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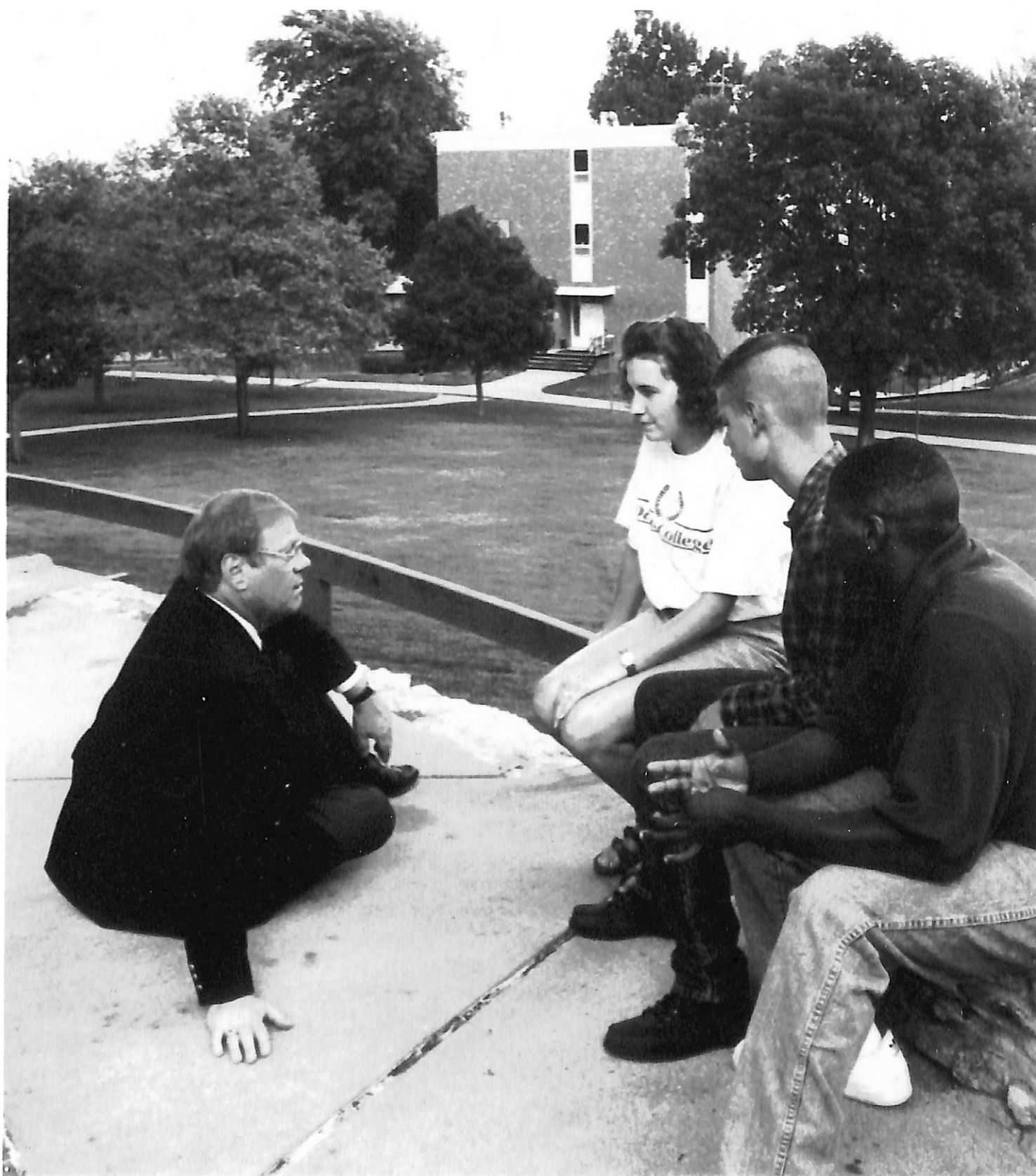
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## Students represent U.S. at international youth camp

German majors Sara Howieson '97 and Jennifer Pfingsten '97 represented the U.S. this summer at the International Youth Camp sponsored by the north German city of Bad Segeberg, a community that over the past several years has developed close ties with Dana and Blair.

Attending the July 1-12 camp, the first such camp sponsored by Bad Segeberg, also gave Pfingsten and Howieson an opportunity to use their German and to make friends with youth ages 17-22 from eleven other countries.

They report that they had a wonderful time.

Their days were full, with bicycle tours and many visits—to Kiel and Lübeck, to local schools, where they learned about German school systems, and to a German military base. At the base they saw soldiers using an obstacle course and participated in a discussion of such topics as women in the military and "should soldiers kill?" (Jennifer reports that she also had a chance to sit in a tank!)

One day participants were asked to talk about the native inhabitants of their countries—how they've been treated and how life has changed for them.

They also had a choice of tours—of a furniture factory, a Mercedes Benz factory, and a health care center.

Local high school teachers accompanied them on many of these activities, Sara and Jennifer said. Participants stayed in dormitory-type housing in Bad Segeberg.

On the last day all of the youth campers gave a program to thank the community and organizer Klaus Knütter by giving a play and a musical and holding sports activities.

Before returning home—Howieson (who is also majoring in history) to Delavan, Minnesota, and Pfingsten (also majoring in history and English) to DeWitt, Nebraska—the two visited Kassel, Germany, where Howieson has friends from her days there as a high school exchange student.



International Youth Campers Sara Howieson (left) and Jennifer Pfingsten (right) in downtown Bad Segeberg with campers from Sweden and Germany. The four are waiting to participate in a public talk show with members of the community and the news media as their audience.

## Enrollment, retention show growth

Enrollment continues its steady growth. Six hundred and sixty-one full-time and part-time students are enrolled at Dana this semester, a 1.7 percent increase over last fall and a 32 percent increase over the last five years.

Also up is this year's retention rate for students returning from the previous semester. At 88.8 percent, the rate is the highest ever for Dana.

Other good news: The average ACT score for our 171 first-year students is 23.1, a 1.4 point increase over last year's average. John Schueth, director of admissions, reports that 89 of these first-year students are recipients of the college's prestigious Presidential Scholarships.

"It's clear that increasing numbers of academically talented students are choosing Dana," President Christopherson said in reporting this news. "I believe that they see what I see here: a talented faculty and staff challenging good students, and a beautiful campus."

Students this year represent 27 states and ten other countries. Nebraska and Iowa lead with the most students. Other states include Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Other countries are Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Jamaica, Japan, Namibia, Sweden, and Tanzania. ○

# Palmer: Good teaching is “dedication to the belief in humanity’s future”

*Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music and choral director, is the fourth contributor to the new Review series, “Why I Teach.” Palmer joined the Dana faculty in the fall of 1984. A native of Hartington, Nebraska, he came to Dana from the University of Texas at El Paso, where he was choral director. Palmer’s B.F.A.E. is from Wayne State College; his D.M.A. and M.M. degrees are from the University of Illinois. He is a frequent guest conductor and adjudicator and currently serves as president of the Nebraska Choral Directors’ Association. Early this summer Palmer led the Dana Chorale on a highly successful concert tour of northern Germany and Denmark.*

**M**usic’s power to move the spirit . . . Music’s seemingly endless labyrinth of sonic possibility . . . Music’s mystical ability to communicate the uncommunicable (often to the uncommunicative) . . . Music’s sheer and simple beauty—its awesome and overwhelming grandeur—and its power to provide all of this in a single experience. . . .

To align my life’s goals with this universal Muse is at once frightening and inspiring. Spending my life in such a pursuit and practice of excellence has been more than fulfilling—it gives my life purpose—but it is not why I teach.

My grandfather was a farmer who also owned some milk cows. When he wasn’t out in the field, he was running a modest milk delivery business to people who lived in town. I would often accompany him on his milk routes, riding beside him in the front seat of his car. When the car stopped, he would give me the bottles of milk, open the door, and tell me exactly where they were to be placed at each house.

After a time, I knew that route as well as my grandfather and grew to enjoy the time with him more and more. I once asked him why he delivered milk like this when most people bought theirs at the grocery store.

He told me that the people on

our route liked his milk better and that he enjoyed providing it for them. He said that doing a kindness like this for someone else always gave him a good feeling. He then pointed to his stomach, saying it gave him a “tickle.”

Years later, at my confirmation dinner, I reminded my grandfather of that milk route and those words. He smiled and said the same thing, but added that he believed the “tickle” was actually God in us, responding to that act of love and kindness toward others. I don’t know if I believed him or not at that time, but I certainly never forgot those words.

As an adult, I now have come

to know that feeling, and, as a matter of fact, experience it quite often. Acts of kindness do give me a wonderful feeling and, yes, it does tickle. It is something I want to experience again and again. I also know it often comes in the quietest of moments, the humblest of acts, in that day-to-day routine we all experience.

It happens when knowledge is shared, skills are acquired, and education becomes the goal of the day. I believe that effective teaching is the single most organized, methodical, and deliberate act of love one human being can bestow upon another. It is, in itself, a statement of dedication to the belief in humanity’s future.

And as for the “tickle” I get—it feeds and strengthens my flame to keep teaching—hour by hour, day by day. In fact, some days are so good I feel a bit guilty. But the guilt comes naturally. After all, I am a Lutheran! ○



*In rehearsal: Palmer and the Dana Chorale. Photo by George Gardner.*

## Touring Chorale wins ovations

The Dana Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Richard Palmer, received enthusiastic applause and standing ovations during its May 22-June 5 concert tour.

In Germany, the Chorale sang in Bad Segeberg, a community that has a close relationship with Blair and Dana.

A reviewer for the local newspaper wrote about the Chorale's afternoon concert at Bad Segeberg's Hall of the Arts: "The first song, an almost-pop style rendition of Psalm 145 by director Richard Palmer, immediately showed the choir's élan, soul, and voice. Spirited and performing without scores—except for the German national anthem—the Chorale sang a repertoire of Christian as well as secular music.

"The New Day ensemble, a part of the Chorale, offered a unique listening experience with its interpretation of popular songs such as the Beatles' 'Can't buy me love' and 'I'm a train' by Albert Hammond.

"... the approximately 150 members of the audience enjoyed a concert refreshingly different from the solemnity of European choir concerts."

In Denmark, a tour highlight was a reception and concert at Rydhave, the Copenhagen residence of U.S. Ambassador Edward Elliott Elson.

Elson later wrote to President Christopherson: "The Dana choir so signally reflects the triumph of Dana College as a significant educational institution with their charm and talent, with their energy and enthusiasm, and with their extraordinary expertise and poise, and with their grace. It was an especial treat for me to have them perform at Rydhave, and certainly was a splendid occasion for all who were present."

## International show selects art, essay by Starla Stensaas

Two artist-made books and a critical essay on digital culture by graphic design professor Starla Stensaas were selected by jurors to be included in the SIGGRAPH 95 Art Gallery held in August in Los Angeles. SIGGRAPH, which started in 1967, is the world's largest, most prestigious, conference on computer graphics and interactive techniques.

Stensaas was one of only 75 artists from 13 countries whose work was selected for the exhibit. Selections from her books and the abstract to the essay also appear in the *Visual Proceedings* and the Multi-Media CD-ROM versions of the conference.

Other works that were selected included framed wall

pieces, installations, and interactive environments, including a Scripps research model of the molecular biology of HIV, a television commercial for Gilbey's Gin, and the motion pictures *Casper* and *Pocahontas*.

Reporter Dottie Whitehill '98, in an article in the *Hermes*, the campus newspaper, about Stensaas' selection, wrote: "What excites her more than the personal achievement is that Dana College is being represented as being in the same league as Moscow, New York and Los Angeles. 'Anyone in this place can reach their potential,' said Stensaas. 'At Dana College we are blessed with the opportunity and the support to be our best and we can compete on an international level.'" ○

## Michael Anderson creates network for trumpet players worldwide

Music professor Michael Anderson is the founder and administrator of the Trumpet Players' International Network (TPIN), which exists on the Internet and has over 700 members.

He said that the TPIN includes a mailing list, a World Wide Web site, an FTP archive library, and an online chat server.

Anderson has also been appointed to a new Technology Committee of the International Trumpet Guild (ITG), the professional organization for trumpet players and teachers. It has over 6,000 members.

He was also invited to give two presentations and to perform at the 1995 International Brassfest,

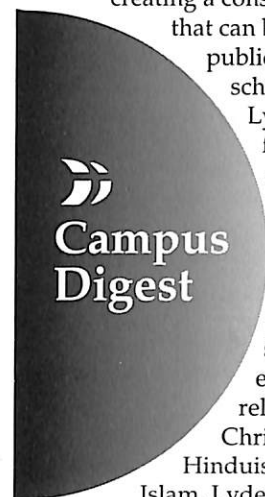
a large conference held in May at Indiana University. His presentations were on the topic, "A Brass Player's Guide to the Internet." The conference celebrated the 20th anniversary of the ITG and the tenth anniversary of the Summit Brass Institute.

Founding the TPIN, along with his activities with the International Trumpet Guild, is gaining Anderson and Dana a global reputation among brass players and other musicians.

Readers interested in knowing more about the TPIN can visit its World Wide Web site at <<http://trumpet.dana.edu/~trumpet>> or send e-mail to <[trumpet@parnassus.dana.edu](mailto:trumpet@parnassus.dana.edu)>.○

*Dr. Bernard Matthies* of the Education and Psychology Department has been elected to serve a two-year term on the board of directors for the Nebraska Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

In June *Dr. John Lyden* of the Religion Department attended a conference in Washington, D.C., on the subject of "Repentance." The conference was sponsored by The Communitarian Network, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that encourages dialogue on social and moral issues with the aim of creating a consensus on values that can be reflected in public life. Twelve scholars, including Lyden, were invited from across the country to present papers on issues related to repentance. They included professors of law, sociologists, and ethicists, as well as religion professors of Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. Lyden's paper, "By His Stripes We Are Healed: Does the Christian View of Atonement Make Repentance Unnecessary?" dealt with issues related to repentance that are raised by Jewish-Christian dialogue. The conference included discussion and critiques of each of the papers, which will be published together in book form later this year.



In July *MCI Telecommunications Corp.*, to celebrate the launch of its new Mid-Continent Data Center in Omaha, donated \$20,000 to help support Dana's Space Trek Institute. The annual three-week math and science summer camp benefits fourth-grade through high school students and their teachers. *Dr. Kay Ferguson*, professor of education and psychology at Dana, is coordinator of the Space Trek Institute. The check was presented at the official dedication of the new MCI facility.

Early this fall biology instructor *Anne Capistrant* completed her Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. The title of her dissertation was "Environmental Factors Influencing Methane Emission from Minnesota Wetlands."

*Michi Enya '84* of Tokyo visited the campus with a Japanese friend in late August and early September. During her visit she gave a presentation in The Forum, on August 31, on Japanese history and Japan today.

On September 6 *Pat Bowe*, general manager of Blair's new Cargill plant, spoke to the college's Foundations for Lifelong Learning class in which all first-year students are enrolled. His presentation was on the team concept used by Cargill at its Blair plant. Bowe stressed that team problem-solving created a better work environment through greater involvement and has the potential for greater reward. He also told students that Cargill looks for employees able to work in groups to solve problems and described how the company goes about recruiting such individuals.

Social work professor *Jan Potter* was a panelist at a Commissioners' Forum for the Administration on Developmental Disabilities held in September in Washington, D.C. Her topic was "The Linkage: Poverty, Diversity, Ethnicity."

*Dr. Lorraine Duggin*, a poet and short story writer from Omaha who also teaches part time in Dana's English Department, gave a poetry reading on September 28 that was sponsored by Dana's English Department and The Forum. Duggin's poems have appeared in *Prairie Schooner* and *North Atlantic Review*. Her awards include the Mari Sandoz Prairie Schooner Fiction Award and a Nebraska Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in Poetry.

On September 28 a piano trio consisting of *Svetlana Radianova*, piano, *Mark Motycka*, violincello, and *Anton Miller*, violin, gave a concert at Dana that was a preview performance of a "Bagels and Bach" concert scheduled for Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha.

Dana's fall theater production on October 5-9 was Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour*. It was directed *Kathy Wells*, part-time English instructor at Dana. Wells is artistic director of Nebraska's only classical theater, the Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre Company. Last year she was nominated by the Omaha YWCA for Outstanding Woman in the Arts. She has received five awards for outstanding direction from Theatre Arts Guild.

*Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL)*, through its Affirmations of Lutheran

Higher Education Program, has awarded Dana an \$18,000 grant to help the Admissions Office develop technology for recruiting students. The grant will be used to create a computer disk with the text of the college catalog and 25 color photographs depicting college life.

The Fall 1995 issue of *The Elderhostel Insider: News and Information for Elderhostel Enthusiasts*, published by Elderhostel in Boston, featured Dana in its "Elderhostel Classics" section with the title, "Dana College Mixes Nordic Charm with Learning."

*Dr. Sybille Bartels* of the German Department attended the fall conference of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German. The conference, held at Doane College, had the theme "Widerstand [Resistance] 1933-1945." Bartels, a featured speaker, discussed "Approaches to Teaching about the Resistance."

Social work professor *Lou Ann Stednitz* has been named chair of the Nebraska Justice Center's Board of Directors. She was also invited to give a presentation at the fall meeting of the Blair Housing Authority.

*Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73* of the English Department and *Dawn (Carper '74) Nielsen*, who teaches English at Blair High School, presented "Voices from the New Land," their program on Danish immigration to Nebraska, to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society of Nebraska at Union College, Lincoln, on October 10. On October 15 they presented the same program to members of the Merrick County Arts Council at their fall meeting in Archer, Nebraska. The Niensens' program is sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Committee.

*Ida Frøkjær-Jensen*, a retired faculty member at the Vallekilde Folk High School in Denmark, spent several weeks at Dana this fall doing research in the Dana Archives. Her work, for which she was awarded a research grant, centers on individuals emigrating from the area of Dragsholm. She is planning to write a book titled *They Came from Dragsholm*. "Dana's archives are the best in all the United States for Danish American history," she said. She would welcome letters from readers who have information on emigrants from the Dragsholm area. Her address is Vikaeret 8, Vallekilde, DK-4534 Hørve, Denmark. ○

## *Diana Brown gives lectures in Argentina, discusses work in television interview*

Spanish professor Diana Brown's professional activities—guest lectureships, translations, and presentations at national and international conferences—continue to multiply. She is also developing a faculty-student exchange program with an Argentinean university.

As reported in last winter's *Review*, Brown traveled to Argentina this past summer to give a series of lectures. She was accompanied on her travels by Dr. Kathy Collins, a former member of Dana's English Department who now teaches at Creighton University and who collaborates with Brown.

In Argentina they were interviewed on national television, where they discussed Brown's research and translations and the research she and Collins have done together.

Brown has been invited to

lecture again in Argentina this coming summer, and she is now in the process of completing arrangements with four universities.

While in Argentina, Brown spoke with Laura Moro, director of culture at the Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, about starting a student-faculty exchange program with the Universidad de Belgrano. Brown said that plans to implement this program are now well on their way to completion.

Brown continues to work with the poetry and fiction of Argentinean writer Olga Bressano de Alonso. The translation of Bressano de Alonso's most recent book of poetry, *Fugacidad y otros poemas*, was published this fall in a bilingual (Spanish and English) edition, with the translation done by Brown in collaboration with Dr. Gordon Mundell of the

University of Nebraska at Omaha.

A trilingual (Italian, Spanish, English) edition will be published in early 1996, Brown reports. The Italian translation was done in collaboration with Brown's sister, Nora Baldina Gratton, with the linguistic expertise of Dr. Roberto Gratton.

Brown was the 1994-95 national chair of the committee accepting papers for presentation at the National/International Conference on Writers of the "Cono Sur," held August 7-12 in San Diego. She presented a paper on Bressano de Alonso at the conference.

She also presented an invited paper on Bressano de Alonso at the international conference, "Asociación de Literatura Femenina Hispánica," held in New York City October 19-21 and sponsored by Barnard College-Columbia University. ○



### *Chinese TV representatives visit campus*

Dana's Communication Department hosted visitors from the People's Republic of China on September 29. The representatives of the China Yellow River TV system brought a television crew with them. They talked to Dr. Larry Etling's Mass Media and Society class, which had been discussing international communications, technology, and the global village. They also met with students and faculty and staff in The Forum (pictured above, with Etling on the right). Photo by Burke Petersen '81

# Danish city honors Florence Hansen by naming her "Mayor for the Day"

The city of Aalborg, Denmark, feted alumna Florence M. Hansen '48 of Omaha on July 3-4 as its "Mayor for the Day."

Hansen, a board member of the Rebild National Park Society, Inc., was in Aalborg for the Danes' annual celebration at nearby Rebild of our country's Fourth of July. (Denmark is the only foreign country to hold an official observance of our country's Fourth.)

Her selection was a complete surprise to the retired director of

social work at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"The president of the Danish American Club, Egon Ostergaard, and his wife hosted a morning garden party on July 2 at their country home," she said.

"Members of the Danish American Club, the Rebild National Park Society, and city officials and friends were present.

"I was engaged in a conversation with an Aalborg police official and his wife when Mr. Ostergaard asked me to step inside his house.

He and Kris Kristoffersen informed me that I would be announced as 'Mayor for the Day' in Aalborg on July 3 at the Danish American Club luncheon."

(Kristoffersen and his wife, Dagmar, lived in Omaha for several years when he worked at Offutt Air Force Base.)

A reporter of the *Aalborg Stiftstidende* interviewed Hansen later that afternoon, and the news of her selection was released the next day, immediately after the luncheon.

"Reporters from several

newspapers interviewed me," she said, "including one from Copenhagen's *Berlingske Tidende*."

*Stiftstidende* interviewer

Torben O. Andersen in his feature story described Hansen as "a popular choice" to receive the award, and noted that it was unusual for a woman to be chosen. The annual honor, Andersen wrote, goes to a person who has made an effort to strengthen the ties of friendship between Denmark and the United States. Hansen was selected because of her "lifelong effort to help others and to strengthen Danish and American ties."

In addition to serving on the Rebild board, Hansen is a member of the Danish Immigrant Museum, the Danish American Heritage Society, and Danish Brotherhood. She is also a volunteer who works with the Dana Archives.

Because the mayor of Aalborg was convalescing after an operation, the deputy mayor, Niels Aage Helenius, presented Hansen with the key to the city at the July 3 ceremony.

After the Fourth of July program at Rebild, Hansen attended a gala dinner that evening at Aalborg Hall near Hotel White House, headquarters for the various activities.

"Deputy Mayor Helenius announced that my duties as Mayor for the Day were completed," Hansen said. "I said that the city is well-maintained, and that I enjoyed this day. I was allowed to keep the key!

"I will always remember this event." O



Florence Hansen, Aalborg's Mayor for the Day, with her six-inch key to the city on a red and white ribbon. "I was privileged to wear it during the Fourth of July activities at Rebild," she said.



"Dana's influence is certainly there in Emma Davenport," Gina Prosch writes. "Within the first four-issue story-arc, readers will find references to the Bard, Euripides' *The Bacchae*, the Danish Resistance Movement [see above—it's Emma who asks, 'Holger who?'], plus more adventure than you can shake a stick at."

## Prosches create "Emma," credit Dana

Review contributor Christi (Mead '84) Nielsen is a free-lance writer who lives in Blair with husband Kim '80 and their nine-year-old son, Andy.

To Richie '88 and Gina (Linsenhardt '88) Prosch, comic books are far from the cartoons your mother feared would rot your mind. But Richie and Gina went to Dana, and their comic book series, *Emma Davenport*, reflects their Dana experience. The Prosches credit Dana professors for their help in creating *Emma*. Professor emeritus of English Norman Bansen spoke for all, saying "any influence was totally unintentional." Gina said they taught "critical thinking and a deep love for the liberal arts—we owe them for that."

Not all of Dana's influence came from the classroom, however. According to art professor Milt Heinrich, Richie "had a vision of himself as a multifaceted artist and was passionate about pursuing that vision." Even when that vision turned unexpected corners. While Richie was at Dana, he and Nathan

Krämer '89 invented an art game in which one would send the other something through campus mail and the recipient had to make something artistic with it. The rules of this game: the object had to fit in the mailbox and it couldn't rot.

Richie met Gina in the Dragon's Head over "lots of coffee." Both worked on the *Hermes*, Gina as writer, Richie as cartoonist. Some at Dana were surprised when they became engaged. History professor Don Warman said, "Good grief, two free spirits getting married to each other. That should prove interesting."

After graduating *summa cum laude* from Dana, Richie and Gina pursued normal careers. While Gina went on to graduate school, eventually becoming an English instructor at Presbyterian College in Laurens, South Carolina, Richie developed a commercial art business. Their marriage then became a collaboration. Gina wrote the comic's plot and dialogue while Richie did the penciling and inking. When asked about the

effect of being married collaborators, Gina said, "It depends on the day. There's never a lack of things to talk about."

*Emma* was not a divine revelation. Nor, despite her prominence in the title, was Emma Davenport the Prosches' original protagonist. First conceived in autobiographical stories, Emma resembled Gina, but as the character emerged from the person, Emma became "more cartoony and more universal." In their first comic strip, "Farm Boy Funnies," Sam was the protagonist while Emma stayed in the wings. Emma gradually became more prominent until she finally took center stage. Dr. Mary Z. Stange "opened my eyes to women's issues and the need to address them," Gina said, "but the fact that we have a female protagonist is purely happenstance." Still, the Prosches feel they've tapped a new market because there are so few little girl comic strip characters.

Publishing *Emma* deepened the Prosches' interest in the process that created her. They felt

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# Homecoming honors go to four graduates

Four alumni were honored at the October 7 Homecoming brunch: Dr. Carol Weckmuller '80 and Jane Mundschenk '80 were named this year's Outstanding Young Alumni, and Lewis Patrick '38 and Dale Debuhr '82 were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor of biology, presented the Outstanding Young Alumni Awards to Weckmuller and Mundschenk.

Dr. Weckmuller, who completed her medical studies and residency program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is a family physician with the Blair Medical Group. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association, and the Nebraska Medical Association.

She has served as a member of a special Task Force on Breast Cancer Awareness and is a member of the Blair Public Schools Foundation. She has also served as vice president of the medical staff of Blair's Memorial Community Hospital (1991 and '92), as president (1993), and currently again as vice president.

She is also medical director of the Good Shepherd Home in Blair.

Jane Mundschenk is an orientation and mobility specialist at the South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped in Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she works with blind and visually impaired children, teaching them skills that will assist them in becoming "as independent and contributing members of society as they can be," she says. She also frequently serves as adjunct professor at Northern State University in Aberdeen, training college students as well as paraprofessionals who work in the



Outstanding Young Alumni Carol Weckmuller (center left) and Jane Mundschenk with presenter Larrie Stone (left) and President Christopherson.



Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Dale Debuhr (center left) and Lewis Patrick with Debuhr's presenter Steve Appel (left) and President Christopherson.

public schools to provide them with information on blindness and visual impairments and on the technology available to assist those with such problems.

Mundschenk has a certificate in physical therapy from the Mayo School of Health-Related Sciences and an M.A. in special education from the University of Northern Colorado.

She is currently president of the Dakota Chapter of the Association for the Education and

Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, and treasurer of both the Council of Higher Education—SDSVH Unit and the S.D. Association of the Blind—Aberdeen Chapter. She is also president of the Aberdeen Lioness Club, which has voted her Lioness of the Year.

Although Weckmuller and Mundschenk were classmates, more than 40 years separate the athletic careers of Lewis Patrick and Dale Debuhr.

**Lewis Patrick**, who lives in Fairbury, Nebraska, was a four-year letterwinner in basketball and was highest scorer for the Vikings during Coach Rufus Olson's tenure (1932-41). He was the leading scorer as a junior for the Vikings.

After graduating from Dana, Patrick embarked on a distinguished career in education, earning a master's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He spent most of his 45 years in education in Fairbury, where he still lives in retirement. He worked for the public schools there from 1951 to 1983, including 20 years as superintendent of schools. He was also president of Fairbury Junior College from 1960 to 1966.

**Dale Debuhr**, who continues to live in his hometown of Beatrice, Nebraska, was Dana's first first-team NAIA All-American in baseball and was a key performer during the most-successful era of the sport at Dana. He was a standout as catcher and also played shortstop and first base for Coach Dale Lemon. He earned All-American honors in 1982, leading Dana to a 28-13 record and a share of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. Debuhr continues to hold seven career records at Dana.

He was also first-team All-NIAC three times, first-team All-District twice, and NIAC Player-of-the-Year in 1982.

Debuhr works at American Tool Company in Beatrice. In Beatrice he coached the American Legion baseball team for 13 seasons and led it to the Class B Legion state tournament nine times, including one state runner-up finish. His Legion teams never finished with a losing record.

Paul Clark, sports information director at Dana, presented Patrick's award, and Steve Appel '84, presented Debuhr's. ○



*Often the children of Dana friends also become friends. Last April Leanne (Danahy '83) and Mark Buland of Parker, Colorado, Monty '83 and Julie Scheele of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Scott '82 and Shelly (Peterson '83) Gorrud of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, brought their children along when they had a reunion at the Omaha home of Kevin '83 and Kari Jo (Molzer '85) Johnson. Their children's names and ages at the time (from left): Andrew Gorrud (20 months), Kaitlin Johnson (3 1/2 years), Kirsten Gorrud (4 1/2 years), Kirsten Johnson (6 years), Jorie Scheele (18 months), Matthew Buland (4 years), Clair Buland (8 weeks), and Kurtis Johnson (19 months). There surely are some future Dana students among them!*

## About Homecoming: Crowds, a celebration, and some winners

**A**n estimated crowd of 1,500 alumni and friends attended this year's Homecoming football game on October 7.

The game was one of many activities on the program for the weekend. In addition to those announced in earlier *Reviews* and in the Homecoming mailer, a post-game reception celebrated the life and career of the late Coach Paul Peterson. His wife, Ruth Peterson '72, daughter Beth Papasadero '74, son Brent '69 and daughter-in-law Paige (Yowell '70) attended the reception and other Homecoming activities.

Winners of the Art Challenge, held in conjunction with the Art Department reunion, were: Richie Prosch '88, best of show; Nathan Krämer '89, honorable mention; and first-year Dana student Nicole Kinsey, honorable mention.

Sixty-five golfers played in

the Saturday morning tournament that was won by Ernest Abariotes '65. Steve Appel '84 and Scott Wagner '90 tied for second. The Callaway System was used for scoring. The low scorer was Steve Buller '74, with Vaughn Christensen '53 placing second.

Members of Dana's baseball team helped caddy the tournament and assisted with flag prizes. More than \$500 from entry fees will benefit the college's athletic program.

Alumni and student division winners in the Fun Run, sponsored by the Dana Boosters, were—men's Dana students: Matt Cox, 34:51; women's Dana students: Valerie Bensen, 39:46; men's alumni overall: Gary Erbes, 35:49; men's Dana alumni 40-49: Gail Snyder, 41:05; and men's Dana alumni 50-59: Gary Kubik, 43:27.

# Regents head: Dana is "recharged"

Contributor Don Jorgensen, chairman of the Dana Board of Regents, is a 1960 Dana graduate. He is president of JMS Specialty Foods in Ripon, Wisconsin.

Some time ago, when invited to provide a perspective of Dana College on behalf of the Board of Regents, I readily agreed, feeling that this would be a rather simple and clear-cut task. However, the longer I pondered over just how to approach it, the more complex the whole issue became in my mind because there is very little that is actually clear-cut and simple about Dana College, or about any other institution of higher learning for that matter.

Specifically to Dana, and to capture this perspective in the framework of recent history, let's start by identifying some of the questions that have been asked over and over again by the general public. "How is Dana getting along?" "Will Dana be able to survive?" "How can Dana compete with state schools?" "What makes Dana special?" They're the same questions that have been asked for decades, the answers to which are not always easy, but let's take a brief look at just who we are and where we are in today's world.

First of all, let me assure you that Dana College is healthy—economically, academically, and spiritually. She is unwavering in perseverance of the mission so thoughtfully structured so many years ago by our Danish ancestors—a mission which has rightly adapted to the times, but

has remained true to its original intent and direction.

When Dr. Myrvyn Christopherson became President of Dana College nearly ten years ago, the overall picture was not particularly bright. Dana had become trapped, just like many other small private colleges, in a vicious cycle of short-term "survival fixes." A strategic plan focused on long-term strength and growth was recognized as a need, but was in reality a distant vision.



On reflection, we must recognize that at this point, Dana started essentially at ground zero in the rebuilding process with the basic

infrastructure of the college. She had become antiquated; the academic program needed updating and strengthening; the financial picture was dismal; fierce competition for students and a nearly non-existent endowment were realities; physical plant and facilities were in disarray due to long deferred maintenance; faculty was overburdened and weary; and overall confidence in the institution was extremely weak.

And so the process began. Myrvyn and Anne came on board with energy and enthusiasm, vision and courage, and systematically took charge. These past ten years have recharged Dana College to where it can compete with virtually any other comparable institution. Allow me to highlight just a few of the general marks of progress over the past decade:

○ Overall academic standards of the student body have been raised significantly.

○ The entire physical plant has been upgraded and improved.

○ Fiber optics/state-of-the-art communications systems and computer technology that is the envy of many other colleges and universities has been implemented.

○ The academic program has been evaluated and revitalized.

○ Faculty and staff have been strengthened and renewed.

○ The athletic program has regained lost ground.

○ Financial stability has been achieved and maintained.

○ The endowment has tripled.

○ The future has been secured through the Builders Program, quantifying a minimum of \$14 million in deferred gifts.

○ Overall confidence in general has been restored.

Yes, Dana has made great progress. She knows who she is and why she exists, but the struggle will continue. There simply are no magic bullets. There is, however, an overwhelming confidence in the direction Dana is moving, and the board is unanimous in its conviction that we have the *right* leadership, in the *right* place, at the *right* time, insuring a bright and productive future.

Dana is still a small college with a small constituency, and needs the help and support of all of us in order to meet the ongoing challenges that will continue to confront us. Your prayers, your financial support, your children and your grandchildren will always be needed, so that together we can perpetuate the mission of Christian higher education and particularly Dana College. ○



**Foust, Bertram are Homecoming royalty**  
Seniors Chad Foust and Karen Bertram reigned as this year's Homecoming king and queen. Foust is a biology major from Bellwood, Nebraska. He is president of the Student Senate, is active in theater, and has served as a lab assistant in the Biology Department. Bertram is a mathematics and accounting major from North Platte, Nebraska. She has played on Dana's softball team, is active in intramural sports, and belongs to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Members of their court, all seniors, were: Holly Halsell (Ft. Calhoun, Nebr.), Gina Jacobs (Omaha), Karri Roberts (Littleton, Colo.), Stephenie Wilson (Marion, Iowa), Wade Daggett (Earlham, Iowa), Brent Johnson (Denison, Iowa), Shannon LeFave (Yamhill, Ore.), and Michael Tupa (Rolla, N.D.). Photo by Jeff Rademacher '96

## Exhibit on Emma's creation will visit campus in April

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reading their finished product gave only a glimpse of what went into creating Emma's comic books. "This is not something that people sit down and then—boom—they decide to come up with their own comic book character," Gina said. "It's an evolutionary process, one that takes place not over a period of weeks but over a period of years. People may think Charles Schulz sits down and just bangs out 'Peanuts' and it's really easy. It doesn't work that way."

In order to share this evolution, the Prosches put together a show called "The Tales of Emma Davenport," illustrating Emma's creation. Richie hoped to "direct traffic in the exhibit from the doodles on newsprint, to the comic strip that was briefly in *Edge* magazine, to the aborted comic book, to the *Comics Buyer's Guide* strips, all the way to the finished framed prints that are full-color representations of our covers for the first two issues."

This first show was so

inspiring "Gina and I just couldn't bring ourselves to put the works in mothballs." They are now taking their "Emma" exhibit on a year-long tour that will come to Dana next April, bringing her home to the people and places that inspired her. And, despite some controversy, the Prosches do consider Emma art. Richie says, "For some reason, our culture has decided when you put those pictures and words together, it's not art. That doesn't make any sense." Gina draws on her liberal arts education, saying, "Sequential art finds its roots in ancient Egypt and can be traced through objects d'art such as the Bayeux Tapestry and Hogarth."

But justifying comics' place in the art world is not the Prosches' primary goal. Rather, they hope to touch the creativity in the lives of all of us. "We would like people to see how it works and go away with the feeling of 'wow, this is art and I feel like I actually know what the artist was thinking.'" ○

## Strip appears nationally

The comic strip, "Comics and Emma Davenport," in which Emma comments on the comic book industry, appears regularly in the national trade publication for the comic book industry, *Comics Buyer's Guide*.

After receiving positive feedback on their strip, the Prosches decided to self-publish *Emma Davenport* as a bimonthly comic book, naming their company "Lohman Hills Press."

"Though the comic strip deals with the comic book industry in an editorial way," Gina explains, "the comic book is humor/action/adventure and designed to appeal to a wide variety of readers."

Copies of the comic book are \$3 an issue or \$18 for a one-year subscription (six issues). Subscribers also get a free copy of the *Golden Age Emma Davenport Convention Special*. Send payment and subscription information to Lohman Hills Press, PO Box 737, Laurens, SC 29360.

○ *Kristine Swank '86*, who received a master of international management degree in August from Thunderbird—The American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona, was selected by Thunderbird's faculty to receive the Barton Kyle Yount Award. The award is given to the graduate who most adheres to the school's ideals of scholarship, accomplishment, and character. Swank has been a librarian at Thunderbird since 1989. She also holds a master of library science degree from the University of Arizona (1988).

○ *Jon '85 and Julie (Schwandt '84) Bansen*, owners of Double J Jerseys Dairy in Yamhill, Oregon, were recognized on August 18 as Conservationists of the Year by the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District. They and their children—Ross (6), Christine (4), and Allison (22 months)—were featured in an article in the August 30 *Monmouth Itemizer Observer*.

Reporter Bob Hawley, Jr., writes: "The award wasn't an accident. It's the result of careful planning and experience gleaned from generations of a family whose life has revolved around producing milk. Jon Bansen grew up on his dad's dairy [Jon is the son of Lloyd '53 and Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen]. . . . After college, Jon spent six years working his dad's dairy in Yamhill. Then, four years ago, they split the herd and he started his own dairy among the peacefully rolling hills along Elkins Road in Polk County. His dad and grandfather, who immigrated from Denmark, had Jerseys. It was only natural that he follow suit." Hawley notes that Bansen rotates his herd every 12 hours to a new section of pasture, where they eat a special blend of grass; that he stores and uses wastewater to irrigate his fields; that he carefully controls the number of cows he owns "to avoid upsetting the balance," and that, rather than using pesticides, he controls flies by encouraging the nesting of barn and cliff swallows.

○ In July the monthly publication, *Iowa Pork Today*, whose livestock editor is *Jeff DeYoung '84*, received the Overall Excellence Award and was named National Livestock Newspaper of the Year by the Livestock Publications Council, the fourth consecutive year for this

recognition. *Iowa Pork Today* is one of the Midwest's largest agricultural newspapers.

○ *Cathy Shutter '83*, a teacher at The Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland, has been nominated by her peers to receive the Baltimore Archdiocesan Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches marine biology, honors chemistry, and anatomy and physiology at the 148-year-old Catholic high school for girls; she is also chairman of the Science Department.

○ In the July 4 *Omaha World-Herald*, reviewer Tony Moton writes: "The soul music revues of the 1960s and '70s were given a contemporary update—with a twist of rock—compliments of *Stan Spurgeon [82]*. Spurgeon broke open a musical package called *Proper Prophet* before a receptive crowd last Thursday at Barry O's Capitol Bar. Backed by a seven-piece band and three vocalists, Spurgeon delivered an invigorating set of original tunes he has been working on for the last three years. . . . Spurgeon, lead vocalist of the rock-and-soul cover band the *Confidentials*, made good on a longstanding promise to make his solo debut memorable. . . ."

○ This past spring *Anne Nielsen-Hibbing '78*, who teaches reading at Pound Middle School in Lincoln, Nebraska, received the Lincoln Telephone Company's Outstanding Educator Award through the Lincoln Public School Foundation. The award is given to "educators who motivate their students to reach their full potential in the classroom and beyond." She was praised for "developing a unique and successful reading program."

○ *Al Schutt '78*, an administrator in Creighton University's Department of Public Safety, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Crime Prevention Association. He is the board member for District 6, which includes Douglas, Washington, Sarpy, and Cass Counties.

○ *Dr. Donald Baack '75*, professor at Pittsburg State University, Kansas, is publishing four books this year: *Organizational Behavior: Creating Quality and Value in the Workplace*, a 572-page textbook for junior-senior level college students and entry level MBA courses; *Instructor's Manual with Test Bank and Transparency Masters for Organizational Behavior*, 320 pages, distributed to university professors throughout the southern U.S.; *Student Study Guide to*

*Accompany Organizational Behavior*, 230 pages; and *Management: Embracing Change in the 21st Century*, a textbook with approximately 600 pages. The first two books are co-authored with Barry Wisdom; the last book is co-authored with Robert Trewatha, Gene Newport, and J. Lynn Johnson. The instructor's manual and study guide for *Management* will be completed in 1996. The books have been accepted and/or completed by DAME Publications, Houston, Texas. Baack was a member of the Dana faculty from 1981-84.

○ *Dr. Frederick Baltz '74* of Galena, Illinois, has written a book titled *Lazarus and the Fourth Gospel Community*. "In a day when the press has given a great deal of coverage to the Jesus Seminar's skeptical evaluation of the Gospels," Baltz writes, "this book offers evidence to support a very different appraisal of the Gospel we call John. I have dug into the origins of the Christian community that gave us the Gospel of John. We call it John, because Christian tradition identifies Jesus' disciple John as that unnamed 'Disciple Whom Jesus Loved' who appears in the Gospel as an eyewitness source. However, the Bible itself does not make this claim about John. In recent decades the traditional view has been given up by many scholars; many have discarded the possibility of an eyewitness source as well. *Lazarus and the Fourth Gospel* argues that Lazarus of Bethany is whom the Gospel itself points to as the Beloved Disciple." Baltz is pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Galena. His book was published this fall by Mellen Biblical Press.

○ *Vicki (Keating '70) Croft*, head of the Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, presented two invited papers at the July 3-6 First International Conference of African Animal Health Information Workers. The conference was held in Pretoria, South Africa. One paper, given at a session on electronic developments, was titled "World Wide Web and the Library: Practical Applications." The other, given at a session on library practices, was titled "Journal Selection and Deselection as Applied in a Veterinary Library." She was also one of three conference organizers of the First International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists held in Reading, England, in 1992; she co-edited its *Proceedings*, titled "Animal Health Information: Planning for the 21st Century."

○ Tire Resource Systems Inc., a company founded three years ago by *Leslie Pederson*

'67, in Sioux City, Iowa, was the subject of a feature story by business editor Mark Reinders in the Sunday, October 15, *Sioux City Journal*. Tire Resource Systems creates and markets tire recycling machines and sells them nationally and internationally. The largest machine, the Eagle Titan II—"the biggest tire cutter in the world"—can shred a 7,800-lb. tire from a piece of mining equipment. There are also smaller machines that "can slice and dice auto, aircraft, tractor, and off-road tires." Reinders writes, "The machines are portable, which makes them more attractive to companies and communities trying to satisfy environmental regulations."

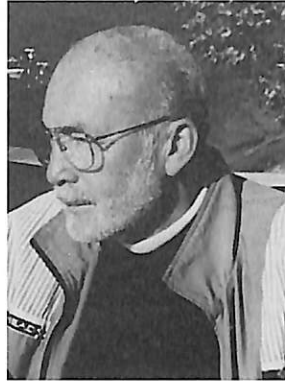
○ *Jerry Kirkegaard '65*, regional vice president for Corning Clinical Laboratories in Denver, Colorado, was pictured and quoted in the April 12 *Denver Post*. The article reported on Corning's leasing of the Printemps building in downtown Denver, described by *Post* business writer Steve Raabe as "one of the year's largest leases." Corning, "the largest commercial clinical lab in the region," is consolidating its Denver-area offices in the building.

○ *Ruth (Meyer '63) Muehl* of Chambersburg, Maryland, has been named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Franklin County Chapter of the American Association of University Women. She is the reading teacher and class adviser to the seventh grade at James Buchanan Middle School. She has held several AAUW offices, is active in her church, and is a tutor for the Franklin County Literacy Council.

○ *Everett Johnson '60* of Boone, Iowa, has received the National Federation Citation for Music from the National Federation of Music. Johnson has been executive secretary of the Iowa High School Music Association for the past 17 years. The June issue of *National Federation News*, in announcing his selection, called Johnson "a driving influence in the development of many new programs and concepts in music education within the state of Iowa." It also noted that he "has been one of the key figures in the development of music services through the National Federation, serving 12 years on the National Federation Music Committee, including an eight-year stint as chairman." He has "assisted with the development of a marching band videotape, chaired the committee to develop adjudication forms for music contests and festivals, and developed an adjudication training clinic which he presented in 13 states." The National Federation has videotaped a clinic program presented by Johnson that is available

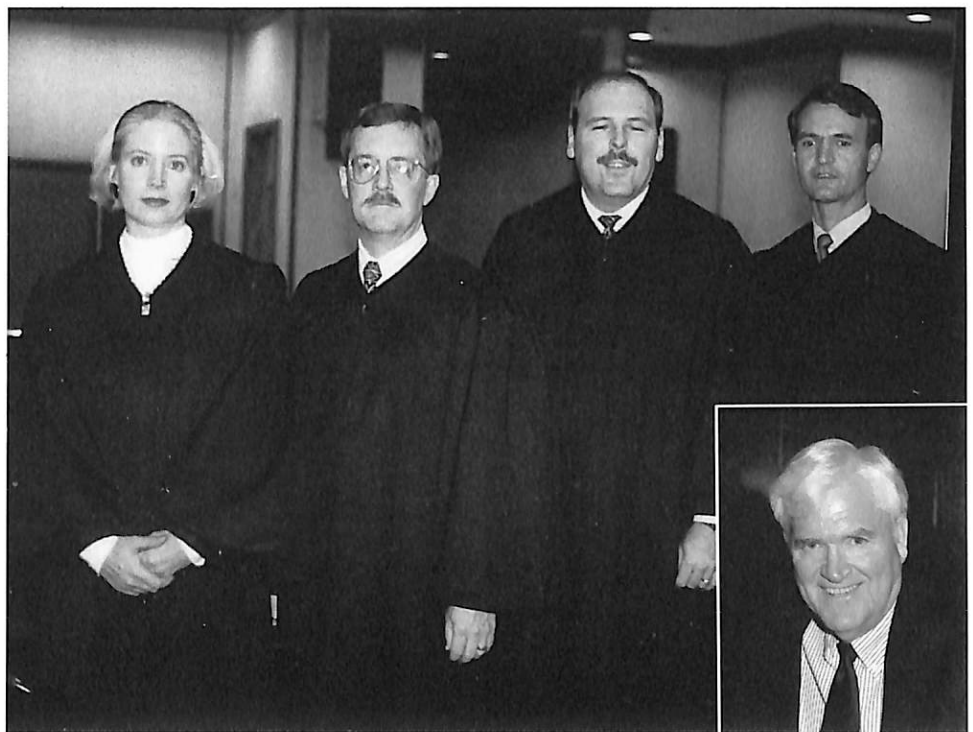
nationwide for states to use in training music adjudicators.

○ *Norman Nielsen '44* of Edina, Minnesota, has written *Maverick of the Cloth*, his second book and first novel. "Though it occupies the general fiction shelves of



major bookstores under categories of 'philosophy' and 'theology,'" Nielsen says,

"it is clearly non-sectarian. The novel tells the story of one person's quest for a God connection, dramatizing the question: 'Does something universal bind all our lives, even in a world of supertechnology, impersonality, and widespread violence? Can one person's search for lasting meaning and purpose throughout life's endless and unsettling changes prove that the most exciting adventure is the journey inward?'" Nielsen's varied career choices have included the ministry and corporate management. He has also been the owner and CEO of land development construction companies and is the published author of essays and poems. His novel was published by Northwest Publishing, Inc., and is distributed by Ingrahm Books. ○



### **Alumni serve Nebraska courts**

*Five Dana graduates are currently judges in Nebraska, one in Workers' Compensation Court and four as judges for Judicial Districts. Together the Judicial District judges serve 31 of the state's 93 counties. Four of the judges graduated in the 1970s, two of them in 1973. At a meeting of Nebraska judges, County Judge Jane (Hendrick '73) Prochaska arranged to have their photo taken. From left, they are: Prochaska, Fourth Judicial District (Douglas County); County Judge Curtis L. Maschman '77, First Judicial District (Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline and Thayer Counties); County Judge Alan L. Brodbeck '73, Eighth Judicial District (Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Howard, Loup, Keya Paha, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler Counties); and Workers' Compensation Court Judge Ronald L. Brown '74. Inset: County Judge Darvid Quist '58, Sixth Judicial District (Dodge, Washington, Burt, Thurston, Dakota, Dixon and Cedar Counties).*

# Fall sports stage exciting games, meets

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

## Football

Dana enjoyed its first winning season since 1989 and stayed in the hunt for post-season play until the final week of the season under third-year coach Jim Krueger '85. The Vikings finished with a 6-4 overall record and a 3-3 mark in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference

(NIAC) play, good for a third-place tie in the league with Midland Lutheran and Doane. Dana was ranked as high as 24th nationally in NAIA Division II during the season.

The Vikings opened the year with three straight wins, including a 42-16 blowout of Peru State in the annual Applejack Bowl at

Nebraska City. It was the first

Dana win over PSC in ten games dating back to 1927. Dana opened NIAC play with an impressive 24-21 win at Midland Lutheran and later scored a 27-7 victory at conference rival Nebraska Wesleyan. That was Dana's first win at Wesleyan since 1968. The Vikings also posted a 31-28 NIAC win over Concordia and logged non-conference victories over Dakota Wesleyan SD (27-12) and Dubuque IA (7-3). Losses to the top two teams in the NIAC, Hastings and Northwestern IA, in the final two games of the year, took Dana out of the race for the league title and a shot at post-season play.

Senior running back Mike Haddock (Plainville CT) rushed for 835 yards in seven games before going down with a season- and career-ending knee injury. Before being hurt, Haddock set a new school record for career scoring with 190 points, breaking the old mark of 172 set by Mark Thomsen '53. He was on pace to set a new career rushing record before the injury and ended up with 3,284 yards, just 187 shy of the still-standing record of 3,471 set by Bryan Muschall '90.

Junior linebacker William Collins (Minneapolis) was an impact player in his first season with the Vikings. Collins racked up 125 tackles on the season and led the Dana defense in tackles in nine of ten games. He intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown against Nebraska Wesleyan and earned national

defensive player-of-the-week honors for his play in the win over Peru State. In that game, Collins racked up 13 tackles, recovered one fumble, caused another and intercepted a pass.

Haddock and Collins were two of four first-team all-conference selections for Dana. For Haddock, it was his third straight appearance on the NIAC elite team. Also picking up first-team recognition were junior offensive lineman Darren Osbahr (Avoca IA) and red-shirt freshman punter Brandon Diederich (Omaha). Second-team honors went to senior defensive tackle Joe Stretch (Brookdale CA) and sophomore defensive back Ben Tams (Oxford NE). Dana players receiving honorable mention were senior fullback Jeff Lutt (Great Bend KS), sophomore tight end R.J. Gall (Howells NE), sophomore defensive end Jeremy Jones (Norwalk IA) and junior linebacker Justin Smith (Ralston NE).

## Volleyball

The strength of an especially impressive year in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) volleyball showed in the Dana season as the Vikings were 13-7 against non-league opponents but struggled to a 1-11 record and a seventh-place finish in the NIAC. The Vikings finished 14-19 overall in Susan Turner's second year as head coach.

Dana was strong in tournament play, including winning the championship of the Buena Vista IA Harriet Henry Classic with wins over the host school, Grand View IA, St. Mary's MN and Mount Marty SD. The Vikings beat Bellevue and Avila MO en route to a second-place finish at the Bellevue Labor Day Tournament. Dana also defeated a pair of NCAA Division II opponents, Western State CO and Southwest Baptist MO, in non-conference play.

The Vikings opened NIAC play with a win over Doane but did not have another victory in league play. Eight of the losses came to conference foes who were in the NAIA national rankings during the year, and the Vikings went five games before losing to a senior-dominated Midland Lutheran team at Fremont.

Senior outside hitter Stephenie Wilson (Cedar Rapids IA) concluded her career by earning first-team All-NIAC honors. Wilson led Dana in kills, serving

percentage and defensive digs. She ran her school record for career digs to 2,323—she already owned the school mark when the season started. Earning all-conference honorable mention for Dana were junior outside hitter Chestnut Pearl (Rocky Ford CO) and sophomore middle hitter Susan Weddingfeld (Panora IA).

## Cross Country

In just the second year of Dana's cross country revival, the Vikings' men's team received an at-large berth in the NAIA National Championships November 18 at Kenosha, Wisconsin. In addition to the first-ever trip to nationals for a Dana cross country team, second-year coach Jay Birmingham also piloted the Dana men into the national rankings for the first time in school history as the Vikings were rated as high as #23 nationally.

The Dana men won two meets this season—including a victory at the Dana Invitational which saw the Vikings record a perfect team score of 15 by having the first five runners across the finish line. Dana also won the men's team title at the Highland KS Invitational and finished second at three other meets on the year, including the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) Championships and an NAIA National Qualifier at Seward.

On the women's side, a squad still shy on numbers performed well and showed tremendous progress from last fall. The Dana women won the team title at the Dana Invitational and finished second at the Highland Invitational. The Vikings placed sixth at the NIAC Championships.

Sophomore Ben Sandy (Newcastle, WY) was the individual standout for the strong Dana men's squad. Sandy was the NIAC individual champion and won five races overall, including the Dana Invitational and the NAIA National Qualifier. Sandy and freshman Chad Grosse (Omaha) qualified for nationals as individuals before the Vikings were extended an at-large team invitational.

For the Dana women, first-year runner Mandy Buttry (Shenandoah IA) and sophomore Sandy Smith (Superior NE) led a balanced team effort. Buttry won the Dana Invitational and was the Vikings' top finisher (18th place) at the NIAC meet. Smith, a track and field All-American last spring in the marathon, placed 13th at the national qualifier. ○

## A Winter Sports Preview...

### Wrestling

With a returning All-American and coming off the best national finish in school history, Coach Ron Beaman '74 is optimistic that Dana will have another solid year in wrestling. Last March the Vikings placed 17th at the NAIA Wrestling Championships.

Four national qualifiers are back for Dana, including junior Andy Hensley (Massena IA), who placed third at 167 pounds at last season's national meet to earn All-American honors. Hensley is the

top returner at his weight, and Beaman said prior to the year that his standout is a legitimate national championship contender.

### Women's Basketball

Replacing a third-team All-American is never easy, but Dana coach Kris Grappendorf '93 is focusing on the return of four starters and eight letterwinners instead of the graduation of her younger sister, Heidi Grappendorf '95, last year's

Omaha World-Herald State College Female Athlete of the Year. Dana is planning to build on last year's season which included a 13-13 overall record and a 3-9 (6th place) NIAC mark.

Coach Grappendorf thinks she may have the best frontcourt in the NIAC in the underclassman trio of junior Nichol Buenning (Parkston SD) and sophomores Susan Weddingfeld (Panora IA) and Jennifer Dierks (Clinton IA). Buenning is already Dana's career leader in blocked shots and is on her way to rewriting several school rebounding records as well. Weddingfeld and Dierks both started as rookies last season.

At guard, Dana has senior Brenda Mechels (Burns WY), one of the top two three-point shooters in the NIAC last year.

## Sports information goes on-line for Viking fans nationwide

Getting a line of information on Dana athletics has never been easier, thanks to three new services being provided by the college's Office of Sports Information. With a computer and/or a phone, Viking fans nationwide can follow the very latest on all of the intercollegiate sports at Dana.

### TEAMLINE

Dana's campus radio station, KDCV-FM, covers an extensive schedule of Viking athletic events live, and fans coast-to-coast in the U.S. and Canada can patch in to game broadcasts using a service called TEAMLINE.

By calling a toll-free number (1-800-846-4700) and entering Dana's four-digit access code (6800), callers will be linked with the computer of TRZ Sports Services in Akron, Ohio, the company offering the TEAMLINE service to Dana and its fans. The service is not free—a major credit card number is needed to activate the service. Charges for a call start at 50 cents a minute and go down to 20 cents a minute the longer a caller stays patched into a broadcast.

Dana is the first school in Nebraska to provide TEAMLINE to its "long distance" supporters.

### VIKINGS ON-LINE

As a leader among small colleges in computer technology, it only figures that Dana would make sports information available on the information superhighway. VIKINGS ON-LINE is an

electronic mail (e-mail) which allows subscribers to receive regular (virtually daily) updates on Viking teams and to post messages of their own pertaining to Dana athletics.

Subscriptions are free and can be started by sending an e-mail to majordomo@parnassus.dana.edu with the words 'subscribe vikings' (omit single quote marks when subscribing) in the text field. That simple message will activate a subscription and in a few minutes the subscriber will receive a confirmation and welcome message.

### DANA SPORTS HOTLINE

A more traditional link, the telephone, is the key to using the Dana Sports Hotline. Callers can listen to a recorded update on Viking athletics including scores, schedules and more. Local callers can direct dial the Dana Sports Hotline at 426-7900. Out-of-town Dana fans can access the line by using Dana's toll-free number (1-800-444-DANA) and the college's new voice mail system. After reaching the main voice mail menu, callers will select '3' for the Athletic Department. During business hours, the department secretary will transfer callers to the hotline. After hours, a caller will enter 426-7900 as soon as the Athletic Department recorded greeting begins. That action will automatically transfer a caller to the Dana Sports Hotline. Of course, out-of-town callers can also make a regular long-distance call to the hotline at (402) 426-7900. ☉

### Men's Basketball

Dana has three front-line starters and eight letterwinners back from a team that went 15-16 overall and 5-7 (4th place) in NIAC action last season.

The trio of senior center Mark Andrews (Monterey CA) and junior forwards Nathan Babbitt (Emerson IA) and Shawn Fasbender (Omaha) gives Dana one of the best frontcourts in the NIAC. The threesome combined to average over 42 points and 17 rebounds a game last year while shooting 58 percent as a group from two-point range last winter.

The Vikings will be suspect in the guard court until Coach Dave Jensen can find the right combination among several talented prospects. ○

### Of note:

Athletics director Kathy Foley has been named NAIA Regional Female Athletics Director of the Year. She was recognized at the NAIA-ADA Awards Luncheon held during the NAIA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 25.

The Omaha World-Herald has named Heidi Grappendorf '95 its State College Female Athlete of the Year. The feature story on her selection in the June 19 issue cited her accomplishments in basketball and tennis.

## '90s

○ *Nicole Alfredson '95* is a counselor at Boys Town.

○ *Jennifer Allemang '95* is assistant manager at a floral shop in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ *Mitchell Allemang '95* works for Mail Express in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ *Heather Austin '95* teaches K-6 vocal music in the Logan-Magnolia (Iowa) School District. She also assists with beginning instrumental music.

○ *Jill Beckman '95* is a programmer at West Telemarketing in Omaha.

○ *Robert '95 and Tonya (Reagle '95) Boyd* live in Omaha. He is taking

pre-pharmacy courses at Creighton University; she is house director for REM in Council Bluffs.

○ *Shanin Chowdhury '95* is studying medical technology in North Carolina.

○ *Sue Connealy '95* is a long-term substitute teacher in Tekamah, Nebraska.

○ *Rob Coursey '95* is a graduate student in accounting at Illinois State University.

○ *Cari Crabtree '95* has completed an internship in environmental operations at Cargill in Blair.

○ *John Cromwell '95* and Shari Coon were married on October 21. He works for Greiner's Furniture in Columbus, Nebraska.

○ *Teonnie (Clark) Daye '95* is a free-lance graphic design artist in Omaha.

○ *Amy Dicke '95 and Brad Volcek '94* were married on June 17 in Omaha. He is a financial analyst at First Data in Omaha.

○ *Stacey Dodge '95* is a corporate accountant at Ag Processing Inc. in Omaha.

○ *Jill Drake '95* is a graduate student in counseling and higher education at South Dakota State University in Brookings. She is also working with the university's Greek Life program.

○ *N. Sue Dugan '95* has passed her CPA examination and works for Bland & Assoc. in Omaha, "traveling and doing auditing," she writes.

○ *Angela Heise '95* is a social worker at Arbor Manor in Fremont, Nebraska.

○ *Karl Hermanson '95* is a free-lance artist in San Antonio, Texas. He has completed projects for the Institute of Texas Art and Culture and another local museum and is

working on a set design for a theater production in Memphis, Tennessee.

○ *Melanie Hild '95* works in quality assurance at Cargill in Blair.

○ *Teresa Hilke '95* works in quality assurance at Dean's Foods in Ripon, Wisconsin.

○ *Reiko Ikeda '95* is a translator of chemical and computer documents in Omaha.

○ *Kristine Jesse '95* married Lewis Stoeger on June 10. They live in Omaha, where she works for Securities America.

○ *Lynne Johnson '95* and 2nd Lt. Ed Hansen were married on August 6. He serves in the Marine Corps and is being transferred to Virginia from St. Paul, Minnesota.

○ *Jason Kemp '95* works for Sitel in Omaha.

○ *Jennifer Kiesel '95* is a first-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

○ *Hattie King '95* is an outreach school counselor in Kansas City, Kansas.

○ *Kathryn Krueger '95* is assistant volleyball coach at Dana.

○ *Cara Lucas '95* teaches special education (sixth grade) at Andersen Middle School in the Millard, Nebraska, Public Schools.

○ *Rhonda Martin '95* teaches at Westridge Elementary School in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

○ *Todd Maschino '95* teaches physical education and coaches in the Palmer, Nebraska, school system.

○ *Dale Mattern '95* is a personal trainer at a fitness center and gymnasium in Augusta, Kansas.

○ *Matt Mentink '95* is a physical education teacher and coach in Woodbine, Iowa.

○ *Jennifer Morgan '95* is a nanny in Bexley, Ohio.

○ *Jennifer Nelson '95*, Omaha, works for Commerical Federal as a processor 3.

○ *Jennefer Neumeister '95* is a K-8 special education and Title I reading teacher for the Wauneta-Palisade (Nebraska) School District. She is also assistant basketball coach and an aide to the volleyball and track coaches.

○ *Michelle Parks '95* and Eric Lewis were married on June 10. They live near Mondamin, Iowa. Michelle is substitute teaching.

○ *Dana (Holz '95) Rademacher* is a contract processor at Thousand Adventures in Blair.

○ *Tyler Renken '95* teaches special education at Millard (Nebraska) South High School, where he is also assistant football coach.

○ *Keri (Haas) '95 and Dave '91 Samson* and one-year-old son Tyler are living in

Dubuque, Iowa, where Dave is an executive account representative for Carte'Graph Systems.

○ *Renee Sawerbrey '95* is a transcription operator for West Telemarketing in Omaha.

○ DeEtta and *Jeremy Sikes '95* of Joplin, Missouri, announce the birth of their son, Jerome, on June 21. Jeremy works in sales for a cable company.

○ *Christine Smith '95* is secretary to the vice president of Metropolitan Community College, Omaha.

○ *Charles Spencer '95* is a district boiler safety inspector for Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance in southeastern Nebraska.

○ *Abbey Terefe '95*, Chicago, is a customer service representative for Budget-Rent-a-Car.

○ *Valerie Toelle '95* is an accounting clerk at Manpower Inc. in Denver, Colorado.

○ *Eric Walkingstick '95* teaches geography and government and is assistant football coach at the Oologah-Talala (Oklahoma) School District.

○ *Lisa Welch '95* and Donald Lee Boyer were married on July 1 in Omaha.

○ In August *Vivian Yang '95* started an internship in the Chinese Division of Voice of America in Washington, D.C. She is also working on an M.A. in international and broadcast journalism at American University.

○ *Judy Yeates '95* is a graduate student at the Creighton School of Theology in Omaha.

○ *George Ashman '94* teaches K-5 physical education and health at Dexfield Community Schools (Dexter and Redfield, Iowa). He is also assistant varsity wrestling coach and junior high head track coach.

○ Ron and *Tara Barrier '94* of Neola, Iowa, announce the February 11 birth of their son, Britton Lee.

○ *Vicki Behrends '94* has a new job as an accountant with Humboldt Specialty in Humboldt, Nebraska.

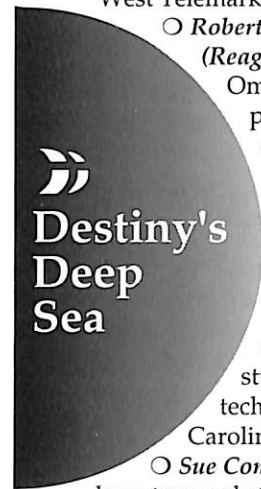
○ *Barbie Bentley '94 and Shawn Bluml '96* were married on June 10. Barbie is a caseworker for Lutheran Social Services in Atlantic, Iowa. Shawn is a Dana student. They live in Carson, Iowa.

○ *Rochelle DuFresne '94* is a project coordinator for Lerner Renovations, Inc., in St. Paul, Minnesota.

○ *Kris Flack '94* has been promoted to leasing and finance coordinator at O'Meara Ford in Northglenn, Colorado.

○ *Stephanie Frey-Perko '94* of Strongsville, Ohio, was recently promoted to computer services supervisor at Kinko's of Ohio in Parma Heights.

○ *Tonya Hauser '94* teaches special



education K-3 for District 500 in Kansas City, Kansas.

○ *Jennifer Karre '94* has a new job as basic logic assistant for J.C. Penney at Prestonwood Center, Dallas.

○ *Kathleen Kennedy '94* and Cory Feller were married on May 27. They live in Papillion, Nebraska.

○ *Dana Kloth '94* of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, is a manufacturer's associate at Allen-Bradley in Mequon, Wisconsin.

○ *Susan Lee '94* is teaching vocal and instrumental music at Dawson-Verdon Community Schools in Dawson, Nebraska.

○ *Perry Myers '94* is a car salesman at Woodhouse in Blair.

○ *Stephanie Shelton-Martens '94* and Mark Martens of Omaha announce the August 3 birth of their first child, Matthew Christian. Stephanie began work this fall on her master's degree in the Advanced-Standing Social Work program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ In March *Sara Olson '94*, who managed Original Cookie Company at Westroads Mall in Omaha, moved to Denver, Colorado, to work for Original Cookie at Cherry Creek Mall, a promotion.

○ *Stan Shaw '94* teaches English and debate with a computer class at North Classroom of Tomorrow, North High School, Omaha.

○ *Janelle Stolen '94*, Omaha, works full time at Pentagon Federal Credit Union, which is for members of the military and their families.

○ *Diane Woerman '94* teaches special education and science, music, and physical education K-8 at Colfax County School District 4R near Rogers, Nebraska. She is a 1994 Midland graduate who attended Dana to get a special education endorsement.

○ *Ann Gibbs '93* graduated in May with a master of library science degree from Indiana University.

○ *Greg Hansen '93* teaches in the Academic Achievement Center at Omaha's North High School. He also coaches basketball, baseball, and softball there.

○ *Mette Lassesen '93*, a law student at the University of Copenhagen, is working at the Lithuanian Centre of Human Rights in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, under a scholarship provided by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

○ *Lisa LeMaster '93* and *Chris Wiebelhaus '90* were married on September 2 in Fremont, Nebraska. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ *Julie Schmidt '93* received her master's degree in social work from the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver (Colorado) in June. She specialized in youth and family therapy and now

works with The Children and Families of Iowa in Red Oak.

○ *Pam Shelton '93* is a full-time financial aid counselor at Dana. She's also working on her master's degree in sociology and counseling at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Kim Sloan '93* and Shawn Collins were married on August 12 in Denver, Colorado. Kim is an inside sales representative for CYC International; Shawn is a fourth-year electrical apprentice for Denver's Local 68 Union. They live in Arvada, Colorado.

○ In May *Kevin Wass '93* received his master's degree in tuba performance and woodwind conducting from Indiana University. He has been hired by Omaha Public Schools to teach elementary instrumental music. He is also assistant band director at Northwest High School and has students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Kimberly Mikos '92* coaches high school volleyball in Seward, Nebraska. She is also completing secondary education requirements for teaching mathematics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Craig Olson '92* and Heidi Rogge were married in Omaha on July 29. They live in Blair. Craig works in the Purchasing Department of Concrete Equipment Co., a division of HunTel Systems. Heidi is an elementary education major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ *Kristin (Wass '91) and Kevin '88 Meyer* have moved to Sequin, Texas, where Kevin is associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. Kristin volunteers at a neighborhood school and helps at a hospice.

○ Heather and *Thom Morrow '91* moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in May. Thom is employed by US West and is an announcer at KRRO-FM.

○ *Jared '91 and Martha (Suhr '91) Olson* and daughter Chelsey are living in West Point, Nebraska, where Jared is vicar at Grace Lutheran Church. Jared is in his final year of seminary studies at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

○ *Stacey Schutt '91* teaches a combination room of fifth and sixth graders at St. Mary Elementary School in Bellevue, Nebraska.

○ *Audra Vogt '91* of Omaha is a tax accountant in the Tax Department at Valmont Industries.

○ *Tara Wassmann '91 and James Plasek '95* announce the September 14 birth of Elizabeth Rose. Tara teaches English and Spanish at Tekamah-Herman (Nebraska) High School, and James is attending medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

○ *Todd '90 and Angela (Johnson '89)*

*Kollbaum* have moved to Monticello, Iowa, where Todd is administrator of the 110-bed nursing home there. Their third child, Emily Marie, was born on June 17. Angie writes, "Her two older brothers, Zachary (3) and Jordan (23 months), think she is pretty special, as do her parents." The Kollbaums' Monticello address is 401 E. Grand St. #10 (ZIP 52310).

○ *Kris Pronske '90* has been promoted to software specialist ACH (Automated Clearing House) at First National Bank of Omaha.

○ *Angela Trask '90* has been promoted to staffing coordinator at the Douglas County Child Development Center in Omaha.

## '80s

○ *Bob '89 and Ann (Leistad '87) Bolton* and their children have moved to Guthrie Center, Iowa, where Bob teaches history, sociology, and psychology. He is also head baseball coach and assistant boys' basketball coach.

○ *Jim Jordan '89* teaches vocal music (K-1 and high school) in the Irwin-Kirkman-Manilla (Iowa) Community Schools, with all of his classes in Manilla. His address is P.O. Box 423, Manilla, IA 51454.

○ *Carin Mayr '89* and Rex Rowan were married on July 29. They live in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Carin is a physical therapist-pediatrics at the Child Development Center there.

○ Seth was born on April 25 to *Tami (Hansen '88) and Cory '85 Curran* of Omaha. Brother Joshua is three.

○ Eric Walter was born on September 14 to *Duey '88 and Tracy (Erickson '87) Heffelfinger* of Blair. Brother Allen is four. Duey is PC programmer for Dana's Computer Services.

○ *Ann (Burgard '88) and Jim Thieman* of Omaha announce the May 18 birth of Josiah James. Ann writes, "Josiah's sisters adore him! Rachele is five and Deborah is two."

○ *Teresa (Kraft '87) and Scott '85 Doksansky* and daughter Hannah (22 months) have moved from Barstow, California, to Kansas City, Missouri. Scott is assistant vice president, Factory Outlet Center Operations, for New Plan Realty Trust. Teri is manager at Ralph Lauren Footwear.

○ In May *Jill (Smith) Morrison '87* of Arrowsmith, Illinois, received her master's degree from Illinois State University.

○ *Delana (Heffelfinger '86) Heidrich* has a new job and a new home. Her "new" 100-year-old house is in Bonanza, Oregon, and her new job is teaching reading and writing skills to seventh and eighth grade students in Dorris, California. Delana also

awaits the publication of two curriculum books through Evan-Moor Publications and Frank Schaffer Publications.

○ **Michael Hennick '86** is one of three disc jockey hosts on public radio station KIWR-FM, Council Bluffs, for a New Age music program called "NightVisions." The program airs weekdays at 11 p.m. Hennick is host on Mondays and Wednesdays.

○ In October **David Iversen '86** became head of the cataloging department at Cowles Library, the main library at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

○ **Kathy and Mark '86 Pickel** of Kennewick, Washington, announce the May 31 birth of their first child, Alexander Marcus. Mark is a math teacher and tennis coach at Kennewick High School. He is enrolled at Washington State University Tri-Cities in the environmental science master's program.

○ **Veronica Rief '86** teaches art part time at Marian High School in Omaha. She is also a bridal consultant at Dillard's Department Store at the Crossroads Shopping Mall.

○ **Ethan Henry** was born July 5 to **Fred '86 and Diane (Heistand '84) White** of Neola, Iowa. He joins brothers Colton (6) and Caleb (2).

○ **Lori (Zimmerman '85) Benesch** has joined the faculty at Schuyler (Nebraska) Central High School. She works with students in The Learning Station and the transition program.

○ **Bailey René** was born on April 22 to **Tim and Michelle (Blaas '85) DeCoursey**. Michelle writes that they've moved to Marengo, Illinois, to be closer to Tim's job with American Airlines.

○ **T.J. and Loree (Miller '85) Eddleman** of Richmond, Texas, announce the February 27 birth of **Jamie Lynn**. Brother **Logan** is four.

○ **Dean Friedel '85** is the new principal of Wheatland Public Schools in Madrid, Nebraska. He taught in Ft. Calhoun (Nebraska) for the past ten years.

○ **JoAnn (Munch '85) Todd** of Newcastle, Nebraska, is the Title I teacher in the Ponca Public Schools.

○ **Lawrence White '85** and **Audrey Smith** were married on July 1. He has been sales manager of the Home Office Consulting Center in Phoenix, Arizona, a newly formed Sales Channel deployed by U S West Communications Inc. He is also an ordained Elder of the Church of The Living God (C.W.F.F.), until recently serving as assistant pastor at Temple #230 in Phoenix. In August he relocated to Tacoma, Washington, where he has been assigned to serve as pastor of Temple #202.

○ **Dane Steven** was born on September 18 to **Steve '84 and Deanna (Nielsen '84) Appel** of Blair. Sister **Marissa Anne** is two.

○ **Petra Mary** was born June 6 to **Anne and Peter Jacobson '84** of Lincoln, Nebraska. She joins sister **Kari (4)** and brother **Kristian (2 1/2)**. Her father is associate pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

○ **Dan Jensen '84** is teaching American history this fall at Waverly (Nebraska) High School. He also coaches junior high football and boys' soccer.

○ **Marlene (Kreutzian '84) and Jeff '84 Levine** of South Sioux City, Nebraska, announce the July 13 birth of daughter **Robyn Nicole**. Son **Christopher (6)** started kindergarten this fall, and foster son **Brian** is a sixth grader. **Marlene** is in her eighth year as a teacher at Allen Consolidated Schools; **Jeff** is a manager at ConAgra Specialty Grain.

○ **Rex Petersen '84** has moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where his address is 8787 E. Mountainview Drive #1053 (ZIP 85258).

○ **Steven and Jolynn (Oliver '84) Tonsfeldt** of Remsen, Iowa, announce the June 28 birth of **Anna Katrina**. She joins sister **Jenny** and brother **Erik**.

○ **Jann (Buckley '83) and Alan Dappen** of Omaha announce the May 12 birth of **Ariel Joy**. She joins her sister, **Chelsea Marie**, who was two in September. **Alan and Jann** both teach at North High School.

○ **Patty Hineline '83** and **Daniel Melanson** were married on October 6 in Omaha. They both work at First Data Resources, **Patty** as a project manager and **Daniel** as a client representative.

○ **Linda Lemon '83**, Omaha, is facilitator/teacher of "at risk" youth at Westside School.

○ In September **Lucille Lindahl '83** became director of a nursing home in Vancouver, Washington.

○ **Carla (McCormick '83) and Patrick '83 Mowry** announce the June 3 birth of **Carl Garrett**. He joins brother **Roy**, who is four.

○ **Tony Jones '82** recently became territory manager in the Omaha office of Today's Temporary. He has worked as a senior sales representative and territory manager in consumer products.

○ **Merle Brockhoff '81** of Lincoln, Nebraska, is now pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, a mission congregation in Lincoln. He previously served at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

○ **David '81 and Amy (Nichols '82) Jensen** of Fremont, Nebraska 68025, have a new home address: 1310 Jones Drive.

○ **Rhonda Wellsandt '81** and **Terry Zell** were married on June 3 in Talmage, Nebraska. **Rhonda** graduated in May from Wartburg Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree; she was co-president of her senior class. She serves as

interim pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota. Her husband is a senior bank examiner for the State of South Dakota; they live in Huron. **Rhonda** writes, "We were fortunate to have many friends present at our wedding, with 18 being Dana alumni. The friendships made during those years are priceless."

○ **Terry Dutton '80**, vice president at Washington County Bank, Blair, has been named a director at the bank.

○ **JoAnne Roberts '80** and her husband, **Stephen Morton**, have adopted one-year-old **Michael**. **JoAnne** has two stepchildren—**Elizabeth**, a high school freshman, and **Christian**, a fifth grader. She's an elementary principal, and **Stephen** is an assistant high school principal, both in the Norfolk (Nebraska) Public Schools.

## '70s

○ **Karen (Barter '79) Perry** and her husband, **Peter**, live in Prescott, Arizona, where he is senior pastor at Prescott United Methodist Church. **Karen** is a part-time bank teller and part-time accountant for a CPA.

○ **Michael Choiniere '78** has been promoted to assistant vice president, business banking, at Norwest Bank Nebraska, Omaha.

○ **Margery (Stout '77) Martens** of Colton, South Dakota, teaches K-6 special education in the Baltic School District. She is a member of the Governor's Council on Family Support.

○ **Dr. Gary '75 and Elizabeth (Petersen '77) Erbes** and their three children have moved to Ames, Iowa, where **Gary** has joined the McFarland Clinic as a family practitioner. He previously practiced in Harlan, Iowa.

○ **Janet (Nurse '75) Triplett**, Blair, has been named director of HR Assist, a division of SilverStone Consulting, Inc. HR Assist, which is in Omaha, offers general human resource services to small and medium-sized companies, typically with no human resource department.

○ **Annette Minderman '73** has been approved for the candidacy process for pastoral ministry and has been accepted into Wartburg Seminary's House of Studies program in Austin, Texas.

○ **Carol (Schmidt '73) Willadsen** is intern pastor at American Lutheran Church in Gothenburg, Nebraska. Head pastor at American Lutheran is **Steve Berke '75**. **Willadsen** received her master's degree in divinity in May from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

○ **Janis Jensen '72 Gaule** and **Tim Gaule** adopted daughter **Elizabeth Ann** on May

29, when she was seven months old. They traveled to China to adopt her. In September the Gaules moved to Topeka, Kansas.

○ *Greg Rodgers '71* is the new executive director of finance for the Council Bluffs (Iowa) School District. He was formerly the business manager and school board secretary for the Red Oak (Iowa) School District.

○ *Glenn Schacht '70* is pastor at Riverside Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

## '60s

○ *Charles Scott '68* has been hired as executive director of administrative services at Lewis Central Schools in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

○ *David Falksen '66* has a new job as a principal member of the technical staff with Performance Engineering Corp. in Fairfax, Virginia.

○ *Gary Lipker '61* has joined the faculty of Wheeler Central High School in Burwell, Nebraska. He teaches 7-12 social studies.

## '50s

○ Liz Callaway and Ann Hampton Callaway, the daughters of *Shirley (Andersen '55) Callaway*, performed this fall at Rainbow & Stars in New York City. *The New Yorker* reported: "The silver-throated Callaways—Liz is from 'Cats,' Ann from the world of cabaret and television theme songs—bring their charming, affably old-fashioned sister act to the great showplace in the sky.

Endowed with splendid voices and an easy, unassuming grace, they're wonderful on their own, and even better as a team...."

○ *Dr. Ruth (Larsen '51) Randall* has been named interim dean of the Division of Continuing Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She continues as professor of educational administration and associate dean of Teachers College at UNL.

## '40s

○ *Dr. Paul '48 and Beulah (Jorgensen '44) Larsen* of Fremont, Nebraska, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 19-20. They were married at Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont, on August 19, 1945. The celebration included a dinner banquet on August 19 at the Holiday Lodge and a picnic on August 20 following church services at Bluffs Lutheran. The festivities were hosted by the four Larsen families: Bruce and Linda Magelky of Houston, Texas; Bob and Janis Henry of Palmer, Alaska; Bob and Paula Fanshier of

Salem, Oregon; and Ron Larsen of Denver, Colorado. Co-hosting were seven grandchildren. Paul is a member of the Dana Alumni Council, currently serving as Council secretary.

○ *Bob D'42 T'49 and Audrey (Betker '45) Berthelsen* of Broomfield, Colorado, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 16.

## Deaths

○ *Stina Ramsing '92* of Frederiksberg, Denmark, in a traffic accident, in Denmark.

○ *Susan (Jensen '76) Parker* of Emporia, Kansas, on September 8, at the University of Minnesota Hospital after receiving heart and double lung transplants on July 8. She worked with her husband, Steve '75, in their chiropractic clinic. Survivors in addition to her husband include sons Edward and James, both at home; her parents, Mike and Marguerita Jensen of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and brother Michael, also of Council Bluffs.

○ *Marian Wilkins '71* of Arlington, Nebraska, on August 26. She was a retired elementary school teacher, having taught in Nickerson, Blair, and Arlington over an 18-year period. She was a past president of the Washington County Teachers Association and a charter member of the Arlington Education Association. Survivors include her husband Robert, daughter Beverly Cent, and sons Tom and Dennis and daughter-in-law Charlene (Ahlborg '74).

○ *Christine (Anderson '70) Olson* of Bloomington, Illinois, on August 29. Survivors include her husband, Gale '69.

○ *Frances Sully '65* of Omaha on October 3, at the age of 91. She was a retired teacher. Alumni survivors include granddaughters Elizabeth (Miller '82) Johnson and Margaret (Miller '87) Bansen.

○ *Burnell "Burney" Pohlman '63* of Stanton, Nebraska, on May 31. After graduating from Dana with a social work major, he began his employment at the Norfolk (Nebraska) Regional Center as a psychiatric social worker. After completing a master's degree in social work, he resumed employment at the Norfolk Regional Center, where he remained throughout his career. He played an active role in the evolution of the mental health services that are currently available in northern Nebraska. In 1980 he became director of the Social Work Department, in 1982 the director of admissions, and in 1992 a member of the transition team that assists the CEO in directing the operations of the Regional Center. At the time of his death he was director of social services. He was a Certified Master Social Worker and a

Licensed Clinical Social Worker. In 1982 the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) named him Social Worker of the Year, and in 1994 the Department of Public Institutions named him Manager of the Year. In 1994 he was entered into the NASW Nebraska Chapter's Hall of Fame. He was also engaged in full-time farming. He was an elder at St. John's Lutheran Church and a former member of its parochial school board. Survivors include his wife, Ruan (Skaar '64), daughter Cynthia, son Scott, and his mother, Olga. ○ *Beulah Smith '61*, formerly of Decatur, Nebraska, on July 11 at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Whiting, Iowa. Her teaching career started at the age of 18 and continued into her 60s. She was organist for many years at Decatur Trinity Lutheran Church. Survivors include daughter Kathryn Huffman and son Robert III and daughter-in-law Suzanne Smith, secretary for Dana's Social Work/Sociology Department; and brothers John and Marvin and sister-in-law Lois Squires '61.

○ *Ivan Andersen '50* of rural Blair on August 9 as the result of a car accident. He attended Dana after serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII and then farmed in Washington County. Survivors include his wife, Enid; daughters Betty Andreasen and Susan Knoell; and son Scott.

○ *Ella (Erlandsen '50) Hansen* of Cedar Falls, Iowa, on July 11. She most recently served as singles director at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. She was the widow of former Dana Regent James Hansen '50. Survivors include daughter Pam Wenndt.

○ *Rue (Matzen '46) Christensen* of Omaha on May 17, 1994. Survivors include son Duane.

○ *Marian (Peterson '36) Anderson* of Swannanoa, North Carolina, suddenly on July 17 while on a vacation trip to France accompanied by her husband Cyrus, daughter Suellen Hudson, son Craig, and granddaughter Emily Hudson. After graduating from Dana and completing an M.A., she taught in Nebraska. In 1943 she joined the U.S. Navy and was commissioned an ensign. She was an instructor in the Navy Training School for recruits at Hunter College in New York City and then became a curriculum specialist in three naval aviation programs. She left the service in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant. In 1946 she married Cyrus Anderson of Jacksonville, Florida, who was also in the Navy and who was engaged in public school work in Jacksonville. They lived in Jacksonville for 25 years. In 1969 they moved to

Swannanoa, where they were associated with Warren Wilson College. She was an elder, a deacon, and a choir member at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, daughters Suellen Hudson and Jill Anderson, and sons Marc and Craig.

## Friends

○ **Anne Bansen** of Ferndale, California, on August 25, at the age of 99. She was born in North Slesvig; her family immigrated to the U.S. in 1905 and settled in Ferndale. In Ferndale she and her late husband, Peter, developed an outstanding registered Jersey herd, a tradition carried on by sons Lloyd '53 and Stanley and grandson Jon '85. After WW II, she was awarded the Liberation Medal by King Christian X of Denmark for her work in organizing relief shipments to that country. She is survived by son Norman '47, Dana professor emeritus of English, of Blair, and son and daughter-in-law Lloyd and Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen of Yamhill, Oregon. Alumni grandchildren include Karen (Bansen '71) Maguire, Lisa Bansen-Harp '83, Jon Bansen '85, and Ted Bansen '89.

○ **Bertha Johnson** on May 22 at Pleasant View Luther Home in Ottawa, Illinois, at the age of 95. She was housemother at Dana's Rasmussen Hall for many years. Survivors include a son, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

○ **Klaus Knütter** of Bad Segeberg, Germany, on August 31. He was *Bürgervorsteher* (chairman of the City Council), a teacher at a local technical school, and the father of Ilka Knütter '96. He and his wife, Gisela, were instrumental in developing the strong ties that bind the Dana community with Bad Segeberg. He most recently co-hosted the Dana Chorale Tour early this summer and initiated and directed the First International Youth Camp that was attended by two Dana students.

○ **Letha Pagel** of Blair on October 1, a long-time member of the Dana family. Survivors include son Phil '56, assistant to Dana's president and former vice president for institutional advancement; daughter and son-in-law Lorraine '54 and Gordon Jensen of Edina, Minnesota; grandchildren Kathy (Jensen '78) Allen and Jim Jensen, both of Minneapolis; sisters Louise Hempel of Waupaca, Wisconsin, and Ruth Olson of Berlin, Wisconsin; and brother Palmer Jorgensen of Blair. ○

# Alumni Council president tells story about service

I have a story to share with you about service. It has been nearly six years since I was asked to serve on the Dana College Alumni Council. I really did not believe I had the time to do it, but I could not say "no." The faculty and staff and my fellow students



saw me through some really tough times when I was a student at Dana. They had a right to ask anything. I agreed to serve.

There is a saying that goes something like "a job will expand to occupy the amount of time one has to complete it." (A saying that explains why I am writing this on the evening before I promised to have it done!) This brings me to the point I am trying to make about service. What I have discovered is that the reverse of this phenomenon is also true. The more worthy endeavors one pursues, the more time that seems miraculously to become available in which to do them. I cannot explain why this is true. It simply is.

In the time since I began my first term on the Alumni Council, I have entered graduate school, started teaching part time and am serving on several more committees and boards. It has never been necessary for me to miss even one meeting. (I do not believe the class I canceled when my mother died and I went home to California counts. But, for the

record, I made it up.)

By this point in my story, you might have me labeled as a hopeless do-gooder. I assure you this is not the case. All of the causes with which I have affiliated myself, though worthy and in need of the help, are related to plans I have made for my future. While I have been of some small service to these groups, they have enriched my life to an extent beyond my ability to express in words. And the service to Dana has been by far the most rewarding. One of the many unanticipated side benefits that has come to me from my closer ties to Dana is that one of my children has chosen to become a student here. That was definitely not the plan before I was an Alumni Council member. As a matter of fact, back then they were sick to death of hearing about what a wonderful place I believed Dana to be. Nevertheless, here I am, the mother of a Dana junior. A Dana junior, I might add, who loves Dana as much as I do.

The reason I am bringing all of this up (besides the fact that I promised to write a piece for the *Dana Review*) has two parts. The first part involves the fact that there are a multitude of ways every alum and friend of Dana could be of service here. The second part involves the pay. It involves the return of a currency that cannot be measured in financial terms. I recommend it highly.

Carol King '84  
President, Alumni Council  
Vice President,  
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As I write this letter, the first snowfall covers the campus with a blanket of white. It is October 30, and I reflect on what a beautiful campus we have, what a marvelous group of students we have, and what faithful and competent faculty and staff call this campus home. It is cause for celebration and rejoicing. We've come a long way, thanks to the support of so many.

Every step we've taken is, I hope, an investment in the future. Most of our students could never afford to come here without generous financial aid from Dana College. Federal grant aid is flat or

diminishing. Loans are replacing grants as a form of student aid. Although state tuition grants to independent college students are growing nationally, Nebraska lags behind most every other state in providing tuition assistance to

students who elect to attend independent colleges like Dana. For example, Iowa offers over 30 times more than we do in Nebraska on tuition assistance for its independent college students. Support from the church has been reduced as many other worthy missions compete for support.

The challenge to come up with funds to assist deserving, needy, and talented students is considerable. The average tuition support for Dana students from the college this year exceeds \$2,700, three times the total cost of education when I began as a student at Dana in 1957. Dana's endowment of approximately \$4 million (up from \$1.4 million when I came as president in 1986) is woefully inadequate to support college aid to students. Hence, we must depend annually on the generosity of individuals and corporate bodies who believe in our mission.

Some might say, why not accept only students who have the ability to pay the full bill? In theory that is a good solution, but anyone who knows the market knows that the competition for talented, able, and needy students is severe. Financial aid is an investment in our future. When I came here almost ten

years ago, student enrollment was down to 414. This fall it was 661. Growth has been modest, steady, and difficult to achieve, but we have worked hard to shape a solid student body. College aid helps attract the kind of student who can be most successful at Dana and who can provide needed leadership for tomorrow.

Because of our efforts, we are attracting better-prepared students, as evidenced by our ACT scores. The average ACT score this fall for first-year students was 23.1. That number would be higher, but we believe that we should always be willing to accept some students who do not score well on the ACT but whose high school grade point, class rank, and teacher recommendations suggest they have the motivation and promise to make it at Dana.

We have made adjustments in our financial aid awards. When I came ten years ago, a high percentage of our student aid was directed at athletes. Today we are giving emphasis first and foremost to academic preparation and, secondarily, to special talents and abilities in athletics, music, art, theater, forensics, and science and mathematics. When I came here, most of the athletic funds went to male students; today that distribution is balanced between female and male athletes. In short, Dana financial aid has helped us shape a student body of bright, able, and talented students, people who are preparing for a lifetime of service and willing to take on leadership responsibilities. Because we are unashamedly a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with Christian roots and purposes, we award special scholarship assistance to Lutheran students, but we also seek to welcome and assist students of other faiths as well.

To assure that our students learn to live in a world rich in diverse cultures, races, backgrounds, and points of view, each year we actively seek to attract minority students as well as students from ten to fifteen or more countries. Colleges like Dana are a critical outreach mission of our church, inviting Lutherans as well as people of other faiths to become an integral part of the Dana community.

If you who are our donors were to be at Dana for any extended period of



time, you would realize that your gifts have helped shape a vibrant community of faith and learning. People have always been of primary importance at Dana. In recent years we have made a concerted effort to attract high quality students, faculty, and staff. God's love embraces us and buoys us up.

No business of any size or consequence grows without investing in its own future. A share of sales or profits is each year poured back into the company to insure growth and improvement in the products and services. It should be no different for us at Dana College. Of course, there is one difference. As a Christian college, we know that our future as children of God is already secured by the promises of God given in Christ. However, I believe we are also called to use our resources to help others and to glorify God.

I thank you for sharing your gifts with us. They are needed now as much as ever. I am convinced that your investments in Dana will bear fruit in abundance for a world that desperately needs the servants and leaders that Dana College is called and well suited to deliver.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Myrvin F. Christopherson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President



## From the President

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