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When this spring issue was prepared, the snow had melted, our eastern Nebraska temperatures were sometimes in the 60s, and the sky was usually blue—but the trees were still bare. Searching for a cover that said “spring,” we looked through last year’s picture files to find this photo of a class on the Korshoj Terrace overlooking the campus. On the left is a gas lamp from Copenhagen.
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Home stays highlight travel experiences of Interim students visiting united Germany

During the January Interim, German professor Sybille Bartels and 12 of her students traveled in Germany and made short trips to Austria and Denmark.

In united Germany the group visited castles, museums, cathedrals, churches—and people—in cities, towns, and villages. Bartels described the trip as “filled with new experiences for the students.”

Asked for “the most memorable moment,” she replied, “living with host families.” She added, “Even though the students were apprehensive at first about being on their own in a German-speaking family, those visits turned out to be a highlight.”

That experience came near the end of their tour when they spent three days in Bad Segeberg, a north German town that over the past few years has established ties with Nebraska, Blair, and Dana.

(Bad Segeberg has a Nebraska-Haus on the grounds of the Kalkberg, where the annual Karl May Festspiele is staged. Because of the Nebraska-Haus, Mayor Joerg Nehter sought to establish ties with Nebraska and in doing so became acquainted with Blair residents Janyce and Richard Hunt. At the time Richard Hunt was a member of Dana’s Board of Regents. Since then Nehter has received an honorary doctorate from Dana, and he and several other Bad Segeberg residents have made frequent visits to Blair and the campus. A few years ago Bartels and several Dana students spent a summer in Bad Segeberg working at Nebraska-Haus. Two students from Bad Segeberg have also studied at Dana.)

“Bad Segeberg residents, especially Mayor Joerg Nehter, Vice-Mayor Klaus Knuetter, his wife Gisela Knuetter, and our host families gave us a wonderful welcome, and we had regional and local press coverage,” Bartels reported. “We were given a reception at the City Hall, had a walking tour of the city, visited several schools and the Nebraska-Haus on the Karl May festival grounds, and were the featured speakers one evening at a well-attended *Talkabend* on the ‘American Way of Life.’”

Altogether during their three-week trip the group visited six homes. Bartels is a native of Berlin, and a visit earlier on the tour was for a lavish dinner in the Berlin home of her brother and sister-in-law, Matthias and Angela Wischner-Berg.

Students learned to know Berlin through walking tours and by using the extensive public transportation net—in both east and west. They saw memorials of the wall, now gone, that had divided the city for several decades until November 9, 1989. They attended cultural events that included concerts in the *Gedaechtniskirche* and the *Philharmonie* and a ballet in the *Komische Oper*. They visited art and history museums, a day-care center, a factory (where they had lunch), and the small, ancient church in an eastern suburb where Bartels had been baptized.

Another trip took them to Wittenberg for a guided tour of sites related to Martin Luther and the Reformation. There they were joined by Ilka Knuetter, a student from Bad Segeberg who attended
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Bartels' Interim group at Linderhof Castle in Bavaria: from left— front row, Jeff Rademacher, Nicole Planting, Gina Jacobs; back row, Mark Nielsen, Kerry Maas, Heidi Gerth, Carrie Larkins, Ann Neumeister, Ann Schropfer, Kaci Solt, Elayne Morris, Trisha Forsen.

Interim students visit great European cathedrals

Another Interim trip took 11 students and Music Department faculty members Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 and Michael Anderson on a quest to study the great

Denmark also on students' itinerary

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Dana last year; she's now at Halle University.

Bartels and her students had traveled to Berlin from Munich, the starting point for their tour. They spent several days exploring that Bavarian city and made an all-day trip that included visits to the 19th century dream castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof.

In Munich they met up with members of a Dana Interim class called "The Great Cathedrals of Europe and England." Both groups spent a day together in Salzburg, Austria, the birthplace of Mozart.

The last days of their tour were spent in Denmark, but on the way to Denmark, after their Bad Segeberg visit, they stopped in Luebeck. There they strolled along the Baltic coast and attended a performance of Goethe's *Faust*, which they had read before their trip.

From Luebeck they went to Ribe, Denmark. In recent years most of Dana's visiting Danish language instructors have been young graduates of the teachers' college (*Staatseminarium*) in Ribe.

Niels Heide of the teachers' college had arranged for home stays, a tour of Ribe, and an excursion to the North Sea. Heide and his wife Ellen hosted the group for an evening in their home. Another evening Anni Baelum, who taught Danish at Dana in 1986-87, invited the group to her

cathedrals of Europe and England.

Their first stop was Cologne to see that city's Gothic cathedral. Tour member Brad Volcek '94 said that when they stepped out of the

home for dinner and conversation. Also at the dinner were two other Danes who had been at Dana: former Danish teacher Gitta Andreasen (1992-93) and former student Hanne Sorensen (1991-93).

From Ribe it was on to Copenhagen. Dr. Richard Andersen '53, pastor of the International Church there, had made hotel reservations for the group. His hospitality also included an introduction to several members of his congregation, refreshments in his home, and a guided four-hour walking tour of Copenhagen.

The trip ended the next day with a tour of the University of Copenhagen, where the Danish International Study program (DIS) offers classes (and where Bartels conducted an impromptu class of her own in an empty classroom). That evening they had dinner with Eva Zeuthen and Jesper Jespersen, Danish students who attended Dana several years ago—Zeuthen in 1988-89 and Jespersen in 1989-90.

Bartels said that the goals of the trip had been "to increase students' ability to communicate in German, to recognize historic sites, to distinguish architectural and artistic styles, to appreciate and discuss the cultural background and the challenges of a recently united country, to cope in unusual situations, and to cooperate with all members of a group."

Her students would agree that she achieved her goals. ○

nearby railroad station and saw the cathedral for the first time, they were awed by its immense size. They remained in Cologne for several days, and that first impression was strengthened during their stay.

For many of the students, seeing the Cologne cathedral was the highlight of their trip.

"A cathedral is more than a style of architecture," Anderson says. "If you study one closely, you also learn about religious beliefs and practices, history, art, sociology, culture, and music."

He estimates that altogether the group visited and studied approximately 20 Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque cathedrals and churches, including those in Aachen, Munich, Salzburg, Rheims, Paris, Salisbury, and London.

From Cologne they traveled to Munich, where they met the Interim class led by Dr. Sybille Bartels. Both groups spent the day together in Salzburg, Austria—another highlight.

There were other highlights as well: among them—exploring castles; seeing the Mona Lisa at the Louvre and hearing a boys' choir in Notre Dame; and, in England, attending a performance of *Les Miserables* and seeing the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

After their return to the campus, tour participants divided into groups to give illustrated presentations on the cathedrals they had visited—in Germany and Austria, in France, and in England—and to share their excitement and wonder over what they had seen. ○

Danish staff member initiates contacts in his native land

This winter Development Associate Thomas Hansen combined a Christmas trip home to Odense, Denmark, with work for Dana in public relations, admissions, and development.

He reports that after celebrating Christmas with his parents, grandmother, and other family members, he drove "all over Denmark and made more than 50 contacts," either person-to-person or by phone.

"Dana College is very interested in enhancing its relations with Denmark," Hansen says. "We'd like to develop closer ties."

Plans for a concert tour of Denmark by the Dana Chorale in the summer of 1995 are under way, and one of his missions was to begin to make arrangements for a concert in his hometown. Thanks to the help of Danish journalist Svend Pedersen (a relative of Professor Emeritus Norman Bansen '47), the city's Department of Education and Culture has invited the Chorale to sing in Odense and to spend two days there.

Hansen also talked with several young Danes who had asked the college's Admissions Office about studying at Dana. Those efforts for admissions also included meeting with representatives of the Danish American Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, and DIS (Danish International Study program).

He reports that from his conversations he learned interest in attending Dana is high and that the number of Danish students enrolled here will certainly grow. "Danes are eager to study abroad,"

he says.

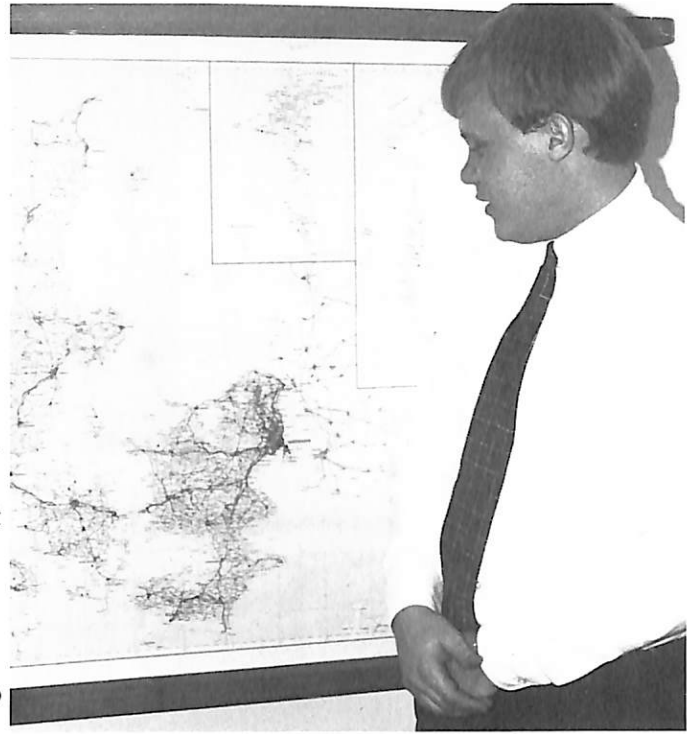
(Hansen is a good example. Although he grew up in Odense, he was born in Sweden of Danish parents who met at a Danish church in Gothenburg. He first came to the U.S. in 1986-87 as a high school exchange student in Celina, Ohio. He returned to Denmark the next year and completed a three-year degree in business

administration. In 1989 he entered Kansas Newman College in Wichita and graduated from there last spring with a bachelor's degree in business administration.)

Hansen asks alumni and friends who might have a young relative in Denmark interested in attending Dana to get in touch either with him or Dan Bane '91, director of international student affairs at Dana.

He also initiated contacts with several foundations and businesses that might eventually contribute to the college, and he returned to the campus with the names and addresses of organizations that might be of future help to the college. He cautions, however, that current economic conditions in Denmark discourage philanthropy.

In his travels around Denmark, Hansen visited Danes who have attended Dana, among them Soren Kold '94, Jesper Jensen '93, Christian Nielsen



Hansen traces his route in Denmark, where he spent two busy weeks—from December 29-January 12—representing the college.

'92, Hanne Nielsen '90, Stina Ramsing '89, Elsa Tromborg '77, Alvina (Chow '68) Gadeberg, and Karin (Risbjerg '66) Nielsen and her husband, Bjarne.

"In talking with them, I learned that they all had a good experience at Dana," Hansen says.

He also met with Olav Ballisager, who with his wife, Thora, taught here in 1972-73, and with two American alumni in Copenhagen: Dr. Emory Anderson '61, general secretary for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (who has since returned to the U.S.), and Dr. Richard Andersen '53, pastor of the International Church in Copenhagen.

Hansen is pleased with the results of his whirlwind trip and says he plans to "continue and improve upon the college's relationships" in his native land. "It's important for Dana to uphold its ethnic heritage," he says. ○

June Elderhostel studies heritage: "Across oceans, across time"

A week of on-campus classes about Danish culture, capped by the grand opening of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, is being planned for a summer Elderhostel.

Called "Dana's 1994 Danish Elderhostel—'Across Oceans, Across Time,'" the course is scheduled for June 5-11.

The college's Danish roots will provide a setting for presentations by faculty members who are natives of Denmark or who specialize in Danish studies. In addition to lectures, participants will attend demonstrations of dance, music, and crafts and see films exploring the heritage of the Danish people, especially those who immigrated to the U.S. They will also tour the Danish-American communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton, Iowa. Special arrangements will be made for those who'd like to attend the grand opening of the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Tuition is \$295; that amount includes housing, meals, course instruction and materials.

Readers 60 years of age or older who are interested in attending can obtain registration forms and additional information by writing to Dr. Ruth Sather, Elderhostel Coordinator, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008. ○



Internships give juniors, seniors "real-world" work experiences

Students with business or accounting internships during the January Interim returned to the start of second semester classes with a new understanding of the world of work and appreciation for the value of their classes.

Shawn Osbahr '94 interned at Blair's Country Tire. He's pictured here (photo below) with the firm's president, Roger Howland '64. Osbahr, who found accounting and pricing lessons at Country Tire especially valuable, reports that "Country Tire is an excellent organization. I feel very fortunate to have had the chance to explore this company."

Chris Moore '94 also interned in Blair, at HunTel Systems, under the supervision of Marketing Manager Renee Myers (photo above). Chris describes his internship as "a real-world experience that opened my eyes."

Other interns agree. Jason Tiedtke '95, for example, says that his work at First National Bank in Missouri Valley, Iowa, was "a great experience—and I was offered part-time work for the spring semester." And Tonya Eller '94, who interned in Blair at Washington

County Bank, reports that "this internship was an excellent learning opportunity because I was able to see how to apply course studies to actual situations."

Besides Howland, several others with Dana connections also gave students internship opportunities: In Omaha, Nabin Tuladhar '94 interned with Jim Wajda '86, software development manager at Marketing Information Services, a division of First Data Corp.; in Valley, Nebraska, Chris Ulven '94 interned with Carol King '84, vice president at Valley Products Corp.; and in Blair, Vicki Behrens '94 interned at Nebraska-Iowa Supply Co. Inc., whose president is Dana Regent Tom Lippincott. ○



Business VP Schmoll reports: "We are stronger, bolder . . ."

In February Bob Schmoll '83, vice president for business affairs, reported to the faculty and Board of Regents that "since 1986 full-time enrollment has increased by 40 percent. This year we have also experienced a 21-year high in the total number of students attending in the fall and spring semesters and the smallest net change between semesters in 34 years."

Statistics for the second semester compiled by Computer Services affirm Schmoll's statement that the college has had "the smallest net change between semesters in 34 years": The number of full-time and part-time students stands at 597, compared with 616 for the first semester and 532 for the second semester a year ago; the number of full-time students is 536, compared with 550 last fall and 455 last spring.

(Net change between the first

and second semesters takes into account students who don't return—i.e., seniors who have completed their degree requirements and students who, for various reasons, leave the college—as well as those who didn't attend the first semester but who enroll for the second—i.e., transfer students, new freshmen, and re-entering students.)

Schmoll also noted that "since 1986 the current fund budget has gone from \$4,879,481 to \$7,930,523, an increase of 63 percent; the endowment fund has gone from \$1,355,906 to \$3,169,648, an increase of 134 percent; and we have added or replaced over 45,000 square feet of building space on campus."

"In short," Schmoll concluded, "we have much to be thankful for—we are much stronger, much bolder than we have ever been." ○

Career Services seeks news of entry-level openings

Readers: Members of the graduating Class of 1994 are beginning their job search. If you know of entry-level job openings at companies, public and private schools, social service agencies, and other organizations, please send that information to Mary Jo Kubie, Director of Career Services, Dana College, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008.

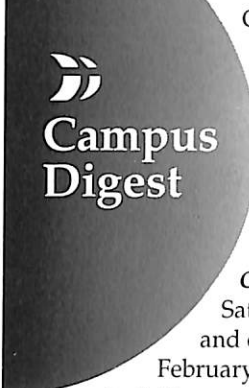
Mock interview sessions:

Several alumni, including members of the Alumni Council, gave juniors and seniors job-hunting experience through mock interviews in February and March. They also reviewed resumes. Participating students say that the advice and experience will give them an advantage when they go out for actual interviews. Here Alumni Council President Kevin Johnson '83 (right) interviews Jeremy Sikes '95 in the office of Career Services. (Johnson is a national account executive at AT&T; Sikes, who has double majors in marketing and in management and organizational behavior, is seeking a summer internship with a stockbroker.)



February recipients of the Heart of Dana Award were *President Myrvin and Anne Christopherson*. *Mrs. Christopherson* is Dana's special projects coordinator. The March recipient was *Dr. Sybille Bartels*, associate professor of German, director of International Studies, and coordinator of the Liberal Arts Reading Program.

President Christopherson was elected vice chair of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) at the January meeting of all 50 Lutheran college presidents in Vancouver, British Columbia.



One hundred and twenty-six outstanding high school seniors, a record number, participated in Dana's annual *Presidential Scholarship Competition* on Saturday, February 12, and on Thursday, February 17 (a make-up day). They were interviewed by teams of Dana students, alumni, and members of the faculty and staff, and they wrote essays on a specified topic. To compete, students must have been accepted by Dana and have at least a grade point average of 3.25, an ACT score of 25, or an SAT score of 970. The scholarships they will receive range from \$1,000 per year to full tuition. Some students also auditioned for Melchior voice scholarships and for theater and instrumental and vocal music grants. Others talented in art and graphic design brought along their portfolios. Students who were athletes had an opportunity to talk to members of the college's coaching staff. This past fall 70 of the 112 seniors who participated in the 1993 competition enrolled at Dana.

Dana's *Theatre Department* gave nine on-campus performances between February 24 and March 6 of Jean Anouilh's twentieth-century version of Sophocles' *Antigone*. Anouilh set the play in Nazi Germany during World War II. The production was staged in the Black Box Theatre in the Madsen Fine Arts Center. It was directed by Prof. Sieghard Krueger.

On February 27 the *Dana College Chorale* joined the Nebraska Choral Arts Society and the Lincoln Orchestra Association in presenting Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at First United Methodist Church in

Omaha. The performance was conducted by Dr. Z. Randall Stroope. This is the second year that the Dana Chorale has been invited to sing with the Nebraska Choral Arts Society.

Seniors *Angie Heise* of Pender, Nebraska, and *Bryan Dirks* of Fonda, Iowa, were crowned Winterfest queen and king on February 5. Members of their court were *Jill Drake '95* (Odebolt, Iowa), *Tonya Eller '94* (Blair), *Kris Flack '94* (Denver, Colo.), *Matt Leaf '95* (Yorkville, Ill.), *Shawn Osbahr '94* (Avoca, Iowa), *Jamie Pestel '95* (Plattsmouth, Nebr.), *Stan Shaw '94* (Omaha), and *Kelly Wesemann '94* (Pierce, Nebr.).

Two faculty members have been promoted by action of the Board of Regents: *Fran Mallory* of the Business Department, from instructor to assistant professor, and *Dr. Paul Schneider* of the English Department, from associate professor to professor. Both were also granted tenure. The Regents also approved sabbatical leaves for *Dr. Alan Brandes*, professor of music, and *Dr. Larrie Stone '57*, professor of biology. Both leaves are for the spring semester of 1995.

Nineteen Dana juniors and seniors have been named to this year's edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They are *Marcus Albers* (Blair), *Heather Austin* (Fremont, Nebr.), *Roxane Fenton* (Charles City, Iowa), *Kari Fjelstad* (Kindred, N.Dak.), *Karl Hermanson* (Blair), *Kyle Herzog* (Sioux City, Iowa), *Dana Holz* (Alliance, Nebr.), *Carrie Larkins* (Firth, Nebr.), *Steve Lewis* (Blair), *Jennifer Morgan* (Blair), *Meredith Novak* (Blair), *Jon Rademacher* (Neudorf, Sask., Canada), *Stan Shaw* (Omaha), *Stephanie Shelton-Martens* (Omaha), *Brad Volcek* (Omaha), *Kelly Wesemann* (Pierce, Nebr.), *Shelli Wiebelhaus* (Neligh, Nebr.), *Trista Witt* (Omaha), and *Kim Zulfer* (Omaha).

On February 6 *Dr. Milt Heinrich*, professor of art, was the keynote speaker for the Western Iowa Scholastic Art Exhibit Awards program. The annual exhibit showcases exemplary art work created by junior and senior high school artists.

Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion, has been invited by the Division for Ministry of the ELCA to participate in the third Convocation of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA on August 12-14 in Chicago. The theme of the 1994 convocation is "Renewing Biblical Authority: A Challenge for the ELCA."

There will be approximately 100 participants, including 18 from ELCA colleges and universities. Hutton was nominated by Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs at Dana, and recommended by the ELCA's Division for Higher Education and Schools.

On March 15, poet *Roi Patursson*, winner of Scandinavia's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, visited the campus under the auspices of The Nordic Council in Minneapolis. He is also superintendent of the Faroe Islands Folk High School. At an afternoon program he read and commented on his award-winning poetry. That evening he gave a program titled "Discover the Faroes."

Dr. Richard Palmer, choral director and professor of music, attended the North Central Divisional Convention of the American Choral Directors Association from March 2-5 in Rapid City, South Dakota. While there, he also represented Nebraska at the North Central Divisional Executive Board meeting.

Babies celebrate birthdays together

The three infants who came to Homecoming with their parents for the 1983 class reunion were all born only a few weeks before, within six hours of each other, on September 16!

Participants—babies and parents—in this coincidence are Andrew Peter, the son of Shelly (Petersen '83) and Scott '82 Grorud of Redwood Falls, Minnesota; Chelsea Marie, the daughter of Jann (Buckley '83) and Alan Dappen of Omaha; and William Marlin, the son of Karen (Reuter '83) and George Bovard, also of Omaha. There's another coincidence as well: Classmates Jann and Karen had their babies at the same Omaha hospital.

Perhaps 17 years from now, Andrew, Chelsea, and William will be celebrating their birthdays together at Dana as members of the Class of 2015.

New vice president for academic affairs: "An exciting time" to lead academic program

Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, came to Dana last summer from Capital University, where he was professor and dean of the Conservatory of Music. Here he writes about his first-year impressions of Dana and his hopes for the future.

I must admit, even as a lifelong Lutheran who by choice worked at one of the 29 institutions affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I was barely aware of Dana's existence. So this past year or so has been a "crash course" in Dana College. Though I gained some insight into the heritage and history of Dana through reading the two books about Dana (*Saga of the Tower* and *A Place Called Dana*), it was in meeting the people that the character of the institution became evident.

This is indeed an exciting time to be called upon to lead the academic enterprise here at Dana. I consider myself privileged to be in that role. I look forward to intentionally moving Dana to take a higher public profile, yes even contrary to our heritage of modesty. Dana can be and should be known nationally and internationally by more people than at present.

As with many colleges, the people make the difference. Some of my impressions of the people are reshaping with time, but initial characteristics common among many of those I met are quiet, reserved, competent, "get the job done without undue attention to self" which reminded me of Dana's Scandinavian heritage, something I recognized not only from reading the histories, but

also from my personal experience, being of Norwegian descent. I also encountered fierce loyalty and great pride toward Dana in the alumni. Deep relationships have developed in spite of hardships which might have scattered or broken others.

These very characteristics, in spite of the reserve, are the basis of my hope for the prominence Dana can have. Much of what we are currently doing is good news to be shared with others. Some of the innovative and creative ideas we are considering will also be models for other schools of our type to use for inspiration.

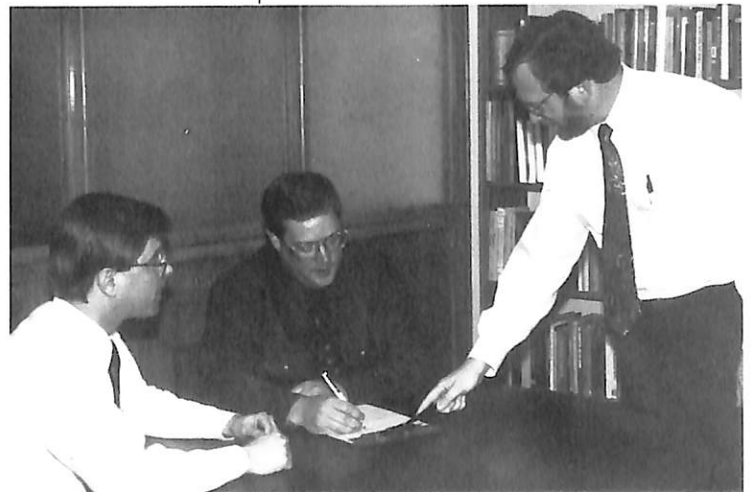
Unique in the Dana heritage is the Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) which has set a tone for collegial workings and commitment to liberal learning that I have not encountered anywhere else. Those alumni whom I have met and who hold leadership roles all have fond memories of LARP and humanities, though many acknowledge their perspective as students was not quite the same as they have now as alumni.

What is most striking to me is the tremendous potential Dana has, given the strength of its heritage and its current faculty and staff. For a number of years now, Dana has been growing and developing in many significant ways. It appears to me, with the most

visible evidence being the Dana Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel, that Dana is stronger and more vital than perhaps any time in its long history.

The new facility has begun to shape some of our thoughts as to future possibilities. Having Trinity Chapel and The Forum, means programming that was not well accommodated otherwise. Special facilities such as the radio and TV studios and the computer lab make it possible to deliver courses and experiences in ways that are vitally important to the future of our students. Even the sizes and shapes of the classrooms are challenging us to think of the possibilities rather than limitations they hold. Inspired by faculty ideas and enthusiasm, I see the beginnings of the articulation of what makes Dana absolutely unique, even among schools of our size and type. In the next year or so we will begin to go public with our visions and aspirations.

May we who know the Dana Experience all take part in the spreading of the news. ○



Formo (right) confers with John Schueth (left), director of admissions, and Burke Peterson '81, director of public relations.

Commencement weekend set for May 21-22: Saturday dinner honors seniors, three alumni

Members of the Class of 1994 will receive their bachelor's degrees on Sunday, May 22. The afternoon ceremony, which is always preceded by a colorful academic procession across the campus, is set for 1 o'clock in Borup Coliseum. The Baccalaureate service will be held that morning at 10 o'clock, also in Borup.

On Saturday evening, May 21, graduating seniors will be honored guests at the annual Recognition Dinner in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. Several seniors will receive Campus Service Awards, with President Christopherson revealing their names at the awards ceremony.

Three graduates, the Rev. Adolph Kloth D'39 T'42, Carolyn Scholl '69, and the late Lela (Nielsen '43) Neve, will also be honored as Distinguished Alumni.

Reservations for the 6:30 dinner can be made through May 16 by calling the Alumni Office (402-426-7235). Tickets are \$8.50 per person.

Adolph Kloth. Kloth's ministry has taken him from serving as a student pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Orum, Nebraska, to St. Paul Lutheran in Penn Yann, New York (1942-45); to First Lutheran in Fremont, Nebraska (1945-51); to Valley Lutheran in North Hollywood (1951-63) and Christ Lutheran in Orange, California (1963-65); to the International Church in Copenhagen, Denmark (1965-71); and back again to California, to Our Saviour's Lutheran in Oakland (1971-76) and Good Shepherd Lutheran in Irvine until his retirement in 1981. He and his wife, the former Lucille Neve '39, continue to live in Irvine.

The churches Kloth served in North Hollywood, Orange, and Irvine were mission congregations. They grew under his resourceful leadership and continue to thrive.

Although he officially retired in 1981, Kloth remains active in the ministry. Soon after his retirement he and his wife embarked on a yearlong trip of the U.S. and Canada in a large trailer pulled by

a truck. Their goals included visiting Lutheran churches and learning about Native American culture. Along the way he was asked to serve as interim pastor of congregations in Mississippi, Alabama, and Colorado, and their trip extended to two years.

When they returned to California, Kloth was asked to carry out the groundwork for a new church in Alpine, then to represent La Serena Retirement Village in Thousand Oaks at Lutheran churches in the area, and then to serve as interim pastor at a church in Santa Barbara.

For the past nine years he has been chaplain (now senior chaplain) at Walnut Manor Lutheran Retirement Community in Anaheim, California. He performs almost full-time work there, half of it as a volunteer,

making hospital visits and conducting Sunday morning services, Wednesday evening vespers, and weekly services in wards where people are unable to attend services. He has learned sign language so that he can communicate with those in the deaf wing.

Kloth has completed his classwork in systematic theology

for the master of sacred theology degree at Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and for the doctor of theology degree in historical theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. (At the time—in the 1940s and '50s—he was unable to take time off to write the theses needed to receive the degrees.)

In 1959 he was awarded a Lutheran



Adolph Kloth

World Federation "Church Workers Exchange Program" scholarship to study for three months in Denmark and Sweden, with an emphasis on the activities of lay persons in the churches of those countries. In 1979 he spent a summer session in England at the Canterbury Ecumenical Summer School at Christ Church College.

Kloth also served for approximately five years on the founding committee of California Lutheran University; as inter-synodical commissioner for the production of the *Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal*; on regional

mission committees of the UELC and ALC; and on the World Mission Board of the UELC.

Carolyn Scholl. Scholl, who was student body president her senior year, began working for the American Red Cross soon after graduating from Dana, and she has remained with that organization throughout her career.

Early in 1970 she started at the Omaha Regional Blood Center as a consultant for Donor Resources Development. In 1973 she became director of Donor Resources Development, and in 1975, assistant administrative director of the Regional Center. She received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1977.

In 1984 she moved to Des Moines as executive director of the Central Iowa Chapter. In 1992 she became regional executive officer of the seven-state North Central Region headquartered in Des Moines, an appointment made by Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross.

During Operation Desert Storm, she was asked by national Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., to manage its staffing unit, and she worked in Washington for five months.

She has traveled to Tanzania twice, most recently this past January, to work with the Tanzanian Red Cross Society. (While in Tanzania this year, she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Society projects.)

Scholl has received the

Tiffany Award for Employee Excellence from the National Red Cross and has been selected as an International Red Cross delegate.

Her community involvement in Des Moines includes serving as co-chair of social services for the State Legislative AIDS Task Force (1989), as chair of community services for the Des Moines Rotary Club (1990), and as vice president of the board of directors for the Willkie House, an inner city youth agency (1993).

Her interests include farming and music. She owns a farm near her hometown of Anita, Iowa, where she has an apple

orchard with 600 trees. In 1989 she won first place in the Midwest Dulcimer Championship. She and a guitarist friend (who also sings) perform at coffee houses and for various events and festivals. They released their first CD/tape this year.

Lela Neve. Lela Neve's activities and interests encompassed her church, Dana, and the community.

She was an active member of Blair's First Lutheran Church, where she served as president of the women's organization.

At Dana she was involved in numerous activities, including the Dana Women's Club. As the wife of Dr. Paul Neve '41, director of the Dana Choir from 1943 to 1984 and now professor emeritus, she entertained countless students, especially Choir members, in the Neve home.

She was coordinator of "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" during its early years of growth

and development. She worked as a Parnassus assistant in the humanities program almost from its start, and as a library assistant was instrumental in developing the Dana Archives. She was still employed in both of these activities at the time of her death, on October 16, 1988.

In Blair she had served as a member of the Library Board and as a member of the Board of Education. She was board president when the junior-senior high school was built. In recognition of her contributions, the school's auditorium was posthumously named the "Lela C. Neve Auditorium."

She was also responsible for making arrangements that brought the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra to the community for several public concerts and workshops in the schools. At the time of her death she was working on plans for a November concert, one that was subsequently dedicated to her memory.

All of the Neve children attended Dana: Leon '67, Loyd '76, Lois Carter '71, and Lori Jones '82.

Kloth's award will be presented by the Rev. William Hanson D'44 T'49, Scholl's by Margaret (Haszard '69) Zion, and Neve's by Phillip Pagel '56. ○



Carolyn Scholl




Lela Neve

Winter sports—Men's basketball: 16-17; Women's: 6-21; Wrestling: 4-3 in duals

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Men's Basketball



The Dana men's basketball ship was righted this winter by second-year Head Coach Dave Jensen and his new-look Vikings. Dana compiled a 16-17 overall record and a 4-8 mark in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) play, making the past season the most-successful for the Dana men since the 1986-87 campaign.

Dana ended a 48-game NIAC losing streak with a 99-75 win over Doane on January 19. The Vikings went on to win three more regular-season conference games, including two over arch-rival Midland Lutheran, which Dana also defeated in the first round of the NIAC post-season tournament. Northwestern (Iowa) eliminated Dana from the conference tourney in the semi-final round.

Borup Coliseum was a friendly home arena for the Dana men as the Vikings went 9-5 at home, playing in front of the largest crowds at the coliseum in several years.

Junior guard Rob Coursey (Papillion, Nebr.) earned NIAC All-Conference honors after averaging 18.5 points per game. Four Dana players—Tony Collins '95 (Omaha), Chris Tignor '96 (Independence, Mo.), Jason Jackson '95 (Clarinda, Iowa), and

Nathan Babbitt '97 (Emerson, Iowa)—earned honorable mention All-Conference honors.

Women's Basketball

The 1993-94 women's basketball season at Dana will likely be looked back at as the foundation for future prosperity. The Vikings posted a 6-21 overall record and a 1-11 mark in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) under Head Coach Kathy Foley, who completed her 13th season.

Although victories did not come as often as desired, there were plenty of individual season highlights for Dana. Junior guard Heidi Grappendorf (Chariton, Iowa) was named NIAC All-Conference after leading the league with a 22.5 scoring average. Grappendorf, who missed six games with a broken foot, also established a new single-game Dana scoring record when she poured in 42 points against Dakota Wesleyan on December 7. The old record of 41 was held by Cathy Shaw '93.

Freshman forward Nichol Buenning (Parkston, S.D.) rewrote Dana's blocked shot record book, setting new standards for blocks in a game (6), season (43) and career (43). Heidi Larson '80 was the former record-holder. Buenning also set a new school record with 24 total rebounds against Doane. She broke the "old" record of 21 which was set by another Dana rookie, Karla Meyer (Orchard, Nebr.), early in the season against York.

Wrestling

Senior Scott Stickler placed fifth at the NAIA national tournament and earned All-American status to highlight the 1993-94 Dana wrestling season.

Stickler, from Clarinda, Iowa, finished fifth at 142 pounds in the national tournament, held March 10-12 in Butte, Montana. He finished his senior season with a 21-9 record. Stickler was a four-time national qualifier for Dana.

The Vikings had six other participants at the national meet. Senior Matt Mentink (Osceola, Nebr.), junior Danny Mattern (Augusta, Ks.), sophomore Chad Caskey (Carson, Iowa), and freshman Andy Hensley (Massena, Iowa) were all national qualifiers, while junior Brent Johnson (Denison, Iowa) and freshman T.C. Aguilar (Grand Island, Nebr.) went to the national tournament as Dana's two "wild-card" entries.

Caskey was 23-12 on the season to lead Viking wrestlers in total victories. Hensley also reached the 20-win mark, going 20-14, and Mattern just missed by finishing 19-12. Mentink ended his Dana career with a stirring turnaround to his season, overcoming a 1-7 start to finish at 13-13. Johnson and Aguilar each won ten matches on the year.

The squad, coached by Ron Beaman '74, placed 22nd in the team standings at the national meet. Dana placed second in the Tri-State Conference meet and ended the year with a 4-3 dual record. ○



Visiting Danish language instructor Johanne Hass shows her students a photo of the "Stones in Jellinge" erected by Viking Harold Bluetooth in memory of his parents. Students pictured are (from left) Laura Meldrum '97, Travis Henk '97, Carey Hallsted '97, Michelle Hein '97, Jerome Williams '97, Mitchell Allemang '94, Darren Tooley '96, and Melissa Keldsen '97.

Hass: Danish language classes uphold college's tradition

For the past nine years, recent graduates of the teachers' college (*Staatseminarium*) in Ribe, Denmark, have come to Dana to teach the Danish language.

Johanne Hass is this year's visiting instructor. Unlike her predecessors, however, Hass is a 1992 graduate of the teachers' college in Esbjerg on the west coast of Jutland. Esbjerg is also her hometown.

After teaching beginning Danish during the first semester, she offered an intensive course during Interim. Her class of nine students this semester includes some from both classes.

"I've had very good students," she says. "Even though they're only in their second semester of Danish, they're already able to carry on a conversation."

At Esbjerg she majored in English and art, and says that "like all teachers' college graduates in Denmark, I'm expected to be able to teach all subjects from first grade through tenth."

Hass's Dana sojourn is her second visit to Nebraska and her third to the U.S. Her first trip to Nebraska came when, as a student at a folk high school specializing in music and drama, she was a member of the school's touring choir and Omaha was on its concert itinerary. On another trip she visited relatives in Seattle, Hartford, and Vancouver.

"I've enjoyed my year at Dana," she says. "I've had a lot of fun with my students, and I think it's good for Dana's Danish tradition to include Danish in the curriculum." ○

Builders Luncheon planned for May 21

The thirteenth annual Dana Builders Luncheon will be held on Saturday noon, May 21, in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. A 12 noon reception in the Presidents Room will be followed by a 12:30 lunch in the Blue Room.

New Builders will be honored at the luncheon.

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

Graduates write for encyclopedia

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 and Dr. Peter Petersen '62 have been selected to write a 15- to 20-page entry on Danish-Americans for a new reference book, *Encyclopedia of Multi-Cultural America*. The encyclopedia will be published by Gale Research Company, which specializes in reference materials for libraries.

Nielsen is professor of English at Dana. Petersen is professor of history at West Texas State University and the author of *A Place Called Dana*. ○

○ "My Great-Grandma Bonnie," a "then and now story" for children by *Delana (Heffelfinger '86) Heidrich* of Novato, California, has been accepted for publication in *The Friend*.

○ *David Iversen '86*, assistant professor II-librarian at Rider College in New Jersey, presented a paper titled "Juletiden i Danmark og Amerika: Carl Hansen's Concept of Christmas" at the 84th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.

The meeting was held April 27-May 1 at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. In his paper Iversen analyzes Hansen's use of the theme of Christmas in three short stories Iversen has translated. Iversen has been selected as a biographee in the 1995 edition of *Who's Who in America*.



Alumni in the News

○ *Tom Andersen '78*, territory manager for Homelite in Nebraska and western Kansas, has won a President's Pacesetter Award trip to Bermuda from the Homelite Division of Textron in Charlotte, North Carolina. Less than one percent of Homelite employees earn the annual honor. Andersen has received the award two years in a row, a unique distinction. Homelite is the largest U.S.-owned manufacturer of handheld outdoor power equipment.

○ Last July *Debra Jenner-Billington '78*, Holdrege, Nebraska, was one of ten delegates from the ELCA's Nebraska Synod to visit the Northern Diocese of Tanzania, a sister synod. Other delegates included Rhonda Wellsandt '81 and Ruth Herman Nielsen, a friend of Dana. Jenner-Billington wrote about the trip in a two-part article, "Tanzania Trip Changes Life," for *Expressions*, a Nebraska Synod publication. In a note to the *Dana Review*, she writes, "We visited and met fellow Lutherans in Tanzania. We saw how they worshiped, and the serving arms of their church. I now give programs through the Companion Synod Program of our synod about our sister churches in Tanzania." (Among those visited in Tanzania were missionaries Ray '56 and Nellie Faye [Larsen '58] Hagberg.)

Jenner-Billington has also been director of historical research for the Atlanta Prisoner of War Camp Project in

Holdrege. During World War II, Camp Atlanta, based six miles west of Holdrege, was one of 155 German prisoner-of-war camps in the U.S. It was a base camp with 18 branch camps in Nebraska and two in Kansas. She writes, "I compiled research about this unique and little known history, and it is now in a book entitled *Prisoners on the Plains* written by my friend and colleague, Mr. Glenn Thompson. I also collected primitive works of art made by former German POW's for a permanent display at the Phelps County Museum in Holdrege. Out of this came an event last October 8-10, where former German POW's and American military and civilian personnel were reunited after 50 years. Closure and healing took place, and it was a marvelous thing to see."

○ An article titled "Modern Legislative Careers" by *Dr. John Hibbing '76*, political science professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, appears in the new, three-volume *Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System: Studies of the Principal Structures, Processes, and Policies of Congress and State Legislatures Since the Colonial Era*. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, the reference set is part of Scribner's American Civilization Series.

○ *Dr. Donald A.F. Nelson '71*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been elected chairman for 1994-95 of ASTM Committee E-31 on computerized systems. ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) is a standards-developing organization, and Committee E-31 is active in the computerization of health care data. Nelson has also been named to the Health Care Informatics Standards Planning Panel of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

○ *Richard Vierk '68*, Lincoln, Nebraska, has been elected to the Cooper Foundation board of trustees. Vierk is partner in charge of tax operations for Deloitte & Touche in Lincoln. He currently serves as president of the Lincoln Public Schools Foundation and Nebraska Citizens for the Arts; treasurer of First Plymouth Congregational Church, the Nebraska Art Association, and the Nebraska Food Industry Association Foundation; chair of annual giving for Madonna Centers; vice-president of the Lincoln Arts Council; and a member of the board of the Arthritis Foundation and Nebraska Public Radio Foundation.

○ Last October *Jeanne (Behrendt '67) Grover* was honored as Fulton County

Teacher of the Year at a luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia. The Fulton County system has over 5,000 staff members. Grover was first chosen Teacher of the Year at the local school level, then Fulton County Elementary Teacher of the Year, and then the overall Fulton County Teacher of the Year. A feature story in a local paper about her earlier selection as Elementary Teacher of the Year quotes her elementary principal: "She's a very innovative and stimulating teacher. She makes the classroom come alive." In relaying her good news to Dana, she wrote: "These past months have been a fantastic experience for me, and I am very proud to say I received my teacher's training at Dana!"

○ *Dr. Paul Christiansen '63* of Tempe, Arizona, a multicultural specialist for a local school district, was the subject of a feature story in the January 12 edition of the *Albert Lea (Minn.) Tribune*. (Christiansen is a native of Albert Lea.) *Tribune* Lifestyles editor Marlene Behle reports that Christiansen has developed a very successful cultural diversity program for his district. Now he is collaborating on a book with Michelle Young, a parent and writer, titled *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Our Multicultural America and Beyond*. The book, based on the school district's cultural diversity program, will be published this fall. Christiansen and Young have also introduced a new bilingual, multicultural quarterly magazine for teenagers and young adults titled *Dry Heat USA*. Young is the editor-in-chief and Christiansen is the multicultural consultant. "It came out Dec. 18 throughout Arizona and it has already sold out at all the major chains and newsstands," Christiansen told Behle. (To receive four issues, send a \$10 check to Prado Publishing Co., P.O. Box 2003, Peoria, AZ 85380-9974.)

○ *Norman Bock '62*, principal of Indian Paintbrush Elementary School in Laramie, Wyoming, was honored last September 28 in Washington, D.C., as a National Distinguished Principal for 1993. He was one of 60 of the nation's best elementary and middle school principals selected for the award by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. A news release in the December 16, 1993, *Neola, Iowa, Gazette Reporter* (Bock comes from neighboring Shelby) quotes the superintendent of Wyoming's Albany County School District: "Bock successfully met one of a principal's toughest

challenges: starting a new school from scratch. Quickly, he developed a sense of ownership and commitment among the diverse staff, students and community. This was no small feat, since the brand-new school merged four attendance areas and staff from five schools. A pioneer of site-based management in his district, Bock involved parents and teachers in planning the school even before construction began. He fostered a strong bond among faculty members of his former school that led to innovative instructional practices...."

○ *Ingvart Appel '58*, superintendent of schools in Eldora-New Providence, Iowa, for the past 15 years, has thrown in his hat for the Iowa House District 18 seat as a Democrat. A news story in the *Eldora Hardin County Index* quotes Appel: "The state of Iowa has many pressing problems—budgets, fiber optics, juvenile crime, as well as education funding and direction—to name just a few.... With my experience in education for the past 35 years, I feel I can be of some help in these areas." Appel has served for several years on a fiber optics advisory board and on the State Training School advisory committee. He has also been a member and chair of the board of trustees of the Eldora Regional Medical Center.

○ The newsletter of the ELCA's Sierra Pacific Synod in the January issue of *The Lutheran* reports that *Charles Kaldahl '52* of Daly City, California, an ordained Lutheran pastor and director of a prayer/counseling ministry, St. Timothy's Healing Community, Inc., in the San Francisco area, has been named executive officer on the board of directors for Mount Tabor Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration. The monastery is a 15-year-old affiliate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Redwood Valley. A news release explains that "the Board has three members—two monks and a third person, not a monk, who has the interest and good will of the monastery at heart," and that "Pastor Kaldahl and his wife, Jean, have been friends and supporters of the monastery since 1979." Kaldahl has visited the monastery about once a month for 13 years, is a counselor for several of the monks, and "has watched the monastery...grow and develop." "He views the monastery and the monks as part of his extended family," the release reports. "The worship is rich," Kaldahl says, "touching all five of the senses, calling the whole person into a commitment of love and service to Jesus Christ."

○ The Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce awarded *Severin '34* and *Lilly (Jorgensen '35) Sorensen* its Outstanding Community Service Award at a January 29 banquet held at the Lied Conference Center at Arbor Day Farm. Nebraska City residents since 1943 and now retired teachers, the Sorensens have been involved in numerous educational and civic activities. Lilly Sorensen is a past president of the Nebraska City Education Association, the Nebraska City Concert Association, Church Women United, Tau Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the local American Cancer Society. Severin Sorensen is currently a member of the Otoe County Committee for School Reorganization and a member and chairman of the Nebraska City Tree Board. Past activities include service on the park board, as a Chamber of Commerce director, as president of the Nebraska City Education Association, as president of the Nebraska City Area Retired Teachers Association, and as a ten-year member of the Board of Education.

Autopay is new option

Many alumni and friends write checks to Dana every month as payments on their pledges, and the college is grateful for these gifts.

For the convenience of these alumni and friends, the college is now offering an alternative method of payment for their monthly gifts—through automatic withdrawal by their banks.

The system is set up so that the monthly draft on a bank account will be debited on the fifteenth day of each month, and the drafts will continue until the account holder makes arrangements to stop future drafts.

Supporters wishing to change to automatic withdrawal can obtain the necessary authorization forms by writing or calling the college's Development Office, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008 (402-426-7333).

Homecoming schedule includes teacher education alumni reunion

Teacher education alumni: Please start making plans now to return for Dana's Homecoming that begins on Friday, September 30. Several events are being organized especially for you.

They include a daylong conference on Friday titled "Teaching and Technology: Making the Connection," and a reunion of teacher education alumni on Saturday morning.

The Friday conference will feature a keynote speaker, specialists on the growing use of technology in the schools, and sessions with hands-on demonstrations of advanced technology. Non-alumni teachers and school administrators will also be invited to the conference.

Alumni who are working on the "cutting edge" of this rapidly developing and important area of teaching and technology are en-

couraged to get in touch with Dr. Bernard Matthies or Dr. Kay Ferguson in Dana's Education Department.

On Saturday morning the reunion of elementary, secondary, and special education alumni will include recognition of alumni teachers and school administrators who have received local, regional, or national awards in their professions. (Please let the Alumni Office know if you have received such an award.)

The summer *Review* will include additional information about the Friday conference, Saturday reunion, and other Homecoming activities.

The Classes of 1944, 1954, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1989 will also have reunions. Members of those classes will receive mailings about reunion plans. ○

'90s

○ **Dave Wakehouse '94**, who completed his degree requirements in December and will graduate in May, is an assistant family teacher at Boys Town in Omaha.

○ **Amy Goering '93** is a counselor for severely emotionally disturbed children at Willow Creek Treatment Center in Santa Rosa, California.

○ **Scott Grate '93** is a transportation broker for C.H. Robinson Co., Omaha.

○ **Cheryl Kaup '93** is assistant manager at Famous Footwear in Aurora, Colorado.

○ **Lisa LeMaster '93** is manager of the Burger King at 48th and Holdrege in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has received an award as "New Manager of the Year."

○ **Lori Wortmann '93** is Pizza Hut supervisor in Norfolk, Nebraska.

○ **Ginny Ward '92**, Omaha, is scanning coordinator for Bag 'N Save.

○ **Troy '91** and **Sharon (Weis '94) Buss** announce the birth of their first child,

Jordan William, on January 5. Troy and Sharon farm in Harrison County, Iowa, with Troy's family.

○ **Nancy Brich '90** is Spaghetti Works manager in Des Moines, Iowa.

○ **Brian Smith '90** is a Chapter I reading and math teacher at Ashland-Greenwood (Nebr.) Elementary School.

'80s

○ **Ted Bansen '89**, Blair, works for Lanoha Nurseries in Omaha.

○ **Bob '89** and **Ann (Leistad '87) Bolton**, Stanton, Nebraska, announce the November 7 birth of Marcus John.

○ **Griffin Dunlop '89** has been named director of social services at The Ambassador in Omaha.

○ **Napawan Harold '89** lives on a houseboat in Scappoose, Oregon. She owns a jewelry store, where she sells jewelry from Thailand, her native land, as well as jewelry she has designed and her own paintings.

○ **Jerrod Lawrence '89** has been appointed consumer loan officer at the McCook (Nebr.) National Bank. He was previously senior assistant manager with Century Finance Co. in Omaha.

○ **SPC4 Andy Madsen '89** returned to the U.S. in January after serving in Somalia for several months. He is assigned to *Stars and Stripes*. Andy's address is HHC 10th Infantry Division, Ft. Drum, NY 13602.

○ **Mark Smeby '89** is director of member-

ship for the Gospel Music Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

○ **Michelle (Weaver '88) Ballard** works for Nova Care Inc. as head of the occupational therapy unit in a nursing home in Newburgh, Indiana. She received her master's degree in occupational therapy in 1992 from Texas Woman's University.

Michelle and her husband, Michael, live in Evansville.

○ **Kevin '88** and **Kristin (Wass '91) Meyer** are in Olathe, Kansas, where Kevin is an intern at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Olathe is a suburb of Kansas City. Kristin is doing medical transcription for a medical practice in Shawnee, Kansas. They'll return to Wartburg Seminary this fall.

○ **Hannah Maranda** was born on December 27 to **Teri (Kraft '87)** and **Scott '85 Doksansky** of Barstow, California.

○ **Mitch '87** and **Jodie (Winckler '87) Jensen**, Lennox, South Dakota, are the parents of Jillian Lynette, born October 7, 1993. Mitch is an inside salesman for State Steel, Inc., and Jodie is a claims processor for Dakotacare, HMO.

○ **Jacy** and **Gregory Kubik '87**, who were married on September 12, 1992, live in Omaha. Greg writes that they're expecting their first child in July.

○ **Arthur** and **Faith (Smith '87) Senff**, Hampton, Nebraska, announce the October 5, 1993, birth of Angela Natalia.

○ **Don Anderson '86**, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, is a planner with A.Q. Financial Group in Moose Jaw. He specializes in retirement and estate planning. Don writes, "I've been with the firm for two years after a successful six-year career with Canada's largest insurance carrier. I received my securities license in the fall of 1993 from the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Securities Commissions and am currently working/studying towards my 'Chartered Life Underwriter' and 'Chartered Financial Planner' designations, both of which are two-thirds completed. Coach Lemon will be pleased to know that I am still playing competitive baseball and am now in a coaching position with the Moose Jaw Millers baseball club. The team went to Council Bluffs and Omaha last summer for an exhibition series of games vs. senior opponents there."

○ **Kris Swank '86**, Glendale, Arizona, is working on her master of international management degree at Thunderbird (The American Graduate School of International Management), where she is also a librarian. In January she traveled to Kenya to study environmental and conservation organizations as part of her school's Winterim program. "Kenya is so beautiful, I almost didn't come home!" she writes.

○ **Bill** and **Sharon (Zimmerman '84) Drilling**, Sioux City, Iowa, announce the birth of Lindsey Marie on January 10.

Sarah, her sister, is two.

○ Last fall **Diane Nickeson-Ray '84** was promoted to director of the counseling center at Dana, where she has worked for five years. She and her husband, Richard, have two sons—Ethan, who is four, and Holden Keith, who was born on June 7, 1992.

○ **Rex Peterson '84** has accepted the position of regional sales/marketing director for Electronic Technology Systems headquartered in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Rex is assigned to the midwest region. He lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

○ **Mark Pickel '84** and **Kathleen Mary James** were married on December 18 in Kamiah, Idaho. They live in Kennewick, Washington, where Mark teaches high school math and Kathleen is a K-8 teacher.

○ **Kathi (Klover '84)** and **Keith '84 Uhlinger**, Moses Lake, Washington, announce the birth of their first child, Sierra Johanna, on November 4, 1993.

○ **Shelly (Petersen '83)** and **Scott '82 Grorud** are the parents of Andrew Peter, who was born on September 16, 1993. He joins sister Kirsten (3). Scott is one of the pastors at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and Shelly works part time in the Early Childhood Family Education program.

○ **Lucy Lindahl '83** has moved to Rock Island, Illinois, where she is assistant director at the Fort Armstrong assisted living facility. She was previously administrative assistant at a facility in Hastings, Nebraska. She writes, "I am working under regional director Marty Hug '85."

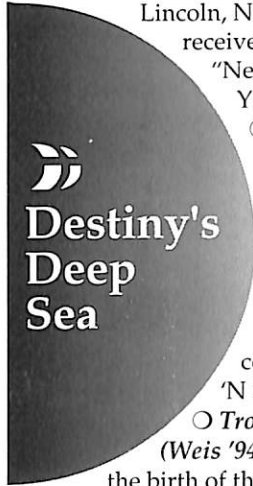
○ **Brenda Lea Mayberry '83**, Manhattan, Kansas, received a master of science degree from Kansas State University on December 11. Her degree is in adult, occupational, and continuing education with an emphasis on gender studies and disabilities. In November she was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa, a professional educational honors society. This past January she was accepted into the university's doctoral program of foundations and adult education.

○ **Kelsie Ann** was born on November 16 to **Naomi** and **Mike Von Hollen '83** of Holy Cross, Iowa. She joins her 2-1/2 year-old sister, Sonja Katherine. Mike has a new position as technical director at the Grand Opera House in Dubuque, Iowa.

○ **Greg** and **Laura (Broeker '82) Bloomfield**, Blair, announce the August 18, 1993, birth of twins Samuel and Charles.

○ **David Anthony** was born to **Tony '82** and **Amy (Holmquist '82) Jones**, Gretna, Nebraska, on October 14, 1993. He joins proud siblings Nathan (6) and Melissa (3). Tony is a territorial manager for A.H. Robins Co.

○ **Christine Renee** was born on December 16, 1993, to **Byron** and **Paulette (Strecker '81) Orr**. She joins Wesley (4). Paulette is an



income maintenance worker for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The Orrs live at 37540 Crescent Hill Road in Osawatomie, Kansas 66064.

'70s

○ **Mark Christensen '79** received his PhD degree from the Medieval Institute of Notre Dame University last August. He has given a copy of his four-volume dissertation (close to 1,000 pages), titled *A Study of Mass in the Diocese of Slesvig in the late Medieval Period*, to the Dana library. (The modern spelling of "Slesvig" is "Schleswig.") Mark will complete his law degree this July. Mark, his wife, Anne, and their children, John and Christina, live in San Francisco.

○ Rick and **Connie (Gerlt '78) Hacker**, Omaha, announce the birth of daughter Christine Joelle on November 1, 1993.

○ **Steve Hoffart '78**, Omaha, recently accepted a position as case manager at Community Alliance, a community-based program serving the mentally ill. He also directs the children's church program at Christ is Lord Church in Irvington, Nebraska.

○ **Allison (Willadsen '78) Meyer**, a policy analyst for the State of Nebraska Energy Office in Lincoln, has been elected president of the Nebraska Chapter of Women in Energy.

○ Laura Michelle was born on January 9 to Marilyn and **Leslie Tripp '78** of Waukasha, Wisconsin. Her sister, Ashley, is three.

○ **Judi (Larsen '76) Pedersen**, Blair, has been promoted to resource development specialist for the Nebraska Department of Social Services. Locating and working with foster and adoptive families in Washington, Dodge, Burt, and Cuming Counties continues to be her responsibility.

○ **Gary Speulda '76**, Lombard, Illinois, who received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in 1992, has obtained a license to practice as a clinical psychologist in the State of Illinois. At present he works in special education services, performing psychological evaluations; he also has clinical privileges at a local psychiatric hospital.

○ Madison Elizabeth was born on January 9 to Mark and **Jean (Jensen '75) Harpst** of Weston, Missouri. Jean teaches mathematics at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.

○ Michael and **Brenda (Loeschke '75) Monfils** of Burlington, Iowa, announce the October 3, 1993, birth of Matthew James. He joins sister Shaina (7). Brenda teaches third grade in the Burlington Community School District, and Michael is an

elementary school social worker for the Great River Area Education Agency #16 in the Burlington Schools.

○ **Lavon (Bohling '73) Gray** and her husband, Rick, recently returned to the U.S. after a four-year stay in England where Lavon was a management accountant for Omar Homes, Ltd., in Brandon, Suffolk.

She is now an associate with Southwest Business Corporation in San Antonio, Texas. She received her MBA in 1988.

○ **Bob '71** and **Linda (McNichols '71) Vergamini**, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa, have moved to Morris, Illinois. Bob has been promoted to senior district executive, Boy Scouts of America.

'60s

○ **The Rev. Stan Nielsen '68** of Shelby, Iowa, is also a photographer. One of his photos—of his community's Agri-Symbol Park and Sculpture—appears on a Shelby postcard. The photo shows a gazebo, a 76-foot tall "cornstalk" sculpture, and a wildflower and prairie grass display.

○ In January **David R. Larsen '60** was installed as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Gretna, Nebraska.

'50s

○ **Don Ofte '52** has been named president of Fernald Environmental Restoration Management Corporation (FERMCO). The corporation is managing the cleanup of the U.S. Department of Energy's Fernald, Ohio, Environmental Management Project; Ofte's task is "to ensure the safest, quickest, and most cost effective cleanup possible." Ofte has had more than 35 years of experience in research, development and management activities at Department of Energy sites. Most recently, as vice president of Advanced Sciences, Inc., a nationally recognized environmental consultant firm, he was responsible for the management of DOE programs.

'40s

○ **Alice Marie (Sorensen '49) Sorensen** and her husband, Leo, are retired farmers. They live in Ringsted, Iowa.

'30s

○ Last October former Navy chaplain **Verner Carlsen D'36 T'39** attended a reunion of the survivors of the USS Gambier Bay, an aircraft carrier sunk by the Japanese in 1944. More than 4,000 perished; the 750 survivors were afloat on the open sea for 41 hours before they were rescued. Carlsen conducted a memorial service at the reunion.

Deaths

○ **Dr. Elizabeth "Bonnie" (Gordon Atkins '75) Mitchell** of Los Angeles, California, on

December 3, 1993. She was a clinical psychologist.

○ **Lee Weismann '56** of Arvada, Colorado, on February 1. He was the son of the late Alvina (Bondo '29) and Boas Weismann, former director of development at Dana. Survivors include son Bradley and daughters Judy Weismann and Janis Miller.

○ **Shirley Ann (Johansen '53) Honold** of Princeton, Missouri, on January 28. She was a former teacher. Survivors include her husband Roger, daughters Nancy Teigen of Fort Worth, Texas, and Carol Barnett of Jefferson City, Missouri, and son David of Des Moines, Iowa.

○ **Lydia (Nielsen '43) Stave** of Blair on November 9. She had worked for P.V. Hansen and Lyle Guyer in Blair, and in the 1970s, was a salesperson for the Phil Larsen Real Estate Company. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church and several of its organizations. She also served as secretary of the Central District of American Lutheran Church Women and was a 4-H leader. As a member of the Blair Women's Chamber of Commerce in the 1970s, she helped compile the scrapbooks that earned Blair a Nebraska Community Improvement Award. Survivors include her husband, Otto; son Dennis, Adams, Tennessee; daughter Rhonda Smoot, Chicago; sisters Dagmar Knudsen '38, Lincoln, and Vera Mae Doidge, Redwood Falls, Minnesota; and brothers LeVern D'54 T'58, Elk Horn, Iowa; and Carl '51, Yankton, South Dakota.

○ **Edith (Carlsen '40) Vierk** of Grand Island, Nebraska, on January 17. A former teacher, she later worked for several Grand Island retail stores and at Barr Junior High. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Senior Citizens Center, past president of the Lincoln Elementary School PTA, and child care coordinator for the Christian Women's Club and Newcomers Club. Survivors include sons Thomas '63, Omaha, and Richard '68, Lincoln; daughter Sally Wolff '67, Grand Island; and brother James '34, Castro Valley, California.

○ **Ellen (Danielsen '32) Rendall** of Sioux City, Iowa, on September 4, 1993. She taught school for many years in Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa; in Sioux City she served as president of Hawthorne School PTA. She was a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday school teacher, and a member of women's groups at St. John Lutheran Church. She and several friends from Dana continued to maintain a round-robin letter. Survivors include her husband, Maurice; daughter Eileen Carlson '68, Ankeny, Iowa; and sons Steve '71, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, and Bryce '70, Cedar Park, Texas.

○ **Holger Schultz '30** of Des Moines, Washington, on February 17, at the age of 95. He farmed for many years and also owned and operated grocery and dry goods

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Former band director Wayne Wise dies after a distinguished career in music

Dr. Wayne W. Wise, 79, professor emeritus of music, died in Omaha on March 3. Wise taught and directed instrumental music at Dana from 1957 through 1978, when he retired.

At Homecoming in 1989 the band rehearsal room in the Madsen Fine Arts Center was named the "Wayne and Edith Wise Band Room" in recognition of the many contributions Wise and his late wife, Edith, had made to the band program.

Wise received his bachelor of music education degree from Morningside College, his master of music education degree from Drake University, and his doctorate from Indiana University.

A professional musician who had taught in Minnesota and Iowa before coming to Dana, as band director he was known as "Dana's Music Man." He often composed or arranged the works his bands played.

During World War II, Wise served in the National Guard's 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division. He was also director and arranger for the Rhythm



Majors, a jazz band spinoff of the 133rd Infantry Band. The band played for troops and dignitaries, and for British royalty at London's Palladium.

At the Omaha memorial service for Wise, President Christopherson said, "The students who have played in bands under his direction number into the many hundreds, and over 21 years his bands gave well over 200

concerts on campus and on tour."

Survivors include his wife, Ruth H. Borsheim-Wise, Omaha; stepdaughters Gretchen Schaefer, LeMars, Iowa, and Bronte Christian, Salem, Oregon; and stepson David Borsheim, Lincoln. ○

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stores in Flaxton, North Dakota. He was active in his community, serving on the city council and as mayor. In his church he was congregational president and taught Sunday school. When he retired, he and his wife, Carrie, lived in Blair and then in Mesa, Arizona. They moved to the Seattle area 12 years ago. Survivors include his wife; daughters Alice Layman '53, Billings, Montana; Margaret Wiges '59, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; and Dorothy Bock '63, Laramie, Wyoming; and sons Erling '55, Omaha; Myril '59, Seattle; Holger Jr. '65, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Ervin, Bowbells, North Dakota. (Five of the six children who

attended Dana also met their future spouses there.)

○ Before 1925: *Gertrude (Kildebeck) Christiansen* on November 15 in Hillsboro, Oregon. She and her late husband, Theodore, worked at the Oaks, Oklahoma, Indian Mission until 1949 when they moved to Oregon. In Oregon she worked at the Forest Grove Hospital and was a doctor's assistant and laboratory technician at the Hillsboro Clinic. Survivors include son Rod, Hillsboro; daughter Rozella Soderlund, Ferndale, Washington; sister Vita (Kildebeck '40) Salvesson, Hillsboro; and brother O.C. Kildebeck, Torrington, Wyoming.

Esther (Bonnesen) Burns dies—first to earn bachelor's degree

Esther (Bonnesen '22) Burns, the first person to receive a bachelor's degree from Dana, died on March 15 at her home in Neola, Iowa. She was 95.

She retired in 1970 as principal of St. Joseph Elementary School in Neola. During World War II she was a welder in the Kaiser Shipyards in Portland, Oregon.

Survivors include daughters Karen Fahn '66 of Harlan, Iowa, and Mary Greiner of Neola; sons Jack of Soldier, Iowa, Bill of Lexington, Nebraska, and Joe of Glenrock, Wyoming; brother Elmer Bonnesen '19 of Omaha; and sisters Evelyn Bensen of Des Moines and Juanita Roche of Hampton, Iowa.

The carillon bells sound on the quarter hour from the tower of our fine, new Dana Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel. The bells, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Omer Reed in memory of their daughter, remind me that we are called to service in this community of faith and learning. I give thanks for the freedom to serve here as part of this family to occasion a love of learning in those who come here to study.

From the President

The bells remind me that Dana came to life in the home of a Lutheran pastor just a few blocks east of where I sit in my office in Pioneer Memorial. I'm sure that the president then, Rev. A.M. Andersen, had a dream of a center of learning which would prepare people to spread the Gospel and to minister to the spiritual needs of their flocks. Today we are no longer a theological seminary, but we still have dreams of preparing women and men to go out from this place to minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the world.

We celebrate the fact that we this year have had two semesters of record high enrollment, the highest in 21 years, and that our net change from fall to spring semesters was the lowest, 3.04%, in the last 34 years. One of the first questions addressed to me by anyone unfamiliar with Dana College is "How big are you?" I typically respond that we are small, just over 600 students. Sometimes that sounds like an apology. However, as I contemplate this marvelous community of learning within a community of faith, I am struck by how relatively

insignificant size is. Of course, we prize growing to the optimal size that we can serve without having to build additional facilities. If all goes as we hope it will now following the replacement of Old Main, we could well reach that optimal enrollment within the next two or three years. When the follow-up question is asked, "How big do you want to be?" I respond, "Just big enough to enable us to carry out our mission very well."

More important than size is that we have a faculty and staff second to none. Those who enter the classrooms at Dana College are, I believe, extraordinarily competent and dedicated teachers. Those who maintain our facilities, offer needed services, and support the teaching and learning here are of comparable quality. We are determined not to hire or retain persons who are less than the very best that we can secure.

At Dana, faculty from across all disciplines challenge one another and their students to consider important questions, to evaluate critically and solve problems creatively. Students graduate from Dana College rich in knowledge of science, math, the humanities, religion, the fine arts, the social sciences, and related areas. One cannot leave Dana College without acquiring a collection of significant books and other learning resources with which they are conversant and know how to use. One cannot leave here, either, without coming to know, appreciate and respect people from diverse places (over 25 states and 15 countries) and of diverse racial and ethnic composition.

This is an extraordinary place. Each year we struggle to balance budgets and make the needed improvements in our physical plant and to enrich the compensation of a faculty and staff who



deserve more and to help students who could not be here without financial assistance from Dana. Sometimes that struggle is stressful. But, when I hear the call of the carillon, I am reminded that being here is a privilege. God has granted to us a marvelous opportunity to occasion a love of learning and a commitment to service which goes beyond merely knowing facts or methods. We have gathered in this place an extraordinary group of people in a microcosm of the world that provides a valuable laboratory of living and learning. I believe and I pray that the laboratory will motivate and prepare those who go out from here to create a better world and community in which to live, mindful of the eternal as well as the now. Thank you one and all who make it possible for us to answer the carillon call and glorify God who blesses us without ceasing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myrvin F. Christopherson".

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

Alumni Council Ballot

The five alumni listed below have been nominated for three-year terms on the Alumni Council. There are two boxes by each name so that husband and wife can vote if they are both alumni. Please circle the number voting 1 2 and return your ballot to the Alumni Office by May 31.

Vote for five

- Jennifer Jensen '82, software trainer, Hart Industries, Omaha. Has completed two one-year terms as appointed member-at-large.
- Andrew Johnson '83, attorney, Wintroub, Rinden & Sens, Des Moines, Iowa. Has completed one elected three-year term.
- Carol King '84, vice president, Valley Products Corp., Valley, Nebraska. Has completed one elected three-year term.
- Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, activity assistant, Salem Lutheran Homes, Elk Horn, Iowa. Has completed one elected three-year term.
- Anita Woodward '91, associate manager, First Bankcard Center, Kearney, Nebraska. Has completed two one-year terms as appointed member-at-large; as Dana student was Student Senate liaison to Alumni Council.
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