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What's Happening at Dana:

Dear Readers:
We hope you'll enjoy the new format we're launching with this issue of the *Review*. Starla Stensaas, who joined the faculty last fall as assistant professor of graphic design and photography, has created the design and layout using a Macintosh computer system. We'd appreciate your comments.

On the cover:
A handsome tower is a prominent feature of the new chapel-classroom-faculty office building. At 89 feet, it's somewhat taller than the former Old Main tower, and like that tower, it's visible from everywhere on campus and on approaches to the college. Trinity Chapel is under construction in the foreground of this photo, which was taken on a foggy February day.
Photo by Starla Stensaas

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Three large gifts spur building's completion; Johnson Estate sets record at \$1.64 million

There's a proverb that good things come in threes, and they did for Dana late this fall in the form of three major gifts, the largest the college has received to date for its five-year ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") campaign:

○ The first (announced in the fall *Review*)—\$427,000 from the Margaret and Therkild Nielsen Estate to fund the construction of Trinity Chapel.

○ The next—\$327,000 from the Simon and Virginia Korshoj Estate.

○ And the third—\$1.64 million from the Leonard Johnson Estate, the largest gift in the history of the college.

Knowing these gifts were on the way, even though their exact amounts weren't certain, helped members of the Board of Regents decide last May to approve construction of the entire Old Main replacement building. (Regents had earlier put a hold on construction of the chapel, the wing for Parnassus [now "The Forum"] and the communications lecture hall, and on completion of the interior of the third floor.)

Korshoj Estate

The \$327,000 from the estate of Simon and Virginia Korshoj followed an earlier gift of the Korshoj home in Blair and approximately eight acres of adjoining property. Received last year after the death of Virginia Korshoj '59, the home and land were recently listed with a realtor.

In announcing the bequest, President Christopherson noted that Simon and Virginia Korshoj

had both played important roles in the development of the college.

Christopherson said he plans to recommend to members of the Board of Regents at their February meeting that the college honor the memory of the couple by naming the terrace at the front entrance to the Old Main replacement building, the "Korshoj Terrace."

The terrace is the only surviving reminder of Old Main, the college's landmark building

destroyed by fire in August 1988. It was designed by Simon Korshoj and built by the Korshoj Construction Company in the early 1960s when the building underwent the first of several major renovations.

The Korshoj Terrace will become part of the main entrance to the new building and will be an attractive gathering place for students and guests. The area will be landscaped, and the Copenhagen gas lamps that graced the entrance to Old Main will be reinstalled as part of the terrace.

The relationship between Dana and the Korshoj family began in 1928 when Korshoj arrived in this country as an immigrant from Denmark.

He attended classes at Dana that winter and then worked as a laborer on the construction of Alumni Memorial Auditorium, a combination gym and auditorium that served the college until 1982.

Korshoj went on to become a

very successful contractor and, perhaps because he shared with Dana a mutual Danish heritage, took great pride in the college. Between 1948 and 1969, his company, the Korshoj Construction Co. of Blair, was general contractor for all of the buildings and related areas constructed at Dana. The list includes Pioneer

Memorial, Mickelsen Hall, Borup Coliseum and Viking Field, Blair Hall, Holling Hall,

All of the buildings completed by the Korshoj Construction Co. are visible from what will now become known as the "Korshoj Terrace."

Rasmussen Hall, C.A. Dana Hall of Science, E.C. Hunt Campus Center, Omaha Village and the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library. Korshoj Construction Co. also completed renovations of Old Main and Elk Horn Hall. Two successors of the Korshoj Company, the Harold G. Wright Co. and Eriksen Construction of Blair, served as general contractors for the Wurdeman Pavilion, completed in 1981, and the Madsen Fine Arts Center, completed in 1984.

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Korshoj contributed generously to Dana. He was also an adviser to several Dana presidents and chairman of the college's first national fund-raising campaign.

Virginia Korshoj, a Dana graduate, was also an enthusiastic supporter of the college. For many

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Second phase of ADD approaches goal

"Completing the Challenge," the \$6 million second phase of the ADD campaign, currently stands at \$5.1 million.

The campaign was given a big boost recently by the three major gifts from the Nielsen, Korshoj, and Johnson Estates, and President Christopherson and the rest of the Development team are working hard to raise the remaining \$900,000 by this summer.

In meeting the five-year ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") goal, Dana will have accumulated no operating deficits, will have paid for both phases of the Old Main replacement project (the art addition to the Madsen Fine Arts Center and the chapel-classroom-faculty office building), and will have made many other capital improvements and

program enhancements.

Funding is still being sought for several projects not included in the ADD goals. These projects

include a new organ and stained glass windows for the chapel and construction of a parking lot for the new building.

\$60,000 Storz Foundation grant supports radio broadcast center

At the beginning of January President Christopherson announced receipt of a \$60,000 grant from the Robert H. Storz Foundation of Omaha.

The grant will be used to create the Storz Radio Broadcast Center in the Old Main replacement building, Christopherson said. The Center will serve as a broadcasting instructional facility and also provide studios and offices for KDCV-FM, the campus

radio station.

"We are grateful and pleased," Christopherson said, "that the trustees of the Storz Foundation have decided to place the name of one of the premier broadcasting families in Nebraska on this new facility. The Center will be a fitting tribute to Robert Storz and all he did during his lifetime to improve the cultural and educational climate of the greater Omaha area."

Benefactors were proud of their Danish heritage

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years she served as the college's unofficial hostess, entertaining faculty, staff, students, and visiting dignitaries and artists from Denmark in the Korshoj home. The Korshoj's hospitality also extended across the Atlantic into Denmark, where they entertained members of the Dana Choir at a castle they owned called "Logismose."

The Korshoj Estate also remembered seven other non-profit organizations with \$327,000 checks.

Johnson Estate

Simon Korshoj and Leonard Johnson of Omaha were both proud of their Danish heritage, but Johnson's Danish ancestry was his only connection to Dana. He didn't contribute to the college during his lifetime and most likely never set foot on the campus.

Until the late 1950s Johnson, a bachelor, lived and worked on a 95-acre farm that had been in his family since 1904. It was near what is now 72nd and Grover. Omaha's city limits were moving westward, however, and by the end of the '50s Johnson's farm was surrounded by developments. He was the last in the area to sell his property.

It was this sale that provided the basis of his wealth, for Johnson invested the proceeds and continued to live frugally. A resident of Immanuel Fontenelle Home in his later years, he died November 11, 1991, at the age of 92.

Jerry Tomke, a neighbor and friend of Johnson since 1958, was quoted by *Omaha World-Herald* roving reporter Tom Allan in a December 3 feature story. Johnson, Tomke said, "always had a soft spot in his heart for Dana because of its Danish heritage.

"He'd have me drive him up to Blair, but he'd never set foot on the campus, just drive by and look, on the way to an orchard. . . . He always told me he was going to give a big gift to Dana when he died."

Two other area organizations also received \$1.64 million checks from the Johnson Estate: the Salvation Army in Omaha and the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Johnson also left \$100,000 to the Danish Cemetery in Omaha, where his family is buried.

President Christopherson, in announcing the Johnson bequest, said he would recommend to members of the Board of Regents at their February meeting that the Johnson gift "be recognized in a very significant way in the new classroom-chapel-faculty office building."

April conference provides forum for debate on developing prison and sentencing policy

To what extent do prisons provide safety and protection from crime? Should we continue to expand our prison capacity? How can we effectively use the court system to impose sentences that provide public safety and respond to the needs of victims and offenders?

A conference at Dana called "American Prison and Sentencing Policy: Developing a National Agenda" will address these and other questions on April 16 and 17.

The conference is being hosted by the college and by U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49. The office of Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson

is also involved in the planning.

Wicker is Keynote Speaker

Tom Wicker of the *New York Times* and author of *Attica* will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening. The Saturday program will feature more than a dozen authorities with differing points of view on prison and sentencing policy.

Simon, a Dana Regent, has written this overview of the conference: "Despite two decades of dramatically increased prison populations, crime in America remains at intolerably high levels, far higher than in other industrialized nations. This conference will explore the current state of our prison system, consider responsible adjustments to our current system, and discuss the role of the criminal justice system and the community in developing prison policy."

For further information, call the Office of the President (402) 426-7200.



Theatre and Music Departments

stage fall play, *Little Shop of Horrors*

Seymour, played by junior Michael Johnson, warns ravenous plant Audrey II that her strange appetite is driving customers away from his shop. Standing room only crowds came to the three performances, directed by Susan Guthrie, on November 5, 6, and 7 in the college's Lauritzen Theatre. Johnson is the son of Everett '60 and June (Santage '62) Johnson of Boone, Iowa.

Telecommunications system "INTERNET" opens world's libraries to students, faculty

Computers are responsible for a revolution that's taking place at the Dana library and at other college and university libraries across the country.

Called "library automation," the revolution is changing the ways libraries have operated for decades, even centuries. Library Director Ruth Rasmussen calls the revolution "exciting."

The most basic change is that bulky card catalogs are becoming obsolete. At Dana four computer terminals already share an area with the catalog on the main floor of the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library. Two more terminals are on the second floor, and two are on the ground level.

Students and faculty use them to enter the "Online Public Access Catalog," a joint computerized catalog Dana shares with six other independent colleges in Nebraska: Nebraska Wesleyan, Hastings, Doane, Midland Lutheran, the College of St. Mary, and Concordia-Seward.

"GALAXY," as the online system is called, is physically located at Concordia College in Seward. It is accessed through a telecommunications system called "INTERNET."

Novice users are guided step-by-step to the information they seek. As with a card catalog, they can locate a book by author, title, and subject, but they can also find it by key words or call numbers—advantages card catalogs can't offer. They can also restrict their search to the holdings of a specific library. Users are told which college has the book (information on books at Dana is highlighted) and whether it is shelved, on

reserve, or checked out.

The library staff subsequently orders any books needed through interlibrary loan, Rasmussen said.

International Hookups

But there's more: Housed in an adjacent area on the main floor of the library are computer terminals connected to the INTERNET. This system gives access to libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Library of Congress, and to E-mail (electronic) and other services.

The UNL library, accessed through INTERNET, is also a "gateway" to the libraries at the state colleges and at Oregon University and the University of Maine.

In turn, the University of Maine is a "gateway" to the National Gallery of Art, a large number of libraries in 39 states, and university libraries in nine countries—Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland. In Australia, for example, the holdings of 16 university libraries are accessible.

The information, which appears on the computer screen immediately, is transmitted over telephone lines and via satellite.

This is only a beginning, Rasmussen said. She predicts that other libraries in the U.S. and around the world will eventually join the system. (She doesn't expect to have to order many books from overseas libraries—but this aspect of INTERNET will help

identify materials that can then be located in this country.)

Students, faculty, and staff who have computers and a modem (a telephone hookup) can access both the Online Public Access Catalog and INTERNET from their residence hall rooms, offices, and homes.

Grants Help Funding

INTERNET is supported by the National Science Foundation with grant money to enhance the exchange of scientific and academic information, Rasmussen said. "And colleges like Dana can benefit from it." The NSF grant is also paying communication charges for connection to the INTERNET for two years.

A \$200,000 grant from the Culpeper Foundation to the seven Nebraska independent colleges sharing the Online Public Access Catalog purchased the hardware and software for both systems. Dana's expenses have included start-up costs such as wiring, new terminals, site preparation, and an INTERNET router to the system.

The revolution has also affected the circulation desk and library workroom, with the GALAXY program changing cataloging operations and circulation procedures. And GALAXY is linked up with the other systems to add information on new acquisitions and to indicate whether a book is available or checked out.

"Schools compete on the playing field and in admissions," Rasmussen said. "But their libraries don't compete—they cooperate. And that is to everyone's benefit."



Student library aide Ann Gibbs '93 (seated) and Trista Witt '95 at one of the new computer terminals that will help them find materials for future research papers. Gibbs is from Greenfield, Iowa, and Witt is from Omaha.

Conferences for young Nebraskans explore math, science careers; promote creativity

Dana will host two events over the March spring break that will bring 1,900 young Nebraska students to the campus.

Expanding Your Horizons

On March 17 approximately 900 girls in grades seven through nine will come from schools across the state to attend a conference called "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics." The conference will emphasize the importance of taking mathematics and science classes during middle school and high school for better future career options in math, science, technology, and engineering.

The conference is one of many projects designed by The Math/Science Network in Berkeley, California, a nonprofit organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives.

"Expanding Your Horizons" conferences have served over 200,000 sixth through twelfth-grade girls nationwide since 1979, providing opportunities for them to learn about careers from role models and from hands-on experiences.

Nebraska's first "Expanding Your Horizons" conference was held in 1991. The need for more conference sites became apparent last year when 1,000 girls attended the conference at Nebraska Wesleyan University, but over 1,200 couldn't attend because of lack of space.

For that reason, this year's conference is being hosted at two sites—Dana and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Odyssey of the Mind

Three days later, on March 20, over 1,000 young people will pack every campus building with their equipment, costumes,

families, and teachers to participate in the nationally acclaimed program, "Odyssey of the Mind." The participants will have been preparing for this daylong competition in creative problem solving since last September.

"Odyssey of the Mind" competitions are sponsored by the OM Association, a nonprofit corporation. The program started in 1978 at Glassboro State College. Since then membership has expanded to over 10,000 schools in the U.S. and to more than 12 other countries.

Winners of this Region 1 Division competition will compete at the state level in Kearney. The world finals will be held next June in Baltimore, Maryland.

Both events are being organized at Dana by Dr. Kay Ferguson, associate professor of education and psychology, and by Carol Sudduth, Education Department secretary.

Sibling Rivalry? Not at Dana College!

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

by Reporter Jon Rademacher '94

"At first I was really worried that there would be a shadow, that I wouldn't be able to be my own person, but now... it hasn't been that much of a problem."

Sophomore Heidi Grappendorf talks about her decision to attend the same college as her older sister, Kris. It's a decision that was made by several sibling combinations at Dana College.

Senior Kevin Wass recalls his first year of college when sister Kristin also attended Dana: "It was sort of cool because, when I first got here, I knew a lot of people, all the seniors and juniors, so I fit in right away."

Sharing the same college with his twin brother, Jeff, seems to suit junior Jason Kemp just fine. "It's great! I'm used to being around him." Sharing the same room, however, is a different story. "When we were at home, we were always fighting when we were in the same room. That's why I have my own room, so I can invite my company over and do what I want to do. It's essential I have my own space."

The presence of a brother or sister at Dana has proved helpful to several students. "We can call home on one call instead of two, and save gas going home," says Chantil Larsen, who also shares a class with her brother Nate.

Juan Cruz, whose brother Julio also attends Dana, says, "I can concentrate a little better because that feeling of homesickness isn't there like it was last year."



Siblings at Dana include (from left) Jeff '94 and Jason '95 Kemp (Kansas City, Mo.), Jon '94 and Jeff '96 Rademacher (Neudorf, Saskatchewan), and Jon '93 and James '95 Pestel (Plattsmouth, Nebr.). (No, we didn't intentionally pick siblings whose first names begin with "J" for this photo.) The Rademacher brothers are the sons of alumni Darlene (Haecker '67) and Bob '64 Rademacher.

"If I'm really broke, then he can lend me money!" laughs Cathy Shaw about her brother Stan.

Jamie Pestel notes that "getting old tests!" from his brother Jon is a big plus for him. "Not that I would do it, of course!" he said.

The family bond also provides advantages that can't be found elsewhere. "Sometimes there are just situations that you'd rather talk to a family member about," says Larsen. "There are just some things you don't want to tell your friends. It's easier for me to talk to Nate about certain things because he knows me."

Sharing a school with a sibling does have its down side.

Wass relates that a disadvantage was "having someone look over your shoulder all the time. She could always keep track of what I was doing and who I was with."

"We have to watch what we say at home, in case we get in trouble," says Cathy Shaw. "We have to get our story straight before we go home!" Stan agrees, noting that "the other might find out things that we don't want the other to find out!"

So what about the sibling rivalry, the pressure to follow in the footsteps of an older sister or brother? According to Jeff Rademacher, it doesn't matter. "It's not like a challenge where I have to be better than [Jon]. I'll just be myself and if that's what people want to know me for, that's great. If not, it doesn't bother me."

"In a way, there's always that sibling rivalry," said Grappendorf, "where you try to outdo the other. If I were compared [with Kris] more, and not allowed to do my own thing, it'd be different, but I'm glad we're both here."

Jan Potter, associate professor of social work, has been appointed to the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women by Governor Ben Nelson. She will serve a three-year term. On October 22-23 Potter co-chaired the annual Nebraska National Association of Social Workers Conference that met in Omaha. Among those attending the conference were 17 Dana students and Richard Potter, assistant professor of social work.

November and December recipients of the *Heart of Dana Award*, a "Celebrate Dana" award announced in the fall *Review*, were

Dale Matson, superintendent of buildings and grounds, and *Carolyn Potter '61*, secretary to the president. Matson came to Dana 32 years ago as campus engineer and became head of buildings and grounds in 1980. Potter, who has worked at Dana for

18 years, was secretary to the academic dean for a brief period and then became secretary to the president. She has served five presidents. (In his presentation, President Christopherson '61 noted that he and Potter were Dana classmates.)

The August 1993 issue of *The Iowa Woman*, a journal of fiction, essays, memoirs, poetry, and art published in Iowa City, will feature the art of *Starla Stensaas*, assistant professor of graphic design and photography, in an article as part of the Iowa Women in the Book Arts Awareness Project for 1993, the Year of American Craft. A paper by Stensaas titled "Transforming the Technological Curriculum: Creating an Inclusive Computing Learning Environment" has been accepted for presentation at the New Jersey Project Conference on "The Inclusive Curriculum: Setting Our Own Agenda," which will be held in April. Another paper by Stensaas, titled "Women and Technology: Considering the Enduring Spirit of May Sarton and Judy Chicago," has been accepted for presentation at an April conference on "The Enduring Spirit: Women as They Age" sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The *Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company* performed at Dana November 1. The company merges ancient Chinese dances

with contemporary dance techniques. The event was sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

Nancy (Harris '74) Beaman, bookstore manager, has been named president-elect of the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Association of College Stores. The organization represents 117 member stores and 123 associate vendor members serving universities, colleges, and community colleges in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78, adjunct music instructor and coordinator of the Center for the Liberal Arts: The Forum, performed Elizabethan songs at a presentation on Elizabeth I at Midland Lutheran College November 4. She was assisted by sophomore music students *Heather Austin* (Fremont, Nebr.) and *Gretchen Last* (Sioux City, Ia.).

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, associate professor of English, gave a paper titled "Unraveling Threads: N.F.S. Grundtvig, the Danish Folk High School Movement, and the Elderhostel Experience," at the King Olav V Chair in Scandinavian-American Studies Conference at St. Olaf College November 6-7. He was one of 13 scholars invited to prepare papers for this special conference inaugurating St. Olaf's Chair in Scandinavian-American Studies. The proceedings will be published by the Norwegian American Historical Association.

Flutist *Trista Witt '95* (Omaha) won the Woodwinds Division of the Nebraska Music Teachers Association Competitive Collegiate Competition held November 14

at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

On November 12 *Dr. Richard Palmer*, associate professor of music and choir director, was guest clinician for the music departments of Syracuse and Sterling High Schools in a daylong event for the choirs of each school.

On November 15 the *Dana College Brass Ensemble* played for the worship service at Augustana Lutheran Church in Sioux City and that afternoon for the Hymn Festival/Fund Raiser held by the Lutheran Service Corps of Omaha at Trinity Lutheran Church, Omaha. Members of the group are instrumental music director *Michael Anderson* and *Pat Mallory '93* (Ft. Calhoun), trumpets; *Heather Austin '95* (Oakland, Nebr.), horn; *Steve Lemon '93* (Blair), trombone; and *Kevin Wass '93* (Loveland, Colo.), tuba.

Burke Petersen '81, director of public relations, has been elected to the Blair Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Dr. John Lyden, assistant professor of religion, presented a paper titled "Amidst Skeptics and Literalists—Teaching Religion in a Literalistic Culture" at the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature, held November 21-24 in San Francisco. Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion, also attended the meeting.

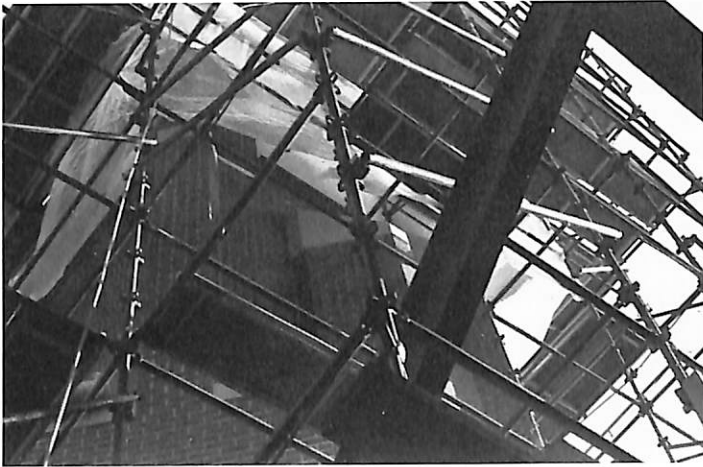
The college has received word that former Dana housemother *Bertha Johnson* now lives at Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home in Newman Grove, NE 68758. She enjoys hearing from alumni.



Congressman visits Dana: U.S. Representative Doug Bereuter of Nebraska's 1st Congressional District made a get-acquainted visit to the campus on Dec. 2. Redistricting has transferred Washington County, which includes Blair, from the 2nd Congressional District to the 1st. Chatting with Bereuter (third from left) before joining him over lunch in the Presidents Room are seniors Dixie Whitlow (Genoa, Nebr.), Trasy Sparr (Red Oak, Ia.), and John Wolf (Norridge, Ill.), junior Kelly Wesemann (Pierce, Nebr.), and President Christopherson.

The new building: a progress report

The scaffolding around the tower, which has since been removed, created the interesting angles pictured here.



This is a partial view of the south side of the new three-story building as seen from the dining hall in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. The chapel (not pictured) is to the right. The two-story extension houses a lecture hall on the first floor and a video studio-classroom on the second.



The beams of Trinity Chapel were put into place the day before this photo was taken. Looking over plans for the chapel are (from left) Bob Schmoll '83, vice president for business affairs; Mark Anderson, director of financial aid; and John Beck '50, director of planned giving.



On a tour of the building, President Christopherson '61 and Bob Schmoll lead four students up the tower staircase. The students are (from left) Carrie Pedersen '93, Jennifer Karre '94, Art Phillips '93 and Carrie Larkins '94.

The Commemorative Wall

The number of contributors whose names will appear on the Commemorative Wall in the Old Main replacement building continues to increase. An insert in the last Review listed those who have made or pledged gifts of at least \$5,000 to the ADD ("Accelerating Dana's Development") campaign. The following names will also appear (* indicates deceased):

Wesley* and Olga* Anderson Family
Everett and Patricia (Zabel) Baltz
Tim and Andrea Barber
Helga Bohn*
Elmer* and Ingrid (Beck) Bondo
L.C.* and Karen* Bondo
N.C.* and Martha* Carlsen Family
Leslie Gardner-Beebe
Timothy and Robley Garrigan Family
H. Lyle* and Viva* Guyer
Alfred and Melverine Hedegaard
Michael and Gail Jensen Family
Paul and Lizbeth (Ahrens) Jensen
C.C.* and Christine* Kloth
Karl and Patricia (Stolley) Koeppen
Alice* and Allen* Laaker
Thomas and Virginia Lange
C.B. Larsen Family
Phil and Florence Larsen
William and Toni (Nelson) Lawson
David McKinnis
Philip and Janet (Wohlers) Myer

Harold and Anna Margaret (Hansen) Nelson
Duane and Lillian (Nielsen) Ohlsen
Rufus* and Ruth* Olson Family
Andrew M.* and Anna (Hansen)* Pedersen
Arthur and Mary (Jensen) Pedersen
Carl and Pamela (Rhoades) Pedersen
Hubert and Eulella (Schjodt) Petersen
Paul N. Rasmussen
Bill and Margaret (Nielsen) Rodenburg
Ray* and Paul Saathoff
Paul and Dottie Salchow
Carl and Alice Schattauer
Deborah Schou
Greg Schou
Herbert and Hilda Spilker
Robert H. Storz Foundation
Anna Tammen*
Martin and Wanda Thompson
F.W. (Bill)* and Orpa Thomsen
Thees, Marie, and Debra Wallman
Harold and Audrey Wilhelmsen
William R. and Sonja B. Yates

The number of alumni and friends sponsoring specific areas in the new building also continues to grow. Additional names are:

Wesley and Olga Anderson Family
L.C. and Karen Bondo Family
N.C. and Martha Carlsen Family
Leslie Gardner-Beebe
Arndt and Clara Hanson Family
C.C. and Christine Kloth Family
C.B. Larsen Family
Arnold and Elaine (Neve) Nielsen
Andrew M. and Anna (Hansen) Pedersen Family
Robert H. Storz Foundation

Alumni and friends interested in participating in these programs are invited to fill out and return the response card inserted in this issue.

Viking basketball players and wrestlers find start of season full of challenges

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team opened the season with a 7-3 record in its first ten games. That included a 2-0 mark at home, and a 5-3 record away from the friendly confines of Borup Coliseum.

Coach Kathy Foley's squad opened the season

with a 66-59 win over Sioux Falls at home. The Vikings split two games in Kansas, falling to Sterling and beating Tabor. Dana beat Park and Dordt to improve to 4-1 before dropping a two-point decision to South Dakota Tech.

Wins over Colorado College and Benedictine boosted Dana's mark to 6-2, but Dakota Wesleyan topped the Vikings in the final game before the holiday break. Dana gained a measure of revenge in the first game back from the holidays, rolling past Dakota Wesleyan, 76-60, at Borup Coliseum.

Through nine games, forward Jennifer Edelman '93 (Merna, Nebr.) was the top scorer and top rebounder among Nebraska NAIA players. She led the state in scoring with a 19.7 points per game average, and topped the state in rebounding by grabbing 10.8 boards per game. In the first game after the break against Dakota Wesleyan, Edelman tied a Dana school record with 16 defensive

rebounds, tying the mark set by Heidi Larson '80 in 1978. Edelman hauled down 19 total rebounds in that game, one shy of the school record of 20. Larson reached that milestone twice in her career, and Bonnie Lowe '92 matched the feat in 1990.

Forward Cathy Shaw '93 (Omaha) averaged 13 points a game for Dana through nine games, and guard Kris Grappendorf '93 (Chariton, Ia.) averaged 11.6 points per game through nine outings.

Wrestling Season

The wrestling season got off to an inauspicious start for Coach Ron Beaman's Dana grapplers. Buena Vista and Nebraska-Kearney pinned dual meet losses on the Vikings in the December portion of the schedule to give Dana a 0-2 dual mark at the holiday break.

In tournament competition, 167-pounder Victor Hundley '96 (Manhattan, Ks.) paced the Vikings, placing sixth at the Nebraska-Omaha Open and at the Fort Hays State Open as well. Heavyweight Kyle Lindelof '93 (Basehor, Ks.) placed fourth at the Nebraska-Omaha Open.

Harold Short '95 (Neola, Ia.) at 190 pounds nabbed a fourth-place finish at the Nebraska-Omaha meet, while another 190-pounder, Phil Warner '93 (Omaha), placed fourth at the Nebraska-Kearney Open.

The Dana wrestlers enter the busiest portion of their schedule after the holidays, hosting the

Dana Duals and the Dana Invitational in mid-January. After a light pre-Christmas schedule, the Viking matmen have ten of 14 total dates in the '93 portion of their season.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball season got off to an eventful and interesting start in the 1992 portion of the campaign. Coach Tom Brosnihan led the Vikings to wins in their first four games.

Dana beat Iowa Wesleyan and Dordt to win the championship of its own invitational at Borup Coliseum to open the year, and then followed that up with wins over Sioux Falls and Bellevue. Things deteriorated from there, however, as the Vikings lost seven of the next eight to take a 5-7 mark into the Christmas break.

Brosnihan resigned as men's basketball coach over the holiday break and was replaced by 35-year-old Dave Jensen, who has served as an assistant coach at Peru State for the past five years. Jensen made his debut against traditional rival Midland Lutheran, and the Warriors spoiled his first game as Dana coach by posting an 80-68 win over the Vikes.

Through 12 games, guard Tony Collins '95 (Omaha) was second in the state among NAIA players in scoring, averaging 23.6 points per game. He also ranked in the top ten in the state in rebounding, averaging 6.6 caroms a game.

Also scoring in double figures
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through 12 games were forward Larry Walters '93 (Aurora, Ill.) at 13 points per game, guard Rob Coursey '95 (Papillion, Nebr.) at 12.2 points per game and forward John Arensberg '93 (West Point, Nebr.) at 11 points per game.

Walters, Dana's top returning scorer from last year, left the team six games into the year, but returned to the squad after the Christmas break.

New Coach

On December 22 President Christopherson announced the appointment of David Jensen as head coach of the men's basketball team.

Jensen's appointment came after head coach Tom Brosnihan resigned because he was unable to fulfill his contractual obligations.

Jensen, 35, has been assistant men's basketball coach and physical education instructor at Peru State College for the past five years.

He received his master's degree in exercise and sport science from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He has also been a high school teacher and coach in Burlington, Colorado, and Russell, Kansas. His wife, Pamela, is the sister of Dana graduate Ronald Haack '71.

Football Honors

All-NIAC: Michael Allen '93 (Miami, Fla.), defensive back; Manuel Johnson '93 (Chicago), return specialist; Brent Leefers '93 (Omaha), wide receiver; Kelly Ryan '93 (Blair), off-guard.

NIAC Second Team: Mike Carubba '93 (Hamilton, Ontario), quarterback; Manuel Johnson, as a wide receiver; Joe Musgrow '93 (Kansas City, Mo.), cornerback.

Eleven additional players won NIAC Honorable Mention.



Senior guard Kris Grappendorf fights for the ball.

Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska NAIA First Team: Michael Allan, Brent Leefers, Kelly Ryan. *Second Team:* Mike Carubba; Manuel Johnson; Ryan

Murtaugh '95 (Omaha), linebacker; Courtney Ross '93 (Springfield, Mo.), defensive back; Jessie Walker '94 (Milan, Mich.), running back.

○ **Kay Konz '79**, Lincoln, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the National Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) Foundation Fighting Blindness Convention that met in Orlando, Florida, November 29-December 1. Kay's involvement in the RP Foundation has included serving as a telephone network system volunteer, assisting in organizing the Nebraska-Iowa RP Foundation Affiliate, and serving as Vice President of Public Awareness for the local affiliate. She is also project coordinator for the "Lighting Up the Night" project, making laser images available to persons who are visually impaired. This project evolved out of the observation by people in Lincoln that laser light is accessible to those who are visually impaired; it is rapidly growing into a nationwide effort after Kay was a guest speaker at the International Laser Display Association Convention in New York last November 7. Retinitis pigmentosa is a progressive, inherited vision disorder whose first symptom is difficulty seeing at night. It eventually results in a loss of peripheral vision and can result in legal blindness.

○ **Diane Luxford '76**, Omaha, has been named 1992 Medalist Award Winner by the Nebraska-Iowa Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. She was presented the award on December 5 at the chapter's annual awards banquet at Omaha's Joslyn Castle.

○ **Lance Poldberg '76** was "pastor/pitcher" for the 1992-93 Westmont College Missionary Tour to Central America from December 28-January 5. Poldberg was selected in the first round. He is pastor of Bethania Lutheran Church in Solvang, California, which sponsored his participation.

○ Alumni listening to the Nebraska Public Radio Network (KUCV/90.9 FM) will sometimes hear the voice of announcer **Lora (Lunzmann '72) Black** of Lincoln. During the holiday season, they would have heard her reading two stories about pioneer Christmases written by Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich. The stories were part of a "Readings of the Season" series featured on NPRN.

○ Macy's fabulous window displays at its Manhattan flagship store have a Blair and Dana connection. Blair High graduate Alan Rohwer, fashion director of the visual merchandising department for the famous department store, designs the displays. He was interviewed by *Omaha World-Herald* fashion editor Kathleen Brown in the December 24 *World-Herald*. Brown wrote: "Rohwer said he owes everything he knows about building sets, creating scenes and finding the right costumes and props to what he learned from **Joseph Anderson '70**, drama and English teacher at Blair High School. . .Rohwer said the best advice Anderson gave him was 'always follow through with the best design and take it to that extra step. Look for that one thing that will make the setting special, make it sparkle.'"

○ **Linda (Schmidt '69) Duda**, Omaha, is the illustrator of *From Dugout to Mansion: My Life*, the memoirs of the late Jessie Short Segard of Omaha. The book, published by the Historical Society of Douglas County's Lamplighter Press, was reviewed in the December 27 *Sunday World-Herald*. Duda teaches art at Brownell-Talbot Preparatory School.

○ On October 17 **Roger Eitzmann '67**, teacher and coach in Sidney, Iowa, was named Class A Southwest District Wrestling Coach of the Year for 1992 by the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association. The award was presented in West Des Moines at the IWCOA clinic. Last February the Southwest Iowa Wrestling Coaches Association named Eitzmann Class 1-A Coach of the Year.

○ In November **Dr. Wayne Nielsen '65**, chief operating officer of Martin Luther Homes in Beatrice, flew to Rome to attend an international conference on persons with disabilities. The invitation was extended by Pope John Paul II, and the conference was held at the Vatican. As members of the American delegation, Nielsen and Pastor George Meslow, president and CEO of Martin Luther Home Society, were invited to share their expertise with other international leaders in the field of disabilities.

○ Former *Omaha World-Herald* publisher Harold Andersen has named **Phillip Pagel '56** of Dana to his "All-American Team." In an article that appeared on the "Week-end Focus" page of the December 20 *Sunday World-Herald*, contributing editor Andersen wrote that Pagel has had "38 years' association with Dana, first as a student, now as vice president for institutional advancement. . ."

Baseball Team Alumni:

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17, when the Second Annual Oldtimers' Game will be played at Dana. The 27 former players who returned for the first event last May had a great time at the game and the dinner that followed it. Watch for an early spring mailing with details. If you don't receive an invitation, call Coach "Juice" Lemon at (402) 426-7292.

The Dana-Oaks Connection

Because the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church was closely involved with the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma, Dana is very interested in receiving materials for its Archives about the mission and school.

These materials can include, for example, letters (either originals or copies), photographs, remiscences (handwritten, typed, or taped), and mementoes.

Dr. Ruth Herman Nielsen, a Dana friend who works with the Archives as a volunteer, recently returned from a trip to Denmark. While there she met with Henning Bender, director of the Danes Worldwide Archives in Aalborg. Bender, she reports, didn't know of this connection of the UELC, a Danish Lutheran synod, with Native Americans. He expressed great interest in it.

Dr. Nielsen also notes that Oaks will observe its centennial ten years from now, and archival material that Dana receives will help "tell its story."

There are alumni and friends and their relatives who worked or taught at Oaks, and some who attended school there. Dana would appreciate any information they can send. Materials can be addressed to the Dana Archives, C.A. Dana-LIFE Library, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008.

Alumni in the News

Sisters' Copycat Press helps K-3 teachers develop curiosity, creativity in students

Kindergarten through third grade teachers needing lively ideas and art for classroom projects can find them in Sharon (Olsen '64) Tuttle's *Copycat Magazine*.

The former grade school teacher and her sister, Jo Anne Wood, started Copycat Press in 1985 in Racine, Wisconsin. Jo Anne at the time was a freelance artist for Western Publishing.

"We saw a need and decided to do it together," Sharon said in a telephone interview.

Today the magazine, which is colorful and imaginative, has 39,000 subscribers in the U.S. and other countries. The sisters work out of their homes but have an office staff that handles subscriptions.

How do they come up with ideas? "Joanne and I put our heads together and brainstorm," Sharon said. "We think about what's going on and what teachers might need."

What they come up with is highly creative. The 32-page May/June 1992 issue, for example, features ideas and art for:

- A "Frog Fest" (with games, songs, a T-shirt design, and patterns for a 3-D frog, an origami jumping frog, and a pollywog hand puppet).

- A "Mother's Day Tea" (with ideas for invitations, a teacup necklace, placemats, a program and simple recipes, and instructions for a tea rose corsage).

- A "Book Spotlight" on Diane Good's *Where's Our Mama?* Since the book is set in Paris, this section tells about the city, introduces several French words and phrases, suggests a song and



Other Copycat Press publications include annual "Best-of" volumes, two "Ready Readers Theater Books"—one about Aesop's Fables, the other about Christmas—and classroom kits with bulletin board art accompanied by 50-page booklets full of ideas. One of the most successful kits has been about rain forests.

several games relating to the story, includes a bibliography of other children's stories set in France, and has a pattern for a gendarme hat.

- Suggestions for May and June activities. Among the May activities are National Sight Saving Month, American Bike Month, Clean Air Week, Cinco de Mayo, the birthdays of Edward Lear and Dolley Madison, and Memorial Day; those for June include Dairy Month, World Environment Day, Kamehameha Day, Flag Day, First American Woman in Space, and Father's Day.

- A double centerfold with giant illustrated calendars for May and June.

- A five-page social studies section that focuses on Spain. The section includes "Fun Facts Just for Kids," a list of Spanish words, and

a "tour" of Spain, with instructions on making mock passports, and with four "stops"—in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, and the countryside. Each stop has activities: in Madrid, for example, children learn about the Prado and Spanish artists El Greco, Goya, and Picasso, and make several Spanish foods, including *tapas* and *rosquillas*.

- A special section about chocolate chip cookies, from their history and rating them with a "Cookie Consumer Report," to making them and planning a "Cookie Caper" with cookie costumes, dances and songs for a visit to senior citizens.

Readers interested in subscription information can write to Copycat Press, P.O. Box 081546, Racine, WI 53408 or call (414) 634-0146.

'90s

○ **Tim Barner '92** teaches high school math and coaches football in Leigh, Nebraska.

○ **Amy Buboltz '92**, Omaha, teaches health and physical education at Norris Junior High School.

○ **Keely Gibbs '92** works at the Red Barn Veterinary Clinic in Oakland, Nebraska.

○ **David Hartman '92**, Creston, Iowa, is sports reporter for the *Creston News*. He is also a coach in Creston and at

Iowa Western Community College and a substitute teacher in the Creston area.

○ **Carmen Kinsley '92** teaches science at Wilson Junior High in Council Bluffs.

○ **Susan Richardson '92** teaches second grade in the Fullerton, Nebraska, Public Schools.

○ **Jennifer Rose '92**, Omaha, works in the Human Resources Department at SITEL.

Chris Christensen '91 and his wife, Charlotte, live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Chris is a hydrogeologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

'80s

○ **Danny Hosteen '89** has been named a lay evangelist; he is serving at Many Farms, Arizona, a Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Danny, his wife, **Ruthie '89**, daughters Sherryl and Shelly and foster daughter Candy moved to the mission site in July.

○ **Nathan Kramer '89** is chef at Carey Cottage, a new luncheon restaurant and tea room with a European flair in Fremont, Nebraska.

○ **Michelle (Weaver '88)** Ballard received a master's degree in occupational therapy from Texas Women's University on August 15. She works at the Santa Rosa Rehabilitation Hospital's Medical Center in San Antonio. Michelle and her husband, Mike, live in Converse.

○ **Tami (Hansen '88)** and **Cory Curran '85**, Omaha, announce the November 6 birth of Joshua Joel. Cory is a sales representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and Tami is an underwriter for Acceptance Insurance Company.

○ Nolan Leo was born July 31 to **Vonda (Holzberger '88)** and Scott Ford, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

○ **Karla (Jensen '88)** and **Mark '85 Jensen**, Benedict, Nebraska, are the parents of Micah Daniel, born August 30.

○ **Barbara (Myer '87)** and **Brett Hodne** announce the September 24 birth of Ryan John. Brother Nicholas is three. Barbara graduated in May 1991 from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences and is in her second year of residency at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Des Moines.

'70s

○ **Mary Beth** and **Mark Tiby '77**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the December 19 birth of Matthew James. He joins sister Rachael, 4.

○ **Mikal Jackson '72** and his wife, Fran, live in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Mikal is senior vice president of Sandy Corporation, one of this country's largest consulting, training, and communications firms. Before joining Sandy Corporation he was vice president of organizational development for Inter-Continental Hotels Corporation Ltd., based in London, England. Prior to that, he was director of manpower planning for Marriott Corporation's Hotel Division in Sales and Marketing.

'60s

○ **Lyle Brehm '68** has been elected treasurer of the Robert Morris Associates Missouri Valley Chapter. He is vice president/commercial loan officer at Southwest Bank of Omaha.

○ **Leroy Schafersman '68** received his master of social work degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in May 1992. He and his wife, **Norma (Wilkins '69)**, currently work for the State of Nebraska as service coordinators for the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

'40s

○ A correction: **Emmelinn (Fredericksen '49)** Hoar writes in response to her news in the fall *Review*, "...I'm afraid a correction is necessary if any alumni want to contact us—to the best of anyone's knowledge there is no TAWSE in Maine. We live in Windham just 10 miles NW of Portland." (*Editor: This is a really strange mistake and one I can't explain. My apologies.*) She continues: "Another note of interest perhaps to past classmates is that there are three Dana alumni in the choir of North Windham Union Church—UCC. They are Earl Johnson ('46-47), Kenneth Luce '68 (one of Dana's football stars and who

won't admit he has a good voice) and myself. Earl and I were both members of Dana's a cappella choir when Prof. Paul Neve was director."

Deaths

○ **H. Fred Erdman '75** of Belmond, Iowa, March 29.

○ **Dorothy Fleischman Williams '67** of Tekamah, Nebraska, April 16.

○ **Vance Curtis Larsen '62** in New York City. A former teacher, he worked for Continental Airlines, most recently in Newark, New Jersey. Survivors include his parents, Vivian and Harry Larsen of Creighton, Nebraska.

○ **Don Fosberg '60** of Spencer, Wisconsin, June 28. Survivors include his wife, Inez (Schmer '60).

○ **Mildred (Staby '46) Nelson** of Westbrook, Maine, December 12. Survivors include her husband, Warren; daughters Karen Hansen '69 of Ruskin, Nebraska, and Lynn McClure of Watertown, Maine; and brother Andrew D'36 T'39 of Loveland, Colorado.

○ **Ruth (Hansen '45) Campbell** of Audubon, Iowa, March 15. Survivors include her husband, Calvin, and five children.

○ **Jesse Smith '40**, Greeley, Colorado. Survivors include his wife, Esther, and daughter Marcia Gilmore '72 of Lawrence, Kansas.

○ **Stanley '37 and Ethel Jorgensen**, of Des Moines, Iowa, December 27, of smoke inhalation when a fire broke out in their home early that morning. The fire started in or near the furnace of their two-story home. Stanley was a retired employee of Equitable Life Insurance. Survivors include son Richard '64 (professor of history at Dana) and daughter-in-law Pat (Kiracofe '63), and son James '66 and daughter-in-law Linda (Money '65), all of Blair.

○ **Herbert Harboe '36** of Clearwater, Florida, June 1. Survivors include his wife, Julia, and two brothers—Edward '42 of Lakewood, Colorado, and Irwin.

○ **Edward A. Larsen '36** of Cedar Falls, Iowa, October 14. Before his retirement he was a private contractor and builder. Survivors include his wife, Inga (Schultz '36); daughters Judith Sebbert '64, Muscatine, Iowa, and Sondra Carver, Decorah, Iowa; son Herbert A. Larsen, Troy, Michigan; stepdaughters Ellen Hanson '62, Bremerton, Washington, and Nancy Larsen, Minneapolis; stepson William Larsen, Houston, Texas; brothers

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Destiny's
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Sea

Herbert '38, Kimballton, Iowa, and Chester '35, Littleton, Colorado, and sister Edna Kjergaard, Audubon, Iowa.

○ **J. Hilton Rhoades '31** of Blair, July 16. Before entering the newspaper business with his father, he was a school teacher in Washington County. He retired in 1977 as publisher of Blair's Enterprise Publishing Company. Survivors include his wife, Fern; son Kenneth of Blair; daughter Charlotte Gliniski of San Diego, California; and stepdaughter Kay Hofmann of Omaha.

○ **H. Irving Petersen D'26 T'29** of Mesa, Arizona, December 4. A retired pastor, he served congregations in Viborg, South Dakota; Northfield, Minnesota; Oshkosh and Denmark, Wisconsin; and Jacksonville, Graettinger, Traer and Marshalltown, Iowa. He also served as visitation pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Mesa from 1967-84. Petersen was chairman of the Board of Charities of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church and president of the UELC's Iowa District at the time of the merger that formed the American Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of Mesa, and five children: Stan '54, Forest City, Iowa; Jon '56, Puyallup, Washington; Carol '60, Mesa; Kaye '66, Barrington Hills, Illinois; and Karl '66, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

○ **Mina (Jensen '24) Vinther**, December 10, in Massachusetts. Until a year ago she lived in Northfield, Minnesota. Survivors include her son, Gordon Vinther '65 of E. Pepperell, Massachusetts.

Friends:

○ **Rafe Anders** of Jacksonville, Oregon, September 15, of bone cancer. He was a State Farm Insurance agent. Anders taught speech at Dana and was director of Holling Hall for two years, from 1971-1973. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Sacke '74), and sons Bret (11) and Joel (8).

○ **Herbert Dalleck** of Oak Lawn, Illinois, October 23. He was a longtime friend of the college and secretary of the Chicago Dana Club. Survivors include his wife, Becky, son David '72 of Littleton, Colorado, and daughter Linda '64 of Oak Lawn.

○ **Martha Loft** of Hastings, Nebraska, November 2. She was the widow of the Rev. Stinus Loft, who served several UELC congregations.

○ **Walter Lyche** of Thousand Oaks, California, who taught mathematics at Dana from 1937-45. Survivors include his wife, Esther, and son J. Robert '66.

Alumni teachers work with students

This year six of the 18 Dana students in the teaching block had something in common with their cooperating teachers: The teachers had also attended Dana. The alumni teachers who shared their expertise, and the students they worked with, were:

Janis (Sorensen '72) Christensen—mathematics, North High School, Omaha. Student: Catherine Shaw (from January 4-22).

Sonja (Hansen '85) Jarosz—special education, Arbor Park Middle School, Blair. Students: Wendy Tappe (October 19-December 4) and Greg Hansen (January 26-February 28).

Lois (Edmonds '73) Jensen—physical education, Westside Middle School, Omaha. Student: Kris Grappendorf (from October 26-December 11).

Sandra (Gill) Johnson '82—first grade, Ft. Calhoun Schools, Ft. Calhoun, Nebr. Student—Siri Vollan (from October 26-December 23).

Debra (Cleaver '84) Rider—special education, West Harrison South Elementary School, Modale, Ia. Student—Jennifer Edelman (from December 7-January 22).

In addition, other alumni educators, including many in Blair, Ft. Calhoun, and Omaha, have Dana students working for them as teacher assistants.

Honor a friend or classmate . . .

Alumni are invited to send nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni, and Outstanding Young Alumni Awards to the Alumni Office. In addition to names, please include supporting information.

The award criteria are:

Distinguished Alumni—These awards are given to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professions and have rendered dedicated service to their communities, church, and/or Dana.

Outstanding Young Alumni—These awards are given to alumni who have attended Dana within the past 15 years. Recipients must show accomplishments and promise in their professions and have given dedicated service to their communities, church, and/or Dana.

Athletic Hall of Fame—

These awards are given to outstanding former Dana athletes and others who have made significant personal contributions to the college's athletic programs. Candidates must have participated in and earned a varsity letter in one or more inter-collegiate sports at Dana or have made exceptional contributions in time or talent toward improving the college's athletic programs. They must also have distinguished themselves in such ways as to bring honor to themselves, their professions, and their alma mater. They must have been removed from varsity athletic participation for at least five years.

Recipients of any of these awards must be able to attend the award ceremony.

Phoenix Luncheon

Phoenix area alumni, friends, and snowbirds: The college's annual luncheon in the greater Phoenix area is set for Saturday, March 6, and you are invited. (And please extend this invitation to other friends of Dana snowbirding in the area who might not receive the *Review*.)

The 12 noon event will again be held at Annabelle's Restaurant, the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 South Power Road (at Broadway and just north of Superstition Freeway).

President and Mrs. Christopherson plan to attend.

The cost of the luncheon is \$8.50 per person. For reservations, call the Rev. James Olsen at (602) 924-3253.

Christopherson will also speak at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mesa (2745 N. 32nd St.) on Sunday morning at 8 and 10:15.

Lutheran College Nights

Alumni and friends are invited to bring their high school age sons and daughters to the Lutheran College Nights listed below, and to visit the Dana display table at each of them:

○ **Minneapolis, Minnesota**
Sunday, April 25, 5-8 p.m.
Bloomington Marriott,
I-494, Exit 24, Ave. S

○ **St. Paul, Minnesota**
Monday, April 26, 7-9 p.m.
Sheraton Midway,
I-94, Exit Hamline

○ **Fargo, North Dakota**
Tuesday, April 27, 7-9 p.m.
Holiday Inn,
I-29 & 13th Ave. South

An admissions counselor will be at each event to discuss Dana's educational programs, costs and financial aid.

Lutheran College Nights are sponsored by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America.

Siegrist leads Iowa House

Brent Siegrist '74, Council Bluffs, has been re-elected to the Iowa Legislature, where he has served since 1985.

After the November election, fellow Republicans named him House majority leader. Previously House minority leader, he had "won respect for his ability to negotiate with Democrats," the November 14 *Omaha World-Herald* reported.

In a feature story in the November 30 *Des Moines Register*, reporter Jonathan Roos wrote, "Republicans come in all shapes and sizes, but Brent Siegrist is not

your off-the-shelf GOP legislative leader." Roos quoted Rep. Michael Petersen, a Democrat from Carroll, Iowa: "Brent, being a younger, more centrist educator, breathes some new life and vigor into the Republican Party."

Of note: Like two other alumni who have been active in politics, Siegrist is a former Dana student body president. The others: U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 of Illinois and Willard Hansen '53, a former member of the Iowa Senate who served as assistant minority leader and president pro tem.

"Sights & Sounds" brings crowds

"Sights and Sounds of Christmas," the college's annual holiday gift to area residents, again brought several thousand to the campus on Sunday, December 6.

The day began with a festive worship service and ended with the Santa Lucia ceremony.

A Scandinavian smorgasbord featuring pork roast, medisterpølse, chicken Copenhagen, frikkedøller, red cabbage, pickled herring, liver pate, salads, and several traditional desserts was again a popular feature.

Also popular was the annual concert by the Dana College Concert Band and Choir in a

setting of evergreens and poinsettias. The Blair High School Chorus performed at the close of the concert, as well as earlier at a "Christmas Spotlight."

Throughout the day guests had a variety of other activities to choose from.

Burke Petersen '81, Sights and Sounds coordinator and director of public relations, says that "typically, we begin receiving reservations for the smorgasbord the beginning of October, even before our mailer goes out." Alumni and friends wishing to be placed on the mailing list for Sights and Sounds can write to Petersen at Dana.

See the new building at Homecoming 1993

Looking forward to seeing what Dana's new chapel-classroom-faculty office building will look like when it's completed?

To see the building and to help celebrate its completion, circle October 1-3, Homecoming weekend, on your calendars and plan to return for the dedication.

The Homecoming agenda

also includes these reunions: for math and science alumni, for members of the 1987 championship volleyball team, and for members of these classes: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, and 1988.

Details will follow in the spring and summer *Reviews* and in the Homecoming mailer.

“How do you say ‘thank you?’” That’s the question that faces me. The late Leonard Johnson left Dana College \$1.64 million. We have known about the gift for about a year, although we didn’t know the exact amount and time of receipt. The gift gave the administration and Board of Regents the courage to proceed to build the Old Main replacement classroom, office, and chapel building in its

entirety. Although we still have additional pledges to secure in the next six months in order to assure that the total cost of construction is complete, and that the ADD campaign goal is reached, we are confident that these goals can be achieved.

Leonard was a mystery man. He didn’t attend Dana. His farm in the heart of Omaha was sold decades ago, and prudent investment management enabled him to leave substantial gifts in equal shares to Dana, the Salvation Army, and the Masonic Boys Home in Fremont. Apparently, Leonard was proud of his Danish heritage, and knew about Dana from family and friends. A neighbor told us that he took Mr. Johnson for a ride around the campus several times and that Leonard remarked that some day he would leave Dana some money. He surely did. His gift is the largest single gift in Dana’s history.

I wondered what effect the Johnson gift would have on our giving. For example, would it discourage others who might reason: “Dana doesn’t need more money” or “My gift is so small as to be insignificant by comparison,” etc. Happily, my concerns were unfounded.

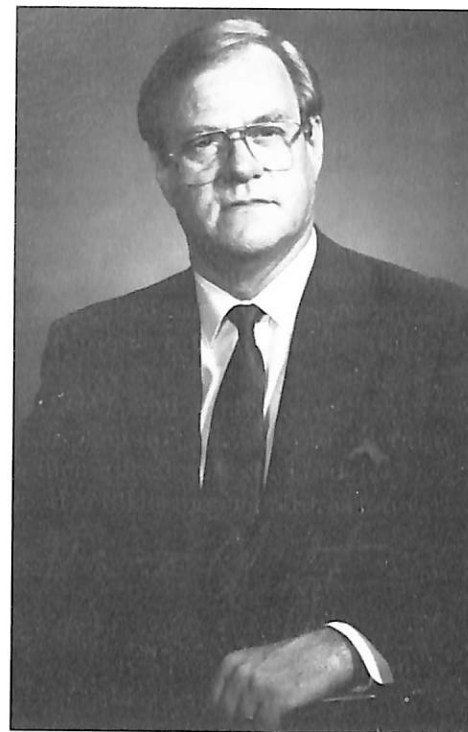
Most Dana friends know that our needs are significant and that this gift helps us pay for a building that we would not otherwise have been able to complete. The Johnson gift along with others enables us to provide students with outstanding facilities, instruction,

and services. It has been particularly pleasing to me that the Johnson gift as well as a gift of over \$325,000 by the late Simon and Virginia Korshoj of Blair, longtime friends and builders of Dana, and a gift from the trust of the late Margaret and Therkild Nielsen of Detroit, faithful members of the former UELC, have all had the same positive effect on our giving. People like to give to a winner, to an organization that can carry out its purposes for generations to come. Johnson, the Korshoj, and the Nielsen by their planned gifts have given added fiscal strength to Dana College.

I don’t know how to thank them except to: (1) thank God, their families and friends for them and their remembrance of Dana, and (2) pledge to seek to do the best we can to provide excellence in undergraduate education as a liberal arts college of the Church.

Recently nineteen Dana alumni and friends attended an estate planning seminar conducted by one of our nation’s foremost estate planning attorneys, David J. Nielsen, of the Omaha firm of McGrath, North, Mullin and Kratz. It was thrilling to be a part of this weekend session to help Dana friends consider strategies of estate planning. My wife, Anne, and I took part in the group and one-on-one sessions with Mr. Nielsen. Every individual and couple in attendance reported that they now realize what steps to take in order to provide for their family and friends after their death in ways that will reduce taxes, administrative, and probate costs that would otherwise substantially diminish the assets they could leave to family and charity.

There is no pressure or obligation for those attending these seminars to leave anything to Dana, but most have already acknowledged their intentions and are “Dana Builders,” people who have informed us that Dana is included in their estate plans. What amazed me was that everyone attending acknowledged that their plan was incomplete or flawed. Anyone can benefit from such counsel. Those individuals with estates over \$600,000 or couples with \$1.2 million are in urgent need of a current estate plan (not just a will) if they want to



optimize their capacity to deliver their assets as desired.

The needs for support at the college continue. We are optimistic that we can find new pledges and gifts in the next few months so that the cost of our \$5.2 million Old Main replacement building will be secured by the time of its dedication. But the need for scholarship support for students has never been greater, and the need for gift support for salaries, programs, and facilities continues. Thanks to the Margaret Nielsen Trust, we will have a chapel, and I pray that some day we will be able to have a fine pipe organ built for the chapel. Cost estimates are up to \$150,000 or more. For now, we give thanks for the wonderful help that God has provided to us through so many.

Dana’s future is shaped by the thoughtful and generous planning of friends like Leonard Johnson, Simon and Virginia Korshoj, and Therkild and Margaret Nielsen. On behalf of the Dana community, I give thanks for their planning. May we prove worthy of their gifts. Praise the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever!

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

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What's New?

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