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**About the cover**—Senator Paul Simon (left), an alumnus of Dana, returned to the campus on April 11 for a dinner in his honor and to give a lecture. Here with Simon are President Farwell (center) and Nebraska Governor Robert Kerrey. *Photo by Tim Matz '87*

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## **A Message from President Farwell**

Dana's roots are firmly anchored in the church and in its Danish heritage. It is a piece of that beautiful mosaic that is the Lutheran Church in this country. Faculty and alumni give witness to the truth of the Gospel in their vocations. Students enroll here expecting to be challenged by great intellectual issues and capable of meeting the demands of a rigorous academic program. They leave here eager to serve the church and society. This is a good place, and we intend to enhance its strength.

Dana's faculty and staff understand and appreciate the liberal arts in a Christian tradition. As teachers should, they provide role models for students—not only as scholars qualified and enthused about their academic disciplines but also in their love and concern for students and colleagues. We have found this to be a genuine community of faith and learning.

Dana's facilities are excellent for a liberal arts college. Beautifully sited in the rolling hills overlooking the Missouri River, the physical plant provides the laboratories, library, athletic facilities, classrooms and offices for a college of 700-800 students. The entire plant is relatively new, excellently maintained and beautifully landscaped. The new Performing Arts Center stands among the finest facilities of its kind. Old Main, majestic symbol of strength and endurance, has been completely renovated on the exterior and work began this spring to complete the interior renovation.

Dana's finances have been well managed. The Centennial Fund surpassed the \$6,000,000 goal to provide the financing for the Performing Arts Center, the renovation of Old Main and the beginning of a fund for a separate chapel. The current operating fund will undoubtedly fall short this current year due to a decrease in enrollment, and a deficit has been budgeted for 1985-86 because of the prospect that the enrollment will again fall short. However, expenditures are being carefully analyzed and additional efforts will be made to solicit financial aid funds, to recruit additional students and ease the burden on college finances. We will work to eliminate a deficit. Dana's alumni and friends have been generous in supporting their college, and we believe they will continue to provide for the students who should profit by an education here.

Like other colleges and universities, like churches and like families, Dana over the century has been confronted by problems and adversity, at times even crisis. Yet the strength of an institution may be measured by how well it meets these crises. They provide an opportunity and a challenge. Dana will seize the present opportunity and meet the challenge. That is the character of this place.

On the afternoon of my first day at Dana, the student body president, Jon Bansen, told me, "This place is too good for 425 students." And of course he is right. He went on to say that Dana should have at least 600 students to take advantage of faculty and facilities, and that he and other students wanted to help in recruiting new students. We are grateful for the confidence that students have in the college and in the education they receive here. And we must face up to the question that is basic to our future. Who are the students who should be at Dana, how do we recruit them and how will they finance their education? We have established a long-range planning committee to address these questions as well as to study academic programming, staffing and financing.

For what has been we say thanks.

For what will be we say yes, and amen.

E. D. Farwell  
President

*“Dana Has an Important Role . . .”*

# Farwell Brings New Leadership

Dr. Elwin Farwell, a 19-year veteran college president, became Dana's interim president on March 1.

Farwell, 65, was president of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, from 1963 to his retirement in 1982. (Dana and Luther are sister institutions of the American Lutheran Church.) Earlier in his career he taught at Michigan State University, was a parish pastor in Andrew, Iowa, and served as academic dean at California Lutheran College. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Michigan State College, a B.D. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and an Ed.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

During his tenure as president of Luther he served as president of the Iowa College Foundation and chairman of the Iowa Association of Private Colleges and Universities. He has also been a counselor to the Lutheran Council USA, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Institute of European Studies. He is the recipient of four honorary doctorates and has been decorated by the Kings of Norway and Sweden. Dr. Farwell and his wife, Helen, are the parents of four grown children.

Since his retirement from Luther he has served as a consultant to the ALC's Division of College and University Services, the Iowa College Foundation, and the McElroy Trust Fellowship Program. He is currently completing a national study of Lutheran theological education.

In accepting the presidency, Farwell said that “I have great admiration and respect for the people and academic programs at Dana, and they deserve the very best in administrative leadership and public support. I am prepared to give my best in the administrative area, and I call upon all friends of Dana to give their best in terms of moral, financial, and student support.

“The past few weeks have been difficult ones for Dana,” he said, “but Dana has an unbeatable spirit that has carried her through a century of assorted difficult times. I say with certainty that, as a college of the church, Dana continues to have an important role to play in the dual system of American higher education.”

Farwell also said, “I believe the educational experience Dana offers to be sound, marketable and affordable. It is sound because it is grounded in the church and

the Christian faith. It is marketable because more and more people are recognizing that a liberal arts background is the best preparation for life and a career. Skills developed in the liberal arts tradition at Dana are applicable to all of life—learning how to ask questions, to think, to communicate well, to respect life and the environment and how to live and work with others. And this kind of educational experience is affordable. Dana has a fine program of student financial aid, and I urge students of high academic achievement to investigate what the college has to offer.”

Dr. Clifford Hanson, academic dean who served as chief operating officer from December 15 through February, said, “Dr. Farwell's appointment has met with genuine enthusiasm among the faculty, staff and students. We are confident that with his 19 years of experience to draw on, backed by his unwavering belief in the mission of the church-related liberal arts college, and by building on the strengths of our dedicated faculty and staff, Dana will move forward.”

## Pagel Named Vice President

President Farwell announced on April 1 the appointment of Phillip A. Pagel '56 as vice president for institutional advancement. Pagel's appointment was effective immediately.

In his announcement Farwell said, “I am pleased that Mr. Pagel will accept these new responsibilities at Dana. During the short time I have been here, he has impressed me with his knowledge of Dana's constituency and his perception of the programs that we must implement to attract to Dana the students who will profit by an education on this campus. His appreciation of the college's heritage, its service to Blair and the surrounding communities, and his awareness of the necessity to provide an opportunity for people to invest in Dana are exceptional qualifications for this important position.”

Pagel, 51, has been director of public relations at Dana for the past 25 years. He has also had experience in admissions and fund raising. In his new post he will coordinate and supervise Dana's programs of student recruitment, public relations, news service, development-fund raising, alumni affairs, and church relations.

The position of vice president for institutional advancement is a new one at Dana, and for the first time brings responsibility for all of the college's publics under one administrative head.

Pagel was a high school teacher in Waukesha, Wisconsin, for several years before he returned to Dana as director of admissions in 1958. Since 1960 he has directed the public relations program. He

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Farwell



Pagel

## Simon Returns Home to Dana

*"My heart is at Dana. If I have contributed anything through journalism, my books, or public service, it is partly because of those who helped me here."*  
**Senator Paul Simon '49, April 11, at Dana**

Dana welcomed alumnus Paul Simon, recently elected to the U.S. Senate, to the campus on April 11 for a dinner in his honor and a lecture. Simon, a former student body president, attended Dana his sophomore and junior years before leaving at the age of 19 to become the nation's

youngest newspaper publisher and editor, in Carbondale, Illinois.

He subsequently was elected to the Illinois House and Senate, to the position of lieutenant governor, and to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served five terms.

Also welcoming Simon to Dana were Senate colleague Ed Zorinsky of Nebraska and his wife, Cece; Nebraska Governor Robert Kerrey; and Blair Mayor Stan Jensen.

At his evening lecture Simon spoke on Dana's future, a topic suggested, he said, by Dana President Elwin Farwell.

Saying that "past mistakes are history—Dana has to talk about the future," Simon made specific suggestions to the college on

ways to strengthen its future, from emphasizing its Danish heritage to broadening the ways it serves society. "Just surviving as an institution is an inadequate goal," he said. "'By your fruits you shall be judged.' Dana is a Christian school by heritage and its goal should be to serve those who need help."

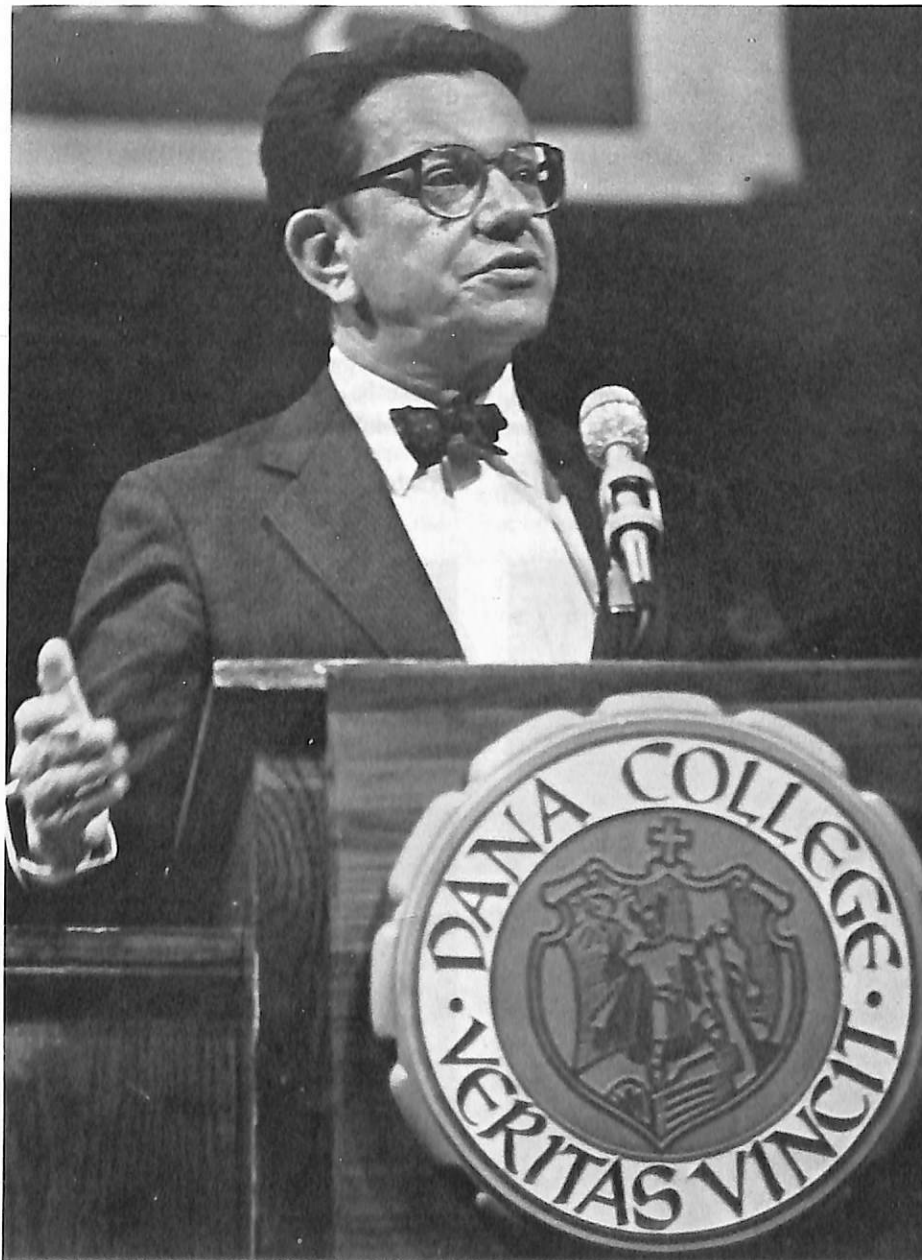
He also addressed national and state trends that will affect colleges like Dana. "There are things at stake in this nation, in this state, and on this campus that are extremely important to the future of this country," he said. "We need your involvement. Within the next ten years this country will lose approximately 25% of its student population. And in Nebraska you are afflicted with agricultural problems, perhaps the worst in the nation. There is no way that Dana cannot feel the impact of that."

Furthermore, he said, through federal cutbacks in student aid, this country "is increasing economic segregation among the youth of college age. Hundreds of thousands of young people will not be able to go to college," he said. "We shape our future through education, but we are experiencing a diminution of quality in education at the very time that Japan and Western European countries are paying more attention to education." The consequences of the cutbacks, he explained, will mean that colleges like Dana will have to devote more of their limited resources to student aid, resulting in faculty salaries and library budgets remaining low.

Simon praised Governor Kerrey for supporting funding of the student assistance program in Nebraska. [This program was passed by the Legislature and found constitutional several years ago, but it has never been funded.]

Simon also stressed the importance of student exchange programs and the teaching of foreign languages as a means of learning about other cultures. "The U.S. is spending more and more on weapons and destruction, and less and less on understanding others," he said. "Much of the fear that promotes spending for defense comes from lack of understanding. We must build our understanding of other cultures.

"Peace, freedom, justice, and opportunities are built brick by brick in Blair, Carbondale, wherever we are. . . . This is a good school, it can be a better school; this is a good country, it can be a better country."



Simon: "My heart is at Dana."

(Pagel, from page 3)

has been active in numerous professional and community activities, having served as a member and officer of Blair's Memorial Community Hospital Board of Directors, the Blair Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Governor's Committee on Affirmative Action, and the Health Planning Council of the Midlands.

A paraplegic, Pagel is particularly involved in the affairs of handicapped individuals. He served as a special consultant to the American Lutheran Church for Ministry with Handicapped Persons and has recently been appointed to a three-year term on the President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped. During the International Year of the Disabled he was named one of Nebraska's Outstanding Handicapped Citizens by Immanuel Medical Center of Omaha.

## Regents Meet

The Board of Regents at a campus meeting February 26 and 27 received a confidential report from legal counsel for the American Lutheran Church pertaining to former president James Kallas.

In a written statement the Regents said, "We are determined to resolve the issues pertaining to Dr. James Kallas, Dana's former president, in a manner that is fair, protects Dana's interests, and enables Dana to put these issues behind it and focus the full energies of the Board, administration, faculty and students on charting Dana's future."

To that end, the Board designated a committee of five regents to address the issues in consultation with legal counsel and to make recommendations for action to the Board as promptly as possible.

The committee, appointed by unanimous action, includes David L. Graven, chairman, a Minneapolis attorney; Dr. Wayne Weissenbuehler, bishop of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church; Dr. Charles Maahs, pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas; William H. Gibbs, a LaJolla, California, businessman; and Dr. Royce Ronning, a faculty member at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

At the meeting Dr. Omer Reed of Phoenix, Arizona, resigned as chairman of the Board. His resignation was accepted, and Dr. Ronning was elected his successor.

In other action the Board established the process for appointing a search committee for a permanent president.

## Committee Begins Work

A nine-member Presidential Search Committee met on March 18 to initiate procedures for the hiring of a new president.

Members represent the Board of Regents, faculty, administration, students, and alumni. Richard Hunt, a regent, is chairman and Lois (Edmonds '73) Jensen, a member of the Alumni Council, is secretary. Both are Blair residents.

Other members and the groups they represent are: regents—Pastor James Olsen '40 (Loveland, Colorado) and Marguerite Westfahl (McCook, Nebraska), faculty—Prof. John Mark Nielsen '73 (English) and Ray Weckmuller '52 (education), administration—Keith Hansen (business manager), and student body—Paul Christensen '86 (Taft, California).

Dr. Royce Ronning of Lincoln, Nebraska, is an ex officio member as chairman of the Board of Regents.

Initial business concerned developing criteria to describe the kind of president Dana should have. Members will meet again on April 22 to complete these criteria and prepare a job description. They will also develop procedures for announcing the position and evaluating candidates.

The target period for installing a new president is spring 1986.

## Alumni Participate In Career Seminar

Eight alumni participated in a March 5 Career Planning Seminar on campus that met with an enthusiastic response from students. Sponsors were the Alumni Association, Dana's Career Center, and the Dana chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Alumni and the areas they discussed were: Accounting—Tom Taggart '81 (Arthur Young, Omaha), and Banking/Finance—Steve Lefeber '77 (Dial Finance, Omaha); Marketing, Public Relations, Advertising—Jennifer Jensen '82 (Great Plains Communications, Blair), and Sales—Kevin Johnson '83 (Burroughs, Omaha); Law—Brad Schweer '74 (Stehlik, Smith, Trustin, Schweer and Ruder, Omaha); Personnel—Paul Madsen '80 (Richard Eggers Personnel, Omaha), and Small Business—Roger Howland '74 (Nebraska-Iowa Supply, Blair); and Computers—David Waite '72 (Mid-America Corporation, Blair).

Other participants were Phil Schreffler (Mid-America Corporation) on computers and George DeWitt (IRS, Omaha) on government employment.

*Alumni panel members at the Career Planning Seminar answer students' questions. From left—Schweer, Waite, Taggart, Jensen, and Madsen. Sandra (Ohrt) Ellis '86 (right), a business administration and accounting-computer science major from Westboro, Missouri, was the moderator.*



## Students Raise Funds for Library Books

Two students have raised approximately \$4,500 for books for the college library, Sharon Gordon, head of the development office, reports. Matt Jennings, a senior from Hanlontown, Iowa, and Kevin Leffler, a junior from Papillion, worked on the project as business interns during the college's Interim.

Assigned to the development office, the two business administration majors organized a campaign to call parents of current students to ask for contributions for books for the library. They also recruited eight fellow students to make the calls over

five nights.

Jennings and Leffler agreed that they learned a great deal over the month—about the general workings of an office, about being careful with details, about filing, about how to write letters, and about supervising people.

The eight students who made the calls were Jon Bansen, Janet Barber, Neil Brown, Susie Holloway, Tom Jordening, Joleen McCabe, Roger Nelson and Kim Norris.

*Mrs. Gordon with Leffler (seated) and Jennings.*



## Help Meet SSP Challenge Deadline

The Fall *Review* announced a challenge gift from several alumni and friends to this year's annual fund drive, the Scholar Support Program (SSP), if the Program reaches or exceeds its \$200,000 goal.

SSP proceeds will strengthen student financial aid and scholarships, academic programs, and library holdings.

As of this writing, SSP gifts from alumni and friends total \$166,000. To meet the challenge, the \$200,000 goal must be reached by May 31.

Dana is well on its way to this goal. You can help by sending your special gift before the May 31 deadline.

## Interior Remodeling Of Old Main Begins

Interior remodeling of the four-story south wing of Old Main started March 25. The project launches the second stage of work on the building. Renovation of the exterior was completed last fall.

Business manager Keith Hansen says that work on the first and second floors of the large wing should be completed by May 15, and on the other floors by August 15.

Cost of the project, Hansen said, is \$250,000. Half that amount will come from the college's building fund, and half from a Peter Kiewit Foundation grant. The Foundation gave the college a \$250,000 challenge grant in 1982 for restoration and remodeling of the building.

Hansen said that an important part of the project is installation of a unit to improve temperature control in the wing. It will convert steam in the present system to water. Exterior walls will be insulated with 1½" styrofoam covered with ⅝" drywall.

All four stories will have new ceilings, lighting, and floor overlays that will be tiled. Plans for the first floor include installing steel joists and a steel overlay over which a concrete floor will be poured. The other floors will have wood overlay. The fourth floor ceiling will be insulated.

Hansen said that the two large classrooms on the first floor will be rebuilt. Wall changes on the second and third floors will alter faculty offices and classrooms.

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## “Now Dana is My School”

*Editor's note: Ardis Petersen of Exira, Iowa, became a Dana student, like her daughter Sheryl, during the January Interim. As far as we know, she is the first parent of a current student to live in a dormitory while taking a class. Mrs. Petersen enrolled in Prof. Milt Heinrich's four-week course, "Arts for the Non-Artist," while Sheryl, a sophomore, took Prof. Richard Jorgensen's class on the American Revolution. (See this page.) When we asked Mrs. Petersen to write about her experiences, she agreed, saying that "Dana has a friend for life." Here is her report, a letter to other Dana parents.*

I'm 47 years old, mother of five, grandmother of two, an Iowa farm wife, have a daughter attending Dana and am a recent graduate of Buena Vista College. That may not seem like a description typical of a student enrolled in a Dana Interim class, but it does indeed describe me.

During January I could be found climbing the four flights of stairs to my room in Blair Hall, burning the night oil in the art department in Old Main, hurrying across the campus so as not to be late for class, and attending chapel services with other students.

In February I returned to my Iowa home and to my daily routine enriched, inspired, and renewed, and thanks to Milton Heinrich, possessing new skills and a new philosophy on art.

Because of my month's stay at Dana, I now feel Dana is *my* school as well as my daughter's. My daughter and I both feel that my stay strengthened our relationship and our communication about college matters.

The course I took was taken as an audit class, so the cost was only \$40 per credit hour. My dorm room cost was minimal and I cooked my own food in the dorm kitchenette. All in all, I consider the money well spent for such a stimulating retreat from the winter blahs.

I share my Interim experience hopeful that next year other parents will consider the wide range of classes offered during Interim and join me in becoming involved in this unique way. What better way to broaden our knowledge and strengthen our interaction with the younger generation?

See you next year for Interim!

## Students Create Roles From American Revolution

When Professor Richard Jorgensen '64 assigned papers for his Interim class on the American Revolution, three of his students chose an unusual approach by role playing.

Sheryl Petersen, a sophomore from Exira, Iowa, became Elizabeth Shewell West, the wife of American painter Benjamin West. As West's wife, she described their lives in England, where her husband befriended and taught other Americans who became prominent artists. Among them were Copley, Peale, Stewart, and Trumbull.

Mike Hennick, a senior from Panora, Iowa, and Mike Martin '83, a post-graduate from Sioux City, took on the roles of Benjamin Franklin and his son, William, respectively. Ben Franklin had William, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, imprisoned for remaining loyal to George III. The two students created a dialogue on the issues in this notorious father-son conflict.

*Sheryl Petersen as Elizabeth Shewell West.*

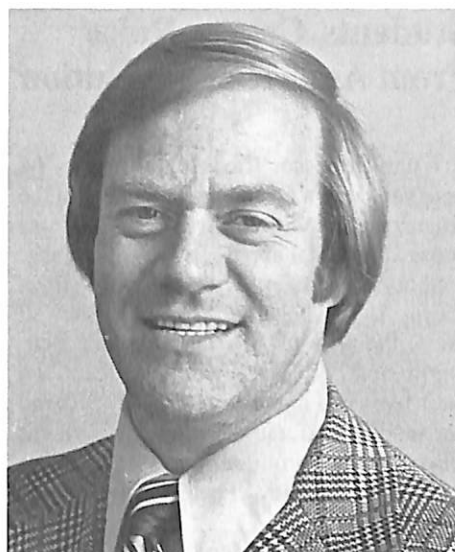
*Martin (left) and Hennick as William and Ben Franklin.*



# Commencement Weekend: Introducing Our Distinguis



*Hengeveld*



*Christopherson*



*Paulsen*

This year's Distinguished Alumni—Myrvin Christopherson '61, Frank Hengeveld '41, and Raymond Paulsen '47—will be honored at the Alumni Association's annual Recognition Dinner on May 18, the evening before Commencement. The dinner will also honor graduating seniors.

Chemistry professor **Frank Hengeveld** taught at Dana fulltime from 1946-56 and from 1965-82. During this last period he was an associate professor. Since his retirement in 1982, he has taught mathematics part time. Between his two periods of teaching, he was a senior research chemist at Diamond Alkali (now Diamond Shamrock) Company in Ohio.

Hengeveld received his master's degree from the University of Nebraska. He has also done graduate work at the Universities of Minnesota and Oregon and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Texas A&M, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

His papers include one on Tycho Brahe (1546-1601), the Danish pre-telescope astronomical observer. He holds patents in the U.S., Canada, France, Great Britain, and Japan.

His community involvement includes having served as president of the Blair PTA and chairman of the Washington County Red Cross.

His favorite student memories of Dana, Hengeveld says, are of "good friends, Thanksgiving dinner, hitchhiking between Blair and Racine, and assisting in the chemistry department."

He and his wife, Helen, have four children, three of them Dana graduates: Susanne '65, Lonna '71, and Steven '73.

**Myrvin Christopherson** is associate dean of the college of fine arts, head of the division of communication, and professor of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

He received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Purdue University. He writes that "Dana helped kindle in me an interest in Soren Kierkegaard, and I wrote my M.S. and Ph.D. studies on Kierkegaard's dialectic of communication."

In 1979 the Wisconsin Communication Association named him Outstanding College Teacher of the Year, and in 1982 he became the second recipient of a Distinguished University Service Award from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

He has participated in the university's international study programs as a teacher and administrator in Taiwan at Soochow University and as a teacher-counselor in England and guest lecturer at West London Institute. He has also been a consultant to a wide variety of corporations in corporate communication and in training and development.

Christopherson is president of his American Lutheran Church congregation and a member of the board of the ALC's Office of Communication and Mission Support. In 1983-84 he was a member of the Design Task Force on Communication of the Commission for a New Lutheran Church.

Christopherson and his wife, Anne, have four children.

**Raymond Paulsen**, who received his B.D. from Trinity Seminary in 1950, was administrator of Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colorado, from 1964 to his retirement in 1980. He has also been administrator of Bethany Home in Waupaca, Wisconsin, and pastor of First Lutheran Church in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin.

Throughout his career he has been involved in community organizations and activities, serving most recently as campaign director of the Morgan County United Way in 1982 and as mayor of Brush from 1974-82. He has been president of the Colorado Association of Nursing Homes and a member of the State Advisory Committee on Health Occupations. In 1972 he received the Vesta Bowden Award from the Colorado Health Care Association for his development of an education program for better patient care.

Paulsen writes that his favorite memories of Dana include history classes under Dr. Swanson and Days of Old Dana in 1947.

He and his wife, Zonia, have four Dana graduates in their family: daughter Gloria '71 and her husband James '71 Weinman, and son Gerald '65 and his wife Mary (Hansen '66).

**About his days at Dana, Christopherson writes:** "What a privilege it was to be one of a small student body of talented, caring young people from throughout the country. . . . The Liberal Arts Reading Program provided a solid introduction to the humanities and fostered an interest in quality writing for which I shall be forever grateful. I remember how proud I was when I went to graduate school with outstanding students from colleges and universities throughout the country, most larger and more prestigious than Dana, and I discovered that my preparation was equal to the best of them."

# Elected Alumni and Honorary Degree Recipient



*Streng*

Evelyn Fiedler Streng, associate professor of science, social science/education at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree from Dana at Commencement on May 19.

Professor Streng will be cited as a person who "generously shares her talents and abilities with her students, her profession, her community and her church," and as "an effective, creative teacher in the college classroom, in in-service workshops for adults, and in a variety of activities for elementary children."

Her articles have been published in *Journal of Chemical Education*, *Science and Children*, *Helping Children Learn Science*, *Texas Caver*, *Scope*, *Lutheran Teacher*, *The Southern Lutheran*, and *The Lutheran Standard*.

Streng received her B.S. degree from State Teachers College, Towson, Maryland, and her M.A. from Southwest Texas State University.

### Help Choose a Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna

Is there an alumnus or alumna you think should join the ranks of Dana's Distinguished Alumni? Please send his or her name and biographical data to the Alumni Office.

### Commencement Weekend Schedule

#### Saturday, May 18

Noon Dana Builders Luncheon, E. C. Hunt Campus Center  
 6:30 p.m. Recognition Dinner honoring seniors, Campus Service Award recipients, and Distinguished Alumni; E. C. Hunt Campus Center; \$6.50 per person; please make reservations by May 14 through the Development Office, attn: Tamara Weber.

#### Sunday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate service, Borup Coliseum  
 2:00 p.m. Commencement, Borup Coliseum

### Speakers . . .

Bishop Wayne Weissenbuehler of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church will give this year's Baccalaureate sermon. He is a member of the Dana Board of Regents.

Alumna Bonnie (Hagedorn) Jensen '70 will be the Commencement speaker. She is executive director of American Lutheran Church Women.

### Meet Your Alumni Candidates

A ballot for this year's Alumni Council elections is on page 14. Here's some information about the candidates:

—**Mark Grorud '76**, a Council member-at-large since 1983, is associate pastor at First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. He received his master of divinity degree in 1979 from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. Grorud has served on the American Lutheran Church's Task Force on Peace and Justice Education and is a member of Bread for the World. His wife, Caryl (Christensen), is an alumna.

—**Paul Johnson '76**, also of Fremont, is band director at Bergan High School and organist at First Lutheran Church. Last year he was president of the Fremont Bergan Education Association. He is a member of the National Music Educators Conference and Nebraska Bandmasters Association. He, too, belongs to Bread for the World. He is married to an alumna, the former Liz Miller.

—**Paul Laursen '51**, Lincoln, is a Distinguished Alumnus and member of our Athletic Hall of Fame. He has been a Council member-at-large for the past two years. Laursen is provost of Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he has taught and been an administrator since 1959. He received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry and analytical chemistry in 1961 from Oregon State University.

—**Jane (Olson) Owen '65**, Omaha, is an incumbent. A former elementary school teacher, she is a volunteer at Methodist Hospital and a board member of that hospital's auxiliary and of the Rockbrook Community Club. She has been doing graduate work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Her husband is alumnus D. R. Owen.

—Incumbent **Bradley Schweer '74**, a partner in the Omaha law firm of Stehlik,

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### Students' Art Chosen

Dana and the Nebraska Art Teachers Association co-sponsored the Second Annual Nebraska Undergraduate Art Competition in February. The juror was David Hunt, art curator of the Center for Western Studies, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha.

The 50 works Hunt selected from approximately 180 entries by students at the state's colleges and universities, public and private, were exhibited in Parnassus.

Of the seven pieces Hunt chose for special recognition, two were by Dana students. A pencil drawing by Clifford Glasgow '86 received a Second Award of Merit, and an acrylic painting by Lisa Bilek '87 was given an Honorable Mention. Both students are from Omaha.

Hunt also selected work by nine other Dana students for the exhibit. The students were: Catherine Ahlin '87 (Missoula, Montana), Joel Barratt '86 (Irwin, Iowa), Dan Byrne '86 (Omaha), Stacy Crossland '85 (Sioux City, Iowa), Diane Elise Hansen '86 (Omaha), Karl Hermanson '87 (San Antonio, Texas), Lynette Laubscher '85 (Dow City, Iowa), Michelle Michaelson '88 (Kingsley, Iowa), and Veronica Rief '86 (Omaha).

Dr. Milton Heinrich of Dana's art faculty said that the competition gave students a chance to learn about the steps involved in entering a juried show.

# Alumni in the News

Alumni have again made the regional and national news. Here's something about them.

## Most influential

Alumni Bonnie Hagedorn Jensen '70 and Richard Andersen '53 are on the *Lutheran Perspective's* list of the 20 most influential Lutherans of 1984.

Of Jensen, the February 4, 1985, issue of the pan-Lutheran newspaper says: "Both as co-host with her husband, Richard ['56], of the ALC's 'Reflections' telecasts and as executive director of ALC Women, Bonnie Jensen was a major contributor in 1984. In this latter role, she has been credited with bringing a new energy, spiritual vitality, and theological depth to ALCW. And, the 'Woman-to-Woman' program which brought 19 overseas Lutherans to the U.S. for nationwide dialogue prior to the ALCW convention was a clear success."

The *Perspective* describes Andersen as "the Long Beach, Cal., pastor whose persistent attempts to free Swedish Lutheran diplomat Raoul Wallenberg from Soviet confinement attracted church-wide and international attention to this once-forgotten hero." Andersen has written articles about Wallenberg for *The Lutheran Standard* and the *Los Angeles Times*. He is a director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, which he helped launch. Because of his involvement, he has been interviewed by Swedish Radio.

## Bach Recitals

Dr. Dennis Schmidt '71, pastor and organist-choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Albuquerque since 1981, is currently performing all of Bach's works for organ in a series of 17 recitals. He writes that "the Cathedral is in a 16-month-long celebration of the 300th birthdays of Bach, Handel, and Scarlatti, and the 400th birthday of Heinrich Schuetz." The celebration, he writes, has been "dubbed BaSSH '85 (for *Bach* and *Schuetz*, *Scarlatti* and *Handel*)." The Cathedral choirs are singing the works of all four at worship services and in concert, including Bach's *Passion According to St. John* this fall.

Schmidt's activities include serving in 1981 as guest lecturer at the Third International Keyboard Institute at the University of Michigan and participating in 1982 in a historical organ tour of France, where he played three public recitals, one of them in Paris. In the summers of 1983 and 1984

he participated in choral workshops at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

Schmidt is regional coordinator for the Association of Anglican Musicians. He is planning to give an organ recital at Notre Dame University in the summer of 1986. (He notes that as a Lutheran pastor, he uses the Lutheran rite at a Eucharistic service at the Cathedral every Friday noon.)

## "Handsome photographs"

Stan Nielsen '68, pastor of United Lutheran Church in Shelby, Iowa, has matched his photographs of Shelby and its residents to retired English teacher Edna Pike's poetry for a book called *The Picture and the Pen*. Articles on the collaboration have appeared in the *Des Moines Sunday Register*, the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, and the *Shelby and Harlan papers*. *Register* columnist Chuck Offenburger described the book as "a collection of Pike's striking poetry, illustrated with Nielsen's handsome photographs, all about life in a small community."

The Shelby Commercial Organization recently gave Nielsen its President's Award for leadership, citing his contributions as an officer of the organization and his role as photographer for the book.

## An Addendum

The winter *Review* described Dennis Hoch's ('76) work with the nonprofit Self Help Foundation in Waverly, Iowa, as its director of development. The January 21, 1985, issue of *The Christian Science Monitor* features an article in its national news section titled "Iowa's answer to global hunger: a 12-horsepower diesel tractor." Author Lucia Mouat quotes Hoch, and he appears in an accompanying photograph.

## Books Needed: On Dana, Trinity, UELC

While writing *A Place Called Dana*, the centennial history of the college, Dr. Peter L. Petersen '62 noted that most books dealing with Dana or its parent United Evangelical Lutheran Church were out of print.

With the current revival of interest in ethnic and immigration history, several scholars have expressed interest in securing copies of some of these works. Furthermore, with the opening of the Danish

## School Song Lyricist Asks for Word Change

Magnus Christensen, 90, who wrote the words to "Hail Dana" when he was a student here in 1926, has requested a change in the fourth line of the second stanza. The first four lines of that stanza are: "To all who would thy truths embrace/ Thy message true impart;/ Be thou their guiding star thruout/ To manhood mold each heart."

Christensen, who lives in Denver, Colorado, became aware of the line again when a copy of an early manuscript of the song, found in the cornerstone of Alumni Memorial Auditorium, was sent to him. "I discovered the words to which I object and wish to have eliminated," he wrote. "This was a grave error for which I take full responsibility. . . . I tell you truly when I inform you that the passage. . . has caused me a great deal of discomfort and also loss of sleep."

In accordance with his suggestion, the line has been changed to: "Be thou their guiding star thruout/ To virtue lead each heart." The change, approved by the college administration, is now official.

Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, the formation of the Danish American Heritage Society, and the development of an emigration research group affiliated with the University of Copenhagen, there are new repositories that should have most if not all of these publications.

Petersen believes it is likely that alumni of Dana and Trinity have copies of the works listed below. It is also likely that some of the books may be found in the libraries or storerooms of former UELC congregations.

If individuals or congregations having such books wish to donate or sell them at a reasonable price, they should contact Petersen, who has volunteered to serve as a "broker" in distributing the books. Please write him directly: Prof. Peter L. Petersen, History Department, West Texas State University, Canyon, TX 79016.

A. M. Andersen, *Hvor Danskerne i Amerika findes* (1903)

Theodore P. Beck, *The Professor: P. S. Vig* (1930)

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## Nontraditional Students Form New Organization

Dana has approximately 90 nontraditional students, freshman Sharon Voskamp — who is one of them — has found.

What is a nontraditional student? Those in this category, Ms. Voskamp says, are older students, transfers, students who live off-campus or in Omaha Village, and those who are part-time. Some are married or divorced, and some have children.

The divorced mother of two sons, 10 and 15, Ms. Voskamp is a former secretary who commutes every day from Tekamah, Nebraska; she is majoring in business administration.

Soon after she registered at Dana last fall, she says, she “discovered that the needs of the nontraditional student are different from those of the traditional.” She asked her nontraditional colleagues about what they needed. (As a nontraditional student, she says, she already knew what some of their answers would be.)

When she learned that nontraditional students at another Nebraska college had organized, she met with them and then returned to Dana to found a similar group. Its constitution was approved by the Student Senate in January.

How can members of the new organization, and Dana, help nontraditional students? One project is to find ways to make the spouses and children of nontraditional students feel that they belong to the Dana community, Ms. Voskamp says. Another is to obtain a lounge area and lockers on campus for books and supplies, and another is to organize a calling system so that commuters can learn when a professor cannot meet a class.

She says that they also want to be a support group. They can look for solutions to such problems as trying to study at home when their children are there. They can address financial problems, and help develop a financial aid catalog for students over 30. They can also help their younger counterparts when they arrive at Dana as nontraditional students.

Members, however, also want to make their unique situation work for Dana, Ms. Voskamp says. Older nontraditional students can invite younger, homesick, traditional classmates to their homes for dinner. Nontraditional and traditional students can study together for tests. And they can help the Admissions Office by giving campus tours to prospective nontradi-

tional students — something Ms. Voskamp is already doing.

Ms. Voskamp says that she was surprised to find so many nontraditional students at Dana. According to recent studies reported in newspaper articles, a growing number of nontraditional students are entering American colleges and universities. Those entering Dana should find their experiences in the academic world somewhat easier, thanks to Ms. Voskamp and the new organization.

## Hospital, College Join For Wellness Program

A community first—a Wellness Program developed and co-sponsored this semester by Dana and Blair Memorial Community Hospital for their employees and spouses—had 61 participants.

The seven-week program, offered for a small fee, was a trial run, according to Dan Travaile of the college's department of health, physical education, recreation and athletics. Next fall the program will be opened to all interested Blair and area residents, he said.

“The older a person is, the more he or she needs this information,” Travaile said.

The program started with the development of a fitness profile for each partici-

*Wellness Program instructors discuss plans: from left—Carol Haussermann, Phil Moe, Dan Travaile, and Mike Burcham.*

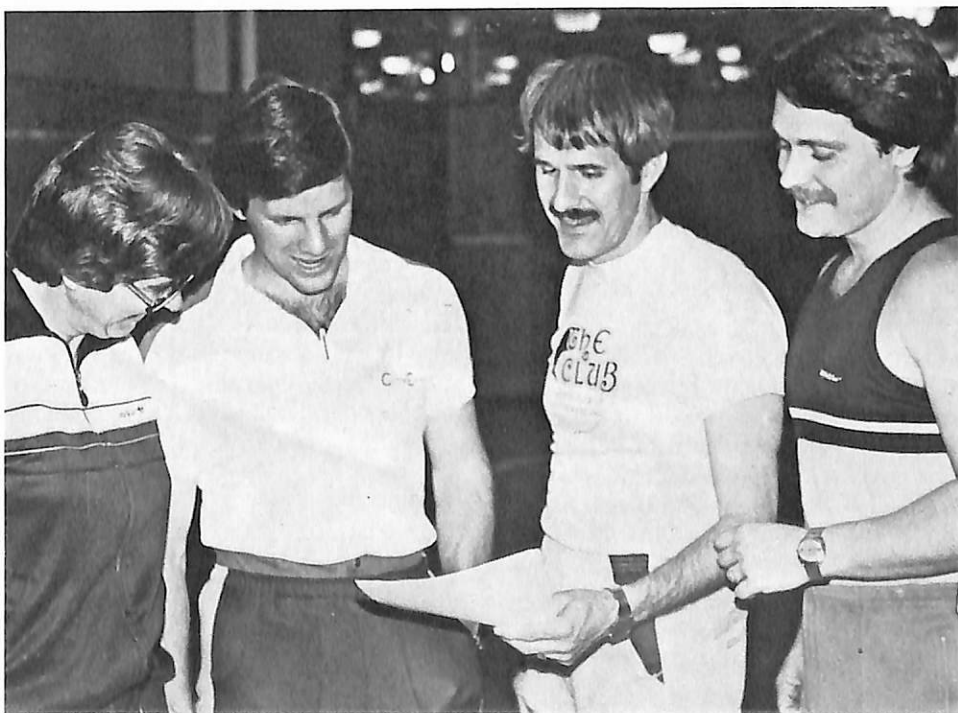
pant. The profile included a blood pressure test, flexibility tests, a body fat percentage calculation, completion of a health questionnaire, a blood lipids analysis, and a pulmonary function test. Each profile was reviewed and screened by physicians affiliated with the hospital.

Topics covered during class sessions in Borup Coliseum included aerobic exercise, flexibility, nutrition, weight reduction and maintenance, stress management, negative lifestyle factors, and motivation. A discussion period was an important part of each session.

Participants were also invited to join Dana's new Community Recreation Program (see story elsewhere in this issue) at no additional charge.

Besides Travaile, Dana faculty members involved with the program were Carol Haussermann '68 (health, physical education, recreation) and Richard Potter (social work and sociology).

Hospital representatives working with the program were Phil Moe, physical therapist; Mike Burcham, respiratory therapist; Jeanie Stirtz, dietician; Terry Thompson, hospital administrator; Drs. Richard Gentry and K. C. Bagby; and members of the nursing staff.



Three students were at the top of the Dean's List for the first semester, all with straight 9 averages, the highest possible grade in the stanine system. The students were **Catherine Bachelor '88** (Valentine, Nebraska), **Stacy Crossland '85** (Sioux City, Iowa), and **Sandra (Ohr) Ellis '86** (Westboro, Missouri).

**Professor John Mark Nielsen '73**, English, gave a program titled "Dreams of a New Land" on January 8 in Lincoln, using excerpts from letters, journals and diaries, and slides of old photographs and drawings to tell the story of Danish immigrants to the Great Plains. He gathered much of his material at the Danes World-wide Archives in Aalborg, Denmark, through a grant from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities.

A review by Nielsen of Frederick Hale's book, *Danes in North America*, appeared in the winter issue of *Nebraska History*.

**Barbara Anderson '85** (Tekamah, Nebraska) participated in a program of the organ music of Bach and Handel for the Omaha chapter of the American Guild of Organists on January 14 at St. Paul Methodist Church, Omaha.

Approximately **180 high school students** from Blair, Tekamah, and Omaha participated in a Foreign Language Day at Dana on February 15. The event, which included German, Spanish, Danish, and French seminars, a cafe, a foreign store, folk singing, and foreign cooking, was sponsored by Dana's foreign language instructors and students.

**Professors Darrell Dibben and Sieghard Krueger**, speech, judged speech contests—district and state—in March.

**The Dana Wind Ensemble**, under the direction of Dr. William Mayson, gave concerts in March at high schools in Elk Horn and Exira, Iowa, and Nebraska City and Tecumseh, Nebraska.

**Dr. Milton Heinrich**, art, received the third place award in the three-dimensional division of the Ninth Annual Art Educators Juried Show held in February in Lincoln. His award-winning work was a construction called "Reliquary for a Button Shell." Henry Flood Robert, executive director of Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, was the juror.

**Kip Tyler '80**, pastor of Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, is serving as the college's interim campus pastor this semester.

**Juniors Kate Gaard** (Nevada, Iowa) and **Shariane Hann** (Ft. Collins, Colorado) were named in February to the Nebraska Intercollegiate Band, made up of the best collegiate instrumental musicians in the state. The band, sponsored by the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, played for that organization's convention on March 2 in Lincoln. Gaard plays the alto saxophone and Hann the bass clarinet.

**Special events** at Dana in January, February, and March included a piano recital by Timothy Schmidt of the Waldorf College music faculty; an Interim class production of DeVega's *The Sheep Well*; a performance of the musical *Candide* by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan; and lectures by Dr. Alan Ross, superintendent of education at Standing Rock Indian Reservation, North Dakota, on Native American culture; by the Rev. Joel Mugge, director of the Center for Global Service and Education, Augsburg College, on liberation theology for the nontheologian; and by Norwegian artist Oscar Reynert Olsen of the National College of Art, Crafts and Design in Oslo on the life and art of Edvard Munch.

**Dana** provided the computer facilities on March 16 for the high school portion of a computer contest sponsored by the Blair Community Schools. The 100 participants were from six area high schools. Professor Arvin Hernes, physics, was the site manager.

**Dr. Ray Weckmuller '52**, education, was guest speaker in February at a dinner meeting of the Metropolitan Education Council and in March at a banquet honoring Blair seniors who had achieved academic excellence. His topic at the latter was "Education after High School: The Value of the Liberal Arts." He was recently a member of an accreditation team that evaluated the teacher education program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also recently testified before the Nebraska Legislature's Education Committee on teacher education legislation, representing the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education and the Nebraska State Education Association.

**Tamara Weber**, development and church relations, gave her program called "What Wondrous Love" at a March 20 prayer breakfast of the annual convention of Nebraska Petroleum Marketers, Inc., in Omaha.

**Dr. Sybille Bartels**, German, conducted a workshop on February 23 at the national convention of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society, in Atchison, Kansas. She was accompanied by Danish instructor Jolynn Oliver '84 and three students. At the convention Oliver was elected regional student representative of Alpha Mu Gamma.

Career counselor **Paul R. Curro**, Omaha, gave two talks at Dana on March 28, one titled "Unlocking the Hidden Job Market" and the other, "Paper Tools." He was sponsored by Dana's Career Center and the Dana chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management.

A feature story by Leonard Johnson about Dana's **Liberal Arts Reading Program** appeared in the March 24 issue of the *Omaha World-Herald's Sunday Magazine of the Midlands*. The article was titled "It's All Good Literature."

Members of the faculty and staff and students spoke at congregations of the American Lutheran Church within about a 100-mile radius of the campus on "**Dana Sunday**" February 17.



## Students Name Leaders

Recently elected to head student government next year are: (clockwise from bottom) vice-president, Meri Jo Meier '87, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; president, Jeff Langholz '86, Creston, Iowa; treasurer, Craig Swenson '86, Richfield, Minnesota; and secretary, Brenda Pederson '86, Bemidji, Minnesota.

## Women's Basketball

Although the 1984-85 Lady Vikings basketball team was young, members came together well at the beginning of the season to produce several firsts:

—the first time the team earned a second-place finish in the conference,

—the first year the team made it to the NAIA District 11 playoffs,

—the first trip that the team has made—to California for a 2-1 effort,

—the first time District 11 women's basketball Coach of the Year was a Dana coach—Head Coach Kathy Foley, and

—the first time in over five seasons team members placed on the All-District squad.

The Lady Vikings were led by Dawn Elliott '87 (Downers Grove, Illinois), Ronda Fritz '86 (Dawson, Nebraska), and transfer Janee Pankuk '86 (Ashland, Nebraska), who averaged 11.7, 10.1, and 10.1 points respectively. Elliott was named to the NIAC's and NAIA's All-District second teams; Fritz was voted to the NIAC's Honorable Mention. **Janice Schlange '84**

## Men's Basketball

This year's Vikings didn't produce the best win-loss record they've ever had, but their schedule was perhaps the most competitive one they've played in recent seasons.

Coach Tom Brosnihan, in his third year at the helm, produced one of the most powerful and hot-shooting squads to come out on the court at Dana. His young team had a disappointing 11-30 record, but many of those losses came from large university and nationally ranked teams.

The Vikings were quite competitive in the NIAC this year, holding second place in the conference for several weeks before dropping the last week of conference play. The team loses only one player to graduation; with most team members either freshmen or sophomores, Dana's basketball future looks bright.

Todd Hinkle '87 (Omaha) led the scoring for this year's squad by averaging 17.6 points per game—49% from the field and an exceptional 85% from the free throw line, the highest in District 11. Matt Peterson '86 (Omaha) was second in scoring with a 13 point per game average, putting in 53% from the field and 78% from the line. Peterson was also third in rebounding, averaging 5 per contest. Bill Gavers '87

(Omaha) was third in scoring while producing the best field-goal percentage on the squad. He averaged 11.4 points per game while shooting 58% from the field and 73% from the charity stripe. Gavers also led the team and was rated in the District in assists, producing 164 for a 6 per contest average.

In addition to Hinkle, Peterson, and Gavers, two other Vikings also shot over 45% from the field. Ken Drago '86 (Maxwell, Nebraska) put in 51% and Dan Vorthman '87 (Treyner, Iowa) shot 48%. A fourth Viking also produced better than 70% from the free-throw line. Lawrence White (Omaha), the only senior on the team, put in 77% to help out Hinkle, Peterson, and Gavers, once again for honors.

Gavers, Hinkle, and Peterson placed on the All-Conference teams and were invited to play for the District all-star game in Kearney. **Janice Schlange '84**

## Wrestling

Members of the wrestling team, coached by Ron Beaman '74, finished their dual meet season with a 4-4 record. Dana claimed its first dual victory over Westmar College in 20 years.

Four wrestlers closed the season by qualifying for the NAIA's National Wrestling Tournament in Jamestown, North Dakota. They were: Doug Birdsell '87 (150 lbs., Sioux City, Iowa), Bill Bussey '85 (177 lbs., Glenwood, Iowa), Trent Gutschenritter '87 (142 lbs., Shenandoah, Iowa), and Rick Rosen '87 (118 lbs., Clyde, Ohio).

Bussey capped an excellent 25-3 season and 75-11 four-year career at Dana by placing seventh at the national meet. He narrowly missed being in the finals by losing to the #2 seed in overtime and to the #3 seed 5-4. He won matches against wrestlers from Southern Oregon, Simon Fraser-Canada, Pacific University-Forest Grove, and Carson Newman-Tennessee.

Other Vikings who wrestled well during the season were lettermen Ron Fairley '88 (Bellevue, Nebraska), Tom Kruse '88 (Council Bluffs, Iowa), Ken Sliva '88 (Columbus, Nebraska), Niles Vorthmann '87 (Treyner, Iowa), team captain Tim Weltzin '86 (Marshalltown, Iowa), Fred White '85 (Eureka, Montana), and Mike Wright '88 (Council Bluffs, Iowa).

With only Bussey and White graduating this spring, Dana should continue to have much success in wrestling, Beaman says.

## And Honors to . . .

### Foley

Women's basketball coach Kathy Foley is the NAIA's District 11 Coach of the Year. This award came to the Blair native just four years after taking over the women's program. Foley was honored by the other District 11 coaches for her success in bringing the Dana squad from last place to second in the NIAC and for producing increasingly better teams since she has been at Dana.

### Bussey

Senior Bill Bussey has been named to the NAIA's Academic All-American Wrestling Team. A biology major from Glenwood, Iowa, he is one of 11 inductees from across the nation to qualify for this year's team.

To be an Academic All-American requires both wrestling and classroom excellence. A candidate must have at least a B average and qualify for the National Wrestling Tournament. Bussey has maintained a B+ average at Dana, and he is a four-time qualifier for Nationals.

### Weltzin

Junior Tim Weltzin, a member of Dana's wrestling team, has been accepted by Athletes in Action as a member of an AIA international wrestling team that will compete this summer with teams in Central or South America.

Weltzin, a social sciences major, is from Marshalltown, Iowa.

AIA is a worldwide ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. Over the past four years, nine AIA summer wrestling teams have competed in 18 countries, compiling a 69-8-1 dual meet record. Many of these teams have included Olympic, World, and NCAA champions.

### Peterson

Matt Peterson, a 6'3" junior from Omaha, was men's basketball Player of the Week in the state's NAIA District 11 this season.

Peterson led the Vikings to two straight road wins at Peru State and Bellevue College, Dana's first wins on those courts in five seasons. Peterson scored 43 points and had 17 rebounds. He is a commercial art major.

## Alumni Council Ballot

There are two boxes by each name so that both husband and wife can vote if they are alumni. Please circle the number voting— 1 2 —and return your ballot by May 27. (See story on page 9.)

### Vote for Five

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Mail to: Alumni Affairs Office, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008.

(Old Main, from page 6)

The fourth floor hallway will be removed to increase studio space in the art department. Exhaust vents will be installed in the remodeled studio area.

The project's architect is the Leo A. Daly Company, Omaha. The contractor is the John Eriksen Construction Company, Blair.

(Candidates, from page 9)

Smith, Trustin, Schweer and Ruder, received his J.D. in 1977 from Creighton University School of Law. He has been president of the Nebraska Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and a member of the board of directors of the Combined Health Agencies Drive. He is married to an alumna, the former Patricia Hewett.

(Books, from page 10)

William E. Christensen, *Saga of the Tower* (1959)

*Danske i Amerika*, 2 vols. (Minneapolis: C. Rasmussen Co., 1907-1916)

*Femogtyve Aar: Et Festskrift* (1921)  
 John M. Jensen, *The United Evangelical Lutheran Church: An Interpretation* (1964)  
 H. Skov Nielsen, *A Guardian of the Faith: Notes on the Life and Work of Dr. N. C. Carlsen* (1951)

H. Skov Nielsen, *Dana College and Trinity Seminary* (1936)

Paul Nyholm, *The Americanization of the Danish Lutheran Churches in America* (1963)

H. Fred Swansen, *The Founder of St. Ansgar: The Life Story of Claus Laurits Clausen* (1949)

P. S. Vig, *Trinitatis Seminarium* (1911)

Of particular value to historians would be issues of the annual *Yearbook* published by the UELC. Before the mid-1920s the yearbook was published in Danish under the title of *Beretning*. Sizable collections of other UELC publications such as *Dansk Nytaar*, *Christmas Chimes*, *The Little Lutheran*, *Child's Christmas Chimes*, and *The Ansgar Lutheran* would also be of use.

## A Belated Award . . .

A five-year oversight was corrected on February 9 when Ron Johnson '70, former Dana football coach, and Vaughn Christensen '53, assistant director of admissions who also works with the football team, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to give Lynn Beecham '83 his football jacket and letter.

Beecham earned his letter as a defensive back the fall of his freshman year, in 1979. The next March he and several Dana friends were having fun sliding down a bluff on the Iowa side of the Missouri River when the bluff gave way. His 120-foot fall left him unconscious for three months and almost completely paralyzed, with impaired sight, speech and memory.

But Beecham fought back with the same spirit he displayed on the football field. Now he is at the Madonna Professional Care Center in Lincoln, where he is receiving physical therapy. He has been making good progress from his tragic accident, and his goal is to walk with the help of a cane and to return to school.

Beecham's football award was forgotten in the turmoil of the accident—until Dale Pash '80, his friend and teammate, got in touch with Christensen. Pash, now of Kearney, Nebraska, joined Johnson and Christensen at the presentation. Beecham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Beecham, and his two brothers and three sisters, all of Palmyra, Nebraska, were also there.

Beecham would enjoy hearing from students he knew. His address is: Madonna Professional Care Center, 2200 S. 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.

## Destiny's Deep Sea

### '80s

Scott '82 and Linda (Nouss '84) Christensen live at 11300 Regency Green Drive #902 in Cypress, Texas 77429. Both teach in the Cypress school system—Scott, elementary physical education, and Linda, fourth grade art and language arts. . . Kevin Johnson '83 and Kari Jo Molzer '85 will marry July 6 in Papillion, Nebraska. He is an account representative for Burroughs Computer Corporation, Omaha. . . Randy Berntson '81 has been named an Associate of the Society of Actuaries. He is an actuarial associate with Lutheran Brotherhood in Minneapolis; he lives in Bloomington, Minnesota. . . Tom Taggart '81 has been appointed supervisory senior in the tax department of Arthur Young and Co., Omaha. . . Mark Walth '81 and his wife announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Andrew. . . Angela Ankenbauer '80 was in the cast of the Norton Theatre's February produc-

tion of *The Women* by Clare Booth Luce. *Omaha World-Herald* reviewer Steve Millburg wrote that she "was terrific as a variety of wise-guy types." . . . Judith (Petersen '80) Lefebber completed her master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha last August and is teaching kindergarten EMH (educable mentally handicapped) in the Omaha Public Schools. She and her husband, Stephen '77, announce the birth of son Kyle Michael on October 26. He joins brother Nicholas. The Lefebbers have moved to 11318 Spaulding, Omaha (68164). . . Jane Mundschenk '80 received her master of arts degree on December 8 from the University of Northern Colorado. Her degree is in special education with emphasis in teaching the visually impaired orientation and mobility and the severely profoundly handicapped blind. She is an orientation and mobility instructor at the South Dakota State School for the Visually Impaired in Aberdeen.

### '70s

Dennis Downard '78 and his wife announce the birth of their second son, Nathanael Scott, on October 7, 1984, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Andrew is 2½. . . Laura (Coffey '78) Nylander works with severe behavior problem children as a teacher's aide; she is taking graduate courses to become licensed in that field. She, husband Russ, and their three children live in Moorhead, Minnesota. . . Dr. Barbara Beck '77 is practicing general medicine with the U.S. Air Force at RAF Chicksands in England. She writes that she has room for Dana visitors. Her address is Box 1139, APO, NY 09193. . . Jane (Matthies '77) Goding and her husband, Tom, moved from Lincoln to Omaha in January when he was transferred with the Farm Credit Administration. She is with First Financial Services at First National Bank of Omaha. Their Omaha address is 13518 Atwood Avenue (68144). . . Giles Bronson '76 and his wife, Linda, announce the birth of Alexander Giles on September 30, 1984, in

Richland, Washington. Sister Elizabeth is 2. Giles recently had two weeks of active duty in the Federal Republic of Germany. . . **Dr. Steven Larson '76** has joined the staff of the Marquette, Michigan, General Hospital. He works in the hospital's five-doctor emergency department. . . **Tom '74** and **Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen**, Blair, announce the birth of Sonja Anne on January 23. Tom is chairman of the Washington County Democrats, serves on the State Central Committee, and is a draftsman for Blair Engineering and Surveying Company. Patti is a registered nurse in Fremont, Nebraska. Son Erik is 4. . . **Michael Zimmerman '74** has been named mortgage loan officer for Security National Bank in Sioux City, Iowa. . . **Cynthia (Homes '73) Musick** has received a \$1,000 Cooper Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. She teaches French at the Bellevue (Nebraska) West High School. . . **Lindsey Marie**, daughter of Charles and **DeeDee (Sherman '72) Anderson**, was born August 8, 1984. She has one brother, Christopher, 3. DeeDee is on leave this year from teaching at Forest Lake, Minnesota. They live at 26250 Galen Drive in Wyoming, Minnesota 55092. . . **Kristina Jo** was born July 6, 1984, to Randy and **Kathleen (Simpson '72) Henderson**, 6467 South Race Court, Littleton, Colorado 80121. **Kristina** joins Jeff, 7, and Jill, 3. . . **Janis R. Jensen '72** and **J. Timothy Gaule** were married May 12, 1984, in Omaha, where they live at 2324 N. 52nd Street (68104). She is a college student insurance consultant for Mutual of Omaha, and he is a second vice-president for Policyowner Services for United of Omaha. . . **Erin Melissa** was born to **Rodney** and **Nancy Kastrop '72** on June 10, 1984. She has a sister, Jill, 3. They live at 17 Sunset Drive in High Bridge, New Jersey. . . **Larry Borkhus '71** has been named engineering cost accountant for the Miller Brewing Company, Milwaukee. . . **Greg '71** and **Julie (Berg '71) Peters** have moved with their three children (Amber—8, R. Jai—4, and Chase—1½) to 1935 Hamline Avenue No., Roseville, Minnesota 55113. Greg is the general manager of the Old Country Buffet Restaurant in Fridley. . . **Ron Briggs '70** has been appointed assistant administrator at Lutheran Community Hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska. . . **Julie Rohlfing '70**, Omaha, is the new parish services representative of Augsburg Publishing House for its Omaha region. She serves parishes of the Central, Iowa, and South Dakota Districts of the American Lutheran Church and other church bodies of the region.

## '60s

**Karen Ann Larson '68** teaches private piano in her home. She is also pursuing a master of arts degree in guidance and counseling at Ohio State University. She lives at 2319 North Fourth Street in Columbus, Ohio 43202. . . **Sally McMahon '61** operates the Sally McMahon School of Real Estate, 10050 Regency Circle, Suite 100, in Omaha 68114. The school, which is licensed by the Nebraska State Board of Education, offers training, consulting, placements, seminars, and speaking engagements.

## '40s

**Ried Neve '48** is chaplain and director of spiritual ministries of the Bonell Good Samaritan Center in Greeley, Colorado. **Eunice (Petersen '49)**, his wife, is an accountant in the corporate offices of the Armadillo Restaurants in LaSalle, Colorado. They live at 2909 13th Street in Greeley 80631.

## Deaths

**Karen (Borkhus '65) Schoening**, Glenwood, Iowa, died January 31, 1985, of cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Gary '70**, Route 2, Glenwood; two daughters and one son;

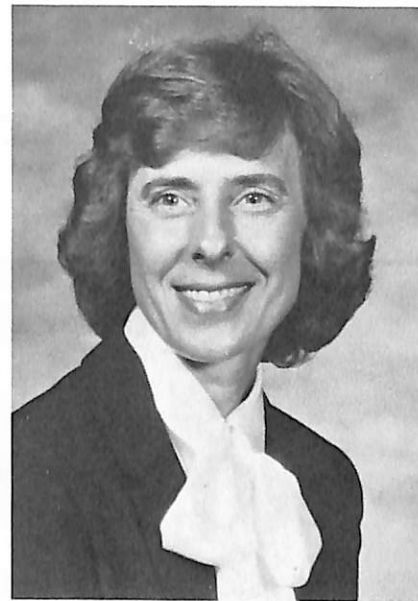
## About Financial and Estate Planning

Dow Jones Average hits all-time high! This was the headline in many newspapers in recent weeks. On the surface, it would seem to be good news, but for many people it presents an interesting problem and an unusual opportunity. They ask themselves, "Should I sell my stock and pay the capital gains tax on it, or hang on to the stock and be content with dividends that yield 3 or 4%?"

But, there is an alternative that would seem to be an acceptable way of solving the problem. It is possible to use the stock to fund a gift annuity. Since you are not selling the stock, there is no capital gains tax to account for, and the value of the gift annuity would be the value of the stock today, not your purchase price.

This is a solution to the income problem, too. Gift annuity rates are based on age and life expectancy, so the rates differ in each case. For example, a 70-year-old person would earn 7.8%; a 75-year-old, 8.5%; and an 80-year-old, 9.6%. This is in addition to a hefty income tax deduction the first year the annuity is purchased.

What if you are in your 40s and still in your earning years? Dana College has a deferred gift annuity that can be



tailored to your needs with income beginning when you reach retirement age, and at a very favorable rate, often in the 14-15% range.

If you would like more information regarding the conversion of appreciated stock or other property into a gift annuity, please give me a call.

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her parents; sisters **Melanie '68 Knoell** and **Cindy '77 Riegelman** and brother **Larry '71**; and many friends. . . **Marion Christensen '54**, of Davenport, Iowa, died at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, **John '54** and **Myra (Vig '54) Christensen**, in Taft, California, on January 31, 1985. She taught art in the Davenport (Iowa) Public Schools and was an artist, jeweler, and printmaker. Survivors also include nieces and nephews **Mark Christensen '79**, **Caroline (Christensen '84) Schonweis**, and **Paul and Gretchen**—both current Dana students, and many friends. Her family has suggested donations to the Dana library in her memory. . . **Pastor Irving Tange '36** of the Cedar Falls (Iowa) Lutheran Home died on January 17, 1985. He was an army chaplain in the South Pacific during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star and Legion of Merit. He served parishes in Shelby, Cedar Falls, and Rolfe, Iowa, and in Aurora, Colorado. He also served at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home. Tange was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1960. In 1972 he was involved with the World Brotherhood Exchange, serving for four months in Guyana, South America. Survivors include his wife, Joan, and two sons. . . **Ruth (Vedsted '21) Sorensen**, Great Falls, Montana, died February 25, 1985. Survivors include her husband, **Gudmond**, 5601 Second Avenue North, Great Falls; a daughter; brothers **Emmett '25** and **Ivar** and sisters **Evelyn Goodell** and **Esther '28 Jacobson**.

## Program Opens Borup To Blair Residents

A Community Recreation Program introduced this year by Dana and its department of health, physical education, recreation and athletics makes the facilities in Borup Coliseum available to Blair residents for a small membership fee.

Response has been excellent, with 383 persons—256 adults and 127 youths—taking part in the program. (This number includes some members of the college's faculty and staff and their families who could join at no charge.)

During scheduled hours members can use the indoor swimming pool, the two racquetball/handball courts, the Universal Gym room with weight training equipment and stationary bike, the free weight room, the men's and women's shower and locker rooms, and two gym areas for basketball, volleyball, running and walking.

# Do You Know What These People Have in Common?

**They are just some of the many individuals and groups pictured in "A PLACE CALLED DANA," the Centennial history of Trinity Seminary and Dana College by alumnus Peter L. Petersen. For a nostalgic journey back through the first 100 years of Dana, generously sprinkled with lively anecdotes and many never-before published photographs, we urge you to turn to "A PLACE CALLED DANA."**

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