

DANA REVIEW

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The focus of Commencement Weekend, May 16 and 17, will be on graduating seniors. On Saturday evening they'll be guests at the college's annual Recognition Dinner,

Seniors receive degrees; Honorary doctorates go to Mrs. Durham, Dr. Farwell

where several of them will receive Campus Service Awards. The identities of the recipients will be announced at the dinner. On Sunday the graduates will participate in two traditional ceremonies—the Baccalaureate service at 10 a.m. and Commencement at 1 p.m.

Several others will also be honored during the weekend. At Saturday's Recognition Dinner two graduates of Dana College and Trinity Seminary—William J. Hanson and Paul C. Johnsen—will receive Distinguished Alumni Awards (see page 10).

On Sunday at Commencement, Bob and Helen Macholan of Blair will receive Dana's College-Community Service Award, and two individuals—Margre (Mrs. Charles) Durham and Dr. Elwin D. Farwell—will receive doctor of humane letters degrees, *honoris causa*.

Margre Durham, the granddaughter of Danish immigrants, has been a leading volunteer in numerous Omaha educational, community and social service organizations.

Her current activities include membership on the advisory boards of Methodist Hospital, Junior Achievement, the Omaha Children's Museum, the YWCA and the Salvation Army. She is also Secretary of the Board of Governors of Joslyn Art Museum, the 1991-92 Foundations Chair of the United Way CHAD (Combined Health Agencies Drive) Fund Drive, and a member of the Development Committee of the University of Nebraska Foundation, the Patron Committee of the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Nebraska Arts Council, the Quality Living Friends Board and the Goodwill Friends Board.

She has received numerous honors in recognition of her exceptional community service and charitable work. Recent awards include the United Way of the Midlands' 1990 Citizen of the Year Award, the 1988 Philanthropist of the Year Award by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (Nebraska Chapter), the 1988 CHAD Omaha Health Citizen of the Year Award, the 1987 Girl Scouts' A Woman of Achievement Award, and the 1987 National Council of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award.

A graduate of Iowa State University, Mrs. Durham is the daughter of Henning H. Henningson, who

founded the Omaha consulting architectural and engineering firm now known as Henningson, Durham & Richardson. His parents emigrated from Denmark and farmed near Ellsworth, Iowa.



Margre Durham



Elwin D. Farwell

Dr. Elwin Farwell, president of Luther College from 1963-82, came to Dana as interim president in March 1985 and served to June 1986. Because of his distinguished leadership during this time, the Board of Regents voted to include him on the list of Dana's presidents.

Farwell's early professional years were in animal husbandry, which he taught for nine years at Michigan State College, his alma mater. He subsequently entered the University of California, Berkeley, and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and received his Ed.D. in higher education from Berkeley and his B.D. in theology from Pacific Lutheran, both in the same year.

Before becoming president of Luther he served as pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Andrew, Iowa, and as California Lutheran College's first academic dean.

After retiring from the presidency at Luther he was a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. Besides serving as Dana's president, since his retirement he has also been administrative adviser to Pacific Lutheran Theological

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Commencement Weekend

Saturday, May 16

Noon Builders Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Recognition Dinner honoring graduating seniors, Campus Service Award recipients, Distinguished Alumni; \$8 per person, please make reservations before May 11 through the Alumni Office (402-426-7235)

Sunday, May 17

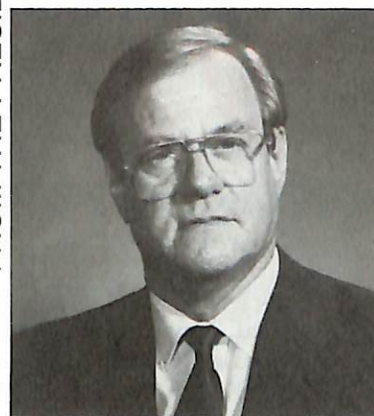
10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate service
1:00 p.m. Commencement Reception follows

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Commencement

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Seminary; interim bishop of the Nebraska Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monona, Iowa.

Farwell's many professional contributions include directing a two-year nationwide study of Lutheran theological education for the training of pastors, conducting an academic review of the Vienna and Freiburg Centers of the Institute of European Studies, and serving on several Iowa Governor's Committees—including committees on conservation of natural resources and governmental reorganization. He has also served as chair of the Iowa Campaign Finance Disclosure Commission. He is currently a Dana Regent and a trustee of the Iowa Humanities Foundation.

Farwell is the first recipient of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary's Distinguished Ministry Award. His achievements have also been honored by the kings of Norway and Sweden. In 1975 he received the King Olav V Award, Knight First Class Order of St. Olaf, and in 1977, the King of Sweden Award, Knight First Class Order of North Star.

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

Campus photographs by Lisa Welch '94

As I write these words, a bright orange fence is being erected around the construction area that will soon give birth to a new classroom, office, and chapel building to replace our beloved Old Main. Hallelujah! It has been a long time coming, but I believe the wait will be well worth it. Access will be restricted for the next year and even the Copenhagen lamps that have graced the Old Main patio have been removed during construction. For the time being, students and others will have to take a longer route to the Campus Center, and residents of Argo Hall, which many of us remember as our dining room and women's dormitory, will no longer be able to cut across the grass from Pioneer Memorial to their campus home. Elk Horn Hall (the first men's dormitory) will also be closed to accommodate construction activity in that area.

All these changes will require minor adjustments in life and activity at Dana. Yet, the temporary dislocations should be well worth the wait. At long last, a building complete with tower and chapel (we think we have a donor now, which we'll announce when the gift is assured) will once more occupy center stage on Dana Hill. Once more a light will shine for all to see up on the "big chair," as legend says the area was called by Omaha Indians over a century ago.

I can almost hear voices from the past—voices of professors and presidents back to A.M. Andersen and including later presidents alumni still remember like Erland Nelson and C.X. and Siersbeck and Morton, all of whom occupied the President's office in Old Main. I trust that all of them would agree that once more a light should shine where Old Main stood. I trust, too, that they would have joined me in giving thanks for all of you, the many alumni and friends, who have rallied behind the college to make this new construction possible. We don't have it all raised yet and we

enlist the prayers of all to help us find the remaining funds so that we can build the lecture hall we need (\$150,000), and several other related spaces for which we have not yet secured the needed funds. I suspect these old friends would join in a common chorus, "Don't give up, Myrv. There's more to come."

You can imagine the excitement that construction brings to the campus. Faculty will once more be able to move to permanent office and teaching spaces. Students will be able to enjoy laboratory and studio spaces designed for contemporary teaching. Resident hall spaces will once more be returned to their intended purposes.

And with the promise that the future brings, all of us who love this place so very much and have benefited from the faithful servants who labored here in love can be grateful that students and faculty and staff who are now here and who will come here for many generations will have a wonderful new sanctuary in which to grow in faith and learning. Quite likely, they will come to feel about the new building and those who occupy it the way so many of us feel about Old Main.

Thank God for Dana and all her people who have made this new beginning possible!

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

Gifted high school seniors compete for Presidential, Melchior Scholarships

Student musician picked for Disneyland band

This summer Kevin Wass, a junior music education major from Loveland, Colorado, will play principal tuba in the All-American College Band at Disneyland in Los Angeles.

Wass auditioned with hundreds of other college and university students for the work-study experience. He was the only student chosen from a Nebraska college or university.

In addition to daily performances, band members will receive training from well-known clinicians and musicians.

Dana band director Michael Anderson described the audition process as "extremely competitive." He said that most of the students selected for the band are from large universities with well-known music departments.

"This is a very prestigious group," Anderson said. "Kevin's selection honors him and Dana."

Anderson speaks from experience. As a college student he was selected to play trumpet in the All-American College Band at Disney World in Orlando.

Kevin Wass



Ninety-two academically talented high school seniors from seven states came to Dana February 6 and 8 for the college's fourth annual Presidential Scholarship Days.

The annual Presidential Scholarships included one for full tuition, two for \$5,000, five for \$4,000, and eight for \$3,000. The remaining competitors received \$750-\$2,500 scholarships. All scholarships are renewable for three additional years if their recipients maintain a specified grade point average.

At Dana the seniors were interviewed by committees made up of members of the faculty and staff and by students and alumni. They also wrote essays. The selection of top winners was based on these two activities and by their high school grades, class rank and ACT/SAT scores.

Seventeen seniors, including several Presidential Scholarship contenders, also participated in the Melchior Voice Competition held the same days. The top four-year Melchior Scholarships included one for \$8,000, one for \$6,000 and two for \$4,000. Four-year scholarships for \$3,600 and \$3,200 were given to the remaining competitors.

Artist's woodcut commemorates WWII rescue of Danish Jews

A woodcut created last fall by art professor Milt Heinrich commemorates the October 1943 rescue of the Danish Jews and the international conference on the rescue held at Dana April 22-23, 1990. The title of the woodcut is "The Escape."

Heinrich, who made the woodcut while on sabbatical leave during the first semester, has given the college a limited edition of ten signed and numbered prints for special presentations. He said his gift was an expression of appreciation for his sabbatical and for the Dana-organized conference on the heroic rescue.

In the fall of 1943 the people of occupied Denmark learned that the Nazis were planning to arrest and deport all Jews in that country. They reacted quickly, hiding their fellow Danes and helping them escape to Sweden in Danish fishing boats. In less than two weeks, they saved an estimated 7,000 of the 7,500 Jews who had been living in Denmark.

Heinrich's print symbolically depicts the flight of those Jews in a boat that is a loosely interpreted cross section of a Viking ship. These images "from two very different periods of history,"

Heinrich said, "create a symbol of all those who have fled their homeland for safety and freedom."

Heinrich (right) and President Christopherson (center) presented the first print of "The Escape" to Dana Regent and U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 (left) as thanks for his extraordinary efforts in helping organize Dana's international conference on the Rescue of the Danish Jews.



"We discussed the move as a family," Dwight says, "and everyone was happy about it."

When he isn't studying, Dwight has two on-campus jobs—one with the Religion Department and one with Maintenance. Wife Sharon is also at Dana—she recently joined the library staff as a circulation assistant.

Graduation next year won't mean the end of classes for Dwight. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he plans to enter a Lutheran theological seminary and prepare for the ministry.

Commenting on this increase, President Christopherson said, "Dana will still have the lowest tuition for private colleges of our type in this region. And thanks to grants, bequests and gifts from generous alumni and friends, what we charge students continues to be a fraction of the actual cost of their education."

The Regents also determined that the 1992-93 rate for a double room in a residence hall will be \$1,224 (an increase of \$64), and for a single room, \$1,524 (an increase of \$214).

Meal plan rates next year will be: 19-meal plan, \$1,706 (a \$96 increase); 15-meal plan, \$1,622 (a \$92 increase); and the 10-meal plan, \$1,558 (an \$88 increase).

Regents also increased the general fee that helps pay for services (library, computer facilities, maintenance, etc.) by \$80, the first increase in many years. The fee has been \$220 per year. Christopherson noted that expanded computer facilities and new library automation linked with other private colleges in Nebraska should bring much improved services.

Scholarships and grants

The Regents also approved an increase in the amount of Dana College funds that will be returned to students in scholarships and grants.

This year 94 percent of our students are receiving financial aid in some form, and this action will make even more assistance available next year, Christopherson said.

Promotions, tenure, sabbaticals

Several actions concerned faculty members. Diana Brown was promoted from instructor to assistant professor of French and Spanish. Brown, Michael Anderson, assistant professor of music, and David Miller, assistant professor of business administration, were given tenure. And Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion, and Dr. Bernard Matthies, professor of education and psychology (and acting vice president for academic affairs), were granted one-semester sabbatical leaves for the next academic year.

Father-son combination is a Dana first

Two members of the Albers family—one named Dwight, the other Marcus—are at Dana this year.

They're father and son—and they're believed to be the first such combination enrolled here at the same time. Dwight, who first attended Dana in 1970-71, returned last year to complete a degree in religion, and Marcus is a freshman this year majoring in music education.

The Albers moved to Blair from Minnesota, where Dwight farmed. He says that completing his degree with a religion major was something he had always wanted to do, and the onset of diabetes "more or less forced a decision."

He had qualms about returning to the classroom after an absence of 20 years, but felt better about his decision by the start of the second semester last year, he says. And this fall he was excited when classes began.

Marcus says that being a fellow student with his father is "interesting." He notes they haven't yet had any classes together.

Dwight and his wife, Sharon (Pedersen '74), also have two younger sons, Jira, 16, and Daniel, 10.

International students come from 13 countries

This year 25 international students from 13 countries are attending Dana. Their knowledge of other cultures and their different perspectives continue to enrich campus life.

Three of the students are the first from their countries to enroll here. Two entered at the start of the second semester: Elvira Sanatullova from Russia, and Shahin Chowdhury from Bangladesh. The fall *Review* reported on Vera Todorova, the college's first Bulgarian student.

The other countries and the number of students from each are: Canada (3), Denmark (3), Ethiopia (3), Japan (3), Korea (1), Malaysia (1), Namibia (5), Norway (1), Sweden (1) and Taiwan (1).

Regents meet... Actions include setting 1992-93 tuition, fees

Members of the Board of Regents met February 14-15 and took several actions concerning the next academic year.

Budget, tuition and fees

In adopting next year's budget of almost \$7.5 million, the Regents also increased tuition for full-time residential students by \$300 per semester, for an annual tuition rate of \$7,600.



Marcus and Dwight Albers

About the Commemorative Wall and Family Tributes...

The list of names of alumni and friends that will be included on the Commemorative Wall in the Old Main replacement building continues to grow.

By March 31 there were 300 entries of individuals, couples, families, companies and foundations that are contributing \$5,000 or more through gifts, pledges and matching gifts to the college's current five-year ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") campaign.

Since the college's last major campaign, the three-year Centennial Fund, Dana has more than doubled the number of gifts amounting to \$5,000 or more.

Commenting on the increase, ADD Director Michael Jones '71 said, "This time we have a much wider representation from our constituency, and this is one of the reasons why ADD is proving to be so successful."

Those recently added to the list that will appear on the Commemorative Wall are (* indicates that the person is deceased):

Ralph and Judith (Bruce) Anderson, Jr.
Steven and Deanna (Nielsen) Appel
Paul and Jean (Wood) Hundtoft
Robert and Malinda (Wallman) Jepsen
John P.* and Dora (Sinamark)* Johnsen
Marvin and Alice Johnsen
Ray and Nancy Johnsen
Robert and Joan (Petersen) Krogh
Rachael Neve
Jurgen and Fannie Remmers
Marlow Remmers
Paul* and Lil* Strand
Irving* and Joan Tange
Patrick and Kathy Tripp
Frank and Norma (Lund) VanSteenhoven

The insert in the fall *Dana Review* announced the Family Tribute and Naming Opportunities Program. Naming opportunities in the new replacement building for Old Main include offices, classrooms and departments. Gifts from family and/or friends qualify three of the listings above for this program, and they are being added to the 12 that appeared in the fall *Review* insert. The new listings are:

John P.* and Dora (Sinamark)* Johnsen
Jurgen and Fannie Remmers
Paul* and Lil* Strand

Last summer, when members of our Development staff held their annual planning session for this academic year, our three-year ADD campaign had just completed its third year—and it had reached its goal of \$10.65 million in cash and pledges.

Our celebration was a short one, however, because we knew that Dana still had many needs. Any college or university today faces great monetary demands, with funds always needed for scholarships, academic programs, endowment and deferred maintenance.

On top of that, Dana was faced with building a major academic/chapel facility because one-half of its classroom space had been lost when Old Main burned.

What we had attempted to do in three years was the impossible task of raising funds to meet the college's needs *and* construct a new building.

At our staff meeting, along with President Christopherson, we decided to extend the campaign another two years in order to "complete the challenge."

We wondered if approaching our own faculty and staff for another pledge was feasible.

And we were also going to be challenging many of these people to consider "making the Wall" by pledging a \$5,000 gift that could be paid over a three-to-five year period. We were amazed when more than 20 of our own faculty and staff met that challenge of a \$5,000 pledge.

And we continue to be amazed at the positive response of our constituents.

Because Dana College does not have a wealthy constituency, there are very few who could give the college a naming gift of one and one-half million dollars for the new building. While we have many successful alumni in business and professional endeavors where substantial opportunity exists for financial gain, many of our alumni have chosen service-oriented careers such as teaching, counseling, social work, nursing and the ministry. Danians, however, can be very proud of the response of her own to "Completing the Challenge."

Here are some examples:

- We have seen individuals and couples with very modest incomes give \$1,000 a year for five years because they believe in the college and its mission to serve.
- We have also seen a young couple, both of them out of Dana for only six years and at entry-level jobs—with a new baby and a mortgage (along with college loans)—pledge \$1,000 a year.
- We have an extended Dana family working on a Family Tribute gift to honor their grandparents in the replacement building for Old Main. Their goal is to sponsor the History/Religion Department. What is great about the tribute is that three generations of the family are contributing to it. (So far more than 15 families are sponsoring a faculty office, classroom, or a specific area in the new building. The Family Tribute concept is proving to be a great way to remember individuals, their interest in Dana College, and help raise the necessary funds for the building at the same time.)
- After one of our Development staff members visited a young alumna and described the concept of the Commemorative Wall, she called back to Dana and told us she had talked with her parents and they were willing to make a gift of \$5,000 this year. They had never given to Dana in the past. But they honored their daughter who had attended Dana.
- Dana has accepted a \$122,000 matching challenge grant from Lutheran Brotherhood to endow the college's chaplaincy. Recently one of our alumni made the lead gift of \$25,000 for this special challenge. We are very grateful for this gift and know that within the next three years we can reach our goal of \$244,000 for this chaplaincy endowment program.
- One individual contacted his two brothers about adding their parents' names to an office in the Old Main replacement building, and each contributed \$5,000. One brother had never attended Dana.
- We are also fortunate that most alumni have been willing to upgrade their pledges. We talked with one couple who "made the Wall." They said to us, "We felt really good when we received a letter from President Christopherson about the Commemorative Wall." We asked them if they would like to feel even better by considering a Family Tribute—which would amount to doubling their annual giving. Within a few weeks they decided to do just that.

We are very fortunate, too, to have the interest and support of more than 5,000 friends of the college. Our friends continue to give and respond to the needs of Dana, whether it is with a \$50 gift or a \$500,000 gift. We at Dana are very thankful that our friends believe in our sense of mission. Most friends of Dana have that same special feeling for the college that many alumni have—that Dana College is an outstanding liberal arts college that provides an opportunity for an individual not only to learn the basics in a given academic area, but to learn how to learn. Dana is very fortunate to have such friends.

Currently we have \$1.73 million in cash and pledges toward our two-year "Completing the Challenge" goal of \$6 million. This is a tremendous goal to reach in a short period of time, but there are a few gifts that may materialize soon which would put our campaign well over the half-way mark.

Recently one of our constituents told us that all good things will come to pass for Dana College and its ADD campaign. We believe this to be true: That the building will be built, the money will be there, and Dana will continue on for generations to come. With the continued support of our alumni and friends and the hard work of many, we are confident that the tower will once again rise up and a bright light will again shine from the hill.

'C'ompleting the Challenge

by Michael Jones '71
Director of ADD

Women's basketball sets 17-12 record

A 70-53 win over Nebraska Wesleyan near the close of the season gave the Dana women's basketball team 14 wins and 11 losses, a new single-season win record.

And things got even better: the Vikings won their two remaining games—with Northwestern and Dordt—and ended their season 16-11 before NAIA Division II District 11 playoffs.

The team advanced to the second stage of the playoffs by defeating Peru State 66-65 at a home game and then lost to Concordia-Seward 77-74.

Players had a large cheering section at Concordia, thanks to the Washington County Bank and FirstTier Bank of Blair. Each bank bought 100 tickets for the Concordia game and gave them to Dana students.

"It was great to have a crowd like that," Coach Kathy Foley said. "I'm sure we had more people there than Concordia did."

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that at the National meet three Vikings came close to placing, but they lost tough matches right before the medal round. Here are the results:

134# Scott Stickler '94 (Clarinda, Ia.), 2-2

142# Troy Greder '93 (Denison, Ia.), 0-2

167# Marty Killion '94 (Council Bluffs), 0-2

177# Steve Mathis '92 (Leavenworth, Kan.), 2-2

Hwt Kyle Lindelof '93 (Basehor, Kan.), 2-2

Mathis lost 6-4 in overtime to Adams State in the quarter finals and 8-7 on a last-second takedown to Southern Oregon in the wrestlebacks. He was seeded fifth, and winning either of these matches

would have guaranteed him a place.

Mathis, a senior accounting major, was named to the NAIA Scholar Athlete Team for the second year in a row. He had a 3.84 grade point average. To make the team, wrestlers must qualify for the Nationals, be a junior or senior and have at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Mathis and Scott Stickler were named this season's Outstanding Wrestlers.

Wrestlers win 8-6: Five to Nationals; Mathis is Scholar-Athlete

This year Dana wrestlers finished 8-6, the seventh season in a row the team has had a winning dual record.

In spite of an unusual number of injuries, five wrestlers qualified for Nationals. Two who qualified last year—Phil Warner (167#) and Jered Foggin (heavyweight)—missed much of the season because of knee operations and didn't qualify this season.

Coach Ron Beaman '74 reports

Men's team meets challenges

A 96-84 win over Bellevue College on February 22 closed the men's basketball season. The team's overall record stood at six wins and 26 losses.

This was a year of challenges for the team. Less than halfway into the season, Coach Tom Brosnihan, who is diabetic, had to have his left leg amputated below the knee. Assistant Coach Dave Samson, a 1991 Dana graduate, took over as interim coach.

Broz was back on the sidelines in a wheelchair for the final game. "Dave did a good job," he said. "Our guys had a big win over Peru State and played pretty well for most of the games Dave coached."

Brosnihan will be fitted with a prosthesis and undergo rehabilitation this summer.

Teams join NAIA's Division II

Men's and women's basketball programs at Dana have competed on the District 11 level of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for many years.

This year, however, both teams (and many other Nebraska teams) competed for the first time on the Division (national) level of the NAIA.

In making this move, Dana chose to compete in Division II. So did Concordia College in Seward, which, like Dana, is one of seven private colleges that are members of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

Bellevue, another private college, and two state colleges, Peru and Chadron, also selected Division II.

Other private Nebraska colleges in the NIAC—Midland, Hastings, and Doane—chose to join the NAIA's Division I. Nebraska Wesleyan also belongs to the NIAC, but its basketball teams compete in NCAA Division III.

All of the above-mentioned teams, and the College of St. Mary, comprise the NAIA's District 11.

Professor Roger Olson, Dana representative to the NIAC and NAIA, said that at this point it's hard to predict what these choices on the Division level will eventually mean to Nebraska basketball teams in the NIAC and District 11.

It could, however, eventually affect the structure of District 11, he said.

Dear Alumni,

Spring is here and it is time to clean out the garage, rake the leaves and elect new members to the Dana College Alumni Council. Each spring, five new members are elected by the entire Alumni Association. The number of people who actually vote in the election is relatively small.

I have on more than one occasion referred to getting elected to the Alumni Council as a little like getting elected to an office in the "old" Soviet Union. There are generally five positions open and five candidates are presented for the members to vote for. Although there is a space for a write-in candidate, no one has ever mounted such a campaign.

At the winter meeting of the Alumni Council, a list of candidates is presented by a subcommittee of the Council, from names that have been supplied by Council members and by alumni director Ann George and other Dana staff members. We try to pick people who have expressed an interest in serving on the Council because we know that to these people, Dana is a special place and they want to do whatever possible to help insure that it has a safe and secure future. I must acknowledge that each year we are presented with an excellent group of people to add to the Alumni Council.

The manner in which we are elected to the Council presents an interesting problem. Because so few people actually vote in the elections, we actually hear from few of the individual members of the Association. At the October meeting of the Board of Regents, I was asked by Regent Don Swanson what the alumni thought about a certain item of business we were discussing. I had to admit that I could tell him what the Council thought, but not the alumni as a whole because we had no regular contact with them. Without knowing what the alumni in general think or are concerned about, we as members of the Council cannot effectively represent your interests.

The Alumni Council is intended to be a liaison between the college and the Alumni Association. In order for the Association to effectively represent the alumni, we need to hear from you. If anyone has a question or concern about the Alumni Council, the Alumni Association, or anything connected with Dana College, please write to me in care of the Alumni Office and I will do my best to see that your questions or concerns are attended to.

Scott H. Rasmussen '82, President
Dana Alumni Association

FROM THE

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Dana gatherings have recently been held in Arizona, Colorado and Iowa:

■ Twenty-seven alumni and friends in the Denver area heard President Christopherson speak on Wednesday evening, February 26, when they met at Days Hotel Denver Airport for dessert and coffee. Cathy Keck '90, an admissions counselor, discussed Dana's financial aid program, and Steve Meister '88, also an admissions counselor, talked about the college's academic programs. Development Associate Duey Heffelfinger '88, accompanied by his mother, sang. Heffelfinger organized the event.

■ Fifty-eight alumni and friends—residents and snowbirds—heard President Christopherson speak at the seventh annual Greater Phoenix Luncheon on Saturday, February 29, at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa. Pianist Carol Petersen '60 of Mesa played several selections. Christopherson also spoke the next day at three services at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa. Regent Jim Olsen D'37 T'49 arranged all of the events.

■ Thirty-eight alumni and friends in the Greater Des Moines area attended a catered luncheon on Sunday, March 8, at Faith Lutheran Church in West Des Moines. President Christopherson spoke to the group; he was also the guest speaker at the church's two worship services that morning. The luncheon was sponsored by the Central Iowa Dana Club and planned by Tom '81 and Kathy (Appel '80) Taggart and Andy '83 Johnson and Kathy Gerking '82.

Alumni, friends attend area events

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Alumni Council Ballot

The five alumni listed below have been nominated for three-year terms on the Alumni Council. There are two boxes by each name so that husband and wife can vote if they are both alumni. Please circle the number voting 1 2 and return your ballot to the Alumni Office by May 31.

Vote for five

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jerry Christensen '82 , Blair, national secretary-treasurer, Danish Brotherhood in America, Omaha. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen , Blair, instrumental music teacher, Marian High School, Omaha. She has served two one-year terms on the Council as a member-at-large. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kevin Johnson '83 , Omaha, national account manager, AT&T, Omaha. He is completing his first three-year term on the Council. This year he served as Council vice president; last year he was secretary. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paul Larsen '48 , Fremont, retired vice president of academic affairs, Dickinson State College, North Dakota. He has served on the Council for one year as a member-at-large. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve , Omaha, part-time financial secretary, Lord of Love Lutheran Church, Omaha. She was appointed to the Council for this academic year to serve the third year of a three-year term of a Council member who resigned for personal reasons. |
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Please return to:
Alumni Office, Dana College, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008

Distinguished Alumni are Dana-Trinity graduates

William J. Hanson and Paul C. Johnsen, this year's Distinguished Alumni, will be honored at the college's Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening, May 16.

Both are pastors who received their bachelor's degrees from Dana and their bachelor of divinity degrees from Trinity Seminary, which was a part of the campus until 1956.

William Hanson graduated from Dana in 1944 and then enrolled at Trinity Seminary. He interrupted his studies to serve in the U.S. Army for almost two years and was stationed part of the time in Germany as a member of the Army of Occupation. He re-entered Trinity and graduated in 1949. He has also attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and the Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Most of Hanson's pastoral experience has been as a pastor-developer of new congregations. Highlights include serving as pastor developer and first pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Norwalk, California; as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado, while the congregation was still on mission status; as pastor developer and first pastor of the International Congregation in Copenhagen, Denmark, a ministry to English-speaking people in the Copenhagen area; as regional director of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) Board of American Missions, South Pacific District with responsibility for new church development; and as director for New Congregational Ministries of the ALC's Division for Service and Mission in America (DSMA) with responsibilities for new church development nationwide.

With the approach of the ALC's merger with two other Lutheran bodies to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Hanson served as the DSMA's acting executive director responsible for closing down the division and the transfer of funds, files, etc., to the ELCA's new Division for Outreach. During this period he was also an ALC representative on the staff planning committee for the new Division for Outreach. After his retirement, on the recommendation of ELCA Bishop Herbert Chilstrom, Hanson was elected interim executive

director of the Division for Outreach until a new executive director could be selected.

As a retired volunteer, Hanson is director of the ELCA's Mission Builders and its real estate consultant for Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

He is also a member of the ELCA's Board of Trustees for the Mission Investment Fund. Within the last ten years he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Joint Strategy and Action Committee, Inc., a national ecumenical mission planning agency of the churches as Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. representative; a Church Development Task Force Administrator, a task force of staff persons with portfolios in new church development and redevelopment; and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks.

In May 1990 Hanson was the recipient of Wartburg Theological Seminary's Wilhelm Loche Award.

Hanson and his wife, Doris (Petersen '47), are the parents of four children, Donald, Karen (Hanson) Leonard (deceased), William Jr., and Beth (Hanson) Ratzlaff.

Paul Johnsen enrolled at Dana following three years of service in the U.S. Army, from 1943-46. He graduated from Dana in 1949 and from Trinity Seminary in 1952. He received his master of sacred theology degree from Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, and his doctor of religion degree from

the California Graduate School of Theology in Pasadena.

When Johnsen recently retired as senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, California, his congregation named him "Pastor Emeritus." A small congregation when Johnsen became its pastor in 1974, Grace Lutheran is now the largest congregation of the ELCA on the West Coast. It has 2,000 members and an average Sunday attendance exceeding 1,000.

"Dr. C.C. Madsen stopped me in the hall when I was a Dana sophomore," Johnsen writes, "and asked me to serve with Pastor Joe Girtz in Albert Lea, Minnesota, during the month of June. This started my work toward seminary."

After graduating from Trinity Seminary, Johnsen became a missionary to Japan, serving there for 11 years. He returned to the U.S. and Dana, where he taught for several years, and then became pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Orange, California.

Before going to Grace Lutheran he also taught at California Lutheran Bible School, where he later served as a Board member and Board chair.

Johnsen has just completed terms as a Synod Council member and a member of the Executive Committee of the ELCA's Pacifica Synod. He has written and lectured on church growth.

He has received various pastoral awards from local congregations, synods and the national church body.

He and his wife, Joyce (Nelson '50), have five children—Timothy '75, David '77, Eric, Mark and Sonya (Johnsen '86) Pedersen.

At the Recognition Dinner Hanson and Johnsen will receive their Distinguished Alumni Awards from lifelong friends—Hansen, from Oscar D'44 T'47 and Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson, and Johnsen, from John Beck D'50 T'55.



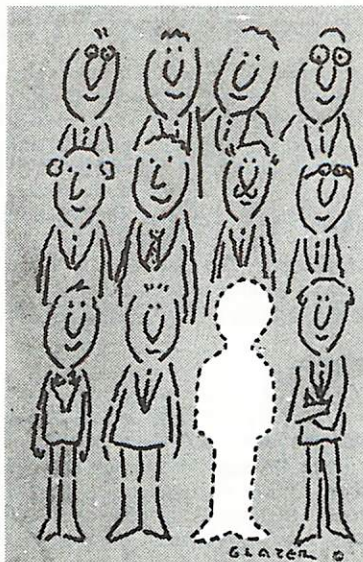
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Scheduled for release in December 1992/January 1993, the *Dana College Alumni Directory* promises to be the definitive reference of over 7,600 of our alumni. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of it!

Baseball reunion set for May 16

Former Viking baseball players will become teammates again when they return to Dana Saturday, May 16, for an Old Timers vs. Old Timers game. The afternoon doubleheader will be followed by dinner and socializing.

This is the college's first Old Timers' game. (An "Old Timer" is any former player, whether he graduated from Dana last year or 40 years ago.)

Coach Dale Lemon has sent invitations to former players. Those who haven't yet mailed in their reservations are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Any former player who hasn't received an invitation but who would like to participate should call Mike Jones at Dana (402-426-7237).

Denver church honors Archie Madsen

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, an inner-city congregation in Denver, Colorado, has named its new entrance area and expanded foyer "Archie L. Madsen Hall." The dedication took place February 2.

Madsen D'49 T'51 came to Our Savior's in 1964 at a time when its neighborhood was changing. In 1966 he started Our Savior's "Red Door Recreation Program" for children in the neighborhood and congregation. The program, supervised by volunteers from the congregation, filled the church basement with active children twice a week.

This initial sharing of resources and facilities with the community has expanded to include many other outreach programs.

Madsen was at Our Savior's until 1969, when he was elected president and bishop of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. He served in that position until 1981. He died November 27, 1988. Among those present at the naming ceremony and dedication was his wife, Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen.

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Boand '91 teaches elementary education in the Omaha Public Schools. . . . **Cami Christensen '91** works for HunTel Systems in Blair. . . . **Judith Cusick '91** is a foster care review specialist for the Nebraska Department of Social Services. . . . **Karen Froker '91** is a perinatal social worker at the Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha. . . . **Audrey Gowen '91** works for REM-Iowa in Council Bluffs as a supervisor for independent living. . . . **Joel Jorgensen '91**, Long Beach, California, is a field representative for Campbell Soup Company. . . . **Paul Kollmorgen '91**, Humboldt, Iowa, is a lab technician at Sanofi Laboratories in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. . . . **Jeffrey Kress '91** is an insurance salesman at Thomas Insurance Agency in Wheeling, Illinois. . . . **Shawn Lorenzen '91**, Omaha, has been promoted to financial planner at First Investors Corporation. . . . **Angela Mason '91** works for Streck Labs in Omaha. . . . **Greg McBride '91** works for the Denver, Colorado, school system in curriculum development and graphic design. . . . **Lori McMullen '91**, Omaha, is an accountant at the headquarters of No-Frills Supermarkets. . . . **Margaret Nelson '91** has been promoted to manager of human resources at Kirkham Michael, an architectural, engineering and planning firm headquartered in Omaha. In her newly created position, she will be responsible for the programs and coordination of recruitment, training, performance appraisal and career development for KM's 160 employees. . . . **Lori Ohms '91** teaches second grade in Macy, Nebraska. . . . **Kim Soderberg '91** teaches English and Spanish in the Tekamah, Nebraska, Public Schools. . . . **Tara Wassmann '91** and Ira Gaver were married March 21 in Blair. . . . **James Boomsma '90** is a lab technician in asthma research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. . . . **Mark Clements '90** is work director of gas accounting at Aquila Energy, Omaha. . . . **James Cooney '90**, Omaha, teaches math and science and is junior varsity soccer coach at Millard South High School. . . . **Joy Gonzales '90** is assistant program director for the Omaha Metro American Cancer Society. . . . **Nancy Holtz '90** teaches talented and gifted students and computer science in the Oakland, Iowa, Schools. . . . **Paige Kostboth '90** is a lab technician at a cancer research laboratory in Frederick, Maryland. . . . **Noelle Miller '90** is a unit leader for REM-Iowa in Council Bluffs. . . . **Kris Pronske '90** is a senior accounting clerk at First National Bank, Omaha. . . . **Paul Sanders '90** is a Target Store area supervisor in Omaha. . . . **Tracey Vittitoe '90** is an accountant at Kutak Rock & Campbell, an Omaha law firm. . . . **Scott Wagner '90** is a

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business analyst at First National Bank, Omaha. . . . **Michael Warsop '90**, Overland Park, Kansas, is a finance officer at Beneficial Finance. . . . **Chris Wiebelhaus '90** is in medical technology training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

'80s

Tami (Miller '89) and Bud Dunham, Dunlap, Iowa, announce the March 12 birth of Ashli Jane. . . . **Tim Ness '87** is a mechanical engineer at 3M in Alexandria, Minnesota. . . . **Merri (Clements '86)** and **Dan '84 Dibben**, Omaha, announce the March 6 birth of Ryan David. . . . **Andrea Nielsen '86**, Council Bluffs, is program coordinator for REM-Iowa, an organization with group homes for mentally retarded adults and children. . . . **Ann (Klein '85)** and Patrick Gredys announce the September 26, 1991, birth of Joshua Patrick. They have recently moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia. . . . This past fall **Ruth A. Nielsen '85** enrolled in the deaconess program at Valparaiso University, Indiana. Since graduating from Dana she has been a parish worker, church musician, and nanny. She has also completed a degree in sign language interpreting. At Valparaiso she will have one year of theological studies and one year of an internship. Her goal is deaf ministry. . . . Kari Anne was born December 15, 1991, to Anne and **Peter Jacobson '84**. Pete is pastor of American Lutheran Church in Castlewood, South Dakota. . . . **Karen Kreutzian '83** and Richard LaCroix were married February 14, Valentine's Day. They live in Omaha. . . . Roy Patrick was born October 14, 1991, to **Carla (McCormick '83)** and **Patrick '83 Mowry**, Omaha. . . . **Anita (Dettmer '83)** and Nick Palmer, Kensington, Kansas, announce the January 29 birth of Hilary Kay. She joins brothers Brian, Trenten and Curt. . . . **Sgt. Brian '83** and **Rebecca (Snow '83) Tuthill**, Ft. Hood, Texas, announce the November 19, 1991, birth of Aaron James Frank Tuthill. . . . **Tom**

Jacobson '81, who has been serving as a Lutheran pastor in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, for the past six years, has been accepted into the 1992 medical school class at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. . . . **Lorane and Mark Walth '81**, Grand Island, Nebraska, announce the February 2 birth of Aaron Bruce. He joins Benjamin (7) and Isaac (3). Several of Mark's original contemporary Christian music compositions have been published.

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Lonna Dee was born March 11 to **Iris (Frey '78)** and Rod Doolittle, Madison, Nebraska. She joins sister Laura. . . . **Le Gibson '78** and Robert Glass announce the November 22, 1991, birth of Robert Nathaniel. They live in Kansas, Oklahoma. . . . Allison Christine was born December 17, 1990, to Barbara and **David Hanen '77**, Fremont, Nebraska. . . . Petrea Christina was born January 16 to Dr. Richard and **Bonnie Sand-Whittier '77** of Lincoln, Nebraska. She joins brothers Jason Martin (6) and Dane Christopher (4). . . . **Judi (Larsen '76)** Pedersen, a Blair social worker with the Nebraska Department of Social Services, recently attended the National Symposium on Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Foster and Adoptive Families. The symposium, which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, was jointly sponsored by the Child Welfare Institute and American Foster Care Resources, Inc. She was the only representative from Nebraska. . . . **Pastor Frederick '74** and **Cindia (Sand '75) Baltz**, Galena, Illinois, announce the November 11, 1991, birth of Elliot Harold Eugene. He joins a sister, Emily (13), and a brother, Warren (11). . . . **Dr. Rachael Neve '74** has been appointed associate professor of genetics and psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, where she is continuing her research on Alzheimer's disease. . . . **Dr. Lane Plugge '74**, former assistant superintendent of curriculum for the Grand Island (Nebraska) Public Schools, has been appointed superintendent of the Grand Island system. His new duties begin July 1.

Deaths

The Rev. Edward R. Andersen '35, July 3, 1991, in Eugene, Oregon. Survivors include his wife, Henrietta. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth (Petersen '35). . . . **Marie (Peterson '25) Kaldahl**, March 21, in Omaha. She was 92. Survivors include daughter Janice (Kaldahl '65) Haskell, Omaha; and sons Philip '53, Bellevue, Nebraska; Silas '53,

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Santa Fe Springs, California; and Charles '52, Daly City, California. She was preceded in death by her husband, Soren D'23 T'26, and by sons James and Paul '57. . . . **The Rev. L. Gudmund C. Pedersen D'25 T'29**, December 6, 1991, in Mesa, Arizona. His wife, **Ruth (Kaldahl '27) Pedersen**, died February 4 in Mesa, two months after her husband.

Naida Nelson, February 16, in Lima, Ohio. She was the wife of former Dana president Erland Nelson. Survivors include daughter Isabelle of Lima and son Erland of Key Largo, Florida.

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