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# DANA REVIEW

*Scenes from Commencement Sunday: (from top)—Valedictorian Margaret Nelson, the first graduate to complete all degree requirements through Dana's Weekend College; President Christopherson (center) congratulates John R. Lauritzen (left), recipient of an honorary doctorate, and Mick Jensen, recipient of this year's College-Community Service Award; (from left) seniors Kim Gosch, Melodi Campbell, Heidi Blaas and Chrissy Ivers.*

## Commencement Weekend highlights accomplishments of graduates, alumni and friends of the college

**N**inety-three seniors received bachelor's degrees at Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 19. This year's valedictorian was Margaret Nelson of Blair. She had a perfect 4.0 grade point average and is the first Dana graduate to have attended only Weekend College classes. She received her B.S. with majors in information management and management and organizational behavior.

Tina Reimer of Rockton, Illinois, also received her B.A. *summa cum laude*. She majored in Spanish and management and organizational behavior.

Six seniors graduated *magna cum laude*: B.A.—Lori Hough (Blair); B.S.—Teresa Coenen (Woodbine, IA), Carol Michael (Logan, IA), Jared Olson (Roscoe, IL), Martha (Suhr) Olson (Red Oak, IA) and Mark Rothfusz (Atlantic, IA).

Fifteen received their degrees *cum laude*: B.A.—Lisa Campbell (Sioux Falls, SD), Christa Johnson (Little Falls, MN) and Kimberly Soderberg (Blair); B.S.—Philip Campbell (Sioux City, IA), Judith Cusick (Fremont, NE), Michael Gerdes (Omaha), Julie Howland (Omaha), Kim-Trang Hunt (Blair), Gregory McBride (Wheat Ridge, CO), Lori McMullen (Dunning, NE), Janet Mitchell (Dunlap, IA), Mary Oetter (Blair), Amy (Mayberry) Rogers (Blair), Stacey Schutt (Tekamah, NE) and Edward Wagner (Onawa, IA).

**Honorary Doctorate.** John R. Lauritzen, chairman of the board of First National Bank of Omaha, was honored at Commencement. He received a doctor of laws degree, *honoris causa*. (See Winter-Spring Review.)

**College-Community Service Award.** Mick Jensen '65, vice president and general manager of Great Plains Communications, Inc., of Blair, was this year's recipient of Dana's highest nonacademic honor, the College-Community Service Award.

In presenting the award, President Christopherson said that Jensen has supported Dana for many years. He

has been a member of the Dana Boosters, co-chair of the college's Washington County Appeal and a corporate volunteer for the current ADD campaign.

Christopherson said that within hours after fire destroyed Old Main, "Jensen and Great Plains Communications stepped forward with the first tangible support for the replacement of that facility—a check for \$250,000."

Jensen has also been active in a variety of community and state organizations, serving as a director of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry and as president of the Blair Preschool, Blair Rotary and Blair Little League. He has been an active Blair Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, a coach for Blair girls' softball and Little League and a supporter of the Blair Community Theatre.

"It's people like Mick Jensen," Christopherson said, "who make Blair a forward and responsive community."

**Recognition of a Dana Family.** In his opening remarks, President Christopherson introduced Mrs. Amanda Hanson of Callender, Iowa, whose granddaughters, Heidi Blaas and Ann Gustafson, were members of this year's graduating class.

Christopherson noted that five of Mrs. Hanson's children and seven of her grandchildren had attended Dana. The children are Norlan '49, Verlan '51, Judy (Hanson '60) Gustafson, Joyce '69 and Gary '63. Several of their spouses are also Dana alumni. Alumni grandchildren include Verlan's children, Alan '76, Duane '78 and Lisa Madsen '82 (Alan and Lisa are also married to Dana alumni); Judy's daughter Ann; and the daughters of Karen (Hanson) Blaas, Michelle '85, Teresa '89 and Heidi.

Other traditional weekend events, the Builders Luncheon and Recognition Dinner, took place on May 18, the day before Commencement.

**Builders Luncheon.** Alumni and friends who have provided for the college in their estate plans observed the founding of the Builders at a tenth anniversary luncheon.

The program honored three persons instrumental to the development and growth of the program: Gene Meyer, former executive director of college relations at Dana and now director of Childrens Hospital Foundation in Omaha; Sharon Gordon, former director of

development at Dana and now director of community relations at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair; and John Beck '50, director of church relations and planned giving.

President Christopherson in his remarks described Beck, Meyer and Gordon as the "founding fathers and mother" of the Builders.

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## Three named Regents Emeriti

At their May meeting, members of the Board of Regents named three former members Regents Emeriti: Richard Hunt of Blair, David Graven of Minneapolis and Dr. Royce Ronning of Lincoln, Nebraska. Here Hunt, who also served as chair of the Regents, his wife Janyce, Board Chair Don Jorgensen '60, and President and Mrs. Christopherson hold high the Dana flag. Graven's honor was posthumous; Ronning died in early May (see article below).

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

Campus photographs by Lisa Welch '94

## Former Regents mourned

Members of the Dana community mourned the deaths this spring of two former members of the Board of Regents who had given the college many years of distinguished service.

Dr. Royce R. Ronning, a Regent from 1972-90, died on May 4 of complications from lymphoma. He served as chair of the Board of Regents from 1985-89. He was chair of the educational psychology department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln when he retired in 1989.

Mr. David Graven died on April 28, a victim of cancer. He was a Dana Regent from 1978-90. Graven, who lived in Minneapolis, had a distinguished career as an attorney.

Both men were named "Regents Emeriti" at the May 3 meeting of the Board of Regents. ❧

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**Recognition Dinner.** On Saturday evening 383 persons, a record number, attended the traditional Recognition Dinner. The dinner welcomed graduating seniors as Dana's newest alumni.

Twelve seniors received Campus Service Awards: Dan Bane (Longmont, CO), Melodi Campbell (Missouri Valley, IA), Nancy Dierks (Blair), Shelley Edwards (Lakewood, CO), Kim Farmer (Omaha), Audrey Gowen (Beatrice, NE), Julie Howland (Omaha), Shawn Lorenzen (Lakefield, MN), Greg McBride (Wheat Ridge, CO), Helen Ochs (Windhoek, Namibia), Doug Piper (Ann Arbor, MI) and Anita Woodward (Kearney, NE). Norman C. Bansen '47 and Peter L. Petersen '62 were named Distinguished Alumni. (See Winter-Spring Review.) ❧

## Merry Maids founder is newest Regent

Dallen Peterson of Sunburg, Minnesota, recently became a member of the Dana Board of Regents.

Peterson is chairman and founder of the Omaha-based Merry Maids, the largest professional house-cleaning service in the nation. The company was founded in 1980 and acquired by the ServiceMaster Company in 1988.

In 1988 Peterson was named Entrepreneur of the Year.

He serves on several regional and national boards and councils, including the Lutheran Encounter Foundation Board, the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board and Advisory Committee, the Prison Fellowship Ministries Advisory Council and the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors.

Peterson is currently writing a book about Merry Maids. ❧

## Hansen retires, Schmoll is appointed

Keith Hansen, vice president for business affairs, has announced plans to retire at the end of August.

Hansen has managed the college's business affairs for 21 years. He has also been responsible for its auxiliary enterprises, including buildings and grounds, food service and the Dana Bookstore.

At their May meeting members of the Board of Regents unanimously approved the appointment of Bob Schmoll '83 as Hansen's successor. Schmoll has been director of computer services and information management since 1986; he took on additional responsibilities as assistant to the president approximately one year ago.

Schmoll joined the Dana staff in 1983 as director of alumni affairs. He later became annual fund director in the Development Office.

In computer services he created, developed and installed an integrated software network for academic and administrative use; he has continued to develop and maintain these resources.

As assistant to the president he has worked with institutional budgeting, government grant writing and strategic planning for the college. ❧

## LB issues challenge

Dana has received a \$122,900 challenge from Lutheran Brotherhood for endowment to support the college's chaplaincy program. To obtain the funds, the college must match the offer. ❧

## From the President

"...we must reach out to serve..."

For decades members of the Dana College community have talked about the "Dana Difference," sometimes tongue in cheek, more often with a deep pride that there is something special, unique about the Dana experience. Certainly, the "small is beautiful" conviction is central to this, but more than size is involved here. As I travel the country visiting with Dana alumni and friends, one thing is clear: Dana alumni love their school and fully support Dana's mission.

While there are many differences that could be noted about the Dana College experience, the idea that Dana's mission is informed and shaped by our being a college of the Church witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ is most important. Our reason for being, our purpose, is informed and shaped by our desire to act out that love in higher education. Hence, it should surprise no one that we believe we must reach out to diverse people. Dana's service to Namibian students is a good example of that. Why should we agree to accept ten Namibian students who have no ability to pay for their own education? Why should we next year be seeking to assist an Ethiopian student, a Bulgarian student and several Asians, along with the many other international students from Scandinavia and other countries we have traditionally served? And, why should we offer generous financial aid to assist African-American students in increasing numbers as well as Native Americans and other minorities, and persons from throughout the nation?

I believe we must reach out to serve all of God's people, persons with cultural experiences dissimilar as well as similar to those traditionally served. The Danish Lutheran immigrants who founded Dana were "outreach" type people who came from a homeland that welcomed and supported persons of diverse background. How else do we explain the courageous role Denmark played in protecting its Jewish population against Hitler's despicable extermination machine?

It is clear from our experience serving Norwegians to Namibians, and Danes to Daoists that the Dana College community is a welcoming community of faith and learning. I agree with Dr. Gunnar Staalsett of Norway, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, that the cause of peace and human understanding is served more by giving students from many nations and ethnic beginnings an opportunity to study at colleges of the ELCA like Dana than will ever come from displaying America's nuclear or technological superiority.

I have discovered that throughout Dana's history, students have been willing to sacrifice for the good of the college. Students this past year volunteered many hours of service to paint the Dragon's Head (the Campus Center snack bar), to keep the campus

clean and green and to help the needy. Dana athletes voluntarily painted Borup Coliseum, and musicians and artists routinely perform or exhibit for campus visitors, and for churches and nursing home groups. I recall that in 1960 when the Dana Board of Regents voted to delete the swimming pool from plans for Borup Coliseum because of lack of funds, it was Dana students who organized and helped raise the necessary funds so the pool could be built and enjoyed by future students.

Recently I was touched by a story told at a Dana gathering in the Washington, D.C., area. In the late 1940s Dana students decided that they should sponsor a DP (displaced person) and so they raised and contributed funds to enable a young Estonian student to come to Dana. He was a gifted cellist and played professionally for many years until an accident cut short his musical career. Today, this Dana alumnus, Yuri Taht '52, is the chief broadcaster for Voice of America programming to Estonia. With his wife, Carmen, he now lives in the D.C. area. When he rose to tell his story and thank many of his classmates (some of whom attended the dinner that night), tears flowed freely for Yuri and for many of us who heard him. As he noted, he would never have been able to study in America without the sacrificial giving of Dana students.

I am pleased that this type of sacrificial giving by Dana students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends continues to this day. May we never lose our desire to share our community of faith and learning with people from throughout America, rural and urban, and from diverse places on the globe, and to include people of diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The challenges for Dana loom ever larger in these times when many colleges have succumbed to the pressures to limit outreach only to those with the greatest ability to pay. I remain convinced that Dana is a stronger witnessing community, one that provides students with a better preparation to live in peace as God intends, when we reach out in Christian love to serve all of God's people.

We thank you, one and all, for your prayers and your gifts this past year. We give thanks for another strong year, one in which Dana continued to display fiscal strength and measured growth. It is my prayer that we will achieve the final push to secure necessary funds to begin this fall the construction of the Old Main replacement classroom and chapel facility. May your prayers help us reach the needed naming donor. Meanwhile, may we continue to reach out, sharing the Dana Difference with diverse people of ability and motivation.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

Yes, it's summer, but mark your calendars now for this always-special winter event at Dana:

December 8—*Sights and Sounds of Christmas*

If you'd like to have your name added to the mailing list for a schedule and smorgasbord reservation form, write to the college's Office of Public Relations.

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## ADDing it up:

### Commemorative Wall—Seniors meet challenge

Graduating seniors were challenged at their Senior Dinner this spring to contribute \$5,000 to the ADD campaign as a class gift.

If they could raise that amount, "Graduating Class of 1991" would appear on the Commemorative Wall in the new replacement building for Old Main. The Commemorative Wall will list the names of alumni and friends who have given \$5,000 or more to the current ADD campaign.

The Class of 1991 more than met the challenge.

Duey Heffelfinger '88, ADD campaign associate who planned the dinner and issued the challenge, reports that the 1991 class gift, consisting of pledges and matching funds, amounts to \$7,280.

The designation "Graduating Class of 1991" joins the growing list of ADD contributors (220 to date) who have given or pledged \$5,000 or more. Among them are alumni, friends, congregations, companies and foundations. Because of their gifts, their names are eligible for display on the Commemorative Wall.

Salvaged bricks and other materials from Old Main will be incorporated into the Wall, which is planned for the first floor of the new building. The Wall will thus serve as a reminder of Old Main, the campus landmark for over 100 years, while paying tribute to major donors.

Readers interested in contributing or increasing their gifts so that they can participate in this program are invited to call the Development Office (402-426-7333). Matching gifts can be counted toward the total. »

### Families participate in naming program

The winter-spring issue of the Dana Review included an insert that invited families to name rooms or areas in the Old Main replacement building, the new classroom-faculty office-chapel complex.

The invitation explained that members of a family, through their financial gifts, could honor and preserve the family name at Dana.

Seven families have already accepted the invitation, and representatives of several others are discussing it with their relatives. To date these are the participating families and the areas they are sponsoring:

■ The Peter H. and Anne M. Bansen Family (seminar room).

■ The Marcus and Agnes (Lund) Beck Family (conference room).

■ The Lowell and Dorothy DeVasure Family (pastoral ministry area).

■ The Rev. and Mrs. H.P. Jensen Family (campus pastor's office).

■ The Oscar and Dody Johnson Family (commons/history-religion).

■ The Rev. A.V. and Mrs. Dora Neve Family (history-religion area).

■ The Vasby Family in tribute to N.C. Petersen (faculty office).

Each family will be recognized with a plaque in or near the named area. The plaque will feature the names of honorees and of participating family members. The names of honorees will also be added to the Old Main Commemorative Wall.

For more information about naming opportunities, write or call Dana's Development Office (402-426-7333). »

### Planned gifts reach \$11 million

There was good news for the planned gift component of the ADD campaign, together with a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Dana College Builders, at this year's Builders Luncheon on May 18.

The Rev. John Beck '50, Dana's director of planned giving, announced that a planned gift of \$250,000 verified that morning had brought future expectancies for planned gifts to more than \$11 million.

Thirty-one new Dana College Builder members were welcomed into membership at the luncheon. There are now 307 Dana Builders. »

### Alumnae, senior win teaching awards

This spring three Dana graduates and a senior won recognition for outstanding teaching:

■ **Janis (Sorensen '72) Christensen** was one of 15 teachers in the Omaha Public Schools to receive 1991 Buffett Foundation Awards for excellence in teaching. She teaches mathematics at McMillan Junior High School.

Christensen has served as co-director of McMillan's Computer Expo and as coach of its math team. The *Omaha World-Herald* story announcing this year's selections quoted from a nomination letter by one of Christensen's former students: "She was a good listener and an extremely great supporter."

According to the *World-Herald*, this year the selection committee received more than 815 nomination letters for 247 teachers in the Omaha Public Schools. Each of the 15 honorees received a cash award.

Warren Buffett established the awards in 1988 in memory of his aunt, Alice Buffett, who taught home economics in Omaha for more than 30 years.

Three other Dana graduates received Buffett Foundation Awards in previous years: Barbara (Dayton '74) Lebedz in 1990 and Kent Day '76 and Dorothy (Willmert '58) Schultz in 1989.

### And don't say "cheese"

In March, Parnassus activities held in conjunction with the exhibit, "The Photograph: Documents of Ethnic Heritage," included a turn-of-the-century photography studio. Students, faculty and staff, and members of the Blair community put on old-time clothing from racks in Parnassus and had their pictures taken. Posing here are faculty members (all of them at their sternest) who teach in the humanities program: from the left—Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, Luella Nielsen '42, Alan Brandes, Richard Jorgensen '64, James Olsen '62, John Mark Nielsen '73 and Dale Simmons. The photos were taken by Dana photography instructor Alessandra Petersen, who used a press box camera and, of course, also wore turn-of-the-century clothing.



■ **Linda (Money '65) Jorgensen**, K-6 art coordinator for the Blair Public Schools, is one of 26 Nebraska teachers to receive 1991 Teacher Achievement Awards from the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

The foundation gave grants to 20 teachers or teacher teams for their innovative teaching, curriculum development and student motivation.

Jorgensen received the award for a one-week "Art and Man" program she developed for third graders in Blair's three elementary schools. The program incorporated art, language arts, science and social studies.

According to the March 31 *Omaha World-Herald*, which announced this year's recipients, Jorgensen's students "imagined what it would have been like to live 10,000 to 15,000 years ago as a Cro-Magnon man or woman. Students learned about the historical period, brainstormed about the culture, formed their own 'clans' for cooperative learning, used critical-thinking skills to analyze slides and posters of cave artwork and then created paints and paintings using natural materials."

■ On April 30 the Colorado Council for the Social Studies named **Kris (Krohn '76) McCormick** its Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

McCormick teaches social studies for grades five, six and seven in Julesburg. She was presented the award at ceremonies held at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

McCormick has also received a Fulbright Scholarship to spend six weeks this summer in Egypt and Israel. She was one of 20 educators from across the country selected for the seminar.

Last December she was elected secretary to the executive board of the Colorado Council of the Social Studies.

■ **Teresa Coenen**, a Dana senior, won the 1991 Future Teacher Award sponsored by the Nebraska English and Language Arts Council.

To qualify for the award, students must have completed the student teaching requirement for their teaching certificates.

Earlier this year Coenen, a Dean's List student at Dana, experimented with "mastery learning" in an English grammar class at Dana. Mastery learning is a teaching technique that emphasizes individual assessment and assignments.

Then, as a student teacher at Harlan (Iowa) Community High School, she implemented the technique in her classes. Members of the Harlan faculty became interested in it, and the principal asked Coenen to conduct an in-service workshop for them.

A resident of Woodbine, Iowa, Coenen received her B.S. on May 19 with a major in English for secondary teachers. »

## Going to a college fair? Look for the Dana booth

Dana admissions counselors will be participating in the following Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) College Fairs this fall:

Omaha, NE	September 8
Sioux Falls, SD	September 9
Sioux City, IA	September 10
Kansas City, MO	September 11
Denver, CO	September 29

Local ELCA pastors will have information on time and place. For more information about other college fairs planned near you, please phone the Dana Office of Admissions at 1-800-444-3262.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

Members of the Board of Regents at their February meeting approved President Christopherson's recommendation to grant one-semester sabbatical leaves to **Dr. Milt Heinrich** (art) and **Prof. Roger Olson** (mathematics) during the 1991-92 academic year. The Regents also approved the President's recommendation to promote the following faculty members: from instructor to assistant professor—**David Miller** (business) and **Michael Anderson** (music); from assistant professor to associate professor—**Dr. Sybille Bartels** (German and international studies), **Dr. Kathleen Collins** (English) and **Prof. Jan Potter** (social work).

**Dr. Milt Heinrich**, professor of art, has received a commission from the *Omaha World-Herald* for a large interior mural in the World-Herald building. On April 12 he was a panelist on current trends in art education at the National Conference of State Legislatures held in Lincoln, NE.

**Dr. Sybille Bartels**, associate professor of German and director of international studies, served as college representative on the interviewing committee for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program on February 27. The committee selected four students from Nebraska high schools to receive full scholarships to study for a year in Germany.

These students were inducted into the Nebraska Beta chapter of **Alpha Chi**, the national college honor society, on May 7: **Jennifer Barabas** (Ft. Calhoun, NE), **Timothy Barner** (Blair), **Kenneth Brown** (Omaha), **Connie Christensen** (Blair), **Teresa Coenen** (Woodbine, IA), **Shana Creger** (Kilkenny, MN), **Patrick Cronin** (Blair), **Donna Hladky** (Tekamah, NE), **Lori Hough** (Council Bluffs), **Stephen Mathis** (Leavenworth, KS), **Carol Michael** (Logan, IA), **Margaret Nelson** (Blair) and **Debra Schramper** (Exira, IA).

On March 1 **Dr. Kay Ferguson**, associate professor of education and psychology, gave a presentation at the Nebraska Association for Gifted Conference.

**President Myrvin Christopherson '61** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA).

**Dr. Richard Palmer**, choir director and associate professor of music, attended the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Phoenix, AZ, on March 13-17. He represented Nebraska as president-elect of the state association.

On May 9 the following students were inducted into the Kappa Beta chapter of **Alpha Mu Gamma**, the foreign languages honor society: **Cami Christensen** (Harlan, IA), **Nicole Jaspersen** (Milroy, MN), **Roxane Fenton** (Charles City, IA), **Karla Knudson** (Minot, ND), **Benjamin Kolff** (Zoeterwoude, The Netherlands), **Sean MacCormac** (Montreal, Canada), **Leticia O'Brien** (Lexington, NE), **Carrie Pedersen** (Kenosha, WI), **Janelle Stolen** (Omaha), **Annette Wacha** (Clarkson, NE), **Shannon Thomsen** (Snyder, NE), **Phillip Warner** (Omaha), **John Wolf** (Norridge, IL) and **Khim Yap** (Selangor, Malaysia).

**Prof. Jan Potter**, associate professor of social work, is on the National Planning Committee for the 1992 Council on Social Work Education (C.S.W.E.) Annual Program meeting. She has also been appointed regional liaison to the C.S.W.E. Women's Commission.

On March 23 Dana hosted the first-ever national gathering of Namibian students in the U.S. Dana student **Helen Ochs '91** of Namibia was coordinator for the event. The students met to establish an organization that will be

a support group for present and future Namibian students in this country.

**Dr. Dorothy Olson**, professor of elementary education, and Dana senior **Lori Ohms** (Harlan, IA) represented Dana's Student Education Association (SEA) at the state's SEAN Delegate Assembly in Fremont. At the assembly Dana's SEA chapter received a Chapter Excellence Award.

Faculty and staff attended a farewell coffee on May 16 for colleagues who are retiring or leaving Dana. Those retiring include **Keith Hansen**, after 21 years as business manager and vice president for business affairs; **John Beck '50**, after 14 years of service, first as director of alumni affairs, then as director of the Centennial Fund and of development, and most recently as director of church relations and planned giving (Beck will continue to work with planned giving on a part-time basis); **Willard Meier**, after 26 years of service with maintenance; **Daisy Furtak**, after 23 years as a part-time bookstore employee; **Virginia Scheibe**, after 17 years on the housekeeping staff; and **Marian Gilbert**, after 12 years as a member of the housekeeping staff and most recently as head resident of Elk Horn Hall. Each retiree was given a Dana watch. »

### Four teachers receive awards

Many students were recognized for academic and extracurricular achievements and four faculty members received awards for excellence in teaching at the annual Honors Program on May 9.

Because there was a tie when students voted for their "Professor of the Year," two faculty members received the award that evening. Professors of the Year for 1990-91 are Don Warman (history) and David Miller (business).

The two other faculty members who also won recognition were Roger Olson (mathematics), who received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award, and Jan Potter (social work), who received the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. »

### Elk Horn hostess needed

Dana has a September 1 opening for a fulltime resident hostess in Elk Horn Hall, our conference and retreat center. Duties include scheduling, meeting and servicing the needs of guests in Elk Horn Hall, occasional light housekeeping tasks and assisting with other groups or individuals using campus facilities. An apartment is provided in Elk Horn Hall and food service is provided whenever the campus cafeteria is in operation. We're particularly interested in a retired person because salary is based on the maximum that can be earned under Social Security. Address inquiries and applications to the Director of Public Relations, Dana College, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008. AA/EOE

## Spring events have variety

Notable campus events this spring included the following:

A performance by **Woody Harrelson** of TV's "Cheers" on March 2. Harrelson played the guitar to songs he had written and answered questions from the audience. His appearance was one of several he made at eastern Nebraska colleges and universities as a benefit for Nebraska Indian Community College.

A program by "Wounds of Africa," a touring group of young people from Uganda, on March 7. Through music, dialogue, song and dance they examined the political, tribal, historical, educational and religious struggles of their country.

A Parnassus exhibit called "The Eternal Horizon" featuring landscapes from the collection of the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery in Lincoln. Guests at the opening reception on April 9 included Sheldon Director George Neubert and Richard Vierk '68, president of the Nebraska Art Association. The traveling exhibit was sponsored by the Nebraska Art Association.

Two talks by **Dr. Peggy McIntosh**, associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, on April 16—one to the faculty on "Interactive Phases of Personal, Curricular, and Pedagogical Re-Vision," the other to the public on "Listening to All Voices: Re-Visioning Society." McIntosh postulates that "men and women have different lenses for viewing 'reality,' and these differing views create quite different perspectives regarding how we operate the institutions of society." She has lectured widely in this country and in Europe and Asia.

A performance by **Ballet Omaha** on April 20. "Con Amore," one of the ballets the troupe performed, was choreographed by Lew Christensen, a pioneer in American dance and director of the San Francisco Ballet for more than 30 years.

A concert by the **Telos String Quartet** on April 30. Members of the ensemble are professional musicians who play with the Omaha Symphony. »



### Students recycle

Members of the college's Environmental Awareness Organization (EAO) have organized a campus-wide recycling program. EAO member Shelley Edwards '91 said that students in Argo Hall started the program, and EAO decided that "if Argo is doing it, we can all do it." Members have also worked at community drives sponsored by the Washington County Recycling Association. Helping with a load of aluminum cans in Mickelsen Hall are (from left) Trasy Sparr '93, Carrie Larkins '94, EAO adviser and hall director Lyn Seiser and Dixie Whitlow '93.

## Play director, wife offer new program for the blind

Thanks to theatre director Sieg Krueger and his wife, Brenda (Francis '63), who both read for Radio Talking Books in Omaha, 17 area blind persons attended and followed the action of Dana's spring play, "Hank Williams Died on the Back Seat of a Cadillac Last New Year's Eve, Lorraine," by Omaha playwright James Larson. Here Brenda, in the control booth, describes the stage action for the special guests, who were equipped with ear phones.



## SPORTS

### Five-time champions: Softball team wins again

For the fifth year in a row, the Lady Vikings, coached by Steve Kissel '86, reigned as NIAC (Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) softball champions.

The players came in second in NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) District II championship play and ended their season with 32 wins and 19 losses.

All in all, it was a very good year. Consider the following:

- At the end of the season Dana led the NAIA in team fielding with a percentage of .943, committing only 37 errors in 644 chances. It finished sixth in the NAIA in team batting with a .364 average.

- The NIAC named Kissel its Coach of the Year.

- Catcher Nicole Brownell, a senior from North Platte, Nebraska, was invited to try out for the U.S. softball team that will compete in the Pan Am Games. (See story on this page.)

- With nine Lady Vikings winning places on the NIAC's All-Conference 16-member Team, there wasn't much difference between the NIAC all-star team and Dana's starting lineup. The NIAC selected the Lady Vikings' entire infield, including the catcher and two pitchers. All-Conference players included Brownell; Michelle Mundt '93, pitcher (Omaha); Shelly Dhondt '92, pitcher (Rockwell, IA); Lori Scott '92, first base (Strasburg, CO); Katie Corbitt '92, second base (Bertrand, NE); Kim Sloan '93, third base (Aurora, CO); Janet Mitchell '91, shortstop (Dunlap, Iowa); Tina Reimer '91, outfield (Rockton, Illinois); and Michelle Wheatley '94, outfield (Longmont, CO). Three others earned NIAC Honorable Mention: Amy Christensen '93 (Omaha), Carol Mueller '93 (Seward, NE) and Sheryl Shuster '92 (Blair).

- Six players also won positions on the NAIA's All-District II First Team: Brownell, Corbitt, Dhondt, Mitchell, Reimer and Scott. Three made the Second Team: Mundt, Shuster and Wheatley. And three received All-District Honorable Mention: Christensen, Mueller and Sloan.

- Three players—Shuster, a junior, and seniors Mitchell and Reimer—were named NAIA Softball All-American Scholar Athletes. Shuster is majoring in accounting, information management and finance. Mitchell majored in physical education, and Reimer majored in Spanish and management and organizational behavior. >>

### Baseball coach calls season "disappointing"

Coach Dale Lemon described this past baseball season, which the Vikings ended with nine wins and 22 losses, as "very frustrating."

To compound the problem, games were canceled eight times because of bad weather, Lemon said.

The Vikings had a conference record of seven wins and 11 losses and finished next to last in the NIAC. "It was our worst finish ever—or at least the worst in the 28 years that I've coached here," Lemon said.

"Despite the frustration and the record, Dana had a better team than a year ago when we were 15 and 27," he said. "The record doesn't show it, but we hit better as a team and fielded better but had some trouble with pitching, especially depth.

"Other teams were improved as well, and the conference teams had a lot of parity, with Nebraska Wesleyan winning the NIAC crown on a 14-5 record."

In spite of the disappointing win-loss record, the season had several high points:

- One came in early April when the NAIA named Dana's James Anderson '92 (Omaha) its National Player of the Week. Anderson's selection was based on his performance at the plate in doubleheaders against the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Concordia College, Seward. He had 12 hits in 16 times at bat, hits that included four home runs, two triples, a double and a couple of sacrifice flies.

- Another came at the close of the season when Vikings Shawn Winters '92 (Omaha) and Troy Carmichael '91 (Blair), team leaders in batting averages, won places on the NIAC's All-Conference Team—Winters as the designated hitter and Carmichael as one of five outfielders. (Dana teammates also chose Carmichael as their Most Valuable Player.) Vikings earning NIAC Honorable Mentions were Anderson, Dave Fosdick '91 (Fowler, CO), Jeff Kress '91 (Earlham, IA), Pete Svendgard '92 (Blair) and Gregg Yanta '94 (Wisconsin Rapids, WI). >>

### Tennis team nets outstanding season

This spring Dana's tennis team won second place in conference and district competition, topped only by Nebraska Wesleyan University, a much larger school.

Tennis coach John Hundahl '92 (Tekamah, NE) called it an "exceptional season." He reported that at the conference-district meet Dana had seven second-place finishes, a third and a fourth. Conference duals brought a 75 percent team victory.

Team members were Jens Als (Viborg, Denmark), Shad Beam '93 (Ft. Dodge, IA), Soren Kold (Herning, Denmark), Steve Lemon '92 (Blair), Steve Mathis '92 (Leavenworth, KS) and Jared Olson '91 (Roscoe, IL). >>

### An update on Operation Desert Storm

In response to a request in the last Review for information about alumni involvement in Operation Desert Storm, we've received the following information:

#### Son was Iraqi hostage

Daniel Hudson, the son of Mary Hudson-Droheford '79 of Omaha, was held hostage by Iraq for several months during Operation Desert Shield.

A Marine guard at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait at the time of the Iraqi invasion, Hudson was taken to Baghdad on August 22 and released on December 12.

His mother attended Dana as a non-traditional student, and she says that Dan and her other two children "grew up on campus."

#### Scholl goes to Washington

Carolyn Scholl '69 of Des Moines, executive director of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross,

was asked to serve as manager of the staff unit for Operation Desert Storm.

She was in Washington, D.C., from February through May, where she recruited, processed and trained Red Cross staff to serve in Saudi Arabia and provide administrative support to the Red Cross director stationed in Saudi Arabia.

"We had over 150 staff assigned to the area," she writes. "Their job was to provide emergency communications between family members back home and the service person. During the war over 180,000 messages were handled by our staff."

#### Davenport returns home

The winter-spring Review reported that Army reservist Spc. Michael Davenport '90 was in Saudi Arabia, serving in the 172nd Transportation Company. He has returned home to Omaha and to his job as a salesman with a local glass company. >>

### A Dana first—Softball player makes tryouts for Pan Am Games

Catcher Nicole Brownell '91 was a finalist this spring for the U.S. softball team that will compete in the Pan Am Games.

The North Platte, Nebraska, biology major is the first Dana athlete to make the Pan Am finals.

Brownell was one of 36 NAIA players invited to try out for the team. She made the first cut and became one of five NAIA players selected for the final camp in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Center.

In Colorado Brownell joined approximately 30 players from around the country who would try out for the 18 positions on the Pan Am team.

Unfortunately, another athlete slid into Brownell at the Colorado tryouts. Brownell's knee, which had been injured earlier in her career, was reinjured and she was unable to continue. >>

### Alumni, student earn top tennis rankings

Tennis players Jim Jorgensen '66, Craig Swenson '86 and John Hundahl '92 have earned high rankings on Nebraska courts. The rankings were made by the Missouri Valley Tennis Association, a part of the U.S. Tennis Association.

Jorgensen '66, who lives in Blair, and his doubles partner, Jim Johnson of Fremont, have been ranked Nebraska's top Men's 45 Doubles team. In addition to being the top team in their age bracket, they are also ranked number three in Men's 35 Doubles.

Swenson and Hundahl have been ranked as the state's top Men's "A" Doubles team. In Men's "A" Singles

competition, Swenson is the second rated player and Hundahl, the fifth rated. Swenson lives in Lincoln. Hundahl, whose home is in Tekamah, is a Dana student. >>

### Boosters seek additional members

Did you participate in athletics at Dana as a student...or do you have a special interest in the Viking athletic program? The Dana Booster Club invites you to become a member and help support the men's and women's intercollegiate teams.

Over the last five years, the Boosters have contributed more than \$45,000 in equipment and funds to enhance Dana's athletic program.

Contributions include the baseball field dugouts, a portable batting cage, weight training equipment, team laundry facilities, computer and video equipment, football goalposts, training room equipment and the newly created Athletic Endowment Fund.

The Boosters have set a goal of doubling membership this fall. Members receive a newsletter on Dana sports, season passes to all home athletic events and other benefits.

Any contributions made through the Boosters go directly to support the athletic program above and beyond the college's budgeted resources. Present needs of the athletic department include a wrestling mat, basketball shot clocks, a video camera and weight training equipment.

All known past participants in Dana athletics will receive a mailing in August, inviting their support of our men and women athletes. If you are missed, or have an interest in joining the Dana Boosters, call Vaughn Christensen (402-426-4091) or Bob Coffey (402-426-2810). >>

**Alumni: Homecoming is October 4-6.**  
**Don't miss it! The weekend will be full of activities you'll enjoy, so start making plans now to return to Dana. Your Homecoming brochure, which you'll receive in August, will include a complete schedule of events and a reservation form for meals and housing.**

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### Three to be honored at Homecoming dinner

Three alumni who graduated in the early 1980s will receive awards on October 5 at the All-Alumni Dinner planned for Homecoming.

JoAnne Roberts '80 will be the first recipient of the Alumni Association's new "Outstanding Young Alumni" award. Douglas Lemon '81 and Brian Serr '81 will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Roberts is principal of Woodland Park and Victory Elementary Schools in Norfolk, Nebraska. She is active in the community and in 1990 was named "Young Careerist" by Norfolk's Business and Professional Women's Organization.

Lemon excelled in track and football at Dana. He received four letters in track and set a school record for the triple jump. He earned three letters in football and was named All-Conference kicker in 1978. Lemon is a researcher in biochemistry at White Sands, New Mexico. Until recently he conducted post-doctoral research at Rice University.

Serr, a basketball standout at Dana, received four letters in that sport, made First Team All-District and was twice chosen to play in the NAIA All-Star Game. Serr is a lawyer and law professor at Baylor University, where he teaches criminal law and constitutional law. He has made two appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court. »

### About the new award—and a request for nominations

In the past, Dana alumni have been recognized with two awards—the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Athletic Hall of Fame Award.

This fall at Homecoming a new award—the Outstanding Young Alumni Award—will join these two.

To be considered for the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, candidates must have attended Dana within the past 14 years. They must show accomplishments and promise in their profession, have given exceptional service to their community, church, and/or Dana, and be present to accept the award at Homecoming. Usually only one award will be given each year.

An article elsewhere on this page announces that JoAnne Roberts '80 will be the first to receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. It will be presented at the All-Alumni Dinner at Homecoming on Saturday, October 5.

#### Nominations invited for award recipients

Alumni are invited to submit nominations for future Outstanding Young Alumni to Dana's Alumni Office. The nominations should include supporting information. Recipients will be selected by the Alumni Council.

The Alumni Office also invites nominations for the Distinguished

Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Awards. Supporting material should also accompany these nominations.

To be considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award, candidates must have distinguished themselves in their profession, have given exceptional service to their community, church, and/or Dana, and be present to accept the award at the Recognition Dinner. No more than two or three awards will be given each year.

Candidates for the Athletic Hall of Fame Award must have participated in and earned a varsity letter in one or more intercollegiate sports while a student at Dana or have made exceptional contributions in time or talent toward improving the athletic programs at Dana. Athletes nominated should also have distinguished themselves in such ways as to bring great honor to themselves, their profession, or their alma mater. They must further have been removed from varsity athletic participation for at least five years. They must be present to accept the award at Homecoming. Only two or three awards will be given each year. »

### Author, author, author!

Three alumni, one a first-time author, have recently had books published:

■ Bread for the World founder **Arthur Simon '52**, in *Harvesting Peace: The Arms Race and Human Need* (published by Sheed & Ward), addresses the "historic opportunity we have to end the arms race and redirect resources toward peaceful development." Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense and president of the World Bank, calls the book "a solid and compelling argument"; Willie Brandt, former chancellor of West Germany and mayor of Berlin, describes it as "a persuasive case for seizing the opportunity to reverse the arms race." *Harvesting Peace* is Simon's seventh book.

■ **Richard Andersen '53** has written a book of meditations for Christian educators called *Every Child is a Greening Valley* (published by C.S.S. Publishing Co.). A news release describes the book as being "for everyone who deals with children." Marvin Roloff, director of Education Resources Publishing for Augsburg Publishing House, calls it "a skillfully written collection of devotions for teachers that combines content of the Christian faith with spiritual growth." *Every Child* is Andersen's twenty-first book. He is senior pastor at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose, California.

■ **Gladys (Voetmann '51)** Staveloy of Wichita, Kansas, has published *A Letter to Jill and Jocelyn: Some Memories of the 1930's*, for her two daughters. She writes about the first decade of her life on the family farm near Ringsted, Iowa, before the arrival of electricity. Her descriptions of growing up within a closely knit family,

with chapters about the Danish Lutheran congregation where the family worshiped and the country school she and her brothers and sisters attended, are a vivid portrayal of rural life in the 1930s. In the first part of the book she tells about the early lives of her parents in Denmark, their families and their experiences as young immigrants who arrived separately in this country in 1907. Her mother, Anine Paulsen, and her father, Axel Voetmann, came to western Iowa and eventually attended Dana, where they met. (Both had brothers who also attended Dana. Anine's brother, P.C. Paulsen, also attended Trinity Seminary; he wrote and translated hymns that were published in the UELC's Hymnal for Church and Home. Three of the Voetmanns' daughters—Gladys, Virginia and Alice—attended Dana.) »

### Alumni Council news

At their spring meeting members of the Alumni Council elected the following officers for 1991-92: president, Scott Rasmussen '82, Omaha, an attorney with Place and Rasmussen; vice president, Kevin Johnson '83, Omaha, national account manager with AT&T; and secretary, Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, Elk Horn, Iowa, activity assistant at Salem Lutheran Homes.

Rasmussen was recently elected to his second three-year term on the Council. Leistad, who has served two one-year terms as an appointed member-at-large, was also elected this spring to a three-year term.

Paul Johnson '76 of Fremont, Nebraska, serves on the Council as immediate past president.

New Council members recently elected to three-year terms are: Andrew Johnson '83, Cambridge, Iowa; Carol King '84, Omaha; and Arno Neben '72, Papillion, Nebraska.

Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve of Omaha has been appointed to fill an unexpired term, and Paul Larsen '48 of Fremont has been appointed a member-at-large. Both are for one-year terms.

Other elected members of the Council are: Steve Appel '84, Blair; Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Blair; Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen, Blair; Tom Nielsen '59, Omaha; Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen, Blair; Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen, Omaha; Tom Taggart '81, West Des Moines; and Rod Thompson '65, Omaha.

Members-at-large appointed to second one-year terms are Mary (Heistand '80) Bro of Harlan, Iowa, and Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen of Blair.

Dana senior Karen Clements of Blair will be the Student Senate liaison to the Council. Other institutional liaisons are: President Christopherson '61; Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement; Larrie Stone '57, faculty representative; Paul Ditlevson, director of development; John Schueth, director of admissions; and Ann (Harms '54) George, director of alumni affairs. »



### Alumni help in Archives

This spring alumni from several generations back spent a week in the Dana Archives working with photographs, letters and other materials in the Hansen-Mengers Collection. The project was led by Dr. John W. Nielsen '48 and his assistants, Bee Krantz and Dorothy Wright of Blair. Alumni helping with the project were: Norman C. Bansen '47, Elaine (Jespersen '42) Christensen, Ninna (Schultz '33) Engskow, Ed '39 and Shirley (Bondo '42) Hansen, Esther (Carlsen '40) Hansen, Sara Houser Hansen '52, Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson, Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen, Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, Paul Neve '41, Elizabeth (Solevad '64) Nielsen, Rhoda (Iversen '49) Schjodt and Marion (Hanson '38) Svendsen. Assisting them were Dana student Ann Gibbs '93 and Danish instructor Kirsten Kristensen.



## Students elect leaders

This spring students elected Pete Svendgard '92 of Blair (back center) as their next student body president. They chose James Peister (left) of Broken Bow, Nebraska, as vice president; Joe Ellis '92 (right) of Omaha as treasurer; and Trasy Sparr '93 (seated) of Red Oak, Iowa, as secretary.

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## DESTINY'S DEEP SEA

**'90s** Heidi Blaas '91 will teach special education this fall in the Council Bluffs school system. . . . Troy Buss '91 farms with his father near Logan, IA. . . . Lisa Campbell '91 will be a graduate student at the University of South Dakota this fall. . . . Melodi Campbell '91 is a TWA customer service representative at Omaha's Eppley Airfield. . . . Philip Campbell '91 will be a graduate student in business at the University of Northern Iowa. . . . Randy and Teresa Coenen '91, Woodbine, IA, are the parents of Tara Nicole, born April 28. . . . Nancy Dierks '91 is teaching summer school at Northwest High School in Omaha; this fall she will be a graduate student in educational psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. . . . This fall Kent Emswiler '91 will teach the sixth grade in the South Sioux City, NE, Public Schools. . . . Michael Gerdes '91 plans to do graduate work in analytical chemistry this fall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. . . . Kim Gosch '91 will be a special education teacher in the Omaha Public Schools. . . . Ann Gustafson '91 is assistant to the marketing director at Aesthetic Surgical Images, P.C., in Omaha. . . . This fall Marcy Hansen '91 will be a graduate student in social work at the University of Denver. . . . Kipp Harris '91 will attend the School of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center this fall. . . . Lori '91 and Chris '90 Hough live in Omaha, where Chris is a lab technician for A&L Laboratories. Lori will be a first-year student at Creighton University Law School this fall. . . . Julie Howland '91 is a bank examiner trainee for the FDIC in San Francisco. . . . Kim-Trang Hunt '91 will be an elementary education teacher this fall in Colorado's Boulder Valley School District. . . . Kyle Knapp '91 works for his father, who owns Otto Knapp Transport in Madison, NE. . . . Caroline (Albus) Kraft '91 is a

keyline associate at Richman Gordman Corporate Offices in Omaha. . . . Kent Kubie '91 is a systems engineer for IBM in Omaha. . . . Julie (Andrews) '91 Mantz is a teller at Western Security Bank in Omaha. . . . Janet Mitchell '91 will teach K-6 physical education for the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Community School in Hartley, IA, this fall. . . . Julie Mitchell '91 will be a Middle School special education teacher in Winterset, IA. . . . Douglas Piper '91 will be a medical student this fall at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. . . . Amy (Mayberry) Rogers '91 is a graduate student in education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. . . . Michael Roseland '91 is an area representative for Strategic Staff Management in Omaha. . . . Lisa Schmoll '91 is assistant manager at Hardee's in Council Bluffs, IA. . . . Stacey Schutt '91 will teach grades 4-8 at Wranch School in rural Washington County. . . . Peter Sierant '91 will teach English, drama and journalism this fall at Benson High School in Omaha. . . . Jeff Tebbe '91 is assistant manager at the Pizza Hut in Blair. . . . Edward Wagner '91 is a salesman for Berry Lumber in Onawa, IA. . . . Brent Wesemann '91 will teach seventh grade social studies in the Geary School District, Junction City, KS. . . . Russell Wilcox '91 is a management trainee at First National Bank of Omaha. . . . Robert Christensen '90 of Aiken, SC, is an associate quality engineer for Westinghouse Savannah River Co. . . . Randall Hollowell '90 recently became news director of KBWH radio station in Blair. . . . Chris Keck '90 and Mary Peterkin, a graduate of Creighton University, were married May 25. They live in Omaha, where both are graphic artists. . . . Lydia Kelly Lee Kerns '90 and Mark Rothfus '91 were married June 1. They live in Council Bluffs, IA. . . . Carolyn Lauer '90 and Don Schuster

'89 were married Feb. 16. They live in West Des Moines. Carolyn is an informational analyst at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, and Don is a teacher at Homes of Oakridge Y.E.W.P (Youth Education and Work Program). . . . Eldora Mushi '90 is a patient account representative for Methodist Health Systems in Omaha. . . . Mark Olson '90 has joined Rollheiser, Holland, Kahler Associates, Inc. (RHK) of Omaha as a writer and public relations specialist. RHK is an Omaha-based advertising and public relations agency. . . . Mark Weber '90 is a lab supervisor for AGP. He lives in Dawson, MN. . . . Cory Wilson '90 begins medical school at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in August.

**'80s** Brenda '89 and Rick '89 Conrad of Grand Island, NE, announce the May 29 birth of son Brandon. Rick is a protective services worker for the Nebraska Department of Social Services in Grand Island. . . . Susan Ann (Peloso) '88 and Kevin '86 Harrison of Waldorf, MD, are the parents of Meghan Rose, born March 10. . . . Lisa Hayne '88 and Craig Swenson '86 were married June 1 in Madison, WI. They live in Lincoln, NE. Lisa will be a second-year law student this fall at the University of Nebraska, and Craig is completing studies at UNL to become a math teacher and coach. . . . Duey '88 and Tracy '87 Heffelfinger of Blair announce the June 7 birth of their first child, Duane Allen, Jr. Duey is an ADD campaign associate in Dana's Development Office. . . . Ben Hungerford '88 and Linda Maria Oppenorth were married June 15 in Portland, OR. . . . Jeanine (Tharp) '88 and Allan Lytton, Minneola, KS, announce the Jan. 5 birth of Jocelyn Mae. . . . Anthony Nunez '88 will teach chemistry, biology, physical science and physiology this fall at West Harrison

Community Schools in Mondamin, IA. He will also head the school's TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program and coach junior and senior high wrestling and high school basketball. . . . Ann (Leistad) '87 Bolton, who completed a second major in elementary education this past year at Dana, will teach second grade this fall in Madison, NE. . . . Maria Brandes '87 and Michael Paulsen were married in Blair on May 25. They live in Paso Robles, CA. . . . Jeff Hansen '87 graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary on May 19 and was ordained at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade, MN, on May 26. Jeff, his wife, Cindy (Lorenzen) '84, and their son Peter have moved to Salem, SD, where Jeff serves Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. . . . Sheryl Petersen '87 and Jim Krueger '85 were married July 6 in Blair. Jim is athletic recruiter, head track coach and assistant football coach at Dana, and Sheryl is an elementary education teacher in Logan, IA. . . . Mitch and Rita (Svenningsen) '87 Sorensen, Blair, announce the April 2 birth of Katie Marie. . . . Dr. Michael '85 and Meri Jo (Meier) '87 Soe, Omaha, announce the Dec. 14, 1990, birth of Megan Elizabeth. Mike and Meri Jo are both at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Mike as a resident in radiology and Meri Jo as a cytogenetic technologist in the Human Genetics Laboratory. . . . Helen (Schroeder) '86 and Joe '85 Block of Blair are the parents of Collin Jansen, born March 27. He was welcomed home by four-year-old twin brothers Creston and Keith. . . . Andrew Michael was born June 3 to Lori (Zimmerman) '85 and Mike Benesch of Omaha. He joins big brother Bradley. . . . Brian and Jodie (Barrett) '85 Krayenhagen of Thornton, CO, announce the Feb. 18 birth of Brianna Lin. She joins sister Amie (3). . . . Mark and Leanne (Danahy) '83 Buland of Mission Viejo, (continued on page 8)

## Alumnus featured on nationwide TV

Recently a former Dana teacher visited one of his former students in Ogallala, Nebraska.

That's not necessarily newsworthy, except that the former teacher was Roger Welsch, who does "Postcard from Nebraska" on *CBS News Sunday Morning*, the former student was Dana Regent Herb Knudsen '63, and the visit was taped and broadcast on June 23 for Welsch's "Postcard" series.

Welsch taught English and German at Dana from 1960-64.

Knudsen is developing uses for milkweed, and his factory makes milkweed-filled comforters.

Knudsen gave Welsch a tour of the "Ogallala Down" factory, and they visited a field where milkweed is being grown as an alternative crop. »

## Graduate offers to share information on eye ailment

Kay Konz '79 of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been elected vice president of public awareness for the newly established Nebraska-Iowa Retinitis Pigmentosa Affiliate, the fifty-sixth in a network of affiliates across the country.

Retinitis Pigmentosa is a degenerative and genetic vision disorder that causes a deterioration of the rods and cones in the retina. First symptoms are night blindness, with a gradual loss of field of vision. It can eventually lead to blindness.

Kay and two other members of her family have been diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa, and they have joined forces with other affected individuals, their families and medical personnel to increase understanding of the disease and to raise funds for research.

Kay says that Retinitis Pigmentosa can be a "sneaky disease." She invites alumni and others interested in learning

more about its symptoms and the new Nebraska-Iowa Retinitis Pigmentosa Affiliate to write or call her (3310 Serenity Circle #10, Lincoln, NE 68516; (402) 423-4997). »

## Recent graduates talk about jobs

Six recent graduates who work in Omaha returned to the campus on April 23 to talk about their jobs and job search.

Participants in the Alumni Career Panel were: Rebecca Brabec '89, social worker for ob/gyn, St. Joseph Hospital; Carter Hansen '89, editor, First Data Resources; Lori Humphrey '90, consultant analyst, Gary Troutman & Associates; Chris Keck '90, graphic artist, Lancer Labels; Grant Matthies '89, actuarial administrator, Mammel, Schropp, Swartzbaugh, Engler and Jones; and Scott Wagner '90, business analyst, First National Bank. »

## Dana signet ring available this fall

Early this fall alumni will receive an announcement through the mail about a new Dana signet ring that features Old Main in relief.

The ring, which is made by Jostens, is being marketed by the same company that offered the Dana watch a year ago. It will be available in styles for men and women in solid 10- and 14-karat gold.

Both the watch and ring projects have been endorsed by Dana's Alumni Council. Royalties from the sale of the rings will be used by the Alumni Council for projects to enhance alumni-student relations. (Royalties from last year's watch sales are being used for the same purpose.)

The project is not related to Dana's current ADD campaign. »

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CA, announce the May 3 birth of their first child, Matthew David. . . . Mary and **John Murtaugh '83** of Wayne, NE, announce the Aug. 26, 1990, birth of their fourth child, daughter Taysha. John is head wrestling coach at the Wayne public schools; his team was runner-up this year in the state wrestling tournament for Class B schools. The March 1991 issue of *Wrestling USA* includes an article by John titled "Wrestling is Much More Than Losing Weight." . . . **Kim (Rasmussen '83)** and **Fran '81** Pierce, Omaha, are the parents of Tyler Robert, born May 14. He joins sisters Katie and Jenny. . . . **Jennifer Jensen '82** is the customer service supervisor at Vital Learning Corp. in Omaha. . . . **Colleen (Dutch '82)** and **Scott '82 Rasmussen**, Omaha, announce the May 13 birth of Sean Michael. He joins Mag-

gie (6) and Danny (2). . . . **Carol (Olsen '82)** and **Todd '82 Swenson**, Minneapolis, are the parents of Anna Katherine, born March 12. She is their first child. . . . **Pam (Bramer '81)** and **Wes Andersen** of Kennard, NE, announce the Feb. 28 birth of their second child, Katherine Inger. Her sister Virginia is 3. . . . **Randy '81** and **Lynn (Hohneke '81) Berntson** of Eden Prairie, MN, announce the March 12 birth of Bjorn.

'70s **Lisa (Sorensen '79) Hodge** recently moved to Moreno Valley, CA, where she teaches seriously emotionally disturbed children at Jurupa Middle School. . . . **Martin Steenbock '79** is a negotiator for The Ethix Corporation, a managed healthcare organization, in Beaverton, OR. He lives in Portland. . . . **Mark Grorud '75** has been named

senior pastor of First Lutheran Church in Fremont, NE. He formerly served First Lutheran as its associate pastor. . . . **Rod Christenson '70** has been named vice president for management information systems at American Family Insurance headquarters in Madison, WI. . . . **Doug '70** and **Susan (Filarski '73) Hansen**, daughter Eve (16) and son Seth (14) have moved from California to Hastings, NE. Doug is materials manager for Ingersoll-Rand.

'60s **Dr. William Thompson '64** has established a new company, Northwest Immuno-Technology, in the Eugene/Springfield area of Oregon. His company develops, manufactures and markets high-quality immunological reagents. They will be marketed to national and international research,

medical, environmental and educational communities. Thompson was previously an assistant professor in the Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

'30s On June 8 **Anker D'36 T'41** and **Vita (Hansen '35) Jensen** of Hayward, CA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Anker's ordination.

**Deaths** **Bob Vinton '71** of Blair on April 24 as the result of injuries suffered in a car accident. A civic leader, he was president of the Blair City Council and owner of Vinton Chevrolet, a business started by his grandfather. Survivors include his wife, Janis, children Molly (18), Mark (16) and Sarah (14), brother Jeff '68, and his parents, Keith '40 and Mary. . . . **Jane (Olson '65) Owen** of leukemia on May 21 in Omaha. She was a member of the Dana Alumni Council for six years, serving as Council vice president for two of those years and as secretary for another two. Survivors include her husband, D.R. '66, daughter Laurie and son Rob, and mother Ruth Olson of Berlin, WI. . . . **Robert Meyer '52** of Spencer, IA, on June 16. Survivors include sons Jeffery '75 and Joel, daughter Jennifer '75, and wife Linda. . . . **Roy Mumm D'50 T'53** of Albert Lea, MN, on March 2 in Sun City, AZ. A veteran of World War II, as a pastor he served Lutheran congregations on Washington Island, WI, from 1953-56 and in Geneva, WI, from 1956-74. He was a chaplain at St. John's Lutheran Home in Albert Lea from 1974-79, and then served a congregation in Frost, MN, from 1979-86. Survivors include his wife, Florence, of Albert Lea, daughter Jane (Mumm '74) Petersen of Omaha, and son Steven of Roseville, MN. . . . **Ethel (Hendricksen '43) Freeburg** of Garvin, MN, on Dec. 15, 1990. She is survived by her husband, Harry, five children, 17 grandchildren, and brother, Ralph Hendricksen '39 of Lincoln, NE. . . . **Una Lund '27** on March 28 in Blair. The daughter of former Dana history professor N.T. Lund, she lived in Los Angeles for more than 50 years. She retired as executive secretary for the Associated General Contractors of Los Angeles in December 1971 and returned to Blair in April 1989. Survivors include her brother Ray '25, Blair, and sisters Lona, Blair, and Norma '36 Van Steenhoven, Parker, CO. . . . **Martha (Jorgensen '25) Petersen** of Elk Horn, IA, on May 5. She was 90. Survivors include son Merle, Kimballton, IA, and daughters Pauline Bahnke, Omaha, and Ellen Whitaker, Blair. . . . **Before 1917: Anna (Hansen) Jensen**, 97, of Ringsted, IA, on May 16. Survivors include four sons and one daughter, 26 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren. . . . **Hans Christian Larson** of Decatur, NE, on March 1. He was 97. Larson attended Dana before serving in the U.S. Army in World War I. He retired from banking in 1967. Survivors include sons Richard '56, Decatur, and Donald and daughter Harriet.

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ High school students in Stanton, NE, have named **Bob Bolton '89** their Teacher of the Year. Bolton, who teaches social studies and serves as assistant football coach and boys' basketball coach, has taught at Stanton for two years. This spring was the first time Stanton students have chosen a Teacher of the Year.

■ **Brad Best '83**, school administrator with the Elkhorn, NE, Public Schools, was a presenter this spring at the National Science Teachers Association convention in Houston, TX. He gave an hour-long presentation on enhancing a school's physical science curriculum through motivational student projects. Approximately 150 science teachers and school administrators from around the world attended his session. The national convention drew 12,000 science educators to Houston to share information about reforms in science education across the country. Keynote speakers included Carl Sagan and Michael DeBakey.

■ **Dr. Jeff Gray '81**, a neuropsychiatrist in Evansville, IN, recently received an Early Contribution Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychiatrists. The award was given in recognition of his research and clinical accomplishments. Gray has published some 79 journal articles, book chapters and research reports and has presented 50 papers at national meetings. He has an active practice in adult and child neuropsychiatry.

■ On April 30 **Dr. Donald Baack '75** received the Excellence in Scholarly Activity Award from the Kelce School of Business and Economics at Pittsburg (KS) State University, where he teaches. The award, the first in what will become an annual presentation, was given at the university's annual honors banquet.

Baack was cited for articles accepted for publication by the *Journal of Managerial Issues*, the *Regional Business Review* and the *Journal of High Technology Management Research*. In 1990 he also presented papers at four conferences. The paper he gave at the Southern Management Association meeting was one of five finalists for Best Paper award; there were over 350 submissions. In 1990 Baack also served as chair of the Southwest Academy of Management Task Force on Publications and as editor of the *Southwest Academy of Management Newsletter*. In 1989 he was nominated for the Golden Apple Teaching Award at Pittsburg State. Baack taught at Dana from 1981-84.

■ **Judge Jane (Hendrick '73) Prochaska**, Omaha, has been elected presiding judge of the Douglas County (NE) Court by the county's 11 court judges. She will serve for one year. Prochaska is a member of the Dana Board of Regents.

■ **Curt and Candy Holstein '72**, who started a Merry Maids franchise in Moreno Valley, CA, five years ago, are pictured in the June 10 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*. The photo illustrates a feature article titled "The flight to franchising." The Holsteins' business is one of the leading Merry Maids franchises in the U.S.

■ A feature story, "Gas Dealing Rembles Wall Street" in the "Business & Markets" section of the March 17 *Omaha World-Herald*, describes the growth and operations of PSI, a natural gas marketing and transportation company whose president is **Marc Petersen '63**. In 1985 PSI was a two-person office and a division of Peoples Natural Gas, a part of Enron, when it and Peoples Natural Gas were purchased by UtiliCorp. The Kansas City, MO, company paid Enron \$10,000 for PSI

and made it a subsidiary. Since then PSI has become one of the country's largest independent marketers of natural gas. Its net income has grown from \$717,000 in 1986 to \$12.3 million in 1990, an increase of 1,615 percent. "I had visions that the company would be of this magnitude, and being part of it has been a fun and fast ride," Petersen, a Dana Regent, told *World-Herald* staff writer Melinda Norris. Petersen has headed PSI from the beginning. The article also announced that the company was about to change its name to "Aquila Energy."

■ In February **Donna Byriel '60** Rector of Norfolk, NE, was named Elkhorn Valley School's first Employee of the Month. She teaches special education in the resource room at the secondary level. Among the comments of those nominating her: "She has a unique and special way of dealing with each and every one in school" and "I only wish I would have had a teacher like her when I was in school."

■ On March 21 the Nebraska Conference of the National Association of Social Workers inducted **Florence D. Hansen '48** of Omaha into the Nebraska Chapter Hall of Fame for her leadership in social work. She was cited for developing workshops on social work services for rehabilitation, for patients with cancer and for children in rural areas. She has also been instrumental in establishing a practicum program with the University of Nebraska School of Social Work and in helping organize the Nebraska Association of Hospital Social Workers and the Nebraska Chapter for the Society of Hospital Social Work Directors. She retired in 1986 after 18 years as director of the Social Work Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Dr. Stanley Bach '37** was honored in April by the Nebraska Medical Association for 50 years of service. He is a retired general practitioner in Omaha. »