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# At Homecoming dedication and all year long . . .

## "The Celebration Continues"

At Dana this year "The Celebration Continues." The theme follows last year's "Celebrate Dana," chosen then because construction had started on the Old Main replacement building and chapel and because the highly successful five-year ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") campaign was entering its final year. There was cause to celebrate.

This fall students brought life to the halls and classrooms of the completed building (named the "Dana Classroom Center"), worship services are being held in the adjoining Trinity Chapel, and ADD—the drive that made both buildings possible and that led to other campus improvements and programs and to endowment growth—passed its \$16.65 million goal.

The celebration, therefore, continues.

Off- and on-campus events that thanked generous contributors led up to the Homecoming finale—the dedication of the new building and chapel. Those events included 30 receptions held across the country this past spring and summer. They also included receptions and dinners at Dana this fall that introduced the completed building to major donors, area alumni and friends, and individuals, families, and members of organizations listed on the Old Main Commemorative Wall.

The atmosphere was indeed one of celebration at Homecoming on October 1-3 when a host of alumni and friends returned to the campus for the Saturday morning dedication of the Classroom Center (the largest building project in

Dana's history) and the Sunday dedication of Trinity Chapel (the first ever built at Dana) during the worship service. Overall attendance for the weekend was estimated at 1,000.

In his opening remarks at Saturday's ceremony, Regents chair Don Jorgensen '60 read a greeting from Denmark's Ambassador to the U.S., Peter Dyvig. Dyvig had planned to attend the dedication, but official business kept him in Washington. In his message, Dyvig wrote, "Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, sends her congratulations and greetings."

At the ceremony President Christopherson thanked the college's many contributors for their "loving support." "Today we close the door to Old Main and open it to our future," he said. "This new facility will help us educate students for generations to come."

Like Christopherson, other speakers also looked to the future:

○ Senator Paul Simon '49, a Dana Regent: "I wish that Old Main were still here, but we can't go back to yesterday. . . Part of our mission is to see that students in this generation and future generations have the opportunities we had."

○ Architect John Birge of RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge: "This building is a culmination for the community of Dana and its

dreams and vision for the future. It truly embodies the spirit of Dana."

○ Kevin Johnson '83, president of the Alumni Council: "We look forward to the new building symbolizing memories for new generations just as Old Main did for past generations. It is the new symbol for Dana. But

remember that these structures, both the old and the new, are only symbols of what Dana stands for. Dana is not about bricks and mortar—Dana is about family."

There were also several presentations: ○ Joerg Nehter, mayor of Bad Segeberg, Germany, and a 1990 recipient of an honorary

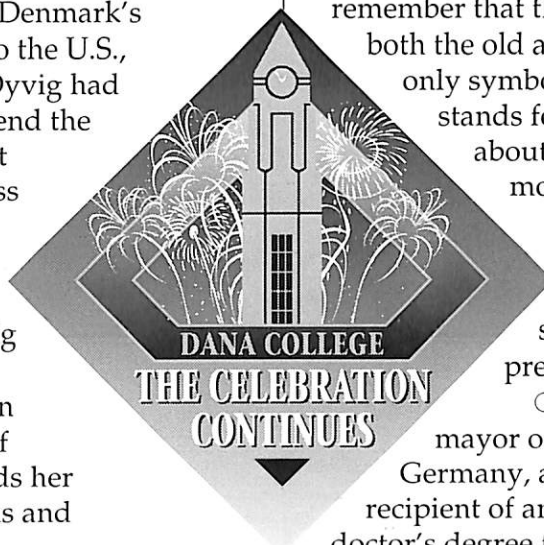
doctor's degree from Dana, gave the college a bronze bell as "a symbol of understanding between nations." Nehter said that the bell, which is more than 100 years old, rang from the top of the limestone hill in Bad Segeberg.

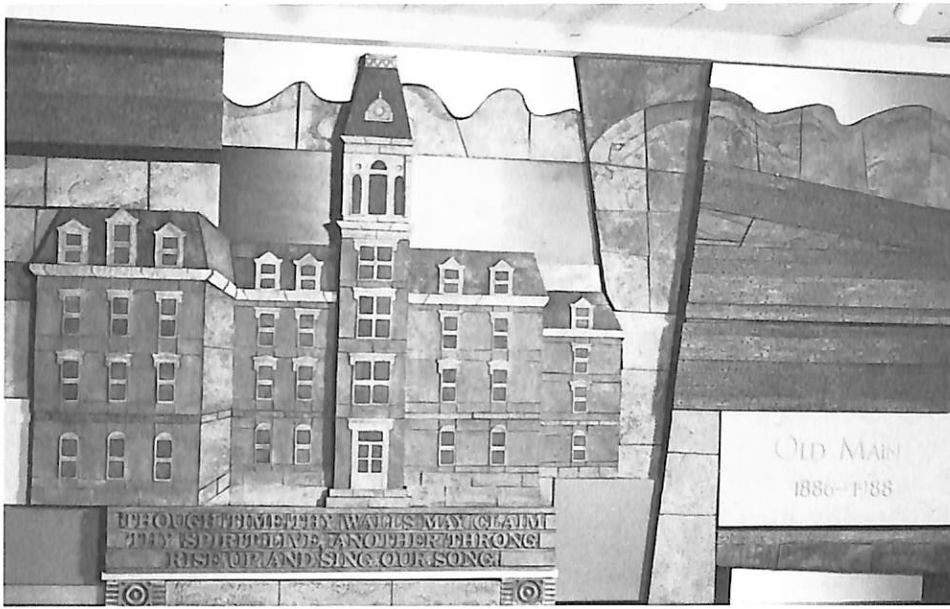
○ Carl Hanson, president of Midland Lutheran College, gave Dana a painting by Robert Therien, a member of Midland's art faculty. "We at Midland share in your rejoicing this day," Hanson said. "We take pride in sharing a partnership with you in being colleges of the church."

○ Architect Birge gave Richard Hunt, Regent Emeritus and former chair of the Board of Regents, the plans for the building.

○ Rad Way of Weitz Construction, the general contractor, gave the keys to the building to

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### *Sculpture commemorates Old Main, honors donors*

The Old Main Commemorative Wall in the new Classroom Center stands opposite the entrance to the adjoining Trinity Chapel. The relief sculpture, created in clay by Art Professor Milt Heinrich, includes the names of alumni, friends, and organizations that have contributed \$5,000 or more to the ADD campaign. Dana senior Karl Hermanson assisted Heinrich. They'll discuss their creation in the winter Review.

## *Trinity Seminary alumni return for reunion, chapel dedication*

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Regents vice chair Elsie Burklund and the shovel used for the November 1991 groundbreaking to President Christopherson.

Many Trinity Seminary alumni and their spouses, widows, and children returned for a series of weekend reunion events occasioned by the Sunday dedication of Trinity Chapel. Music for the worship service/ dedication included a prelude concert by Dana's 1952 Piano Trio consisting of pianist Marilyn (Steffensen '53) Jersild, violinist Dr. Paul Jersild D'53 T'59, and cellist Juri Taht '52; and a solo by Donna Petersen of the San Francisco Opera, the daughter of Alma

(Madsen '22) Petersen and the late Rev. Spener Petersen D'22 T'24. Speakers included Dr. Ed Hansen D'39 T'42 and Campus Pastor Michael Ostrom.

Construction of Trinity Chapel was made possible by a gift from a trust established by the Margaret and Therkild Nielsen Estate, and executor Victor Lauritsen '41 and his wife, Margaret, were recognized at the service. Also recognized was the Niensens' daughter, Carolyn '64.

Fine weather contributed to the weekend, which many alumni called "the best Homecoming ever." The centerfold in this issue features scenes from some of the numerous activities.

## *Cornerstone*

The laying of the cornerstone for the Dana Classroom Center and adjoining Trinity Chapel followed opening convocation on September 1.

A brick from Old Main, a scroll with the signatures of 1993 graduates and a class photo, a "Dana College . . . The Celebration Continues" button, a videotape of the Old Main fire, and Dana sunglasses are among the items future Danians will find when they open the cornerstone box 100 or more years from now.

They'll also find an invitation to the opening convocation and the convocation/cornerstone program, together with a copy of President Christopherson's remarks and the notes of convocation speaker Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs; a mint set of U.S. coins dated 1993; and an assortment of printed materials, including three area publications: the September 1 edition of the *Omaha World-Herald* and recent issues of the *Blair Enterprise* and the magazine, *Washington County Line*, as well as materials related to Dana: a 1993 *Danian*, the summer 1993 *Dana Review*, an issue of the "Campus Bulletin," a Dana catalog, campus map, campus viewbook, and the "Campus Profile," the Homecoming and dedication schedule, the 1993-94 sports schedule, and the students' 1993-94 *Survival Guide*, invitations to various dedication events, information on the Dana Women's Club quilt project, minutes of the first faculty meeting for 1993-94, the 1993-94 student roster, and a list of years of service by members of the faculty and staff.

# Enrollment growth is another reason to celebrate

This fall 616 full-time and part-time students are attending Dana, the largest enrollment since 1972.

The number of full-time students is 550, a 14.3 percent increase over last year, and the total number of new students is 221, a 35 percent increase. The retention rate (the number of returning students) stands at 88.7 percent.

President Christopherson attributed the growth to a renewed interest in a quality liberal arts education, to the newly completed Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel, and to a strong recruitment program. "We are pleased and proud of the fact that students in increasing numbers are choosing Dana," he said.

Two hundred and seventy-three students are from Nebraska,

and 140 are from Iowa. The remainder come from 24 other states and 13 countries, continuing a Dana tradition of a diverse, multicultural student body.

The college's 27 international students this year are from Bangladesh, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Namibia, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, and Tanzania.

## *Dana Scholars Fund invites alumni, friends to "make a difference in students' lives"*

"Helping to make a difference in the lives of our students" is the central theme of the college's new \$3 million fund-raising program, the "Dana Scholars Fund."

Over the past three years Dana has doubled its financial aid. It needs, however, to increase its assistance even more through additional scholarships and grants so that it can remain competitive with financial aid packages offered by other public and private colleges and universities.

"With the completion of the Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel, we have an outstanding physical plant," said Michael Jones, director of development. "We also have a strong academic program. Because these together poise us for continued enrollment growth, we need more scholarships and grants for our current and prospective students. It's a great opportunity."

This year Dana is helping 93 percent of its students through financial aid.

Those receiving scholarships and grants include recipients of Presidential Scholarships. Seventy

of the 112 academically gifted students who competed for these prestigious scholarships last spring are now at Dana, a significant increase from the year before, when 33 of 92 competitors became Dana students.

Recipients of other special scholarships and grants include the sons and daughters of alumni, students with another family member at Dana at the same time, and residents of Washington County. Many others have received named scholarships, and still others, grants-in-aid for special abilities.

Dana also assists students in a variety of other ways: By assuming responsibility for the comprehensive costs of its Namibian students, for example, the college is helping mold the future of that African nation.

Contributors to the Dana Scholars Fund have several choices: They can give to the general scholars fund, help provide annual support to one or more students, or establish named, endowed scholarships.

The drive is already well

under way with a matching fund program created when several donors recently agreed to match new or increased giving.

Over the next two years members of the Development staff and student Phonorama callers will be asking alumni and friends for commitments to help reach the \$3 million goal. In the meantime, readers interested in establishing named, endowed scholarships are invited to call the Development Office (402-426-7333).

President Christopherson asks supporters to "help make a difference for our students" by responding generously when they are contacted.

"ADD has shown that we have loyal and generous alumni and friends," he said. "Now we need their support so that we can attract and serve students who can benefit from the quality education Dana offers. No program is more important to Dana's future than this effort to provide unendowed and endowed scholarship support to help our students."

*Phil Pagel '56*, vice president for institutional advancement, was the first recipient of the college's "Heart of Dana" award for the 1993-94 academic year. He was presented with the award at the September 29 faculty-staff coffee.

Dana has received *Energy Assistance Grants* that will cover 50 percent of the costs for an energy audit of Mickelsen Hall and the C. A.

Dana-LIFE Library as well as energy conservation measures in Pioneer Memorial and Argo Hall. The grants total \$26,696, which will be matched by the college.

*Starla Stensaas*, assistant professor of graphic design and photography, gave a paper titled

"Writing from the Palette: Visual Literacy in the Technological Environment" at the Conference on Computers and Writing at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in May. She presented her artist-made books in a plenary session at the American Society of Aesthetics Rocky Mountain Division's annual meeting in July in Santa Fe. She also gave a version of her presentation, titled "Writing from the Palette: Illuminating Texts in the Digital Age," on October 16 in Iowa City for the Iowa Woman in the Book Arts Day.

In May *Dr. Kay Ferguson*, professor of education and psychology, gave a research paper, an analysis of data collected at three Technology Institutes held at Dana, at the annual conference of the Nebraska Educational Technology Association. The conference was held in Omaha.

On September 29, as a Student Homecoming event, 14 alumni who attended Dana from the late 1930s through the late '80s participated in a panel called "*Dana over the Decades*." The panel, held in The Forum, was

moderated by *Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73*. The panelists were *Dr. Clifford Hanson D'41 T'44*, *Florence Hanson '45* and *'74*, *Dr. Lloyd Neve D'45 T'47*, *Vaughn Christensen '53*, *Ann (Harms '54) George*, *Dr. Myrvin Christopher-son '61*, *Ernest Abariotes '65*, *Marilyn (Andersen '65) Abariotes*, *Carol Haussermann '69*, *Tom Nielsen '74*, *Paul Johnson '76*, *Carol King '84*, *Tracy Heffelfinger '87*, and *Duey Heffelfinger '88*. *Hermes* and *Danians* going back to the early part of the century were also displayed. The panel was organized by the Alumni Office.

*Mark Anderson*, director of financial aid, is president-elect of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Financial aid counselor *Amy Lyons* was named to the Legislative Awareness Committee.

*Dr. Richard Palmer*, choral director and professor of music, presided as president over the 1993 summer convention of the Nebraska Choral Directors Association, which met August 4-6 at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Over 200 educators from three states attended the event. Palmer also attended a national leadership conference of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Lawton, Oklahoma, on August 12-16. He presented a position paper to the National Board titled "Quality Choral Literature for the Twenty-First Century" for adoption by the North Central Division of ACDA.

*Diana Brown*, assistant professor of French and Spanish, completed her research on the five leading Argentinian female writers this summer; she interviewed them in June during a visit to Argentina. She has also been asked by D.C. Heath Publishing Co. to review its second year Spanish college level textbook, *Continuemos* (fifth edition).

*Dr. Sybille Bartels*, associate professor of German, was one of three college representatives at a September 17 articulation/curriculum meeting

with Nebraska high school language teachers at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

On October 14 four recent graduates returned to the campus to give job-hunting tips to current students. The panelists were *Scott Gray '92*, an account representative with Union Pacific in Omaha; *Patrick Sanders '92*, an advertising account representative at the *Omaha World-Herald*; *Trasy Sparr '93*, an accountant at Campbell Soup Co. in Omaha; and *Dixie Whitlow '93*, a marketing assistant at HunTel Systems in Blair. The event was sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs and by student resident assistants *Stan Shaw '94*, *Cara Lucas '95*, and *James Pestel '95*.

## Needed: Used pianos in good condition for practice rooms

Piano teacher Dr. Alan Brandes says that many years of use by countless students have worn out Dana's practice pianos, and they need replacing.

New pianos aren't necessary, he says—only good, used ones.

Alumni and friends with a piano in good condition that they might like to donate can call Brandes. His Dana phone number is (402) 426-7311; his home number, which has an answering machine, is (402) 571-5478.

Either Brandes or a professional piano technician would first examine any piano offered.

Because accepted pianos would be picked up by members of the college's maintenance staff, donors should live within convenient driving distance of Blair.

# About new faculty, new staff, new assignments--

The start of an academic year always brings new faculty and staff to the campus, as well as new assignments for current employees. Here are this year's changes in academic affairs:

**Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College:** **Dr. Paul Formo.** Formo received his B.A. from Luther College and his M.A. and D.M.A. from the University of Iowa. Before coming to Dana he was professor and dean at Capital University's Conservatory of Music. **Assistant Dean of the College:** **Nancy Penna,** a new appointment. She retains her responsibilities as registrar.

**Art:** **Michael Lynch,** part-time instructor (while art professor James Olsen is on sabbatical). Lynch has a B.F.A. from Northwest Missouri State University and an M.F.A. from Washington University. Both are in painting. He is also a residential specialist in art at a rehabilitation center.

**Chemistry:** **Dr. Scott Morgan,** assistant professor. Morgan received his B.S. from Nebraska Wesleyan University and his M.S. and Ph.D., both in organic chemistry, from Ohio State University. He comes to Dana after spending a year as a post-doctoral research associate in chemistry at Yale University.

**Foreign languages:** **Johanne Hass,** visiting part-time instructor in Danish. She is a 1992 graduate of Esbjerg Seminarium in Denmark. **Frances Hendrickson,** part-time instructor in Spanish. A Spanish teacher in the Omaha Public Schools, she has a B.A. in secondary education and another in Spanish; both are from Western Washington University.

**The Forum:** **Esther Gunderson,** administrative assistant, a new assignment. She is also

administrative assistant to the Campus Pastor.

**History and Political Science:** **Matt Plowman '93,** part-time history instructor. Plowman is assisting Don Warman, associate professor of history. **Mary Ann Shepard,** part-time instructor of American government (Weekend College). She has B.A. and J.D. degrees from Creighton University and also teaches part-time at Iowa Western Community College.

**Library:** **Tom Nielsen '74,** circulation assistant.

**Mathematics:** **Cathy (Bachelor '88) Sanders,** part-time instructor. She is also a substitute teacher for the Ft. Calhoun Community Schools.

**Multicultural Education:** **Alvin Finderson,** coordinator. Finderson received his B.A. and M.A. in sociology from Eastern Illinois University; he also has an M.A. in international affairs from Ohio University. He was most recently a research interviewer at the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado.

**Physical Education and Athletics:** See story in sports section.

**Religion (Weekend College):** **The Rev. Daphne Hamborg,** part-time instructor. An associate pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, she received her B.S. from Beloit College and her M.Div. and M.Th. from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary.

**Social work:** **Wanda Howard,** part-time instructor. Howard received her B.S. and M.S.W. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She also teaches part-time at Creighton University.

New staff appointments and assignments are as follows:

**Admissions:** **Kitty Heimann '92,** office manager and assistant to the director, a new title. **Mary Andreasen,** half-time applications coordinator. She is also part-time administrative assistant to faculty members in the fine arts and in science and math. **Daurine Anderson,** admissions counselor. She is a Wartburg College graduate. **Joel Morgan '92,** admissions counselor.

**Business Office:** **Deb Lange,** switchboard and communications center supervisor. **Kathy (Parrish) Montira,** computer lab assistant. She is also part-time secretary for the Business Department.

**Development:** **Duey Heffelfinger '88,** director of planned giving, a new assignment. **Ruth Henneman,** assistant director of development, a new assignment. **Thomas Hansen,** development associate. A 1993 graduate of Kansas Newman College, he is a native of Denmark.

**ServiceMaster--Maintenance, Grounds, Housekeeping, Campus Security:** **Don Newsome,** director. **The Rev. William Hartwell,** director of campus security. **Bill Dawson,** part-time security officer. **Nancy Acker, Jerry Funk, Tom Munger, Kevin Westring,** housekeeping. **Karen Long,** secretary. **Steve Sorensen,** maintenance.

**Student Development (formerly Student Services):** **Dan Bane '91,** director of international student affairs, a new assignment. He also works with prospective international students as a part-time admissions counselor. **Jennifer Dunlop,** hall director for Argo, Holling, and Rasmussen Halls. **Greg Earhart,** hall director for Blair and Mickelsen Halls. Dunlop received her bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State, and Earhart, from Buena Vista College.

○ *The May-December Birthday*, a children's story by **Ronda Jones Schramm '92** of Woodbine, Iowa, is being published by Doubleday Books.

○ **Dave Iversen '86** has been selected as a biographee in the fourth edition of *Who's Who in American Education*. He is a librarian at Rider College in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

○ **Sandra (Gill '82) Johnson** and **Barbara (Wolf '73) Triplett** were among four teachers in the Ft.

Calhoun, Nebraska, school system to receive Golden Apple Awards this past spring from HunTel Systems of Blair. Johnson teaches first grade, and Triplett, third grade. The awards recognize excellence in teaching at the local level.

○ Keyboardist **Kevin Nelson '80**, Omaha, and other members of a musical group called "The Fishheads," made a U.S. Department of Defense-sponsored tour of the Middle East this summer, putting on 18 shows during a 25-day tour. They entertained mostly U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. On their return they were interviewed by columnist Tony Moton in the September 16 *Omaha World-Herald*.

○ **Howard Kulzer '78**, who teaches first grade in Des Moines, Iowa, at Garton Elementary School, was the subject of a "Profile/Teacher" article in the May 30 *Des Moines Sunday Register*. A former fifth-grade teacher, he was asked to take over first grade when an unexpected opening occurred. Kulzer, the article reports, has discovered that "it's a magical age in children" and he'd "like to be a first-grade teacher permanently." In a note to the *Review*, Kulzer explained that "each Sunday in its Job Market Section the *Register* features a person

who has an unusual job. Apparently the newspaper thought a male teaching first grade was unusual enough to do a profile." Kulzer and his wife, Alice, have two children—Zachary, who is five, and Kara, a third-grader.

○ **Steve Berntson '76**, who farms near Paullina, Iowa, and whose essays on rural life and farming are frequently published in the *Des Moines Register* and several periodicals, appeared on NBC's *Today Show* on August 26. The segment featured Berntson and a Virginia farmer reading essays they had written about this summer's weather. Berntson wrote about Iowa's floods, his Virginia counterpart about his area's drought.

○ **Candace (Holverson '71) Boustead**, who teaches at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Sioux City, Iowa, was the subject of a feature story that appeared last spring in the *Sioux City Journal*. Titled "Teacher gives kids special attention," *Journal* staff writer Stacy M. Casey reported on the personal attention Boustead and her colleagues give their students in and out of class. Boustead told Casey: "With a high percentage of minority, special education and low-income children, Woodrow Wilson demands a large amount of dedication from its teachers . . . We have a lot of fantastic kids here . . . But we also have a much higher percentage of kids who need so much more time spent on them." Casey writes, "this extra attention includes gathering coats for students without warm winter wear and lending money to students for their lunches." "I don't think people realize the caring that goes on here," Boustead told Casey.

○ In May **Katherine Busse '71** was selected "Outstanding Social Worker of the Year" by her peers in Jefferson County School District in Denver, Colorado. Jefferson County, which has 80,000 students and 10,000 employees, educates one of every seven Colorado students. The district covers 780 square miles and is the 27th largest in the nation. It has 83 elementary

schools, 17 middle and junior high schools, and 14 senior highs. Kathi provides services to some of the 6,000 students who are considered educationally disabled. She has her master's in social work and has been employed in Jefferson County since 1979.

○ **Carmen Craig '59** and his wife, Jeanne, have established the Vintage Boat Foundation of the Midwest in Stillwater, Minnesota. A feature story in the July 15 edition of the *Stillwater Courier News* reported on the foundation and plans for a vintage boat museum and library. *Courier* news editor Sharon Baker wrote that "The Craigs got hooked on classic boats when they bought an 'old boat' about eight years ago and began attending shows and visiting museums. What they discovered is that there are lots of nautical museums and resources available on the East Coast, but very little here in the Midwest. . . They decided that the St. Croix River and Stillwater would be an 'appropriate place' for a vintage boat museum."

○ **Dr. Paul Laursen '51**, retiring professor of chemistry at Nebraska Wesleyan University, has received Wesleyan's Second Century Award for distinguished service to the university. The award is given periodically to individuals in recognition of their loyalty, dedication, and service to Wesleyan. At the May 14 presentation, Laursen was described as having demonstrated "an exemplary commitment to academic excellence, rigorous professional standards and the highest ideals of undergraduate education" during his career as professor and administrator. A Dana Regent and Distinguished Alumnus, Laursen has been at Wesleyan for 34 years. He taught in the chemistry department and was department chair before being named academic dean in 1976. He served as provost from 1978 to 1987, when he resumed his teaching career in the department of chemistry. His teaching awards include a 1991 Lincoln Telephone Company Great Teaching Professor of Chemistry.

# Composer, teacher Mark Walth named Outstanding Young Alum

Mark Walth '81 of Grand Island, Nebraska, is the third recipient of the Alumni Association's new Outstanding Young Alumni Award. It was presented to him at the Homecoming brunch by classmate Merle Brockhoff '81, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Last June Walth became director of youth ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island. Before that he taught music for grades 5 through 12, first in Ravenna, Nebraska, and then in Doniphan. In 1985 he was nominated for the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association's "Young Band Director of the Year" award. His bands at both Ravenna and Doniphan received top awards in music competitions.

Walth also writes contemporary Christian music and liturgies. His compositions have been used by churches and at retreats, conferences, and synodical activities for youth and adults. He has also given workshops and led



Brockhoff (right) congratulates Walth at the Homecoming award ceremony.

worship music at church gatherings in Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas.

In 1991 one of his songs received honorable mention in a *Billboard* magazine contest for contemporary Christian music.

"Sharing my faith in Jesus Christ with young people is the most rewarding part of my work," Walth says. "Music is the means God has chosen for me to proclaim Christ's love, forgiveness, and healing."

He and his wife, Lorane, have three sons, Benjamin, Isaac, and Aaron.

## Arizona luncheon set for Feb. 26

Alumni and friends are invited to attend Dana's annual Phoenix-area luncheon on Saturday, February 26. The event will again be held at 12 noon at Annabelle's Restaurant at the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 South Power Road (at Broadway and just north of Superstition Freeway).

President and Mrs. Myrvin Christopherson plan to attend the luncheon.

Readers are asked to extend this invitation to other friends of Dana who might be snowbirding in the area and who might not

receive the *Dana Review*.

The cost of the luncheon is \$9 per person. For reservations, call the Rev. James Olsen at (303) 663-1027 before January 1. After that date, call him at (602) 924-3253. He would appreciate receiving reservations by February 20, but will try to accommodate anyone who calls later.

President Christopherson will preach at Victory Lutheran Church in Mesa (5946 E. University Drive) at its 4:30 p.m. service on Saturday and at the 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. services on Sunday.

*Thy spirit live, another throng*

As I write this, Homecoming weekend has just concluded. For me, this was a very busy weekend with the dedication, math and science reunion, traditional choir reunion, and my 10th anniversary class reunion.



For those of you who were not here, it is hard to convey the tremendous feeling that is on campus this year. We have just seen the culmination of a number of events: The fulfillment of the ADD campaign, the best enrollment in many years, and the completion of the Dana Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel. Can you think of any better news?

It has already been five years since we lost Old Main. She stood as the symbol of Dana for 102 years. This Dana landmark personified the many memories and friends that alumni experienced while at Dana. How many of us carved our names on the side of Old Main, met our spouses, and discovered lifelong friendships while at Dana? During the dedication ceremony at Homecoming, we remembered the past and celebrated Dana's future.

Today we look forward to the new building symbolizing those memories for future generations, just as Old Main did for past generations.

To all of the alumni and friends of Dana who helped make the new building a reality, a sincere word of thanks. You have helped prepare Dana for the future!

*Kevin C. Johnson '83*

President, Alumni Association

### Homecoming royalty

Seniors Meredith (Dickerson) Novak of Fremont, Nebraska, and Andy Myers of Merna, Nebraska, were crowned Homecoming queen and king on October 1.

They are pictured at center front surrounded by their court: (from left) seniors Kyle Herzog (Sioux City), Michelle Wheatley (Longmont, Colorado), George Ashman (Des Moines), Stan Shaw (Omaha), Shelli Wiebelhaus (Neligh, Nebraska), Jon Rademacher (Neudorf, Sask., Canada), Barbie Bentley (Macedonia, Iowa), and Leigh Dotson (Jacksonville, Texas).



## Summer jobs expand biology majors' education

"Some people consider summer a time of vacation," biology major Kathy Baier says, "but I found that time to be useful in studying one of my great interests, marine biology."

Two other biology majors, Jennifer Kiesel of Shelby, Iowa, and Jim Plasek of David City, Nebraska, agree with Baier, whose home is in Wisner, Nebraska. They also found summer jobs in areas they wanted to learn more about (Kiesel in pedi-cardiology and Plasek in developmental neuro-biology). All three juniors returned to Dana this fall enthusiastic about their experiences. Here's what they report:

**Baier:** I spent four weeks on South Caicos of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean. I, along with 30 people from various places around the U.S., gathered on South Caicos for the School for Field Studies program through Northeastern University in Boston to study the marine environment. I made approximately 20 dives of 12 feet to 100 feet. While on these dives we studied different types of corals, fish, and invertebrates.

After approximately two weeks of studying the environment and its surroundings, I

started my research topic, which included coastal pollution. I learned of the waste's origin, type, and amount that covered the beaches of South Caicos. I also learned how this pollution affected the marine environment.

I didn't find any solutions, but my data along with my partner's data were presented to the officials of the island. Perhaps we provided them with choices that they never would have had before. I found my time on the island to be one of the most exciting and educational times of my life. If I had the choice to do it again, I would in a minute.

**Kiesel:** I worked at Children's Hospital and University Hospital in Omaha in the Pedi-Cardiology Department. I looked at the cost containment of six different heart diseases.... I researched data and recorded the number of certain tests (like Hotter monitors, treadmill exercise tests, EKGs, etc.) given over the past six years for patients with these heart conditions. The number of tests was then converted into dollar amounts, so that cost containment efforts could be assessed.

**Plasek:** I was part of the Howard Hughes Undergraduate Research Program at the Univer-

sity of Iowa, where I was given a project dealing with developmental neurobiology in the laboratory of Dr. Steven Green.

The majority of my time in the lab was spent in the manipulation of bacterial and human DNA with the goal of better understanding the intracellular communication pathways. This has enormous implications in the development of treatments for cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

This program was a tremendous amount of work. Out of 56 days, I was in the lab 55 of them. However, it was a great experience, the faculty was very supportive and helpful, and the other participants in the program were a lot of fun to be around. It was a great summer.

Brochures posted on the Biology Department's bulletin board led to Baier's and Plasek's jobs; Kiesel sought her job on her own.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology, praises the students' initiative. "They had experiences we can't give them here at Dana, and when they talk about what they did and learned, other students in the Biology Department also benefit."

# Homecoming Highlights. . .



Seven hot air balloons lifted off early Saturday morning, forming a colorful procession across a clear, sunlit sky.



The Rev. Adolph Kloth D'39 T'42 of Irvine, California, donned a ruff like those worn by early UELC pastors for his participation in the Trinity Seminary reunion program on Sunday afternoon.



At the dedication: Regents chair Don Jorgensen (left) and President Christopherson (right) ring the bronze bell brought from Bad Segeberg, Germany, by Burgermeister Joerg Nelter (center). (See dedication story.)



Three alumni who formed a piano trio when they were students played a reunion concert for the Sunday worship service and dedication of Trinity Chapel. Violinist Paul Jersild D'53 T'59 and pianist Marilyn (Steffensen '53) Jersild live in Columbia, South Carolina, where he is vice president for academic affairs at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and she is administrative assistant to the vice president for advancement at the University of South Carolina. Cellist Juri Taht '52, who lives in Bowie, Maryland, is chief of the Estonian Service of Voice of America in Washington, D.C.



Many math and science alumni returned for a Saturday morning open house and reunion in the C.A. Dana Hall of Science.



At the dedication: President Christopherson speaks to returning alumni and friends. The painting next to the speaker's stand was presented to Dana by Midland Lutheran College President Carl Hanson. (See dedication story.)

# Fall sports: Volleyball team goes to playoffs

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

## Volleyball

Dana's 1993 volleyball team turned in one of the most-successful campaigns in school history, finishing with a 30-13 overall record. It marked the second time in school history that a

Viking volleyball squad won 30 matches in a season (the 1987 team went 34-13).

The Vikings compiled an 8-4 record in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) to place second in the league. Along the

way, Dana scored its first-ever win over NIAC rival Hastings and defeated six of the seven conference schools at least once during the year.

Dana scored another first in post-season play when it beat Concordia-Seward in an NAIA District 11 playoff match at Borup Coliseum on November 8. It was the first NAIA playoff win ever for Dana.

The Vikings won invitational championships at College of St. Mary and at South Dakota Tech and compiled an impressive 9-1 record in the friendly confines of Borup Coliseum.

Head Coach Patricia Stevenson '89 was selected District 11 Coach of the Year at the conclusion of her first season as the Viking volleyball leader. Freshman outside hitter Stacy Haas (Dubuque, Iowa) and junior setter Katie Krueger (Iowa Falls) were named to the All-District team and middle hitters Shelli Wiebelhaus, a senior (Neligh, Nebr.), and Melanie Hild,

a junior (York, Nebr.), received All-District honorable mention. Haas, Krueger and Wiebelhaus were All-Conference picks in the NIAC and Hild was an All-Conference honorable mention choice.

## Football

It was a season of hard knocks and tough lessons for a young Dana football team under first-year head coach Jim Krueger '85. The Vikings went 1-9 on the year and compiled a 1-5 record in NIAC play. A brutal schedule hurt the youthful Vikings' chances of posting more wins as eight of Dana's ten opponents were nationally ranked during the season.

The Vikings' lone victory was an exciting 31-29 triumph over league rival Concordia-Seward on October 16 at Viking Field. Freshman Derrick Weyand (Bellevue, Nebr.) kicked a field goal in the final minute for the win. Also in that game, junior fullback Mike Haddock (Plainville, Conn.) rushed for 264 yards, breaking the single-game school record of 261 set by Bryan Muschall '90 in 1987.

Haddock went on to gain 1,060 yards on the season to become Dana's first 1,000-yard rusher since Muschall. Haddock was one of only three unanimous first-team All-Conference selections in the NIAC.

Also receiving first-team All-Conference recognition was junior offensive tackle Brett Williams (Mentor, Ohio). Honorable mention All-Conference honors went to freshman quarterback Jack Riggins (Fremont, Nebr.), offensive linemen Nat Hill, a junior (Kanawha, Iowa), and Chris Begay, a senior (Gallup, New Mex.) and freshman

defensive Jeff Jones (Omaha).

## Faculty-Staff Changes

Dr. Leo McKillip, who announced his retirement in June, served Dana for eight years as athletics director, head football coach, and physical education professor. His retirement brought about several new assignments in the Athletics Program and Physical Education Department.

Kathy Foley replaces McKillip as athletics director. She is the first woman to hold that position at Dana and one of only two women athletics directors in the NIAC.

Foley has coached and taught at Dana since 1981, most recently coaching women's basketball and volleyball and teaching physical education. She was named District 11 Coach of the Year in 1985. She took her last two basketball teams to within one game of the NAIA Division II national tournament, and her volleyball teams participated in NAIA District 11 playoffs four times. Her 1987 team won the NIAC championship.

Foley has a master's degree from Wayne State College, and she is working on a Ph.D. from the U.S. Sports Academy. She continues to coach the women's basketball team and teach physical education.

James Krueger '85, former assistant football coach, has taken over as head coach. He also teaches physical education part time. Krueger recently completed a master's degree in sports science from the U.S. Sports Academy.

Patti Stevenson '89, a member of Dana's 1987 championship volleyball team, replaces Foley as head volleyball coach. She also teaches physical education and is

A logo consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'P' symbol above the word 'Sports' in a bold, sans-serif font.

women's athletic recruiting coordinator. She has worked with Foley for the past three years as assistant volleyball coach and assistant women's basketball coach and as a recruiter for both sports.

Stevenson recently received a master's degree in physical education athletic administration from Wayne State.

Others have also joined the staff: Curt Bohn works with Krueger as assistant football coach. He is also a part-time instructor in physical education and men's athletic recruiting coordinator. Bohn received his B.S. from Nebraska Wesleyan University and his M.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he was most recently special teams coordinator and defensive line coach. John Chapman '92 and Rondel Korbelik are also new assistant football coaches.

Kris Miller '92 is Stevenson's assistant volleyball coach. Kris Grappendorf '93 is Foley's new assistant women's basketball coach. And Andy Dotson '93 is an assistant men's basketball coach, working with head coach Dave Jensen.

Timm Wilson is the new head athletic trainer. He received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and his master's in sport biomechanics from Ball State University. He is affiliated with Clarkson Hospital in Omaha.

Mari Japp has joined the department as its secretary.

## Homecoming Contests

**Golf tournament.** Eighty-eight golfers, the most ever, played in the annual Homecoming tournament at the Blair Golf Club.

Scott Petersen '82 (Coleridge, Nebraska) won the nine-hole round, and Matt Carl '87 (Corning, Iowa) had the lowest score. .

**Fun Run.** Alumni were among the 36 runners who competed in

this annual Dana Boosters-sponsored Homecoming event.

**Men's five-mile run.** Paul Staby '69 (Englewood, Colorado) was the first alumnus to cross the finish line. Gail Snyder '74 (Blair) was the first alumnus to finish in the 40-49 age group, and Gary Kubik '62 (Omaha) was the first alumnus to finish in the 50 and over group. Gary Julin (Omaha) came in first in the race at 29:52 minutes.

**Women's five-mile run.** Jigger Staby (Paul's wife) was the first in the 40-49 group to finish. Merri (Clements '86) Dibben (Omaha)

was the first alumna to finish. Roxi Erickson (Omaha) finished first at 30:08.

**Men's two-mile run.** Frank Guffey (San Antonio) came in first, followed by four alumni and Dana's baseball coach: Ernest Abariotes '65—second (Blair), Bob Coffey '75—third (Blair), Skip Brown '80—fourth (Omaha), Dale Albus '60—fifth (Blair), and Dale Lemon—sixth.

**Women's two-mile run.** Dana staff members Sandra Wigdahl and Kitty Heimann '92 placed first and second respectively.



**Dana's newest Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and their coach:** (from left) Amy (Nissen) Simonson, Athletics Director Kathy Foley, Patti Stevenson, and Laurie Christensen.

## Three teammates enter Hall of Fame

Former volleyball teammates Laurie Christensen '88, Patti Stevenson '89, and Amy (Nissen '88) Simonson were inducted into the Dana Athletic Hall of Fame at the Homecoming brunch.

Athletics Director Kathy Foley presented the awards. Foley, who was their coach, credited them with leading their 1987 team to a 34-13 season, a record that still stands, and to the only conference

championship the Dana team has won. Foley described them as "the best volleyball players ever to play for Dana."

Christensen is a specifications representative for Omaha Paper Company in Omaha; Stevenson, former assistant volleyball coach at Dana, became head volleyball coach this fall; and Simonson teaches K-12 art at Sandhills Public Schools in Dunning, Nebraska.

## '90s

- **Dwight Albers '93** is attending Wartburg Theological Seminary.
- **Shawn Brooks '93** is studying medical technology at Methodist Hospital in Omaha.
- **Andy Dotson '93** is assistant basketball coach at Dana.
- **Jennifer Edelman '93** and **Kyle Lindelof '93** were married on June 12. Jennifer teaches special education in Belton, Missouri, School District 124; Kyle works for Associated Wholesale Grocers in Kansas City, Kansas.
- **Chris Eller '93** is a psychiatric technician at Midlands Community Hospital in Papillion, Nebraska.
- **Kris Grappendorf '93** is studying exercise science as a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is also assistant basketball coach at Dana.
- **Greg Hansen '93**, Omaha, teaches physical education at Springville, Dundee, and Jefferson Elementary Schools.
- **Sydney Hime '93** is education specialist with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District in Lincoln, Nebraska. The district includes most of Lancaster and Cass Counties and parts of Butler, Otoe, Seward, and Sarpy Counties. She writes, "My position is new, so I have the opportunity to develop a program of my own design."
- **Jennifer Jensen '93** is a resource room teacher associate at Tri-Center Schools in Neola, Iowa.
- **Lori Kastens '93** is a special education resource room teacher for grades K-4 in the State Center, Iowa, Elementary School.
- **Chantil Larsen '93** and **Joe Ellis '92** were married on June 26. They live in Omaha, where she is a supervisor at Vanity Apparel. He works in Blair at Thousand Adventures, Inc.
- **Amy Roberts '93** and **Michael Pedersen** were married on June 12. She is a counselor with Kids On the Go Day Camp in Des Moines; he is studying chemical engineering at Iowa State University.
- **Kelly Ryan '93** and **Kimberly Gosch '91** were married on July 10. He is a marketing representative for Kelly Ryan Equipment Company in Blair, and she is a special education teacher at George Catlin Elementary School in Omaha.

- **Kalani Simpson '93** is a news reporter for the *Central City* (Nebr.) *Republican Nonpareil*. He is also a columnist/staff writer and photographer for *Huskerland Prep Report*, a football paper.
- **Peter Svendgard '93** and **Lisa Mellgren '92**, Blair, were married on July 12.
- **Lairon Walters '93**, Omaha, is a car salesman at Century Buick.
- **Connie Christensen '92** is payroll and personnel specialist at Kohl's Department Store in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- **Kristle Cuka '92** and **Duane Christensen** were married on July 17. She works for the Yankton Public Schools. They live in Utica, South Dakota.
- **David Hartman '92** teaches social studies, coaches baseball, and is an assistant coach for basketball and volleyball at Don Bosco High School in Gilbertsville, Iowa.
- **Patrick Sanders '92** and **Angela Swan** were married on September 4 at First United Methodist Church in Omaha.
- **Siri Vollan '92** teaches ninth and tenth grade Spanish in the Bismarck, South Dakota, Public Schools.
- **Melodi Campbell '91** is marketing coordinator for Standard Heating and Air Conditioning in Omaha.
- **Ann Gustafson '91** works in marketing for Aesthetic Surgical Images, P.C. in Omaha.
- **Troy Novak '91** and **Meredith Dickerson '94** were married on May 22 in Fremont, Nebraska. Meredith is a Dana senior, and Troy works for IBP in Dakota City, Nebraska.
- **Doug Piper '91** and **Paulette Andreas** were married on August 14 in Omaha. Doug is a student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He also manages a Taco Bell.
- **Todd Quirk '91** has been promoted to bakery assistant at the Hy Vee Grocery Store on Madison Ave. in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- **Kelly Barnum '90** is a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica. In a note dated June 8, she writes: "I have been [here] for one year and three months. I have another year of service to go. I find that most of my work consists of teaching—simple business skills, environmental education and English. I love it!"
- **James Mimmack '90** is a graduate assistant and assistant football coach (special teams and linebacker) at Minnesota's St. Cloud State.

## '80s

- **Paul Jensen '89**, Blair, graduated with honors from the University of Nebraska

- Pharmaceutical School in May. He is now a first-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical School.
- **Melissa (Carson '89) Ryan**, Chicago, is applying for her LCSW; she is now an LSW. Husband **Michael '90** has finished his internship year at the Lutheran School of Theology and has one year left of seminary.
- **Lisa Staudenbaur '89** and **Gregg Klingaman** were married on August 7. Lisa is a medical transcriber in Mission Viejo, California.
- **Sue (Warren '88)** and **Allen Dlouhy**, Auburn, Nebraska, announce the June 10 birth of twins, Luke Allen and Dana Sue. They join a brother, Ryne, who is two.
- **Hannah Faye** was born to **Mark and Gail (Bray '88) McCorkindale** of Sioux City, Iowa, on August 23. Gail continues to work at Grandview Physical Therapy Center and Mark is now into his second year of family practice residency.
- **Steve Meister '88**, Minneapolis, is a first-year medical student at the University of Minnesota. The recipient of a Navy scholarship, he spent the summer in officers' training in Rhode Island.
- **Lisa (Hayne '88) Swenson** graduated from the University of Nebraska Law School in May. Husband **Craig '82**, who has completed his teaching certification in mathematics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is working in college admissions at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota. They live in Winona.
- **Jim and Ann (Burgard '88) Thieman**, Omaha, announce the June 18 birth of **Deborah Ann**. Sister **Rachelle** is three. Ann gives private piano lessons and Jim is an auto technician and team leader at John Markel Ford.
- **Nicholas John** was born to **Thomas and Diane (Coles '87) Branco**, Clarksboro, New Jersey, on May 17. Brother **Thomas** is three.
- **Peter Docken '87** of Lanesboro, Minnesota, is a sculptor and musician who performs with the La Crosse Symphony. He and several other area artists have founded the Cornucopia Art Center in Lanesboro. He is also a founder of the Global Resource Reallocation Project; the project sends used books, school supplies, and equipment to Africa.
- **Stacie Lukasiewicz '87** of Omaha and **Michael Story** of Blair were married on July 9. She is an account representative for The Guardian Life Insurance Company in Omaha. Michael is a 1987 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ **Roger '87 and Karen (Jensen '87) Nelson** of Redmond, Washington, announce the July 31 birth of Kirsten Marie. Roger continues his career as production manager of U.S. Micro Express, a company that manufactures computers in Bellevue, Washington. Karen teaches seventh and eighth grade language arts at Tolt Middle School in Carnation, Washington.

○ **Christine Wietecha '87 and James Cooney '90** were married on July 23 in Omaha. She is a senior software engineer at Applied Communications, Inc., in Omaha, and he teaches mathematics and science at Millard South High School.

○ **Rita and Grant Christensen '86**, Omaha, announce the June 4 birth of Hannah Rose. Brother Marcus is two.

○ **Donald Joseph '86** teaches high school social studies and coaches football and wrestling in Strasburg, Colorado.

○ **Brenda Meyer '86**, Omaha, received a master's degree in professional accounting from the University of Nebraska at Omaha last December. In February she was promoted to assistant inventory control manager at Genuine Parts Co.

○ **Jon '86 and Sonya (Johnsen '86) Pedersen**, son Kaj (almost five), and daughter Kara (born March 3, 1993), are in Salisbury, Missouri, where Jon is interning at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

○ **Stephanie (Meyer '86) and Dean Stueckrath** of Osmond, Nebraska, announce the birth of James Craig on July 12. Sister Brandi Lauren is three.

○ **Ryan Keith** was born on September 21 to Clint and **Deb (Dill '85) Frahm** of Blair. He joins brothers Aaron (four) and Tyler (17 months).

○ **Mary Franzen '85 and John G. Costello** were married on June 6. They live in Omaha.

○ **Shari (Coffey '85) and Dean '85 Friedel**, Blair, are the parents of Emma Kay, born on September 30.

○ **Bob and Barb (Anderson '85) Hamel** announce the May 18 birth of Sarah Katherine. Sister Amy is four. This summer the Hamels moved to Hallsville, Missouri.

○ **Julie Williamson '85 and Rod Hill** were married on August 7 in Washington, Iowa.

○ **Deanna (Nielsen '84) and Steve '84 Appel**, Blair, announce the birth of Marissa Anne on September 3.

○ **Carol King '84**, vice president of Valley Products Corporation in Valley, Nebraska, is teaching an evening accounting lab at College of St. Mary, Omaha.

○ **Tamela (Bash '84) Kiser**, West Carrollton, Ohio, has passed the Microbiology Specialist Examination, making her one of about 2,200 people in the U.S. to have this certification. She and her husband, Michael, also announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlin Renee, on August 15.

○ **Alan and Jan (Buckley '83) Dappen**, Omaha, announce the birth of Chelsea Marie on September 16. Jann writes, "Alan and I both still teach at Omaha North and are enjoying our new addition."

○ **Aaron David** was born on May 25 to **Andy Johnson '83 and Kathy Gerking '82** of Cambridge, Iowa. Aaron joins Anna, who is four.

○ **John Murtaugh '83**, who has taught and coached wrestling at Wayne, Nebraska, for the past nine years, has accepted a high school teaching position in Red Oak, Iowa, where he is also head football coach and head track coach.

○ **Tim Barber '82** has been promoted to vice president-sales and marketing at Expeditors International in Seattle. Expeditors International is a full-service international ocean and air freight forwarder and customs broker. Headquartered in Seattle, it has offices in 22 cities in the U.S. and 33 cities outside the U.S. It also has affiliate offices and agents in 102 locations throughout Central and South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The company recently ranked 89th on *Forbes* magazine's list of the 200 best small companies in America.

○ **Dane Peter** was born on September 15, 1992, to **Lisa (Hanson '82) and Paul '80 Madsen** of Omaha. Sister Laura Anne was five on August 26.

○ **Scott '82 and Colleen (Dutch '82) Rasmussen**, Omaha, announce the June 10 birth of John David. He joins sister Margaret and brothers Daniel and Sean.

○ **Kitty Wooley '81** is director of records and financial aid for the Oakland (Calif.) College of Court Reporting.

○ **Dr. Deb Doubek '80** is a family physician in a group private practice in Manhattan, Kansas. Her husband has a master's degree in city planning and teaches at Kansas State University in Manhattan. They have two sons, Nathan (four and one-half) and Neil (two).

## '70s

○ **Karen (Madsen '78)** Ewing of Portland, Oregon, is a member of the board of

directors of REACH Community Development and a volunteer with the Portland Music Association. She also helps her husband, Gary, organize the Blue Heron Music Festival and Environmental Information Fair. They are the parents of Aaron, who is six.

○ **Cherie (Esbeck '78) and Mark Hensley** of Elk Horn, Iowa, announce the May 7 birth of Mark Steven Jr. He joins brothers Chad and Greg. Cherie is a part-time social worker in the behavior disorder unit at the Atlantic, Iowa, hospital.

○ **Jerry Wallace '78**, who taught college history at Wayne State (Nebraska) for six months while becoming a certified high school teacher, now teaches psychology and coaches basketball in Chariton, Iowa.

○ **Donnell and Mark Heistand '76**, Aurora, Colorado, are parents, by adoption, of a daughter born May 30. They have named her Madeline Leone.

○ **Vyrdel (Bebensee '74) Basye**, Concordia, Missouri, has a new job as coordinator of special services at Knob Noster, Missouri, R-VIII Schools.

○ **Jeanette (Renander '74) Rhyan** teaches seventh through ninth grade physical education and coaches volleyball, basketball, and track for the Arlington, Texas, Independent School District.

○ **Steve Hengeveld '73 and Donna Cross** were married on May 16 in Seattle. Steve works for Boeing Computer Services in Seattle, and Donna works for the Washington Department of Social Services.

## '60s

○ **Dr. Kenneth Rasmussen '68** has been named superintendent of the Pierre, South Dakota, Public Schools.

○ **Rev. Duane Anderson '65** has been appointed pastor of the West Chester, Iowa, United Methodist Church. Anderson, a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, previously served the Northboro and Blanchard United Methodist Churches in Iowa. He has also been ordained as an elder, the highest classification of ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.

## '50s

○ **Dr. Rod Wead '57** is executive director of Neighborhood House, a United Way agency in Columbus, Ohio. Programs sponsored by Neighborhood House

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include "Rites of Passage," which has separate programs for boys and girls ages 10-16 on African-Centrics; "Proficiency Exam Preparation," which prepares junior high students for their ninth grade proficiency exam by helping two nights a week with reading, writing, and math; and a "Women, Jobs and Prison Program," which keeps children in touch with their mothers who are serving time in prison through regular visits.

○ **Helen Christiansen '56** and Ken Fricker were married on April 4. They live in Rhinecliff, New York. Helen is an agent for Lutheran Brotherhood; Ken is an orchestra contractor who also plays with the Don Shirley Trio.

○ **Harold '56** and **Barbara (Whiteside '58) Laursen** are involved in the work of the ELCA's Nebraska Synod. Last year Harold, who is pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Deshler, Nebraska, was elected to a six-year term on the Synod Council. He was a delegate to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Kansas City in August. Barbara has served a five-year term as Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization secretary. She was a delegate to the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention in Washington, D.C., in August. She is also enrolled in the Parish Ministry Associate Program, a three-year pilot program for lay ministry in the Central and Nebraska Synods.

○ **Yuri Taht '52** of Bowie, Maryland, has been appointed chief of the Estonian Service of the Voice of America in Washington, D.C.

## Deaths

○ **Joline Kurpgeweit '72** of Ewing, Nebraska, on August 3. She taught elementary grades for 39 years in Antelope and Holt County schools. Survivors include her husband, Richard, a daughter and a son.

○ **Jeanette (Wallman '68) Slusher**, of Martell, Nebraska, on September 26. She was a junior high counselor at Everett and Park Middle Schools in Lincoln. Earlier in her 25-year career she taught English and was a counselor in Blair, Adams, Waverly, Norris and Filley, Nebraska. She took a year off from education to work for the Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and to write a curriculum on drug and alcohol abuse prevention. As a counselor in Lincoln she continued to work with drug and alcohol prevention through the "Just Say No" program. She also worked with Luther Leagues, the Youth Service Corps and served as youth

coordinator for the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. Survivors include her husband, David; son, Kyle, a Dana freshman; daughter, Theese; parents, Thees and Marie Wallman; brother, David '71; and sisters, Debra '76 and Malinda Jepsen '78.

○ **Vesta Jensen-Olson '64** of Tucson, Arizona, on June 13. She taught in the Omaha Public Schools from 1959 until her retirement in 1987.

○ **Bill Bracker '62**, Lawrence, Kansas, on September 23. He was an associate professor of design and head of the ceramic design area at Kansas University from 1975 to 1979, when he became co-owner of the Bracker Ceramic Studio in Lawrence. He earlier taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Texas Lutheran College, and Purdue University. Survivors include his wife, Anne; daughters, Michelle and Cynthia; mother, Grace Bracker; brother, Leon '67, and sisters, Maxine Ball and Irene Winfield.

○ **Colleen (Crees '53) Gardner** of Hudson, Iowa, last January. Survivors include her husband, Frank, and three children. She was a retired Chapter I remedial reading teacher.

○ **Gladys (Jespersen '43) Dirksen** on March 27 in Spencer, Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Edward, and daughter, Beverly Goertzen.

○ **Kenneth Petersen D'41 T'44** on May 28 in Northfield, Minnesota. His funeral was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Northfield, a congregation he served from 1946-53. Other parishes were in Viborg, South Dakota; Luverne, North Dakota; Shelby, Iowa; Owatonna, Minnesota; and Mondovi, Marshfield, and Marion, Wisconsin. A graduate of Trinity Seminary, as an undergraduate he attended the Lutheran Bible Institute, Dana, and Capitol University, where he received his B.A. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Hansen '41), and by daughters, Lila Fagan and Alice Neve '68, and son, Paul '72.

○ **Lucille (Hancock '37) Anderson** of Herman, Nebraska, on August 12. Survivors include two daughters, Jean Cameron and Mary Lou Soukup, and two sons, Bill and Tom.

○ **Dolliver Thorgerson D'35 T'38** of Huxley, Iowa, on May 22. He served congregations in Edmore and Sidney, Michigan; Cushing, Wisconsin; Falmouth, Maine; West Branch, Iowa; Derwood, Maryland; and Burlington, Decorah, and Huxley, Iowa. He was past president of the Eastern District of the UELC from 1958-60, a position similar to that of bishop today. His funeral service was at Fjeldberg

Lutheran Church in Huxley, the last congregation he served before his retirement as pastor emeritus in 1978. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; daughter, Dorothy Hansen; and sons, David '66, Paul, and Mark.

○ **Alvina (Bondo '29) Weismann, Blair**, on October 1. She worked at Wolff's Jewelers in Blair for 30 years, retiring in 1988, and was the widow of Boas Weismann, who served as director of development at Dana. Survivors include son, Lee '56, and sister, Emma Christensen '24.

○ **William Goldbeck D'24 T'28** on June 2 in Hastings, Nebraska. He was co-founder of the Good Samaritan Village Retirement Center in Hastings, which now has a population of about 1,100. Goldbeck ran the Good Samaritan Village from 1958-66 and then served as its chaplain from 1966-83, when he retired. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II and later established an institutional chaplaincy program in Nebraska's state institutions. Survivors include two sons, Paul and Jim, and four daughters, Ruth Swingle, Dorcas Campbell, Grace Kuhl, and Mary Blayney.

○ **Esther (Simonsen '23) Srb**, Omaha, on August 14, 1992. Survivors include daughter Janet Bicak '52.

## Friends

○ **Dr. Walter Baeumler**, sociology professor at Dana from 1962-66, on June 18 in Duluth, Minnesota. He was a professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. In the late 1960s he wrote the design for the Duluth Model Cities project. Survivors include his wife, Leonore; sons Robert and Frank; and daughter Ruth.

○ **Ellen Ann Qualsett**, a member of the Dana Board of Regents from Schuyler, Nebraska, on September 9. It was her contribution of funds in memory of her husband, Harold Qualsett '37, that made The Forum, the center for the liberal arts in the new Classroom Center, a reality.

# "We appreciate support of alumni and friends"

by Michael Jones,  
Director of Development

I have been thinking about writing this article for quite some time. It is almost impossible to sum up the work of the "ADD" campaign and the benefits that have been realized.

During the past five years, hundreds of individuals have worked toward making this a successful campaign. We appreciate their work and their commitment to Dana College. We also appreciate the support of thousands of alumni and friends who have made this campaign a reality.

Our goals have been achieved because members of our constituency continue to believe in the mission of Dana College. They believe in our leadership, they believe in our faculty and staff, and, most of all, they believe in our students who, upon graduation, are those kinds of individuals who will go out into the world and make a difference.

Since graduating from Dana College myself more than two decades ago, I have come to realize more about what Dana College means to me and to others. Dana College can mean getting a good education, a place to participate in extracurricular activities, and a place to learn spiritually and develop one's sense of direction for life.

We have helped make a difference in the lives of those students who attend Dana College. We help shape the world about us.

The expression "the Dana Family" may seem old-fashioned, but I truly do believe that we are a family. The warmth and concern that we have for one another is special, probably much more special than at most other colleges.



Part of our universal reason for existing, I believe, is for us to help one another and take care of one another. At Dana College, we not only learn about ourselves and about our world, but we learn about others—the rights of others, the needs of others, and the love for others.

Sure, the "ADD" campaign can be expressed as a \$16.65 million capital campaign conducted over a five-year period. I believe, though, that we have not only built a building and improved programs, but that we have made a difference in the lives of others, in the lives of those who have said to us, "Thank you for asking me to give to Dana College." By giving, we receive—and we receive more than we give.

Dana College has been blessed many times over in the past five years. True, the burning of Old Main was at the time a great loss, but we have grown stronger, and now we have greater opportunities that take us toward the next millennium with more excitement and enthusiasm.

Our founders laid a foundation that has endured for the last 110 years, and our challenge is to continue to build upon that foundation.

We appreciate the support of our alumni and friends, and we thank you for that support. We hope that you continue to see us as good stewards of your giving. New challenges lie ahead. Together we continue to make a difference in the world.

## Alumni Council elects officers

Members of the Alumni Council at their spring meeting elected these officers for the coming year: Kevin Johnson '83, president; Carol King '84, vice president; and Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, secretary. Johnson is national account executive at AT&T, Omaha; King is vice president at Valley Products Corp. in Valley, Nebraska; and Neve, who lives in Omaha, is retired.

Five alumni have been elected to three-year terms: incumbent Steve Appel '84, and new members Bob Coffey '75, Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen, Glenn Schacht '70, and Jean (Brehm '71) Shelstad.

On May 1 Council members also approved the selection of three alumni to one-year terms as members-at-large: Jennifer Jensen '82, Craig Shaffer '82, and Anita Woodward '91. Jensen and Woodward were also members-at-large last year.

Outgoing members are: Paul Johnson '76 (past president for the last two years), Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Milton Jensen '58, Tom Nielsen '59, Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen, and Carlene (Benson '62) Petersen.

Other Council members are: Scott Rasmussen '82 (now serving as past president), Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, Jerry Christensen '82, Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen, Andrew Johnson '83, Paul Larsen '48, and Arno Neben '72.

## Travel to Europe

Readers can travel with students and two faculty members for a January Study Abroad Interim that will visit several of the great cathedrals of Europe and England. Seasoned travelers Michael

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## Tour will study business in Japan

Visit Japan and tour the Isuzu manufacturing plant and the GM-Japan corporate offices in Tokyo. Meet with Japanese business managers of McDonald's, a large hotel, and a computer company. Travel to Tokyo, Yokohama, Kyoto, Fujisawa, and Hiroshima via the Japan rail system. And immerse yourself in the culture of Japan.

Those are some of the experiences Fran Mallory, a member of the Business Department, is planning for participants in a July 1-14 visit to Japan. Although she is organizing the trip especially for students (who can earn up to three hours of credit), she invites alumni and friends to join the group.

The cost of approximately \$3,500 will include roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, rail travel, excursions, and meals at inexpensive restaurants.

Among those in Japan who are helping Mallory with arrangements is Dana alumna Alice (Nelson '60) Harrington, who works for Pace International in Tokyo.

Readers interested in learning more about the trip can reach Mallory by writing or telephoning her at Dana (402-426-7287). Registration deadlines are: January 7 (completed application plus a \$100 deposit), March 1 (additional \$800), and May 15 (balance of cost).

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Anderson and Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, a husband-wife team, will lead the group.

Estimated cost of the trip is \$2,600. Readers interested in joining the group should call Anderson (402-426-7314).



### Friends have first reunion after 45+ years of round robin letters

Ten alumnae from the mid-to-late 1940s can prove that Dana friendships endure. Since leaving college they've stayed in touch through a round robin letter. But they live far apart—in Iowa, Nebraska, California, and Oregon—and so it wasn't until Homecoming this fall that all ten came together for their first full reunion. Their reunion started on Saturday evening at a party in the home of Rhoda (Iversen) and Harald Schjodt and continued Sunday morning over brunch at the home of Lorraine (Sandberg) Madsen, where this photo was taken. From left, the friends are: Eunice (Carlsen) Larsen, Doris (Lind) Fritz, Rhoda Schjodt, Alice (Romer) Hanson, Delores (Jensen) Johnson, Izy (Jacobsen) Hoegh, Karen (Thomsen) Peterson, Jeanette (Christensen) Nixon, Joyce (Nelson) Johnsen, and Lorraine Madsen.

## Omahans win raffle drawing for Dana quilt, wallhanging

Two Omahans are the lucky winners of the raffle for the Dana quilt and wallhanging. The drawing took place at the Homecoming brunch on October 2. The raffle was sponsored by the Dana Women's Club as a fund-raising project.

The winner of the first drawing, Gene Hansen, chose the queen-size quilt. He and his wife have a nephew, John Cromwell, who is a Dana senior this year.

The winner of the second drawing, and the recipient of the Copenhagen blue wallhanging, was Dana Regent Don Swanson.

At the brunch, Dana Women's

Club president Sandra Wigdahl reported that the club had cleared over \$4,000 in the raffle. As a result, she said, the club has been able to pay off its \$5,000 pledge to furnish the kitchen of the new Classroom Center.

Several Women's Club members who had major roles in the project were thanked at the brunch: Ginny (Lippincott '51) Beck and Lorraine Petersen, for the quilt; Janice Lippincott '72, for the wallhanging; and Anne Christopherson, for selling a large number of tickets at "Celebrate Dana" events held across the country for supporters of the college.

There is certainly truth to the claim that "buildings do not a college make." However, I would quickly add, "But they help." We are basking in the afterglow of the dedication of the Dana Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel. I can't remember a Homecoming when more alumni and friends were back to help us celebrate, or when there was a more upbeat feeling



around the campus community. The new facilities are truly wonderful. They give us much needed space and specialized labs to support instruction. At long last, after five years, all of our faculty who were displaced by the fire when Old Main

burned have a new and fitting home in offices and classrooms properly designed to serve their needs. For all who helped make this new home possible, we say, "Thank You! Praise God for Dana friends."

Now we dedicate ourselves to be the best stewards possible of the new facilities. Now we can focus more attention on our primary reason for being—our students. We are enjoying the highest enrollment since 1972. Students in increasing numbers are inquiring about and applying to Dana. This fall we enrolled twice as many Presidential Scholarship (academically gifted) students as last year. These are encouraging signs, and we hope the trend continues.

We are also promoting Dana to students with special abilities in art, music, drama, and athletics. Furthermore, we continue to lead church-related liberal arts colleges

in our region in building a culturally diversified community, including both American minority and international students. Last year our 13.3 percent minority number was well above the percentages on other campuses of our type.

In all of these efforts, we do not wish to become exclusive. We always welcome attendance by highly motivated students who are of modest ability academically but who show promise of having the determination to be successful at Dana. Finally, we do not want to be exclusive financially. Our costs must not become so overwhelming that we cannot serve the people most in need of our help.

Among the most important and effective tools for shaping enrollment is financial aid. If Dana is to attract top quality, highly talented students, or even those with modest gifts, we must be able to offer competitive financial aid awards. As I have shared previously, Nebraska lags behind most other states in the amount of state tuition assistance to needy in-state students who elect to attend independent colleges in their states. Our awards continue to be in the tens of dollars while neighboring states offer hundreds, even thousands of dollars, to in-state students who attend independent colleges.

I urge all Dana alumni and friends, "Please continue your generous support!" The building is wonderful, but it alone does not a college make. We must attract and serve students and enable them to have the benefit of the quality education Dana offers as a liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

To do so, we must increase unendowed and endowed scholarship support. Through our new



building we have invested in the long-term future of Dana. Now, let us give full measure to help students take advantage of a Dana education. Answer our call to sponsor one or more Dana students each year. Make a provision in your estate plan to help build the endowment which will provide scholarship support for years to come.

We just celebrated a marvelous Homecoming reunion and dedication on October 1-3. "The best ever," some say. Now let us shape our student body. Your support has never been needed more.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

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