimbelman '00**.

During the first week in August, Dana hosted **The Vocation of a Lutheran College Conference**, an annual gathering of faculty from ELCA schools around the country.

Richardson honored at commencement

Dana College presented an honorary doctorate degree in business to Willard A. Richardson of Omaha, a founding partner of Henningson Durham and Richardson, Inc. Dana President Myrvin Christopherson '61 made the presentation at the college's commencement ceremony on May 20.

The honorary degree was presented in recognition of Richardson's long and distinguished career in business.

In 1950, Henningson Engineering Company changed its name to Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR) to include two new partners—Charles Durham and Willard Richardson. Under the leadership of these partners, the firm added an architecture department to enhance its design services. HDR experienced rapid growth, and offices were opened throughout the country. It underwent several reorganizations through the years, but the partners made sure changes were always with an eye to being more responsive to the firm's customers.

Today, HDR is an employee-owned



HONOREE: Dana President Myrvin Christopherson (center) congratulates honorary degree recipient Willard A. Richardson and his wife, Leitha.

company that has projects completed or underway in all 50 states and 40 foreign countries. It has more than 50 offices worldwide employing more than 2,500 professionals.

Helping to build this giant among engineering and architectural firms was not Willard Richardson's only business accomplishment. He was a co-founder and vice president of Great Plains Natural Gas Company, and a co-founder and director of Continental Care Centers, Inc. He is also past director of the Bank of Park Forest, Ill.

Richardson has been active in professional organizations, at one time serving as the national director of the

Society of American Military Engineers. He is a past president of the Omaha Executives Association. He has been active in the Omaha Engineers Club and the Nebraska chapter of American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Richardson has also made his mark in public service. He has served on the advisory council to the Nebraska State Board of Health and on the Douglas County Mental Health Advisory Committee. He

has worked on the Arthritis Foundation and the Mayor's Commission on Aging in Omaha.

He is on the board of Omaha Church Center Incorporated and is past president of the congregations of both First Lutheran Church of Omaha and Pacific Hills Lutheran Church.

Richardson is also a strong supporter of higher education. He has served on the University Council of Valparaiso University and is a trustee of the Nebraska Independent College Foundation.

At Dana College, he has helped make possible the Leitha K. and Willard A. Richardson Endowed Professorship in the Liberal Arts.

Blobaum receives highest non-academic honor

Robert Blobaum of Blair received Dana's highest non-academic honor, the 2000 College-Community Service Award, during commencement ceremonies. Blobaum's wife, Lois, was on hand to share the honor, along with several of their five children and eight grandchildren.

Since the 1950s, Blobaum has served as president and chief execu-

tive officer of Great Plains Service in Ashland, Neb., and Midwest Service and Supply Company in Tekamah, Neb. He has been active in many career-related organizations, serving as national director and vice president of the Agriculture Ammonia Institute and as a member of both the Nebraska Fertilizer Institute and the Nebraska LP Gas Association.

Throughout his career, Blobaum has

been active in public service. He was Washington County Republican Chairman from 1968 to 1972 and again from 1982 to 1984. He was appointed to the State Boundary Commission for Nebraska and Iowa, and since 1979 has served on the Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission. He is also on the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Board.



VIKINGS SPORTS

By Doug Fessler, Sports Information Director

Viking track produces more All-Americans

Sophomore Allen Wagner (Kailua-Kona, Hawaii) was the dominant runner on the Dana College men's track team in 2000 and capped his



Wagner

season with an All-American performance at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships in Abbotsford, B.C.

Wagner won a dozen races indoors and out, mostly at the 1500 and 5000 meter distances.

In the biggest surprise of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) Championships on May 6, Wagner upset a pair of national champions from Concordia University (Seward, Neb.) and Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, Neb.) to capture the 1500 meters in 3:51.13, a new Dana record and the fifth fastest time in the country this spring.

Although he qualified in the 1500, Wagner chose to race the marathon at Nationals and earned All-American with fourth place, clocking 2:35:59.

Junior Jessica Chambers (Bennington, Neb.) was the outstanding performer for the women this season. The 5'0", 101 pound dy-



Chambers

namo earned Dana's highest finish at the national championships with third in the women's marathon, running 3:08:23, making her Dana's 19th All-American runner since 1995.

Chambers was the team leader at 3000, 5000 and 10,000 meters as well as the half-marathon and marathon.

Also earning All-American honors was junior Jason Brindle (Brady, Neb.) who posted a marathon time of 2:39:26, sixth at Nationals.



Brindle

A couple of local Blair stars scored in the marathon as well. Freshman Alicia Widtfeldt was seventh in the marathon in 3:20:33 and sophomore Natalie Flynn finished eighth in 3:21:19.

Senior cross-country standout Scott Stanley (Malvern, Iowa) also scored for the Vikings at the Outdoor Nationals by placing seventh in the 5000 meters in 14:54.01.

Setting school records for Dana this season were sophomore Matt Maltby (Ralston, Neb.) in both the indoor and outdoor shot put, sophomore Natasha Wilks (Lincoln, Neb.) in the 200 meters, freshman Stephanie Collins (Shelby, Iowa) in the 400, Stanley in the outdoor 5000, senior Scott Heiss (Page, Neb.) in the 35-pound weight throw, senior Amber Weber (Neligh, Neb.) in the pentathlon, and six different relay teams.

Indoor track highlights included national qualifying marks in the 1500 meters by both Stanley and Wagner and in the long jump by freshman Chris Lagazo (Lahaina-Luna, Hawaii) who soared 22 feet.

Weber was a consistent placer in the high jump all season along with teammate Brooke Thomsen (Superior, Neb.), a junior.

Outdoors, junior Justin Christensen (Schuyler, Neb.) was master of the 3000-meter steeplechase, winning the gruelling race at four meets. Christensen qualified for Nationals where he was 14th after silver-medalling in the NIAC and winning the NAIA Mid-States.

Stanley posted national qualifying

marks in the 5000, 10,000, steeplechase and half-marathon.

Collins also competed at Nationals in the 800 meters, the first freshman to earn a spot on the track. Three additional student-athletes represented Dana at Outdoor Nationals: junior Marc Bierbaum (Lewis, Iowa), sophomore Derek Fey (Omaha Westside) and freshman Ryan Milner (Council Bluffs St. Alberts, Iowa) who all competed in the marathon.

Other outstanding contributors to the program included freshman Mitchell Deering (Columbus, Ga.) who ran the 100, 200 and relays; sophomore Sarah Thomas (Sioux City, Iowa) in the throws and freshman Dallas DeBeck (North Bend, Wash.) in the steeplechase.

All in all, the Viking tracksters had a tremendous season. "I couldn't be more proud of the athletes," said Head Coach Jay Birmingham. "They worked hard everyday with the intention of representing Dana College at Nationals. Big things should be in-store for the Viking track and field team in the future."

In the fall, athletes will return to a new all-weather track and numerous changes to the existing facility, which should only improve their abilities and better their chances for the national meet.

Small roster hampers Vikings' season

The Viking baseball team began the season with several veterans but a small roster.

Head Coach Damon Day wasn't sure what to expect. "I knew going in, it was going to be tough," he said.

The season was a rough one for the Vikings as they posted a 8-40 overall record and a 6-14 Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference mark. However, there were individual bright spots for

the Vikings this season.

Senior outfielder Ryan Enright (Kincardine, Ontario, Canada) led the team offensively, batting .352 and driving in 38 runs. He also led the team in doubles with 22, earning him First Team All-Conference honors.

Fellow senior outfielder Jason Houston (Parker, Colo.) earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors by hitting .312 and led the conference in stolen bases with 37.

Freshman pitcher Nate Gutridge (Colorado Springs, Colo.) led the Vikings on the mound with a 5.88 earned run average.

Senior pitcher Craig Wetterberg (Norfolk, Neb.) earned an honor of his own along the way. Wetterberg was selected to play for the USA Athletes International Baseball Team who traveled to Australia this summer.

"I was very proud of our team this season," Day said. "They gave it their all, day in and day out, but you can't win the race unless you have the horses."

The future is looking bright, however, for the Vikings. Many young recruits have signed on to raise the standard of Viking baseball.

"We're excited about the quality of the student-athletes that we are bringing into Dana College. We feel that we have some young men who have made the commitment to help turn around the Viking baseball program," Day said.

Vikings' quick start leads to steady season

Under first-year Head Coach Lori Foster, the Viking softball team got off to a quick start early in the season. As of March 29, they were 14-7-1, including a second place finish in the Hastings (Neb.) Tournament.

During this stretch, two Vikings received special recognition in the conference. Senior pitcher Jen

Schneider (Treyvor, Iowa) and freshman pitcher Jenni Holmes (Shenandoah, Iowa) were chosen as the conference Player and Pitcher of the Week respectively.

The Vikings had their ups and downs the rest of the season. They finished with a very respectable 27-28-1 record, achieving a fourth place finish in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

Freshman outfielder Amy Jorgensen (Omaha Northwest) finished the year strong and led the team in batting with a .359 average.

Senior catcher Jessi Thomsen (Omaha Millard North) was consistent all season and ended with a .351 average. She led the team in hits (65), runs (50), doubles (16), walks (18) and total bases (92).

Sophomore infielder Lyndsy Walsh (Omaha Millard West) also had a good season, hitting .348, driving in 30 runs, and hitting six home runs.

From their performances during the season, nine Vikings earned all-conference honors. Thomsen headlines the list earning First Team All-NIAC honors. Schneider, Walsh, Jorgensen, senior infielder Lisa Shefland (Ralston, Neb.), senior utility Meaghan Shea (Des Moines, Iowa) and freshman infielder Jenny Filipowicz (Omaha Northwest) all landed Second Team All-Conference honors.

Honorable Mention honors went to senior outfielder Mandy Bassinger (Nebraska City, Neb.) and Holmes.

"We have some good athletes coming into the program next season," Coach Foster said. "We lose some experience, but we gain some positive and talented young athletes."

Golf memorial benefits Dana alum

Dana coaches Doug Fessler, Damon Day, and (Mark Clements '90) recently took part in a memorial golf

tournament in honor of Matt Peterson '87 held at Indian Creek Golf Course in Omaha, Neb.

Peterson played basketball at Dana after transferring from Nebraska his freshman year. He died of an apparent heart attack in his home the week leading up to Dana's homecoming in 1998.

The tournament was held in honor of his death and all proceeds go toward the college scholarship fund of his daughter, Morgan.

Cory Curran '85, a close friend and classmate of Peterson, spearheaded the charity event. Peterson always contended he wanted to pay for Morgan's college expenses and with everyone's gracious support, this will happen.

Fear strikes in men's basketball at Dana

No, the Vikings have not become scared, but Chris Fear has taken over as the head men's basketball coach. Fear, a native of Everly, Iowa, served as the top assistant coach at NCAA Division III National Champions Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Fear is a 1996 graduate of the University of Sioux Falls (S.D.), where he was a four-year varsity player. He holds his master's degree in physical education from Western Michigan University.

"I'm really excited about coaching at Dana and feel that it is a great opportunity," said Fear. "I can say from first-hand experience that it is a terrific conference with great competition."

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Legacy campaign off to great start

*By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations*

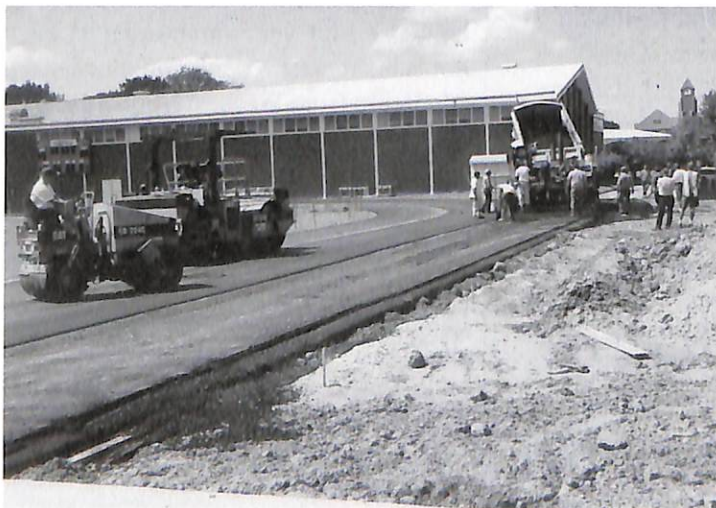
The Dana College Legacy Campaign began on June 1, 1997, with the silent phase and leadership commitments. Since it began \$16.8 million has been committed in gifts and pledges. \$10,235,000 has been gifted to date, with another \$6,584,000 pledged.

"The success of the campaign has had a tremendous impact on the goals of increasing Dana's endowment, providing scholarship support for our students, and improving campus facilities," says Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement. "We've got a great start, but need the support of all our alumni and friends to achieve our goals and continue the mission of the college."

Campus improvements

Some of the results of the Legacy Campaign are readily evident to anyone visiting the Dana campus. Since 1999, the Borup Coliseum locker room areas have been completely renovated. Two new practice fields and a competition soccer field have been completed.

Phase two of the Borup renovation has begun. The wood playing floor of the coliseum is refinished. The existing tile floor area in the gymnasium is being renovated to create a two-story structure to accommodate a weight room and physical fitness and wrestling facilities. The new all-weather outdoor track will be ready for students when



SURFACE: A new all-weather outdoor track replaces the long-time cinder track surrounding Viking Field. The new track will be ready for use when students arrive this fall.



they return this fall. This facility will include all the components Dana will need to host major track and field competitions.

Construction on the new indoor athletic/recreation facility will begin as soon as the necessary pledges are secured. The goal is to raise the remaining \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges by December 31, 2001, to match a \$1 million challenge grant by the Peter Kiewit Foundation. Once that challenge is met construction will begin on the new gymnasium, more than doubling the size of Borup Coliseum. Renovation of the current building will also be completed.

A less visible change in the Dana campus over the summer is the rewiring of residence halls for high-speed Internet access. Every student room in Mickelsen and Holling Halls will have a dedicated CAT-5 Ethernet wire, providing a full-time Internet connection at speeds more than 100 times faster than the typical modem. Students doing research on line or sharing information will appreciate this technology which provides almost instantaneous information transfer.

The Legacy Campaign has also made possible improvements to the E.C. Hunt Campus Center and the C.A. Dana Hall of Science. Several cooking and dishwashing equipment updates have been completed recently in the Campus Center. Plans for a central passenger elevator and a new, open look for the dining hall are being drawn.

Repairs and improvements completed in the science hall include new electrical service, ceilings and blackboards throughout. Meetings with the science/math faculty are planned this fall to discuss major renovation and expansion of the building.

Endowment

Increasing endowment is one of Dana's most important challenges. Annual interest from large endowments provides a consistent and reliable source of scholarship funds. Endow-

ments can also support lecture series, special educational projects, and professorships. The Richardson Endowed Professorship is a prime example of what is possible with a sizable endowment. (See article on page 7.)

In the last three years, gifts totalling \$1.45 million have raised Dana's endowment fund to \$7.6 million. The goal is to reach a \$12 million endowment by the end of the Legacy Campaign.

Matching grants double gifts

All gifts to the Legacy Campaign, large or small, make a difference at Dana. That is especially true now when donors can take advantage of several matching gift opportunities:

The Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha has pledged \$1 to the Borup Coliseum addition and renovation if Dana can raise the remaining \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges by December 31, 2001.

Aid Association for Lutherans will match any gift to Dana up to \$100 made by anyone with AAL insurance and/or securities, or by any Lutheran who becomes an associate member of AAL. All that is required for an associate membership is a short form and a \$10 annual family fee.

Lutheran Brotherhood will match gifts up to \$100 by any LB policy holder. Through the year 2000 LB will

also match gifts up to \$50 by volunteer members of LB. Volunteer membership is available to anyone, including non-Lutherans.

Planned gifts boost campaign

In the last three years, Dana College alumni and friends have committed more than \$16 million in future estate gifts towards the Legacy Campaign's five-year planned giving goal of \$20 million. Fifty-six individuals and couples have joined the ranks of the Dana Builders, those who have made arrangements for Dana College in their estate plans. Planned gifts can be in the form of a will, charitable trust, insurance policy, gift annuity,

retirement plan or other deferred gift. We invite many more alumni and friends of the college to make planned gifts to help future generations attend Dana College.

The Legacy Wall

The Legacy Wall will be located in the lobby of the new athletic/recreation addition to Borup Coliseum. This dramatic display, the vision of Dr. Milton Heinrich who designed the Old Main Commemorative Wall, will pay tribute to those persons who make gifts of \$5,000 or more to the five-year Legacy Campaign. These donor names will be permanently inscribed in the Legacy Wall.



WET PAINT: The gym floor has been resurfaced and repainted as part of the Borup renovation.

New scholarships established

Most students depend upon scholarships to make their Dana experience possible. Dana's endowment is simply not large enough to provide the support to be competitive in the recruiting of good students. Increased scholarship support is critical.

In response to the Legacy Campaign, new scholarships have been established at Dana College. Many were established by, or in honor of, people who spent much of their professional careers serving Dana.

- Abel Foundation (NICF)
- Clarice Andersen Endowed
- Dr. Richard Andersen Creative Writing
- Ruth & Duane Benson Endowed
- Class of 2000
- Dana College ELCA Seminary
- Jan Dudley
- Alfred & Esther Eggerling
- Foundation for Educational Funding Inc.
- Paul V. Hansen Jr. Memorial Science
- Clifford & Florence Hanson Memorial
- Jeppesen Endowed
- Philip & Florence Larsen
- NHELP
- J.B. & Kim Noddle (NICF)
- Pacific Pals Foundation (NICF)
- Marie Johnson Memorial Endowed
- Coca-Cola First Generation (NICF)
- First Federal Lincoln (NICF)
- Rod & Loreta Tompkins (NICF)
- Pounds Printing Inc.
- Siersbeck Memorial Endowed
- Jim & Mary Siverts
- Dr. Larrie Stone Endowed
- Darrell Zimmerman Track
- Rev. Eric Christensen
- Dr. Elmer Rasmussen
- Rev. Marius Jorgensen
- Erling & Dorothy Schultz Science
- Woodhouse-Pittack
- Darrell & Marge Dibben
- Max & Dora Coffey
- Dr. C.B. Larsen
- Nielsen and Neve
- John & Meta Nielsen

(NICF) = Nebraska Independent College Foundation



Dana professor to lecture in India this fall

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 will temporarily vacate his post as the chair of the Dana College English department to teach in India for the fall semester. As part of a Fulbright Scholars program, Nielsen has been awarded a four-month appointment as a lecturer of English at Mercy College in Palakaad, Kerala, a state in southern India.

In late August, Nielsen and his wife, Dawn (Carper) '74, flew to New Delhi for several days of orientation. From there they headed south for the appointment, which begins Sept. 1.

Nielsen will be team-teaching three courses with Indian faculty members: English literature, American literature and composition. He will also be teaching one course on American women writers of the plains, which will survey the works of Mari Sandoz, Willa Cather and others.

Dawn, who is taking leave from her position as an English teacher at Blair Community Schools, will be directing a play at the college and has been asked to teach some writing courses.

At Mercy College, a Catholic school for women run by the Carmelites, all the classes are taught in English. However, the language of the region is Malayalam, a Dravidic language not directly related to Hindi.

A new language is not the only thing to which the Niensens must become accustomed. Dr. Nielsen notes that the living conditions in India will most likely be

very different than those they have experienced in the Midwest or on trips to Europe.

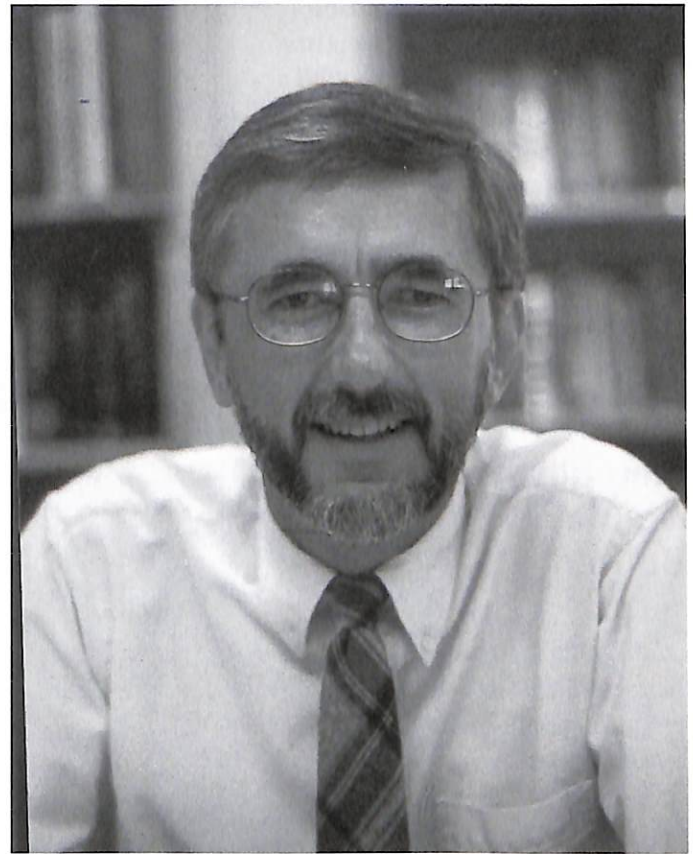
The culture of the Kerala region is also unique because the literacy rate is the highest in the country (99%) and Christians make up 20 percent of the population, a rate much higher than the rest of India. Kerala is also the first state in the democracy to have elected a communist government. Dr. Nielsen has been informed that the culture of Kerala is considered to be matrilineal.

The regional cuisine, consisting of vegetarian

meals and specifically rice, bananas and coconuts, is also quite different from a typical Midwestern diet.

The Niensens are looking forward to experiencing life in India. "It will be a great experience just to travel in and observe a nation where there are one billion people," Dr. Nielsen said. "Over half of the world lives in countries like this and it will be interesting to consider what that means for us."

When asked what drew him to India, John Mark recalls an Asian literature class he had in college when he first studied the great works of Indian literature, including the *Mahabarata* and the *Ramayana*.



NEW CLASSROOM: Dr. John Mark Nielsen will team teach literature and composition courses in Palakaad, Kerala, India, this fall.



DIFFERENT STATE OF AFFAIRS: The Niensens will have to adapt to a unique culture and lifestyle during their stay in India.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Tina (Hamilton '01) Reischl and her husband Brad were featured by columnist Janiece Rau in the *Avoca Journal-Herald* in June. Tina recently appeared in a John Markel Ford commercial as a customer driving away in a new Ford Explorer. The opportunity came about as part of her internship as a public relations specialist at Envoy, an advertising agency in Omaha.

A photograph of **Rev. Kip Tyler '80** performing a baptism at Omaha's Lutheran Church of the Master was featured on the front page of the May 27, 2000, Living section in the *Omaha World-Herald* accompanying an article on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev. Delvin Hutton, a retired professor of Greek and religion at Dana, was also quoted in the article.

Don Dynneson '66, a professor at Concordia University in Seward, Neb., had his artwork exhibited in the Columbus (Neb.) Art Gallery in June. His artwork included carved stone, ceramics and welded metal sculptures. He works with marble, soap stone, alabaster, granite, ceramic and weld metal. His work shows his belief in limited imagery so attention is on form and materials. Some of his recent commissions include a supergraphic painting on a railroad water tower in Seward; an underground creative playground structure at St. John School in Seward; murals for a barrier-free playground at Antelope Park in Lincoln; an Oriental rock and pond garden in Seward and the Madonna Hospital mobile mural in Lincoln.

Lynn Mether '79 and five other members of the Class of 1975 at Woodbine (Iowa) High School were featured in the *Woodbine Twiner* on May 24, 2000. "Despite the distance of

states and even continents, years of separation, and a variety of circumstances, they find themselves much like they left, classmates and friends still."

The futures of three former Miss Nebraskans, including **Jenny Lemmerman '00** of West Point, Neb., were featured in the June 3, 2000, edition of the *North Platte (Neb.) Telegraph*. Lemmerman plans to move to California and pursue an acting career. "My major is broadcast communications. My minor is theater, so I'm starting out with my minor and seeing where it will get me," Lemmerman said.

Barbara Hodne '87 received Dana's Outstanding Alumni Award at the college's annual recognition dinner on May 19. Hodne is a family practice physician in Manning, Iowa, and assistant county medical examiner for Carroll County. She also serves as medical director at Manilla Manor Nursing Home and chief of staff at Manning Regional Health Care Center. She and her husband, Bret, live in Manning with their three children, Nicholas, Ryan and Ashley.

Justin Haberman '01 is chasing a dream of playing professional football by playing middle linebacker for the arena football team, the Omaha Beef. More than 450 players with similar skills tried out for the Beef, but only a select few made the final cut. "Every time I made it through the next cut, it made me more confident," he said. "It kept me going to know that I made it farther than the 30 guys who got cut, and now even though I am not getting a lot of playing time, it is something to say that I made it farther than 420 other guys." Although his eligibility to play football at Dana has run out, Haberman still has a year left to earn

his degree in physical education at Dana. Haberman's dream was featured in the *Blair (Neb.) Pilot-Tribune* on April 25, 2000.

Gladys (Lyngne '45) Hughes was among four alumni of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Teachers College who were recognized during its annual awards banquet in May. She received an Award of

Excellence, honoring outstanding Teachers College alumni who serve or have served in education and have shown exemplary performance in their profession, volunteer service or leadership. Hughes taught English, speech, drama and debate courses in Iowa, Texas and Louisiana. She also has taught college courses in speech methods and debate at the University of New Orleans and coached the debate team at Tulane University.



Hughes

The volunteer efforts of **Lloyd Neve D '45 T '47** and his wife, Muriel, were recognized in the Bread for the World newsletter. For the past 11 years, Lloyd and Muriel have traveled from their home in Blair to Washington, D.C., for a three-month labor of love as volunteers. While Lloyd works at Bread for the World's national office, Muriel volunteers at a women's shelter.

Stephanie (Meyer '86) Stueckrath of Osmond, Neb., has a unique canvas for her artist talents. The business administration graduate decorates Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter eggs, for exhibit year-round. She has been making the colorful creations as a hobby for four years and started showing and selling them last year.



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'00s

- **Traci Ahrendt '00** is traveling in Peru this summer.
- **Sam Breuklander '00** is a seasonal manager at Lake Ahquahi in Iowa.
- **Rachel Carter '00** is teaching first grade at Howard Elementary in Fremont, Neb.
- **Ruel Cooper '00** is operations representative at Aquila Energy in Kansas City, Mo.
- **Lisa Decker '00** is an executive trainee at Von Maur at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb.
- **Ryan Enright '00** is working in customer service at Ford Credit Co. in Omaha, Neb.
- **Gina Flood '00** is working this summer as a human resources intern at Cargill in Blair, Neb.
- **Darold Foster '00** is a social studies teacher for the Omaha (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Cody Franzen '00** is a math teacher at King Science Center within Omaha (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Laurie Grasso '00** is an administrative assistant at the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Omaha, Neb.
- **Cassandra Green '00** is art director at Bethel Horizon Camp in Wisconsin.
- **Chad Greguras '00** is working this summer as a vehicle operator for the State of Nebraska.
- **Bethany Gruner '00** is traveling in Africa this summer.
- **Bethany Grzywa '00** is working this summer as a manager at Godfather's Pizza in LaVista, Neb.
- **Jeremy Havekost '00** is working this summer as a quality assurance microbiologist at Cargill in Blair, Neb.
- **Lee Heimes '00** is operations manager at Sharp Imaging Detailing in Blair, Neb.
- **Scott Heiss '00** is field service manager at Vector Marketing in Omaha, Neb.
- **John Henningsen '00** is working this summer as a preserve steward at Nature Conservancy in Chateau, Mont. This fall he will begin graduate study in animal ecology at Iowa State University.
- **Jason Houston '00** is working in customer service at Ford Credit Co. in Omaha, Neb.
- **Robert Howell '00** is teaching physical education for the Omaha (Neb.) Public Schools.

- **Brian Jones '00** is a partner at Lakefront Sprinkler & Retaining Walls Inc. in Columbus, Neb.
- **Cheryl Karl '00** has entered the doctoral program at Creighton University in occupational therapy.
- **Kevin Kern '00** is program director at the YMCA in Blair, Neb.
- **Matt Kern '00** is teaching fifth grade and coaching football and basketball at Wisner-Pilger (Neb.) Schools.
- **Kelly Kumm '00** is manager at Pope Hay Co. in Bloomfield, Neb.
- **Jenny Lemmerman '00** is pursuing an acting career in California.
- **Dawn McCright '00** is a medical technologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.
- **Kelly Medlin '00** is a kindergarten teacher at Mount View Elementary within the Omaha (Neb.) Public Schools.
- **Christine Moberg '00** is a resident assistant at Uta Halle in Omaha, Neb.
- **Jessica Mock '00** is a case manager for Harrison County in Logan, Iowa.
- **Perry Mostek '00** has been hired as Programmer II for MidAmerica Computer Corp. in Blair, Neb.
- **Christina Nutter '00** is working this summer as an equine specialist for Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ashland, Neb.
- **Jennifer Oden '00** is teaching high school English in Murray, Iowa.
- **Jesse Otto '00** has been accepted into the graduate program in history at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.
- **Eric Parrack '00** is department manager at Menards in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Angel Peterson '00** is a direct support technician at Bethphage Day Services in Omaha, Neb.
- **Gina Ronk '00** is working this summer as youth coordinator for school-agers at Good Shepherd Child Development Center in Blair, Neb.
- **Leslie Schroeter '00** is teaching high school English at Boys Town, Neb.
- **Lisa Shefland '00** is a resident assistant at Uta Halle in Omaha, Neb.
- **Nicole Shields '00** is working as an education program specialist at Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency at Alpha School in Omaha, Neb.
- **Elizabeth Snedigar '00** is entering the master's program for occupational therapy

at the University of Indianapolis in Indiana.

- **Bryan Soukup '00** is a social studies teacher and coach at Blair (Neb.) Community Schools.
- **Robert Spangler '00** is working as a teen specialist/gym specialist and night director at Boys and Girls Club in Carter Lake, Iowa.
- **Tim Stednitz '00** is a first grade teacher at Cody Elementary within the Millard Public Schools in Omaha, Neb.
- **Anthony Ward '00** is a music teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School in Omaha, Neb.
- **Amber Weber '00** has been accepted to the University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Pharmacy in Omaha, Neb.
- **Kari Wiese '00** is a special education and assisted learning teacher at Westside High School in Omaha, Neb.
- **Hitomi Yoda '00** is a consultant for Nippon Express Travel in Illinois.

'90s

- **Daniel Formo '99** is working as an installation/training rep. at Mid America Computer Corp. in Blair, Neb.
- **Mike Hemmingsen '99** is working for the Iowa Department of Human Services.
- **Rebecca Plowman '99** and **Todd Ashby '98** were married July 8, 2000, in Blair, Neb. Becca is an elementary teacher in Ponca, Neb. Todd is marketing manager for Gravity One, a web-design company.
- **K. C. Tupa '99** and **Stephenie Wilson '96** were married July 8, 2000, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. K.C. is a high school English teacher in Fort Calhoun, Neb. Stephenie is a mortgage broker at Equitable Mortgage.
- **Chris Wulf '99** has a new job in sales for Airborne Express in Omaha.
- **Dottie (Whitehill '98) Bossman** received a master's degree in linguistics from the University of Iowa. She is returning to Blair for her husband, **David's '01**, senior year and will be teaching Strategies of Composition and Writing Workshop at Dana College.
- **Kathy Montira '98**, assistant director of computer services, computer labs and training at Dana, was recently designated as an authorized instructor for the Microsoft Office User Specialist Certification program. She is the first instructor in Nebraska to receive the certification.
- **Justin Smith '98** and Laurie Wright were married June 17, 2000, in Harlan, Iowa.



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Justin is teaching high school English and is the head football coach at Wakefield, Neb.

- **Paul Stark '98** and Mandy Messner were married June 24, 2000. Paul works in the finance department at ConAgra in Omaha.
- **Roisin Bell '97** received the University League Award from the University of Wisconsin where she is attending law school.
- **Jane Jackson '97** is teaching high school special education at Fort Calhoun, Neb.
- **Meadow Rouse '97** and Curt Scott were married June 16, 2000, in Omaha. Meadow received her master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in May. She is a family life educator with the Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13.
- **Kara Koehler '96** and Matthew Johnson were married June 3, 2000, in Omaha. Kara is assistant supervisor of microbiology at Pathlab Ltd. at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Jennifer Loach '96** has moved back to Canada where she is continuing her teaching career. She is now concentrating on a new level, kindergarten through eighth grade.
- **Karri Roberts '96** has a new position doing window warranty for Home Lumber Co., in Littleton, Colo. She is also coaching softball during the summers.
- **Jason "Scott" Shannon '96** is sports editor for Algona Publishing in Algona, Iowa.
- **Rev. Neal Anthony '95** and his wife, **Kim (Zulfer '96)** have moved to Blue Hill, Neb., where Neal was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in May.
- **Heather Austin '95** has moved to Burlingame, Calif., where she is the assistant manager of reservations at the Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco.
- **Jon Baue '95** and Dawn Anderson were married June 3, 2000, in Wausa, Neb. Jon is employed by Burrn's Construction in Wausa.
- **Jennifer Nelson '95** and Mark Stoj were married June 24, 2000, in Omaha, Neb. Jennifer is employed as an accountant for Fleming Corp.
- **Chris '94** and **Angela (Melby '96) Ulven** are the parents of a daughter, Kayla Kathleen, who was born Feb. 9, 2000. She

weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Chris is an accountant for Simmonds Restaurant Management in Omaha, Neb., and Angela teaches math at Blair (Neb.) Public Schools.

- **Scott Christensen '94** earned his master's of science degree in administration in human resource management from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich. In May he was promoted from human resources generalist to supervisor of production human resources for Valmont Industries' Poles Division. Scott and his wife, Mandi, live in Omaha with their two daughters, Ainslee (4 1/2) and Trinidadie (2).
- **Angela Heise '94** is a marketing representative at Home Instead Senior Care in Omaha.
- **Cheryl Kaup '93** and Matthew Kramolisch were married July 22, 2000, in Aloys, Neb. Cheryl is a marketing analyst with Tender Heart Treasures in Omaha.
- **Courtney Ross '93** relocated to the Philadelphia, Penn., area where he is a senior graphics development specialist for weathermarkets.com.
- In February, **Ginny (Ward '92) Hawk** accepted a job at MediaWorks Inc., an advertising agency in Omaha, as the traffic manager/assistant buyer. She continues to live in Bellevue, Neb., with her husband, Chris.
- **Vera (Todorova '92) Rhoads** is currently a doctoral candidate in computing at Pace University. She is director of e-business at AARP. AARP was recently named a 2000 Web Business 50/50 Award winner for InfoNet, the association's intranet site. Vera lives in Fairfax, Va., with her husband E. Lincoln Rhoads III.
- **Teresa (Wilson '91) Coenen** has been hired as principal at Harlan (Iowa) Community Middle School. She previously worked as a regional administrator for Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13.
- **Carin Shutter '91** and Jason Koetters were married September 14, 1996, in Overland Park, Kan. They are the parents of a son, Anthony Duane, who was born Nov. 21, 1998. Carin is currently the project scheduling coordinator for Inter-Motion Inc. in Kearney, Neb.
- **Patrick Stessman '91** and Diane Esser were married July 29, 2000, in Dunlap, Iowa. Patrick is currently pursuing a

bachelor of arts degree in English at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

- **Kirsten Christopherson '90** and John Clark were married July 8, 2000. Kirsten is a class teacher at the Urban Waldorf School in Milwaukee, Wis.
- **Lydia (Kerns '90)** and **Mark '91 Rothfusz** are the parents of a son, Aaron Michael, who was born March 7, 2000. He joins a sister, Lisa, age 11, and a brother, Andrew, age 2. Lydia is now staying home with their children. Mark is a manager at Hinline Home Furnishings in Harlan, Iowa.
- **Joan Scherbring '90** and Rodney Musich were married June 24, 2000, in Dyersville, Iowa. Joan is a certified athletic trainer at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb.
- **Kevin White '90** is a beat reporter for western Iowa high school sports for the *Omaha World-Herald*. He previously worked as a sports reporter for nine years at the *Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil*.

'80s

- **Dan Dougherty '89** has signed a contract to become the high school principal at Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto High School in Mapleton, Iowa. His wife, Mary Joan, will be the high school guidance counselor there.
- **Nathan Kramer '89** has recently been promoted to web designer at HunTel.net Inc., part of HunTel Systems in Blair, Neb. He has been employed with HunTel.net for more than a year as the Internet helpdesk technician. This past spring, he and his wife moved to Blair. He writes: "Blair has felt like home since the first day Alice Laaker welcomed me here. We are delighted to be close to Dana and enjoy being part of the community."
- **Natalie Gomez** and **Dennis Bopp '88** were married July 8, 2000, in Redondo Beach, Calif. Dennis is a police officer with the City of Los Angeles.
- **Brian** and **Sally (Larson '88) Kressin** are the parents of a son, Alexander William, who was born Aug. 23, 1999. Sally is currently a product manager for American Modern Insurance Group in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Lisa (Hayne '88)** and **Craig '86 Swenson** traveled to South Korea, in

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March to adopt a son, Andrew Ador-Lim. Andrew was born on Nov. 6, 1999.

● **Jodie (Winckler '87) and Mitch '87 Jensen** adopted a baby girl, Rachel Ann, who arrived home on April 26, 2000. She was born Jan. 26, 2000, weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long. She joins a sister, Jillian, age 6.

● Since October 1999, **JoAnne (Joerz '86) Kahnk** has been the office manager at The Pet Hospital in Fremont, Neb. She and her husband, Mike, are still farming just south of Kennard, Neb. They have two daughters, Heather, age 14, and Lyndsay, age 12.

● **Cory '85 and Tami (Hansen '88) Curran** are the parents of a daughter, Hannah Renae, who was born March 9, 2000. She joins brothers Joshua, age 7, and Seth, age 5.

● Rod and **Julie (Williamson '85) Hill** adopted two children, Grant Dmitry, age 3, and Megan Victoria, age 2, on April 4, 2000, in Kostroma, Russia.

● Mary Jo and **Jim Vogel '85** are the parents of a son, Noa William, who was born March 19, 2000. Jim is the head football coach at Thomas Edison Prep School in Tulsa, Okla.

● Dave and **Sherrie (Stone '84) Gordon** of St. Louis, Mo., are the parents of a son, John Michael, who was born on Oct. 5, 1999. He joins brothers, Chris, age 5, and Tim, age 3.

● Anne and **Peter Jacobson '84** are the parents of a son, Thomas John, who was born March 7, 2000. He joins sisters Kari, age 8, and Petra, age 5, and a brother Kristian, age 7.

● **Rick Knutson '82** married **Katherine (Boxersox '85) Tucker** on Jan. 14, 1995. They have a daughter, Keisha Tucker, age 12. Rick is a funeral director in Avoca, Iowa, and has served as district governor of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association.

'70s

● Melanie Herrick and **Lynn Mether '79** were married July 1, 2000, in Woodbine, Iowa. Lynn farms near Woodbine.

● **Dave Kuehn '72** is vice president/general manager of KCAU-TV 9 in Sioux City, Iowa. Kuehn had served as general sales manager at KMTV in Omaha since 1987.

● **Dave Waite '72** was selected to fulfill an incomplete term on the Blair, Neb., City

Council. He is currently vice president of marketing for Mid-America Computer Corp.

'60s

● **Tony Fendrick '66** works in international marketing for the Florida Department of Agriculture.

● **Vivian Jenkins Nelsen '65**, co-founder, president and CEO of INTER-RACE in Minneapolis, Minn., was honored with this year's Race, Church and Change Award presented in May by Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. The award recognizes individuals who have facilitated reconciliation among diverse people and demonstrated commitment to constructive change that heals the community.

● **David G. Hanson '64** ranked third among more than 1,200 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of investment products issued in May 2000. David is affiliated with the Chicagoland Agency in Itasca, Ill.

Deaths

● **Michael Johnson '95** died on June 29, 2000, in Des Moines, Iowa, of complications from cancer. He was 28 years old. He taught high school vocal music at Sac City (Iowa) Public Schools. Survivors include his parents, Everett '60 and June (Santage '62) Johnson and three brothers.

● **Shirley Koeppen '75** died June 20, 2000, in Omaha, Neb., at the age of 79. She taught at St. Albert elementary school and was a substitute teacher for the Council Bluffs School District for 30 years, retiring in 1988. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

● **Lora Blankenbeckler '73** died May 25, 2000, in Lyons, Neb., at the age of 84. She retired from the teaching profession in 1979 after more than 20 years. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

● **Lena Spielman Blankenbeckler '69** died May 13, 2000, in Wakefield, Neb., at the age of 91. She was a public school teacher for 13 years. Survivors include a daughter.

● **Sharon (Rasmussen '68) Reichle** died June 25, 2000, in LeMars, Iowa, at the age of 53. She was employed with National Foods for several years and also worked as an assistant with the Head Start

Program. Survivors include her husband, Dale, a son and her mother.

● **Linda Knudsen '65** died April 15, 2000, in LeMars, Iowa, at the age of 56. She worked as a dietary aid at Brentwood Good Samaritan Center in LeMars for 17 years. Survivors include three sisters.

● **Ronald Johnson '61** died May 22, 2000, in Portland, Ore., at the age of 61. He served as the library director at Dana College from 1966 to 1984 and during this time, he designed the new library building on campus. He then served as the library director at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., and later as the librarian/site supervisor at the Bonneville Power Administration. Survivors include his wife, Bodil (Strom '61), and two daughters.

● **Joyce (McLeod '47) Quinsey** died June 3, 2000, in McKinleyville, Calif., at the age of 82. From 1964 until her retirement in 1983, she worked as a humanities reference librarian at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. Survivors include her husband, Robert, and three stepchildren.

● **Rev. Howard Nielsen '40** died May 17, 2000, in Fairfield, Texas, at the age of 89. He served as a minister in the United Methodist Church in Texas. Survivors include his wife, Fern; a daughter, three sons, and a brother, Raymond Nielsen '49.

● **Dr. Adolph Vammen '40** died May 8, 2000, in Tulsa, Okla., at the age of 80. A specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, he retired from the medical profession in 1990. Survivors include three daughters, two brothers and four sisters, including Dorcas (Vammen '50) Leighton.

● **Irene (Glasnapp '39) Montz** died April 23, 2000, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at the age of 81. She retired from teaching in 1983 after 30 years. Survivors include four sons and two brothers.

● **Marjorie (Smith '37) Kinsfather** died March 27, 2000, in Portland, Ore., at the age of 81. She worked as a teacher for more than 40 years. After retiring, she volunteered as a tutor. Survivors include a daughter.

● **Mary (Jensen '36) Langenfeld** died May 28, 2000, in Racine, Wis., at the age of 87. Her late husband, Byron, was a former Dana Regent. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas '57 and Marie (Hansen '60) Langenfeld, and Mark



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'70 and Lynn Langenfeld; and a daughter and son-in-law, Janet (Langenfeld '60) and Peter '58 Smith.

● **Anna (Beck '28) Olsen** died June 23, 2000, in Eugene, Ore., at the age of 94. She and her late husband, Rev. Ingward P. Olsen T '36, a former Dana Regent, were longtime friends of Dana College. Survi-

vors include two daughters, Joyce (Olsen '58) Gilbert and Carol (Olsen '58) Lodl, and a son, James Olsen '62.

● **Ernest Thompson '25** died May 24, 2000, in Sioux Falls, S.D., at the age of 97. He began farming on the homestead where he was born and was involved in the operation of the farm until 1999.

Former Dana president dies following lengthy illness

Following a lengthy illness, Dr. Earl R. Mezoff, former president of Dana College, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown, Penn. He was 75 years old.



Mezoff

Mezoff was president of Dana from 1971 to 1978. During those years, he received the Cross of the Knight of the Order of Danneborg from Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and was the first non-Dane to receive the "Friend of the Fraternity" award.

Mezoff graduated from McKeesport High School in Pennsylvania in 1942. During the war he was an United States Naval Officer in the Pacific Theater and a naval attache during the Peace Conference in San Francisco in 1945. He received an A.B. in English from Thiel College, Greenville, Penn., in 1947 and an M.A. in psychology from Michigan State University in 1948.

From 1952 to 1961, Mezoff served as director of admissions at Thiel

College. He was assistant to the president at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Penn., from 1963 to 1967, and vice president from 1967 to 1971.

He earned a doctorate in higher education from the Pennsylvania State University in 1965. After serving as Dana College president, he made the move to Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn., where he served until 1989.

Mezoff was a former member of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, and served the synod as a member and the first lay chairman of the executive committee.

While in Blair, Mezoff was a member of the Blair Rotary Club. In 1976 he was secretary and in 1977 was vice chairman of the Nebraska Independent College Foundation.

From 1973 to 1978 he served on the Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Joan Miller Mezoff, daughter Margaret M. Holman of New York, N.Y., daughter Patricia M. Magoon of Braintree, Vt., and brother John G. Mezoff of Gallup, N.M.

Homecoming set for Oct. 6-8

"I'll never forget the wonderful time I had at Homecoming!"

Those words are frequently heard after Homecoming, and they can be a part of your experience in just a few months! It is time to make plans to return to the Hill for "Memories in Motion," Oct. 6-8, 2000.

Preparations are underway to make this a memorable event for you and the friends you encourage to meet you here! Class reunions will be held for classes ending in -0 and -5.

Karen (Jensen) Capel, Joyce (Hansen) Christensen and Donna (Byriel) Rector began thinking about their fortieth reunion almost a year ago. By February, they had sent an initial letter to the alumni office where it was copied and mailed along with a class list to all members of the class of 1960.

Alumni will have exciting things to celebrate at Dana College this fall as we dedicate a new track, win contests, eat aebleskiver, watch the Alumni Revue, sign books, honor Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Distinguished Alumni Paul Jersild D'53 T'59 and Brent Siegrist '74.

The Venerable Vikings (those who have surpassed that 50th class reunion mark) will have a reception. The honored class of 1950 will join the ranks of the Venerable Vikings on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8. The people are the program! Come to visit and reminisce!

What about Dana's young alumni/ae? All classes of the 1990s are invited to a special event Friday evening and a tailgate party Saturday noon.

Watch your mail for the Homecoming brochure late this summer and look at the other events as well. Now is the time to start calling friends to be sure those you want to see are making plans to be on campus for Homecoming, Oct. 6 - 8, 2000.

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Career Services at Dana College

- helps students and alumni plan their job searches
- helps students and alumni prepare resumes, cover letters and applications
- assists students in preparation of essays for graduate school placement
- posts job openings for full-time, part-time, and summer jobs
- sponsors job fairs off campus
- brings more than 50 employers to on-campus career fairs
- sends out 500 to 800 alumni teaching credentials each year
- keeps a library of books and periodicals about job markets, career trends and the economy
- is active in the Nebraska Interview Consortium (NIC), a group of 11 Nebraska colleges which posts resumes on-line and allows students and employers to set up interviews on-line. Dana is one of two NIC sites where face to face interviews are held during fall and spring recruiting. More than 70 employers used the on-line resume service during the 1999-2000 academic year and more than 50 employers set up on-site interviews.
- gathers statistics on graduate placement rates for departments to use in tracking effectiveness, for grant applications and for accreditation records.
- generates statistics for the college to use in recruiting

Career Services director retires after 24 years at Dana

*By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations*

Dana's graduate placement rate is among the highest in the country. Some of the credit for that exemplary record belongs to Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie, who started Dana's career services office more than a decade ago. Kubie retired July 1, after serving Dana for 24 years.

Kubie first came to work at Dana in 1976 as a part-time secretary for the education department, working on teacher placement and updating alumni credential files. By 1986 she was working full time, and was spending much of her time helping students prepare resumes and cover letters.

In 1989 the education department hired another secretary, and Kubie devoted herself full time to helping students and alumni in their job searches. Her first office was a storage room she shared with a ditto machine and paper storage. She chose the name "Career Services" for her work.

She needed more room, so a classroom in Old Main was converted for her office. A year later, she found herself standing outside watching the building burn.

"My office wasn't burning yet, so I told the fire chief about all the teacher credential files," she said. "The firemen carried the drawers out. Some of the papers got wet, so we hung them on the clothesline to dry. But we saved them all."

Career Services moved to Rasmussen Hall, and then Pioneer Memorial, until it settled in the Campus



Kubie

Center two years ago. "This is the best place for us," Kubie said. "Students see us every day, so they can find us when they're ready."

And students do find them. Eighty-seven to 89 percent of seniors take advantage of Career Services. "The thing I enjoy most is helping the students, seeing them grow and then hearing that they got a job they really like," Kubie said.

Now that she is retired, Kubie looks forward to travelling, gardening, working on her hobby of genealogy, and spending time with her grandchild.

Ann Nelson has been hired to lead Dana's Career Services office. Nelson worked in Career Services at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, was an intern at Dana while she worked on her master's degree and was Kubie's assistant since September of last year.

"I'm leaving the office in good hands," Kubie said.

Midwestern band tour well received

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Two days after commencement, the 34 members of the Dana College Concert Band left for a tour through Iowa and Missouri. It was the first tour by a Dana band in eight years.

Professor William R. Hall, director of instrumental studies and conductor of the Dana College Concert Band, led the tour. Hall's wife Michelle, adjunct professor of woodwinds at Dana, joined him as featured clarinet soloist and director of the woodwind ensemble. I was along as "tour director."

Professor Hall and the band put together a well-rounded program, with music from the 18th century to the 20th century, ranging in mood from introspective to rousing. It was well played and well received at every stop on the one-week tour.

On May 22 the group met in the Madsen Fine Arts Center on the Dana campus to load the truck and climb into the bus. We arrived in Ankeny, Iowa, that afternoon and set up at Holy Trinity Church, the first concert site. Dinner at the church and home stays for all the students were arranged by Elaine (Hansen '55) Steenblock, an alumna who visits the campus often and is a tireless Dana booster. That evening the band played their first concert for a receptive crowd.

We met at the church Tuesday morning and headed for the Amana Colonies. There we toured the museum and saw a film at the visitors' center. We then took a couple of hours to roam around, sampling food in the shops, seeing furniture being made, and learning about the unique religious community there.

From Amana we headed to Davenport, Iowa, and set up for an evening concert in Zion Lutheran Church. We enjoyed a potluck evening meal with



ON THE ROAD: The Dana band makes one of its many tour appearances.

our host families in the church basement prior to the concert. The arrangements in Davenport were made by two more Dana alums, Roseanne (Petersen '73) and Bruce '75 Bates. Their son, Nathan '03, plays bass clarinet in the band.

Wednesday morning we headed south to Hannibal, Mo., and the Mark Twain Museum. A number of the buildings from Samuel Clemens' boyhood are preserved in Hannibal, and it's easy to imagine Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and other Twain characters walking the riverfront streets.

Leaving Hannibal, we continued south to St. Louis for a concert at Holy Trinity Church. Arrangements there were made by Debbie Amato, Holy Trinity's youth director. We made her an honorary Danian for her efforts.

Thursday morning we took the short ride to downtown St. Louis. After visiting the arch, some of our group went to Busch Stadium to see the Cardinals play an afternoon game. Others hit the art, science, and history museums. Still others simply strolled and shopped.

Later that afternoon we headed for Columbia, Mo., and a concert at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Arrange-

ments there were made by Franki Anderson of St. Andrew's, and by Forrest "Red" '49 and Dorcas (Vammen '50) Leighton, enthusiastic Dana supporters.

Friday morning we headed for Overland Park, Kan., just south of downtown Kansas City. Our hosts for the evening were Pastor Cynthia Schnaath and members of Westwood Lutheran Church in Shawnee Mission. Their sanctuary was not large enough to accommodate the band, so arrangements were made for a performance in nearby Atonement Lutheran Church. Elcar Nielsen, a former Dana College regent, was instrumental in making arrangements for the evening.

At a final dinner together at the church, the Halls and the band student officers recognized the graduates who were playing their last performance with the band that night.

Saturday we returned to Blair and Dana, and the students quickly dispersed to their hometowns and summer jobs.

We thank all the pastors, church workers, volunteers and alumni who made the tour a success. As one band member said, "Gee, everywhere we go there are friends of Dana!"



HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

Dana friend enjoys special ride

Recently, Dora Coffey, a friend of Dana College, enjoyed a Harley Davidson (Road King) ride with Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement. Coffey is 94 years old.

Earlier this year, when Jones was visiting with Coffey, he mentioned that he had a motorcycle and she said, "That would be fun."

So late this spring, the two jumped atop the motorcycle and toured Blair on a balmy afternoon to see the sights.

"It was fun and I'd do it again," Coffey said.

Several members of the Coffey family have attended Dana over the years. Recently, the Max and Dora Coffey Scholarship was established to help future generations of students attend Dana.

Four years ago, she and the Coffey family celebrated her



JOY RIDE: Mike Jones, vice president for institutional advancement, gives Dora Coffey a special ride on his Harley.

90th birthday on the Dana campus, and she's planning to celebrate her 100th birthday the same way.

Jones says he would be happy to give any Dana friend a ride on his Harley, as long as he can visit

afterwards about Dana. E-mail him at mjones@fs1.dana.edu if you'd like a ride on his motorcycle and learn more about Dana.

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