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On May 18 President Christopherson announced that the Gardner Foundation of Wakefield, Nebraska, had given Dana a grant of \$150,000.

The funds will be used to build and furnish a lecture hall in the Old Main replacement building, Christopherson said. The facility will be named the "Gardner Lecture Hall."

He noted that the lecture hall will serve the needs of several academic departments requiring special seating arrangements and audio and

Gardner Foundation gives grant

video support. It will also be available to off-campus groups for lectures, seminars and workshops.

The Gardner Foundation provides charitable grants to worthy tax-exempt organizations carrying on religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational activities. Preference is given to Nebraska organizations, particularly those within a 75-mile radius of Wakefield.

"We are extremely gratified by this expression of support from the Gardner Foundation," Christopherson said. "It represents a strong affirmation of Dana College and the contributions we make to the economic, cultural and educational climate of northeastern Nebraska."

Temporary hard-hatters are President Christopherson '61 in the cab of the earthmover and (from left) Dale Matson, superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Bob Schmoll '83, vice president for business affairs. With them is John Stoury of Weitz Construction Company, the general contractor.

Members of the Board of Regents at their May 1-2 meeting authorized the college administration to proceed with construction and completion of the entire Old Main replacement building, including all classrooms, offices and the chapel.

The Regents voted last fall to start construction of the main building. They decided, however, to have only the footings poured for the chapel, humanities resource center (Parnassus wing) and communications lecture hall, with construction of those areas taking place when additional funds became available. They also decided to delay completion of the third floor interior.

Since then the college has received three generous gifts:

■ A major gift from the Margaret Nielsen Trust for the chapel.

■ One of \$150,000 from the Gardner Foundation for the communications lecture hall

Old Main replacement: Regents say 'go' for entire building

(see story this page).

■ And one of \$200,000 from Regent Ellen Ann Qualsett for the Parnassus wing (announced in the winter 1992 *Review*).

More than \$1 million still needs to be raised. The Regents decided to complete the entire structure because of the Nielsen, Gardner and Qualsett gifts and because alumni and friends continue to contribute generously to the building, which is now under construction.



Six years! By the time you read this *Dana Review*, I will have served as Dana's President for six years. I am grateful that the Board of Regents has seen fit to offer me a new six-year contract. I have already served slightly longer than most college presidents in America. Dr. C.C. Madsen, Dana's longest serving president (15 years), used to suggest that he hoped I would beat his record. I can't promise how many years I will choose or will be asked to serve, but I can say there have been joys and challenges, and both continue.

I believe that God has blessed this place that Anne and I have been called to serve.

It has been a good six years'

God blessed this place before we came, during the time we have been here and will, I am confident, continue to bless Dana long after we have moved on. That is the nature of a place like Dana which seeks to glorify God by the community of faith and learning that we seek to establish here.

What are the principal achievements that I have seen here in my six years as President?

1. The learning community has been given special attention. Although changes and improvements have been many, I would cite especially enhancement of academic programs, especially in selected areas, notably, biological sciences, fine arts, business, social work, teacher education and communication. Some key faculty have been hired, equipment and facilities improved, and travel and support services for faculty have been increased. Along with this we have seen a growth in the collection and the services of the library, including library automation in cooperation with other independent colleges in Nebraska. Faculty development has been a focus in the past six years. Several faculty members have been granted sabbaticals, both for degree completion and for personal and professional enrichment. Stipends made possible through the Burlington Northern Foundation, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, and Hunfel Systems, Inc., of Blair, have helped recognize outstanding performance of faculty members.

2. Accrediting agencies have confirmed the quality of Dana's programs and have granted their endorsements. In the past two years, Dana has won the recommendation of site visitation teams for five-year

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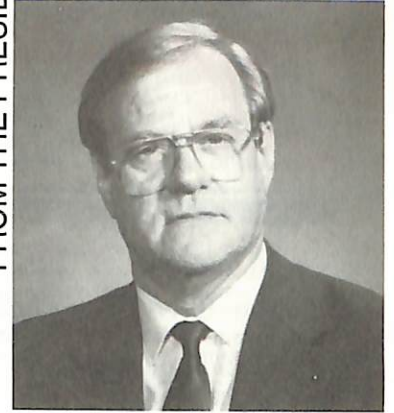
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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reaccreditation of social work by the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) and for teacher education by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This past April a team of four consultant-evaluators from Midwestern colleges and universities visited Dana and recommended to the North Central Association, the regional accrediting body for colleges and schools, that Dana be reaccredited for the full ten years. Pending approval by the Commission of the North Central Association, Dana's next accreditation visit will be 2002-2003.

3. Support services for students have seen marked improvement. The development of a professional student services staff has resulted in professionals appointed to positions as director of residence life or hall director with collateral assignments as director of security, adviser for international students and as program and activity directors. Whereas six years ago counseling was handled on an informal, as-available basis by Dana faculty and staff, this fall we will have two professionals on our counseling center staff, and an adviser for minority students will be appointed with duties as director of multicultural education. To assist students who have academic difficulties at Dana, we are moving from a part-time to full-time director of our learning center beginning this fall. Finally, although we are grateful that our campus is comparatively safe, we have contracted with a professional security firm for personnel to provide added campus security of students during the academic year.

4. Our physical plant, grounds and facilities have seen great improvement over the past six years. While the focal point of our building activity has been an art addition to create the Madsen Fine Arts Center and the construction start of a major new classroom, office and chapel center to replace our Old Main lost to fire four years ago, many other improvements have also been seen. Roofs have been replaced on virtually every building; lighting has been upgraded or replaced; wiring has been replaced in both Pioneer Memorial and Argo Hall; the gym floor has been completely redone, and basketball backboards are being replaced, a sand volleyball court has been installed, and now a new outdoor basketball court is being completed. The baseball field irrigation system will be installed this summer, and a new press box built on the football field. We are also making upgrades in almost all campus buildings. Many classrooms, offices and public areas in Pioneer Memorial are seeing new ceilings and lighting, carpeting and paint. Residence halls are being re-keyed, and window coverings, mattresses and furnishings also are being replaced according to a scheduled timetable. The Campus Drive is being repaved. And I have only mentioned selected improvements.

5. The general education program required of all graduates has been completely revised. An exciting new set of required courses beginning with a team-taught freshman experience course and continuing through a senior capstone course and a revised and improved liberal arts reading experience course will be available

to all students beginning this fall. Endorsement by the entire faculty suggests that commitment will be shared and students will benefit with a new emphasis on key competencies and student outcomes while retaining the best of Dana's strong history of success in cross-disciplinary approaches to learning. It is still our commitment to assure that literacy of Dana students in liberal arts subjects far exceeds the norms at colleges and universities in America.

6. Dana has also won recognition for its leadership in developing a global and multiculturally rich learning community. Dana leads area colleges and universities in the percentage of international and minority students we serve. Serving the largest number of Namibian students of any college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America prepared us well to continue to serve students from diverse backgrounds, cultures and nations and thereby enriching the experience of American students at Dana, helping them prepare for citizenship and servanthood in a bigger world.

7. All of these things are being done while we retain an enthusiastic commitment to our heritage as a college of the church and continue to seek ways in which we can glorify God by offering quality undergraduate education.

8. Finally, we celebrate our leadership in Development, where Dana's support from alumni, friends and corporate citizens ranks among the top in any list of colleges of our type and size in America. We give thanks for that marvelous support which must continue if we are to grow and prosper as a quality college affording extraordinary opportunity to students by faculty and staff who deeply care and extend themselves in every way to assure necessary growth. We give thanks because key friends have seen our need and have responded to it. Those needs will continue as we seek the remaining support to pay for the Old Main replacement building and chapel which is planned for completion next spring and to secure the necessary scholarship and endowment funds that alone can assure Dana's future.

Six years! Six wonderful and productive years! Anne and I give thanks to all in the Dana community who have enabled us to make measured, steady progress in enrollment growth, academic excellence, and improvements in staffing, services and the physical plant over these past six years. Hail, fair Dana, hail to thee! It has been a good six years and, we pray, many more to come.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

P rograms earn high ratings

Last fall's *Review* told readers, "It's reaccreditation time at Dana—for the Social Work and Teacher Education Programs and for the college as a whole."

The article reported that the Social Work Program had recently been reaccredited for a full eight-year cycle. It also reported that teams from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the North Central Association (the regional accrediting body for colleges and universities) would be visiting the campus during the 1991-92 academic year.

Much has happened since then.

In November an NCATE Board of Examiners team spent several days at Dana. In their exit interview team members had high praise for the Education Department. It wasn't, therefore, a complete surprise when the college received official word in March that NCATE had voted to reaccredit Dana's Teacher Education Program for the full additional five years.

The letter from NCATE president Arthur Wise noted that only 520 professional education units in the U.S. are accredited by NCATE, and of 259 units reviewed since the NCATE system was redesigned in recent years, only approximately 70 percent were accredited on their first review.

Dana is one of the institutions to achieve that distinction.

Then in April the North Central reviewers—four educators from Midwestern colleges and universities—visited the campus.

Again, team members liked what they found.

Although Dana won't receive official notice of the North Central decision until next fall, team members in their exit interview said they planned to recommend full ten-year reaccreditation. Said one team member: "You don't know how good you are."

Several members of this year's graduating class can testify that internships, student teaching and mentor relationships lead to jobs.

Here's a summary of how such experience has paid off for eight of them (at least six had signed contracts before they received their degrees):

■ Marketing major Zachary Arellano is an account manager at RTO (Rent-to-Own) in Palmdale, California. His job grew out of a January Interim internship at RTO in Chicago. The internship was arranged with RTO manager Mark Mathia '90.

■ Christine Voss, with three majors—in accounting, information management and finance—both interned and worked part time at Blair's HunTel Systems. Now she's a full-time accountant at HunTel Communications, Inc., in Omaha.

■ Social work major Katherine Corbitt's practicum was with the Nebraska Department of Social Services. She's now a residential specialist for the Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency in Omaha.

■ Teri Thiele, with majors in marketing and in management and organizational behavior, interned during this spring semester at Streck Laboratories in Omaha. She is now employed there full time in a newly created position as special projects coordinator. She organizes exhibits for trade shows and does marketing research.

■ Patrick Sanders, an organizational communication major, is an advertising sales representative at the *Omaha World-Herald*. He participated in a mentor program arranged by Dr. John McClain, director of multicultural education at Dana, and by Dr. Rod Wead '57 of Omaha. Sanders' mentor network led to his job.

■ Janet (Gute) Shearer had two majors—one in elementary education, the other in special education. She was a student teacher in Missouri Valley, Iowa, with Marilyn Neely '76, and in Shelby, Iowa, and Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. Janet will teach special education this fall in the Woodbine, Iowa, school system.

■ Craig Olson, with double majors in finance and accounting, interned at Blair's HunTel Systems during two January Interims. Now he's a HunTel accountant.

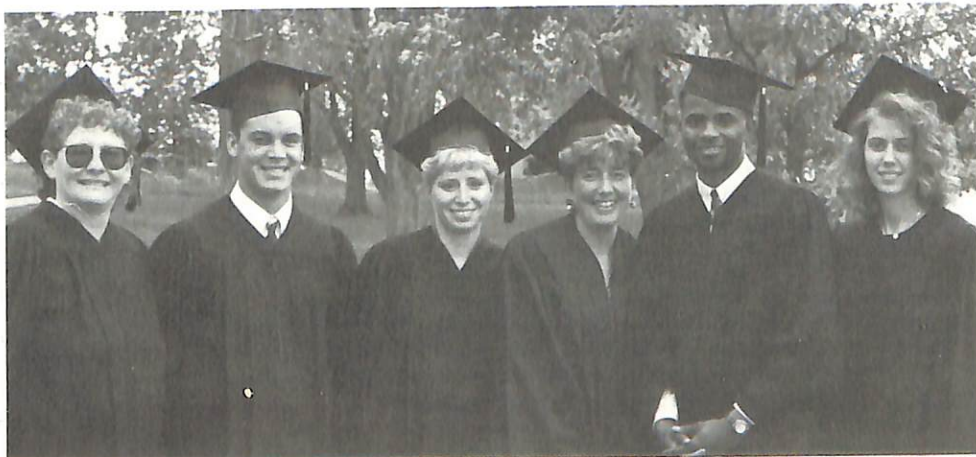
■ Shirley Hansen, a social work major, worked part time and put in additional hours for a practicum at the Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Center in Fremont. She now works there full time as a counselor.

Employment statistics for Dana graduates continue to be high. Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie, director of Dana's Office of Career Services, has surveyed the college's 1988, '89, '90 and '91 graduates, and her findings are impressive: Ninety-seven percent of those who have sought jobs in their field are now employed in their field, she reports.

"Destiny's Deep Sea" at the back of this issue includes other job news from 1992 graduates. Career Services and the Alumni Office will continue to hear from members of the Class of 1992 throughout the summer and fall as they find jobs.

Alumni and friends are encouraged to hire Dana graduates, sponsor internships and serve as mentors. For information, write or call Mary Jo Kubie (402-426-7258).

C ollege experiences help seniors find jobs



These 1992 graduates have a reason to smile. They're about to graduate from Dana and they already have jobs, thanks to experience gained through internships, mentors and student teaching. From left, they are: Shirley Hansen (Fremont, Nebr.), Zach Arellano (Omaha), Christine Voss (Somonauk, Ill.), Teri Thiele (Blair), Patrick Sanders (Aurora, Ill.) and Janet (Gute) Shearer (Mondamin, Iowa).

Commencement Weekend honors graduates, alumni, friends

Graduation exercises on Sunday, May 17, climaxed Commencement Weekend, when 77 seniors received their degrees.

Heading the 23 who graduated with honors was valedictorian Debra Schramper of Exira, Iowa. She received her B.S. *summa cum laude* with three majors—in art, graphic art and psychology.

Two others also graduated *summa cum laude*: Carmen Kinsley of Huron, South Dakota, with a B.A. and two majors—in history and biology for secondary teachers; and Patrick Crónin of Fremont, Nebraska, with a B.S. in applied science in nuclear power.

Ten received their degrees *magna cum laude*: B.A.—Jennifer Barabas, Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska, who was also selected by fellow graduates to speak at Commencement as their class representative; Shana Creger, Kilkenny, Minnesota; Sheryl Shuster, Blair; B.S.—Tim Barner, Blair; Connie Christensen, Blair; Joseph Ellis, Omaha; Randall Gerke, North Bend, Nebraska; JoAnn Hohensee, Blair; Steve Mathis, Leavenworth, Kansas; and Amy Wemark, Ridgeway, Iowa.

Another ten graduated *cum laude*: B.A.—Lois Behrens, Blair; Sean Dalton, Lincoln; Christine Voss, Somonauk, Illinois; B.S.—Karen Clements, Blair; Shirley Hansen, Fremont; Jeremy Hill, Kanawha, Iowa; Joel Morgan, Hay Springs, Nebraska; Jennifer Rose, Omaha; Teri Thiele, Blair; and Shawn Winters, Omaha.

Honorary doctorates. Margre (Mrs. Charles) Durham of Omaha and former Dana president Dr. Elwin D. Farwell of Decorah, Iowa, received doctor of humane letters degrees, *honoris causa*. (See spring *Review*.) Farwell spoke at the morning Baccalaureate service.

At a Sunday evening reception at the Omaha Country Club honoring recipients of the honorary degrees and College-Community Service Award, Mrs. Durham was also given a replica of a Viking helmet and named a "Great Dane" of Dana. She is the granddaughter of Danish immigrants.

College-Community Service Award. Bob and Helen Macholan, long-time Blair residents, received this year's College-Community Service Award, Dana's highest nonacademic honor. Bob Macholan owned and operated Mac's IGA Store for 38 years, and Helen Macholan taught in the business department at Blair High School for 27 years. Both are community leaders who become involved wherever help is needed. They have also had important roles in several Dana fund-raising campaigns. President Christopherson said of them at the presentation: "Because they cared, few families in Blair have not been touched in some way by their concern, thoughtfulness, and willingness to be of service."

Of note: Commencement was especially significant for Anona (Anderson '52) and Howard Swenson of Richfield, Minnesota, and their three sons and daughters-in-law. When son Steve received his degree on May 17, he became the third son to graduate from Dana. Brothers Craig and Todd graduated in 1986 and 1982, respectively. Their wives are also Dana alumni: Steve's wife, Beth, who works in the college's Admissions Office and Fine Arts Department, graduated from the University of Minnesota but completed a second major at Dana this spring; Craig is married to the former Lisa Hayne, a 1988 graduate; and Todd is married to the former Carol Olsen, a 1982 graduate.

Two events on Saturday, May 16—the Recognition Dinner and Builders Luncheon—have become traditional parts of Commencement Weekend.

Recognition Dinner. Twelve graduating seniors and two alumni were honored at the Recognition Dinner.

These seniors received Campus Service Awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions to campus life: Jennifer Barabas, Ft. Calhoun; Lois Behrens, Blair; Claudia Brown, Omaha; Karen Clements, Blair; Sean Dalton, Lincoln; Joe Ellis, Omaha; Scott Gray, Omaha; Heidi Hahn, Spicer,

Minnesota; John Hundahl, Dallas, Texas; James Peister, Broken Bow, Nebraska; Melissa Reinikainen, Marshfield, Wisconsin; and Patrick Sanders, Aurora, Illinois.

Of note: Lois Behrens, the daughter of Walter and Ellen Behrens, was the third member of her family to receive a Campus Service Award. Earlier recipients were her sister, Ruth (Behrens '81) Schmidt, and her brother, Paul '83.

At the dinner two graduates were added to the college's roster of Distinguished Alumni: the Rev. William J. Hanson D'44 T'49 of Edina, Minnesota, and the Rev. Dr. Paul C. Johnson D'49 T'52 of Huntington Beach, California. (See spring *Review*.)

Builders Luncheon. Close to 100 Dana Builders—alumni and friends who have provided for the college in their estate plans—attended the 11th annual luncheon.

The speaker was the Rev. Walter Behrens of Blair. Behrens, the father of three Dana graduates (see above), is with Planned Giving Services for Nebraska Synod Agencies and Institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Graduates receive surprise gifts

At the close of this year's Recognition Dinner, graduating seniors were invited to stop by the Presidents Room for two surprise gifts.

One was a Dana mug, a gift from the college. And the other was a telephone (either red or white), a gift from Blair's HunTel Systems.

The graduates were delighted.

Commemorative Wall list grows... 1992 graduates pledge \$8,000

Members of the Class of 1992 have "met the challenge" of the college's current five-year ADD (Accelerating Dana's Development) campaign.

ADD campaign associate Ducey Heffelfinger '88 issued the challenge at an April 7 dinner for graduating seniors. He told seniors that by pledging \$5,000 or more to the current five-year ADD campaign, the Class of 1992 would be listed on the Old Main Commemorative Wall. The Wall will be a feature in the Old Main replacement building now under construction.

Seniors responded to Heffelfinger's challenge by pledging \$8,000, thus ensuring that "Class of 1992" will be included on the Commemorative Wall. Among the pledges was one for \$1,000 and several for \$500.

This will be the second class to be listed on the Wall. Last year's graduates showed their commitment to Dana by pledging \$7,280.

Both listings will be among the more than 300 listings of alumni and friends who have already pledged \$5,000 or more to the ADD campaign.

Alumni Council takes leading role

Among them are the names of thirteen members of the Alumni Council and their spouses, all of whom have been listed in earlier *Dana Reviews*.

The newest additions to the Wall are (* indicates that the person is deceased):

- Glenn and Verona Berntson Family
- Robert and Edna (Peterson) Berthelsen
Class of 1992
- Robert and Joan (Nelson) Coffey
First Lutheran Church, Blair
- Gardner Foundation
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas
- Dale Gustason Estate
- Stanley and Ethel Jorgensen
- Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha
- Douglas and Susan Lash
Mr.* and Mrs.* N.T. Lund
- Immanuel and Elna (Hofgaard)* Petersen
Carolyn "Skipper" Scholl
- Andrew and Martha (Rasmussen) Staby

Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson '61 has been elected to a second six-year term by the Board of Regents. The Regents met at Dana on May 1 and 2.

In an official communication to Christopherson, Board Chair Don

Regents elect Christopherson to second term

Jorgensen '60 said: "On behalf of the entire Board of Regents, I offer our most sincere and grateful appreciation for the extraordinary service and leadership you have provided to Dana College over the past six years. . . . It is most fitting that we as a Board reaffirm our confidence in your outstanding leadership and vision for the College, and convey our unanimous support through election to a second six-year term as President."

Jorgensen also said, "The past six years have witnessed a great many positive changes at Dana College. Dana is far stronger today because of these experiences and, more importantly, because of the positive attitudes and forward thinking of so many people, fostered by your dynamic leadership."

Development staffers receive promotions

Two members of the college's Development staff have been promoted.

Michael Jones '71, director of ADD and a member of the Development staff since 1986, has been named director of development.

He replaces Paul Ditlevson, who has accepted a position as director of



Michael Jones

planned giving at Ashland University in Ohio. (Members of the Alumni Council at their April 25 meeting voted to name Ditlevson and his wife, Janeille, "Honorary Alumni" of Dana College.) Duey Heffelfinger '88, ADD campaign associate, will become director of annual giving. He joined the Development staff in 1989.



Women head student government

Four senior women will lead next year's student government, ~~a Dana first.~~ They are (from left): Treasurer Cathy Shaw, Omaha; President Trasy Sparr, Red Oak, Iowa; Vice President Maija Nielsen, Omaha; and Secretary Dixie Whitlow, Genoa, Nebraska.

Faculty members honored for teaching

Four faculty members—Dr. Paul Schneider, Dr. Larrie Stone '57, Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 and Prof. Carol Haussermann '69—were singled out for special recognition at the college's May 7 Honors Program.

Professor of the Year. Student-cast ballots were tied for Professor of the Year, with Schneider and Stone sharing the honor.

Criteria for the award include excellence in teaching, demonstration of positive interpersonal relationships and classroom organization, creative and intellectual stimulation, and out-of-classroom behavior that exemplifies Christian life.

Schneider, associate professor of English, came to Dana at the start of the 1991-92 academic year.

This was the second time that students have named Stone their Professor of the Year. A professor of biology, he has taught at Dana since 1962.

Golden Apple Award. It turned out to be an eventful evening for Stone. He and Nielsen were the first Dana faculty members to receive Golden Apple Awards, a new award created and presented by HunTel Systems of Blair.

The award recognizes teachers who have made a distinct difference in Dana's educational climate in such areas as campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, model classroom teaching and creative course development. (The award was also given to two Dana graduates who teach in the Blair Community Schools—see page 13.)

Nielsen is an associate professor of English who has taught at Dana since 1978.

Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award. Haussermann, assistant professor of physical education, was selected to receive this annual award from Burlington Northern. She has taught at Dana since 1969. The award criteria include high scholarly standards and impact on students.

Conference planned for Nebraska teachers

For the second year in a row, Dana has been selected to serve as the host institution for the Nebraska Conference to Improve Mathematics and Science Education. The conference will be held in Omaha at Holiday Inn Central August 10-11.

Funding for the conference is being provided by a grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Improvement Funds, which are administered by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

The conference will bring together Nebraska math and science teachers to learn new instruction methods for kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Some of the nation's most innovative teachers, who have researched international teaching models of science and mathematics, will give a variety of workshops.

In addition, telecommunications workshops in PSInet, INTERNet and NEblink will provide in-depth training and practice for use in the classroom.

The curriculum for the conference has been created by a steering committee headed by Dana faculty members Dr. Kay Ferguson, associate professor of education and psychology, and Dr. Bernard Matthies, professor of education and psychology and acting vice president for academic affairs.

Ferguson said that this year's conference will have an international focus. "We'll be looking at various models used in education in countries around the world, and we'll study the question of why the educational systems of some other countries seem to be working better than ours in terms of math and science education."

Ferguson described the conference as a "wonderful opportunity" for Nebraska math and science teachers to enhance their skills. "We're encouraging as many to attend as possible," she said. "And as an incentive we're offering free lodging, meals, and registration to those who register early."

For teachers who can't attend, parts of the conference will be broadcast via satellite to several states.

Alumni and friends who teach science and math in grades K-12 in Nebraska and who would like to attend the conference can write or call Dr. Ferguson at Dana (402) 426-7279.

TEK Camp for children offers unique program

Students in grades 4 through 9 converged on the campus during the week of June 29-July 3 to build and program robots, use telecommunications to 'talk' with students across the country, travel to nearby DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, engage in orienteering, conduct experiments, use micro-based labs and participate in the Heart Adventures Model.

All of these activities were part of a unique program initiated at Dana three years ago. Called "Technology, Ecology and Kids" (TEK), it is the only one of its kind in the U.S.

Like the August 10-11 Nebraska Conference to Improve Mathematics and Science Education also

described on this page, TEK is supported by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Improvement Funds, the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and Dana.

TEK Camp was designed to stimulate a student's interest in math and science through creative hands-on techniques and workshops that show how a mix of math, science and technology can directly affect the environment.

The classes were taught by master teachers who are experts in their field and recipients of Presidential or national honors for teaching excellence.

The week before TEK Camp, 50 teachers selected from across Nebraska came to Dana to participate in easy-to-follow, hands-on workshops that let them develop skills needed to teach the same exercises taught a week later in TEK Camp. Ten teachers were subsequently selected to return to Dana the next week to serve as instructors. They received a stipend, lodging and meals; three hours of graduate credit were also available to them.

College takes lead to improve K-12 math, science education

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Heinrich completes Playhouse commission

Workmen mount one of three panels of a brass sculpture by Milt Heinrich, professor of art, on the north side of the Omaha Community Playhouse. "The Actors' Quest," 45 feet long and 12 feet high, joins a sculpture on the south side, "The Actors' Procession," that Heinrich completed in 1989. The new work was dedicated May 22. Both murals were made possible by donations from Robert Storz of Omaha.

Grundtvig-Kierkegaard Symposium scheduled for October 22

Two nineteenth-century Danish "renewers of the church," Nicolai Grundtvig (1783-1872) and Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), will be the subject of a symposium at Dana on Thursday evening, October 22.

Both men had an upsetting impact on the life and thought of people in their time. And although their ministries were carried out in Lutheran Denmark, their influence has reached far beyond Denmark and their own age.

In spite of the many changes that have occurred since they wrote and spoke, their teachings might have value for people groping with baffling challenges at the close of the twentieth century.

In the midst of the perplexing controversies that confront society today, therefore, this question could be posed: What might these men have to offer to modern dilemmas?

At the symposium two contemporary scholars who have specialized in the life and thought of Grundtvig and Kierkegaard will explore this question: Dr. Paul Holmer, Yale University professor emeritus and a recognized authority on Kierkegaard, and Dr. Hans Raun Iversen, professor of church sociology and practical theology at the University of Copenhagen and a distinguished Grundtvig scholar.

Plans call for the program to begin with dinner at 6 p.m., followed at 7:15 by several lectures and discussion. Other participants are Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson '61, president of Dana, and Dr. Edward Hansen '42, a former bishop of the American Lutheran Church.

Information on registration fees and overnight lodging is available from Dana's Office of Public Relations.

Dana Women's Club luncheon features 'Century of Styles'

On April 4 members of the Dana Women's Club held a fund-raising Spring Salad Luncheon and Style Show featuring "A Century of Styles." The show, which opened with a 1898 sailor's uniform, featured articles of clothing from the turn of the century to the present—and each had a story to tell. Several were from Dana's past, including these bloomers and a middy blouse modeled by Dana senior Lois Behrens of Blair. The outfit, worn by Dana women students in the 1920s and early '30s for physical education classes, was provided by Mary (Anderson) Vig of Blair, who wore it as a Dana student.



'See the Pyramids along the Nile...'

Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor/Thebes, Aswan—art professor Jim Olsen '62 is planning a trip to these Egyptian cities and sites during a January Interim class he calls "The Legacies of Egypt."

He invites alumni and friends of all ages to join the student group.

Olsen visited Egypt in 1985, when he received a Fulbright grant to attend a seminar on the history and culture of that country.

Tentative dates for the three-week tour are January 4 through January 22. The anticipated cost, which includes transportation, lodging, breakfast and admission to required activities, will be approximately \$3,000.

For additional information, write to Olsen at 827 S. 16th St., Blair, NE 68008, or call him at (402) 426-2765.

Alumni-authors contribute to book on Danish emigration

A new book, *Danish Emigration to the United States*, published by the Danes Worldwide Archives in collaboration with the Danish Society for Emigration History, includes two chapters co-written by Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, associate professor of English at Dana, and Dr. Peter L. Petersen '62, professor of history at West Texas State University.

The book was released on July 3 in conjunction with this year's Fourth of July Rebuild Festival in Denmark.

Deaths, from page 16

Gerald Kruse '62, April 12, in Kansas City, Missouri. He was a librarian at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, before becoming a medical librarian at Research Medical Center in Kansas City for 19 years. He retired in 1991. Kruse also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie '64, and two daughters. . . .
Othilia (Nelson) Hauge '42, of Apple Valley, Minnesota, March 27. She was dean of women and an instructor in religion at Dana from 1957-63. Survivors include daughters Bea '52 Sorenson, Oak Park, Illinois, and Ruth Nelson, Burnsville, Minnesota.

■ Eastern Nebraska was one of four areas in the U.S. selected for visits this spring by participants in the College Board's **Overseas Adviser Training Program**. Seven advisers, all of them from other countries, visited colleges and universities in this area during the week of May 10. They were at Dana on May 14 to talk to students, faculty and staff. Their visit could eventually lead to many new international student referrals.

■ This spring the Nebraska Language Arts Council selected Dana senior **Lois Behrens** to receive its 1992 Nebraska Future Teachers Award. Behrens graduated on May 17 as a language arts major with an endorsement in secondary education.

■ Three faculty members are spending part of the summer participating in the Bethsaida archaeological excavations in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights (this project was described in the winter 1992 *Review*): **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73**, as a surveyor from June 3 to 23; **Dr. Delvin Hutton**, as a group leader from June 17 to July 8; and **Fran Mallory**, as a member of Hutton's group. Nielsen is an associate professor of English, Hutton is professor of Greek and religion, and Mallory is an instructor in business administration.

■ Five juniors were inducted on May 4 into the Nebraska Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society: **Roxane Fenton**, Charles City, Iowa; **Cynthia Kempcke**, Blair; **Leticia O'Brien**, Lexington, Nebraska; **Kevin Wass**, Loveland, Colorado; and **Dixie Whitlow**, Genoa, Nebraska.

■ On April 10 and 11 **Dr. Alan Brandes** (music), **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73**

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(English) and **Prof. Diana Brown** (Spanish and French) chaired sessions at the fifth annual Midlands Conference on Language and Literature held at Creighton University in Omaha.

■ **Dr. Sybille Bartels**, associate professor of German, conducted workshops on March 11 and April 8 for Omaha German teachers as part of a professional growth program for the Omaha Public Schools. The topic was "Children's Literature—Current Themes and Teaching Strategies for the Middle and High School Classroom." The series coordinator was **Art Beckman '70**, who teaches German at Northwest High School. Also in attendance was **Karen (Kreutzian '83) LaCroix**, a German teacher at Morton Junior High.

■ On April 2 and 3 **Dr. Larrrie Stone '57**, professor of biology, served on the external visitation team for the Comprehensive

School Evaluation Project in the Tekamah-Herman (Nebraska) Community Schools.

■ On April 2-4 the Theatre Department presented two one-act plays, *After Magritte* and *The Real Inspector Hound*, both by contemporary British playwright Tom Stoppard. They were directed by **Dr. Paul Schneider** of the English Department and Dana junior **Ann Gibbs** (Greenfield, Iowa); both were designed by Parnassus assistant **Nathan Kramer '89**.

■ Fourteen students were inducted into Alpha Mu Gamma, the foreign language honor society, on May 7. Recognized for their achievements in French were **Dana Holz '95**, Alliance, Nebr.; **Jennifer Newman '95**, Imperial, Nebr.; and **Leasa Stark '95**, Neola, Iowa. For their achievements in German—**Kim Burlingame '95**, Bellevue, Nebr., and **Stephanie Shelton-Martens '95**, Omaha. And for their achievements in Spanish—**Dawn Coburn '95**, Ripon, Wisc.; **Amy Dritlein '95**, Barrington, Ill.; **Keri Haas '95**, Dubuque, Iowa; **Courtney Ross '93**, Springfield, Mo.; **Kara Vergamini '94**, Storm Lake, Iowa; and Nebraskans **Melanie Hild '95**, Benedict; **Jennifer Nelson '95**, Gothenburg; **Heather Petersen '95**, Lincoln; and **Matthew Plowman '93**, Ponca.

■ **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73** presented a juried paper on the Hansen-Mengers Collection in the Dana Archives at the 82nd annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study at the University of Minnesota from April 30 to May 2. During that time he also attended a workshop sponsored by the Danish Embassy on contemporary Danish literature.

Scientist-alumnus tells students about Human Genome Project

On April 24 **Dr. David Smith**, a 1959 Dana graduate, spoke to a very interested audience of students, faculty and staff on the status of the Human Genome Project, which is attempting to map the genetic structure of human beings.

Smith is with the U.S. Department of Energy as director of the Health Effects and Life Sciences Research Division in Washington, D.C.

His division administers the DOE component of the Human Genome Project, which puts him in touch with prominent scientists throughout the world.

Smith also discussed some of the ethical, legal and social implications of the research results (implications that were the subject of a subsequent lively class discussion, biology professor **Larrrie Stone '57** reports).

"This is an exciting time to consider a career in biology and bio-technology," Smith told students at the close of his lecture.



Danish archivist visits Dana Archives

Henning Bender (left), head of the Danes Worldwide Archives in Aalborg, Denmark, came to the campus on June 9 to become acquainted with the college's archives, and especially with the extensive Hansen-Mengers Collection. He's pictured here with (from left) Dana senior **Ann Gibbs** (Greenfield, Iowa), a library assistant; **Sharon (Messer '65) Jensen**, assistant library director and reference librarian/archivist; and **Dr. John W. Nielsen '48**, coordinator of the Hansen-Mengers Collection.

Campus Nurse Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen has been asked by Dell Publishing Company, New York, to write a book of daily meditations for people with chronic pain.

The book, her first, is scheduled for completion by December 31.

A registered nurse, Nielsen injured her back four years ago while

Campus nurse writes to help victims of chronic pain

working at Dodge County Memorial Hospital in Fremont. She has had back surgery four times and has learned to live with constant pain. But what she has learned has become the motivation for her writing.

She is also a contributing writer for *Lifeline*, the newsletter of the National Chronic Pain Outreach Association, and is the "Health and Wellness" writer for *Washington County Line*.

Nielsen has had 32 articles published in eight nursing journals, magazines and newsletters, including *Nursing* and the *American Journal of Nursing*. She is a former member of the editorial board of *Advancing Clinical Care*.

NAIA selects eight as Scholar-Athletes

This year eight students were named All-American Scholar-Athletes by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA):

Football. Sean Dalton '92 (Lincoln, Nebraska), with majors in biology and Spanish; and Jeremy Hill '92 (Kanawha, Iowa), with majors in finance and marketing.

Basketball. Jennifer Edelman '93 (Merna, Nebraska), with an elementary education major; and Kris Grappendorf '93 (Chariton, Iowa), with a physical education major.

Wrestling. Steve Mathis '92 (Leavenworth, Kansas), with a major in accounting.

Softball. Kris Gunderson '92 (Neola, Iowa), with a major in elementary education; and Sheryl Shuster '92 (Blair), with majors in accounting, finance, and management and organizational behavior.

Baseball. Shawn Winters '92 (Ralston, Nebraska), with a major in marketing.

Investment Challenge' introduces students to Wall Street

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At a time when the stock market was in a downward swing, three students who entered Dana's first "Investment Challenge" came up winners.

Fifty-eight students signed up when Professor Fran Mallory of the Business Department and Dr. Paul Schneider of the English Department announced the competition at the start of the second semester. They directed the students to select a portfolio of no more than five stocks or mutual funds totaling up to \$10,000 in fictitious monies.

Mallory and Schneider, who was a stock broker for nine years before he recently returned to teaching, then valued the portfolios according to the February 10 *Wall Street Journal*, which gave the prices for February 7. They valued them again on May 1.

Because of the short time span, students were not asked to buy or sell.

During those months the market was bearish, and most "investors" lost, the two report.

But three did very well, and they won prizes funded by a grant from U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49, who suggested the competition.

The winners were announced May 7 at the college's annual Honors Program.

Luis Navarro, a sophomore from Green Valley, Arizona, won \$300; Claudia Brown, a senior from Omaha, won \$200; and Laura Morrison, a sophomore from Pleasant Valley, New York, won \$100.

Navarro's fictitious investments would have earned \$3,333; Brown's \$1,219; and Morrison's, \$1,159.

Navarro was surprised—and, of course, pleased—that he won. He said that he and a friend did some research in the library before selecting his stock.

Next year Schneider and Mallory plan to lengthen the competition, starting in September and continuing through most of the academic year. They're also going to bring in speakers from Blair, Omaha and the East Coast to talk about investment strategies.

Navarro is looking forward to entering the contest again.



Investment Challenge winners (from left, front row) Claudia Brown (2nd place), winner Luis Navarro (1st) and Laura Morrison (3rd) with (back) President Christopherson and faculty sponsors Paul Schneider and Fran Mallory.

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Softball season ends at 22-24

*NAIA names Corbitt
Player-of-the-Week*

Viking softball players, to their disappointment, didn't bring home the conference championship this spring, thus ending an impressive run of five consecutive championship wins.

Team members and Coach Steve Kissel '86 had all hoped for a sixth championship season, and they worked hard for it.

As a result, exciting games and outstanding play by individual team members were a feature of the 22-24 season.

Dana placed at the top of NAIA District 11 statistics with a .351 team batting average and a team ERA of 2.32.

Third baseman Katie Corbitt '92 of Bertrand, Nebraska, was named NAIA Division II National Player-of-the-Week. She won the recognition for her play in six games during the week that climaxed with the NIAC tournament. (Corbitt was also a Division II National Player-of-the-Week in basketball this season—see story on this page.)

Corbitt, outfielder Michelle Wheatley '94 (Longmont, Colorado) and utility player Michelle Mundt '93 (Omaha) were all named to the NAIA District II first team.

Baseball stats show close games, but season is 7-30

Dana experienced its worst baseball season ever as far as records are known, but it didn't seem quite that bad. The Viking nine only won seven and lost 30, but were in every game never blown out. The record wasn't good, but some interesting statistics showed the closeness of each game.

Over the season, Dana was outscored on the average per game by only 6.2 to 4.6. The Vikings were out-hit 8.1 to 7.5, an even closer margin. Their major problem was the inability to drive in runners who were in scoring position. This was shown in having averaged eight runners left on base per game (the opponents averaged 6.8).

Pitching was better than it had been for several years, ending up with a team earned run average of 5.21 (the opponents' was 4.5). Pitchers walked far fewer batters than in normal years, fewer than the opponents, 127 to 169. These pitching and offensive stats certainly show that Dana competed well against the enemy, but just couldn't get on a winning track.

Freshman pitchers Pat Forck (Colfax, Iowa) and Ryan Knutson (Onalaska, Wisconsin) got good experience and will be raring to go next spring. Junior Craig Barsness (Sandpoint, Minnesota) finished strong with a 3-3 record and a 2.44 ERA.

Senior Shawn Winters (Ralston, Nebraska) closed out a fine career with many honors. He was named Academic All-American (NAIA) on the basis of his .368 grade point average and a .365 batting average. He established a new school record for a career batting average of .380. His other honors included being named the team's Most Valuable Player; he was also both All-Conference and All-District NAIA.

Sophomore shortstop Gregg Yanta (Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin) had another good year at the plate hitting .331 and leading the team in runs batted in with 25. He was successful stealing nine bases in nine tries. Though his fielding

average fell off this spring, he still made a lot of good plays and is a very valuable player for Dana. He only struck out four times in 127 official at bats.

Basketball players collect honors

Five basketball players—one on the men's team and four on the women's—have won division, district and conference honors.

■ Larry Walters '93 (Aurora, Illinois) was named an honorable mention NAIA All-American for Division II. He was a first team selection for both NAIA District 11 and the NIAC.

■ During the season Katie Corbitt '92 (Bertrand, Nebraska) was named NAIA Division II National Player-of-the-Week. Post-season honors included winning places on the NAIA Division II honorable mention All-American roster, the NAIA All-District 11 first team and the All-NIAC first team. She was also picked by the *Lincoln Journal-Star* for its NAIA All-State team and by the *Omaha World-Herald* for its NAIA All-State honorable mention team.

■ Jennifer Edelman '93 (Merna, Nebraska) was also an *Omaha World-Herald* honorable mention for its NAIA All-State team. She was selected for District 11's first team and was an All-Conference honorable mention.

■ Kris Grappendorf '93 (Chariton, Iowa) joined teammates Corbitt and Edelman in being named to the *World-Herald's* All-State honorable mention team. She also won District 11 honorable mention.

■ Marcy Schwarten '95 (Emerson, Nebraska) was also given District 11 honorable mention.

'Old Timer' baseball alumni gather for first annual game

Twenty-seven ex-Dana baseball players returned on May 16 for their first annual "Old Timers" baseball game. Rain the night before and threatening skies that day almost caused a cancellation of the event, but many players grabbed some rakes and worked about an hour and a half to make the field playable. (Baseball alumni—remember the daily rake jobs when you were here?)

The teams were formed according to graduation dates of odd years and even years—the split was as even as could be, 14 to 13—and a great game was played. The Odd Years squad emerged victorious 15-3, thanks to a six-run fourth inning and a five-run fifth. Brian Moerer '71 captained the winners and Mike Urdahl '76 guided the losers.

Steve Daeges '79 had three hits for the winners, and Tim Johnson '83 had three RBIs on a single and a double. Greg Kubik '87, Bill Rock '79, Rod Rumelhart '87 and Lynn Petersen '83 each stroked doubles. Dan Jackson '71 pitched three perfect innings for this team and struck out four. He can still throw the hard one! Kubik pitched one hit ball in three scoreless innings.

For the losing side Mitch Lane '82 had two singles and two RBIs. This team was unable to get an extra base hit and had a total of five singles. Jim Jorgensen '66 pitched two scoreless innings at the start of the game, with his old, crafty style. Mark Clements '90, a catcher with the Dana Varsity over four years, pitched four innings and only allowed one run on four hits.

After the game about three-fourths of the competitors had a fine steak dinner at the Blair Marina where chef Steve Cook '70 put on a good feed for the group. Many wives and some sons and daughters were in attendance.

An awards ceremony followed where some baseballs were handed out to those "starring" in the game. These included some of the above-mentioned feats. In addition, Dale Albus '60 was awarded a ball for being the oldest alum to participate. Ev Petersen '63 got credit for an outstanding job of umpiring in the game!

Urdahl and Moerer had a lot to do with getting the days' events going and deserve special mention for this work. Mike Jones '71 of the Development Office and his staff worked diligently to get this off the

ground. Coach Dale Lemon of the Dana Varsity helped coordinate the affair.

The second annual "Old Timers" game has already been set for April 17, 1993. All baseball grads should mark this date and make plans to be a part of it!

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Homecoming: Basketball scrimmage moved to Saturday a.m.

The men's basketball scrimmage (alumni vs. varsity) at Homecoming that is usually played on a Friday evening will be played instead on Saturday morning, October 10, at 9:30 in Borup Coliseum.

Former members of the basketball team are invited to join the scrimmage. Please let Coach Brosnihan know of your plans by writing or calling him at Dana after September 1 (402-426-7294).

Former teammates Rick Rostan '79 (left) and Steve Daeges '79 were among those who returned for the May 16 Old Timers' game.



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The telephone verification phase of our alumni directory project (when alumni can make final changes in their listings) is almost complete.

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Homecoming 1992: Hibbing, Urdahl, Olson will receive awards

Dr. John R. Hibbing '77, Michael Urdahl '76 and Prof. Roger Olson will be honored at the October 10 Homecoming dinner.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Hibbing, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is this year's recipient of the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

He received his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Iowa and has taught at Nebraska since 1981.

He received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988.

Hibbing was a NATO Fellow in Science at the University of Essex, Colchester, Great Britain, in 1984-85, and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Regional Studies in Budapest, Hungary, in 1990.

He has also worked with the new legislators of Hungary to help them

organize their National Assembly and was an observer for the historic Hungarian elections of 1990.

He has written two books: *Congressional Careers: Contours*

of Life in The U.S. House of Representatives (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1991) and *The Changing World of The U.S. Senate* (Berkeley, CA: Institute of Governmental Studies Press, 1990. Co-editor, John G. Peters).

Hibbing is currently editor of two scholarly journals, *The American Politics Quarterly* and *The Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

He has also written chapters for books and has published numerous articles in professional journals. In 1988 he received the Congressional Quarterly Press Award for Outstanding Paper on Legislative Politics.

Recent conferences at which he has given papers include the following: in Prague at a 1992 conference titled "Human Rights and the New Europe," in Budapest at a 1990 conference on "Organizing the New Hungarian Parliament," at Rice University at a 1989 conference on "Electing the Senate" and at Harvard University's

John F. Kennedy School of Government at a 1989 conference on "Career Paths of Elected Politicians."

He has also given many presentations on Congress and on the politics of what was formerly known as "Eastern Europe" to church and school groups as well as on radio and television programs.

He is a member of the National Advisory Panel for the Political Science Program of the National Science Foundation. He also serves on the Executive Council and as chair of the Program Committee for the Midwest Political Science Association and the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists of the International Political Science Association.

Hibbing received grants from the National Science Foundation in 1981, 1987 and 1992.

Athletic Hall of Fame Awards

Roger Olson and Mike Urdahl will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the dinner. Olson is associate professor of mathematics at Dana, and Urdahl is director of legislative and regulatory affairs at Great Plains Communications, Inc., in Blair.

Olson has represented the college in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (now the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference) for 25 years and has served as Conference president.

He also represents Dana at national meetings of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

He has been active on several Conference and NAIA District 11 subcommittees.

He has also been regularly involved in reviewing eligibility requirements for Dana athletes. He runs the clock and scoreboard at many games.

Urdahl was a football and baseball powerhouse during his four years at Dana.

As a football player he won All-Conference honorable mention in 1973 and was named to the Conference first team as tight end in 1975. (That year he caught 21 passes for 401 yards and made four touchdowns.)

In baseball he played 148 consecutive games (i.e., every game the team played during his four years at Dana). He had 22 career home runs and set several Dana records.

He was put on the NAIA All-District first team roster in 1974, '75 and '76, and made the All-Conference first team in 1973, '75 and '76. In 1974 he received conference honorable mention.

Teammates named him their Most Valuable Player in 1976.

Many alumni are already making plans to return to the campus for Homecoming on October 9-11.

Not on the Homecoming program—but sure to be a major attraction—will be an opportunity to see how construction is progressing on the new classroom/faculty

Homecoming highlights

office/chapel building (the Old Main replacement).

Here are some other Homecoming highlights:

■ Two Saturday morning programs in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium—a 9 o'clock talk on reforming Congress by Dr. John Hibbing '77, this year's recipient of the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumni Award (see article on page 12), and an illustrated talk at 10:30 on the Bethsaida dig in Israel by Dana faculty members John Mark Nielsen '73 and Fran Mallory. Both are participating in the dig this summer. There will be a 30-minute coffee break between talks.

■ Reunions of the Classes of 1942, 1952, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982 and 1987; of members of the 1982 European touring choir; and of former students who have worked for KDCV, the college's radio station, since it started 20 years ago.

■ Sports for spectators—on Friday, a 7:30 p.m. volleyball game (Dana vs. Northwestern), and on Saturday, a 1:30 p.m. football game (Dana vs. Nebraska Wesleyan). The Homecoming queen and king and members of their court will be introduced at halftime.

■ And sports for participants—on Saturday, a 9 a.m. golf tournament (with registration at 8:15), a 9 a.m. Fun Run sponsored by the Dana Boosters, and a 9:30 a.m. varsity-alumni men's basketball scrimmage.

■ Music by the two-piano duo of Dr. Alan Brandes and Clare (Anderson '67) Cowing on Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Neve Room and Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theatre. The Sunday concert will feature American show tunes.

■ Post-football game activities including a President's reception at

5 p.m. and the Homecoming buffet dinner for alumni, guests, and visitors at 6, where the 1992 Outstanding Young Alumni Award will be presented and an alumnus and a faculty member will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame (see story on page 12). President Christopherson will speak. The traditional Choir reunion will come at the end of the dinner. An all-alumni dance starts at 9 at the Blair Marina.

In August alumni will receive a Homecoming mailer with a complete schedule and reservation form for meals and housing.

Graduates win awards for teaching skills

Again this year, several Dana graduates who are public school teachers have received awards for outstanding teaching.

Lynn Edgell '70, a seventh and 11th grade English teacher, and **David Warrick '73**, a sixth grade teacher and junior high coach, were among four Blair public school teachers to receive Golden Apple Awards. Criteria for the awards, which were introduced this year by HunTel Systems of Blair, include classroom performance, dedication and service. (Two Dana professors also received Golden Apple Awards from HunTel—see story on page 5.)

Dennis Sellon '69, head of the physical education department at Blair High, was voted the school's Teacher of the Year. He has taught in Blair since 1969. The award has been given for six years, and five of the recipients have been Dana graduates. Award criteria include knowledge of field, serving as a positive influence on students and encouraging them to work to their potential.

Lynn (Norgaard '69) Petersen, Omaha, was one of four teachers in the Omaha Public Schools to receive the first Ike Friedman Leadership Awards. The awards were created this past February by the Ak-Sar-Ben governors to honor teachers who have shown outstanding leadership. An article in the *Omaha World-Herald* announcing the recipients said that Petersen, a kindergarten teacher at Crestridge Elementary, "helped establish an individually

guided education program and has addressed various conferences and seminars about the program. In her classroom, she details plans, sets long-range goals, re-evaluates her students on a daily basis, and upholds each student's self-worth and self-dignity." The awards memorialize the late Friedman, president and chairman of Borsheim's Jewelry, and an Ak-Sar-Ben governor.

Donald Hoffman '66, who teaches sixth grade science, social studies and health at the Missouri Valley (Iowa) Middle School, was named the school system's Conservation Teacher of the Year. He was praised for his innovative approaches in teaching his students about soil and water conservation and wildlife.

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Alumnus writes Lenten dramas

Alan Hanson '76, pastor of Luther Memorial Church in Syracuse, Nebraska, has written *Eyewitnesses to the Passion: Five Lenten Dramas*. The book was published last fall by C.S.S. Publishing Company of Lima, Ohio.

Hanson's book was the subject a feature story titled "Pastor writes of Christ's Passion" in the April 18 issue of the *Lincoln Journal-Star*.

Reporter C.J. Schepers wrote that Hanson had created "flesh-and-blood biblical characters who use modern-day language. And like our world today, they come from all walks of life."

"Whatever situation in life these people are in," Hanson told the reporter, "they still have to deal with the pain of evil in the world, of their own failure, and of how people treat one another."

The 60-page paperback can be ordered through the publisher (1-800-537-1030) or through local bookstores. The cost is \$5.

interrupted his studies at Dana to serve in the Navy during World War II.

As the De Vasures walked along the Sanibel beach 27 years ago, they picked up shells. They've been collecting them ever since.

Today they have a collection of many thousands of shells and corals, and they've won top prizes in competitions.

Their hobby has taken them from their home near Tekamah to destinations all over the world in search of shells, but they return to Sanibel every year.

"We've visited other places that shell collectors rank high, but we think Sanibel is tops for beach shells," Dorothy said.

Different parts of the world have different kinds of shells, she

explained. Some varieties are found on beaches, some come up in nets, and some are so deep in the ocean floor that they are brought up by dredging and are available only in shops.

The De Vasures have a very large variety of shells, but within that collection they specialize in three families.

Their top awards have come for their collection of "slit shells," which are found only by dredging at great depths.

The two most prestigious awards they've won are the Du Pont Trophy, given by the John Du Pont Museum in Wilmington, Delaware, and the COA Trophy, given by the Conchologists of America.

"We didn't plan on this when we first went to Sanibel," Dorothy said. "But one thing led to another."

The following article about Dana graduate Wilson Sabiya '72 appeared in the June 1992 issue of The Lutheran. It was a sidebar to a feature by David L. Miller titled "Targets of terror: Can Nigerian religious leaders quell the rampage of Christian-Muslim tension?" The article is reprinted by permission of The Lutheran.

Church and state: A tangled web

"Why should the government take our [tax] money for Muslim institutions?" said the Rev. Wilson Sabiya, a Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria pastor and seminary professor. Sabiya is the Adamawa state president of the Christian Association of Nigeria. Christian leaders founded the ecumenical group in 1977 to reject the mixing of religion and government common in Nigeria.

CAN hopes to produce a funding or constitutional crisis that will remove the government from religious activities. Ironically, CAN's chief tactic is advocating for more government involvement in religion, especially for public money for Christian purposes. "Whatever the Muslims ask for, we ask for," Sabiya said. "That's how we got the Pilgrim Board."

The Pilgrim Welfare Board helps Nigerian Christians make religious pilgrimages to Jerusalem. The government gives a small stipend to each pilgrim and funds a travel guide, a driver and a nurse for groups. Christians insisted on these privileges because Muslims already enjoyed them. The question now is do Christians get their fair share? "We will take it to court if there are more Christian pilgrims and the Muslims get more money," Sabiya said.

Muslims have government-funded *sharia* (Muslim law) courts that rule on civil non-criminal matters like marriage, divorce, land and inheritance. Some Muslims want the criminal part of the *sharia* installed in Nigerian law.

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In search of shells... Prize-winning collection started with a walk along a beach

Dorothy (Granlund '47) De Vasure first saw the ocean in 1965 when she and her husband, Lowell '50, visited Sanibel Island off the southwest Florida coast.

Both were landlocked Nebraskans, although the ocean was very familiar to Lowell. He



On Sanibel Island where it all started: Lowell (left) and Dorothy De Vasure and President Christopherson find a shell.

■ **Kris Swank '86**, a librarian at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management, has been selected as the 1992 Arizona State Library Association/Horner Japanese Exchange Fellow. In September she'll travel to Japan to study business libraries there.

■ **John Ragan '82**, pastor of Wilmot Lutheran Church in Wilmot, South Dakota, will be listed in the fourth edition of *Who's Who in Religion (1992-1993)*. His parents are Joyce and Gil Ragan; Gil Ragan is a member of the Dana faculty.

■ **Angela Ankenbauer '80** was the subject of a feature story in the April 1992 issue of *Callboard Companion*, published by the Omaha Community Playhouse. She was a cast member of *Lend Me a Tenor* that opened April 17 on the Playhouse's main stage. Ankenbauer is especially known as a comedic actress. She earlier won an award at the Playhouse for her role as the debutante in *Mame*.

■ **Dr. Rachael Neve '74**, who was recently appointed director of McLean Hospital's new Molecular Neurogenetics Laboratory, was the subject of a front page feature story in the spring issue of *The Bulletin*, a newsletter published by the Belmont, Massachusetts, hospital. "We're especially fortunate to have Dr. Neve join us," Dr. Bruce Cohen, associate general director and Search Committee chair, told the reporter. "She's a highly talented, innovative, and motivated investigator who possesses a contagious enthusiasm for her work and is widely sought for collaboration. Her research has earned her numerous grants and awards, as well as recognition from her colleagues as a leader in her field. Having such an outstanding scientist to head up our new laboratory strengthens our research community and enhances our ability to pursue our work." The article said that as director, Neve "hopes to lead researchers in uncovering clues that can help to explain how learning and memory occur, as well as how these processes are altered, or otherwise affected, by psychiatric disease or disorder." It added that she and her colleagues will also explore the effects of nerve cell death in Alzheimer's disease.

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■ **Craig Moran '71** has been appointed dean of studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. He has been serving there as associate professor of systematic theology for two years. He recently published two volumes of translations from Chinese theologians: *Points of Contact Between Christianity and Chinese Culture* by Dr. Wu Ming-Chie, and a volume of essays titled *Towards a Chinese Feminist Theology*.

■ **Carolyn "Skipper" Scholl '69**, former executive director for the American Red Cross, Central Iowa Chapter, has been named to the new position of regional executive officer for the North Central Region of the American Red Cross. The appointment was announced by American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole. It is one of eight new positions created as a result of the new Red Cross field service system. The North Central Region covers Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri. The regional executive office will be based in Des Moines.

■ **Pastor Stan Nielsen '68** of Shelby, Iowa, has been honored by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and the Iowa Department of Education for his outstanding volunteer service to the State of Iowa. He was chosen by the Shelby-Tennant Community School for his involvement in and service to the school's education program. Nielsen received the award from Branstad on April 3 in Council Bluffs at the Governor's Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

■ **Joanne (Gochenour) Bracker '66**, women's basketball coach at Midland College, recently served on the 17-member committee selecting players for the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team. The only member from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, she started her four-year term on the committee in 1989. Last year she helped select participants for World University and Pan American teams.

■ **Dr. Paul V. Hansen '52 and his wife, Greta**, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, were both honored on May 24 at Carthage College's Commencement. Paul, a chemistry professor at Carthage for the past 30 years, received Carthage's 1992 Distinguished Teacher Award. Greta, who helped establish the Kenosha County Interfaith Human Concerns Network and founded the Kenosha Soup Kitchen, received an honorary doctor of social work degree for her dedicated service and commitment in Kenosha. At the ceremony, Paul placed the honorary academic hood on his wife's shoulders.

■ **Jimmy Sorensen '51** of Wood Dale, Illinois, received the Order of Knight of Dannebrog on March 28 from Danish Ambassador Niels Julius Lassen. The presentation was made in Chicago at the Danish Home's 101st anniversary banquet. Sorensen has served as chairman of the Home's Board of Directors and is currently chairman of its Board of Trustees. He has also served as treasurer of the Chicago Danish-American Chamber of Commerce. Other activities include work with Lutheran General Hospital, where he has been chairman of the Board and is currently chairman of the Finance Committee.

■ **Florence M. Hansen '48**, Omaha, has been elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of Rebild National Park Society, Inc. The election took place April 4 at the annual membership meeting at St. Croix Island. Rebild National Park is in the hills near Aalborg, Jutland, Denmark. The largest Fourth of July celebration outside the U.S. is held there every year.

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Christians must have courts too, Sabiya argues. Otherwise the government is violating the new constitution, which forbids the establishment of a state religion by any federal, state or local government, he said. Many Muslims strongly reject the constitution.

Sabiya is now embroiled in a lawsuit he brought on CAN's behalf. The new governor of Adamawa state built a mosque on the grounds that include his residence and government offices. In the suit and several strongly worded letters, Sabiya demanded that the government should also build a Christian chapel on the grounds. At one point the case, which is still pending after more than 18 months, resulted in Sabiya's brief imprisonment.

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90s **Zachary Arellano '92** is an account manager for RTO (Rent-to-Own) in Palmdale, California. . . . **Carrie Baird '92** will be a special education/resource room teacher this fall in the Victorville, California, elementary school system. . . . **Connie Christensen '92** is the financial aid officer at the Nebraska College of Business in Omaha. . . . **Katie Corbitt '92** is a residential specialist for the Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency in Omaha. . . . **Patrick Cronin '92**, Fremont, Nebraska, is a licensed reactor operator for the Omaha Public Power District. . . . **Joe Ellis '92** is a management trainee for RTO in Palm Dale, California. . . . **Barbara Fanning '92**, Fremont, Nebraska, is assistant manager for Private Line Services at U.S. West in Omaha. . . . **Randall Gerke '92** is an accounting associate for the City of Fremont, Nebraska. . . . **Shirley Hansen '92** is a counselor at the Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Center in Fremont, Nebraska. She attended Dana as a non-traditional student and became a first-time grandmother on April 30, shortly before graduation. . . . **Dave Hartman '92** is head baseball coach at Carroll, Iowa, High School. . . . **Bonnie Lowe '92** is an accountant with Central Confinement Systems in Columbus, Nebraska. . . . **Joel Morgan '92** is a resident manager for ENCOR in Blair. . . . **Craig Olson '92** is an accountant at HunTel Systems in Blair. . . . **Deb Rife '92** is a platelet technician at Streck Laboratories in Omaha. . . . **Jennifer Rose '92**, Omaha, works for Kids' Network Program, a latch key program sponsored by the Millard Education Foundation. She also works for West Telemarketing. . . . **Patrick Sanders '92** is an advertising sales manager for the *Omaha World-Herald*. . . . This fall **Doug Schnack '92** will be an elementary teacher in the Allen, Nebraska, Public Schools. . . . **Debra Schramper '92**, Omaha, has started her own business, Desk-Top Designs Unlimited. . . . **Janet (Gute) Shearer '92** will teach special education this fall in the Woodbine, Iowa, school system. . . . **Kelly Stember '92** and **Griff Dunlop '89** were married April 4. They live in Omaha, where Kelly works for the Omaha Police Federal Credit Union, and Griff is a social worker at The Ambassador, a long-term care facility. . . . **Teri Thiele '92**, Blair, is special projects coordinator for Streck Laboratories in Omaha. . . . **Christine Voss '92** is an accountant at HunTel Communications, Inc. in Omaha. . . . **Amy Wemark '92** is a market researcher with Health-Mor, Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio. . . . On May 4 **Cathy Keck '90** became assistant director of admissions at Wayne State College. . . . **Mark Mathia '90**, Burlington, Kentucky, is manager of RTO (Rent-to-Own). . . . **Kellee Siemers '90** and **Ced Juan Johnson** were married April 1. Kellee teaches elementary art in the Aurora, Colorado, Public Schools; her husband is a policeman in the U.S. Air Force.

80s **Rebecca Brabec '89**, who is working on a master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, is on a six-week study tour of Indonesia and Bali this summer. When she returns she will do a practicum in pediatrics at St. Joseph Hospital at Creighton University Medical Center. She is an OB/GYN and NICU social worker at St. Joseph Hospital. . . . **Mary Joan and Dan Dougherty '89**, Dunlap, Iowa, announce the April 14 birth of Timothy Michael. He joins brother Derek, 2. . . . **Jim Jordan '89** has a baseball card shop in Holstein, Iowa, and travels on weekends to regional card shows. He also teaches K-12 music in the Willow Community Schools in Washita and Quimby, Iowa. . . . **Karyn (Hillesland '89) Overbeck**, Omaha, is an eligibility specialist for Missouri Pacific Employees Health Association. . . . **Rebecca Cole '88** and **Paul E. Christensen '86** were married May 16.

Becky is a proofing coordinator in the corporate offices of Richman Gordan Stores in Omaha, and Paul graduated on May 9 from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. . . . Ashley Marie was born May 25 to **Kay (Schjodt '88)** and **Mark '85 Dickinson**, Blair. Her brother, Taylor, is 2. . . . **Michelle Krenke '88** is an accountant at Betheja & Associates in Omaha. . . . **Ann (Burgard '88) Thieman** has received the Meritorious Service Medal from the U.S. Army Reserves. She has left the active Reserves, but continues to work with the Chaplaincy. Ann gives private piano lessons in Omaha. . . . **Teri (Kraft '87)** and **Scott '85 Doksansky** live in Barstow, California. Teri is training manager for Ralph Lauren Footwear, and Scott is mall administrator for Factory Merchants, Inc. . . . **Jane Eskildsen '87** graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine on May 9. . . . **Diane Elise Hansen '87** and Navy Captain Jim Boegman were married August 3, 1991. Diane reports she is pursuing a career in the fine arts and that she and Jim and their two cats live on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. Their address is 98-801 B Noelani Street, Pearl City, HI 96782. . . . **Charleen (Steffen '87) Stessman** will teach K-12 art this fall in the Madison, Kansas, school system. She'll also coach volleyball and basketball. Her husband, **Martin '86**, is attending graduate

school at Emporia State University, where he is a football graduate assistant. They live in Emporia. . . . **Shari (Coffey '85)** and **Dean '85 Friedel**, Blair, announce the May 18 birth of Alecia Marie. . . . **Lynn Beecham '83**, who was in a serious accident as a Dana freshman, is at a new Omaha rehabilitation center (across from Immanuel Hospital) called "Quality Living." The center is at 6420 N. 70th Plaza (68104). . . . **Kerry Boltinghouse '83**, Houston, Texas, has met all FAA qualifications for serving as a captain

on the A300 Airbus Aircraft for Continental Airlines. Boltinghouse, who is 31, is one of the youngest pilots in the world to qualify as an A300 captain. He has also been qualified as a flight engineer on the Boeing 727, 747 and A300. . . . **Carol (Plettner '83)** and **Mike '81 Miller** live in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Mike teaches social science and is head football coach and assistant wrestling coach

at Rocky Ford High School; Carol teaches first grade in La Junta. . . . **Crystal Wolf '83**, Omaha, is a special education teacher (resource room K-6) in the Bellevue Public Schools. . . . **Craig Shaffer '82** and his wife, Diane, announce the May 8 birth of Jacob William. Brother Kyle is 4. The Shaffers live in Aurora, Nebraska. . . . **Andrea Neve '81** and Richard Dahl were married February 29. They live at 6106 Lyndale Ave. S. #116 in Minneapolis (55419). Andrea has a new job as grain accountant for Harvest States Cooperatives in St. Paul. . . . This spring **Ruth (Behrens '81) Schmidt**, Blair, received a master's degree in elementary education/early childhood education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. . . . **Mark Walth '81**, who teaches in Doniphan, Nebraska, is also music director at Calvary Lutheran Church and youth music director at St. Paul Lutheran Church, both in Grand Island. He has published a collection of Christian songs called *Servant Songs: Work of the People* that includes several of his own compositions. He has also made a tape called "Songs for the Heart." . . . Jordan Theodore was born March 24 to **Jolene (Darrington '80)** and Ron Lammert, Rt. 1 Box 48, Silver City, Iowa 51571. His brothers are Jacob (5) and Joshua (3). . . . From Norway: **Tom Kjos-Kendall '80** and his wife, Ellen, announce the August 20 birth of Kristoffer Thomas. His sisters are

Katinka (2) and Kaia (7). Tom and his family live at Verket, Kjeldaa/ 3074 Skoger/ Norway. Tom teaches grade school by day and is part of his wife's consulting firm for business ethics by night. "Any Dana grad coming to this part of the world is invited for a visit," he writes. "Just drop us a line!"

70s **Art Jetter '74**, Omaha, is president of the National Association of Health Underwriters. . . . **Lora (Lunzmann '72) Black**, Lincoln, Nebraska, is the weekend radio announcer for the Nebraska Public Radio Network, KUCV 90.9 FM. She writes, "Join me some morning for NPR's 'Weekend Edition,' 'Car Talk' or 'Sound Money.'" She adds, "Last year, I had the fun of being in *O Pioneers*. I was an extra in the church fair and baseball game scenes. My costume was the blouse and skirt of my great-grandmother — so I really felt like a pioneer. Last summer I taught a neighborhood radio drama class for 10- to 12-year-olds. We wrote and produced it, and an area AM station taped and aired it."

60s **Larry McGinn '69**, Monument, Colorado, a member of the Air Force Reserves, spent five months in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was with a Mobile Aerial Port, which handled cargo. . . . **Phil '69** and **Paula (Westfall '69) Vasby**, Cambridge, Wisconsin, announce the May 7 birth of Chloe Elizabeth. . . . **Robert C. Larson '68**, Central City, Nebraska, is pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Central City and of Fridhem Lutheran Church in Hordville. He graduated from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. . . . **Connie Shelstad '62** married Richard Osborne on May 30. She is a professional counselor at Associated Family Counselors in Wichita, Kansas, and he is the administrator of Good Samaritan Village in Winfield, Kansas. They live at 1303 E. 7th in Winfield (67156).

Deaths **Bernice Snowbeck**, May 8, in Blair. The wife of A.J. Snowbeck, professor emeritus of business administration and economics and former Dana business manager, she was an active member of First Lutheran Church and the Dana Women's Club. Survivors include her husband (Johansen Manor #2B, 805 N. 22nd, Blair), son David '63 of Wheaton, Illinois, and daughter Mary Ellen Boynton of Shoreview, Minnesota.

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