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Teams build record-setting sub sandwich

An effort to build the world's largest submarine sandwich almost landed Dana in the next *Guinness Book of World Records*.

On April 27 sandwich builders (students, faculty, and staff) organized into teams working at 15-minute intervals to see which team could assemble the longest portion.

The first team started at 9:30 a.m.

By 4 p.m., using bologna, salami, turkey, roast beef, ham, Swiss cheese, American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, and Italian dressing (there was also a vegetarian section), the teams had broken the previous 240-foot record, set by a Kansas college, by building a submarine 252 feet long. But it was a record that had to be challenged, and it was. A week later, Creighton University built an even larger sandwich.

Rob Krumm, Dana's food service director for ServiceMaster, and the Food Service Committee, whose members are students, worked together to plan the event. "We wanted to get students out of the routine before finals," Krumm said. "We did this for fun, but it was also a lot of work."

Seventy-five people assembled the sandwich, Krumm said. When completed, "it extended the length of the dining room two and three-fourths times, with U-turns at the ends."

The event brought the college nationwide news coverage. In addition to reports on Omaha radio stations and a feature story and photo in the *Omaha World-Herald*, the new record was announced by National Public Radio and on Baltimore television and Boston radio. A Missoula, Montana, radio station telephoned Burke Petersen '81, director of public relations, for

an interview. And newspaper clippings have come from as far away as Florida, Michigan, Arizona, North Carolina, and Montana.

Krumm said that an Omaha woman, hearing of the competition over a radio station, even drove to

the campus to see the sandwich.

What happened to the record-breaking submarine? One hundred and fifty feet were eaten on campus, Krumm said, and the remaining 102 feet were wrapped and taken to the Open Door Mission in Omaha. ○



Krumm (left) and freshman Travis Sides of Caspar, Wyoming, cut the completed submarine into serving portions. The student with the video camera is from Midland College.



Members of a student team, all of them freshmen, celebrate their completion of the last segment of the 252-long submarine sandwich: from left—Laura Meldrum (Mertztown, Penn.), Nancy Coles (Seaford, Del.), Sara Howieson (Delavan, Minn.), Nichol Buenning (Parkston, S.D.), Monica Boomgaarn (Table Rock, Nebr.), Nicole Parrack (Council Bluffs, Ia.), Sarah Packard (Cumming, Ia.), Jennifer Pfingsten (DeWitt, Nebr.), Ann Andrews (Lincoln, Nebr.), and Erik Jensen (Blair).

Grad's gift of folk art enhances scope of permanent collection

If a competition were held to determine Dana's most-traveled graduate, Dr. Leo Kirchhoff '60, professor of education at California State University-Chico, would most likely be the winner.

This world-traveler has had volunteer or professional assignments in Russia, Siberia, China, Nepal, Micronesia, Malawi, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zaire, Panama, Costa Rica, and Brazil.

He has also visited every country in Europe, including the Scandinavian countries, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. He's traveled in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Uzbek, Ukraine, Mongolia, Congo, Egypt, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, and Uruguay.

Along the way, and especially in Africa, Asia, Mexico, and Central and South America, he has collected folk art—masks and wood and stone carvings of human

and animal figures, colorful textiles, paintings, and beadwork—and displayed them in his home.

Now Kirchhoff has given part of his collection to Dana. Earlier this year, art professor Jim Olsen '62 and Duey Heffelfinger '88, director of planned giving, visited him, and Olsen selected pieces for Dana's permanent collection. (Kirchhoff has sold some of the remaining artifacts to establish the Kirchhoff/Minderman Endowed Scholarship at Dana.)

"Up to now, almost everything we've had in our permanent collection has focused on Western tradition," Olsen says. "These art objects from other traditions help fill the gaps and give a new dimension to our collection. They also help demonstrate in a tangible way our desire to be multicultural."

The pieces Olsen selected form a colorful exhibit in The Forum. The exhibit opened in April and will be on display throughout the summer. ○



Kirchhoff visited The Forum during Commencement weekend to see the exhibit of folk art he's given Dana. The African sculpture, "Tree House with Woman Pounding Maize," is most likely by a Zambian artist. On the wall to the left is an oil base painting on canvas, "Journey of David and Bathsheba," from Ethiopia. The other work, a geometric design, is a Hmong fabric applique.

Interim journey "An Aegean Encounter"

Art professor Jim Olsen '62 is planning a January Interim travel course to the Aegean world.

His itinerary will include Athens, Epidaurus, Delphi on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus, Mycenae—the home of Agamemnon according to Homer's Iliad, the Greek islands, and sites on the coast of Asia Minor dating to the time of Alexander the Great and the Apostle Paul.

The group will sail through the Dardanelles to Istanbul, the capital of the Roman Empire from

the time of Constantine until it was conquered by the Turks in 1453, visit the Hagia Sophia, the great underground cistern, the Topkapi Palace which was home to generations of Turkish sultans, the Blue Mosque, and the covered bazaar.

The historical and cultural importance of these sites will be featured, but attention will also be given to their political and social significance in the modern world, Olsen says.

Details are still pending, but departure will probably be around

January 3 or 4 with a return on about January 24 or 25. The cost of the three-week travel experience will probably range between \$2,500 and \$3,000, which will include all transportation (assuming an Omaha departure), lodging, admissions fees and most meals.

Although Olsen is limiting the number of participants to approximately 12, he invites alumni and friends to join the group on a space-available basis. Those interested can write to him at Dana (Campus Mail Box #1210). ○

Brown, Ferguson, Rasmussen recognized for outstanding teaching and creativity

Three faculty members, Diana Brown, Kay Ferguson, and Ruth Rasmussen, were honored at the May 12 Honors Program.

Students named Diana Brown, assistant professor of French and Spanish, their Professor of the Year. Brown was cited as a "strong and creative force in the teaching of foreign languages." She has brought guest lecturers to the campus, has developed two new courses for the Spanish Department, "The Nineteenth Century Novel" and "Latin American Literature," and has been involved in professional organizations and activities on regional, national, and

international levels.

Kay Ferguson and Ruth Rasmussen received Golden Apple Awards, which are sponsored by HunTel Systems of Blair to recognize outstanding teaching.

Dr. Ferguson, professor of education and psychology, has had a major role in introducing technology and creative teaching methods into the classrooms of elementary and secondary Nebraska schools. She has been responsible for summer education and technology camps at Dana for teachers. And, working with the Nebraska Department of Education, she has brought "Odyssey of

the Mind" and "Expanding Your Horizons" to the campus for the past two years.

Library Director Ruth Rasmussen has been a driving force behind the computerization of nearly all aspects of the library.

This computerization includes linking the Dana library to an extensive computerized catalog system so that students and faculty members can research and borrow materials from libraries across the nation. She also works closely with the Dana Archives. Rasmussen is recent past chair of the College and University Section of the Nebraska Library Association.○

Argentinean writers talk to Dana students

Two well-known Argentinean writers, Martha Mercader and Olga Bressano de Alonso, visited the campus in early April.

Both came to Dana through Spanish professor Diana Brown. "After five years of research about these writers, I finally met them in Argentina in June 1993," Brown said. "I invited both to come, and they graciously accepted my invitation."

Martha Mercader spoke in The Forum on April 7 about 20th-century Latin American writers, about herself, and about politics in Argentina. She is a member of the Argentinean Congress for the Democratic party and served as Minister of Culture for several years.

Mercador also spoke at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and was the keynote speaker on

April 8 at the Midlands Conference on Language and Literature sponsored by Creighton University. She later spoke in New York and Virginia.

Olga Bressano de Alonso talked to Brown's language classes about 20th-century women writers in general and Argentinean writers in particular. Dana students taking second-, third-, and fourth-year Spanish had studied her work. "At the moment," Brown noted, "there are about 100 students taking Spanish, so a significant number of Dana students benefited from her presentations."

Brown gave a paper about Bressano de Alonso at the Creighton University Conference and will give another on August 11 at the National/International Conference on Literature in Philadelphia. She has been invited by Bressano de

Alonso to work with her on a bilingual edition of Bressano de Alonso's poetry. ○

ADD report corrected

Please note the following corrections to the final ADD report that was sent to all contributors this spring: The Hess entry on page 14 should read "David '58 and Marlene Hess."

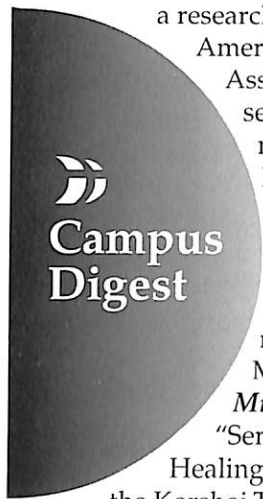
On page 17, Anna (Thomsen '50) Poh was identified as deceased. She's still very much alive; for news of her, see "Destiny's Deep Sea" in this issue.

Our apologies for these errors. Please notify the college's Development Office (402-426-7333) of any other mistakes in listings.

Dale Lemon, assistant professor of physical education and baseball coach, was the April recipient of the Heart of Dana Award.

Biology major *James Plasek '95* has been selected to receive a research fellowship of \$1,500 from the American Heart Association to conduct cardiovascular research at the University of Nebraska Medical

Center this summer. He submitted a research proposal to the American Heart Association, and a selection committee considered his application the best of all those submitted.



On Wednesday evening, May 11, *Campus Ministry* held a "Service for the Healing of the World" on the Korshoj Terrace. *Campus Ministry* sponsored two other events the same week: at the Tuesday chapel service, a faculty-staff appreciation, and at the Thursday service, a commissioning of seniors who had been active in *Campus Ministry* to go out into the world as servants of God. The commissioned seniors were Roxane Fenton, Carrie Larkins, Tammy Hoyer, Laurie Johnson, Scott Dugdale, Steve Lewis, Stanley Shaw, Janelle Stolen, and Jon Rademacher.

Two events in March brought nearly 2,000 of Nebraska's brightest students to the campus. On March 26 close to 1,500 students in grades 3-12 from Omaha, Blair, and Fremont participated in "*Odyssey of the Mind*," with the winners qualifying for the state competition. Then on March 29 girls in grades 7-9 attended a conference called "*Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics*." Dana alumnae who work in math, science, and technology were among the 120 women who gave workshops for the young participants. The featured speaker was NASA rocket engineer Cindy Upton. This was the second year that Dana has

hosted both activities. The coordinator for both was Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of education and psychology. She was assisted by Carol Sudduth, Education Department secretary.

Blair residents *Gene and Edith Solomon* have given the college two large evergreens for landscaping the new Dana Classroom Center. For the past two years they have also donated the large Christmas tree that students, faculty, and staff decorate with Danish ornaments in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

Diversity Week activities April 11-15 featured speakers representing a variety of minority groups. The events were planned by Alvin Finderson, coordinator of multicultural education.

Student winners of this year's *Dana Investment Challenge* were Kelly Wesemann, first place; Mark Forgy, second place; Mohammad Raqib, third place; Stacey Dodge, fourth place; and Dave Holcomb, fifth place. The top five winners returning to Dana next fall will be enrolled in the national AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge for possible prizes up to \$25,000. Because Wesemann graduated in May, Jamie Thomas will take her place.

The Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) theme for the fall semester is "love relationships." Students, faculty, and staff participating in the program will read and discuss Goethe's *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, and Walker's *The Color Purple*. They will also see the film, *The Piano*.

Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music and director of the Dana College Chorale, was guest conductor for the 1994 NENAC Conference Choral Festival in Laurel, Nebraska. More than 150 students from eight high schools made up the festival choir.

Rodney Bennett-England, one of Britain's leading journalism training experts, visited the campus on April 26. He spoke to an editing class on journalism in Great Britain and gave two presentations in The Forum—on

"The Evolving European Situation from a British Perspective" and on "The Future of Journalism from a World Perspective." Bennett-England is a director of the National Council for the Training of Journalists, has served three terms as chairman of the British newspaper industry, is a senior examiner for the Council and external examiner to Sheffield University, and represents the media on the Court of City University, London.

On April 9 *Dr. Sybille Bartels*, associate professor of German, participated in a panel discussion on college language requirements at the spring workshop of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German.

Biology professor *Dr. Larrie Stone '57* and students *Jennifer Kiesel* and *Scott Lowman* attended the annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences at Nebraska Wesleyan University on April 22. Kiesel and Lowman presented research papers in the Collegiate Section of the Academy—Kiesel on "Outpatient Surveillance after the Repair of Congenital Heart Disease—How Much Impact on Management? At What Cost?" and Lowman on "Degradation of Atrazine in O-Year and 15-Year History Soils."

Leading Israeli archaeologist *Dr. Rami Arav* gave an illustrated lecture on "Jesus and Archaeology" at Dana on April 19. Arav is chief archaeologist of the Bethsaida Excavation, the project near the Sea of Galilee in which Dana faculty members Dr. Delvin Hutton, Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 and Prof. Fran Mallory have participated. A few days before, on April 14, the college's Religion Department sponsored an excursion to the Jewish Community Center in Omaha to see an exhibit of antiquities from Bethsaida.

Mathematics and science educators and young students again participated in a *technology institute* at Dana this summer. A proposal submitted by Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of education and psychology, was approved by the

Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Diana Brown, assistant professor of French and Spanish, has completed a translation of a children's book, *Ara Goes to Mexico*, by Joe Villela. The translation was sponsored by District 66 in Omaha. On April 23 she presented a paper titled "Improving Proficiency through Dictation and More" at the 26th Annual Central States Conference on the teaching of foreign languages.

Dr. Alan Brandes, professor of music, *Bob Schmoll*, vice president for business affairs, and *Dan Travaille*, vice president for student development, have received ELCA College & University Faculty Study Grants from the ELCA's Division for Higher Education.

Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion, has had a series of five short articles titled "Preaching Helps" published in the June issue of *Currents in Theology and Mission*, a bimonthly publication of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. On June 3 Hutton was recognized for the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination at the ELCA's 1994 Nebraska Synod Assembly.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, professor of English, presented a paper titled "To Have Revenge on the Self-Righteous University: Pietism and Religious Doubt in Sophus Keith Winther's *Beyond the Garden Gate*," at the 84th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies hosted by Augustana College, Rock Island, and held in Davenport, Iowa, April 27 to May 1.

On May 11 these juniors and seniors were inducted into the *Nebraska Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society*: Vanessa Brunssen, Katherine Eller, Cathy Ferrone, Kari Fjelstad, Libby Hansen, Dana Holz, Rene Knieval, Heidi Meyer, Jennifer Morgan, Janet Pattee, James Plasek, Valerie Toelle, Ingrid Westhoff, Trista Witt, and Judi Yeates.

On May 12 the following students were inducted into the *Kappa Beta Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma*, the national foreign language honor society: Danish—Ginger Jensen, Laura Meldrum; German—Sara Howieson, Carrie Larkins, Kerry Mass, Mark Nielsen, Jennifer Pfingsten, Jeff Rademacher, Kaci Solt; Spanish—Sara Hildreth, Sandra Jedlicka, Erik Jensen, Kara Koehler, Julie Koziel, Angela Melby, Angel Moore, Sarah Packard, and Mitch Sick.

Mathematics professor *Roger Olson* attended the National Science Foundation's Calculus Reform Workshop at the University of Kansas in June.

This was the year for "*Faculty Follies*," a Dana tradition that takes place every fourth year. The May 3 performance by members of the faculty and staff played to a standing room only audience of students in the Lauritzen Theater. (The 1951 *Danian* mentions the Follies. Do any of our readers remember an earlier one?) ○

Tech conference is for teachers

"**M**ultimedia/Internet Applications" is the title of a daylong conference at Dana on Friday, September 30, that will present opportunities for an on-going Internet project.

This unique conference, intended for area and alumni K-12 teachers, is being held in conjunction with Homecoming. Because plans were still being developed at the time of this writing, what is described below is tentative.

Between opening and closing sessions and a luncheon, teachers will attend four hands-on workshops where they'll learn to develop and implement practical application skills in such global technologies as Internet, multimedia, CD-Rom, digitizing imagery, remote sensing imagery, E-mail, file transfers, and Gopher sites.

Curriculum integration will be emphasized, using concepts in science, mathematics, language arts, social studies, and vocational education.

Four nationally recognized and award-winning technology experts who are helping design the conference will conduct the hands-on sessions, which teachers will attend on a rotating basis.

They are: Paul Ekberg, special

projects consultant for telecomputing; Paul Clark, instructional technology coordinator, Elkhorn (Nebr.) Public Schools; Dennis Hanley, technology specialist, Millard (Nebr.) Public Schools; and Paul Lindgren, atmospheric education resource agent for the American Meteorology Society.

Participants will take home Telecomputing Kits with all the information they'll need to apply in their own classrooms what they've learned at the conference. The kits will include free software, curriculum guides, E-mail addresses for on-line expertise, a resource list of Internet sites, and a CD-Rom.

A post-conference on-line classroom debate activity will be coordinated by Paul Ekberg.

Enrollment will be limited to the first 100 registrants. The registration fee will be \$50. The possibility of graduate credit upon completion of the entire project for a modest additional fee is being considered. Renewal credit is also being considered.

A schedule and registration form will be available later this summer. Alumni (K-12 teachers) who would like to receive this information should notify the Alumni Office at (402) 426-7235 or internet: ann@fs1.dana.edu. ○

How does financial aid work at Dana?

Mark Anderson describes opportunities

Increased competition for students nationwide has brought changes in the financial aid packages colleges and universities offer. In this interview Mark Anderson, director of financial aid at Dana since 1989, discusses some of these changes and Dana's approach to financial aid. A 1986 graduate of Luther College, Anderson is president-elect of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and has served on its training and finance committees. He has also served on the professional development committee of the Regional Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

Q: What is Dana College's approach to financial aid, and what types of aid are available?

A: Our goal in providing financial aid is rather simple. We hope to make it possible for students we believe are likely to succeed and are genuinely interested in Dana College to enroll here and graduate. Financial aid is to be available to qualified students whose families are unable to pay for college costs on their own, and to recognize areas of scholarship. The most common categories of financial aid are grants, scholarships, and loans. Grants and scholarships don't need to be repaid. Scholarships are most often based on special ability, such as academic achievement or in the fine arts and athletics. Grants are often based on "need," meaning that a student must show that his or her family isn't able to pay for school on its own. The amount a family can pay is determined by a federal formula, and requires the completion of a special application form. There are student loans which are based on "need," and others that aren't. Most have very

favorable interest rates (5-8%) and don't require repayment until the student has finished college.

Q: What regional and nationwide changes in financial aid have you observed since you became financial aid director?

A: The more noticeable changes include the elimination of the home value and family farm value from the federal formula used to determine eligibility. As a result, more students are eligible for financial aid than there were two years ago. The application forms have also been standardized for students, making it much easier for them to find out what aid they qualify for. In addition, a new loan program—called the Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan—is now available and is intended for middle- and upper-income families previously unable to obtain student loans. Another positive change is that the State of Nebraska recently began the Postsecondary Education Award Program, a grant for students attending a private college in the State. Not as encouraging is the level of federal grant funding made available for higher education. When I first started in this position, the primary federal grant—called the Pell Grant—was awarded to students in amounts up to \$2,300. While tuition costs at



Mark Anderson is entering his sixth year as director of financial aid at Dana.

Dana have increased by \$3,000 since I've been financial aid director, the Pell Grant is still at \$2,300. The amount a student can borrow from federal student loans, however, has increased by nearly 35%.

Q: What challenges have these changes presented to Dana, and how is the college meeting them?

A: With federal grant funding decreasing relative to school costs, many students are borrowing more. To attract and retain good students, however, Dana has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of grant funds awarded from institutional funds compared to last year. While we're certainly sound financially, it does reduce the funds available for other areas in which the college would like to make improvements.

Q: Dana is currently conducting a two-year, \$3 million campaign called the "Dana

Scholars Fund” to increase scholarship support. How will this drive make a difference in financial aid at Dana?

A: This is a really exciting campaign, and I was very pleased to know of the commitment to seek additional funds for students! This campaign will allow us to continue to attract students who have demonstrated excellence, and to provide financial support to needy students who rely on it so greatly. Just as importantly, it will reduce the pressure put on tuition revenue to support these grants and scholarships, allowing the funds to be put back into the institution for improved programs, facilities, and so on.

Q: What percentage of full-time students at Dana this past academic year received financial aid?

A: This figure has been pretty consistent from year-to-year, with a little over 90 percent of all full-time students qualifying for some type of aid.

Q: What might a typical financial aid package include?

A: The average family this past year was able to provide approximately \$3,600 for a year of college. With the comprehensive cost (tuition/fees, room, board, books, transportation and personal expenses) at almost \$14,000, their average “eligibility” was about \$10,000. A typical award included institutional grants and scholarships of \$2,500-\$3,500, federal grants of approximately \$2,000, work-study funds of \$1,000, and student loans of \$3,500.

Q: Do we have any programs that assist the daughters and sons of alumni?

A: Yes, we do. The Heritage Award (\$1,000 per year) is one of six new scholarship programs the college established for students beginning their enrollment last fall. It is awarded to students whose

parent(s) attended Dana. The parent need not have graduated from Dana, but must have been a full-time student for at least one semester. It was exciting to see that 14 new students received the Heritage Award this year!

Q: Is it true that attending a state university costs less than attending a private college?

A: More people are understanding that while the “price” of a state university may be substantially less, the final “cost” to a family is not that much different. Many families tell me that they found our final “cost” to them was comparable to a state institution’s. You see, eligibility for financial aid is based on the “price” of a college and the amount a family is able to pay. As the price increases, so do the opportunities for financial aid! This allows a student to choose a college based on its strengths rather than its price. In today’s market, Dana students are getting a very good bargain for their money. All of our graduates from a year ago have jobs (excluding those who decided to continue their education), and 86% of them

are employed in their related field of study.

Q: What advice and encouragement would you give parents and their sons and daughters as they plan for college?

A: Families with young children should take steps now to begin saving for educational costs. A regular savings plan and compounded interest can create a sizeable amount when the student is ready for college. For those with children enrolling in the next few years, saving on the short-term is still encouraged but will obviously not provide the same results. These families will want to take time to explore privately funded scholarship opportunities through local, state, and national organizations. With a little research in a public library, many sources can be identified. Finally, students should select several colleges they are most interested in—without regard to “price.” Don’t count a college out for financial reasons until receiving an Award Letter from them...and don’t forget about Dana! ○

Profiles of two graduates: Financial aid benefited both

During the past academic year more than 90 percent of our students received financial aid. As a part of the college’s effort to increase the understanding of financial aid, we’re including the profiles of two recent graduates.

Roxane Fenton, Charles City, IA
Roxane was awarded several renewable scholarships from the college, including a Presidential Scholarship (a competition open to high school seniors), a Lutheran Student Grant, and an Instrumental Music Scholarship. This past year she was selected as a

recipient of the Bondo Memorial Scholarship. She also secured a number of scholarships on her own, including four-year



awards from Lutheran Brotherhood and the Kate McLeod Fund. She was one of 58 students from Iowa to receive the Robert Byrd Honor Scholarship. In addition to
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these scholarships, she received federal student loans.

On May 22 Roxane received her B.A. degree *summa cum laude* with majors in German, history, and humanities. Her future plans include working on a second B.A., this one in dance, at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Her extracurricular involvement included membership in the Dana Concert Band, the Dana Chamber Players, the German Club, and Campus Ministry. She was one of ten graduates to receive a Campus Service Award at the May 21 Recognition Dinner.

"I wouldn't have considered Dana without the financial aid I received," she says. "It contributed to why I chose Dana over other schools, and it allowed me to travel to Europe twice for courses related to my majors."

Steve Lewis, Cambridge, IA

Steve entered Dana as a freshman in the fall of 1977. He left for financial reasons, returned in 1982, left again, and re-enrolled in 1990, this time to stay.

When he returned in 1990, he was selected to receive a four-year Theater Scholarship and the Lutheran Student Grant, as well as several scholarships established by Dana alumni, friends, and faculty. Examples include the Harold Willey Memorial Scholarship, the Keith Knudsen Scholarship, the Ray & Pearl Kundel Scholarship (for outstanding education majors), and the A.M. Andersen Award, established in the summer of 1993 in honor of the founder and first president of Trinity

Seminary, Dana's mother institution. Steve benefited from federal- and state-based grant programs, held part-time campus jobs through the Federal Work-Study program, and received federal student loans.

This spring he received his B.S. in elementary education with a coaching endorsement. Celebrating his graduation with him were his wife, Becky, who had a job during their years in Blair, and sons Bradley, 10, and Jonathan, 8.

Steve says that he plans "to get a job in education and coaching, and also to get involved in more church and community activities."

In spite of classroom and family obligations, this nontraditional student also contributed much to campus life: He was a public announcer for Dana athletic events, acted in theater productions and worked backstage, was a member of the Student Education Association and Campus Ministry, served on the staff of KDCV, and was a student coach in football, baseball, and basketball.

"I'm very thankful," Steve says, "for all the financial aid I received at Dana. It was directly responsible for my being in and finishing school. Some were loans I'll have to pay back, but if not for those loans and scholarships, I'd still be cleaning carpets." ○



12 new scholarships will help students

The winter issue of the *Dana Review* described six new scholarships that had recently been established by alumni and friends.

Since then the following scholarships have been created:

○ The Kenneth Anderson Memorial Scholarship has been established in memory of Ken Anderson '63 by employees of The Principal Financial Group and friends of Dana College.

○ The BRAN, Inc., Scholarship is sponsored by Bicycle Riders Across Nebraska.

○ The Henry and Esta Deets Memorial Endowed Scholarship has been established by their daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Jeffrey May.

○ The Rev. Fred C.M. and Carrie Hansen Scholarship is an endowed scholarship established by Elmer Hansen '41 in memory of his parents who were also alumni.

○ The Gunnar Horn English Scholarship has been endowed by Gunnar Horn of Omaha, an author and retired high school journalism and English teacher.

○ The Jersild-Geiger Memorial Scholarship has been established by Arthur A. '55 and Bertha M. Jersild in memory of their parents, Arthur L. and Meta H. Jersild and Robert J. and Marthine Geiger.

○ The Kirchhoff/Minderman Scholarship is an endowed scholarship established by Dr. Leo H. Kirchhoff '60 in honor of his family.

○ The Garnet Larson Scholarship has been established by Jan and Richard Potter of Dana's Social Work Department as a tribute to Dr. Larson, a long-time professor of social work who embodies the ideals of the profession.

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Students elect leaders:
 Student government officers for the coming year are (from left)—secretary, Amy Beebout '96, a social work and Spanish major from Valentine, Nebraska; vice president, Brent Johnson '95, an art education major from Denison, Iowa; president, James Plasek '95, a biology major from David City, Nebraska; and treasurer, Libby Hansen '95, a marketing, management, and organizational behavior major from Harlan, Iowa.

Commencement honors go to graduates, retiring professor, community organization

At Commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 22, eighty-five seniors received their degrees, a retiring faculty member was named professor emeritus, a community organization was honored, and students were recognized for academic achievement. Here are the highlights:

- Dale Lemon, assistant professor of physical education and baseball coach, was named Professor Emeritus of Physical Education. He became a member of the Dana faculty and the college's baseball coach in 1963. At a farewell coffee for departing and retiring faculty and staff earlier in the week, Lemon was made an "admiral of the Nebraska navy" by State Senator Bud Robinson '50.
- The Washington County Recycling Association received Dana's College-Community Service Award, our highest non-

academic award. LeMara Eicke, president of the Recycling Association and a recognized leader in recycling efforts, accepted the award from Regent Emeritus Richard Hunt.

- The valedictorian was Carrie Larkins, a communication-print media and humanities major from Adams, Nebraska, who received her B.A. degree *summa cum laude*.
- Jon Rademacher, a communication-broadcast media and organizational communication major from Neudorf, Saskatchewan, Canada, was chosen by his classmates to bring the message from the Class of 1994.
- Twenty-one graduates received their degrees with academic honors: *Summa cum laude*—B.A., Roxane Fenton, Carrie Larkins, Heidi Meyer; B.S., Kari Fjelstad, Kyle Herzog, Tammy Hoyer, Laurie Johnson, Jon Rademacher,

Patty Ross, Michael Smith, Kelly Wesemann. *Magna cum laude*—B.A., Tonya Eller, Binay Manandhar, Nabin Tuladhar; B.S., Brad Volcek. *Cum laude*—B.A., Angel Moore; B.S., Kary Knapp, Meredith Novak, Stephanie Shelton-Martens, Carl Strong, Shelli Wiebelhaus.

At the Recognition Dinner the evening before Commencement, ten seniors received Campus Service Awards: Scott Dugdale, Roxane Fenton, Kristine Flack, Kyle Herzog, Tammy Hoyer, Carrie Larkins, Meredith Novak, Shawn Osbahr, Jon Rademacher, and Kelly Wesemann.

Also honored at the Recognition Dinner were this year's Distinguished Alumni (as announced in the spring *Review*): the Rev. Adolph Kloth D '39 T'42, Carolyn Scholl '69, and the late Lela (Nielsen '43) Neve. ○

Forum Debate Series gives participants opportunity to hear and express opinions

by Jeremy Rademacher '97

One feature new to Dana College this year was the Forum Debate Series, which took place in The Forum in the new Dana Classroom Center.

Students, faculty, and staff gathered in the Forum on Fridays from noon to 1:30 p.m. to discuss, debate, and share personal opinions on various topics, ranging from on-campus events to world-wide concerns.

Forum director Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78 said she designed the Forum debates in hopes that they would provide an outlet for anyone to express views he or she has on a subject. She also hoped they would provide an opportunity outside the classroom for students and professors to get to know one another.

Nielsen was responsible for organizing and promoting the debates; she also decided on the topic for the week's discussion. She named current events, popular campus issues, and suggestions by others as sources for ideas for topics.

The debates were generally well-mannered with some issues raising more discussion than others. They very rarely developed into heated arguments, but there were times when those gathered became tangled in disagreement.

According to Nielsen, some of the more lively debates covered such topics as "Scholarships: Payment or Privilege?"; "Health Care in America: Clinton's New Plan," with special guests Senator Paul Simon '49 and his wife, Jeanne; "Cheating in College"; "Sexual Correctness: Where Does It Begin and End?"; and a concern to all at

Dana, "Should Dana Keep Interim?"

Two weeks of the 1994 Interim period were reserved for a discussion of "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective." The basis of discussion for these sessions was a 23-page document recently published by a committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A group met for two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to view videos and share opinions on this controversial topic.

Participation in the debates was "okay," according to Nielsen, with a small number in regular attendance. She also commented that having participation from a diverse group with widely differing views made for very lively debates.

Those who participated in the debates tended to agree that everyone has a different opinion and the right to express it. Nielsen said there was a tendency for the debaters to "agree to disagree."

In continuing the debate series, Nielsen hopes she can offer a "safe haven" where students can voice opinions and disagree openly without fear of judgment or repercussion. She said it was also interesting for students to hear open disagreement among staff, faculty, and administrative personnel.

So far, none of the Forum debates has ended with a unanimous solution or opinion on a given topic. Instead, the sessions usually concluded open-ended, with debaters having received a closer look into the views of others on important issues. ○

Popular musical and one-act plays staged

The college's Music and Theater Departments cooperated in staging the long-running Broadway musical, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, on April 27-May 1. Directed by Dan Hayes of Omaha, the musical featured blues, country/western, jazz, and popular songs.

Other spring theater productions featured two student-directed one-act plays on April 14, 15, and 16: Lanford Wilson's *The Madness of Lady Bright*, directed by Dana Holz, and Katherine Snodgrass's *Haiku*, directed by Kim Zulfer. ○

Students sing in Lloyd Webber premiere

Four Dana music students auditioned and were hired to be a part of the on-stage and off-stage choruses of the world premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem Variations*, from June 9-19 at the Orpheum Theater in Omaha.

Kim Capel-Mikkelson and

Holly Halsell, voice students of Jeanmarie A. Nielsen '78, and Kevin Westring and Tim Marsden, students of Dr. Richard A. Palmer, began rehearsals in mid-April for this internationally recognized premiere, which was attended on June 19 by Lloyd Webber. ○



Bloodmobile visits campus: Close to 100 donors volunteered to give blood this spring when the Red Cross Bloodmobile made its annual campus visit. Here Dr. Scott Morgan, assistant professor of chemistry, has a preliminary blood pressure check. *Ars Medica*, the campus organization of students interested in the health sciences, sponsored the visit. Jim Plasek '95 and Kari Fjelstad '94 coordinated the event.

Students, faculty, guest artists perform, and concerts, recitals fill spring calendar

A variety of musical events, most of them in the evening, filled the campus calendar in April and May:

On April 5, duo recitalists John Harris, percussion instructor, and student Terra Keiser were assisted in their performance by Omaha Symphony timpanist Dwight Thomas, Omaha Symphony assistant principal Richard Jones, and Lincoln Symphony percussionist Lyle Bellin.

On April 7 and 8 jazz drummer and singer Jim Chapin (and the author of *Advanced Techniques for the Modern Drummer*) gave two presentations on the history of jazz and played with the Dana/Midland Jazz Ensemble.

On April 7 soprano Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 of the Dana faculty and classical guitarist Robin Neihardt, the grandson of Nebraska poet laureate John G. Neihardt, performed for the Blair World of Entertainment Series. Nielsen was accompanied on the piano by Paul Parker, adjunct faculty in music.

On April 20 professional

cellist David Low gave an afternoon presentation to students about careers in music and played an evening concert.

On April 22, students Joe Fustos and Elmer Ellefson presented a joint junior voice recital.

On the afternoon of April 24, students Kim Capel-Mikkelson and Kevin Westring presented their joint voice recital.

On April 24, a "Flute Feast"—flutes accompanied by percussion, piano, voice, and other flutes—was presented by students Trista Witt, Sarah Kobs, Joanna Bultman, Heather Price, Kara Koehler, Erin Rasmussen, Jennifer Nelson, and Terra Keiser, and three members of the Music Department—Jeanmarie Nielsen, Paul Parker, and John Harris.

On May 1, the home concert of the Dana Chorale and New Day, directed by Dr. Richard Palmer, featured popular and traditional selections and a narration by Dr. Paul Schneider, professor of English and theater director.

On May 2, the annual piano

concerto recital featured student pianists Sara Hildreth, Michele Roney, Kristin Hansen, Sarah Kobs, Timothy Marsden, Julie White, and Naoko Kojima, and Music Department faculty member Dr. Alan Brandes.

On May 9, Russian concert pianist Svetlana Rodionova played her American debut; her program featured works by Schumann and Rachmaninov. A native of St. Petersburg, she is married to a member of the Omaha Symphony.

On May 10, the Dana Concert Band, directed by Prof. Michael Anderson, played its home concert. The concert, which followed a five-day tour through Iowa and Illinois, was dedicated to the memory and services of the late Dr. Wayne Wise, music professor and band director at Dana from 1957-1978.

On May 16, the Dana Percussion Ensemble gave a concert under the direction of John Harris; guest performers were Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, soprano, and Dr. Paul Schneider, narrator. ○

○ *Amy Barta '93*, a teacher at North High School, Omaha, is one of 20 high school drama teachers from across the country to receive a scholarship for graduate study at The Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. The scholarship program, called "Acts of Interpretation," is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It includes full tuition, room and board, traveling expenses, books, and a stipend. Barta

will be studying plays and learning directing techniques. In notifying Dana of her selection, Barta wrote: "This scholarship is quite an honor. I believe that my education from Dana and the English Department faculty are largely responsible for my receiving this award."

Alumni in the News

○ A feature story by *Kalani Simpson '93*, reporter for the *Central City* (Nebr.) *Non-pareil*, placed third in Class B in the 1994 Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Competition.

○ Pastors *Kip Tyler '80* and *Alan Hanson '76* have been elected to the 29-member board of the Nebraska Synod Assembly, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Tyler is assisting pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master, Omaha, in the development of small group ministries. Hanson serves Luther Memorial Church in Syracuse, Nebraska.

○ *Dave Bartels*, who teaches in Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska, received a Golden Apple Award this spring from HunTel Systems of Blair. The annual award program recognizes outstanding teachers in the communities HunTel serves. Bartels teaches accounting, advanced accounting, economics, and government. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and received his teacher education certification from Dana in 1987.

○ *Craig Shaffer '82*, who teaches sixth grade in Aurora, Nebraska, is one of three coaches for a team of Aurora students in grades four through 12 competing this summer at an International Future Problem Solving Conference at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. *Omaha World-Herald* staff writer Tom Allan, in an article titled "Global Troubles Are No Problem for Student Team," described the Future Problem program as "a yearlong project in which capable students are challenged individually or in teams to solve problems of global significance." The team won the right to represent Nebraska, Allan wrote, "by presenting solutions in a future space law lunar community scenario at the recent State Future Problem Solving Bowl at the University of Nebraska at Kearney." At the state competition Aurora won seven team or individual first places, as well as several seconds and thirds in grades four through 12.

○ Blair residents *Bob '78 and Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen and sons Aaron and Christopher* have received the 1993-94 Nebraska Jaycees Kennedy Family of the Year Award. The Jepsens are very active in their church and community. They have been a host family for an exchange student, and Bob and Malinda were coaches this year for an "Odyssey of the Mind" team (of which Aaron was a member) that placed third in state competition. Malinda is a member of Dana's Alumni Council.

○ Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson has appointed Omaha attorney *Ronald L. Brown '74* to a judgeship on the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court.

○ *Don Nevius '74*, who teaches K-6 special education in the Lenox, Iowa, school system, is the 1993-94 recipient of the Iowa School of Social Work Association's "Friend of the Children Award."

○ *Brent Siegrist '74*, majority leader in the Iowa House of Representatives, is running for a sixth term. He represents House District 84, which

includes half of Council Bluffs. Siegrist was assistant House minority leader for the 73rd and 74th General Assembly before he was named House majority leader.

○ *Paul Kolb '73*, a junior and senior high school teacher in the Blair Community Schools, has been selected to participate in a regional yearlong project to improve teaching about Japan and world cultures. Thirty teachers from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska were chosen for the project. This summer they're participating in a ten-day institute in Boulder, Colorado, working with historians, sociologists, art specialists, and other experts on Japanese history and culture to develop a classroom curriculum and plans for sharing materials and strategies with other teachers in their school systems. During the coming school year, they'll implement the new curriculum and develop pen-pal and other programs linking their students with students in Japan. For the past several years Kolb has been coordinator of a summer exchange program between Japanese and Blair High students.

○ This spring *Bob Bair '72*, an English and journalism teacher in the Blair Community Schools, received a Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching from HunTel Systems of Blair. Bair has also been yearbook adviser for 19 years and newspaper adviser for 18.

○ *Mark Musick '72*, a lieutenant colonel in the Nebraska Air National Guard, took charge of full-time operations of the Nebraska organization on June 1. He is senior leader of the Air Guard's permanent work force of 300 and vice commander of the Guard's 155th Air Refueling Group of nearly 1,000 members.

○ *Trish (Darling '70) Jacobson* and her husband, Roger, taught in Victoria, Australia, during the 1993 academic year as recipients of International Teaching Fellowships. They recently returned to their home in Ames, Iowa.

○ Eunice Levisay '70 was one of 15 Omaha Public School teachers to receive an Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award this spring. She teaches fourth grade at Florence Elementary School. Warren Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, established the annual award program in honor of his aunt, who taught for many years in the Omaha Public Schools. Last year Levisay received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

○ An article, "Worth More Than Money," by Todd Etshman in the April issue of *The Lutheran* reports on the response of several ELCA congregations in Phoenix, Arizona, to a remark made a year ago by the Rev. Arden Dorn '63, director of Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest. The remark: "Churches provide money for social ministry programs with the homeless—but not enough human effort to help make it work." Etshman reports especially on the response and commitment the pastor and parishioners at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church have made over the past year to becoming involved with the homeless. He also writes that Dorn "is moving ahead with plans to develop another 146 single-family townhomes for transitional housing, renovating buildings donated by the Resolution Trust Corporation."

○ C.N. "Bud" Robinson '50 of Blair, who has represented Nebraska's 16th District in the Nebraska Unicameral for the past four years, is running for a second term. A former president of the Dana Alumni Association, he is a retired teacher and school administrator. ○

Campus nurse writes meditations with insights and common sense to help chronic pain sufferers

Patricia D. Nielsen, *Living with It Daily: Meditations for People with Chronic Pain*, New York Dell Publishing, 1994

Reviewed by Norman C. Bansen '47, Professor Emeritus

Editor's note: Dana campus nurse Patricia (Meier '76) Nielsen injured her back several years ago while working at Dodge County Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Nebraska. Since then she has had surgery four times and has learned to live with constant pain. Her new book will be available through bookstores on September 1.



not to be cured, but somehow to be converted to a new way of thinking and feeling. To me, it means that I realize that there is more to

me than the pain, that there is a wholeness to me that stays, no matter what."

A final statement for each day may be in the form of terse, practical advice: "There is a way to make social life possible for me. I will use moderation in this area, too." Or there may be a note of sincere spirituality: "Thank you, God, for giving me the strength to go on."

Those who like the author and the reviewer intimately live with pain will treasure the sensitive insights and the common sense in this impressive little book; those with little or no pain will be led to deeper understanding. ○

The author writes from the continuing experience of pain in her own life. A Dana graduate and a registered nurse, she has published articles in national periodicals.

The meditations for each day of the year are introduced by quotations which range from Lao Tzu and Genesis to Dag Hammarskjöld and Joan Baez. The author charmingly includes a few of her own quotations: "Attempt. It is the only way for your efforts to be rewarded."

In one meditation she writes: "I realize now that to be healed is

New scholarships honor friends, faculty, relatives

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○ The Dale and Jane Lemon Scholarship has been established in tribute to the contributions made to Dana by Dale Lemon, who became professor emeritus of physical education this past May, and his wife, Jane.

○ The Ethel (Honey) Paul and

Arline Wilcox Endowed Scholarship has been established by Maude Phillips of Lincoln, Nebraska, in memory of her mother and sister.

○ The Edward and Elna Steen Scholarship is provided by Edward Steen '37 of Elk Horn, Iowa, in

memory of his wife, Elna (Jensen '39) Steen.

○ The Wayne Wise Memorial Scholarship has been established by Ruth Borsheim Wise in memory of her husband, Dr. Wayne Wise, who taught instrumental music at Dana for 21 years. ○

Softball team plays in national tournament

Softball

A finish in the top eight teams at the NAIA National Softball Championship tournament capped the most successful season ever for the Viking softball program this spring.

Dana went 48-18 on the year, setting single-season school records for games (66), wins (48) and winning percentage (.727). The Vikings were co-champions of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC), tying Northwestern

(Ia.) with a 15-3 league record. It was Dana's seventh NIAC championship in the past ten seasons. Dana won the NAIA District 11 tournament for the first time, going undefeated in the double-elimination tourney and beating College of St. Mary for the district crown. Dana beat Mary (N.D.) in a bi-district series at Bismarck, North Dakota, to qualify for the NAIA national tournament in Columbia, Missouri, May 18-21.

At nationals, Dana dropped a 1-0 decision to ELCA sister school Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) in its first game and then bounced back to beat St. Joseph's (Me.), 4-2, and Grace (Ind.), 3-2, in consolation games. Eventual national runner-up Athens State (Ala.) eliminated Dana in the third round of consolation play, 9-0.

Catcher Karri Roberts '96 (Littleton, Colo.) was an honorable mention NAIA All-American choice. She is Dana's second All-American honoree in softball following another catcher, Nicki

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Brownell '91, who was a second-team choice in 1991. Third baseman Courtney Leyba '96 (Denver, Colo.) was named NAIA District 11 Player-of-the-Year and Susie Chavez '96 (Dixon, Calif.) was picked as the NIAC Pitcher-of-the-Year. Roberts, Leyba and Chavez were all first-team NIAC and District 11 choices, as were pitcher Heather Olsen '96 (Walsh, Colo.), outfielder Michelle Wheatley '94 (Longmont, Colo.), and designated player Dayna Foster '97 (North Platte, Nebr.). Outfielder Amy Croughwell '97 (Ontario, Calif.) was a first-team All-Conference selection as well.

Dana Head Coach Steve Kissel '86 went over the 200-win mark in his eighth season as the Viking skipper. At the season's end, Kissel's career mark stood at 218-152.

Baseball

A career coaching milestone for Dana's Dale "Juice" Lemon highlighted the 1994 Viking baseball campaign.

Lemon picked up his 500th career coaching victory on April 26 as Dana posted a 6-2 win over rival Midland Lutheran in the first game of a doubleheader at Paul Peterson Field. The Vikings beat Midland again that day and later swept a twinbill from Concordia to give Lemon 503 victories over a 35-year career which included 31 seasons with Dana.

The Vikings went 15-27 on the season, including a 9-15 record in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) play which put them sixth in the final league standings. Dana went 7-7 in its first 14 games but then lost eight straight and 11-of-12 in a mid-year slump. The

Vikings carried slim NAIA District 11 playoff hopes into the final week of the season, but losses to NIAC foes Doane and Hastings ended the season with no playoff berth for Dana.

Shortstop Gregg Yanta (Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.) ended his Dana career with the all-time best fielding percentage for a Viking shortstop, .890, breaking the old mark of .888 set by Brent Peterson '69. Also in the Dana record book is pitcher Dustin Wolfe '96 (Arlington, Nebr.), who had 11 complete games in an 8-6 season to tie the single-season record set by Barry Olson '76 in 1974. Wolfe led the Dana pitching staff in ERA and strikeouts as well as wins. Second baseman Matt Rega '96 (Wellington, Fla.) had the highest batting average on the Viking squad at .360 and freshman Tommy Pelzer (Bellevue, Nebr.) crafted a 13-game hitting streak at season's end.

Yanta was named first-team All-Conference in the NIAC while second baseman Rega was a first-team All-District 11 choice. Yanta was named second-team All-District while Rega, Pelzer, Wolfe and Jeff Reiter '97 (Bettendorf, Ia.) were honorable mention All-Conference choices.

Tennis

Heidi Grappendorf '95 (Chariton, Ia.) won her second straight Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) #1 singles championship this season. She also made it to the NAIA District 11 championship match for a second straight year, only to be denied a trip to the national tournament by defending district champ Jennifer Allison of College of St. Mary. ○



A 14-year fast, void of winning men's basketball teams, has left Dana fans hungry for success on the hardwoods according to Viking head coach Dave Jensen, who hopes to satisfy that hunger next year in his second full season at Dana.

Not since Paul Peterson '41 skippered the Vikings to an 18-10 record in the 1979-80 season has Dana crafted a winning campaign in men's basketball. The 1986-87 team under Coach Will Baird finished 17-18 and Jensen led Dana to a 16-17 last year, but that's as close as Viking fans have gotten to cheering for a winning men's cage team in the scarlet-and-white.

Even so, last year's relative success, which followed on the heels of several dismal seasons, has whetted the collective appetite of Dana fans and the college community, and Jensen says he is eager to feed the flame some more.

"What I found when I came here were some people hungry for a good athletic program," Jensen said. "It's a hunger that extends into all areas of the athletic program here, not just men's basketball. I think it's important for a school to have a good athletic program because of the good publicity and excitement it generates.

"I had faculty people telling me last year that our accomplishments in basketball were really generating some excitement on campus," he added. "It excites me that quality athletic teams in all of the sports will be appreciated here."

Jensen took over the Dana men's team at the holiday break of the 1992-93 season when former coach Tom Brosnihan resigned. After arriving at mid-season, Jensen saw the Vikings lose 20 of their final 21 games in the '92-93 season to end up 6-27. He quickly set about righting the listing Viking ship and brought in a talented

Jensen looks to feed hungry fans with men's basketball wins

mix of junior-college (JUCO) transfers and true fresh-men to bring Dana from the depths of basketball futility to a level of instant credibility in one season, an accomplishment recognized by the *Omaha World-Herald* when it named Jensen its Coach-of-the-Year.

"We knew we had to go out and get two or three JUCO kids for a quick impact and I think we succeeded in doing that," said Jensen. "What we need now is some consistency. We want to get quality student-athletes we can keep here and keep together as a team. You need that experience of having people play together over an extended period of time.

"If there's something that hurt us last year it's that we didn't have that continuity," Jensen added. "We were pretty much a new team and we could play very well at times, but we didn't do it consistently. Our goal is to recruit two or three impact players as fresh-men each year and also bring in a couple of good junior college kids each year. If we can do that, we can achieve the type of consistency we need."

Attracting quality student-athletes to Dana is one area where Jensen thinks alumni can play a big role in the success of Dana College athletics.

"Supportive alumni are imperative to the success of an athletic program," Jensen said. "I think alumni can really help us in recruiting. I got a lot of help last year from Gary Cissell '80 and Brian Serr '81. With me being new, they helped a lot in talking to some kids about their success and experiences at Dana. If there's a good kid in an alum's area, he or

she might give them a call and just share some of the good things that Dana has to offer.

"We always want local alums to come out and see us play," he continued. "Their help is really needed in recruiting, too. Dana has so much to offer to the student-athlete that any help alumni can give us in getting the best kids out there is going to be a big help and be very much appreciated."

Jensen said it was a thrill for him and his players to have several Dana alums on hand when the Vikings played in a tournament last season in Denver, Colorado. And in Cissell and Serr, the Viking coach landed the help of two of Dana's best men's basketball players ever. Both were key members of the last winning team at Dana 14 seasons ago.

Jensen came to Dana in January of 1993 after serving almost five seasons as an assistant coach at Peru State College. He previously coached high school teams in Burlington, Colorado, and Russell, Kansas, and was a graduate assistant at Colorado State University. The Flagler, Colorado, native graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1979 and got his master's degree in physical education from Colorado State in 1987. ○

Homecoming Scrimmage

Former members of the men's varsity basketball team are invited to scrimmage with this year's team at Homecoming on Saturday morning, October 1.

This traditional Homecoming activity will start at 10 a.m. in Borup Coliseum. Alumni wishing to participate are asked to notify Coach Dave Jensen (402-426-7294).

'90s

○ *Kathy Baier '94* has been accepted to attend Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, next fall; she will study marine biology.

○ *Barbie Bentley '94* is a caseworker for Lutheran Social Services based in Atlantic, Iowa, where she did her practicum. (Her practicum supervisor was Lydia [Kerns '90] Rothfusz.)

○ *Mike Carubba '94* and *Manuel Johnson '94* are members of an American-style football team in England.

○ *Tonya Eller '94* works full time in the Equipment Finance Department at Blair's Washington County Bank. She started there as an intern in January and then worked part-time until graduation.

○ *Kari Fjelstad '94* has been accepted to study medicine at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

○ *Tonya Hauser '94* has signed a contract to teach special education for sixth and seventh grade students with behavioral disorders at Turner U.S.D. in Kansas City, Kansas.

○ *Tammy Hoyer '94* and *Bruce Williams* were married on May 29. They live in Gretna, Nebraska.

○ *Nichole Jaskiewicz '94* is a residential counselor with REM-SILS of Iowa, Inc., in Council Bluffs. She completed her practicum there this spring and was offered a full-time job.

○ *Laurie Johnson '94* and *Matt Plowman '93* were married on June 4 in Blair.

○ *Jennifer Karre '94* now works full time in her formerly part-time job as sales specialist with J.C. Penney at Omaha's Westroads Mall.

○ *Gerson Katoko '94* is working at Big Horn Material, Inc., in Frisco, Colorado.

○ *Jeff Kemp '94* is an adviser at Cooper Villiage in Omaha.

○ *Michelle Klockentager '94* will teach special education K-3 this fall in the Blair Community Schools.

○ *Kary Knapp '94*, Omaha, is a full time sales representative with the Independent Order of Foresters. He learned about this job by attending a Career Fair and then did an internship with the organization.

○ *Carrie Larkins '94* has been hired as news editor of the *Western Nebraska Observer* in Kimball.

○ *Susan Lee '94* will teach music this fall for the Omaha Public Schools. She

completed her course requirements in January and taught this past spring for Southeast Consolidated Schools in Stella, Nebraska.

○ *Laurel Minnick '94* is a manager trainee for Pamida in Nebraska City, Nebraska. She interned at the Pamida head office in Omaha in January.

○ *Angel Moore '94* works in art sales at Malibu Gallery in Omaha.

○ *Meredith Novak '94* is a specifications salesperson for Omaha Paper Co., Omaha.

○ *Jon Rademacher '94* is a part-time announcer for KESY Radio in Omaha, a job he also had before graduation.

○ *Krista Sesker '94* has signed a contract with the Omaha Public Schools to teach Spanish at the junior or senior high school level this fall.

○ *Stephanie Shelton-Martens '94* has been hired as social service director for Oak Grove Manor in Omaha.

○ *Tory Steffen '94* works full time at Community Alliance in Fremont, Nebraska, where she also did her practicum.

○ *Scott Stickler '94* entered the U.S. Army on June 22; he'll be trained as a radar specialist.

○ *Carl Strong '94*, a Weekend College graduate, continues in his job as a programmer for Accent Service Co. in Omaha.

○ *Chris Tauber '94* has been appointed junior high football coach and eighth grade basketball coach at Boys Town, Nebraska.

○ *Dave Wakehouse '94* has been an assistant family teacher at Boys Town since completing his sociology major in December.

○ *Kelly Wesemann '94* has been hired to be the international budget coordinator at Bozell Worldwide, Inc., in Omaha.

○ *Shelli Wiebelhaus '94* will be a special education elementary teacher and the volleyball coach at Ponca, Nebraska, Public Schools this fall.

○ *Julie Schmidt '93* is a graduate student in social work at the University of Denver.

○ *Dixie Whitlow '93* has accepted a marketing/management position with Hamilton Telecommunications in Aurora, Nebraska.

○ As of October 1, *Shirley Hansen '92*, director of social services at Arbor Manor in Fremont, Nebraska, will have a second title as admissions coordinator. She will be responsible for all inquiries and admissions while continuing as social services director. She has two other people working in her department.

○ *Mary Oetter '91*, Omaha, is a psychiatric social worker at St. Joseph Center for Mental Health. She has been accepted for graduate study in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Alan Pogue '91* and *Janet Kemkau* were

married on April 30. They live in Stromsburg, Nebraska.

○ *Anita Woodward '91* has been named associate manager at First BankCard Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

○ *Todd '90* and *Angela (Johnson '89) Kollbaum*, Elk Point, South Dakota, are the parents of *Jordan Andrew*, born on January 31, and *Zachary Edward*, born on October 14, 1993.

'80s

○ *Teresa (Blaas '89)* and *Bryan '88 Daum*, Omaha, announce the birth of their daughter, *Shelby LyNae*, on October 12.

○ *Greta Pedersen '89*, New Brighton, Minnesota, is territory manager for the Dunlop Slazenger Corporation. Her territory includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, the upper peninsula of Michigan, and Alaska.

○ *Donald '89* and *Carolyn (Lauer '90) Schuster* have bought a new home in West Des Moines, Iowa. Don received a degree in drafting in June and works as a drafter at EMCO Specialties Inc. Carolyn was promoted to systems analyst last January.

○ In September *Dr. Barbara (Myer '87) Hodne* will begin practicing with her father, *Dr. Philip Myer '68*, in Manning, Iowa. A graduate of the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, she was a resident in the family practice program at Des Moines' Iowa Lutheran Hospital, where she received the Carl C. Waterbury Award for Obstetrics.

○ *Charleen (Steffen '87)* and *Martin '86 Stessman*, Hutchinson, Kansas, announce the October 4, 1993, birth of daughter *Megan*.

○ *David Iversen '86*, assistant professor and librarian at Rider College, New Jersey, has been asked to serve for one year as a non-voting intern on the Committee for the Education and Recruitment of Catalog Librarians, a committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, which is a division of the American Library Association. The appointment requires attendance at the midwinter and annual meetings of the ALA.

○ *Melissa Marie* was born on May 7, 1993, to *Meri Jo (Meier '87)* and *Michael '85 Soe*, Omaha. Meri Jo writes that "sister Megan (3 1/2) is excited to be a 'big sister.'"

○ *Betty (Kumm '86) Colwell* and her husband, *Robert*, Winside, Nebraska, announce the April 13 birth of *Aaron James*. He was welcomed home by brothers *Craig* (4) and *Derek* (2).



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○ Justine Margaret was born on April 16 to Jay '86 and Lisa (Barnello '86) Moss, Baldwinsville, New York. She joins brother Joel Matthew (3).

○ Mark Pickel '86 and Kathleen Mary James were married on December 18 in Kamiah, Idaho. He teaches math at Kennewick High School, Oregon; she is an elementary school teacher, also in Kennewick.

○ Ann (Esbeck '86) Tillman and daughter Alecia are now living at 3510 Parklane Dr. #5 in Hastings, Nebraska 68901. Ann is employed as a secretary for Werner Construction Co. in Hastings.

○ Kristine (McKay '84) Cardoza and her husband, Steve, Jacksonville, Florida, announce the birth of their first child, Jeremy James, on December 23, 1993. His maternal grandparents are Ruth and the late James McKay '64.

○ Debbie and Jeff DeYoung '84, daughter Rachel Ellen (born Oct. 17, 1993) and son Joshua (2 1/2) have moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Jeff has accepted the position of livestock field editor with *Iowa Farmer Today*, the Midwest's largest farm newspaper with a circulation of about 135,000.

○ Barbara (Nelson '83) Van Heiden and her husband, Kenneth, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the May 1 birth of Justin Reed. He joins brother Kevin Lee (5). Barbara is a department manager for Wal-Mart in Cedar Falls. She has also started and leads a local support group for Crohn's Disease.

○ Karli Mariah was born on February 16 to Mark and Julie (Jensen '82) Nielsen, North Platte, Nebraska. She joins brothers Andrew and Jonathan.

○ Todd '82 and Carol (Olsen '82) Swenson, Bloomington, Minnesota, announce the March 24 birth of Sarah Jean. Sister Anna is three.

○ Kerry Garrels '82 and Craig Voelker were married on August 18, 1993, in an underwater scuba wedding in the Bahamas. Kerry is health promotion services director at the Burlington, Iowa, YWCA. Last September she and Craig opened "Aqua Sport," a scuba-diving retail store that also offers classes in scuba diving and snorkeling and travel/vacation opportunities.

○ Mary (Heistand '80) Bro, executive vice president of sales and marketing for IntelliSell, has been named to the firm's board of directors. The Omaha-based corporation is an outbound telemarketing firm.

○ Ruth Ann Sorensen '80 graduated from Colorado State University on May 14 with a degree in equine science. She will be a graduate student in veterinary science this

fall. A horse trainer and dressage rider, she is head wrangler this summer at a camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She teaches riding techniques and is responsible for 50 horses.

'70s

○ Erica Agesen '79 and James Petersen '78 and their two children have moved from Omaha to Medford, Oregon. "We are thrilled to be here near family and the mountains," Erica writes.

○ Richard and Sherry (Kulr '76) Harlow, Omaha, announce the arrival of Kerry Anne and Christopher Lloyd on November 19, 1993. They join sister Amanda, who is almost five.

○ Jane Hammer '74 and Don Breyfogle were married on July 9, 1993, in Nashville, Tennessee. They live in Holstein, Iowa.

Jane writes, "I still teach in the Galva-Holstein School District and Don is an over-the-road truck driver with VT Industries located in Holstein."

○ Allyn Remmers '74 and Paula Aughenbaugh were married on February 12. They live in rural Auburn, Nebraska.

○ Vicky Timmerman '74 '91 has been named director of employee relations for the Catholic Health Corporation, an Omaha-based partnership of religious institutes that sponsor health care.

facilities. She is responsible for corporate office employee relations, education, training, recruitment and employment functions. She also provides consultative services and assistance to the more than 110 health care facilities in the CHC system. She previously served as personnel director at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha.

○ Patrick Tripp '74 and Brad Schweer '74 are partners in a new Omaha law firm, Tripp, Schweer & Ferraro. Pat and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of two daughters—Alissa Leigh (3 1/2) and Jenna Morgan (7 months).

'60s

○ Don Hooper '69, principal of Carriage Hill Elementary School, Papillion, Nebraska, has been named principal of a soon-to-be-developed elementary school in the Papillion-LaVista School District. It is projected to open in the fall of 1995.

'50s

○ Anna (Thomsen '50) Poh of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is a nursing instructor substitute. She writes, "I retired from full-time work on the faculty of the Bellin College of

Nursing six years ago in order to give myself more options in regard to activities. I also am involved with the Women of the ELCA at Bethel Lutheran Church here in Green Bay, the Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and other volunteer activities. I maintain my home and travel frequently to other areas of the country."

Deaths

○ Gula Peterson '73 of Decatur, Nebraska, on February 14. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

○ David Parrish '61 of Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 26. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. After graduating from Dana, he taught at Blair High from 1961-63 and in 1964-65. He retired in 1988 from the Agricultural Communications Press Section at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Survivors include his parents, Earl and Paula Parrish, Florissant, Missouri, a sister, a son, and four daughters. Daughter Kathryn Montira works at Dana as computer lab assistant and part-time secretary in the Business Department.

○ Vern Dirgo '58, Omaha, on March 9, in an accident.

○ Donald L. Nelson '50 of Rolfe, Iowa, on March 18.

○ Raymond Paulsen D'47 T'50 of Brush, Colorado on June 3. A WWII veteran, he landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy in the 15th wave. He was an administrator of Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush from 1964-79, when he retired. Paulsen was mayor of Brush for eight years. He had served on the school board and as president of the area Chamber of Commerce and director of First National Bank.

He had also been a member of the Colorado State Board of Health Advisory Committee. In 1985 he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Dana College. Survivors include his wife, Zonia; son Gerald '65 of Denver, Colorado; three daughters—Glenna Newport and Gwen Murrow, both of Brush, and Gloria Weinman '71 of Alliance, Nebraska; three brothers—Harold of Blair, Clarence D'40 T'43 of Grass Valley, California, and Clifford '41 T'51 of Edina, Minnesota; and two sisters—Eda Panum (Dana Academy '29) of Eugene, Oregon, and Dorothy Monteen of Edina.

○ Robert Taylor '40 of Sebastopol, California, in May. As a student in the late 1930s, Taylor drove the Dana bus that provided transportation to the campus for students from Oakland, Craig, Lyons, Tekamah, and Herman. Survivors include his wife, Dee, and daughter, Lorene Sheets. ○

T. I. Jensen dies: former dean of Trinity Seminary remembered for his beliefs, courage, grace, tact

The Rev. Theodor I. Jensen T'33, who joined the faculty of Trinity Seminary in 1944 and later served as its dean, died on April 4 in Rockford, Illinois. He was 92.

He was the son of the Rev. J.P. Jensen, president of Dana and Trinity from 1905 until his untimely death in 1908.

T.I. Jensen attended Dana Academy, received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, his B.D. from Trinity Seminary, and his master's from Union Theological Seminary.

After Trinity Seminary moved from Blair to the campus of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, Jensen continued as its dean until 1960 when the American Lutheran Church was formed and the two seminaries merged. Jensen subsequently became dean of Wartburg Seminary in 1963, its acting president in 1967, and, from 1969 until he retired in 1971, administrative

assistant to its president.

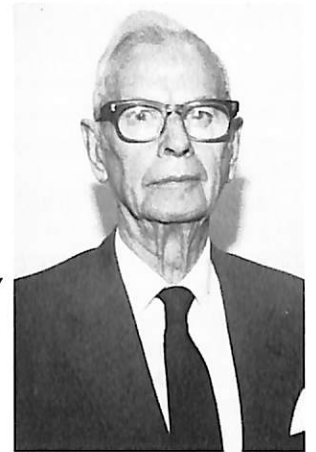
Dr. Clifford D'41 T'44 and Florence '74 Hanson represented Dana at the funeral. In his tribute to Jensen, Professor Emeritus Hanson said, "He was a person who was intellectually honest, willing to examine carefully the various theological views which he encountered. He had a special ability to analyze an issue and to ferret out the important aspects and make significant evaluations. He loved his church and maintained a Christian piety that was not superficial, but a genuine expression of his whole person. When I think of T.I. and the virtues we usually associate with someone we regard as a saint, we note that he was kind and generous, a person of solid Christian convictions, and courageous in standing up for what he believed was right; yet he did it with a

certain grace and tact....

"We are saying farewell today to a person who, in my view, was a giant in his faith. He made so many

significant contributions to both the UELC and the ALC. For those of us who knew him, he will continue to be a challenging inspiration."

Survivors include his wife, Edith (Sorensen '32); daughters Ruth Lukawski '69, Dorothy Ellefson, and Eleanor Gensler; and sister Christine Jensen. ○



Homecoming will honor three graduates, one each from '60s, '70s, and '80s

Three alumni will be honored on Saturday evening, October 1, at the Homecoming dinner. Tom Taggart '81 will be named an Outstanding Young Alumnus, and Dennis Sellon '69 and Steve Woitock '76 will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Taggart is senior tax manager at Ernst & Young in Des Moines, Iowa. He plays an active role in church, community, and professional organizations. A member of the Dana Alumni Council for seven years, he is a co-founder of the Central Iowa Dana Club and has assisted the college in organizing and promoting Dana-related events in the Des Moines area.

Sellon is department chair, physical education teacher, and head track and football coach at Blair Senior High School. As a Dana football player, he was a team leader and record-breaking linebacker who earned the title Defensive Player of the Week several times in his career. As Blair High track coach for the past 15 years, he has produced several state champions; he becomes head football coach this fall after serving as assistant coach for many years. In 1992 Blair High students voted him their Teacher of the Year. He has also been a volunteer worker for Special Olympics for several years.

Woitock, who lives in Savage, Minnesota, is corporate credit manager at C.J. Duggey Paper Co., Minneapolis. He was a star baseball player at Dana. By the time he graduated he had accumulated a total of 27 hitting and fielding records and had been named to six all-star teams. Drafted twice by major league teams—Houston and Kansas City—he played one season for the Kansas City Royals and was selected for the Gulf Coast League all-star game. In Savage he is a volunteer coach for several sports. He is also a charter member and past congregational president of the church he and his family attend. ○

Shopping at the Dana Bookstore



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New Builders honored at May 21 luncheon

One hundred and seventeen Dana Builders attended this year's luncheon on Saturday, the day before Commencement. The program included a welcome by President Christopherson and musical selections by Karen (Jensen '60) Capel.

The Rev. Carl Rasmussen '75 presented a gift to the college from the estate of his grandfather, the Rev. John M. Jensen, an early Dana and Trinity alumnus. (Carl and his wife are charter members of the Builders.)

Alumni and friends who became Builders this past year are Ernie '59 and Sharol (Crandall '61) Anderson, Oscar and Dorothy Anderson, Verner D'36 T'39 and Mildred (Petersen '35) Carlsen, Ron and Doris Cooksey, Kenneth and Gladys Danahy, George and Marion Grube, J. Rudolph "Steve" Hansen '22, William D'44 T'49 and Doris (Peterson '47) Hanson, Fred T'40 and Margret Jacobsen, Mark '85 and Karla (Jensen '88) Jensen, James McKinley '71, Helen (Peder- sen '42) McNichols, Catherine Menssen*, Marie Miller*, Alton '43 and Marjorie Neve, David J. and Susie Nielsen, Frieda (Smidt '28) Nielsen, Kaj Nielsen*, Harry and Brunhilde Norval, Clara Schafersman*, John T'45 and Beth Schultz, Paul '69 and Jigger Staby, Ruth Svendsen, Rodney '65 and Marilyn (Harder '67) Thompson, Dale and Helen Thuman, and Dan and Ginger Travaille. (* deceased)

The current number of Builders totals 354 families, couples, and individuals. Expectancies from future estate gifts total \$14,262,889. ○

First year of Dana Scholars Fund a success

Alumni and friends have responded generously to the first year of our two-year campaign for the \$3 million Dana Scholars Fund that is "making a difference in the lives of our students."

At the close of the drive's first year, new pledges and cash gifts for the Scholars Fund totaled \$1,565,719.

"Members of our Development staff will continue to visit and phone our constituents this summer and coming academic year to meet our two-year goal for the Dana Scholars Fund," Development Director Michael Jones '71 said. "We thank those who have already given to this worthwhile program for their commitment to helping our students."

Jones also thanked this year's graduates for their generosity.

"Members of the Class of 1994 have pledged \$8,225 to the college," he said, "thus qualifying the

class for listing on the Old Main Commemorative Wall along with the Classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993. Our graduating seniors believe in the education they received at Dana, and it's great that they want to put something back to help future students attend Dana College."

Jones also singled out the parents of current students for recognition.

"This winter members of our Student Senate telephoned parents for contributions to our annual Bookathon, and parents pledged a record \$6,690. This is a very worthy cause, because proceeds go to purchase books for our C.A. Dana-LIFE Library.

"Our student callers and Ruth Henneman, our assistant director of development, did an excellent job." Jones noted that Henneman was also responsible for the class gift program.

"We appreciate the continued

support of our alumni and friends," Jones said. "Some might think that, with the completion of the Dana Classroom Center and Trinity Chapel, our needs have been met. The ADD campaign allowed us to replace Old Main and attend to other areas of the college, but it was just the beginning of our effort to insure that Dana College continues to provide a quality liberal arts education.

"We're proud of the fact that our graduating seniors do extremely well in the job market. We also are proud that they're the kinds of individuals who are likely to become involved in their communities, their churches, and other organizations, and that is what we are all about—service.

"We're very grateful that our alumni and friends realize the many on-going needs of the college and are continuing their giving at high levels." ○

Phil Pagel receives Frost Victories Award

Phil Pagel '56, assistant to President Myrvin Christopherson, is this year's recipient of the Dr. Dwight M. Frost Victories Award from the Immanuel Rehabilitation Center in Omaha. Pagel was presented the award at a May 21 ceremony at Immanuel.

The award is given annually to an individual "who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in overcoming a physical disability and whose courage and determination stand as an inspiration to others."

Pagel has been confined to a wheelchair since 1970, when he had surgery to remove spinal tumors. He subsequently underwent many weeks of radiation

therapy and rehabilitation.

Pagel joined the Dana staff in 1956. He has held several administrative positions. From 1985 until earlier this year he served as vice president for institutional advance-

ment.

The Frost Victories Award is named for the founder of Immanuel's Rehabilitation Center. Pagel was among 24 persons nominated for the award. ○

Heffelfinger named to new position

Duey Heffelfinger '88, director of planned giving, has been appointed the college's computer programmer, a newly created position that reflects the growing importance of computers and their widespread use on the Dana campus.

Heffelfinger will continue as director of planned giving on a

part-time basis until a replacement is found.

The Development Office will be receiving resumes for the position of director of planned giving until August 16. Alumni or friends of the college who are interested in this position should write or call Michael Jones, director of development (402-426-7333). ○

People in our day often hype the “bottom line.” Using the analogy of the business profit and loss sheet, churches, colleges and universities and many other organizations are assessed according to the “bottom line” standard. Admittedly, the meaning of this term varies, but the most general usage is that, when all is said and done, the determination of success is whether you met your goal. In business, the goal is often increased sales, net profit, return to shareholders, asset growth, and the

like. What is the bottom line for a college like Dana?

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From
the
President

If one is to judge by the questions most frequently asked of me by people who wonder how we are doing, the “bottom line” seems to be enrollment and endowment.

In both of those categories, Dana may be seen to fall short. Our enrollment last fall was approximately 620 students, when a respectable number for many seems to be someplace in the thousands. Of course, for those of us who know Dana, we recognize that our fall enrollment was the largest at Dana in 21 years. From that vantage point, we are doing mighty well, wouldn't you say? On the measure of endowment, our endowment still has not topped \$4 million. Again, that's a pittance. Of course, when I came here eight years ago, the endowment was under \$1.5 million, so by that standard it is growing nicely.

Others who are interested in Dana's development ask bottom-line questions in other ways. They want to know about the spiritual emphasis at Dana. Is Dana remaining true to its Christian mission? Do you still require religion courses? Do you have an active campus ministry and worship program? The answer to these questions is “yes.” Dana's commitment to creating a community of faith within a community of learning is still uppermost.

A concerted effort to create a diverse world community has resulted in admission of students from approximately 15 countries and 25 states and persons of diverse racial and ethnic groups. Some of those students are Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, or of other world religions. All are welcome, but I don't think we should hide the fact that Dana is a college of the church that is informed by the good news of Jesus Christ and gains purpose or reason for being from a desire not only to share the good news but also to reach out in love to all people, helping them to grow in faith and learning, and hoping that we can help create a world of greater harmony and peace. Whenever an institution opens its doors to more heterogeneous people, the life of the community becomes more complicated. Yet I am convinced that the model of Jesus is clear. He reached out to people of different persuasions, life styles and faith, inviting them to become one in him. His invitation began and continues in love, and so it must be for us, too.

For a community of faith and learning like Dana, the “bottom line” changes. Of course, we must balance our budget, and happily we just completed another sound fiscal year, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends who came to our support. Of course, our endowment must grow, too, and it has, thanks to the bequests and gifts of alumni and friends who believe in Dana and her mission.

We also continue to grow in academic excellence and remain ever committed to having teachers who provide good models of living and service and are excellent in the classroom. We can accept no less.

To my thinking, our size is relatively inconsequential. We do continue to grow, and every indication is that we will grow again this fall, because retention continues to improve and the number of new students expressing a desire to attend Dana grows steadily. Yet, I believe that however large we become this fall or next, we are big enough. That is, because of the type of institution Dana is, one which regards every student as important and worthy of our attention



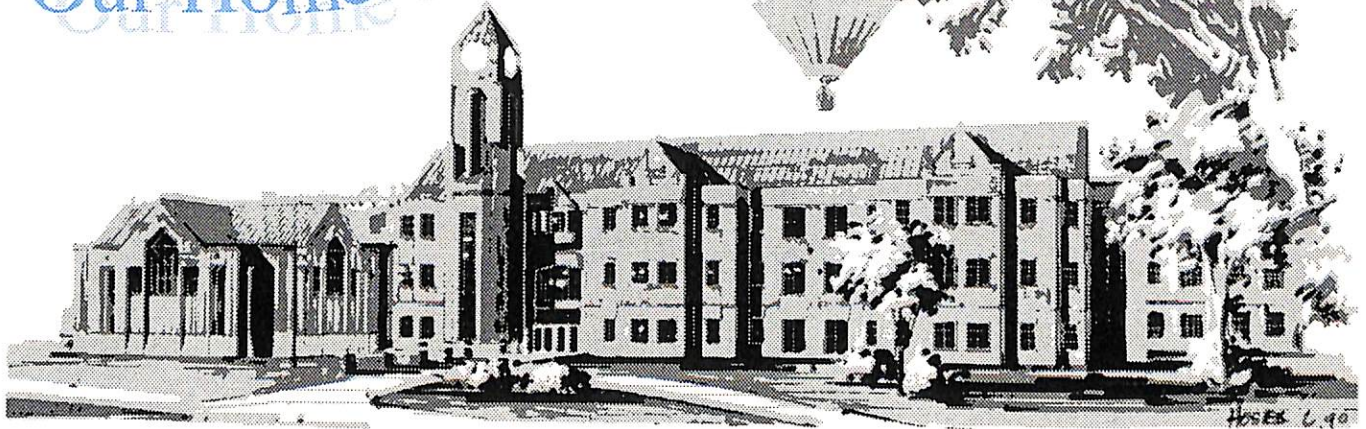
and love, then whatever our size, we are big enough. Big enough to love, to nurture, care, challenge, and to expect growth in learning and in spiritual enrichment. Big enough to foster a desire to serve humankind.

After eight years of service to Dana, following 25 years of service to some great American public universities, Anne and I give thanks for the opportunity to serve in a place where the “bottom line” is something more than size of student body, endowment, and the like. Just how big does one have to be to be able to love as Christ has commanded us to love? Or to use our gifts to the fullest? I believe at Dana that we are big enough for these purposes. For all of you who have nurtured, supported, and enabled us to love, to grow, and to aspire to excellence, we give you thanks.

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