

DANA REVIEW

Spring highlights

Hugh Hunt, president of HunTel Systems, Inc., of Blair, is this year's recipient of Dana's College-Community Service Award. The award, presented at Commencement on May 15, is the college's highest non-academic honor. It is presented annually to a Blair resident or group in recognition of significant contributions to college and community activities. At the presentation President Christopherson pointed out that much of Hunt's energy and enthusiasm has been devoted to promoting and supporting community and college activities from behind the scenes. "He has been, and continues to be, one of the first to respond whenever help is needed," Christopherson said.

George Grube, associate professor of biology who retired this year, was named Professor Emeritus at Commencement.

Seniors receiving **Campus Service Awards** at the May 14 Recognition Dinner were: Gail Bray, Ann Burgard, Becky Cole, Kay (Schjodt) Dickinson, Lisa Hayne, Dewey Heffelfinger, Karla Jensen, Steve Krieg, Steve Meister, Rich Prosch, Janet Skinner and Jae Tharp.

Alumni **John '70** and **Jim '73 Prouty** of Wessco Graphics, Omaha, have given Dana a walnut plaque that lists all Distinguished Alumni. The plaque, which was displayed at the May 14 Recognition Dinner, now hangs in the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library.

Students have named **Profs. Darrell Dibben** and **Jan Potter** their Professors of the Year. Dibben is associate professor of speech and Potter is assistant professor of social work. Criteria for the award include excellence in teaching, good interpersonal relations with students, productivity and intellectual stimulation, and desirable out-of-class behavior.

Dr. Milton Heinrich, professor of art, is this year's recipient of the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award at Dana. The award is presented annually to a faculty member with high scholarly standards who demonstrates devotion to ensuring the quality of students' classroom experience. »

Hutton participates in Fulbright Program

Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion, is participating this summer in a six-week Fulbright Seminars Abroad Program on ancient and modern Israel.

The program is under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Education and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Israel. Hutton is one of 20 U.S. educators selected to participate.

Their schedule includes four weeks in Jerusalem at Hebrew University studying the history, geography and cultures of Israel and contemporary religious, political and social issues.

The remaining two weeks include travel from the Golan Heights in the north to the Gulf of Aqaba in the south, several days at a Jewish kibbutz and visits to Arab and Druze villages and a Bedouin encampment.

Hutton also plans to do research that he can use in his Dana classes on "The Place of Sacred Land in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Tradition." »

Homecoming Oct. 7-9— "Come on home"

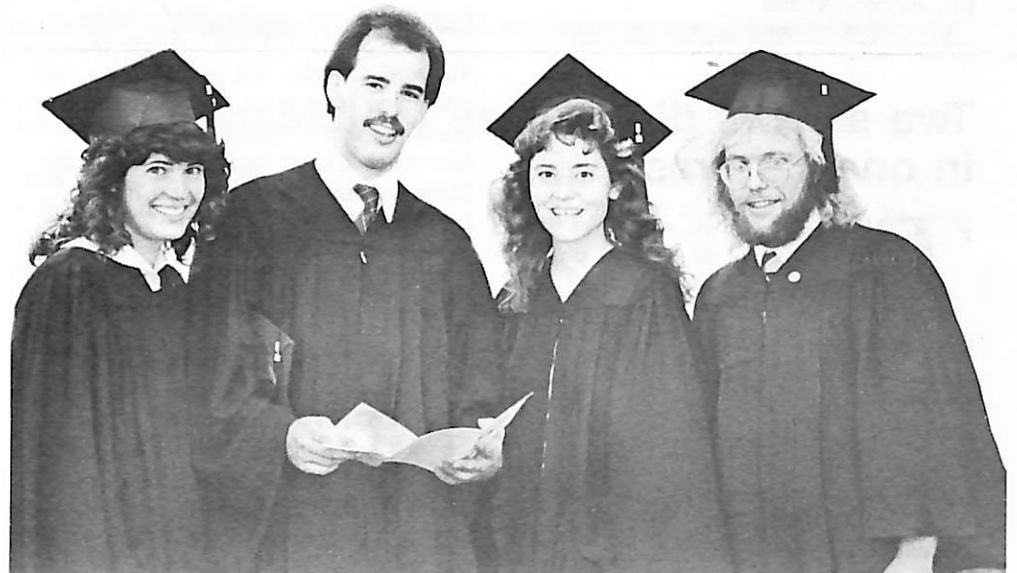
Many alumni are planning to return for Homecoming October 7-9. Here are details about several of the events:

Former directors lead: Alumni Choir members will have an opportunity to sing once more under the batons of Dr. Gunnar Malmin and Dr. Paul Neve at the Choir's 75th birthday party. Saturday morning rehearsals, displays, a special dinner and reception are planned.

Alumni Association meets: Homecoming will reinstate a tradition dropped many years ago—an annual meeting of the Association on Saturday morning. A key agenda item is adoption of a revision of the Association's 1976 Constitution.

L.C. Hansen-Mengers Collection presented: The presentation and acceptance of this large and historically significant collection for the Dana Archives is planned for Homecoming Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Admissions invites alumni kids: Alumni sons and daughters who are high school sophomores, juniors or seniors are invited to come with their parents to visit Dana as guests of the Admissions Office. Homecoming fliers with the weekend's schedule and a reservation form will be mailed to alumni in late August. »



Four valedictorians set college record

College officials faced a pleasant dilemma this spring: For the first time in its history, Dana's graduating class had four valedictorians, all with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. All four would sit on the stage during Commencement, but who would give the valedictory address?

The four seniors (from left above)—Catherine Bachelor of Valentine, Nebraska; David Moore of Omaha; Jennifer Parks of Good Hope, Georgia; and Richard Prosch of Bloomfield, Nebraska—solved the problem themselves by selecting Moore to deliver the speech.

Bachelor received her B.S. with majors in mathematics-computer science and mathematics for secondary teachers; Moore, a B.A. with majors in English, history and humanities; Parks, a B.A. with majors in social science and history; and Prosch, a B.A. with a major in commercial art. »

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The Dana Fund has topped \$2.4 million. Among those contributing are more than 1,000 new donors. Watch for the final report in the fall Review.

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

Two seniors die in one-car crash

The deaths of two seniors in a one-car accident on May 6 shocked and saddened the Dana community over graduation week.

Jeff Smith and Scott Hoock—close friends and baseball teammates—died early in the morning of Friday, May 6, when their car missed an S-turn on an Omaha street and went out of control. They would have received their bachelor's degrees on May 15.

The two were returning to the campus from a Bass Anglers' Club meeting in Omaha. Police reported that their car was speeding. There was no evidence of alcohol or drugs.

Hoock's funeral was in Omaha on May 9 and Smith's at Dana in Borup Coliseum the next day.

Brothers of both men attended Commencement to accept their degrees. Smith's wife, Jennifer (Crosley), also graduated on May 15.

She and Jeff were this year's recipients of the Alumni Couples Scholarship.

Both families have asked that memorials be designated for the Dana College baseball team. ❧

Honorary degree given posthumously

Olaf Wieghorst, Danish-born Western artist who was to receive an honorary doctor's degree at Dana Commencement on May 15, died at his California home on April 27, three days before his 89th birthday.

The degree instead was conferred posthumously, with Wieghorst's son, Roy, accepting on his father's behalf. ❧

Alumna's husband finds the "Dana Difference"

Editor's note: Dr. Richard Whittier, a Stanford University graduate and the husband of Bonnie Sand-Whittier '77, recently sent the following letter to Dana. Commented Bonnie: "We think this really points out the individual attention one gets at Dana."

I never went to Dana College. I graduated from Stanford University in 1975 and in most respects received an excellent and exciting education there.

I married Bonnie Sand in 1981 and at first could not fathom this one-time academic scholarship student's enthusiasm for her alma mater. This enthusiasm was easier to understand after she introduced me to some of the extraordinary staff people she had known at Dana: Norman Bansen, Alice Laaker, Richard Jorgensen, Larrie Stone and John Nielsen.

The difference between our college experiences was really driven home to me in 1985 when I was visiting the Stanford campus. Ten years after I had graduated from there, only one person knew my name. And if I hadn't run into Alice Laaker touring the Stanford Museum, that number would have been zero. ❧

Alumni Council has new members

Newly elected to the Alumni Council for three-year terms are incumbents Mark Grorud '75 and Paul Johnson '76, both of Fremont, Nebraska; Jerry Jorgensen '65 of Blair; Scott Rasmussen '82 of Omaha—a former member-at-large; and Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw of Council Bluffs.

At its spring meeting on May 14 the Council elected Grorud and Johnson to second terms as president and vice-president respectively. Linda (Anderson '65) Howland of Blair was elected secretary. All three positions are for one-year terms.

The Council also approved Grorud's appointment of the following members-at-large to one-year terms: Scott Doksansky '85, David Hanen '77 and Debra Wallman '76, all of Fremont.

The Alumni Council, which meets four times a year, assists the college in an advisory capacity. Members also help with programs of the college through service on five committees—Development, Admissions, Homecoming, the Recognition Dinner and the Dana Weekend—and work actively with Dana administrators in those areas.

Outgoing elected members of the Council are Jane (Olson '65) Owen, Council secretary for the past two years, and Brad Schweer '74—both of Omaha, and Phil Wittig '56 of Lincoln.

From the President

Praise God for all these wonderful people!

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Every day I am reminded that I have so much for which to be thankful. I have the most wonderful, able, and loving wife. Four of the finest children any father could have. I am privileged to be able to work in an important ministry of the church at Dana College—to provide higher education in a beautiful scenic setting together with a faculty and staff who have dedicated their lives to Christian higher education and support for that work. Happily, they are extremely gifted people who carry out their work in a way that brings us pride.



At Dana we are privileged to be located in a community in which the entire community—whether they be alumni, friends, members of the business community, or just Dana neighbors—all have been marvelously supportive of and proud to claim Dana as their college.

As if that were not reward enough for being here, I have to say that we are also blessed with students whose growth and achievements, creativity and productions, competition in activities, and academic performance almost always bring joy to those who assist them on their way. They prove again and again that out of a small

and intimate community can come performance equal to that which one expects only to find in the largest or best-known colleges and universities. Thank God for the growth and development, the personal and community achievement that we see take place here.

Finally, to our alumni and friends! Thank you for wearing your Dana connection so proudly. Thank you for bringing honor to us by your outstanding leadership and service. In most every walk of life we find Dana people in the forefront and in the background; almost always they are key people in making things happen which contribute to the success or well-being of the enterprises, communities, schools, churches, and other organizations which make their nation great. Most often I find that they are sensitive, compassionate people who assign greatest value to that which is other than self, power or might, success or wealth.

Yes, this day I praise God for permitting me to be a part of a growing, vital ministry in higher education that has, can, and I pray, will continue to play a key role in providing excellence in education for a lifetime of learning and contributions in this world. I praise God, too, for rallying so many wonderful people behind us at this place called Dana.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

Outgoing appointed members-at-large are Mary (Asmus '81) Barkley of Blair and Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen of Cypress, California.

Other Council members are: Jayne (Botos '66) Kolterman, Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen and Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen, all of Blair; Herb Larsen '38, Kimballton, Iowa; Tom Taggart '81, West Des Moines; and Tom Nielsen '59, Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen, Erling Schultz '55 and Rod Thompson '65, all of Omaha.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57 is faculty liaison to the Council in an ex officio capacity.

Also serving on the Council as ex officio members are Dana's president, the vice-president for institutional advancement, the director of development, the director of admissions and the director of alumni affairs. ❧

Twin Cities Club makes Fall plans

Officers and committee heads of the Greater Twin Cities Dana Club are making plans to launch the new organization on the second or third weekend of October. The meeting promises to be one that everyone will enjoy.

It will feature a speaker from Dana and an auction of Dana-related items, including college sweatshirts and

T-shirts. Auction proceeds will go toward a Minnesota-Western Wisconsin Scholarship for a Dana student from that area.

A Twin Cities Club formed a decade or more ago had become inactive, and over the past year area alumni and friends expressed interest in forming a new club. Because of this interest, a short re-organizational meeting was held after a college-sponsored dinner in Minneapolis on March 15.

As a result of that meeting, a small group of alumni and friends met with Ann (Harms '54) George, director of alumni affairs, and Mary Docken, director of admissions, on April 20 at the home of Erv and Carole Christensen in Blaine.

The group discussed the Club's purpose, goals and mission and elected these officers and committee heads: President, Pat Dunlop (the mother of Dana students Griffin and Patricia); Recorder, Phil Larsen '62; Treasurer, Erv Christensen (the father of Dana graduate Paula Christensen); Public Relations Coordinator, Conrad Pedersen (the father of former Dana student Greta Pedersen); and Special Events Coordinator, Ken Glover '61.

Carole Christensen (Paula Christensen's mother) and Rosemary (Petersen '61) Glover are responsible for selecting board members. ❧



A Distinguished Dana Family

Members of the Thomas N. Jersild family were honored at the May 14 Builders Luncheon as a "Distinguished Dana Family." Pictured (from left) are Marian (Jersild) Lott, Delores (Mrs. Harold) Jersild, Dr. Harold Jersild '50, Anne Christopherson, President Myrvin Christopherson, Colleen (Mrs. Thomas) Jersild II, Thomas Jersild II, Harriette (Mrs. Gerhardt) Jersild, Dr. Paul Jersild '53 and Gerhardt Jersild.

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CAMPUS NOTES

The following students were inducted into the Nebraska Beta Chapter of the **Alpha Chi** National College Honor Scholarship Society on May 2: Gail Bray, a senior, and juniors Kenneth Ehline, Timothy Hanssen, Karyn Hillesland, Timothy Holthus, Paul Jensen, Emily Kurth, Julie Marr and Jayne Stein.

Richard Scott, U.S. Liaison for the National Theatre of Great Britain Education Department, was guest director of the Dana Players' April 14-16 production of Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People."

Christa Johnson, a freshman member of Dana's Forensics Team, qualified to compete in interpretation of prose, interpretation of poetry and impromptu speaking at the National Forensics Association's national individual events tournament held in April at Arizona State University.

Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, vice president for academic affairs, was moderator for the Sociology and Women's Studies sessions at the Western Social Science Association's meeting in Denver April 28-29. Earlier in the month, on April 8, she made presentations on state tuition assistance and freshman year programs at the Nebraska Academic Deans' meeting in Wayne, Nebraska.

Voice instructor **Jeanmarie Nielsen '78** was invited to present a program of twentieth century American music at the College Music Society's national convention on May 1 at the University of Iowa. She sang works by Copland, Riegger and Trimble.

Thirteen paintings by **Prof. Emeritus F.W. Thomsen '45** were displayed during the annual John G. Neihardt Spring Conference April 23 at Bancroft, Nebraska. The paintings are based on Neihardt's book, "Black Elk Speaks."

Library Director **Ruth Rasmussen** and co-authors have published an article in the April 1988 issue of the Bulletin of the Medical Librarians Association titled "An Introduction to Independent Learning Skills for Incoming Medical Students."

On May 5 the following students were inducted into **Alpha Mu Gamma**, the national collegiate honor society for foreign language achievement: Sandi Schutt, Kelly Barnum, Lori Barritt, Peg Crannell, Diana Gettner, Tim Hanssen, Chrissy Ivers, Alicia Jensen, Melissa Carson, Debbie Niedzelski, Tracey Vittitoe, Trudy Williams, Tim Mann, Jeff Moser, Tina Reimer, Jayne Stein, Mie Thao, Cory Wilson, Cathy Keck and Tara Wassman.

Dr. Kathleen Collins, assistant professor of English, and **Dr. Ben Collins**, adjunct professor of English, were invited to present papers on April 15 and 16 at the Ninth Medieval Forum in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

The following **pastors-in-residence** spent several days on the campus in April: Larry Sydow of Soldier, Iowa, and—from Nebraska—Sheryl Kester '83, Bassett; Bud Christenson, Lincoln; F. Howard Schroeder, Atkinson; Tom Larsen, Benedict; Russ Mueller, Grand Island; and Henry Flessner, Ord. Mrs. Flessner also participated.

A senior looks back . . .

Editor's note: When Lisa Hayne, the daughter of Lonnie '62 and Gloria (Pedersen '64) Hayne, was a freshman, the Review published a paper she wrote for English composition about her first days at Dana. This year she was a senior and we asked her, as graduation approached, to look back over her four years here and to write another essay.

Part of me was packed in our car trunk; I was leaving for Dana College, carrying on a family tradition. I had heard a lot about Dana, since it was the college that both of my parents, as well as my aunts, uncles, and cousins, attended. I had been on the campus many times, but it was not until I visited the fall of my senior year in high school that I decided to attend Dana College. . . .

These sentences started an essay I wrote for my freshman composition class. It's hard to believe four years have passed, but here I am a senior almost ready to graduate.

I have seen a lot of changes since I came to Dana, both in the school and myself. I have seen three presidents, the expansion of the Student Services Office, a change in the grading system and phones installed in every room. I have changed from a giggling freshman who went everywhere with a big group of girls, to a more independent, confident senior who spends most of her time with a small group of close friends.

As a freshman I remember thinking the seniors were so old and mature. I can't say I feel all that old or mature, but I do feel ready to leave Dana and see what lies ahead, thanks to the many experiences I've had in these four years.

The first big decision I had to make as a freshman was what to major in. I took classes from Psychology to Harmony and Ear Training, trying to find the one thing I wanted to do. Thanks to the help and concern of my English professor, John Mark Nielsen, I decided to major in English, but soon realized the great thing about Dana was I didn't have to do one thing. I came here to get a good education and I've gotten one—in more areas than just my major and from things other than classes.

Choir, Band, Student Senate, Danish Dancers. . . I've learned from every one of these activities. Music especially has been a big part of my college career. The summer after my freshman year, I got the chance to travel with a newly formed singing group appropriately called the "New Day." There were ten of us, all different ages with different majors and very different personalities. In spite of this we became great friends and had a special summer along with our conductor, Dr. Richard Palmer, and his family.

We traveled through Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado, sharing with all types of audiences, our music, Dana's message and a lot of ourselves. What could be better than being with people you like, doing something you enjoy while promoting something you believe in? I've stayed in the "New Day" since that summer and though the membership has changed, the fun and friendship hasn't.

Dana has helped me realize many of my dreams. I have met an exceptional guy, who has shared a lot with me in the past three years. We have similar backgrounds—he's also half Danish and has family ties to Dana—and many of the same goals for the future. I've also made other very close friendships I know will last a lifetime.

Most recently one of my lifetime dreams was realized when I got to travel to Europe. Our Interim class trekked, tripped and trudged through Germany, Denmark, France, Italy and Holland. It was so exciting finally seeing art works, churches and monuments that before were only

slides or pictures in the Humanities textbooks. I learned a lot in those three weeks and gained a much clearer perspective of the world.

I've had a great four years at Dana. Like many other seniors I find myself humming "Pomp and Circumstance" and counting the days until graduation, but part of this is because I feel prepared for my future and confident I will succeed. I will miss Dana: the buildings, the classes, the dorm life, but most of all the people.

Part of me is packed in boxes destination unknown. One thing is certain though—wherever I end up on destiny's deep sea, I'll always carry the spirit of Dana within me. ♪

(Lisa was one of 37 daughters and sons of alumni—representing 13 states—to attend Dana this year. Dana's Admissions Office invites alumni with sons and daughters who are high school sophomores, juniors or seniors to bring them along to Homecoming for the Alumni Kids Weekend. Their hosts will be Dana students.)

Our responsibility as good stewards—

Dear Alumni and Friends,
Marvin Amble Jersild was a remarkable man. He had his priorities straight and he lived by those priorities for the 70 years that God gave him to live and to serve.

He was one of the ten children of Rev. Thomas Nielsen Jersild. Jersild's family was honored on Commencement Weekend as a "Distinguished Dana Family," recognizing exceptional contributions as well as the strong influence which this man and his family have had on Trinity Theological Seminary, on Dana College, and on the church which founded the two schools, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Marvin was not the only "remarkable one"—they all were in their ways. Hans, the teacher, pastor and Church President and his wife Carrie, molder of Dana's choral program. . . Arthur, the nationally recognized teacher/psychologist. . . Gerhardt, Adolph and Marvin—all well-known attorneys. And the five sisters—Marie, Margaret, Rose, Edna and Esther.

But I want to focus on Marvin, the third child and second son of Rev. Thomas and Ann Jersild. I do this because he is the best example I have seen of a person whose estate plan was a direct extension of the priorities and commitments which characterized his life.

Marvin Jersild loved his family. As his life worked out, he was to be the only one of the ten children who never married. Consequently, the families of his brothers and sisters became his family, and he not only loved them deeply but he was always ready and willing to help.

He respected the value of education. He had worked hard for his own

education to earn his law degree and to become an educated person—so he knew the value of education first hand.

Marvin loved his church. Both his father and his elder brother were pastors. His own faith was real and personal.

One of his brothers described Marvin as "a most thoughtful, loving and kind man, who never married, but made his brothers and sisters and their families his family. A wonderful fellow, who wanted to care for others in the family and who always gave generously to his church, to the synod, and to Dana College and Trinity Seminary, though often anonymously."

Marvin Jersild left his considerable estate in a trust and by that trust his kindness was continued even after his death, and his estate plan was completely consistent with his lifetime stewardship.

For all living brothers and sisters and their spouses share the Marvin Jersild Trust income as long as they live and then the considerable residue of the trust passes to Dana College, a college of the church he loved.

By his careful stewardship planning, his lifetime concerns continued to be cared for by the trust which he established.

As we look to Dana's future we are thankful for that trust.

And the rest of us who hold Dana College high on our list of priorities must also see that we do what we can do, too, in our estate planning to see that our estate plans match the priorities of our lifetimes. That is our responsibility as good stewards.

John Beck
Director of Planned Giving
and Church Relations

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DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

'80s Peter Docken '87 assisted artist John Raimondi in constructing the sculpture "Dance of the Cranes" at Omaha's Eppley Airfield this spring. The 60-foot-tall piece representing two sandhill cranes in a ritual dance is the largest bronze in North America. . . Teri (Kraft '87) Doksansky, retail advertising consultant at the Fremont, NE, Tribune, received first-place awards for best single ad multicolor and best ad campaign in the recent Nebraska Daily Advertising Managers Association's annual competition. . . Sandra (Ohrt) Ellis '86 has been named to the 1987 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America." . . Marty Hug '86 is executive director of The Kensington in Hastings, NE. Formerly the historic Clarke Hotel, the building has been renovated as an 86-unit luxury retirement facility. . . Barbara Anderson '85 married Robert Hamel in April. She has a master's degree in music from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and works at First Federal Lincoln (NE); he is an accountant at Square D Company, Lincoln. . . Terri Pedersen '85 completed her master's degree in library science last August at North Texas State University. She is an assistant reference librarian at Emporia State University in Emporia, KS, where her address is 908 Sylvan #11 (66801). . . Scott Ringler '85, 2200 W.

Lowden, #32, Ft. Worth, TX 76110, is a graduate student at Texas Christian University. . . Karen Church '84 received a master of divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary in May. She has been assigned to the Virginia Synod and is awaiting a call. She married George Rohrer in June 1987 and has two stepchildren. Her address is Rt. 2 Box 234, Dayton, VA 22821. . . Daughter Katie was born on February 1, 1988, to Kim (Rasmussen '83) and Fran '81 Pierce, 14038 Weir St., Omaha (68137). . . Carol (Plettner '83) and Mike '81 Miller, Rt. 6, Box 101-B, Neosho, MO 64850, announce the birth of Steven John on April 27. . . Pam (Bramer '81) Andersen of Kennard, NE, recently assisted with coordinating the visits of ten West Africans to Nebraska farms and ranches. She and other participants in the Nebraska LEAD program spent three weeks in January in Europe and Africa learning about agriculture in those areas. The Africans' visit to Nebraska came about when the Ivory Coast's minister of agriculture asked the LEAD group for help during a live television conference. . . Paul Madsen '80, Omaha, has accepted a new position with CAP GEMINI AMERICA as a corporate recruiter of specialists in the computer sciences. CAP GEMINI, an international company headquartered in France,

provides data processing services to businesses throughout the world.

'70s Kay Konz '79, a behavioral therapist at Lincoln (NE) General Hospital, has been named to the 1987 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America." . . Douglas Meggison '79 has been appointed loan officer at the Bank of Bellevue, NE. . . Luke Northwall '78, Omaha, and Malcolm Ballinger are the new co-owners of World Radio. Northwall, who joined the firm in 1985 as chief financial officer, is executive vice president and chief financial officer. World Radio is an electronics retail company with 25 stores in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. . . Major (Dr.) Barbara Beck '77 and Capt. (Dr.) Donald Meduna were married in a military ceremony at Blair's First Lutheran Church on April 24. Both are stationed in Bitburg, West Germany. . . Alan Brodbeck '73 of O'Neill, NE, married Karen Alder on March 2. He is a county judge in Nebraska's 15th Judicial District. . . Hans Hermansen '72 is the new assistant treasurer and assistant finance director of Racine, WI. He is a CPA. . . William '71 and Judith (Renkin '71) Shaff, 409 W. Clark St., Hiawatha, IA 52233, are the parents of Elizabeth Clair, born December 21, 1987.

'60s Dana regent Herb Knudsen '63, president of Natural Fibers Corporation, a Nebraska company that is developing uses for milkweed floss, has been named one of six "Entrepreneurs of the Year" by the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Knudsen hopes to introduce milkweed as an alternate farm crop. . . Doris (Siersbeck '61) Kloth of Wauwatosa, WI, is spending four weeks in Scotland (June 11-July 7) observing and teaching in the Scottish schools for a graduate course through the University of Wisconsin. She is staying with a Scottish teacher and will compare the teacher's Scottish school with American schools.

Deaths Robert Pratt, Jr. '66, on April 10. Survivors include his wife, Linda, 129 Puritan Dr., Westbrook, ME 04092. . . Eileen (Nelsen '51) Larsen, on March 21 at Culbertson, MT. Survivors include her husband Glen and daughter Karen Synon, both of Culbertson; son Keith of Laurel, MT; and her mother, Carie Nelsen of McCabe, MT. . . Melvin Nore, on April 8, the husband of Jane (Noble '28) Nore, 1129 Sixth St., Albion, NE 68620.

SPORTS

Softball team wins NIAC title

Dana's winning Lady Vikings have retained the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference softball championship that they won last year. Coached by Steve Kissel '85, the team's NIAC record was 12 wins and no losses.

In District tournament play at the close of the season, losses to Peru State (4-0) and Wayne State (6-4) eliminated Dana from further tournament competition. The Vikings ended their season at 15-19.

Dana players won many conference and district kudos, with seven Vikings named to the NIAC's 12-member first team. On that roster were pitcher Joan Scherbring '89, catcher Nicki Brownell '91, infielders Shari Bohling '89 and Janet Mitchell '91, outfielder Dolly Hansen '89, and utility hitters Tina Reimer '91 and Lori Scott '91. Infielder Nancy Brich '90 made the second team.

All-district first team choices included Brownell and Reimer. Scott was named to the second team (first base), and Bohling, Hansen, Mitchell and Scherbring won honorable mention.

Kissel reports that every player but one will be back next season. "We'll add another pitcher and be ready to go," he said. ☺

Baseball coach calls season "disappointing"

This spring's baseball team fell on hard times, Coach Dale Lemon reports. Lemon considers the season the poorest in his 25 years at Dana.

The Vikings suffered through a 6-30 season, which came about largely because of pitching deficiencies and a porous defense.

The last two doubleheaders were cancelled when two senior members of the team, Jeff Smith and Scott Hoock, were killed in a car accident in Omaha.

Smith was the top batter for the season with a .356 average and his teammates voted him the team's most valuable player. He and Brian Moon and Brian Betts, two more seniors, were named to the all-conference team. Moon was also named to the all-NAIA district team.

Freshmen outfielders Troy Carmichael and Chip Kay and sophomores Mark Clements (a catcher) and Russell Miller (a pitcher) will head the cast of returnees for 1988.

Lemon says that early recruiting—including some pitchers with great promise—makes him optimistic about improving play next season. ☺

Highlights. . . Track, tennis, golf

The men's and women's track teams came away with at least one first-place finish in each meet they attended, Coach Jim Krueger '85 reports.

High-jumper Cathy Bachelor provided many of the season's highlights. She finished her senior year by placing first in three meets and second in two others. Krueger, in recapping her impressive career for the Lady Vikings, noted that Bachelor has won the NIAC title two out of four years and has placed first in seven meets over the past four seasons. "We're certainly going to miss her on next year's team, and we wish her the best of luck as she leaves Dana," Krueger said.

Other women's team highlights were provided by freshmen sprinters Kim Farmer and Debby Rife, who both had several very good performances, Krueger said.

The men's track season was highlighted by the performances of sophomores Randy Hollowell and John Jones.

Krueger said that sprinter Hollowell had some impressive marks in the 400-meter dash and placed in the top six in two meets, while shot putter John Jones had two first-place finishes, three second-place finishes and one third-place finish. He also set a new meet record in the shot put at the Northwestern Red Raider Classic with a throw of 52'1".

Discus throwers Scott Walker '89 and Russ Wilcox '91 also placed in several meets, scoring points for the men's team. Both were only inches away from placing in the top six at the conference track meet.

"Overall, I've been very pleased with our performances this past season," Krueger said.

Tennis

Tennis coach Craig Swenson '86 reports that Bill Zanton '89, Chris Christensen '91, Kendrick White '91 and Mick Watts '90 "had a good year and won several matches."

Golf

Golfers coached by Business Manager Keith Hansen finished their season with 11 wins and 11 losses. Senior Mike Sich closed his Dana golfing career as a four-year letterman. ☺

Attention! All Kappa Chi Lambdas

All members of the Kappa Chi Lambda fraternity are invited to the REUNION at Dana's 1988 Homecoming October 7-9.

Several activities and events have been planned, so come and have a great time renewing friendships.

If you have not received your personal invitation, please contact Michael Jones at Dana by calling (402) 426-7237. Get your reservations in for a great reunion. ☺