

# DANA REVIEW

## ADDing it up: Drive enters third year

**B**y May 31 the college's ADD (Accelerating Dana's Development) campaign had received over \$8.1 million in gifts and pledges toward the cash portion of the \$10.65 million goal.

That date, the close of Dana's fiscal year, also marked the end of ADD's second year.

The planned gift portion of ADD now totals more than \$9 million, well over the original \$7.5 million goal. (John Beck, director of planned giving and church relations, discusses this part of the drive in his column on page 6.)

The impact of ADD on the physical appearance of the campus is already very evident.

Campus improvements made last summer—such as landscaping and improved lighting and parking lots—were described in the fall Review.

This summer the art department addition to the Madsen Fine Arts Center will be completed in time for the start of fall classes.

The art addition is the first of two building projects that will replace facilities lost when Old Main burned. Plans are nearing completion for the second project, construction of a major classroom, faculty office and chapel complex.

At their May meeting Dana Regents directed the administration to proceed with the final construction documents for this project and to bring a plan for funding to the next Board meeting. »

## Student callers exceed goal

**T**his year's seven student Phonorama callers passed goals twice this spring on their way to raising a record-setting \$84,183 in gifts and pledges from alumni and friends. Their goal for the year was \$80,000. They reached that, and then \$3,000 later exceeded the amount students raised the year before.

Students making the calls were juniors Kim Gosch of Springfield, Coleen Lennemann of Snyder, Deb Keller of Wilber, Paul Krogh of Blair and Tina Zayat of Broken Bow; and freshmen Lee Jaspersen of Milroy,

Minnesota, and Diane Legore of Algona, Iowa.

Working with them throughout their nights of calling was Nancy Horeis, administrative assistant in the Development Office. Michael Jones '71, ADD program director, has overall responsibility for the Phonorama program, a part of the ADD campaign.

Jones reports that to date more than \$197,013 has been raised for ADD through the Phonorama program.

Members of the Development staff and the seven students thank those who responded when they received Phonorama calls. »

## Spring highlights

**Dr. John W. Nielsen D'48 T'53**, who retired at the close of this academic year, was awarded the status of professor emeritus of religion at Commencement on May 20. Earlier, at the May 10 Honors Program, students named Nielsen their Professor of the Year, an honor that repeated his selection in 1981, the year student government originated the award. Criteria for the annual award include "teaching excellence and productivity, positive interpersonal relationships, organized and structured class management, creation of intellectual stimulation, desirable out-of-class behavior and an exemplary Christian life."

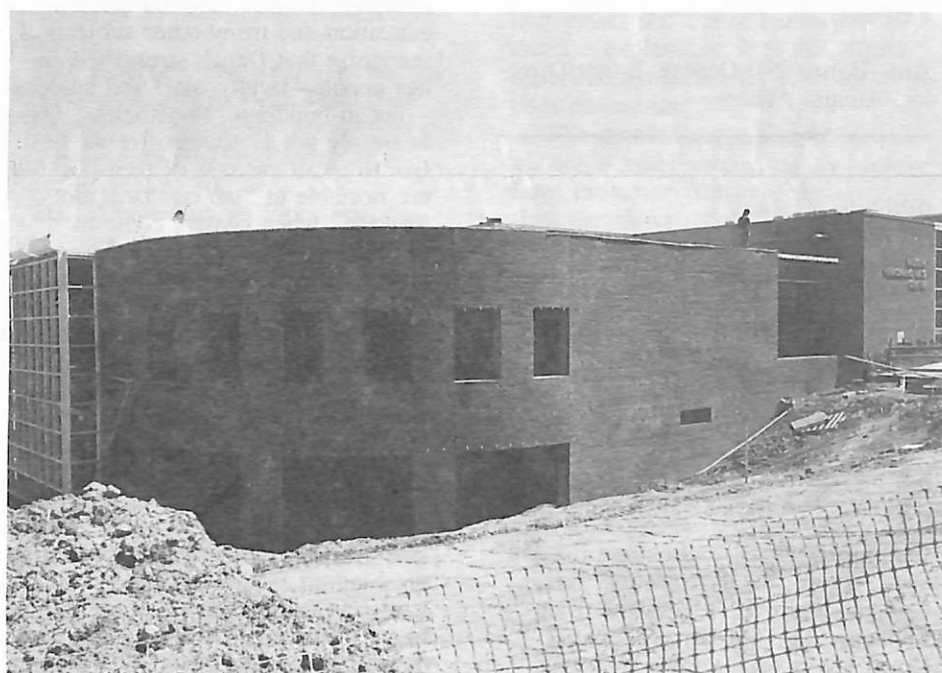
Nielsen received his Ph.D. in 1976 from Oxford University, England. Affectionately known by students as "Pope John," he has been at Dana for almost 30 years. He was instrumental in developing the humanities program and directed it for many years. He has also led a large number of students on unforgettable Interim trips to Europe.

Two other faculty members were also presented awards for outstanding teaching at the Honors Program. **Dr. Sybille Bartels**, assistant professor of German and coordinator for international studies, received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award, and **Dr. Delvin Hutton**, professor of Greek and religion, received the Sears and Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. Both awards included stipends.

**Gay Thompson**, an elementary education major from Modale, Iowa, was valedictorian of this year's graduating class.

## Art addition almost finished

The art department addition to the Madsen Performing Arts Center is nearing completion. It will be dedicated at Homecoming.



Commencement ceremonies included the presentation of Dana's 1990 College-Community Service Award to **Blair Mayor Stanley M. Jensen**. The award is the highest non-academic honor that Dana bestows. Jensen was elected mayor in 1978 and has been re-elected twice. Earlier this year he announced that he did not plan to run again. In 1986 Nebraska Senator J. J. Exon appointed Jensen to the White House Conference on Small Business. He has also served as chair of the Eastern Nebraska Conference of Mayors and is former president of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Council of Officials. In 1988 he represented Blair at opening ceremonies of the Karl May Festival in Bad Segeberg, West Germany. In presenting the award, President Christopherson praised Jensen for his "public spiritedness and continuing interest in and support of a wide range of college and community projects."

**The Rev. Arthur Simon '52** was this year's Commencement speaker. Simon also received an honorary degree as a doctor of humane letters (see Spring Review.)

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

(Highlights, from page 1)

Fifteen seniors received **Campus Service Awards** on May 19 at the college's traditional Recognition Dinner. The dinner, which honors graduating seniors, was attended by more than 300 persons—seniors, parents, other relatives, alumni, friends, and members of the faculty and staff. The Campus Service Award recipients were **Kelly Barnum**, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; **Shelley Carter**, Omaha; **Kirsten Christopherson**, Blair; **Rosalind Dryver-Scott**, Omaha; **Randy Hollowell**, Parker, Colorado; **Cathy Keck**, Ashland; **Todd Kollbaum**, Ida Grove, Iowa; **Carolyn Lauer**, Cozad; **Stacey Lien**, Papillion; **Lara Jean McBride**, Wheat Ridge, Colorado; **Noelle Miller**, Denver, Iowa; **Lynn Moore**, Kimballton, Iowa; **Mark Olsen**, Blair; **Kellee Siemers**, Elk Point, South Dakota; and **Scott Wagner**, Gretna. This year's **Distinguished Alumni** were **Dorothy (Willmert '58) Schultz** and **Dr. Paul Neve '41** (see Spring Review). »

### Graduates contribute to "brain gain" for state

If you live in Nebraska, you'll have read or heard about concerns over college and university graduates originally from Nebraska leaving the state for jobs elsewhere. The situation is often called a "brain drain."

A study of recent graduating classes by Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie, director of career services, shows that Dana, however, has been contributing to a Nebraska "brain gain."

Of our 1989 graduates, 48 percent entered Dana with degrees from Nebraska high schools. Fifty-eight percent of these 1989 graduates, however, are currently employed in the state. In other words, ten percent of those 1989 graduates who came to Dana from other states have decided to stay in Nebraska.

Of our 1988 graduates, 48 percent were from Nebraska, and 52 percent have jobs in the state. Eighty-three percent are in Nebraska or neighboring states. »

## From the President

### "We are not just constructing another building"

**W**hat's in an Old Main?" She's gone now. Students who entered Dana in the Fall of 1988 or after hardly miss her. Even those of us for whom Old Main was the symbol of Dana College have grown accustomed to the loss. We have come to realize that by the Grace of God life goes on. So, why make such a big deal out of Old Main?

My answer is simple and direct. Because we need to replace her, and we need to do it now! Failure to do so will mean a more uncertain future for Dana College. Students, faculty and staff need classrooms, offices and specialized laboratories to support the teaching of business, accounting, computer science, communication, education and many other subjects. I recognize that Dana's strength is in her people—faculty, staff and students—not in buildings. Nonetheless, Dana is simply not as competitive as we'd like to be in the area of facilities. We are not able to "put our best foot forward" when visitors come to campus and find that rooms intended as dormitory rooms have to substitute as labs, offices and classrooms.

Furthermore, we have some premium academic programs that deserve the support of classrooms and labs, and we have first-rate teachers who deserve office and classroom support.

Happily, this fall, students and faculty in the fine arts will occupy a newly completed art addition to the Performing Arts Center, thus creating the Madsen Fine Arts Center. We will have fine facilities to support programs in art, commercial art and photography as well as support areas. We celebrate the strength these new facilities will bring to our campus and delight in being able to give a permanent home to the art and photography faculty who occupied the entire fourth floor of Old Main at the time of the fire.

Now, I believe, we must move swiftly to address the needs of the rest of the faculty who were displaced by the Old Main fire. The Board of Regents recognized this need and has authorized final construction documents and directed the administration to

present a plan for funding including, if necessary, a plan for borrowing.

I am pleased at how well our ADD campaign is going. Our cash goal for the campaign was \$10.65 million. To date we have gifts and pledges for cash amounting to \$8.13 million, and we have only just completed the second year of our campaign. We had a planned gift (estate and other planned gift commitments) goal of \$7.5 million. To date, that total is right at \$9 million, and that's a conservative estimate of gift expectancies from alumni and friends who have designated Dana in their estate plans. Thanks to all of you who have helped us to date.



Well, you may say, "If you're doing so well, what have we got to worry about?" The problem is that the Old Main replacement project will cost more than we anticipated when we launched the ADD campaign. We will need well over \$5 million for the total Old Main replacement project which includes the art addition, the classroom/chapel complex and the many other campus improvements we have made (e.g., roof replacement or repair on all buildings, campus lighting changes, campus signage, parking lot paving, plantings and the like) to carry out our campus master plan. We must also strengthen endowment and provide support to the operating budget for faculty and staff development and much-needed student services and scholarship support.

All of this means that we must exceed our cash goal for the ADD campaign, and for the long-term security of the college we must exceed our planned gift goal substantially, too. Thankfully, the latter has already been done, and we have every intention of contacting every one of our alumni and friends who shows any willingness to include Dana in his or her estate plans. Could we double our goal of \$7.5 million and achieve \$15 million in documented planned

gifts? Of course we could. It means that many of you reading this letter decide NOW to include Dana in your estate plans and call the Rev. John Beck (402-426-7234) and tell him. He can help you make the necessary arrangements.

These next several months will find us focusing on raising the necessary funds for the Old Main replacement classroom center and chapel. **We are not just constructing another building. We are securing our future.** We must build on solid ground, literally and figuratively. In the years that I have been at Dana, I have felt a need to strengthen the total institution—to strengthen faculty and staff development, strengthen academic programs and student services and enhance the physical plant and grounds. I am grateful that we have been able to make progress on all fronts.

However, **more important than any of these improvements is that Dana is properly centered in mission and goals.** I believe we are building on a firm foundation here, too. The adoption by the faculty of a general education curriculum under the theme "That Humane Endeavor Might Endure" will assure that Dana students will become well educated in the arts, sciences, history, literature, communication and related areas. In addition, our approach is founded on the premise that education is empty if it does not also help develop citizens who are **humane**, citizens who can love their fellow human beings, care for all of God's creation, champion human rights and work for peace and justice for all people. In short, we believe educated persons have an obligation to be more than learned. They should also be enlightened to serve God and humankind in love. I believe such goals put us on solid footing. This gives me courage to call for support from alumni and friends everywhere to help us secure the necessary funds to replace our Old Main and provide facilities to make this program of study available to students for many generations to come.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

### Alumni participate in Career Panels

**T**hree Career Panels—for all majors, for science majors and for art majors—were held during the second semester.

On February 4 four graduates participated in the panel for all majors. The four, who represented a variety of majors, are all in business-related professions.

They were: John Cederberg '65, a history major who is a partner with Deloitte & Touche in Lincoln; Leslie Hayes '73, a sociology and psychology major who is manager of Procurement Accounting for U.S. West Communications in Omaha; Rick Rostan '79, a business administration major who is district manager for Expeditors International in Chicago; and Carolyn

Scholl '69, a social science major who is executive director of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross in Des Moines.

On April 5 the following participated in the Science Career Panel: Karen (Reuter '83) Bovard, an electron microscopy technologist at Creighton University, Omaha; Kerry Cooper '86, a chemist at OPPD's Ft. Calhoun Nuclear Power Plant; Sharna Davis, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge; Laurie Diggins, physical therapist at Blair Memorial Community Hospital; Mike Moore '89, a first-year medical student at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine; and Larry Overbeck '89, a

research technician (Genetics Lab) at Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha.

Then on April 26 participants in the Art Career Panel discussed careers in art, commercial art and photography.

They were: Laurie Christensen '88, an assistant account executive in retail advertising at the Omaha World-Herald and an art conservationist who works with Mayda Goodberry Jensen, Omaha; Paul Hundtoft '76, an art and humanities teacher at Westside Middle School, Omaha; Kenneth Petersen, a darkroom technician at Amato Color, Inc., Omaha; John Prouty '70, owner of Wessco Graphics, Omaha; and Ryle Smith '73, creative director at Rollheiser, Holland, Kahler Associates, Inc., Omaha. »



## International connections

Michi Enya '84 gave a welcome party for Mark Juergens '85 when he arrived in Tokyo several months ago. Mark is teaching English there. Michi is a tourist guide for non-Japanese; she also helps make arrangements for Japanese students to study in the U.S. In the photo Michi and Mark (row 1, center and right) are surrounded by several members of Tokyo's international community—Americans, Swiss, English and Japanese who have studied in the U.S., Canada or Australia.

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## International students at all-time high

Forty-three international students, full-time and part-time, attended Dana this year. This is a record-setting number. These international students represented 12 countries, and like those we've had in the past, they "have helped all of us become sensitive to a world beyond our own," says Dr. Sybille Bartels, coordinator for international studies.

Dana has often had one or two students from Denmark, but this year (with two leaving after the first semester and two arriving for the second), there have been seven, certainly the most since the early years of this school, when many students were Danish immigrants.

Other international students this year were from Namibia (6), Ethiopia (1), Nigeria (1), Tanzania (1), the People's Republic of China (18), Taiwan (2), Poland (2), Norway (1), Italy (1) and Canada (1). Two students from Japan were here for the first semester.

While the college is actively trying to increase the number of international students, the administration has also recognized the importance of helping them once they arrive—in their mastery of English, their studies and their adjustment to a different way of life.

To meet these needs Dr. Bartels, assistant professor of German, was given expanded duties as coordinator of international studies and programs two years ago. And when 17 students from the People's Republic of China arrived this fall, Holling Hall Director Peggy Sorensen '84 was named Student Services coordinator for international students.

Students from Europe "have fewer problems with assimilation into the campus community," Bartels says. "But because we want to promote ethnic diversity, we also need to direct our efforts toward recruiting and serving students from other world regions."

Our international students have had a variety of reasons for being at Dana. Some, who want the experience of living and studying in the U.S., stay for one or two semesters before returning home to enter a university or technical institute. Some remain at Dana for four years to complete their bachelor's degrees and then either return home or enter graduate school. And others come to learn English before they go on to graduate work elsewhere in this country.

The ways their education is financed are just as varied. Many of our students from Namibia and Ethiopia receive most of their support from Dana, but some support also comes from area congregations and the ELCA. (The West German government assists the Namibian students by paying for transportation costs and miscellaneous expenses). Our Scandinavian students benefit from Dana's Queen Margrethe II and Victor Borge Scholarships, but nevertheless they and our other international students must also rely on their own funds or assistance from other sources.

With so many changes taking place in the world, giving international students an opportunity to study in this country and our American students an opportunity to learn about other cultures benefits everyone, Bartels says. "It is an important step toward multicultural and international understanding." »

## Partner program helps adjustment, understanding

A "Partner Program" developed by Peggy Sorensen '84, coordinator for international students, paired new international students and American students this past semester.

The one-credit course was offered by both the Social Work and Communication Departments.

The program had two sets of objectives:

- for the international students—to introduce them to campus life and help them begin to understand our culture;

- for the American students—to help them develop the ability to understand the world views of someone from a different racial, ethnic and cultural background, and to learn to assess their style of interpersonal communication through one-on-one contact with someone whose first language isn't English.

To accomplish these goals, the partners were required to spend two or more hours together each week for one-on-one conversational practice in conjunction with an agreed-upon activity, and they shared at least one meal a week. Both were expected to keep journals and to write about their times together.

The partners were also required to attend introductory and monthly meetings, as well as bi-monthly review sessions.

At the end of the semester each set of partners gave five-to-ten minute presentations where they talked about their experiences, problems they encountered and the insights they gained. »

## Namibian visitor reviews program

During the second semester the Rev. Henog Kamho, principal of Martin Luther High School in Namibia, visited Dana and other ELCA colleges where Namibians are studying.

Kamho came to the U.S. under the auspices of the ELCA's Office of International Studies to learn about the programs the students are involved in and the opportunities they're being given.

Klemens Namwira, one of Dana's Namibian students and a staff writer for the *Hermes*, the campus newspaper, wrote about the visit for the *Hermes*. He reported that Kamho said he was pleased to see that Dana was "doing a lot for the Namibian students without having many problems," and that more

intensive work has been done here at Dana than at any other school I have been to."

Kamho, Namwira wrote, "praised the institution including faculty, students and administration, for its outstanding job in providing a conducive atmosphere for the Namibian students to study."

Six Namibians have been attending Dana, more than at any other ELCA college. »

## For excellence in teaching... Alumni receive prestigious awards

This spring two alumni—Dr. Pete Petersen '62 of Canyon, Texas, and Barbara (Dayton) Lebedz '74) Lebedz of Omaha—were honored by foundations as outstanding teachers.

**Pete Petersen.** Petersen, who teaches American history at West Texas State University, is one of ten Texas college and university educators selected as Piper Professors for 1990.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation established the award program in 1958 to recognize outstanding achievement in the teaching profession at Texas colleges and universities.

The Piper Award follows many others that Petersen has received for excellence in teaching. A newspaper story about the award reported that "he has been named 'Favorite Professor' by numerous campus organizations, sometimes more than once." He also received the WTSU Faculty Excellence Award in 1982 and the Ex-Students Association's University Excellence Award in 1988.

"Dr. Petersen is without doubt one of the most outstanding professors at West Texas State University," Dr. Steven Gamble, WTSU vice president for academic affairs, said in the news story. "In a university that prides itself in excellent classroom instruction, he has many colleagues but few peers."

In the article Petersen talked about his goals. "My purpose as a teacher, beyond the noble yet difficult goal of imparting knowledge about the history of the United States, is to help students develop an enthusiasm for life. I urge them to be active participants, using examples from American history of those individuals who sailed out of 'snug harbors' to seek fulfillment in a larger world. Among my tasks, then, is to replace complacency with curiosity, selfishness with commitment and narrowness with breadth."

Petersen received a certificate, a \$2,500 honorarium and a gold pin at WTSU's May 12 commencement exercises. He was also the commencement speaker.

**Barbara (Dayton) Lebedz.** Lebedz, who teaches English at Bryan High school, is one of 15 teachers in the Omaha Public Schools to receive 1990 Buffett Foundation Awards for excellence in teaching.

Financier Warren Buffett established the awards two years ago in honor of his aunt, Alice Buffett, who taught home economics for more than 30 years in the Omaha Public Schools.

Lebedz teaches low-tracked ninth graders, tenth grade honors English and creative writing to seniors. In the Omaha World-Herald announcement of the award recipients, Lebedz was quoted as saying, "I think young people need to see your enthusiasm, and I try to show students that I enjoy what I am teaching them."

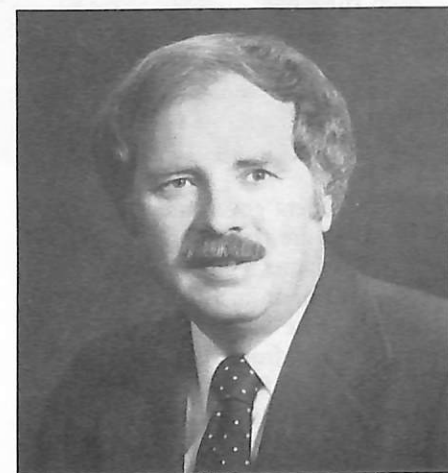
About her Dana education, she writes: "Fifteen years ago I sat in classrooms on the Dana campus, learning from master teachers. I can remember thinking, 'If only I can give to students what these men and women are giving me!' Dana's professors were determined to give more than just the fundamentals of their chosen fields. Their classes were rich with the humanities and opportunities for creative expression. It is this 'Dana experience' which I try to bring to my OPS classroom."

"The demands of urban education are greater all the time, but as I learned from Professor Bansen years ago: 'Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.'"

Allen Greenberg, Buffett Foundation executive director, told the World-Herald that the award is a "thank you to the teachers." It includes a \$10,000 cash prize for each recipient. The teachers were also honored at a May 23 dinner at the Omaha Club.

According to the World-Herald, the selection committee received more than 750 nomination letters for 287 teachers.

Dana graduates Dorothy (Willmert '58) Schultz and Kent Day '76 were among the 15 recipients of 1989 Buffett Foundation Awards. »



Award-winning teachers Lebedz and Petersen.

## Two administrators have title changes

At their May meeting Dana Regents changed the titles of two administrators: Dan Travaille, from dean of students to vice president for student affairs; and Keith Hansen, from business manager to vice president for business affairs.

Travaille has been dean of students for the past five years and Hansen has been business manager for 20 years.

The two appointments bring uniformity to the titles used for chief administrators. The college now has vice presidents in the areas of academic affairs (Dr. Kathleen O'Connor), institutional advancement (Phil Pagel '56), business affairs and student affairs.

These four vice presidents, together with Campus Pastor Linda Walz and Assistant to the President Bob Schmoll '83, serve as advisers to President Christopherson '61. »

## Student elections set precedents

A year ago this spring four women were elected to serve as student body president, vice president, secretary and treasurer—a Dana first. Student elections this past spring were once again noteworthy. It was the first time the slate had



only women running for student body president, and it was the first time one woman would succeed another in that office.

Julie Howland '91 (photo—right), who won over Christa Johnson '91, becomes the fifth woman elected to lead student government at Dana. Howland is an information management and accounting major from Omaha.

Other student government officers for 1990-91 are (from left): vice president—James Peister '92, a biology major from Broken Bow; treasurer—Pete Svendgard '92, an English major from Blair; and secretary—Deb Schramper '92, a commercial art and psychology major from Exira, Iowa. »

## Parnassus exhibits ancient artifacts

'Fragments from the Ancient World,' an exhibit of artifacts from Israel and Jordan, opens in Parnassus on August 27 and closes on October 14, Homecoming Sunday.

The artifacts, which date from 2000 B.C. to the Late Roman era, are from the private collections of Dr. Lloyd Neve D'45 T'47 and Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion at Dana.

The Nebraska Committee for the Humanities is providing matching funds for the exhibit and related events. »

## Laughter, applause greet Faculty Follies

This was the year for Faculty Follies, and students packed the Lauritzen Theatre on April 10 to see members of the faculty and staff perform in ways they hope will soon be forgotten—but won't be.

"We laughed until we cried," one of the students reported after the event. "It's at times like this that I remember why I love Dana so much."

Faculty Follies, staged once every four years, is a not-very-venerable Dana tradition that started at least 28 or 32 years ago. Do any of our alumni readers remember the first one? We'd like to hear from you. »

## Earth Day celebrations include speakers, trip

Earth Day observances at Dana during the third week of April included talks by Native American leader Reuben Snake of the Winnebago tribe and by Fred Thomas, environment editor of the Omaha World-Herald.

Students belonging to the Environmental Awareness Organization, which sponsored Thomas's talk, also set up displays.

For twelve students and Professors Jan and Richard Potter of the social work faculty, Reuben Snake's talk, sponsored by the Social Awareness Organization, was an introduction to

an Earth Day weekend at the Winnebago reservation north of Blair. There they celebrated Earth Day with Native Americans from across the country.

Members of the Dana group worked closely with Native American participants to learn about traditional ways in which Native Americans have cared for the land.

## CAMPUS NOTES

By vote of the Board of Regents, two faculty members have been promoted to associate professor: **Dr. Kay Ferguson**, education and psychology, and **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73**, English. Ferguson was also granted tenure. Nielsen was given tenure at an earlier date.

The Regents have also granted sabbatical leave for the coming academic year to two other faculty members: **Dr. Richard Jorgensen '64**, professor of history, for the first semester; and **Dr. Dorothy Olson**, professor of elementary education, for the second semester.

The **Dana Choir** and **New Day** dedicated their home concert on April 24 to the memory of Larry Scarpino, a Choir member who died unexpectedly last September. A free-will offering from the concert has started a Larry Scarpino Music Award Fund. The award will be given annually to an outstanding Choir member.

Dana biology major **Mark Weber '90** of Kearney presented a paper titled "Halo Size and Maintenance by Sea Urchins at St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands" on April 20 at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences in Lincoln. Weber did his research as part of a course that he took while attending a summer program in the Virgin Islands last year.

**Don Warman**, associate professor of history and computer science, has been selected to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities Institute on Andean Civilization at Cornell University. The institute is being held from June 18 to August 3.

**Phil Pagel '56**, vice president for institutional advancement, has been elected chair of the Nebraska Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Pagel is also a member of the President's Committee, which met this spring in Washington, D.C.

Ten students were inducted into the Nebraska Beta Chapter of **Alpha Chi**, the national college honor scholarship society, on May 8. Inductees were **Jeff Bryan**, a Weekend College student from Missouri Valley, Iowa; **Shelley Carter '90**, Omaha; **Kirsten Christopherson '90**, Blair; **Stephen Hutton '90**, Blair; **Carmen Kinsley '91**, Huron, South Dakota; **Jared Olson '91**, Roscoe, Illinois; **Tina Reimer '91**, Rockton, Illinois; **Gina Roden '90**, Pisgah, Iowa; **Mark Rothfusz '91**, Atlantic, Iowa; and **Gay Thompson '90**, Modale, Iowa.

The Potters said that tribal elders were so impressed with the respect and self-discipline Dana students displayed that they were invited to participate in tribal ceremonies that are usually off-limits to outsiders. The elders also singled out the Dana students from the many participants to receive an original nature print. »

This spring **Fran Mallory**, instructor in business administration, together with a professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, presented a paper titled "Rural Hospitals and Economic Decline" at the Annual Conference of the Southwestern Economics Association in Fort Worth, Texas.

Twenty-one students were inducted as new members of the Nebraska Kappa Beta Chapter of **Alpha Mu Gamma**, the national college honor foreign language society, on May 10: **French—Stephen Hutton '90**, Blair; **German—Jeff Wiegrefe '93**, Omaha; **Maija Nielsen '93**, Omaha; **Joy Gonzales '90**, Gothenburg; **Mary Oetter '91**, Omaha; **Jeff Gillio '91**, Battle Mountain, Nevada; **Mette Lassen '93**, Vallensba, Denmark; **Helen Ochs '91**, Windhoek, Namibia; **French, German, Spanish—Jesper Jespersen '93**, Stenlille, Denmark; **Spanish—Martina Lucero '93**, Ft. Lupton, Colorado; **Zachary Arellano '91**, Omaha; **Catharina Mortensen '93**, Hellerup, Denmark; **Rebecca Johnson '92**, Yankton, South Dakota; **Kenneth Brown '93**, Omaha; **Dawn Flaherty '93**, Mallard, Iowa; **Ann Gibbs '93**, Greenfield, Iowa; **Angela Mason '91**, Calhan, Colorado; **Kelly McCrudden '93**, Sandstone, Minnesota; **Amy Roberts '93**, Callender, Iowa; **Kristle Cuka '92**, Utica, South Dakota; **English as a Second Language—Hu Qiang Guo**, People's Republic of China.

An awards program for Nebraska's outstanding high school students of German who participated in a national German test was held at Dana on April 28. Some twenty-five students from seven schools, their families and teachers participated in the event. Hosts were **Dr. Sybille Bartels**, assistant professor of German and vice president of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German, and **Dana students** who are studying German.

Cellist **Jeff Wiegrefe '93** was a member of the Intergeneration Orchestra of Omaha during its 1989-90 concert season. Members in this unique collection of musicians must be 22 or younger or 55 and older. This year they ranged in age from ten to 84. The orchestra was conducted by songwriter and performer Chuck Penington.

One member of the faculty and three staff members are retiring: **Dr. John W. Nielsen D'48 T'53**, professor of religion; **Phyllis McManigal**, administrative assistant in Student Services; Campus Nurse **Betty Hernes**; and **Mabel Smith** of the custodial staff.

**“On this fiftieth anniversary of the invasion of Denmark, we must probe the question, ‘Why in Denmark alone were almost all the Jews saved?’ We must learn lessons that will help all of humanity.”—  
Senator Paul Simon '49**

## College holds international conference on Rescue of the Danish Jews

In October 1943 thousands of Danish citizens united together under the Nazi Occupation to help fellow Danes—who happened to be Jewish—survive the Holocaust by escaping in fishing boats to Sweden.

They saved an estimated 7,000 of the 7,500 Jews living in Denmark.

This April some of the rescued and the rescuers, together with historians and scholars, came to the Dana campus to discuss the rescue of the Danish Jews and its moral and ethical implications for today.

The conference on April 22-23 was attended by approximately 300 persons from 20 states. Among them were Dana alumni and some 50 members of the Omaha Jewish community, including survivors of the Holocaust.

The idea for the conference came from Dana Regent and U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 after he read the book, “The Rescue of the Danish Jews: Moral Courage Under Stress,” edited by Dr. Leo Goldberger, professor of psychology at New York University.

President Christopherson, Simon and Kjeld Mortensen, Danish Ambassador to the United Nations, opened the conference on Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Because the day was also Yom Hashoah, the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust, Campus Pastor Linda Walz conducted a Service of Remembrance before the program began.

Rabbi Bent Melchior of Copenhagen, Chief Rabbi of Denmark, recited kaddish. Dana senior Todd Kollbaum was cantor for the service.

Goldberger and Melchior, children during the Nazi Occupation, were among those rescued with their families. Melchior's father was Chief Rabbi of Denmark at the time.

On Sunday evening they and Herbert Pundik, editor of the Copenhagen newspaper Politiken, told the stories of their rescues and of the Danes who helped them. Joining them to give first-hand accounts of their own experiences were two rescuers—former Danish Resistance members Knud Dyby, who now lives in California, and Ernest Harbo, who lives in Illinois.

Members of the audience were also asked to share their personal stories of the Rescue, and several came forward.

Other conference participants included Paul Hammerich, a Copenhagen journalist, historian and member of the Prime Minister's advisory group on the future; Elsebet Jegstrup of the Department of Political Science at Loyola University; Dr. Carol Rittner, R.S.M., director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, New York City; and Dr. Franklin Sherman, director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College.

Conference topics included discussions of the Jewish community in Denmark prior to WWII (Melchior),

the fate of Scandinavian Jews during WWII (Hammerich), the rescue from Danish and Jewish perspectives (Hammerich and Pundik), the rescue from a political point of view (Jegstrup) and implications of the rescue for Jewish-Christian relations (Sherman).

Two films were shown: “Exodus: A Light in the Dark,” introduced by Goldberger, and “The Courage to Care,” introduced by Rittner.

During the conference other factors that aided the rescue were also described—Germans who looked the other way, the proximity of Sweden, and Swedes who met the Danish Jews at the coast and gave them safe haven.

Panelists at the closing session on Monday evening considered the implications for moral and ethical conduct today. Dr. Goldberger was the moderator.

Although “multiple, complex factors” figured in the rescue, Goldberger said, “what emerges is a picture of a large group of people who thought that it was the most ordinary thing in the world to help one's fellow man. It was neither heroic nor especially noteworthy, at least for those who acted morally.

“It is because of this ordinariness that you and I ought to find it easier to identify with them, the people that helped, and silently ask ourselves: What would I have done, or do, in a similar future situation?”

“...our Danish rescuers are reachable as ideals for each and every one of us,” Goldberger said.

Participants and those in attendance praised the event.

An editorial by Morris Maline in the April 27 edition of the Omaha-based Jewish Press was headed “A+ for Dana College.” Maline wrote, “Dana College has demonstrated not only a high capability for academic professionalism, but also has opened a moment in history that illustrates the best that mankind has to offer. . . .

“By providing this intense opportunity to look through the magnifying glass of a microscopic blink of history and capture the beauty of the Danish people saving their neighbors, friends and fellow citizens, Dana College has taken a giant step in providing hope for mankind.”

The same issue of the Jewish Press included an article about the conference, the text of Senator Simon's opening address, and an account of a workshop on April 24, the day after the conference.

The workshop, on the interpretation of Jewish and Christian Scriptures, was titled “Texts That Unite and Divide.” The more than 50 participants included Lutheran pastors. The workshop leaders were Rabbi Melchior, Dr. Sherman, and religion professors Dr. Richard Freund and Dr. Norman Beck. Freund teaches at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Beck at Texas Lutheran College.

The May 25 edition of the Intermountain Jewish News, published in Denver, also carried a two-page article with

photos of the conference participants.

Dana staff members responsible for organizing the conference included Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion; Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, associate professor of English; Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement; and Anne Christopherson, coordinator of special projects.

Senator Simon also assisted Dana by obtaining partial funding for the event through a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago.

Cassette tapes of the conference are available. For information on obtaining them, write to Phil Pagel. »

## Omaha's Jewish community says “thanks”

The Jewish Federation of Omaha at its annual meeting on June 10 presented Dana with its special Community Service Award.

In a letter to President Christopherson telling him of the award, Howard Bloom, executive director of the Jewish Federation, wrote:

“The extraordinary efforts of Dana College to recognize the historical significance of the rescue of Danish Jewry has truly affected the members of our Jewish community, and it is with great pleasure that I extend my

personal congratulations to you, your colleagues, and your college for the noble effort that you made in this endeavor. The members of our community were particularly gratified and impressed with the warmth that was transmitted by all participants during the proceedings of the conference from April 22-24. I sincerely do hope that we can continue to build on those feelings of mutual respect which were inspired by this brilliant symposium.”

Christopherson accepted the award on behalf of the college. »



**Top photo:** On Sunday evening two rescuers and three of the rescued gave first-hand accounts of their experiences: from left—Ernest Harbo, Knud Dyby, Rabbi Bent Melchior, Herbert Pundik and Dr. Leo Goldberger. **Bottom:** Conference organizer Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 and President Christopherson '61 welcome Senator Simon '49. Participants Paul Hammerich and Leo Goldberger (right) look on.



## College thanks former Regent

Dana honored Regent Emeritus Irving F. Jensen, Sr., for his lifetime achievements at an April 25 dinner in Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Jensen is the son of Danish immigrants and the owner of Irving F. Jensen Construction Company. He is pictured here with President Christopherson, who thanked him for his service as a Regent and for his distinguished record of personal and corporate contributions to Dana, his church and community.

## Softball players are four-time champions

For the fourth consecutive year, and for the fifth time in six years, the Lady Vikings have won the NIAC softball championship.

Players earned this year's conference title with 14 wins and two losses. Their overall record was 31-26. The team placed fourth in NAIA district play.

"It's been a real honor to coach a team of this quality," Coach Steve Kissel '86 said. "With only a few players graduating in May, we should continue to be a dominant force in our conference and district."

Kissel was named NIAC Coach of the Year, and seven players made the All-Conference team: pitcher, Michelle Mundt '93, Omaha; catcher, Nicki Brownell '91, North Platte; first base, Lori Scott '91, Strasburg, Colorado; second base, Katie Corbitt '92, Bertrand; shortstop, Janet Mitchell '91, Dunlap, Iowa; centerfield, Tina Reimer '91, Rockton, Illinois; and utility, Sheryl Shuster '92, Blair.

The NAIA named Brownell second team All-American, one of only two players from the district to receive this high honor.

Mitchell and Reimer were named NAIA Scholar Athletes, a designation formerly called Academic All-American. Reimer also earned NAIA Honorable Mention for the second consecutive year, and her teammates named her their Most Valuable Player.

Three freshman players received Honorable Mention in conference play: Kris Grappendorf, Chariton, Iowa; Carol Mueller, Seward; and Amy Christensen, Omaha. »

## Baseball season has strong finish

The Vikings ended their baseball season with 15 wins and 27 losses. While "not being where we want to be yet," Coach Dale Lemon found a definite improvement over 1989's 10-31 record.

The season's end was upbeat, with the Vikings winning nine of their last 14 games. Late-season highlights included wins over nationally ranked NAIA district champion Bellevue College, over NIAC champs Nebraska Wesleyan and over "big-time" University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The team finished third in the NIAC at 11-9, a conference race that should be tight again next year, Lemon said. "Dana has won the race nine times since the league started in 1970, and we're looking forward to competing for the crown again."

Graduation claimed only two players: Russ Miller of Council Bluffs and Mark Clements of Blair. Miller set a career record with 59 appearances as a pitcher and received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Clements shared Most Valuable Player honors with sophomore Shawn Winters of Omaha. This was the first time since the award was initiated in 1972 that the team had a tie vote for MVP.

Lemon said that Clements had his best year ever. "He ran the team defensively from behind the plate and finished fast with 13 hits in 24 at bats in the final seven games, including two homers, a double and a single in his last game." Clements ended up with an average of .318 on 42 hits in 132 at bats in 43 games.

Winters, Lemon said, "had a steady and amazing season all year long in ending up with a team leading .409 average, playing mostly in the designated hitting role." Winters also had a 3-6 pitching record, 52 hits in 127 at bats, six homers, and 44 runs batted in. He struck out only eight times, by far the best mark for the starters.

Clements and Winters also won All-Conference and All-District Honorable Mention.

Troy Carmichael of Blair, the team's MVP in 1989, was named to the All-Conference First Team and earned All-District Honorable Mention. He was the team's second best hitter with a .345 average and received MVP votes again this year, Lemon said. Carmichael topped the team in walks (28) and home runs (9), was second in runs scored (32) and third in hits and runs batted in.

Besides Miller, Clements and Winters, other Vikings receiving All-Conference Honorable Mention were James Anderson '91, Omaha; Adam Lippincott '93, Blair; and Jeff Kress '91, Earlham, Iowa. Anderson joined Carmichael, Clements and Winters in earning All-District Honorable Mention. »

## Tennis bounces back

Tennis coach Craig Swenson '86 reports that the season was "the best the team has had in many years." The nine players finished the year with an 8-5 record.

At the conference tournament they placed third, behind Concordia College and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Tekamah junior John Hundahl won an individual championship at #1 singles and seniors Randy Hollowell (Parker, CO) and Kevin White (Minden, IA) won the doubles championship at #3 doubles. Dana advanced to at least the consolation round at every position played in the tournament.

Other team members were freshmen Shad Beam (Pocahontas, IA) and John Bacon (Blair), sophomores Steve Mathis (Leavenworth, KS) and Merid Eshete (Ethiopia), junior Jared Olson (Roscoe, IL) and post-graduate Jim Petersen '78 (Omaha). »

## Two Vikings sign Canadian contracts

Vikings Alan Pogue '87 and Mike Kuhl '91 have signed with teams in the Canadian Football League—Pogue with the Calgary Stampede, and Kuhl with the Toronto Argonauts.

Dana Coach Leo McKillip is a former CFL coach.

During his Dana career Pogue gained 7,800 total yards, completed 58 percent of his passes for 7,200 yards, threw for 61 touchdowns and rushed for 22 scores.

He will be one of four quarterbacks vying for the team at the Stampede's summer camp. Three will probably make it. McKillip thinks that Pogue's chances are good. "If I was there I would take Alan. He could do very well in Canada."

Kuhl was the Vikings' leading tackler last season. McKillip said that Kuhl is the kind of linebacker who

should do very well on the large Canadian field.

Last summer Pogue played for the Heathrow Jets in England. While returning a punt, however, he suffered a mild shoulder separation that kept him out of the last three games of the season.

When he returned to this country he signed with the Denver Dynamites of the Arena Football League. Although he made the team, he couldn't play because of his shoulder injury. Pogue said that his shoulder is now fully recovered. »

## Players remembered

A monument and flagpole at Dana's Peterson Field were dedicated on Saturday, May 5, to the memory of Jeff Smith and Scott Hoock. The two, who were close friends and baseball teammates, died in a car accident on May 6, 1988.

The service was held before the start of the Dana vs. Hastings baseball game.

## Insuring Dana's future...

### Dear Alumni and Friends,

The 120 people who attended the ninth annual Dana College Builders Luncheon on May 19 heard the good news that Dana's known expectancies from the 263 Dana College Builder families and members had reached nearly \$9 million. The actual total was \$8,934,608.

We are delighted and thankful.

But at the same luncheon President Myrvin Christopherson reaffirmed his strong conviction that Dana's endowment must be increased as soon as possible from the present total value of \$2.25 million to a minimum of \$15 million.

And that was another reminder to all of us that we who care about Dana must also care about insuring Dana's future through estate and planned gifts.

By the time this is printed I have no doubt that our membership will have exceeded 270 and our expectancies will have increased to more than \$9 million. But I heartily agree with Dr. Christopherson that our need requires that we shoot for double the \$7.5 million goal in estate gift expectancies set for the Accelerating Dana's Development (ADD) campaign.

I am often asked, "What do you mean by expectancies? How do you arrive at those numbers?"

Places like Dana College base planned gift expectancies on the answer to this question: "If Dana were to receive what you have planned to leave the college right now, what would Dana receive?"

If a will leaves a stated amount, it is easy to answer. But in most cases the will provides for a percentage of an estate, or in some cases, for all of an estate. In those cases, conservative estimates of current estate valuations are used.



In the case of insurance policies where Dana is a primary beneficiary, it is also easy. A percentage or all of the policy face will come to Dana.

In the case of life estate gifts, a home or farm, the current market value determines the number.

We find that the tendency is to undervalue rather than to inflate estate valuations, but we use the evaluations the Builder members give us. Some of these estates will increase in value over the years, others will decrease. A few estates may become completely depleted. But it will all average out.

There are at present about 60 Dana College Builder members who have not yet let us know about what Dana might expect in the future. Although we keep the information highly confidential, some Builders prefer not to let us know about their specific plans. We hope that our Dana College Builders will want to let us know, because it is a real encouragement for those of us who work with this as well as for others who might be considering doing something for Dana.

We have also found that there are many friends and alumni who have, in fact, made provision for Dana in their estate plans but have not chosen to tell us. If you are one of that group, we invite you to let us know! If you wish, you can be an "anonymous" member. We presently have 18 anonymous members.

We are extremely thankful for the major progress we are able to report. All of this growth is based on the trust and confidence in Dana's future that we share together as friends and alumni.

I share that faith with you. My wife and I are also sharing our estate with Dana. We want to be among those who are making certain that our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have the same opportunity to learn and grow at Dana that we had!

How about you?

John Beck  
Director of Planned Giving  
and Church Relations

## "Danamen" sing again

The Sioux City dinner honoring Regent Emeritus Jensen gave former "Danamen" Quartet members (from left) Stan Nielsen '68, Doug Witte '70, Greg Witte '71 and Charles Scott '68 an opportunity to harmonize together once again.



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## DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

**'90s** Shari Bohlander '90 is an accountant at Valley Products Corp. in Valley, NE. . . . Tom Bolton '90 is an import specialist for Expeditors International in Chicago. . . . This fall Shelley Carter '90 will attend Columbia University Teachers College in New York; she plans to work on a master's degree in international educational development. . . . Kristin Dougherty '90 will be a special education resource teacher (grades 2-6) this fall at East Union Elementary School in Arispe, IA. . . . Rosalind Dryver-Scott '90 will attend Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, this fall. . . . Andrew Ferguson '90 will attend the Creighton University Law School in Omaha. . . . Joy Gonzales '90 is a resident associate for ENCOR in Blair. . . . Susan Hendrick '90 will attend the College of Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. . . . Steve Hutton '90 is assistant to the director of the outdoor recreation program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In this position he manages UNO's Outdoor Venture Center. . . . Chris Keck '90 is an artist-designer for Lancer Label in Omaha. . . . Ginger LeBlanc '90 will be a graduate student in psychology this fall at Westchester

University in Pennsylvania. . . . Stacey Lien '90 will teach art this fall for grades 7-12 in the Logan-Magnolia (IA) Schools. . . . Mark Mathia '90 is a Pizza Hut management trainee in Omaha; he was also commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves at Dana's May 20 Commencement. . . . Lara Jean McBride '90 will be a graduate student in music this fall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. . . . Catherine Morrison '90 is a management trainee at Cubby's in Omaha. . . . Debra Niedzielski '90 will teach art and Spanish for grades 7-12 at Rock County High School in Bassett, NE. . . . Kris Pronske '90 is a bank assistant at First National Bank in Missouri Valley, IA. . . . Lora Rennau '90 is working this summer as a postal clerk at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. . . . Gina Roden '90 will teach English and speech-drama this fall at Manning (IA) High School. . . . Michael Ryan '90 will attend Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago this fall to work on a master of divinity degree. . . . Paul Sanders '90 is a trainee at Agrico in Blair. . . . Joan Scherbring '90 will teach mathematics and coach this fall at Kuemper Catholic School in Carroll, IA. . . . Quinn Sebesta '90 will be a

graduate student this fall in the history department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. . . . Kellee Siemers '90 is a nanny in Denver, CO. . . . Tracey Vittitoe '90 is a teller at the Washington County Bank in Blair. . . . Jade Wagner '90 farms near Hampton, IA. . . . Scott Wagner '90 is a customer representative/credit manager at Norwest Financial, Omaha. . . . Scott Walker '90 is a salesman for H&H Chevrolet in Omaha. . . . Bruce Webster '90 is a staff accountant at Raymond V. Ryder & Assoc., in Blair. . . . Kevin White '90 is a reporter for the Enterprise Publishing Co., Blair, and the Council Bluffs (IA) Nonpareil. . . . Cory Wilson '90 and his parents are in Honduras this summer as medical missionaries. Cory will work at a Denver (CO) hospital this fall. . . . Kelly (Nass) Zanton '90 will be teaching high school English, speech and drama this fall in Beatrice, NE. . . . Steve Ziegler '90 will be a graduate student in musical therapy at the University of Kansas this fall.

Minneapolis in February. He works there as an actor/model, waits on tables in the evenings at Chanhassen Dinner Theater and teaches classes at John Casablanca's Modeling and Career Center. His address is 2512 Highway 100 S. #412, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. . . . Jolene (McCabe '88) and Mark Bensen announce the birth of James Albert (Jamie) on December 19. Jolene is office manager for ARTFAC in Omaha. . . . Gail Bray '88 and Mark McCorkindale were married on June 2. Gail graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center on May 12 with a B.S. in physical therapy. She works at Omaha's Methodist Hospital. Mark is a third-year medical student at UN Med. They live in Omaha (68164) at 3712 N. 109th Plaza. . . . Laurie (Haniszewski) Christensen '88 works for the Omaha World-Herald as an assistant account executive in retail advertising. . . . Kay (Schjodt '88) and Mark '85 Dickinson, 1178 N. 17th Ave., Blair, announce the birth of Taylor Michael on May 9. . . . Sherri (Reeker '88) Finney is a retail sales representative for First Interstate Bank in Des Moines. . . . John Hollingsworth '88 has been promoted to program manager at T.M.I. Corp. in Omaha.

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## Alumni in Canada, U.S. direct world missions

Two Dana graduates, both of them Lutheran pastors, now head world mission activities for the church—the Rev. Peter Mathiasen '54 in Canada, Dr. Mark Thomsen '53 in the U.S.

This summer Mathiasen, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Nepean, Ontario, becomes executive director for World Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He will be based in Winnipeg.

Mathiasen was a mission developer, pastor, college administrator and teacher in Brazil from 1959 to 1975. In addition to being pastor to congregations in Saskatchewan and Ontario, he served for three years as secretary for the ELCIC's Board of World Mission. Mathiasen is married to the former Elna Nielsen '56.

Thomsen, his U.S. counterpart, is executive director for the Division of Global Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with headquarters in Chicago. Thomsen became director when three synods merged to form the ELCA in January 1988. Before the merger, he directed the Division for World Mission and Inter-Church Cooperation of the American Lutheran Church. He has been a missionary in Nigeria. »

## More about Homecoming

Homecoming on October 12-14 will include the Saturday morning dedication of the new art department addition to the Madsen Performing Arts Center, the renaming of the Center as the "Madsen Fine Arts Center" and the naming of the art gallery in honor of the Rev. F. W. Thomsen T'45, professor emeritus of art.

The Saturday evening program will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Danish heldentenor Lauritz Melchior.

Other events include a Friday evening pep rally and coronation of the Homecoming king and queen, and, on Saturday morning, the traditional aebelskiver breakfast and hot-air balloon liftoff and the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

Other traditional Saturday morning activities include a Fun Run (2 and 5 miles) and golf tournament.

Two alumni—Kayla Walsh-Laune '82 and Gary Cissell '80—will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Homecoming luncheon.

Two games will highlight the Saturday afternoon schedule: volleyball at 1 o'clock against Bellevue College, and football at 2 against Doane.

Alumni will be returning for nine reunions. One will be a reunion of members of the 1959-60 and 1960-61 track teams. The others will be reunions of the Classes of 1940, 1950, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1985. Announcements have been mailed for all of these reunions. If you consider yourself a member of any of these groups and have not received an announcement, please notify the Alumni Office.

The Homecoming mailer that goes out in August will have the complete schedule and a reservation form. »

## Alumni Council News

At their May 19 meeting members of the Alumni Council elected Paul Johnson '76 of Fremont to a second term as president of the Alumni Association and Scott Rasmussen '82 of Omaha to a second term as vice president. Terms are for one-year periods and officers are limited to two terms.

Kevin Johnson '83 of Omaha was elected to his first term as secretary.

Using the ballot published in the spring Review, alumni have elected a new member and four incumbents to three-year terms on the Council. The newly elected member is Steve Appel '84 of Blair. The four incumbents, who are entering their second terms, are Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Blair; Tom Nielsen '59, Omaha; Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen, Blair; and Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen, Omaha. Elected members can serve two terms.

Council members at their May meeting

also approved President Johnson's appointment of an incumbent and two other alumni to one-year terms as members-at-large. They are incumbent Kathy (Nielsen '53) Leistad of Elk Horn, Iowa, and new members Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen of Blair, and Mary (Heistand '80) Bro of Harlan, Iowa.

Other Council members are Mark Grorud '75, Fremont, past president; Jerry Jorgensen '65, Blair; Jayne (Botos '66) Kolterman, Omaha; Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, Blair; Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw, Council Bluffs; Tom Taggart '81, West Des Moines; and Rod Thompson '65, Omaha.

Liaisons to the Council include President Christopherson '61; Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement; Dr. Larrie Stone '57, representing the faculty; Anita Woodward '91, representing the Student Senate; Paul Ditlevson, director of development; John Schueth, director of admissions; and Ann (Harms '54) George, director of alumni affairs. »

## STUDENT LOAN PAYOFF PROGRAM

If you're in default on a guaranteed student loan (FISL, GSL, Stafford, SLS, or PLUS loan), you may be eligible to pay it back without penalty or collection charges. (These charges can amount to as much as 35% of your debt.) You must pay your loan in full by August 31, 1990 to take advantage of this special program. For information, call the guarantee agency that holds your loan, or call the U.S. Department of Education's toll-free number:

**Federal Student Aid Information Center: (800) 333-INFO**

With the increased concern over unpaid student loans, the federal government is looking for ways to make repayment easier for those who have already defaulted. The U.S. Department of Education has asked colleges and universities to carry the above announcement.

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He and **Miriam (Petersen '81)** live in Blair at 915 N. 28th. . . . **Joel Barratt '86** has joined Rollheiser, Holland, Kahler Associates, Inc., an Omaha advertising and public relations agency, as assistant art director, and **Laurie (Nielsen '87) Barratt** is purchasing agent and office manager for Omaha's AutoCon (Automated Concepts, Inc.). . . . **David Iversen '86** received his M.A. in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 19. He also has a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Iowa. Dave is a multiservice librarian at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. . . . **Jon '85** and **Juli (Schwandt '84) Bansen** and son Ross have moved from McMinnville to Yamhill, OR, where their address is 11305 Pike Road N.W. (97148). . . . **Mark Juergens '85** is teaching English in Japan. . . . **Terry (Pedersen '85)** and Mark Summey were married in March. They live at 413 Aspen Dr. in Emporia, KS 66801. Terri, who is assistant head of reference in the library at Emporia State University, has had an article entitled "Theft and Mutilation of Library Materials" published in the March 1990 issue of *College and Research Libraries*. . . . **Marlene (Kreutzian '84)** and **Jeff '84 Levine** announce the birth of Christopher Derek on December 16, 1989. Jeff is the lab manager in charge of quality control at the new ConAgra oat plant in South Sioux City, NE, and Marlene is in her second year of teaching seventh and eighth grade math and eighth-twelfth grade computer programming at the Allen (NE) Public Schools. She has also worked on writing a computer curriculum through Nebraska's Educational Service Unit #1. . . . **Karen (Reuter '83)** and George Bovard, 9102 Poppleton, Omaha (68124), are the parents of Caitlin Marie, born on February 22. . . . **Celeste Hutton '83** and **Kevin Girton '80**, 701 Maple, Wichita, KS 67213, announce the birth of Seth Mickel on March 9. Celeste teaches English at Derby (KS) High School. . . . **Karla (McCormick '83) Mowry**, Omaha, has received a scholarship from the Omaha Council PTA/PTSA to work on a master's degree in deaf education. . . . **Curt Fett '82**, Sioux City, IA, has earned membership in National Travelers Life Company's 1990 President's Club for his sales and service record. . . . **Kathy Gerking '82** and **Andy Johnson '83** now live at 2832 High St. in Des Moines. Kathy, having finished a year of teaching Biblical courses at Grand View College, is at home with their daughter, Anna Katherine (born Sept. 16, 1988); she continues to wait for a call to serve an ELCA parish. . . . **Tony '82** and **Amy (Holmquist '82) Jones**, 15621 N Circle, Omaha (68135), announce the birth of Melissa Sue on March 6. She joins brother Nathan, who was 2 at the time. Tony has a new job with A.H. Robbins as a consumer products sales representative. . . . **Julie (Jensen '82) Nielsen** works for McNeel Lane Associates in North Platte, NE, as a senior professional alcoholism counselor

. . . . **Nancy (Pruss '81)** and **Johan Pedersen**, 2154 Washington, Blair, are the parents of Bjorn Henning, born on May 25. He joins brother Zack. . . . **Kitty Wooley '81** has been promoted to registrar at Sierra Academy of Aeronautics in Oakland, CA.

**'70s** **Lanette Monasmith '79** and Tom Ehresman were married on March 10 in Loveland, CO, where they live at 1146 N. Grant (80537). Lanette teaches K-5 music and Tom is a test pilot/airplane mechanic at the Loveland airport. . . . **Ronald Smith '79** has been honored with a Prudential Partners in Community Service grant that provides \$1,875 to the Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha. A Prudential agent with the Omaha agency, Smith has been a volunteer with the Health Center for two years. The grant will be used to help fund a substance abuse prevention program. Through its Partners in Community Service program Prudential honors its insurance agents for their volunteer activities. . . . **Jeanmarie Nielsen '78** and Michael Anderson, 2035 Wright, Blair, announce the birth of Colin Michael on April 30. His parents are both members of Dana's music faculty. . . . **Dennis Nelson '76** attended a large Earth Day 1990 event in Chicago on April 22 and on the following day spoke to over 300 science students at Hinsdale (IL) Central High School about nuclear power and energy alternatives. Dennis is the alternative energy resource person with the Nuclear Energy Information Service in Evanston. He lives at 537 W. Evergreen St. in Wheaton, IL 60187. . . . **Dr. Gary Madsen '75** has been promoted to head of Research and Development for Abbott Laboratories' Matrix System. The Matrix System is a new instrument that simplifies the detection of allergies. Gary, his wife **Diane (Larsen '75)**, and their two sons, Lars (8) and Leif (4), live at 1331 Forever Ave. in Libertyville, IL 60048. . . . **Jerry L. Wilson '74** has been promoted to operations officer at First National Bank of Omaha. In this new position he is responsible for approvals on new credit card applications. . . . **Dr. Dan Smith '73** has been named superintendent of the Cedar Falls, IA, school district, which has more than 4,900 students. He goes to Cedar Falls after serving as superintendent for the Knoxville, IA, Community Schools.

**'60s** **Kay (Bowers '68) Clark** married Jim C. Richardson, D.V.M., on August 6, 1989. They live in Bowie, TX, where Jim is a partner in Cross Timbers Veterinary Hospital. Kay is a registered nurse at Nocona General Hospital. . . . **Vivian (Jenkins '65) Nelsen** was a featured speaker at this summer's gathering in Santa Clara, CA, of approximately 7,000 high school youth of the ELCA. She is director of Inter-Race, the International Institute for Interracial Interaction at Augsburg College.

**'50s** **Dr. Richard Andersen '53**, senior pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA, is one of two Lutheran pastors whose sermons are included in an ecumenical book of sermons published by Abingdon Press. Abingdon Preacher's Annual 1991 is the sequel to Minister's Annual published by Abingdon in previous years. Andersen's sermon, "Christmas in a Cup," was first preached at St. Timothy's on Christmas Eve, 1988. He has been asked to provide additional sermons for the 1992 edition.

**Deaths** **Frances Jensen '63** of Blair, on May 10. She taught in rural schools for 14 years in the Tekamah-Craig, NE, area and sixth grade in the Blair Public Schools for 17 years. Survivors include her husband, John, daughter Karen Howard '76 and son Louis. . . . **Arnette (Thim '59) Hansen** on June 4. For the past 16 years she taught the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades at Ralston Blumfield Elementary School. Survivors include her husband, Don '58, 19012 Oak Lane, Gretna, NE 68028, daughter and son-in-law Leisha '81 and Larry '79 Timm, son Todd, her parents, brother Gunnar and three granddaughters. As a loving tribute to Arnette, Don, Leisha, Todd and Larry have written and published a memorial booklet. . . . **Dr. Paul Kaldahl '57** on May 4. A pathologist, he was owner and director of the Medical Arts Laboratory in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his

wife, Joyce (Arnold '59), 3616 North Ann Arbor Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73122, a son and a daughter, and brothers Phil '53 of Bellevue, NE, Charles '54 of San Francisco and Silas '53 of Los Angeles. . . . **Donald A. (Pat) Hansen '38** on May 2. He received his M.A. in psychiatric social work from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1957 and retired in 1977. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of 2103 Mulberry, Yankton, SD 57078. . . . **Evelyn Hagedorn** in early June. She was the wife of the Rev. Marinus '30 Hagedorn. His address is The Friendship Home, Audubon, IA 50025. . . . **Orville Nielsen '29** on April 12 in Aurora, NE. He was a former mayor of Aurora and a businessman and community leader. Nielsen was president of the 1929 Dana Choir, the first choir to tour Denmark, and he played an active role in planning reunions for this closely knit group. Survivors include his wife, Dee, of 1111 9th in Aurora (68818), a son and daughter, and brothers Wesley '39 and Merl, both of Minden, NE. He was preceded in death by his brother, Emerald '28.

**Regent Emeritus Harold Miller**, 92, on May 26 in Omaha. The insurance underwriter for Mutual of New York in Council Bluffs, he earned many professional awards during his 46 years of service. He was also past president of the Iowa State Association of Life Underwriters. Survivors include his sister, Marie.

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Wilma Neumann '80**, who teaches third grade at the Charter Oak-Ute Schools in Ute, IA, has been selected for listing in the first edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." She was nominated by a former student who said that she had made a difference in his life.

■ **Greg Schou '72**, who has taught mathematics at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, MN, for the past nine years, has been named the college's "Teacher of the Year." A Normandale alumnus who nominated him wrote that Schou "has the ability to take difficult mathematic concepts and explain them fully and in depth. His skill in pulling ideas together and leading the students he teaches to an understanding of these concepts is outstanding."

■ **Phyllis (Taylor) Mortensen '68** has returned to her home in Waterloo, IA, after a two-month stay in Honduras. She worked in a medical clinic and taught Bible school there. Mortensen, who has also served in Colombia, Haiti and Mexico, was featured in an AP story (datelined Waterloo) that appeared in the Sunday, April 15, Omaha World-Herald.

■ **Richard Vierk '68**, Lincoln, has been elected president of the Nebraska Art Association, the support organization of Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

■ Blair High School students have named **Tim Brown '67** their Teacher of the Year. Brown was an elementary school teacher in the Blair system for many years and joined the high school faculty this past fall. He teaches world history and eleventh grade American history, and is head coach for varsity boys' basketball, boys' golf and girls' golf.

■ **Joanne (Gochenour '66) Bracker**, assistant professor of physical education and women's basketball coach at Midland College, has been appointed to represent the NAIA to the women's games committee of the Amateur Basketball Association of the U.S. Bracker, the only NAIA representative on the women's games committee, will continue in that position until after the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

■ The Rev. **Gerhardt Mengers '52** of Chillicothe, OH, has been named to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors for Chillicothe by Mayor Joseph Sulzer. His active involvement for 18 years in the American Field Service student exchange program was a factor in his selection.

■ On April 22 the Rev. **Alvin Petersen T'36** of Lincoln, NE, was named "Pastor Emeritus" by the Lutheran Student Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Petersen served as LSA pastor on the Lincoln campus for many years. The honor came on his eightieth birthday. ♪