

# DANA REVIEW

## ADDing it up: Drive enters second year

**H**ow is ADD doing as it enters its second year? ADD (Accelerating Dana's Development) continues to show promise of being a very successful three-year fund-raising drive, thanks to the response of alumni, corporate donors and friends. Director of Development Paul Ditlevson reports that by the end of October, the college had received over \$6.2 million in cash gifts and pledges toward the \$10.65 million goal.

"We have to continue to redouble our efforts and not let down," Ditlevson said. "Perhaps the easiest work has already been done, because many have stepped forward to help voluntarily. Last year nearly 27 percent of our alumni contributed to the drive, but we need even better participation."

"I challenge all Danians to give careful thought to what they can contribute according to their interests and ability."

The goal for cash gifts and pledges is one of two goals established at the start of the campaign.

The other goal is to increase the college's endowment by a minimum of \$7.5 million. John Beck, director of planned giving, reports that because of a growing number of Dana Builders, this second part of the drive has passed the \$7 million mark in estate gifts that will eventually come to the college.

### And is ADD living up to its promise—is it "Accelerating Dana's Development"?

The answer to this question is readily apparent to students, faculty and staff, and campus visitors: Work is under way on the art department addition to the Madsen Performing Arts Center, and many essential campus improvements were made over the summer.

These improvements include paving the students' parking lot east of Borup Coliseum and the visitor's lot east of Pioneer Memorial, enlarging the parking area behind Pioneer Memorial and paving the new section, improving campus lighting (and thus security), replacing or repairing the roofs of most major buildings, replacing mattresses and window coverings in several residence halls, rewiring Pioneer Memorial and improving the appearance of its first floor, and installing a sand volleyball court. Projects under way this fall include the design and instal-

lation of new campus signage and landscaping.

ADD dinners for alumni and friends were held this fall in Lincoln, Nebraska; the Twin Cities and Albert Lea, Minnesota; Chicago; Des Moines; and Denver, Colorado Springs and Loveland, Colorado. Plans for spring events will be announced in the winter Review.

Dana students are also making Phonorama calls to approximately 5,000 prospective donors who live outside of areas where dinners are being held. »

## College receives major gift toward Old Main replacement

**A**t a press conference on August 25, President Christopherson announced the receipt of a gift of \$325,000 from John and Bruce Lauritzen of Omaha, together with the Lauritzen family, the First National Bank in Omaha, and the Washington County Bank in Blair.

Bruce Lauritzen is president of First National, and his father John is chairman of the board.

A major portion of the gift will be used toward the replacement of Old Main.

Bruce Lauritzen is co-chairman of the Omaha portion of the college's ADD campaign, together with Harold Andersen, chairman and chief executive officer of the Omaha World-Herald.

The Lauritzen family has had a long-standing relationship with Dana. Because of the family's participation in the college's earlier Centennial Fund, the Lauritzen Theatre in the Madsen Performing Arts Center was named in their honor. »

## Victor Borge gives benefit concert

**D**anish-born pianist and comedian Victor Borge brought music and laughter to a near-capacity audience at his October 25 benefit concert to help replace Old Main. He played in Omaha at the Joslyn Art Museum's Witherspoon Hall to an audience of more than 1,100.

Top: At August 25 press conference where Lauritzen gift was announced—President Christopherson; Richard Hunt, chairman of the Dana Board of Regents; and Bruce Lauritzen. Bottom: At October 25 concert—Victor Borge becomes a "Great Dane of Dana."



The laughter started with Borge's first quip, "I always knew I was going to wind up in a museum." It didn't stop until after a post-concert ceremony where President Christopherson gave Borge a Viking helmet and named him a "Great Dane of Dana."

Borge's ties with Dana go back to 1976 when he came to the campus to play his first benefit concert for the college. At that concert he was given an honorary doctor of music degree.

He's kept in touch ever since. So when he learned that Old Main had been destroyed by fire, he told Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement, that "Because I was unable to get to Nebraska fast enough to help put out the flames, I want to help heat up your fund-raising efforts to replace her."

Borge agreed to waive his usual fees if Dana could sell \$50,000 in tickets. Dana met that challenge, and Borge presented the proceeds of \$50,000 to the Christophersons the next morning over breakfast.

A special grant from Aid Association for Lutherans paid for the promotional costs of the concert and the reception that followed it. »

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## Grant from AAL is for chapel

Aid Association for Lutherans has given the college a \$12,500 grant to be used toward the construction of a chapel that will be connected to the building replacing Old Main. The check was presented to President Christopherson at the reception following Victor Borge's benefit concert by Marla Nelson, director of church-related benefits for AAL in Appleton, Wisconsin, and AAL agent Curt Parkhurst of Fremont.

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

## College receives grants

Dana has recently received grants from the following organizations:

■ The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, which gives \$1,000 "Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Awards" to outstanding educators at more than 700 private liberal arts colleges and universities. The Foundation also gives grants that range from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on enrollment, to the schools to encourage campus leadership, faculty enrichment and improved teaching.

■ The German-American Club of Omaha, which has again given Dana a \$1,000 scholarship to promote the German language. The scholarship will assist Dana students who travel abroad to study German.

■ Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), which has given Dana a \$15,000 grant for three projects: \$5,000 to fund ten \$500 scholarships, \$5,000 to support a conference for 75 youths from ELCA congregations, and \$5,000 to pay Victor Borge's travel expenses and the costs of promoting his October 25 benefit concert for the college (see story on page 1). ❧

## From the President Dana is reaching out

**'R**each out and touch someone" has become a household phrase, thanks to modern advertising. Regrettably, it all too easily becomes little more than a cliché of modern advertising. At Dana College this thought becomes more than a slogan.

One hundred and five years ago Dana was founded as a seminary, for the purpose of preparing "men for the ministry." Today, we still prepare men and women for the ministry, but also for the teaching professions, for business, pre-medicine and pre-law, for social work, and for countless other careers. However, we accept as primary the need to educate persons for a lifetime of service to humanity, and for an enlightened love of literature, art and music, drama, science and religion, and recreation. We count it as primary that we reach out to persons who long for a love of learning that will continue well beyond the college years.

Some of those who were prepared generations ago at Dana College and Trinity Seminary went to the mission fields. Recently, one of those missionaries, Dr. Lloyd Neve, with his wife Muriel, returned to Blair. They purchased the home of the late Rev. J. P. and Gertrude Nielsen. Lovingly, they have restored the grounds to a place of beauty on the hill just across College Drive from Elk Horn Hall (the former men's dormitory). For decades Dr. Neve has held a very special place in my heart because of his dedicated service in the mission field in Japan, where he and Muriel taught and ministered for 40 years. They have been faithful supporters of Dana all these years and sent their gifted children to Dana to study. Now that they are back in Blair, Anne and I have been privileged to know them better. What a wonderful Christian witness they provide. We have been impressed by how in quiet, patient perseverance they are able to share God's saving grace and love. They have given themselves over to reaching out to share the gospel in word and deed. As if their decades in Japan were not enough, since retirement they have volunteered for mission terms in Papua New Guinea, in South Africa, and now in mission work among Japanese working in Brazil. When they are not in one of our global mission fields they are volunteering for Bread for the World, which was founded by another Dana alumnus, Rev. Art Simon. They carry out this service without fanfare and seek no personal recognition.

More than ever, there is a need to reach out to touch people throughout the globe. As satellite communication and international travel and trade draw

all peoples of the world closer together, we are better equipped to get to know one another. Yet, the vast majority of Americans remain globally illiterate. Persons of color, religion, or culture different from our own remain "foreign" to most Americans. Even some Americans who travel abroad never really move much beyond the comforts of home (a McDonald's hamburger in Tokyo tastes and looks much like one in Blair, Nebraska, and the inside of a first-class hotel in Germany is not unlike one in Chicago).

At Dana College, "reaching out" has taken on new significance in recent years as we seek deliberately to increase the multicultural richness of our student body. The growth in our student body of American minorities has been gratifying. More and more American blacks, Native Americans, and Asian Americans have chosen Dana as their college. We have done less well in attracting Hispanic persons to Dana and need to make a more concerted effort in this direction for the benefit of our entire learning community.

Most Dana alumni have learned of Dana's leadership role in accepting six students from Namibia to study here. What a blessing they have proven to be as we pray and wait with them for news from their homeland regarding elections and a free Namibia. How rewarding to know that Dana alumni will one day soon assume responsible roles in the development of that small nation which has for decades been illegally occupied by South Africa. All Dana alumni know of our longstanding relationship with Denmark, the land of Dana's founders. Each year we have been privileged to have several students from Denmark on our campus. Each year in the recent past we have also enjoyed the services of an instructor from Denmark to teach Danish to our students. These are only some of the nations represented at Dana.

On October 21 we welcomed 17 students from the People's Republic of China. Senator J. J. Exon of Nebraska was at Omaha's Eppley Field to help us greet these bright students, graduates of Chinese universities who have been learning Japanese in Tokyo, Japan, for the past year or more. They have now come to Dana to study English until June 15 in a special English as a Second Language program developed at Dana. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Exon, along with those of Dana's own Senator Paul Simon of Illinois and the assistance of others too, we have been able to attract these students to Dana. We expect four more in December as well as two from Taiwan who will be part of our regular course of study. All of these students have been provided through an agency, American College Locators International, headed by former York (Nebraska) College president, Dr. Gary Bartholomew. ACLI is a

consortium of independent church-related colleges of which Dana is a member. What an honor it is to be able to serve these young people who were out of China at the time of the student-government confrontations in Beijing only a few months ago. What a marvelous opportunity for us to witness to them, but also to learn from them. It is gratifying to think that Dana College is in some way contributing to a more peaceful, more understood and understanding world.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who by your prayers, by your words of encouragement, by your sending us students, and, of course, by your financial support have enabled us to be the Church in Higher Education. May the Grace of God manifest in Jesus the Christ give us vision and give us courage to reach out and touch people of diverse backgrounds but of one creation.

We lost our Old Main last year, but thank God we have lost none of our zest for growth in mission. I pray that your enthusiasm may be a measure of my own, and that our dreams of replacing Old Main with a fine chapel and classroom and office building on the top of the hill may come to fruition. It will only happen because we will not let our hope wane, and because we will not abandon our founding purpose to serve Christ in higher education. This small but excellent college whose faculty and staff have a vision and dedication bigger than I have encountered any place before, will, by the Grace of God, continue to reach out and touch lives here and throughout the globe.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

## Job placement high for new teachers

**L**ast spring's graduates who took the teaching block are all doing what they had hoped to do—teach.

One hundred percent of those in secondary education and K-12 art, music and physical education are now teaching full-time.

Eighty-three percent of those in elementary education who completed the teaching block and degree requirements are also full-time teachers.

Because 17 percent limited their job search to a specific geographic area, they were unable to find full-time positions. They are, however, substitute teachers.

Therefore 100 percent of those who completed the elementary education block and their degree requirements are either full- or part-time teachers.

The total percentage of full-time teachers in both categories is 89 percent. This compares with 100 percent in 1988 and 82 percent in 1987. ❧

## UELC "Gathering II" set for July 20-22

A second reunion of friends, families and former members of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will take place on the Dana campus the weekend of July 20-22, 1990.

"Gathering II" will begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Sunday. The focus will be on the history and heritage of the UELC, especially her college, and offer opportunities for fellowship and reunion.

Families may schedule reunions in connection with this second UELC Gathering. Additional time on campus may be arranged and costs for room and board will be minimal.

More complete information on plans for "Gathering II" will be included in the next Dana Review.

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## Homecoming 1989 . . . "A Dana Celebration"

**H**omecoming this year was a "Dana Celebration."

It was a time to celebrate, with a Saturday night dinner and reception, the 80th birthday of Alice Laaker and her many years at Dana as housemother, campus hostess and friend to hundreds of former students.

It was a time to celebrate the many contributions that Dr. Wayne Wise, professor emeritus of music, and his late wife, Edith, made to our music program, and a ceremony on Sunday morning named the band rehearsal room in their honor.

And it was also a time to celebrate the start of the art department addition to the Madsen Performing Arts Center with a Saturday morning ground breaking.

Earlier that morning, 15 hot air balloons ascending into blue skies helped launch the festive mood.

Reunion classes celebrated, with three of them holding well-attended dinners on Friday evening. Alumni from the Class of 1949, back for their 40th anniversary, celebrated Dana with a class gift of \$500 for campus beautification.

Members of the Trinity Seminary Class of 1939, together with their wives, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their ordinations. Here for that special occasion were Verner and Mildred (Petersen '35) Carlsen, O. Victor and Esther (Frost '31) Magnussen and Andrew and Martha (Rasmussen '39) Staby. »

### Reunion brings memories

*Glenwood (Iowa) Opinion-Tribune editor Jeff DeYoung '84 attended his five-year class reunion at Homecoming and a few days later wrote about his experience in his newspaper column. In a note to the Review editor that he sent with a clipping of the column, Jeff wrote, "It's always amazing that as each year passes by, I realize how much I enjoyed going to school at Dana, and how much I owe her." Jeff's column appeared in the October 18 Opinion-Tribune and is reprinted with permission.*

**T**he three most traumatic events in a person's life before you turn 30:

The first day of school.  
Finding out about Santa Claus.

And attending your first class reunion.  
In my case, the first one I vaguely remember, the second I'm still working on, and the third came crashing down around me last weekend.

The Dana College Class of 1984 held its fifth-year reunion Saturday, and like a dutiful alumnus, I made the solemn trek to Blair, Nebraska. I had been back several times since I graduated, but never as a "special guest."

I don't know what it is about me

and reunions. When my high school class had its fifth-year reunion, I skipped it. Somehow, five years away from high school didn't seem worth celebrating. I had only been out of college a year, and the friends I had in high school were still around, and I saw them often. So I thought, why bother?

But when the questionnaire came out this summer, the guilt came out. I answered all the questions, recited my most humorous moment at Dana, and sent it back. The people organizing it were good friends of mine, so I figured they had a good time planned for us.

A friend and I made motel reservations, and after confirming all the details last week, we took off Saturday morning.

The centerpiece of Dana's Homecoming is the football game. When I went to school, the Vikings combined for an impressive 4-32 record in four years. But this year they were 4-1 and ranked 20th in the nation, so we were looking forward to watching them play. However, the best part came when we walked toward the stands.

Like a blast from the past, there were my fellow Saints (our floor name). I hadn't seen any of these guys, with the exception of my roommate, for five years, and suddenly, those fears and trepidations were washed away like a pop can on the Missouri River. This would be fun!

All we had to do was look around to see familiar faces. We would stand there shaking hands and telling jokes, reminiscing about stunts we pulled during those happy days at Dana. An old professor would walk by and ask how we were doing, giving us reason to be glad we attended a small college that treated you as a person and not a Social Security number.

Into each sunny day some rain must fall, however. Dana lost the football game 17-15 to Hastings College. I don't think we scored 15 points against Hastings when I was in school, so to most alumni in attendance, at least we scored a mental victory.

Then it was time for the alumni banquet. Well, I don't know if banquet is the right word to use. I graduated with people who preferred sitting around with a few beverages, rather than dressing up and trying to impress one another. So we ate ham and roast beef sandwiches, and caught up on old times. It sure beat sitting around struggling with a necktie.

Going upstairs was a huge flashback to 1984. The regular crowd was there, and like I observed that night, the only difference was the fact that the hairlines were a little higher, the belts were a little tighter, and everybody had a little money in their pocket. Some were married, and some had kids, but inside, we were all the same.

The hours just seemed to fly by as we exchanged business cards and addresses. There were a lot of "remember whens" floating around, but that's what reunions are for.

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## Schedule includes ground breaking

**A**lumni attending Homecoming participated in a ground-breaking ceremony on Saturday morning, October 14, for the art department addition to the Madsen Performing Arts Center.

When the addition is completed, the name of the building, which also houses the music and theater departments, will be changed to the "Madsen Fine Arts Center."

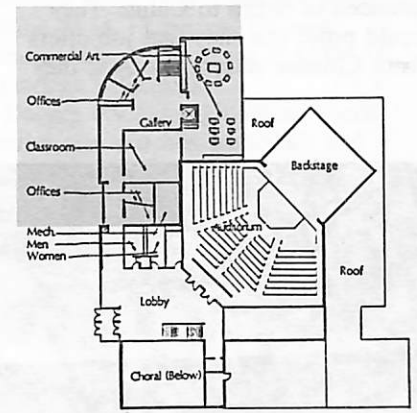
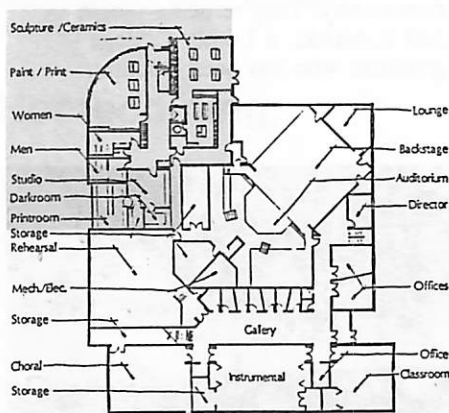
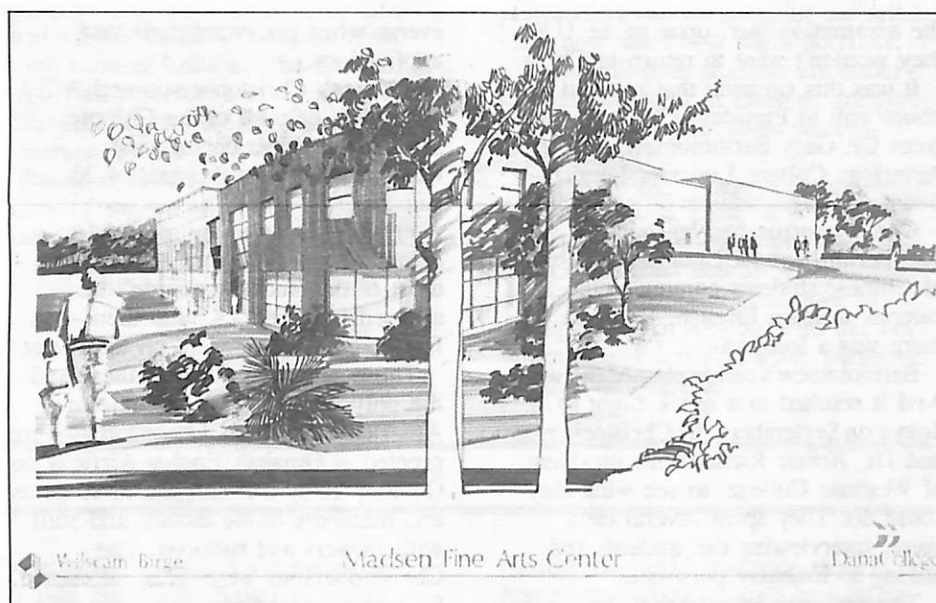
In September the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents authorized the administration to accept

the \$730,200 bid of the Eriksen Construction Company of Blair, the lowest of five that were submitted.

The two-story structure will include studios for sculpture/ceramics, painting/printing, photography, commercial art, faculty offices, a classroom and a gallery.

The gallery will be named in honor of F. W. Thomsen, professor emeritus of art who taught at Dana from 1935-37 and from 1942-75.

The accompanying plans and sketch were prepared by the Omaha architectural firm of RDG Wilscam/Birge. »



## Chinese students finally arrive— and they're happy to be here

**S**eventeen students from mainland China are learning English at Dana. They arrived on October 21 and will be here through next June 15.

Behind these straightforward statements is a complex story.

For the past year or more approximately 200 Chinese, most of them graduates of Chinese universities, have been in Tokyo to learn Japanese. They hoped after these studies to come to the U.S. to learn English. Knowing both languages was important to their professions.

After Tiananmen Square, however, the U.S. Embassy in Japan would not grant the students visas, apparently on the assumption that, once in the U.S., they wouldn't want to return to China.

It was this situation that resulted in a phone call to President Christopherson from Dr. Gary Bartholomew, head of American College Locators International (ACLI).

Christopherson had learned this past summer through ACLI of the possibility of Chinese students coming to the campus to learn English. But then there was a long wait.

Bartholomew's call explained the wait. And it resulted in a quick flight to Tokyo on September 1 by Christopherson and Dr. Arthur Richardson, president of Westmar College, to see what they could do. They spent several days there, interviewing the students and talking to Embassy personnel.

The two men learned that the students had signed affidavits that they intended to return to China. They could prove that they had job offers from Chinese companies. And they

were willing to place funds in escrow accounts for their return airfare to China.

Furthermore, many had spouses, and some had children, waiting for their return to China. The Embassy, however, continued to refuse to issue them visas.

So Christopherson and Richardson flew directly from Tokyo to Washington, D.C. There they sought help from Senators James Exon of Nebraska and Paul Simon '49 of Illinois. (The Senate had already approved legislation sponsored by Exon requiring the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo to disregard political events in China and to stop discriminating against Chinese students because of Tiananmen Square events when reviewing their visa applications.)

Although Christopherson and ACLI worked to help all of the Chinese students in Tokyo obtain visas, Christopherson set the goal of 25 students for Dana.

From Washington he returned to Dana and waited. Word came that most of the students wouldn't be allowed into the U.S., and then—finally—that a few were on their way.

Those few—seventeen of them and the only ones thus far to come to America through ACLI's efforts—were greeted at Omaha's Eppley Airfield on October 21 by a contingent of students and members of the faculty and staff with flowers and balloons. The Christophersons were there, of course. So was Senator Exon.

Now they're a part of the Dana community. They're being taught by Jeff Zabrocki, a Luther College graduate who has been teaching

English as a Second Language in the U.S. and China for the past three years. Zabrocki was hired especially for the program, called the English Language Institute (ELI). As the students' fluency in English improves, they'll also begin to attend regular classes.

All are paying their own tuition and board and room.

Christopherson hopes that four more students will arrive in December after they complete their studies in Japan.

Also involved with the program are Dr. Sybille Bartels, director of the college's International Program, and Peggy Sorensen '84, coordinator for our international students. Two American students, Dan Bane and Mary Oetter, are their residence hall assistants.

The thirteen men and four women range in age from 26 to 38. Among them are engineers, computer

operators and instructors, statisticians, medical doctors, teachers, a radiologist and an artist.

Although they're studying as a group and live together in Rasmussen Hall, they're also eagerly entering into campus life. One is a Hermes staff writer and another plays in a string ensemble. They attend home games and use the facilities in Borup Coliseum. Participation in other aspects of campus life includes attending Danish folk dance sessions started this fall for all interested members of the Blair and Dana communities.

One Monday evening soon after their arrival they introduced themselves through a lively program of violin music, a demonstration of Tai Ji, singing, and folk dancing with audience participation.

It was very clear that they're happy to be here. »

## CAMPUS NOTES

**President Christopherson '61** has been named to the Nebraska Commission for Post-Secondary Education as the representative of AICUN (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska).

**Dr. Delvin Hutton**, professor of Greek and religion, and **Prof. Roger Olson**, associate professor of mathematics, were given watches for 25 years of service to Dana at the college's opening dinner for faculty and staff on August 23.

More than 200 parents and other relatives of Dana students attended **Parents Day** on October 28, a record number.

On September 26 **Dr. Doug Lemon '81**, who is doing post-doctoral research in biochemistry at Rice University, gave a seminar at Dana on oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange in human red blood cells.

"The Tower of the Four Winds," created by **F. W. Thomsen T'45**, professor emeritus of art, was featured recently in the ELCA periodical, "World Encounter" (Number 3, 1989). A photograph of the tower illustrated an article titled "Profiles of Faith: Native American Spirituality." The tower stands in Blair's Black Elk-Neihardt Park at the top of the hill behind the campus.

**Dr. Delvin Hutton** has been named to the Christian Faith and Liberal Arts Study Group of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This fall Hutton attended a symposium on "Jewish Assimilation, Acculturation and Accommodation" sponsored by Creighton University and the Omaha Jewish Federation. On October 30, November 6 and 13 he taught a graduate course for clergy in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on "Interpreting the Gospel According to Matthew."

On October 26-28 the **Dana Theater**, under the direction of Visiting Professor Earl Mundt, presented Sophocles' "Oedipus the King" and "The Farce of the Worthy Master Pierre Patelin," a medieval French play.

**Dr. Richard Palmer**, associate professor of music, was guest conductor for the 1989 Western Iowa Conference Choral Festival in Griswold on October 24.

**Dr. Kathleen Collins**, assistant professor of English, and **Dr. Ben Collins**, adjunct professor of English, presented papers at the international meeting of the Linguistics Circle at the University of North Dakota October 20 and 21.

Dana's **Education Department, Science Division and President Christopherson** hosted a luncheon and discussion on October 11 with area K-12 educators, administrators, and consultants from the Nebraska Department of Education. The group talked about improving science and math education at K-12 and college levels, and ways in which Dana can provide leadership in this effort.

On October 19 **Frances Mallory**, instructor in business administration, was co-presenter of a paper titled "Relationship between Population and Labor Force Changes and Medical Care in Rural Nebraska Counties" in Omaha at the fall meeting of the Nebraska Economics and Business Association. »



Soon after their arrival, Dana's newest international students invited other members of the campus community to a program that included Chinese folk songs. Pictured here (from left) are Yu Fei, Li Xiao Mei and Wu Jin.

## Homecoming royalty

Reigning over Homecoming October 12-14 were King Todd Kollbaum, a marketing major from Ida Grove, Iowa, and Queen Kirsten Christopherson, an international communication major from Blair. Members of their Court were Kelly Barnum, Des Moines; Nancy Brich, Neola, Iowa; Paige Kostboth, Beresford, South Dakota; Kellee Siemers, Elk Point, South Dakota; Chris Hough, Council Bluffs; Paul Powner, Englewood, Colorado; Scott Wagner, Gretna, Nebraska; and Brent Wesemann, Pierce, Nebraska.



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## An introduction to new faculty, staff

These members of the faculty and staff, both full-time and part-time, are new Dana employees:

**Admissions Office.** *John Schueth*, director. Schueth comes to Dana from Briar Cliff College, where he has been associate director of admissions and, most recently, director of recruiting for continuing education. His bachelor's degree is from Wayne State College. *Donna Mahlendorf*, admissions counselor. She has a bachelor's degree from Westmar College. *Shaine Rasmussen*, admissions counselor. His bachelor's degree is from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. *Jill Clark*, receptionist. She has a bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

**Art.** *Alessandra Petersen*, part-time instructor in photography. She has an M.F.A. in photography from Washington State University.

**Athletics and Coaching.** *Kraig Anderson*, women's athletic recruiter and women's assistant basketball coach. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. *Bill Halloran*, part-time assistant men's basketball coach. His bachelor's degree is from Central Missouri State University. *Ricky*

*Matsunami*, part-time gymnastics coach. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. *Patti Stevenson*, assistant volleyball coach (and residence hall director). She is a 1989 Dana graduate. *Ilona Bader*, athletic department secretary.

**Business.** *Frances Mallory*, instructor in business administration. She has an M.B.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Business Office.** *Shari Schjodt*, clerical assistant. She has an associate's degree from Metropolitan Technical Community College.

**Communication.** *Patrick Coffey*, part-time instructor. He has an M.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. *Mike Moriarty*, part-time instructor. His master's degree is from Kearney State College. *Steve Regan*, part-time instructor. He has an M.A.T. from Creighton University.

**Danish.** *Mette Hansen*, part-time visiting instructor. She has a teaching certificate from the Staatseminarium in Ribe, Denmark.

**Development Office.** *Cindy Kempcke*, financial records assistant. *Keiko Allen*, campaign assistant.

**Education.** *Dennis Lichty*, part-time instructor.

**English Language Institute.** *Jeff Zabrocki*, instructor in English as a Second Language. He is a Luther

College graduate. (See story about Chinese students at Dana on page 4.)

**Humanities.** *Betty Rogert*, assistant.

**Music.** *Greg Clinton*, part-time instructor in cello and string ensemble; *Paul Parker*, part-time instructor in flute, clarinet, saxophone; *Steve Rehbein*, part-time instructor in percussion. They are professional musicians and educators.

**Psychology.** *Ann Potter*, part-time instructor. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Student Services Office.** *Diane Nickeson-Ray*, campus counselor. A 1984 Dana graduate, she recently received her master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. *Patrick Mallory*, Blair Hall director and coordinator of campus security. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. *Lyn Seiser*, Mickelsen Hall director and coordinator of student activities. She received her bachelor's degree from North Central College. *Patti Stevenson*, Argo Hall director (also assistant volleyball coach—see Athletics and Coaching above).

**Theater.** *Earl Mundt*, visiting professor of theatre arts who taught for many years at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. ♪

## Vital statistics

Enrollment for the first semester is up slightly, with 503 full-time and part-time students compared to 500 a year ago. This figure includes the 17 students from mainland China who are attending Dana's new English Language Institute (see story on page 4).

There's more good news: Total full-time enrollment this fall is 432, compared to 413 a year ago, and the total number of new students (transfers and freshmen) stands at 173 compared to last fall's 141. (Neither of these totals includes the Chinese students.)

This year's freshman class has 165 students, compared to 127 last year. Figures for the junior and senior classes are also good. A year ago the sophomore class had 98 students; now, as juniors, the class has 104 (transfer students account for the increase). Last year the junior class had 88 students; the senior class now has 77—a slight decrease.

Three full-time students are either in their fifth year at Dana or are post-graduates; last year seven were in these categories.

There are two disappointments in the overall statistics: Last fall's freshman class had 127 students; this year's sophomore class has 83. The administration has formed a committee to attempt to learn why students did not return. There are also fewer part-time students this year. ♪

## SPORTS

### Football: "Another good season"

The Dana Vikings under Football Coach Leo McKillip have again played exciting football before enthusiastic crowds. And with six wins and four losses, they're celebrating their fourth consecutive winning season.

They ranked nationally for much of the season and set a Dana record with 300 points on offense.

Four consecutive victories (over Dakota Wesleyan 41-14, Drake University 31-28, Westmar College 28-17 and Tarkio 27-23) earned the Vikings a sixth place NAIA II national ranking by the end of September.

Losses to Doane (15-31) and Hastings (15-17)—the Homecoming game—and a win over Concordia-Seward (41-6) followed.

The Vikings challenged conference leader and nationally ranked Nebraska Wesleyan in front of a large crowd at Parents Day. Wesleyan won that game 26-27 with a touchdown 15 seconds before the end of the fourth quarter.

Dana went on to defeat Midland 49-26, and then lost its last game to nationally ranked Sioux Falls College 27-50.

At season's end Nebraska Wesleyan led the conference. Midland and Doane tied for second place, and Dana and Hastings tied for third. Concordia came in fourth.

"Dana enjoyed another good season," Coach McKillip says. "We had a

much better team than what our record shows."

Three Vikings ranked high in statistics. Troy Buss, a junior from Logan, Iowa, is the NAIA's third leading punter in the nation (he also leads the District). James Anderson, an Omaha junior, is the District's second leading passer with 2,350 yards. And Dean Norris, a senior from Plainview, Nebraska, is tops in the District with 57 passes for 1,100 yards. ♪

### Volleyball: Young team played well

Members of the volleyball team ended a season of vigorous play with a 17-24 record.

"Despite the record, there were outstanding performances by many individuals," Coach Kathy Foley said.

The young team, which had no seniors, was led by Cheryl West, a junior from Malvern, Iowa, who came to Dana as an All-American Junior College Player. This fall she led all NAIA 11 attackers, averaging 4.5 kills per game; she was also sixth in digs with 3.5 per game. West recorded five 30-plus kill matches and had several with seven or more. She was named All-Conference and All-District.

Other statistical leaders were Christy Wawrzyniak, a sophomore from Burke, Virginia; Deb Keller, a junior from Wilbur, Nebraska; and Deb Rife, a junior from Mondamin, Iowa.

Wawrzyniak averaged 4.6 assists and 3.7 digs per game; Keller averaged .34 service aces and 94% service percentage per game; Rife had .77 blocks per game. ♪

## Homecoming:

### Two enter Hall of Fame

Heidi Larson '80, former women's basketball star, and Steve Daeges '79, a baseball standout, were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame at the October 14 Homecoming luncheon. The youngest members of the Hall of Fame, Larson and Daeges represent a new generation of outstanding Dana athletes.

Larson accumulated 1,039 career points, a Dana record—and that was but one of 36 records of a possible 55 that she broke for a game, season, and career. Several of those records still stand.

Larson is an administrative assistant for the Minneapolis Hotel Trust Fund. She has also been a junior and senior high school science teacher and coach and has taught and worked in Florida as a counselor and teacher at a wilderness camp for emotionally disturbed youth.

Her Hall of Fame award was presented by Carol Haussermann '69, assistant professor of physical education.

In his senior year Daeges shattered Dana's batting average record by 50

points, and NAIA statistics ranked him as the nation's fourth best hitter with a batting average of .478. Daeges was also ninth in doubles per game, hitting 13 in 33 games. He won honorable mention in the NAIA's All-American selections.

Daeges teaches high school social studies and coaches basketball and football in Ashland, Nebraska. In his ten years as head football coach, he has turned a losing program into a successful one.

Teammate Rick Rostan '79 presented the award to Daeges.

## Fun run, golf results

**Fun Run:** Sixty-seven runners participated in the two- and five-mile categories. Several alumni and a student placed in the five-mile event: first alumna, Merri (Clements '86) Dibben; first alumnus, Dan Dibben '84; first alumnus (30-39), Gail Snyder '74; first alumnus (40 and over), Gary Kubik '62; first male Dana student, Phillip Warner '93. The Fun Run was sponsored by the Dana Boosters.

**Golf:** Forty-four golfers competed in this year's tournament. Dana business manager Keith Hansen is the new champion, and his name has been engraved on the tournament's traveling trophy. Dr. Larrie Stone '57 placed second, and Tom Law '84, third. ♪

## Alumni couple praised for community work

**Retirement center will be losing longtime guiding force**  
**“Retiring” Helpline volunteer remains an eternal optimist**

Those headlines belong to feature stories about Gerhard D’50 T’53 and Betty (Jensen ’51) Nygaard that appeared this past August in successive issues of the Northfield (Minnesota) News. Both articles were by News staff writer Dan Broun.

The stories announce the Nygaards’ retirement and describe their contributions to the community: Gerhard, a pastor, for his accomplishments as administrator of the Northfield Retirement Center (NRC) for more than 20 years, and Betty for her volunteer work with Northfield’s 24-hour Helpline since its inception in 1979.

The Nygaards moved to Northfield in 1969 when Gerhard was given the responsibility “to get the center built and on its feet,” Broun writes. Over the years the “extremely successful and popular community” has grown to include Northfield Manor, a 64-apartment complex for senior citizens. The NRC also sponsored construction of a 37-apartment condominium.

During much of his tenure as NRC administrator, Gerhard also served as its chaplain.

“It’s going to be hard to think of the Northfield Retirement Center apart from Gerhard Nygaard,” the pastor of Northfield’s St. Peter’s Lutheran Church told Broun.

In his story about Betty’s 11 years with the Helpline program, Broun writes she has participated “in every operation of the service, including counseling and speaking on behalf of the program.” He adds that “she even went as far as to house the service in her Northfield home while more permanent headquarters were found.”

Broun writes, “Not every one of Nygaard’s cases was a success, but she never became discouraged.”

“People ask how I could stay in that long,” Betty told Broun. “The answer is that I am an eternal optimist. I see a light at the end of every tunnel.”

During the Nygaards’ 20 years in Northfield, Betty also worked as a commissioned church staff minister in education at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Retirement certainly doesn’t mean inactivity for this alumni couple. They plan to stay in Northfield, where they live at 511 E. Woodley (55057). Gerhard is an active member and immediate past president of the Northfield Rotary Club, and Betty continues to advise Helpline advocates while working as a volunteer social worker in the emergency room at the Northfield Hospital.

They’re also looking forward to frequent trips to Nebraska to visit the Blair home of daughter Linda (Nygaard ’76) Launer and their two grandchildren, one of them born this fall. ☺



## Flight surgeon wins honors

Dr. (Maj.) Barbara (Beck ’77) Meduna was named 1988’s U.S. Air Forces in Europe Flight Surgeon of the Year at a May 8 ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Flight surgeon for the 22nd Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bitburg, West Germany, Meduna has provided medical care there for the past three years to pilots and their families.

In an article about her award in the Bitburg Skyblazer, the base newspaper, editor Larine Barr describes Meduna as “one of a kind” and the “fighter pilot’s flight surgeon.”

Factors in the award selection process, Barr writes, included “rapport with pilots and the squadron, performing special projects on base, involvement with flying activities and taking care of the families.”

“Barbara epitomizes everything that a squadron flight surgeon should be,” Meduna’s commander told Barr. “She is always available, makes sure we can conduct our mission and is responsive to the families. She is truly a family doctor—24 hours a day.”

Before her Bitburg assignment, Meduna was a general medical officer at Royal Air Force Chicksands, England. She told Barr that she liked the small family practice at Chicksands, but was fascinated by flight medicine.

“I’ve always been intrigued with flying, and the whole package came together when I decided to say in the Air Force by going into flight medicine. I ended up with a chance to go to USAFE and said, ‘I want to be a flight surgeon, come to Germany and fly a fast jet.’”

Meduna has had familiarization training in the F-15 and has a back seat, non-crew position. She undergoes life support and egress training twice a year. “The key to being a good flight surgeon is knowing what a pilot physically experiences at nine Gs and 40,000 feet...and loving to fly as much as they do,” she told Barr.

One of two flight surgeons at Bitburg, Meduna is chief of flight medicine. At wing flight safety meetings she conducts briefings on a variety of topics, such as “medications and flying,” “human factors in aircraft accidents” and the “G-induced loss of consciousness.”

Barr writes that Meduna’s accomplishments include developing a human factors segment of the wing flight commander’s course. USAFE flight surgeons at other bases are now using it for their flight commanders’ courses.

“Barbara’s presentation on fighter pilot personalities, profiles and pitfalls was perhaps the best I’ve seen on the subject,” a deputy commander for operations told Barr. “She was informative, entertaining and passed on to the flight commanders the unique stresses and challenges associated with flying high performance aircraft.”

The U.S. Society for Air Force Flight Surgeons presented the award to Meduna at the Aerospace and Medical Association Convention. ☺

## Friends from 1930s have frequent reunions

Several alumni who became close friends when they were students more than 50 years ago return to the campus every Homecoming for their own “mini-reunion.”

Last April they and their spouses had another reunion and lots of fun when they met at the home of Andy and Marian (Peterson ’36) Anderson in Swannanoa, North Carolina.

The Andersons’ guests at the North Carolina gathering included Ernestine (McCain ’38) and Jim Ruesch, Shreveport, Louisiana; Helen (Pedersen ’37) Lincoln, Walnut Creek, California; Helen and Frank Jorgensen ’38, Louisville, Kentucky; and Eloise (Morris ’38) and Carleton Sperati, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Most of them got together again at Homecoming this fall, where they were joined by Earl Fries ’38, Des Moines, and former Choir Director Gunnar Malmin and his wife Berna of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Ernestine, Eloise, Frank, Marian and Earl went to Denmark with the Dana Choir in 1935 when it was directed by Malmin.)

Bee Krantz of Blair, a former Parnassus assistant, has also become a member of this lively group through her friendship with Marian when both taught in Omaha. ☺

## Dana Clubs and gatherings...

**Atlanta, Georgia.** Barbara and William Lane were hosts to a first-ever gathering of Atlanta-area alumni and friends at their Roswell home on June 11. The Lanes, who have also established a \$50,000 endowed scholarship at Dana, were named Honorary Alumni at the event. Dana representatives included President and Mrs. Christopherson and Paul Ditlevson, director of development, and his wife, Janeille. Barbara Lane is the former Barbara Bauer of Blair.

**Southeast Wisconsin.** Members of the Southeast Wisconsin Dana Club had a picnic on Sunday, August 6, at the home of Ernie ’59 and Sharol (Crandall ’61) Anderson of Racine.

**Chicago.** The Chicago Dana Club sponsored a concert by New Day in Oak Park on Sunday afternoon, November 12. The group, directed by Dr. Richard Palmer, sang at United Lutheran Church, where Robert Sorenson ’52 is pastor. Several New Day members also spoke that morning to youth groups at Lutheran churches. ☺

## Arizona luncheon planned for Feb. 10

The fifth annual luncheon for Dana alumni and friends in the greater Phoenix, Arizona, area will be held on Saturday, February 10, at 12 noon. The luncheon will again be at the Arizona Golf Resort in Annabelle’s Restaurant at 425 South Power Road (at Broadway and just north of the Superstition Freeway).

President Christopherson and his wife, Anne, plan to attend. A special invitation is extended to winter visitors in the area, and alumni and friends of Dana who know of these “snowbirds” are asked to tell them about the luncheon.

Those planning to attend the luncheon should notify the Rev. James W. Olsen, a Dana and Trinity Seminary alumnus who serves on the college’s Board of Regents, before February 3 if possible. Reservations may be sent to him at 120 East 22nd St., Loveland, CO 80538, and after January 1 to him at Orange-wood Shadows Travel Trailer Resort, 3165 East University Drive, #7, Mesa, AZ 85213 (Telephone: 612-924-3253).

Dr. Christopherson will preach at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1050 Superstition, Apache Junction, Arizona, at 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, February 10, and at 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 11. A special invitation is extended to all alumni and friends of Dana to attend one of these services. ☺

## ALUMNI COUNCIL NOTES

**Dear Alumni,**  
 This is my first column in the Review since succeeding Mark Grorud as president of the Alumni Association.

I must say I find it a bit humbling to be president of this group that includes so many of the people I admire most in my life. Wherever they go and whatever they do, Dana alumni seem to have a knack for making a positive impact in their professions, churches, and communities.



This, of course, is no accident. I’ve always been struck by the fact that what I appreciated most about Dana as a student in the ’70s is pretty much what my parents enjoyed at Dana in the ’40s. And today as we are about to enter the ’90s, current Dana students are

expressing many of the same positive views. Although she’s never been perfect, Dana has always been a place where people care about others, where faculty are excited about teaching, and where students are challenged to develop their God-given talents to lead lives of service to others, no matter what profession they may choose.

For all of you distinguished people, the Alumni Council exists in part “to solicit and actively express the views and concerns of alumni to the college and to the Board of Regents.” Our next two meetings this school year are in February and May, and I invite you to write me, Ann George, or someone on the Council you know with any input you might have. Also, if you’d be interested in serving on the Alumni Council, please let us know that as well. Anything we as alumni can do to help Dana continue to prepare young people for an increasingly complex world is certainly appreciated!

Paul D. Johnson ’76  
 President, Alumni Association

## Meet our Alumni Council

Members of the Alumni Council and Dana liaisons meet four times a year. Here at their September 9 meeting are from left (first row) Debra Wallman '76, Jayne (Botos '66) Kolterman, Anita Woodward '91 (Student Senate liaison); (second row) Dave Hanen '77, Kathy (Nielsen '53) Leistad, Linda (Anderson '65) Howland (secretary), Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen, Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, Ann (Harms '54) George (director of alumni affairs), Tom Taggart '81; (third row) Mark Grorud '75 (past president), Herb

Larsen '38, Jerry Jorgensen '65, Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw, Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen, Kevin Johnson '83, Tom Nielsen '59, Rod Thompson '65, Paul Johnson '76 (president), Paul Ditlevson (director of development) and Larrie Stone '57 (faculty liaison). Not pictured: Council member Scott Rasmussen '82 (vice president) and Dana liaisons Myrvin Christopherson '61 (president), Phil Pagel '56 (vice president for institutional advancement), John Schueth (director of admissions), Dan Travaille (dean, student services).

## DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

**'80s** Matt Allen '89 teaches high school English in Taiwan. His address is Ying Hai High School, 76 Chang-Shi St. Sec. 1, Taiwan, Republic of China. . . . Bob '89 and Ann (Leistad '87) Bolton announce the birth of Joseph Robert on June 25. He joins a sister, Dania Ane, 2. Bob teaches 7-12 grade social studies at Stanton (NE) High School, where he also assists in coaching football and boys' basketball. Their Stanton address is P.O. Box 105 (68779). . . . Yuji Ikeda '89 has a position with the International Artists Center in Tokyo. . . . Angela Johnson '89 is a youth life educator at Children's Square USA in Council Bluffs, IA. She lives in Omaha at 3405 N. 106th Pl. #1123 (68134). . . . Jim Jordan '89 and Bonnie Fendrick '88 were married on June 17. Jim teaches K-12 vocal music at Willow Community Schools in Washta-Quimby, IA, and Bonnie teaches in the Talented and Gifted Program (K-3) at Eastwood Community Schools, Correctionville and Cushing, IA. Bonnie, who taught last year in Schuyler, NE, has been named to "Who's Who Among American Professionals." The Jordans' address is P.O. Box 111, 104 Clark Ave., Quimby, IA 51049. . . . Jerrod Lawrence '89 works for ITT Financial Services. His address is 6116 Lyndale Ave. S., Apt. 303, Minneapolis, MN 55419. . . . Andrew Mark was born on June 20 to Tracy (Mastin '89) and Tim '87 Matz; they live in Omaha at 5030 N. 93rd Ave. (68134). . . . Bruce Stewart '89, 2605 Kennedy Lane #239, Texarkana, TX 75501, is attending a nine-month government training program for a supply management position. . . . Kristen Archibald '88 is an escrow technician for Stewart Title Co. of California in Cupertino. She shares an apartment with Sally Schroeder '88 at 750 Sylvan Ave. #3, Mountain View, CA 94041. Sally is the office manager of a research institute at Stanford University. . . . Gail Bray '88 is in her second year of physical therapy school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Her Omaha address is 3905 Dewey Ave. (68105). . . . Steve Krieg '88 is a post-graduate student in physical therapy at the University of Iowa. His address is 1124 Oakcrest St., Apt. #4, Iowa City, IA 52242. . . . Kevin Meyer '88 is in his first year at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. . . . Paul '88 and Shaileen (Schaeffer '91) Slater, 2827 4th Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51501, are the parents of Amber Rae, born on August 16. Paul is manager of the Records Center at Firstier Bank of Omaha, and Shaileen works in word processing for Mutual of Omaha. . . . Jeanine Tharp '88 married Allan Lytton on June 10 in Lincoln, NE. Their address is Box 304, Minneola, KS 67865. . . . Michelle Weaver '88 is working on a master's degree in occupational therapy at Texas Woman's University. Her

Denton address is 225 E. University Dr., #1 (76201). . . . Vicki (Pedersen '87) and Robert Dunkle, 812 S. 16th St., Blair, announce the birth of Matthew Robert on August 29. . . . Beth Gibson '87 graduated in May from the physical therapy program at the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences in Rochester, MN. She is currently working at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson, AZ. . . . Jeff Hansen '87, a student at Wartburg Seminary, is an intern this year at Lutheran congregations in Bancroft and DeSmet, SD. He and Cynthia (Lorenzen '84) are living in Bancroft (P.O. Box 21, Zip 57316). . . . Rod Rumelhart '87, formerly a financial planner in Guthrie Center, IA, with the New York Life Insurance Co., has been promoted to sales manager in the company's general office in Des Moines. His new address is 4915 Pleasant St., Apt. 107, West Des Moines, IA 50265. . . . Jill Jorgensen '86 and Michael Hennick '86 were married on May 27 in Las Vegas, NV. A lance corporal in the Marines, Mike recently graduated from the Marine Security Guard School at Naval Station Mare Island in Vallejo, CA. Their address is P.O. Box 181873, Coronado, CA 92118. . . . Katherine Pahre '86 and David Coe were married on October 6. They live at 97 Davis St. in Keene, NH 03431. . . . Amy Elizabeth was born to Barbara (Anderson '85) and Robert Hamel on September 18. The Hamels live at 1129 N. 25th in Lincoln, NE 68503. . . . Jonathan '85 and Julianne (Schwandt '84) Bansen announce the birth of Ross William on January 4. The Bansens live in McMinnville, OR 97128 at 13929 S.E. Burns Road. . . . Michelle Blaas '85 and Timothy DeCoursey were married on September 3. They live in Omaha (68134) at 10005 Armstrong Plaza. . . . Marty Rogers '85 and Dana student Amy Mayberry '91 were married in Blair on August 19. They live in Blair at 1107 Park. . . . Karen Church '84 was ordained on September 8 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Roanoke, VA. She has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Patnos Lutheran Church in Woodstock, VA (P.O. Box 105, Zip 22664). . . . Tim '84 and Penny (Hineline '82) Johnson live in Blair at 947 N. 26th Ave. Both work in Omaha for First Data Resources, Penny as a cost accountant, and Tim as a management education specialist. Son Brian Lee is 22 months old. . . . Kathi Klover '84 and Keith Uhlinger '84 were married on September 16. Their address is 3240 S. 40th, Lincoln, NE 68506. . . . Carla Ann McCormick '84 and Patrick Mowry '83 were married on June 24. They live in Omaha at 3508 N. 48th Ave. (68104). . . . Kristine McKay '84 and Steven Cardoza were married on June 24 in Jacksonville, FL, where their address is 6882 Hafford Lane (32244). . . . Diane Nickeson-Ray '84 received her M.S.W. in May from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. . . . Since her graduation from Dana, Debra (Cleaver '84) Rider has lived in and taught elementary education in South Korea, Georgia and Colorado. For the past 1½ years she's been the CPR coordinator for the American Heart Association, Nebraska Affiliate. This fall Debra is teaching special ed in Modale, IA. Her husband, Eric, works at Lozier; daughter Kay is 1 year old. The Riders' address is 416 N. 5th Ave., Logan, IA 51546. . . . Lynne

(Ricks '84) and Jim '84 Walck have moved to 8 Maple St. in Medina, NY 14103. Jim is pastor at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Medina, and Lynne is a full-time homemaker. Son John Andrew is 16 months old. . . . Diane (Heistand '84) and Fred '86 White announce the birth of their son, Colton Fred, on June 27. Their address is RR 2 Box 217A, Neola, IA. . . . Omahans Brian '83 and Kevin '79 Barratt both had roles this summer in "Shakespeare on the Green" performances of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Much Ado about Nothing." Both plays were produced by the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. . . . Heidi (Faudel '83) and Eric '82 Beck announce the birth of their first child, John Louis, on August 6. Their address is HCO-1 Box 6109, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277. . . . Teri Hupp-Monthei '83 married Micheal Kirwan on April 7 at Heavenly Valley, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. They live at 12042 Foxpoint Dr. in Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Teri received her MBA in management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, in June 1987. She works for McDonnell Douglas Corp. on the AV8-Harrier fighter jet program as a material planner. . . . Linda Lemon '83 teaches speech and drama at Boys Town High School. She lives in Omaha at 1301 N. 110th Plaza #614 (68154). . . . Kim (Rasmussen '83) and Fran '81 Pierce, 14038 Weir St., Omaha (68137), are the parents of Jennifer Kristine, born on August 31. . . . Dr. Monty Scheele '83 is a pharmacist in Lincoln, NE, at Blevins Meadowlane Pharmacy. He and his wife, Julie, live in Lincoln at 2903 Drawbridge Court (68516). . . . Dr. Chauncey Wilkins '83 has joined the medical staffs of the Blair Clinic and Blair Memorial Community Hospital. He recently received Board Certification in Family Practice Medicine. . . . Kris (Iske '83) Whiteside and her husband announce the birth of daughter Desiree Jacquelyn on August 23. The Whitesides live in Broken Arrow, OK 74014, at 16725 S. 203 E. Ave. . . . Curt Fett '82 was married on August 12 to Sylvia Johnson. Curt is an insurance and investment specialist with Fett Insurance in Sioux City, IA, and Sylvia is a full-time teacher's aide in the Sioux City public school system. . . . Jane Heinrich '82 received her master's degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in August 1988. She teaches fifth grade at Blair's Central School. . . . John '82 and Vicky (Heldridge '82) Hungerford live at 16331 S.E. Dagmar in Milwaukie, OR. John is a wholesale florist and president of Hungerford Farms of Milwaukie; Vicky assists John in the business. They have three children: Louis, born on November 8, 1983; Victor, born on March 23, 1986; and Beth, born on August 8, 1988. . . . Drs. Margie (West '82) and Scott Kubowicz, 5948 W. Ken Caryl Pl., Littleton, CO 80123, have adopted a son, Ryan. They adopted him on September 28, the day he was born. . . . Shari and Calvin McWilliams '82, 1121 Caddock, Blair, are the parents of Kyle, born on December 6, 1988. . . . Anne Rohwer '82 and Mark Friis-Hansen '82 live in Omaha at 5425 N. 107th Plaza, Apt. 11 (68134). Anne is a primary nurse on the bone marrow transplant floor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; husband Mark

is general manager of the Heritage Inn in Council Bluffs. . . . Scott and Sabina (Kirk '82) Wiekhorst, 124 W. Alexander, Valley, NE 68064, are the parents of Michael Scott, born on January 22. He is their first child. Sabina owns Jack's Place Pizza in Elkhorn, NE. . . . Candice Hogden '81 is a psychotherapist at the Ruth Gilfrey Human Resource Center in Stevens Point, WI. She married John Spencer on October 8, 1988, but has kept her maiden name. They live in Stevens Point (54481) at 1409 Oakwood Ave., Apt. #8. . . . Paulette (Strecker '81) and Byron Orr announce the birth of Wesley Layton on April 25. Paulette teaches the third and fourth grades at Kickapoo Nation School in Powhattan, KS. The Orrs' address is Rt. 1 Box 26, Robinson, KS 66532. . . . Kitty Wooley '81 is assistant financial aid director at Sierra Academy of Aeronautics in Oakland, CA. She formerly served as financial aid director at Dana. The Sierra Academy trains pilots and mechanics for commercial airlines. Her home address is 2317 19th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116. . . . Angie Ankenbauer '80 and Ryle Smith '73 had the leading roles of wife and husband in the recent Upstairs Dinner Theater (Omaha) production of "Social Security." . . . Wyleen Jorgensen '80 and Alan Johnston were married on April 8. Wyleen teaches in a K-6 multi-categorical self-contained room at Webster Elementary School in Oskaloosa, IA. Their address is Box 22, Chillicothe, IA 52548.

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## Campus mourns student's death

Members of the Dana community were saddened near the start of the academic year by the death of student Larry Scarpino on September 10. Scarpino, 23, had a heart attack.

Scarpino, a sophomore, was active in campus activities. He had also been hired by the college to manage the Madsen Performing Arts Center this year.

Scarpino had earlier served in the U.S. Army and received a medical discharge. Survivors include his parents, Louis and Nancy Scarpino of Blair. »

( Reunion, from page 3)

For a few hours we could all forget about the day-to-day grind in our lives. We were carefree college students once again, except this time we didn't have to worry about studying or getting up for a class.

As the lights flickered in the Legion Hall, signaling an end to our reunion, we shook hands and lingered as long as we could. It was time to put things back into perspective, and to go on with our lives. We promised to write and keep in touch, and we promised to see one another next year at Homecoming.

Whether or not those promises are kept is not the story here. Old and comfortable bonds and friendships were renewed—that's the real story.

When we were students we shared the good and the bad, the triumphs and the tragedies, and as alumni, we all share happy memories of our years together.

Be well, my friends. I'll see you next year. »

**A reminder to 1989, 1988 and 1983 graduates:** Please don't forget to return the survey you received several weeks ago from Mary Jo Kubie, director of career services.

Although the specific information you provide will be confidential, the overall results of the survey will be invaluable in recruiting students and in improving Dana's program. Thanks for your response.

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REVIEW**

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**'70s** Erica Agesen '79 and James Petersen '78 of Omaha announce the birth of Dane Povelsen on September 6. . . . Karen (Barter '79) and Peter Perry are the parents of Elizabeth Rebecca ("Betsy"), born on June 21. The Perrys live at 770 Sunshine Lane in Sedona, AZ 86336. . . . Barbara (Crawford '79) and Doug Barth, Rt. 1 Box 20D, Utica, NE 68456, are the parents of Kelsey-Lynn, born on June 9. She joins brothers Matthew (4) and Eric (3). . . . Anne and Mark Christensen '79 announce the birth of John Mark on May 14 in Copenhagen, Denmark, where Mark conducted research on his doctoral dissertation. The Christensens returned to the U.S. this past summer, and Mark is continuing work on his degree. . . . Deborah Ruth was born to Mary (Erickson '79) and Peter Hanson on Easter Sunday, March 26. She joins sister Christa. The Hansons' address is 10364-133 A St., Surrey, B.C. V3T-4A4, Canada. . . . Lyn (Weckmuller '79) and Rich Pahls announce the birth of Jacob on June 6. He joins Maggie, 2. Lyn is an elementary school teacher and Rich is an elementary principal. . . . Melody (Gramlich '78) and Charles Cejka announce the birth of their first child, Laura Leanne, on September 17. Melody received her MA in curriculum and instruction on August 19 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She's a K-12 art instructor for the Weeping Water (NE) Public School. . . . Rhonda (Oelrichs '78) Hall has been accepted into the University of Missouri's Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow (ALOT) Program. ALOT is designed to train participants in rural issues on the local, state, national and international levels. Travel plans during the two-year program include trips to Washington, D.C., and South America. Rhonda is office manager for Missouri Ag Industries Council. Her address is 2105-A Louis Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101. . . . Susan (Sandager '78) and Steve Irons, 5412 Treebound Ct., Garner, NC 27529, announce the birth of Amy Catherine on July 27. . . . George Bryant '77 is the weekend sports anchor at WGNX-TV in Atlanta, GA. (Also at the station is Steve Taylor, the son of Dana Regent and Mrs. Jim Taylor of Blair. Taylor anchors weeknight sports.) . . . Dr. Faye (Coles '77) Jones has opened a second chiropractic office, this one in Blair. Her other office is in Tekamah, NE. . . . Sondra (Schjodt '77) and Mark Buell, Rt. 1 Box 15, Colon, NE 68018, announce the birth of Heidi Marie on June 19. She joins brother Dustin. . . . Sherry (Kuhr '76) and Richard Harlow, 8707 S. 45th Ave., Omaha (68157) are the parents of Amanda Nicole, born June 6. She is their first child. . . . Linda (Nygaard '76) and David Launer of Blair announce the birth of Thomas Leonard on October 7. Sister Megan is 3. . . . Sharon Thompson '76 has been named to the board of the Crowell Home in Blair. . . . Pastor Michael '75 and Shirley (Kennett '77) McCallum have moved to 317 West First Avenue in Miller, SD 57362. On July 15 Mike began duties as pastor of Miller's First Presbyterian

Church. . . . Susan (Zabel '75) and Joseph Dryburgh, Jr., announce the birth of their second son, John Lawrence, on July 23. Susan writes that "He joins his brother, Joseph, 3½, in adding much joy to our family." The Dryburghs live at 740 Tannery Dr. in Wayne, PA 19087. . . . Miriam (Hiller '74) and Mark Galbraith have returned to St. Paul, MN, from Florida for Mark's senior year at Luther-Northwestern Seminary. Their address is 1598 Eustis St. #215, St. Paul (55108). . . . Pastor Peter Jacobson '74 and his wife, Anne, live in Castlewood, SD 57223 at 509 Gerhold St. . . . Ian Robert was born on September 18 to Cheryl (Harris '73) and Gordon Fleming of Blair (P.O. Box 588).

**'60s** Linda (Anderson '65) Howland is manager of the fund-raising campaign for Crowell Memorial Home in Blair. . . . Pastor Ken '62 and Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen have moved to Blair, where Ken is chaplain at the Good Shepherd Home. Their address is Johansen Manor #2E, 805 N. 22nd St. (68008).

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ Dr. John Hibbing '77, who teaches political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will travel to Budapest in January on semester leave. He will study legislative politics in the recently revived Hungarian Parliament.

■ The Fort Calhoun (NE) High School Marching Band, directed by Mark Jones '76, placed first in its division when it marched in the National Independence Day Parade along Constitution Avenue on July 4 in Washington, D.C. The only Nebraska band in the parade, it was selected to compete through auditions. The band also performed on the Ellipse lawn, and members toured the White House. Jones's band also marched in the July 2 Philadelphia parade.

■ Blair High School English teacher Bob Bair '72 and principal Steve Shanahan represented the school at September ceremonies in Washington, D.C., honoring the country's top schools. Blair High was one of 218 schools nationwide selected as schools of excellence by the U.S. Department of Education in its 1988-89 School Recognition Program. The group was addressed by President Bush.

■ Efforts by Dana Regent Herb Knudsen '63 of Bay Village, OH, to develop milkweed as an alternative crop in Nebraska were praised in an Omaha World-Herald editorial on September 20. Wrote the World-Herald: ". . . the persistence of the corporation and its top officials, their dedication to their unusual crop and their commitment to researching its uses are commendable."

■ Dr. Kathy (Anderson '62) Bliese of Omaha broadcasts a program called "Kindle the Flame" on KCRO Radio every Sunday at 1 p.m.

■ Ellen (Andrews '61) Fisher was named Teacher of the Year at the

**'50s** An architectural drawing student taught by Paul Nyholm '57 took first place last spring in a Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association competition. Nyholm teaches in Omaha at Westside Community Schools (District 66). . . . Wilma (Christiansen '52) Quelle and her husband, Wilbur, live on the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona. She teaches at a K-4 boarding school. A project this past summer, she writes, was "to rewrite some native stories so that our students can understand and relate to them." She is also incorporating Native American lore into stories for publishing.

**'40s** The September 15 issue of the Library Journal featured U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 on the cover and in an article titled "Senator Simon Champions Libraries for Literary."

**Friends.** Jennifer (Johnson) Truby, former assistant dean of students, and her husband, David, announce the birth of Michelle Jennifer on August 4. They live at 2066 Martin St. S.E. in Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

Cambria-Friesland School District in Wisconsin. She's the Middle School English teacher and at-risk coordinator.

■ Luther Kloth '61, associate professor of physical therapy at Marquette University and a 1988 Distinguished Dana Alumnus, has received the Chattanooga Research Award for the best clinical research contribution to physical therapy. He received the \$1,000 award for an article in the Physical Therapy Journal on the use of electrical current in healing chronic wounds. Kloth's article was chosen from all of the articles appearing in Physical Therapy during 1988.

■ Dr. Rodney Wead '57, Omaha, traveled to Egypt in August to participate in the 15th annual International Educational Conference. Wead is executive director of the United Methodist Community Centers in Omaha and national director of economic development for the National Association of Black Social Workers. One of 110 Americans at the conference, he presented position papers in Cairo, Aswan and Luxor on chartering a credit union, cooperative ventures and business.

■ Dr. Dale Christensen '53 of Lake City, IA, has been named Iowa Family Physician of the Year. Iowa Governor Branstad presented the award to him on September 26. One of 24 patients who nominated Christensen wrote that "He never appears in a hurry to be somewhere else and is always willing to answer questions and explain terms or concepts. I feel his approach to medicine closely resembles a conservationist's approach to nature; that is, being a steward of what God has provided and working to help the patient 'heal' himself." Christensen will be the Iowa representative in a program sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians that names the National Family Doctor of the Year.

**Deaths** Virginia (Hansen '55) West in October. She was a teacher. Survivors include two sons, two daughters, and husband Richard of 826 Birch Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. . . . The Rev. Hillerup Rasmussen D'51 T'54 on July 11 at the age of 70. For the last several years he was associated with "Youth with a Mission" in "Gleanings for the Hungry" in Sultana, CA. He is survived by his wife, Betty, P.O. Box 309, Sultana (93666); sons Paul and David and daughters Nancy, Carol, Janice and Marilyn; and by 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. . . . LaVerne "Axel" Morgensen '47 on March 22 in Peru, IL. An elementary physical education teacher for 23 years, he retired five years ago. Survivors include his wife, Ethel, of 1721 Ninth St., Peru (61354), and son Larry of Moline. . . . M. "Harry" Petersen T'43, in Minneapolis on July 30. He served congregations in and near Viborg, SD, and the Home Missions in Alberta, Canada. Survivors include his wife, Stella, two daughters and one son, all of the Twin Cities area. . . . Levi Jensen '39 of Luck, WI, on November 3. Survivors include daughter Margaret Connet, son Mark, and wife Marion of 407 Lake St., Box 151, in Luck (54853). . . . Emiel Wahling '37 of Colorado Springs on June 6. . . . Olga (Simonsen '29) Anderson, 85, of Blair, on July 3. She attended Dana Academy, graduating in 1929 with a certificate in music. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Wesley M. Anderson D'33 T'36, who died in 1969. The Andersons served parishes in Kimballton, IA; Kenmare, ND; Coulter and Latimer, IA; Rutland and Humboldt, IA; Evan and Morgan, MN; and Viroqua, WI. Survivors include her sister, Dr. Marie Simonsen '22, 609 Ln H, Good Samaritan, Hastings, NE 68901; and five sons: Ernie '59, 3424 Weymouth Pl., Racine, WI 53405; Emory '61, Mothsvej 19, 2840 Holte, Denmark; Ron '66, 515 S. Clinton Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304; Allan '69, 12645 Orchard St., Omaha (68137); and Larry '71, 15845 Leavenworth, Omaha (68118). . . . Dr. Arthur Nelson '28 on June 18 in St. Cloud, MN. Nelson taught chemistry at Dana in 1929-30. A 1924 Dana Academy graduate, he attended Dana College as a freshman and then transferred to St. Olaf. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of 1724 8th Ave. S.E., St. Cloud (56304). . . . Victor Vig '28 on February 28. His father, P.S. Vig, was an early president of Dana and Trinity Seminary who also taught here for many years. Survivors include his wife, Waunette, of 5018 Village Court in Dallas, TX 75248. . . . Agnes (Bing '24) Greenwood on August 20 in Omaha. A 1928 graduate of Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing, she lived in Fairbury, NE. Her father was the Rev. N. J. Bing, who served Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Racine, WI, for many years. Survivors include a son, Lowell, who lives in Blair in the former "Vig" House at 2024 Park St.