

DANA REVIEW

Dana Fund report: Drive at \$750,000 after 3 months

The two-year Dana Fund is progressing very well, Director of Development John Beck reports. He said that as of December 19, the college had received more than \$750,000 in gifts and two-year pledges through Phonoramas, the faculty-staff drive and the Washington County Appeal. The goal of the Dana Fund, subtitled "Positioning for Progress," is \$2.34 million. The drive was launched in October.

Local response is excellent

Beck noted these results in particular:

- Pledges from faculty, staff and professors emeriti total over \$60,000, and
- Pledges from the remainder of the Washington County Appeal stand at \$221,658, with more pledges expected.

In announcing the results of the Washington County Appeal, Beck said, "There is a strong gesture of good will being made through these contributions to Dana College, and we at Dana are deeply appreciative."

HunTel pledges \$60,000

The largest gift to date is a pledge of \$60,000 by Blair's HunTel Systems. The announcement of the gift was made in November by HunTel President Hugh Hunt.

Part of that amount will be used to establish a scholarship fund named in honor of Emory C. Hunt, the father of Hugh and Richard Hunt. Richard, HunTel vice-president and chief engineer, is a Dana regent.

Future plans

In January the Dana Fund drive extended to the Omaha-Council Bluffs area. Eventually alumni and friends in 25 cities and geographical areas will be contacted through direct appeals and Phonoramas. »

"Sights and Sounds" brings crowds

In spite of unfavorable weather, 4,000 to 5,000 visitors again enjoyed Dana's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" on December 7. Photos taken at two events appear elsewhere in this issue.

The day, which opened with a "Christmas Festival Worship Service," featured the Christmas celebrations of Denmark, Germany, France and Spain, as well as "Let's Make It Danish," the Santa Lucia ceremony, performances by the Dana Folk Dancers, *A Christmas Sketchbook* by the Dana Players, art exhibits, "Storytime," "Carols Old and New for Voice and Organ," "An Elizabethan Christmas," a concert by the Dana Band and Choir, and the Christmas smorgasbord.

More than \$9,000 was raised at "Christmas Treasures," a sale of porcelain, silver and jewelry from the Andresen Estate (see fall Review) and of stamps and coins given to the college by friends.

Proceeds will be used to help re-landscape the campus park behind Argo and Elk Horn Halls. »

Residence purchased for president's home— A tradition returns

With the purchase of an older house in Blair, Dana has returned to its tradition of making a home available for the president and his family.

That practice began in 1908 when, as a gift to the college, members of the Bondo family built a house to be used as a president's residence.

The Bondo House was used by presidents, or by staff members when presidents owned homes, until it was sold during a previous administration.

The newly acquired house at 2138 Washington, a few blocks from the campus, was purchased at \$125,000. That amount comes from a larger

Sophomore Bill Albus of Blair was Joseph in the Dana Players' fall production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Guest director was Dan P. Hays, actor/choreographer/director known for his work at Omaha's Firehouse and Upstairs Dinner Theatres and the Emmy Gifford Children's Theatre. Photo by Blair Enterprise



restricted gift earmarked for a president's home.

Regents President Royce Ronning, in making the announcement on December 15, said that no funds from the college's operating budget or contributions by other friends and alumni were involved in the purchase. The 21 regents voted unanimously to buy the house from Mr. and Mrs. Brent Gilbert, Dr. Ronning said.

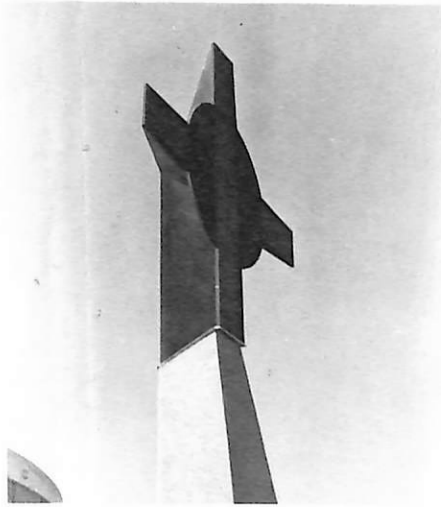
Board representatives looked at various houses in Blair, Ronning said, and the Gilbert house was "suitable" and "at the right price."

Because of the difficulty in finding housing in Blair, during the first semester Mrs. Christopherson and the four Christopherson children remained in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, traveling to Dana for special events.

The family hopes to move to Blair early in 1987. »

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This fall saw construction completed on the "Tower of the Four Winds" in Blair's Black Elk-Neihardt Park at the top of College Drive adjoining the campus. A mosaic designed by art professor emeritus F. W. Thomsen '45 will be installed on the face of the cross in the spring. A June dedication is planned.

The tower and park were the subjects of columnist Bud Collins' "Anywhere" in the November 23 *Boston Sunday Globe*. In the column,

headed "A vision of peacefulness in Nebraska," Collins describes the park as a "temple vaulted by acres of sky, walled by distant horizons. . . . Walking its expanse feels like an antidote to high blood pressure and stress."

Thomsen developed the idea for the park and tower through his friendship with the late John Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate, and his study of Neihardt's book, *Black Elk Speaks*, which describes the visions of the Sioux holy man.

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Ann (Harms '54) George, Editor/Director, Alumni Affairs

Homecoming dates set

The 1987 Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for October 9-11.

Class reunions will include the years 1937, 1947, 1962, 1977 and 1982. Alumni who would like to propose and help plan other class or special reunions are invited to write to Ann George, director of alumni affairs. >>

Church College Nights planned for April

Representatives from the Admissions Office will be at the following Lutheran College Nights this spring:

Minneapolis-St. Paul: April 5, 5-8 p.m., Bloomington Marriott (I-494 & Cedar Ave.)

Ames, Iowa: April 7, 7-9 p.m., Starlite Village (I-35 & 13th St.)

Quad Cities: April 8, 7-9 p.m., Holiday Inn-Bettendorf (I-74 at Middle Road)

Madison, Wisconsin: April 9, 7-9 p.m., Sheraton Inn, John Nolen Dr. & Dane Co. Coliseum (I-94, Exit US18-12)

Alumni and friends in these areas are invited to tell prospective students about these events and then to visit the Dana booths with them. >>

Interim offers variety, travel

The January Interim has once again offered students a wide choice of classes.

Two groups are in Europe, one in a course called "Meet Germany: Past and Present" with Dr. Sybille Bartels, the other on a "Quest for Camelot" to Britain, France and Germany with Dr. John W. Nielsen '48.

Other travelers are remaining in this country to attend a baseball school in Florida (Coach Dale Lemon), canoe for two weeks in the Everglades (Dean Dan Travaille) or live with Navajo families in Arizona (Profs. Jan and Richard Potter).

Other students are participating in extended student teaching, internships or such on-campus courses as "Women and Religion," "Agricultural Economics," "Makeup for the Stage," "Change: Causes and Effects," a seminar in the American Renaissance, "The Legacies of Egypt," "Art and Life in Renaissance Florence" and "Medieval Feudalism."

Second semester classes begin on February 2. >>

Alumnus speaks on Native Americans

Arden Dorn '63, who works with members of 12 Indian nations as a pastor with Lutheran Social Ministries of Arizona, was on campus November 18 to meet with students participating in the Interim course, "Living within the Native American Tradition," described in the fall *Review*.

While at Dana, Dorn also spoke to members of the faculty and staff on learning styles of Native American students.

In the evening he gave a public lecture titled "Lutheran Theology Meets Native American Spirituality," focusing on religious concepts that might be either bridges or obstacles to understanding and communication.

His visit was sponsored by the college's Social Work Department and the Central District of the American Lutheran Church.

An interview with Dorn appeared in Fred Thomas's column, "Your Environment," in the December 7 Sunday edition of the *Omaha World-Herald*. >>

From the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of Dana:

"How is Dana doing?" "What will happen to Dana in the new church?" And "What is your vision for Dana?" These three questions have been asked of me during the first six months of my presidency more than any others. Let me attempt to respond to each of them.

"How is Dana doing?" Remarkably well. Dana is a fine educational institution serving its mission of the church in higher education competently and with dignity because of a faculty, administration and staff who are more dedicated to teaching and to aiding the growth of students to a degree I have not found at educational institutions where I have served.

Enrollment is up four percent in fulltime equivalent students and ten percent in head count. Although these figures include the Weekend College which was instituted this last fall for the first time, we still have reason to rejoice. At a time when sister institutions in our region are struggling to stay even or minimize losses, Dana has experienced growth.

Moreover, the support of alumni and friends in the 1986-88 Dana Fund indicates that many people love this college and want her to prosper. Alumni, Danish-Americans, and church, business and corporate friends are rallying to help.

The key to our future success is increasing enrollment. Our capable, devoted admissions staff together with persons from throughout the college are dedicating themselves to the proposition that the college will continue to grow. Anything that you can do to identify and provide prospects for admission to Dana College and to encourage and support their applications would be appreciated. You who are alumni and friends are our extended admissions staff. We count on your help.

People here tell me that the spirit is good. That Dana College is on the move. That our music and drama groups, our athletic teams, our many other student activities and organizations are demonstrating that Dana is a quality institution, striving for excellence in and outside the classroom. I pray that if this is true, it will continue; and if not, that we will aspire to standards of excellence in all we do.

"What about Dana and the new church?" Dana will find increased opportunity for service in the new church. Dana and our sister institution, Midland Lutheran College, will continue to enjoy support from alumni and friends. They are both excellent colleges; each has extremely loyal but different supporters. It will be incumbent upon each to consider ways in which they can cooperate in their efforts to serve people of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA as well as their constituents beyond Nebraska.

No study of which I am aware indicates that closing one independent college will mean increased enrollment for any other. The liberal arts colleges of the church develop unique personalities shaped by faculty, by physical plant, by people, and by program identity and excellence. It will be incumbent upon Dana and Midland to find areas of cooperation and to avoid costly and unnecessary duplication of special programs. I think the new church must be viewed as a marvelous extension of opportunity for these two historically fine Christian colleges. Together in one church we can be an even more potent force for the cause of Christian higher education than we could be apart speaking to our respective churches.

I am excited about the opportunities which we face as we enter a new era of church expansion and consolidation. I ask your prayers for all of the colleges of the ELCA that we might continue to serve as leaders in higher education throughout this nation. Dana has been a college of the national church since its beginning 102 years ago and has drawn students from throughout the nation and the world. May that influence continue in the new church even as we acquire new relationships and new following from the members of the Nebraska Synod.

"What is my vision for Dana?" *Improved communication, new friends, new vitality, expanded resources and markets, innovation in programs, and rededication to our mission as a liberal arts college of the church.* These are some of what I seek for Dana.

I see no wisdom in altering our fundamental mission; namely, to provide high-quality, liberal arts education and

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At Sights and Sounds: The Dana Folk Dancers drew crowds at their three performances. The student-directed group was organized in 1956.

A special former student returns

This story about Linda Filson '69 Woodbury appeared in Tom Allan's "Nebraska Byways" column in the November 2 Sunday edition of the Omaha World-Herald. It is reprinted with permission of the World-Herald.

She stood by the garden of fall flowers below Old Main. Her face, tilted to the bright October sky, radiated happiness.

Suddenly she threw her arms wide and shouted: "I'm engulfed by the beauty of the world."

Linda Filson Woodbury of Austin, Texas, came home for the first time in 20 years to the Dana College campus at Blair last week.

The faculty and staff, who remembered her as a girl with a zest for life in 1966, honored her at a coffee in the Student Center. They could see the beauty of the day.

But perhaps none appreciated it more than Mrs. Woodbury. For them, seeing it made it too easy to really appreciate it.

Mrs. Woodbury is blind, the victim of an eye disease as an infant.

"I'm far-sighted," she joked. "I can tell beauty by the atmosphere. I feel it. There are different ways to see things. The blind have ears, feelings and their hearts."

Her blindness never dimmed her enthusiasm for a full life or deterred her quest for an education and professional career.

She was an honor student at Santa Ana, Calif., High School, the only blind member of a 700-member graduating class. She was president of several high school clubs, reached the finals of a California speech contest, acted in the senior play, sang with vocal groups, played piano and was crowned Santa Ana's Miss Hibiscus.

The coronation climaxed a civic beauty campaign. Although she had never seen Santa Ana as others did, she moved the judges with her description of a beautiful city. They were astounded that she had seen it through sightless eyes.

This writer recalled our first meeting on a spring day in 1966. She was running alone, her face radiating delight, atop the hill overlooking the campus and the Missouri River valley.

She was taking a full academic load, was a member of the Dana Choir and was an accomplished swimmer, diver and water skier.

Phil Pagel, who is a Dana vice president but who was then public relations director, said he was sure that a poll at that time would have shown the majority of students did not know she was blind.

"It is amazing how she walks around the campus, neither asking nor getting special consideration," he said in 1966.

Alice Laaker, who was dean of women and housemother of Linda's Mickelsen Hall, described her as "both an inspiration and benediction to us all."

Mrs. Woodbury said at that time, "My secret is a desire to want to do things. My condition has never stopped me when I really wanted to accomplish something."

"If I am to live in a world of sighted people, I should try to be like they are. I do not feel they should adjust to me. It is more important for me to adjust to them."

Last week she said that although she still strives for perfection, womanhood has changed her philosophy somewhat.

"The only thing that has changed is that as I've grown, I've realized I am different. It's all right to accept being blind," she said, "and it is not so bad to have people do things for you."

"I grab an arm or use my cane when I need to. I've accepted being different. That's not bad. We all are different," Mrs. Woodbury said, "and no one is better than anyone else."

She recalled that a campus flower garden was a first step in that growing realization.

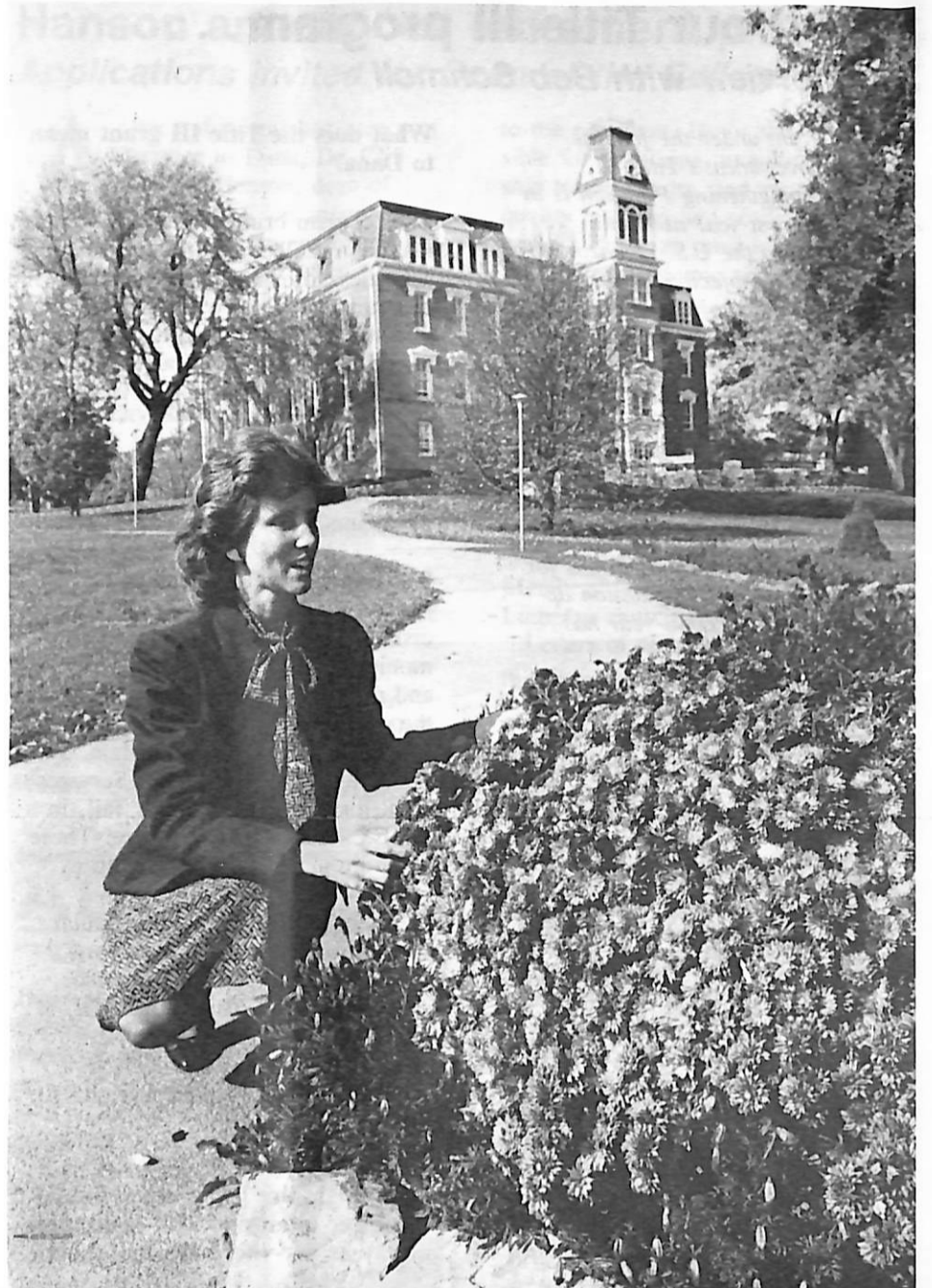
"In my college days here I did not want to use my cane for fear the boys wouldn't want to date me," she said. "As a result I was famous for missing the curve in the sidewalk and falling among the flowers."

She said her girlhood desire to conquer the world "just like a sighted coed" is a reason she left Dana after her freshman year for the University of Hawaii. She "got homesick for Dana" and returned for another year before completing her bachelor's and master's degrees in communications at Fullerton State University in California.

Last week she credited Clifford Madsen, Dana's president emeritus, for "giving me my biggest start as an adult" and the Dana faculty and staff for really leading the way to her professional success.

Mrs. Woodbury credited her Dana experience with providing much of the stimulus for her success as head of the Austin-based Communications Adaptations, a company that offers career counseling, interview training and resume writing. It has recently started courses in advertising for small businesses.

As the wife of Bill Woodbury, an IBM program analyst, and the mother of a sighted son, Justin, 11, she is completing two books entitled, "My Mommy's Eyes Don't Work" and "Helping Your Blind Child See."



Linda Filson Woodbury in front of Old Main. Photo by Tom Allan, Omaha World-Herald

Although her business deals primarily with sighted clients, she also works as a consultant for parents of blind children. She spoke in Omaha recently at an education and rehabilitation conference and will return to Omaha and Nebraska City for conferences next spring.

"If I should die today I would consider not one day of my life has been a waste. I have met so many wonderful people and done so much," she said.

"But I still have a zest for life. I'm not through yet. I still have lots to see and do," Mrs. Woodbury said. ☞

About our Title III program . . .

An interview with Bob Schmoll

A grant under the federal government's Title III Strengthening Program is in its first year at Dana.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the objective of the program is "to assist eligible institutions of higher education to become self-sufficient by providing funds to improve their academic quality and student services, and to strengthen their planning, management and fiscal capabilities."

Funding for the first year is \$199,875, and the renewable grant can be extended through applications for two more years. A continuation application for the second year has already been submitted.

Dana's proposal was developed and written by Gil Ragan, associate professor of economics and business administration, and Bob Schmoll '83, at that time director of the annual fund. In October Schmoll became coordinator of the college's Title III program. In this interview he talks about the effect of the grant on Dana and about what had happened by the end of the first semester.

What does the Title III grant mean to Dana?

The program brings us into the Information Age. We're working on three activities: to expand our academic programs, to develop a management information system, and to improve retention by examining our curriculum and working with career services.

What has happened so far this year in expanding our academic programs?

We've installed eight Leading Edge Model D microcomputers with dual-disk drives, 640K, Thompson Color monitors, 20 mb hard cards, graphics and math-co processor chips. Five of the computers are in the Business Department lounge in Old Main, and three are in the new Career Services area, formerly the Dragon's Tail, in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. These eight are in almost constant use by students.

Fifteen to 20 of the most popular spreadsheets, data-base, and word-processing programs are available, among them WordStar, DBase III, R Base, Multi-Plan and Lotus 1-2-3. Students and faculty members have also been giving us noncopyright-protected programs.

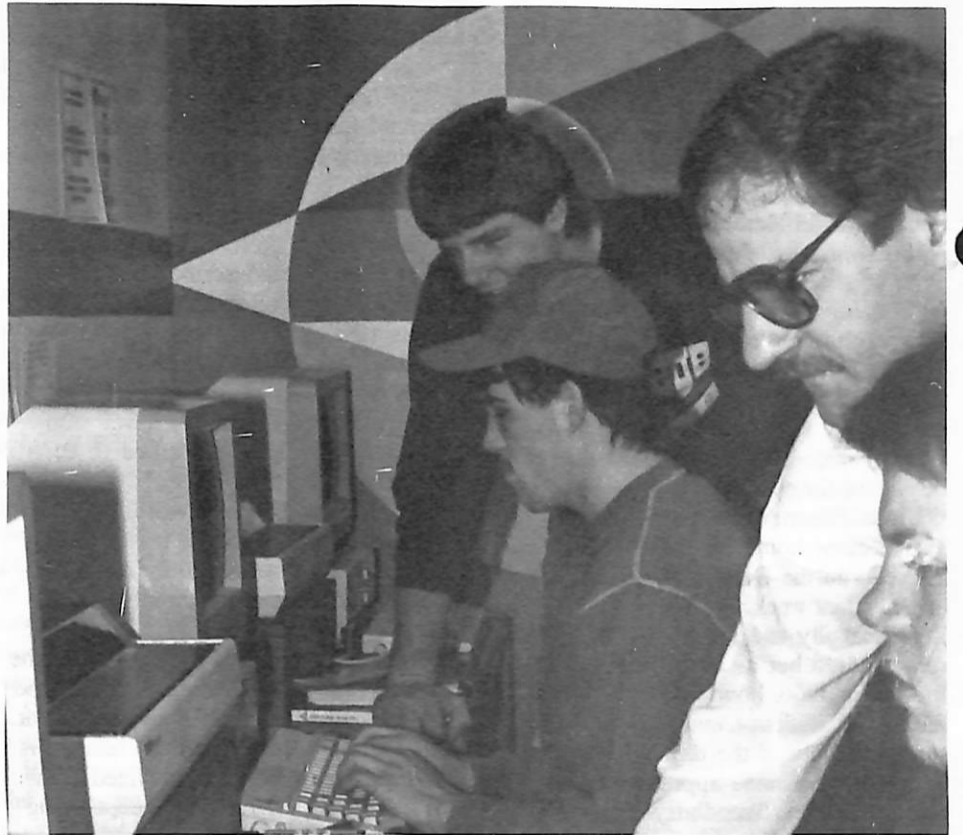
What plans are being made for academic expansion with computers next year and the year after that?

Next year we'll install microcomputer laboratories in the Science and Math Departments and in the Education Department. In the third year the Communications and English Departments will have them.

Next October we'll also acquire lecture display screens, and the Education Department will have its own video-taping laboratory.

Where are we now in developing a management information system, the second proposed activity?

We're in the process of receiving bids for the hardware and software for a microcomputer network system of IBM PCs or compatibles. Sixteen microcomputers will be in administrative offices in Pioneer Memorial and one will be in the Campus Center. The two PCs we've been using will be tied into the system, so we'll have 19 computers, as well as 12 dot-matrix printers, three letter-quality printers and four laser printers. The file server will be housed in a newly remodeled room in Pioneer Memorial, formerly the storage area on the lower level.



Schmoll advises freshman Greg Hansen on computer use. In the background are Bryan Muschall '90 (seated) and Brian Betts '88.

What is a microcomputer network system?

Microcomputer networks have existed for about two years, but they're just now catching on. This system ties together microcomputers (that is, personal computers) so that we can use them either singly as independent units or together in order to share printers and information—a data base.

It's a more flexible and less expensive alternative to the minicomputer, which is a larger computer with what we call "dumb" terminals attached to it. The six-year-old DEC housed in our library is a minicomputer.

How will this new system make things easier in a specific office—the Registrar's, for example?

All students and alumni will eventually have their academic records entered into the data base, and we're developing a transcript form. A student requesting a transcript will be able to have one within a few minutes. We'll also be able to do statistical studies more easily—on, for example, the relationship of demographics to grades.

What are continuing plans for management information for the rest of this year and the next two years?

Once our hardware is installed, we'll be working during the second semester on software for registration, academic histories and admissions. Next year we'll add financial aid, fiscal reporting and alumni develop-

ment, and in the third year, student billing and payroll.

Much of this is already being done on our present computers, but because all information is being integrated into a data base, it can be shared by offices. Some kinds of information, such as addresses, will be available to everyone, while other kinds will need passwords available only to those with a need to know.

Word processing capabilities will be available already this year for all of the computers.

What about the third activity—helping retention through improved career services and curriculum development?

This is an on-going project, and much has already been accomplished. The college has added a computer science major to the Mathematics Department, and the new business majors that have been added are also taking advantage of our new system.

Mary Jo Kubie, director of Career Services, and I have been helping students with resume writing, using the three computers in the new area. I understand that an interview with Mary Jo in the spring *Review* will ask her about her work and the ways in which she uses computers.

How do you like your new job?

It is certainly a challenge, and the challenge will be even greater as we begin to computerize. I really enjoy the new position and accept the challenge willingly because I realize the significant advances Dana can make with computers in academic and administrative functions. »



The newest addition to Dana's Lauritz Melchior Memorial Room in the library is an illuminated scroll signed by 178 Metropolitan Opera artists and presented to Melchior in 1951 on the occasion of his 25th anniversary at the Met. Signatures include those of Jussi Bjoerling, Milton Cross, Robert Merrill, Patrice Munsel, Jan Peerce, Roberta Peters, Fritz Reiner, Deems Taylor, Richard Tucker, Bruno Walter, Jerome Hines and Regina Resnik. The scroll and this photo of the presentation to Melchior were given to the college by Melchior's son, Ib.

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CAMPUS NOTES

More than 200 parents participated in **Parents' Day** on November 8. The Saturday program gave parents an opportunity to meet members of the faculty and staff, hear a presentation by the Student Services staff, attend a brunch where President Christopherson spoke, witness a football victory—and spend the day with their sons and daughters.

Members of the campus community saw bald eagles, deer, a coyote, and thousands of wild ducks and geese during Biology Professor George Grube's annual **all-college field trip** on November 22 to DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge a few miles east of Blair. Participants were invited to the Grubes' home for coffee, hot cider and rolls after the early-morning excursion.

The **Nebraska Association of Teachers of German** held its fall conference at Dana on November 15. Twenty-two educators from universities and high schools in Nebraska and Iowa attended. **Dr. Sybille Bartels** of Dana's German Department is NATG's vice-president.

Dr. Bartels also gave a presentation this fall at the Nebraska Foreign Language Association's conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She spoke on "Foreign Language in the Elementary School: Rationale and Methods." **Diana Brown**, who teaches French and Spanish at Dana, was the moderator.

Mrs. Brown has also recently served as court interpreter before the immigration judge in Omaha. She is one of several Spanish interpreters hired by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Dr. Mary Zeiss Stange of the English Department attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 22-24. She presented a paper, "Father Greeley's Cruci-Fictions of the Female: Some Questions Concerning the Use and Abuse of Religious Themes in Popular Fiction," at a session of the Women and Religion section.

The **Development Office** sponsored a tax-wise giving seminar on November 18. An Omaha attorney and specialist in tax-wise giving discussed recent changes in federal income tax laws and alternatives in charitable giving from a tax standpoint.

Catherine Sigrid Docken, born on November 13 to Mary and Peter Docken, was baptized at the campus congregation's December 14 worship service in the college chapel. Her mother is Dana's director of admissions; her father is a Dana senior.

Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) selections for the second

semester are: Nevil Shute's *On the Beach*, John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, and Jonathan Schell's *Fate of the Earth*.

Seniors named to the 1987 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* are: Joyce Broekemeier, Teresa (Kraft) Doksansky, Jane Eskildsen, Steve Godwin, Jeffrey Hansen, Duane Hefelfinger, Karen Jensen, Sue Kallman, Meri Meier, Roger Nelson, Tim Ness, Dave Nielsen, Lisa Oelrich, Charleen Steffen and Christine Wietecha.

Grads discuss job search

Five recent graduates returned to the campus on December 4 to participate in an Alumni Career Night. They described their job-seeking experiences.

The event was sponsored by Dana's Society for the Advancement of Management and the Career Services and Alumni Offices.

The five alumni, all of them Omaha residents, were Jill Jorgensen '86, a revenue agent with the IRS; Carol King '84, comptroller at Valley Manufacturing; Cheri (Smith) '86 Reggio, a tax accountant at Arthur Young; Michael Reggio '86, a life and disability underwriter at Woodman of the World; and James Wajda '86, a computer programmer at Mutual of Omaha. »

Parnassus shows set

Exhibits planned in Parnassus for the second semester are as follows: *February 2-13*, student photography; *March 5-27*, "Pioneer Spirit" (photography)—a Mid-America Arts Alliance exhibit; *April 3-24*, "Faces of Destiny" (Indian portrait photographs)—a Mid-America Arts Alliance exhibit; and *April 26-May 10*, student art. »

Friend in Colorado gives Western prints by Danish artists

Six museum-quality prints of paintings by Danish immigrant artists who have become widely recognized for their portrayal of the American West have been given to Dana by Einar Wulfsberg of Aurora, Colorado.

Five of the prints are by O. C. Seltzer and the other is by Olaf Wieghorst. Those by Seltzer are of his character sketch watercolors; the signed work by Wieghorst is titled "Beef Herd."

Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, a friend of Wulfsberg, commented on the gift and presented a tape of his remarks about the artists and their work at a November 20 program in Parnassus. »

Hanson announces retirement plans . . . Applications invited for Dean of the College

After a distinguished career of service to Dana, Dr. Clifford T. Hanson, dean of the college, has announced his plans to retire at the end of the current academic year or when a replacement is hired.

A 1941 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Hanson attended Dana from 1937-39. He received his B.D. from Trinity Seminary and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He taught religion and philosophy at Dana from 1949-56 and from 1963 until his appointment as dean of the college in 1979.

Dana invites applications and nominations for the position of dean of the college (vice-president for academic affairs). Screening of applications begins on February 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

The dean of the college is the chief academic officer and reports directly

to the president. He or she is responsible for recruiting, providing leadership to the faculty, and assuring high-quality teaching and academic programs. The dean must lead in comprehensive academic planning and decision-making.

The successful candidate for this position should have an earned doctoral degree and have been a successful teacher and administrator at the college level. He or she must be able to communicate effectively with students, faculty, staff and other key publics and demonstrate commitment to Christian liberal arts education. Membership in a congregation of the Lutheran church is desirable.

Letters of nomination and/or application, along with vitae and other supporting documents, should be sent to Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson, President, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008. »

ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,
During the period of the Centennial Fund we kept track of campaign progress by use of a paper we called the "green sheet"—a weekly update showing pledges and cash received toward the \$6 million goal.



We saw the total rise, week by week, until the goal was reached.

Once again we are circulating our weekly "green sheets." Ruth (Behrens '81) Schmidt, who worked with us also for a time in the centennial campaign, is back now, carefully putting the new numbers together as we work toward our \$2.34 million Dana Fund 1986-88 goal.

And I am pleased to be able to tell you that our December 19 green sheet total was over \$750,000 on the way to that target total.

This has come from a vigorous fall Phonorama program, including much student calling led by our new development associate, Michael Jones '71, which has thus far accounted for \$97,000 from faculty, staff and Washington County campaigns, as well as from other gifts from supporters everywhere.

1986-88 Dana Fund two-year pledge campaigns will be held in Omaha in January and then in Lincoln, Denver, Colorado Springs, Chicago, Albert Lea, the Twin Cities and Des Moines through the winter and spring.

Beginning next fall, a second series of appeals is planned for such West Coast areas as San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay, Eugene, Portland and perhaps Seattle. Racine, Wisconsin, and the Central Wisconsin area will also have Dana Fund campaigns next year. There's lots to do—but it is for the best cause.

As we at Dana do this work—and as we see the green sheet totals move toward the goal—it will be because of the generous gifts and strong volunteer support of all of you.

All of you who want to see Dana's high quality of educational experience further enhanced, as well as our facilities renewed and improved, will cause this to happen.

So as the New Year begins, we are thankful for all of you who support our college in so many ways.

May God continue to bless you through the new year ahead.

Rev. John Beck
Director of Development

Dana's Lisa Meyer takes the ball down court at a December 2 game against Westmar. Photo by Blair Enterprise



SPORTS

Wrap-ups

Football

With a 6-4 record, Coach Leo McKillip's football team brought Dana its first winning season in 15 years. The Vikings' last winning season was in 1971 when they had five wins and four losses. This year's six wins are the most since 1962.

The last three games of the season were all victories: over Midland 28-13, Doane 17-14 and Dakota State 33-9. (See fall *Review* for other scores.)

Dana tied for second place in the NIAC.

Junior quarterback Alan Pogue ranked second nationally in passing and total offense in the NAIA's Division 11. Placing first was a senior at Hanover College, Indiana.

Pogue's passing stats gave Dana a fourth-place rank at team passing offense behind Hanover, Whitworth College in Washington and Pacific in Oregon.

Pogue earned other honors as well: He was named to the NIAC's offensive first team and to the NAIA District 11's All-District offensive team; he was also selected a District 11 All-American.

Three other Dana players were also chosen for the NIAC's offensive first team: senior tight end Brian Daum, junior running back Bob Bolton and

sophomore offensive lineman Terry Vieregger. »

Volleyball

Team members retained their third-place conference finish as reported in the fall *Review*.

At the completion of the season, the team's conference record was 6-4 and overall record 16-20.

Coach Kathy Foley reports that juniors Amy Nissen and Laurie Christensen were both named to the all-conference first team. »

Updates

Men's basketball

With the season at 7-7 on December 13 after a 95-81 victory over Bellevue College on the Bellevue court, the Vikings, coached by Will Baird, are off to a good start.

That win marked a 2-1 week that was almost 3-0. Dana's December 10 loss to Tarkio 99-98 at an away game came in a double overtime. The other win happened the next night, on December 11, when Dana defeated Grand View College 76-69 on the Borup Coliseum court.

In these three contests Dana averaged 89.7 points and 14.7 turnovers per game.

Points per game averages for leading scorers in those games were: Scott Kaiser 25.7, Todd Hinkle 18.3, Jerrod Lawrence 16.3 and Dan Vorthmann 13.7.

Conference play starts January 17 with an away game at Doane College. »

Women's basketball

Members of the women's basketball team have had a difficult season, Coach Kathy Foley reports. A December 15 loss to Briar Cliff resulted in a record to date of two wins and 12 losses.

The Briar Cliff game was typical of many this fall: The Vikings played tough throughout, shooting over 50 percent from the field. By the middle of the second half they were within one point, 59-58. Then with six minutes remaining, they went cold and were outscored, 77-65.

Senior Lisa Meyer led the Vikings with 19 points.

Play resumes on January 10 when the team travels to LeMars, Iowa, to play Westmar College. »

Wrestling

This year's wrestling team is quite young, Coach Ron Beaman '74 says, but he believes it has the "potential for being a very good team."

Beaman says that he wants to continue building the college's reputation for good wrestling so that high school wrestlers in this area will think of Dana "as a place to continue their wrestling careers while receiving a top education."

Helping Beaman as assistant coach for the second year is Fred White '86, an outstanding heavyweight wrestler.

Although most of their season falls after Christmas break, team members have already participated in several events.

In a December 6 double dual at Northwestern College, Dana wrestlers defeated William Penn 26-21 and Simpson 44-12. Then at Westmar on December 10 they defeated Gustavus Adolphus 50-6 and lost to Westmar 14-31. Sophomore heavyweight Jamie Johnson had two pins at that meet.

On December 13 at the Kearney Open, senior Trent Gutschenritter took second at 150 pounds, freshman Tim Owens took third at 158 pounds and heavyweight Jamie Johnson took third. »

Tailgate favorite wins recipe contest

Patsy McKillip, wife of football coach Leo McKillip, was a regional winner in a "Favorites of Football Families" recipe contest sponsored by the Florida Citrus Commission. To obtain her winning recipe for baked brisket, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the *Dana Review*. »

Football field has new crown

Post-season work on the football field has restored its 20-inch crown and improved drainage.

According to Business Manager Keith Hansen, the field was crowned at that height when it was built 20 years ago. Over the years, however, the crown leveled out and silt accumulated along the sidelines. The result: poor drainage and a soggy field.

Repair work involved removing the silt, Hansen said, and then rebuilding the crown with dirt from the hill west of Viking Field.

The field will be fine-graded and re-seeded this spring, and "by fall should be one of the finest in this area," he said. »

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opportunity for the educational growth and development of the total person. This means that we continue to attend to the spiritual as an integral dimension of a student's development as a person.

We call upon the love of God manifested in Jesus Christ our Saviour to help us make that happen through worship, through the witness of faith by those who work at Dana, by our curricular offerings in religion, and by rededication to the idea that our entire mission and purpose for being is to be the church in higher education.

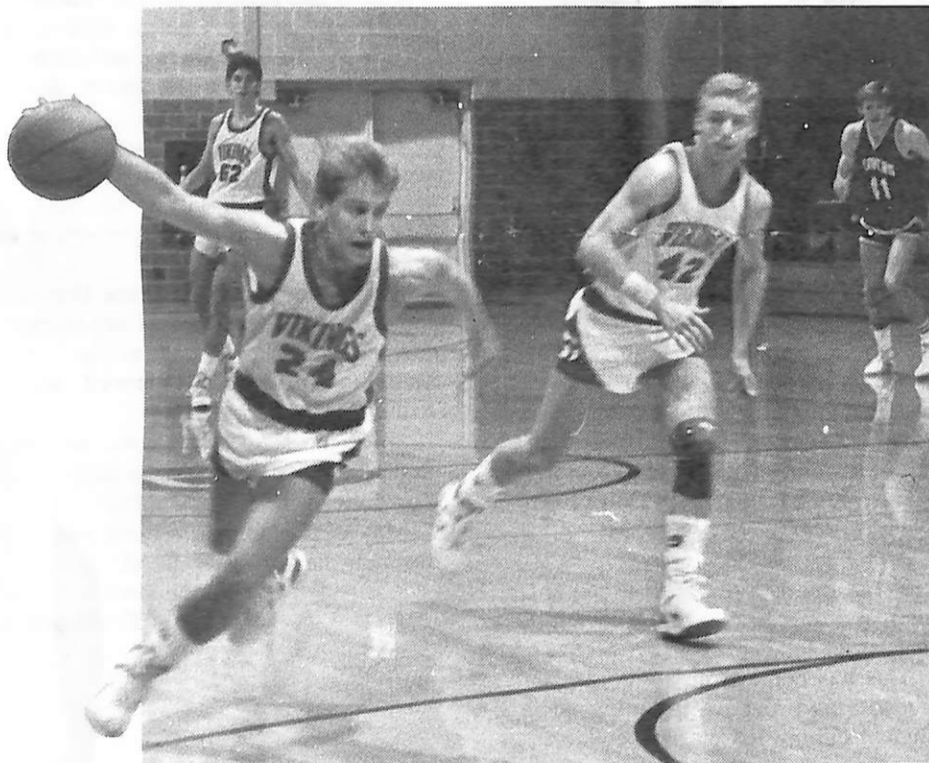
In order to gain the strength needed to face the challenges of the future, *Dana must continue to draw upon the good will of alumni and friends.*

Thank you for your marvelous support of me and of Dana College. May you find it possible to continue to support Dana in your prayers and in your giving.

If you have not included Dana in your giving plans for 1987, do it now. If you have not included Dana in your deferred-giving plans through your will or life insurance annuities or other estate plans, do it now. If we can be of assistance, let us know, as we can provide the needed expertise to assure that your intentions are met.

President Emeritus Dr. C. C. Madsen recently told a group of Dana friends that "the future is as bright as the promises of God." I believe that God continues to have a plan for this fine college. Please join me in helping us discover how we can best understand His plan for this place and carry it out.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President



Dana's Todd Hinkle takes a high bouncer down court. Tailing him is his co-captain, Dan Vorthmann. Photo by Blair Enterprise



At Sights and Sounds: Woven hearts are popular Christmas decorations in Denmark. Here part-time student Ingrid Westhoff, who was born in Denmark, displays some that she has made.

Denver Dana Club elects officers

Members of the Denver Dana Club have elected these new officers:

Co-presidents
 Fred '48 and Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve
 909 13th St.
 Greeley, CO 80631
 Tel: (303) 351-8832

Vice-president
 Janis (Jensen '72) Gaule
 11987 E. Louisiana Ave.
 Aurora, CO 80012
 Tel: (303) 745-3188

Secretary/treasurer
 Lee Vogt, Jr. '85
 5318 S. Broadway Circle #9-106
 Englewood, CO 80110
 Tel: (303) 761-7883

These officers report that future plans include a social gathering and possibly an outing at a Denver amusement park and a newsletter about Colorado alumni.

The Club supports Dana in a variety of ways, among them by assisting with Phonoramas and by providing funds for a subscription to the *Denver Post* for the college library. »

Californians meet new president

Anniversaries in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas in December gave alumni and friends an opportunity to meet recently inaugurated President Myrvin Christopherson '61.

Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen of Cypress assisted the Development Office in organizing the December 9 dinner at Lakewood Country Club.

Jerry '61 and Shirley (Nielsen '61) Lincoln of Walnut Creek helped with the December 11 dinner at Oakland International's Hyatt.

Director of Development John Beck '50 and his wife, Ginny (Lippincott '51), also attended both events. »

A tribute to Vilhelm Beck

The summer 1986 *Review* carried a brief announcement of the death of Pastor Vilhelm Beck '22 on April 6 in Canada. He was 97.

Rolf Buschardt Christensen, president of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, has written a short biography of Beck, who served a congregation in Audubon, Iowa, before going to Canada. There he was pastor of congregations in Winnipeg; Standard, Alberta (settled by Danes who moved there from Elk Horn, Iowa); and Montreal.

The following excerpts from the biography are in tribute to Beck, a Danish immigrant born four years after the founding of Trinity Seminary.

His experiences give us an insight into the lives of early Dana and Trinity students.

Vilhelm Beck was born on September 12, 1888, at "Nysted" in Ramme near Lemvig. At the age of 11, he became a shepherd. For half a year's work on the farm, he received 12 kroner and a pair of wooden shoes. After his confirmation, he apprenticed for three years as a carpenter, becoming a coach-builder. His father died early and Vilhelm spent his early youth in Lemvig and Ringkøbing. He was considered a good coachmaker and he had no trouble finding jobs.

Through a missionary society he became interested in the work they were conducting in the Sudan in Africa. He therefore decided to study theology. In 1913, he left for the United States, where a brother lived, to study at Trinity Seminary at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. . . .

Towards the end of World War I, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. In April 1918, he was sent to the front in France, where he remained until the armistice in November 1918. He was with the army of occupation and did not return to the U.S. until June 1919. . . .

He had the misfortune to be gassed and the effect stayed with him more or less the rest of his life. He was discharged with 50 percent disability. When he graduated from Trinity Seminary in 1922, all doctors advised him against missionary work in the Sudan. Subsequently he chose to serve in the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On June 4, 1922, Vilhelm Beck and Marie Brandt were married in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They had been engaged before Vilhelm left Lemvig in April 1913. She had, however, left for Blair in 1914, and subsequently had taught Danish at Dana College. . . .

[In Canada] Pastor Beck was president of the Danish Relief Fund during WWII, while his wife was vice-president of the Danish Branch of the Canadian Red Cross. Danish Relief Fund branches were eventually formed across Canada, helping Danish sailors, and after the war, sending medical supplies and clothing to Denmark. . . .

Pastor Beck was honoured by Denmark on three occasions: After the war he received the King Christian X Freedom Medal and the Danish Red Cross Medal. In 1951, King Frederik IX bestowed on him the honour of Knight of Dannebrog. . . . »

Høstfest project benefits college



Sampling the kringle at the 1984 Høstfest: Roger Hansen with Victor Borge, featured opening-night performer that year. The Hansens were Borge's hosts. In the background, volunteers man the Denmark booth.

Five years ago Roger '48 and De Neé (McBride '52) Hansen of Minot, North Dakota, started a unique project which has benefited Dana every year since then—this year by \$948.

Although Minot's popular Høstfest started in 1978 when Minot and Skein, Norway, became sister cities, the celebration soon began to feature the foods, crafts and traditions of all five Scandinavian countries.

Because Roger was considered Minot's "resident Dane," he and De Neé were invited to sponsor a Danish booth.

The kringle they sold from a Racine bakery proved popular, and because the booth was non-profit, they decided that proceeds should go to Dana. De Neé continued the tradition after Roger's death of a heart attack in June 1985.

A sign on the booth advertises that proceeds will go to Dana College, she said.

Helping her each year are Minot acquaintances with no ties to Dana as well as Dana alumni and friends from Kenmare's Nazareth Lutheran Church 50 miles away.

Thirty thousand visitors attended the most recent Høstfest, called one of this country's top 100 events by the American Bus Association.

The three-day festival on October 23-25 in the All Seasons Arena featured singers, folk dancers and instrumental groups from Sweden and Norway and American entertainers Red Skelton, Mel Tillis, Myron Floren, and Johnny Cash and the Carter Family. »

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DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

'80s **Henrietta Palmer '87** of Sweden is studying architecture in Stockholm. Her address is Odengatan 11, 11424 Stockholm, Sweden. . . **Neil Brown '86** lives in Omaha at 2512 S. 11th St. (68108). . . **Sonya (Johnsen '86)** and **Jon Pedersen '86** were married on July 26. They have joined the Peace Corps and will be stationed in Liberia. . . **Jeff Langholz '86** is with the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He has two addresses, the first (with 99 percent chance of delivery) for letters in normal-size envelopes up to one ounce: Jeff Langholz, PCV; c/o Peace Corps, Sierra Leone Desk; 806 Connecticut Ave. N.W.; Washington, D.C., 20526. The second address (with 50 percent chance of delivery) is for packages, etc: Jeff Langholz, PCV; Private Mailbag, Peace Corps; Freetown, Sierra Leone; West Africa. For longer letters Jeff suggests using two separate 22c envelopes and address #1. . . **Jens Erik Westhoff '86** is studying metallurgy in Copenhagen at Struers A/S, 176 Valhojs Alle, 2650 Rodovre. He lives at Fuglebakken 45, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark. . . **Annette Faudel '84** teaches at Yucca Mesa Elementary School in Yucca Valley, CA. Her address there is 6321 Hermosa Ave., Unit A (92284). . . **Diane (Heistand '84) White** teaches junior high reading at Tri-Center High School near Neola, IA. . . **Jean King '83** teaches high school English and speech in Boone, IA, where her address is 515 - 17th St., #2 (50036). . . **David Prather '83**, who lives in Logan, IA, teaches science and coaches girls' basketball. . . **Jerry Christensen '82**, national secretary-treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood in America, has been awarded the professional insurance designation: Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI). . . **Julie (Johnson '81)** and **Peter '81 Bonde** announce the birth of Karl Joseph on October 9. Brother Jacob is 2½. They live at 2632 Brighton Ave. N.E. in Minneapolis (55418). . . **Joanne Hansen '81** is employee relations representative in human resources for First Bank Minneapolis. . . **Candice Hogden '81** has received her master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin; she is a therapist at Southeastern Family Guidance and Mental Health Center in La Junta, CO. Her address there is 717 Cimarron (81050). . . **Jeff Madsen '81** is a golf course superintendent at Leavenworth Golf and Country Club; he lives in Lawrence, KS. . . **Brian Serr '81** is an assistant professor of law at Baylor University in Waco, TX. He received his J.D. from Washington University in 1984. In the summer of 1985 he conducted basketball coaching clinics in Europe, and in 1985-86 he was law clerk to a federal judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, in Houston. . . **Dale Pash '80** is a salesman for Pash Radiator in Onawa,

IA, where he lives at 710 9th St. (51040). . . **Kitrick Curtis** was born on May 26 to Lee and **Tami (Bishop '80) Rhodes** of E. 2124 62nd in Spokane, WA 99223. . . **Leisha (Hansen '80)** and **Larry '79 Timm**, Rt. 1, Gretna, NE 68028, announce the birth of Julie Marie on August 16. She has two sisters: Jamie, 5, and Jennifer, 3.

'70s **Allison (Willadsen '78) Meyer** is the legislative analyst for the Nebraska Energy Office in Lincoln. . . **Jeremy Stephen** was born to Steve and **Susan (Sandager '78) Irons** on May 28; the family lives in Urbandale, IA, at 8609 Holly Lane (50322). . . **Beverly (Narjes '78) Kenne** is a multi-categorical special education instructor for the Woodbine, IA, schools. **David '77** and **Ruth (Toso '78) Johnsen** have served five years as missionaries in Madagascar—three years "in the bush" as president of two districts and working with district evangelism, and two years as director of a Lutheran Bible School in Tulear. At present they and their two sons—Joshua, 4, and Jason, 1½—are in Le Chambon, France, where **Dave** and

Elizabeth on October 27. . . **Rachel Ann** was born on October 21 to **Brian '75** and **Diane (Knudsen '76) Lensch**, 1010 Scenic Lane, Lincoln, NE 68505. **Rachel's** brothers are Matt, 6, and Justin, 4½. . . **Dave Stickrod '75** teaches middle school in Elkhorn, NE. . . **Nellie Clark '74** has retired after teaching for 31 years with the Lewis Central School District in Council Bluffs, IA. She was interviewed in the October 5 issue of the Bluffs *Nonpareil*. . . **Ken Ideus '74**, 9110 King David Dr., Anchorage, AK 99507, has been promoted to director of training for the Anchorage telephone utility. . . **Jonathan Utech '74** recently completed his master's degree in education/administration at Fort Hays (KS) State University. . . **Ida (Blankenbeckler '73) Marr** teaches special education and fifth grade in Decatur, NE. . . **Pastor Mark Olson '73** of Littleton, CO, was pictured in the Lutheran Church in America's December issue of *The Lutheran*. He was a panel discussion participant in a recent daylong conference that brought together future members of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the new Evangelical Lutheran Church via satellite. . . **Michael Thompson '73** of

'60s **Dr. Tom '64** and **Ginny Lange**, 3100 Reservoir Rd., Little Rock, AR 72207, recently adopted a sibling group of six children—four girls and two boys. Their total number of children is now 11, ranging from four to 18 years: six boys—Mike 16, David 14, John 8, Jason 7, Christopher 7 and Chuck 5, and five girls—JoEllen 18, Tina 11, Cindy 9, Dana 7 and Kristl 4. The youngest nine are adopted. Tom writes that the children "keep both of us young at heart." . . **State Senator Cal Hultman '63**, R—Red Oak, has been re-elected minority leader of the Iowa Senate. . . **Ruth (Meyer '63) Muehl**, who teaches in the Tuscarora, PA, school district, is one of five area teachers who received 1986 Outstanding Teachers Awards from Shippensburg University. She was cited for increasing "awareness through the introduction of novels to expand world knowledge and interest. . ." **Nona Beckwith '62** is librarian at the O'Neill (NE) public high school. . . **Fred "Addie" Adkins '62**, who teaches calculus and computer programming and coaches girls' soccer at the Coon Rapids, MN, high school, has been named the state's Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year for 1986. Founder of the school's soccer program in 1978, he coached the team to the 1985 state championship. This year, for the fourth time in the five-year history of the state tournament, his Cardinals qualified for the tournament. After ranking as #1 in the state for much of the season, the team lost to Edina, the eventual state champions, 1-0. He was also a nominee for Minnesota Mathematics Teacher of the Year. His wife, **JoAnne (Johnson '65)**, teaches art in the community schools in Anoka-Hennepin School District 11.

'50s **Pastor Richard '53** and **Lois (Petersen '52) Andersen** have moved to San Jose, CA, from Long Beach. A story about Dick in the Long Beach newspaper described him as a civic leader. Their San Jose address is 372 Colville Rd. (95123). . . **Dr. Ruth (Larsen '51) Randall**, commissioner of education for the State of Minnesota, will be listed in the 43rd edition of *Who's Who in America*. . . **Jim Sorensen '51** is director of management information services for Cotter & Co. (True Value Hardware Stores). He is chairman of the board of Lutheran General Health Care System in Park Ridge, IL, which is owned by the American Lutheran Church, and also serves as chairman of the trustees of the Danish Old People's Home in Chicago and as treasurer of the Midwest Danish-American Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Esther, live at 329 W. Carter Ave. in Wood Dale, IL 60191.

Deaths **The Rev. Christian Justesen T'26**, Dana's first student body president, died on November 21. He was 89. He served congregations in Minneapolis, Chicago, Cedar Falls and Fresno. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Hansen '20) of 2161 Essex Circle, Anaheim, CA 92804, and daughters Mary '54 Brostrom and Lois '61 Miller.

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Ruth are studying the French language for six months. They'll return to Madagascar following their studies. . . **Renae Johnson '77** was ordained on November 23 at Maria Lutheran Church in Hershey, NE. She has accepted a call as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce, NE; she previously served that congregation as interim pastor. . . **David** and **Linda (Nygaard '76) Launer**, 655 N. 23rd, Blair, announce the birth of Megan

Houston, TX, has been promoted to manager of WorldWide Personnel. . . **Jerod Leon** was born to Edward and **Claudia (Harris '71) Brunick** on December 28, 1985, in Watertown, SD. He joins five brothers and one sister.