

DANA REVIEW

Two will receive honorary degrees

Dana will present two honorary doctorates at Commencement, one to a Danish immigrant and the other to the mayor of a town in north Germany. The lives of both, by coincidence, demonstrate an appreciation of the American West.

Dane is America's leading Western artist

Danish-born artist Olaf Wieghorst of El Cajon, California, is ranked with Frederick Remington and Charles Russell as a painter of Western scenes.

Born in Viborg, Jutland, Wieghorst arrived in New York City in 1918 as a cabin boy with \$1.25 in his pocket. After serving first in the cavalry on the New Mexico frontier and then as a cowboy, he returned to New York and spent 20 years as a mounted police officer.

He began his career as an artist by sketching with pencils and painting scenes from postcards.

In 1971 "Arizona Highways" featured Wieghorst in an article that praised his contributions to Western art. The article also announced the Olaf Wieghorst Retrospective, a million-dollar exhibit displayed at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

In 1976 Wieghorst was honored by a special show of his work at the San Diego Art Museum.

Six years ago one of his oil paintings, "Navajo Madonna," sold for \$450,000. At 83, Wieghorst is still overwhelmed by demands for his work.

President Reagan, who owns a Wieghorst watercolor and an oil painting, wrote this tribute for an exhibit in the artist's honor: "From the opening of the American West until this present day, artists have sought to capture the rugged beauty, the dream and the romance of this unique part of our national heritage. None have been more successful than Olaf Wieghorst."

Wieghorst has given Dana several signed prints; they are displayed in the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library.

German festival depicts American West

Jorg Nehter, mayor of Bad Segeberg in Schleswig-Holstein, is chairman of

the board that developed that community's Karl May Festival. May, a novelist who wrote 70 books about the American West, has been called Germany's Zane Gray. The festival presents plays based on May's novels every July and August. Casts include professional actors, townspeople and American Indians.

Nehter was also instrumental in the construction of the "Nebraska-Haus" on the Festival grounds. The Old West-style building, which features an exhibit about the state's Winnebago Indians, also has a room with materials about Nebraska and its residents.

He is also engaged in an exchange program between Germany and the U.S. and is working to build a bridge of understanding between Nebraska and Schleswig-Holstein.

Nehter, who has studied in the U.S., will be this year's Commencement speaker. »

Dinner recognizes seniors, alumni

A Recognition Dinner on May 14, the evening before Commencement, will honor four alumni and welcome graduating seniors as Dana's newest alumni.

Senior recipients of Campus Service Awards will be announced at the dinner.

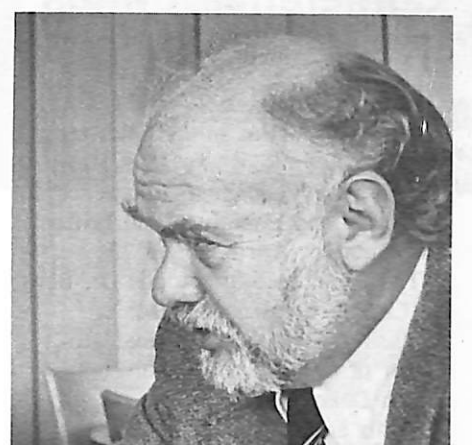
Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to Joyce (Hansen '60) Christensen, principal of Omaha's South High School; Luther Kloth '61, associate professor of physical therapy at Marquette University; Dr. Mark Thomsen '53, executive director, Division for Global Mission, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and the late Dr. Raymond Weckmuller '52, professor of education and chairman of Dana's Division of Psychology and Education at the time of his death October 8, 1986.

Omaha's only woman senior high principal

Joyce Christensen is the only woman senior high school principal in the Omaha Public Schools.

She attended Dana as a freshman and sophomore from 1956 to 1958. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1972 and her master's degree in educational administration in 1976, both from the

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Distinguished Alumni

This year's recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards are: (top) Joyce Christensen, Luther Kloth, (bottom) Mark Thomsen and the late Ray Weckmuller. The awards will be presented at the annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, May 14, in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

Jersild family to be honored

Descendants of the Rev. Thomas N. Jersild will be honored as a Distinguished Dana Family at the college's annual Builders Luncheon Saturday noon, May 14.

The Jersilds will be recognized as a family that has been of major significance to Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary and to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dana Builders are those alumni and friends who have included Dana in their estate plans. »

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

Conference brings scholars to campus

Scholars from 21 colleges and universities in the Midwest will present papers at Dana's first "Midlands Conference on Language and Literature" on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23.

The conference director is Dr. Ben L. Collins, adjunct professor of English at Dana and a retired professor of English at the University of North Dakota.

In his announcement Collins described the purpose of the conference as "an attempt to bring together scholars from the colleges and universities of the Midlands area to share their work, ideas, and problems."

Dr. Kathleen R. Collins, assistant professor of English at Dana, is helping her husband plan the event.

Papers are being presented in the following categories: Medieval and Renaissance; French; Edgar Allen Poe; American Regionalism, Fiction, Poetry; Greek Myth; Women in Literature; Irish Literature; German and Spanish; Edith Wharton; Language, Linguistics, Pedagogy; Charles Dickens; and Comparative Literature.

The Collins say that they especially wanted to encourage faculty members at smaller colleges in the Midlands to present papers. Although they're pleased with the number of participants from small schools planning to attend this year's conference, they hope that number will increase next year.

Three Dana faculty members are among the presenters: John Mark Nielsen '73 on "The Novels of Kristian Ostergaard: Immigrant Fiction as Popular Literature"; Kathleen Collins on "William Shakespeare and

the Courts of Love"; and Ben Collins on "The Portrait as Trinity: James Joyce's Use of Religion."

Alumna Tera (Nohrenburg '83) Hansen, a graduate student at Iowa State University, will present a paper on "The Autobiographical Significance of Hamlin Garland's Rose of Dutcher's Coolly."

Others giving papers are from William Jewell College, the University of Minnesota, the University of Winnipeg, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Minot State University, Graceland College, Wichita State University, Creighton University, the University of Kansas, Tarkio College, Moorhead State University, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the University of Michigan, Rosary College, St. Olaf College, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Northern State College. »

LB's IMPACT sends \$99,000 bonus

To alumni and friends who are Lutheran Brotherhood members participating in IMPACT, LB's matching gift program: Your gifts make a difference!

That difference became very apparent recently when Dana received a year-end bonus check from IMPACT for almost \$99,000.

Lutheran Brotherhood sent bonus checks to almost every Lutheran college and university in the U.S., and Dana's was the largest.

The check has given the college's endowment a major boost, and the interest it earns will help fund scholarships and other programs. »

Iowan places first in Melchior Competition

Mark Anderson of Akron, Iowa, was the first-place winner at Dana's Lauritz Melchior Memorial Competition for Voice Students on March 5.

A junior at Akron-Westfield High School, Anderson received a plaque from guest artist and clinician William Warfield and a \$6000 music scholarship from Dana. The scholarship amounts to \$1500 per year for four years.

Alisa Miller of Lincoln, Nebraska, placed second and Beth Fairchild of Columbus, Nebraska, placed third. Both received plaques from Warfield and music scholarships.

According to Dr. Richard Palmer, chairman of Dana's Music Department, "The chance to learn from one of the all-time greats like William Warfield is an opportunity few people experience."

Palmer added that he was pleased with the success of the first Melchior Competition and said that it will definitely continue as an annual event at Dana. »

From the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Following recent visits to Chicago and Minneapolis for meetings with Dana friends, I have often thought about how much we depend on alumni and friends.

Thirty-one years ago when I came to Dana as a freshman student from Milltown, Wisconsin, I came because Dana was the college of my church.

My pastor, Rev. A.E. Neve, urged me to come.

Charles and Susan and Ada and LeRoy and "Jake" and "Dewey" and George went to Dana before me.

They were among the sharpest young men and women I knew. They were articulate, thoughtful, mannerly, talented people. They had fun. They affirmed their Christian faith. All have become successful in their work, active leaders and servants in their communities.

Today, the old church, the UELC, is part of a much larger church body. As I visit some of our old churches in Chicago and Racine and Milltown, I am keenly aware that Dana College is no longer the focal point for young people in those churches and communities that it was once.

However, I am also convinced that Dana College is no longer less needed there than it was then. True, there are many more colleges today, especially two-year community colleges, than existed 30 years ago. But, the need for young people and older people alike to be given an opportunity to develop as total persons, persons who have a foundation in learned subjects as well as in their Christian faith, is no less critically needed today than at any time in our history.

Although the personalization of a small national church body no longer assures a steady supply of students from those Danish congregations from Maine to California and in Danish population centers in Chicago or Racine or Elk Horn and Audubon and Luck and Minden, to name a few, the college-bound people from those communities would continue to find in Dana College a special place.

At Dana students will continue to find an intimate faculty-to-student ratio (11-1) which allows the gifted as well as the less gifted student to excel.



"My professors always had time for me," related one alumnus who is now a very successful scientist. "They would not let me go. People at Dana continued to demand the best of me," offered a Dana alumna.

At Dana, one cannot very easily get lost. Whether on the athletic field, in the classroom, or in extracurricular activities, there are faculty, staff, and other students who make each student their business.

Of course, Dana is not for everyone. But, for those who can tolerate being known, being nourished, and having much expected of them, I am grateful that there are still places like Dana.

While we serve only a few hundred, not the several thousands served at many institutions of learning, we need not take a back seat to any college or university in our ability to expect and receive much of everybody. By the Grace of God, we have been able to see much come of those who study here.

Thinking about the hundreds who are now here, and the thousands who have studied here over the years, and about the select group of faculty and staff who have given their lives to make Dana a special place of learning keeps me going. It makes it possible for me and my life partner, Anne, to serve here in hope and gratitude.

Thank you, all of you, who help us make Dana available. We wouldn't be the least disappointed if you decided to help us by introducing us to prospective students in your home churches and communities. I believe after study at Dana, they, too, will return better prepared to serve and to lead.

Some of you may be in a position to "adopt a student" from your home town. Others may wish to contribute to help support one of our special group of foreign students or provide general scholarship support. At the very least, any one of you could encourage a look at Dana, maybe even bring a group of students to campus for a visit. Let us know if we can help make arrangements.

I am convinced Dana is still one of the best-kept secrets and one of the best values in higher education today.

Won't you provide that network of support that we had many years ago when we were still the only college of a small national church body?

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

Major lets students cross disciplines

A new general studies major recently adopted by the Faculty gives students an opportunity to plan a program of interdisciplinary study not formally developed by Dana as a major.

Such majors are expected to have a specific focus.

Any student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 based on 30 or more hours of college work will be eligible for the major, and an advisory committee will review and approve his or her proposed course of study. »



Students backpack in Grand Canyon

Backpacking in the Grand Canyon was a spring break opportunity offered by Dana's Recreational Services. Here on their way to the floor of the Canyon are (from left) Jim Fullerton, director of recreational services, Ted Bansen '89 of Yamhill, Oregon, and Kevin Meyer '88 of Blair. The trip was run cooperatively with the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Outdoor Venture Center.

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Professor announces retirement . . .

Contributions are many

Prof. George Grube, a member of the Biology Department since 1965, has announced that he will retire at the close of the academic year.

Grube is a dedicated ornithologist who is generous in sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with others.

Many alumni will remember his all-campus field trips every fall to nearby DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge to see bald eagles and thousands of migrating waterfowl (as well as the post-tour breakfasts at the Grubes' home).

And last fall he taught an ornithology class for a campus Elderhostel.

Retirement plans include similar classes.



Grube

"Ornithology gets in your blood and never leaves," he says.

Grube has become widely known as a person deeply committed to saving the environment. This commitment became evident at Dana soon after his arrival, when he developed the environmental sciences program, one of the first in the nation. Graduates who majored in this program have continued their involvement with environmental issues.

And, thanks to Grube and several area residents, students in the college's ecology and botany classes can study big and little bluestem, Canada wild rye and other native grasses at the Cuming City Cemetery's tall grass prairie. The cemetery north of Blair is all that remains of a long-vanished pioneer community.

Grube, Eugene Solomon (at that time District Conservationist of the Soil Conservation District) and members of the cemetery board sought assistance through The Nature Conservancy to protect the cemetery. After legal difficulties were resolved, the title was transferred to Dana in 1976 with the restrictive covenant that the tract be preserved in perpetuity.

Grube has also been instrumental in developing the Friends of Dana Scholarship, an endowed scholarship funded by members of the college's faculty and staff.

It was started, he says, "to help secure the future of the college," and he'd like to see it continue to grow.

He and his wife, Marian, have within the last few years visited The Galapagos and Kenya and Rwanda in Africa. A skilled photographer, he has put together illustrated talks on both trips.

Marian, nurse-anesthetist at the Blair Hospital, also plans to retire soon. After that, Grube hopes, they'll resume their travels, with Australia next on their agenda. ♪

Bartels to coordinate international studies

An international student in his first year at Dana needs help with his English. An American student hopes to study in Denmark during the second semester of her junior year. A faculty member would like to spend the summer in Europe conducting research. To whom do they turn?

Since February all three would go to the Old Main office of Dr. Sybille Bartels, assistant professor of German who was recently appointed Coordinator of International Studies.

The creation of this new part-time administrative position and Bartels' appointment grew out of her experience in working with international students and the administration's recognition of the need to have one person responsible for the varied aspects of international studies on a college campus.

A native of Berlin, Bartels received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has also studied and taught in Japan.

In her new position Bartels has a wide range of responsibilities.

She collects information and advises students and faculty members on study and research opportunities in other countries, and she surveys organized institutional relationships in this country and abroad for possible affiliation with Dana.

She works with the Admissions Office on student applications from abroad, advises international students and Dana's International Club, and promotes cross-cultural learning opportunities for U.S. students on campus.

She also works with the vice president for academic affairs on curriculum matters and with the Student Services Office on residential living for international students.

Her work with international students extends to the classroom. Bartels teaches the Writing Workshop (English 107-108) to students with English as a second language. The classes focus on advanced language skills and cross-cultural awareness, including issues such as life in the Midwest and dealing with culture shock.

Her recommendation that international students applying for admission to Dana have a minimum score of 460 on the TOEFL (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language) test, an examination given world-wide, has been approved by the Faculty.

This year Dana's international students are from Denmark, Italy, Japan, Namibia, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Also assisting them as a volunteer Student Services counselor is Peggy Sorensen '84, who recently returned to the U.S. after serving with the Peace Corps in Thailand.

Sorensen has coordinated home stays for international students during holidays, Bartels says, and she continues to assist them with plans for housing and support during the sum-

Bartels with Helen Ochs of Namibia and Yuji Ikeda of Japan.



mer months. "Most importantly, perhaps, Sorensen is a sympathetic listener and resourceful friend in this challenging time for an international student studying far away from home."

Bartels says that "We are, however, just beginning to identify and address special needs in student services and curriculum."

"Students from around the world add a much-needed dimension to our campus community. Many of us have been enriched by an increased understanding of the cultures represented by our international students. It is my goal that all Dana students before graduation be given the opportunity to experience cross-cultural learning—both here and abroad." ♪

New campus group is multicultural

CIRCLE, the Committee for Intercultural Relations in the Campus Life Experience, is a student organization formed last year to promote unity among students with differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

A part of the college's Social Awareness Organization (SAO), it has become one of Dana's most active groups.

Senior Trudy Williams of Omaha described CIRCLE's mission last fall in the campus newspaper as "a support system for students of color."

For members not of color, she wrote, it offers "diversity and cultural exchange. Getting to know what an individual is actually like is beneficial to all humankind. Reality will put an end to stereotypes, myths and hatred."

In February members were involved with organizing campus activities during Black History Week.

And, because part of the organization's mission is to increase minority student enrollment, members conduct an annual fund-raising campaign for Minority Student Scholarships.

Last year CIRCLE members raised \$1500 for two \$750 scholarships. Their drive this year included pledges from members of the faculty and staff and campus organizations, pledges from alumni who are members of minority groups, and a campus concert by Omaha jazz bands The Fusion Force and The Gulizia Brothers, with profits going to the scholarship.

CIRCLE co-chairperson Ken Ehline '89 of Blair reports that to date the scholarship fund has again netted approximately \$1500.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should make out their checks to Dana College/S.A.O. and send them to Dana College, Box 200, Blair, NE 68008. Please write "Minority Scholarship" in the memo section of the check. ♪



Students elect officers

James Cloyd (seated) of Omaha has been elected student body president for 1988-89. Troy Novak (standing) of Lincoln, Nebraska, is vice president. Secretary is Rebecca Brabec (left) of Clarkson, Nebraska, and treasurer is Carolyn Lauer of Cozad, Nebraska.

Senior art student:

"You've got to search, explore, grow"

When commercial art major Rich Prosch graduates in May, he'll leave Dana with both a degree and a full portfolio.

Prosch was a high school senior in Bloomfield, Nebraska, when a local author named Danny Liska saw his work and invited him to do illustrations for a book Liska was writing on the folklore and legends of north-eastern Nebraska.

In 1986 Liska published the 704-page volume, titled "Bigfoot 7: Our Valleys—The Niobrara and Verdigris." Prosch's illustrations appear throughout.

Then a year ago Prosch was asked to do a series of 36 drawings for "Jorgen's Rainbow," the coloring page of the Danish Brotherhood's monthly magazine, *The American Dane*.

Each of Prosch's drawings features Jorgen on his rainbow exploring a different time, place or personage in contemporary or historic Denmark. The project was fun, Prosch says, "because I had not taken any Danish here, and I could study without being graded on it."

In addition to his commercial art work, his fine art is also receiving recognition. In December a campus visitor from St. Louis bought a large assemblage Prosch showed in the "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" student art exhibit. And most recently two works, "Never Forget" and "Wasted Sunset," were accepted by the 38th Spiva Annual Art Competitive, a professional exhibit shown during April at the Spiva Art Center in Joplin, Missouri.

Says Prosch, "One thing about approaching my professional work in the manner that I am is that you can't simply get a job and feel that you have arrived for the rest of your life. You've constantly got to be searching, exploring and growing. I wouldn't have it any other way."»

Prosch



First impressions

by Paul Ditlevson,
Director of Development

The past eight months have been a challenging and exciting time for me as Director of Development. It has been fun meeting old friends, renewing relationships from elementary school days in Blair, and finding "lost" family members across the country—all while working with Dana alumni and friends.

One challenge has been to remember which Larsen, Jensen, Hansen, Andersen, etc., is related to whom or graduated when and lives where. The excitement has been to discover the intensely loyal Dana constituency and their willingness to be involved.

The real challenge lies ahead—to transform faithful alumni, supportive friends, an interested corporate community and a vital campus into an ever more vibrant, interdependent body. I believe that I can now point out that Dana is in an excellent position to move forward quickly and to meet the '90s decisively and face the 21st Century with confidence and strength. There are many reasons for this.

First, the quality of Dana students has impressed me. They're vigorous, talented, inquisitive, decisive, generous, responsive and sensitive. They match the alumni I've met and also those I've heard about. Friends of Dana exhibit those same qualities—perhaps that's what's drawn them into the Dana Family. Even the corporate community is demonstrating its approval of these qualities through both support and verbal endorsements.

Second, the "service" reputation of Dana students is apparent—on campus and in the surrounding community. I am equally impressed with the vast percentage of Dana alumni who reflect the same quality of "service"—in their careers and their avocations. This is noted and commended by the corporate community as well.

Third, Dana is a place that is large enough to do well the job it chooses to do, but small enough for each individual to make an important impact. Students, when faced with an opportunity to do something they may not have thought of in high school,

respond and find that at Dana they've found and developed talents not thought or dreamed possible. Alumni and friends are coming to realize that they, too, can make significant contribu-

tions to a small community that really counts (whereas it would be nearly unnoticed at a large institution). Guess what? The corporate community too is



finding out how far their dollars go at Dana—they like it!

These are some of the reasons I'm "bullish" on Dana and its future. Our job in the Development Office, however, is enormous. Won't you help us? Let us know when we make mistakes or how Dana can better present itself (and when we're on the beam). Volunteer information on who you think might be interested in financially helping Dana (we've got some very interesting ways to help people conserve their estates, pay less tax and even make a sizeable gift to Dana). Let the Admissions Office know of potential students. (Yes—this is a development interest—through our alumni programming.) Take time to carefully and prayerfully reconsider your commitment to Dana. Join us as we demonstrate to others Dana's Viking spirit of strength, adventure, and courageous determination for our bright future.»

Art students win in statewide contest

In February two Dana art students placed first and second in the Nebraska Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibition.

Farid Mohebbi, a senior computer science major from Omaha, received first place for his acrylic painting, "Space Elephant."

Napawan Harold, a senior art major from Tekamah, Nebraska, won second place for her clay relief sculpture, "Square River."

The exhibition was sponsored by the Nebraska Art Teachers Association and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Art Gallery. Undergraduate art students at all colleges and universities within the state were invited to submit work. Five awards were given.»

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University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"I hold Dana College in high esteem," she writes. "It made a difference for me."

Karen (Jensen '60) Capel will present Christensen's award.

Workshops held in this country, Sweden

Luther Kloth received his bachelor's degree from Dana with majors in biology and physical education. In 1962 he earned a certificate in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1967 a master's degree in anatomy from Marquette University.

He has spent much of his professional career in Milwaukee. A year ago he received Distinguished Scholars Recognition by The Graduate School, the Committee on Research and Office of Research Support, at Marquette.

Kloth has conducted clinical seminars and workshops, many of them on electrotherapy, throughout the U.S. and in Puerto Rico and Sweden.

He has also published widely in professional journals.

He will be presented his award by President Christopherson, a Dana classmate.

Mission encompasses world

In January Mark Thomsen became executive director of the ELCA's Division for Global Mission, having directed the ALC's Division of World Mission and Inter-Church Cooperation since 1981.

The Division for Global Mission has personnel and projects in 60 countries.

Thomsen received his B.A. from Dana in 1953, his B.D. from Trinity Seminary in 1956, his Th.M. from Princeton University Seminary in 1957 and his Ph.D. from Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University in 1971.

Thomsen's award will be presented by the Rev. Carl Schattauer '52, assistant to the bishop of the ELCA's Nebraska Synod.

Weckmuller remembered as educator

The award to Weckmuller is the first to be given posthumously. It will be presented to his wife, Mary (Skobo '50 '69), by Prof. Jim Olsen '62, a Dana colleague and friend.

Weckmuller joined the Dana faculty in 1958. Students named him Professor of the Year in 1982.

His professional achievements were many and his accomplishments at Dana included securing and maintaining accreditation of the college's teacher education program through the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.»

Commencement Weekend

Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. Alumni Council meeting
- Noon Builders Luncheon honoring the Thomas N. Jersild family
- 6:30 p.m. Recognition Dinner honoring seniors, Campus Service Award recipients, Distinguished Alumni; \$7.50 per person; please make reservations by May 9 through the Alumni Office.

Sunday, May 15

- 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate service; speaker, Dr. Paul Jersild '53, Dean, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- 1:15 p.m. Commencement; speaker, Jorg Nehter, Mayor, Bad Segeberg, West Germany (Reception after ceremony)

CAMPUS NOTES

Members of the Dana community and other friends honored **President Emeritus C. C. Madsen '31** at a reception on the occasion of his 80th birthday on Sunday, February 14, in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement, was presented the Blair Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award at the Chamber's annual dinner on January 23.

Angela Johnson, a junior from Belvidere, Illinois, is student body president this semester. Elected vice president last spring, she replaces Pat Welch, who has completed his degree requirements.

Bob Schmoll '83, the college's Title III coordinator, has been named Director of Computer Services and Information Management, a new position at Dana.

Burke Petersen '81, assistant director of public relations, was recently elected first vice president of the new Scandinavian Council of Nebraska. The Council was formed to promote and coordinate the state's Danish, Swedish and Norwegian festivals.

Linda Olson, formerly a secretary in the Development Office, became the administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs in January. **Nancy Horeis** has returned to Dana as Development secretary. She worked for Development during the Centennial Fund drive.

Midland College women and the wives of area pastors of the Nebraska Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, were guests of the **Dana Women's Club** at a brunch in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center on Saturday, February 20.

Five graduates described their jobs and offered advice to social work, sociology and psychology majors at an Alumni Career Panel on March 1. Participants were **Ann (Leistad) Bolton '87**, social worker at the Good Shepherd Home, Blair; **Lisa Brandes '84**, a family therapist at Eastern Nebraska Human Services, Omaha; **Kay Konz '79**, a behavioral therapist at Lincoln (NE) General Hospital; **Jay Moss '86**, a Child Protective Services worker in Fremont; and **Peggy Sorensen '84**, an ENCOR employee in Blair, a volunteer counselor at Dana and a former Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand.

When the Red Cross **Bloodmobile** visited the campus on March 10, students and members of the faculty and staff gave 147 pints of blood. The goal was 120 pints. Ars Medica, an organization of students interested in the health sciences, sponsored the visit.

Sophomore **Cathy Keck** of Ashland, Nebraska, has been chosen to receive the Northeast Nebraska Press Association Scholarship. »

About Old Main . . .

The Board of Regents at their February meeting authorized the administration to secure architectural drawings for completing the renovation of Old Main, the college's landmark structure and first building.

The remaining work would involve the first three floors of the building's central section and north wing.

Restoration and renovation of the entire four-story building had been a Centennial Fund goal. Because costs were higher than anticipated, however, the project had to be divided into phases.

The building's French Second Empire exterior was restored in 1984. A year later, work on the interior renovated the large south wing and the entire top floor, which houses the art department.

The final phase is one of the projects undertaken by the 1986-88 Dana Fund.

Pending completion and approval by the Regents of plans for construction and the availability of funding, work could begin in the spring of 1989 and be completed by the start of classes the next fall.

Old Main is on the National Register of Historic Places, with the designation based on its exterior appearance. The building's central section was dedicated in 1886, its north wing in 1893 and its south wing in 1905. It was last renovated about 30 years ago. »

Nebraska bishop is newest regent

In February the Rev. Dennis Anderson, bishop of the Nebraska Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was elected to the Dana Board of Regents.

His election to a two-year term brings the number of regents to 22.

Anderson served for nine years as bishop of the Nebraska Synod of the Lutheran Church in America before being named bishop of the new ELCA's Nebraska Synod. »

Career Services Office begins mentor program

Career Services Director Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie is developing a data base computer program to help students identify Dana graduates as potential mentors.

"These mentors will be able to give advice to our students about occupations, professions, and the companies they work for," Kubie says. "They can also provide information, for example, about the cost of living and housing in their geographic areas."

The new program has started with data on 1987 and 1986 graduates who have indicated they would be willing to visit, over the phone or in person, with a senior who was applying for a job with their company or in their field.

Other alumni names will be taken from the Alumni Directory questionnaires when the publisher sends them to Dana in September. Information on those alumni who indicated at the end of the form that they would be willing to assist students with career development will be added to the data base. »

Campus is place to be for July Dana Weekend

Alumni response to the Dana Weekend planned for July 1-3 has been excellent, and the college is looking forward to another successful event.

A wide variety of activities and workshops is being planned for all age groups.

Lodging is free in campus dormitories if participants bring their own sleeping bags and linens; full service accommodations are also available in Elk Horn Hall at a moderate charge.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 for the entire family covers all weekend activities except food service.

Relatives of alumni and friends of the college are also invited to participate; for a schedule and registration form, write to the Alumni Office. »

Many plan to return for Choir's birthday

Former directors of the Dana College Choir have been invited to return to the campus for Homecoming October 7-9 to help celebrate the Choir's 75th anniversary.

Plans include a recital by members of Dana's music faculty on Friday evening and a birthday dinner party on Saturday evening. The dinner will be followed by a program featuring the college's present Choir and alumni Choirs grouped to perform under the batons of their former directors.

Many alumni who sang in the Choir have responded enthusiastically to the announcement they received through the mails, saying that they plan to attend. Details about the reunion will be sent to them as plans develop.

The summer Review will list Choir directors who plan to participate and give further information on the weekend's schedule. »

Wisconsin church honors college

Grace Lutheran Church of Grafton, Wisconsin, which has named areas of its new addition after several colleges of the church, on Sunday, March 6, dedicated its new "Dana Fellowship Hall."

Bishop Alvin Rogness gave the sermon at the morning service. Jerry Petersen, a 1957 Dana graduate, is pastor at Grace Lutheran.

A Dana Centennial plate and brief history of the college are displayed in the hall. »

Archives need sets of Ugeblad, Ansgar Lutheran

Needed by the college archives: complete sets, preferably bound, of the Ugeblad and Ansgar Lutheran.

These periodicals were the official publications of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church, the parent synod of Dana College and Trinity Seminary. The Ugeblad, which was in Danish, preceded the Ansgar Lutheran.

If you have either set and would like to it donate to the archives, please write to Mrs. Lela Neve, C.A. Dana-LIFE Library, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008. »

Touring alumni accept Copenhagen invitation

Margaret (Christiansen '53) and Frank Madsen of Cypress, California, and Joan (Petersen '51) and Augie '51 Stricker of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, visited the Waldo B. Nielsens in Copenhagen for a week last August after reading the Nielsens' invitation in the spring 1987 Review.

The Madsens' Copenhagen visit was part of a month-long tour of Denmark they took to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

"We felt very much at home in the Nielsens' cozy apartment," Margaret reports. "It's close to a busline, so we didn't have to drive in to the city at all."

"Best of all, we have some special new friends. Burnett's father was my father's choir director at Dana, which also makes this new friendship special. We plan to spend time with them on our next visit to Denmark and urge other alumni to visit also."

Nielsen is the son of former Dana Choir director Waldo B. Nielsen. Choir members from the late '20s will remember him as "Manne."

In the Review article Nielsen wrote that, since their children have married, they have an extra apartment with three rooms, kitchen, toilet and shower that they would like to rent out for limited periods as single rooms or an apartment to traveling alumni or students studying in Denmark.

"I have no idea," he wrote, "if there is a need of this kind in the Danish communities over there, but the linking bond from my childhood in Blair has driven me to write this letter. My wife is retiring from civil service this spring, joining me (a retired school teacher) to a hopefully new interesting part of our lives, being in touch with people from the land of my birth."

The Nielsens' address is Sabyholmsvej 42, 2500 Valby, Copenhagen, Denmark. »

Women's basketball: Young team shows promise

With a roster of 13 players, ten of them freshmen, the women's basketball team faced a big challenge this season, but Coach Kathy Foley says that the "young team competed well throughout the year and showed much promise for the future."

A highlight was an upset victory over league-leading Midland in February, Foley says. "In this game our younger players really showed what they will be able to do on a more consistent basis in the future."

The team was led in scoring by Lori McMullen '91 of Dunning, Nebraska, with 263 points (10.5 per game), assists with 73 (3.04 per game), steals with 53 (2.2 per game), and free throw percentage with 70.0% (49-70). Heidi Jacobsen '91 of Plainview, Nebraska, led the team in rebounding with 161 (7.0 per game), and Shelley Edwards '91 of Lakewood, Colorado, led in field goal percentage with 41.3% (31-75).

McMullen was named Second Team All-Conference and received District Honorable Mention. She was also given Honorable Mention on the Omaha World-Herald's All-College roster. As a member of the All-Conference Team, McMullen played in the NAC-NIAC All-Star game on March 28 at Kearney State College. »

Men's basketball: Bopp leads in rebounds

A highlight of an otherwise discouraging 3-27 season for men's basketball was Omahan Dennis Bopp's achievement in leading the District in rebounding at 10.9 per game, Coach Will Baird reports.

Bopp, a senior, won All-Conference ranking and District Honorable Mention. Junior Jerrod Lawrence placed on the Conference's Honorable Mention roster. Both were named to the Omaha World-Herald's All-State College Honorable Mention roster.

The Vikings return four starters next year, and, Baird says, with the help of a good recruiting year they hope to be a factor in next year's conference race. »

Wrestling: Two go to Nationals

Dana's wrestling team fell short of most of its goals this season, Coach Ron Beaman '74 reports. "They were lofty but seemed possible at the start of the season."

These goals were to win the conference, have five conference champions, win two-thirds of the dual meets, send five wrestlers to the Nationals, place in the top 20 in the country and have two All-Americans.

Injury and eligibility problems, however, made these goals impossible to attain. Ken Sliva '88 of Columbus, Nebraska, injured his shoulder and wrestled only three matches, while Troy Buss '91 of Logan, Iowa, sat out most of the season with an arm injury. Three other starters were sidelined after the first semester with eligibility problems.

Nevertheless, the season wasn't a failure, Beaman says.

Dana had the strongest dual schedule ever, wrestling NCAA Division I power Drake University and NCAA Division II toughie Central Missouri State, along with NCAA Division III fifth-place winner Buena Vista College. Dual competition also included teams from Huron College, Kearney State and Fort Hays State.

The season ended with a 5-9 dual record and with wrestlers Troy Livasy '91 of Fremont, Nebraska, and Paul Slater '89 of Spirit Lake, Iowa, qualifying for Nationals.

Livasy (22-11) and Slater (14-4) traveled to the March 3-5 National Meet in Tacoma, Washington. There Livasy was eliminated by a wrestler from Pacific Lutheran and Slater had to default out of the tournament after suffering an injury against an opponent from Carson Newman College.

"An excellent and young team will return next season," Beaman says, "and it should be a strong contender in the future." »

Baseball, softball: Seasons begin

Warm weather at the end of February and in early March has let the softball and baseball teams practice outdoors, giving them an advantage for early season play.

Coach Dale Lemon's baseball team has 11 returning lettermen, two transfers and eight freshmen.

Five of the letterwinners are experienced pitchers, and that fact promises a better season, he says.

Lemon considers the two past seasons the worst in his coaching career at Dana, and pitching was the downfall both years. Now, he hopes, "at least part of the pitching staff will have improved enough to give the Vikings a fighting chance."

Softball coach Steve Kissel '85 says that his 1987 NIAC champions are returning stronger than ever.

Although only three starters carry over from last year's 9-13 squad, Kissel says that "position by position, we're a better team than we were last year."

This season he has 17 players to work with, compared to last year's ten.

The Lady Vikings' conference record last year was 8-4, and Kissel believes that his squad can again win the championship.

Both teams were about to start play at the time of this writing.

A report on all spring sports will appear in the summer Review. »

Alumni Council Ballot

These five alumni have been nominated for three-year terms on the Alumni Council. There are two boxes by each name so that husband and wife can vote if they are both alumni. Please circle the number voting 1 2 and return your ballot by May 23.

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Lawyer alumnus wins Supreme Court case

A few years ago attorney LeRoy (Gene) DeVeaux '67 had what he describes as "the highlight of any lawyer's professional life"—arguing and winning an important case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

DeVeaux describes the 1984 case as "a pure constitutional question of state vs. federal power under the Commerce Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3) which, in effect, is a free enterprise issue. The U. S. Supreme Court from the very beginning of the court has considered the Commerce Clause of prime importance."

DeVeaux's involvement started when he served as trial counsel representing South-Central Timber Development, Inc. against the State of Alaska in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska. When South-Central won its case, the State appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

DeVeaux briefed and argued the case for South-Central before the Circuit

Court, which reversed the District Court ruling.

With this reversal, he filed a petition on behalf of South-Central requesting the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case. "This is not an appeal of right," he says, "and is therefore very difficult to obtain." Of 5000 petitions filed in 1984, only 156 were granted.

The significance of the Commerce Clause gave him an advantage, he says. "The issue was not only important to my client, it was also important to the U.S. Department of State and its foreign trade litigation."

It was so important, he says, that the Government asked permission to file an amicus curiae brief in support of his position, and he was invited to lunch at the White House.

"Being a Democrat, I found this somewhat amusing. I was, however, not able to attend lunch during preparation for argument so they suggested breakfast. That fit my schedule so I had breakfast at the White House. I must say that if Paul Simon becomes President... he'll eat very well there."

How did his appearance before the

Supreme Court go? "Appearing before the nine Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court is very likely to make your hands sweat and your knees knock," he says. "The only cure for that is knowing your case backwards and forwards. In other words, complete and total commitment to preparation."

And he had help. "If you're Lutheran, like I am, asking your congregation or pastor to put in a good word for you in the Prayer of the Church is a good idea. I, in fact, asked the pastor of our church to include a prayer for me while I was in Washington, D.C., on the Sunday before my argument.

"My request was actually quite small. All I asked him to pray for was that I would not make an absolute fool out of myself before the court. That's exactly what he prayed. As I understand it, the congregation laughed. I, however, was absolutely serious. The prayer must have been adhered to by the good Lord, for I did not make a fool out of myself. In fact, the argument was the most fun I have ever had. I would take another case to the Supreme Court in a minute."

Since then law students at major law schools have told him that their professors "spend considerable time discussing this particular case."

DeVeaux says that when he returned home to Anchorage, "I was brought back immediately to the reality of everyday practice of law, for on my desk sat a little, auto fender-bender

case. You see, the Bible is correct. A prophet is without honor in his own hometown."

He still savors the experience: "Few lawyers are lucky enough to have a case that is of this importance. I suppose it's akin to playing in the Super Bowl or the World's Series. To win in addition is very satisfying indeed! So for the present, I can always say that I'm batting a thousand before the U.S. Supreme Court." »

Albert Lea alumni plan Dana picnic

Alumni in Albert Lea, Minnesota, are planning their fourth Dana Alumni Picnic, and they invite "anyone within driving distance to mark their calendars, tell others, and join us on Sunday, July 17."

The gathering will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the north pavilion of Albert Lea's Edgewater Park. At 5 p.m. Albert Lea area alumni will host a picnic supper.

Organizers are Don '49 and Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou and Marge and Alton Neve '43.

Attendance has grown from 30 at the first Albert Lea picnic in 1980 to 60 at the third in 1986, and the Schous and Neves look forward to another excellent turnout and a good time for all. »

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DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

'80s Maria Brandes '87 works at First National Bank in Oklahoma City. She lives in Norman at 2900 Chautauqua, Apt. 110 (73072). . . **Karla Bidstrup '86** is a full-time child care worker in the Childrens Hospital at the Menninger Foundation. Her address is 1617 Western, Topeka, KS 66604. . . **Jon Ann Evans '86** and James Niemeier were married on October 10. They live in Omaha, where she is working on her master's degree in special education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is employed at Younkers, and he is a third-year law student at Creighton University. . . **David Iversen '86**, who is working on a master's degree in Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, lives in Madison at Randall Tower #301, 1314 W. Johnson St. (53715). . . **Deborah (Dill '85) Frahm** is a medical technologist at Childrens Hospital in Omaha. . . **Kevin Hernes '85** is food service manager with Saga-Marriott at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA. He works there with Tom Wieseler, former food service director at Dana who now directs Cornell's food service. Kevin's address is 5849 Ridge-

view Drive S.W., Apt. 817, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. . . **Tony Lee Lenners '84** and Denise Hofeling were married on September 20. He is employed by the Beatrice (NE) Police Department. . . **Diane Nickeson '84** is working for Sarpy County (NE) in its Families United program. She previously was a medical social worker at the University of Nebraska Hospital in Omaha. . . **Rick Danforth '83** is on internship from Wartburg Seminary this year at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orion, IL. He, Carol, and their son John, 2, live at 1003 Tenth Street, Box #187, in Orion (61273). . . Elementary education teacher **Pauline Johnson '82** has been selected for an audiovisual taping on character education. She lives at 2730 Wheatfield in San Antonio, TX 78228. . . Kyle Craig was born to **Craig '82** and **Diana Shaffer** on January 16. They live at 209 Mark St. in Aurora, NE 68818. . . **Pam (Bramer '81)** and **Wes Andersen**, RR 1 Box 67, Kennard, NE 68034, announce the birth of **Virginia Anne** on February 27. . . **Ruth (Behrens '81)** and **Jerry Schmidt '80** announce the birth of **Erik Soren** on

March 17; they live in Blair at 683 S. 24th Ave. Ruth is administrative assistant in Dana's Development Office and Jerry works for HunTel in Blair.

'70s Douglas Meggison '79 has been promoted to loan officer at the Bank of Bellevue (NE). . . Christopher Thees was born on January 21 to **Bob '78** and **Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen**, 1824 Colfax, Blair. Brother Aaron, 5, also welcomed Christopher home. . . Glenn and **Kimberly (Mathews '78) Miller**, 2042 Nebraska, Blair, are the parents of Vance Erickson, born on March 1. He joins brother Kyle, 6. . . **Linda (Wulf '78)** and Michael Terry, 2424 N. 112th St., Omaha (68164) announce the birth of Caryl Lynn on January 12. . . **Dr. Barbara Beck '77** has been promoted to major in the U.S. Air Force. She is assigned to the Air Force hospital in Bitburg, West Germany. . . **Dr. Bonnie Sand-Whittier '77** and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of Dane Christopher on February 22. He joins an older brother. They live at 7220 Fairfax Ave. in Lincoln, NE 68505. . . **Sondra**

(Schjodt '77) and Mark Buell announce the birth of Dustin Albert on December 26. They live at Rt. 1 Box 15, in Colon, NE 68018. Mark is a production supervisor for the J.C. Robinson Seed Co., and Sondra (after teaching for nine years) is now a full-time wife, mother and live-stock manager at their small acreage-farm. . . **Curt '77** and **Anne Maschman** are the parents of John August, born September 3, 1987. Their address is Box 127, Humboldt, NE 68376. . . Benjamin Thomas was born to **Jane (Matthies '77)** and Thomas Goding on February 25. They live at 13518 Atwood Ave. in Omaha (68144). . . **Dennis Hoch '76** manages a steakhouse in Tulsa, OK; his Tulsa address is 7035 E. 33rd (74145). . . **Rod '76** and **Hannelore (Sander '76) Jasa** announce the birth of Nicholas Alexander on December 30, 1987. He joins Roddy Jonathan, 6, and Erica Elisabeth, 3. Hannelore, who teaches seventh grade English at Millard (NE) North Junior High School, will become head of the English Department at the Millard School District's Northwest Middle School (continued on page 8)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ The Sunday World-Herald reported on January 17 in its entertainment section that **H. Michael Dryver '83** had been named music director of Voices of Omaha, a 350-voice chorus whose performances include an annual December concert of Handel's "Messiah." Dryver is vocal music director at Omaha's North High School and minister of music for Pilgrim Baptist Church.

His compositions include sacred music, performance pieces for keyboard, and The American Suite for piano and orchestra.

Dryver is also the state representative to the National Council of Negro Music and a faculty member of the National Gospel Music Workshop Convention of America.

■ Governor Terry Branstad of Iowa has appointed **Mary Heistand-Bro '80** to the seven-member board of directors of the Iowa Product Development Corporation.

IPDC is a venture capital investment program that targets product innovation, new business development and entrepreneurial support. Since its inception in late 1983, it has invested over \$3 million in 22 new and existing Iowa businesses.

Bro has been active in economic development in southwest Iowa as executive director of the Western Iowa Development Association, which assists small and rural business development in Pottawattamie County and surrounding counties. She is also a member of Iowa Professional Developers and serves as chairperson of its Legislative Affairs Committee.

■ **Dr. Rachael Neve '74** is co-author of an article titled "Inborn Errors of Morphogenesis in Down Syndrome: A Stochastic Model" in

"New Perspectives on Down Syndrome" published in 1987 by Brookes Publishing Company. She is a research staff member in the Division of Genetics at Harvard Medical School.

■ In February Iowa Senate Minority Leader **Calvin Hultman '63**, R-Red Oak, was named vice chairman of the assembly on the legislature of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The NCSL represents this country's 50 state legislatures.

■ **Mary Kay (Petersen '74) Hennings** of Fremont, Nebraska, has formed her own company, J & J Unlimited. She and daughter Jennifer, 9, perform and give workshops of original songs and stories dealing with self-esteem for children and adults to schools and churches across Nebraska.

In September they performed for 750 people in Grand Island, Nebraska, at the constituting state convention of Evangelical Lutheran Church Women.

They also recently recorded an album of original gospel songs, "Joy Unlimited."

Mary Kay, Dennis '72, Jennifer and Jeff, 6, live in Fremont at 1440 N. William Avenue. Dennis works in electrical products at Valmont Industries.

■ **Kent Day '76** is a winner of the Cooper Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was in the area of curriculum improvement in written communication. It is his second Cooper Award.

■ **Charles Rohlfing '70** was recently chosen teacher of the month at Elkhorn (NE) High School. A guidance counselor, he is in his 11th year at Elkhorn. »

Gagwriting alumnus:

"I never know where my ideas are going to come from"

Remember those laughs you've had over newspaper and magazine cartoons? You can thank alumnus Byron Langenfeld '38 for some of them.

Langenfeld, a member of the Dana Board in the 1950s and its chairman for several years, has written about 98,000 gags over the last 40 years.

"Needless to say," he comments, "most of them have not sold, but many thousands have appeared in 995 publications."

Langenfeld calls cartoon gagwriting "the last refuge of the literary aspirant" and says that it's "not a career or a business or a hobby, but rather a release for an inner compulsion."

You've seen his gags and ideas for cartoons in the New Yorker, Saturday Evening Post, Better Homes & Gardens, Good Housekeeping, American Legion, TV Guide, National Enquirer, Parade, Ladies Home Journal and Cosmopolitan—and in many other publications.

The 380 or so cartoonists who have used Langenfeld's gags include Peter Arno, Hank Ketchum, Chon Day, Bill Hoest, Dave Gerard, F.B. Modell, Mort Walker and Bo Brown.

He's also written gags for syndicated features, including Dennis the Menace and the Lockhorns.

"In submitting gags," Langenfeld says, "I provide the scene or situation and the caption, if one is called for, and the cartoonist takes it from there."

A good gag needs a "gestation" period, he says. "I never know where my ideas are going to come from, but somehow they come and often they pop up from the distant past.

"I'm sure some of them were born during my years at Dana. Certainly,

even in the Depression of the 1930s, we at the college had more laughs than most people have today."

There's no retiring from gagwriting, he says. "The humor calling pays no attention to clocks and calendars. I find it a most congenial occupation—and I must go on." Cartoon fans can be happy about that. »

Symphony Showhouse involves Omaha alumnae

Omaha interior designers Diane (Williamson '76) Luxford and Marilyn (Harder '65) Thompson are playing key roles this spring in the Omaha Symphony Showhouse, an annual project sponsored by the Nebraska-Iowa chapter of the American Society of Interior Design and the Omaha Symphony Guild.

Luxford is project vice-chairperson and Thompson is associate chairperson.

The popular project raises funds to support the Omaha Symphony. This year's Showhouse, which belonged to Dick Bishop, is at 622 North 38rd Street. The house will be open to the public from April 15 to May 15.

Luxford reports that she has been responsible for "putting everything together," including assigning designers to their spaces, working with Guild members, coordinating efforts and checking workmanship.

Next year Luxford, who is with Ambiance Interiors, will serve as Showhouse chairperson. She attended Dana for two years and received her degree in interior design from Iowa State University.

Thompson, an independent designer, attended Dana for three semesters. She received her degree in interior design from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. »

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when it opens next fall... **Candace (Williams '76)** Lahl, 1719G Sussex Walk, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195, was recently promoted to marketing consultant for Digital Equipment Corp... **Dennis Nelson '76** has recently had columns and letters about energy efficiency, renewable energy technologies, nuclear terrorism, nuclear waste, federal environmental and energy policies, acid rain, Star Wars, African famine relief, soil conservation, recycling and water pollution in a wide variety of publications, including the Chicago Sun-Times, Crain's Chicago Business, Nation's Business and USA Today. He is a researcher for the Nuclear Energy Information Service and Illinois Safe Energy Alliance and an environmental specialist and writer. His address is 537 W. Evergreen St., Wheaton, IL 60187... **Rev. Michael McCallum '75** has been appointed chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve; he serves the 327th MP Company in Davenport, IA... **John Brooks '74** is a full-time broadcasting program instructor at Central Community College in Hastings, NE. He also super-

vises the college's educational radio station... **Akira Okada '73** is an associate professor of English linguistics at Kansai University of Foreign Studies. He and his wife, Catherine, have two children, Emi, 6, and Kenji, 5. They live at 4-2-26 Minooka-dori, Nada-ku, in Kobe, Japan... **Bonnie (Deepe '72)** Boccitto of Hopewell, NJ, has been named vice president in charge of the treaty casualty department at the Newark-based Prudential Reinsurance Co. She is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and holds a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation. She has a master's degree from Rutgers University... **Rod Christenson '70** has been named to the new position of information technology director by American Family Insurance at its home office in Madison, Wisconsin; prior to his promotion, he was director of agency development and planning for American Family.

'60s **Connie (Boehr '69)** and **Steve '74 Buller**, 1458 Butler, Blair, announce the birth of Andrew Joseph on March 22. Connie is a Dana

mathematics instructor... An open house in honor of **Mary (Skobo '69) Weckmuller** on the occasion of her retirement from the teaching staff of Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, was held on February 14 at the home of Dana chemistry professor Eugene and Nancy Lindblad... **Susan (Shadle '68)** Owen Jaderstrom has co-authored a textbook titled "Applications Using the Personal Computer," published by South-Western Publishing Co... **Pastor Ronald '63** and **Kathrine (Toft '64) Nielsen** have recently moved to 1117 Ridgeway Drive in Alexandria, MN 56308. He has been named executive director for the Lutheran Camping Council of Minnesota, which serves 30-some camps of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that are owned by Minnesota congregations. His new position includes serving as area coordinator for the ELCA's national camping programs in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Kathie continues at Alexandria's Jefferson High School, where she directs the Learning Foundation Center, a non-categorical resource program primarily serving emotional, behavioral and/or

learning disabled adolescents... **Lowell '61** and **Mary Sue (Hansen '63) Madsen** have moved from Omaha to California, where he is claims manager for Western States Administrators in Fresno. They live at 12047 E. Ashlan in Sanger, CA (93657)... **Dr. Leo Kirchoff '60**, who is in his second year of teaching at Chancellor College in Zomba, Malawi, visited Australia and the U.S. this past summer, and Kenya and South Africa since his return to Malawi. He'll return to teaching at California State University at Chico in July.

'50s **Jack Carstensen '58** is executive vice president of a bank in Oakland, NE; he lives at 115 N. Thomas Ave. (68045)... **Wes Jespersen '55**, 102 1/2 W. Broadway, Apt. 8, Council Bluffs (51503), is the caretaker for Skinner Apartment House and a volunteer at the local food pantry. He has been given a bicycle by Operation Pride for his ecology efforts in the community... **Evelyn (Rasmussen '53) Lesch**, 3407 W. Windrose Dr. in Phoenix, AZ 85029, was a conference officer of American Lutheran Church Women from 1982-87. She writes that for the past seven years she has corresponded with all of the ALC missionaries and workers at Lutheran missions on the Navajo reservations; since January daughter Jennifer Boyd has joined her in writing the letters... **Paul '49** and **Joyce (Nelson '50) Johnsen** of Huntington Beach, CA, recently visited son **David '77** and his wife, **Ruth (Toso '78)**, in Madagascar, where they are missionaries, and daughter **Sonya '86** and her husband, **Jon '86 Pedersen**, in Liberia, where they are Peace Corps volunteers.

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Deaths **Eric Christensen D'39 T'42**, on March 19. He served churches in Brush, CO; Toronto, Ontario; Omaha and Palmer, NE, before retiring to Fremont, NE, in 1979, where he was visitation pastor for First Lutheran Church at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife, **Elaine (Jespersen '42)** of 2206 E. 22nd St. in Fremont (68025), and daughters Barbara, Carol and Jane... **Richard Peterson '40** of Eugene, OR. Survivors include his wife, Opal, daughter Mary '69 and son **Rick '66**... **Alfred Jensen '33**, a retired teacher, on March 10. Survivors include his wife, **Agnes (Beck '25)**, 910 Third St., Hood River, OR 97031, and sons **Jerome '56** and **Richard '59**... **Aaron Jensen '28**, of Canton, TX, on December 14, 1987, at the age of 90. A retired professor, he taught at Dana in 1926-27. Survivors include his sister **Olivia '27 (Mrs. Arnold Soe)**, 4142 McConnell Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066... **Christian Adolph Vammen D'14 T'17**, on December 17, 1987, at the age of 96. Vammen was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Dana College in 1977. He and his wife, Tomina, became missionaries at the Cherokee Indian Mission at Oaks, OK, in 1924, and he served there for 36 years as superintendent of the mission, school and children's home. Survivors include sons **Adolph '40**, Warren and Reuel, and daughters **Ardis '46 Jacobsen**, **Dorcas '50 Leighton**, Priscilla Krogh and Alta Whitaker.