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What's Happening at Dana:

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The Dana College Concert Band, under the direction of Prof. Michael Anderson, re-enacted a Sousa concert on Sunday afternoon, April 17. The band repeats the concert on May 2 in Lincoln when it shares a performance with the Nebraska Wesleyan Concert Band. Posing in old-time band uniforms are band members (from left) Scott Dugdale '94 (Modale, Ia.), Terra Keiser '96 (Carson, Ia.), Trista Witt '95 (Omaha), and Kevin Wass '93 (Loveland, Colo.). The uniforms, borrowed from the Omaha Community Playhouse for this photo, were worn on stage by members of a "Sousa" band for the Playhouse production of "Teddy and Alice."
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Commencement Weekend set for May 15-16: Saturday dinner honors seniors, two alumni

Graduating seniors will receive their degrees at a 1 p.m. Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 16, in Borup Coliseum. The Baccalaureate service will be held that morning at 10 o'clock in Borup.

The evening before, seniors will be honored guests at the college's annual Recognition Dinner. Several seniors will receive Campus Service Awards; the names of the recipients will be announced by President Christopherson at the awards ceremony. Two Dana graduates—Professor Emeritus Paul O. Peterson '41 of Portland, Oregon, and Dr. Donald A.F. Nelson '71 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa—will also be honored as Distinguished Alumni. State Senator Clifton "Bud" Robinson '50 will present Peterson's award, and Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology at Dana, will present Nelson's.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. Reservations can be made through May 10 by calling the Alumni Office (402-426-7235). Tickets are \$8.50 per person.

Paul O. Peterson

Paul Peterson, professor emeritus of physical education, is known to decades of Dana alumni as "Coach Pete." He became the college's football and basketball coach in 1942, only a year after he



graduated with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and German. When he retired in 1984, he had served as teacher, coach, department chair, and athletic director.

He received his M.A. in education in 1951 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and did additional graduate work the summer of 1963 at the University of Oregon.

At Dana Coach Pete chaired a committee that established plans for the college's first academic scholarships. He was instrumental in forming four collegiate athletic conferences and served for two years as president of the Nebraska Health and Physical Education Association.

At Blair's First Lutheran Church he served on the Church Council and was head usher for 12 years.

And in the community of Blair he served for 22 years as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He was an emergency care instructor for the Rescue Squad and also worked with the Herman and Ft. Calhoun Rescue Squads.

Coach Pete's activities have brought him many awards. The Blair Jaycees named him "Man of the Year." He received the Nebraska Health and Physical Education Award for Outstanding Leadership and a citation from the Nebraska Health Department for Education Leadership, as well as recognition from the Nebraska Coaches Association for 25 years of service. Three organizations named him "Coach of the Year": the NAIA, the *Omaha World-Herald*, and the *Lincoln Journal-Star*.

The Petersons are a "Dana Family." Coach Pete met his wife, Ruth '72, when both were Dana students. Their three children, Brian '66 (deceased), Brent '69, and Beth '75 Papasadero, all attended Dana.

Coach Pete writes that his favorite Dana memories include "finding my wife Ruth, receiving the B.A. degree, and being associated with many colleagues and hundreds of students."

Donald A. F. Nelson

Nelson graduated from Dana as class salutatorian with majors in chemistry and

general science and a minor in mathematics. He received his M.D. in 1975 from the University of Iowa College of



Medicine, and then served a family practice residency at the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Program. He received his diploma in 1978.

From 1978 to 1984 Nelson was in private family practice in Cedar Rapids. Since 1984 he has been with the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Program, Family Practice Residency. He is assistant director and director of ob/gyn. He is also medical director of the Family Health Center's Obstetrical and Family Planning Clinic and serves on the medical staffs of St. Luke's Hospital and Mercy

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Alumni tell about problems children face

Four alumni who work with children returned to the campus Thursday morning, March 4, to participate in a panel for this semester's "Liberal Arts Experience" program. The theme this semester is "Challenging Childhood."

The panelists were: Jennifer Barabas '92, a social worker at St. Joseph Center for Mental Health, Omaha; Patricia (Hewett '74) Schweer, principal of Florence Elementary School, Omaha Public Schools; Elizabeth A. Smith '82, a kindergarten teacher in the Exxon Project (for at-risk children),

Omaha Public Schools; and Nancy (Simons '71) Wedberg, an elementary school counselor at Prairie Lane and Rockbrook Elementary Schools, Westside Community Schools, Omaha. Jan Potter, associate professor of social work, was the moderator.

The panelists described challenges to today's children they had encountered in their professional lives, talked about their hopes for the future, gave advice to students as future parents, and suggested ways in which students can become involved with at-risk children.

According to Dr. Sybille Bartels, course coordinator, each semester will have a different theme. The goals of the program, she said, are "to expose participants to a range of cultural expressions from around the world; to provide a forum for consideration of aesthetic, moral, and social issues; to encourage participants to integrate their learning in general education and in their major area of study; and to affirm the need for both student and faculty participants to engage in lifelong learning."

Students and faculty members participating in this semester's LAEx program are reading Jonathan Kozol's book, *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools*, and Ilse Koehn's book, *Mischling Second Degree: My Childhood in Nazi Germany*. They are viewing and discussing two films, *Shame*, an Australian film, and *Europa, Europa*, a French/German/Polish production named "Best Foreign Film" in 1991. During the semester students select five campus events in which to participate. At the end of the semester they'll write a short paper.

Dana Builders

The Dana Builders Luncheon will be held this year on Saturday noon, May 15, in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

Special recognition will be given to the N.C. Carlsen Family. New Builders will also be honored.

Dana Builders are those alumni and friends who have remembered the college in their estate plans. Readers who have done so, but who have not notified the college, are invited to call Dana at (402) 426-7333.

Two join "distinguished" roster

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Medical Center, both in Cedar Rapids.

Nelson's current professional activities include serving as chair of the Advisory Committee for the Kirkwood Community College Medical Assistant Program and as chair of the Research Committee of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians.

He has been a leader in promoting and developing the use of computers for medical records and clinical data, and has written papers and made presentations on that subject at many regional and national conferences.

He is also a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials and serves on ASTM's Committee on Computerized Systems and Subcommittee on Standards for Exchange of Clinical Data, as chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Promotion, and as recording secretary of the Committee on Computerized Systems.

Nelson has also written papers and made regional and

national presentations on other subjects, including many on his specialty, ob/gyn. He has also given presentations in Toronto, Canada, and Geneva, Switzerland.

He is a contributing author to Griffith and Dambro's *The Five-Minute Clinical Consult* (Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1993).

He has been listed in *Who's Who in Health and Medical Services* (1990) and *Who's Who in Science and Engineering* (1992). In 1990 the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians named him "Educator of the Year," and in 1992 the Cedar Rapids Family Practice Residency named him "Faculty Member of the Year."

Writing that he has "too many Dana memories to single out one," he lists "long hours in chemistry lab, the freshman madrigal group, the January Interim tour of 'The Plainfolk' singing group to seven states, independent study electronics projects in the physics lab and the amateur radio station, and activities with Campus Crusade for Christ and Lutheran Youth Encounter."



This family is sharing the Dana experience: Marilyn, a senior, will receive her degree in May; Dan is a Weekend College sophomore; and daughter Jennifer is a freshman.

Family atmosphere on campus a plus for parents, daughter who study here

The following article is reprinted with permission of the campus newspaper, *Hermes*, from the October 9, 1992, issue.

by Reporter Amy Barta '93

Education has always been a family experience at Dana. The small campus and caring faculty have given this school a family feeling. This sentiment was recently enhanced with the enrollment of the Bye family.

Dan Bye is a sophomore Weekend College student majoring in computer science. His wife, Marilyn Bye, is a senior social work major. Their daughter, Jennifer Abbott, is a freshman elementary education major.

The Bye family's experience with Dana began in 1988 when the family decided to move to Blair due to employment reasons. [A guest room in] Blair Hall became home to Mr. Bye while he looked for housing for the rest of his

family. The positive experience led to his enrollment in Weekend College the following spring.

Marilyn Bye was also encouraged by the warm attitude of the college. She enrolled in the fall of 1989.

Jennifer Abbott joined her family at Dana this fall. Abbott decided on Dana College for several reasons; namely proximity and a desire for a sound education. She admits her parents did play a large role in her decision.

Due to their different majors, the family isn't likely to encounter each other in the classroom. However, Abbott and her father share Roger Olson as their adviser. Abbott says this can get difficult because her father can always find out about her. The family feels that the faculty members are ethical and trustworthy, so they don't worry that their grades will be shared with other family members.

However, there are other disadvantages. Abbott feels her

parents can really keep an eye on her. The small Dana community enhances this. As Mr. Bye stated, "A parent always has ways." It can also be difficult to follow in a family member's footsteps. Abbott voiced this concern, "I don't think they try to compare you, but I think it happens."

The family has found there are also many advantages. Sharing a college and professors has really brought them together. Mrs. Bye says, "It is fun discussing the different professors." Abbott and her mother often share rides to school or have lunch together on campus. Abbott feels she gets great insight about the campus and faculty from her parents.

Overall, going to college together has really been a great experience for the Bye family. They find the family atmosphere at Dana continues to enhance their family at home.

Student workers: New building is "awesome"

When roommates Darren Tooley and Nathan Larsen drop off their books in Holling Hall after class, they put on their hardhats and go to work.

But they don't leave the campus. The Walnut, Iowa, freshmen are helping build Dana's new classroom/faculty office/chapel complex. Both work for Weitz Construction.

Kelly Danker, a sophomore from Oakland, Iowa, has also been working for Weitz, and another sophomore, Jeremy Sikes from Papillion, Nebraska, is working on the building for Midwest Drywall.

Larsen, Tooley, and Danker were hired by Weitz when they answered a job announcement they saw posted in the Campus Center. Since then Larsen and Tooley have

been putting in 12 to 20 hours a week. Danker, a baseball player, said that baseball practice, the team's spring break tour, and games have cut into his work hours.

Drywaller Sikes got his job because he knew several of the men working on the building.

All four are impressed by the structure they've been working on.

"It's going to be really neat when it's done. It's coming along very well," Danker said.

Said Sikes: "It's a fantastic building that's really going to complement the campus."

And Tooley and Larsen described it as "awesome."

Larsen is majoring in English, Tooley in accounting, Sikes in marketing and management, and Danker in marketing and management and organizational behavior. The Business and English Departments will be in the new building, so next fall all four will be sitting in classrooms they helped build.

"The new classrooms are going to be a big improvement over meeting in the library basement," Sikes said. "I think the building will be good for Dana's growth and expansion, and it's really going to improve campus morale."

"We'll know what the rooms looked like before they were finished, and that's cool," said Larsen.

Tooley agreed, adding: "It'll be great to say we helped."



Students in hardhats: Freshmen Nathan Larsen (left) and Darren Tooley are helping build the Old Main replacement.

Editor's note: In 1947-48 students also helped build Pioneer Memorial. We'd like to receive accounts from those alumni about their experiences.



A visit to a Dana friend...

On February 22 President and Mrs. Christopherson and Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement, visited Victor Borge—pianist, comedian, and friend of Dana—in his Connecticut home. While there they gave him a framed original print, "The Escape," by Dana art professor Milt Heinrich. Heinrich created the woodcut to commemorate the October 1943 rescue of the Danish Jews and the international conference on the rescue held at Dana in April 1990. Borge has given two benefit concerts for Dana. The most recent, for the Old Main replacement building, netted \$50,000.

Alumni join Board of Regents; officers are re-elected

Three alumni recently elected to the Dana Board of Regents attended their first meeting on February 19 and 20. The new members are: Bonnie (Hagedorn '70) Jensen, director for Global Mission Education of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Dr. Ruth (Larsen '51) Randall, associate dean and professor, Teachers College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Philip Wittig '56, chief financial officer, treasurer and assistant secretary, Isco, Inc., in Lincoln.

Jensen was elected to fill an unexpired two-year term. She is former executive director of American Lutheran Church Women and in 1984 was named one of North America's Most Influential Lutherans.

Randall and Wittig were elected to six-year terms.

Prior to joining the UNL faculty in 1990, Randall served for seven years as the Minnesota Commissioner of Education.

After graduating from Dana, Wittig entered the U.S. Navy Officers Candidate School and served in the Navy from 1957-60 and 1961-62.

Officers of the Board of Regents are: Don Jorgensen '60, chair; Elsie Burklund, vice chair; and Don Swanson, secretary. All three were re-elected to those positions at the October Board meeting.

William Gibbs of La Jolla, California, and the Rev. James Olsen D'40 T'49 of Loveland, Colorado, recently completed their terms of service on the Board and have been named Regents Emeriti. Richard Hunt of Blair is also a Regent Emeritus.

Homecoming plans include Trinity reunion

Dedication of the college's new "Old Main replacement building" on Saturday morning, October 2, will be a Homecoming highlight, and alumni and friends are invited to return to the campus for this festive event.

Trinity Chapel, an extension of the new building, is Dana's first "free-standing" chapel, and a special dedication ceremony is being planned for it as a part of the Homecoming worship service on Sunday morning, October 3.

The name honors Trinity Theological Seminary, which shared the campus with Dana for many years.

Trinity alumni, their spouses, and their widows will receive

invitations to the Sunday service. Plans also include a Trinity reunion luncheon, most likely on Sunday noon.

Because the college can't be sure it has identified all widows of Trinity graduates, it would be helpful if they would write to the Alumni Office. By doing so they can be assured of receiving an invitation.

In addition to the Trinity reunion, other groups gathering for Homecoming reunions will include the Classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, and 1988; science and math alumni; and members of the 1987 championship volleyball team.

Because the college's Elk

Horn Hall Conference-Retreat Center will remain closed for the coming academic year, it will not be available for on-campus housing at Homecoming. Alumni and friends planning to return to the campus should make their own housing and transportation arrangements.

Local motels and their telephone numbers are: Rath Inn on South Highway 30—(402) 426-2340; Blair House Motel on South Highway 30—(402) 426-4801; Starlite Motel on East Highway 30—(402) 426-4874. There is also a Rath Inn several miles east of Blair on Highway 30 near I-29. Its number is: (712) 642-2723.

At their February meeting members of the Board of Regents granted promotions to four faculty members and approved sabbatical leaves for three others. Associate professors *Dr. Kay Ferguson* (education and psychology), *Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73* (English), and *Dr. Richard Palmer* (music) were named full professors. Assistant professor *Richard Potter* (social work and sociology) was named associate professor. Library director *Ruth Rasmussen* was granted a sabbatical leave for the summer of 1993.

Dr. Bernie Matthies and *Prof. James Olsen '62* were granted sabbatical leaves for the coming fall semester. Olsen is associate professor of art and director of humanities; Matthies, professor of psychology and education, has been serving as acting vice president for academic affairs.

January and February recipients of the *Heart of Dana Award* were *Ruth Rasmussen*, library director, and *Bob Schmoll '83*, vice president for business affairs. In presenting the award to Rasmussen, President Christopherson said, "She has brought a high degree of professionalism to the staff and has expanded and improved the technology used in the library—but these improvements have not been made at the expense of personal service to students and other library users." Christopherson called the library "the heart of the campus" and praised Rasmussen "for all she does to promote and encourage the use and expansion of our holdings." Of Schmoll, Christopherson said, "His influence and leadership can be seen all around campus in the early computerization of many of our functions, now taken for granted as though they have always been there. His efforts on our behalf have been, from the beginning, given in a generous sharing of his expertise. He has been unfailingly courteous and helpful to those learning new skills and beginning new ways of doing things. He has been supportive of new ideas, and has helped to make them practical realities. His promotion to the office of vice president for business affairs has been accompanied with the transfer of the same courteous, forward thinking. I appreciate his sharing of information, his concern for students, and his attention to

the campus appearance and services. His involvement with long-range planning is balanced by efforts to provide solutions to current problems. He has a vision of what Dana College can and should be, and he inspires confidence that his office will participate fully in the college's progress." Heart of Dana Awards are being given monthly during this academic year as a "Celebrate Dana" activity. Nominations are made by members of the faculty and staff.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Dana's accrediting agency, exhibited Dana's *Self-Study Report* as a reference model for other institutions at its annual meeting in Chicago the beginning of April.

A Baroque Evening in the Madsen Fine Arts Center on February 8 featured works by Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, and Purcell. The musicians were soprano *Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78*, harpsichordist *Clare (Anderson '67) Cowing*, and three students—mezzo soprano *Gretchen Last '95* (Sioux City, Ia.), flutist *Trista Witt '95* (Omaha), and violinist *Megan Weeks '96* (Omaha).

The college has received a grant for \$30,000 from the *Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Improvement Funds* for a two-week summer program for 50 Nebraska teachers and 85 middle school children. The Technology-Ecology Institute, which will be held at Dana, will emphasize technology, science, and math with a focus on career enhancement. The Eisenhower grant program is administered by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Those interested in participating can write to Dr. Kay Ferguson for details.

Six alumni entrepreneurs participated in a *career panel* on January 19 for Prof. David Miller's Interim class on entrepreneurship. In a wide-ranging discussion, panelists described their backgrounds and talked about their businesses and the difficulties—anticipated and unanticipated—they had encountered. They also gave advice for anyone thinking about eventually starting a business. The alumni were: *Walter Duda '69*, owner, Duda Realty Co., Omaha; *Keith Limbo '67*, president, Babcock Underwriters, Inc., Omaha; *Tom Nielsen '74*, publisher-president, Mercury Media Ltd., Blair; *Marlow Remmers '67*, president, Work-A-While Inc., Lincoln; *Debra Schrampf '92*, owner, Desktop Designs Unlimited, Omaha; and *Jerry Wilke '75*, owner,

Wilke's Bikes, Blair.

Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music and choral director, attended the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in San Antonio March 3-6. He presented a position statement titled "Standards of Excellence in Choral Literature" to the Executive Board of the North Central Division.

The campus organization *HOPE* (Helping Our People Expand) and Dana's Multicultural Education Office hosted a birthday observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 14 in the Madsen Fine Arts Center. The theme was "a celebration in cultural ecumenicity." Several choirs sang. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. Maurice Tate, a human rights activist, educator, and author.

President Christopherson has been elected chair of the Board of Directors of Planned Giving Services, an agency of member institutions of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Planned Giving Services assists members in promoting Christian stewardship and securing planned gifts. Christopherson has also been elected to listing in *Who's Who in the World, 1992-94*, 11th edition, a Marquis Who's Who in America publication. An article by Christopherson titled "When is a College a College of the Church?" has been published in the March issue of *Lutheran Partners*.

The *ELCA's Division for Higher Education and Schools* recently announced the results of a survey to determine "what portion of churchwide and synodical executive staffs and boards were baccalaureate graduates of ELCA [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America] colleges and universities." Results showed that among the 29 ELCA schools, Dana—the smallest—ranked sixteenth, with 18 graduates serving as church-wide executive staff members (5), missionaries (3), churchwide board members (2), synodical executive staff members (1) or synodical council members (7). (At present no Dana graduates are bishops, which was also a category.)

ENCOR (Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation) workers who assist in the college's dining room were spotlighted at a campus coffee on February 11. Each worker was given an appreciation certificate.

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Kyle Lindelof '93 of Bashor, Kansas, and **Barbie Bentley '94** of Macedonia, Iowa, were crowned Winterfest royalty at the annual Winterfest dance on February 13. Members of their court were **Dixie Whitlow '93** (Genoa, Nebr.), **Heather Austin '94** (Oakland, Nebr.), **Chantil Larsen '93** (Walnut, Ia.), **Kevin Westring '94** (Genoa, Nebr.), **Kyle Herzog '94** (Sioux City, Ia.), and **John Wolf '93** (Norridge, Ill.). The candidates were nominated by campus organizations. (Two members of the court have alumni parents: Austin's mother is Shirley Hansen '92, and Wolf's mother is Paula [Zackman '68] Wolf.)

During spring break members of the **Dana College Chorale**, directed by Dr. Richard Palmer, gave a concert at Blair's First Lutheran Church on March 13, and then left on tour. They gave concerts at ELCA churches in Ruskin, Nebraska, and in Salina, McPherson, Wichita, and Topeka, Kansas. The Chorale's home concert is on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Dr. Ana Maria Gratton of Rome, Italy, a well-known scholar of the Renaissance to Baroque period in Italy, gave two presentations at Dana on March 23 and 24, one on "Italian Villas from Renaissance to Baroque," the other on "Baroque Decoration in Rome during the 17th Century." She is a friend of Dana faculty member Diana Brown.

On March 24, ten alumni returned to the campus to conduct mock interviews with students and to review their resumes. The alumni were: **Steve Appel '84**, human resources manager, WATS Marketing, Omaha; **Jeff Ellis '84**, supervisor of operations, Taylor Oil Co., Blair; **Jennifer Jensen '82**, software trainer, Hart Industries, Omaha; **Carol King '84**, vice president, Valley Products Corp., Valley, Nebr.; **Paul Madsen '80**, president, Group One Associates, Omaha; **Roger Petersen '61**, middle school principal, Blair Community Schools; **Scott Rasmussen '82**, attorney, Brown & Brown, Omaha; **Dave Stickrod '75**, director of curriculum and staff development, Glenwood (Ia.) Community Schools; **Carol Wood '73**, interim president, Children's Square USA, Council Bluffs; and **Anita Woodward '91**, trainer, Customer Services, First National Bank of Omaha. Appel, Jensen, King, Rasmussen, and Woodward are current members of the Alumni Council.



Interim group visits Egypt

"The Legacies of Egypt," a January Interim course, featured visits to that country's archaeological sites, cities, and museums. It was led by Jim Olsen '62, associate professor of art and director of humanities. This photo of the 13 participants was taken at Temple Amun Ra in Karnak, Luxor—(from left, front row): Josephat Mwatotele '95 (Windhoek, Namibia), Rochelle DuFresne '95 (St. Paul, Minn.), Martin Hipondoka '94 (Oshakatt, Namibia), Janyce Hunt (Blair), and Kathy Bagby (a Nebraska Wesleyan student from Blair); center: Kristi Olsen '93 (Blair) and Maija Nielsen '93 (Omaha); back: Olsen, Trasy Sparr '93 (Red Oak, Ia.), Edith Schulze (Hamburg, Germany), John Beck D'50 T'55 (director of planned giving, Dana), Gerhard Schultz (Hamburg), and Richard Hunt (Regent Emeritus, Dana). The Schultzes are friends of the Hunts. Maija Nielsen is the daughter of Tom Nielsen '59, and Kristi Olsen is the daughter of Prof. Olsen and Lois (Vaught '66) Olsen.

Staley lectures set for April

"The Witness of Lutheran Church Colleges" will be the subject of this year's Staley Foundation Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series on April 29-30.

The speaker will be Dr. Donald H. Jule, professor of New Testament at Luther Northwestern Seminary.

On April 29, Jule will speak at

3 p.m. on "The Witness of Lutheran Church Colleges" and at 8 p.m. on "Christian Witness of American Society: A Lutheran Perspective." Both lectures will be given in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium; the public is invited.

On April 30 Jule will speak to members of the Board of Regents and the Student Senate.

The Liberal Arts Experience:

by Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73

“The liberal arts style in education,” George H. Douglas writes in the recently published *Education Without Impact: How Our Universities Fail the Young*, “is one that engages and enflames a person’s individuality and desires within the framework of some purposive community of learning.” It is a style too often missing in American colleges and universities, Douglas suggests, because American institutions too often lack a spirit of community—a shared commitment by students and faculty from across the disciplines “to talk to one another regularly and intimately [with] a disposition to understand, evaluate, and stand open to the ideas of others. . . .”

A college is by nature a community of individuals engaged in a common purpose. How do we create an intellectual and spiritual environment that engenders a spirit of community? Do we provide enough opportunities to hold up our ideas and values to scrutiny, and in the resulting conversations, do we model the kinds of behaviors that inspire one another to habits of lifelong investigation and learning? Do we challenge both students and faculty to think across departmental boundaries? How can our curriculum contribute to and enhance a spirit of community? These are just some of the questions many of us at Dana College have struggled with as we have sought to give birth to our new general education program, “The Liberal Arts Experience.”

We believe a curriculum can do much to enhance integration

and synthesis and to engender a spirit of community. Consequently, we have sought to design a general education program that builds on the strengths of past programs while putting in place

new courses and requirements that more clearly challenge students to see relationships across the curriculum. Following is a broad outline of our new general education program.

THE LIBERAL ARTS EXPERIENCE

The new general education program at Dana College consists of up to 50 hours of the 128 hours needed for graduation.

Skills for Living in a Global and Technological Community

Up to 17 of the 50 hours of course work are to meet baseline competencies in math, communication, and modern, classical or computer languages.

Baseline Competencies (up to 17 hours) include:

1. Mathematics (3 hours)
2. Written and Oral Communication (6 hours)
3. Modern, Classical, or Computer Languages (3-8 hours)

These requirements will be waived for those who demonstrate that they have met the baseline competencies as defined in the baseline competency statements adopted by the Dana College faculty. Waiver of these hours is based on national test scores, high school academic performance, and assessment instruments administered when students first arrive on campus. Many of our students will have met all or a part of these competencies on matriculation, and they will be able to take additional elective hours or can more easily complete a second major.

The Shared Experience

15 Core Hours

The second part of the general education program is known as “The Shared Experience,” and includes 15 core hours required of all students. The purpose of “The Shared Experience” is to provide continuity throughout a student’s course of study. It will begin with an introductory course, include the Liberal Arts Reading Program, and conclude with a senior seminar. As a part of “The Shared Experience,” students will create and keep a portfolio of work.

The Portfolio

The portfolio enables students to collect assigned and representative work throughout their college experience for continuing reflection and assisted assessment. It will be used by students and their advisers in assessing their development and recommending course work to be taken. The portfolio will also serve as an important text in The Liberal Arts Senior Seminar, allowing students to observe and reflect on their own intellectual growth. Finally, it will provide important evidence as students create resumes and prepare for job interviews upon graduation.

a new general education program

1. *Introduction to the Liberal Arts* (3 core hours): A one-semester course, exploring what a liberal arts education is, examining individual learning styles, preparing students for speaking and writing across the curriculum and creating individual student portfolios. The course will also include the encounter dimension that was an important part of the Humanities program, encouraging students to attend on- and off-campus events.

2. *"Wellness"* (2 core hours): Two hours of course work exploring physical and mental health modes.

3. *Religion* (3 core hours): Introduction to the Bible or Introduction to Religion.

4. *The Liberal Arts Reading Program: A Four-Year Encounter* (4 core hours - 1 hour taken one semester each year). This is an outgrowth of the traditional Liberal Arts Reading Program developed at Dana College. The method of presentation will involve viewing films, attending lectures and panel presentations as well as reading and participating in small group discussions. An encounter dimension will be an integral part of this program, with students receiving credit for attending events both on- and off-campus.

5. *The Liberal Arts Senior Seminar* (3 core hours): A one-semester course for seniors, exploring faith and the values of liberal learning as they integrate with the student's own major area of study. The seminar will challenge students to articulate their personal values and to live a life of spiritual, intellectual and physical growth and service.

The Challenge to Expand 18 Distributive Hours

Finally, each student in consultation with his or her adviser will select 18 distributive hours outside of his or her individual major. These hours are known as "The Challenge to Expand." A student will take at least six credit hours from three of the four areas listed below. For example, if a student is majoring in biology, he or she will take course work in areas one, three, and four.

Areas of Study

1. *Human Culture*: Courses in this area are primarily drawn from the disciplines of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Religion.

2. *Human Scientific Inquiry*: Courses in this area are primarily drawn from the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

3. *Human Development and Organizations*: Courses in this area are drawn primarily from the disciplines of Anthropology, Business, Communication, Economics, Education, Geography, Physical Education, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

4. *Human Aesthetic Expression*: Courses in this area are drawn primarily from the disciplines of Art, English, Modern Languages, Music, and Theater Arts.

THE FORUM

The Center for the Liberal Arts Experience at Dana College

Located at the entrance of the new building replacing Old Main, The Forum is the center for the new general education program. It is modeled after Parnassus, the center of Dana's former integrated Humanities program, but renamed to suggest the expanded vision of bringing together the Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences. All departments will be encouraged to utilize the resources of The Forum, making it truly a forum for the exchange of ideas across the disciplines.

No general education program or curriculum can guarantee results or outcomes. Colleges and curricula are only as good as the students and faculty who participate in the endeavor. We as a community, however, hope that our new general education program, "The Liberal Arts Experience," will inspire all of us, students and faculty alike, to continue the dynamic process of education here at Dana College and that the experience will instill in all of us habits of lifelong learning.

John Mark Nielsen is Professor of English at Dana and Coordinator of the General Education Program.

Basketball teams finish 15-13, 6-27; eight wrestlers qualify for nationals

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Women's Basketball

For the second straight year, the women's basketball team advanced to within one game of the NAIA Division II national tournament, but the Vikings had to settle for district runner-up again in 1992-93.

Dana completed the season with a 15-13 overall record and a 5-7 mark in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC). Dana defeated Concordia in a first-round district playoff game on February 27, 60-55, but then fell to Peru State in the district title game on March 3, 71-54. Season highlights for the Vikings included a first-ever season sweep of Midland Lutheran College, coached by Dana alum Joanne Bracker '66, and a victory over Doane, the Vikings' first win over the traditionally tough Tigers since 1985.

Dana coach Kathy Foley said she was proud of her team's second straight trip to the district final, but disappointed to come up short of a reachable goal.

"All in all, it was a very good year for us," Foley said. "We beat Midland twice and beat Doane, which accounts for three pretty big wins. We had our ups and downs, that's for sure, but I could never fault the effort of our players. We have to start looking at our program and find some answers as to

why we couldn't take another step."

Seniors Jennifer Edelman (Merna, Nebr.), Kris Grappendorf (Chariton, Ia.) and Cathy Shaw (Omaha) closed out their careers holding a combined 22 individual school records at Dana. All three earned All-District 11 and All-NIAC honors. Theresa Hutfless (Omaha) and Michelle Benham (Rye, Colo.) also capped their senior seasons as key players for the Vikings.

Men's Basketball

After a promising 4-0 start, the men's basketball team struggled to a 6-27 record in the 1992-93 season.

Despite the loss-heavy season ledger, plenty of promising young players excelled during the season for new coach Dave Jensen, and the Viking skipper is looking forward to next year.

"I'm very proud of what the team accomplished since I arrived here," said Jensen, who replaced former coach Tom Brosnihan during the holiday break. "There was never a lack of hard work or commitment, but we had a hard time learning how to win. We need an off-season to get ourselves squared away a little bit. We've got some great players coming back and I think we'll have a good recruiting year."

Dana went 0-12 in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC), the fourth consecutive year without a victory in the league. The Vikings came close on several occasions, pushing Hast-

ings and Doane to four-point games and dropping a two-point decision at Concordia.

Jensen won his first game as the Dana head coach on February 11, as the Vikings defeated Teikyo Westmar at Borup Coliseum. The win was sweet revenge for Dana, which had lost to the Eagles by 23 points earlier in the year.

Seniors John Arensberg (Blair), Terry Breckenridge (Omaha) and Andy Dotson (Jacksonville, Tx.) completed their Dana careers at season's end. Sophomore Tony Collins (Omaha) was Dana's leading scorer, averaging 21.3 points per game. He was also the top Dana rebounder, grabbing 5.9 caroms a contest. Arensberg also averaged in double figures, scoring 10 points a game. Dotson was the top three-pointed shooter for the Vikings, hitting 57-of-154 tries for 37 percent accuracy.

Arensberg, Collins and Dotson all received NAIA All-District 11 honors for the season.

Wrestling

Dana compiled a 7-7 dual meet record and advanced eight wrestlers to the NAIA National Tournament in a successful 1992-93 mat campaign.

Coach Ron Beaman's Vikings captured the team championship of the Tri-State Conference meet and finished second in an NAIA Bi-District qualifying meet held at Borup Coliseum on February 13.

Going to nationals for Dana
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 were seniors Kyle Lindelof (Basehor, Ks.), Troy Greder (Denison, Ia.) and Phil Warner (Omaha). Rounding out the national line-up for the Vikings were: Scott Stickler '94 (Clarinda, Ia.), Victor Hundley '96 (Manhattan, Ks.), Jered Foggin '94 (Washington, W.Va.), Dan Mattern '95 (Augusta, Ks.) and Shawn Bluml '96 (Carson, Ia.).

Six Dana wrestlers posted winning records on the season, led by Hundley, a freshman, at 22-13. Also posting winning marks were: Foggin (14-13), Greder (22-16), Stickler (22-14), Lindelof (17-11) and Warner (10-8).

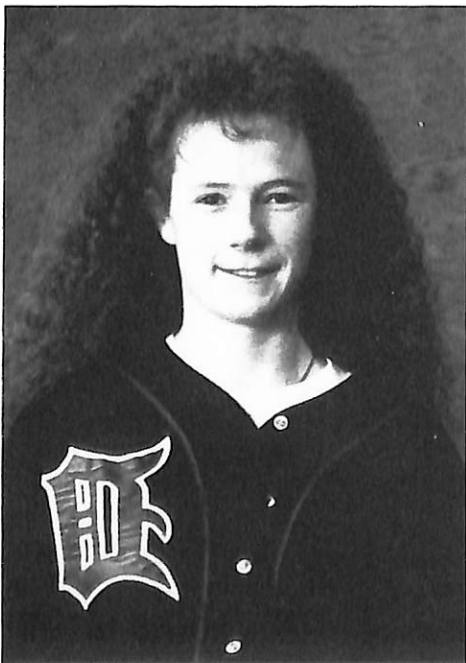
Viking coach Ron Beaman '74 said the season had its highs and

lows for the Dana matmen.

"We wanted to have a winning record in our dual meets, and we ended up 7-7," Beaman commented. "We also wanted to place some people at nationals, and we came up short of that goal. Still, we sent eight guys to nationals, which is a pretty good group to qualify. We also won our conference tournament and placed second in a very tough bi-district meet. I have to be pleased with how our guys did, but I think we could have done a little better. Considering the number of returnees we have, we'll be shooting for some pretty high goals next year."

Softball player goes to Europe

Michelle Wheatley, a Dana junior, has been selected to



play on the first NAIA Softball All-Star Team, which will tour Europe this coming summer.

Wheatley, from Longmont, Colorado, is one of 15 players going on the tour. The NAIA team will be coached by Doug Palmer of West Florida University. All of the players are responsible for funding their own trip, and Wheatley has been working throughout the school year selling athletic programs at Dana games to raise money to cover the cost of her trip.

Wheatley is starting at third base for the Dana softball team this spring. As a sophomore, she was an All-District 11 and All-Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference outfielder for Coach Steve Kissel's Vikings.

This poem by Dana senior Ilpo Kavara appeared in the February 1993 issue of Pro Scholis, a newsletter published by the ELCA's Division for Higher Education and Schools. Kavara is from Rundu, the Republic of Namibia. His poem is reprinted with permission of Pro Scholis.

Dana by Ilpo Kavara

When we came to you
 Our fields were barren;
 We did not fully know
 The significance of learning.

You have planted seeds
 In our fertile minds.
 Knowledge takes root;
 The meaning of education grows.

We are the new harvest;
 Our seeds will be planted
 In the churches, governments and
 Schools of our homelands.

The seeds that you plant
 Bring a promise of rich harvest
 And field of abundance;
 Truth conquers.



Ilpo Kavara is majoring in English for secondary teachers. Two of his poems also appeared in the 1992 edition of The Sower, Dana's literary magazine. Before coming to the U.S. to study, Kavara was principal of Rundu Primary School. He attended Waldorf College for two years and then transferred to Dana for his junior and senior years. Kavara is president this year of Dana's International Student Organization. After graduating in May, he plans to return to Rundu as a high school teacher. Welcoming him home will be his wife and four children. "I like Dana," he says. "It's an excellent school, and my teachers and adviser have encouraged me. I hadn't thought I was creative, but they told me to try, and I've found that I like to write."

○ **Debby Rife '92**, one of two platelet technicians at Streck Laboratories, Inc., in Omaha, was featured in the January/February issue of *The Streck Gazette*, a newsletter for Streck employees.

○ **Richard Prosch '88**, a freelance artist and writer in Laurens, South Carolina, has been selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America" for 1992. His biography will appear in the annual awards publication, *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

○ **Julie (Larsen '81) Maher**, Tarrytown, New York, is art director in charge of magazine design and production for the Bronx Zoo's magazine, *Wildlife Conservation*. Last November the magazine received a Silver Ozzie Award in the consumer division for best design for contents.

○ **Kirk Tyler '78**, president of Atlantic Bottling Co. in Waukee, Iowa, was profiled in the January 24 *Des Moines Sunday Register* as one of 24 of Iowa's "rising young business leaders." A headline in a section called "Charting a Course: Outlook '93," described the 24 selected as "The Register's Iowa Up-and-Comers." Reporter Veronica Fowler, who wrote the profiles, noted that Tyler is a member of the board of directors of Central Iowa Junior Achievement, a participant in Leadership Iowa, and vice president of the Iowa Soft Drink Association.

○ In February **Kim David Cooper '77**, Omaha, received a 1993 Cooper Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. Cooper, art teacher at North High School, received the award in the fine arts category. Recipients were recognized for innovative teaching units or classroom strategies. The awards were announced by the Cooper Foundation of Lincoln and the Nebraska Education Department. A watercolor painting by Cooper appears on the cover of *The Reading Teacher: A Journal of the International Reading Association*, the December 1992/January 1993 issue. Titled "Storytime," the painting is of Cooper's three children. "Children at play, old schoolhouses, and children reading are some of Cooper's favorite

subjects, and watercolor is his favorite medium," the magazine reports.

○ Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson has appointed **Curt Maschman '77**, partner in the law firm Kotouc, Fankhauser and Maschman in Humboldt, Nebraska, to fill a vacant county judgeship in the First Judicial District. The district includes Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson, and Pawnee Counties. The announcement appeared in the March 10 *Lincoln Evening Journal*.

○ **Dr. John Hibbing '76** is one of two faculty members in the University of Nebraska system to receive 1993 N.U. Awards for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity. Hibbing is chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

○ **Dr. Donald Baack '75**, associate professor of management at Pittsburg State University, has been appointed to the governing board of the Southwest Federation of Administrative Disciplines. SWFAD consists of 13 member organizations, including the Southwest Academy of Management, the Southwestern Marketing Association, the Southwestern Finance Association, the American Accounting Association, and the Southwestern Society of Economists. His appointment coincides with his terms as program chair, president-elect, and president of the Southwest Academy of Management. Baack, who lives in Joplin, Missouri, taught at Dana from 1981-84.

○ **Betsy (Grummert '75) Clark**, a registered nurse at Bergan Medical Center in Omaha, was presented the "Spirit of Mercy" plaque by Bergan Medical Center president Richard Nachten on December 6, 1992. She was commended for her caring attitude and ability to work well with co-workers, patients and their families, and physicians and their office staff.

○ In January **Ryle Smith '73** of Ryle Smith Studio, Omaha, received several Addy Awards for creative excellence in advertising. The awards, which were announced in the *Omaha World-Herald*, were given by the Omaha Federation of Advertising.

○ In 1992 **Jim Holtam '68**, who teaches at Davenport Elementary School in Fremont, Nebraska, was named to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

○ **Linda (Money '65) Jorgensen**, Blair, will receive a National Art Education Association award as "Nebraska Art

Educator." Jorgensen is K-6 art specialist in the Blair Community Schools. The annual award honors an outstanding NAEA member in every state for service and contributions to art education.

○ **Dr. Kathleen Bliese '62**, Omaha, was installed on March 19 as president of the Nebraska Academy of Family Practice. She is the first woman president in the Academy's 44-year history. Prior to her election, she served on all of the Academy's committees and has held all of its other offices.

Greetings from the Alumni Council: Although this column appears in the spring issue of the *Dana Review*, I am writing it in the dead of winter. I



sometimes think that the only thing good about winter is that spring is just around the corner and so is golf. I don't mean to be cynical; I know that winter serves

a valuable role in our lives, but it does get old sometimes.

But with spring, we see renewed signs of life. Green grass and beautiful flowers are welcome after four months of snow, sleet, salt, mud and dirt. I sometimes think that the only time I truly look forward to yard work is when I am shoveling my driveway! Spring brings other signs of life as well. My wife and I are expecting our fourth child in June.

This year spring will bring the completion of the new building. I see something significant in the fact that after two cold and snowy winters, the new building will blossom in the spring. Unlike nature, this project did not just grow by itself. Dr. Christopher, Paul Ditlevson, Mike Jones, and their staff have done an outstanding job and are to be commended. On behalf of the Alumni Council and the entire Alumni Association, I extend thanks and gratitude for all their hard work.

Scott Rasmussen '82
President, Alumni Association

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'90s

○ **Jennifer Barabas '92** is a social worker at St. Joseph Center for Mental Health in Omaha.

○ **Claudia Brown '92**, Omaha, is a live-in teaching counselor at Immanuel Mental Health Center's Gerard House.

○ **Stacey Byers '92** is a counselor for the Semi-Independent Living Skills program for REM in Council Bluffs.

○ **Ryan Collier '92** is a graduate student and teaching assistant at Northern Illinois University.

○ **Shana Creger '92** is a health advocate for Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ **Shelly Dhondt '92**, Rockwell, Iowa, was recently hired at Rockwell-Swaledale School as the K-12 physical education instructor. She also has coaching duties in varsity boys' track, varsity girls' basketball, and varsity girls' softball.

○ **Merid Eshete '92** is an admissions officer and information coordinator at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

○ **Keely Gibbs '92**, Lyons, Nebraska, works for Nebraska Public Power. The information in the winter *Review* was incorrect.

○ **Heidi Hahn '92** is an assistant residence hall director at Suomi College in Hancock, Michigan.

○ **Shirley Hansen '92** is director of social work at Arbor Manor Living Center in Fremont, Nebraska.

○ **John Hundahl '92** is a district executive for Boy Scouts of America in Dallas, Texas.

○ **Kurt James '92**, Columbus, Nebraska, is sports writer for the *Columbus Telegram*.

○ **Hans Madsen '92** is a marketing manager at Daningi Corporation in New Jersey.

○ **Stephen Mathis '92** is a staff accountant at David Zupancic CPA in Leavenworth, Kansas.

○ **Lisa Mellgren '92** is an education program specialist at Alpha Alternative High School in Omaha.

○ **Kimberly Mikos '92**, Omaha, is an accounting clerk at Contemporary Industries.

○ **Andrea Monaghan '92** is a supervisor at Kinko's Copies in Omaha.

○ **Mathaus Nauyoma '92** is principal of Rundu Senior Secondary School in Rundu, Namibia.

○ **Kelli (Crannell '92) Paulson**, Omaha, works for the U.S. Postal Service and is a freelance graphic artist.

○ **Holly Petersen '92** and **Jeff Kress '91** were married January 30 in Omaha. They live in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, and work in Chicago. Holly is an artist at Excel Design, and Jeff is at Thomas Insurance Agency.

○ **James Pingel '92** is a counselor at REM in Council Bluffs.

○ **Jennifer Rose '92**, Omaha, is data entry coordinator at Central States Health and Life Insurance Co.

○ **Candace Scott '92**, Omaha, is a full-time clerk at FirstTier Bank and a part-time physical therapy assistant at St. Joseph Hospital.

○ **Lori Scott '92**, Phoenix, Arizona, is a case worker for Maricopa Clinical Management.

○ **Sheryl Shuster '92** is an accountant for Drs. Kobek and Nability, Omaha.

○ **William Tate '92**, Omaha, is minister of music (part-time) at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church.

○ **Teri Thiele '92** has been promoted to advertising supervisor at Streck Laboratories, Inc., in Omaha.

○ **Tammy Tippie '92** is a graduate student at Creighton University.

○ **Vijay Veerappen '92** works in computer data entry for MACC in Blair.

○ **Shawn Winters '92** works for Expeditors International in Chicago.

○ **Mary Oetter '91**, Omaha, is a social worker at Friendship House.

○ **Patricia Tonniges '91** is a chemistry lab technician at Dale Electronics in Columbus, Nebraska.

'80s

○ In December **Rebecca Brabec '89** received her master of social work degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ **Larry '89** and **Karyn (Hillesland '89) Overbeck**, Omaha, announce the January 4 birth of Rachel Elizabeth.

○ Benjamin Claudius was born on December 12 to **Susan (Peloso '88) and Kevin '86 Harrison**, Belen, New Mexico. He joins sister Meghan Rose, 22 months. Susan teaches special ed at Katherine Gallegos Elementary in Los Lunas, and Kevin works for Geo-Centers, Inc., in Albuquerque on a records management contract for Sandia National Labs.

○ **Merlin Sanders '88**, Blair, is assistant manager at The Finish Line at the Crossroads in Omaha.

○ **Kim (Norris '87) and Monte '84 Town**, Omaha, announce the March 10 birth of Dillon James. He joins brothers Drew (5) and Ryan (3).

○ **Jeanne (Stoeckinger '86) and Tom Blacklock**, Colorado Springs, Colorado, announce the September 26, 1992, birth of Taylor Marie.

○ **David Iversen '86**, catalog/serials librarian at Rider College in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, is also continuing to translate the short stories of Carl Hansen from Danish to English. This year Dave has also been involved with three on-campus diversity workshops geared, he writes, "toward educating faculty, staff, and students about the benefits of a culturally diverse campus, community, country and world." An offshoot was a March 28 workshop he and Rider's multicultural center director organized for a high school youth group at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Princeton Junction.

○ Emma Ane was born on February 22 to **Terri (Pedersen '85) and Mark Summey**, Emporia, Kansas.

○ **Dr. James Herrold '84** has completed his neurology residency at Stanford University Medical Center. He will soon begin to fulfill a three-year military obligation as a clinical neurologist at Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas. His wife, Sallie, will complete her MBA in August at Golden Gate University.

○ Jeremiah Craig was born on July 31, 1992, to **Stephony (Ahrens '84) and Jack Hinrichs**, Sidney, Nebraska. His brother John is 3. Stephony writes, "After J.C.'s birth I chose to stay home with my children and am now a licensed caregiver."

○ **Kristine Iske '84**, Gretna, Nebraska, and **Mark F. Johnson** were married on February 26.

○ **Diane (Heistand '84) White**, Neola, Iowa, has received a master of science degree in education from Northwest Missouri State University. Her area of specialization was in elementary administration and supervision. She teaches sixth grade at Tri-Center Elementary School in Neola.

○ **Carol A. Larson '83**, Kearney, Nebraska, continues to work part time at Good Samaritan Hospital as a medical technologist. She is now also a part-time employee for the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Division of Medical Technology School as the student laboratory coordinator. She writes, "I am responsible for setting up, coordinating, and teaching medical technology students in a student laboratory setting at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The job is in conjunction with the state's Rural Allied Health Education Program and a grant so that 'Greater Nebraska' students

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don't have to go to Omaha for their clinical training but can remain close to home."

○ **Mark '83 and Valerie (McCoy '84) Rosenthal** write that they are still living at 13063 Patrick Circle in Omaha (68164), and that "Valerie is completing her ninth year of teaching and her sixth year at Elkhorn, Nebraska, High School. At Elkhorn, she teaches general math, geometry and honors geometry. Valerie completed her master of science in secondary education at the University of Nebraska in May 1992. Mark is working as a staff nurse at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in adult intensive care. He has been working in the area of critical care for seven years. He recently completed his bachelor of science in nursing from Clarkson College in December 1992 and hopes in the next two years to begin studies for his master of science in nursing degree with emphasis in critical care nursing. Their son, Benjamin Mark, turned three in January and is very active and enjoys life with Mom and Dad."

○ **Scott R. Buchanan '82** is completing his fourth year as junior/senior high school principal in Clearwater, Nebraska. His wife, Dee, works in the school as a library aide. They have two daughters—Sarah, who is in the second grade, and Abby, who is 4.

○ **Tom Jacobson '81** is a first-year medical student at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Tom, Kim, and Kai (age 3) welcomed another boy, Leif, into the family last July.

'70s

○ **Tom and Lanette (Monasmith '79) Ehresman**, Loveland, Colorado, announce the birth of Mark Thomas on October 25, 1992.

○ **Roxanne Schwandt-Lichte '78**, Bozeman, Montana, has completed her master's degree in education at Montana State University.

○ **Kevin Doliolo '77** writes: "I am currently deputy director of aviation for the New Orleans International Airport, an appointment I received in October of 1989 after a 13-year career with Eastern Airlines. I was also appointed to the board of directors of the Dryades YMCA in New Orleans in 1990, and in February of 1993 I was selected to serve on the board of directors of the Traveler's Aid Society in New Orleans. My wife (Janice) is a partner in a local travel agency (USA Travel). We have two children: a son, Kevin Jr. (9), and a daughter, Dana (3). I have many fond memories of Dana College and would love to hear from past classmates." Kevin's

address is 5237 Pratt Dr., New Orleans, LA 70122.

○ **Deborah and Layne Johnson '75**, Ridge-wood, New Jersey, are the parents of Christopher Mark Edward, who was born on January 12.

○ **Thomas and Kathryn (Berntson '75) Radig**, Breckinridge, Minnesota, are the parents of Laura Kathryn; she was born on December 15.

○ **Mary and Craig Parkinson '74**, Akron, Iowa, announce the August 21, 1992, birth of Sarah Elizabeth. Craig is head football and basketball coach at Akron-Westfield High School.

○ **Arlene Hall '71** and her husband, Carl, of Woodbine, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 31.

'60s

○ **Annette (Sorensen '69) Holtam** has returned to teaching elementary art in Fremont, Nebraska.

○ **Garey Knudsen '68**, Hutchinson, Minnesota, was promoted last July to vice president of student services and operations at the Hutchinson Campus of Hutchinson-Willmar Regional Technical College. The college has an enrollment of 3,600 in its credit hour division and 1,600 in its extension division.

○ **Stan Nielsen '68**, Shelby, Iowa, has been named chairman of the board of Salem Homes in Elk Horn, Iowa. Nielsen is in his second term on the board of directors. He is pastor of United Lutheran Church in Shelby and of St. John Lutheran Church in Persia.

'50s

○ **Billy Earl Ingle '57** is an opera singer who has been performing in Europe for more than 28 years. He lives in Linz, Austria.

○ **Mary (Sarmiento '56) Sawano**, Denver, Colorado, writes that the company she works for, May D&F, is merging with another, and its central offices will close in May. Although she's eligible for early retirement, she plans eventually to return to teaching—either music or in the classroom. She continues as organist at Blessed Sacrament Church in Denver. "The city and churches are preparing for the Pope's arrival in August, and I will be directly involved in the music," she writes.

○ **Bob "Lefty" Hansen D'50 T'53** retired from the ministry last June 30. He and his wife, Betty, live in Harmony, Minnesota.

'30s

○ **John C. Christensen '35**, Denver, Colorado, writes: "I have been a participant in the Rocky Mountain Senior Games since 1988. I have won four Gold Medals in

cycling up to the present time. This year I hope to take part in the U.S. National Senior Olympics, which will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 12-18. I qualified the last four years but was unable to go and I will be represented in the "Colorado Group." I was the oldest at 86 years young to be riding. I have been cycling since I was ten years old. I walk and cycle daily and still enjoy every minute of it."

Deaths

○ **Douglas Bragg '65** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on January 8. He was a fifth grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Council Bluffs. Survivors include his wife, Mary Anne; children, Sarah and Adam; his mother, Maxine Bragg; and brother, Leon Bragg '67 of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

○ **Dagmar L. Thomsen '32** of Elk Horn, Iowa. She was a resident of Salem Lutheran Home.

Friends:

○ **Leona Bergstraesser** of Wa Keeney, Kansas, on January 13. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Edwin Bergstraesser, former campus pastor at Dana; and daughter, Karla Hall '79, Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ **Kenneth Brown**, Omaha, on February 11. Survivors include his wife, Diana, assistant professor of French and Spanish at Dana; daughter, Claudia '92; and son, Ken '93.

○ **Esta Deets**, Waconia, Minnesota, on March 15. She served as housemother in Mickelsen Hall for 18 years. A few weeks before her death, she moved from Blair to Minnesota to be closer to her daughter, Norma May, in Chanhassen. Other survivors include daughters Karen Hoblek and Marilyn Nannan, 14 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a brother. Funeral services were held on March 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blair.

Korean Student Mourned

About 200 students attended a memorial service on Wednesday evening, April 7, for Hyong-Joo "Jay" Lee, a 23-year-old student from Seoul, Korea. Lee had transferred to Dana at the start of this semester. He was found dead in his residence hall room the evening of April 6.

He apparently died of natural causes. An autopsy was performed at the Douglas County Hospital in Omaha, but results were inconclusive. Authorities said there was nothing to indicate foul play.

Lee, who had also attended Indiana University and New York University, was enrolled in Dana's English as a Second Language program.

Fund drive approaches goal

The two-year extension of the college's ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") campaign, called "Completing the Challenge," is within \$600,000 of reaching its \$6 million goal.

Director of Development Michael Jones '71 is confident that the goal will be reached by mid-summer, at about the same time the Old Main replacement building is completed. In the meantime, Jones and members of his Development staff, together with President Christopherson, continue to make calls on prospective

donors and current supporters of the college.

But because the successful conclusion of the drive is in sight, Jones said, the college has also been holding "Celebrate Dana" events across the country as a way of thanking alumni and friends who have contributed to ADD and "Completing the Challenge."

"We're very grateful to everyone who has participated in this drive," Jones said. "It has truly 'accelerated' Dana's development and has helped our institution in many ways."

"Wall" list grows to 411

On March 22, the number of entries that will appear on the Old Main Commemorative Wall stood at 411.

The entries feature the names of generous alumni and friends who have made or pledged gifts of \$5,000 or more to the ADD campaign or its extension, "Completing the Challenge." The Wall will be a prominent feature on the first floor of the Old Main replacement building, near the entrance to Trinity Chapel.

Because the Wall will be constructed this summer, the deadline for those wishing to have

their names or the names of family members inscribed on it is July 1. To learn how to participate in this unique opportunity, readers can call the college's Development Office (402-426-7333).

Alumni and friends who will be listed on the Wall are also reminded to send in their written narratives for the Dana Family History/Commemorative Wall Album if they have not already done so.

The most recent contributors whose gifts qualify them for the Wall are (* indicates person is deceased):

A.M. Andersen Family
 Clarice (Jensen) Aus
 Eileen Chapin
 First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oakland, Nebraska
 Rhonda (Oelrichs) Hall
 L.C.* and Agatha (Mengers)* Hansen
 James and Margery Iversen
 Brian and Vicky (Donaldson) Moerer
 RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge
 Melvin* and Florence (Benson) Rogers
 Leland and D'Arlene (Morton) Rosenau
 Bradley and Patricia (Hewett) Schweer
 Conrad and Jeanne (Nielsen) Sorensen
 Edward and Elna (Jensen)* Steen
 Brad and Laura Taylor

There is also an addition to the Family Tributes/Naming Opportunities list:

Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Larsen, sponsored by Phil and Florence Larsen

Well, now that the Old Main replacement classroom building and chapel are nearing completion, we can rest on our laurels, right? To echo the vernacular of our day, we must cry, NOT! As I said in the last *Dana Review*, we do have so very much to be thankful for, and our alumni and friends have responded magnificently. Yet, we still need

several hundred thousand dollars before we can count

the ADD campaign and the building drive a success. However, when one thinks that we will have spent

over \$7 million on buildings and on campus improve-

ments during the last few years, and most all of it is paid for from gifts of alumni and friends without taking a dime from student tuition and fees, we do have cause for celebration.

We will have a very busy spring and summer. We expect the building to be completed by the end of June, and then there will be a mad scramble to get the furnishings in place and get people moved in. Much of that will have to happen after August 1, but much remains to be done before then. I think those of you who have seen the building will agree it is a magnificent structure and one that will prove to be a fitting replacement for our grand Old Main.

Well, what lies ahead? When I arrived as President almost seven years ago now, I found a gem of a school that I had loved for 30 years. I found a rare genre of faculty, staff and students. People absolutely devoted to teaching and service. People who take great pride in what they do and who joy in assisting others to their full

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development. I found a community of learning within a community of faith open to nourishment, encouragement, direction and leadership. It was also a community that wanted to be reassured about the future of the college. Over those seven years, enrollment has increased modestly every year, and the trend toward continued growth is very encouraging. Our endowment was pitifully small, about \$1.3 million. It is still pitifully small, but it has more than doubled to about \$3.25 million, and endowment will get special attention in the next few years. I found the campus quite well maintained, but it has required considerable infusion of capital to make needed repairs and replacement.

Then, of course, on August 25, 1988, Old Main burned. That gave us a new cause, and much energy has been directed toward replacing Old Main, first with the Madsen Fine Arts addition and now with the pending completion of the Old Main replacement building. Accreditation reviews of our academic programs have come and gone. Thanks to the marvelous dedication and competence of the faculty and staff here, we have passed all reviews with flying colors. Programs have been strengthened and new faculty and staff have been hired. Compensation has been much improved, and we are committed to doing even better. We have a Board of Regents that is supportive and visionary, and an administrative team determined to set a course for this college that will secure its future for many generations to come.

Our attention must continue in all these areas. We know that other buildings, notably, Pioneer Memorial, the Campus Center and Borup Coliseum, are in need of update and repair. A determination must be made as to the

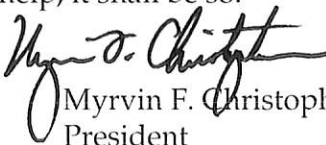
future of Elk Horn Hall, which cries out for attention. Improved parking and landscaping are already evident, and beginning this summer we expect to begin installation of sprinkler systems to maintain campus beauty.

Perhaps more important than physical plant and grounds, we have to attend to our "points of difference." Let me comment on three. First, it means we *focus on our Christian mission* as a college of the church. We continuously seek God's guidance about what it means to be a "college of the church." This must never be something we take lightly. Providing a Christian witness and purpose throughout all that we do here must always be uppermost in our plans and implementation of those plans. That is our first point of difference, that we are a college given purpose and meaning by the proclamation of the gospel. A second point of difference is our *total devotion to excellence in teaching*. We must take the steps necessary to assure that every one who serves here is completely devoted to teaching and learning and is committed to becoming better in those enterprises. Our students deserve that, and our reason for being compels us in that direction. A third point of difference is that we are *dedicated to preparing our students to live wholesomely and productively in a culturally diverse world community*. We have taken the lead among colleges of our type in our region in serving people from diverse racial, ethnic and national backgrounds. We must learn to live together even better as God's people. Beginning with our choosing more Namibian students than any other ELCA college and continuing on with our commitment to creating a multiculturally rich community on our campus, we must continue to find ways to



live together in harmony and to encourage the growth and development of every person.

We come out of special beginnings with pioneer roots. Rev. A.M. Andersen started something in his home 109 years ago which has continued to this day. He created a community of learning within a community of faith. Thankfully, that concept of community has continued. The challenges which face Dana College are no less now that the Old Main replacement building nears completion. To be sure, there are many reasons for celebration. Let that celebration continue, but may you keep Dana fervently in your prayers and may we earn your continued support. I believe more than ever that the kind of alternative in higher education Dana provides is more critical than it has ever been. May we grow in our ability to serve, and may we continue to be enabled to grow in that service. With God's and your help, it shall be so.


Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

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

Steve Appel '84, Blair, human resources manager, WATS Marketing in Omaha. Has completed one three-year term on the Council.

Bob Coffey '75, Blair, president, Copy Direct.

Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen, Blair, programmer/analyst, Mid-America Computer Corporation.

Glenn Schacht '70, Bellevue, Nebraska, pastor, Christ The King Lutheran Church.

Jean (Brehm '71) Shelsted, Omaha, substitute teacher, Omaha Area Public Schools.

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