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President Myrvin F. Christopherson

Do you ever thank God for your parents? I do, and I know my wife, Anne, does. Because they sacrificed and saved, we were able to have an easier life. I've told how my mother and father became custodians at our church. The extra \$65 per month helped me go to Dana College. Anne's parents saved on the farm and limited their own spending so she could attend Luther College.

Parents and students still sacrifice for college, and the price tag has grown. The Lumina Foundation for Education recently reported that private colleges in Nebraska and most every other state are not affordable. Only two-year community colleges are judged affordable at all income levels. I believe the study is flawed. It appears to regard college as a commodity, something one pays for out of the checking account. If one has to take out loans of \$2625 per year or more to pay for room, board, and tuition at a college, just over \$200 per month, then that college is unaffordable. Yet, more students are going to college – public and private – and finding a way to pay.

College is not just another purchase like a car or boat. Rather, it is an investment, one that can pay big dividends for a lifetime. On average,

Education: An investment for a lifetime

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

college graduates tend to earn twice as much in their lifetimes as those who are not college educated; however, a much more important outcome is a love of learning, a richer understanding of life, of people, ideas, and methodologies for discovering new knowledge and answers to problems. At a college with a Christian mission, worship, study, and service opportunities help the student grow in faith, too.

I can think of no greater resource that I'd rather invest in for my children than a college education.

Of course, almost no one pays the \$18,046 sticker price in tuition and fees, room and board advertised in our catalog, because nearly every student receives substantial scholarship support, a fact that the Lumina study fails to take into account. The bargain is even better when one considers that a Dana student is likely to graduate on time, usually in four years.

If all you want is a diploma, you may be tempted to look for the lowest price tag. Then, you won't want to choose Dana. If you want first-rate teachers with top credentials and a burning desire to teach undergraduates, to serve as mentors, and to model and shape positive values; then give us a look. At Dana, every student will be challenged to realize his or her potential inside and outside of the classroom.

Thankfully, many Dana alumni and friends believe the alternative we provide in higher education is important. They are willing to give their support so that others can have the benefit of a Dana education. Each year they make generous donations to enable us to make improvements and

help talented, needy students.

Regrettably, public policies in Nebraska sometimes place us at a disadvantage to many other states. For example, I am told that this year Iowa will award approximately \$48 million in aid to Iowa students who elect to attend Iowa private colleges. Next door, Nebraska students are limited to a pool of under \$4 million in state grants if they elect to attend one of our fine private colleges, yet some policy makers want to eliminate or reduce that amount, arguing that private college students receive too large a share of state scholarship funds. This view tends to ignore the fact that the public colleges and universities already receive approximately \$540 million each year. This keeps the cost of attendance for Nebraska state college and university students among the lowest in the nation.

I want strong public colleges and universities and am proud to have spent 25 years teaching in some of these fine universities. However, **I also want the public to know that our private colleges and universities offer vital alternatives at almost no direct cost to the taxpayer.** In Nebraska, private colleges serve about 17 percent of the undergraduate population, but we graduate about 33 percent of the baccalaureate students each year. Private colleges bring students to our state from many states and nations, and many stay here to make outstanding contributions to our communities. **We are blessed to have both public and private side by side. I only hope people will prize and support both.**

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Mark John Christensen is shown here on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court.

'79 grad wins case before U.S. Supreme Court

The dream of many attorneys is to one day present a case in front of the United States Supreme Court. A 1979 Dana College graduate not only achieved that goal, but also won his first case unanimously in front of the highest court in the land.

Mark Christensen of Andalusia, Ala., stumbled into his first Supreme Court case. He happened to be “in the right place at the right time,” he said. In January 1997, Christensen was at the county courthouse on another matter when a judge asked him to be the court-appointed attorney for Michael Bozeman, a man who was serving a federal drug sentence and was also facing state charges relating to shooting at his girlfriend’s house and car. Christensen said he eagerly took the case as he was just starting out in his own practice, “so I was taking any work that came in the door.”

The simple criminal case grew into something worthy of the Supreme Court when authorities violated the Interstate Agreement of Detainers (IAD). Bozeman was transported to county jail in Alabama for arraignment

and counsel appointment on his state charges and was returned to federal prison in Florida the following day. The law states that if a prisoner is taken to another jurisdiction, he must be tried there before returning to the original jurisdiction or the charges shall be dismissed.

Bozeman was found guilty of the shooting charges, but Christensen appealed the case first to the trial court and later to the Court of Criminal Appeals on the basis of violation of the IAD. These courts upheld the original verdict. A divided Alabama Supreme Court, however, reversed the appellate court’s ruling.

In turn, the Alabama attorney general appealed the state supreme court’s ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. “I really didn’t think they would be interested (in hearing the case),” Christensen said, “but they were.” The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case in December 2000.

Both sides had until April 2001 to prepare their cases. Each side would give a 30-minute argument before the justices could ask questions.

“It was a great experience to go into the Supreme Court. It’s just very impressive with the pageantry,” Christensen said.

Christensen received six tickets for family members to see him in court. Attending were his wife, two oldest children, mother-in-law, and two brothers-in-law, including Russell Schoneweis ’84.

“I wasn’t all that nervous,” Christensen said. “With my wife’s help, we read just about every case

that dealt with this law, so I was confident I could answer any questions.”

He had to wait until June 2001 to find out the high court had ruled unanimously in his favor. The state charges against Bozeman were dismissed.

“I joke that it took me four years to finally find nine people who would agree with me,” Christensen said.

His client has finished his federal prison term and has returned to society. Christensen says Bozeman goes out little except for to his job as a barber and to church.

Christensen credits his liberal arts background with helping him in his career as an attorney. “The liberal arts education is useful in helping you to think and write, read and understand,” he said. The small classes at Dana helped him overcome his shyness, he said. He also cited the influence on his career of professors Dr. John W. Nielsen and Dr. Richard Jorgensen.

While at Dana, Christensen majored in history and humanities. He received his law degree from the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, Calif. He also attended seminary for one year at Wartburg College in Dubuque, Iowa, was a member of the guest faculty at Aarhus University in Denmark and completed graduate work at Notre Dame University.

“Even though I didn’t expect to get to the Supreme Court, I do a fair amount of appellate work,” he said. “I’d like to do it again now that I have my appetite wetted.”

Dr. Liz Karnes receives Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at Dana Convocation ceremony

Dr. Liz Karnes may have not been at Dana in person to receive her honorary doctorate of humane letters, but her spirit was celebrated at the 2002 Opening Convocation ceremony, Jan. 31. Karnes was unable to be present for the award ceremony because she was recovering from her ninth surgery.

An Omaha community leader, educator, author and volunteer, Karnes has received many awards honoring her professional, political and civic accomplishments. She was named Outstanding Young Woman of Nebraska by the Nebraska Jaycees in 1985, inducted to the Westside Community Schools Hall of Fame in 1985, and proclaimed the Omahan of the Year in 1999 by the West Omaha Rotary Club.

Other recognitions include the YWCA Tribute to Women – Education Honoree, the National Council of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award (with husband Dave); Metropolitan Community College Foundation's Golden Apple Award, the Nebraska Association for the Gifted Extra Mile Award and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Alumni Achievement Award. In 1994 she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the College of St. Mary in Omaha.

Dr. Karnes completed her education in 1975 with a doctorate in secondary education from UNL. She began her teaching career with the Lincoln Public Schools as a Spanish and English instructor.

Dr. Karnes served as supervisor of curriculum and instruction at Boys

Town from 1975-1981, and again in 1984-1987. From 1981-1983 she served as research volunteer for Mrs. George Bush, Office of the Vice President.

A strong advocate for education, her public service also includes elected terms as a Westside Community Schools School Board member, on which she presently serves. During the Bush Sr. administration, she



Professor Diana Brown delivers her address to the Opening Convocation audience with passion.

served as co-chair of the National Commission of Drug Free Schools in Washington, D.C.

During the Clinton administration, she served on the National Commission of Work Based Learning, also in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Karnes' many professional contributions to education include the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) National Advisory Board, speaker for the National School Boards Association, and the Omaha 2000

Steering Committee Teacher Education task force.

Dr. Karnes' past civic work includes the College of St. Mary Board, PRIDE Omaha Board, and co-chair of the Cornhusker State Winter Games.

Her ongoing work includes the Prostate Cancer Foundation Board of Directors at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Committee of Visitors at UNL, and the Boys Town Board of Trustees. She is currently the Omaha Airport Authority chair of the board for 2001-2002. She has been a speaker for many educational political, civic, religious, health and women's groups.

An accomplished author, Dr. Karnes has published several works, including "Teacher Evaluation and Merit Pay," "Discipline in Our Schools," and "Philosophy, Policies and Programs of Early Adolescent Education."

Dr. Karnes has battled ovarian cancer for more than 10 years and has been an inspiration of faith and courage to countless cancer sufferers.

Her family includes husband David Kemp Karnes, former U.S. Senator, and daughters Korey, Kalen, Mary Karalyn and Laurel.

Also during Opening Convocation, Dr. Kathleen McSharry was the recipient of the Richardson Professorship. Diana Brown, former Richardson Professor, delivered the keynote speech. Several students were recognized as All American and Scholar Athletes, Morton Scholars and members of Alpha Chi.

Business Department maintains high standard **Academic Excellence at Dana**

This is the first in a series on the academic programs at Dana College.

Dana prides itself on academic excellence. The outstanding education Dana students receive is reflected in their professional and civic lives long after they receive their degree. All the while, Dana College continues to improve upon its programs, setting a higher standard of excellence for future students.

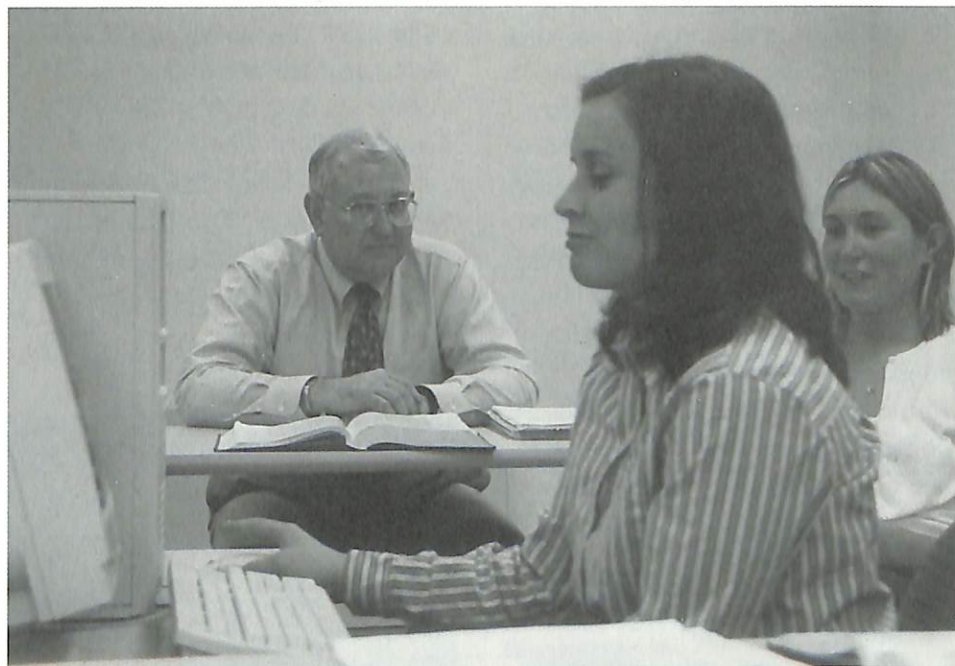
Hundreds of Dana College graduates find success in the business world. Some open their own businesses. Others rise through the ranks of large corporations or small non-profits. Still others excel in graduate school.

The business department at Dana College continues to evolve through the years, while maintaining a standard of excellence.

Currently Dana offers a 54-credit business administration major with optional areas of emphasis in accounting, economics and finance, management, marketing, information systems and international business.

Dr. James Smith, chair of the business department, is proud that Dana's program is one of fewer than 400 small schools that has received independent accreditation from the [Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs \(ACBSP\)](#). The business department has been fully accredited since 1998.

"It shows that we've been looked at in even more substantial detail by an outside agency," Smith said.



Professor James Smith works with students on a computer-based business project.

Alumna Carol King '84 needs no further proof that Dana College provided her with a quality education. Now in her 16th year at Valley Products Corporation in Valley, Neb., this California native has risen through the ranks to earn the title of vice president.

King said she initially worked solely in financial matters with her accounting background. "Over the years, my responsibilities expanded," she said. Now her plate holds a diverse array of duties including risk management, human resources, policy development and computer services.

King maintains a strong connection with Dana College. She has returned to teach in the business

department at Dana part-time and her daughter, Beth '98, is an alumna.

It is the last path an 18-year-old Lutheran girl from California expected to take. King said her father had encouraged her to attend California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif., when it was a new college of the church. She had no interest at the time in attending a Lutheran school. Little did she know that 20 years later, her parents would watch her graduate from another Lutheran school thousands of miles away.

King is proud of her Dana education and contends the small college environment has helped her succeed. "I'm not afraid of hard work," she said. "I was never afraid to go after



Carol King '84 (left) meets with a co-worker at Valley Products Corporation.

anything or to master anything because a lot was expected of me at Dana.”

Now King holds those same expectations in her classroom at Dana. She sees teaching as her true way to make a mark in the business world.

Dixie (Whitlow '93) Ziegler credits Dana's broad-based liberal arts education in helping her springboard into a management role at Hamilton Telecommunications in Aurora, Neb.

She started at Hamilton in 1994 as a marketing coordinator. Today she works as director of relay, a service for the deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired that Hamilton provides in six states across the U.S.

“I wouldn't have been able to move into this management position without the core business classes required with my marketing major,” she said. “I am positive that if I

wouldn't have had that well-rounded education, I wouldn't be where I am today.”

Another Dana alumnus, Ralph Glock '71, led Ziegler to Dana College. He was principal at Genoa (Neb.) High School at the time and urged Ziegler to take a look at Dana.

“When I was on campus the first time, I just knew immediately that it was the place,” Ziegler said. “I'm very grateful he pointed me to Dana. It was the perfect fit for me.”

Today's business administration students still receive the broad education that Ziegler valued. All business students, regardless of emphasis, must take classes in mathematics, accounting, statistics, information systems, management, marketing, human resources, finance and economics.

This business background, combined with the liberal arts experience of the general education program, provides students with the education they need to not only get a job, but also to advance in their careers, change career paths if they choose and contribute to their communities throughout their lives.

Business administration is one of the largest majors at Dana College with 100-120 students majoring in the program. Large on a Dana scale is still small enough for one-on-one interaction with professors.

“We're small and we know our students,” Smith said. “We can do what we say we're going to do—that is give the student a lot of personalized attention if he or she wants it. This is not a place where a student can come and hide among the margins.”

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— *Dixie (Whitlow '93) Ziegler*

Dana students give back to the community through group efforts

The Dana College communication department has taken hands-on learning to a new level with the impact of service learning projects.

This fall, 22 groups of Dana students from four sections of a Small Group Communication course planned projects that were socially significant to the Dana, Blair or Omaha communities. Impacted groups included the homeless, elderly, children, minorities, animals, the environment and Dana College.

"They learn by actually working in groups and doing something socially worthwhile instead of just an academic project," said Dr. Mary McComb, chair of the communication department.

Groups are together the entire semester. A large portion of their course grade is the planning and completion of a service learning project.



Dana students (from left) Bryant Johnson, Alicia Widtfeldt, Roy Schimpf and Lance Conroy collected 30 bags of winter clothing for the Salvation Army.

"There are great activities to do in the classroom and we do those too, but there's nothing like being in a group for 15 weeks," McComb said.

One successful student project this fall was the collection of winter clothes for the Salvation Army.

Four student athletes, Alicia Widtfeldt, Lance Conroy, Bryant Johnson and Roy Schimpf, worked together on the project. Because of their busy schedules, Widtfeldt said they looked for a project that could be done together, yet with few group meetings.

"We learned we all needed to work together," she said. "If there were only three people, we wouldn't have collected nearly as much as we did."

The four set a goal of collecting 12-16 bags of winter clothes by setting up collection boxes in eight businesses, seven in Blair and one in Omaha. They publicized their efforts through a series



Dana students load the winter clothing they collected to transport to the Salvation Army in Omaha.

of articles in the Blair newspaper.

Widtfeldt said the group more than exceeded its goal. They collected 30 garbage bags of clothing for donation, nearly more than would fit in two vehicles for transport to the Salvation Army in Omaha.

"It was really cool at the end of our project to see how much impact we could make," Widtfeldt said.

"My students always impress me," said Lisa Schrieber, instructor of communication.

"They are actually making a difference, even in a small way," McComb said. "One hopes this gets students into lifelong habits of volunteering."

This is the second year that service learning has been a part of the Small Group Communication course. It has been used as a learning tool in greater detail in upper level communication courses.

Opening international doors to the future

Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson recently announced an exchange agreement that has opened the doors of international study between Dana College in Blair, Neb., and the University of Aalborg in Denmark.

Jessica Donnell of Dana College and Rasmus Jorgensen of the University of Aalborg are the two pioneering students who have studied at each other's institutions this year. Last year, Bjorn Christopherson of Blair, a Luther College graduate who has also taken courses at Dana, studied at Aalborg University before an exchange agreement was established.

The program allows for a direct exchange of students between the two institutions. Students pay tuition at their home schools and study at Aalborg University or Dana College for the cost of room, board and travel.

Students have the opportunity to study both internationally and in a different learning environment. "Dana's students will find a different and challenging learning experience at Aalborg University. They spend one half of the semester writing a project paper using theories introduced in their classes. That's a real luxury – to spend so much time delving into a subject more comprehensively. It does take getting used to, and requires a fair amount of self-discipline," Janeen Smith Jorgensen says of the teaching methods utilized at Aalborg. Smith Jorgensen is the coordinator of the International Studies Program at Aalborg University.

Programs at Aalborg are offered in Danish and English, although Smith Jorgensen points out that exchange student success at Aalborg University is greater if some study of Danish has been done. "We like the fact that Dana College was founded by Danish immi-

grants and that courses on Danish language and culture are available to Dana students," she said. Dana is one of just a handful of American colleges and universities that teach Danish.



Jessica Donnell



Rasmus Jorgensen (far right) enjoys a meal with fellow international students at Dana, (from left) Rune Jensen, Jeff Lu and Yusuf Chowdhury.

While both institutions share Danish roots, they have few similarities. Aalborg University is located in northern Denmark in the medium-sized city of Aalborg. The university is home to approximately 12,000 students. Degrees are offered in engineering, natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Dana is home to approximately 600 students. Degrees are offered in natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and religion, education and business.

Donnell, a Dana senior international communication major, is at Aalborg for two semesters. Jessica has had previous study experience abroad and arrived in Denmark with proficient Danish language skills. She enrolled in the master's level International Development Studies Program her first semester (taught in English), and has now transferred to the European Cultural Studies Program. She will take two courses taught in Danish, fulfilling her goal of improving her Danish language skills.

Jessica's exchange experience has opened several new doors to her future.

"In some ways, I feel as though I have less of an idea of what I want to do now than when I began my studies," she says of the many possibilities she sees for her future. "I would like a

career that allows me to use my foreign languages (which also include Arabic) and, if possible, to return to Denmark."

Jorgensen, a literature student at Aalborg, studied at Dana this past semester. He said it was a challenge that in the end gave him confidence in his academic abilities and an inspiration for his future goals.

"It proved to be a great experience for me both academically and personally," said Rasmus. "I was asked a lot of questions about Denmark, Aalborg and my own experience in America. I felt I contributed to increasing the awareness of Denmark and hope that more Dana students will come to Denmark."

Dana alum Dr. Jim Iversen ('55), Ames, Iowa, initiated communication with Smith Jorgensen in 1999. Dana College Director of Development Thomas Hansen, a native of Denmark, and President and Mrs. Christopherson have all traveled to Aalborg to develop the relationship that Dana College now shares with Aalborg University. Dr. Sybille Bartels, professor of German and associate dean, has been the primary coordinator of the exchange at Dana.

Baseball program numbers 50 student athletes

Many people view the number 13 as a bad sign or an omen but for the Dana College baseball program it signals a beginning point. In 1999 the Vikings' roster numbered 13 but in a brief two-year span, third-year Head Coach Damon Day has built the Viking baseball program into a roster of 50 student-athletes.

As the 2002 season approaches, there is a great deal of optimism as to how successful this year's Vikings will be. Coach Day chooses his words carefully when asked to make a prediction about this season. "We have won 21 games in the past two seasons so by no means are we in a position to start making claims, but we are impressed with how well our young team has come along," he said.

To say that the Vikings are young is an understatement. The Vikings return only four seniors and look to 13 sophomores for considerable playing time. On the mound is where the Vikings look for

experience in returning Second Team All-Great Plains Athletic Conference selection Justin Schroeder.

Rounding out the starting rotation is senior Wally Haime, Honorable Mention All-GPAC performer sophomore Chris Zachgo, junior college transfer Nate Landa (Feather River Community College), and sophomore James Miller.

Junior Nate Gutridge, sophomore Chris Meyer, sophomore Phil Hansen, and freshman Eric Schact look to give

stability to the bullpen.

Offensively the Vikings have completely revamped their batting order with the addition of junior college transfers Craig Martin (Feather River Community College) and Jon Moench (South Suburban Community College) to add much needed pop in the middle of the order.

Those two coupled with returning starting second baseman Jeff Nelson, a First Team All-GPAC selection and NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-American, and shortstop Ryan Stange, Honorable Mention All-GPAC, look to help the Vikings put more runs on the board this season.

"This season should be exciting we have come a long way in a short period of time," Coach Day said. "I hope we restore some pride in the Viking baseball program."

After two seasons of growing pains, the Vikings will not let the number 13 bother them anymore.



Four seniors, (from left) Wally Haime, Ryan Stange, Jeff Nelson and Justin Schroeder, will lead the Viking baseball team this spring.

Coach Birmingham builds winners in life as well as track

To be a successful distance runner at Dana College, one must not only be fast, also excel academically.

The distance runners for track and cross country at Dana College have won many honors since 1995 with their strong legs and minds. Four times, the men's cross country team has placed in the top seven nationally in the NAIA. Twenty-three times, Dana student-athletes have come home with All-American honors from the

NAIA National Meet in track and cross country.

In spite of all of these running successes, Head Coach Jay Birmingham is most proud of the 26 All-American Scholar Athletes that have thrived under his tutelage.

Coach Birmingham came to Dana College in 1994 after serving as an assistant coach at Adams State from 1991-1993. When Birmingham arrived he had but one goal: to build winners

not just in racing, but also in the race of life.

Birmingham is no stranger to running himself, participating in an amazing 69 marathons. When he is asked for the secret to his success, he states with pride, "I am just the coach. It is really about the kids."

Sandy Smith '97, an education graduate from Superior, Neb., got the ball rolling as the first All-American for Dana College in cross country. In

1998 she added her second All-American plaque and also earned an All-American Scholar Athlete award along the way.

To become an All-American Scholar Athlete, a student must possess a 3.50 grade point average or above and be a junior or senior.

"Sandy was the first, and her accomplishment increased the resolve of all underclassmen to match her achievement," Coach Birmingham said.

In 1998 Ben Sandy became the first Viking athlete to win four All-American awards with his feet and the maximum four Scholar Athlete awards with his academics (two in cross country and two in track). The Newcastle, Wyo., standout was an average high

school student but, "worked as hard on his studies as he did the roads," according to Coach Birmingham.

Sandy led a vanguard of Dana students to the honors platform his senior year (1998) including National Marathon Champion Angie Sparacino, Anne Hovde, Jennifer Williams, Ryan Jacobsen, Evan Bees, Ken Nikolas and Amanda Buttry.

Since those first four years, the honors continue to accumulate for the Dana College harriers. Since 1999, Jason Brindle, Natalie Flynn, John Tripp, Stephanie Collins, and Alicia Widtfeldt all have won All-American Scholar Athlete Awards.

A whole host of sophomores and freshmen wait in the wings with the required grade point averages to take

their place in a long line of academically successful runners.

Each of the cross country teams that have participated in the National Finals since 1996 has earned the coveted NAIA Scholar Team Award. Schools competing at nationals must have accumulative grade point average of 3.0 and above. Only 25 percent of the teams in the country qualify for this award.

"Running and competing are essential parts of these students' education," said Coach Birmingham. "Great work habits and the desire to excel are translated from the fields, roads, and track to the classroom. Time management, dedication, and persistence are traits which serve every athlete and every student."

History in the making: Dana wrestling program excels

During the past three years, the Dana College wrestling program has had a tremendous resurgence under the direction of Head Coach Steve Costanzo and Assistant Coaches Trevor Carritt and Ernie Abariotes.

Dana is no stranger to wrestling, fielding a team every year for the past 41 seasons. Through the years, Dana has produced 11 All-American wrestlers and nine Academic All-Americans.

In 2001 the Dana wrestling program became the Region IV Champion for the first time in school history.

In the past three seasons, Dana has sent 17 wrestlers to the NAIA National Wrestling Tournament, have had three earn Academic All-American honors, and two All-American honors. Pete Isham and Wynn

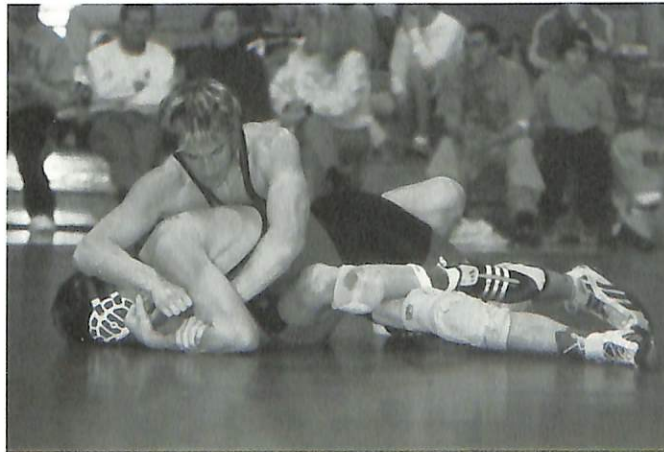
Fangmeier were Region IV champions and led the Vikings to the 2001 regional title.

The 2001-2002 team leaders and starters are: Brian Tsutsumi (125), Pete Isham (133), Nick Schmitt (141), Sam Melendrez (149), Leister Bowling (157), Keith Clausen (165), Justin Williams (174), Art Castillo (184),

Wynn Fangmeier (197), Tom Wissman (285), and Ryan Tonkin (285). The Viking grapplers have already qualified 10 wrestlers for the 2002 NAIA National tournament midway through the season.

"We have had two great recruiting years back to back and have brought in a top 15 recruiting class according to USA Wrestling Magazine in non-NCAA Division I schools," Coach Costanzo said. "We are fortunate to have received excellent support from our parents, administration, and community.

"This program will continue to grow and blossom in the years to come with the commitment from our young men and coaching staff," Coach Costanzo said with pride.



Trent Leichter works for a pin at a Dana wrestling meet.

Legacy Wall will pay tribute to donor generosity

Donors still have time to add their names to the Legacy Wall, a distinctive donor tribute that will be part of the new athletic/recreation addition to Borup Coliseum.

The Legacy Wall will celebrate all aspects of Dana student life, portraying hands in action—writing, participating in athletics, performing music, working at a computer, creating artwork, and carrying a cross.

Dr. Milt Heinrich, professor of art at Dana, is designing the piece. It will symbolize that at Dana College students learn not just to improve their minds, but to get involved, be active, lead and serve. It will also symbolize that Dana's legacy exists far beyond the campus, wherever Dana alumni are making a difference.

The wall will pay tribute to those who have made gifts or pledges of \$5,000 or more over five years to the

Legacy Campaign.

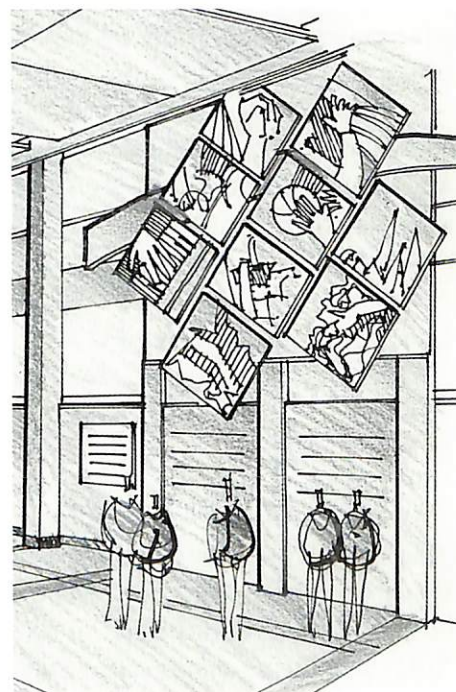
Dr. Michael '85 and Meri Jo (Meier '87) Soe of Fremont, Neb., are proud to be a part of the Legacy Wall. "We feel strongly that we received a quality education at Dana and want to promote that for future generations," Michael said.

Roger '64 and Linda (Anderson '65) Howland of Blair, Neb., echo that sentiment. "My wife and I both believe in the higher Christian liberal arts education that Dana provides," Roger said. "We know that in order for us to attend Dana, there had to be people who gave and now we want to give back as well to provide for generations to come."

Currently more than 350 names of individuals or couples will be part of the Legacy Wall.

For more information on how you can further the Dana College legacy through the Legacy Wall or

the Legacy Campaign, please contact the Dana College Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-444-DANA (3262) or 402-426-7333. Gifts can also be made on-line at www.dana.edu.



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- Unrestricted support Endowment resources
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Pedersen's donate their home to Dana

The Danish roots of Dana College introduced Eivand and Dorothy Pedersen of Omaha to this home on the hill more than 40 years ago. Now the Pedersens are literally giving Dana their home.

The Pedersens met Paul Strand, a former development officer at Dana, in the 1960s through Danish Brotherhood. Strand introduced the couple to Dana College and the many ways to give to the institution.

In 1985, Eivand and Dorothy put Dana in their will to receive their house when they died. Today the couple is enjoying their retirement years, but want to take it at a bit slower pace without the worry of upkeep of a home. They are moving into Immanuel Courtyard, a retirement community near their Benson neighborhood. With no children and no other immediate family nearby, the Pedersens have chosen Dana College to receive the deed to their home now.

"We thought it was a good thing to do," Dorothy said.

The home has a long history with the Pedersens. Eivand purchased it in 1962. The couple was married in 1964. "It's the only house we've ever lived in," Dorothy said.

The Pedersens chose to give their home to Dana rather than sell it themselves because of the ease of the transaction. Instead of having to deal with the hassle of finding a realtor and juggling moving plans until the home is sold, they simply contacted Dana College. Dana arranged for the appraisal and transfer of deed. Later, the college will work with a realtor

on the sale of the home. The Pedersens will be eligible to receive a significant tax deduction up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the home.

"Outright gifts, including a gift of real estate, provide noncomplicated ways for donors to make sizable gifts which may be used almost immediately by Dana College," said Jim Jorgensen, director of planned giving at Dana. "Donors may take a tax deduction for the year in which the gift was given and know the joy of making a major gift to the charity they care most about."

Other assets which may be given as gifts in this way include cash, securities, real estate, insurance policies, jewelry, artwork, and other forms of real estate such as rental property, farmland, etc.

Although neither Eivand nor Dorothy attended college themselves, they have developed a fondness for Dana over the years, attending the annual Builders Luncheon as well as the Sights and Sounds of Christmas on many occasions. They are also faithful annual donors to the institution.

"We like the college," Eivand said. "It's a good place. This is a good way to give a little."

"We are very grateful for this



Dorothy and Eivand Pedersen pose in front of their collection of Danish plates displayed on a wall in the home that they gave to Dana.

special gift from Eivand and Dorothy Pedersen," said Mike Jones, vice president for institutional advancement. "We appreciate their support, their friendship and belief in Dana's continued emphasis on intellectual, ethical and spiritual development of its students."

For more information on how you can make an outright gift of this type to Dana College, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-444-DANA or visit us online at www.dana.edu.

Opportunities abound to honor your loved ones

Dana College receives dozens of memorials and honorarium gifts each year. It is a special way to give in honor or memory of a special loved one. For more information on how you can make a gift of this type to Dana College, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-444-DANA or visit us on the web at www.dana.edu.

2001 gifts in memory of ...

Kathy (Fritz '82) Andersen
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 Christine Anderson
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 Jean Blatten
 Edna Marie Rasmussen Block
 Lois (Lyngø '41) Boe
 Nelson Boe '43
 Richard Boe '40
 Dr. Paul Bondo '33
 Marion Marsh Brown
 Lily Bussey
 Archie Campbell
 Cecil Currier
 Laurice DeLaurant '37
 Lloyd Dennis
 Marian (Warman '81) Doicin
 Willy Ellebaek
 Jonathan Galis '98
 Dan Gardner
 Rev. Joseph Girtz D'21 T'24
 Elsie Goetz
 Mother of Richard Gorton
 Rev. Arthur N. Grorud
 Rev. Clarence Hampton
 Myrna Hawks
 Aeta Hemmingsen
 Herbert Hjortsvang '50
 Larry Holton
 Reuben Iversen '43
 Fred Jacobsen
 Leo Jensen
 Dr. Robert Jensen '44
 Father of Bob Johnson
 Palmer Jorgensen
 Arnold Jorth
 Tom Kalchik '68
 Clara Kirchhoff
 Leon Larsen

Patricia Larsen-Svoboda
 Tina Larson
 Barbara (Dayton '74) Lebedz
 Rasmus O. Lund
 Earl Madsen
 Howard Madsen
 Lester Madsen
 Don Magnussen
 Mother of Daryl Miller
 Ruth Miller
 Elvira Mitzenheim
 Finn Molvig
 Rev. Carl A. Nelson
 Hans Skov Nielson
 Verna Olsen
 Rev. George Pallesen D'38 T'41
 Dora (Nelson '36) Paulsen
 Niels M. Pedersen
 Carol Petersen
 Edel Petersen
 Albert Peterson '31
 Edward Peterson
 Marie Rabens
 Nina Sandberg
 Mildred (Thomsen '39) Schroeder
 Rev. John Schultz T'45
 Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck
 Evelyn Hagedorn Slawson
 Kenneth Sorenson
 Sophus Sorenson
 Verna Sorenson
 Violet Sorenson
 Chris Steffensen
 Gregory Swanson
 James Taylor
 Lida "Rae" Taylor
 Patricia Thisted
 Norma (Lund '36) Van Steenhoven
 Mary (Anderson '61) Vig
 Darrell G. Wilber

2001 gifts in honor of ...

Karen (Jensen '60) Capel
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Christensen –
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Myrvin '61 & Anne Christopherson
 Frank Hengeveld '41
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Jensen –
 60th Wedding Anniversary
 Sharon (Messer '65) Jensen
 T.I. T'33 & Edith (Sorensen '34)
 Jensen
 Ruth (Nielsen '45) & Ada Jeppesen –
 80th Birthdays
 Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen –
 Contribution to translation of
 "Danes in America"
 Don Lippincott
 John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53 -
 Birthday
 John W. D'47 T'53 & Elizabeth
 (Solevad '49) Nielsen
 Our Saviors Lutheran Church,
 Council Bluffs, Iowa –
 125th Anniversary
 Pastors & Staff at First Lutheran
 Church, Fremont, Neb.
 Alma (Madsen '22) Petersen –
 100th Birthday
 Steven '83 & Janice (Butts '83)
 Peterson
 Paul '49 & Patti Simon – Wedding
 Severin '34 & Lilly (Jorgensen '35)
 Sorensen & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sukraw &
 Mark '02
 Clarence & Norma Summers –
 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dana faculty and staff share talents in wider community

Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music, presented a session at the annual Nebraska Music Educators Association Convention in Lincoln, Neb., on Nov. 17.

Dr. Palmer shared his teaching techniques in an ever-changing classroom in the session, entitled "The Ten Choral Demandments: Improving Your Choirs Musicianship."

Denise (Daubendiek '96) Work has been appointed associate director of admissions at Dana. She will assume additional responsibilities working with transfer students.

Susan Skinner, library technician, was the recipient of a Dana Staff Development Grant. She will use the grant for a course she will be taking in library science.

Dr. Sybille Bartels, professor of German, has accepted the position of associate dean for student success. In her new role, she will work closely with the director of admissions, the dean of students, the campus pastor, the learning center director, and the provost to ensure student success. Dr. Bartels will also oversee academic advising and international studies. She will remain professor of German and will teach approximately halftime. Dr. Bartels also participated in a Goethe Institute workshop for German educators in the Midwest, Dec. 1-2, in Chicago.

Mark Clements '90, Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, Rose Sand, Pam Shelton '93 and Bob Schmoll '83 participated in Blair High School's 2001 Career Night, Nov. 27. Clements, Reed and Sand each served on a career panel and Schmoll served on the steering committee and as a panel facilitator.

Shelton provided information on Dana College at the job fair, which is held in conjunction with the Career Night.

John Lyden, associate professor of religion, attended the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, Colo., Nov. 17-20. He presided over a session for the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group, on Themes of Redemption in Film.

William Hall, assistant professor of music, attended the Nebraska Music Educators Association in-service conference held in Lincoln, Neb., in November. He presided over two sessions, "Panel on Student Teacher Placement" and "First Year Teacher Roundtable." He also chaired the annual business meeting of the Nebraska Council on Music Teacher Education, and presented the session "Materials for College Music Teachers."

European Tour scheduled for June 2001

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.

UELC Reunion planned

An United Evangelical Lutheran Church 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.

The UELC programming will begin Saturday morning and end with worship and Brunch on the Hill on Sunday.

On Saturday at 10 a.m. there will be a panel discussion entitled "Growing Up Lutheran in the UELC." Following lunch, a presentation of The Danish Immigrant Archive located in the Dana LIFE Library will be directed by Rev. Dr. John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53.

To receive registration information for the UELC reunion, contact the alumni office at Dana at 402-426-7235 or e-mail: alumni@acad2.dana.edu.

Lost Alumni

Homecoming class reunions for classes ending in 2 or 7 will be October 5, 2002. The following list contains names of graduates of this year's honored classes who are currently "lost." If you have current addresses and phone information, please send it to: Dana College Alumni Office, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE, 68008 or e-mail alumni@acad2.dana.edu.

Class of 1952

Carl Bohs
Clatys (Andersen) Gould
Morton Hansen
Dorothy (Christensen) Kirkpatrick
Rosemary (Sick) Milbrandt
Eugene Mortensen
Harold Romer

Class of 1957

Irene (Wittig) Bernhardt
Bill Ingle
Richard Jensen
Ann Lindholm
Donald Malchow
Pat (Baysinger) McDermott
Larry Pedersen
James Poh
Jon Schulke
John Smith

Class of 1962

Ivan Christiansen
Henry Evers
Claudia (Schulte) Fredrickson
Frank Grasso
Orville Hansen
George Huckins
Lee Mencke
Mary Ann (Moseman) Meyer
Kermit Paul
Sandra Schlagel
Larry West

Class of 1967

Donald Adams
Judy (Olsen) Andler
John Arnold
Carol (Ehnen) Behrends
Donna (Nelson) Bowser
Paul Christensen
William Donnelly

'00s

Travis Feuerborn '01 married Trine Thiessen on July 21 in Sonderborg, Denmark. Travis is working for the Blair Chamber of Commerce as an intern and Trine hopes to obtain her visa soon and teach Danish at Dana.

Gina Flood '00 married **Perry Mostek '00** on Feb. 2 in Blair. Gina is employed in the human resources department at Cargill and Perry is a programmer analyst at Mid-America Computer Corporation, both in Blair.

Mark Lepper '00 started seminary this fall at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He is working towards a master of divinity degree to become a pastor.

'90s

Lindsay Bruning '99 accepted a new position within the United Way of the Plains. She now serves as coordinator for a national early childhood initiative, Success By 6, in Wichita, Kan.

Joel '99 Krominga and **Beth (McCabe '98)** have recently purchased a home in Herman, Neb. They welcomed a son, Mason Brennis, born Oct. 4.

Michelle Hansen '98 married Toby Frost on Sept. 22 in Fremont, Neb. Michelle is a graphics design team leader at Wedding Pages in Omaha.

Jason Melby '97 married Amber Faulstick on Nov. 24 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Jason is a resident advisor at Cooper Village in Omaha.

Janet Pattee '97 is a vocal instructor for grades 6-12 sharing time at both the middle and high schools. She travels between the Avoca and Shelby, Iowa, schools.

Chestnut Pearl '97 married Derek Livermore on Dec. 1 in Maui, Hawaii. She is employed with U.S.D.A. Crop Genetics as a research technician in Tifton, Ga. The couple plans to make their home in Blair.

Jennifer Loach '96 married **Brandon Perry '98** on Oct. 20. They live in Toronto, Canada, where Jennifer teaches in an elementary school.

Debi Moore '96 married Mike Redmon on Sept. 29 in Schuyler, Neb. Debi is a social worker at Pottawattamie County Mental Health and is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Nebraska in Omaha.



Tina Martens (left) and Tina Midtgaard were international students at Dana in 1994 and 1995. This photo was taken on Oct. 6 in front of the "little mermaid" in Copenhagen.

Jill Drake '95 moved to Springfield, Mo., in July. She is the director of student activities, responsible for Greek Life, programming, student organizations, homecoming and leadership development at Southwest Missouri State University.

Stan Shaw '94 married Amy Thibault on Sept. 28 in Omaha. Both are pursuing master's degrees in computer information systems at Bellevue University.

Mike Smith '94 joined the Ralston School District as a high school social studies teacher. In addition to teaching, Mike is working on his master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Robert Walters '94 builds custom homes on a small island in the Puget Sound. He lives in Friday Harbor, Wash.

Kelly (Stember '92) and Griffin '89 Dunlop welcomed their second son, Max Alden, born May 22. He joins an older brother, Jackson (3). Kelly teaches 10th grade English at Blaine (Minn.) High School. Griffin is a social worker at Edina Park Plaza. They live in Minneapolis, Minn.

Jade Wagner '90 married Robin Marchant on Dec. 15, in Las Vegas, Nev. Jade is a self-employed cattle feeder and farmer. The couple resides in Hampton, Iowa.

'80s

Darlene Christensen-Bowman '89 is working as an elementary guidance counselor for Mount View Elementary in Omaha.

Jennifer Crosley '88 married Britt Kelley on Sept. 29 at Mahoney State Park, Ashland, Neb. Jennifer practices social work at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha.

Michelle (Krenke '88) Wright has joined Omaha Public Power District as a financial planning analyst in the

nuclear support services division.

Catherine (Ahlin '87) Moore teaches a combination first and second grade class at Jubail American School in Saudi Arabia. Her husband is the principal at Jubail where they have worked for the past four years.

Steve Peterson '83 was named director of administrative services for the *Omaha World-Herald*. Most recently, he was production facility administrator, responsible for the World-Herald Freedom Center project.

Elizabeth "Kitty" (Zell '81) Wooley was inducted into the Excellence in Government Fellows Program, 2001-2002. She currently works for the U.S. Department of Education as an analyst for student financial assistance.

'70s

Judy (Davidsaver '79) Ramsey teaches fourth grade at Arbor Park Middle School in Blair. She was recently featured in an article entitled "Childhood Dream becomes reality for Ramsey" published in the *Pilot-Tribune* in Blair.



Three Dana alumni families attended family camp at Outlaw Ranch, an ELCA outdoor ministry, in Custer, S.D., last July. Attending were (front row, from left): Paul Madsen '80 holding Jacob, Laura Madsen, Irina Borden, Jim Borden '80, Barb Kopperud, Alex Borden, Amy Martens (current Dana student), (back) Dane Madsen, Lisa (Hanson '82) Madsen, Kathy Gerking '82, Andy Johnson '83, Anna Johnson and Aaron Johnson.

Class of 1967 *continued*

Robert Erickson
Judith Ann Ford
Steven Fossum
Donald Gibson
Doris Greer
Charles Hansen
Russell Hatt
Robert Heaton
Sylvia Hess
Clyde Hill
Ellen Isham
Franklin Jeppesen
Jon Lillemoe
William Lutz
Maurice Miller
Robert Moser
Donald Olsen
Eugene Olsen
Catherine (Hagensick) Pease
Dennis Peterson
Roland Poncho
Vickie (Evans) Roberts
Craig Strong
Dennis Sturgill
Jamsie Treppendahl
Virginia Wiese

Class of 1972

Marvin Alback
Nora (Terry) Arndt
Bonnie (Deepe) Boccitto
Ronald Brewer
Jean (Clark) Bryan
Byron Chen
Ronald Coy
David Dalleck
Betty Deepe
Martha (Pugh) Ditch
Dale Edwards
Eric Evans
Linda (Bergstedt) Feltis
Lene (Elbek) Flammang
Leland Freie
Esther (Bartels) Gran
Julie Handbury
Kenneth Ideus
Fred Jorgensen
Robert Kobler
Nancy (Davison) Lee
Teresa (Larson) Madsen

Class of 1972 *continued*

Kathleen (Nelson) Majerus
 Carol (Schroeder) McDonald
 Timothy Mix
 Charles Morris
 Julie (Comfort) Morris
 Mavis Muller
 Edet Obot
 George Olinger
 Lynne (Stewart) Parks
 Fronja (Mayberry) Peck
 Randall Peck
 Larry Pedersen
 Gregory Peters
 Paul Petersen
 Stanley Petersen
 Mary (Sims) Reed
 Robert Rhoades
 John Riecken
 Sandra Rodene
 David Rogers
 Frederick Rudi
 William Schabel
 Emily (Moehl) Schulte
 Gary Steeve
 Jack Stewart
 Laura (Bro) Tesh
 Michael Todd
 Timothy Tripp
 Dorothy (Picton) Tubach
 Cynthia (Salts) Wright

Class of 1977

Fred Fielder
 David Hall
 Buiketlo Ponalo
 Michael Runyon
 Jeffrey Thompson
 Kevin Wengg
 Becky Winslow

Class of 1982

Mohamed Alfaakhiri
 Steve Buchanan
 Timothy Cooper
 Renae (Rasmussen)
 Denkelberger
 Michael Geisinger
 Cathleen Malone
 John Molander
 Laurel (Feller) Neuharth

Carol Willadsen '73 is serving St. John Lutheran Church in Pittsburg, Kan.

'60s



Members of the Class of 1968, (from left) Cathy (Madsen) Stone, Maxine (Lubkeman) Scott, Cheryl (Paulsen) Nielsen and Helen (Hansen) Sorenson, met at Arbor Lodge State Park, Nebraska City, Neb., in August.

'50s



Rev. Cleo D. Hanson D'50 T'54 married **Audrey (Jorgensen '47) Rasmussen** on Nov. 17, in Houston, Texas. They were reconnected two years ago at the UELC Reunion at Dana.

Annual Arizona Luncheon

Feb. 23-24, 2002

Saturday, Feb. 23
 12 noon

The Pavilion
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 425 S. Power Road
 Mesa, Arizona

Estate Planning Seminar
 Jim Jorgensen

Worship
 Sunday, Feb. 24
 8, 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Shepherd of the Hills
 Lutheran Church
 Fountain Hills, Arizona



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Five Anderson brothers gather at Homecoming 2001

Homecoming 2001 was an opportunity for the five sons of the late Rev. Wesley and Olga Anderson to gather at Dana for not only reunions with their college classmates, but also with each other.

All five sons attended and graduated from Dana, following in the footsteps of their father, who attended Dana for about 10 years in the 1920s and 1930s, graduating first from Dana Academy (high school) in 1929, Dana College in 1933, and Trinity Seminary in 1936.



From left, Larry '71, Allan '69, Ron '66, Emory '61 and Ernie '59 Anderson gathered at the 2001 Dana Homecoming.

Their mother, Olga (Simonsen) Anderson, whose family moved to Blair from the Hastings area in the early 1920s, also graduated from Dana Academy in 1929, but never went to college.

Wesley and Olga were married in June 1936 following his graduation from seminary and his ordination into the ministry.

Four of the five Anderson brothers, Ernest, Ronald, Allan, and Larry, live in the Midwest and see each other frequently. However,

Emory '61 lives on the East Coast and doesn't see the other brothers very often, except for special occasions such as weddings, funerals, or infrequent vacation trips to the Midwest.

However, since Homecoming 2001 marked the 40th reunion of the class of 1961 for Emory, his wife Geri, and Ernie's wife Sharol; the 35th reunion of the class of 1966 for Ronald; and the 30th reunion of the class of 1971 for Larry, it afforded an opportunity for a big family reunion.

The wives of three of the Anderson brothers also attended Dana: Geri (Christensen '61) Anderson, Sharol (Crandall '61) Anderson and Fran (Pedersen '69) Anderson. In addition, some of the children of the five brothers also attended Dana: Ernie's daughter Sonya

'87 and Allan's sons Matt '98 and Brian '02.

Needless to say, the Anderson clan thoroughly enjoyed Homecoming weekend for multiple reasons, not the least of which was the opportunity to reminisce with former classmates and other Dana alums, witness the spectacular win by the Dana football team over arch-rival Midland, and marvel at the many beautiful improvements made to the campus in recent years.

Class of 1982 *continued*

Kirk Ofte
 Laura (Schweppe) Paasch
 William Petersen
 Elizabeth Smith
 Kathryn Smith

Class of 1987

Beverly Armstrong
 Diane (Hansen) Boegman
 Patrick Brennan
 Tammy Bunten
 Jeffery Davis
 Sonya (Anderson) Ehrich
 Ron Hanson
 Sharon Helwick
 Peggy (Maier) Knudtson
 Brian Moon
 Vail Oleson
 Henrietta Palmer
 Lisa (Bilek) Prem
 Sherry (Gordon) Price
 Erica Shavlik
 Sheila Sims
 James Strange
 Doug Ward
 Tye Wichert
 Scott Willi

Class of 1992

Krista (Carpenter) Schnell
 Craig Hess
 Amanda Jacobsen
 Melissa Lehan
 Connie (Trot) Leinart
 Jonathan Limas
 Derek Spear
 Vijay Veerappan
 Christy Wawrzyniak
 Richard Wittlake

Class of 1997

Mohammed Al-Sadiq
 Khalil Ashanti
 Nichol Buenning
 Jeremy Christiansen
 Holly (Peterson) Craig
 Renee Gleim
 Darin Malcom
 Sarah Packard

Deaths

Charles Anderson '53 died Dec. 3 in Omaha at the age of 72. He taught high school and coached all sports at Meadow Grove, Ceresco, Tecumseh, Ashland, Cedar Bluffs, Bennington and Luther Junior College in Wahoo. He is survived by a son, Bruce Anderson; a daughter, Becky Rhoads; and two grandchildren.

Rev. Reynold Tange D'48 T'50 died Jan. 18 in Hutchinson, Minn. at the age of 81. He was elected to the Dana Board of Regents in 1959. He is survived by his wife Ruth (Svendsen '43) Tange, daughters Susan Cosio and Laurie Bell; sons Thomas, David and Dwight '76; sisters Florence Mumm and Helen (Tange '48) Neve; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Jensen '44, age 79, of Olympia Fields, Ill., died on Nov. 7. He served on the Board of Regents from 1969-1976. He is survived by his wife Virginia (Pedersen '44), daughters Barbara (Jensen '71) Differding, Patricia Jensen '73, Kimberly Jensen, and Kathie Muehling; a son, Robert K. Jensen; sisters Eleanor (Jensen '45) Rathje and Esther (Jensen '51) Hansen; and eight grandchildren.

Earl Christenson '40, age 84, died Aug. 27 in Oakland, Neb. He served as post-master in Craig, Neb., for 23 years. Survivors include his wife, Helen; two sons, Rodney '70 and wife Diane (Schmidt '71) and Mike '78; a sister, Doris Walker; and three grandchildren.

Dora (Nelson '36) Paulsen died Dec. 6 in Blair at the age of 86. Dora taught in the rural school districts in Washington and Burt County for four years, and then was a substitute teacher for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, S. Harold, three sons, Harold C., Clifford '65, and Vaden, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mildred (Nelson '45) Shumaker.

Folmer James '34, age 90, died Nov. 28 in Audubon, Iowa. He is survived by his brother, Dr. Paul E. James, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rev. J. Harry Thomsen D'26 T'29, died Dec. 29 in Atlantic, Iowa, at the age of 101. He was born in Saeby, Denmark, and was a Lutheran minister for more than 72 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helene, and his second wife, Martha. Survivors include one daughter, Carol (Thomsen '54) Skogman, and husband Kieth, a former Dana professor and coach; three sons, Mark D'53 T'57, James '56, and Don; and 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lydia (Olsen '27) Lund, age 94, died Jan. 4 in Klamath Falls, Ore. She was a retired elementary school teacher. She

taught for seven years in Ringsted, Elk Horn, and Walnut, Iowa. Survivors include her son, John W. Lund; daughter, C. Jane Lund; two grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.

Friends

Arnold M. Jorth, age 79, died May 20 in Milford, Iowa. Dana had a special place in his heart, as he met his wife, Nora, there while attending a Luther League gathering. His brother, Curtis, attended Trinity Seminary, and two of his sisters attended Dana, Pollie Hahn and Marjorie (Jorth '49) Wahlgren. His daughter, Betty (Jorth '71) and her husband, Arno '72 Neben also graduated from Dana, and his granddaughter, Christen Neben, is currently a sophomore at Dana.

Esther Madsen, former first lady, passes away

Esther Madsen, Dana's first lady from 1956-1971 and the wife of the late Dr. C.C. Madsen, died January 11, at Good Shepherd Home in Blair. She was 99.

A 1929 graduate of Dana College in Danish and English, she also attended St. Olaf and Wayne State College. She married C. Clifford Madsen, former president of Dana College, in 1934. He preceded her in death in 1991.

"Esther served Dana as First Lady with poise and dignity," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president of Dana College. "She welcomed Dana students into her home and I was one of them. We quickly discovered that her cookies were delicious, her wit quick, and her smile warm and sincere.



Esther Madsen

"She loved her Lord and her family and represented both her faith and her family well," he said. "Hundreds of Dana students, faculty, and staff will remember her with fondness."

The Madsen Fine Arts Center on the Dana campus was named in honor of Clifford and Esther in 1986 "in recognition of their lifetime of devotion to Dana College."

Esther was a member of First Lutheran Church in Blair, Care and Share, Golden Friends, American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Dana Women's Club until moving to Good Shepherd Home in Blair in 1996.

Survivors include her two children Carole (Madsen '62) Dickson and Lowell "Buzz" Madsen '61.

Go West! Concert Band to tour Nebraska and Colorado May 20-25



Professor William Hall conducts the Dana College Concert Band.

The Dana College Concert Band hits the road this spring with a five-concert tour of western Nebraska and Colorado.

The 34-member band, under the direction of Professor William Hall, is tentatively planning stops in McCook, Neb.; Golden, Colo.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Estes Park, Colo., May 20-25.

The band's last tour was to Iowa and Missouri in the spring of 2000.

Alumni in the surrounding areas of the upcoming concerts should watch their mail for more details concerning times and venues.

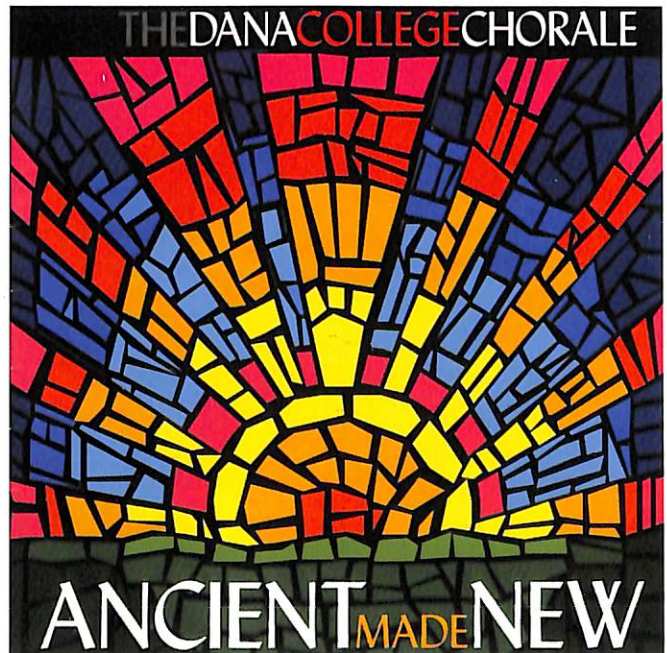
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Dana College Music Department, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008

Dana to co-host international conference

Dana College will co-host a major international conference on Danish-American Relations since World War II on Oct. 10-13. Joining Dana in hosting the conference are the Danish American Heritage Society, the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Conference sessions will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Omaha, the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, and the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College, providing participants with the opportunity to visit significant sites in the Danish-American immigrant experience. An important part of the conference will be a focus on immigration after World War II with every effort made to spotlight the stories of individual immigrants.

Two major addresses will frame the conference. At the opening session, Bo Lidegaard, member of Denmark's diplomatic service, historian and award-winning author, will speak about Henrik Kauffmann. Kauffmann, Denmark's ambassador to the United States during World War II, was largely responsible for keeping Danish international assets out of Nazi hands and assuring that Denmark was seen as one of the allies in the war

effort. At the beginning of the Cold War, he played an important role in negotiating American use of Greenland for military bases.

Ambassador Edward E. Elson, who has been described as being "a very dynamic ambassador to Denmark" when he served there from 1993-1998, will speak at Saturday evening's banquet. Elson will assess the role that Denmark has played in current foreign policy and explore future relations between the United States and Denmark.

Plans are for sessions that are both academic and popular in nature. Scholars from Denmark, Canada and

Dealt with Ethnic Problems," "A Comparison of the Aging Experience in the United States and Denmark," and "The Teenage Ambassadors: Cultural Exchange for Young People."

An important reason for hosting the conference is to preserve the stories of post-World War II immigrants. Post-war immigrants will share their experiences in business, engineering, agriculture, construction, and trades as well as family life. This reflects efforts by the Danish Immigrant Museum and the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana to collect artifacts, archival materials and oral histories from this period. The DAHS Board



Many materials such as these are available for viewing at the Dana College Danish Immigrant Archive located in the C.A. Dana LIFE Library.

across the United States will give presentations on the economic, social and cultural factors that have motivated immigration since World War II. Presentation titles include: "The Legacy of the Danish Resistance in World War II," "The Founding of Danish America," "The Ethnic Mirror: A Parallel Study of the Ways that Denmark and American Society Have

hopes many post-World War II immigrants will participate in the conference.

An exciting dimension to the conference will be sessions at the Danish Immigrant Museum and the Danish Immigrant Archive. In addition, there will be a tour of the authentic Danish windmill in Elk Horn and of important

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Dana welcomes new director of admissions: *James Lynes*



Admissions counselors at Dana College are working the phones especially hard lately, a building block of James Lynes' vision for developing strong personal relationships between prospective Dana students and the Dana community.

Lynes, recently named new director of admissions, brings a fresh and experienced approach to the recruitment of Dana's future student body. "I see great potential," Lynes commented as he discussed his objectives for maintaining Dana's stringent academic standards for admission, while building enrollment.

Many objectives of his plan will be put into place immediately. New recruiting efforts will be made toward transfer students and home-schooled students, two rapidly growing groups. Relationships will be built upon with Lutheran churches and their pastors.

Lynes grew up in the small community of Plainsfield, Iowa. His

undergraduate work was done at Wartburg College, in Waverly, Iowa, where he studied history and English. He continued his education at the University of Iowa, earning his master of arts in history. He brings to Dana his experience from work as admissions counselor at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, and director of admissions for Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The love of a small, Lutheran college environment he gained in his undergraduate years at Wartburg shaped his career choices.

A history buff, Jim has become an avid military and classic movie enthusiast, collecting some 5,000 films for his home theatre library.

Lynes and his wife, Dawn, a social worker, have two young daughters, Jennifer and Stephanie.

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headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood in America, the former building where Den Danske Pioneer was published, Spring Hill Cemetery and Venelyst Park. Bus transportation to the different venues will be provided.

For more information or for a conference registration form, please write Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Conference Planning Committee, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008, or e-mail him @ jmnielse@acad2.dana.edu.

Three handmade quilts for three families

Students learn to **quilt and care**
for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

Many of the nine students in Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen's interim class had never quilted before. However, the stitches they learned during the three-week January course will soon warm the hearts of three families of victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Three full-size quilts made by the students will be shipped to the small town of Varina, Iowa, as part of the Freedom Quilt Project. A farmwife, Betty Nielsen, has made a commitment to give a handmade quilt to every family who lost someone not only in the World Trade Center but also in Pentagon and on the four airplanes that crashed. The Dana stu-

dent quilts will be a part of that.

"She's trying to get people to rally around the cause," Prof. Nielsen said, "and it seemed like a worthwhile thing for us to do."

The Freedom Quilt Project has received national attention. Betty Nielsen brought her

first shipment of quilts to New York City before Christmas, giving away more than 1,500 handmade blankets from all over the United States. Now, she has set a second deadline of April 7 to reach her total goal of more than 6,000 quilts.

Prof. Nielsen considers her stu-

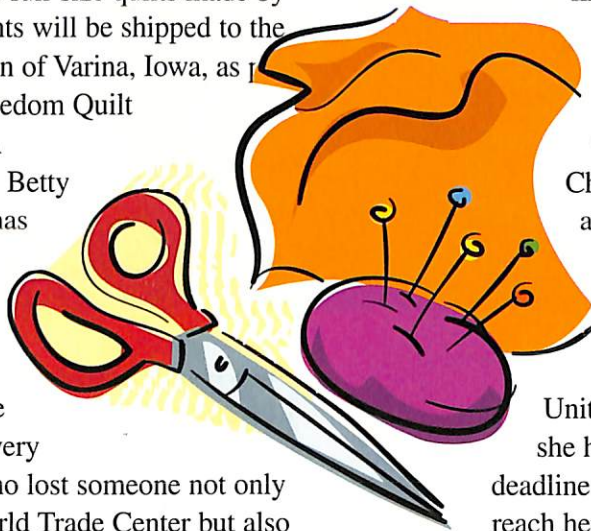
dents' involvement not only a good way to give to charity, but also an important lesson in the history of quilting.

"It's a lot of what quilters do," she said.

"They make quilts for worthy causes. That generous part of the art is an important part."

Groups of three students spent an estimated 12-plus hours, in addition to their other class assignments, working together on each of the three quilts for the Freedom Quilt Project.

"I think it's a great idea to send quilts out there," said Renee Hesseltine, a senior social work major from Pleasant Hill, Iowa. "A lot of times quilts are comfort items. Maybe someday a little kid will get this and, if they lost a parent, wrap up in it and feel a little better."



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