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# What's Happening at Dana:

*On the cover—*  
Members of the Dana Chorale and New Day returned to the U.S. on June 5 after a very successful concert tour of northern Germany and Denmark. (President Christopherson writes about the tour in his column on page 23.) Here New Day and Dr. Richard Andersen D'53 T'60 pose for a photo in the historic Vartov Church where Andersen conducts services for the International Church of Copenhagen.

*Below—*The day after Commencement, Chorale and New Day members gathered at Omaha's Eppley Airfield for their flight to Europe.

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# Trip to Denmark strengthens ties

President and Mrs. Christopherson and Development Associate Thomas Hansen had a full agenda during a short trip to Denmark this spring.

Hansen, a native of Odense, Denmark, said that the overall purpose of the trip was "to establish and renew relationships in Denmark and to see what can be done in the future to strengthen ties with the country of Dana's founders."

The Christophersons and Hansen had two specific goals for their April 15-24 trip: to discuss the possibilities of a two-way student exchange and to meet with business and cultural leaders.

In Odense they met with two representatives of the Odense Business College—Mr. Martin Lauth Lauridsen, managing director, and Mr. Leif Haar, senior vice director. (Thomas Hansen is a graduate of the Odense Business College.)

They also met with three representatives of the University of Odense: Ms. Lisbeth Pinholt of the International Office; history professor Finn Stendal Pedersen; and Mr. Uwe Helm Petersen, chairman of the International Committee.

They also had appointments with three city administrators to discuss pending concerts in Odense by the Dana Chorale: Mr. Villy Petersen, managing director of the Cultural Department; Deputy Mayor Soren Møller; and Mr. Torben Grongaard Jeppesen, director of museums.

Mr. Jeppesen indicated that in 1997 the city of Odense is planning an exhibition featuring Danish immigration experiences in America with special focus on Iowa and Nebraska. The Dana Archives will be a rich source for

this exhibition, President Christopherson said.

Hosts during their Odense stay were Hansen's parents.

In Copenhagen two visits renewed acquaintances: One was a visit with the Chief Rabbi of Denmark, Bent Melchior, and his wife. Melchior participated in the conference, "Rescue of the Danish Jews," held at Dana in April 1990.

The Christophersons presented the Melchiors with a woodcut by Dr. Milt Heinrich, professor of art, that commemorates the conference.

The other was a visit to Mr. Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller of A.P. Møller Company, one of the world's largest shipping companies. In February 1991, when the Christophersons were invited to the White House for a state dinner in honor of Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik of Denmark, Mr. Møller and Anne Christopherson sat at the same table.

The Christophersons presented him with a photo of a railroad train with Maersk containers going through Blair with the tower of the Dana Classroom Center in the background. The photo was taken by Anne Christopherson with the assistance of Regent Emeritus Richard Hunt and his wife, Janyce.

They also visited the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, Edward Elson, to discuss arrangements for the Dana Chorale's June 1

reception and outdoor concert at the Ambassador's residence. He was also given a woodcut.

Their Copenhagen schedule also included visits to executives at Oticon A/S, the third leading manufacturer worldwide of hearing aids; to Mr. Poul Svanholm, group president of Carlsberg A/S; to Mr. Poul Hansen, president of Chr. Hansen Laboratories; and to Mr. Jens Thorsen, chairman, and Mr. Kaj Schoning, president, of Monberg/Thorsen Group.

Hosts for their Copenhagen visit were Dr. Richard '53 and Lois (Petersen '52) Andersen. Andersen is pastor of the International Church of Copenhagen. ○



*The Christophersons with U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Edward Elson (top) and Mr. Maersk Mc-Kinney Møller.*

# Graduates, professors, Regent honored

One hundred and seven seniors, nine of them international students, received their bachelor's degrees at Commencement on Sunday, May 21. Two retiring faculty members were named Professors Emeriti, a community leader who is also a Dana Regent received the College-Community Service Award, and students were recognized for their academic achievement.

○ **Darrell Dibben**, associate professor of communication, was named Professor Emeritus of Communication. **Arvin Hernes**, associate professor of physics, was named Professor Emeritus of

Physics. Both became members of the Dana faculty in the 1960s—Hernes in 1961 and Dibben in 1965. In addition to teaching, both were instrumental in establishing and operating KDCV-FM, the college's radio station that went into operation in 1972. Since then Hernes has been chief engineer and Dibben, the station manager. ○ Dana Regent **James P. Taylor**, president of Taylor Oil Co. and Taylor Quik-Pik Inc., received the 1995 College-Community Service Award. In presenting the award, President Christopherson called Taylor "a true ambassador for Dana in this community and

beyond."

○ The valedictorian was **René Knieval**, a social work major from Arlington, Nebraska. She received her B.A. degree *summa cum laude*.

○ **Trista Witt**, a music education major from Omaha, was chosen by her classmates to bring the message from the Class of 1995.

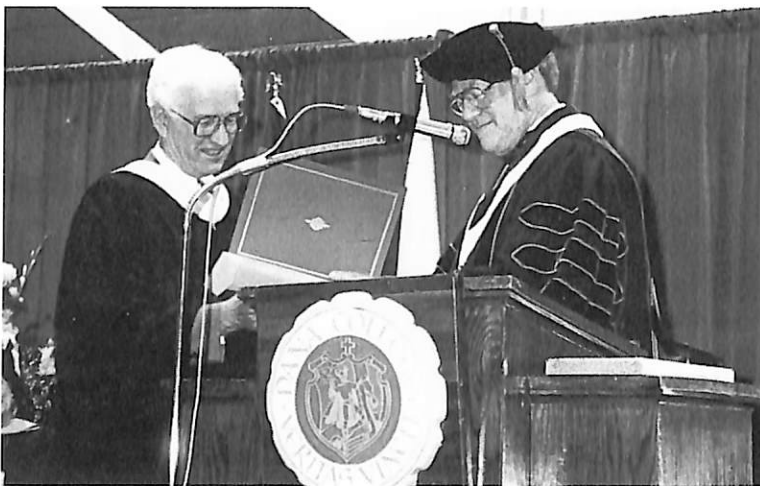
○ Thirty-four graduates received their degrees with honors:

*Summa cum laude*—B.A.,

**Vanessa Brunssen** (Belden, Nebr.), **Naomi Sue Dugan** (Blair), **Libby Hansen** (Harlan, Iowa), **Dana Holz** (Alliance, Nebr.), **René Knieval** (Arlington, Nebr.), **Judith Yeates** (Ft. Calhoun, Nebr.); B.S., **James Plasek** (David City, Nebr.), **Trista Witt** (Omaha); *Magna cum laude*—B.A., **Dawn Coburn** (Ripon, Wisc.), **Cary Crabtree** (Humbolt, Iowa), **Stacey Dodge** (Fremont, Nebr.), **Katherine Eller** (Denison, Iowa), **Nicole Jaspersen** (Milroy, Minn.), **Jennifer Kiesel** (Shelby, Iowa), **Scott Lowman** (Emmetsburg, Iowa), **Jennifer Morgan** (Imperial, Nebr.), **Valerie Toelle** (Hildreth, Nebr.), **Joseph Tukunjoba** (Tanzania), **Weiwei Yang** (People's Republic of China); B.S., **Shahin Chowdhury** (Bangladesh), **David Lakin** (Blair). *Cum laude*—B.A., **Jennifer Allemang** (Fremont, Nebr.), **Neal Anthony** (Lincoln, Nebr.), **Kristina Bohannon** (Tekamah, Nebr.), **Amy Brown** (Norfolk, Nebr.), **Kimberly Burlingame** (Bellevue, Nebr.), **Masafumi Hosoda** (Japan), **Mariko Kishida** (Japan), **Rebekah Marsh** (Omaha), **Rhonda Martin** (Elkhorn, Nebr.), **Jennifer Nelson** (Gothenburg, Nebr.), **Ann Neumeister** (Emerson, Iowa), **Charles Spencer** (Tekamah, Nebr.); B.S., **Jeremy Sikes** (Papillion, Nebr.).

○ At the Builders Luncheon the day before, a tribute was paid to Dana benefactors **John and Christine Rasmussen** by their grand-nephew, the Rev. **Robert D Hansen '68** of Yankton, South Dakota.

○ At Saturday's Recognition Dinner **Ray Johnsen '49** and **Alvin Rueter '42** were named Distinguished Alumni (see spring Review). ○



President Christopherson confers Professor Emeriti status on Darrell Dibben (top) and Arvin Hernes.



*Campus Service Award recipients with President Christopherson: (from left) Josephat Mwatotele (Namibia), James Plasek (David City, Nebr.), Dana Holz (Alliance, Nebr.), Matthew Leaf (Yorkville, Ill.), Gretchen Last (Sioux City, Iowa), Trista Witt (Omaha), Cara Lucas (Omaha), Amy Brown (Norfolk, Nebr.), Jill Drake (Odebolt, Iowa), Ann Neumeister (Emerson, Iowa), Heidi Grappendorf (Chariton, Iowa). The awards were presented at the Recognition Dinner.*

## Past, present residents celebrate living in Argo

On March 13, students living in Argo Hall celebrated the building's 30 years as Argo Hall and its 70 years of women's living.

Completed in 1923, the building has been home to women students ever since, except for several years in the early-to-mid-1960s when it housed male students.

The lintel over the front entrance identifies the brick building as the "Girls' Dormitory," and that was the way it was known until it was renamed "Argo Hall." The name commemorates the former Nebraska community of Argo where Danish Lutheran clergy and laymen made plans in 1884 to establish Trinity Seminary, Dana's predecessor.

To help celebrate Argo's anniversary, more than 20 women who had lived there were guests

of today's students. Two males who lived in Argo during the '60s were also guests: President Christopherson '61 and Dr. Richard Jorgensen '64, professor of history.

The program included a welcome by Kevin Schaudt, assistant dean of students, and a ribbon cutting by President Christopherson.

Former "Girls' Dormitory" residents Elizabeth (Solevad) Nielsen, Eunice (Petersen) Neve and Ann (Harms) George, in a program called "Memories of Argo," recalled life there in the '40s and '50s.

Three current Argo resident assistants—students Amy Beebout, Melanie Richter and Sarah Peterson—in their closing remarks thanked everyone who participated in their celebration. "We look forward," they said, "to many more years of Argo Hall." ○

## Sybille Bartels selected for Berlin seminar

Dr. Sybille Bartels is having a busy and productive summer.

The associate professor of German was selected to attend a seminar in Berlin, Germany, for faculty from U.S. colleges and universities, sponsored by Loyola College in Maryland.

Titled "Meet the Authors," the one-week seminar gives participants an opportunity to meet and discuss contemporary culture with several prominent German writers.

An ELCA summer study grant is helping Bartels with travel expenses. She is a native of Berlin.

This summer Bartels is also a member of the Foreign Language Writing Team that is establishing statewide standards for the teaching of foreign languages from kindergarten through fourth grade.

She was appointed by the Steering Committee for the Nebraska Foreign Language Frameworks Project. The Nebraska Department of Education program is being funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education with the purpose of creating state content standards in foreign language from kindergarten through grade 12.

In this grassroots approach to school reform, team members were chosen who represent urban and rural districts and small and large schools from across Nebraska.

This spring Dana students named **Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73**, professor of English, their "Professor of the Year." Two faculty members received 1995 Golden Apple Awards from HunTel Systems, Blair, for excellence in teaching: **Dr. Delvin Hutton**, professor of Greek and religion, and **Roger Olson**, associate professor of mathematics.

"The Legacy of 1945" is the theme for this fall's **Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP)**.

The selections are Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*, John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, selections from Studs Terkel's *The Good War*, and Heda Margolius Kovaly's *Under a Cruel Star*.

At their Senior Dinner on May 10, members of the **Class of 1995** pledged more than \$11,000 for the Dana Scholars Fund, a record gift for a graduating class. Their gift qualifies the class for listing on the Old Main Commemorative Wall, along with the Classes of 1991, '92, '93, and '94.

**Bob Schmoll '83**, vice president for business affairs, has been asked by the ELCA Risk Management, Inc. (ELCARM) Board of Directors to serve on the ELCARM Advisory Council for a one-year term, followed by an opportunity to serve a full three-year term. ELCARM is a consortium of ELCA colleges and universities and United Methodist institutions. It was established for the purpose of purchasing property and liability insurance coverage at lower premiums because they are acting as a group. The Advisory Council is a newly formed group to provide input and direction to the ELCARM Board of Directors.

Four **art exhibits** are scheduled in The Forum: The Center for the Liberal Arts for the fall semester and Interim: "Benedicte Wrensted: An Idaho Photographer in Focus" (September 1-October 15), "The Flags of the United Nations in Celebration" (October 21-27), "Browsers' Gallery: Art from the Permanent Collection" (October 30-December 15), and an art student show (January 5-February 10).

Two exhibits have been mounted this summer: "Elders of Our Clan: Seasoned Nebraska Artists 70+" (June 1-July 2) and "On the Edge: Local Experimental Artists" (July 5-August 28).

**President Christopherson '61** has been re-elected chairman of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority (NEFA), which is charged with the responsibility for issuing tax-exempt bonds for Nebraska independent colleges.

This spring **Starla Stensaas**, assistant professor of graphic design and photography, presented her artist books in a session titled "Women's Work, Women's Voices: A Rural Woman Book Artist Crosses Aesthetic Boundaries" at the 1995 No Limits Women's Studies Conference, "Reclaiming Women's Voices." The conference was held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She also presented her artist-made books for a session titled "Crossing Boundaries and Making Books: A Rural Woman Artist Works the Land" at the 12th Annual Women's Research Conference - Women, Life & the Land - at the University of South Dakota.

In May articles by **Campus Nurse Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen** were published in two nursing journals: "Expect the Unexpected" in *Point of View* and "Boon or Burden" (about nursing experiences) in *Nursing '95*.

On March 24 Nielsen gave a two-hour presentation to Company Care in Lincoln, Nebraska. Part of her presentation was on helping injured

workers back to work. Company Care is a branch of St. Elizabeth's Hospital devoted to physical rehabilitation of injured workers using a multidisciplinary approach.

Departing members of the faculty and staff were honored at a coffee on May 18. Retirees included **Professors Arvin Hernes** and **Darrell Dibben** (see page 4) and **Lorraine Peterson**, a member of the kitchen staff for 36 years. Those leaving included **Dan Bane '91**, director of international student affairs, and **Merete Larsen**, visiting instructor of Danish.

**Dr. Ruth Sather**, Elderhostel director and part-time instructor of sociology, gave a lecture at the April 26-28 convention of the Elderhostel Mountain Plains Region held in Deadwood, South Dakota. She spoke on Dana's use of a traditional Elderhostel model for its programs.

**Special events** in April and May included a lecture on April 6 by Tracey Mears, J.D., assistant professor of law at Chicago Law School on "Remedial Education: A Legal Critique of the California Civil Rights Initiative"; a performance on April 24 by the newly formed Omaha Brass Ensemble, whose ten members are professional musicians of such groups as the Omaha and Lincoln Symphonies, the Palladium, Great Plains and Nebraska Brass Quintets, the Omaha Big Band, and the Plymouth Brass; on April 25 by Becky Budd and Sean Buster, recipients of Nebraska Metropolitan Opera Auditions; and on April 26, a performance by the New Nations Native American Youth Dancers of Omaha.

**Dr. Delvin Hutton**, professor of Greek and religion, in April presented a paper titled "Bethsaida and the Gospels of the New Testament" for the Syro-Palestinian Archaeology Section of the Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion

and the Society of Biblical Literature in Denver, Colorado. His paper grew out of his involvement in the Bethsaida Excavations Project near the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

Faculty Study Grants for summer projects given by the ELCA's Division for Higher Education and Schools have been awarded to three faculty members: *Dr. Sybille Bartels, Sharon (Messer '65) Jensen, and Susan Turner.* Bartels, associate professor of German, is participating in the Loyola College Seminar, "Meet the Authors," in Berlin, Germany. Jensen, assistant library director and reference librarian/archivist, is studying Danish immigrant history to gain a solid background for her work with the Dana Archives; she is also visiting the Danes Worldwide Archives in Aalborg, Denmark. Turner, physical education instructor and head volleyball coach, is studying cultural lifestyles as they relate to health and wellness between modern kibutz life and life in first century Israel by participating in the Bethsaida excavation project.

On April 28 *Dr. Sybille Bartels* was moderator for a discussion on "Teaching the Holocaust" at the

Nebraska Association of Teachers of German Spring Conference in Lincoln.

This year ten juniors became members of the *Nebraska Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi*, the national honor society: from Nebraska—Karen Bertram (North Platte), Denise Daubendiek (Beatrice), Chad Foust (Bellwood), Rhonda Lane (Lyons), Mary [Hennings] LeFave (Blair), Heather Witte (Norfolk); from Iowa—Nathan Larsen (Walnut), Kelly Paper (Missouri Valley), Rhonda Redden (Council Bluffs); from Kansas—Jeffrey Rademacher (Oberlin).

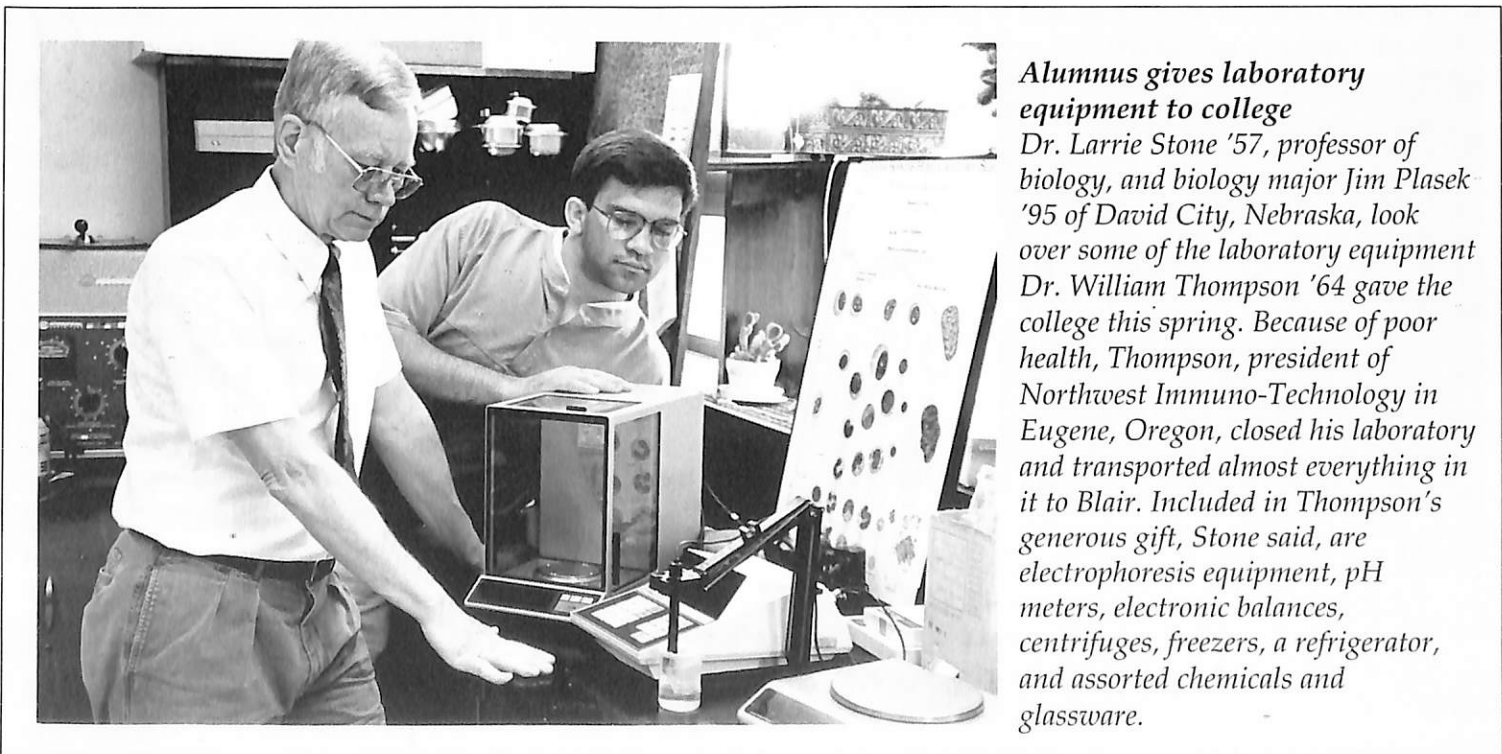
Twelve new members were inducted this spring into the *Dana chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma*, the national honor foreign language society. To be eligible, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and earn A's in two semesters of a language. One of the inductees, Neal Anthony '95 of Lincoln, Nebraska, was honored for his work in two languages—Greek and German. Others recognized for their language skills were: German—Masafumi Hosoda '95 (Japan), Danielle Larson '98 (Waverly, Nebr.) and Johan Windmuller '98 (Denmark). French—

Kristina Martens '98 (Germany). Spanish—Matt Anderson '98 (Omaha), Roisin Bell '97 (Bellevue, Nebr.), Michelle France '98 (Omaha), Christina Hall '97 (Blair), Jennifer Moores '98 (Sidney, Iowa), Angela Probasco '98 (Norfolk, Nebr.) and Erin Rasmussen '96 (Blair).

Twenty-four upperclassmen were named to this year's *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Amy Beebout (Valentine, Nebr.), Amy Brown (Norfolk, Nebr.), Vanessa Brunssen (Belden, Nebr.), Stephanie Carlson (Omaha), Shahin Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Jill Drake (Odebolt, Iowa), Scott Dugdale (Falls City, Nebr.), Katherine Eller (Denison, Iowa), Heidi Grappendorf (Chariton, Iowa), Libby Hansen (Harlan, Iowa), Karl Hermanson (San Antonio, Texas), Dana Holz (Alliance, Nebr.), Jennifer Kiesel (Shelby, Iowa), Matthew Leaf (Yorkville, Ill.), Shannon LeFave (Yamhill, Ore.), Jennifer Morgan (Imperial, Nebr.), Josephat Mwatotele (Namibia), Ann Neumeister (Emerson, Iowa), James Plasek (David City, Nebr.), Jeffrey Rademacher (Oberlin, Kan.), Trista Witt (Omaha), Heather Witte (Norfolk, Nebr.), Judith Yeates (Ft. Calhoun, Nebr.), and Kimberly Zulfer (Omaha). ○

**Alumnus gives laboratory equipment to college**

*Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology, and biology major Jim Plasek '95 of David City, Nebraska, look over some of the laboratory equipment Dr. William Thompson '64 gave the college this spring. Because of poor health, Thompson, president of Northwest Immuno-Technology in Eugene, Oregon, closed his laboratory and transported almost everything in it to Blair. Included in Thompson's generous gift, Stone said, are electrophoresis equipment, pH meters, electronic balances, centrifuges, freezers, a refrigerator, and assorted chemicals and glassware.*



# Graphic design professor: "Teaching provides me with a merry heart"

*Starla Stensaas, assistant professor of graphic design and photography, joined the Dana faculty at the start of the 1992-93 academic year. She came here from Western Oregon State College, where she was assistant professor of graphic design and foundation design. Her B.A. and M.S. degrees are from Eastern Illinois University; her M.F.A. is from the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin. Her artist-made books have been exhibited in the Midwest and elsewhere. She also speaks frequently at a variety of academic conferences. Stensaas designed the Review and supervises the student who does the layout of each issue.*

I am writing from the outskirts of Chicago where I, three students, another colleague, an administrator and a member of a community non-profit organization are Dana representatives attending the National Institute on Learning and Service. This morning's meditation was presented by an African-American psychology professor, Luetilla Carter from Oakwood College, on Proverbs 17:22, "a merry heart is like a medicine," and Proverbs 23:7, "as a man thinketh, so he is."

My growing excitement listening to colleagues from across the country talk about how and what students learn when serving in community leads me to take this block of unscheduled time

between sessions, to address the Dana community at large, with good faith that "as this woman thinketh, so she is." That is, meditating on why I teach, and more specifically why I teach at Dana, serves to give me "a merry heart," especially in the context of this Council of Independent Colleges conference.

Last night, keynote speaker Frances Moore Lappé (with Paul Martin DuBois) spoke about her own life of service as an activist, currently as Co-Director of the Center for Living Democracy, but spanning almost three decades of work which includes her authorship of *Diet for a Small Planet*.

In her speech she attributed

her development as an activist to her experience as a student at Earlham College where she and other students originated an Outward Bound program for inner-city youth. What is most significant to her about that experience is the ways in which she was affirmed by faculty. Faculty believed in her ability to generate the idea, develop the project, and actually implement the program. She said she left Earlham "educated" in an understanding that she can make a difference in the world and in her community.

DuBois and Lappé urged faculty, administrators, and community leaders to educate students to participate in public life, to give students the skills and self-perceptions they need to work with others to make change and to engage effectively in all aspects of life. They claimed that the climate of hopelessness that we see so frequently mirrored in this country has grown out of a sense of helplessness, a sense of alienation, and the lack of belief in the ability to effect change. Opportunities to engage in service experiences provide students with essential skills in public dialog, active listening, creative conflict resolution, and team work which empower students and communities to create significant change by alleviating alienation and helplessness.

So why do I teach? Like Lappé, I can honestly say I am the person I am today because of the support and affirmation I received from my professors. I can point to



*Dana representatives at this summer's National Institute on Learning and Service: (from left) Dan Travaile, vice president for student development; Jennifer Moores '98 (Sidney, Iowa); Michelle France '98 (Omaha); Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate professor of German and director of international studies and English language; Kris Morrisey, a lawyer who works for a non-profit community organization; Prof. Starla Stensaas, author of the accompanying article; and Jennifer Liebenow '97 (Minneapolis).*

key moments, such as Dr. Brayfield's lecture on what if Shakespeare had a sister, that changed my entire frame of reference. And I can point to particular mentors whose very lives influenced my own, such as Professor Quinn whose connection between literature and living close to the land directly influenced my own lifestyle choices. Professor Dolton taught me to think and write critically by listening respectfully and critically to my ideas, and Professor Neff—even to our last moments together as he lay on his deathbed—modeled how caring about student lives is the most critical element to good teaching. I teach because of those who taught me.

But why do I teach at Dana College? Because I believe Dana has the kind of educational environment where I can best be who I am for and with my students. Dana is small enough to know each person in ways that go deeper than an individual's racial, sexual or cultural identity, and yet large enough to understand the nature of living in a diverse society made up of multiple communities. Dana is a place where resources and facilities are provided to do our best work, sending a clear message that this is a place where we care about what we do and take the work of our disciplines very seriously. Because Dana is a place that has provided for many, generations of alumni and

supporters continue to share their harvest by providing significant resources—particularly important networks that help students feel more confident and secure as they leave campus for internships or job searches.

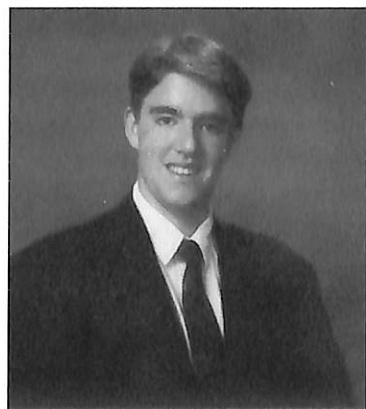
Most importantly to me, Dana is a place where our mission calls us to address issues of justice. For me this has been intensely personal and rewarding work that informs what I do and think inside and outside of the classroom. Although the call to just living is not always easy, teaching at Dana College has been like a medicine that often provides me with a merry heart. ○

## Chapel service thanks faculty, staff

*Tim Marsden '97, a vocal music education major from Red Oak, Iowa, gave the following talk in chapel on May 9 at a faculty-staff appreciation service.*

We've gathered here this morning in the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord not only to worship, honor, and lift high our God but also to thank, honor, and lift high these, his disciples, our shepherds, our teachers, and our friends, the Dana College faculty and staff.

Of the numerous, unique qualities of Dana, one is its small size, and because of that we can interact and get better acquainted with those who, daily, shape the path and direction of the students here, and that is our faculty and staff. All of them truly care about us, the students, as



*Tim Marsden*

individuals, and not just as numbers. They are interested in and concerned about our futures in the professional world, and they are also interested in us as individuals.

An example I'll surely never forget occurred when a professor, whom I had known a little over a year, said to me, "Tim, your potential

in unending, no goal is unreachable. I will be the boot kicking you ahead, and the soft

hand on your shoulder ready to slow you down." I shall never forget Dr. Richard Palmer's words. And I know there's that universal feeling from all those employed by Dana, saying, "Yes, you can and we believe in you."

The most influential teacher and shepherd of all time, Jesus Christ, is a model given for all Christians to learn from and grow from, and I can't help but see a little of Jesus every single day at Dana.

And that is why we are gathered, to thank you, our faculty and staff, for all the love and guidance you give us every day.

I would like to end with a quote by Francois Mauriac: "No love, no friendship can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark on it forever." ○

# Senior makes transition from football to opera

This feature story was written by Sandra Wigdahl, administrative assistant for Dana's Office of Public Relations and for the assistant to the President. Wigdahl is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

It's a long way from the high school football field in Genoa, Nebraska, to the Opera Omaha stage, but 1995 graduate Kevin Westring has successfully made the trip.

Westring, a music education major, has already sung in four Opera Omaha productions as a chorus member and this spring participated in the Metropolitan Opera's state auditions in Lincoln. As a member of the Dana College Chorale and a soloist, he toured northern Germany and Denmark immediately after graduation. This fall he plans to enter graduate school and pursue a career as an opera performer.

As if all that weren't enough, he earned the money for his education by working part time as a janitor at Dana for over two years.

As a high school student in Genoa, Westring played on the football team and was recruited to play at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. He was always interested in singing in high school, but was not in a formal singing program. His band director gave him the vocal sheet music which enabled him to sing on his own in area honor choirs.

At Nebraska Wesleyan, Westring became more involved with music and performed with several singing groups. A bass when he started, he began singing tenor at the urging of his voice coach.

This change proved to be a turning point. Westring began to focus on opera, changed his major from broadcast media to music, and dropped out of football.

When Westring transferred to Dana in January 1992, he told Dana Choral Music Director Richard Palmer that he wanted to sing tenor. "He came to Dana having sung some tenor," said Palmer, "but he had mostly sung baritone or bass."

According to Palmer, Westring made progress as a tenor his first semester at Dana, but then "...found some notes in the upper register during his second semester and took off like a

race car." Palmer said Westring has had his full tenor voice for about a year, and it continues to grow in maturity, range, and control.

"Judges at the Met auditions and personnel at Opera Omaha have commented on the size of Kevin's voice," said Palmer, "and 24 is very young for an opera singer. Most people peak at about age 50, so Kevin has a remarkable future ahead of him."

It's fitting that Westring found his tenor voice at Dana College. It is one of two colleges in America founded by Danish pioneers, and it has a shared cultural heritage with one of the world's greatest musical talents, Lauritz Melchior, the great Danish *heldentenor*.

Melchior started his career as a baritone, but achieved his greatest success in opera after becoming a tenor. During his lifetime Melchior visited the Dana College campus on several occasions and sang with the Dana College Choir.

At Dana Westring's journey toward his career in music gathered momentum. He was one of four Dana students chosen to perform in the world premiere of *Requiem Variations*, a work by Andrew Lloyd Webber presented by Opera Omaha in June 1994. The experience "...was the best feeling in my life," he said. "Being on the stage at the close of the show, taking bows, the applause, the flowers...I was hooked."

Kip Wilburn, the tenor soloist in *Requiem Variations*, became a role model for Westring, giving him advice on how to pursue success as an opera singer. "Kip has the life I want," said Westring. "He lives in Italy and sings with opera companies around the world."

Since that initial performance, Westring has performed with Opera Omaha in *The Merry Widow*, *La Traviata*, and *Carmen*.

On January 21 he auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera. Although he didn't advance to the regional competition, the experience turned out to be a very positive one for him. He had



Kevin Westring

been planning to stay behind in Europe after the Dana Chorale tour, hoping to have an opportunity to perform with one of the opera companies over there.

However, at the Met auditions the judges encouraged him to stay in the United States, attend graduate school, and pursue his career in this country. "They told me this is where opera is happening," said Westring. "Although there are many more opera companies in Europe than there are in the U.S., the quality isn't there. The Met is the top opera company in the world today." Westring plans to audition for the Metropolitan Opera again with a graduate degree and a lot more experience to draw on.

Asked what his family back home in Genoa, Nebraska, and his fellow workers at Dana College thought of his career plans, Westring said his parents have attended all of his shows and are very supportive.

Some of the people he works with in custodial services saw one of his performances for the first time this year. "It blew their minds," Westring said. "They had no idea of what I did outside of sweeping floors in Borup Coliseum." He said they, too, have given him great encouragement.

Westring's journey has taken him from the football field in Genoa to the Opera Omaha stage, then to Europe and soon to graduate school for a master of performing arts degree.

If he has his way, the journey will continue to the Metropolitan Opera stage. O

# Interim travel: Readers can go along

Readers are invited to participate in three travel courses planned for the January 1996 Interim. One, "Three Great Cities of Asia," will be led by Prof. Sieghard Krueger; another, "The Great Cathedrals of Great Britain and Europe," will be led by Profs. Michael Anderson and Jeanmarie Nielsen '78, and the third, "Where East Meets West: Cultural Traditions and Political Realities in Central Europe," will be led by Dr. Sybille Bartels.

## ○ Three Great Cities of Asia

In 1992-93 Prof. Krueger and his wife, Brenda (Francis '63), traveled extensively in Southeast Asia and lived in Seoul, South Korea, where they taught. Krueger, a member of the Speech and Theater Department, has written the following course description for the *Dana Review*.

Walking up the mountain path we approached two large pillars, one on either side of the path, which supported an ornate, oriental roof. The beams and rafters were brightly painted in floral and geometric designs. The eaves curved up slightly at the corners, giving the ridge row the appearance of a miniature ski jump. "This is the temple gate," Dr. Yang explained. "When we go through it we will be in the temple and will feel serene." On the other side of the "gate" the mountain path continued through the trees. I had been in St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and Notre Dame, but this was like no temple I had ever seen before.

This was my introduction to Buddhism and Buddhist temples. During the next year I would visit dozens of them and grow to appreciate their serenity and beauty. In January of 1996 Dana students will be offered the opportunity to experience some of the mystery of the East.

The three cities the title refers to are Seoul, Korea; Tokyo, Japan; and Hong Kong. Not only will participants visit cultural, historic, and religious sites, but they will also make contact with the people of each country—a major component of the course.

Each city will be visited for about five days, and local guides will discuss the people, places, and way of life.

The first stop will be the city I know best, Seoul. "The Land of the Morning Calm," as Korea is known, is a country of contrasts. While cows can still be seen pulling plows in the rice paddies, the cities are plagued with traffic jams. From the grounds of centuries-old palaces in Seoul one can see the skyscrapers built since the Korean conflict (known there as the "Civil War"). We will visit both the old, crowded, colorful, rambling markets where bargaining is expected, and the chic department stores that rival Macy's or Harrod's.

In Tokyo our guide will be a Dana graduate, Michi Enya '84. There museums will be a major attraction. Although window shoppers will love the Ginza district, prices will probably discourage much actual buying.

Hong Kong is a tropical city, a place to warm up before returning to frigid Nebraska. The exotic plants, especially noticeable on the outlying islands, will be of interest to some. While Hong Kong is the most Westernized Asian city, with street signs in English and much English spoken, the Chinese influence will be our main attraction. Prominent parts of that influence are the food and the night market, both of which we will experience. As a historical-political note, this may be the last opportunity to visit Hong Kong while it is still in British hands, since it reverts to China in 1997.

The tour will leave the U.S. January 2 or 3 and return January 22 or 23. The cost will be between \$3,300 and \$3,500, depending on the value of the dollar. Everyone is welcome. Anyone interested in joining the tour should contact me, Sieg Krueger, at Dana. My phone number is (402) 426-7361, or e-mail <skrueger@acad2.dana.edu>. My home phone is (402) 426-3803.

## ○ The Great Cathedrals of Great Britain and Europe

Profs. Jeanmarie Nielsen and Michael

Anderson have traveled extensively in Europe. Both are members of the Music Department; Nielsen is also director of The Forum: The Center for the Liberal Arts. Their Interim course is a repeat of two very successful tours made in 1990 and 1994.

Participants will study and visit cathedrals (most of them Gothic) in London, Canterbury, Salisbury, Paris, Rheims, Munich, Cologne, and Salzburg. Local experts will be guides at many of them. Art, architecture, history, music, religion, and literature are all vital components of the class.

The schedule also includes visits to museums and many places of historic and artistic interest, such as the British Museum, the Tate Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Stonehenge, The Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysée, and the Hofbraehaus.

The estimated cost of \$2,600 includes airfare, lodging, ground transportation, breakfast, and entrance fees. For more information, call Anderson at (402) 426-7314 or Nielsen at (402) 426-7318. Send e-mail to <manderson@acad2.dana.edu> or <jnielsen@acad2.dana.edu>.

## ○ Where East Meets West: Cultural Traditions and Political Realities in Central Europe

Members of this class, led by Dr. Sybille Bartels, will visit Munich, Dresden and Berlin in Germany and Prague in the Czech Republic. Bartels, associate professor of German, is a native of Berlin.

The goals of the course, she says, are "to study historic events and sites, explore picture-book landscapes, increase German language skills, experience cross-cultural realities, and gain international travel confidence."

The class size is limited to 12; participants must have some basic German language skills.

The approximate cost will be \$2,200, which includes airfare, lodging, ground transportation, breakfast, and tickets to cultural events.

For more information, contact Dr. Bartels at (402) 426-7276 or e-mail her at <sbartels@acad2.dana.edu>. ○

# Michael Hanson knows keys to fight adversity

The following article appeared in the March 10, 1995, *Hermes* and is reprinted with permission. Reporter Janet Reisdorff '97 is from David City, Nebraska. She is majoring in marketing, print media and organizational communication.

"A music fanatic, by far," is how Dana sophomore Michael Hanson describes himself. For this music fan, being first chair trumpet in Dana's concert band is quite an accomplishment, considering he is legally blind.

Hanson is a music education major from Missouri Valley, Iowa. He was born three months premature, which resulted in his vision being permanently impaired. This has not prevented him, however, from playing the trumpet and accomplishing his dream of getting a college degree and eventually pursuing a teaching career.

Hanson's interest in music began as a senior in high school when he took private lessons from Michael Anderson, Dana's instrumental music director. The experience he gained from these lessons influenced Hanson to major in music. "Mike is a very determined young man. He has a strong work ethic and takes care of business," says Anderson.

He states that Hanson's overall attitude is quite positive. "He has contributed to the Music Department by his example and through the fact that he is committed."

He is a member of the Dana Concert Band, Dana Jazz Band, Dana Chorale and Trumpet Ensembles, but his performances have ranged much further. He has participated in several high school honor bands and clinics and performed in Phoenix, Arizona, and Dallas, Texas, for both the Fiesta and Cotton Bowls.

Hanson says he looks up to many professional musicians for

the contributions they have made to the music world. One of his idols is trumpet player and big band conductor Maynard Ferguson. He had a chance to visit with Ferguson last fall. "My dream of all dreams though, would be to play with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra," he says. "There is a 70-year-old man who plays principal trumpet there and I idolize him for that."

He spends an average of 23 hours a week practicing his trumpet. Other pastimes include board games, playing cards, spending time on the computer and listening to music in his room.

Hanson says there is not any type of music he does not like. "I listen to classical and jazz the most, but I would have to say my favorite type of music is definitely rock."

Friends describe Hanson as being just like everyone else. Roommate Jeff Buman says, "Mike doesn't let his handicap get him down at all. He can joke around just as much as anyone." Sophomore Leshara Means describes him as a person who always has a positive attitude. "Even if you are having a bad day, he is there with a smile and is willing to cheer you up."

Much of this music fascination can be seen and heard through his large collection of stereo equipment. "Whoa, can't you just feel that right in the old heart?" he asks as he cranks up the volume on his stereo. "Music is all about feelings and emotions and that is why I like to play it loud, in order to feel the music, not to just listen," Hanson says.

Hanson is completely blind in his left eye and has about one-



Michael Hanson

fourth of normal vision in his right. He knows the basics of Braille, but uses a type of binocular in the classroom to read the board.

Besides not being able to see things normally, he says there are a few other disadvantages to being visually impaired. "It is especially tough when there is a party or a concert going on and I'm not able to get there by myself," he says.

This summer Hanson plans to live on campus and learn more about the trumpet. He is also going to the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Indiana and will attend two brass camps. He adds that he will also celebrate his twenty-first birthday.

Being visually impaired does have a few small advantages, Hanson says. He can challenge anyone to question him about his clean driving record. "I also know at least I will never have to worry about being subpoenaed as an eye witness," he says with a big grin on his face.

He says he really enjoys being at Dana. What he likes most is the homey feeling he gets from it. "At Dana there is always someone there to look out for you. You are never alone and there is always someone there who cares." ○

# Campus mourns deaths of former leaders

Members of the Dana community were saddened in May to learn of the deaths of two alumni who have had significant roles in the college's history: former Dana President Richard E. Morton D'31 T'34 on May 19 in Lodi, California, and Professor Emeritus Peter O. ("Coach Pete") Peterson '41 on May 21 in Lincoln City, Oregon. Both have been honored as Distinguished Alumni of Dana College.

○ **Richard Morton.** Dr. Morton served as president of Dana from 1944 to 1956. Born in Luck, Wisconsin, he enrolled at Dana in 1927. After two years he transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his B.A. He returned to Blair and entered Trinity Seminary. After his ordination he first served as pastor to two congregations in Wisconsin. It was while he was pastor of Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago that he accepted a call to become Dana's president.

As president he spearheaded the effort that resulted in Dana's eventual accreditation

by the North Central Association. He also initiated the drive that made possible the construction of Pioneer Memorial. Dedicated in 1948, it was the first building of



*Richard Morton*

consequence constructed at Dana since 1927.

Morton left the presidency in 1956 to accept a call as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lodi; he served there until he retired several years ago.

Survivors include daughter D'Arlene Rosenau '58 of Lodi, and sons Richard and Robert.

○ **Paul Peterson.**

Peterson was born in Falmouth, Maine. He received his bachelor's degree from Dana and his master's from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

As a Dana student he was a multi-sport star athlete. His 99-yard punt against South Dakota Normal in 1936 is still a Dana school record.

A year after graduating from Dana he returned to teach and coach at his alma mater. He served as professor, coach, and athletic director for 42 years. Peterson is regarded as perhaps the most influential person in the history of Dana athletics.

He coached men's basketball from 1942-60 and again from 1973-81. He

established a women's basketball team in the 1950s, one of the first collegiate women's teams in the nation. He coached the baseball team from 1946-63 and was head

football coach for nine seasons in the 1940s and again in the late '50s

and early '60s. He and co-head coach Keith Skogman led Dana to the 1962 Tri-State Conference football championship.

Last fall Peterson was named to the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame. In 1980 he was the *Omaha World-Herald's* State



*Paul Peterson*

College Coach-of-the-Year in recognition of an 18-10 men's basketball season and his career achievements. In 1977 he was inducted into Dana's Athletic Hall of Fame. The college's baseball diamond is named Paul Peterson Field in his honor.

In Blair he helped establish and train the Blair Rescue Squad, working with that group for many years.

Carol Haussermann '69, assistant professor of physical education at Dana, gave a eulogy at Peterson's funeral. "Pete gave an everlasting legacy to all of us," she said. "We can all be thankful we had Coach Pete in our lives. We will miss him, but he has left us with a lifetime of wonderful memories."

Survivors include his wife Ruth (Hansen '44)'72 of Portland; daughter Beth Papasadero '75 of Portland; son Brent '69 of Valentine, Nebraska; brother H. Milton D'43 T'45 of Eugene, Oregon; and sister Pauline Kloth. ○

○ **Darli (Hansen '86) Vrba** has been named the Schuyler (Nebraska) Area Young Educator for 1995 by the Schuyler Jaycees. She is head teacher and teaches kindergarten through second grade at Colfax County District 24. A nominating letter stated: "Her ambition and energy to always put her students first shows in her classroom and in the school.... [She] teaches a variety of students with varying abilities. She's flexible and adapts to whatever situation arises. Her students are set up to succeed, not fail, and she provides a safe environment for all her students daily.... She has shared many ideas and suggestions in an effective way, without being threatened or criticized. She is always giving to others and never expects anything in return. Mrs. Vrba has taught her students and our staff a lot of responsibility."

○ **Sandra (Kult '83) Moore**, who teaches third grade, was one of four Blair teachers to receive Golden Apple Awards this spring. The annual awards are given by Blair's HunTel Systems to recognize teaching excellence. The *Blair Pilot-Tribune* in its story about the awards quoted a parent: "Mrs. Moore has the ability to motivate and challenge her students, while making her classroom a fun place to be. She sets high standards for her students and expects their best. Her enthusiasm for her work is obvious and her creativity in sparking the interests of all students is to be commended."

○ Drawings by **Kim Cooper '77** illustrate a new book, *Drive They Said*:

*Poems about Americans and Their Cars.* Cooper also did the watercolor illustration for the cover. The book was published in 1994 by Milkweed Press and edited by Kurt Brown. *Drive They Said* is the first book Cooper has illustrated. He teaches art at North High School in Omaha.

○ **Brent Siegrist '74**, who has been elected to his sixth term in the Iowa House of Representatives, has again been chosen by his colleagues to be the Majority Leader for another two years. He writes, "For Internet buffs out there, the Speaker of the Iowa House and myself have a Homepage where our newsletters and calendar of the Iowa House can be found." His Homepage address is: <<http://speaker.legis.ia.gov>>. His e-mail address is <[bsiegri@legis.ia.gov](mailto:bsiegri@legis.ia.gov)>. He sends other news as well: He and his wife, Valerie, had their first child, Robert Evan, on February 14.

○ **Art Beckman '70**, who teaches German at Northwest High School in Omaha, is one of three teachers in the U.S. to be named a 1995 Foreign Language Fellow of the NEH. He is studying the architectural and cultural history of Swabia in Baden-Württemberg for six weeks this summer.

○ **Dixie (Hagedorn '63) Petersen**, clinical supervisor in Wichita State University's College of Education, was one of two recipients of Excellence in Teaching Awards at WSU's commencement ceremony on May 20. Her areas of expertise are children's literature and literacy. She is the co-author of several articles and has made nationwide presentations on such topics as "The Art of Being Curious: Satisfy Your Students' Natural Curiosity with Nonfiction" and "Using Literature to Teach Skills and Strategies." She has also made

workshop presentations and conducted in-service activities on such subjects as "Using the Apple IIe and Macintosh Computers to Promote Literacy." Petersen also serves on the board of directors of the Kansas Reading Association and is editor of the association newsletter. She is also past president and member of the board of directors of the Wichita Area Reading Council. In 1983 she received the Council's Reading Teacher of the Year Award.

○ **Evelyn (Rasmussen '53) Lesch** of Phoenix, Arizona, was the subject of a feature story by Kristen Campbell in the October 1994 *The Lutheran*, published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. "Lesch has spent much of the last 13 years writing hundreds of missionaries," the article reports. Lesch asks missionaries for their prayer requests and praise reports. Then every month she compiles them into a publication called "The Gleanings" and sends copies to 53 ELCA officials. In 1994 she mailed 694 letters and 578 copies of "The Gleanings." Her daughter Jennifer also writes several hundred letters to missionaries every year. Campbell also reports that since 1986 Lesch has been crocheting bears for The Phoenix Children's Hospital, for doctors to give young patients with chronic health problems, for crisis centers, and for friends' children.

○ Next January through May the **Rev. Dr. Al Rueter '42** of St. Paul, Minnesota, will teach homiletics in Hong Kong at the Lutheran Seminary there. He has signed a contract with Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minnesota, for his book, *Making Good Preaching Better*, with the manuscript due in January. This fall he'll teach a course in homiletics at St. John's University in Collegeville, where he taught before retiring in 1991. ○

# Dana-Larp: Viking presence online grows

An article in the *Dana Review* last fall heralded a new online computer mailing list called "Dana-Forum" which allows Dana students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends to communicate with one another via the Internet. Now, half a year later, Dana-Forum continues to grow and fulfill its goal of bringing together members of the Dana family from all over the world.

Membership has grown to 60, from 35 last fall, and participation extends to graduates as far back as the class of '45 (who said the Internet is just for kids!?), and to many of our favorite teachers and staff. Also counted amongst our number are a historical archivist living in Denmark, a famous Dana historian, a retired missionary to Japan, and rumor has it that before too long we'll be shmoozing online with a famous Senator and his wife.

Over the winter, the group tossed around the idea of carrying out LARP (Liberal Arts Reading Program) discussions online, and at some point a new mailing list called "Dana-Larp" was formed for that purpose. Now, while students at the college discuss their assigned books in class, parallel discussions are taking place online on Dana-Larp. With the spring semester LARP books behind them, the group has chosen to pursue selected summer readings while they await the start of fall LARP (whose theme is, by the way, "The Legacy of 1945").

Both groups, Dana-Forum and Dana-Larp, solicit your participation. The more folks we can get, with the most diverse backgrounds and experience possible, the better. If you'd like an incentive to keep up in your reading, or if you just want to be involved in lively book discussions, you are encouraged to sign onto

Dana-Larp. If you are looking to renew contacts with old Dana buddies or are interested in timely news and stories about the college, Dana-Forum welcomes you to their mailing list.

A home computer with a modem and an e-mail connection to the Internet are all that it takes to join us online. You can get an Internet connection by subscribing, usually for a monthly fee, to one of the many online service providers like CompuServe, America Online and Prodigy.

If you decide to join us online, just send e-mail to:

<listserv@acad1.dana.edu>

Leave the subject field empty, but in the body of your message type exactly these words (for each group you wish to subscribe to):

subscribe dana-forum

subscribe dana-larp

Within minutes you will receive an automated introductory

message telling you that you are subscribed and explaining how to proceed. If you subscribed to both groups, you'll get two such messages.

Henceforth, to post messages to these groups, just address your mail to

<dana-forum@acad1.dana.edu>

or

<dana-larp@acad1.dana.edu>

Periodically you'll see the list of subscribers posted to your group so that you'll know which of your acquaintances are online with you.

If you have any questions about these mailing lists or how to subscribe, feel free to contact me, the group's moderator:

Leif Neve (my e-mail address is: <lneve@cen.com>).

Hope to see you all on Dana-Forum and/or Dana-Larp before long!

*by Leif Neve '77*

## ELCA's Data Link goes electronic

For a number of years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has sponsored a program called Data Link which is a kind of placement service for the ELCA colleges and prospective faculty. In January 1994 the project went electronic with the assistance of Luther College as the host machine.

Very simply, the idea is to make job announcements at the ELCA schools available to anyone who wishes to receive them by subscribing to an e-mail list. As vacancies occur, all individuals who are a part of the list receive the notice.

One of the reasons for the service is to help match graduate students and current faculty at other institutions, but who are interested in working at an ELCA college or university, with ELCA

institutions. The ELCA schools, like many others across the country, are facing a large number of retirements among the faculties, and one good way of finding new faculty who are acquainted with and interested in ELCA schools is to cultivate graduates of these schools as they pursue advanced degrees, and then to give them notice of vacancies when they occur.

If you are working on a doctorate, or are currently a faculty member who would like to join the list to receive vacancy notices, you can receive more information by calling the Data Link Registrar, Jennie Tibben-Lembke, at (312)380-2855, or by sending her an e-mail message at <jtibben@elca.org>.

*by Paul Formo*

*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

# Spring sports: Vikings set records

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

## Baseball

A tough finish took some of the luster off an otherwise promising season as the Vikings lost their final eight games to end 19-29 on the season. Dana was 8-10 in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic

Conference (NIAC) play, good for a fourth-place tie with Midland Lutheran in the league standings.

New head coach Paul Davis picked up his first win as the Dana skipper when the Vikings defeated Teikyo Westmar IA, 8-4, on

March 12. Dana won its first two NIAC games with an 18-7, 10-5 sweep of Midland on April 1. The Vikings also recorded twinbill sweeps of Doane, Nebraska Wesleyan and Concordia and were 8-4 in the conference at one point until the top two finishers in the league, Northwestern IA and Hastings, handed Dana losses in its final six NIAC games. Dana played a challenging non-conference schedule which included four games with NCAA Division I opponents Air Force CO and Creighton and encounters with NAIA national powers Bellevue and Oklahoma City.

Davis was named NIAC Coach-of-the-Year and three Dana players—Dustin Wolfe '96 (OF—from Arlington NE), Matt Rega '96 (IF—from W. Palm Beach FL) and Mike Haddock '95 (DH—from Plainville CT)—were named first-team all-conference. Honorable mention went to Cliff Kay '96 (La Marque TX), Clint Williams '96 (Henderson IA), Tommy Pelzer '97

(Bellevue NE), Kelly Danker '95 (Oakland IA) and Shawn Fasbender '97 (Omaha).

Several Vikings challenged school records, including relief pitcher Williams, who set a new Dana mark with four saves in a season. The old record of three was set by Monte Town in 1983. Kay tied the school standard for total bases in a game, 11, previously accomplished by Ed Spicer in 1977, Mark Clements in 1990 and Troy Carmichael in 1991. Scott Shannon '97 (Omaha) had 37 walks, second-best all-time behind Don Savino's 43 in 1982, and Wolfe had 28 stolen bases, which ranks just behind Rod Rumelhart's school record of 35, set in 1985.

History was made on a couple occasions this spring by the Dana diamondmen. On April 28, Shannon and Pelzer became the first-known pair of collegians to play all nine positions in the same game when Dana hosted Mount Marty SD at Veterans' Field, the Vikings' temporary home diamond. On April 30, Fasbender threw the fifth no-hitter in school history as Dana whipped Concordia NE, 10-0. Other Dana no-hitters belong to Keith Benson (1966), Steve Hines (1971), Bryan Kroenke (1978) and Scott Simms (1981).

## Softball

It was a year that fell short of recent accomplishments and high expectations, which included a pre-season #16 NAIA national ranking, but a strong performance in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) play kept Dana among the league's elite for yet another spring.

Dana finished 19-26 overall but was 14-4 in the NIAC, good for a second-place tie with Northwestern IA and just one-half game behind league champion Hastings. That kept alive an impressive streak for the Dana program, which has never had a team finish lower than second in the league. The Vikings were 3-4 early in the conference schedule, but won their final 11 regular-season NIAC games, including a six-game sweep at the annual NIAC Round-Robin Tournament in Lincoln on April 21-22. The good fortune came to a sudden and surprising halt in the NIAC Post-Season Championship when Northwestern and Doane ended Dana's season with back-to-back losses on May 5.

Two Dana players—Karri Roberts '96 (C—from Littleton CO) and Jennifer Loach '96 (DP—from Toronto, Canada)—were named first-team All-NIAC. It marked the third time in as many seasons that Roberts, who was honorable mention All-American last year, has made the all-conference top unit. Second-team honors went to Melinda Martinez '96 (Chino CA), Amy Croughwell '97 (Ontario CA), Melinda Almand '97 (Chino CA) and Heather Olsen '96 (Longmont CO), while Diana DaValle '97 (Ontario CA) received honorable mention.

Olsen was the conference and NAIA National-Pitcher-of-the-Week after racking up five wins and 53 strikeouts in a eight-game stretch of conference play. She set new school records for strikeouts in a game (16 vs. Northwestern), season (153) and career (451) and owns a total of 14 Dana pitching records.

## Tennis

An outstanding senior season this spring firmly established Heidi Grappendorf, a senior from Chariton, Iowa, as the best women's tennis player in Dana history and perhaps the best ever in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

Grappendorf captured her third straight NIAC women's singles championship this season and never lost to a conference foe during her collegiate career.

The league title sent Grappendorf to the NAIA National Championships for the first time after she had come up one match short the past two years under the old district tournament format.

At Nationals, she cruised to a pair of impressive wins, beating Claudia Navarro of Harding AR 6-0 and 6-1, and Karen Ward of Rockhurst MO, 6-0 and 6-0. The nation's 21st-ranked player, Quynh Le of Southern California College, defeated Grappendorf in the third round. Grappendorf ended the season with an 11-1 record and closed out her career with a 34-5 mark.

The season was otherwise uneventful for the Dana tennis teams. The women finished with a 0-7 dual record and took fifth place in the conference meet. Grappendorf teamed with Stacy Spencer to finish fourth in the NIAC tourney at #1 doubles. The Dana men were 0-5 and finished seventh in the league tournament at Fremont on April 29.

## Track

The first women's track All-American in school history and an NIAC individual champion highlighted the return of track and field to Dana this spring under the

direction of Coach Jay Birmingham.

Sandy Smith, a sophomore from Superior, Nebraska, placed sixth in the marathon at the NAIA Track & Field Championships in Azusa, California, on May 27. Smith timed in 3:13:17 to establish a school record in the marathon and gain All-American status. She was one of 24 entrants and 22 finishers in the women's marathon. Smith won the half-marathon at the Longest Day Road Races in Brookings, South Dakota, and placed third in the 10,000-meter run at the NIAC Championships, May 6 at Lincoln.

Also running at Nationals for Dana was first-year student Ben Sandy of Newcastle, Wyoming. He finished 27th in the marathon at the NAIA meet in 2:45:14. There were 52 entrants and 42 finishers in the men's 26.2-mile race. During the season, Sandy won the men's half-marathon at Brookings and also captured first-place finishes in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs during the season.

Dana's conference champion was Andrea Spreen, a first-year competitor from Elkader, Iowa, who won the NIAC title in the women's javelin throw. Spreen uncorked a throw of 122-2 at the conference meet, which equaled the best effort in the league all season. Spreen won the javelin at two other events and also won the discus throw at the Simpson IA Open.

Ryan Jacobsen, a first-year performer from Elk Horn, Iowa, was the only placer for the Dana men at the NIAC meet as he took sixth in the 400-meter hurdles. The Vikings placed seventh in the men's and women's team standings at the conference championships.

## Pro Signings

Two former Dana football players, Manuel Johnson '94 (Chicago) and Mike Carubba '94 (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada), are professional players after inking pro contracts this spring.

Johnson signed a free agent contract with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League (CFL). He was a first-team All-NIAC kick returner for two straight years while playing at Dana and ranked fourth nationally (NAIA Division II) in punt returns in 1991. Johnson joined the Canadian team after being an all-league player in the Football League of Europe last year. He had workouts with the Carolina Panthers and Chicago Bears of the NFL before signing with Hamilton on April 7.

Carubba is playing for the Connecticut Coyotes, an expansion team in its first season in the Arena Football League (AFL). The former Dana quarterback passed for over 5,000 yards in his collegiate career. He was a teammate of Johnson's in Europe and was one of three quarterbacks on the Coyotes' opening-day roster. ○

## Homecoming: Join scrimmage

Former members of the men's basketball team are invited to scrimmage against next fall's varsity team at Homecoming on Saturday morning, October 7.

This traditional Homecoming activity will start at 10 a.m. in Borup Coliseum. If you'd like to participate, get in touch with Coach Dave Jensen at (402) 426-7294.

## '90s

○ **Neal Anthony '95** has been awarded the Luther Merit Scholarship by Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota; he will begin his studies there this fall.

○ **Kristina Bohannon '95** and Larry Fors were married on July 1. She is a special education teacher for the multi-handicapped at the West Point (Nebraska) Public Schools.

○ **Connie Bottger '95** continues as director of the Career Resource Center at Midland Lutheran College.

○ **Lawrence Bradley '95** is a manager at B&L Janitorial Co. in Kansas City, Missouri.

○ **Amy Brown '95** will be a math/computer teacher and coach this fall at Carroll (Iowa) High School.

○ This fall **Vanessa Brunssen '95** will be a special education teacher in the Wahoo (Nebraska) Public Schools.

○ **Dawn Coburn '95** is director of social services at Oak Grove Manor in Omaha.

○ **Tony Collins '95** is a manager for Simmonds Restaurant Management in Omaha.

○ **Leanna Dehm '95** is entering the U.S. Army.

○ **Katherine Eller '95** and Clint Johnson were married on June 17. She is a graphic artist at Nelson/Weather-Rite, Inc., in Lenexa, Kansas.

○ **Michael Godfrey '95** is a graphic designer at HDR Engineering, Inc., in Omaha.

○ This fall **Heidi Grappendorf '95** will be a graduate student in sports psychology at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

○ **Libby Hansen '95** is an executive assistant at HunTel Systems, Blair, where she interned last January.

○ **Dana Holz '95** and **Jeff Rademacher '96** were married on July 1 in Dana's Trinity Chapel.

○ This fall **Michael Johnson '95** will be the 7-12 vocal music director at Remsen-Union (Iowa) Community Schools.

○ **Eric King '95** will teach physical education this fall at Augustine Middle School in Kansas City, Kansas.

○ **René Knievel '95** works at Aksarben Manor in Omaha.

○ **Ann Neumeister '95** will be a K-6 special education teacher this fall in the

Farragut (Iowa) Community Schools.

○ This fall **James Plasek '95** will be a first-year medical student at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

○ **Tyler Renken '95** will teach special education this fall in the Millard (Nebraska) Public Schools.

○ **Michelle Sierant '95** will teach elementary special education for the Turner School District of Kansas City, Kansas, this fall. Her husband, **Peter '91**, will teach English at Turner High School.

○ **Jason Tiedtke '95** is a bank officer at the Harlan County Bank in Alma, Nebraska.

○ **Richard Ullarich '95** works for Dollar General Corporation in Omaha.

○ **Brian Williams '95** is a purchasing specialist for Cargill, Inc., in Blair.

○ This spring **Richard Williams '95** of Miami, Florida, who completed his degree requirements at mid-year, became school coordinator for Youth Crime Watch. He organizes programs and presentations on crime prevention, including rallies with guest speakers and entertainers, for students in the elementary grades and junior and senior high school.

○ **Trista Witt '95** will teach music this fall at All Saints Catholic School in Omaha.

○ This fall **Richard Wright '95** will be a graduate student in physical education at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville. He will be a graduate assistant in football.

○ **Vivian (Weiwei) Yang '95** is attending The American University in Washington, D.C., as a graduate student in international and broadcast journalism.

○ Joy and **Dan Barton '94** of Omaha announce the January 23 birth of daughter Emalee Danielle. Dan coaches all sports at Bennington High School and works for the City of Omaha's Parks and Recreation Department.

○ **Janelle Stollen '94**, Omaha, continues to work for Norrell Temporary Services, where she is receiving training in computers.

○ **Deborah Andersen '93** is a first grade teacher at St. John the Baptist Elementary School in Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

○ **Amy Barta '93** will teach English at Yutan (Nebraska) Public High School in the fall. She will also be in charge of the drill team, have several coaching assignments, and be the director of theater programs. She has been accepted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a master of arts degree in English. She writes: "My first course is an internship with the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. After submitting staging and costuming design for my high school production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, I was chosen as the assistant director of *King Lear*. The production will

take place in Omaha's Elmwood Park opening June 29."

○ **Michael '93 and Stacey (Harris '93) Maxwell** of St. George, Kansas, announce the February 20 birth of their first child, CheyAnne Rose. Michael works for Carson Home Sales in Manhattan, Kansas. He and Stacey also manage a horse-boarding facility in St. George.

○ **Kalani Simpson '93** has a new job as sports editor at the *Shenandoah (Iowa) Valley News Today*. He moved to Shenandoah from Central City, Nebraska, where he was a reporter for the *Republican-Nonpareil*. This year he received a first place award for best feature photograph and a second place award for best spot news story from the Nebraska Press Association in its Class B Weekly category.

○ **Bob Vittitoe '93**, who has been with Oriental Trading Co. of Omaha, has a new job as director of marketing and sales for N.E. Imports of Boston, Massachusetts. The company imports toys and novelties from China, and he'll visit China three or four times a year. He'll also continue to attend trade shows across the U.S. and in Mexico and other countries as he did for Oriental Trading.

○ **Andrea Monaghan '92** of Denver, Colorado, has been promoted to training coordinator for Kinko's, The Copy Center, in the Denver and Colorado regions.

○ This fall **Joel Morgan '92** will attend Trinity Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He has been designated a Trinity Scholar, an award that includes full tuition for three years of theological study.

○ **Melissa Reinikainen '92** of Pittsville, Wisconsin, is a quality assurance lab technician at Figi's Inc. in Marshfield.

○ Jonathan James was born on March 2 to Tim and **Lisa (Schmoll '91) Kelly** of Omaha.

○ **Greg '91 and Dawne (Maguire '88) Claussen** of Omaha announce the August 14, 1994, birth of son Colton Lee. He joins sister Heather Marie (2 1/2). Greg is a financial analyst at Mutual of Omaha Investor Services. Dawne is payroll manager of Sitel Corp. in Omaha.

○ **Dave Fosdick '91** of Sioux City, Iowa, works in the Purchasing Department of Gateway 2000 in N. Sioux City, South Dakota. He is a strategic purchasing planner for peripherals.

○ **Julie Howland '91** has been promoted to the position of commissioned examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). She writes: "I'm still located in the San Francisco Field Office and continue to enjoy traveling throughout California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands."

○ **Kim-Trang Nguyen '91** will receive her master's degree in curriculum and

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instruction this August from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She teaches fourth grade at Coal Creek Elementary School in the Boulder Valley School District.

○ On May 6 *Vicki Timmerman '91* received a master's degree in urban studies from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Klemens Namwira '90* of Rundu, Namibia, is a planner for that country's Ministry of Education and Culture. He continues to teach evening classes and train teachers during the holidays. This spring he attended a meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society in Boston, Massachusetts.

○ *Cory Wilson '90* graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine on May 27. He and his wife, Michal, have moved to Vancouver, Washington, for his family medicine residency training. Cory and Michal were married on July 30, 1994.

## '80s

○ *Dr. Michael Moore '89* and Janet Holling were married on June 10 in Elkhorn, Nebraska. He is a pediatric resident for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Creighton University Department of Pediatrics. She is a special educator and gymnastics coach at Ralston Public Schools.

○ Dean and *Stephanie (Meyer '86)* Stueckrath of Osmond, Nebraska, announce the March 24 birth of Krista Renae. She joins sister Brandi, who is almost five, and brother James, who is almost two.

○ *Jeanne and Kevin Hernes '85* of Arlington, Nebraska, announce the January 25 birth of their first child, Tyrel David. His grandparents are Betty (former Camp Nurse) and Arvin Hernes (who recently became Dana Professor Emeritus of Physics).

○ *Terri (Pedersen '85)* Summey has been promoted to assistant professor for library services at Emporia State University, Kansas.

○ Anthony Louis was born on February 27, 1995, to *Peggy (Dutch '84)* and Jim Castiglioni of Harvester, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Peggy writes, "Until Tony's birth I was working as the airport manager of the St. Louis airport location of Avis Rent-A-Car. I am now going to stay home and be a full-time mom. My husband works as a manager for United Parcel Service. Jim and I have lived in St. Louis for three years this fall. I am learning to call it home."

○ *Peggy (Sorensen '84)* and Ming-Guang

Chen of Des Moines, Iowa, announce the May 6 birth of Tyler Lóng Chen. His father participated in Dana's 1989 English Language Program for students from the People's Republic of China.

○ Lori and *Todd Enfield '84* of North Mankato, Minnesota, are the parents of Dana Marie, born November 1, 1994. They report that they chose the name "Dana" because they met at Dana. Her mother, the former Lori Dunkle, worked in the Admissions Office.

○ *Connie Kennedy '82* and Bill Tracewell were married September 3, 1994. She is an assistant scientist in the Research and Development Department at Schering-Plough Animal Health in Elkhorn, Nebraska; he is a senior clinical scientist at Harris Companies, Inc., in Lincoln. They live in Yutan, Nebraska.

○ Jill and *Kevin Lee '82*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, announce the March 23 birth of Joseph Dennison. He joins sisters Jenna and Laura. Kevin is an associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Albuquerque.

## '70s

○ *Brenda (Karolick '79) and Randall '76 Epperson* of Omaha announce the April 3 birth of Andrew Jordan. He joins six-year-old brother Alex.

○ *Jamey Pankoke '79*, former assistant general manager of the York County (Nebraska) Rural Public Power District, has been appointed general manager.

○ *Dennis Preston '78* has spent the past year in northern Norway as pastor to the Hadsel parish. He returned in June to his Lutheran congregations (Linden and Zion) in Hanska, Minnesota.

○ *Craig Schade '78* graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, last October 14, successfully completing five academic years of study to become a doctor of chiropractic. He lives and practices in Robinson Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His home address is 32 Greenview Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

○ *Janet (Lippert '77)* and James R. Neumann of Omaha announce the August 28, 1994, birth of Victor Alexander. He joins Contessa Elizabeth, born September 14, 1992. The Neumanns own J-J Neumann & Associates, offering services that include aquarium leasing, maintenance, janitorial services, interior painting, and rental property management.

○ In August *Shirley Steffens '77* will become an assistant professor in special education in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at Northwest

Missouri State University. She will complete her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison next spring. Her new address is 615 East 5th, Maryville, MO 64468.

○ *Steve '76 and Margery (Stout '77) Martens* and their four children have moved from Dimock to Colton, South Dakota, where Steve is the new pastor at First Lutheran Church.

○ On May 6 *Sharon (Hansen '73) Davis* of Omaha received a master of social work degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Michael Thompson '73* of McKinney, Texas, a Dallas suburb, has been named vice president of human resources for the network MCI Services Division of MCI Communications.

○ *Gene Wulf '72* of Neenah, Wisconsin, has been promoted to senior vice president of Bemis Co. The Minneapolis-based company is a supplier of flexible packaging and pressure-sensitive materials. He had been vice president of financial and information services with the Curwood division of Bemis.

○ *Mary (Goin '71) Ward* has lived in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, for six years. She and her husband, Lester, own their own business, WWC (Ward, Ward Consulting). Lester is a computer/engineer expert in sophisticated software for coal mines in Australia and the South Pacific. They have three children—Katrina Marie (8), Ashley (6), and David Jon (3 1/2).

○ *Ron Briggs '70*, former assistant administrator at Lutheran Community Hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska, has been appointed president of the new West Point (Nebraska) Health System by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Health-Care Ministry. He is overseeing the merger and operations of St. Francis Hospital, St. Joseph's Retirement Community, and the medical clinic for the Franciscan Sisters, who are the owners.

## '60s

○ *David Hanson '64*, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative, has earned the Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC) designation from the National Fraternal Congress of America. He is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Robert Tollefson Agency in Palatine, Illinois.

## Deaths

○ *Roger Smith '53* of Wahoo, Nebraska, on February 24. He was a field lab technician for the University of Nebraska's Agronomy Department at the Mead Research Field

Laboratory until declining health caused him to go on disability retirement in 1976. In addition to church and community activities, he was instrumental in helping form the Interstate Grain Marketing Compact. Survivors include his wife Lois and three sons.

○ *Vera (Nygaard '44) Erickson* of Raymond, Minnesota, on March 5. She was a former teacher, having taught in rural Blair and Creighton, Nebraska. She later worked as a cook in the Creighton Schools. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Allen Erickson; three sons—Curtis Nelson '70 of Mayer, Minnesota, Randall and Lloyd; two brothers—Marvin '38 of Owatonna, Minnesota, and Gerhard D'50 T'53 of Northfield, Minnesota; and two sisters—Janice Jensen '50 of Willmar, Minnesota, and Wioma Hill.

○ *Harvey N. Kuhr '34* in Sunnyvale, California, on May 9. He received an LLB degree from the University of Michigan in 1938 and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, from 1943-46. Before retiring in 1972 he was a claims manager for Allstate, most recently in Los Angeles and San Diego. Survivors include his wife Edith and son Dennis, as well as sister Verna Kniep and brother Jack, both of Blair.

○ *Adolf S. Petersen D'32 T'35* of Waupaca, Wisconsin, on March 31. Before World War II he served a three-point UELC parish in Wisconsin (St. Stephen's, Camp Douglas; St. Peter's, Shennington; Ebenezer, Warren) and then First English Lutheran in Brush, Colorado. During WWII he was chaplain with General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers (5th Fighter Group, 14th Air Force), serving in the China-Burma-India Theater. After the war he served Our Savior's Lutheran in Omaha and Trinity Lutheran in Waupaca. In Waupaca he helped found the Bethany Home for the Elderly. He was also a past president of the UELC's Wisconsin District and a vice president of the ALC's Wisconsin District. After serving Trinity for 22 years, he retired in 1971 and subsequently served Bethany Home as its chaplain until 1988. In June 1985 he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Survivors include his wife, Marie (Larsen '34); daughter Miriam Burrows '60 of Waupaca; sons Phil '62 of Lake Villa, Illinois, Sam, and Jon; and brothers Immanuel D'30 T'33 of Oregon, Wisconsin, and Alvin D'34 T'36 of Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ *Leora (Grill '26) Broemser* of Selma, California, on March 24. ○

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# Alumni Council serves college

Fellow Alumni!

As I finish my term as president of the Alumni Council, I have found that there are many alumni who do not know what the Council does on an ongoing basis.

The Alumni Council is a service organization consisting of 19 members representing all decades back to the 1940s. In addition to Council members, we have Ann George, director of alumni affairs, and several liaisons representing the faculty, administration, and Student Senate.

The Preamble to the Alumni Association Constitution summarizes why we have an Alumni Association and Alumni Council: "...to increase our spirit and loyalty and mutual support to assist in better organization and development of a continuous and effective program of action in

promoting the welfare of the College and its Alumni and the cause of Christian Higher Education..." The Alumni Council accomplishes its goal



of promoting the welfare of the college and its alumni in a number of ways:  
○ First, through student-

oriented activities, we seek to improve student life on campus. Some of the ways we have done this are by participating in orientation activities, assisting with mock interviews, and contributing funds for a student activity or request. We have had some fundraisers in the past and the funds raised have usually

been used for students, such as the Chorale's recent European tour, tables for the library, and a pig roast.  
○ Second, the Alumni Council works with Dana's Development Office to aid in raising funds for the college. In the past we have worked on Phonathons, the ADD campaign, and the Scholars Fund. Most recently, we worked with the Development Office to arrange an Estate Planning Seminar for alumni and friends that will be given on an ongoing basis.  
○ Third, the Council assists the Admissions Office in the recruitment of students. Some of the activities have included various recruiting events, such as participating in a Lutheran College Night in Omaha, contacting prospective students and parents, and helping with the Presidential Scholarship Competition for prospective students.

○ Fourth, we honor alumni for their achievements. The Council selects recipients for Distinguished Alumni Awards, Outstanding Young Alumni Awards, and, with the Athletic Department, inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame. These awards are presented at two events that the Alumni Council hosts: the Homecoming brunch or dinner where Outstanding Young Alumni and Hall of Fame Awards are presented, and the Recognition Dinner where we welcome graduating seniors and honor Distinguished Alumni.

The Alumni Council is the volunteer arm of the Alumni Association. All alumni are encouraged to participate in Council activities. I hope that I've familiarized you better with the Alumni Council, its makeup, purpose, and activities. If you are interested in being on the Alumni Council or in participating in any events, please contact Ann George at the College or any Alumni Council member. Thank you for the opportunity to serve these past years!

Kevin C. Johnson '83  
President, Alumni Council

## Alumni Council members elect officers for 1995-96

At their spring meeting members of the Alumni Council elected these officers for the 1995-96 academic year: president, Carol King '84, Omaha; vice president, Jennifer Jensen '82, Omaha; and secretary, Paul Larsen '48, Fremont, Nebraska.

King is vice president of Valley Products Corp. in Valley, Nebraska. Jensen is marketing director for HunTel Communications, Omaha. Dr. Larsen is retired vice president of academic affairs at Dickinson State College, North Dakota.

These three, together with Kevin Johnson '83, immediate past president, form the Alumni Council's Executive Committee.

Alumni using the ballot that appeared in the spring *Dana Review* have elected Shawn Lorenzen '91 of Omaha as a new Council member. They have also elected four

incumbents to their second terms: Jerry Christensen '82, Blair; Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen, Blair; Paul Larsen; and Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, Omaha. Council members may serve two three-year terms.

Council members at their spring meeting also voted to reappoint three members-at-large: David R. Larsen '60, Gretna, Nebraska; Marilyn (Guyer '48) McCormick, Bellevue, Nebraska; and Arlyce (Fuchs '61) Olsen, Omaha. Members-at-large may be appointed to two one-year terms.

Other Council members are: Steve Appel '84, Blair; Bob Coffey '75, Blair; Malinda (Wallman '82) Jepsen, Blair; Andrew Johnson '83, Cambridge, Iowa; Kathy (Nielsen) Leistad '55, Elk Horn, Iowa; Glenn Schacht '70, Omaha; Jean (Brehm '71) Shelstad, Omaha; and Anita Woodward '91, Kearney, Nebraska. ○

# National Alpha Chi creates program, invites its alumni to renew ties

Dana College alumni who were undergraduate members of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society, are being invited to renew

their relationship with Alpha Chi as "active alumni" members.

The society voted at its April 1995 convention in Atlanta to create the new alumni status,

which will allow alumni members to receive Alpha Chi publications and participate in other society activities.

A new issue of the annual society journal, *The Recorder*, is to begin in early 1996 with a focus on scholarly but nontechnical topics of interest to alumni. The existing fall *Recorder* issue will remain devoted to undergraduate research. Alumni will also receive three newsletters annually.

Regional and national conventions will be open to alumni members, and they will also be encouraged to form or join alumni chapters or to participate in campus chapter activities in their area.

The Nebraska Beta chapter of Alpha Chi at Dana was chartered in 1960.

Executive Director Dennis M. Organ said, "Although Alpha Chi has been distinctive among general honor societies in its emphasis on and exclusive support of undergraduate scholars, we have always had students express interest in continuing their relationship with Alpha Chi beyond graduation. Most honor societies have similar programs for alumni, and we're glad we can now offer those opportunities to our thousands of members."

Interested Alpha Chi members who graduated before 1994 may contact the national office at Harding University Box 2249, Searcy, Arkansas 72149-0001 or at 1-800-477-4225. The annual fee for active alumni status is \$15. ○

## Jones appointed to lead institutional advancement

Michael E. Jones '71, director of development since 1992, has been appointed vice president for institutional advancement.

In his new position Jones coordinates and supervises a staff of 20 professionals in student recruitment, public relations, news service, development fund raising, alumni affairs, planned giving and church relations.

He succeeds Phillip Pagel '56, now assistant to the President, who was vice president for institutional advancement from 1985 to early 1994.

Jones began his work at Dana in 1972 as an admissions counselor and later became director of admissions. He joined the development staff in 1986. As director of development Jones played a key role in the successful completion of the ADD (Advancing Dana's Development) campaign, the largest fund-raising drive in the college's history.

In announcing Jones's appointment, President Christopherson said, "Michael Jones has served Dana with

distinction, both as director of admissions and more recently as director of development, so he is uniquely qualified for this new

position.

"We're grateful for his dedication to Dana and we look forward to the leadership he will provide in this important division of college services."

Commenting on his appointment, Jones said, "I look forward to the

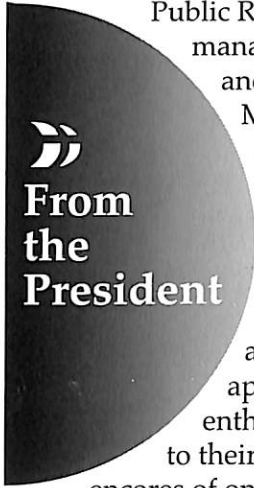
challenges of this position. Dana provides a quality liberal arts education. We have tremendous resources in our people and facilities that will help make a difference in the lives of our future leaders in our region and the nation. I believe in our sense of mission and of being of service to others."

The college has no immediate plans to replace Jones as director of development, and he is combining the responsibilities of that position with his new role. ○



Michael Jones

“I couldn’t have been more proud.” That’s the way I answered many who have inquired about the tour this spring of the Dana College Chorale to northern Germany and Denmark. My wife, Anne, and I were privileged to accompany the 33-member Chorale under the direction of Dana professor and head of the Music Department, Dr. Richard Palmer. Dr. Palmer and his wife, Leslie, together with Burke Petersen, director of Public Relations, who managed the tour, and his wife, Melanee, led a magnificent tour. The reception was astounding. In both Germany and Denmark audiences, applauding enthusiastically, rose to their feet, resulting in encores of one, two, and even three numbers. It was truly exhilarating for Anne and me to hear this talented Chorale. What a thrill it was for Chorale members to sing in some of the great cathedrals of Europe, many of them hundreds of years old and some dating back to the twelfth century! I wondered how long it had been since some of those grand towering arches reverberated more gloriously with praises such as Hugo Distler’s “Praise to The Lord, The Almighty, the King of Creation” or Grundtvig’s “O Day Full of Grace.” People were moved to heightened emotion as they responded to spirituals like “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” or “Ain-a That Good News!” One of the most popular was Jackson Berkey’s “Hold On!” that has been prepared for the next Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia. Each program was begun with the German or Danish national anthem followed by our own “Star-Spangled Banner.”



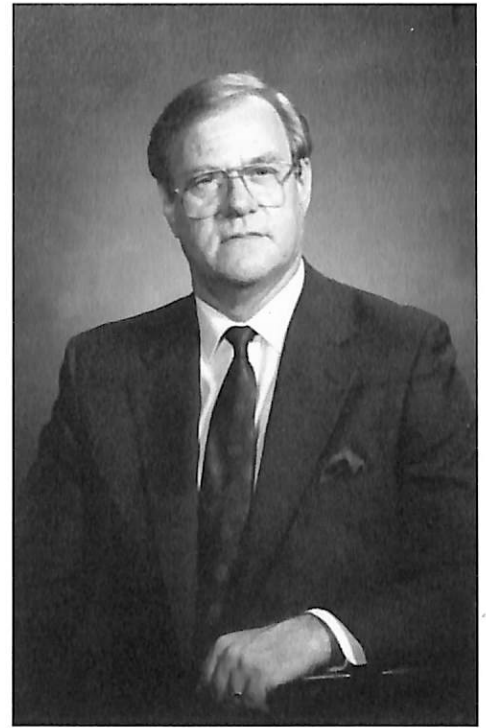
In two concerts our Chorale shared the risers with other choral groups. In Fredericia it was the Monday Singers Chorus, and in Odense, the Odense University Choir. It was a joy to watch our talented young people collaborate with these fine choirs.

A highlight of the tour was a private concert sung for an invited guest list of Dana alumni and friends at the home of U.S. Ambassador Edward Elson. Ambassador Elson spared no enthusiasm in showering praise upon the Dana Chorale. It was my privilege on the tour to present Viking helmets to Ambassador Elson and Mayor Jorg Nehter of Bad Segeberg, making them Honorary Great Danes of Dana.

This European tour could not have been so successful without the generosity shown by friends in the cities in which we sang. Our German hosts in Travemunde, Bad Segeberg, and Oeversee, as well as our Danish hosts in Ribe, Fredericia, Odense, and Copenhagen were nothing short of fantastic. City and church officials welcomed us, and scores of people opened their homes and their hearts to the Dana College students and staff.

When interviewed by a newspaper reporter in Copenhagen, I shared that at Dana College we feel a freedom to proclaim our Christian faith, a freedom that is sometimes silenced in secular colleges and universities. It was gratifying beyond words to hear our choir witness to the good news of Jesus Christ through song and by their joyful attitude and personal manner.

It was an emotional high for all of us who were privileged to go on this two-week tour. The vision of our students was expanded as they encountered new friends in new cultures, and they discovered and achieved new highs in their standards of choral singing. We are truly blessed to have such a talented group of musicians to bear the



imprimatur of Dana College. By their song they created new friends for Dana College. By their song they glorified God.

“I couldn’t be more proud!”

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

P.S. We were saddened to learn just before embarking on the tour of the deaths of two of Dana’s greatest leaders and friends: Dr. Richard Morton, Dana President from 1944-1956, who led Dana toward national accreditation; and long-time professor, coach, and athletic director, Paul Peterson, who set high standards for Dana student athletes and athletic participation in over four decades of service to Dana. I couldn’t help but be comforted by the sure knowledge that the music of the Dana Chorale in Europe was a fitting tribute to the love and service of these two faithful servants of Dana and to many others whose heavenly ranks they now join.

# Homecoming '95: October 6-8

## DanaCollege Memories in the Making!



**Friday:** Conversation with professors emeriti and current faculty / buffet table with variety of hors d'oeuvres ○ Coronation of Homecoming Queen and King ○ Pep rally ○ Volleyball game ○ Theater production.

**Saturday:** Hot air balloon rally ○ Aebleskiver breakfast ○ Golf tournament ○ Fun Run ○ Varsity-alumni basketball scrimmage ○ Art Department reunion (morning and evening) ○ Business Department open house ○ Choir reunion ○ Homecoming brunch and awards ceremony for Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Lewis Patrick '38 and Dale Debuhr '82 and Outstanding Young Alumni Jane Mundschenk '80 and Carol Weckmuller '80 ○ Football game ○ Class reunions—1945, '55, '60, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90 ○ Theater production ○ Homecoming dance.

**Sunday:** Worship service ○ Brunch

**In The Forum**—"Benedicte Wrensted: An Idaho Photographer in Focus," introduces the work of Wrensted, a Danish immigrant who took portraits and documented the culture of local European Americans and Native Americans in Pocatello from 1895-1912. The exhibition is the culmination of nine years of detective work.

### Watch the late summer mails for your complete Homecoming schedule.

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