

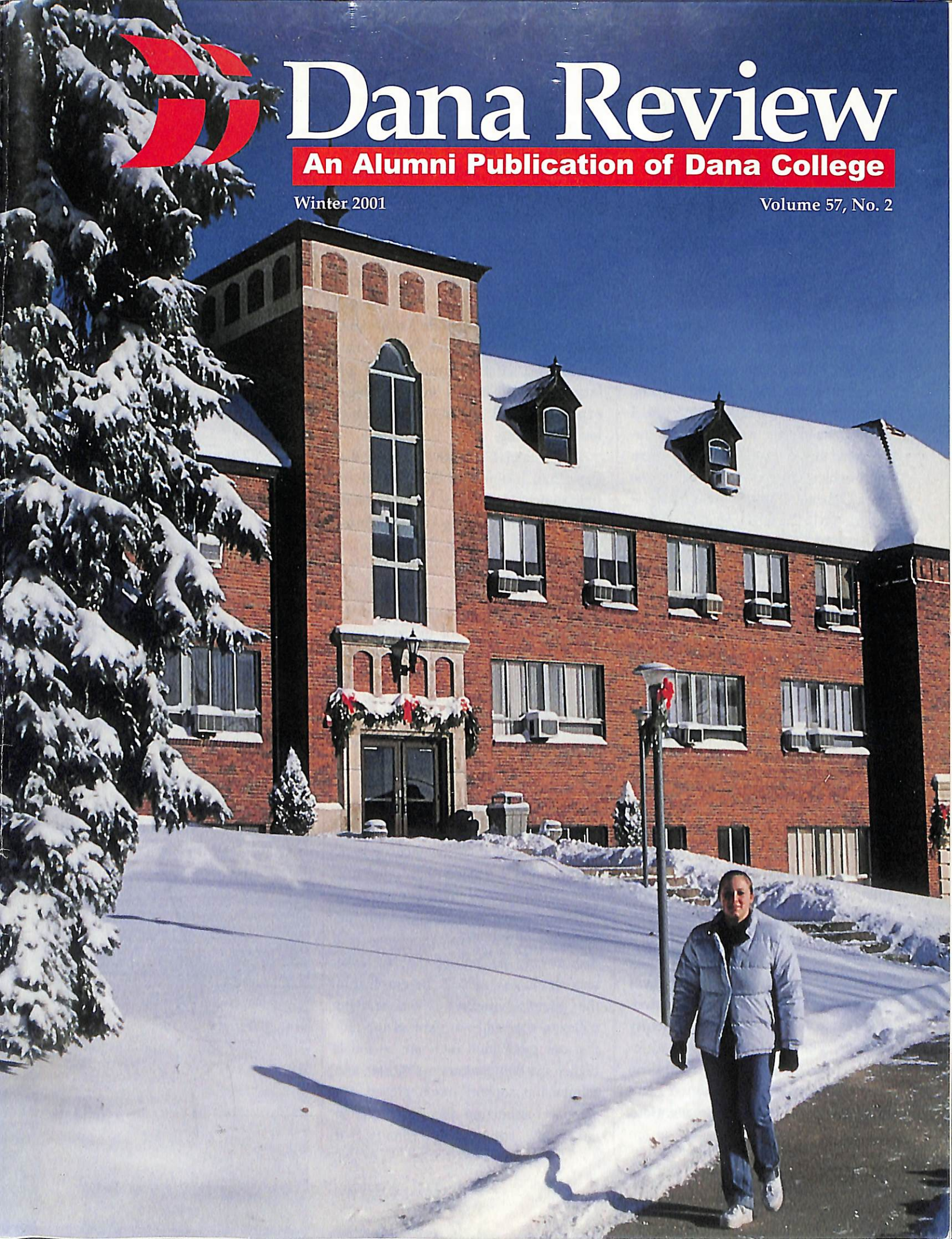


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Sometimes my children tease me about my oft-repeated mantra, "I love learning." They have heard me many times share how much I enjoy reading or exposure to new ideas and cultures. I credit Dana College with helping to create in me that love of learning. A recent study which compared alumni of the three Lutheran colleges in Nebraska — Dana, Midland Lutheran, and

## FOSTERING A LOVE OF LEARNING

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

This doesn't mean that faculty or students of Lutheran colleges are brighter or better and it doesn't mean that some students at flagship universities don't experience some of the same benefits. However, this study confirms what others have found, namely, that colleges like Dana are more likely to provide students with frequent interaction with professors, a close-knit campus community, and further, that such experiential learning tends to breed high satisfaction in the college experience, and occasion a life-long love of learning.

Anne and I recently attended the Presidents Institute of the Council of Independent Colleges of which Dana is a member. The opening keynote speaker, Sharon Daloz Parks, Associate Director of the

Whidbey Institute who has completed extensive research at Harvard and elsewhere on the nature of the mentoring community, argued that independent colleges like Dana are "right sized" to be mentoring communities and to challenge and inspire students to become vital participants in their local as well as the greater global community. Parks says they are "right sized to provide safe space to encounter others of different cultures and experiences."

It grieves me in the face of such opinion and evidence that only five percent of Lutheran students who go on to college enroll in one of our Lutheran colleges. It also grieves me that less than twenty percent of the Nebraska undergraduate attendees are enrolled in the state's quality independent colleges, especially in view of the fact that our graduation rates are so much higher, our completion time shorter, and scholarship support much greater per student minimizing the difference in cost of attendance. Finally, it

disappoints me that in Nebraska only a fraction of one percent of the state's funding for higher education goes to support state students who elect an independent college. This is even more remarkable given that these same independent colleges award over one-third of the baccalaureate degrees in Nebraska annually at no direct expense to the tax payer.

On the other hand, I give thanks that we live in a state and nation in which such a wealth of private and public higher education institutions make it possible for most all of our youth to attend colleges and universities. And I give thanks that well over a century ago Danish Lutheran pioneers had the determination and foresight to establish a learning center here on the hill in Blair. Finally, it is most gratifying that alumni and friends of diverse creeds and ethnic backgrounds prize Dana enough to enable us to serve as a college right-sized to stimulate a love of learning for a lifetime. That **love of learning rooted in a community of faith provides leaven in a world that hungers for the compassion and the hope that learning births and nurtures.**

One final note. We recently lost one of our most generous and supportive friends. **In late December Victor Borge died.** This gentle musical genius combined mastery of keyboard, movement, facial expression, and repartee to stimulate amusement and laughter in millions the world over. Several times he performed without fee to benefit the Victor Borge and Queen Margrethe II scholarship programs at Dana. His generosity and the continued support of those who make gifts in honor of Borge will keep his memory alive and benefit Dana students for generations to come.

### PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Concordia at Seward — with alumni of the flagship Nebraska university found predictable results. Alumni of the Lutheran colleges in Nebraska, like their peers from other Lutheran and relatively selective private colleges, are more likely than graduates of Midwestern flagship public universities to report that they experienced in college the active participation so critical to gaining a life-long love of learning and service. For example, graduates of Dana and the other Lutheran colleges more often reported that they benefited from the following: **many small classes with fewer than 20 students, a high-quality, teaching-oriented faculty, most grades based on essay exams and written reports, frequent informal student study groups, extensive classroom discussions, a faculty mentor, classes integrating values and ethics and often including the perspectives of women and minorities, and frequent presentations in class.**

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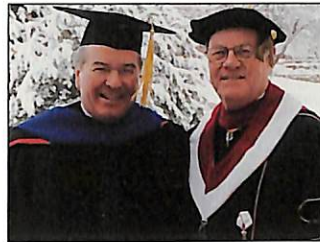
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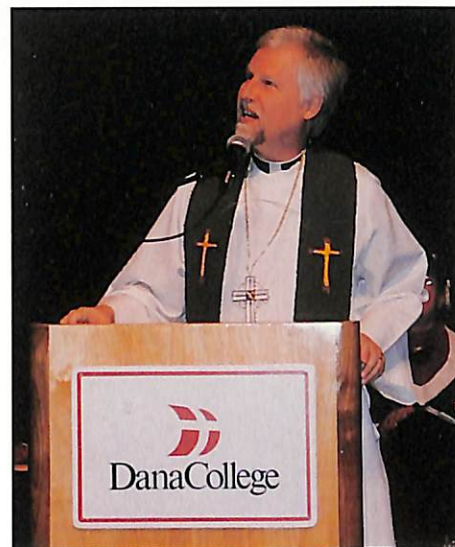
Despite a winter storm that ended just hours before, a capacity crowd filled the Lauritzen Theater in the

Madsen Fine Arts Center at 9:00 a.m. January 30 for Dana's Spring Opening Convocation ceremony. The



**Lauritzen (c) receives the doctoral hood from (l - r) Dr. Paul Formo, Dr. Paul Laursen and President Christopherson**

featured speaker was Rev. David L. deFreese, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA. Bruce R. Lauritzen, Chairman of First National Bank of Omaha, received an honorary doctorate of business.



**Rev. David L. deFreese**

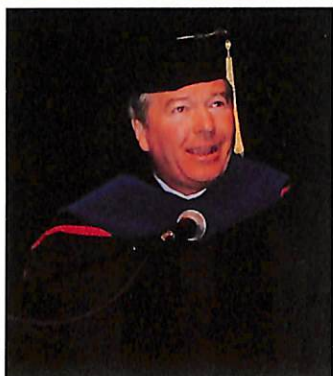
In his acceptance remarks, Lauritzen read selections from the diary of his great grandfather, who arrived in Nebraska when it was still a territory as the first Episcopalian Bishop. Lauritzen contrasted the lives of Bishop Clarkson and other pioneers with the comfort and opportunities of today.

In an inspirational keynote address, Bishop deFreese stated that Christians believe that God is the source of everything, and that we own nothing, including ourselves. He encouraged students to make the most of what they have been given every day.

Provost and Dean of the College Paul Formo announced that Scott Morgan, assistant professor of chemistry, has been chosen as the Richardson Professor for the next academic year. Student body president Wray Wright recognized the new members of the student senate.

Following the ceremony President and Mrs. Christopherson hosted a reception in the lobby of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

### Honorary Degree Bestowed on Lauritzen



**Bruce R. Lauritzen**

Bruce Lauritzen, who received an honorary degree from Dana College at Spring Opening Convocation, was born in Omaha in 1943. He was the grandson of a Dane who emigrated to Minnesota in 1890. Lauritzen earned a bachelor degree from Princeton University and an MBA degree from University of Virginia. He joined First National Bank of Omaha in 1967. Besides his position with First National Bank of Omaha, Mr. Lauritzen is also director, chairman, or president of more than a dozen other banks and bank

holding companies operating in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, and Texas.

Lauritzen has also been active in professional and service organizations. He is president of the Omaha Development Council and Foundation, a member of the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, and a member of the Chief Executives Organization. He is chairman of Clarkson Regional Health Services, and a director of the Nebraska Health System, Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, Joslyn Art Museum, Creighton University, and Omaha Symphony Association. Lauritzen also serves as the Honorary Danish Consul of Denmark for the state of Nebraska. He is past chairman of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Ak-Sar-Ben, and the Nebraska chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, and past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha Branch.

With Lauritzen to share in the honor was his wife, Kimball (Kim), his mother, Libby Lauritzen, and his wife's mother, Gladys Bowles.

# THE OLYMPICS: HISTORY, HEROES AND CONTROVERSY

By Rose Sand

Editor, Dana Review

As a teenager, Jay Birmingham was fascinated with the Olympics. "The Olympics is an ideal worth promoting all year round. The ideal is what fascinates me. Since 1896, the Games have captured that essence of the ancient Greeks," said Birmingham. The Greek ideal is to achieve balance in a person's life - where the physical is just as important as the intellectual.

As a boy, Birmingham would go to the college library and read everything he could find on the Olympics. There were many wonderful, huge books that had all kinds of pictures and statistics about the events and athletes. "There was no (TV) coverage of this back in the 50s, so I turned to the library. These were people of heroic proportions, Olympic stars. 1956 was the first Olympics I can remember, and I couldn't get enough of it," he said.

Birmingham, Dana's head cross country and track coach, first taught The Olympics: History, Heros and Controversy in 1999 with an enrollment of 20 students. This year he had 38. He hopes to get students out of their comfort zone with a particular sport and expose them to all that the Olympics include. "I really think 'The Olympics' course is a darn good history course," said Birmingham. "There is politics, world geography and history." The Olympics is a perfect interdisciplinary course.

The first recorded Olympics was in 776 BC. The Games continued until 393 AD when the Romans cancelled it. The first Olympic flame was lit at Mt. Olympus, where the Games originated. Olympia was the site of the ancient games. Athens hosted in 1896 and will again in 2004.

As for heroes, there are many. A real hero in Birmingham's eyes would be Baron de Coubertin, the French man who resumed the Olympics in 1896. Through his influence, passion, wealth and fascination with the Greek ideal, he convinced a handful of people to hold the first Olympics in modern Europe.

Another Olympic hero that Birmingham admires is a person most college students have never heard of, Emil Zatopek. In 1952, Zatopek won three gold medals for his native Czechoslovakia in track and field. He was a late bloomer who worked in a shoe factory during his 20s, and later as an officer in the Czech army. After opposing Soviet domination in the 1960s he was demoted to garbage hauler. The Czech people, who adored Zatopek, often joined him at garbage detail, tossing their own trash in the truck for a chance to chat with their hero. Zatopek had blossomed at the ripe "old age of 27" to win his first gold in 1948. "He was so heroic because he would push the pace, and then fade back, then put his head down and sprint again. He captured the imagination of the world partly because we didn't know everything about him," said Birmingham.

As far as controversies, there have been many. President Jimmy Carter boycotted the 1980 Moscow Olympics because the USSR was in Afghanistan. Then the following Olympics, the Soviet Union boycotted the Games held in Los Angeles.

The 1936 Olympics held in Berlin was an example of propaganda in the Olympics. Luz Long of Germany was a fair-haired white man favored to beat Jesse Owens' world record in the long jump. Imagine the look on Hitler's face when Long lost and then, in the true

spirit of Olympic sportsmanship, wrapped his arms around Owens, a black American.

In 1996, the 100th anniversary of the Olympics, many people thought the Olympics should be held in its birthplace, Athens, Greece, but was held instead in Atlanta, Georgia.

Birmingham, an avid runner himself, said "Track and swimming get their day in the sun because of the Olympic games and TV." You can track the interest in a particular sport across the country and the world according to where we are in relation to the Olympics. For instance, during the winter games, if Blair, Nebraska, had an ice skating rink you would see the attendance at the local ice rink skyrocket.

The same is true of a country's own success in an event, perhaps even in the changing of an entire country. Kenya, for example, gradually became a world athletic power in the 1968 Games with the victory of Kip Keino over America's Jim Ryan in the 1500-meter run. Now thousands of young Africans train to become Olympic champions. Keino now runs an orphanage and is revered by his country.

"That was enough to go back to your country and have the respect," said Birmingham. "The games are diminished when this does not happen. No, the athletes are diminished, and that's even sadder."

The one thing that Birmingham would change about the Olympics is to make it an amateur competition again. He tells the story of a college woman who competed in the Sydney Olympics, and was then offered a \$60,000 contract with Wheaties. She turned it down. He loves to hear of these stories. And he loves to hear of each time an emerging

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## DANA INTERIM OFFERS WIDE VARIETY

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

The interim term was established at Dana College in 1971. Dana was a leader in establishing a short term of study designed to be flexible for both students and faculty. Some students take concentrated courses leading to three hours of credit toward their major or minor, but for many, interim is a time to experience something totally new. The freedom of scheduling and short time-frame makes the interim ideal for innovative and experimental courses. It also works well for travel, field experiences, and student exchanges with other colleges. A few advanced students engage in intensive independent study, research, or field experience.

A sampling of interim experiences from the 2001 interim follows.

### A Short History of the Future

This honors course used the latest technology, particularly the world wide web, to explore the sweeping changes that lie in store for us in the next decade. According to Professor Don Warman, "The evidence mounts that the next decade will see the most dramatic changes in human history, which will make the Industrial Revolution seem tame by contrast." Each student in his class chose an area of change to explore in depth, and developed strategies for dealing with that change intelligently.

### Meet Germany: Past and Present

What better way to see a foreign country than with a native who really knows it and the people. Professor Sybille Bartels took a group of ten Dana students to Germany for "an introduction to international travel,



(l-r, back row) Travis Feuerborn, Allison Kline, Jamie Sanders, Jon Carlo, Erin Bansen, Nathan Bates (front row) Mandy Engelhart, Rachel Ahrens, Mindy Bailey, Adam Boukal

cross-cultural immersion and German cultural heritage." They visited castles in the Alps and in Potsdam, Mozart's Salzburg. They also experienced the art

and architecture of Munich and the excitement of metropolitan New Berlin. Other highlights included visits to a kindergarten, a hospital, the Anti-War Museum and Bartels' family in Berlin.

### Practicing Creativity (A Kick in the Seat of the Pants)

Professor Robyn Lewis designed this as an experimental art department course for non-art majors. "Walt Disney advised us to look at our 'imagination' as a mental muscle," she said. "Creative problem solving can be stimulated into growth by active participation through a series of diverse activities, exercises, and games." The course provided a hands-on workshop environment in which students learned to open up their imaginations and develop insights and ideas. Enthusiasm was valued more than innate talent.

### The Civil Rights Movement

Professor Richard Jorgensen '64 presented a study of the African American struggle for equality in the United States, with emphasis on the turbulent decades of the 1950s and 1960s. Through viewing documentaries, research, class discussion, oral presentation, and written work, students learned about the major events and people in the movement.

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country has achieved a medal in the Olympics, and in the process have changed the world. The Olympic pledge reads "For the honor of your country - and the glory of sport."

"My course is not for P.E. majors. It's for people interested in sport as part of the world picture," states Birmingham. "That is how I think of it. It's part of your education, part of your life, something that enriches your life. Elevate

your self-expectation; don't settle for just being mediocre. If you have an Olympic attitude, it doesn't matter what your level of competition is."

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## **Beginning Fly Fishing**

Here's an example of a P.E. course being taught by a music professor, Michael Anderson. Students learned the basics of the rich sport of fly fishing. This was no "easy grade." Besides learning fly tying, stream tactics and casting, students also studied the sport's history and literature, including stream entomology.

## **Addictions in the Millennium**

Alcohol, drugs, sex, food, nicotine, shopping, gambling... there is no shortage of addictions in our modern, affluent society. With the help of films, professional literature, and guest speakers, Professor David Hoppe led students through a study of the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment modalities of each addiction.

## **Ethics in Physical Education and Sports**

Twenty-five Dana students learned to think about all sides of an issue in this course taught by Professor Carol Haussermann '69. Her hope was to encourage them to think about and see the many sides of an issue. The students wrote their own ethical and moral philosophy and then applied it to a controversial situation. Role-playing and debating the ethical issues found in daily sports pages was a common exercise. Haussermann enjoyed getting to know what the students really thought. "It is challenging to teach this subject since there is no right or wrong answer," she said. Haussermann believes her students are role models for the fresh crop of young athletes who attend Viking games. This, along with today's apparent lack of ethics, shows a need for more courses like this.

## **Our Quilting Heritage**

Assistant Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen's ('78) interim course examined the art of quilting from the perspective of 19th century American immigrant heritage and the role that quilts played. Nine students, only four of whom had prior sewing experience, learned hand and machine piecing, applique, quilting and binding. They made a field trip to the International Quilt Study Center along with a visit to Morrill Hall and the Sheldon Gallery



**Susie Schlotfeld a senior social work major (left) and Heather Plowman (right) also a senior social work major, share sewing tips.**

in Lincoln, Neb. Nielsen hopes to develop an appreciation for the art of quilting and to acquire the skill necessary to continue in the art, if the student so desires.

## **Introduction to 35 MM Photography**

Art Professor James Olsen '62 offered this course for non-art majors. Students learned the fundamentals of black & white photography, including single-lens reflex camera operation, darkroom techniques, photographic composition and interpretation of various subjects.

## **Science and the Media – Believe It or Not**

"Society today is integrated with science and technology," says Professor Therese Michels. "Unfortunately there is also an abundance of junk science which affects us as consumers, voters, and patients." Scientific literacy is more important today than ever before. In this course, students examined how science is used to justify a particular position or promote a product. They discussed the

limits of scientific knowledge in connection with matters that are open to debate. The goal, according to Michels, was to help them to acquire skills to decide for themselves.

## **And More**

Other Dana students learned about computer networking and word processing programs, leadership, consumer finance, bioethics, embryology, persuasion, oral interpretation, and music appreciation. Still other Dana students engaged in a social work practicum, supervised teaching, or in an internship with area businesses.

## E-MAILS FROM INDIA

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 spent four months as a guest lecturer in India as part of a Fulbright Scholars program. In late August, Nielsen and his wife Dawn (Carper '74) flew to New Delhi for several days of orientation, and then on to his appointment at Mercy College in Palakaad, Kerala, in southwestern India. There they experienced illness, culture shock, a busy schedule, and warm friendships before returning home to Blair in December. They sent e-mails chronicling their experiences back to family and friends. Here are excerpts from their final missives as they looked back on their adventure.

### 12/4/00

This past weekend we have begun wrapping things up! ... As we have been thinking a lot about what we will and will not miss, in lieu of a letter, here's our current and growing list.

#### We won't miss:

- having to travel an hour and a half to buy toilet paper;
- hard beds and sore hips;
- heating water for bucket baths followed by cold showers;
- chuckling geckoes so near the bed that they function as a wake-up call;
- the call of the imam at five in the morning (I respect his piety, but I don't impose mine on him.);
- mosquitoes chewing on our ankles when we work at the computer;
- the two-burner, propane stove with the tank under the counter (it looks like a bomb);
- random power outages that seem to occur at the most inopportune times;
- milk which comes in half liter, bean-bag size, plastic pouches that invariably spill on opening;
- chasing out of the apartment cats,

- tree frogs, and dragon flies who enter through unscreened windows;
- the smell of burning plastic litter;
- autorickshaw drivers in training for the next demolition derby;
- exhaust belching buses blasting down narrow, crowded streets;
- red jam number 2 (a mixed fruit, red jam that I'm sure is toxic);
- being asked to have our photo taken on demand by any passing stranger;
- the rickshaw ride to and from college each day;



**The Nielsen's dressed for Kerala Day, November 2, 2000 at Mercy College**

- the loud, blaring use of public address systems;
- the washer women next door beginning her wash at six in the morning;

- the dissonant clang of Hindu religious music (I'll play you an example if you require proof.);
- bouncing along in the back seat of Ambassador tourist cars, the hot wind blowing on our faces;
- the milk of tender coconuts, served au natural (I don't care how good it's supposed to be for digestion.);
- the pleading looks, soft whine, yet insistent touch of beggars (I can't ignore them.);
- the garbage and filth everywhere.

#### We will miss:

- sunlight playing through coconut palms and mango trees;
- the moonlit patterns of palm fronds as we walk on balmy nights;
- the iridescent green of sunlit rice fields;
- the calm, stoic faces of oxen;
- plodding bullock carts amidst the din of traffic;
- the black water buffalo, her calf, and egrets foraging in the nearby meadow;
- checking to see if the Western Ghats are visible on a daily basis;
- lingering over breakfast every day of the week;
- sleeping with the window open in December under the gentle breeze of a ceiling fan;
- people walking single file along rice paddy dams at sunset;
- a sea of smiling faces and salmon colored saris;
- vanilla ice cream on fresh fruit at the Indraprastha;
- sweet, succulent pineapple;
- the charming smile of the vegetable seller;
- "Sir," "sir," "sir," "but sir," "but sir";
- "Good evening, madam";
- the grandfather walking hand in hand with his granddaughter each

evening;

- the slap of wet clothes on the washing stone next door;
- the sound of the nose ring studded wizened woman sweeping the compound with her coconut palm broom;
- wearing nothing but sandals on our feet for the last four months;
- the loose-necked, side to side head bob that indicates “yes” and not “no”;
- Kathakali performances (where else can you see them);
- the brightly colored fishing boats dragged up on white sand, Arabian Sea beaches;
- screens of woven palm leaf matting;
- the beauty of the long view (but don't look down);
- the two of us spending so much time together (gag now, if you so desire).

### 1/03/01 Reflections upon return:

What was it all about? I think we return home, still unsettled and struggling to make meaning out of the expe-

rience. During the last weeks, we often talked with one another as to how we would answer the question, “so, how was India?” One response that we heard at the University of Pune concerning Indian English captured something of the enigma. “India is like unto the divine; you know what it is not, and you know not what it is, and what you do not know is the only thing you know.” In many ways, that sums it up. And yet, I at least return with some concerns.

Having experienced the chaos of living in a nation of over a billion people I feel a little as if we have had an opportunity to go to one future world. It is a world where overpopulation exists and where the resources of this earth are consumed faster than can be sustained, where infrastructure does not meet the demands of swelling population and the cost to provide an adequate infrastructure lies outside of the society's ability to pay for it. It is a world where there is a widening gulf between rich and poor and those caught in the cycle of poverty are hopeless while

those of affluence are blind.

India is an incredible country filled with the kindest, gentlest, most hospitable people I've met. And yet the masses, in approaching one another, exhibit an understandable suspicion and leerness as to who is cheating, who is out to get one. And there's a deep spirit of nihilism, a feeling that nothing can be done, that change cannot and will not occur. What this experience means for me and for working with students here in the United States, raises and will continue to raise questions. I'm looking forward to talking with colleagues and getting into the classroom to discuss these experiences with students. Returning from this sabbatical has given me a renewed appreciation for Coleridge's “The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner.” Like the old mariner, I feel compelled to tell the story of the voyage. Beware you wedding guests! But then in having read this, you know well enough to beware!

Take care,  
John Mark

## Space TREK - June 10 - 15, 2001

Space TREK is an exciting one-week technology program designed to engage children in flying the simulated shuttle, Horizon. During eight unique daily workshops and evening activities, participants assume the roles of astronauts and execute “almost-real” shuttle launches using computers, headsets, and video communication systems.



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## LEAD (Leadership Education for Adult Decision Making) June 10 - 15, 2001

LEAD Academy is an exciting one-week, residential workshop designed to provide knowledge and skills for students who are seeking information about 21st century careers and leadership training. LEAD participants will: engage in job shadowing; attend workshops to design a resume; college planning; financial aid planning; field trips to visit with corporate leaders; build a portfolio and teach workshops at the Space TREK Institute.

## DANA SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES ARE IN DEMAND

*By Rose Sand*

*Editor, Dana Review*

Social work majors are on the rise. In fact over the last 10 years Dana's social work department has seen its numbers double. Dana is one of only 6 schools in the state of Nebraska that are accredited in social work. "It makes the social work degree even more of a premier degree. Employers know that they get professional values, knowledge and skills from a Dana social work graduate," said Jan Potter, director of the social work department at Dana. "With a degree from Dana, they can finish an MSW degree in just one year and one summer session - it gets them into advance standing. The later courses of study here are really equivalent to the first year of a masters program."

It doesn't hurt that next year's president of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Work happens to be Richard Potter, associate professor of social work and sociology. He has taught at Dana for 17 years, and is married to Jan who has been here for almost 21 years. But next year will see big changes for both Jan and Richard as they plan to exchange roles, with Jan leaving the administrative side as director and going out into the field as practicum coordinator. Both Richard and Jan remain active in the field by consulting with agencies, attending conferences where they present papers, and serving on advisory boards. They believe in order to be a good teacher, you have to work in the field, you have to stay current.

The Potters keep in touch with their graduates. They are actively interested and keep track of where they are working and how it is going. "We have graduates in all kinds of fields from in-home therapy for Lutheran Family

Services to supervisors for Boys Town, to rural development agencies that meet unmet needs of the community to intervention work for high risk families for state agencies," said Jan Potter.

The Potters teach a three-course social work sequence, which teaches students how to counsel individuals, families and groups, and how to work for change on the community, state, or national level.

Richard Potter even teaches a course where e-mail is an integral part of the curriculum. One assignment uses e-mail to keep in touch with Potter every other week. Students are asked to e-mail their own understanding of the material covered in class. Dubbed his "letters to Professor Potter," this affords him another means of communication with his students. It is "especially good for students who don't want to speak up in class." Potter says this is most gratifying for him, and it helps him learn whether the students are understanding and digesting the information he is communicating.

Over the past years, the Potters have added many electives to the program at Dana. The African-American Experience is a course taught by Dr. John McClain who is an african-american and associate vice-chancellor for academic affairs and chief student affairs officer at the Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha. A new Native American Issues course is taught by a member of the Omaha Tribe, Wynema Morris, who is an economics development consultant for tribes across the country. The Sociology of the Political Economy is a new course to Dana, designed specifically for the needs of the social work department. It was designed by department members and Dr. Frank Taylor, sociologist at Dana, who also teaches the course. Lou Ann

Stednitz, a social work faculty member who's on sabbatical this year, created a new women's studies course two years ago.

"The daily work of a social worker is not boring; they are not just sitting behind a desk all day. They are constantly out in the field working with people. It's exciting," said Richard Potter.

The rewards of working in the field are unending according to the Potters. During a period of stress as a social worker, Richard came across a poem by Khalil Gibran that said, "When a person tells you their trouble they give you a piece of their heart; a fool may ridicule them, but a wise man thanks them." Potter knew that poem summed it up for him, why he continues to work in the field and gets so much back from it. Jan said that when clients share something, it may be from their deepest self. When two or more people or a group connect - that's energizing. "It is a tremendous privilege to work in a field where we are able to touch people at the deepest level and in turn be touched by that. It's a very reciprocal thing," said Jan.

The future need for social workers will continue to grow. The need is increasing in all areas, and it's one of the biggest growth professions for the next decade according to US News and World Report and other sources. Some of that is because of the increased awareness of what students with a bachelor of social work can do. "We receive more calls from people wanting to hire a Dana social work graduate than we have graduates," said Jan. "A graduate doesn't leave here without our getting to know them really well. They go through a process here where they really learn, grow and change," added Richard.

**Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61**, president of Dana College, was elected by the Board of Trustees of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, to serve as an Accreditation Review Council (ARC) member for a four-year term ending in September, 2005. ARC members are selected from among those who are NCA consultant-evaluators. ARC members constitute

## CAMPUS DIGEST

the Commission's second level of review of team recommendations regarding accreditation status of institutions. They serve both as members of Readers Panels and of Review Committees, and serve in an advisory capacity to the staff and the Board of the NCA.

**Milt Heinrich**, professor of art, was the recipient of the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Higher Education Award at the annual meeting held October, 2000.

**William Hall**, assistant professor of music and director of bands, was elected to a two-year term as

College/University Chair of the Nebraska Music Educators Association. In this capacity Hall will serve on the executive board of the association and promote the needs and concerns of the college music faculty. He will also represent NMEA at regional and national conferences of the Music Educators National Conference, serve as chair of the Nebraska Council on Music Teacher Education working with colleagues at the state's other institutions of higher learning and will serve as advisor to Nebraska's collegiate membership.

**John Lyden**, associate professor of religion, attended the American Academy of Religion National Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in November. He presented a paper entitled, "Film as Religion: Myths, Morals, Rituals."

**Thomas Nielsen '74**, associate director for public services at the Dana LIFE Library, was recently elected to the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Nebraska Library Association. In this capacity, Tom will serve with five other Nebraska librarians

committed to defend intellectual freedom in this state. He may, from time to time, join his colleagues in Lincoln to lobby or testify before the Nebraska Legislature on issues related to the preservation of this fundamental liberty. He will also take part in a program to explain intellectual freedom issues to other Nebraska librarians.

**Richard Palmer**, professor of music, served as guest conductor of the annual West Central Choral Festival on November 7th in Churdan, Iowa. Participating schools included Des Moines Christian, East Greene, Glidden-Ralston, Guthrie Center, Panorama, Paton-Churdan, Van Meter and West Central of Stuart. Each high school ensemble performed separately followed by the 350 member Festival Mass Choir.

**Bob Schmoll '83** has been appointed as a trustee on the EIIA (Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc.) Group Life, Accident and Health Insurance Trust. This group underwrites Dana's life and long-term disability programs.

### 2001 UELC REUNION

**Wartburg Theological Seminary  
Dubuque, Iowa  
June 8 - 10, 2001**

#### Friday, June 8

Early arrival/check in from 6:30 -9:30 p.m. with a reception and welcome at 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, June 9

A full day of activities is planned with registration from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. A special treat will be a 90-minute riverboat ride on the paddle wheeler, Spirit of Dubuque.

#### Sunday, June 10

Continental breakfast starts the day followed by worship in Loehle Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by departure.

**For more information call:** 1-800-225-5987, extension 221 or E-mail: [development@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:development@wartburgseminary.edu).

## 2001 Reunion Odyssey Tour to Denmark Led by Kathy Shaw

In cooperation with the Dana Alumni Council, Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw is coordinating an alumni choir reunion journey through Denmark June 15 - 26, 2001. All alumni/ae, whether choir participants or not, are encouraged and welcome to participate. Kathy will help to arrange side excursions upon request.

The tour will arrive in Copenhagen and includes a reminiscent visit to Tivoli Gardens. A tour of North Zealand including a trip to Fredensborg to visit the Frederiksborg Castle is planned. Other highlights include a tour of Hamlet's Castle in Helsingor and a visit to the home of H.C. Andersen in Odense. Another day includes the Skagen Art Museum and Tractor on Grenen to recall the memories of the 1961 choir tour forty years ago. A trip to Legoland and to the quaint villages on the way to Ribe, including the Ribe Dome is also planned. The choir tour will take part in the festivities at the Midsummer Festival held in Vejle.

The Alumni Council and Kathy have also discussed commemorative humanities trips with the first one led by Professor Emeritus John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53. Plans are being developed to visit the Paris and Munich areas in June of 2002.

**For further information please contact alumna Kathy Shaw at 1-800-800-5743, or [KatiDid63@aol.com](mailto:KatiDid63@aol.com) or 125 Homestead Avenue, Weymouth, MA 02188.**

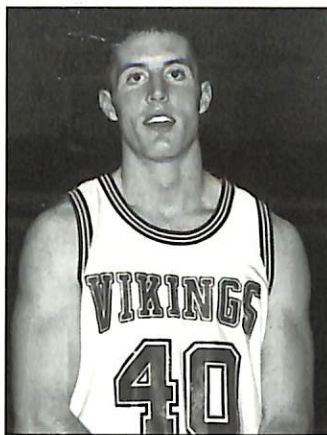
## Dana Women's Soccer Finishes Second

The Dana College women's soccer team capped off a great season with an exciting run in the conference tournament. In the first round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Championship, Dana was seeded #3 versus #6 Concordia. The Vikings proved ready for the challenge by defeating Concordia by a score of 5-1. In second round action Dana was pitted against #2 Dordt College and in a stunning upset defeated them by a score of 3-0. Dana was destined for a match up in the Conference Championship with #1 seeded Hastings College. The Broncos proved to be too tough as Dana fell 2-1 to end their season at 17-4. Coach Wick was very proud of his team and their effort. "We had a great season and lost to a good Hastings College team. I can't say enough about the way this team played together all year."

The Lady Vikings successful season earned a number of players post season honors. Amanda Stoffel, Julie Miller, Erin Rozelle, Molly Fuxa, and Natalie Sifers all earned Second Team All-Conference honors. Tanya Dugan and Denise Klug were named to the Honorable Mention team.

## Viking Hoops off to a Hot Start

The men's basketball team is off to a fast start this season. The Vikings are currently in a tie for first place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. Their overall record is 9-7 and 4-1 in the conference. Their tough early season schedule has helped propel the Vikings to a competitive edge in the conference. The Vikings started off with great early season success at the Peru State Tournament with a 79-73 victory over conference rival Hastings College. Pacing the Vikings with 29 points and 15 rebounds was Michael Johnson. Dana kept things going by



**Michael Johnson**

traveling to Fremont and defeating Midland Lutheran 93-82 on their own home court. Before the Vikings ushered out 2000, they snapped a six-year losing streak to Nebraska Wesleyan with an impressive 80-75 victory. Dwight Nelson led the Vikings with 19 points and 16 rebounds. With 2001 only days old the Viking showed just how good they could be for a conference title with a 90-81 victory over Concordia College. First year Head Coach Chris Fear has brought an exciting brand of basketball to Dana. "We have played well this season and have put ourselves in a great position to succeed in the conference," said Fear.

## Young Lady Vikings Improve

First year Head Coach Eldon Johnson knew going in to this season that it would be an interesting year. Coach Johnson knew that because he had one of the youngest teams in the country. With only one player returning from last year's team and 10 new freshmen aboard, experience was hard to come by. "I have never seen a team this young, but we keep improving everyday and that means things look good for the future," said Johnson. The Lady Vikings have been able to show just how talented they are with a 74-71 defeat of #5 ranked Peru State.

## Dana Grapplers Excelling at the Highest Level

Second year Head Coach Steve Costanzo did not back down from stiff competition in the early part of the wrestling season. Coach Costanzo has taken his team on a whirl wind trip of the Midwestern United States searching for the best competition he could find. The Vikings are currently ranked #10 in the nation and have a number of wrestlers ranked nationally in their respective weight classes.

## Viking Harriers Sixth in the Nation



**(l-r) John Tripp, Aaron Schlote, Justin Christensen, Ian Latella, Derek Fey, Garry Clark, Allen Wagner, and Coach Birmingham at NAIA Championship.**

November 18, 2000: Kenosha, Wisconsin, Dana College proved the pollsters wrong on a cold November day at the NAIA National Cross-Country Championships. The 15th ranked Viking harriers put together their best race of the season to place sixth in the 29-team field. The event was won by Life University (Ga.) for the third straight year. Black Hills State (S.D.) was runner-up, Malone (Ohio) was third, Brevard (N.C.) placed fourth, and Cedarville (Ohio) was fifth. Dana tallied 234 team points, the same as Eastern Oregon University. Among the top ten teams which fell to Dana were #1 ranked Cal Baptist and #2 Aquinas (Mich.).

Derek Fey (2nd yr., Omaha Westside) raced the 8,000 meter course in 25:55 to place 15th and Justin Christensen (4th yr., Schuyler, Neb.) clocked 25:59 for 17th to lead the Dana team and win All-American honors. The top 30 finishers win the coveted All-American plaques. Fey and Christensen became the 20th and 21st All-Americans produced by Dana's running program since 1995.

"It was an outstanding performance," said Dana head coach Jay Birmingham. "Our peaking program worked to perfection. We had some good meets this fall but were a little unfulfilled-until Saturday! The team is elated to earn sixth place."

Third man in for Dana was sophomore Allen Wagner (Kailua-Kona, Hawaii) who posted a time of 26:34 for 59th place. Aaron Schlote (4th yr., Plainview, Neb.) placed 108th in 27:19, and close on his heels was teammate John Tripp (3rd yr., Omaha Northwest) in 110th with a time of 27:20. Ian Latella (1st yr., Red Oak, Iowa) was Dana's sixth man, placing 156th in 28:04, and seventh man was Garry Clark (1st yr., Washington D.C.) whose 28:48 earned 188th in the field of 245 runners.

The weather was 30 degrees with a wind chill of 15 and the course was slightly muddy with times averaging about 30 seconds slower than normal. Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, Christensen and Tripp ran all-time personal best on the challenging Wisconsin-Parkside course.

The Vikings had been rated between 14th and 16th all season in the weekly coaches poll. Dana was defeated by NAIA affiliates Southwestern (Kan.), Graceland (Iowa), Berry (Ga.), and Black Hills (S.D.) during the regular season. Only Black Hills State remained in front of Dana at Nationals. Over the course of the season, Dana's cross-country men defeated 87 college and university teams.



Derek Fey (left) and Justin Christensen (right)

## Two Viking Harriers Earn All-American Scholar Athlete Honors

Natalie Flynn, a Dana College junior from Blair, and John Tripp, a junior from Omaha Northwest High School earned the coveted All-American Scholar-Athlete awards in cross country at the NAIA National Championships held in Kenosha, Wis., in November.

The award is sponsored by the NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association. To qualify for the honor, a student-athlete must have achieved junior academic standing and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher and achieve racing times which place them among the top 25% of runners nationwide.

Natalie is a biology major with a 3.55 GPA and bettered the 20:30 time standard four times, with a personal best of 19:56. John, who helped his team to sixth place in the NAIA

Cross-Country Championships, is also majoring in biology and carries a 3.65 GPA. His personal best for the year was 27:20 at Nationals and he bettered the 28:30 time standard four other times during the season. Twenty-one Dana cross country and track athletes have earned All-American Scholar-Athlete honors since 1996.

For the fifth straight year, the Dana College men's team was named a NAIA Scholar Team. The honor is given to teams which actually compete at the championships whose team members GPA averages above 3.00. This year, Dana College ranked among the 29 competing teams with a 3.20 GPA.



Natalie Flynn



John Tripp

## DEAN'S TEACHING & LEARNING LUNCHESES "ONE OF THOSE DANA THINGS"

*By Barry Anderson '73*

*Director of College Relations*

There are many ways a small school like Dana differs from a large college or university. The personal attention students receive is probably the most recognized and talked about point of difference, but another, perhaps just as important, is the sense of community among faculty and staff.

Paul Formo, Dana's provost and dean of the college, schedules a weekly Teaching & Learning Luncheon discussion which provides an opportunity for faculty to talk about issues of teaching and learning in a relatively informal setting. "The tendency in higher education is to consider teaching a solitary activity, but much can be learned by talking with colleagues to share ideas and strategies," Formo said. Most discussion sessions revolve around set agendas, while other times the floor is open for issues or questions from those assembled. Sometimes articles from professional journals are distributed and discussed the following week. The fact that a dozen or more faculty members are often present for the discussions shows that they find it valuable. "It's often interesting to hear those in other disciplines describe their approaches to all matters of teaching—delivering material, testing and assessment, rapport building, lecture vs. seminar, and so on," said Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 of the music department.

In addition to the Teaching & Learning Lunches, during the fall semester the dean schedules lunches that serve as an extended orientation for new faculty. Each week a different office or service area of the col-

lege is featured so names, faces and available services can be learned by newcomers. After brief presentations, there is opportunity for informal discussion and getting to know each other as colleagues. Professor Mark

Teaching & Learning Lunches and new faculty lunches are worthy of note as examples of some of the small, unheralded things that help the Dana community better serve students.

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**— Dr. Paul Formo**



**Professor Nicole Kaufman, Dean Paul Formo, Professor Carla Delucchi and Professor Carol Haussermann discuss various topics during a Teaching & Learning Lunch.**

Sand, who joined the math department this year, found the lunches helpful. "This is the first place I've been that has had anything like this. Dana's a much more personal place, and the faculty lunches give you a real connection to other people. Other places give you a textbook and say 'here – go teach.'"

"The Teaching & Learning sessions are the closest we have come to my undergraduate ideal (of colleague meetings) since I came to Dana," said Professor Don Warman of the history department. "The regulars ... are the vibrant inner core of the Dana faculty, and second only to my wife in intellectual stimulation."

## DANA WOMEN'S CLUB CONTINUES TRADITION OF SCHOLARSHIP & SERVICE

By Rose Sand

Editor, Dana Review

As if Janice Rasmussen doesn't get enough contact with the students as the associate registrar at Dana College, she serves in another capacity as this year's president of the Dana Women's Club. "That's the part I enjoy, being out there and having the contact with the students, even just across the concession table." The club has been in existence for 70 years and has changed and evolved with the times. But one theme remains constant: service and scholarships for students.

Dana Women's Club has contributed to the Dana community in numerous ways. They have donated money for the nature trail in Neihardt Park. Last year the club helped purchase a computer for the computer service department at Dana. Arbor Day trees are planted on campus in part thanks to the efforts of the women involved in the club. They also helped finance the Dana College Chorale trip to Denmark in 1999.

"People see us working concessions at the athletic events and at the Sights and Sounds of Christmas cookie booth," said Rasmussen. "They see that we are active and involved." Dana Women's Club also serves the parents through the cake drive, a service in which parents may order a homemade cake for their student's special occasion. Judith Scherer Connealy, Dana's admissions recruitment services coordinator and office manager is this year's "cake lady." "That's really what we call it," said Rasmussen. "She's our 'cake lady' and we've had many cake ladies over the years." Scherer Connealy coordinates the cake orders and finds a club member

to bake and deliver the order.

Another way parents can pamper students long distance is through the purchase of finals packs; hand selected foods and goodies packaged and delivered to their students during finals. This year's event was successful with over 40 baskets of booster packs (your typical



**Janice Rasmussen, Kim Berg and Judith Scherer Connealy display their award winning costumes and decorated golf cart for Homecoming 2000.**

junk food) or nutri-packs (a high energy, low fat version) sold. Kim Berg, current vice president, did the shopping and Rasmussen sent out an e-mail inviting club members to meet in the Dragon's Head over lunch to assemble the packs.

One of Rasmussen's funniest memories as president was this year during the decorating of the club's homecoming golf cart for the parade. The reaction to the "float" at the parade was very funny. "I think people were a little shocked that I had that thing on my head." Rasmussen had made a hat out of a large circular piece of cardboard and then attached items representing the offerings at the concession stand; pop, nachos, and popcorn. "Kim Berg and I worked on the float trying to come up with ideas. We knew we would be throwing out rice krispie bars to the crowd to promote the booster packs. That's when the ideas started to flow," said Rasmussen. Berg's hat covered the

baking side of the club, with cakes and brownies being the main decoration. When Chris Jebson, a judge for the event, saw Rasmussen trying to hold on to her huge hat in the wind, his eyes brows raised in disbelief and all he could say was "creative."

All of the monies raised through the various fundraisers go toward scholarship or bettering the Dana community. During the last two years, Dana Women's Club donated \$3,000 annually to help further student education. Scholarships are awarded to students with financial need.

New members are brought in each year through a mailing to all area women who are in some way connected to Dana. The dues are \$5 annually and some members choose to contribute financially but

are not active participants. Currently two recent Dana graduates, Gina Flood '00 and Caseina Cole '99, are active members. One thing Rasmussen would like to improve would be to involve larger numbers of the membership in the concession area. Concessions not only benefit the club financially, but also provide the opportunity for fellowship.

Recipients of the scholarships see the club as a blessing. The fruits of the members' labors goes directly to them through scholarship. Unfortunately many students still don't know what the organization is all about. The group is working to become more visible, by displaying signs at the concession stands and through the sale of the booster packs and cakes. Rasmussen is confident that the future looks good for the Dana Women's Club because there is a need for the services it provides.

## SCHOLARSHIPS KEY

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

What enables Dana College to provide support for students most in need, attract talented students to our campus, and enable students to graduate without significantly increasing their level of debt? Scholarships.

Scholarships are key to both Dana's future and that of most of our students. Scholarship support is an essential element of most Dana student total financial packages, and in many cases is the factor that determines if a student can and will enroll at Dana.

Dana is committed to providing our students with a high quality education at a competitive cost. Though Dana's tuition is well below the national average for private institutions of higher learning, there is still an urgent need for student financial aid. Few of Dana's students are wealthy. More than 98 percent of first time freshmen receive some form of financial assistance. Grants, loans, and work-study stipends are shaped in large part by government guidelines. The key to financial aid for our students, the portion that is most directly the responsibility of the college, is scholarships.

That's why scholarships like one recently announced by Paul Simon '49 and the Freedom Foundation are so important. Many other donors also feel that Dana has been a positive influence in their lives, and they desire to pass that opportunity on to others. Some have donated to the Dana Scholars Fund. Others have established named scholarships. Named scholarships can be supported annually by the donor (usually \$1,000 or more) or endowed (usually \$25,000

or more) where the interest funds the scholarship each year into the future.

Many small, private colleges, including some of Dana's direct competitors in the midwest, have endowments of \$50 million or more. Such an endowment provides an annual

income of more than \$2.5 million for scholarship support. Dana's endowment stood at \$6 million in 1997, when the Legacy Campaign began. That's up significantly from just a few years earlier, but Dana's endowment *continued on page 17*

### Simon & Freedom Forum Establish Scholarship

Paul Simon '49, retired U.S. Senator and ex-presidential candidate, has joined forces with the Freedom Forum to establish a Leadership Scholarship at Dana College. The scholarship will provide \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year) for a high school senior or a junior college student who is in the top 15 percent of his or her class, and is the student body president or senior class president. The scholarship is not transferable to any other school.

"Dana is a superb college that offers leadership opportunities for its students. And I want some of the leadership-oriented students around the region to learn about Dana. This scholarship seems to me a good vehicle to help one student leader, and let other student leaders know about Dana," said Simon.

Students can apply for the scholarship by writing a letter of application to Dana College describing what they have done or are doing to provide leadership in their communities. That leadership could be in their high school, but also might be with a local church, park district, or a service organization such as Habitat for Humanity.

Senator Simon is a Dana College alumnus, and a life-long supporter of the college. He has established a fund

to help Dana students travel and study abroad, and supported a new program of Judaism Studies at Dana.

In his 1998 book, "P.S.: The Autobiography of Paul Simon," he devoted an entire chapter to his years at Dana. He still returns to his alma mater often.

After 40 years of public service, Simon retired from the U.S. Senate in 1997. He now serves as the first holder of the Paul Simon Endowed Chair in Public Policy at Southern Illinois University, where he continues his prolific writings on national policy and remains deeply involved in public service activities. Simon also heads the newly created Public Policy Institute in its effort to provide objective assessments of public policy and its implications for government leaders, journalists, and society at large.

The Freedom Forum, based in Arlington, Va., is a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech, and free spirit for all people. The foundation focuses on four main priorities: the interactive press museum in Arlington called the Newseum, First Amendment issues, newsroom diversity, and world press freedom.



Senator Paul Simon

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

### IN MEMORIAL

*Gifts were given in 2000 in memory of the following:*

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 Vivian (Jenkins '65) Nelsen  
 Pastors & Staff of First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Neb.  
 The people of Immanuel, Hazelwood and St. Peter's, Northfield, Minn.  
 Robert Shaff

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income is still very low. It leaves more than \$2 million per year to be raised to support Dana's scholarship program. That's why strengthening the college's endowment is a priority within the Legacy Campaign. We intend to double Dana's endowment to \$12 million during the campaign, with a special emphasis on increasing permanent endowment resources to support student scholarships.

Individual donors and foundations have responded to our endowment challenge already, bringing us more than a third of the way to our campaign endowment goal. Other donors have made provisions in their estate plans to fund sizeable scholarships after their death.

Few students in Dana's history could have afforded the full cost of our quality education. Scholarship

support, provided by alumni and friends of the college, has always been significant. That will not change. We invite our alumni and friends to consider how they can help tomorrow's students realize their dream of a Dana College education.

## '00s

**Elizabeth Lange '00** teaches first and second grade at Friedel Jewish Academy in Omaha, Neb.

**Rich Martell '00** is a teacher at Mt. View Elementary in the Omaha Public School system. He also coaches football and basketball.

**Amy Zimbelman '00** is teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade math at Lexington Public Schools and lives in Kearney, Neb.

## '90s

**Deena (Knapp '99) and Mike '97 Bisig** have relocated to Portland, Org. Deena completed her master's degree in communication studies and journalism from South Dakota State University in December.

**Michelle Hurt '99** married **Paul Gardner '97** on October 28, 2000, in Omaha. She is employed at Mission Middle School in Bellevue, Neb. and he is employed at Community Rehab in Fremont, Neb.

**D. Matt Worley '99** is attending the American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco, Calif., in pursuit of a master of fine arts in acting.

**Richard Hodge '98** and Nicole Hansen were married July 22, 2000, in Lincoln, Neb. They live in Liberty, Mo. where they teach in the Liberty Public Schools. He also coaches junior varsity basketball.

**Beth (McCabe '98) Krominga** is attending graduate school at Bellevue University, Omaha. Beth and husband **Joel '99** live in Blair.

**Jaimie Krueger '98** was married to Lucas Tierney in Las Vegas last May.

**Kristin Mathiesen '98** married H. Shannon Crouse on December 2, 2000. They reside in Arlington, Neb. She is employed by J.C. Robinson Seed Company as a customer support representative.

**Chana (Bammerlin '98) and Jason '98 Orton** are the parents of daughter Caitlin Jae, born August 2, 2000.

**Stacy (King '98) and Chase '97 Roller** have a son Drake Casey, born February 7, 1999.

**Soren Schmidt '98** is program director at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, Mich.

**Heidi Larson '97** is employed by Ford Credit and was transferred to Las Vegas in February 2001.

**Johan Windmuller '97** became a United States citizen last April and joined the Fremont (Neb.) Police Department in August of 2000.

**Erik Einertson '96** is an MBA student at the University of Notre Dame and lives in South Bend, Ind.

**Terra Keiser '96 and Tim Marsden '97** perform as the Christian vocal group *Walk by Faith*. They presented "Sounds of Christmas" at the Minden (Iowa) United Church of Christ in December of 2000. Terra teaches elementary general music for Omaha Public Schools. Tim is the director of choral music at Northwest High School in Omaha.

**Christopher Whitenack '96** graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in December and has been assigned to District 01. Trooper Whitenack is in a 14-week field-training program. He resides in Dixon, Ill. with wife Elizabeth.

**Karl Hermanson '95** lives in Las Vegas, N.M. and works as a professional artist. His paintings hang in numerous local businesses. He is the project director of the restoration of a 150 year-old adobe church.

**Anne Kate Swisher '95** married Anthony Hyatt on June 20, 2000, in Fernandine Beach, Fla., on Amelia Island. Anne is working in Omaha for Bethpage as a residential coordinator. Her husband is a computer engineer.

They live in Bellevue, Neb.

**Rochelle Dufresne '94** lives in Minneapolis, Minn., and is employed with IBM Global Services in B2B Strategy for the Aerospace and Defense division.

**Matthew Schmidt '94** is a chiropractor at the Eastland Chiropractic Center in Bloomington, Ill. He and his wife Carla are the proud parents of Rian and live in Danvers, Ill.

**Rev. Nyla (Christensen '93) Schoeld** graduated from Luther Seminary in December and is the Associate Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Long Beach, Calif.

**Scott Gray '92** was married May 13, 2000. His wife Debra is a personal fitness trainer and Scott works for a division of Union Pacific Corp called Nexterna as a national account manager.

**Lois (Behrens '92) Jones** moved to Lafayette, Ind., where husband Jim has a new job as a sr. marketing consultant for Farm Journal Electronic Media. Lois is home full time with new baby Jillian Faith (b. Nov. 21, 2000) and Regan who was 2 in January.

**Nicole Brownell '91** is a certified athletic trainer for DII Eckerd College and resides in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Cami Sue Christensen '91** married James Paul Zompa November 11, 2000, in Jacksonville, Iowa. Cami is employed in hotel management and Jim is vice-president of human resources at Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee, Wisc.

## '80s

**Joel Barratt '86** has joined The Sacco Group, a marketing firm headquartered in Omaha as senior art director. He has worked in advertising, marketing, graphic design and copy writing for 13 years.

**Michael Dryver '85** is director of music ministries for St. Andrew's

United Methodist Church, Omaha, Neb. In December he directed two worship services that consisted solely of "The Messiah." He oversees a music department of 17 ensembles with 250 adults and students from grades K-12 and 15 musicians.

**Cindy (Lorenzen '84) Hansen** recently traveled to Cameroon, Africa, on a mission trip. Projects included building a roof on the church in Abo Boutila along side the African parishioners. Cindy and husband **Jeff '87** live in Salem, S.D. with their son Pete.

**Kevin Wurzer '83** of Waterloo, Iowa, has been named activities director at Hudson High School where he teaches health classes and coaches volleyball and softball.

**Jennifer Jensen '82** is director of marketing for Voda One. She has over 15 years experience in marketing voice, data, and related telecommunications products.

**Beth (Handbury '82) Johnsen** is the K-12 principal at Elkhorn Valley School. Husband Ben is a grain farmer and they are the parents of five children.

**Mark Walth '81** and his family have moved to Phoenix, Ariz. Mark is doing a lay internship with the performing arts team at Community Church of Joy.

## '70s

**Debra Jenner-Billington '78** was a reenactor at the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument in Kearney, Neb., during President Clinton's visit to the monument in December. She was able to meet and visit with the president.

**Jane Elizabeth (Radloff '77) Johnson** has relocated to Georgia with her daughters Elizabeth (9th grade) and Katherine (4th grade). Jane transferred with Motorola to be materials operations manager at the Order Fulfillment Center in Suwanee. Her husband Wayne passed away last July after an 8-year battle with cancer.

**Arnold Young '77** is a full-time home-care respiratory specialist for Apria Healthcare in Bethlehem, Pa.

**Dr. John Hibbing '76** participated in the "Election Roundtable: Revisiting the 2000 Elections" at the Nebraska State Capitol, featuring analysis of the 2000 election. He is a professor of political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Donald Baack '75** recently released a book entitled "How to Write a Love Letter: Putting What's In Your Heart On Paper." Baack was an instructor at Dana from 1981-1984.

**Michael Brady '73** of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is the Logan County Common Pleas Court Judge, Probate-Juvenile Divisions. He has two children; Matthew, 13 and Cassie, 11.

**John Dennis Weidler '72** is general manager of KICY AM/FM, in Nome, Alaska, a mission radio station operated by the Covenant Church. They broadcast in Yup'ik, Inupiaq, Siberian Yup'ik, Russian and English.

**Donald Brantz '71** farms in the rural Glenwood/Mineola, Iowa, area and is a member of the board of supervisors, serving his third term. He is married to Veronica and has a daughter, Anna Marie.

## '60s

**David Hanson '64** ranked second among more than 1,200 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of investment products issued in Sept. 2000. He is affiliated with the Chicago/St. Louis Resource Group in Itasca.

**Everett Johnson '60**, Dana's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 1998, will retire after two decades of service as Iowa's high school music leader. He has helped organize the Iowa All-State Festival Concert for the Iowa High School Music Association for the past 23 years.

## '50s

**David Bidstrup '58** received a kidney Aug. 2, 2000, from his daughter Karn Gueldenzopf (born in Blair in 1960) in Milwaukee, Wisc. David and wife, **Betty (Christensen '59)** are retired and live in Racine, Wisc. Their other daughter is **Karla Bidstrup-Spencer '86**.

**Rev. Arthur Simon '52** founder and former executive director of Bread for the World was the keynote speaker at the Dec. 16th commencement and was recognized with an honorary doctor of laws from Concordia University, River Forest, Ill.

**Dr. Paul Laursen '51**, Dana Board of Regents Chairman, was honored recently by two former students. Laursen, professor of chemistry and provost at Wesleyan until his retirement in 1993, along with a colleague had a scholarship for natural science students at Wesleyan established in their names.

## DEATHS

**Katheryn Kay (Fritz '82) Andersen** died November 4, 2000, in Milwaukee, Wisc., from complications following heart surgery. Survivors include husband, Richard '81; parents Willys and Leanne Fritz, sister Sue Lueder, brother Dan Fritz and in-laws Don and Clarice (Axland '72) Andersen. She was teaching first grade in Germantown, Wis.

**Suzanne Roe '78** died December 14, 2000, in Portland, Ore., of cardiac arrest. She was employed at Mount Hood Community Hospital as a unit coordinator for more than 15 years.

**Beulah M. Pelton '71** died on November 26, 2000. She taught country school for a number of years and wrote a book called "We Belong to the Land" which was published in 1984.

**Roy H. Knudsen '36** of Atlantic, Iowa, died September 16, 2000, at the Atlantic Nursing Rehab center.

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## "GREAT DANE" VICTOR BORGE DIES

Victor Borge, humorist, pianist, and a "Great Dane of Dana," died in his sleep at his Connecticut home Saturday, December 23rd, 2000, just days short of his 92nd birthday.

Borge received an honorary doctorate from Dana in 1976. During that visit, he gave a benefit performance in Borup Coliseum and the Borge Scholarship was established. He gave a second benefit performance for Dana at Joslyn Art Museum in 1989. At that event President Christopherson gave Borge a Viking helmet and named him a "Great Dane of Dana." Borge's final visit to Dana College was for another benefit performance in November of 1995.

Borge (born Borge Rosenbaum) was a child prodigy on the piano. He made his orchestral debut at the age of 10 with the Danish Symphony. He was nervous in those early years, and began to make wisecracks to help his nerves. The audience response encouraged him, and his unique style of mixing humor with serious music developed. He debuted in a musical revue in 1933 and in films in 1937, becoming one of Scandanavia's most popular performers.

Borge left his native Denmark for America one step ahead of the Nazi occupation of 1940. When he arrived in New York City, he spoke little English. He set about learning the language and translating his humor. His talent was



**Victor Borge**

quickly recognized, and he performed on Bing Crosby's national radio show in 1941. He and his famous musical and "phonetic alphabet" routines were immediate hits. In 1942 the press pronounced him "the best new radio performer of the year." On top of his many performances on radio and television, and as a soloist with leading orchestras, Borge also had his own Broadway show, "Comedy in Music," which ran from 1953-56. In later years, he also served as an opera conductor.

Victor Borge became an American citizen in 1948. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in the performing arts at Kennedy Center in December of 1999. Perhaps his most enduring quote is "A laugh is the shortest distance between two people."



**President Christopherson presents a Viking helmet to Borge.**

## PROMINENT DANA COLLEGE BUILDING NAMED: DURHAM CENTER

By Barry Anderson 73

Director of College Relations

The building which is the centerpiece of the campus finally has an official name. In November it was announced that the building which was built at the site of the original Old Main is to be officially called the Margre Henningson Durham Center. The building, constructed in 1993, is being named in honor of Margre Durham, the noted volunteer and philanthropist who died in October of 1999. The Durham family has generously supported educational institutions in Nebraska, Dana College among them. The building joins a number of notable structures in the Omaha area named for Margre Durham and her husband, Charles W. Durham.

Margre Durham was the granddaughter of Danish immigrants who settled and farmed near Ellsworth, Iowa. Her father was Henning H. Henningson, who founded the Omaha consulting architectural and engineering firm now known as Henningson Durham & Richardson, or HDR.

For more than 40 years, Margre Durham was a leading volunteer in

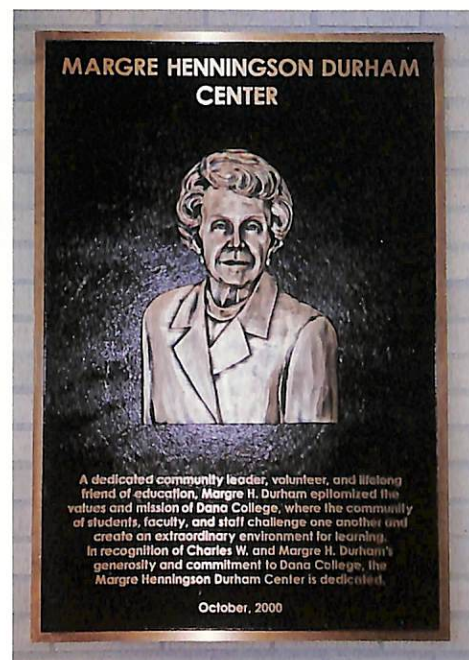
numerous Omaha area educational, community and social service organizations, including Methodist Hospital, Junior Achievement, the Omaha Children's Museum, the YWCA and the

Museum, the United Way CHAD Fund Drive, the University of Nebraska Foundation, the Patron Committee of the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Nebraska Arts Council, the Quality Living Friends Board, and the Goodwill Friends Board.

Durham received numerous honors in recognition of her community service and charitable work, including an honorary degree from Dana College in 1992. Margre is survived by her husband Charles; daughters Mary Helen



**(above) New polished metal letters installed on the exterior of the Margre Henningson Durham Center. (right) A closeup of the dedication plaque located in the entrance of the Durham Center.**



and husband Dennis Lundgren, Lynne and husband John Boyer, all of Omaha, Debra Durham of Fremont; and son Steven and wife Barbara in Texas.

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### FRIENDS

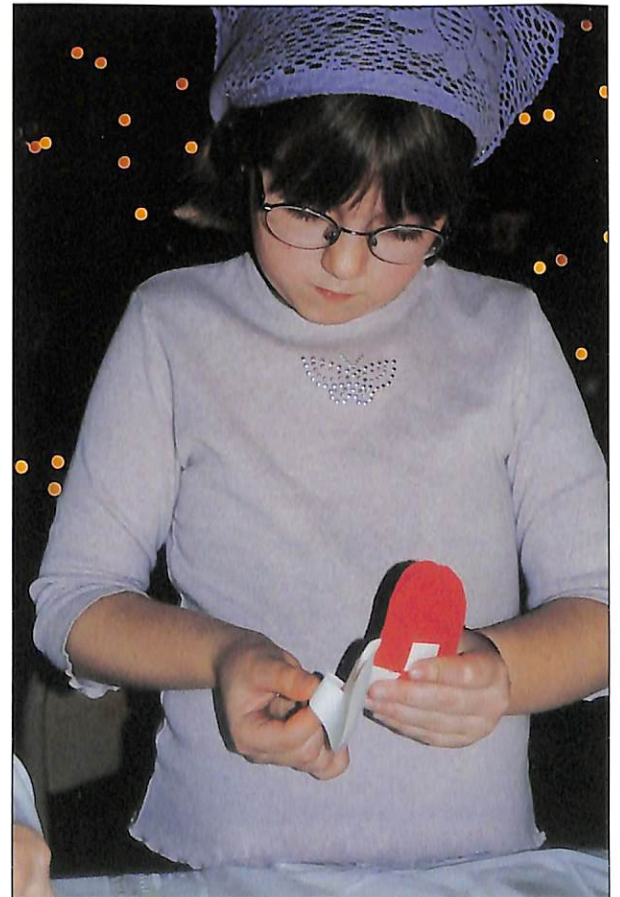
**Lily S. Bussey** died December 20, 2000, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the age of 89. She was born in Council Bluffs, and lived in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1916-1918. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard J., in 1979.

**Robert P. Jensen** died December 7, 2000, in Blair, Neb. at the age of 74. He was a Dana Athletic Hall of Fame Charter Member in 1976. He is survived by wife Delores; son and daughter-in-law, Arnie '73 and Lois (Edmonds '73) Jensen; daughters and sons-in-law, Lorrie and John Samson, Susan Richardson '92, Penney and Kurt Silvey, Robin and Allen Riggs, and 12 grandchildren.

**Nina M. Sanberg** of Blair, Neb., died at the age of 97 years at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home. She is survived by daughter, Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, daughter and son-in-law Arlene (Sandberg '54) and Robert D'52 T'55 Nelson, and son and daughter-in-law Maynard and Mary Sandberg.



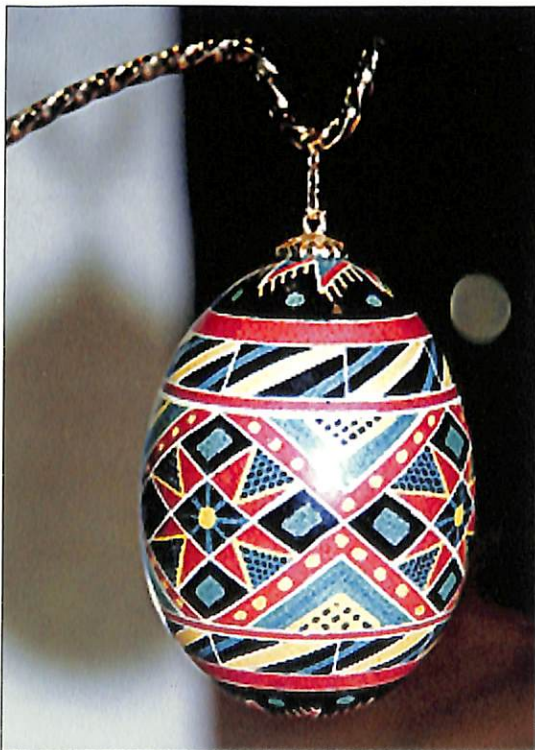
(upper left) John W. Nielsen in his animated style demonstrates story telling. (above) The Santa Lucia singers round out the day with their angelic voices. (left) Over 11,000 people enjoyed the delicious foods at our authentic scandinavian smorgasbord. (below left) The Dana College Chorale delighted over 900 people during the 2 concerts presented this year. (below right) Maren Anderson, age 9, tries her hand at paper weaving, another scandinavian tradition.



# Sights & Sounds of CHRISTMAS



(above, back row, l-r) L'ara Holliday, Heather Wonders, Marta Walker, (front row, l-r) Larissa Schultz and Jake Adolphson perform in the Dana Theatre production of *Santa Claus in Love*. (above right) Agneta Gaines demonstrates the art of weaving on her wooden loom. (right) Professor William Hall directs the Dana Concert Band in inspiring holiday music. (below) A closeup sample of Pysanky, Ukrainian Easter Egg art. (below right) Scandinavian folk dancers, under the direction of Poul Steffensen, share their enthusiasm and skill as they twirl and swing to the music.



## Remember When . . .

Do you have a favorite memory of your days at Dana that you would love to share with our Dana Review readers? Just send in your memory and we'll place it in our new column entitled "Remember When . . ."

*This memory was provided by Joan (Petersen '56) Krogh*

The annual choir tour during late November of 1952 (my freshman year at Dana) was to Montana, Canada, North and South Dakota, and was a wonderful experience in so many ways. Montana in November was frightfully cold as the wind whipped across the barren plains. By the time we crossed the border into Canada, conditions worsened. It began to snow, making highways treacherous. Cars slid into the ditch, but our bus plowed on. Our host families were gracious, but in the rural areas of Canada the chemical toilets were a NEW experience!

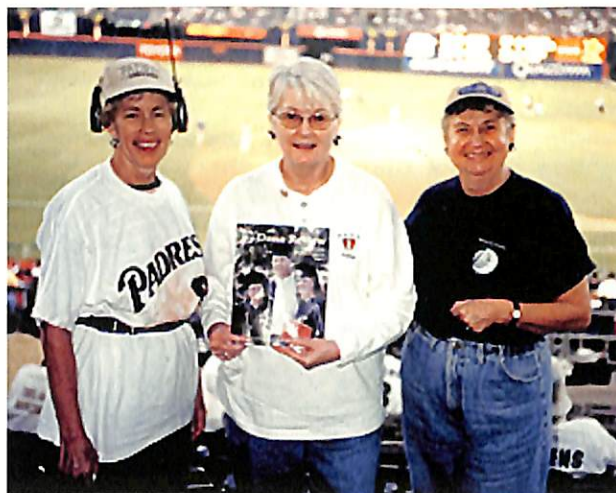
Following our final evening concert in South Dakota, our bus lumbered into the night as we made our way back

to campus. We were travel-weary and looking forward to finally sleeping in our own beds in the dorm. Miss Mac (the Dean of Women) greeted Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen, my roommate and me when we arrived "home," saying something I really didn't hear. When we opened our door, nothing was familiar. What had happened was that a number of students, unable to go home for Thanksgiving, remained on campus. Their imaginations devised a scheme which their pent-up energies carried out. Since Pete Mathiasen '54 and Bent Damkar '53, roommates in the men's dorm were both on choir tour, as were Ann and I, why not switch our rooms - furniture, curtains, clothes in the closet - everything. So when Ann and I opened the door that night, we saw Pete and Bent's room rather than our own. What a crazy, but harmless stunt that was! It added one more unique, treasured memory of the extra special years at Dana that helped to shape my life.



(left) (l - r) Alice (Schultz '53) Layman, is shown with Mrs. Poole, director of Lutheran Youth Center in Cape Town, South Africa.

(right) (l - r) Harriet (Putnam '64) Dobson, Carolyn (Andersen '64) Nielsen and Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen enjoy the Dodgers vs. Padres baseball game in San Diego, Calif. on September 30, 2000.



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