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Three professors win end-of-year honors

Faculty members Richard Jorgensen '64, Sybille Bartels, and Gilbert Ragan were honored at the May 6 Honors Program.

Students named Jorgensen their Professor of the Year. This is the second time that Jorgensen, professor of history, has received that honor. The first was in 1983. Award criteria include "excellence in college teaching, positive interpersonal relationships and classroom organization, creative stimulation, and desirable out-of-classroom behavior that exemplifies Christian life."

Bartels and Ragan received HunTel's Golden Apple Awards.

The Blair-based company initiated the awards last year to recognize excellence in teaching in the Blair Community Schools and at Dana. Award criteria include "campus leadership, pioneering teaching methods, and creative course development."

Bartels is associate professor of German and director of international studies and the English Language Institute. Last year she was named Outstanding German Teacher by the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German. At Dana she has helped create baseline competencies for the modern language requirement within the

college's new Liberal Arts Experience general education program. She served as chair of the Faculty Senate this year and is the LARP coordinator.

Ragan is associate professor of economics and business administration. He has played a major role in developing the college's Business Department and recently rewrote a manuscript for business software applications. Ragan is a member of the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Nebraska Business and Economics Association.

About the cover: Faculty members find "teachable moments"

During the spring semester faculty members Milt Heinrich and Sybille Bartels found "teachable moments"—one in art, the other in German—in the construction of the Old Main replacement building.

Because Heinrich wanted to "celebrate the new building," he assigned his painting students to interpret the construction. They subsequently exhibited their canvases in the F.W. Thomsen Gallery in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

And because the text Bartels uses for first-year German had a unit on houses, apartments, rooms, furnishings, and floor levels, she and her students used the floor plans for conversations based on the new building, thus bringing a real-life situation to the classroom.

"All of the students found classrooms they'll be using," Bartels said. "And because the Foreign Language Department will be housed in the new building, my enthusiasm was contagious."



Experts discuss prison, sentencing policy

A conference titled "American Prison and Sentencing Policy: Developing a National Agenda" brought experts from across the country to the campus on April 16 and 17. They included several directors of state departments of corrections, chiefs of police, judges, and such notables as Tom Wicker, former columnist for the New York Times and author of the book, *Attica*; Norval Morris of the University of Chicago; Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson; and Jean Harris, former educator who has written several books about her prison experiences in New York State. Harris (pictured) spoke at the Saturday luncheon. The conference was organized by U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49.

The Returning

by Amy Thomas '88

Amy Thomas teaches at Jefferson Elementary School in Omaha. She's also a professional



storyteller. She writes: "I'm finishing up my Master's Degree in English at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and my last class was a writing class. As one of our assignments, the professor

suggested we revisit a place that had changed our lives in some way. [This] paper is a result of that experience....I always knew that Dana provided me with a wonderful education, but it wasn't until I began my Master's Program that I realized how good that education really was. Dana is truly a remarkable place; I hope that some of the spirit that is Dana comes through in 'The Returning.' " (Children's names in this article have been changed.)

Old Main is gone. The tower that was my anchor on long drives home from Omaha no longer dominates the Blair skyline. The building was a campus landmark, 102 years old when it burned. For many years it was the only building for Trinity Seminary, later Dana College. It became the visible symbol of all that was Dana. I was part of the circle of people that dug through the rubble in August of 1988, searching through the ashes of history, hoping to find something to save. The fire started about 1:00 a.m. Even the next day the smell of smoke hung over the entire town. Heavier than the smoke was the feeling of loss and despair. I came, unasked, to help Dr. Dorothy Olson dig through the remains of what was once an enormous collection of elementary learning materials and books. She, like many others, was trying to salvage the tangle of goods of a career, a life.

Poor Nathan! He was an art student on the decade plan who should have graduated before I did. He broke through the fire line to try and save some ceramics he was working on. He lost the artwork, and nearly his life. The ceiling of the art room collapsed. Luckily, one of the firefighters stopped him before he got too far up the stairs.

Now I have returned once again, almost five years later. The only thing that remains of the beautiful building is the terrace; a new building is being constructed where Old Main once stood. The gas lanterns that once outlined the edge of the terrace with a romantic glow have been put in storage. Students no longer pause here to watch the stars or kiss.

Still, the feeling of Dana remains, and that is what has drawn me here. Almost automatically, my steps turn from Old Main's sidewalk toward Argo Hall. It, at least, hasn't changed. On the outside, anyway. The wood floors still creak, and the narrow stairs twist and turn. It's noisier than I remember. I get lots of stares as I walk down the hall of the fourth floor. "I lived in 402," I explain apologetically. The painting is gone from the wall in the hallway. A girl with a devil's ears and tail, lying on a sign that says, "THE CONVENT." Fourth Argo had a reputation for being where all the "bookworms" lived. It wasn't that we didn't like a good time; we just had a lower noise threshold than the rest of the campus. These girls have found a new identity for themselves; still I miss the painting. I don't have the guts to knock on the door of my old room. I feel so awkward. Am I turning into one of those people who has to live in the past? Why

did I come back here on the spur of the moment, anyway? It isn't even Homecoming, and whatever I was searching for isn't here.

The wind is cold as I walk up the hill. The Dana campus is built almost on the crest of the highest hill around. Overlooking the campus is Black Elk-Neihardt Park and the cross. The cross has been around for as long as anyone can remember. It's about ten feet tall, wooden. It overlooks the campus. Every so often pyromaniacal high school kids burn it down, and someone always rebuilds it. Black Elk-Neihardt Park was built while I was at Dana. The central feature of the park is a huge statue of a medicine wheel. Black Elk, in telling the story of his life said:

It is the story of all life that is holy and is good to tell, and of us two-leggeds sharing in it with the four-leggeds and the wings of the air and all green things, for these are children of one mother, and their father is one Spirit.

There is a story about this hill. Long Ago, the First People, the Lakota, came here, and called this place holy. The Danish Lutherans that founded Trinity Seminary here felt the spirit too. Now, the cross stands near the medicine wheel.

Here, finally, is why I came. I can feel the peace of this place wash over me again. I spent many nights here under the stars. This place draws me like no other.

Here is the circle of life. It's all around us, if we take the time to look. The farmland is dormant, but you can feel the pulse of it, and you know it is only waiting. The life bubbles under the surface, waiting for spring. People here are close to the earth, and close to each other.

I shiver in the cold wind; I should be home working on my thesis. Instead, I drove 30 miles to walk in the cold. I remember Kevin Locke doing his hoop dance. Each of the colored hoops woven into the others. I guess this place is the center of my hoop. I come here for beginnings, endings—balance. It was here that I decided to major in education, beginning the career path that has shaped my life. Most of the education majors gathered here to mourn the passing of Dr. Weckmuller. My friends and I came here the night before graduation; an ending and a beginning both. We came here again the night before we started teaching, our first real jobs.

Sometimes life seems to send us reeling. Maybe it's teaching, or maybe it's just my personality, but sometimes I feel so off-balanced. It's been a long year. I'm taking too many hours. My fourth graders have dealt me too many fits. Missy, who probably has epilepsy but whose mother won't take her to the doctor. Mandy, Mark, John,

and Tina who can't read at all. Hannah and Leigh and their bruises. Like the falcon in Yeats' poem, I can't hear the falconer anymore. Why am I doing this job? Here, on the hill, I find the center of my gyre. It's like the furrows in the farmland—life, the future, waiting for me to scatter the seed. I can hear Dr. Ferguson's voice, "If you can make a difference in one child's life, all the pain will have been worth it."

The wind isn't as cold when I kneel in the shelter of the pine trees. Voices from campus float up, laughing and yelling. I stare at the stars for awhile, until my nose is completely frozen and I feel ready to face the world again. As I step over the wire fence that divides the park from campus, I see another solitary figure coming up the hill.

"Cold night for a walk," I remark.

"Just going up to the cross," he responds.

Another searcher whose circle has overlapped mine.



New vice president for academic affairs comes from Capital

Dr. Paul Formo, professor and dean of the Conservatory of Music at Capital University, has been named vice president for academic affairs at Dana.

Dr. Bernard Matthies, professor of education and psychology, has served in that capacity on an interim basis for 18 months.

Before joining the Capital faculty in 1985, Formo was associate professor and director of the School of Music at Eastern New Mexico University. He has published papers and book reviews and has made numerous appearances in the Midwest and Southwest as guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician.

A 1969 graduate of Luther College, he received a master of arts degree in music (1974) and a doctor of musical arts degree in conducting (1976) from the University of Iowa.

In 1992 he attended a College Management Program at Carnegie Mellon University.

Formo and his wife, Patricia, have two children—Kristin, 19, and Daniel, 16.



Henneman returns to teach stage combat

For three weeks this spring, students in a theater workshop learned stage combat from Dennis Henneman, theater director at Dana from 1967-78.

Henneman, whose son David was a Dana freshman this year, was on sabbatical from Youngstown State University in Ohio, where he is coordinator of theater studies.

"Stage combat is based on the notion that all drama involves conflict, often expressed through physical combat such as slaps, punches, and duels," Henneman said. "What I teach is how to fight on stage and survive."

Henneman spent his sabbatical working with seven of the nine certified fight directors in this country. He also conducted a series of clinics, workshops, and seminars at sites across the U.S. and brought his sabbatical to a close by teaching stage combat techniques to an advanced class at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and to students in the Dana workshop.

He said that teaching stage combat techniques is a fairly recent concept developed by (among others) Joseph Martinez, Erik Fredricksen, and David Boushey. They founded the Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD) in the mid-1970s.

Henneman's interest was sparked, and he made arrangements (shortly before his departure for a teaching position in Pennsylvania) for one of the three to teach an Interim class at Dana.

Martinez subsequently came to Dana as an artist-in-residence to teach sword play, footwork, and fight scene choreography to students cast in a 1979 Interim class production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.



Photo by Kalani Simpson '93

While at Dana Henneman gave an evening program on historical sword fighting and on staged sword play and safety. Here he spars with Paula Cultice '96 of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Two of those students—1979 classmates Gary Boeck and Kevin Barratt—have continued their interest in stage combat and keep in touch with SAFD, Henneman noted. Boeck performs stage combat at the Chicago Renaissance Faire. Barratt, who appears in many Omaha productions and who teaches at Omaha's Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, has told Henneman that he plans to

attend an SAFD advanced combat workshop in Las Vegas this summer.

Perhaps some of the Dana students introduced to stage combat this spring will, like Barratt and Boeck, continue to build on what they have learned. Henneman hopes so. "I was impressed with the quality of work they did in such a short time," he said.

Development Associate

Immediate opening at Dana College for an experienced person in Development/Fund-Raising. Duties include cultivation and solicitation of donor prospects. Bachelor's degree preferred with experience in fund-raising or a related field. Must be well-organized, motivated, an effective communicator and willing to travel. Send resume to:

**Director of Development
Dana College
2848 College Drive
Blair, NE 68008**

Application Deadline: July 26, 1993
AA/EOE

Commemorative Wall list approaches 500

With the rest of the summer to go, Dana invites individuals and families to participate in the Old Main Commemorative Wall program.

"More than 475 entries are already a part of the 'Wall,'" said Michael Jones, director of development. "It's been a great way to meet the needs of our capital campaign and recognize special gifts to the college."

The Commemorative Wall, which will list those who have made gifts of \$5,000 or more to the

ADD campaign, will be opposite the chapel narthex in the new Old Main replacement building.

Dr. Milt Heinrich, one of Dana's art professors, has begun work on its design. It will be ready for the October 2 dedication of the building at Homecoming.

One of the entries will read "Dana Class of 1993." Members of this year's graduating class have pledged more than \$10,000 to ADD, thus qualifying the class for listing on the Wall. The Classes of 1991 and 1992 earlier made

pledges that also qualified them for the Wall.

The Development Office continues to press toward reaching the ADD goal. More than \$300,000 in pledges are needed to reach the \$16.65 million goal before October 1.

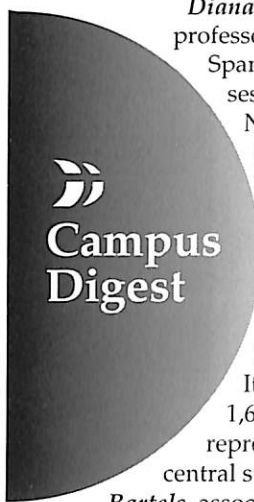
Those interested in more information about the Old Main Commemorative Wall and special gifts to the college should call the Development Office at (402) 426-7333.

The most recent Commemorative Wall listings are:

Amoco Foundation
Magda Andersen
Richard and Lois (Petersen) Andersen
Emory and Geraldine (Christensen) Anderson
Marcus and Margaret (Johansen) Beck
Bemis Company Foundation
Gary and Vivian (Christensen) Biesecker
Alan and Karen Brodbeck
C. Milton and Elaine (Madison) Brostrom
Brunswick Foundation
Daniel and Marilyn Bye
Russell and Margaret (Christensen) Cantine
Caterpillar Foundation
James Chapin
Dale and Arlene (Miller) Christensen
Ruth (Pedersen) Christensen
Bob and Kris (Maschman) Coffey
Dana Class of 1993
Deloitte & Touche
Paul and Janeille Ditlevson
Charles and Margre Durham
J. Timothy and Janis (Jensen) Gaule
Kermit and Dagmar (Olson) Goll
Leonard, Sr., and Evelyn Hansen
Keith and Carol Hartvigsen
Duey and Tracy (Erickson) Heffelfinger
Scott and Ruth (Hultgren) Henneman
Robert and Rebecca (Roesener) Holst
Gunnar Horn
Robert and Jeanette Hunt
IBM
Curt and Patricia (Tonniges) James
Kenneth and Lillian (Hansen) Jensen
P.C. Jensen Family
Hans C. and Carrie (Sinamark) Jersild

Tom and Alice Jorgensen
Christian and Mary (Hansen) Justesen
Bruce and Cindy (Blobaum) Kempcke
Martin L. and Carrie Kirkegaard
Herbert and Karen (Nielsen) Knudsen
Byron and Mary (Jensen) Langenfeld
Bruce and Kimball Lauritzen
Arne Marking
Michael S. Martin
Francis, Margaret and Dale Matson Family
Gene and Susie Meyer
MITRE Corporation
A. Craig and Janice Nielsen
Elliott and Juanne (Skow) Nielsen
Orville V. and Delma (Madsen) Nielsen and Family
Omaha Community Foundation
Alfred and Letha Pagel
Peoples Natural Gas
Inez B. Petersen
Paul and Ruth (Hansen) Peterson
Art and Gladys Prouty
Jim and John Prouty
Henry Rosenthal
Clara Schafersman
Eugene Schobel
Holger and Carrie Schultz
James and Joanne (Zander) Scott-Miller
Gale P. and Ramelia (Hallock) Skillstad
Arthur and Joan (Peterson) Sorensen
Jimmy and Esther Sorensen
Tenneco Company
Howard and Ruth Thompson
Ervin, Marguerite and Kristi Westfahl
Jay and Cindy Wiedenmeyer

Recipients of Heart of Dana Awards for the months of March and April were, respectively, long-time employees *Gene Thomas* and *Gene Lindblad*. Thomas has been a member of the college's maintenance staff for 24 years; Lindblad, associate professor of chemistry, has taught at Dana for 30 years. President Christopherson, in presenting their awards, praised them for their dedication to their jobs and many contributions to the college.



Diana Brown, assistant professor of French and Spanish, presided at a session titled "Best of Nebraska" at the 25th Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. The conference was held March 25-27 in Des Moines, Iowa. It was attended by 1,600 educators representing the 17 central states. *Dr. Sybille Bartels*, associate professor of German, and *Gitta Andreasen*, visiting Danish instructor, also attended the conference. Bartels and Brown have been invited by the Nebraska Foreign Languages Task Force to serve on its Articulation/Curriculum Committee. Committee members will collaborate on an overview of the criteria used to place high school graduates in college and university language courses. They will address such issues as college language requirements, college entrance requirements, and future collaborative efforts.

Artist-made books created by *Starla Stensaas*, assistant professor of graphic arts and photography, were exhibited May 1-31 in the Fall Rare Book Room of Mount Angel Abbey Library in St. Benedict, Oregon.

Senior *Roxane Fenton* of Charles City, Iowa, was one of two Nebraska students to take the Goethe Institute's internationally recognized advanced proficiency exam, *Mitteltstufenpruefung*, on April 2-3 at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She earned the highest ranking, *sehr gut*, which permits her to study at most German universities.

Dr. Paul Schneider, associate professor of English, and *Sam Dodson*,

part-time English instructor, presented papers at the Sixth Annual Midlands Conference on Language and Literature at Creighton University April 2-3. Schneider presented a paper titled "Turbulent Structure: Form and Chaos in Joyce Carol Oates' *American Appetites*." Dodson's paper was titled "Faulknerian Characterization in Conroy's *The Prince of Tides*."

The Norwegian-American Historical Association recently released a book titled *Nordics in America: The Future of Their Past*, edited by Odd Lovoll of St. Olaf College. Two chapters are by *Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73*, professor of English at Dana. One chapter is a study of Danish folk high school influences on Elderhostel, and the other, co-written with *Dr. Peter Petersen '62* of West Texas State University, is an overview of research efforts on Danish American immigration.

Dr. John Lyden, assistant professor of religion, presented a paper titled "Must Religious Truth Be 'One'?" at the Rocky Mountain-Great Plains regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, held in Omaha April 16-17. *Dr. Delvin Hutton*, professor of Greek and religion, chaired the section on "Ethical Issues in Scripture."

An article by Lyden, "Atonement in Judaism and Christianity: Toward a Rapprochement," has been published in the most recent volume of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Winter 1992: 29/1).

Members of the faculty and staff who are leaving Dana or retiring were honored at a farewell coffee on May 13. Employees who are retiring are: *John Beck D'50 T'55*, director of planned giving who retired two years ago but continued on a part-time basis; *Arlene Bouslaugh*, a member of the custodial staff for 22 years; *Gene Lindblad*, who has taught chemistry at Dana for 30 years; *Luella Nielsen '42*, professor emerita of English who continued to teach on a part-time basis; *Betty Rogert*, Parnassus/Forum assistant; and *Gene Thomas*, a member of the maintenance staff for almost 24 years.

On May 6 these students were inducted into the Kappa Beta Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society: *Danish—Nyla Christensen '93*; *German—Megan Weeks '96* and *Denise Daubendiek '96*; and *Spanish—Amy Beebout '96*, *Amy Roberts '94*, and *Krista Sesker '94*.

Sydney Hime, a senior from Onawa, Iowa, presented a paper titled "Floral

Inventory of Preparation Canyon State Park" on April 16 at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences in Lincoln. *Dr. Larrrie Stone '57*, professor of biology, also attended the meeting.

Four graduates participated in an Alumni Career Panel on April 13 for science majors: *Angela (Mason '91) Anderson*, research technician, Streck Laboratories, Omaha; *Tari (Therkelsen '76) Choiniere*, senior cardiovascular technician, Clarkson Hospital, Omaha; *Deborah (Dill '85) Frahm*, medical laboratory technologist-supervisor, OB/GYN Group, Omaha; and *Jeffrey Levine '84*, quality assurance manager, ConAgra Specialty Grain, South Sioux City, Nebraska.

These students were inducted into the Nebraska Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society on April 19: *Marilyn Bye '93*, *Kyle Herzog '94*, *Tammy Hoyer '94*, *Carrie Larkins '94*, *Jon Rademacher '94*, *Amy Roberts '93*, *Patty Ross '94*, *Trasy Sparr '93*, and *Kelly Wesemann '94*.

Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor*, based on short stories by Chekhov, was performed April 1-3 in the Lauritzen Theater by a cast of students and a professional actor from Omaha. The play, Dana's spring production, was directed by *Susan Guthrie*.

A \$1,000 New Connections grant from the *Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation* will help purchase a new broadcast camera for the college's Communication Department.

This spring three *Hermes* staff members won Golden Leaf Awards from the Nebraska Collegiate Press Association: *Jon Rademacher '94*, first place for best review and second place for best feature story; *Jeff Rademacher '96*, first place for best sports feature and third place for best review; and *Matthew Plowman '93*, second place for best editorial cartoon. The awards, given for the first time this year, went to student journalists at Dana, Doane, Hastings, Midland, Peru State, and Wayne State.

Twenty-four juniors and seniors were named to this year's edition of *Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: *Craig Barsness*, *Amy Barta*, *Shad Bean*, *Donald Brown*, *Marilyn Bye*, *Meredith Dickerson*, *Jennifer Edelman*, *Christopher Eller*, *Roxane*

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Job-hunting seniors present résumés

Some of this year's seniors already had jobs when they graduated. But the job market is tight, and others were still interviewing. In response to an offer by the *Review* to run a "classified" section, the following (with the assistance of Career Services Director Mary Jo [Andrews '59] Kubie) prepared brief resumes. As of May 28, they were still available; alumni and friends interested in interviewing any of these graduates for positions in their companies are invited to get in touch with them.

MICHELLE BENHAM

1662 Lincoln St. #4

Blair, NE 68008

(402) 426-2504

Objective: Entry-level advertising or marketing position in greater Omaha area

Majors:

Management and Marketing with Communication Minor

Experience:

Marketing Research Project on retention at Dana
 - Developed survey
 - Determined sample population for mailing

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Fenton, Kris Grappendorf, Tammy Hoyer, Carrie Larkins, Susan Lee, Jennifer McCoy, Jon Rademacher, Amy Roberts, Julie Schmidt, Pamela Shelton, Pete Svendgard, Kara Vergamini, Bradley Volcek, Kelly Wesemann, Shelli Wiebelhaus, and John Wolf. Six of those selected are the sons and daughters of the following alumni: David '67 and Kathy (Plumhoff '68) Barsness, Julie (McMahill '80) McCoy, Robert '64 and Darlene (Haecker '67) Rademacher, Alan Svendgard '68, Robert '71 and Linda (McNichols '71) Vergamini, and Paula (Zackman '68) Wolf.

Ten students received Campus Leadership Awards at the May 6 Honors Program: Amy Barta '93, Austin Brown '96, Kari Fjelstad '95, Karl Hermanson '94, Carrie Larkins '94, Shannon LeFave '95, Jon Rademacher '94, Trasy Sparr '93, Kevin Wass '93, and Dixie Whitlow '93.

- Entered and analyzed data using Lotus spreadsheet
- Presented research report to college president

Borup Building Supervisor for Community Recreation
 - Registered entrants; opened/closed building
 - Monitored activities
 - Responded to questions and emergency situations

Crew Leader at Hardee's
 - Trained new employees, operated cash register
 - Organized and maintained cleanliness

Activities:
 -Varsity Basketball - lettered four years
 -Treasurer of Hall Council
 -Student Senator

Skills:
 -Knowledge and use of computer software
 -Trained in interviewing
 -Knowledge of business law

CHRIS R. ELLER

Omaha Village Apt. 16

Blair, NE 68008

(402) 533-2885

Major: Psychology

Minors: Business & German

GPA 3.75 cumulative,
 Dean's List 6 semesters

Objective: To develop a successful career in marketing or sales

Experience:

Jubilee Foods/Super Valu—summers and vacations, 1988-1993

Telemarketer, Great Plains Communications, Oct. '90-Jan. '92

Other:

Reliable, trustworthy, hard worker, well-organized
 Familiar with Spreadsheet, Database, Word Processing
 Active in intramurals and city league sports
 Worked 20 plus hours/week during school and full-time each summer
 Married with two-year-old daughter

ANTWONE L. FINCH

3420 N. 42nd St.

Omaha, NE 68111

(402) 455-3932

Major: Social Science with

Psychology Minor

Objective: An entry-level position working with youth or adults

in law enforcement or social services as a probation/parole officer, corrections counselor, youth counselor, or child protective service worker



Experience:

Youth Supervisor, Boys Town, Summer 1993
 Security Officer, Commercial Security Service Inc., 1992

Inbound Telemarketer, West Telemarketing, 1991

Package Unloader, United Parcel Service, 1991
 Driver/Deliverer, Commonwealth Electric Co., 1988-90

Attributes:

Strong interpersonal and communication skills, outgoing personality, work well with people. Enjoy sports, board and card games, reading and music.

Other:

Chapter President, Omega Psi Phi National Fraternity
 Community activities: Boys Club, NAACP, UNICEF, Science Fair Judge, Varsity Football

Personal: Willing to relocate, excellent driving record

AMY GOERING

RR4 Box 4705

Avoca, MN 56114

(508) 335-7894

Objective: Social Work position, willing to relocate to any area of U.S.

Experience:

Practicum, Nebraska AIDS Project, Omaha

- Care coordination/counseling of those with HIV/AIDS

- Assisted in volunteer coordination, programming and training
 - Advocated regularly for client benefits and services

- Answered statewide AIDS Hot Line

Resident Assistant, Dana and Waldorf Colleges

- Provided peer counseling and mediated residential conflicts

- Planned social and educational programs for campus

Intern, Wellspring, Omaha

- Provided counseling for female clients; enforced house rules

Camp Counselor, Big Brother and Big Sister

Camp, Mound, MN

- Planned activities including games, crafts, etc.

- Taught problem-solving skills and enforced rules

Certified Nursing Aide, Slayton Manor Care

Center, Slayton, MN

- Provided for daily living needs of elderly citizens

- Socialized daily with clients

Activities:

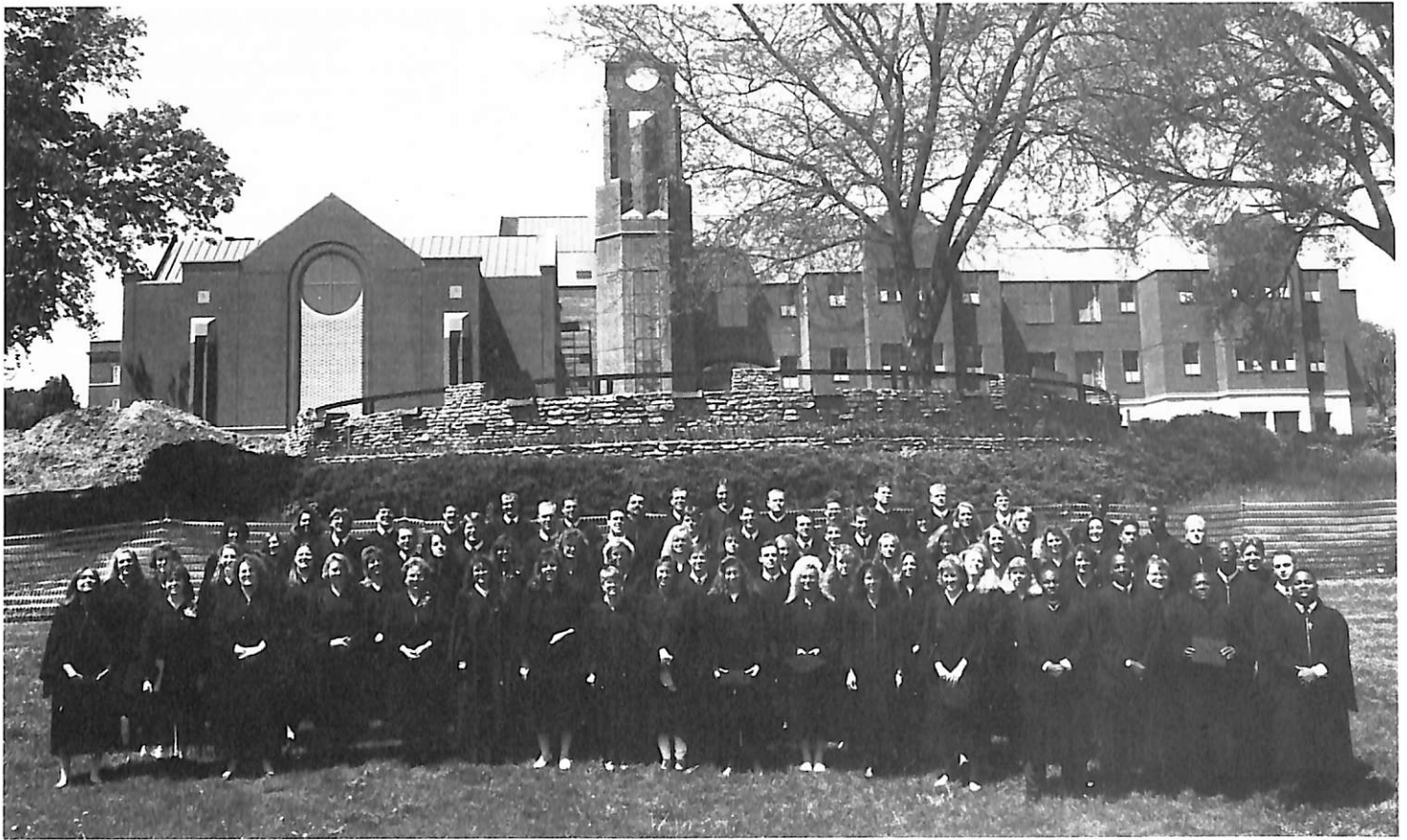
Volunteer: Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Nebr. AIDS Project

Member: Social Awareness Org., Campus Ministry Councils, Homecoming Committee

Leader: Students Against Drunk Driving, BACCHUS

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May 15-16, 1993: Commencement Weekend Highlights



Members of the Class of 1993 pose in front of the Old Main replacement building shortly before Commencement ceremonies begin. This year's graduates represented 13 states and two other countries—Namibia and Norway. They share a distinction with last year's graduates: They didn't attend classes in Old Main (it was a smoldering ruin when the Class of 1992 arrived as freshmen), and they won't attend classes in the new building (which will be completed this summer). Nevertheless, members of the Class of 1993 have followed its construction with interest and joy.

Graduating with honors this year were:

Summa cum laude—B.A., Leticia O'Brien Niemeier; B.S. Marilyn Bye, Cindy Kempcke, Kevin Wass, Dixie Whitlow.

Magna cum laude—B.A., Ken Brown, Chris Eller, Ann Gibbs, Matt Plowman, Amy Roberts; B.S., Amy Barta, Jennifer Edelman, Sydney Hime, Susan McAllister, Carrie Pedersen, Mary Savery, Trasy Sparr, John Wolf.

Cum Laude—B.A., Maija Nielsen; B.S., Craig Barsness, Don Brown, Kris Grappendorf, Scott Grate, Pete Svendgard, Lori Wortmann, Sheila Young.

Recognition Dinner honors on May 15 went to:

Campus Service Award recipients—Amy Barta, Ann Gibbs, Svein Johansen, Maija Nielsen, Carrie Pedersen, Matt Plowman, Cathy Shaw, Trasy Sparr, Mira Stultz, Pete Svendgard, Kevin Wass, and Dixie Whitlow.

Distinguished Alumni—Paul O. Peterson '41 and Donald A.F. Nelson '71 (see spring *Review*).

As it did last year, Blair's HunTel Systems gave each graduate a telephone. Graduates also received Dana mugs from the college.

Photo by Kalani Simpson '93



Left: Eugene Lindblad, associate professor of chemistry, was named Professor Emeritus at Commencement. Lindblad has taught at Dana for 30 years. He's pictured here talking to Omaha fifth graders who visited the campus this spring to find out what college is like. Lindblad plans to continue teaching on a part-time basis. Below: Four graduates, each of them with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, were honored as valedictorians at Commencement on May 16. The four (from left) are: Cindy Kempcke (Blair), Kevin Wass (Loveland, Co.), Leticia O'Brien Niemeier (Lexington, Nebr.), and Dixie Whitlow (Genoa, Nebr.). Wass, Niemeier, and Whitlow all entered Dana the fall of 1989 as recipients of Presidential Scholarships, the college's top academic award. Kempcke, a non-traditional student, is full-time administrative assistant in the college's Development Office, a farm wife, and the mother of three children.



Above: Blair residents Richard and Janyce Hunt received Dana's College-Community Service Award at Commencement. It is the highest non-academic honor given by the college. Both are active in many local, area, and national organizations. Richard Hunt, chairman of the Dana Board of Regents for two years and now Regent Emeritus, currently serves on the board of directors of the Omaha Symphony Association and Immanuel Medical Center. Janyce Hunt, a member of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, has also been active in promoting appreciation of the Native American culture. She has helped obtain funding for Blair's Black Elk-Neihardt Park and most recently assisted Joslyn Art Museum in bringing a special exhibition, "Visions of the People: A Pictorial History of Plains Indian Life," to Omaha. The couple have also opened their home to many of Dana's international students.

Left: Classmates chose Trasy Sparr (Red Oak, Ia.) and Dixie Whitlow (Genoa, Nebr.) to speak on their behalf at Commencement.

Spring sports are competitive: softballers with 37 wins, 19 losses, set school record

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Softball

Dana's 1993 softball season will go down in the books as the most-successful ever in terms of wins, but the Vikings came up short in their bid to recapture the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship and win the NAIA District 11 title.

The Vikings set a school record for wins in a season, racking up 37 victories against 19 defeats overall. In NIAC play, Dana was 13-5, finishing as runner-up to Hastings. It was Dana's second straight runner-up finish in the league after winning five consecutive NIAC championships between 1987 and 1991.

Highlights of the season included a victory over Columbia (Mo.), ranked #6 in the nation in NAIA softball at the time. Dana also defeated NCAA Division I foe Eastern Kentucky, and beat Mary (ND), the eventual national tournament representative from the Dakotas-Nebraska bi-district. Dana also played NAIA national champion West Florida to a close game, losing a 2-1 decision on the Vikings' spring trip to Florida.

Junior baseman Laura Morrison led a host of productive Vikings at the plate as Dana batted .324 as a team. Morrison hit .370 and led the team in hits (67), doubles (17), and RBIs (37). Freshman catcher Melinda

Martinez also batted .370, and Michelle Wheatley (.354), Kim Glass (.337), Karri Roberts (.320), Jennifer Loach (.319) and Sonia Farwell (.316) were among regulars that hit over .300.

Sophomore pitcher Heather Olsen emerged as the ace of a talented Dana pitching staff that compiled a team ERA of 1.41. Olsen went 15-6 on the year with an ERA of 0.95, and pitched 42 consecutive innings without an earned run midway through the year. She also set a school record with 152 strikeouts, breaking the old mark of 104 set by Joan Scherbring in 1989. Senior Carol Mueller also topped the old strike-out mark with 118 Ks on the season and had a 1.55 ERA. Freshman Susie Chavez was 9-4 with a 1.77 ERA.

Olsen was named Pitcher-of-the-Year in the NIAC. She was a first-team all-district selection, as were Roberts, Glass, and Wheatley. Dana's first-team All-NIAC picks were Olsen, Mueller, Roberts, Morrison, and Wheatley.

Baseball

Great strides were taken by a young Dana baseball team that posted a 12-16-2 record on the season by Coach Dale Lemon.

Dana went 8-9-1 in NIAC play, and the Vikings were in the running for an NAIA District 11 playoff bid until the final week of the season. The '93 Vikings showed marked improvement over the previous spring, when Dana turned in a 7-30 mark, the worst ever for Lemon, who

completed his thirtieth season as the Dana skipper this spring.

The secret to Dana's improvement was no secret at all as the Vikings turned in vastly improved numbers at the plate and on the mound. They hit .290 as a team, with freshman catcher Jeff Dyrda leading the way with a .354 batting average. Senior outfielder Neil Drews started the year at a torrid pace, and despite cooling off later in the spring, turned in a fine .323 average and led the Vikes in RBIs with 19 and runs with 24. Junior Adam Lippincott hit .316 and junior shortstop Gregg Yanta hit .309. Matt Rega, Matt Wess and Manuel Johnson all flirted with the coveted .300 batting average before settling in just under that mark at season's end.

Dana's team ERA of 4.05 was the lowest for a Viking staff since the mid-1970s. Wess, a freshman, led the way in ERA with a team-low 1.73. Senior Craig Barsness was next at 2.68 and was the ace of the Dana staff, leading the team in victories with four and innings pitched with 53 2/3. Freshman reliever Mike Tupa was 3-0 with two saves and a 3.26 ERA for Dana.

The Vikings posted at least one win over every NIAC rival except Nebraska Wesleyan during the year, and Dana did battle the Plainsmen to a 4-4 tie in a rain-shortened season finale. Dana went 4-2 on its spring trip to Oklahoma and two, three-game winning streaks during the year.

Dyrda and Yanta were first-team all-conference selections in

the NIAC, while the Vikings did not land any players on the first-team all-district unit.

Tennis

A talented sophomore stole the show this spring for the Dana tennis program, which included the first women's varsity team ever.

Heidi Grappendorf compiled a sparkling 13-2 match record on the season and won the NIAC singles championship. She had a 22-5 set record and a 170-71 game record. Grappendorf placed second in the District 11 singles championship to just miss out on a trip to the national tournament. Jennifer Allison of the College of St. Mary handed Grappendorf her only two losses of the year, including the district final.

Grappendorf teamed with Amy Siple to place second in the NIAC in doubles competition and third in district doubles. Siple was also a tough competitor in singles play, taking fourth in the NIAC and third in the district at the #2 singles position. Stephenie Wilson also placed for the Dana women at districts, taking fourth at #6 singles. The Dana women were 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the NIAC in their first season, and placed fifth at the conference tournament and fourth at the district meet.

The Dana men's team compiled a 5-9 record and a 2-6 mark in the NIAC this spring, and placed sixth in the NIAC and district tourneys. Jim Cummings led the men with a 6-7 match record, while Shad Beam was 4-11 and Shawn Brooks was 3-5. The doubles team of Beam and Brooks led Dana with a 2-4 match record at #1 doubles. Dana did not have any men's placers at the league or district meets.

Basketball Scrimmage set for Homecoming

The men's varsity-alumni basketball scrimmage, a traditional Homecoming activity, is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, October 2.

Former team members are invited to join the scrimmage. (Please call either Coach Dave Jensen [402-426-7294] or former varsity player Tom Law '84 [402-896-9078] after September 1 to let them know of your plans.)

Alumni return to Dana diamond for second Old-Timers' game

Twenty alumni returned to the campus on Saturday, March 16, for the second annual Dana Old-Timers' Baseball Classic at Paul Peterson Field.

A rainy morning gave way to a cool and blustery afternoon, and Dana baseball coach Dale "Juice" Lemon said the weather probably kept a few alumni, especially those in Omaha, from coming to Blair to take part.

Returning Viking players were divided up according to their year of graduation, with the "Even Years" making up one team and the "Odd Years" making up the other. The formula was tinkered with a bit to divide the teams evenly.

The Evens beat the Odds, 9-2. Mark Clements '90 was the hitting star, going 4-for-5 at the plate. Bryan Traylor '74 belted a three-run double for the winners. The losing team's most valuable player

was ex-second baseman Lynn Petersen '83, who had two hits and made several outstanding defensive plays.

Other honors went to Steve Woitock '74, who was 3-for-4 with two doubles, and Shawn Winters '92, who was the outstanding pitcher of the day with four scoreless innings for the Evens.

Gaylen Hafar '57 came all the way from Arkansas to be the oldest Dana grad taking part. Hafar came through with a hit late in the game, blooping a single to centerfield off hard-throwing Tim Johnson '84.

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Maddocks, Clements (3) and Stewart; Jorgensen, Winters (3), Johnson (7) and Urdahl, Ellis (7).

○ **Kevin Wass '93**, a music education major from Loveland, Colorado, has won the principal tuba chair position in the Music Academy of the West Orchestra. The academy is considered one of the most prestigious summer music festivals in the U.S.; he was the only tubist selected.

○ In March **Lynn Methner '79** of Woodbine, Iowa, received the Outstanding Young Farmer Award at the Kiwanis Club's Farmer-Business Banquet.

○ In April **Dr. Katherine Gross '75**, associate professor at the Kellogg Biological Station and the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Michigan State University, was the guest lecturer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the 1993 George N. Lamb Lecture Series. Her lectures were based on research she

conducts on plant roots—how they get resources from the soil and how roots of different species compete for these resources. She is also vice president of the Ecological Society of America. Gross attended Dana as a freshman and sophomore.

○ **Judge Jane (Hendrick '73) Prochaska** was one of eight Omaha women honored on May 18 by the Omaha YWCA for their contributions to the community—for their community involvement and leadership, personal achievements, and commitment to eliminating discrimination. Prochaska, a Dana Regent, was one of the first female county judges in Nebraska when she was appointed to the bench in 1985. She is immediate past presiding judge of the Douglas County Court, president of the Nebraska County Judges Association, and regional editor for the National College of Probate Judges newsletter.

○ **Carol Wood '73** has been named president and chief executive officer of Children's Square USA in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Wood has worked for Children's Square since graduating from Dana. She started as a child-care worker and was vice president of professional services when, in

April 1992, Iowa officials closed the organization's foster group-care program. Its president resigned and Wood was appointed interim president. An article about her appointment, titled "New Chief Says Home On Course," appeared in the April 13 *Omaha World-Herald*.

○ **Dr. Dennis Schmidt '71** has been named executive director of The Bach Festival of Philadelphia. He is in charge of festival planning, promotion, production assistance, fund-raising, special projects, and general operations. Now in its 17th season, The Bach Festival presents from five to seven concerts throughout the year, with a special emphasis on the music of Bach and his contemporaries. The concerts range from soloists to choral groups to organ recitals to small instrumental groups to presentations by the Bach Festival Orchestra. Prior to his appointment he was director of chapel music at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire.

○ **Everitt Petersen '63**, guidance counselor in the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Community Schools, has been named "Umpire of the Year" by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association.

○ **The Rev. Dr. Richard Andersen '53** has been called to serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's international congregation in Copenhagen, Denmark. His wife, **Lois (Petersen '52)**, will be involved in the parish music program. Andersen has most recently served as senior pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose, California. The English-language congregation has many Dana and Trinity Seminary connections. It was founded by the Rev. William Hanson D'44 T'49, and the Rev. Verner Carlsen D'36 T'39 and the Rev. Adolph Kloth D'39 T'42 have also been pastors there. The current church council president is Dr. Emory Anderson '61, general secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas.

Alumni in the News



Art professor recreates Lewis & Clark monument

In 1935 a monument commemorating the 1804 expedition of Lewis and Clark was presented to the City of Council Bluffs by the Iowa Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames. Because the monument had deteriorated, Dana Art Professor Jim Olsen '62 was asked to recreate it. On May 21 Olsen (pictured with the monument) participated in a rededication ceremony. Other participants included Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and Council Bluffs Mayor Thomas Hanafan.

Newest graduates have skills, experience

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SCOTT R. GRATE

6702 N. 41st St.
Omaha, NE 68112
(402) 453-8754

Majors: Marketing & Management

GPA 3.6 overall,
Dean's List 5 semesters

Objective: Marketing Assistant or Manager
Trainee; willing to relocate

Experience:

Marketing Intern, Radio Talking Book Network,
Jan.-Apr. '93

- Created advertising program
- Conducted listener and volunteer surveys
- Developed marketing programs for non-profit organization

Telemarketer, American Express Services,
Apr. '90-Oct. '92

Telemarketer, West Telemarketing,
Nov. '89-Mar. '90

Other:

- Problem solver, innovative, well-organized, calm, flexible
- Familiar with WordPerfect, Lotus, dBase software
- Active YMCA volunteer coach and in intramural sports
- Worked 20 plus hours/week during school and full-time each summer

BRETT GUNDERSON

909 N. 26th Ave.
Blair, NE 68008
(402) 426-5956



Objective: Management
Trainee or Law
Enforcement
Position/
Surveyor's Ass't.

Majors: Management/Organizational
Behavior and Sociology
GPA 3.0

Skills:

- Responsible money management
- Work easily with others
- Assessment of work and assignment of tasks
- Establish rapport easily with customers
- Dependable

Experience:

Loyal's Foodmart, Blair

- Employed 6 years while attending high school and college
- Promoted to asst. evening meat manager
- Worked in every part of store as: checker, carry-out, shelf stocker, produce stocker, meat room cleaner, meat cutter, etc.

Washington Co. Surveyor's Office

- Surveyor's assistant

Bruce Kies Hog Operation

- Assisted with farm chores
- Managed operation when owner absent

Interests:

Running, weight-lifting, racquetball,
golf, tennis, volleyball, hunting,
boating

Other: Willing to relocate in Midwest

THERESA K. HUTFLESS

2554 Browne St.
Omaha, NE 68111
(402) 453-2615



Majors: Psychology &
Sociology
GPA 3.0 overall,
3.4 in majors

Objective: Position in
Human
Resources

Experience:

Metropolitan Utilities District, Omaha

- Human Resources Department
- Conducted preliminary interviews
- Prepared applicant flow and candidate summaries for EEO programs
- Conducted initial orientation of new employees
- Maintained records for all employees

Other:

- Dean's List
- Women's Basketball Co-captain
- Familiar with Genesis, Lotus, and Display Write 4
- Willing to relocate

KELLY L. RYAN

1151 N. 26th Ave.
Blair, NE 68008
(402) 426-4950



Major: Broadcast
Communications

Objective: Entry Level
Marketing
Assistant or
Manager Trainee
in Omaha area

Experience:

Marketing Intern, Mid America Computer
Corporation Jan.-Apr. '93

- Created a marketing survey to evaluate services provided
- Assisted in all phases of telecommunications industry

Laborer, Kelly Ryan Equipment Co.,
Summer 1992

Laborer, Olson & Stewart Construction,
Summer 1991

Laborer, D&R Inc., Summer 1990

Laborer, Metropolitan Utilities District,
Summer 1990

Other: Well-organized, fast learner, with
excellent oral and written
communications skills

Familiar with WordPerfect, Lotus,
computer networks, and dBase
Software

Good team-player with five years of
intercollegiate athletic competition

KALANI SIMPSON

P.O. Box 203
Blair, NE 68008
(402) 426-7258
(Dana Career Services)



Major: Communications-
Print Media,
Broadcast Media
GPA 3.1

Objective: Sports Information, Journalism/
Public Relations/Communications
work

Experience:

Intern, Dana Sports Information Department
Intern, Sports Writer, Blair Enterprise/Pilot
Tribune

Other:

- Good writing, layout skills
- Photos on pages 6 and 11 this Review
- Sense of humor
- Dana Football 1989-92
- 1992 Homecoming king
- Student Senate
- Hometown: Naalehu, Hawaii
- Willing to relocate or stay in the Blair/Omaha area

LORI ANNE WORTMANN

903 North Third
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7585

Majors: Marketing & Management
GPA 3.6 overall,
Dean's List 4 semesters

Objective: Management Trainee or Marketing
Assistant in the Phoenix, AZ area,
CO, or NE

Experience:

Marketing internship, Gillette Dairy, Jan. '93

- Studied all aspects of the company
- Assisted with promotional scrapbook
- Focused attention on marketing area and management styles

Telemarketer, Sitel Corp., 1993

Cook, Pizza Hut delivery, 1990-93

Student Library Aide, Dana College, 1989-1993

Nanny, 1988-89

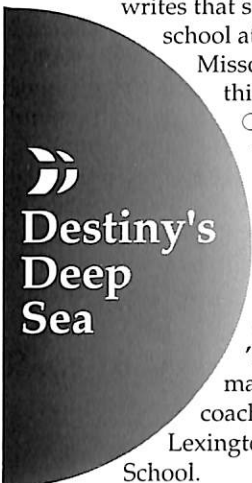
Salesperson, Fashions at Large, 1986-88

Activities/Honors

- Softball
- Student Activities Board
- Intramural Basketball and Volleyball
- Choir
- Dean's List
- Athletic & Academic Scholarships
- Management Student of the Year

'90s

- **Amy Barta '93** will teach English at Omaha's North High School this fall.
- **Don Brown '93** is an accounting clerk for Campbell Soup Co. in Omaha.
- **Nyla Christensen '93** is serving a communication internship this summer as youth director at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, California.
- **Ann Gibbs '93** will study library science this fall at Indiana University.
- **Dana Hamilton '93**, who attended Dana her freshman and sophomore years, writes that she'll attend law school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City this fall.



- **Svein Johansen '93** will be a graduate student in marketing this fall at Western Carolina University.
- **Steve Lemon '93** will teach mathematics and coach tennis this fall at Lexington (Nebr.) High School.

- **Kyle Lindelof '93** is floor supervisor for Associated Wholesale Grocers in Kansas City, Kansas.
- **Patrick Mallory '93** will teach music this fall at Kearney (Nebr.) Catholic High School.
- **Kristin Olsen '93** works at First Data Corporation in Omaha.
- **Carrie Pedersen '93** is working in desk-top publishing for EPS in Dallas Center, Iowa.
- **Matt Plowman '93** will be a graduate student in history this fall at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
- **Mary Savery '93** is facility manager for Great Plains Telemarketing in Herman, Nebraska.
- **Julie Schmidt '93** is a direct service worker/social worker for REM-SILS in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Cathy Shaw '93** will teach math and coach at Omaha's North High School this fall.
- **Trasy Sparr '93** is a government accountant for Campbell Soup Co. in Omaha.
- **Pete Svendgard '93** will teach language arts this fall at Omaha's Morton Junior High.
- **Wendy Tappe '93** will teach special education this fall in the Wayne (Nebr.) Public Schools.
- **Bob Vittitoe '93** is assistant marketing director for Oriental Trading Co. in Omaha.

- **Kevin Wass '93** will attend Indiana University this fall to work on a master's degree in music.
- **Dixie Whitlow '93** is a marketing assistant for HunTel Systems in Blair.
- **Jennifer Rose '92**, Omaha, will teach fourth grade this fall at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School.
- **Patrick Sanders '92** has been promoted to local account executive at the *Omaha World-Herald*.
- An article titled "Billboard Advertising: Larger Than Life" by **Deb Schramper '92** appeared in the April 1993 issue of *Business Life*.
- **Amy Wemark '92**, Cleveland, Ohio, is a product development specialist at Health-Mor, Inc.
- **Kim Gosch '91** and **Kelly Ryan '93** were married on July 10. Kim teaches mildly retarded first and second graders at Omaha's Catlin School.
- **Anita Woodward '91**, Omaha, has been promoted to customer services trainer at First National Bank.
- **Lydia (Kerns '90) Rothfusz** returned to school this spring to pursue a master's degree in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She continues to work full time as a social worker for Lutheran Social Service of Iowa in Atlantic. She covers primarily Cass, Montgomery, and Page Counties. Husband Mark '91 is an account manager for Ace Rent-to-Own in Omaha. They continue to live in Council Bluffs.

'80s

- **Michael Moore '89** received his M.D. on May 8 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He will begin a residency in pediatrics at the Creighton University/UNMC Department of Pediatrics in Omaha.
- **Bruce Stewart '89** and **Mary Bolmeier '88** were married on February 27. They live in Florissant, Missouri.
- **Ronda Fritz '87** is an assistant at Union Pacific's Fitness Center in Omaha. She lives in Avoca, Iowa.
- **Janee Pannkuk '86** is a recreational specialist for the Nebraska Department of Corrections. She works at the Omaha Correctional Center.
- **Pam Pekarek '86** and **Keith Estes** were married on February 20. They live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Pam is a hospital lab technician.
- **Fred '86** and **Diane (Heistand '84) White**, Neola, Iowa, announce the March 30 birth of Caleb Lawrence. He joins brother Colton, who is three.
- **Deborah (Dill '85)** and **Clint Frahm**, Blair, announce the June 1992 birth of

Tyler. Brother Aaron is four.

- **Paul Snow '85** and **Sheri Johnson** were married on March 6 in Iowa City, Iowa. Paul is network and computer systems support coordinator at Dana. They held a wedding reception on April 17 in Blair for members of the Dana community.
- **Lori Vogt '85**, Omaha, is a filmstripper in the Graphic Arts Department at Industrial Label.
- **Deb** and **Wilbur Holz '84**, Graettinger, Iowa, announce the birth of twin daughters Rebekah Jean and Anna Cathryn on March 15. Wilbur writes, "Sarah is excited about the new babies and the chance to be a big sister."
- **Anne** and **Peter Jacobson '84**, Lincoln, Nebraska, announce the March 25 birth of Kristian Peter. He joins Kari Anne, 18 months.
- **Dixie Lee Tripp '84**, Omaha, writes: "I have been teaching public speaking at Metropolitan Community College for the past four years. However, I am now running the Adult Basic Education Volunteer Program. More importantly, I am running a program called 'Discover Intensive Phonics for Yourself.' The program is an ABE project to help functionally illiterate people learn to read. I am a master trainer for the State of Nebraska Department of Education and I run training seminars across the state. I also work for HEC, Inc., selling the Intensive Phonics program. Yes! I am busy. I am finishing my master's degree next month at the University of South Dakota."
- **Steve Harper '83**, Omaha, has been promoted from director of finance to treasurer of Godfather's Pizza Inc.
- **Scott Carrier '82** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was recently promoted to the position of business analyst/programmer in the Trust Department at First National Bank of Omaha. He and his wife, Diane, have two children—Ian Miles, born September 10, 1988, and Kelsey Paige, born February 10, 1991.
- **Danette Johns '82** is the recipient of a 1993-94 Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary Quest Scholarship. The scholarships, which are funded by Lutheran Brotherhood, cover first-year tuition at the seminary.
- **Steve** and **Peggy (Coonce '82) McGough**, Houston, Texas, announce the birth of their first child, Christine Erin, on April 13.
- **Kathy (Swensen '80) Tollefsrud** has been named director of education for Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council Bluffs. She joined PPOCB six years ago as community educator and most recently

served as interim director of education. She has co-written "A Comparison of Attitudes Among College Students Toward Sexual Violence Committed by Strangers and Acquaintances" which appeared in the *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*.

○ **Jill Wetzel '80** and Mark Biar were married on August 1, 1992. They live in Houston, Texas, where Jill is a free-lance artist and Mark is manager of thermal engineering at Engineers and Fabricators (EFCO).

'70s

○ Peter and **Mary (Erickson '79)** Hanson and daughters Christa (6), Deborah (4), and Elissa (2) live in White Rock-South Surrey, British Columbia, where Peter serves Mount Olive Lutheran Church. They recently bought their own home. Mary writes that she enjoys playing the piano and church organ and singing in the church choir.

○ **Todd Roecker '78** has accepted a K-8 principalship at Gehlen Catholic School in LeMars, Iowa.

○ **Roger '74** and **Mary (Christensen '73)** Burmeister, Council Bluffs, Iowa, announce the adoption of Jay Andrew, born December 23, 1992.

○ **The Rev. Martin Osterloh '74** has accepted a call, effective March 1, to the Trinity/Deep Creek Parish of Midland, South Dakota.

○ Stuart Loren was born on March 25 to **Dr. Laurence '72** and **Virgene (Rippe '75)** Rasmussen of Chariton, Iowa. Alex (15), Blair (11), and Morgan (9) welcomed him home.

'60s

○ **David G. Hanson '64**, Des Plaines, Illinois, has been appointed a district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood. He is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Tollefson Agency in Palatine.

○ **Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63)** Shaw and her husband, Dick, have launched a new enterprise, Homestead Bed and Breakfast, at 125 Homestead Avenue in Weymouth, Massachusetts 02188, two minutes from the South Expressway en route from Boston to Plymouth and the Cape.

'50s

○ **John C. Sorensen '53**, Idaho Springs, Colorado, works in free-lance desktop publishing. He writes that he and his fiancée, who is from Copenhagen, "would like to travel to Denmark in June 1994 to visit family and friends."

'40s

○ **Clarence "Jerry" Lund D'49 T'52** has retired from the ministry. He served Christ Lutheran Church in Monterey Park, California, for the past 13 1/2 years.

Deaths

○ **Ruth Buhl '66** on September 1, 1992, in Columbus, Nebraska. She was a retired teacher.

○ **Melitta "Mae" (Elfelt) Nielsen '64** on April 11 in Hastings, Nebraska. A retired elementary school teacher, she taught in the Blair Community Schools from 1961-71. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Janet '58 and John Cameron and

Gary '62 and Mary '62 Kubik; grandson Greg Kubik '87; and twin sister Taleta Elfelt '64.

○ **Martha Frost '37** in March in Portland, Oregon. She attended Dana in 1932-33 and 1934-35. Survivors include brothers Carl '38 and Thomas '46 and sister Esther Magnussen '31.

Friends:

○ **Fred Christopherson**, father of Dana President Myrvin Christopherson, on May 13 in Amery, Wisconsin. He was 92. Survivors also include daughters Marilyn Wincentsen, Arlette Record, and Julie Riemenschneider.



Carlsens honored as Distinguished Dana Family

The Rev. Dr. N.C. and Martha (Neve) Carlsen Family was honored as a Distinguished Dana Family at the May 15 Builders Luncheon. Dr. Carlsen served as president of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church for 25 years, and he and his wife were strong supporters of Dana and Trinity Seminary. (They met at Dana, and he was a 1910 Trinity graduate.) Pictured with Planned Giving Director John Beck D'50 T'55 (standing, left) and Dr. Myrvin '61 and Anne Christopherson (standing, right), are five Carlsen sons, two daughters, and spouses: (seated, from left)—Mrs. Harold (Irene) Sorensen, Mrs. Thorvald (Esther Carlsen '38) Hansen, Mrs. Stanley (Mildred Romer '45) Carlsen, Mrs. Viggo (Viola Hansen '35) Carlsen, Mrs. Alvin (Elizabeth Christensen '32) Carlsen, Mrs. Verner (Mildred Petersen '35) Carlsen, Mrs. Homer (Eunice Carlsen '60) Larsen; standing, Dr. Harold Sorensen '42 (whose first wife was the late Lois Carlsen '44), the Rev. Niels Carlsen D'49 T'56, the Rev. Stanley Carlsen D'45 T'47, Viggo Carlsen '35, Alvin Carlsen '34, the Rev. Verner Carlsen D'36 T'39, and the Rev. Homer Larsen D'45 T'48. Unable to attend were Elmer and Rhoda (Carlsen '48) Holl and Mazelle Carlsen, the widow of Ray Carlsen '41.

Heffelfinger to head Planned Giving program

Duey Heffelfinger, the college's director of annual giving this past year, has been named director of planned giving. A 1988 Dana graduate, he succeeds the Rev. John Beck D'50

There's Still Time To Buy Raffle Tickets

Drawings for the queen-size, dark red and cream Dana quilt (featuring pieced woven Danish hearts and with a Dana logo at each corner) and the Copenhagen blue quilted bargello wall-hanging (both were pictured in last fall's *Review*) will be held at Homecoming.

There will be two drawings, with the winner of the first drawing given a choice of the quilt or wallhanging. Ticket purchasers don't have to attend the drawing to win.

Tickets at \$1 each can still be purchased. To buy tickets through the mail, send a check made out to the Dana Women's Club to:

Sandra Wigdahl

Box #1198

Dana College

Blair, NE 68008.

Please be sure to include your name, complete address, and telephone number. To receive a raffle receipt, please also enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

T'55, who retired at the end of May. As a member of the Development staff since March 1989,



Heffelfinger has worked closely with Dana's constituency throughout the ADD campaign. In his new position he will help alumni and friends develop their estate plans. He'll also organize planned giving seminars similar to a very successful seminar,

Students show art at statewide show

The judge for this spring's Nebraska Art Teachers Association Undergraduate Show—an art professor from the University of South Dakota—viewed 211 slides of work by students at Nebraska's public and private colleges and universities.

From that number, he selected 25 for the exhibit at Wayne State College.

Six of his selections, or approximately 25 percent of the show, were by Dana students. Two were by Karl Hermanson '94 of Blair and the others were by Cecelia Haynes '96 (Walnut, Iowa), Carrie Pedersen '93 (Kenosha, Wisconsin), John Rhodes '94 (Weeping Water, Nebraska), and Megan Weeks '96 (Omaha).

There were four cash awards (Best of Show, Second Best of Show, and two Honorable Mentions), and Weeks received one of them, an Honorable Mention for her silk-screen print.

Dana's first, held last January in Phoenix, Arizona.

Heffelfinger's wife, Tracy, is a 1987 Dana graduate. She is a high school mathematics teacher. Their son, Allen, had his second birthday on June 7.

A music major, Heffelfinger has organized a musical group called "Forté" that gives concerts for area congregations. He's also a computer buff, and invites alumni and friends with that interest to send him messages at: <dheffelf@ns.ccsn.edu> via Internet.



Students elect '93-94 leaders

Heading student government next year will be (clockwise from top): Kyle Herzog (Sioux City, Ia.), president; Meredith Dickerson (Fremont, Nebr.), secretary; Jennifer Karre (Lexington, Nebr.), treasurer; and Kelly Wesemann (Pierce, Nebr.), vice president. **A belated correction:** Student government this year was headed by four women, and last summer's *Review* called their election a Dana first. Actually, it was a Dana second; the 1989-90 student government was the first to be led by four women.

Commencement 1993 will always be memorable for me. It will be memorable because the students in the class of '93 have been a joy to have at Dana. They were patient with us when some classrooms were less than desirable. They arrived on campus after Old Main burned and they left before they could occupy the Old Main replacement building. They did enjoy the privilege of watching the construction. Commencement '93 was also memorable because we honored a very special couple, Janyce and Richard Hunt,

recipients of our College-Community Service Award. They have made countless contributions to Dana but none more important than their serving as host couple for many Dana international students whose lives have been shaped and directed here at Dana. Together with the faculty, staff, and student body at Dana they have helped to create a different world, a more loving and peaceful world.

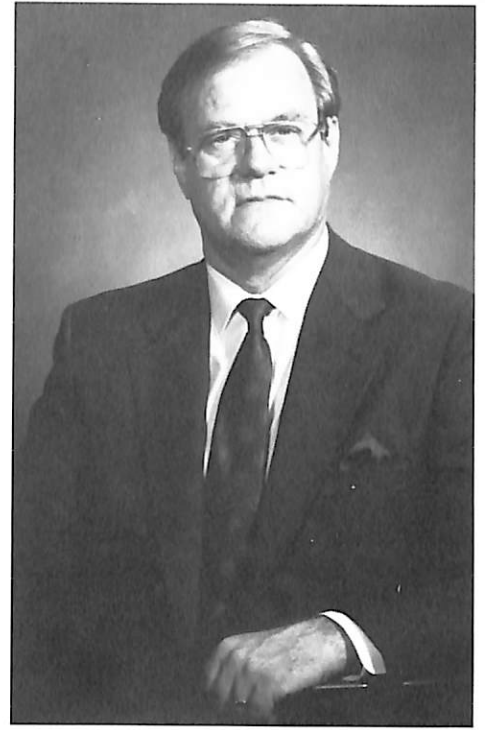
Even more important to me and my family, Commencement 1993 will be remembered because that was the weekend that Dad died. My father, Fred Christopherson, died about noon Thursday at the nursing home in Wisconsin where he resided the last three years of his life, and we buried him on Monday morning, the day after Dana's Commencement, at Milltown Lutheran Church. It was of special interest to me that we buried him on "Syttende Mai," Norwegian Constitution Day. You see, my mother was Norwegian and my father Danish. I thought it rather touching that we would bury him on a day that gave honor to my mother whom he loved so dearly and who preceded him in death by almost seven years. They enjoyed over 58 years of marriage together and provided a wonderful home for their children.

I couldn't help but be reminded of the sacrifice that Dad and Mother made so that I could come to Dana College 36 years ago this fall. I came to Dana because my pastor, Rev. A. E. Neve,

recommended it and because the brightest and best in our congregation had come from Wisconsin to Dana, the college of our church. While the cost was only a small fraction of what it is today, it was more than we could bear on Dad's salary and their modest savings. In order to enable me to go to Dana, Dad applied for and was granted the position of janitor of our church, and for several years he and my mother spent many evenings and Saturdays vacuuming, scrubbing, waxing and dusting. Mother was especially diligent to see that the toilets were cleaned one or more times every week. The \$60 a month they were paid helped pay my bill at Dana. In my remarks to the class of '93 I asked the graduates to remember those who sacrificed, encouraged, and made possible their attendance at and graduation from Dana College.

I returned to Dana as President seven years ago in no small part because I was convinced that the quality of undergraduate education offered here at this outstanding, residential, liberal arts college-of-the-church setting is extraordinary. It is worthy of the sacrifice of students and parents to pay that extra that it may take to attend a college like Dana. I remain convinced that it is worth every penny that it costs. Not just because we know that college graduates will on average earn almost twice that earned by non-college graduates. Rather, it is worth the difference because I believe that the preparation gained here will enable the graduate to enjoy a love of learning for a lifetime and to value faith, learning, and Christian service over status, wealth, and possessions. This is not to say that Dana graduates will not acquire status, wealth, and possessions equal to or greater than the average for college graduates. They undoubtedly will. But, hopefully, for them that will not be the primary goal of life.

I was struck that my father, who was approaching his 93rd birthday this year, died a rich man despite the fact that his total net worth upon death was negligible. There was enough to bury him and to take care of the lunch and a few incidental costs connected with his last days. Thanks to the memorial gifts given to his honor, we will probably be able to name him and Mother on the Commemorative Wall of the Dana Old Main replacement building for donors



of \$5,000 or more. He died a happy man, a peaceful man. He left four children and their families, all of whom have enjoyed the blessings of Christian homes and the love of family and friends. My dad never experienced a day that any of us can remember in which he did not answer the question, "How are you feeling, Fred?" with the affirming response, "Better." What a marvelous legacy! For him, every day was better. He grew in faith, secure in the knowledge that he was loved by a gracious and loving God who now has taken him home to join Mother in everlasting peace.

I told graduates that I will think of Dad as a member of the class of '93, too, because this was the year in which he graduated into the greatest commencement any of us can ever know, eternal life! I will be forever grateful that God gave me and my sisters loving parents who cared enough to give us the very best they could. For me that included an education at Dana College. And I give thanks to all of you who, by your gifts and your prayers, enable us to continue to serve at this wonderful place called Dana.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myrvin F. Christopherson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

Dana . . . The Celebration Continues

October 1-3

Friday: Coronation of Homecoming Queen and King ○ Pep rally ○ Volleyball game ○ Event honoring Commemorative Wall alumni/friends ○ Piano duo of Alan Brandes and Clare Cowing '67.

Saturday: Hot air balloon rally ○ Golf tournament ○ Fun Run ○ Varsity-alumni basketball scrimmage ○ Science Hall open house ○ Dedication of Old Main replacement building and open house ○ Choir reunion ○ Homecoming brunch and award ceremony for Outstanding Young Alumnus Mark Walth '81 and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Laurie Christensen '88, Patti Stevenson '89, and Amy (Nissen '88) Simonson ○ Dana quilt raffle ○ Football game ○ Reunions—'43, '48, '53, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, science-math alumni, 1987 championship volleyball team, Trinity Seminary alumni/friends.

Sunday: Worship prelude by cellist Juri Taht '52, violinist Paul Jersild '52, and Marilyn Jersild '52 ○ *Worship service and dedication of new chapel* ○ Trinity Seminary reunion—noon lunch and afternoon gathering.



Watch the late summer mails for your complete Homecoming schedule.

Please note: On-campus housing won't be available. For room reservations, call (area code 402) the Rath Inn on S. Hwy 30, 426-2340; Nostalgia Inn (bed & breakfast) at 207 S. 16th St, 426-3280; Blair House Motel on South Hwy 30, 426-4801; Starlite Motel on E. Hwy 30, 426-4874; Rath Inn east of Blair on Hwy 30 near I-29, (712) 642-2723.

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