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*Up, Up,
and Away!*

**Dana Launches its
118th Academic Year**

FORTIETH REUNION

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



My Dana graduating class of 1961 will gather for reunion at Homecoming, October 13. I'm hoping all my classmates will make the effort to attend. We haven't all maintained contact, but I'm sure most of us have fond memories from our student days.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

As we begin the 118th year of our history, my sixteenth, I am grateful that Dana has prized the spiritual as well as the intellectual development of the student. This Fall our student life staff chose as our orientation theme: "Character Matters."

In my student days there was never a question that the character of the graduate was important. Rev. Bill Thomsen and Ms. Othilia Hauge, the Deans of Men and Women, respectively, made it very clear that behavior of residents was to be above board. In those days "above board" included observing quiet time in the hall, no use of alcohol or gutter language, and no visitation between students of the opposite sex. Women were discriminated against. They had to observe additional rules including dorm hours, no smoking on campus, and a prescribed dress code — no shorts, prescribed skirt length, and more. The behavior code also prohibited social dancing. Although not required, attendance at chapel was expected.

Of course, over time these rules have changed. Many other social codes have changed, too. I regret that

academic dishonesty and plagiarism seem to be on the rise. Those who study this problem say that in order to change such behavior an institution can't only make cheating difficult and easier to detect, but must also show students that truth telling, doing one's own work, and crediting others when it's not your own work is fundamental to responsible citizenship.

Taking responsibility for one's behavior is important in other areas as well. It grieves me that some students come to college without a healthy regard for community property. While some vandalism reported on our campus is from outsiders, property damage is also done by Dana students. The attitude that "We're paying big money to be here" seems to lead some to believe, "I can do what I want to my property." Happily, most parents don't defend bad choices of behavior by their offspring.

I guess my age is showing because cursing is another behavior for which I have little sympathy. Not only is it disgusting and degrading, I fear it discourages development of a more expanded lexicon, a mark of the educated person. Of course, professors and coaches are key in setting a standard in and out of the classroom. I hold that it is a mighty rare occasion when a well chosen non curse word or phrase isn't more effective and more potent than the four letter words in common parlance and on the screen.

Another pet expectation of mine is that every person regardless of race or color, ethnic origin, or other feature of the person is entitled to and should be granted dignity and respect. I recently attended the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA, Dana's church governing body. Although it received small attention, the Indianapolis Assembly endorsed the Birmingham Pledge. The pledge was written by a Birmingham, Alabama lawyer and

introduced at the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast in 1998. Those who adopt the pledge agree that racial prejudice is harmful to all. They agree to strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice from their thoughts and actions, to discourage it by others, and to treat all people with dignity and respect. I have shared with Dana student leaders that the Birmingham Pledge expanded to include all forms of prejudice is worthy of adoption by all in the Dana community. It is a natural extension of Christ's command to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and also our neighbor as ourselves.

Expecting academic honesty, respect for all, regard for property, and use of uplifting rather than destructive language are arguably key ingredients in character development. I believe attention to proper conduct is appropriate for the residential liberal arts college of the church. I prefer that we aim at occasioning such behaviors naturally and subtly by modeling and encouraging rather than by adopting hard and fast rules overseen and enforced by an iron fisted Dean or President. However, I believe that I should take the lead in such an effort.

I don't necessarily wish to turn back the clock to the days and the rules that were the norm when I was a student at Dana. Prejudice and hatred and disregard were not absent then either. However, I do long for honesty, civility and attention to enlightened expression, and am grateful to be part of a community of learning and faith where such matters are given more than short shrift.

Of course, I'm also grateful to be part of a community where all people, those who meet my standards of the good and those who do not, still qualify for the everlasting love of God in Christ Jesus.

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DANA WELCOMES NEW PROVOST

By Barry Anderson '73

"Teaching, I believe, is the most noble and important of all professions. Without good teachers, we would not have good business people, lawyers, doctors, or industrial workers."

- Dr. Brian Viets, Provost, Dana College

Dr. Brian Viets officially joins Dana College as Provost on September 1. He comes to Dana from Nebraska Wesleyan University where he served from 1992 to 1998 as Professor of Developmental Biology and Zoology, and since 1998 as Chief Information Officer. As CIO his responsibilities have included administration of all on-campus computing, instructional technology, networking and telecommunications, and website development.

"Brian has earned a reputation as an excellent teacher and fine administrator," said Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson. "He brings experience in strategic planning, assessment, accreditation, and self-study. He is devoted to liberal arts education. He and his wife, Gilda, have played active

leadership roles in their ELCA congregation, Our Saviors Lutheran in Lincoln, Nebraska. We are excited to have them come to Blair and Dana."

Brian and his wife, Gilda, are moving to Blair with their son, Conner, and daughter, Erin, in time for Conner to start kindergarten in the Blair school system.

Dr. Viets graduated summa cum laude in Biology from the honors program at Emporia State University. He earned his Ph.D. at Indiana University with emphasis in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology. His mentor and thesis advisor was Dr. Craig E. Nelson, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching 2000 U.S. Professor of the year. Viets has a solid

publication record, has received several major grants, and at Wesleyan has been a Dr. Margaret J. Prouty Faculty

Teaching Award winner.

"As a lifelong Lutheran, I welcome the opportunity to serve as Provost and Dean of the College at Dana," Viets said. "The emphasis that the faculty and staff place on the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual development of the students is admirable. I look forward to working with such a talented group of people."

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 will serve as Interim Provost through the end of August and help orient Dr. Viets to his new role as the academic leader of Dana College.



Dr. Brian Viets, Provost and Dean of the College

Formo Named President of Bethany College

Provost and Dean of the College Dr. Paul Formo has been named President of Bethany College, a sister ELCA college in Lindsborg, Kansas. He began his new duties July 1. His wife, Pat, joined him in Lindsborg soon after. Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 of the English Department has been appointed as interim dean during the search for Formo's successor.

When Dr. Paul Formo came to Dana College eight years ago, he knew that a primary task was going to be building and re-building a new faculty. There was a long list of profes-

sors who had taught at Dana for all or most of their teaching careers who were ready to retire. "The challenge of building a new faculty in the context of a small, liberal arts college of the church is what brought me to Dana," Formo said. "That has been a satisfying part of the work."

When asked what accomplishments he notes when looking back on his time at Dana, Formo returns to discussion of the faculty. He believes that all noteworthy academic accomplishments grow out of faculty creativity, effort and dedication. "You

build a faculty that is interested in working together and interested in interdisciplinary activities – and when you find that type (of people), then the institution and the students thrive."

Reflecting on Dr. Formo's contributions, Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61 said, "Paul has helped us build a first-rate faculty, while emphasizing teaching excellence and innovation. Most important, he has been a strong advocate for Lutheran liberal arts education. He and Pat will be missed."

CAMPUS CENTER CHANGES GREET STUDENTS

By Barry Anderson '73

Returning Dana College students will hardly recognize the dining hall in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. The first thing they will notice upon entering the building's central lobby is a new 8-passenger glass enclosed elevator nestled into the angles of the main stairway. As they ride the elevator or climb the stairs to the dining hall, they will find that the metal railings are replaced by glass panels, and the walls enclosing the serving lines are gone, creating a more open and up-to-date look. In fact, the serving lines themselves have been replaced by a food-

court. Instead of going "left or right", students choose from several serving stations, each featuring a different type of entree. In place of dated metal serving equipment, custom millwork holds Corian counters with the latest in food handling equipment, including units which can be switched to serve hot or cold entrees. The goal of all these changes is to drastically reduce serving lines and ensure that food is served fresh. For more information, see the Food Service Facility article below.

The dining hall design is by Sather-Barre, a firm out of Minnesota that specializes in food service facili-

ties. The food-handling equipment is supplied by Pegler-Sysco of Omaha. The overall design, including the elevator, is by RDG Schulte Wilscam Birge Architects, the same firm that designed the planned Borup Coliseum addition.

Other changes, less obvious to the casual observer, are a larger information desk and office on the ground floor, new partitions for the Blue and Gold Room upstairs, and a new fire alarm system throughout the building. The total cost of the campus center renovation was \$425,000.

NEW FOOD SERVICE FACILITY NEARLY FINISHED

Jim Falk, the manager of Sodexo Marriott's food service for Dana College, is looking forward to the coming academic year. His crew will be working with a new, custom-designed serving line. "In fact, it won't be a serving line," Falk said. "It will be broken up into five different stations with trays available at each stop, so waiting in line should be cut to a minimum."

One station will serve traditional "home cooking" foods, like meat and potatoes or casseroles. Another will serve a variety of pasta and sauces. This station features a new pasta-server which keeps the cooked pasta at the perfect temperature so that it stays fresh and firm. A third station will serve other Italian-style dishes, like pizza, rigatoni, and calzones. The fourth station will offer sandwiches, including hamburgers and cheeseburgers, and a specialty sandwich of the day. The fifth will be a sauté station featuring freshly made stir-frys and specialties like sizzling salads. A

soup and salad bar will also be available. On either side of the serving area will stand a condiment bar, waffle bar and hot-dog bar, along with drink stations. Away from the serving area in the dining hall, will stand a dessert cart.

Built-in salad stations replace the old salad bar. Drink stations serve a choice of beverage in one stop, rather than at separate milk, soda and coffee servers. The desert bar, perhaps the most popular stop in the old dining hall, is also updated.

"Having all the food serving stations together will make it easier to keep everything stocked and the food fresh," Falk said. "And it should really cut down on the lines."

There's more good news for some of the guys who regularly eat four or five meals a day. The waffle bar will be open all day, and the hot-dog bar will be open from lunch through dinner.

That's the good news. "The bad news is that it won't all be completed

until the middle of September," Falk said. As is typical with major construction projects, there have been delays. "I just ask everyone to be patient," Falk added. "The first few weeks are going to be tough, until the remodel is done. Working with nothing and trying to get the best product out you can is sometimes hard. But be patient. When it's all done, it will be worth it."

FYI-

In a typical week at Dana College, Sodexo Marriott uses:

- 260 gallons of drink concentrate, which translates into 1,300 gallons of pop, Power Aid, lemonade, etc.
- 60 loaves of bread and 600 hamburger and hotdog buns.
- 200 lbs. of potatoes
- 120 lbs. of ground beef
- 115 lbs. of roast beef and turkey

DANA COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

By Barry Anderson '73

This semester Dana College welcomes six new full-time faculty members, several part-time faculty members, three new coaches, and half a dozen new staff members.

Patti Gubbels, Assistant Professor of Education & Chair of the Education Department, comes to Dana with teaching experience at Wayne State College and Northeast Community College. Her B.S. degree in Sociology and M.S. degree in Education are from Wayne State College, and her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology is from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Laura LaMarr, Instructor of Sociology, has more than six years experience as a teaching Assistant the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She earned her A.G.S in Physical Education from Central Texas College, her B.S. in Sociology from Bellevue University, and her M.A. in Sociology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is working on her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Diane Mann, Assistant Professor of Special Education, earned her B.S from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, her M.Ed. from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and her Ed.D. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She has years of public school teaching experience in Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Australia.

Mr. Lars Skovgaard Jensen,

Instructor of Business and Economics at Dana, received his MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship from the University of Iowa and his B.A. degree in Finance/Marketing and German from Dana in 1997. He has been serving as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Economics at the University of Iowa.

Michael Olson is Dana's new Director of Residence Life and an Area Hall Director (living in

article.

Basil "Buz" Wehrman joins Dana as Director of the Library. He has served in the libraries of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Southeast Community College, and the College of Saint Mary. He earned his B.A. in English at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and his M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois along with an M.A. in Comparative Literature.

New part-time faculty members include Math Instructors John Buss, Brenda Mechels '96 and Annette Ott; English Instructors Max McElwain, Jonathan Long and Monica Kershner; and Spanish Instructor Jose Mesa.

Returning from Denmark as Danish Language Instructor is Trine (Thiessen) Feuerborn. Trine taught at Dana during the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 academic years.

Dana welcomes several new coaches this year. William Danenhauer will serve as part-time Football Coach and Offensive Coordinator, Jorge Sambataro will be the Men's Soccer Coach, and Aaron Winkle will be Varsity Asst. Coach & Jr. Varsity Coach for Men's Basketball.

New Staff members include Brenda Bartlett, Administrative Assistant for College Relations; Michael Bucendahl, Maintenance; Jill Camargo, Career Services & Student Life Assistant; Alfred Fitel, Custodian; and Susan Skinner, Library Technician.



New faculty members (L-R), front row: Patti Gubbels, Diane Mann, Laura LaMarr, back row: Lars Jensen, Buz Wehrman

Mickelsen Hall). Mike received his Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti, and his Bachelor of Arts from Alma College in Alma, Michigan. Prior to accepting the position at Dana, he was Area Coordinator, Department of Housing and Residence Life, at the University of Wyoming, Laramie. He has also served as Assistant Dean of Students for Residence Life at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Brian Viets, Ph.D. joins Dana College as Provost and Dean of the College. He is featured in a separate

DANA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEAPS FORWARD

By Barry Anderson '73

Now Dana students with laptop computers can use their machines anywhere within Blair Hall, Rasmussen Hall, and Argo Hall – with no strings attached. This summer Computer Services installed a high-speed wireless internet access system in those buildings. With a wireless network card available at the Dana bookstore, students can wander while they surf. Mickelsen Hall and Holling Hall were both hard-wired for high-speed access last summer, so now every residence hall room on campus has high-speed Internet access.

Dana's Computer Services department has been busy with other projects this summer, as well. They equipped the Durham Center computer lab with 15 new computers. They began upgrading all computers on campus to MS Office 2000. That effort will be completed during the academic year. Dana has also entered into an annual agreement with Microsoft making it possible for Dana to install and license all software upgrades and new releases for every computer on campus.

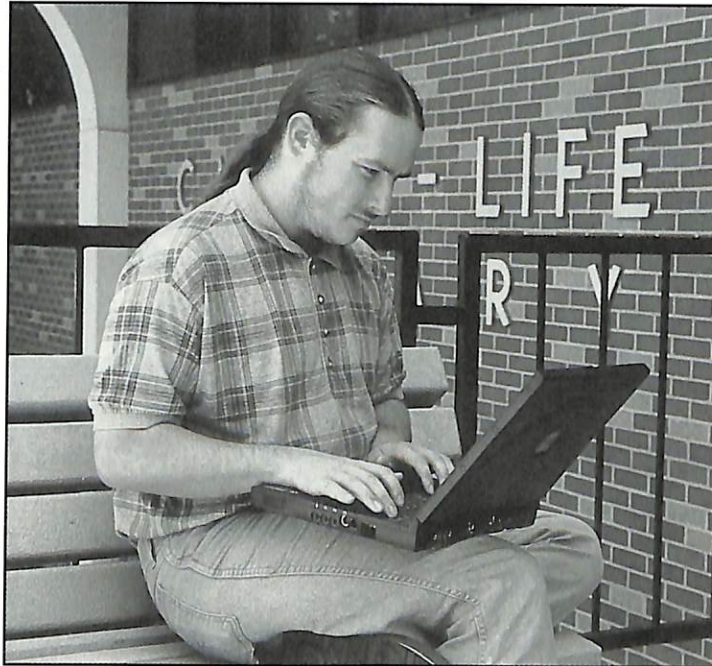
Instructional technology is moving forward, too. This semester six professors are taking part in a pilot project using wireless laptops in the classroom.

Progress will continue over the next year. The C.A. Dana-LIFE Library, Dana Hall of Science, and E.C. Hunt Campus Center are all scheduled for wireless connections, with the rest of the buildings on cam-

pus following shortly thereafter. "Soon students will be able to access all the internet has to offer anywhere on the Dana campus, from the classroom to the lunchroom, and the

library to the football field," said Duey Heffelfinger '88, Director of Computer Services. Plans are also in the works to move Dana to web browser based e-mail. That will enable students to log in on any internet-connected computer in the world and retrieve their e-mail with no prior set-up.

As the use of computer networking grows, plans are in the works to double Dana's internet capacity to keep pace with the demand. Dana College has been a leader in information technology for more than a decade, and the Computer Services department is working hard to keep Dana out in front.



Dana student employee William Mathis checks the wireless connection at the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library.

New Students from 20 States Arrive at Dana

This fall Dana College is welcoming more than 200 new students. An exact number is impossible to determine until the last day of registration; there are often last-minute arrivals. Approximately 53% of Dana's new students are men and 47% are women. Twenty-four students are transferring from other colleges. Dana's new students come from twenty states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.



HOMECOMING 2001: CELEBRATING DANA THROUGH THE DECADES

By Julie (Thorson) Rohlfing '70

Director of Alumni Affairs

On October 12 - 14, many of you will return to the Hill for Homecoming 2001: Celebrating Dana Through the Decades. Class years ending in - 1 and - 6 will have reunion gatherings. New this year will be reunion booklets comprised of pages sent in by class members. Here is a preview of some of the comments I have been reading in these pages, "Remember the fish pond on campus and the outhouse placed there when we were reading Thoreau's Walden Pond?" "How about the cows on 4th floor of the men's dorm or beanies or panty raids or sledding on cafeteria trays?" By the way, if it snows on Homecoming, I do know where to find a stack of the old, larger trays. There have also been several comments in the class notes about sneaking out, cleaning up and attending parties. All in all, it sounds like Dana alumni have many

memories to share at class reunions.

What about the other events of Homecoming? New this year will be a memorial service to celebrate the lives of Dana alumni and friends who have died in recent years. If you have friends or loved ones who have died in the last

Celebrating **DANA** - through the - *Decades* **HOMECOMING 2001**

five years, please consider calling the alumni office to update our records.

Athletic Hall of Fame candidates are Alan Pogue '91, Kieth Skogman and Virgil Watson '82. On Saturday, we

will honor Distinguished Alumni Homer Larsen D'45 T'48 and Roger Petersen '61. An addition to the Traditional Choir Reunion this year is the availability of Homecoming/Choir t-shirts. T-shirts with only the Homecoming logo can also be purchased using the order form on the registration page in your homecoming brochure. You won't want to miss the football game at 2:00 p.m., as Dana meets arch rival Midland! A brief schedule is printed below.

What has crossed your mind since reading the first paragraph above? What do you remember? Come to Homecoming for the memories. Come to make new memories. If you have not yet called some friends asking them to meet you at Dana in October, pick up the phone or send an e-mail today! You'll be glad you did . . . and so will they! See you in October!

Friday, October 12

- 9:00 - 5:00 Library Open
C.A. Dana-LIFE Library
- 9:00 - 6:00 Bookstore Open
E.C. Hunt Campus Center
- 2:00 - 6:00 Registration/Information
Campus Center
- 2:30 - 5:00 Estate Planning Seminar
The Forum, Durham Center
- 5:00 All Alumni Buffet Dinner &
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
Dining Room, Campus Center
- 7:30 Alumni Revue #4
Trinity Chapel, Durham Center
- 8:00 Frederick Winters, Hypnotist
Borup Coliseum
- 9:30 Pep Rally & Coronation
Borup Coliseum
- 9:45 - 11:30 All Alumni Reunion
Blair Bowling Center, 715
Grant St. (behind No Frills)

Saturday, October 13

- 8:00 - 4:00 Registration/Information
Campus Center
- 8:00 - 8:45 Aebleskiver Breakfast
Dining Room, Campus Center
- 9:00 - 5:30 Bookstore Open
- 9:00 - 10:00 LUR Publications
Linden Room, Campus Center
- 9:00 Danish Folk Dancer Reunion
Lounge, Argo Hall
- 9:30 Varsity/Alumni Women's
Basketball Scrimmage
Borup Coliseum
- 10:00 Dana Cross Country Invitational
and Alumni Run, Viking Field
- 10:30 Varsity/Alumni Men's
Basketball Scrimmage
Borup Coliseum
- 10:00 - 11:00 Traditional Choir Reunion
Trinity Chapel, Durham Center
- 11:00 - 1:00 Dragon's "tailgate"
Dragon's Head, Campus Center
- 11:30 Awards Luncheon
Dining Room, Campus Center
- 1:00 - 5:00 Library & Archive Open
C.A. Dana-LIFE Library

- 1:30 Dedication of Ron Johnson
Memorial Painting, Library.
- 2:00 Football, Dana vs. Midland
Viking Field, Halftime:
Introduction of Royalty, Golf Cart
Parade.
- 7:30 Volleyball, Dana vs. Northwestern
Borup Coliseum
- 9:00 Alumni Drop-in
Blair Marina, East Hwy 30

Sunday, October 14

- 9:00 Coffee & rolls
The Forum, Durham Center
- 9:30 Memorial Service
Trinity Chapel, Durham Center
- 10:00 Worship
Trinity Chapel, Margre
Henningson Durham Center
- 10:30 - 1:30 Bookstore Open
- 11:00 Brunch on the Hill
Dining Room, Campus Center.
- 12:00 Venerable Viking Reception
Linden Room, Campus Center

REMEMBER WHEN . . .

Hobo/Halloween Party

by Doris (Siersbeck '61) Kloth

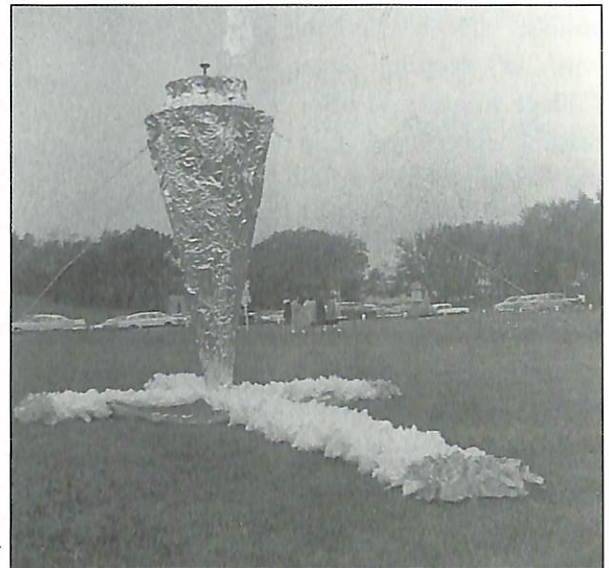


Each year there was a contest for the best costume and the winners were crowned King and Queen of the Hobo Party. Here you see Myrv Christopherson '61 and former dean of women, Mrs. Othilia (Nelson '42) Hauge were the winners. It was indeed a night to be remembered. I am sure Myrv has not forgotten this event. Notice the newspaper robes, the pumpkin crown and the cornstalk scepters. They made a lovely couple indeed.

Homecoming Display by the Senior Class, 1960-61

We spent a whole day laboriously stuffing this torch and cross with tissue paper. It was a grand idea . . . a huge torch with a propane tank inside. We were sure it would be the best. It was to be displayed in the middle of the circle. Just before the pep rally on Friday night, Gig Danielson (I believe) climbed up a ladder to light the torch. The wind picked up and in seconds, the entire torch went up in flames leaving a charred framework of chicken wire. We were horrified. The eyecore that remained presented a new problem. We couldn't leave that on the center of campus for all the visitors to see. Within a short time our ingenuity went to work and we wrapped the remains with aluminum foil that you see in the picture. We worked frantically late into the night. Actually, the fin-

ished product looked much better than the intended original. And why did we ever think that tissue paper that close to a propane flame would not have caught on fire . . . duh! I can't remember if our redone display ever won a prize, but it should have. Perhaps prizes were given



when it was in the burned out state. Anyway the feeling we had when that thing went up in flames after so much work, will never be forgotten. Anyone who was there and worked on it will know what I mean.

Alumni – send us your news!

We encourage you to share the latest news in your life. Fill out this form and mail to: Alumni Office, 2848 College Drive, Blair, Neb., 68008, or e-mail to alumni@acad2.dana.edu. Photos welcome (send original photograph) and will be used if space is available.

Name	Class Year		
Spouse	If alumnus/a, class year		
Address	E-mail:		
Business name	Your position or title		
Home phone	Work phone		
Birth/Adoption	Daughter or Son? (please circle)	Child's name	Birth date
Other details/siblings (Date of Birth)			
Death (date)	Name	Class Year	Age
Survivor(s) If alumni/a, class year(s)			
Marriage (date)	Occupation – Spouse		
Other information to share (new job, promotion, transfer, retirement, achievement, etc.)			

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUM: DUEY HEFFELFINGER

Duane "Duey" Heffelfinger was named "Outstanding Young Alumni" at the Dana College recognition dinner Friday, May 18, 2001. Duey graduated from Dana in 1988. He is currently the Director of Computer Services at the college. He has led the way in keeping Dana College a leader in information technology. (See the accompanying article on page 7.) In past years he has served in Dana's Development and Alumni Offices.

While a student at Dana, Duey received numerous awards, including a Campus Service Award, Campus Achievement Award, and Senior Music Award. He was also on the Dean's List, and was in Who's

Who Among American College Students. Since graduating with a degree in music, Duey has been an active performer, most notably as founding member of the music

ensemble Forte that travels Nebraska and Iowa performing for church congregations and civic organizations.

Duey was recognized for his service and commitment to Dana College and the Blair community. He is a member of First Lutheran Church, and assisted with the design and set-up of the church's computer network.

Duey lives in Blair with his wife, Tracy (Erickson '87) Heffelfinger, also a Dana graduate. Tracy teaches math in the Tekamah/Herman Community Schools. They have two sons, D. Allen and Eric.



President Myrvin F. Christopherson presents the Outstanding Young Alum Award to Duey Heffelfinger.

Luther Kloth '61 selected Catherine Worthingham Fellow

Luther C. Kloth, a leading physical therapy expert in wound healing with a distinguished national and international reputation as an educator and clinical wound researcher, has been selected as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Kloth received the Distinguished Dana Alumni Award in 1988. He is married to Doris (Siersbeck '61) Kloth and has three children, Eric, Dana '94, and Diane. He is a resident of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and has served the American Physical Therapy Association during his 39 years of membership on numerous state and national committees, through his clinical

research contributions to the professions and by providing research testimony to support the effectiveness of physical therapy practice.

Kloth, a professor of physical therapy at Marquette University, has published landmark research on the effectiveness of electrical stimulation on chronic wound healing for which he has received grants from private corporations.

The Worthingham fellowship recognizes physical therapists whose work has resulted in significant advances in science, education, and the practice of physical therapy. The fellowship is the top honor given by the APTA for lifetime achievement in physical therapy.

Dear Classmates:

School is back in session and college football is underway again. That means Fall and Homecoming time at Dana are just around the corner. Only on October 12 can you attend the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner. Only on October 13 can you have an aebleskiver breakfast, participate in a basketball scrimmage or an alumni run, join the folk dancer and choir reunions, attend an awards luncheon honoring distinguished alumni, join in the dedication of the Ron Johnson memorial at the library, and cheer for Dana vs. Midland. What could top that!

Plan now – reserve now.
Call 402-426-7235 for reservations.
See you soon!
Arlyce Fuchs '61 Olsen

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, attended the 91st annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, hosted by North Park University in Chicago from April 25-28. While there, he chaired a session on the Danish writer, Herman Bang, and participated in the preconference meeting for Danish teachers sponsored by the Danish Ministry of Education.

year musicianship. She will be the coordinator of chapel music and serve on the Staley Lecture Committee and the Worship Planning Committee.

Governor Mike Johanns recently appointed **President Myrvin F. Christopherson** as an alternate member of the Judicial Nominating Commission – Court of Appeals #03 for a term to end January 1, 2005.

Department of Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison. The manuscript has been published online ahead of print at: [HYPERLINK http://www.jbc.org](http://www.jbc.org).

Richard Potter attended the Annual Leadership Conference of the National Association of Social Workers in Washington, D.C. Potter is President of the Nebraska Chapter of NASW.

CAMPUS DIGEST

Dr. Claire Bushong has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Music at Dana. This is a joint appointment with Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. At Dana, she will be teaching piano and organ and second-

Dr. Nicole Kaufman had a manuscript accepted for publication on April 25, 2001. She co-authored an article entitled "A 49-residue peptide from adhesin F1 *Streptococcus pyogenes* inhibits fibronectin matrix assembly" in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* with colleagues in the

Dr. Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78 was invited to give a recital of songs for soprano, clarinet and piano on August 4, 2001, at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Faculty Recital Series in Michigan.

PROFESSOR AND STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Richard Jorgensen

Voting by the Dana College student body at the end of the last academic year resulted in Dr. Richard Jorgensen, professor of history, earning the title of Professor of the Year. Denise Work was voted Staff Member of the Year.

Dr. Jorgensen was valedictorian of the Dana College class of 1964 when he graduated summa cum

laude with majors in History and English and a minor in German. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University. After serving one academic year as assistant professor of history at Western Carolina University, Jorgensen returned to Dana in 1970. He has earned a reputation as a tough but fair teacher who demands the best from his students and has a passion for his subject. In addition to his many honors, Dr. Jorgensen is well known on campus as the driving force behind Dana's recycling program.

Denise (Daubendiek '96) Work graduated summa cum laude from Dana with majors in English, German, and Print-Communications. She returned to Dana in September 1998 as Senior Admissions Counselor. She is now Assistant Director of Admissions and Lead Counselor. Her ready smile and



Denise Work

enthusiastic manner make her an excellent representative of Dana College. She was honored to be voted Staff Member of the Year. "It is really nice to know that the students I talk to every day really appreciate it," she said. "After all, that's why I'm here."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Dana women's soccer team has taken major steps up in the college soccer world during the past few seasons. The Lady Vikings finished the



2000 season 17-4 and advanced to the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament finals. Despite the loss of four quality seniors, Molly Fuxa, Rachel Herman, Noel Tesar, and Amanda Stoffel, Head Coach Todd Wick's goal's remain very high. "We return 15 players off last season's roster, and coupled with this year's recruiting class, we have a solid foundation for success." The Vikings landed eight recruits this year and a few will be expected to step in right away and contribute early on in the season. Leading this year's team into one of the area's most competitive schedules is Jenny Wilcox, Erin Rozelle, and Natalie Sifers, tri-captains for the team. The Lady Vikings look to an explosive offense and an intimidating defense to climb to the top of the GPAC standings.

CROSS COUNTRY

The 2001 Dana College cross-country team will seek its 7th straight appearance at the NAIA National Championship. Leading the way for head coach Jay Birmingham are Derek Fey and Allen Wagner, 2000 NAIA All-Americans. Last season the Vikings peaked going into the National Finals, finishing in 6th place after coming in ranked at #15 nationally. Fey continues to add to his list of accomplishments year in and year out. In 2001 Fey earned All-American honors after finishing in 15th place at the National Finals. Fey also was named All-American in 1999 in the marathon. Allen Wagner is also a NAIA All-American as well placing 4th in last season's national marathon. Joining this talented duo are senior stalwarts Marc Bierbaum, and John Tripp, juniors Ryan Milner and Charlie Kaup, along with sophomore Ian Latella.

On the women's side, Coach Birmingham is looking to junior Stephanie Collins to lead the Lady Vikings to a strong finish in the 2001 Great Plains Athletic Conference. Collins earned NAIA All-American honors during the 2001 indoor track season in the 800-meter run. She also placed 6th at the Indoor National Championship and 7th at the Outdoor National Championship. Collins holds school records in the 600 and 1500 meters. Junior Alicia Widtfeldt and sophomores Katie Robinson and Rachel Mostek form the remaining

foundation of the Lady Vikings cross country team.

FOOTBALL

The 2001 Viking football team looks forward to the upcoming season with high optimism. The Vikings have several returning players from last year's team and expect to play competitively this season.



Dana Vikings defense celebrates after an interception and score at the season opener against Crown College. Dana won the game, 43 - 14.

Joining Head Coach Jim Krueger's staff this fall will be Offensive Coordinator, Bill Danenhauer and Defensive Coordinator, Eric Jensen.

Sophomore quarterback Chuck Wright, who threw for 1338 yards and 6 TDs last season, will lead Dana's offense. His main target will be senior Kevin Stull, who is closing in on several receiving records this fall. Stull caught 58 passes for 618 yards in 2000 for the Vikings. Sophomore tight end Ross Jensen is returning this season after sitting out last year with an injury. Top returnees on the offensive line include junior Zach Baro and senior Bob Peacock.

Senior defensive back Kurt Ferguson will lead the Viking defense for the 2001 campaign. Senior Eric Lee and junior Mitchell Deering also return this season to the secondary.

Junior Zach Elderts will be switching from the offensive line to the defensive line this fall. He will be joined on the defensive line by sophomore Jerrod Phillip and junior Tyler Neal. At the linebacker position senior Mark Sukraw patrols the inside for Dana.

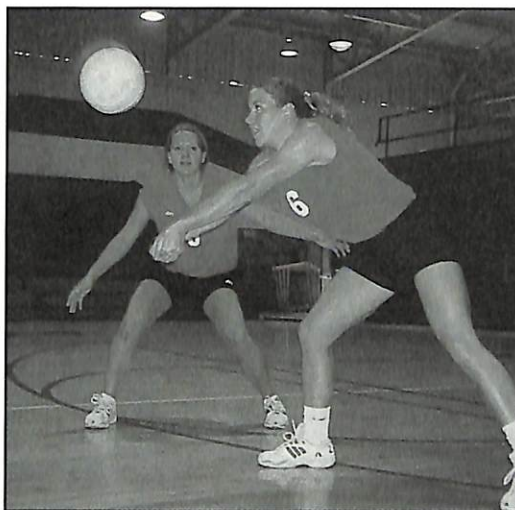
The Vikings have had a very successful recruiting year during the off-season. Top recruits on offense include Joe Sweeney (QB), Tripp Battle (TE), Jason Bell (OL), Donnell McCant (WR), and Matt Kouba (QB). Cliff Ellis (DE), Sonny Dachenhaus (DB), and Luke Smith (LB) will lead the defense.

The Vikings will open up the 2001 campaign at home against Crown College (Minn.) on Saturday, September 1. Dana will then open up the GPAC schedule in Lincoln against 2001 play-off qualifier Nebraska Wesleyan the next week. Haskell University (Kan.) will make a visit to Viking Field on October 20.

DANA HIRES ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES

Bill Danenhauer and Eric Jenson will be two new faces patrolling the sidelines on Saturdays for Dana College Head Coach Jim Krueger. Coach Danenhauer will be the Offensive Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator for Viking Football. Danenhauer is a 1980 graduate from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and was a 1980 All-Conference selection as an offensive tackle. Upon leaving UNO, he played in parts of three seasons in the NFL and USFL from 1981-1983. Coach Danenhauer began his coaching career at St. Cloud State University and then moved on to Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas from 1984-1989. Coach

Danenhauer was an Assistant Football Coach at Bentonville High School in Bentonville, Arkansas before joining the Viking coaching staff.



VOLLEYBALL

The Dana College Volleyball team is in the process of building a strong volleyball program. Second year head coach Laurel Derry is very excited about the Lady Vikings upcoming season. With a solid core group of players returning and an infusion of experienced transfers the Vikings are looking to be very competitive in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

The Viking Volleyball team returns six starters from last year's 2-29 team. Megan Ahrens and senior transfer Anne Laughery bring experience to the vital setter position. Dana is loaded with quality hitters led by transfer junior from Rockhurst College Erin Williams. Also, providing offense punch is a talented trio of sophomores Marcie Smidt, and Mililani and Momilani Monis. Leading the way on defense is senior Sarah Thomas. Coach Derry sums up her optimism on the season by saying, "We are in the beginning stages of building a quality volleyball program and I look for us to improve every match."

MEN'S SOCCER

First year Head Coach Jorge Sambataro looks to improve on last season's inaugural year for men's soccer at Dana College. Coach Sambataro comes to Dana after being the assistant women's soccer coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University. The 2001 version of Dana College soccer has traveled from far and wide to arrive here in Blair to chase a Great Plains Athletic Conference championship. From Bangladesh is Yusuf Chowdhury, Andres Subiabre from Chile, and David Lassy from Africa. Joining the Vikings from Argentina is Walter Spengler, Juan Ares, Nicolas Gieczewski, and Tomas Berard.



Adding a slice of Americana is Aaron McGoldrick, Aaron Harding, and James Babcock. With all the new talent that Coach Sambataro has collected, it should be an exciting year for Dana College soccer.

For more information, check out Dana's web site at: www.dana.edu

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IS THE THEME IN STUDENT LIFE

By Barry Anderson '73

"Character Matters" is the theme for Dana's Student Life office this year, according to Chris Jebsen, Dean for Student Life.

A lot has been written in the press lately lamenting the loss of character and values education in the nation's schools. As a church-related college, Dana has never lost its values focus, but prior to this there has been no coordinated effort to promote character development. "We want to make sure that Dana College is recognized as a place that takes the character of its students seriously," Jebsen said. "This is something that we, as a small, church-related college, can have a real effect on. It can be part of who we are."

The "Character Matters" theme will be evident from the very start of the year with orientation. Faculty will be involved in discussions of academic honesty and integrity. Later, the theme of character will be integrated into LARP discussions.

Dana College is not alone in recognizing the need for character development. A handful of other colleges in the Midwest are beginning similar programs. Last year the NAIA athletic conference began a sportsmanship program that included statements made prior to games concerning expected behavior.

Character development fits well with Dana's mission of not just preparing students for their careers, but encouraging the development of



Dana College 2001-2002 Resident Assistants

the whole person. "Dana is a residential college," said Dean Jebsen. "We can teach more than just what they get in the classroom."

Changes Around Campus

Returning students will observe some notable changes on the Dana campus.

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— Chris Jebsen, Dean of Student Life

Enter the campus center and step into the Student Life office and you'll see a new face. Mr. Michael Olson is the Director of Residence Life and Area Hall Director at Dana. He'll be living in Mickelsen Hall. Olson comes to Dana from the University of

Wyoming and has more than 15 years of experience in student life and counseling at four different colleges and universities. When he was looking for a new position, Dana College caught his eye, in part because he had been here before. "Back in the '80s I ran Camp Foster (in Iowa) for the YMCA," Olson said. "I came and sat in the campus center and hired some Dana students to work during the summer." He looks forward to meeting today's Dana students and getting acclimated to the campus.

Next, check out the remodeled Dragon's Head and you'll find a second pool table.

This year, the intramurals program will be run through the athletics office. Assistant Football Coach, Bill Danenhauer, will be the program coordinator.

This year Dana College has contracted a professional security service, Burns Security. You will notice that uniformed security will be more visible and able to respond more quickly to emergencies.

Shawn Cook, Coordinator of Student Activities, assures that you will be able to stay busy with the most popular activities from last year returning. Movie nights, a variety of comedians and hypnotists, cosmic bowling, and a World's of Fun trip will all be back, plus a few surprises. Of course Homecoming, Winterfest, and Spring Fling will be dates we will look forward to.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2001-2002

9/26	Staley Lecture "The Shepherd" featuring George Fischhoff	7:30 PM
9/27	Staley Lecture "Moses" featuring George Fischhoff	7:30 PM
10/10-14	Fall Theater Production	7:30 PM nightly
10/12-14	Homecoming Weekend	
12/01-02	Sights & Sounds of Christmas	
1/07/02	Interim begins	
1/30	Spring semester 2002 begins	
2/17	Bach Festival (Chorale)	7:30 PM
3/06-10	Spring Musical	7:30 PM nightly
3/21	Band Concert	7:30 PM
4/25	Arbor Day event	TBA
4/28	Chorale Concert	7:30 PM
5/02-05	Spring Play	7:30 PM
5/09	Band Concert	7:30 PM
5/18	Commencement	

This calendar includes only the scheduled highlights. Many more performances by students, faculty, and guest artists will be announced throughout the academic year. Watch for posters on campus, check out the event schedule on the Dana website, or call 426-9000 for updates.



*Please join us
for these
Dana College
Events!*

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visit our website at
www.dana.edu*

LEGACY CAMPAIGN DRIVES CHANGES AT DANA

By Barry Anderson '73

Dana College is entering the fifth year of its Legacy Campaign, the most ambitious long-term facilities plan and fund-raising effort the college has ever undertaken. The campaign has been a rousing success, and the changes it has made possible at Dana are evident throughout the campus.

In four years, the campaign has yielded:

- \$8 million in awarded scholarships for academics, fine arts, and athletics.

- \$2 million for Dana's endowment.

- \$2 million for the renovation of Borup Coliseum, including new locker rooms and weight room, plus the new competition track and field facility, soccer practice fields, and competition soccer field, all dedicated during the last two academic years.

- \$800,000 for renovation and improvements for the E.C. Hunt Campus Center, including the new passenger elevator, new kitchen and dishwashing equipment, all new serving line facilities, and updating of wiring and air-handling equipment. (see article on page 5 for more details)

- \$400,000 for computers / information technology, science equipment, residence hall improvements, and roof replacements.

- \$500,000 for improvements and updates to other campus facilities.

"Thanks to generous alumni and friends, we have been able to make

improvements and support talented and needy students in a way I would not have imagined possible when I started as president fifteen years ago," said President Myrv Christopherson.

"We have made astounding improvements. Now I pray that we won't stop here, but will complete and exceed our Legacy Campaign goals."

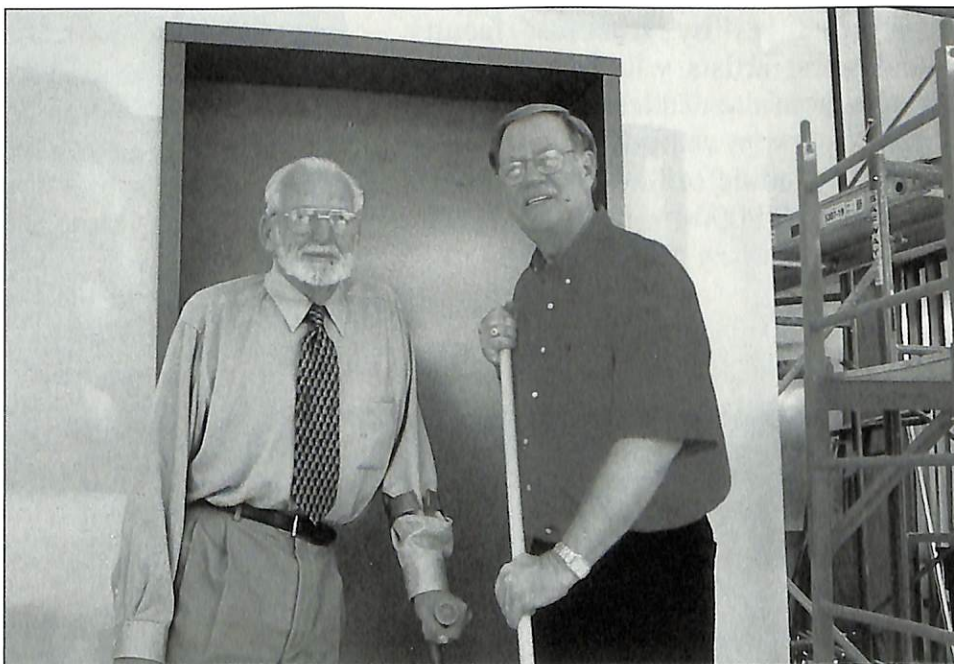
- President Myrvin F. Christopherson

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The success of the campaign has

Challenge by the end of the year," said Michael Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "That will make possible the construction of the addition to Borup Coliseum, and complete the project of updating all of Dana's athletic facilities." An additional \$1.5 million will be needed for scholarship support, another \$1 million for endowment growth, and \$500,000 for science and computer equipment to complete the updating of the Dana Hall of Science.

"We have to have support from those who care about us," Christopherson said. "Our endowment is much too small for us to sit back now." Michael Jones agrees. "We look forward to support from alumni and friends to meet these challenges," Jones said. "These goals



Professor Emeritus Norman Bansen and President Christopherson pose at the new passenger elevator located in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

been encouraging, but the challenges remaining for the fifth year of the campaign are great. "We need to raise \$1.1 million to meet the Kiewit

always seem like a stretch, but Dana College supporters have always come through."

00s

Timothy Andersen '01 and **Megan Olson '01** were married June 30, 2001, in Blair, Neb.

Jose Eric Garcia '01 is pursuing a graduate degree in kinesiology from Humboldt State University. He is also a graduate assistant football coach.

Rachel Herman '01 married **Justin Dannelly '01** August 18, 2001, in Blair, Neb. Justin is employed with Fullerton (Neb.) Public Schools.

Rebecca Janssen '01 married **Jody Phillips '01** June 30, 2001 in Fort Calhoun, Neb. Rebecca is an elementary teacher for the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Community Schools. Jody is an elementary teacher for the Omaha Public Schools.

Jessica Miller '01 married John Jones June 9, 2001. Jessica is employed with Lutheran Family Service in Omaha.

Aaron Schlote '01 and **Amber Carstens '02** were married on August 18, 2001, in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Aaron is employed with ConAgra and Amber works at First National Bank, both in Omaha.

Victoria "Tori" Talbitzer '01 and **Gregory Parde '98** were married July 28, 2001. Gregory is a personal banker with Commercial Federal.

Kyle Thorberg '01 and **Jessica Cosgrove '01** were married September 1, 2001, in Trinity Chapel at Dana College.

Melissa Dolezal '00 and **Derrick Weyand '97** were married June 23, 2001, at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. Melissa is a financial consultant and Derrick is a captain in the U.S. Air Force working as a flight commander at Ramstein AB, Germany, where they now reside.

Christina Nutter '00 is the program assistant at Rainbow Trails Lutheran Camp, a camp/retreat/conference center in Hillside, Colo.

Allison Ruhde '00 is working as Administrative Assistant to Academic Services at Dana College.

Renee Wondercheck '00 married Brian Japp on April 28, 2001. Renee is employed as a computer programmer with Priority Data in Omaha.

90s

Lisa Cady '99 married **Robert A. Parsons '98** on September 2, 2000.

Melanie (Lubbers '99) Francis was married September 18, 1999. She is employed at MCH Health System in Blair as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. She and Randy are expecting their first child in August.

Laura Hiebenthal '99 teaches high school English at Windsor County High School and lives in Fort Collins, Colo.

Tiffany Menard '99 will return to Michigan State University in the fall to finish her masters program after working as a summer intern at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mandy (Buttry '99) and Matt '99 Poulter had a baby girl, Whitley Kay, on May 10, 2001. They are residing in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Kory Rozell '99 works for the leading equine veterinarian as director of surgical services and lives in Norman, Okla.

Dottie (Whitehill '98) and David Bossman '01 have been accepted into the Peace Corps. They will be living in Eastern Russia for the next 2 years

where Dottie will be teaching at a university and David will be teaching at a high school.

Grant Dose '98 married Amanda Mickey on July 24, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nev. Grant works in farming and cattle feeding.

Marnie Jensen '98 graduated from the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law on May 13, 2001. Marnie was awarded the Dean's Certificate for special and outstanding service to the law school community. Following a Public Interest Law Initiative Fellowship, Marnie will join the national law firm of Jenner & Block, L.L.C. in Chicago, Illinois.

Anna Hovde '98 married Travis Hurn on May 19, 2001, in Gillette, Wyo.

Ryan Holtam '98 married Nicole Urosevich June 30, 2001, in Fremont, Neb. They are both employed at Boys Town in Omaha as behavior technicians in the group homes.

Beth King '98 and **Travis Henk '97** were married August 3, 2001, in Omaha. Beth is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska. Travis is in charge of training for the Omaha centers of La Petite Academy. They reside in Lincoln, Neb.

Dan Olsen '98 received a Masters of Fine Arts in Screenwriting from Chapman University (Calif.) on May 27, 2001.

Jaimie (Krueger '98) Tierney is working at Lozier Corporation in Omaha as a staff accountant.

Julie Denkinger '97 married Stephen Kerkman June 22 in Omaha. Julie and Stephen teach at Millard South High School in Omaha.

Sandra Jedlicka '97 graduated on May 5, 2001, from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She works as a Staff Pharmacist at the Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus, Neb.

Janet Patte '97 began teaching 6th - 12th grade choir in the Avoca and Shelby, Iowa, school district this fall. Janet, husband Gary and sons have moved onto the family farm.

Sabrina Gardner '97 married Marion Brown in September 2000. By Christmas 2001 they should be moved to Italy where they will reside due to Marion's job.

Kristin Hansen '97 and **Kevin Ronnenkamp '99** were married on August 4, 2001, at the Dana College Trinity Chapel in Blair. Kristin is currently an assistant manager at Walgreens in Omaha and Kevin is a pre-pharmacy student at UNO.

Kerry Maas '97 graduated from SU with a Masters in Library Science, December 1999. She is employed at Gaylord Information Systems in Liverpool, N.Y., as a product analyst for the Acquisitions and Serials subsystems in the Polaris Integrated Library System.

Kara (Vergamini '97) and Robert '97 Nieland welcomed Amanda Ann to the family in May 2001, joining big brother Daniel. Kara is home with the children and Robert is an insurance agent for American Republic Insurance Company.

Kimberly Weir '97 is an account executive at Leo Burnett Advertising Agency, Chicago, Illinois.

Mark A. Andrews '96 is currently working as a production assistant with Visual Education Corporation in Princeton, New Jersey. He just completed a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army.

Aune Shilongo '96 is employed by Telecom Namibia as a National Account Manager.

Anthony Collins '95 married Patique Ross July 21, 2001, in Omaha. Anthony is a transportation/logistics manager for Union Pacific.

George Ashman '94 is the high school physical education and health teacher at Okoboji, Iowa. He is also the head football coach, head track coach, and assistant wrestling coach. He has two boys, ages 6 and 4.

Christie Horejs '94 is currently working as a staff accountant in Statesboro, Georgia.

Andy Dotson '93 is the head basketball coach at Corsicana High School, Texas. He returns to the same school he attended as a high school student.



Hansen-Ronnenkamp Wedding: (L-R) Scott Heiss '99, Carol (Hansen '70) Fickenscher, Tim Marsden '97, Gina Schoening '00, Richard Hansen '68, Karen (Nelson '69) Hansen, Kristin (Hansen '97) Ronnenkamp, Kevin Ronnenkamp '99, Beth (McCabe '98) Krominga, Joel Krominga '99, Pat (Hansen '74) Boozikee, Alan Boozikee '74.

Joseph Fustos '95 married Tonya Storm July 7, 2001. Joseph is employed with the Council Bluffs Public School where he is a teacher.

Renee Sawerbrey '95 is an account specialist at CSG Systems, Inc. in Omaha, Neb.

Brian '95 and Jona '97 Williams live with their son, Evan, in Edina, Minnesota. Brian works for Cargill in the Flour Milling division at their corporate headquarters in Minnetonka, Minnesota. He is continuing to work on his MBA. Jona works for Pillsbury United Communities in Minneapolis. She is the Coordinator of the Skills for Life Program.

Greg Hansen '93 was hired by Superior Public Schools as secondary special education/transition coordinator, head football coach, and head girls basketball coach in May 2000.

Coleen Lennenmann '91 is a software control representative II at Mid America Computer Corporation, Blair.

Peter Sierant '91 and wife, **Michelle (Bevan-Rosholm '95)**, and their two children, Devan (9) and Victoria (4), live in Kansas City, Kan. Both teach for Turner USD #202, Michelle works as an elementary special education teacher and Peter as an English teacher. Peter also serves as head wrestling coach and was voted Coach of the Year for his area this season.

Kristin (Wass '91) and Kevin '88 Meyer welcomed home a baby boy, Asher John Meyer, on June 7, 2000. Kristin is staying home with Asher while Kevin continues to enjoy ministry at Lord of Life Lutheran in The Woodland, Texas.

Randall Hollowell '90 and wife Chris Starkey welcomed baby boy, Reece, born July 1, 2001. He weighed 8 pounds, 5.5 ounces at birth.

Kelly (Barnum '90) and Kyle '90 Lackman live in Des Moines, Iowa, with their daughter Ella. Kelly teaches Spanish to kids and adults. She is also a Montessori teacher.

Mark Olsen '90 has produced a short film entitled "Thursday afternoon" as part of his final project toward a M.F.A. degree in film production at the University of Southern California School of Cinema-Television. His film has received numerous student film awards. He works as a freelance copywriter/marketing project manager for Pacific Investment Management Company in Newport Beach, Calif., and resides in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

80s

Lisa (Beck '88) Votek is working for ACI Worldwide as a CIS Analyst. Lisa and husband Michael have 2 children, Alex (6) and Amber who will be 2.

Steven Meister '88 is completing his residency in family medicine at Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal in 2000. Steven and wife Karen have two children, Sydney, born April 2000, and brother Noah (3).

Phil Morrison '88 is the assistant principal at Unity High School in Tolono, Ill.

Lisa (Etherton '88) Katzberg is the executive director of the Grand Island Community Foundation, Grand Island, Neb. Lisa and husband, Greg, have two daughters, Victoria and Alexis.

Kay (Rasmussen '87) Jay is teaching in the K-6 resource room for the Hooper

Logan View (Neb.) school district.

Vicki (Pedersen '87) and Robert Dunkle are proud to announce the addition of Mikaela Nicole, born April 7, 2001. Big brothers are Matt (11), Andy (9), and Blake (5).

Edward Kaspar '84 was promoted to assistant vice president of life and health customer service for Physicians Mutual Insurance Co. of Omaha. He has been with the company since 1989.

Randa (Rodenburg '84) and Tom '83 Quale adopted a one-year-old daughter, Maya Lin, from China on March 12, 2001. Tom is a prospect researcher for the University of Dayton (Ohio) and Randa is an assistant professor at the Kettering College of Medical Arts.

Jennifer Jensen '82 attended a garden dedication on June 2, 2001 at Rockfield School, Milwaukee, Wisc. The garden was created by students of **Kathy (Fritz '82) Andersen** and dedicated in her memory. **Richard Andersen '81** and several other family members were in attendance.

70s

Mark John Christensen '79 appeared before the United States Supreme Court on June 11, 2001. The nation's highest court ruled that charges against Christensen's client should have been dismissed by the trial judge in 1997. The Alabama Supreme Court had sided with Christensen a year ago, but that ruling was appealed by Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor to the United States Supreme Court.

Eva (Riley '79) Fujan joined Voda One Corporation as the new vice president of sales.

Michael McCallum '75 recently retired from the U.S. Army Reserve, after serving for 27 years as both an

infantry officer (15 years), and as a chaplain (12 years). He continues to serve the Presbyterian Church as pastor of a small church in Jackson, Minn. He lives with his wife, **Shirley (Kennett '77)** and three sons, Matt (20), Chris (16), and Kevin (15).

60s

Peter Nessen '69 is a federal government retiree and currently works as an economic development coordinator. He lives in West Bend, Iowa.

Spence Wedberg '69, longtime 4-H and agribusiness supporter, was grandmaster at the 71st annual Fremont (Neb.) 4-H Fair in July of 2001.

Everitt Petersen '63 was inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He lives in Marion, Iowa.

50s

Dr. Rodney Wead '57, is President and CEO of Grace Hill Neighborhood Services of St. Louis, Mo. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced in June, 2001, that a new partnership for management of Head Start services will include Grace Hill and the YWCA of Metropolitan St. Louis as program grantees. The federal government will provide nearly \$20 million in funding for the program.

Deaths

Albert B. Peterson '31 died May 27, 2001 at Bethany Lutheran Home. He attended Dana for two years and resided in Underwood, Iowa. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Beverly (Peterson '60) and Milton '58 Jensen, son and daughter-in-law Jim and Joan Peterson, and sisters Romona Gittins and Mary Peterson.

Deaths *continued*

Esther (Haals '33) Magnussen died March 2, 2001, in Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Philip '31, children and spouses Marilyn and Kenneth Propp, Judy (Magnussen '63) and Byron '64 Jensen and Clint and Audrey Magnussen.

Aleine Sarah Miller '33 died June 26, 2001, in Waupaca, Wisc. An accomplished musician, Aleine earned a B.A. in music from Dana. She was employed in the Clerk of Courts office for over 30 years, retiring at the age of 65. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Margaret, and a brother and his wife, Perry and Norma.

Mildred (Thomsen '39) Schroeder died March 17, 2001, in Whitefish Bay, Wisc. She was preceded in death by husband Clemens C. Schroeder. Survivors include son J. Thomas '66, and daughter, Kristine Logan.

Pastor Ole I. Larsen D'41 T'45 died on May 7, 2001, in Portland, Oregon. He had been experiencing failing health in recent years. Ole is survived by son, Daniel, and two daughters, Carol and Judith (Larsen '80) Dodson.

A. Reuben Iversen '43 died July 24, 2001. He operated a service station in the Shelby, Iowa, area in 1965. In 1970, he founded a tire and battery business from his farm. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bernice, in 1986. Survivors include his wife, Laura L. (Tiarks); son, Wesley R. '69, and wife, Patricia; stepsons, Gerald Behrens and Kenneth Niesz and wife; sister Rhoda (Iversen '49) Schjodt and husband, Harald and brother James '55 and wife Marge.

Marian (Madsen '45) Kamholz died at the Bethany Nursing Home on February 25, 2001. She attended Dana

in 1941 and 1942 and is survived by husband William of Alexandria, Minn., and three sons; David, Timothy and Joel.

Rev. John Schultz T'45 died August 16, 2001, in Mesa, Ariz. Rev. Schultz was the grandson of Kristian Anker, an early president of Dana College, and brother of Ninna (Schultz '33) Engskow, whose husband Ben D'32 T'35 also served the UELC as a pastor, and Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen whose husband William T'36 was the last president of the UELC. Rev. Schultz is survived by wife, Beth, and daughters. A son preceded him in death.

Opal (Bollesen '51) Hansen died August 11, 2001, in Austin, Texas. She is survived by husband Robert '52 and children Vicki, Valerie, Rollin, Douglas, Shayne, Sharilyn and Dwight.

Craig Nielsen '52 died on August 8, 2001, in Anacortes, Wash. He was a retired Senior Vice President of Western Farm Credit Bank. In 1975 he received the Dana Distinguished Alumni Award.

Knud Robert Warschauer '52 died on September 22, 2000, in Houston, Tex. He was a retiree of the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by brothers Donald and Roger.

Susan Whelchel '73 died of breast cancer on June 9, 2001, in Salem, Oregon. She is survived by her brother Gary and his wife.

Marian (Warman '81) Doicin died July 14, 2001, at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair. Marian worked in the social work field with ENCOR in Blair, and later at Four Winds Treatment Center of the Omaha Indian Center. She also worked in the child care field for KinderCare

Learning Centers in Omaha. During 1991 and 1992 she volunteered to work for the Romanian Orphanage in Calarasi, Romania. Most recently, she was the circulation/government documents assistant at the C.A. Dana LIFE Library. She is survived by daughter, Lizabeth; husband, Victor; mother and father, Donald and Sandra '63 Warman; and three brothers, Christopher '77 and wife, Karyn Hagen '77, Winston '78 and wife Mary and Jonathan and wife Gacin.

Friends

Leo Jensen died on February 21, 2001. He is survived by wife, Audrey Jensen, and daughters Jennifer Jensen '82, Karen (Jensen '87) Nelson and son-in-law, Roger '87 and Karla (Jensen '88) Jensen and son-in-law, Mark '85.

Gunnar Horn died June 12, 2001, at his home in Omaha. He was a retired Benson High School English and Journalism teacher and longtime friend of Dana College. Gunnar was the author of the English Handbook used in high schools and some colleges throughout the country. He also authored books relating to teaching of journalism and English as well as several mystery novels and other writings. Several Dana students have been the recipients of the Gunnar Horn scholarship, which he established.

Rae Taylor died July 28, 2001, at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Along with raising her family, she worked in the daily operation of the Taylor Oil Company. She is survived by husband, James, Dana Regent Emeritus, and three children; son, Stephen; son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Laura; daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Terry Conrad.

STUDENTS FROM INNOVATIVE SCHOOL CHOOSE TO VISIT DANA COLLEGE

Forty-three fifth grade students and their teachers from urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin visited Dana College Tuesday, June 12 through Friday, June 15. They were here on a field trip to see where one of their teacher's parents live and to see a college campus. If that seems like an unusual request for a class of inner-city youngsters, perhaps it is because the teacher and the school are also unusual.

Their teachers are Ingrid London and Kirsten Christopherson-Clark '90, daughter of Dana College President Myrvyn Christopherson and his wife Anne. The school is Urban Waldorf School, part of the Milwaukee public school system. For half of these kids,

Kirsten has been their teacher from the time they entered first grade until they graduated from fifth grade. "After five years we developed a deep relationship," she said. "In the stories I had told them about myself, they learned about Nebraska. They said they wanted to go a long way, and they wanted to see the place I'd told them about. So - here we are." Spending some time on a college campus was a goal for the teachers. They wanted the students to experience the college environment and realize that college is a goal within their grasp.

They called the journey "the Tri-state, Three Rivers Trip." "We went through Wisconsin, Iowa and into

Nebraska, and saw the Wisconsin, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers," said Ms. Christopherson-Clark "It's the

curriculum is based on the Waldorf method, established in Stutegaard, Germany in 1919, which features teachers staying with the same class from first through at least fifth grade, building values and consistency through long-term relationships. The Milwaukee school was the first public school in the country to adopt the Waldorf method. The active, hands-on curriculum is designed so students like to learn and are glad to come to school. A foreign

language is taught in all grades, and math, science and English are fully integrated with the arts. Students sing, recite poetry, and tell stories. They paint and model with wax and clay. They also take part in a movement class called "Eurythmy." "Everything comes out of the oral tradition," Kirsten said.

"They hear stories every day, and then they retell them. After hearing so many glorious stories, there's a real appetite for reading."

Kirsten felt so strongly about the Waldorf method that after her marriage last year she lived apart from her husband, John, so that she could "graduate" with the class she had taught since first grade. "The human relationship is the bottom line," she said. "They know that you want to know them, you want to teach them, and you want them to succeed."

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Urban Waldorf School students and teachers visit Dana College, traveling from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

farthest many of them have ever traveled." On the way they visited Cave of the Mounds in Wisconsin, Scenic Ridge Exotic Animal Ranch, and Effigy Mounds in Iowa. While in the Blair area the group saw DeSoto Bend Wildlife refuge, met and danced with some Native Americans at the Winnebago Indian Reservation, and took in Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. Helping chaperone the group were Kirsten's husband John Clark and her brother Bjorn Christopherson.

The trip caps the students' grade school experience in the Urban Waldorf School. The school's special

WORKS BY DANA ART PROFESSOR CELEBRATE TECHNOLOGY

By Barry Anderson '73

Enter the new office lobby of Great Plains Communications in Blair, and you will find two large-scale works of art designed by Dana College Art Professor Milton Heinrich.

The first, on the wall opposite the reception desk, is an eighteen foot mixed media wall relief titled "E.C.s Story" after E.C. Hunt, a pioneer of the telecommunications industry who owned the company that spawned Great Plains Communications. The art work was inspired by a biography of Hunt written by his son, Bob Hunt, one of the owners and executive officers of Great Plains Communications. The relief was produced with the help of six Dana College art students, Marc Bierbaum, Zachary Baro, Kris Leitow, Todd Maxwell, Scott Stanley, and Trey Scholl. The work visually represents the history of telephony in the 20th Century. Bare copper wires running across the top of the piece represent the two wires that connected every home directly to the local telephone exchange when service was introduced. Beneath those are insulated wires and cables from later eras. Near the bottom of the piece, cables are shown - buried in trenches of sand, run through ceramic tiles, and encased in lead - each representing an advance in buried cable technology pioneered by E.C. Hunt. Between the suspended wiring near the top and the buried cables at the bottom is a stylized, ceramic wheat field, representing the "Great Plains." Throughout the piece,

actual materials recovered or left over from the original periods represented are used.

At the far end of the lobby is the second work of art, "Communications: Looking forward."



Professor Milton Heinrich designed the large scale work of art displayed in the lobby of the new Great Plains Communications building.

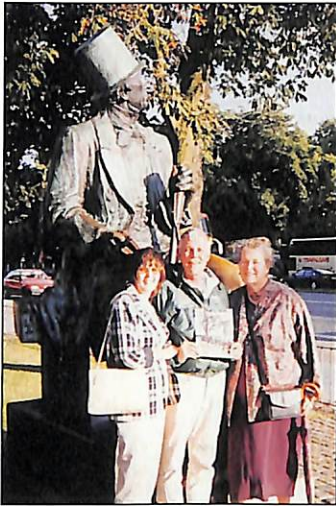
It is a freestanding sculpture designed by Heinrich and fabricated by Hempel Sheet Metal Co. of Omaha. Interpretations of various kinds of cables - copper, fiber-optic, and coaxial - rise vertically from the floor, reaching towards a radiating form at the top. A mounted disk represents wireless telecommunication transmitters and receivers. At the back of the sculpture, above everything else, an

abstract star hovers over a stylized graph with an incomplete oscilloscope readout superimposed, representing satellite communications and the fact that we don't know where it will all end.

The Great Plains Communications artworks are the latest in a long line of public and corporate art designed by Heinrich. One of his earliest works of corporate art was a wall relief commissioned by Huntel, another Blair corporation which arose from E.C. Hunt's first company. That early work was well received, and led to many other noteworthy commissioned works, including a sculpture for Eppley Airport in Omaha, the exterior of the Omaha Playhouse, a commemorative wall for Omaha's Jewish Community Center, the central sphere for the Omaha Botanical gardens, and a globe sculpture for Valmont Industries.

The Hunt family and their various enterprises share a long history with Dana College. Perhaps the most obvious evidence of that connection is that the E.C. Hunt Campus Center bears the name of the family patriarch.

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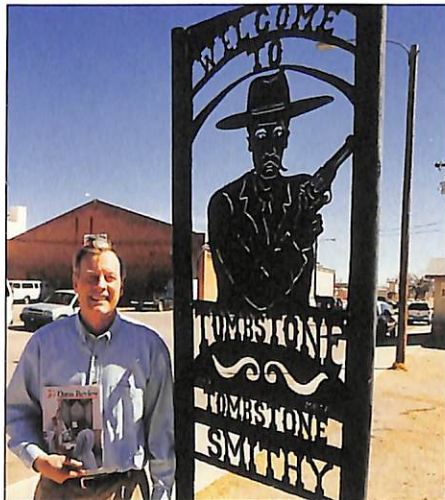
(L-R) Pat (Bro '70) Paulsen, Ivan Paulsen '68 and his cousin, Marlene Paulsen '58 at Hans Christian Andersen statue near Tivoli in Copenhagen, Denmark.



(Above Left, front-back) Heather (Olsen '97) McCain, Emily (Kempcke '97) Chance, Chris Chance '97, Dave Shields '97 (Right, front-back) Chris McCain '97, Janet (Reisdorff '97) Buman, Jeff Buman '97, and Leshara Means '97 interviewed potential Presidential Scholarship recipients.



(L-R) Marlene Paulsen '58 and Lois (Johnson '56) Kemble in Copenhagen, Denmark.



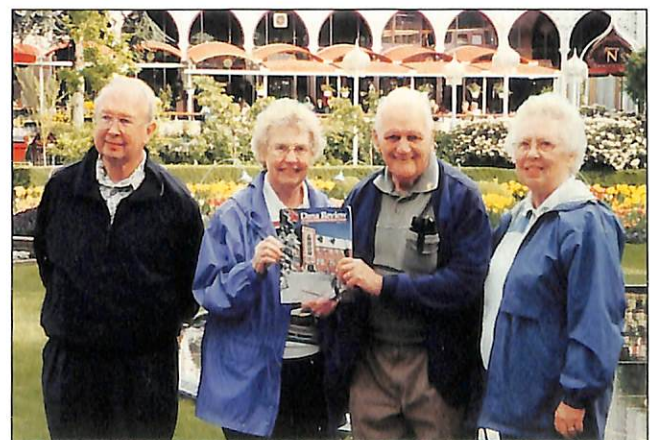
(left) Jim Jorgensen '66, Dana's Director of Planned Giving is shown here in Tombstone, Ariz. Jim traveled to Arizona to meet with Dana alumni/a at the Annual Arizona Luncheon.



Dana alumni/a at the wedding of Mary Ann Bruns '97 to Captain Jason Eckberg, U.S.A.F. were (back row, l-r) Sonya Weber '98, Heather (Olsen '97) McCain, Chris McCain '97, Kelly Mundhenke '98, Jason Eckberg, Mary Ann (Bruns '97) Eckberg, Sara Digre '99, Cheryl Karl '00, Jennimarie Joslin '97, Ann Andrews '97, Kaci Solt '96, seated (l-r) Sandra Jedlicka '97, Amy Klusmeier '99 and Laurie Grasso '99.



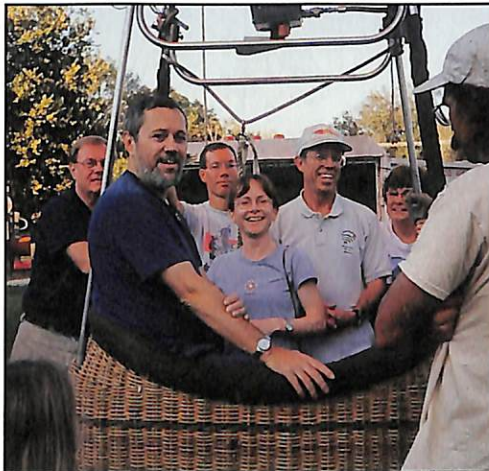
Dennis Weidler '72 is pictured at the finish line in Nome, Alaska where he is general manager of church-owned KICY AM and FM radio stations. They broadcast in Russia and Nome, Alaska.



Terry Mendenhall, Ellen (Olesen '55) Mendenhall, Norman Freund D'54 T'58 and Esther Freund at Tivoli, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Unforgettable Ride Into the Nebraska Sunset . . . the excited winners of a hot air balloon ride

Dana's 118th academic year begins with faculty and staff gathering at the Dana Opening Dinner in the oval. The theme for the evening was "Up, Up, and Away," with the chance for all participants to win a free ride in a hot air balloon, piloted by Rich Jaworski. Kathleen McSharry's husband, Joseph McDonnel won the hot air balloon ride. The cover photo shows them on Labor Day evening enjoying the balloon ride. Myrv, Anne and Mary McComb were part of the chase team as Kathleen and Joseph floated for several miles, viewing a beautiful, Nebraska sunset and landing near Kennard, Neb.



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