

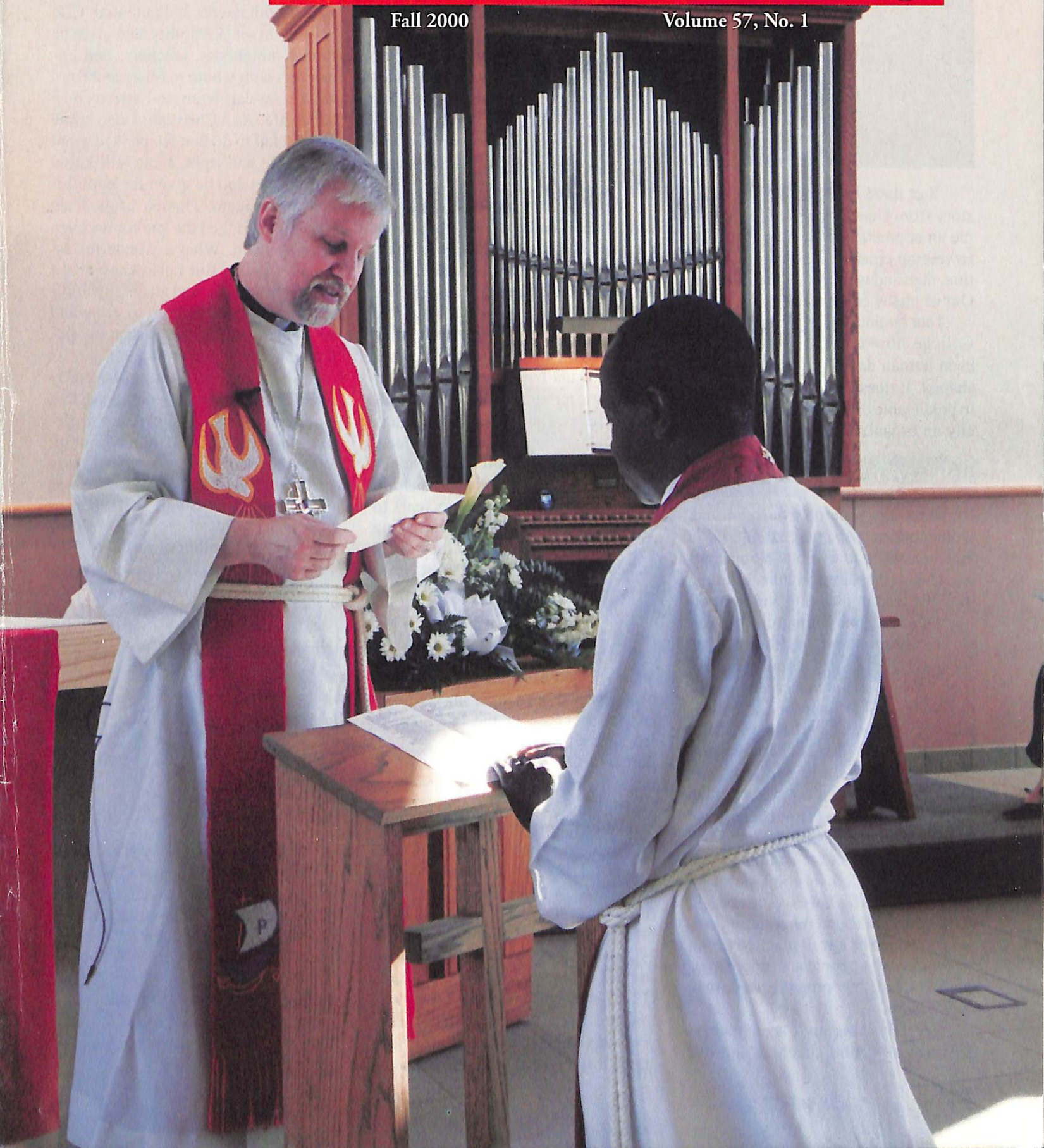


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OUT OF ORGANIZED EFFORTS, THINGS HAPPEN

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

“Let there be light.” The creation story from Genesis often stimulates in me an appreciation for how God’s intervention created form, light, vegetation, man and woman, and much more. Out of chaos came order.

I am reminded almost daily at Dana College how events, programs, and even human development come to be shaped. It doesn’t necessarily happen in predictable order or fashion, but usually an organized effort makes things

development director on a trip to Copenhagen with brief side trips to Odense, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden. Our players and coaches were invited by DGI-Byen, a major Danish sport and recreation association, to put on a week-long series of basketball skills camps for Danish young people, and coaching fundamentals for Danish coaches. The students also played evening games against some of the best female and male basketball club teams in Denmark.

We were so very proud of our student athletes and coaches. They came prepared to play, to teach, to speak a little Danish, and show interest in those they taught and played. This paid big dividends with their Danish hosts, and we delighted in seeing the Danish youth scramble to secure autographs of their Dana basketball heroes. Our hosts were terrific and lifelong friends were started that week. Encounters with Danes and local culture and traditions planted seeds that will bear fruit in years to

come. Understanding and contrasting the manners, lifestyles, politics, work and consumption habits of those in another land with those at home was most valuable for our students.

This experience and countless others that take place every day on the Dana campus because of the intentional efforts of the students, staff, and faculty make me mindful of what a great privilege it is to serve here. I am reminded of the role models of people such as Coach Pete, A.J. Snowbeck, “Siggie and Marie,” Agot Hoidahl, C.C. Madsen, Elmer Rasmussen, Luella Nielsen, Norman Bansen, Herta Engelman, Bill Thomsen, Ray Weckmuller, Lloyd Refsell, Curt Siemers, Sieg Krueger, Gil Ragan, and so many more who touched my life during my student years at Dana. By their example, they showed me that if something was to

be done well and in predictable fashion, it required planning and preparation.

As a Christian, I believe God creates us with talents and potential. God helps us to see possibility, and gives us family, neighbors, teachers, and co-workers with whom to relate and from whom we can learn and strive for a better life. As a Christian, I also know that if I fail to do that which is just and honorable and right, I can still know forgiveness and be given the opportunity to try again. Though I fall short, Christ has bridged the gap for me even beyond death. What a wonderful assurance that is. But I also know that I must nurture, use and shape my abilities and my faith if I am to grow and serve and achieve. Otherwise my potential goes undeveloped.

And what satisfaction we enjoy when as a college our mission drives us beyond sharing knowledge or demanding intellectual achievement. What the recent AAL-sponsored study of Lutheran higher education found was no surprise to me. Studies of responses of alumni from all types of colleges suggest that Lutheran colleges like Dana are more likely than other types

PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE

happen to the benefit of those served. Homecoming is a good example. We recently had a marvelous Homecoming. Our alumni director, Julie Rohlfing, took the lead in planning and promoting the event, but without the participation and cooperation of the coaches, musicians, students, alumni council, food service, maintenance and custodial staff, and so many more, Homecoming would not have been a success.

I have found that cooperative ventures are particularly successful at Dana College. If we do it better than other institutions, it is not because we have greater resources. On the contrary, our resources are so limited that we are compelled to cooperate. We have no alternative but to cooperate and go the extra mile, and the resulting outcome tends to be a well planned event, an event where people are properly attended to, fed, their program needs met, and the like.

Recently, Anne and I accompanied 30 Dana students, coaches, and our

“Lutheran Colleges like Dana are more likely than other institutions to “develop a sense of purpose in life.”

– President Myrv Christopherson

of institutions to help students “develop a sense of purpose in life.” Everyday at Dana, I see students acquiring that sense of purpose with an appetite for learning and the satisfaction of helping to create a better life and society. Thanks to all of you whose prayers, gifts, and encouragement enable us to carry out this special mission of service and witness to students from throughout the world.

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BISHOP OF ELCA RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE



Rev. H. George Anderson

Rev. H. George Anderson, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, received an honorary doctorate of divinity at the opening convocation of Dana College August 29. The ceremony marked the opening of the college's 116th academic year.

Bishop Anderson also gave a convocation address titled "Taking a Second Look." At lunch following the ceremony, Anderson fielded questions from Dana faculty concerning the relationship between the church and its affiliated colleges. He has a keen interest in the issues facing the church today, and the role of church-related colleges in addressing those issues.

Rev. Anderson was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on March 10, 1932. He was confirmed May 6, 1945, at Grace Lutheran Church in Alhambra, Calif., and graduated from Alhambra High School in 1949. After earning his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1953, Anderson attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, earning his B.D. degree in 1956 and his S.T.M. in 1958. During those years he was also attending the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his M.A. in 1957 and his Ph.D. in 1962.

Anderson has spent much of his life in service to Lutheran higher education. He was a teaching Fellow in Church

History at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was Professor of Church History, then Director of Graduate Studies, and finally President at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. In 1982 he became President of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he served until 1995. That year he was called to be Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Bishop Anderson has dozens of publications to his credit, including translations of historic church-related

documents from Norwegian and German, and numerous articles for *The Lutheran* magazine and other periodicals. Among his recent publications are "A Good Time to Be the Church: A Conversation with Bishop H. George Anderson," Augsburg-Fortress, 1997, and "Eight Issues We Must Face" in *The Lutheran*, VIII.3 (March 1995).

Rev. Anderson's address was part of the Staley Distinguished Scholar Series at Dana College, a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York.

BRIGHT COLLEGE YEARS

The following is a transcription of Bishop Anderson's weekly radio address.

Hello, this is George Anderson, and I get a little nostalgic when September rolls around. It's back to school time again. And it doesn't matter if this is the month your first-born starts kindergarten or the baby of the family enters college, you—and they—are beginning another excellent adventure.

I had a taste of that beginning-of-the-school-year thrill when I participated in the opening convocation of Dana College, one of our fine Lutheran colleges, located in Blair, Nebraska. The students had unpacked and the parents had departed, the faculty marched in decked out in their academic finery, and the college choir surprised us all by singing "Beautiful Savior" flawlessly, even though they had barely had time to practice.

There's a special atmosphere on the campuses of our church colleges and universities. They are places where people know each other, where the faculty remember you when you come back for homecoming. When Myrv Christopherson, the President of Dana, took us to our motel, he recognized the young man behind the desk. "This is Derek," he said, "one of our outstanding distance runners, who is planning to go to seminary when he graduates." What an advantage that young man will have when he applies for a job or

for graduate school! The recommendations he gets from the faculty will be personal and specific.

And although Dana is a small college, the student body was surprisingly diverse. Most of our colleges have a special interest in providing opportunities for international students to attend, and Dana is no exception. The college chaplain is from Tanzania. And the students come from both coasts—with a surprising contingent from Hawaii. I wonder how they'll handle the winter. Another surprise was the actual cost for a year of study. People often think that state universities are cheaper, but when you figure in board and room at the university, plus special fees, the costs become comparable. Then add in the fact that you are more likely to finish college in four years compared to five or more at a university, thus saving a year's tuition and getting into the job market a year earlier to boot. **And** don't forget that financial aid, tailored to your situation, is available.

After the convocation, I had lunch with the faculty, and they wanted to discuss the mission of the college and its relation to the church. It was clear that these professors saw reality as bigger than the natural world; they were interested in sharing their faith as well as their knowledge. I think that Dana students are in good hands.

May God hold you safe in the days to come.

DANA'S NEW CAMPUS PASTOR: FROM AFRICA TO NEBRASKA

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

Reverend Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi was installed as campus pastor by Bishop David L. deFreese on Nov. 2 at a 10:00 a.m. service in Trinity Chapel. Rev. Ng'weshemi recently received his Ph.D. in theology and anthropology from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He also earned a master of arts degree at the University of Dar es Salaam and a bachelor of divinity at Makumira Theological College in Tanzania. Previously, Rev. Dr. Ng'weshemi has served as the campus pastor associate for Olive Harvey College and as campus pastor and associate dean of students at the University of Dar es Salaam. Rev. Dr. Ng'weshemi has also taught college courses at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Olive Harvey College, and the University of Dar es Salaam.

Dr. Ng'weshemi left his homeland of Tanzania six years ago to attend the Lutheran School of Theology in Chi-

cago. His wife, Spencioza, and three children joined him a year later, and they lived in the Hyde Park area of Chicago. The children, Agatta (13), Anitta (10), and Alberto (6), were reluctant to make the move from a major city they had lived in for most of their lives to a small town, but the kids are making the adjustment well. "They like being able to walk anywhere or play anytime safely" he said.

When asked what brought him to Dana College, Pastor Ng'weshemi responded, "God must have a purpose, not just for me, but for the college community. I'm a minister – a servant to be exact. I go where God calls me. So when I read about the kind of person Dana was looking for, it matched my gifts and qualifications." He paused, and with a bemused smile continued, "But I understand there were about forty applicants. Why was

I chosen? Why and how would a person from Africa who speaks with a British-African accent come to the Midwest? God definitely knows much more than me!"

"My goal is to serve," he said. "Right now I am trying to observe the needs of the community and match them with my gifts. I want to be a part of the team, to support the administration, to support the academic and spiritual goals of the college community."

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– Pastor Ng'weshemi

One of the pastor's first actions was to encourage Christian organizations on campus to be more active and coordinate their efforts. A new group, Campus Crusade for Christ, has been established. The officers of that group meet regularly with the pastor and officers of the Campus Ministry Organization and Fellowship of Christian Athletes to coordinate their activities. "The groups meet individually and have different agendas, but are pulling together," Pastor Ng'weshemi said. "After all, the goal of all three is the same, to make Christ known, to serve him, and to serve one another," he concluded.



Pastor Ng'weshemi and his wife, Spencioza receive well wishes from Dana students, faculty, staff and friends after his installation as campus pastor.



DANA WELCOMES LARGEST GROUP OF NEW STUDENTS IN 20 YEARS

Dana College is growing. During the past few years, the number of incoming students has risen steadily from 168 in 1998 to 219 new students in the fall of 2000. It's also a record year for applications; in 1998 Dana received 546 applications, last year 516 were received, and a total of 778 applications have been received for this year.

There are a number of reasons for this boom of interest in Dana College. Part of the growth can be attributed to a change in recruitment strategy. The Admissions team focuses on sending relevant information to specific groups of students rather than sending the same mailings to all prospective students. The counselors are also spending more time and energy on the students most likely to choose a college like Dana.

Another factor is the addition of an honors program three years ago, which was designed to attract students who are interested in the academic rigor



A birds' eye view of student activity at Dana, enrollment is up and it appears to be ahead of pace for the academic year 2001.

Dana can offer.

Yet another reason for growth is the recruitment of athletes. The coaching staff consists of dedicated recruiters, several of whom joined Dana just last year. In addition, the women's soccer team has been doing well, and this year the men's soccer club became a varsity college team, giving the program a higher profile.

Last year at this time, the student body was around 518, an improvement over previous years. Current enrollment is 568. Fall 2001 is off to a great start; with numbers of applications received for the 2001-2002 academic year well over last year's numbers. The administration has determined that 700-750 would be the ideal size for efficient use of facilities, while maintaining the small class size and personal attention for which Dana is known for. The goal is to reach that size within the next few years.

NEW FACULTY JOIN DANA

Many new full-time faculty members joined the Dana College community this year. Among them is Mr. James E. Corbly, who will assume the role of director of the Dana library. Corbly received his master of library science degree at Indiana University and a masters of divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Mo.

Dana College's new dean of students, Chris Jebsen, and new campus pastor, Rev. Dr. Ng'weshemi, are both profiled elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. Troy Ladine began this fall as an assistant professor in the biology department. Dr. Ladine earned his Ph.D. at the University of Memphis and his master of arts degree at the University of South Dakota.

New to the department of mathematics is associate professor Dr. Mark Sand. Dr. Sand earned his Ph.D. and a master of science degree at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. For the last nine years, Dr. Sand has been an associate

professor of mathematics at Northwest Missouri State University.

Dr. Susan Udey joined the business department as associate professor of business administration. Dr. Udey earned a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Previously, she has served as the Vice President for Administration and Finance at Peru (Neb.) State College and the Interim Director of the M.B.A. program at Wayne State (Neb.) College.

This year several courses in communication will be taught by Lisa Schrieber, who has all but the dissertation for her Ph.D. at UNL in communication studies. Schrieber comes to Dana from University of Nebraska at Omaha and Iowa Western Community College. She has a B.A. from Truman State University, and an M.A. in speech communication from the University of Oklahoma.

Christopher Fear is Dana's new head men's basketball coach and an in-

structor of physical education. A graduate of the University of Sioux Falls, S.D. Fear earned his master of arts in physical education at Western Michigan University. Since 1996, Fear has coached at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Johnnie Anderson is Dana's new head men's soccer coach. He earned a degree in exercise science from Creighton University. Laurel Derry of Blair has signed on as the interim head volleyball coach. Nathaniel Hill is assistant football and track coach.

This summer, Carrie Flynn of Blair took on the role of career services and student life assistant at Dana. Flynn earned her bachelor of arts degree in social science, with a concentration in education, from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. Previously, Flynn was the director of the ABE/GED program for Blair Community Schools.

Richard Potter, associate professor of social work, has been selected president-elect of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. In addition, Jodi Renee Lee a senior at Dana has been elected to a one-year term as the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Student Representative.

The National Press Association Society held its summer convention at Dana, July 13 - 15. Dana alumnus, retired U.S. Senator **Paul Simon '49** of Illinois was one of the keynote speakers at the convention. Senator Simon spoke to about 60 newspaper editors, publishers and reporters.

CAMPUS DIGEST

LARP 2000 (Liberal Arts Reading Program) is now on the web! To see what we're reading in LARP, log on to www.dana.edu/academics/larp.htm where you'll find the syllabus and the introduction to each of the books as they become available. LARP is 44 years old and still going strong!

Jeammarie A. Nielsen '78, assistant professor of music, premiered a new piece for soprano, trumpet, and organ, "Gloria" by D.H. Pettit, on the 19th of September 2000, with Dr. Daniel Schmidt, trumpet, and Dr. Marilyn Musick '76, organ, at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb. The trio also performed the piece at a recital at Dana on the 20th of September.

Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology presented sessions on cultural competence and diversity education to the staff of Omaha's Camp Fire Boys and Girls on September 6 and 7.

Claire Bushong, part-time music instructor at Dana, was one of the organists in The World's Largest Organ Concert held October 15, at First United Methodist Church in Omaha.

The **Dana College Concert Band** opened its 2000-01 concert season with a performance directed by **Professor William Hall** in the Lauritzen Theatre

of the Madsen Fine Arts Center. Featured work included *Epimicion* by John Paulson. *October*, a beautiful ballad by Eric Whitacre, was also performed. The band's trombone section of seven members played *Lassus Trombene*, a famous rag by Henry Fillmore.

David Hoppe was elected vice president of the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling. Two Dana graduates are also involved with the Council. Jerry Bauerkemper '79 is the executive director, and Mike Rosemond is a board member.

Tom Hubbell, adjunct instructor of pottery, has had three of his ceramic works printed in the recent book entitled "The Extruder Book" by Daryl Baird, published by the American Ceramic Society.

Nancy Penna attended the Fall 2000 Annual Conference of the Nebraska Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (NACRAO) at Mahoney State Park, October 18-20. She completed her term as the 1999-00 NACRAO president and will continue to serve on the Executive Board as past-president until October 2001.

Nancy Penna was one of six members of a committee that revised and edited the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers' (AACRA) publication of "Professional Development Guidelines for Registrars: A Self Audit". This publication includes information on nearly every facet of the registrar profession and includes new chapters on technology, legal issues and graduation and commencement practices. Institutions may use the self-audit to identify areas for improvement, set goals, as a reference for principles of good practice and as a training tool for new professionals.

Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics, attended the Fall 2000 meeting of the Nebraska section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, held October 28 near Fremont, Neb.

Richard Palmer, professor of music has been named to "Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers" 2000. This is the second time that Professor Palmer has been included. Only 8 percent of the honorees come from private schools and just 4 percent from the musical arts.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh performed a new choral work by **Richard Palmer**, professor of music, on Oct. 22. The choral piece, entitled *Credo*, was a commissioned work by Jim Elsberry and the Master Singers of Omaha in 1999. For chorus, percussion, various soloists and narrator, *Credo* employs both traditional and non-traditional techniques, coupled with the spoken word by Archibald MacLeish, astronauts Russell Schweickart and Michael Collins and the Book of Matthew, to create a small part of the awe and wonder of our planet-home and its role in our daily lives.

Correction

In the last Dana Review, (Summer 2000) on page 11, in the **Matching Grants Double Gifts** section, it was incorrectly reported that: 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. The copy should read: The Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha has pledged **\$1 million** to the Borup Coliseum addition and renovation if Dana can raise the remaining \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges by December 31, 2001.



DANA COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS TOUR DENMARK

By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations

Road trips are common for basketball teams; but on October 13, twenty-four members of the men's and women's basketball teams from Dana boarded a plane for a totally new experience – a nine-day tour of Denmark.

The teams and coaches had a rigorous itinerary in which they interacted with coaches, players and children of all ages. They offered skill development clinics for young people and strategy sessions for coaches during the day. Most evenings they played exciting games against the best club teams in Denmark.

Traveling with the teams were Jim Krause, athletic director; Chris Fear, head men's basketball coach; Scott Plaisier, assistant men's basketball coach; Eldon Johnson, head women's basketball coach; and Lori Foster, assistant women's basketball coach. President and Mrs. Christopherson preceded the group, and arranged a reception for Danish friends of Dana College.

(See story on next page.)

The trip was not all work and no play. The students saw the sights of Copenhagen when time permitted. A high point, literally, was climbing an old stone church tower, Rundetaarn, and viewing the city from above. Thomas Hansen, Dana's director of development, led a tour to Odense, home-town of Hans Christian Andersen and composer Carl Nielsen. He also led a side trip to Malmo, Sweden. "All travel in Denmark and Sweden was done with public transportation,

by bus or train," said Tom upon his return. "As well as walking - a lot of walking!"

Mr. Ole Rinck Christensen, chairman of the Danish Gymnastics and

long history of collaboration with DGI, having served as host to several Danish gymnastics teams on their tours of the U.S.

Athletics are not part of the regular school curriculum in Denmark, but rather are sponsored as after-school activities through DGI. Basketball has become popular and the development of a national basketball program has become a priority for the organization. The DGI Basketball Committee saw the Dana College tour as an opportunity to present Danish young people with competition and educational discussions with coaches and players from the United States, where basketball is a tradition.



Back row: (l-r) Dr. Jim Krause, Coach Chris Fear, Brad Streeter, Jeff Tesmer, Dwight Nelson, Luke Connell, Chad Harder, Don Morrison. Front row: (l-r) Erin Stoffel, Seth Richendifer, Coach Scott Plaisier, Jami Bertelsen, Mandy Bassinger, Jen Wilcox, Coach Lori Foster, Coach Eldon Johnson



Front row: (l-r) Jenny Wilcox, Mandy Bassinger, Erin Stoffel, Jami Bertelsen, Chad Harder, Brad Streeter, Seth Richendifer, Coach Scott Plaisier. Back row: (l-r) Pernilla Rojner - tour guide, Coach Eldon Johnson, Don Morrison, Jeff Tesmer, Dwight Nelson and Luke Connell



Back row: (l-r) Derek Hack, Jon Mauro, Brad Alexander, Michael Johnson, Jim Koontz, Torri Talbitzer, Jerod Houghtelling. Front row: (l-r) Pernilla Rojner - tour guide, Tiffany Poole, Nichol Haase, Kori Montez, Mandy Axmann, Janine Jones

Sports Associations (DGI) basketball program, extended the invitation to the Dana College teams. While in Copenhagen, the group stayed in the new DGI-Byen (DGI City), which consists of sports and recreational facilities, a 360-bed hotel, and conference facilities located in central Copenhagen. The Dana students took advantage of many of the DGI facilities, including a bowling alley, shooting range, and swimming pool. Dana has a

Planning has begun to give Danish coaches and/or athletes a chance to visit Dana College and the Midwest for summer camp sports programs and possible international competitions.

"Denmark was a great trip and a great learning experience," said senior, Jim Koontz.

DANA'S TIES TO DENMARK OFFER OPPORTUNITIES

*By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations*

Dana's Danish heritage continues to pay dividends for the college and its students. The trip made this semester by members of the basketball teams is just one example. The Dana College Chorale toured Denmark and Germany in 1995 and 1999. Plans for a tour in 2003 have begun.

Dana's Danish language program is the largest in the United States, and has been recognized and supported by the Danish Ministry of Education. Every year, Dana College recruits a Danish language instructor through the Ribe Statsseminarium in Denmark. This year's instructor is Annette Hansen. This is not her first trip to the states. In 1992, as a senior in high school, she was an exchange student living in Washington state. She is looking forward to being at Dana for a year or two before

returning to Denmark to pursue her teaching career.

Denmark is an active importer and exporter on the world market, and provides a good case study in European business. Last January, a group of Dana business students traveled to Denmark, launching a new international business-studies exchange program with Danish corporations and the Vejle Business College.

The students, along with faculty advisors Dr. Jim Smith and Dr. John Mark Nielsen, visited the Ministry of Commerce in Copenhagen and Danish corporations, including Lego in Billund and Carlsberg in Copenhagen. The students



Annette Hansen, Danish Language Instructor

also received research assignments on how to market Danish products in the United States. Finally, they met with members of the Folketing (Danish Parliament) before leaving for a few days in London, England. In late September and early October, twenty-six business students from Vejle visited Dana College as part of a U.S. tour. They visited several area businesses and held discussions with Dana business classes.

Another group of students from Vejle is expected next year.

Dana College has become a regular stop for Danish performers and athletes visiting the U.S. The Danish National Opera Quartet, entertainers from Den Jyske Opera in Aarhus, Denmark, *continued on page 14*

RECEPTION IN DENMARK WELCOMES ALUMNI, FRIENDS OF DANA

*By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations*

President and First Lady Myrvin and Anne Christopherson hosted a reception in Copenhagen on the afternoon of Sunday, October 15 for friends and alumni of Dana College. The coaches and seniors from Dana's men's and women's basketball teams were in attendance, along with Danish students who have attended Dana, alumni/ae now living in Denmark, former Danish language teachers, and other special friends of the college. Some traveled from as far as Ribe on the western coast of Jutland to attend.

Ole Rinck Christensen of DGI welcomed the crowd of more than 75 people to the Spisehuset of DGI-Byen. President Christopherson spoke about the importance of Dana's Danish heritage and the interest we have in continuing strong relations with modern day Denmark. He spoke about the support we receive from The Danish Ministry of Education for our Danish program. He

also mentioned Dana's continuing efforts to encourage the Queen or her



Ole Rinck Christensen (L) welcomes friends and alumni of Dana College (above) to a reception held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

sons to visit Dana College, Danish students to attend Dana, and Dana students to take advantage of opportunities to visit Denmark. A light buffet of hors d'ouvres was served. The afternoon was capped by a performance by John Venning, Rudi Sisseck and Marie Kindberg of the Royal Danish Opera, accompanied by pianist Knud

Rasmussen.

Special thanks go out to Anne Christopherson and the staff of Dana's development office for making the arrangements for the event.



Women's Soccer Takes 3rd Place

The Lady Vikings had a hectic final two weeks to the season, playing six games in two weeks. Dana went 5-1 in that tough stretch to prepare them for the conference tournament. Dana defeated Briar Cliff handily 3-0 and Mt. Mercy 9-0 to get the week started off right. Then the Lady Vikings traveled to Seward, NE, to take on the Lady Bulldogs of Concordia College and easily defeated them by a score of 7-0 for their third straight shutout. Dana's shutout streak ended when the team traveled to William-Jewel and were sent home with a loss by the score of 3-2. It did not take long for Dana to continue their winning ways with a 11-0 victory over arch rival Midland Lutheran and a 2-1 double overtime thriller over Northwestern.

In the inaugural season of the Great Plains Athletic Conference, Head

Women's Soccer Coach Todd Wick had his team prepared to make their mark and they did. Dana ended regular season play with a 15-3 school record. They finished 3rd in the GPAC standings and



Women's soccer players relaxing at the homecoming football game.

will host Concordia College on October 23rd, 2000 in the conference tournament. Dana has shut out Concordia twice this season. Head Coach Todd Wick is excited about tournament time. "I've got to get the team psyched up," he said. "How far we will go in the tournament depends on how we come out and play."

Five Runners Medal at Mid-States Regional

Baldwin City, Kan. – Sixteen Dana College runners posted season-best times at the NAIA Mid-States Championships. Five Viking harriers earned top-20 medals in the 20-team field. Dana's men placed third in the 8,000-meter race and the women placed tenth in the 5,000.

Five nationally ranked teams took the field in the men's race: #3 Southwestern (Kan.), #17 Graceland (Iowa), #18 Oklahoma Baptist, #21 William Jewel (Mo.), and #16 Dana. Graceland claimed the team title with 74 points, Southwestern was runner-up with 75, and Dana claimed the third spot with 84.

Sophomore Derek Fey from Omaha Westside paced the Vikings



Derek Fey

with a 25:59 clocking, good for fourth.

Allen Wagner (2nd year, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii) was 15th in the team scoring in 26:46, followed by seniors Aaron Schlote (Plainview, Neb.) and Justin Christensen (Schuyler, Neb.) in 19th and 20th. Schlote ran 26:51 and Christensen posted 26:56. Freshman teammate Garry Clark (Washington, DC) was the final Dana scorer in 26th position with a 27:14.

"We were the first team with five finishers in," said Dana Coach Jay Birmingham. "Our pack time was only 1:15. When rested and peaked, this team will be difficult to beat."

Sophomore Stephanie Collins (Shelby, IA) medaled in the women's race. She placed 18th of 130 contes-

tants in a season-best time of 19:40. Natalie Flynn (soph., Blair) was 36th in 20:28, and senior Jessica Chambers (Bennington, Neb.) was 42nd in 20:36. Other Dana scorers were freshmen Katie Robinson (Riverton, Wyo.), who placed 74th in 21:47, and Petey Sparacino (Houston, Texas), who placed 84th in 22:24. All nine Dana women ran their best time of the season.

The Vikings will participate in the NAIA National Championship meet in Kenosha, Wis., on November 18.

Volleyball Seniors Complete Season

By Tyler Cooper, Hermes Staff



Erin Eggers



Michaela Hume

"They worked hard from beginning to end, and there was no change in their work ethic throughout the season," Coach Laurel Derry said. With the volleyball record 2-25 and four games to play, the season looks as if it is coming to an end. After this season 10 players have next season to look forward to. Four players will never play in another college volleyball game again.

DaLean Butterfield, Michaela Hume, Tiffany Elznic, and Erin Eggers are all seniors this year. "They are good leaders on and off the floor," Coach Derry said. Their experience on the court shows. The seniors have 48 percent of the digs, 51 percent of the blocks, and 52 percent of the kills on the team. Eggers and Hume are also the captains of the team. "They are

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good leaders, students, and people,” said Derry. Eggers leads the team in digs with 200, and is tied with Megan Ahrens in aces with 20. Hume leads the team in blocks with 90 and has 177 digs. The duo combine to have 48 percent of the blocks and 41 percent of the aces on the team. “Even though we didn’t win all the time, we showed class all the time,” Eggers said.

All the senior players were grateful for their chance to play volleyball throughout college. They made a lot of friends, taught them new skills, learned important lessons about themselves, and will leave with unforgettable memories. Most said they are going to continue to play spring and summer club volleyball.

Dana Men’s Soccer Finished Inaugural Season in 4th Place



Men’s soccer in action

Dana head men’s soccer coach Johnnie Anderson did not know what to expect in his first season in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, but he knew it would be fun. The first-year soccer program at Dana started off with a bang when the team won six out of its first eight games before growing pains began to show through. Injuries and illness began to eat away at the team’s depth and overall speed, but Coach Anderson

was not into making excuses. “We came out at the beginning of the season and played pretty well, but of late we have not been focused,” he said. Dana has gone 0-6 since it’s start. The Vikings ended the regular season at 6-8 and 4-3 in the GPAC. Dana received the fifth seed for the conference tournament and will travel to Orange City, Iowa to take on the fourth seed Northwestern College on October 28, 2000.

Balanced Attack Carries Dana To Victory

Haskell, Kan. - Six different Viking players scored as Dana College defeated Haskell Indian Nations University 44-13 Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21 in college football action. The victory was the first for the young Viking squad. Chevas Lamoya opened the scoring for Dana with a 9-yard touchdown run. The Vikings took to the air when sophomore quarterback Chuck Wright hooked up with Curtis Braden on a 28-yard touchdown strike. Dana jumped out to a 14-point first half lead. In the second quarter the Vikings’ special teams would get in the act when sophomore Jon Carlo blocked a punt and ran it in from 23 yards to put the Vikings up 20-0. Freshman Kasper Petersen missed his first PAT of the year from 35 yards out after the Vikings had received a personal foul for

excessive celebration. On the next possession the Dana defense held Haskell to four and out. Once the Vikings received the ball they went to their ground attack. Lamoya scored his second touchdown of the day on an 18-yard scamper around the end, and senior Justin Dannelly got in on the act with a 9-yard touchdown run to end the half. At halftime was Dana College 34, Haskell 0.

In the second half, the Vikings picked up right where they left off, by scoring early. Dana drove down the field at will until the drive stalled and Petersen was called on to hit a 49-yard field goal to make the score 37-0. The Viking offense scored for



Chevas Lamoya

the final time in the third quarter when junior Donnell Fletcher scored on a 12-yard+ run. Haskell would spoil the shutout in the fourth quarter by putting two touchdowns in the end zone, long after the game had been decided.

Coach Jim Krueger was extremely pleased with his team’s effort. “Today was the first time all season we played as a complete unit. All three phases of the game were dominated by our side and that is good to see from such a young team.” Dana started eight freshmen, and more than 20 players saw a considerable amount

of playing time on the field. The Vikings had 403 total yards of offense. Lamoya was named GPAC player of the week for his 148 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

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TIMESHAPES: IT ALL STARTED WITH INTERIM AT DANA

By Barry Anderson '73
Director of College Relations

An exhibition of working timepieces that resemble fanciful, abstract mobiles was on display in The Forum from Homecoming through mid November. The remarkable clocks were created by Dana College alumnus James Borden. To most people, a "beautiful clock" means a decorative case with a fancy Roman numeral dial and a mass-produced set of gears hidden inside. To Borden, a 1980 graduate of Dana, it's the workings of the clock that are the art. He creates unique timepieces with no cases, no faces, and no glass doors to hide the movement. His clocks are functional sculpture, with gears, pendulums, weights and chimes in fanciful shapes, crafted from oak, cherry,

Kendall, built their first clock as an interim independent study. The 12-foot clock, in a traditional case, had all wooden works. It still stands in Argo Hall on the Dana campus. Since that time he estimates he has made more than 100 clocks, ranging in size from desk-top to a 30-foot-tall clock he made

When asked, he refused to identify his work as either art or craft. "There is an overlap between what's craft and what is art. Craft can be extremely artistic, extremely creative. I see it as science and craft and artistry all rolled together," Borden said. "I don't have a real working definition of what is art.

It's in the eye of the beholder." He likes that combination. "For me (what I do) is science for art, science serving art," he said. "It's whimsical, fun. Its timekeeping ability is not foremost. The fact that it has to keep time is exciting and keeps me creative."

Borden likes to point out that the first mass pro-

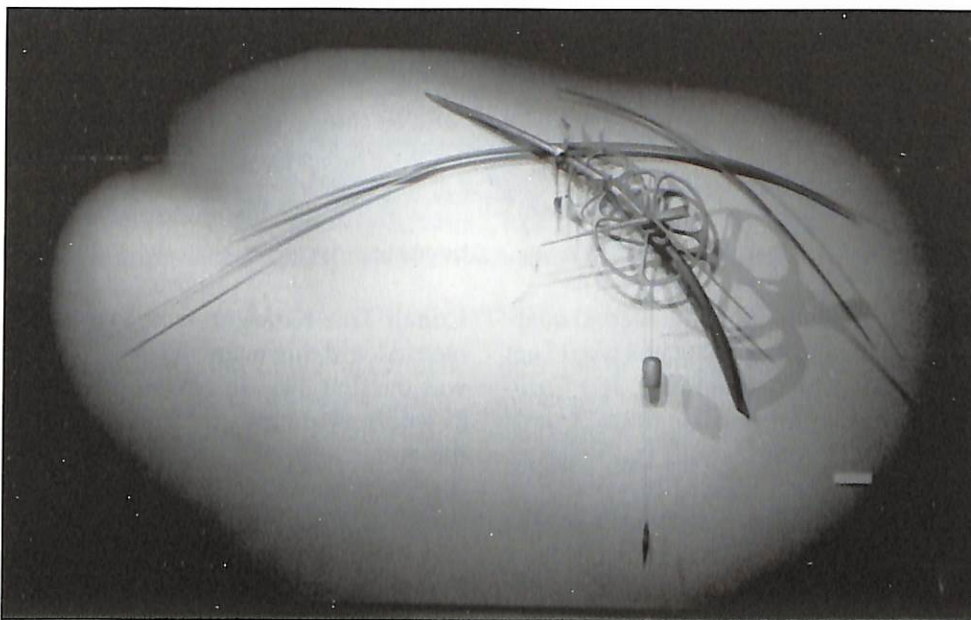


Photo by Greg Pejsar

black walnut and ebony. He calls his creations "Timeshapes."

Jim has been fascinated with clocks since he was a boy. While in college, he acquired his first mechanical clock, and took it apart to see how it worked. He was further inspired during his third year at Dana during a trip to Europe. In Munich, he saw the intricate animated town clock, and found himself visualizing the mechanism that made it work. The next year he and his friend, Tom

for the American Medical Systems building in Minnetonka, Minn.

Borden's workshop is in the town of Zumbrota, Minn. but many of his shows and sales are on the East Coast. "The east is a good place to market my work," he said in a presentation at Dana during Homecoming weekend. "People are very interested in art there." Everywhere they are displayed, Borden's creations attract a lot of attention. "I know of no one else who is doing this type of work," he said.

duction involved clocks and clock parts; yet as you view his work, it's apparent that no mass production is involved. Each work is individual, unique and definitely one of a kind. "I can get inspired by all kinds of things; a tree, a branch structure, or a piece of earth-moving equipment or farm machinery," Borden said. "It all goes into the mix somehow."

ART STUDENTS TRAVEL TO AFRICA TO PASS ON WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED

By Rose Sand
Communications Coordinator

For Eric Friedericks and Bethany Gruner, world travel is an art form.

Friedericks, a Dana senior and son of missionaries, and Gruner, a May 2000 art graduate, turned a summer journey to Africa into an opportunity to share their passion for art with children in Tanzania.

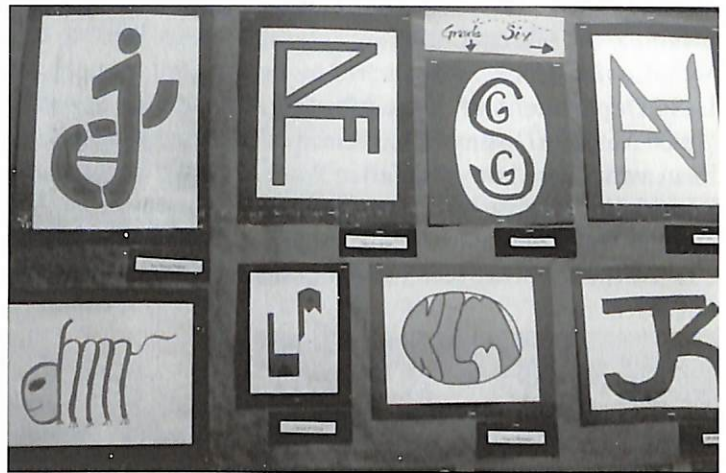
During their stint in Africa, Friedericks and Gruner, taught graphic design to 6th - 7th - and 8th grade students at Haven of Peace Academy, Dar es Salaam. The assignment was to design a personal logo using their initials. Many of the students were from different countries, and the cultural influences were reflected in the bright colors of their work. The students learned traditional design by working out their ideas on paper first, later scanning them into a computer where they saw their ideas take shape. "I think they wanted us to magically design websites on the computer or something, but the best design work always starts on paper first," Friedericks noted, recalling his classroom work at Dana.

Friedericks and Gruner further tapped their young students' imaginations through an "interactive matrix" method in which they brainstorm by linking descriptive words, colors and symbols. Gruner was thrilled to see the "really cool logos" that resulted. One seventh-grader incorporated a soccer ball pattern into the number 7, which also formed a globe of the world. The two-week class ended with the entire class critiquing each student's work.

The pair from Dana managed some time for sightseeing, including two safaris, where they were "lucky" enough to get a few elephants to charge them,

Gruner said. They also experienced snorkeling in Mombasa, Kenya, where they encountered tropical fish and eels.

The two stayed with Friedericks' family, in the Tanzania capitol of Dar es Salaam, a city of five million on the coast of the Indian Ocean, where they



Above: Student personal logo designs are displayed on the school bulletin board.

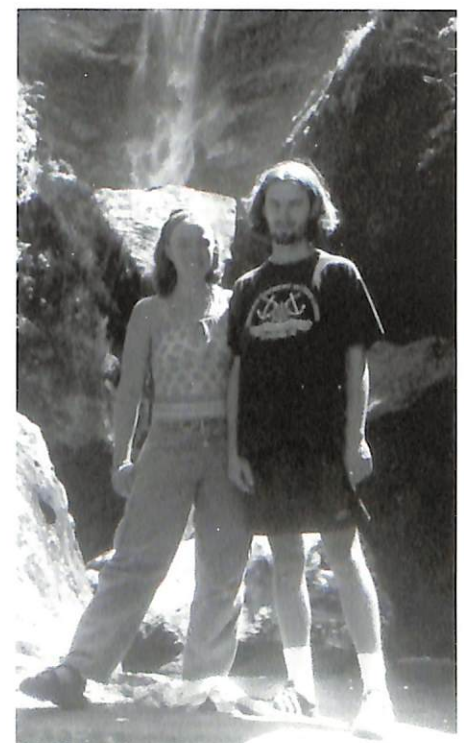


Left: Haven of Peace 7th grade students learned Dana art methods.

conduct missionary work. His father, James, also teaches botany at the University of Dar es Salaam. Friedericks' mother, Diane, teaches third grade at Haven of Peace Academy. James was among the first white people born in Nepal.

Friedericks and Gruner are eager to return to Tanzania, especially as art teachers, provided, they do so again during Tanzania's winter season when temperatures reach 80 degrees. Friedericks said he would like more time to work with the students to refine their ideas and logo designs.

Friedericks is an art major with an emphasis in graphic design from Hastings, Neb. Gruner is employed at Distillery Design in Madison, Wis. She is the daughter of two Dana alum, Mark '75 and Carol (Madsen '73) Gruner, who live in Hollandale, Wis.



2000 NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL IS DANA ALUM

Carolyn T. (Petersen '64) Coffey, principal of Christ Lutheran School, West Covina, Calif., was honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a "2000 National Distinguished Principal" in an award ceremony this fall in Washington, D.C. Christ Lutheran School is an elementary school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ECLA).

every aspect of their lives. Children must learn to experience their faith; it is not enough to know Bible stories and memory verses. The students must be taught to share Christ's love with others through their actions and words," she said.

Coffey has been principal of Christ Lutheran School since 1977. From 1975 to 1977, she served as director for early

university, San Diego, Calif., in 1992. She earned a bachelor of science in education degree from Dana in 1964.

"I share the honor with the church and school and hope both will receive blessings as a result of my being named a National Distinguished Principal," said Coffey. "It is humbling, inasmuch as I know I had only a small part in providing leadership for Christ Lutheran School. There are so many people who had a role in my receiving the award. It would never have happened without a congregation which believed in Christian education, a strong dedicated teaching staff and a parent coalition willing to give of their time and resources," she said.

"God provides us with faithful leaders," said John J. Scibilia, ELCA Director for Schools. "Without fanfare or praise expected, Carolyn has served God in touching the lives of teachers, families and children."

"I believe that Christian education should develop the whole child spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially."

— Carolyn (Petersen '64) Coffey

"I believe that Christian education should develop the whole child spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially," said Coffey. "We have a responsibility to help the children grow in

childhood education there. Coffey is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, West Covina.

Coffey earned a master of arts degree from Point Loma Nazarene Uni-

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performed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millard on Sept. 18. The group came to Dana College and the Omaha area as part of a U.S. tour that started on the west coast. The Royal Opera Quartet performed at Dana College last year as part of a tour. That group met with Dana music students, discussing the rigors of their profession. In addition to performing artists, Dana regularly hosts Danish gymnastic teams on their U.S. and world tours. Opportunities for Dana students to interact with visitors are scheduled as frequently as possible.

Every year Dana College welcomes guests from Denmark doing research. Torben G. Jeppesen, director of the Odense City museums, visited Dana College in early October. He is working on plans for a worldwide celebration of Hans Christian Andersen's 200th

birthday in 2005. Karsten Michealsen, curator of one of the Odense museums, was here in late October and early November doing research on another project. Both have been regular visitors to Dana and the Danish Immigrant Archive. Several books and exhibitions have been based, in part, on information and artifacts gathered here. The city of Odense and its museums have been high points of Denmark visits by the chorale, the business students, and the basketball teams. Birgit Fleming Larsen of the Aalborg City Archive is another regular visitor who was on campus again this Fall to work with the Danish Immigrant Archive. We hope to add an Aalborg stop to the next chorale tour.

Dana is exploring additional exchange programs and reciprocal arrangements to provide even more op-

portunities for students through Dana's Danish connections. The Tietgenskole (Business College) in Odense and Aalborg University where the Christopherson's son, Bjorn, is currently studying have both expressed interest in building relationships with Dana College.

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PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR: HOPPE AND TAYLOR

Voting by the Dana College student body at the end of the last academic year resulted in a tie for title of Professor of the Year. Frank Taylor, Ph.D., and David Hoppe share the honor.

Dr. Taylor, assistant professor of sociology and social work, has taught at Dana College for four years. He earned his B.A. from Mayville State University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, completing his terminal degree in 1996.

Hoppe serves as instructor of psychology and campus counselor, and is also director of the FOCUS program. He earned a B.A. from Upper Iowa University, an A.A. from Metropolitan Community College, and his MHR from the University of Oklahoma in 1992. Hoppe has served at Dana for nine years.



Frank Taylor and David Hoppe were voted Professors of the Year by the Dana student body.

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DEAN JEBSEN'S GOAL: "SEAMLESS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT"

Ask Dana's new dean of students what his goals are and his face lights up. "I want to help make connections between students' in-class experiences and out-of-class experiences," Christopher Jebesen says. "I guess the buzzword to-



Chris Jebesen, Dean of Students

day is 'seamless.' I want to help create a seamless learning environment."

Jebesen is excited about his new position. He was specifically looking for a leadership position in a Lutheran College. "This is a dream come true for me," he said. "Leadership, character building, values – the experience we provide will be valuable for students for the rest of their lives. And these goals really fit the mission of a church-related school."

Jebesen points to research which shows that students who experience an integrated living and working environment are more involved, have higher grade point averages, and enjoy higher degrees of success overall than students

who don't. "There's a case for the value of the small, residential, liberal arts college that students and their parents aren't always aware of," he said. He recalls a student who moved off campus this year as a senior. As many students do, the young man questioned the requirement for living on campus during the earlier years. "Now he misses all the connections and involvement, and realizes all the practical advantages to being on campus, too," Jebesen said.

He graduated cum laude from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio with a bachelor of arts in theatre and a minor in business administration. In 1997 he earned his master's in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He has worked in the office of residence life at Wittenberg University, and in both the office of student affairs and the office of admissions at Bluffton College all in Ohio.

ing to move, he said, "since I'm getting married in April." Both his fiancée and the bulk of his family are back in Ohio, so a move to Nebraska was a big leap. His fiancée, Sarah, accompanied him to Blair to see Dana. "It was a joint decision," he said. "We were comfortable with the area. And the people were very good." What clinched the deal was Dana College itself. "The size and the residential nature of the college really fit. There are lots of opportunities and plenty of potential."

His first day on the job was the same day new students arrived on campus. "I told the students we'll be going through this together," he said. He added that a Dean of Students is always a student him or herself, because there are new students every year, with different needs and expectations. Jebesen pointed out that college students are learning many new things, while at the same time they are learning about them-

selves. They need support during this important time of their lives. That support comes from faculty, of course, but also from staff, other students, and, in particular, resident assistants. "They are the front lines," Jebesen emphasized.

"Students have to begin to see how the activities fit in to everything they are learning, everything

that's happening in their lives," said Jebesen. "The more we can get people involved and connected, the better."

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When he saw the Dana College job listing on a Lutheran college list-serve, the job description fit his professional goals. Then he got on line and looked at the Dana College website and read some back issues of the Dana Review. He liked what he saw, but wasn't look-

GEORGE GRUBE: ENVIRONMENTALIST AND RETIRED PROFESSOR

Professor Emeritus George Grube passed away Sept. 6 in Blair following a long struggle with bonemarrow cancer. He was 77. Grube served as assistant professor of biology and head of environmental studies at Dana College for 23 years, retiring in 1988. Former students recall his love of nature and his lectures, often illustrated with slide photographs he had taken in his field research.

Grube was known throughout the area for his involvement in environmental issues. On the first Earth Day in 1970, Grube led a march outside the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant. That demonstration was covered in the national media, including the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Grube was also concerned about soil and water contamination, speaking fre-



quently on the potential hazards of spreading chemicals on lawns and cropland.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Grube of Blair; his daughter, Louise Marie (Grube '69) Shickle of Virginia; son, Edward Lewis Grube '75 of Texas; brother, Weidler Grube of

Penn.; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Ann Pape; son, Bruce Lauritzen, now chairman of First National of Nebraska, Inc.; and five grandchildren.

RADIO EXECUTIVE: HARRY SNYDER

Harry C. Snyder '49, 73, died suddenly on July 21 in Phoenix, Ariz. Memorial services were held July 27 at the Desert Foothills Lutheran Church in Scottsdale.

In the early 1970s, Snyder was a volunteer consultant who played a key role in getting Dana's radio station, KDCV, on the air. Snyder's love of radio went back to the age of 16 when he was chief engineer of KORN radio in Fremont, Neb. During World War II he served as a radio operator for the Merchant Marine. After the war he returned to Fremont, and soon became the owner/operator of the station where he had gotten his start, which was renamed KHUB. Later he added KLGA in Algona, Iowa, and WZOE in Princeton, Illinois, to his stable of stations.

Upon retirement, Snyder moved to Carefree, Arizona, where he remained active as a ham radio operator. His expertise for repairing radio transmitters was well known by radio enthusiasts worldwide. He loved pipe organs and was a member of a theater organ society. He spent many hours on the restoration of the Phoenix Orpheum Theater organ. Snyder was also active in the Kiwanis Club and the Carefree Planning and Zoning Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Carefree; son, Harry P. Snyder of N.C.; daughters, Virginia Shoberg of Ariz. and Sandra Gierdras of Colo.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

BANKER AND PHILANTHROPIST: JOHN LAURITZEN

A long-time friend of Dana College, John R. Lauritzen, died July 21, 2000. His funeral was held July 26, at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha. Lauritzen, former Chairman of the Board of First National Bank of Omaha, was recognized as an innovative banker and philanthropist. Personally, and through his banks, First National Bank of Omaha and Washington County Bank, Lauritzen has been a generous supporter of Dana College. The theater in the Madsen Fine Arts Center is named the "Lauritzen Theatre" in tribute to the Lauritzen family.

Lauritzen's long and distinguished career was marked by firsts and innovations. At the age of 29, he became the youngest bank president in the United States when he purchased the Emerson State Bank in Iowa. This was the start of the Lauritzen Corporation, a

large, multi-bank holding company that became the principal owner of First National Bank of Omaha, First Westside and First Westroads Banks in Omaha, First National Bank in Elm Creek, Nebraska, and others. Lauritzen was also recognized as an innovator of banking products. The introduction of "First Charge Card" in 1953 pioneered the bank credit cards that became Visa and MasterCard. First National Bank of Omaha is still one of the dozen largest issuers of cards in the United States.

Lauritzen was as known for his community service as he was for banking. He served on many boards, including Strategic Air Command, Creighton University, Joslyn Art Museum, the American Red Cross, the Omaha Playhouse, Lions Club, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations. He was also drive chairman for the American Cancer Society and the United Appeal. Dana College honored Lauritzen with an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1991 in recognition of his distinguished career and philanthropy.

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'00s

Traci Ahrendt '00 is working at Girls and Boys Town, Omaha, Neb., following her return from Peru, South America.

Rachel Carter '00 and David Aten were married July 20, 2000. They reside in Blair, Neb.

Dana (Strege '00) Cooper is a graphic designer for First of Omaha-Merchant Processing Division in the marketing department. Husband, **Brock '98** received a promotion to Investment Representative for the INVEST department at Commercial Federal Bank.

Gina Flood '00 is a Human Resource Coordinator at Cargill in Blair.

Bryan Soukup '00 and **Angela Bentjen '99** were married July 29, 2000 in Albion, Neb.

Amber Weber '00 is employed by Nebraska Health Systems.

Tara Zellmer '00 is a Benefits Specialist at West Teleservices.

'90s

Nikki Kinsey '99 is a Graphic Designer/Art Director at Voda One Corp. in Omaha.

Tiffany Menard '99 is attending Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Health Communications.

Maxwell Grady '98 married Katherine Nash in Jamaica on May 9, 2000. He is a self-employed agriculture worker.

Andy Hensley '98 and **Jana Bentley '98** were married Aug. 26, 2000, in Treynor, Iowa. Jana is employed by Loess Hills AEA as a school based Interventionist in the Harlan (Iowa) School District. Andy is a teacher and head wrestling coach at Tri-Center Community School in Neola, Iowa. They live in Carson, Iowa.

Anne Hovde '98 lives in Gillette, Wyo. and is employed as a Production Technician at Kennecott Energy-Cordeo Rojo.

Christopher Kellner '98 married Shannon Dvorak Sept. 30, 2000, in Atkinson, Neb. He is a district manager for Conseco Health Insurance Co.

Denecia Siemers '98 married Todd Royer on Sept. 23, 2000, in Bellevue, Neb. She is a Market Product Manager at First National Bank of Omaha.

Jennifer Zahnow '98 is employed as an intern at Augustana Lutheran Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

Janet (Reisdorff '97) Buman of Harlan, Iowa, has been named to a three-year term on the Iowa Bankers Association (IBA) Marketing Committee. She is the Marketing Director for Shelby County State Bank's seven area offices.

Shawn Fasbender '97 married Kristin Whitted on Aug. 4, 2000, in Omaha. He is a senior accountant with KPMG in Indianapolis.

Dr. Kaci B. Solt '96 is a dentist at the Warm Springs Indian Health Clinic in Ore. She is a member of the Commissioned Corps under the Public Health Service Branch.

Angela (Heise '95) Knudsen married Dan Knudsen on Aug. 4, 2000, in Omaha.

Scott Lowman '95 and Sharon Nimke were married Oct. 7, 2000 in Webster City, Iowa. He is employed at Fort Dodge Animal Health as a senior laboratory technician.

Dana Holz '95 was married to Bill Pavuk on June 11, 2000. They live near Worthington, Ohio. Dana is a graduate student in the education department of Ohio State University. Bill is a vicar at All Shepherd's Lutheran Church in Lewis Center, Ohio.

Tonya (Hauser '94) Belgum is the Literacy Director at New Stanley Elementary School in Kansas City (Kansas) Public School District. New Stanley Elementary was one of the five schools chosen to be part of a 3.2 million literacy grant awarded from the state.

Kyle Herzog '94 married Christi Bakker on Oct. 7, 2000, in Sioux City,

Iowa. He is employed at Gateway with software development.

Michael '93 and **Stacey (Harris '94) Maxwell** live in Omaha and have one child, CheyAnne, who is 5 years old. Michael works for Payless Cashways, Inc. and Stacey works for UNMC department of psychiatry.

Sheila Young '93 married Clark Jenkinson. She is a news director at KUSO radio.

Tina (Reimer '91) Eller married Dale Eller on July 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, Ill. Both continue to teach at Amboy High School.

Randall Hollowell '90 and his wife Chris live in Oxford Ohio. He is a Senior Communications Manager at MYCOM Group in Cincinnati.

Nancy Holtz '90 teaches seventh grade language arts, eighth grade math and K-3 TAG classes for A-H-S-T. She is also the assistant high school volleyball coach. Nancy lives in Avoca, Iowa, with her husband Keith and three children.

'80s

Jerrod Lawrence '89 and Jackie are the proud parents of a son, Isaac Christian, who was born June 9, 2000. Isaac joins a sister, Reigan Alexa, 4-1/2 years old. In addition, Jerrod is now a mortgage lender for Mortgage Loans of America in Omaha.

Mark A. Jones '86 of Suwanee, Ga., recently sold his computer consulting firm and accepted an executive position with Ernest & Young consulting firm.

Lori (Zimmerman '85) Benesch is a junior high special education teacher at Schuyler Grade School, Schuyler, Neb. She and her husband Mike, have two sons.

Chere Fox-O'Reilly '84 was a juror for the "Celebrate the Hills" art show exhibited at the Moorhead Cultural Center, Moorhead, Iowa. She is currently the art teacher at West Monona (Iowa) Jr./Sr. High School. She and her husband **Bret O'Reilly '85** have five chil-

dren and live in the Loess Hills, on a portion of the family farm.

Paulette (Strecker '81) Orr and her family have moved to the Amarillo, Tex. area. Spouse Byron is employed by Agrilience. Paulette works for the Canyon Independent School District. Wesley is 11 and Christine is 6.

'70s

Kristin (Grorud '76) Walker is a K-8 special education instructor at Crestwood in the Howard-Winneshiek (Iowa) School District.

Carol (Goos '72) Forristall traveled to Japan this summer as part of the Fullbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. The trip was not Forristall's first visit to the land of the rising sun. Thirty years ago, as a music student at Dana, she went to Japan on a choral tour. She is a middle school music teacher in Riverside Community (Iowa) Schools.

Rev. Barrett B.F. Scheske '72 is currently serving as pastor of Unity Lutheran Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. He was elected Dean of the South Alberta Conference of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories in Oct. 2000.

Gregory D. Hayes '71 is the Northeast Sales Manager for NextBus Information System, Inc. He is the founder and former president of EDIT, Inc. which provides system integration and training services for the Communications and Defense Industries. Gregory, and wife Marisel have 3 sons, Jonathan (13), Eric (12) and Travis (7) and live in Framington, Mass.

Al Maul '70 was inducted into the Millard (Neb.) Education Foundation Hall of Fame. He is currently an attorney in Pender, Neb.

'60s

Lyle Brehm '68 is president of First National Bank and Trust in Syracuse, Neb. He and his wife Kathy have 3 children.

James Hansen '65 has been appointed a corporate fellow at the South Charleston Technical Center. He is a senior development scientist and group manager for the Applied Statistics Group in the Process Engineering and Technology organization at the South Charleston Technical Center.

Jerry '61 and Shirley (Nielsen '61) Lincoln live in Walnut Creek, Cal. Jerry retired from Aid Association for

Lutherans and is now a financial consultant for Westlin Securities Corp. Shirley teaches second grade in Pittsburg, Cal.

Deaths

Rev. Stanley T. Hansen D'55 T'59 died Aug. 14, 2000, in Orange City, Iowa. Stanley was survived by wife, Mary Faith (Heinssen '55) of Paulina, Iowa; two sons, Stanley Theodore Jr. '84 of San Jose, Calif. and George Matthew and wife Karen, of Barrington, Ill.; one daughter, Dorothy Faith (Hansen '89) and husband Ron Fairley of Miami, Fla.

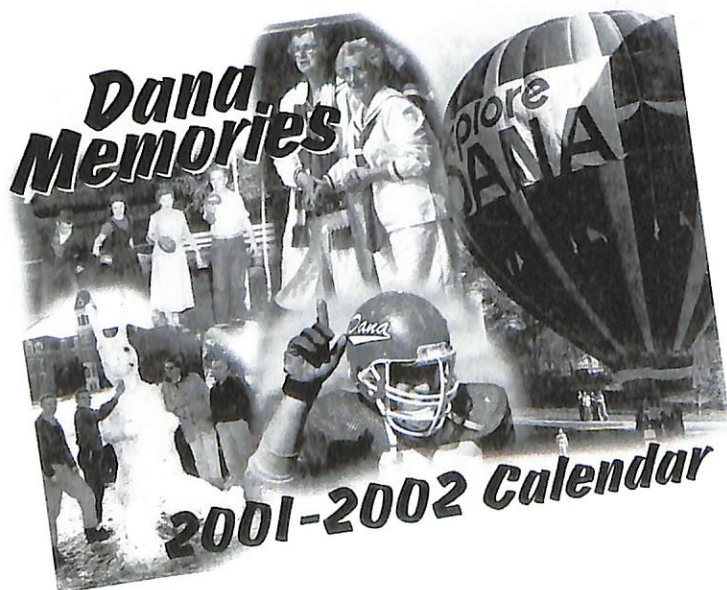
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Nora K. Jorth, wife of Arnold and mother of Betty (Jorth '71) and son-in-law Arno '72 Neben died on Sept. 9, 2000. Betty writes that "Dana has had a special place in Mom and Dad's hearts, as they met at Dana almost 60 years ago while attending a Luther League Convention."

Gunnar Malmin, 97, died July 23, 2000, in Northfield, Minn. Gunnar worked at Dana College as choir director and traveled to Denmark with the choir in 1935. Gunnar also received a distinguished service award from Dana.

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ALUMNI HONORED AT HOMECOMING

Dr. Paul Jersild D'53 T'59, and Brent Siegrist '74, received Distinguished Alumni Awards at the Homecoming Awards Buffet on Saturday, October 7.

Dr. Jersild graduated with honors from Dana College, and later from the University of Nebraska and Wartburg Theological Seminary. He received the doctor of theology degree from the University of Muenster in Germany. Jersild served as professor in several religion and theology departments prior to being named dean and professor of theology at Southern Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. He served there until his retirement. Jersild was awarded an honorary doctorate from Dana in 1981. He is a well-known theologian and has written numerous articles and books. During Homecoming weekend at Dana, he signed copies of his most recent books, *Making Moral Decisions* and *Spirit Ethics*. Jersild lives in Columbia with his wife Marilyn (Steffensen '53). They have four grown children: Ann, Austin, Amy and Aaron.

Also honored was Brent Siegrist, Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives. Siegrist taught government and coached wrestling at Missouri Valley (Iowa) High School until he decided to put the civics lessons he was teaching into practice. In 1984 he ran for the Iowa House of Representatives, and was elected by a mere handful of votes. He has served in the House ever since, including two terms as Majority Leader. In May of 1999, he became the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the top position in that legislative body. In his role, Siegrist presides over debates and issues rulings. In the words of an editorial in the *Omaha World-Herald*, Siegrist "is known in Iowa circles as a

moderate, consensus-seeking Republican who is respected on both sides of the political aisle." Siegrist lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with his wife, Valerie, and their two children, Evan (5) and Harriet (2).

The 1948–1950 Men's Basketball Teams were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Dana's Homecoming Athletic Awards Dinner on Friday, Oct.

6. Dr. Paul Laursen '51, team member and Chairman of the Dana Board of Regents, accepted the award on behalf of the teams. Nebraska State Senator, C.N. Bud Robinson '50, another team member, paid tribute to Coach Paul Peterson on behalf of all the team members. The coach's son, Brent Peterson '69, was on hand to accept on behalf of the Peterson family. Eleven team members were present and received certificates along with "Thor's Hammer" pendants, the symbol of the Dana Vikings Athletic Hall of Fame. The pendant was copied from one found in a Viking mound and represents the weapon needed to vanquish any foe.



Dr. Paul Jersild (left) and Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives, Brent Siegrist



Front Row (L-R): Bob Nelson, Red Feather Lakes, Col.; Harry Conklin, Lyons, Neb., Bud Robinson, Blair, Neb., Lyle Morgensen, Belvidere, Ill., John Young, Blair, Neb., Len Christensen, Springfield, Mo., Back Row (L-R) Paul Laursen, Lincoln, Neb.; Wilbur Clements, Blair, Neb.; Brent Peterson, Valentine, Neb.; Harold McKercher, Blair, Neb.; Jim Youmans, Persia, Iowa; Dean Madsen, LaMoille, Ill.

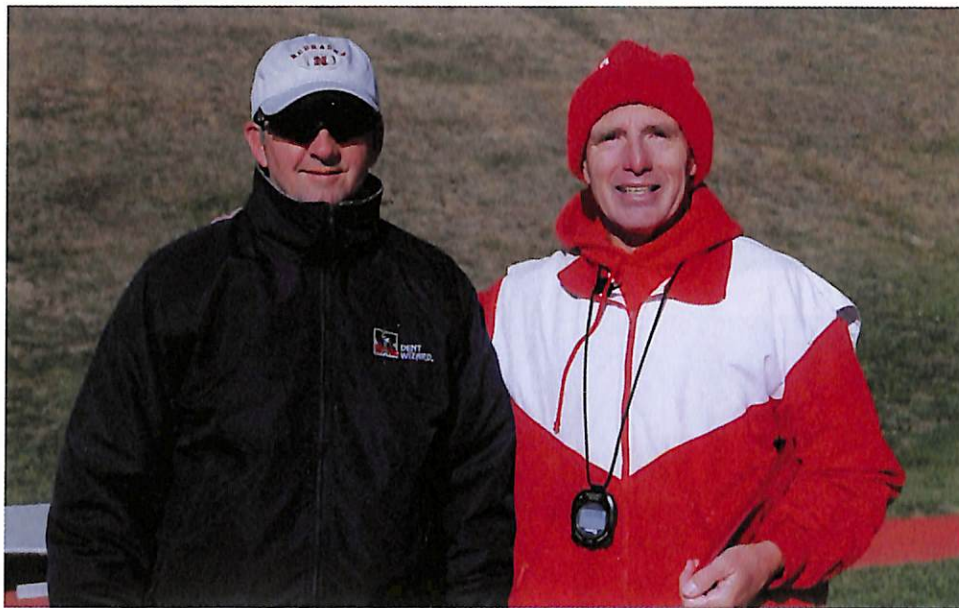
NEW TRACK DEDICATED WITH HELP FROM ALUMNUS - JAMES SIVERTS '79

On Saturday, Oct. 7th, Dana's new \$500,000 all-weather track was officially dedicated. The track features the latest in surfaces, and has facilities for long jump, pole vault, and other field sports. Alumni, faculty, staff, current students and others gathered on that brisk Saturday morning to celebrate the opening of the new facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Then runners of all ages took to the track for some friendly running competitions. Everyone who ran received a token medal to commemorate the occasion.

Among those on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony was Dana Alumnus James Siverts, class of 1979, who made a lead donation that helped make construction possible. Siverts, of Hampton, N.H., remembered running on the old cinder track and said he wanted to "give something back to Dana." He recalled that his busy college schedule

Upon graduating from Dana College, Siverts went on to Creighton Law School. He worked for a Big Eight accounting firm for several years, and later spent six years in executive recruit-

facility were already on the table. Fundraising was just beginning. "The timing couldn't have been better," Siverts said.



Jim Siverts, '79 with Coach Birmingham



Jim Siverts, Myrv Christopherson, Coach Jay Birmingham, Coach Dale Lemon

had conflicted with regular P.E. classes, so coach Dale Lemon helped him set up a personal physical fitness program, giving him the choice of lifting weights or running. He chose running, almost collapsing from exhaustion the first time he ran on the cinder track. However, he made quick progress, running in the Omaha Marathon just eight months later.

ing. In 1989 he saw a business opportunity in a franchise for Dent Wizard, a chain of auto body repair and restoration shops. He ended up being a partner in a firm that owned franchises in the Midwest and on the East Coast from new England to Virginia. When he sold his business last year, he thought of Dana College and the old cinder track he had run on. He called the college and learned that blueprints for a new

Siverts recalled that, along with Coach Lemon, Dana business professor Gilbert Ragan was a mentor and important influence in his life. Ragan passed away in August of this year, but before he did, College President Myrvin Christopherson told Ragan about Siverts' gift. According to Christopherson, Ragan was grateful for the generosity.

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Memories in Motion



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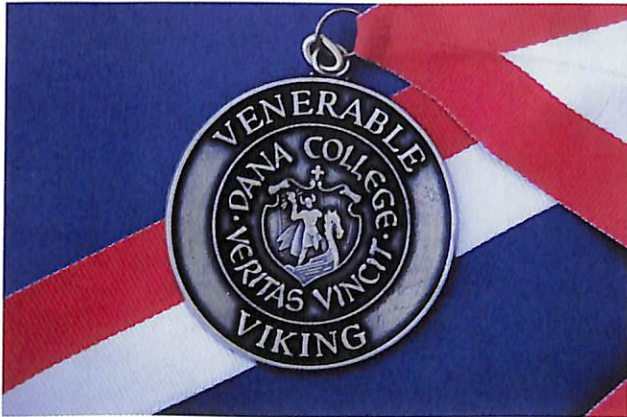
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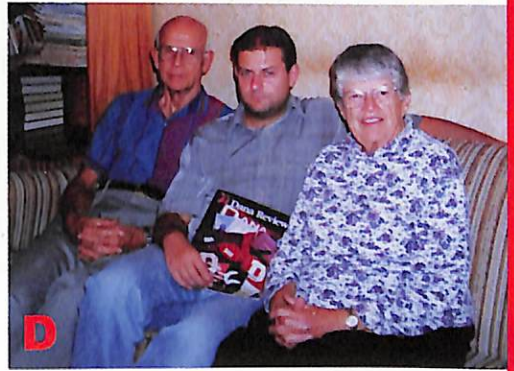
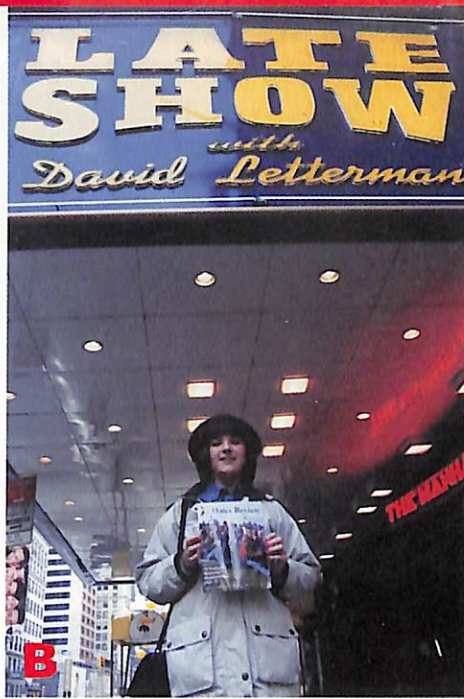
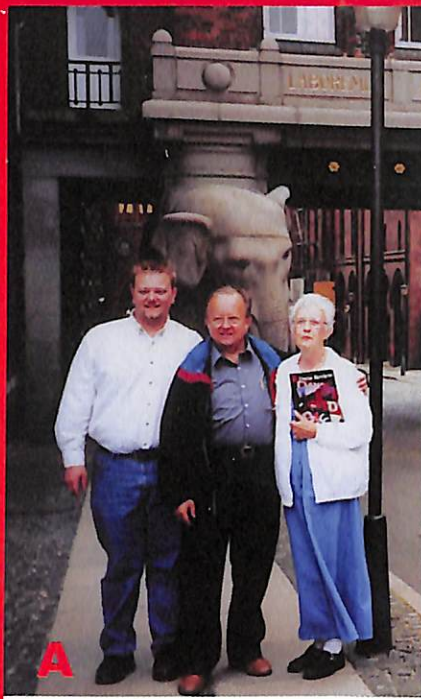
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A: Dana College Band plays amidst the crowd at the homecoming football game **B:** Dave West '76 plays the bagpipe at Alumni Revue #3 **C:** Patricia Nicholson and Shon Trent – homecoming queen and king **D:** Traditional Choir Reunion **E:** Women's volleyball in action **F:** 2000 Alumni Council gather for group photograph **G:** Kelly Kuiken and Riley Tonkin as Dana Vikings in the homecoming parade **H:** Venerable Viking medals are presented to alumni/ae after their 50th class reunion **I:** Dana's newest Venerable Vikings – the Class of 1950 gather after their reunion banquet **J:** Students shiver and shake as they watch the Dana Vikings take on the Sioux Falls Cougars in football action



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A: David Delort (current Dana student), Jimmy Sorensen '51, Marilyn (Nelson '52) Meyer in Copenhagen, Denmark; B: Trista (Witt '95) Cowart visited the David Letterman Show last winter. C: (L-R) Connie Sorensen '53, Jeanne (Nielsen) Sorensen '72, Audrey (Jorgensen '47) Rasmussen, Betty (Petersen '56) Kruse and Roger Kruse '55 at Holden Village, Chelan, Wash. D: Lloyd Neve D'45 T'47, Nikola Simeonov (a student at Dana in 1998) and Muriel Neve in Sofia, Bulgaria. E: The 5th annual Dana Reunion of the Scheele, Buland, Johnson and Grorud families held in Winter Park, Colo. Pictured are Monty Scheele '83 and wife Julie, Leanne (Danahy '83) Buland and husband Mark, Kevin '83 and Kari Jo (Molzer '85) Johnson, and Scott '82 and Shelly (Peterson '83) Grorud F: The Kevin Johnson family also visited the Jon '85 and Juli (Schwandt '84) Bansen family in Monmouth, Ore., where the Bansen's own and operate a dairy farm. Kari Jo Johnson writes "Look at all the potential Dana students we have coming!"

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