

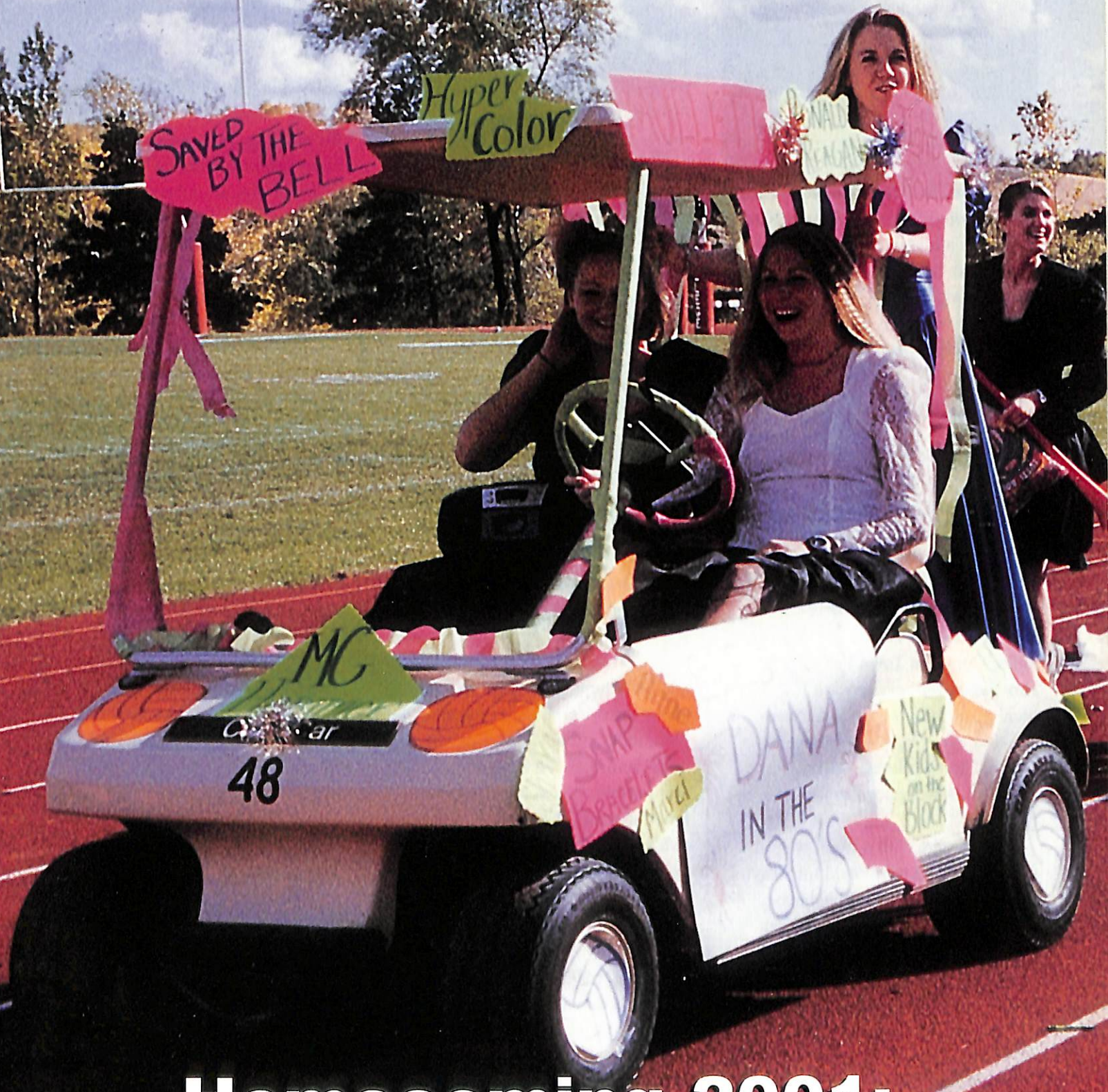


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Homecoming 2001: Dana Through the Decades

They saw the benefit of Dana

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



Rae died following hospitalization after a massive stroke. Then, a few weeks later, 10 to be precise, Jim died of lung cancer.

Once vivacious and energetic, always welcoming and affirming, I

County. He had a remarkable sense of humor and Rae a keen wit and a smile that warmed every room she entered. Jim's quips will be passed on for decades. Having given up chores on the farm years ago, he still joked that he had to leave a meeting early to "ride fence" or "pull calves." "Got ten on the ground," he'd exclaim with a smile and a wink.

Neither Rae nor Jim had the benefit of a college education, but they did much to bring Blair and Dana together. They loved the college and rarely missed Sunday morning "Brunch on the Hill," or the "Sights and Sounds" smorgasbord, and often supported Dana athletics.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

saw the life drain from their proud, handsome, friendly persons. The funerals were on Aug. 1 and Oct. 16 at First Lutheran Church in Blair as First Baptist was unable to hold the crowd.

Jim and Rae Taylor had met almost 50 years earlier in California at the Compton Town Hall Dance. Jim was in the service, and Rae was a local girl. They fell in love, were married, and set up housekeeping in Blair. Three children — Steve, Brad, and Kim — were born to this marriage.

Jim's start with a truck wagon route grew and developed into Taylor Oil, a thriving regional business. Born on a farm west of Blair, he attended the Rose Hill School and graduated from Blair High. He never outgrew his love of the farm.

When I came to Dana as president more than 15 years ago, Jim was on the Board. He filled a seat on the Board representing Washington

Having made a provision in their estate, they qualified as "Dana

Builders." However, they were both builders in other ways through their backing in the community. At Jim's funeral, Hugh Hunt, a former Regent and leading Blair businessman, eulogized Jim and Rae as "the best friends and most generous people" he had ever known.

All this took place just before and after Sept. 11 when the inhuman act of terrorists robbed thousands in New York and beyond of their loved ones. It introduced a measure of fear and intimidation across America I had not sensed before. On the positive side of the ledger, I have seen a pulling together, a renewed sense of pride in country, and a much-welcomed rethinking of what counts in life.

Many have lost jobs, and the market is down and uncertain. The lack of confidence in the economy and uncertainty about the type and location of the next terrorist attack affects decisions about college. It has also impacted charitable giving.

Dana depends on the generosity of friends and alumni to feed our endowment, build and maintain facilities, and help us fund financial aid awards to students who could not be here without such help.

Will Americans lose faith? I don't think so. As for Dana, I doubt we have ever been more needed. It is the small, personalized, quality liberal arts college within a faith community that produces the scholar leaders needed today; those who value life and are rooted in faith in God and love of human kind. It is the intimate learning communities like Dana that offer solid hope for the future. Dana brings together students from most states and many countries, a healthy mix of racial and ethnic backgrounds. This engenders a love of learning that helps people move beyond hatred in search of understanding. I believe this is likely to foster in students a desire for lasting peace.

Although they had not been students here, I believe in my heart that Jim and Rae saw the benefit of having Dana here in Blair. We give thanks for people like them that have given a measure of their service and their savings to a place they prized. Thank God for them. Let their model be an inspiration to us all. Thanks to the gracious promises of God in Christ Jesus, they can now know freedom from suffering and everlasting peace.

It is my prayer that more people like Jim and Rae will choose to give their lives and their support to Dana and other places that foster peace and understanding. It is also my prayer that acts of inhumanity like we witnessed on Sept. 11 will vanish from this earth, and institutions like Dana will lead the way.

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Dana welcomes three new board members

by Carrie L. (Larkins '94) Reed
Director of College Relations

Three new members have been selected recently to Dana College's Board of Regents. All are Dana alumni. "All three have a love for Dana and the mission of the college as a quality, residential, liberal arts college of the church," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president of Dana College. "They have demonstrated that commitment through the years by their support of the college."

Andy Andersen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., graduated from Dana College in 1961. He is retired from Saudi Aramco, a global leader in the petroleum industry. He has a range of experience in retail store management in the United States and in managing personnel and major building projects overseas.



Andrew Andersen

Andersen previously served on the Circle Pines (Minnesota) City Council and as a volunteer for Metropolitan Ministries, a homeless shelter.

Donna Byriel Rector of Norfolk, Neb., is a 1960 graduate of Dana. She



Donna Byriel Rector

recently retired after a distinguished career of teaching in both public schools and college. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk.

Rector serves on the Board of Directors of the Norfolk Area Habitat for Humanity and was named Beta Sigma Phi's First Lady of Norfolk in 2001.

"Insights gained from teaching are needed on our board," Christopherson said. "Teacher education is an important mission of Dana programs, and we want it to continue to be one of our shining lights."

David Wallman '71 of Lincoln, Neb. is a



David Wallman

senior vice president and chief actuary with Security Financial Life Insurance Company. He is involved in several professional organizations, including the Society of

Actuaries, American Academy of Actuaries and the Nebraska Actuaries Club.

"David brings added financial management strength to the board, as well as excellent experience in planning and personnel management," Christopherson said.

"They all have brought honor to Dana by their distinguished service to their communities and their professions and we are privileged to have them serve Dana College on our Board of Regents," he said.

Regent Emeritus, Jim Taylor dies



Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor, a longtime friend and regent emeritus of Dana College, died Oct. 11, 2001, at his home following a bout with cancer. He was 71.

Taylor, founder and president of Taylor Oil, including Taylor Quik-Pik in Blair, served on the Dana College Board of Regents from 1985-1998. In 1995, he received the College-Community Service Award, the highest non-academic honor given by the college.

He played a key role in the success of the largest fund raising effort in

Dana's history which ended in 1993 with the completion of the Marge Henningson Durham Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel.

"Jim was instrumental in building a strong and supportive relationship between Blair and Washington County and Dana College, for which we are most grateful," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president of Dana.

Taylor was a lifelong resident of Washington County. He began his career as a tank agent and later built a business that employed more than 100 people in Nebraska and Iowa.

While stationed in California with the U.S. Navy, he met and married Rae Slavens, his wife of nearly 50 years. She preceded him in death by less than three months following a stroke.

"Rae was a gem," Christopherson said. "Together, she and Jim made Blair a friendly, welcoming community."

In addition to Taylor's work on the Dana board, he also served on the Blair City Planning Board, the Washington County Planning Board, and the Greater Blair Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Blair, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and V.F.W. and Gateway Development Corporation.

Taylor's outstanding business accomplishments were recognized in 1984 when he was named "Business Person of the Year" by the Nebraska Small Business Association.

Survivors include his three children, Stephen, Bradley and Kimberly.

Reflections on recent events

By Dr. Brian Viets

Provost

“What a freak accident,” I thought to myself. I paused to watch the footage on Headline News as I headed out the door to work on the morning of Sept. 11. How odd that a jet would hit one of the World Trade Center towers. And then, shortly thereafter, as the Academic Services staff gathered around a radio, we realized that this was no accident.

The Cabinet met the next day to discuss the college’s response to these senseless acts of terrorism and to pray for the victims. Some colleges and universities were canceling athletic events for the upcoming weekend – should we follow suit? Has the NAIA issued a policy? What is the NCAA doing? We scrambled to make arrangements.

At Provost’s Advisory Council, the discussion turned to academic life. Was there any way we could turn this tragedy into a teaching opportunity? After all, many of our students have never been to a large city like New York. Do they realize that the workforce population in the World Trade Center towers was larger than the entire population of all but two Nebraska cities? Can any of us grasp the sheer magnitude of two 110-story buildings collapsing? What do we know about these terrorists and their motivations? How could anyone hate the United States that much?

It was obvious that we needed to bring the campus together to talk about these issues. And so, on Sept. 19, a panel of faculty and staff gathered in the Dragon’s Head to share information and answer questions. The panel consisted of David Hoppe,

instructor of psychology and campus counselor; John Lyden, associate professor of religion; Amy Lyons, director of financial aid; John Mark Nielsen, professor of English; Jim Olsen, associate professor of art; Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology; Richard Potter, associate professor of social work and sociology; and Don Warman, associate professor of history.

The discussion forum was well received. The Dragon’s Head was filled with a standing-room-only crowd. The audience listened intently to each of the panel member’s remarks, which covered topics ranging from post-traumatic stress disorder to the fundamentals of Islam, and from serving in the military in various “war zones” to comparisons with Pearl Harbor. Afterwards, some questions were raised by audience members, and general discussion ensued. All in all, it was a very worthwhile and therapeutic event.

In fact, things went so well that we decided to organize several other discussion forums on the topic. On Oct. 4, we welcomed Abdul Raheem Yaseer, assistant director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Yaseer spoke passionately about his native Afghanistan. He assured the audience that 99.9% of Muslims condemned the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. He talked about the large amount of aid provided to Afghanistan by the U.S. during Soviet occupation, and how things had changed after the Soviets were ousted. Yaseer explained how the lack of leadership had allowed the country to become a virtual training ground for terrorists, and how governmental corruption in Afghanistan

and Pakistan had kept non-military aid away from the Afghan people. He also explained why many Afghan groups view the United States with anger and suspicion. Yaseer’s perspective as a native Afghan living in the U.S. was tremendously helpful as we try to make sense of these recent events.

Another discussion forum was held on Oct. 12. This one featured Professor Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, former U.S. Senator from Illinois, and regent emeritus and alumnus of Dana College. His insightful comments drew from his years of political experience and his work with the Public Policy Institute (which he founded).

At times, Simon spoke specifically to the Dana students in the audience, recalling his undergraduate days here, and encouraging them to take advantage of the opportunities that they may have to learn about and interact with people of different cultures.

He also talked about the successes and failures of U.S. foreign policy in the mid-East, the changing needs of the U.S. intelligence network, and “bread vs. bombs” in Afghanistan. How fortunate we are to have Professor Simon as a friend of Dana.

Although we can never change the events of Sept. 11, we can strive to learn from them. As our awareness of other peoples and other countries increases, perhaps our understanding can increase as well.

We fully expect to continue these discussion forums, although we hope that the impetus for future conversations will be less tragic.

Professor Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78, recently performed two recitals of music for soprano, trumpet and organ with Dana College colleagues, Professor Michael Anderson and Dr. Claire Bushong. On Sept. 23, the trio performed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millard, Neb., and on Oct. 2 at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb.

CAMPUS DIGEST

Lori Nielsen '77, director of the learning center, attended the first state planning committee meeting for the reactivated Nebraska Women in Higher Education, the state affiliate for THE NETWORK, an organization for women in higher education sponsored by the Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. The meeting was held at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Dr. Sybille Bartels, professor of German, attended the fall conference of the NATG (Nebraska Association

of Teachers of German) at Creighton University, Sept. 29. Dr. Bartels continues to serve as the testing chair for the NATG.

Amy Lyons, director of financial aid, received the following medals for service in F.Y.R.O.M. (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, Kosovo Campaign Medal, NATO Medal and Army Commendation Medal. Captain Lyons served as legal advisor from Jan. 31, 2001 until July 26, 2001.

Nancy Beaman, Dana bookstore director, attended the fall meeting of the Mid-States Association of College Stores in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21-24. Beaman facilitated the small stores roundtable session during the meeting. She serves as the trustee from Nebraska on the MSACS board.

Dr. Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics, attended the joint meeting of the Iowa and Nebraska sections of the American Association of Physics Teachers Nov. 3 at Creighton University in Omaha.

The meeting included a presentation by Nobel Prize winner William Phillips that summarized his research on using lasers to cool atoms of a gas.

Professor John Lyden's book, "Film as Religion: Myths, Morals, Rituals," has been accepted for publication by New York University Press. It presents a method of analyzing the influence of popular films as a religious force in culture and is intended for use in religion and/or film studies classes. Dr. Lyden wrote the book during his sabbatical earlier this year. The manuscript is currently undergoing revisions, with an expected publication date of late 2002. Dr. Lyden plans to use the manuscript in draft form as the text for his interim 2002 course, "God at the Movies," this coming January. Lyden is associate professor of religion at Dana.

David Hoppe, instructor of psychology, made a presentation at Doane College on Nov. 6 to 40 area high school guidance counselors about Dana College and the FOCUS program.

Social Work Advisory Board meets



Members of the Social Work Advisory Board, including several Dana alumni, met at Dana College on Oct. 27. Members include (front row, from left): Prof. LouAnn Stednitz, Prof. Jan Potter, Prof. Richard Potter; (middle row): Meadow (Rouse '97) Scott, Jennifer (Barabas '92) Sparrock, Shirley Hansen '92, Angela (Ferguson '88) Halstead, Louise Latimer; Karen Authier; Georgie Scurfield, Jackie Anderegg, Cathy Sager and Penny Parker; (back row): Dan Sparks, Beth Sparks, Beverly Hagar, Melissa (Carson '89) Ryan, Catherine Fletcher '97, Kevin Reeder and Shane Koepke '99.

Women's Soccer

The 2001 Dana College women's soccer season will go down as one of the most successful in school history. The team finished its regular season at a perfect 19-0 and hosted the NAIA regional tournament as the number-one seed.

The Vikings' dream season came to an end, however, at the hand of College of St. Mary (Neb.) in the regional championship game. The nationally-ranked Flames put up a stingy defense and shut out Dana, 3-0. Dana ended its season with a 22-1 mark.

Women's soccer became an officially sanctioned sport at Dana only five years ago. Along the way the Lady Vikings have had their share of setbacks, but Head Coach Todd Wick

and Assistant Coach Mari anne Anderson have kept the program on course.



Michelle Glanz



Tanya Dugan

In 2000 the Vikings had a terrific season to springboard them into the 2001 campaign. They finished third in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) and placed second in the conference tournament.

The Vikings began the 2001 campaign by breezing through a tough early season schedule, taking on St. Mary College (Kansas), Ottawa

University (Kansas), and Kansas Wesleyan.

The GPAC opener was the only scare that the Vikings had in their quest for an undefeated season as they downed Doane College 2-1 in overtime. From there Dana rolled through the rest of the conference season.

After a first-round bye in the GPAC post-season tournament, the Vikings picked up right where they had left off, defeating Dordt College, 4-1, in the semi-finals. In the tourney finals, Dana College remained undefeated despite a valiant effort by the Broncos of Hastings College. The Vikings defeated the Broncos, 2-1, in double overtime.

The Vikings rolled through the first round of the NAIA Region IV Women's Soccer Tournament with a *continued page 9*



Members of the 2001 GPAC conference champion soccer team were, front row: (from left) Melissa Respeliers, Kiley Bair, Sarah Gutzwiller; second row: Danielle Kicho Taggerty-Onaga, Brooke Rohner, Nikki Tenski, Julie Miller, Jenny Wilcox, Jeannie Mayotte, third row: Assistant Coach Mariann Andersen, Sarah Allensworth, Ashlee Guerrier, Tahia Kimitite, Emily Neve, Priscilla Carreras, Renee Boman, Katie Schneekloth, Head Coach Todd Wick, fourth row: Amanda Reddish, Erin Rozelle, Michelle Glanz, Natalie Sifers, Loycee O'Daniel, Tanya Dugan and Jenny Filipowicz.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Dana College Cross Country team notched numerous fine performances during the fall season. The Lady Vikings recently finished eight at the Great Plains Athletic Conference Meet and the men finished in seventh place. Marc Bierbaum of Lewis, Iowa and Stephanie Collins of Shelby, Iowa, led the Viking harriers all season long.

The Viking men's team won two meets this season, the Dana Open in early September and the Briar Cliff Invitational in early October.

The women won the Dana Open as well over York, St. Mary, and Buena Vista with their next best outing being a fourth place finish in the nine-team Sioux Falls Invitational.



John Tripp

Injuries to All-Americans Derek Fey and Allen Wagner have hobbled the men's team and Ian Latella is making a late comeback following cancer treatments. Bierbaum and fellow senior John Tripp have been outstanding to date, both record-



Stephanie Collins



Alicia Widtfeldt

ing all-time bests of 26:50 and 27:04 over the 8-kilometer race distance. Freshmen Ryan Carlson and Matt Bloomingdale have both matured rapidly and have figured into the team's successes.

Collins, a junior All-American in track at 800 meters, leads all Viking times over 5 kilometers with an 18:43. Alicia Widtfeldt and Valerie (Petey) Sparacino have posted solid times as well.

Most improved honors go to Dana sprinter Chenel Sanders, a 200-meter specialist, who has lopped more than three minutes from her 2000 cross country times.

"It has been a year of striving," remarked Coach Jay Birmingham. "The student-athletes have faith in our program and keep gaining on the competition. By most standards, it has been a successful season."

Three Vikings to date have earned the times and grades to win All-America Scholar-Athlete honors. They are Tripp, Collins, and Widtfeldt, bringing to 26 the number of Dana College runners to earn that recognition since 1996.

FOOTBALL

Dana Wins Homecoming

The 2001 Homecoming football game between Dana College and arch rival Midland Lutheran College will be one remember for a long time up on the hill.

The Dana College Vikings found themselves down by 10 points with six seconds to go in the first half when the complexion of the game swung to the side of the Vikings. Defensive lineman Luke Kahawai (So., Waimanalo, Hawaii) picked up a Midland Lutheran College fumble and ran 51 yards for a touchdown.

In the third quarter the Viking air attack went to work with touchdown strikes from Quarterback Chuck Wright (So., Tampa, Fla.) to Doug Bargmen (So., Bloomfield, Neb.) from 43 yards out and a 13-yard pass to Jackie McCall (Fr., Deerfield, Fla.).

The Vikings led at this point 19-10.

The Viking defense would step up and get in the scoring act with a 37-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown by Alex Gum (Jr., Council Bluffs, Iowa). Dana would cap the scoring in the third quarter with a five yard touchdown run by Eric Jones (Jr., Miami, Fla.)

In the fourth quarter Wright would hook-up with McCall again for



Dana vs. Midland Lutheran

a 14-yard touchdown to seal the victory, 40-16.

The Vikings improved to 2-5, and Midland Lutheran College fell to 3-4. Dana College Head Coach Jim Krueger was impressed with his team's intensity in the third quarter. "We have run into the best that the Great Plains Athletic Conference has to offer in the early stages of the season, and I think that prepared us for today. I cannot say enough about this group of young men who have not given up all season and they deserved today's victory." The Vikings finished the season with a 3-7 record.

VOLLEYBALL

The 2001 Lady Viking Volleyball team has become one of the most successful teams in recent years by qualifying for the Great Plains Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

The Lady Vikings took on number one seed Dordt College Nov. 3, in Sioux Center, Iowa. The Lady Vikings waged a valiant effort, but the Lady



Sarah Thomas



Anne Laughery

Crusaders were too much for them.

In game one, Dana was defeated by a score of 30-21. In game two the Lady Vikings jumped out to an early lead but could not sustain the momentum and were defeated 30-16. In the third and final game, Dana lost 30-23.

Dana ended the season 7-26. Leading the team were seniors Sarah Thomas (Sioux City, Iowa) and Anne Laughery (Blair, Neb.). The future of Viking volleyball is bright. Second-year Head Coach

Laurel Derry will return her top five offensive producers from 2001. Returning next season in the middle will be sophomore Marcie Smidt and junior Erin Williams.

Men's Soccer

The Dana College men's soccer team had a solid season for a second year program. The Vikings ended the season 6-12, and a seventh place finish in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Doane College defeated the Vikings, 6-1, in the quarterfinals of the GPAC Tournament.

Leading the way for the Vikings this season was Adam Skiermont (So., Omaha, Neb.). Skiermont had 28 goals and 5 assists on the season.

Dana averaged 2.7 goals and gave up 5.05 goals a game.

The future looks good for Dana soccer as the Vikings only graduate two players off of the 2001 roster.

Kevin Stull Breaks Record

Senior Wide Receiver Kevin Stull (Council Bluffs, Iowa) etched his mark in the Dana College football record book by passing Brent Leefers for first on the all-time list for pass receptions in a career.

Stull entered 2001 needing 54 receptions to take over the top spot of 145 receptions. The record was broken in a 33-15 loss on Oct. 27, to Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.



Kevin Stull

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5-0 victory over Tabor College. Tabor and Dana battled a fierce wind that was blowing at 25 miles per hour with gusts up to 35 miles per hour throughout the game.

But it was the College of St. Mary who would advance to the NAIA National Women's Soccer Tournament in St. Charles, Mo., with a 3-0 victory over Dana in the Region IV finals. Dana struggled all day to muster much of an attack on the College of St. Mary defense.

The tremendous season for the Vikings was a total team effort, but Dana was led by some tremendous individual accomplishments. Leading the team in scoring was Michelle Glanz '05 of Council Bluffs, Iowa, with 27 goals and 6 assists. Forward Tanya Dugan '04 of St. Paul, Neb., had the best all-around season by contributing 19 goals and 15 assists. Erin

Rozelle '04 of Golden, Colo., tallied 12 goals for the Vikings, and Renee Boman '02 of Columbus, Neb., chipped in 11 goals.

The defense was also stellar with Jenny Wilcox '02 of Omaha, Neb., and Natalie Sifers '04, also of Omaha, patrolling the backfield. Melissa Respeliens '05 of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Kiley Bair '05 of Blair, Neb., minded the goal for the Vikings.

Dana outscored its opponents 122 to 10, averaging 5.3 goals per game and only giving up an average of .43 goals a game. Dana not only defeated the competition they dominated it. Senior captain Jen

Wilcox summed up the season best, "Hard work and dedication paid off all season long."

Dana College Head Coach Todd Wick was named the GPAC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year. Joining Coach Wick with post-season honors were seven Vikings. Earning first-team honors were Michelle Glanz, Melissa Respeliens, Erin Rozelle, Natalie Sifers, and Jenny

Wilcox. Tanya Dugan was named to the second team and Renee Boman received honorable mention.



Julie Miller (left) takes control of the ball during the Dana vs. Tabor game.

Giving and receiving through Charitable Remainder Trusts

*By Jim Jorgensen '66
Director of Planned Giving*

It is generally well-known that almost every charitable gift can, in some measure, be considered an investment. The gift may be in the form of time, money, securities, property, etc. Whatever the form, it can bring donors great joy and deep satisfaction knowing that they have helped ensure the financial future of charitable causes important to them.

Split Interest Gifts

Some charitable gifts, known as “split interest” gifts, are additionally considered to be sound financial tools. Charitable Gift Annuities (see Dana Review, Fall '98) and Charitable Remainder Trusts are examples of “split interest” gifts because they benefit both donors and charities. With careful planning,

value/low-dividend stock holdings or even real estate. The unused remainder of IRAs or most Qualified Retirement Programs offer extra advantages for income tax avoidance. All of these assets can be used to provide funding for a Charitable Remainder Trust. In this unique arrangement, donors transfer cash, securities or property to a trust. In return, they receive immediate economic benefits with the remaining principal eventually going to their favorite charity (e.g. Dana College), and other charities if they so choose.

Understanding Charitable Remainder Trusts

The Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is a trust instrument that pays a specified amount of income to one or more individuals before eventually distributing all remaining assets (the

receives an often sizable gift while the donor receives a tax deduction, lifetime income and the possibility of reduced future estate taxes. CRTs are also popular because they give individuals the opportunity to donate highly-appreciated/low-yielding assets (farmland, rental property, long-held stock etc.) to the CRT while avoiding capital gain taxes.

CRATS and CRUTS

There are two types of Charitable Remainder Trusts: the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT). The Annuity Trust pays a fixed dollar amount based on a percentage of the value of the assets at the time the trust is funded. The Unitrust pays a fixed percentage of whatever the trust assets are worth as valued annually. In both cases, the minimum percentage that can be used to determine the value of the payout is 5%.

The assets in a CRAT are valued at the inception of the trust, and the donor can contribute to the CRAT only at the time the trust is created. Multiple contributions, however, can be made to the CRUT. Both CRATs and CRUTs can be created as either revocable or irrevocable trusts. Most donors, however, want the income tax advantages that come from making them irrevocable.

Charitable Remainder Trusts are Extremely Flexible

Donors can name themselves, or anyone else they wish, as income beneficiaries. They can direct the income benefits to be paid to them-

“Split interest” gifts provide “Win-Win” opportunities for charitably minded individuals. Both donors and charities benefit.

– Jim Jorgensen, Director of Planned Giving

“split interest” gifts can provide solid lifetime income, immediate tax benefits and great personal satisfaction. Indeed, many individuals have been able to increase their income and enjoy greater financial security by employing a “split interest” gift instead of relying on income from low interest CDs and bonds, high-

remainder) to one or more charitable organizations. This income can be paid to individuals for their lifetimes, or it can be paid for a specified number of years, but not more than 20 years. CRTs have become very popular because of the many advantages they offer to the charity and to the donor. The charity ultimately

selves for life and then to a spouse and /or to children or other relatives, friends, etc. They can choose a fixed-dollar amount (Annuity Trust) or a variable income (Unitrust). The percentage that the trust pays out as income to the donor and/or the donor's loved ones can be negotiated and is typically between 5% and 8%. A variety of assets may be used to fund the trust including cash, CDs, or other cash equivalents. Keep in mind, however, that an additional tax avoidance benefit is gained if the trust is funded with real property that has increased in value over the years or any other securities that would result in capital gains if sold outright. Finally, donors can name whomever they wish as trustee...themselves, family members, friends, banks, attorneys, or foundations.

Who Writes CRT Documents?

Charitable Remainder Trusts are legally binding documents drafted by attorneys. At Dana, we often use the services of the ELCA Foundation for this purpose. Some of our alumni and friends, however, choose to have their own attorney write such agreements.

For More Information

If you would like to establish a CRT, or simply find out more information, please write or call us at 1-800-444-DANA(3262), press Option #4 and ask for Planned Giving. We would be happy to visit with you further, or develop a personalized proposal with no cost or obligation on your part.

Check out giving to Dana on-line at www.dana.edu

Help Dana and benefit yourself in the process

If you have had the opportunity to visit Dana, or at least maintain some contact with this fine school, you are well aware of the excellent education and preparation for life that Dana gives its students.

For years, after Susan (Jorgenson '59) and I graduated from Dana, we were immersed in our jobs and raising kids and we slowly lost contact with Dana. In 1987, we began to reestablish our relationship with Dana. In the process, we discovered what a fine institution Dana is.

We then looked for a way to benefit Dana, and it was here that we met Mike Jones, vice president for institutional advancement and Jim Jorgensen, director of planned giving. They suggested a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust.

After the initial explanation, this seemed almost too good to be true. The concept was to transfer a 40-acre farm, which was significantly appreciated after I had inherited it from my mother, to a trust. The farm was sold for \$80,000, and the proceeds put into the trust. We avoided a capital gains tax on the appreciation of the property and, because we chose a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, we will

receive 7% of the \$80,000 per year for the rest of our life. For "frosting on the cake," we also received a sizable income tax deduction.

Although our children supported our giving this gift to Dana, we replaced the asset with a "last to die" life insurance policy. For you



Andrew and Susan Andersen

"bottom liners," we will actually make more money over the next 20 years giving this farm away than we would have keeping it. Most important of course, is that this will benefit Dana College after our death.

Susan and I were so pleased with the way Mike, Jim and the ELCA handled this trust that we gave

an 80-acre farm last year using a Charitable Remainder Unit Trust in which we realized essentially the

same benefits.

My brother, Jim Andersen ('58), has also stepped forward giving 120 acres

of Iowa farmland using the Charitable Remainder Unit Trust. In our cases, we used greatly appreciated farmland as the underlying gift, but with the many options available on CRTs, I'm sure that Mike Jones, Jim Jorgensen and the ELCA can tailor a plan to suit your situation.

Andrew P. '61 and Susan M. Andersen
Wesley Chapel, Florida

"For you "bottom liners," we will actually make more money over the next 20 years giving this farm away than we would have keeping it."

— Andrew and Susan Andersen

Henning Windmüller Memorial Endowed Scholarship established

By Rose Sand

Communications Coordinator

Johan Windmüller '97 and his wife, Brenda, presented a check to Dana College on behalf of the Windmüller family to establish an endowed scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor Johan's grandfather, Henning Windmüller. Johan's father, Jan, along with his sister, Elisabeth Windmüller, contributed to the scholarship funding.

The Henning Windmüller Memorial Endowed Scholarship was created when Johan inherited money from his grandfather that was intended for his education.

Johan had already completed his education at Dana and decided that the money would be best used for education as his grandfather had planned. The family decided to give the money to Dana College where they could honor Henning's wishes

and establish a permanent scholarship that would benefit students for generations to come.



Johan and Brenda Windmüller (left) presented a check to Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson, president of Dana, and Sybille Bartels, professor of German, to establish the Windmüller scholarship.

Since Henning had a great interest in foreign languages, and Johan was a German major as a student, it was natu-

ral to establish a scholarship for students studying foreign language at Dana. He worked with Thomas

Hansen, director of development at Dana, and Sybille Bartels, director of international studies and English Language Institute and Johan's former German professor, to create this new scholarship.

Johan is the youngest Dana alumnus to establish an endowed scholarship. He works at the Fremont Police Department. His wife Brenda, owns and operates a catering business in Blair and works part-time as a manager at Pizza Hut. Together, along with Jan and Elisabeth, they have created a way to honor their grandfather and father in a manner that would please him.

For more information on establishing endowed scholarships or giving to Dana, please contact Thomas Hansen, Jim Jorgensen or Mike Jones in the office of institutional advancement at 402-426-7333.

UELCL Reunion 2002

A UELCL Reunion will be held at Dana, June 7 - 9. The event begins Friday evening with a program provided by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM). The program, "The Joy of the Hymn: A Concert of Hymn-based Literature," will feature choirs from area churches and involves organist David Schack. Dr. David Held will direct the combined choirs in an anthem. The concert will be followed by a service of Evening Prayer and a reception.

The UELCL programming will begin Saturday morning and end with worship and Brunch on the Hill on

Sunday.

Those wishing to receive registration information for the UELCL reunion should contact the alumni office at 402-426-7235 or e-mail: alumni@acad2.dana.edu.

ALCM Regional Workshop

Dana College and Region III of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians will co-sponsor a workshop entitled "Resources for the 21st Century Church Musician" July 7-8, 2002.

The conference begins with "The Joy of the Hymn: A Concert of Hymn-based Literature" with area church choirs and David Schack, organist. Dr. David Held will lead the combined

choirs in a selection.

Saturday workshops will include sessions for choral music, organ and piano music for worship, handbells, solo voice, and sound systems for contemporary worship.

Presenters include Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen of Dana College, Dr. David Held, Dr. Margot Woolard, Barry Anderson, and Jean Johnson.

Worship services will be held both days. Participants need not be members of ALCM.

For more information or registration forms, contact Dr. Claire Bushong at Dana College (426-7311 or cbushong@acad2.dana.edu).

European Tour scheduled for June 2002

A Dana College alumna is organizing an European tour this June reminiscent of the Dana Humanities program.

Rev. John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53, professor emeritus of religion and retired director of the Humanities program, will lead the tour, organized by alumna Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw.

"European Gems: Parisian Environs & Bavaria" will take travelers from Paris, the City of Light, to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Stops along the way include many historical World War II sites.

Shaw has organized several tours for Dana College alumni in the past, including last summer's 1961 choir reunion trip to Denmark.

Other upcoming tours may include a winter trip to Phoenix and an Alaskan cruise in 2003.

Deposits for the upcoming European trip are required soon. For more information, contact Julie Rohlfing, director of alumni affairs, at 1-800-444-3262 or e-mail alumni@acad2.dana.edu.

Archives volunteers honored at reception

On Oct. 17, a reception was held to honor the volunteers who so graciously serve in the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana. Here, President Christopherson (right) presents Dr. John W. Nielsen, director of the archives, with a certificate of appreciation for 10 years of service by archive volunteers and five years of service by LUR publications.



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Distinguished Alumni of the Year honored

*By Brenda Bartlett
Administrative Assistant*

Distinguished Alumni awards were presented to Roger Petersen '61 and Pastor Homer Larsen D'45 T'48 Saturday evening of Homecoming weekend at a banquet in their honor. Selected for their outstanding contributions to their professional fields and in their service to their communities, Dana is proud to recognize the accomplishments and character of these graduates.



Roger Petersen

Roger Petersen graduated from Irwin-Kirkman Community Schools in Iowa and received his bachelor of science in education in 1961 from

Dana College. His continued education includes a masters degree from Omaha University in 1966 and specialist's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1974. He has served for 40 years as a teacher/administrator with the Blair Community Schools, the last 12 of those years as principal of Arbor Park Middle School.

Petersen has played a key role in the development and upkeep of the beautiful Arbor Park Arboretum on the Arbor Park School campus. He serves on Friends of the Blair Community Arboretum, who have helped to establish the Arbor Park Arboretum as one of a network of affiliated sites that together constitute the Nebraska

Statewide Arboretum. He continues to volunteer time to the upkeep and continued development of the five Blair Arboretum sites.

Petersen has been a member of the Blair Youth Softball Association and the Blair Youth Complex Board of Trustees, for which he has served as president. Over the past 10 years, the complex has grown to serve 1,500 youth annually in a variety of sports activities. Additionally, he continues to serve as coach and volunteer for the upkeep of the softball grounds.

Petersen has a long list of community, state and national involvement within the field of education, as well as at the First Lutheran Church in Blair.

Roger and his wife, Pam, have three grown children, Steven, Scott, and Cindy.

Pastor Homer Larsen came to Dana College in 1943 from Westbrook, Maine. He received his bachelor of arts from Dana and then a bachelor of theology from Trinity Seminary in 1948. He served



Pastor Homer Larsen

Nazareth Lutheran in Cedar Falls, Iowa, until retirement in 1962, when he became a speaker for the Christian Crusaders Radio Broadcast.

This program has been syndicated on 27 radio stations in 11 states. Its recent broadcast on the internet has prompted worldwide attention.

While parish pastor at Nazareth Lutheran, Larsen was honored with a doctor of divinity from Wartburg

College in Iowa. In 1973 Larsen was named Cedar Falls' Representative Citizen. Very active in church and community service, he participates on numerous committees and boards.

During his days at Dana, Pastor Larsen was a member of the Dana Choir and History Club and served as president of the student body. He met and married Eunice (Carlsen) Larsen '46. They have three grown children who have aspired to become a pediatrician, an attorney and a teacher.

Is there a Dana alum you would like to nominate for this award? Your nomination can be sent to the attention of the Alumni Office, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008. Nominations can also be made online. Go to Dana's website: www.dana.edu and click on the Alumni page where you will find a nomination form.

Annual Arizona Luncheon

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Three new members inducted into Dana Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities

By Brenda Bartlett

Administrative Assistant

Three men who've made exceptional contributions to the Dana College athletic program have been inducted into Dana's Athletic Hall of Fame. During the banquet held in their honor Friday evening during Homecoming weekend, Dr. Keith Skogman, Alan Pogue '91, and Virgil Watson '82, were presented with the Thor's Hammer pendent, a symbol of membership in the Hall of Fame. The Vikings believed when Thor wore his hammer pendent he needed no other weapon to vanquish his foes.



Coach Keith Skogman (right) confers with his players

Dr. Skogman first came to Dana College in 1950, when he served as head football coach, assistant coach for basketball and track, and professor of physical education until 1953. He returned to Dana from 1961-66 as chairman of the department of physical education and health, head football coach, dean of men and professor of physical education.

"More important than his considerable technical ability as a coach was what he taught us by example—unyielding standards, toughness of

mind, absolute integrity," former athlete Tom Langenfeld wrote.

Now retired from Texas Lutheran College where he served as the chairman of the department of physical education and health and athletic director, he continues to reside in Seguin, Texas, with his wife, Carol. They have three adult children, Douglas, Darrel and Tom.



Alan Pogue (center)

Alan Pogue '91 continues to own nine Dana records from his 1984-87 career with the Viking football team.

"Alan was the most prolific, exciting, dominating quarterback to ever grace the Viking Field," recounts Jim Krueger '85, current Dana head football coach.

Pogue, a three-year First Team All-Conference Quarterback, led his 1987 team to the NAIA national playoffs and a national ranking of 14th.

In addition to holding nine Dana records, including Career and Season Passing Yards, he continues to be listed in nine other record categories as a top performer, including Game, Season and Career Passing Percentage.

Pogue pursued a professional football career in England and Canada before returning to Dana to complete his degree.

Alan and his wife, Janet, have a five-year-old daughter, Brianna. They reside in Plattsmouth, Neb., where he works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a property inspector.



Virgil Watson

Virgil Watson came to Dana College in 1977 to continue his promising wrestling career. He quickly took the scene by storm with a

freshman win-loss record of 27-3 at 158 pounds, a Dana record.

In 1978, Watson earned a fourth place national finish in the 167-pound bracket, Dana's first national placing. He was also honored that year as Dana's first All-American Wrestler.

Watson received his bachelor of science in psychology from Dana in 1982. He served as deacon for the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Apostolic in Omaha where he was later confirmed a Doctor of Divinity.

Currently Watson is retired and living in Norfolk, Neb., where he volunteers his time to Liberty Centre, a day rehab program. He has a 14-year-old daughter, Trinity.

You can come home again!

By Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed
Director of College Relations

The desire to study abroad 40 years ago turned into a lifelong connection and dedication to Dana College for Bodil (Strøm '61) Johnson.



Bodil (Strøm '61) Johnson

Johnson, a native of Denmark, came to Dana College in 1960 on a Fulbright Scholarship. By teaching an introductory Danish course for one year, she was able to take other classes at Dana for free. "I was not planning to stay," she said.

Meeting her future husband, Ron Johnson '61, changed all of that. However, as part of the stipulations of the scholarship, Bodil still had to return to Denmark to teach for two years. Meanwhile, Ron completed his masters degree in library science. The couple was married in 1962 and Ron began his career as a librarian at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan. Bodil joined him in 1963.

In 1966, a visit to the couple from Dr. C.C. Madsen, president of Dana College from 1956-1971, brought

them back to Dana. "He told us we were needed," Bodil said. Both interviewed and were hired. Bodil was hired to teach Danish and German, and Ron was named head librarian.

"It was like coming home to me," Bodil said. "The only part of America I really knew was Dana College in Blair."

The couple made Dana College and Blair their home, raising their two daughters, Lisa and Eva, in Blair and becoming involved in the community for 18 years. "We just thoroughly enjoyed being at Dana," Bodil said. "Our friends were here."

In January 1984, the Johnsons moved to Oregon, but their continuing love for Dana was evident during Dana's Homecoming this year. Bodil had plans to return for Homecoming because it was the 40th reunion for the class of 1961 and a painting was to be dedicated in the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library in memory of Ron, who passed away in May 2000.

The day before Bodil was to leave for Nebraska, she received a call from Dr. Sybille Bartels, chair of Dana's language department. Dana was still awaiting the arrival of Trine Thiessen, the Danish teacher from Ribe, Denmark, who was waiting for her international visa. Sybille asked if Bodil could fill in teaching introductory Danish for a couple of weeks while she was in Nebraska. Bodil rearranged some of her plans and graciously agreed.

"I really enjoy teaching here," she said. "It's the best place to teach. I couldn't have had a better job than teaching Danish and German at Dana College."

Former director of library honored at dedication of memorial painting

The vision of the late Ron Johnson '61, director of the library at Dana College from 1966-1983, was honored during Homecoming with the dedication of a memorial painting at the facility.

Johnson was library director when the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library was built in 1969. He worked closely with the architects to allow room for flexibility and future growth.

His vision went far beyond the bricks and mortar of the current building. Johnson was responsible for the first public copy machine on campus, the embossed identification card for materials check-out, the first personal computer on campus and he secured a grant for on-line cataloging of new materials.

Ruth Rasmussen, who worked with Ron and later also served as library director at Dana, spoke of his great leadership and compassion for others.

Johnson's wife, Bodil, and two daughters, Lisa and Eva, were present for the dedication as were dozens of Ron's classmates and former colleagues.

Megan Cosgrove '01 was commissioned to do the painting that depicts Ron walking on the sidewalk in front of the library.

The painting is on display on the library's first floor.

1961 Dana College touring chorale reunites in Denmark

*By Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed
Director of College Relations*

Many sites were just as they remembered when members of the 1961 Dana College touring chorale reunited in Denmark for 10 days this June.

Thirteen singers from the touring group in 1961, two former members of the Dana College Chorale from other years and three who volunteered just to sing with the group joined voices once again in Danish cathedrals. Dr. Paul Neve, director of the Chorale from 1943-1984, traveled with the group as its director. Nine spouses and friends also accompanied the singers on the trip.

The 1961 choir has kept in touch over the years with regular reunions at Homecoming, according to Kathy (Wollenkaupf '63) Shaw, organizer of the trip. "Every time we had gotten together, it was like no time had ever passed," she said.

Discussions of a reunion in Denmark began five years ago at the group's 35th reunion during Homecoming weekend. As was customary for their gatherings, members of the group brought their journals from the 1961 trip, reminisced and eventually broke into song.

"As we were singing, I said, 'You know what this show needs is to go on the road. In five years, I'm going see that it happens,'" Shaw said. After a couple of letters to all 1961 touring choir members, the trip began to come together.

"Nobody wanted to do a lot of singing or a lot of rehearsing, because we are scattered all over the country," Shaw said. Music from the group's 1961 tour was sent out prior to the trip, but the singers' initial

rehearsal was on their first evening in Copenhagen.

The group only had a few concerts scheduled in Denmark, but these enthusiastic Vikings performed their repertoire many more times, some to empty cathedrals or a few tourists. "Even if there wasn't anybody, we just had fun singing," Shaw said.

Margrethe II was there on personal business.

The members of the Chorale saw this as their opportunity to sing in front of Danish royalty as they had in 1961. "As soon as she appeared, we started singing," Neve said. "But she just walked past."

Although everyone was poised and ready with his or her cameras,



Dr. Paul Neve, professor emeritus, directs the voices of the touring group, shown here at the Aalborg Library, Aalborg, Denmark.

Neve said two special performances were in locations where the group had performed 40 years before, the Grundvigs Kirke in Copenhagen and Rebild Hills. "They remembered from back in 1961 that the acoustics were so good [in the Grundvigs Kirke]. There were no people there, but we sang anyway," Neve said. The same was true at Rebild Hills, an outdoor venue.

One of the highlights of the trip was a surprise performance in front of the queen. The tour guide found out that the group was being asked to wait to sing during their visit to Roskilde Cathedral because Queen

only one Chorale member was able to catch a fleeting glance of the queen on videotape.

In addition to touring the areas the Chorale had visited 40 years prior, some took the opportunity to find ancestors or simply sightsee. Several ventured on to Norway following the conclusion of the reunion tour.

"I've been doing tour groups for years," Shaw said. "This is one I couldn't top... It was a Dana family thing."

'00s

Megan (Olson '01) Andersen teaches seventh and eight grade English at Raymond Central School District #161 in Lancaster County, Neb. She lives in Lincoln, Neb., with her husband **Tim Andersen '01**.

Erin Eggers '01 was awarded both a Graduate Dean's Fellowship and a Graduate Dean's Scholarship for work on her master's degree in sports and recreation at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Teresa Harrison '01 is a special education teacher at Superior High School, Superior, Neb. Harrison interned at Dundee Elementary School in Omaha where she was a student teacher for second grade and K-3 special education.

Danielle Mozeika '01 married **Kale Maguire '01** on June 30. She is a substitute teacher and he is a vault clerk at First Data Resources in Omaha, Neb.

Brooke Thomsen '01 married William Kyle Coshow on September 22, in Superior, Neb.

Elizabeth (Snedigar '00) McGuire is in her second year of the master's program at the University of Indianapolis in the School of Occupational Therapy. She married Andy McGuire on July 7, in Clarinda, Iowa. Andy is a computer consultant for Inrange Technologies Corporation in Indianapolis, Ind.

'90s

Carrie Eckhoff is a business teacher for the Missouri Valley Community Schools, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Chari (Easley '99) Kennelly has been named social work director for the Hearthstone. Chari and husband, Darin, live in Stromsburg, Neb.

Jennifer Dierks '98 married **Nathan Babbitt '98** on Sept. 29 in Omaha. Jennifer is employed by the State of Iowa as a social worker. Nathan is employed as a sales representative at Consolidated Electrical Distributors in Omaha.

Michelle Hansen '98 married Toby Frost on September 22 in Fremont, Neb. Michelle is employed at Wedding Pages in Omaha as a graphic design team leader. Toby is a Quality and Process Control Engineer II at Hormel Foods Corp. in Fremont.

Rachel Brotherton '97 works at Muscatine Community YMCA as the child care services program director. She also served as the director of Camp Promise, a curriculum-based summer day camp which serves primarily low-income and at-risk elementary school students.

Marcus Albers '96 is a technical support specialist for Carlisle Communications in Dubuque, Iowa. He is actively involved in both sacred and secular music groups in the Dubuque area.

Joan Loontjer '96 was named the operations manager for National Box and Display, Spencer, Iowa. Loontjer has been with National Box and Display for four years.

Darren Tooley '96 is the new manager of the American Interstate Bank, Walnut, Iowa, branch. He is active in the City Council, Walnut Fire Department, Sons of the American Legion and serves on the Presbyterian Church finance committee.

Kim Capel '95 is an IT Manager at Paddock Laboratories Inc., in Minneapolis, Minn. She also serves as the music director at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Wayzata, Minn.

Michelle (Parks '95) Lewis and husband, Eric, announce the birth of Kasey Marie, born February 14. She joins her older brother Keith, 2.

Dana (Holz '95) Pavuk earned a masters of education degree from Ohio State University in August 2001. She is a third grade teacher at St. Bernards Catholic School in New Washington, Ohio. Her husband, Bill, is a pastor at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Chatfield.

Dan Barton '94 is a full-time strength and conditioning coach at Creighton Prep High School, Omaha, Neb. He also serves as strength and conditioning coordinator for the entire GOAL organization, a non-profit group which raises funds to place certified college strength coaches in high schools throughout the state.

Neil Drews '94 is a senior estimator and project manager for Rinker Materials. He lives in Tulsa, Okla.

Kristin (Olsen '93) Koubsky and husband, Ken, welcomed son, Kolton James, on August 13. He joins 18-month-old brother, Kane. Kristin is home with the children and working part time. Ken is employed with Smith Barney in Omaha.

Scot Marsh '91 is a service advisor at Markel Ford. Scot and his wife, Chris, welcomed daughter, Ashley Taylor, on February 28. They live in Omaha, Neb.

Todd Carmichael '91 married Tracy Beller Sept. 22, in Boys Town, Neb. Todd is self-employed and Tracy is employed with Werner Enterprises' specialized services division.

'80s

Brian Betts '88 married Allison Hines on June 2. He currently runs Body Systems, Inc., a chiropractic clinic in Minneapolis, Minn. Allison is a registered nurse for Fairview University in Minneapolis.

Kevin '86 and SusanAnn (Peloso '88) Harrison have moved to Portage, Mich. Kevin works for the Pharmacia Corporation in their Global Information Network department. On July 26, they welcomed Keara Eve, who joins sister Meghan Rose, 10, and brother Benjamin Claudius, 8. SusanAnn received her masters of arts degree from the University of New Mexico. She is currently staying at home with Keara and plans to return to her 14th year of teaching.

Craig '86 and Lisa (Hayne '88) Swenson of Winona, Minn., announce the birth of a new baby, Christian Daniel, born July 26. He joins brother Andrew, 2.

Mark Jensen '85 is the new pastor at First Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam, Wis. **Karla (Jensen '88)** is working at home as a marketing director and writer for a national magazine. They have three children, Micah, Isaac and Kamilla.

Alexander Skovgaard '85 is the circulation director for the *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper. He began working at the *World-Herald* in 1984 as circulation home delivery supervisor and later was the paper's state circulation director.

Terri (Pedersen '85) Summey was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. She is now the program coordinator for distance services, collection development, media resources, and library webmaster. She also teaches on the

national faculty for the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State. Terri and husband, Mark, reside in Emporia with their children, Emma, 8, and Derek, 4.

Paul '82 and Nancy (Anderson '81) Judson and family have moved to Longmont, Colo., where Paul has accepted a call as associate pastor of youth and family at First Lutheran Church.

Delana (Heffelfinger '82) Heidrich has been selected as McGraw-Hill's Author of the Month for October. She writes instructional resource books for elementary and middle school teachers and their students. She also serves as head teacher at Crater Lake School, an emotional-growth boarding school for teenagers in Sprague River, Ore. Delana was part of the author panel presentation during Dana's homecoming events in 2000.

Paul Madsen '80 is the author of a new book: "Laid Off & Loving It! How People Like You Conquered a Career Crisis." Paul and **Lisa (Hanson '82)** have created a new website: www.americasjobcoach.com.

Kevin Rasmussen '80 married Jean Lumsden on July 28, in Carroll, Iowa. Kevin is a special education teacher at Carroll High School and Jean works for the State of Iowa Department of Human Rights in the Division of Latino Affairs in Des Moines, Iowa.

'70s

John R. Hibbing '76 has been named University Professor, the University of Nebraska's highest distinction. Only 25 UNL faculty members out of 1500 hold the Foundation Regents Endowed Chair. Hibbing is recognized nationally by scholars of the U.S. Congress. His book, "Congress as Public Enemy," won the Fenno Prize as best book on legislative policy.

Dr. Donald Baack '75 alumnus and former Dana faculty member (1980-83), has co-authored the book "Integrated Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Communications" (Prentice-Hall, co-author Dr. Kenneth Clow, from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke). This is Baack's third textbook, his first in the field of marketing.

Connie Derry '71 is recipient of 2001 Nebraska Teacher Achievement Award

Connie Derry '71 received the 2001 Nebraska Teacher Achievement Award from the Peter Kiewit Foundation in Omaha. The program recognizes excellence in classroom teaching throughout the state. Winners are chosen for their significant achievements in curriculum development, student motivation and commitment to the teaching profession.

Derry received a cash prize package totaling \$7,000. The \$5,000 base portion of the prize is intended to be used in a manner that directly benefits the award recipients' students and school. Past recipients have used the base portion to purchase equipment for their schools, pay for field trips, retain guest artists and speakers and purchase books and other educational materials that enrich their curriculum. The remaining \$2,000 is strictly a merit award that the recipients may spend as they wish.

Derry teaches eight grade English and social studies at Ralston Middle School in Ralston, Neb. Her winning program is titled "Teaching the Holocaust to Middle School Students."

Alan L. Brodbeck '73 was presented the "Distinguished Judge for Improvement of the Judicial System" award by Chief Justice John V. Hendry at the October annual judges' dinner ceremony. Brodbeck is the Holt County Court Judge and has served on the county bench for 17 years, earning a reputation as the "education judge" because of his long service as chairman of the county judges' education committee and other education efforts. Brodbeck and his wife, Karen, are the parents of two grown children, Brent and Steve. They have three grandchildren and reside in O'Neill, Neb.

Charles Gilmore '70 has begun a new call as senior pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village, Ark., after serving for nine years as senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kan.

Dana Sports Now Live on the Web

Blair's local Internet provider, HunTel.net, and KBKR-FM BlaiRadio 97.3 have launched a live Internet audio streaming service for fans of Dana College sports.

By visiting www.huntel.net, fans locally, across the country and around the world can listen to the live audio of extensive play-by-play sports coverage as it is broadcast on BlaiRadio 97.3. On the HunTel.net home page, there is a link to "live Sports," which directs web surfers to a schedule page of Dana College sports events to be broadcast on KBLR-FM. The site's visitors can then click on another link to spawn a media player and listen to the sports broadcasts.

'50s

Tom Langenfeld '57 is a world champion. Lagenfeld, 65, cleared 1.52 meters to win his age group in the high jump at the World Association of Veteran Athletes Championships in Brisbane, Australia. Tom and his wife **Marie (Hansen '60)** live in Edina, Minn.

Deaths

Mabel (Wehrli '64) Dargin died Sept. 15, 2001, in Missouri Valley, Iowa. She was 93 years old. Dargin taught at Tri-Center Schools for 20 years, retiring in 1971. Survivors include one daughter, Ida Jessen, and husband, James, of Omaha; two sons, Larry, and wife, Mary, of Minden and James, wife, Janet, of Saratoga, Calif.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Ronald J. Halverson '65 died Oct. 6, 2001, in Waterford, Wis. He was a teacher at Fox River Middle School in Waterford, having taught for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Gloria (Hanson '66); daughter Tracy and her husband Roger Kram; son, Tim; three sisters; five grandchildren; and his brother-in-law Paul Hanson '64.

Vernie Jacobson '31 died Aug. 30, 2001, in Esterville, Iowa. He farmed in the Graettinger, Iowa, area until retirement in 1972 when he moved to Wallingford, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Wallingford; one daughter, Lois Torreson, and her husband, Ralph, of Wallingford; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Clara Thompson of Ruthven.

Laurice S. DeLaurant '37 of Fresno, Calif., died Sept. 7, 2001, at the age of 86. He was employed with Fresno County as a social worker for 23 years before retiring at the age of

67. He was an active member of Bethel Lutheran Church, and both the Danish Brotherhood in America and Dania fraternal societies. He and his wife, Agnes, were the parents of three children, Kermit Daniel, Marie Helen and David James.

Lowell Madsen '35 of Luck, Wis. died Oct. 6, 2001. In 1932, he attended a special winter semester at Dana for "Farm Boys." A few years later he completed courses at the American School of Business in Minneapolis, Minn. In 1940, he began employment at the Fidelity State Bank in Luck and continued there until his retirement in 1974. He started as a bookkeeper and eventually became vice president and served on the board of directors from 1947-1977. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, his daughter, Gale '73, and a sister.

Immanuel Petersen D'30 T'33 died July 10, 2000. He attended Dana in 1921 for high school for one semester, attended three years of college at Dana and transferred his last year. He graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1933. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elna (Hofgaard) Petersen who attended Dana for two years.

Friends

Myra Jo Dreyer died in an automobile accident on March 4, 2001, near her home in Longmont, Colo. She was survived by her husband **Don '65** and two children, Lee and Jay.

Correction

Leo Jensen of Audubon, Iowa, who died on Feb. 21, 2001, is also survived by his son, Wayne Jensen. This was not listed in the Summer 2001 edition of Destiny's Deep Sea and we apologize for this oversight.



The aebleskiver breakfast is always a hit at homecoming. Here Dana Danish students Mette Plum, Rasmus Jorgensen and Thomas Hansen, director of development, prepare the Danish pancakes which are individually fried in a custom cast iron skillet.



The Class of 1951



The Class of 1956



The Class of 1981



David West '76 provided outdoor musical entertainment on campus Saturday.



Dozens of alumni return to Dana for Homecoming each year to participate in the traditional choir reunion. Former choir members sing alongside members of the current Dana Chorale.

Dana Through The Decades



Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson '61 and former Danish and German teacher Bodil (Strøm '61) Johnson dedicate a new painting in the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library to the memory of Ron Johnson '61, Bodil's husband and director of the library from 1966-84.



The Class of 1961



The Class of 1966



Merri (Clements '86) Dibben of Blair nears the finish line at the Dana Cross Country Alumni Run at Viking Field on Saturday morning.



The Class of 1971



Danish Folk Dancers Reunion

Dana Through The Decades



Kay (Schjodt '88) Dickinson and Duey Heffelfinger '88 performed a "Patriotic Medley" during the fourth annual Alumni Revue during Dana's Homecoming weekend.



The Class of 1986



Venerable Vikings who gathered during Dana's Homecoming were from left, front row: Marion (Hanson) Svendsen, Norman Bansen, Joan (Andersen) Jensen, Lois (Girtz) Halley, Marilyn (Sersbeck) Erling, Muriel Neve, Lloyd Neve (middle row): Oscar Johnson, Alvina (Larsen) Hjortsvang, Dody (Jensen) Johnson, Virginia (Lippincott) Beck, Erna (Petersen) Berthelsen, Helga (Jessen) Hanson, Elaine (Madison) Brostrom, Letha (Sorenson) Grutzik, Shirley (Bondo) Hansen (left, back row): Ruth (Larsen) Benson, Duane Benson, John Beck, Verlan Hanson, Charles Christensen, Paul Laursen, Warren Rasmussen, Chuck Doidge, Edward Hanson and Jimmy Sorenson. Venerable Vikings are people whose Dana class reunion was celebrated more than 50 years ago.



Participants in the 12th annual Omaha Village memorial football reunion game were front row from left: Thomas Hansen, Kevin Dern, Todd Nielsen, Jason Davis, Taylor Dickinson, Steve King, Derek King, Alan Heffelfinger, Eric Heffelfinger, Corey King and Matt Bryan (back row): Shawn Cook, Garry Clark, Mark Dickinson, Matt Albright, Derek Davis, Shon Trent, Chris Jebesen, Duey Heffelfinger, Ryan Carlson, Dylan Henneman, Jeremy Bryan and Adam Martin. Not pictured are Ted Bansen, John Hollingsworth, Dr. Richard Palmer, and Scott Henneman.



The Class of 1976

Calendar of Events

December

9	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
10 -13	Finals week		
14	Winter break begins		

January

8	Interim begins		
13	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
	Second semester begins		

February

10	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
17	Chorale - Bach Festival	7:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Lutheran, Omaha

March

6 -10	Spring Musical		
10	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
21	Band concert	7:30 p.m.	Lauritzen Theatre
23 - 30	Spring Break		

April

1	Classes resume		
14	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
14	Chorale appearance		St. Cecilia's Cathedral, Omaha
25	Arbor Day Celebration		
28	Chorale home concert	2:00 p.m.	Trinity Chapel
29	Chorale home concert	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul Lutheran, Omaha

May

2 - 5	Spring play		
2	Honors Program		
8	Senior Dinner		
9	Band concert	7:30 p.m.	Lauritzen Theatre
12	Brunch on the Hill	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m	E.C. Hunt Campus Center
13 - 16	Finals week		
May 16	Baccalaureate Services	7:00 p.m	
May 17	Builder's Luncheon	12:30 p.m.	
May 17	Recognition Dinner	6:00 p.m.	
May 18	Commencement	1:00 p.m.	



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