

# DANA REVIEW

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## Spring Highlights

**Stone Honored:** Students named Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology, their Professor of the Year at the annual Honors Banquet May 3. The Student Senate's criteria for the award are: excellence in teaching, productive teaching, positive interpersonal relationships, organized and structured class management, intellectual stimulation, and desirable behavior outside the classroom that exemplifies a Christian life. Stone has taught at Dana since 1962.

**Neve, Peterson Become Professors Emeriti:** Dr. Paul Neve and Coach Paul Peterson (1941 Dana classmates) became Professors Emeriti at Commencement May 13. Peterson has taught and coached at Dana since 1942, and Neve has taught and directed the choir since 1943—a combined 83 years of service to their alma mater.

**Eleven Receive Campus Service Awards:** Seniors presented Campus Service Awards at the Alumni Association's May 12 Recognition Dinner were Mary Beth Anderson, Michi Enya, Jeff DeYoung, Peggy Dutch, Evonne Foust, Marlene Kreutzian, Jeff Levine, Cindy Lorenzen, Val McCoy, Rex Peterson, and Randa Rodenburg.

**Mayfest Royalty Elected:** Seniors Joyce Hagedorn and Pat Harrison were this year's Mayfest queen and king. Members of their court were Todd Enfield, Jill Harskamp, Dan Jensen, Diane Lauritsen, Peggy Sorensen Morgan, Todd Morgan, Sue Ostrem, and Tim Rongstad.

**Alumnus Recognized:** Gary Baker '64, district sales manager for American Family Insurance, Blair, received this year's College-Community Service Award. He has been especially active in the Dana Boosters and in college fund-raising drives.

**Seniors Receive Gift:** Each graduate was given a surprise gift at Commencement—Dana's blue Centennial plate by Bing and Grondahl.

## News Briefs

**Billboards** in the metropolitan Omaha area and new Dana directional signs in Blair have been made possible through a \$10,500 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans. In addition, "D-shirts" for new students have been funded by a \$4,500 AAL grant. AAL has also contributed \$7,800 in scholarships to Dana students this year . . . **President James Kallas** gave two lecture series in West Germany this April to members of the U.S. Army in Europe—one in Berchtesgaden to Protestant enlisted men, the other in Frankfurt/M to Lutheran chaplains . . .

**Prof. Milt Heinrich**, art, received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on May 12 . . . **Dixie Lee Tripp '84** made it to the quarter finals in persuasive speaking at the National Individual Events Tournament at Kansas State University in April. She ranked as one of the country's top 24 student orators . . .

**Dana students** organized three special events this spring. A dance marathon sponsored by Kappa Theta Phi raised \$1,403 for muscular dystrophy; an Ars Medica-sponsored visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile resulted in 141 pints donated, 11 over the goal; and a 48-hour radio marathon on KDCV-FM raised \$1,380 (\$30 over the goal) for two CPR training mannequins for the Blair Rescue Squad. Radio marathon organizers were disc jockeys

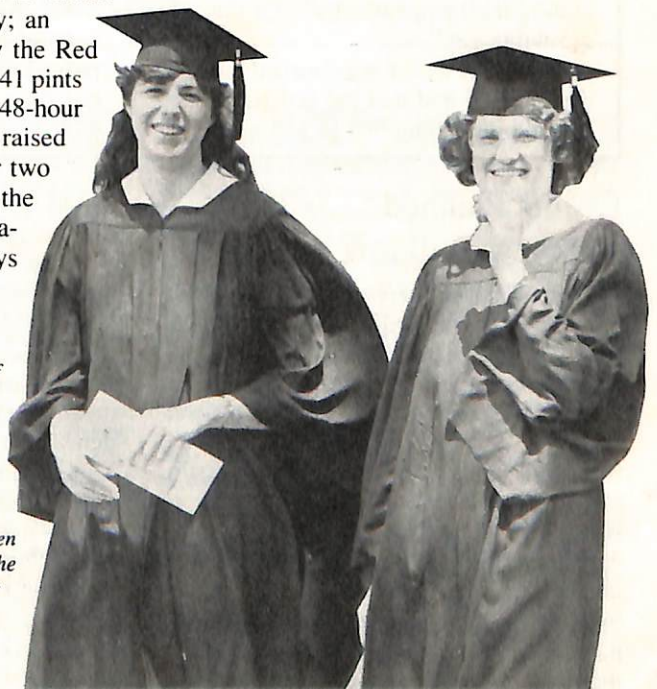
## Cousins Lead Class

*Cousins Randa Rodenburg (left) of Centerville, Ohio, and Cynthia Schou of Albert Lea, Minnesota, were this year's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Both received their degrees summa cum laude. Miss Rodenburg is the daughter of Drs. Walter '62 and Margaret (Nielsen '61) Rodenburg; Miss Schou is the daughter of Donald '49 and Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou.*

(Photo by Nathan Kramer '87)

Jeff DeYoung '84, Scott Doksansky '85, and Dan Jensen '84 . . . **"Torah and Gospel: A Jewish-Lutheran Conversation"** was held on campus April 26. It is believed to be the first such dialogue in Nebraska. Participants were Dr. Harold Ditmanson, St. Olaf College; Rabbi Myer Kripke, Beth El Synagogue, Omaha; Dr. Delvin Hutton, Dana; and Dr. Jonathan Rosenbaum, University of Nebraska at Omaha. The event was co-sponsored by Dana and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Omaha, with the support of the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Funding was provided by a grant from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities . . . On March 31, **Dana and the Blair Community Schools** were hosts to a three-level computer competition. Participants were elementary and secondary students from seven area schools . . . **Sophomore Sandra Ohrt** reigns as princess of the College World Series being played this summer in Omaha. Ten area schools each nominated a coed for the contest; she was first runner-up . . . **Dr. Paul Neve '41** was guest conductor in May at a festival in Brainerd, Minnesota. Participants were 200 choir members from the Community Colleges of Minnesota. Dr. Alan Brandes of the Dana music faculty was also at the festival, where he gave special instruction in piano and was accompanist for the festival choir . . .

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**Greetings, Friends in Christ!**

It was Friday. Friends fell away and foes fiercely attacked. Nailed down, the cross crushed Him. It was darkness at noonday. His last words, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani."

Some of those who had forfeited fathers and fishing nets and friends, giving up all to follow Him, awaited the end of the Sabbath so they could return to Emmaus to try to pick up the fractured pieces of their broken lives. They had left everything, convinced He could bring in the kingdom. And then it was Friday, and with every drop of blood that trickled down that reddened post, there oozed away all of their hopes and dreams. And they were going back to where they started, Emmaus. Others simply sat, in a locked room, for fear of the Jews. Afraid that if they went outside they would meet the same fate as their crucified Master.

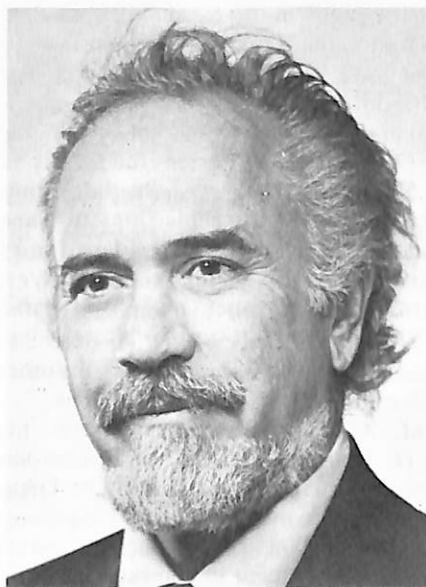
But Sunday was coming. The rock would be rolled away. The bonds of death were broken. They were told by angels and by the appearances of Jesus Himself that the resurrection was the last word! Beaten, they thought, beyond what they could bear, broken disciples, and then they heard Him say "Be not afraid!" And they were not! Filled with power greater than their own, they went to the ends of the earth telling all whom they met that Jesus was alive, God was triumphant, and ending it all emphatically, "Of this we are witnesses!"

And the world was turned upside down. God had had the last word and His people triumphed in His name. It

was Friday. But Sunday was coming.

A parable here. After Good Friday, Easter. On the surface of the cesspool the lovely lotus grows. Out of despair God can bring order and beauty and triumph. God's will will be done. The attacks of the enemy, the excess of evil scarring our cosmos. That is not the ultimate answer. The resurrection will be the last word.

International tension? Beirut and Beijing. The threat of nuclear exter-



mination? Emmaus is not the answer; there is no place to hide. National calamity, unemployment and acid rain? Locked doors will not allow us surcease from sorrow, exemption from the agonies of Friday. Personal problems, passed over by others but paramount in our own life, a pyramid of perplexity over-powering us? Sunday is coming.

"Be not afraid."

This is not, as once wrongly labeled, an opiate, designed to make us accept adversity, weaken our resolve to right every wrong, end our efforts to elevate and improve. To say that Sunday is coming is not to resign ourselves to tragedy, to submit meekly to whatever calamity, knowing one day in the far future God will compensate and we will feast with Him on the heavenly horizons, so that we can piously tolerate all that is wrong in the instant we live.

Not at all. Rather, the essence of Easter, the announcement of Sunday, is the insistence that Christ is stronger! The evil one can work his wicked way but God will not abandon His people. And in that there is hope and power and purpose. Luther once wrote of Friday, "... but still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe . . . and armed with cruel hate, his craft and power are great . . . on earth is not his equal." There is darkness at noonday. But no despair. "For the Man of God's own choosing, ask you who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He, with a word shall overthrow Him!" Out of darkness, dawn. Ever in God's mercy a new beginning.

A new beginning. A second century. Dana finishes, May of 1984, one hundred years of calling on His holy name. There have been Fridays fraught with the gray fragrance of grief. But always a new beginning, another opportunity. In the sunlight of Sunday, in the fresh promises of Easter, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, strides forward in confidence.

In Jesus' name,  
Dr. James Kallas, President

**Events Planned For New Building**

A cornerstone ceremony for the new \$1.8 million performing arts center was held May 4. The building will be dedicated September 4 at the opening convocation of the 1984-85 academic year. An official opening is planned for Homecoming weekend, October 5-7, and a grand opening, with four days of special events, is scheduled for October 25-28.

The grand opening will feature four free performances of *The Threepenny Opera* by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill and seminars to introduce the facility to members of the Blair community.

Aid Association for Lutherans has given the college a \$7,000 grant for the grand opening. This grant includes funds for a guest director and guest designer.

Daniel Stewart, associate director of the Mule Barn Theatre in Tarkio, Missouri, and an experienced actor and director in theatres across the country, will be in residence at Dana for two months to direct *The Threepenny Opera*. Gretchen Kibbe, whose MFA is from Carnegie Mellon University, will be in charge of set design and lighting. She is working this summer with the Ohio Light Opera Company in Wooster. Ms. Kibbe is a student of Fred Lange '67, president of Theatre Concepts in Minneapolis.

**Non-discrimination Policy**

*Dana College admits students without regard to sex, age, race, color, religion or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, handicap or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, or other school-administered programs.*

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## About Institutional Advancement

### Alumni Affairs

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Dana College and her alumni share a relationship that is essentially one of *mutual responsibility*—a relationship born out of love and caring—each for the other. Many of the responsibilities each has to the other are ethical, even moral, imperatives.

What are some of the more important responsibilities Dana has to her alumni? One is to develop and enhance in alumni higher feelings of respect and esteem for the College.

Another is to increase alumni feelings of belonging, self-esteem, and personal fulfillment from their continuing "Dana experience." Yet another is to promote alumni understanding of the mission, purpose, goals, programs, and the present and future needs of the College.

Finally, Dana is obligated to create an awareness of tangible ways by which alumni can continue their support of the College, especially through their gifts and student referrals.

What are some of the more important responsibilities alumni have to Dana? One of the most important and fundamental ways by which alumni can accept their responsibility to Dana is to provide financial support—gifts given with generosity from the blessings that have been theirs.

Why is this alumni responsibility to provide financial support to Dana so important? First, every gift is significant because it enlarges the number of donors and/or donor gifts. Many potential donors gauge their own gifts by the extent of alumni support.

Second, the importance of higher education is emphasized. Vigorous alumni support enables Dana to better maintain her independence and strength.

Third, Dana is helped in building for the future. Alumni have a responsibility to help build and strengthen Dana's programs and facilities for the education of present and future generations.

Fourth, unrestricted gifts support current operations—funds which help pay and raise faculty salaries, provide aid to deserving students, upgrade the library, pay utility and maintenance costs, and help Dana stay in the black.

In summary, while every gift is significant, gifts of larger amounts enable alumni to make more substantial



investment in the future of the College and quicken the pace of progress. Alumni would not just be giving money. They would be supporting educational programs, creating new facilities or properly maintaining present ones, and enhancing the quality of teaching and learning.

What are some other important responsibilities alumni have to Dana—other important ways by which alumni can support their alma mater?

First, alumni can encourage good students to consider Dana and communicate specific referral information to our Office of Admissions for appropriate follow-through.

Second, alumni can place or help place Dana graduates in good jobs.

Third, by being goodwill ambassadors, alumni can serve Dana by upholding her integrity and reputation.

Fourth, alumni can assist our Office of Alumni Affairs in maintaining up-to-date information and records on fellow alumni.

Finally, and very importantly, alumni can help enable the College to benefit from the resources—educational, cultural, as well as financial—of her larger constituency.

What are some of the basic ways Dana is meeting her responsibilities to her alumni? Specific objectives of our alumni affairs program for 1984-85 include the following:

- To plan, arrange, execute, manage, and evaluate Dana's Homecoming 1984. The purpose of the event is to provide all who participate the opportunity to interact and share together in the campus environment, thus enhancing their feelings of respect, care, and support for the College.
- To develop opportunities for Dana alumni to support the College by helping to identify and cultivate prospective students for whom the "Dana experience" would be beneficial and fulfilling.
- To plan, arrange, execute, manage, and evaluate Dana Alumni Phonoramas for the purpose of soliciting alumni and friends who have not yet made gift commitments through individual major gifts or area campaigns.
- To develop and carry out projects and processes that will involve alumni, friends, and congregations in the active support of the College, especially toward:
  - 1) higher student enrollments,
  - 2) increased financial support, and
  - 3) a continuing high level of enthusiasm, esteem, and responsiveness to the College in pursuit of its missions.

The relationship between Dana College and her alumni is, indeed, vitally important. As we have said, many of the responsibilities each has to the other are ethical, even moral, imperatives.

Dana College and her alumni truly share a relationship that is essentially one of *mutual responsibility*—a relationship born out of love and caring—each for the other.

*\*Institutional Advancement includes admissions, alumni affairs, development, and planned giving.*

## Dana Hundred Awards . . .

Twenty-one Dana Hundred Awards were given to special friends of the college during the second semester. Many were presented off-campus at various college-related functions.

The recipients are: Steve Allen, Esther Bonnesen Burns '22, Herb Dalleck, Danish Brotherhood in America, Esta Deets, the Iowa community of Elk Horn, E. G. Fritschel, Joe Girtz '21, Lillian Lund Healey '26, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holm, Paul Jersild '53, Paul Laursen '51, Lutheran Church of the Master (Omaha), Margaret Christiansen Madsen '53, Mr. and Mrs. Ib Melchior, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Morton '34 '31, Rachael Neve '74, Christine Rasmussen, Chris Specht '84, Juri Taht '52, Anna Tammen, and C. A. Vammen '14.

### News Briefs (from page 1)

**These faculty members** have received Growth Awards for summer study from the Division for College and University Services of the American Lutheran Church: Don Baack '75, Kathy Foley, John Mark Nielsen '73, Dorothy Olson, Roger Olson, and Ray Weckmuller '52 . . .

**Birthe Vollmer Nielsen**, researching Danish-American literature through a grant from the University of Aalborg, Denmark, spent ten days on campus recently, studying materials in the archives. She was especially interested in Kristian Ostergaard, an immigrant pastor-author whose novel *Merchant House* is set in Omaha. (Faculty member John Mark Nielsen '73, in Denmark on a Fulbright, is translating the novel.) . . .

**These students** have been inducted into Alpha Chi, the national honor society: Barbara Anderson '85, Monte Bernhagen '84, Stacy Crossland '85, Stanley (Ted) Hansen '84, Irene Inman '85, Carol King '84, Kathy Klover '84, Valerie McCoy '84, Christy Rose '85, Julie Saville '85, Cynthia Schou '84, Paul Snow '85, and June Weber '84 . . .

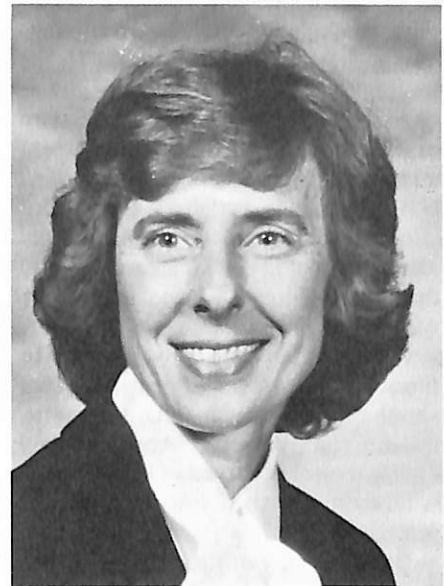
**The Dana Band** was on tour April 27 through May 1, giving concerts in Chicago (hosted by the Chicago Dana Club), Rockford, and Stockton-Warren, Illinois; Racine, Wisconsin; and Dubuque, Iowa . . . **Junior Belinda Cotton** is attending the Summer Program in Policy Skills for Minority Students at the University of Michigan's Institute of Public Policy Studies in Ann Arbor. The all-expense paid program is highly competitive.

## About Estate Planning . . .

How can you give something away, yet still receive income from it? This is a puzzling question, but the answer is easy—purchase a gift annuity. Gift annuities can be confusing at times, but the concept is simple.

A gift annuity is a contract between the individual and the college, whereby the individual deposits something of value, either cash or property, with the college, which in turn holds it in trust for the remainder of the person's lifetime. At his or her death, the property is owned by the college, but for as long as the person lives, the college agrees to pay him or her a fixed percentage of income based on the value of the property and the person's age.

In return, the person gets an income tax deduction amounting to approximately one-third of the value of the property, and in addition, the income he or she receives each year is partially tax free. If you would like to learn more about the gift annuity concept, please write to me:



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## Denver Alumnus Hears Choir Sing School Song He Wrote

*Choir members on tour in Colorado this March had the privilege of singing "Hail Dana" in the presence of the alumnus who wrote the words when he was a student—Magnus Christensen '26. Here with Christensen and his wife are choir members and Director Paul Neve '41 at a post-concert reception held by the Denver Dana Club at Grace Lutheran Church in Englewood. The Dana Club gave Neve, who is retiring, a certificate of honor and a \$1,500 gift for music scholarships for future students. Esther Eriksen Larsen '50, a member of one of Neve's first choirs at Dana, made the presentation.*



**Dear Friends,**

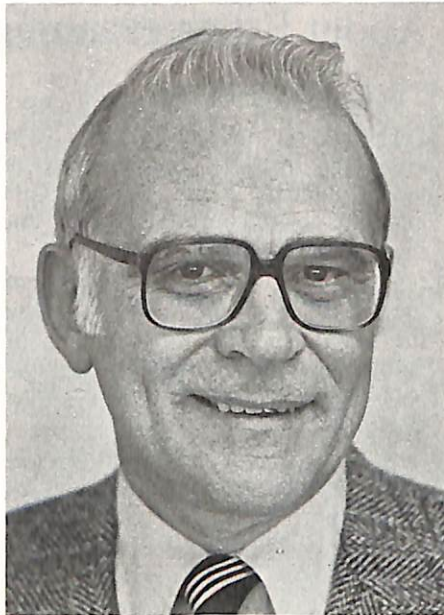
When my two oldest children came to Dana as students in 1973, one of them was asked what I did for a living. The unflinching response was, "He's a migrant worker."

As one who has been the beneficiary of many sorts of part-time employment and been as well a soldier, teacher, Navy chaplain, parish pastor and of late a development/fund-raiser/alumni affairs man at Dana College, I suppose that my children summed it up quite well.

Ginny and I have moved about 16 times in our 34 years of marriage. That should, by most standards, qualify us as "migrant workers." Another of my children once observed in jest, "That's what happens when you don't pay the rent."

But the litany of the "old one," the preacher who penned Ecclesiastes, comes to mind:

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.  
A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant and a time to harvest.  
A time to weep and a time to dance.*



*A time to rend and a time to sew.  
A time to keep silence and a time to speak.*

And I would add:

*A time to arrive and a time to leave.*

Sometimes it is hard to determine when that time has come—but for

Ginny and for me it is now a time to leave. We came to Dana from California with joy in our hearts six and one-half years ago, eager to do whatever we could do for the college we both love so very much.

As the Centennial campaign successfully concludes, we have come to feel that it is a time for us to leave a formal staff relationship with our uncommon college and once again simply be two of many supportive alumni.

We have been at Dana longer than we have ever been any place, and that makes the "good-bye" even harder to say. For migrant workers, we have been very settled and we have felt very much at home with our old and new friends and teachers here.

We have never been very good at saying "good-bye," but the time comes when these words must be spoken so we say, even pray—"May you fare well—and may God bless Dana, her students, faculty and staff, and all of her friends and alumni everywhere as her second century begins."

Rev. John T. Beck  
Director of Development

## Destiny's Deep Sea

**Teri Jorgensen Monthei '83** was recently commissioned an Army second lieutenant upon graduating from Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia . . . **Scott Grorud '82** and **Shelly Peterson '83** are planning an August 18 wedding at Luther Northwestern Seminary, where Scott is a student. Shelly works in Edina, Minnesota. On September 1 they will move to Jewell, Iowa, where Scott will serve his internship . . . Dana Katherine was born on March 28 to **Sue Neve Hettinger '78** and her husband, Charles . . . **Jeanmarie Nielsen '78** was recently a soloist with the Nebraska Choral Arts Society for its performance with the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra of Brahms' *German Requiem*. She is working on her doctor's degree in music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and teaches part-time there and at the University of Nebraska at Omaha . . . **Judi Larsen Pedersen '76**, her husband Laurids, and their two-year-old son, Lars Tyler, have moved to 158 Ryan Drive in Blair . . . **Larry M. Rasmussen '74**, quality assurance engineer for Peter Eckrich and Sons, Inc., a processed meats company headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has earned recognition as a Certified Quality Engineer by the

American Society for Quality Control . . . **Spec. 4 Robert Strickler '74** has been named outstanding soldier of the quarter for the 74th Army Band at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana . . . **Michael Zimmerman '74** has been appointed mortgage loan manager with Security National Bank in Sioux City, Iowa . . . **David Williams '73** was recently made director of a vocational training program to be operated by New Hope Village in Carroll County, Iowa . . . **Bonnie Loftis Boccitto '72**, senior actuarial associate with Prudential Reinsurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, was named Fellow in the Casualty Actuarial Society at the Society's May meeting in Arizona. The Fellow designation, the highest award granted by the Society, can only be achieved through successful completion of ten comprehensive insurance examinations . . . **Steven Turner '72** has joined the Sibbersen-Sledge Insurance Agency, Inc., as a licensed multi-line sales associate . . . **Jim Jorgensen '66** has entered the 1984 tennis season as Nebraska's fifth-ranked tennis player within his age division . . . **Fred Lambley '62**, boys' basketball coach at North Bend (Nebraska) High School, was named North Head Coach for the 1984 Nebraska

Boys' All-Star Basketball Game by the Nebraska Coaches Association . . . **Myrvin Christopherson '61** has been promoted to associate dean of fine arts and head of the division of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point . . . **Raymon Pedersen '58** has been appointed director of planned giving at Wartburg College. He had served as pastor of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin, since 1962 . . . **Pastor Robert Nelson '52**, Peace Lutheran Church, Sterling, Colorado, was awarded his doctor of ministry degree by San Francisco Theological Seminary last summer . . . **Dr. Joseph Girtz '21** celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination on June 17 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Redondo Beach, California.

**Deaths:** Gary, the husband of **Karen Hanna Waddingham '63**, died on December 12, 1983. Karen teaches second grade in Ankeny, Iowa . . . **Olga Petersen Nielsen '28** died April 28, 1984. Survivors include her husband, **Emerald '28**, 310 N. Garber, Minden, Nebraska 68959.

**Softball and baseball** were victims of rain and snow this spring. The softball team played only 16 games and canceled 15. **The Lady Vikings**, whose record was ten wins and six losses, tied for first in the NIAC. Senior Lori Vogt was named to the NAIA's all-district team. At the time of this writing, all-conference players hadn't been chosen. **The baseball team** had 47 games scheduled but played only 21, with nine wins and 12 losses. Players Todd Enfield '84, Robb Mowery '85, Jeff Ellis '84, and Dale Cook '84 were named to the NIAC's all-conference team, and Enfield, Mowery, and Ellis to the NAIA's all-district team. . . . At the NIAC's indoor **track** meet, first-place winners were freshmen Pat Brennan in the triple jump and Joy Miller in the shot put. Dana had no first place winners at conference and district outdoor meets, although several students placed. . . . **Golfers** came in sixth at the NAIA district tournament. . . . **Tennis** player Bill Gavers '87 won the NIAC singles championship in his fourth-



## Tennis Anyone?

*Courts were behind Old Main from 1904 to about 1924. The building to the left was a women's dormitory.*

flight match. In their second-flight doubles match, Gavers and Stacey Court-

ney '84 took first place and the conference championship.

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