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## **Sandy Vlieger Letter**

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April 22, 1974

Dear Dr. England,

Many times since graduation I've thought back to the time I was at Northwestern. Almost always my thoughts center on my four years in Choral Readers, our antics in the speech office (I'll never forget the look on Mr. Procter's face when he walked in and found us all eating dill pickles!), working with plays and Alpha Psi, and our summer in the Playhouse.

You were one of a handful of professors at Northwestern who really influenced me. I wasn't very happy in high school because I felt that my classmates didn't accept me as I was. During freshman orientation, you influenced me to join Choral Readers, and I'm glad you did. There I learned to be myself and like it, to express myself in a confident way, and to appreciate oral interpretation. Of course, it was fun traveling with the group, but that wasn't the major reason why I stayed with the group. I knew I could learn a lot from you, things that would help in college and in the future.

Now more than ever I'm thankful for your teaching us about concentration, relaxation, and rhythm. I know that many of the things you told us will help me as a minister's

wife - you showed me that if I like myself as a person, I can be confident of what I'm doing, and this confidence will help me to be sensitive to others.

It's hard to imagine Northwestern without you there - you have quite a large "family" of students who will never forget you. After everything you've done for me, it seems pretty weak to say thank you. I just hope I can help people as much as you've helped me.

All my love in Christ,  
Sandy Vlieger

P.S. - Thanks for teaching me, showing me how beautiful the Bible is when it is orally given meaning!