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# Students, scholarship sponsors, donors meet at Arbor Day celebration of the arts

Dana observed Arbor Day this spring with "A Celebration of Nature Through the Arts." The April 26 event, which included a reception, program and tree planting ceremony, an Art Department open house and a dinner, brought major donors and scholarship sponsors to the campus to meet the students who have benefited from their gifts through named and endowed scholarships.

Participants gathered at 4 p.m. under a festive striped tent for a reception and short program, followed by the planting of five spring snow crabapple trees along Hansen Boulevard between the E.C. Hunt Campus Center and Borup Coliseum.

Large bows identified these trees and others that Dana grounds manager Tom Jackson and members of the groundskeeping staff had already planted at various campus locations. After the ceremony, three more crabapples were planted next to the first five.

Altogether, 29 trees—many of them six-to eight-foot tall—have been added to the campus, which is a part of the Nebraska Statewide

Arboretum. They include white spire and river birch, mountain ash, yellowwood, sergeant cherry, shingle oak, balsam and Niko firs, larch and other evergreens. Some were donated by Ed Rasmussen of rural Ft. Calhoun and by two Blair couples, Roger and JoAnn '92 Hohensee and Gene and Edith Solomon. Others were purchased with funds provided by the Dana Women's Club, the Washington County Recycling Association, and the Washington County Branch of Lutheran Brotherhood.

The celebration continued with an open house in the Art Department, where students showed visitors the photography facilities and demonstrated pottery and print-making, painting, drawing, and the uses of computers in graphic art.

For the invitations to the celebration, Austin Brown '96, an art and graphic design major from Omaha, created handmade paper castings of pine cones and evergreens. He attracted a large crowd by demonstrating how he made the castings, which were



*Austin Brown shows guests how he made castings from handmade paper for the invitations to "A Celebration of Nature Through the Arts."*

signed and numbered and suitable for framing.

A buffet dinner in the Campus Center continued the Arbor Day theme. Table decorations included 300 conifer seedlings that participants were invited to take home to plant in their own yards and gardens. The seedlings were donated by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

Dinner guests included scholarship sponsors, student recipients of named and endowed scholarships, major donors, members of the Student Senate, and the individuals and representatives of the organizations that had donated trees or contributed funds to buy them.

Anne Christopherson, special projects coordinator, and Ruth Henneman, assistant director of development, coordinated the Arbor Day event. ○



*At the buffet dinner, Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad and Joan (Petersen '56) Krogh '69 sample a variety of breads.*

# Students visit Texas during spring break to hammer, paint, build



Student volunteers take a break from work: from left—Matt Worley '99 (Columbus, Nebr.), Shane Koepke '99 (Emerson, Nebr.), Amanda Buttry '99 (Shenandoah, Iowa), and Michele Bristol '96 (Waco, Nebr.).

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

When a group of Dana students loaded up their gear and left to spend their spring break in Texas, they weren't headed for a typical college break of surf and sun. Instead, they were planning to hammer, haul, paint and build.

At 6 a.m. on March 16, a Saturday, 24 Dana students loaded their gear into two extended vans and headed for two Bible camp sites that are part of Lutheran Outdoor and Retreat Ministries of the Southwest (LORMS). A minivan with six students left the next day, and two drove separately, for a total of 35 people who went to Kerrville and Harper, Texas.

When the groups arrived at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville and Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper, they put on their work gloves and began building fences, painting,

digging trenches and general cleanup. At Camp Chrysalis they built a new worship site or small chapel and reconstructed a road.

"We had a very diverse group of people across the board," said Michele Bristol '96 of Waco, Nebraska, organizer of the trip. She said the group consisted of students involved in many aspects of campus life, including several international students.

The idea for the trip came to Michele last January, when she learned that one of the main buildings at Ebert Ranch Camp had burned to the ground. "When I got back to the Dana campus for second semester, I discovered a planned spring break trip to Denver for urban ministry had fallen through," Michele said. "That's when the wheels began turning and I started planning this trip."

According to Michael Ostrom, Dana's campus pastor, the trip was

a total success, benefiting not only the camps, but also the students who worked on them. "We had hoped to host an event where people were given the opportunity to serve," he said, "and out of service comes the richest kind of community. One of the best things to come out of the trip is that we were introduced to a part of the church with which we were previously unacquainted. The people treated us so well—even if we did end up trading a lot of 'redneck' and 'Yankee' jokes!"

The Campus Ministry organization at Dana hopes to make the "working spring break" an annual event. ○

## Summer gives opportunities for service, travel

Summer vacation for Sara Hildreth '97 (Red Oak, Iowa) and Joe Fustos '95 (Mondamin, Iowa) includes service and travel.

Hildreth is working in Tanzania as part of an outreach effort of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The group has ten members. They are helping build a

dam, an irrigation ditch for fish farmers and a high school. For this last project, they're teaming up with Tanzanian high school and college students.

Fustos is traveling throughout the U.S. and in Austria and Croatia as a member of a team of Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers, a group whose focus is world

evangelism, with services consisting of singing and shared testimonies. Joe is one of ten singers. The team also includes a 12-piece orchestra and sound and light technicians.

Both were responsible for raising funds to help meet their expenses. ○

# Professor teaches Spanish to medical students planning Nicaragua trip

Last summer Ken Brown '93 told his mother, Spanish professor Diana Brown, about "Student Alliance for Global Health," a program he and several other medical students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center had developed and submitted to the Center's faculty and administration for approval.

They proposed that ten to 12 of them spend their spring break as health care workers in

Nicaragua, which has many medical problems, including malaria and cholera, and where medicines and supplies are limited.

Prof. Brown, who was born in Argentina and educated there and in Spain and France, realized that the students would accomplish more if they knew medical Spanish, and so she volunteered her time and talents to teach them.

Eighty students who hoped to be among the ten or 12 selected for the trip took her up on her offer, and from October through March 1 she met with them for three hours a week.

She designed the course so that the students would be able to ask patients about their medical, social, family and nutritional

histories; diagnose their complaints; and prescribe the appropriate treatments. She also taught them Spanish terminology for human anatomy and other body systems.

During this time the students were also soliciting donations of medical supplies and financial support to buy supplies that they could take with them.

Ken, who has just finished his

second year of medical school, was among those selected to go to Nicaragua. While there he and the others went on call with Nicaraguan physicians, visited local hospitals, clinics and health centers, and conducted a health-intervention program in a community on the outskirts of Managua, the capital city.

They returned to Omaha and their

classes with a better understanding of the medical problems faced in a very poor Third World country and with an appreciation of the Nicaraguan physicians and other health care professionals they met there. ○



*On his rounds in Nicaragua, Ken Brown counseled and inoculated a pregnant woman.*

## *Gift adds to fund started by Simon*

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Price of La Jolla, California, have made a \$25,000 gift to Dana to support the new International Study and Travel Loan Fund established by U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 (as reported in the last *Dana Review*).

The Prices' gift has been doubled by a matching gift from the Weingart Foundation, for a total of \$50,000 that joins the \$100,000 given by Senator Simon.

In announcing the gift in the May 29 Campus Bulletin, President Christopherson said, "We are grateful to the Prices for this gift and also to Senator Simon, who made Sol Price aware of our study and travel fund."

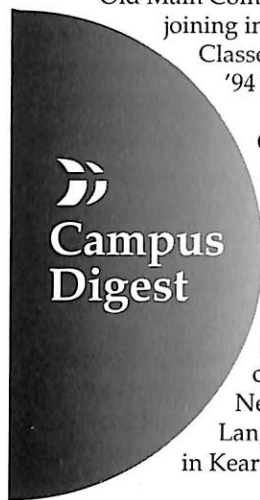
## UELC's 100th to be observed

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be celebrated on Sunday morning of the 1996

Homecoming weekend at Dana on October 6. A Festival Service of Remembrance is being planned that will feature reminders, reminiscences and reflections on the history of our Church. Friends and former members and pastors are invited and encouraged to participate in this 'last hurrah' for the UELC. Additional information is available from the Public Relations Office at Dana. ○

Students named *Jay Birmingham*, physical education instructor and head cross country and track coach, their "Professor of the Year" this spring. *Dr. Richard Jorgensen '64* (history) and *Diana Brown* (Spanish, French) received Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching from Blair's HunTel Systems.

In May members of the 1996 graduating class pledged over \$13,000 as a class gift to the Dana Scholars Fund. The inscription "Dana Class of 1996" will be added to the Old Main Commemorative Wall, joining inscriptions for the Classes of 1991, '92, '93, '94 and '95.



## Campus Digest

On April 13 *Prof. Diana Brown* was presented the Nebraska Outstanding Spanish Teacher Award for 1996 at the spring conference of the Nebraska Foreign Language Association in Kearney.

The college has received *two grants* totaling over \$5,000 that were approved by the Washington County Visitors Promotion Committee of the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce. The first grant of \$3,764 will purchase a Visual Presenter to be used in the Gardner Lecture Hall for classes and for the various conferences and seminars that Dana hosts throughout the year. The second grant, for \$1,695, will be used for software for the Dana Archives. The software will make records accessible to the public for genealogical research.

Fourteen juniors and seniors have been elected to the Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society: *Roisin Bell '97* (Bellevue, Nebr.), *Paul Gardner '97* (Plattsmouth, Nebr.), *Esther Gunderson '97* (Blair), *Sara Hildreth '97* (Red Oak, Iowa), *Nancy Kemmish '97* (Crescent, Iowa), *Kerry Maas '97* (Parkston, S.D.), *Mary Maus '96* (Lindenhurst, N.Y.), *Laura Meldrum '97* (Mertztown, Pa.), *Sarah Packard '97* (Cumming, Iowa), *Sarah Peterson '97* (Gillette, Wyo.), *Jeremy Rademacher '97* (Oberlin, Kans.), *Julie Seeba '97* (Omaha), *Kaci Solt '96* (Ballwin, Mo.), *David Walton '97* (Crescent, Iowa).

*Janet Reisdorff '97* of David City, Nebraska, has been elected student government president for the next academic year. She and her immediate predecessors—Chad Foust '96 and Jim

Plasek '95—are graduates of Aquinas High School in David City, Nebraska. Other Student Senate officers for the coming year are: vice president—*Nicole Havens '98* (Wiota, Iowa); secretary—*Marnie Jensen '98* (Cairo, Nebr.); treasurer—*Ryan Luebbe '97* (Lincoln, Nebr.).

On April 24-28 the college's *Theater Department*, whose artistic director is Dr. Paul Schneider, presented *The Robber Bridegroom*, a musical based on a novella by Eudora Welty, with book and lyrics by Alfred Uhry and music by Robert Waldman. Dan Hays directed the production. Other productions this spring included Don Nigro's *The Scarecrow*, a one-act play directed by *Paula Cultice '96*; a 50-minute version of William Luce's *The Belle of Amherst*, with a solo performance by *Tami Ahrendt '96* as Emily Dickinson; and a 60-minute cutting from Jane Wagner's *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, with a solo performance by *Ginger Jensen '96*. Cultice graduated with majors in English and in Communication-Speech Theater, both for secondary education. Ahrendt and Jensen both graduated with English-Theater majors.

The *Dana Chorale*, directed by Dr. Richard Palmer, gave public concerts on April 28 and 30 in Trinity Chapel. The program included "The Gift to be Simple"; Daniel Burton's "The Heart"; Pedro Gutierrez' "Alma Llanera"; Movement III of Rene Clausen's "Crying for a Dream" and Palmer's own composition, "Riding on the Earth," both narrated by Dale Munson of Omaha; "Elijah Rock"; solos and duets by Dana's Mastersingers; and selections from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." Some of the numbers were accompanied by percussionists and by flutist *Trista Witt '95*. Part of the April 30 concert was broadcast on Sunday, May 12, by KVNO, the FM station of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

*Kaci Solt '96*, one of the top winners a year ago in Dana's Investment Challenge contest, this spring ranked in the national investment contest, Greenline Investment Challenge. She is from Ballwin, Missouri.

The American Heart Association, Nebraska Affiliate, has named *Michael Jones '71*, vice president for institutional advancement, one of 12 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. Jones is president of the AHA's new Washington County division, and it is through his leadership that the AHA has 265 new members.

In April the campus had two visitors from

South America: *Eduardo Lakschewitz*, a choral conductor from Brazil, and *Laura Moro*, director of cultural affairs at the University of Belgrano in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Lakschewitz spent several days here working with the Dana Chorale and VOICES and giving two lectures on the music of South America. Moro gave a lecture on author Jorge Luis Borges. She also lectured at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Creighton University, and in Washington, D.C.

*Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73* (English) presented a paper at the 86th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies held May 2-5 at the College of William and Mary. His paper was titled "The Voices of N.F.S. Grundtvig and Georg Brandes in Frontier Omaha: Kristian Ostergaard's Novel *A Merchant's House*." The session was chaired by *Kristi (Planck '66) Johnson*, who teaches at Marymount College. Prior to the conference Nielsen and his wife, *Dawn (Carper '74)*, were guests of the Royal Danish Embassy for a meeting, concert and reception at the home of the Danish Ambassador.

*President Christopherson* has been re-elected chairman of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority, a state board that authorizes tax-exempt bond issues for Nebraska's independent colleges and universities. He has also been appointed by Dr. Dennis Smith, president of the University of Nebraska system, to serve on a Nebraska Higher Education Task Force of CEOs. The work of the task force relates to the use of information technology in education and how institutions in Nebraska might cooperate.

"East German Literature and Unification" was the topic of a joint presentation by *Dr. Sybille Bartels* (German) and Dr. Robert Shirer of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the spring conference of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. The conference was held on March 9 at Creighton University. Bartels also served as moderator for an open forum discussion with Nebraska German instructors and exchange students and teachers from Germany.

*Dr. Richard Palmer*, professor of music, attended the North Central Divisional Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Lincoln March 13-16. He was assistant chair of the convention. At the convention he also sang with the Clarion Chamber Chorale, which performed at the Lied Center. The group

gave premiere performances of two works, one by James Mulholland, who attended the concert, and by Scandinavian composer Knut Nystedt.

**Bob Schmoll '83**, vice president for business affairs, has been elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for collegiate schools of business. Membership is the highest national recognition a business or management student can receive. His election was based on his academic record as a graduate student completing his M.B.A. at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Dr. Delvin Hutton** (Greek and religion) presented a paper titled "Bethsaida and the Gospels of the New Testament" at an international conference, "From Athens to Jerusalem," held April 18-20 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Nebraska at Omaha. The conference explored interaction between the Hellenistic and Biblical worlds. Hutton's paper grew out of his participation in the archaeological

excavations at Bethsaida in Israel.

**Dr. Lorraine Duggin** (English) has recently had poems published in *Heartland Today*, an anthology from Bowling Green, Ohio, and *Hurakan*, the literary magazine of College of the Mainland in Texas City, Texas.

Dana has been selected as the World Wide Web site for the *International Trumpet Guild*, the professional organization for trumpet enthusiasts worldwide. **Prof. Michael Anderson** (music) will be one of the directors. (The college's own Web site is home to the Trumpet Players International Network, a discussion list created and administered by Anderson for amateur and professional musicians.)

The annual *Nebraska German Student Convention* returned to Dana this year after the college's successful hosting of last year's convention. The May 4 event was attended by 175 students of German from junior and senior high schools and by their teachers and parents. Dana students of German served as judges and assistants

and gave mini-lessons in languages such as Danish, Damara, and Japanese. The convention ended with a German-style banquet.

On May 9, the following students were inducted into *Alpha Mu Gamma*, the national honor foreign language society: **Danish**—**Julie White '96** (Missouri Valley, Iowa), **Sonya Weber '98** (Cozad, Nebr.), **Marnie Jensen '98** (Cairo, Nebr.), **Cecelia Haynes '96** (Walnut, Iowa); **German**—**Kyla Clay '97** (Beresford, S.D.), **Rachel Heitmann '99** (Victor, Iowa), **Lars Jensen '98** (Daugard, Denmark), **Elizabeth Moberg '98** (Woodland, Calif.); **Spanish**—**Mike Gerson '97** (Alameda, Calif.), **Tricia TeSelle '98** (Tekamah, Nebr.), **Dottie Whitehill '98** (Council Bluffs, Iowa), **Kelli Heath '99** (Sioux City, Iowa), and **Audra Kobs '97** (Blair).

**Lou Ann Stednitz** (social work and sociology) has successfully completed the requirements for state certification as a Certified Master of Social Work and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. ○

## Alumni, friends can join Interim trips abroad

The following opportunities for students to travel and study abroad during the January Interim are also open to alumni and friends:

○ **"Middle Eastern Experience: Egypt, Israel, Jordan,"** led by art professor Jim Olsen '62. Olsen's plans include spending several days in Cairo, where tour participants will visit medieval mosques, the Egyptian Museum and the Bazaar; they'll also make excursions to Saqqara and the Giza plateau to visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx. From there they'll travel up the Nile Valley to Luxor to see the Valley of the Kings and the temples of Karnak and Luxor and to Aswan to see the Philae Temple of Isis. Olsen also hopes to visit Abu Simbel to see the rock-cut temples of Rameses II and Nefertiti. In Israel participants will visit Jerusalem (the Old City,

Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives and the Temple Mount), Bethlehem, Massada, the Sea of Galilee, and the Bethsaida excavation site. (Olsen is participating in the Bethsaida dig this summer.) Participants might also visit Petra in Jordan. Approximate cost: \$2,600, including all air fare from Omaha, all surface transportation, all lodging, and daily breakfast and dinner.

○ **"Three Great Cities of Asia—Seoul, Tokyo, Hong Kong,"** led by Sieg Krueger, professor of speech and theater. Participants will spend about five days in each city. During their stays they'll study historic, religious, and cultural sites, experience the rich mix of ancient and modern, and meet Asians in their own countries. Approximate cost: \$3,300-\$3,500.

○ **"Where East Meets West: Cultural Traditions and Political Realities in Central Europe,"** led by German professor Sybille Bartels, a native of Berlin. Participants will visit Munich, Dresden, and Berlin in Germany and Prague in the Czech Republic. They'll have an opportunity, Dr. Bartels, says, "to study historic events and sites, explore picture-book landscapes, increase German language skills, experience cross-cultural realities, and gain international travel confidence." Approximate cost: \$2,200, which includes air fare, lodging, ground transportation, breakfast, and tickets to cultural events.

Alumni and friends are welcome to join any of these groups. For information on departure dates and details on cost and itineraries, write to Olsen, Krueger, or Bartels at Dana. ○

# *In chapel: Student talks about years at Dana, friends, achievements, and plans for future*

*Although Kaci Solt entered Dana as a member of the Class of 1997, she received her B.A. this spring, with a German major and minors in chemistry and mathematics. On April 18 she spoke in chapel about her experiences at Dana, the reason for her decision to graduate early, and the difficulty of that decision.*

Not unlike Thomas, I do believe in Jesus. But the fact that I now live in Missouri, and that my license plate carries the words "Show Me State," does not mean that I must always see it before I will believe it. The truth is, I grew up in Boise, Idaho. Yet I know that where I live really has nothing to do with what I believe in—thankfully.

I know that the Lord sent me to Dana College; otherwise, I have no idea how else I found this place. Granted, I was looking in the Midwest area for a small college in anticipation of a move to St. Louis at the end of my senior year. But Dana isn't even close to St. Louis. Dana has been my home now for three years and they have been a great three years.

I think my attitude as I started was really helpful. I love education, so I looked forward to learning more. I also knew that the people I would meet would have to be my friends. What I mean is that I knew I had no high school friends to fall back on because I now lived 24 hours by car away from them. For this reason among others, I think the friendships that have built around me here will last.

Making the best of friends and my classes wasn't all I considered, though. I have always been eager to be involved in the community surrounding me, and

so I decided from the beginning that the best thing to do was to get involved in clubs and activities that interested me. I have done a lot, and I am really proud of what has been accomplished here on campus. We now have recycling bins all over campus and I can

proudly say I was a part of that. I have been a part of the LARP subcommittee for at least two years, which has been informative for me. I have been given the opportunity to strengthen my musical skills on the cello and for that I am truly grateful. Having lessons for three years, which had never been possible for me before, and playing in small ensembles has been a lot of fun and I can hear my improvement daily (or at least when I can make time to practice).

My faith and understanding of Christianity has grown as well. I was longing for the Christian community that I have found at Dana, especially because I had not been in a religious community for four years. That was due to my family's move from Boise to Billings, Montana. We left a community after living there for 16 years, and my parents just didn't feel ready to jump into another if it was only to be for a short time, which is what they feared. During

my three years of high school in Billings, I knew something was missing in my life, but until I came to Dana I did not realize how much I missed religious experiences. I am a Presbyterian, and I have been able to grow tremendously as a Christian here. Here at Dana I have

come to realize what I need and want spiritually, which has set me looking into the future.

Having known that I wanted to go into the field of dentistry for some years now, I realized that I should make some more conscious efforts other than just taking science classes to reach my goal. Early in the fall semester, I



*Kaci Solt*

sent requests to all of the dentists here in Blair to allow me to observe them. I met with a very positive response from a partner dental practice, and I have been observing and assisting there all year long. This opportunity has been a great eye opener and very important to me. I know my friends have had to put up with my enthusiasm about a place that many dread going to visit, and I appreciate their understanding. I only have one more month of it, after all.

Many of you may not know that I will be graduating at the end of this semester. This was a very hard decision for me to make, and even now I wonder if I have made

the right one. I have a great many doubts about whether or not I am really ready to enter a professional school. It began as a realization that I was attaining credits at a very fast pace due to summer school and testing out of some classes, and then I realized that a doctorate of dentistry would take an additional four years after I received my bachelor's degree. Of course my other concern was in the expense of education, especially doctoral education. Reviewing several options with my parents and my adviser, I came to the conclusion that I would be able to graduate early. That was at the end of last year. This year I had to gain acceptance into dental school.

I have prepared for and taken the Dental Aptitude Test, waited agonizingly for the results and doubted whether I had even passed, nervously sat through dental school interviews, and anxiously awaited words of acceptance in the mailbox as Christmas came and went. I remember one question I was asked at an interview, and it was, what would I do if I was not accepted at this time. There was no question in my mind that I would stay at Dana for my fourth year and complete my second major.

Unfortunately, that question set my mind reeling with doubt that I was even being looked at seriously by that school. I was at a crossroads where I could make two choices, either of which looked just as good as the other. That is why it has been such a hard decision. When the acceptance letters came, I was relieved, shocked and scared. I knew the time had come to make the final say. I still have doubts, but hope that I have made the right decision.

I am prematurely leaving my newly found home and friends. I am graduating with a class I barely

know, and this is hard because I feel I owe a great debt to those in my entering class. My entering class came to Dana sharing many of the same attitudes and goals and that is what has made these years so wonderful. Graduating with a class that means as much to me as this one is what I have always dreamed of, and yet I am leaving them behind. I have always put a lot of trust in God to help me make the right decisions, and I have been turning to Him a great many times lately. I have faith that He has been with me, and that whatever happens, God will continue to be with me. My friends here at Dana also feel that way, and in that sense I know we will always be together. Knowing that everyone is only three and a half hours away is a bit comforting, too.

I have decided to pursue my doctorate at the University of Missouri School of Dentistry in Kansas City. I will be studying right at the midpoint of the drive that I have driven for the last three years, and right between the people who mean the most to me: my friends at Dana College and my family in St. Louis. It has been hard for me to be so far away from my grandparents and other close relatives, so being closer to home and able to run down and visit if someone comes to visit will mean a great deal.

Although my belief in God and Jesus has not made my life easier, knowing they are with me in every part of my life brings comfort and confidence. Each of the decisions that I, my family, and each one of us makes, has this support behind it. Doubt will always find a way to creep into our thoughts, but that doubt can make us even stronger believers than before, as it did for Thomas.

*Amen* ○

## Gift honoring Alice Laaker also endows scholarship

The Alice Laaker Scholarship Fund has become an endowed scholarship, thanks to a generous friend.

Mrs. Laaker served the college from 1961 to 1985, first as dean of women and later as campus hostess. She exercised a loving influence on almost three decades of students. The scholarship fund was established in her honor in 1989 in conjunction with the celebration of her 80th birthday at Homecoming that year. After her death in November 1990, the fund also received memorial gifts.

Now the scholarship has been endowed by Mrs. Mildred Kramer of Burlington, Colorado. Mrs. Kramer is the mother of Nathan Kramer, a 1989 graduate.

The annual scholarship will be awarded to a woman student based on her financial need and her participation in fine arts activities. Selection will also be based on her general contributions to campus life, or for a first-year student, her potential for such contributions.

Readers wishing to participate in the Alice Laaker Endowed Scholarship are invited to send their contributions to the attention of the college's Development Office. A notation on the check should indicate that it is for the Laaker Endowed Scholarship. ○

○ *Michelle Turner '88*, who teaches sixth grade at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Omaha, was featured in a May 3 *Omaha World-Herald* article headlined "Teachers Go Back to School—Program Aims to Boost Economics Instruction in Nebraska." On May 4 Turner and 31 other Nebraska teachers received their master's degrees in economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through a special program funded by a one-time National Science

Foundation grant "aimed," *World-Herald* staff writer Michael O'Connor wrote, "at bolstering economics education in Nebraska schools." The program was sponsored by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

O'Connor reported that Roger Atwood, Council president, told him the 32 teachers are expected to share what they learned with their colleagues. Turner has given a workshop in Elkhorn, Nebraska, for fellow teachers, as well as two workshops at Dana for students preparing to be teachers. She and the others were selected for the program based on recommendations by fellow teachers, former students, principals and parents.

○ *Carol King '84*, vice president at Valley Products Corp. in Valley, Nebraska, was invited by the Prairie States Conference of the American Society of Women Accountants to present a technical program for continuing professional education credit for CPAs. The conference was held June 8 at the Westin Aquila Hotel in Omaha. King gave two one-hour sessions, one on Statement on Financial Accounting Standards 121 (accounting for impaired assets) and the other on Financial Accounting Standards Board 123 (accounting for stock options). Members attended from ten chapters, representing

Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma. King also teaches classes for Dana's Weekend College and is president of the Alumni Council.

○ *Tera (Nohrenberg '83) Hansen*, a patrol officer for Iowa State University's Department of Public Safety, is a member of the Olympics Security Team in Atlanta, Georgia. Of 8,700 applicants, 600 were selected. Although the games run for ten days, she works from July 3 through August 5. Hansen's selection was reported in the March 12 *Ames Daily Tribune* in an article by staff writer Diane Heldt headlined "DPS officer heading to the Olympics." Hansen told Heldt, "I'm really excited about it. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." Heldt reported that Hansen would "be doing venue and village security, training of nonprofessional security officers and escorting of dignitaries." Although the Olympic Committee provides uniforms, food and lodging, members of the Security Team don't receive a salary and must pay their own transportation to Atlanta.

○ *Lyle Joslin '77*, who teaches fifth grade in the Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska, Community Schools, was one of four Ft. Calhoun teachers to receive a 1996 Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching from Blair's HunTel Systems.

○ *Kristen (Appleby '74) Freeman*, Omaha, special education teacher at Monroe Middle School, was one of 15 teachers in the Omaha Public Schools to receive a Buffett Teacher Award this spring. The awards were announced in the May 28 *Omaha World-Herald* in an article by staff writer Kendrick Blackwood headlined "Buffett Teacher Awards Represent Cross Section." He wrote that a teaching colleague said of Freeman, "She epitomizes the very definition of teacher .... Her ability to work with kids—especially our special kids who are behaviorally disordered and learning disabled—and to lovingly and patiently guide their efforts has made a real difference in so many young people's lives." The annual

recognition program was established by Warren Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway. It honors his aunt, who taught in the Omaha schools for many years.

○ *Jacquelynn (Koehn '73) Smith* of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was one of four Iowa teachers, and one of 216 nationwide, to receive 1995 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. She teaches at the Malcolm Price Laboratory School at the University of Northern Iowa. The award is the highest honor an elementary or secondary teacher of mathematics or science can receive. In addition to the Presidential citation and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the May 10 awards ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences, each recipient received a National Science Foundation classroom grant and teaching tools and other classroom-related gifts from the private sector. While in Washington they participated in workshops and attended a Department of State dinner and a reception at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

○ *Linda (Money '65) Jorgensen*, art specialist in the Blair Community Schools, was one of four Blair teachers to receive the HunTel Systems' Golden Apple Award this spring.

○ The Lawrence (Kansas) Art Center and Lawrence Potters' Guild held a retrospective exhibit of the work of ceramic artist and metal/wood sculptor *Bill Bracker '62* from May 13 through June 8. The April 28-August 18 issue of *The Arts in Action*, a publication of the Lawrence Arts Center, included a cover photo of Bracker and an article about him by his daughter. Bracker was associate professor and head of the Ceramics Design Department at the University of Kansas from 1975-79 and then, with his wife, Anne, established Bracker Ceramics. He also founded the National Cone Box Show. Bracker died in 1993. ○

# Alumni continue to serve college as volunteers

Alumni continue to assist Dana in a variety of ways:

○ Deborah Schou '76 and Cynthia Schou '84, sisters who live in Bloomington, Minnesota, represented the college at "Lutheran College Sunday," held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota, on Sunday morning, March 3. St. Andrew's sponsors the annual event to give high school students and their parents an introduction to the wide range of growth experiences available at Lutheran colleges.

○ Racine, Wisconsin, residents Ernie '59 and Sharol (Crandall '61) Anderson and Lois (Jensen '62) Pedersen represented Dana at a college fair jointly sponsored by the *Racine Journal*

*Times* and Racine area high schools on Tuesday evening, March 19. *Journal Times* marketing manager Jim Wardrip '67 was coordinator for the fair.

○ On April 11 four graduates returned to the campus to participate in a Social Work Career Panel. The panelists were Jennifer Barabas '94, head of the Day Treatment Program at St. Joseph Center for Mental Health, Omaha; Barbara (Bentley '94) Bluml, caseworker II at Lutheran Social Services in Atlantic, Iowa; Carol Krueger '74, counselor at the Blue Valley Mental Health Center in Wahoo, Nebraska; and Stephanie Shelton-Martens '94, a graduate student in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○ On April 24-28 pianist

Jayne (Stein '89) Jensen and bass player Paul '89 Jensen played in the four-member orchestra of the Theater Department's production of the musical, *The Robber Bridegroom*, directed by Dan Hays. The Blair couple, who played for Dana musicals when they were students, have continued to do so, and Dr. Paul Schneider, artistic director, thanked them in the Program Notes. Their "unselfish hard work has made this and many other productions possible," he wrote, adding that they "embody the spirit of Dana College."

○ On April 28 and 30, Trista Witt '95 of Omaha played flute accompaniment at the home concerts of the Dana Chorale. ○

## Alumni council roster for '96-97 includes elected and appointed members

Members of the Alumni Council at their spring meeting re-elected the following as Council officers: president—Carol King '84, Omaha; vice president—Jennifer Jensen '82, Omaha; and secretary—Paul Larsen '48, Fremont, Nebraska. King is vice president at Valley Products Corp.; Jensen is marketing manager at HunTel Communications; and Larsen is retired vice president of academic affairs at Dickinson State College. Officers serve one-year terms and can be elected twice.

Council members also approved the appointment of three new members-at-large to one-year terms: Douglas Larson '73, plant controller at Walker Manufacturing, Waverly, Nebraska; Paul Madsen '80, president, Group One Associates, Omaha; and Maija Nielsen '93, German teacher at North High School, Omaha. Members-at-large can serve two one-year terms.

Alumni using the ballot in the

spring issue of the *Dana Review* have elected the following to three-year terms on the Council: Bob Coffey '75, Blair; Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen, Blair; David R. Larsen '60, Gretna, Nebraska; Arlyce (Fuchs '61) Olsen, Omaha; and Glenn Schacht '70, Sioux City, Iowa. Coffey, Jepsen and Schacht are entering their second, and final, terms on the Council. Olsen and Larsen have served as members-at-large for two years. Elected members can serve two three-year terms.

Other Council members for 1996-97 are Kevin Johnson '83, Omaha, immediate past president; Jerry Christensen '82, Blair; Bonnie (Nelson '65) Jensen, Blair; Andrew Johnson '83, Cambridge, Iowa; Kathy (Nielsen '55) Leistad, Elk Horn, Iowa; Shawn Lorenzen '91, Omaha; Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, Omaha; and Anita (Woodward '91) Morse, Kearney, Nebraska. ○

## Four graduates perform in Omaha production of *Grapes of Wrath*

Three Dana graduates provided music for the recent Omaha Community Playhouse production of *Grapes of Wrath*, and a fourth was a member of the cast.

As musical director, Barry Anderson '73 selected traditional music from the early 1930s for the production and also wrote some original music. Anderson, Ryle Smith '73 and Richard Zion '70 formed half the ensemble that played for the 25 performances—Anderson and Smith played guitar, and Zion, bass and banjo.

Reports Zion: "It was great ... We got to visit a lot and catch up on old and new times. Brian Barratt '83 was also in the cast [as Noah] ..., so we did a fair amount of Dana blabbing."

# Commencement Weekend honors retiring professor, Blair couple, graduates, a Dana family and alumni

One hundred and fifteen seniors received their bachelor's degrees at Commencement on Sunday, May 19. A retiring faculty member was given emeritus status, a Blair couple received the College-Community Service Award, and graduates were recognized for academic achievement. An 80-year-old Blair woman was also recognized as probably the oldest person to receive a degree from Dana.

○ **Shirley McAllister '69**, a member of the Education Department who has taught at Dana since 1981, was named Professor Emeritus of Education and Psychology. President Christopherson said of her retirement, "She will definitely be missed. She has helped build a leading special education program and her students excel in their fields. We're happy to have such a fine legacy on which to build."

○ **Tom and Janice '72 Lippincott** received the 1996 College-Community Service Award, Dana's highest nonacademic honor. The couple, longtime residents of Blair, were cited for their support of and involvement in many college and community activities. Tom Lippincott, president, chief executive officer, and owner of Nebraska-Iowa Supply Co., Inc., is a member of the Dana Board of Regents. He is involved in a variety of local, state and national organizations. Janice Lippincott, vice president in charge of special projects at Nebraska-Iowa Supply, is a former teacher and businesswoman. For the past 12 years she has led a weekly Bible study group in her home, and she is past president and treasurer of First

Lutheran Church Women. She, too, is a member of many community organizations. She is also an active member of the Dana Women's Club.

○ Forty-six graduates received their degrees with honors: *Summa cum laude*—B.A., **Karen Bertram** (North Platte, Nebr.), **Denise Daubendiek** (Beatrice, Nebr.), **Erin Foulkes** (Anita, Iowa), **Kelly Paper** (Missouri Valley, Iowa), **Kaci Solt** (Ballwin, Mo.), **Ingrid Westhoff** (Rudkobing, Langeland, Denmark), **Heather Witte-Heun** (Norfolk, Nebr.); B.S., **Cathy Ferrone** (Blair), **Mary LeFave** (Ute, Iowa). *Magna cum laude*—B.A., **Chad Foust** (Bellwood, Nebr.), **Wendy Gunderson** (Blair), **Erik Jensen** (Blair), **Ginger Jensen** (Blair), **Lorraine Johnson** (Bennington, Nebr.), **Rhonda Lane**



*At Commencement, clockwise: Professor Emeritus Shirley McAllister is congratulated by Dr. Bernard Matthies (left), professor of psychology and education, and by President Christopherson.*

*College-Community Service Award recipients Janice and Tom Lippincott.*

*Three graduates shared honors as valedictorians: from left—Mary LeFave of Ute, Iowa, with a major in biology; Kelly Paper of Missouri Valley, Iowa, with majors in accounting, finance, information management, and management and organizational behavior; and Ingrid Westhoff of Rudkobing, Langeland, Denmark, with majors in German and Spanish. Chad Foust (right), a biology major from Bellwood, Nebraska, was chosen by his classmates to give the message from the Class of 1996.*



(Lyons, Nebr.), **Nathan Larsen** (Walnut, Iowa), **Mary Maus** (Lindenhurst, N.Y.), **Brenda Mechels** (Burns, Wyo.), **Angela Melby** (Moorhead, Iowa), **Nola Millett** (Blair), **Debi Moore** (Bellwood, Nebr.), **Jeffrey Rademacher** (Saskatchewan, Canada), **Melanie Richter** (Mondamin, Iowa), **Benjamin Sweers** (Britt, Iowa), **Jodi Sweers** (Forest City, Iowa), **Michael Tupa** (Rolla, N.D.), **Karen Wescott** (Valentine, Nebr.), **Julie Ann White** (Missouri Valley, Iowa); B.S., **Donna Hladky** (Tekamah, Nebr.). *Cum laude*—B.A., **Amy Beebout** (Valentine, Nebr.), **Paula Cultice** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Sherry DeForest** (Woodbine, Iowa), **Kelly Harris-Wilson** (Council Bluffs, Iowa), **Cecelia Haynes** (Walnut, Iowa), **Brent**

**Johnson** (Denison, Iowa), **Jennifer Johnson** (Gilman, Iowa), **Terra Keiser** (Oakland, Iowa), **Stephanie Knobbe** (West Point, Nebr.), **Kimberly Lilly** (Woodbine, Iowa), **Jean Mitchell** (Logan, Iowa), **Michelle Rorebeck** (Council Bluffs, Iowa), **Kristine Ross Miller** (Omaha), **Aune Shilongo** (Windhoek, Namibia), **Darren Tooley** (Walnut, Iowa); B.S., **Jeff Lutt** (Great Bend, Kans.), **Eleanor Buchardt** (Blair).

○ At the Recognition Dinner the Saturday before Commencement, **Muriel (Mrs. Lloyd) Neve** was named an Honorary Alumna in recognition of her devotion to Dana and as thanks for her many contributions to the campus community. **Arden Dorn '63** and **Lloyd Neve D'45 T'47** were

named Distinguished Alumni (see spring *Review*).

○ Fifteen graduates received Campus Service Awards at the Recognition Dinner: **Tami Ahrendt** (Lincoln, Nebr.), **Marcus Albers** (Dubuque, Iowa), **Amy Beebout** (Valentine, Nebr.), **Karen Bertram** (North Platte, Nebr.), **Michele Bristol** (Waco, Nebr.), **Austin Brown** (Omaha), **Paula Cultice** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Chad Foust** (Bellwood, Nebr.), **Mary LeFave** (Ute, Iowa), **Shannon LeFave** (Yamhill, Ore.), **Mary Maus** (Lindenhurst, N.Y.), **Jeff Rademacher** (Saskatchewan, Canada), **Aune Shilongo** (Windhoek, Namibia), **Kaci Solt** (Ballwin, Mo.) and **Stephenie Wilson** (Cedar Rapids, Iowa). ○

### *Neve family honored*

*At the Builders Luncheon the Saturday before Commencement, members of the A.V. and Dora Christine Neve family were honored as a Distinguished Family of Dana College. From left, seated, are the five Neve sons—Ried D'48 T'51 (Omaha), Lloyd D'45 T'47 (Blair), Alton '43 (Albert Lea, Minn.), Paul '41 (Blair), Aster D'37 T'44 (St. Paul, Minn.); second row, Elizabeth Pierce (St. Joseph, Mo.), Sarah Pierce '99 (St. Joseph, Mo.), Juel (Neve '71) Pierce (St. Joseph, Mo.), Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve (Omaha), Andrea (Neve '81) Dahl (Minneapolis, Minn.), Rachael Neve '74 (Belmont, Mass.), Muriel Neve, 1996 Honorary Alumna (Blair), Ruth Neve (St. Paul, Minn.), Lois Neve (Watertown, Mass.), Mary Neve '85 (Sunnyvale, Calif.), Grace (Neve) Gee (Superior, Wisc.); third row, Jim Pierce '71 (St. Joseph, Mo.), Leif Neve '77 (Bethesda, Md.), Kaj Neve '73 (New York, N.Y.), Kim Neve '79 (Portland, Ore.), David Neve (Des Moines, Iowa).*



### *Oldest graduate . . .*

*Margaret Hansen of Blair, who received a B.S. in English at the age of 80, is believed to be the oldest person ever to receive a degree from Dana. As a young woman she attended Wayne State and the University of California, Berkeley. Although marriage and children interrupted her education, after a few years she returned to the classroom to take courses for personal enrichment. When another 25 years passed, her children encouraged her to find out how close she was to a degree. She subsequently enrolled at Dana to take the few credit hours she still needed.*

# Baseball, softball, track have strong seasons

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

## Baseball

Dana zoomed to the top of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) early in the season and refused to buckle in claiming the outright NIAC championship as part of a 32-19 season.

The Vikings went 17-3 in the conference, including three wins in four games in the final series of the year against Hastings, denying the Broncos their fifth straight league pennant and giving Dana its first NIAC title since 1987. All told, Dana has now won 11 NIAC

championships.

The conference crown gave Dana a bid in the NAIA Great Plains regional tournament in Salina, Kansas, in mid-May. The Vikings stunned 24th-ranked Northeastern State (Okla.), 16-8, in the first round before losses to Friends (Kans.) and Northeastern State in a rematch eliminated the Vikings from the double-elimination tournament.

After finishing March with a 9-9 record, the Vikings went on a tear in April. Dana won 15 of 16 at one point with the only loss to NCAA Division I Creighton and went 17-6 for the month, including 12-2 in NIAC games. The Vikings swept Midland Lutheran, Concordia-Seward and Northwestern (Iowa) in league play, and no NIAC team won more than a single game against Dana, which also picked up a big nonconference win late in the year, stopping 25th-ranked Rockhurst (Mo.).

Dana dominated the post-season NIAC honors with six first-team all-conference selections as well as the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year. Senior Matt Rega (if, W. Palm Beach, Fla.) led the Vikings' All-NIAC

first-teamers as the league's top player, and he was joined on the elite unit by seniors Cliff Kay (dh, La Marque, Tex.), Scott Shannon (if, Omaha) and Mike Tupa (p, Rolla, N.D.) and juniors Mike Gerson (if, Alameda, Calif.) and Lee Heimes (of, Hartington, Nebr.). Rega and Gerson were also named to the Great Plains all-region team. Viking Head Coach Paul Davis shared NIAC Coach of the Year honors with Rich Russo of runner-up Nebraska Wesleyan.

It was a record-setting year for the Dana baseball squad and several individuals. The Vikings established new team records for wins in a season, conference wins in a season, games played, runs scored, at-bats, stolen bases, walks and triples. Rega became Dana's all-time leader for career hits and games played, and Gerson set school marks for hits and RBIs in a season and tied the single-season home run record.

**Final NIAC Baseball Standings:** Dana 17-3, Nebraska Wesleyan 15-7, Hastings 14-8, Midland 9-8, Northwestern 10-10, Doane 8-14, Concordia 0-23.

## Softball

There was little indication early in the year that the softball team was capable of competing for the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship. But not only were the Vikings in the thick of the league race, they tied Northwestern (Iowa) for the NIAC title for the second time in three seasons and kept alive Dana's streak of never finishing lower than second in the NIAC softball race.

Dana, which has now won eight NIAC softball pennants, went 15-3 in conference games and 25-25 overall, quite a recovery for a team that was 6-17 at the end of March and 11-22 in mid-April. But that was before the Vikings turned things around with a school-record 12-game winning streak, all in important NIAC play.

Included in the 12-game romp

was a second consecutive six-game sweep of league rivals in the NIAC round-robin tournament. Dana and Northwestern went into a season-ending doubleheader tied for the top spot in the conference, and that is how the race ended as the Vikings and Raiders split their final twin bill. Dana and Northwestern also shared the NIAC title in 1994 when Dana went to the NAIA national tournament.

The Vikings were the top seed in the NIAC post-season tournament but no one could stop a red-hot Northwestern team that ran roughshod through the meet. Dana beat Concordia-Seward before losses to the Raiders, and Hastings knocked them from the tourney to end the season.

Dana placed five players on the All-NIAC first-team for softball, including a pair of four-time selections in seniors Michelle Mundt (p, Omaha) and Karri Roberts (c, Littleton, Colo.). Roberts was also honored as the Co-Player of the Year in the league, an honor she shared with Northwestern's Melanie Mason, and she was tabbed for the Great Plains all-region team, too. Fellow seniors Diana Da Valle (if, Ontario, Calif.) and Melinda Martinez (dp, Chino, Calif.) and junior Amy Croughwell (of, Salem, Ore.) were also chosen for the all-conference first unit.

Roberts finished her career as Dana's all-time leader in career hits and games played and Mundt, returning for her senior year after a three-season hiatus, broke career marks for innings pitched, starts and complete games.

**Final NIAC Softball Standings:** Dana 15-3, Northwestern 15-3, Hastings 12-6, Doane 7-11, Concordia 6-12, Midland 6-12, Nebraska Wesleyan 2-16.

## Track

Dana continued to build an ever-growing presence in track and field at the conference and national levels this spring with a strong season that

included three All-American performances at the NAIA Track & Field Championships in May.

The Viking men's team placed 31st at the national meet and had two All-Americans in sophomore Ben Sandy (Newcastle, Wyo.) and freshman Matt Poulter (Essex, Iowa). Both placed in the top six of the men's marathon at the national meet in Marietta, Georgia—Sandy placed fourth and Poulter sixth. It marked the first time that a Dana team has had two NAIA All-Americans in the same sport in a given season.

Dana's women's team finished 36th in the national team standings with junior Sandy Smith (Superior, Nebr.) repeating as an All-American in the marathon, placing sixth for a second straight year. In doing so, she became Dana's first two-time NAIA All-American.

Those three individuals were automatic national meet qualifiers for the Vikings, as was sophomore Anna Hovde (Gillette, Wyo.), who placed eighth in the women's marathon to add a team point to Dana's total. Dana also took three women and two men to the NAIA Championships as optional, or at-large, entrants. Sophomore Andrea Spreen (Elkader, Iowa) placed ninth in the women's javelin throw while junior Nichol Buenning (Parkston, S.D.) and first-year runner Amanda Buttry (Shenandoah, Iowa) both advanced to the semi-finals of the women's 800-meter run.

Sophomore Ryan Jacobsen (Elk Horn, Iowa) competed in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and another sophomore, Max Grady (Dunlap, Iowa), ran the 800 meters for the Dana men at nationals.

At the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) Championships, Sandy was a double-event champion for Dana to help the Viking men to a fifth-place tie with Hastings in the team race. Freshman Bryan Soukup (Seward, Nebr.) was a conference runner-up in the pole vault for the Dana men, while Spreen paced the Dana women, seventh in the team standings, with a third-place effort in the javelin. ○

## Grappendorf makes transition from student player to coach

The route from college student-athlete to college coach is a common one—many head coaches at the collegiate level have competitive careers in their backgrounds.

But few have made the transition as quickly and as smoothly as Dana's Kris Grappendorf, who is preparing for her third season as head coach of the Viking women's basketball program. In fact, the gap between her career as a Dana student-athlete and as a Dana head coach was so abbreviated that the 1996-97 women's team at Dana will be the first she has coached that does not include a former teammate. So it goes, as one of the youngest collegiate head coaches in the country.

Grappendorf played guard at Dana for Coach Kathy Foley between 1989 and 1993 and was a member of two Viking teams that advanced within one game of the NAIA Division II national tournament. She ranks second all-time in individual scoring at Dana with 1,233 career points, trailing only Katie Corbitt '92 (1,520 points between 1988 and 1992) in that category. Grappendorf's name dots the Dana women's basketball record book repeatedly and she holds every school record for assists. She was also an NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-American.

Although the calendar says just over three years have elapsed since her career ended in an NAIA district championship game in 1993, Grappendorf is well aware that her playing days are far behind as she works to push Dana to the top of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

"This is the first time I won't be coaching someone I played with, so the ties to my playing days are few now," Grappendorf said. "Looking back, I think it went fine having former teammates on a team I was coaching. We didn't really have any problems with it. I had to separate being the coach from being their

teammate and once it was clear to everyone that the separation was made, I don't think too many people gave it much thought."

Grappendorf also faced another challenge in her first year as head coach—the 1994-95 season. Younger sister Heidi was a senior and was expected to carry the load for the Vikings on the court. She did, leading the NIAC in scoring for a second straight year while earning third-team

All-American honors. Coach Grappendorf is glad her sister lived up to expectations.

"It helped in that situation that Heidi was supposed to be the best player on the team who would do a lot for us," explained Kris. "If she hadn't been such a dominant player it might have been harder to justify her role, but no one could really argue with the way I geared things around her. Being my sister was not a factor in all that she did for our basketball team."

Grappendorf's first two teams at Dana have been competitive, finishing with overall records of 13-13 and 13-14. The foundation is in place, she says, to build the type of program she desires.

"We've gotten off to a good start in building and moving the program to the top of the



Kris Grappendorf

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# College sponsors estate planning seminars-- alumni and friends are invited to participate

by Jim Jorgensen '66,  
Director of Planned Giving

Very recently, I read an astounding statistic. Last year, 70.2 percent of Americans over 65

died without wills. For some reason or other, people are not planning their wills and estates, leaving that to others ... family and state courts.

Actually, everyone has a will ... either one they've drawn up ... or one the state automatically provides for them at death. The state's rules and regulations for people who die intestate (without a will) are inflexible and rigid—and may not match the individual's personal desires at all.

Why do most people fail to take care of something that is so important to their family? Maybe some of these excuses sound familiar: "I don't want to think about dying," "I'm too young," "I don't own very much property," "I just don't have (or want to take) the time right now."

Possibly the greatest inhibitor to proper estate planning is procrastination. Though no one likes to consider the realities of



Jim Jorgensen

death, it is probably more a lack of knowledge or the "when in doubt-do-nothing" attitude that contributes most to delay in arranging one's affairs in anticipation of death.

The primary objective of estate planning is to ensure that your wealth reaches the persons or organizations you intend for it to reach at the time and in the form you desire. The secondary objective is to plan the transfer so that it is subject to minimum taxes and other expenses.

To assist with the estate planning process, Dana College annually hosts several Estate Planning Seminars, using the services of two distinguished and highly regarded individuals as seminar leaders ... attorney Dave Nielsen and the Rev. Keith Nelson. Dana alumni and friends may

*"David Nielsen does an absolutely magnificent job of clearing away the confusion about inheritance laws."*

The Rev. Alton Schwandt  
Lincoln, Nebraska

attend these seminars without cost or special obligation for them to work with either seminar leader or to include Dana College in their estate plans. The events are purely educational and social in nature. Not surprisingly, however, many



Dave Nielsen

seminar participants are charitably minded and often choose to include Dana College, and other charities, in their estate plans, but that is

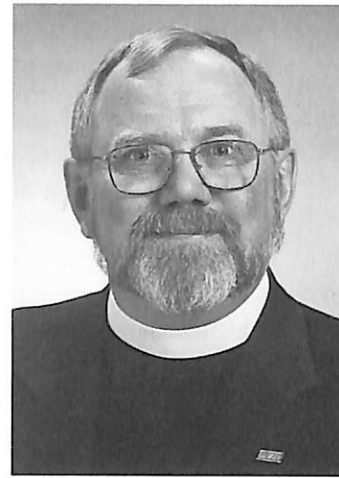
entirely their own choice.

**Dave Nielsen Estate Planning Seminars.** Dave Nielsen, recognized as one of the foremost estate planning attorneys in the Midwest, has conducted over 70 estate planning seminars for colleges and universities throughout the nation. He is known for his rare ability to explain estate planning concepts in clear and concise terms. Mr. Nielsen has an undergraduate degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a juris doctor degree from Creighton University. He currently serves as vice president and general counsel for Bethpage Mission, Inc., while continuing to be associated with the law firm of McGrath, North,

Mullin & Kratz, P.C., in Omaha. Dave Nielsen's "immersion seminars" typically are weekend events that begin Friday night and end Sunday noon. The emphasis throughout the weekend is on fellowship, good stewardship and

the development of an effective estate plan. Many of the techniques he discusses relate to tax-wise giving and are more applicable to estates in excess of \$600,000. President and Mrs. Christopherson host these seminars, which ideally include five-to-ten couples and singles. These numbers allow for individual planning sessions with Mr. Nielsen. The next Dave Nielsen Estate Planning Seminar is scheduled for October 18-20.

Giving Services and the ELCA Foundation Representative - Nebraska Synod, has specialized in planned giving since 1982. He represents Dana and other agencies and institutions of the ELCA Nebraska Synod. Previously pastor to congregations in Michigan and Illinois, the Rev.



Keith Nelson

income, major tax savings and immediate satisfaction. The Dana College Alumni Council recently hosted a Keith Nelson Estate Planning Seminar on campus, coordinating it

*"Keith Nelson did a great job of getting loads of important information to us."*

Jennifer Jensen '82  
Omaha

Nelson was educated at Augustana College (Rock Island, Ill.) and the Lutheran School of Theology (Chicago).

The Rev. Nelson has presented Wills, Estates and Gift Planning Workshops to 194 congregations. In his two-hour seminar, he talks about the importance of wills and trusts, showing how informed estate planning can lower the cost of estate settlements, federal and state taxes and inheritance taxes. He also explains how deferred gifts can produce increased

with a dinner and Dana's spring theater production. Keith Nelson has served as seminar leader at other Dana functions as well. His next on-campus seminar is scheduled for Friday afternoon of Homecoming, October 4. Further information will be forthcoming in the Dana Homecoming mailing.

Please contact the Office of Planned Giving if you would like to be invited to participate in one of these seminars. ○

**Rev. Keith Nelson Estate Planning Seminars.** The Rev. Keith Nelson, president of Planned

## *Coach to basketball alumnae: "Support program"*

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conference," Grappendorf said. "That's where we want to be, because being a competitor for our conference championship every year makes us an automatic contender for the NAIA Top 25 and the national tournament. We were a little better than our record showed last year, I thought, and I was pleased that we played a lot of good teams close, even though we didn't always beat them."

Grappendorf graduated from Dana in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and served as an assistant coach to Foley for one year before assuming the women's basketball head

coaching job in the summer of 1994. This fall will mark another big change in Grappendorf's involvement with Dana as she'll join the faculty as an instructor in the physical education department. She's completing her studies for a master's degree in exercise science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha this summer.

As a women's basketball alumna of Dana, Grappendorf hopes other former players will take notice of the developing Viking women's program, support it, and get involved.

"I hope to get an alumnae game rolling so we can have one like the men's program does each year," Grappendorf commented. "That's a good way to maintain contact with alumnae and also give them a chance to get to know current players. Most of all, I would just ask that our women's basketball alumnae support us and get involved however they can. If we keep them aware of our program I think we'll see more and more who are in the area coming to our games and being a part of the program. That's what we want."○

# Student Development Office goals help students

*This article was co-written by Sandra Wigdahl and Burke Petersen '81. Both work in Dana's Office of Public Relations, Petersen as director and Wigdahl as administrative assistant.*

When Dana's Office of Student Services became the Office of Student Development in 1993, it was more than a name change. The focus changed from just rendering services to students to enhancing their all-around educational experience and their development as members of society.

"Most college students spend only 25- to 30-percent of their time engaging in activities directly related to academics, such as class attendance, research, and studying," said Dr. Dan Travaille, vice president for student development. "The Student Development Office addresses the other 70- to 75-percent of a student's time. One of our primary functions is to help in the social and emotional development of the student."

According to Travaille, when the office was known as Student Services, it focused its attention on offering services to the students—housing, security, health care, and student activities among other things. The change to Student Development came as a result of a movement across the country also to focus on the educational aspects of dealing with the out-of-classroom part of campus life.

"When I became dean of

students in 1985, the office consisted of three professionals—me, a part-time secretary, and a part-time nurse. All the others were students—student resident assistants and head residents," said Travaille.

Through attending workshops, study, and contacting student services offices at other colleges, Travaille found that Dana was far behind similar institutions in the area of student services. After his first year of "learning on the job," Travaille began the process of adding programs and



*Paulette Alderink (left) and Heidi Gerth '97 discuss arrangements for an upcoming event. Alderink, a member of the Student Development staff, is director of student activities. Gerth assisted her this past year as student activities coordinator, a work-study position.*

increasing staff, taking on new responsibilities each year.

Travaille said, "We tried to be both innovative and proactive, being more attentive to the needs of students and what it was going to take to just 'get things under control.' Many of the services initiated during the first six or seven years have since been assumed by other areas at Dana.

Who is in charge is not as important as making certain that the needs are being met."

According to Travaille, as some of the problems were resolved and Dana began to catch up to other institutions in providing services, the office was able to shift its attention from problem solving to being educational in its approach to student development.

Kevin Schaudt, dean for student life at Dana, feels the new emphasis on education really benefits the students, particularly as he seeks to create a true living-learning atmosphere within the residence halls.

"We're now to the point where we can offer an educational program each and every week outside the classroom, in either the residence halls or the Campus Center," said Schaudt. "The topics include such daily issues for students as relationships, alcohol education, wellness, and stress management, as well as practical matters such as income tax preparation, how to buy a used car, and everything in between. We engage speakers from the Blair community and Omaha—all at no cost to students."

Student leadership has also become a priority, according to Schaudt. Dana offers leadership workshops and retreats to all students, and encourages students to solve problems through their own advocate organizations and to initiate activities on their own. Student Development wants more student involvement in the area of leadership, Schaudt said.

But what about fun? That's where Paulette Alderink, Dana's director of student activities, comes in. She's in charge of planning activities and events for

students. Skiing, shopping in Omaha, and going to movies, plays, concerts, games, and performances by comedians and magicians are only a few of the activities students have enjoyed this year.

Alderink, too, feels that education can play a part—even in the fun things. “Sure, the events should be fun,” she said, “but I also think many of them can be informative. After all, not everything a person will learn at college is found in a book. People can also benefit from being around other people.”

Alderink also encourages

student involvement in planning the fun. “I think this is a great opportunity for students to get involved. Many events arranged are as a direct result of suggestions made by students. It’s a true opportunity for people to learn by doing.”

All the changes have had a positive effect on the way Dana students feel about the college. Use of a national satisfaction inventory the past two years has allowed Dana to compare itself with colleges of similar size and type. When Dana students’ degree of satisfaction with campus life was

compared with the national norm, the results for 1995 showed nearly a 40 percent increase in positive responses, as compared with the results from the 1994 survey. In 1995, in 69 out of 73 categories, Dana students’ degree of satisfaction was equal to or better than the degree of satisfaction expressed by students at other colleges.

The Office of Student Development at Dana not only provides for the physical needs of students, it also teaches them skills and gives them experiences that prepare them for life after college. ○

## 1945: A freshman comes to Dana

*Carol (Mengers '49) Johnson of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, and president of the Chicago Dana Club, wrote the following essay in 1945 for a freshman composition class taught by Prof. Nellie Falk. In a letter to the Dana Review that enclosed the essay, she wrote, "I can't match my grandfather's saving ways [referring to the extensive Hansen-Mengers Collection in the Dana Archives], but I do have a few letters I wrote to my parents from college my freshman year—the next year my folks, Ethan and Catherine Mengers, moved to Blair and I stayed home. . . . The last sentence of my essay is very prophetic." Carol's parents were also alumni; their move to Blair came when her father joined the faculty of Trinity Seminary and Dana. The brothers she refers to in her essay are Paul '50, Gerhardt '52, and Gunnar '55.*

**T**he train chugged on. I sighed wearily and changed my position on the uncomfortable chair. Surely we must soon be getting to Blair. I stared out of the window at the landscape rushing past, and then, as we rounded a curve I saw it! Old Main. I looked at it eagerly. What would this college mean to me in the next year? In the years to come? Joyfully I gathered my belongings together and prepared to leave the car.

My traveling companion and I were both new to Dana. We drove up the hill in the taxicab with a girl we had just met who was bound for the same destination. She chatted with the cab driver with the easy familiarity of a

sophomore who knew her way around. As she stepped from the cab she was greeted on all sides. “Hi Faye!” a voice called from the girls’ dorm. “It’s sure nice to see you back.” “O Faye, you did come back. Say, did you know Joy is here this year?” “Is she! Swell. All the old gang.” The two old friends jabbered excitedly, their conversation dotted with exclamation points. Helen and I looked at each other. Anyway, both of us had that same empty feeling.

After I had eaten a good chicken dinner and met my roommate, I began to feel better. That afternoon was spent in unpacking my trunk and fixing up my room. College life is going to be fun, I thought, as together my roommate and I decorated and furnished our room in a yellow pattern of drapes, rugs, and bedspreads.

But after that was finished and supper was eaten, there was nothing more to do. My thoughts turned toward home. Were my folks thinking of me, missing me just a little bit? My brothers would probably first regret my absence when they had to do the dishes alone. Did Cookie, our doggie, feel that it was strange when I drove away in the cab and didn’t come back with the rest of the family?

I was beginning to feel homesick when my roommate came in.

“Come on, Carol. A bunch of us are going downtown to see the show.”

A group of us walked down the

## Regents approve memorial fund

**F**amilies of deceased alumni and friends of the college often designate Dana as the recipient of memorial gifts. This past fiscal year, for example, the college received approximately 300 gifts in memory of 49 individuals.

In recognition of the growing number of memorial gifts the college receives, the Board of Regents has approved establishing a Dana College Memorial Fund to benefit Dana students in various ways. Unless a memorial gift is otherwise designated for a particular purpose, it will become a part of the Memorial Fund.

Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement, expresses his appreciation to alumni and friends who remember Dana through memorial gifts. “These gifts affirm the future by helping our students, and they’re a fitting tribute to alumni and friends who supported Dana in their lifetimes.”

hill, merrily singing and talking. My homesickness had vanished. Old Main, softly caressed by the last gleams of the setting sun, told my heart that Dana and its spirit had become a part of me for all the years to come. ○

## '90s

○*Tami Ahrendt '96* is director/manager this summer at Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ashland.  
○*James Anderson '96*, Lincoln, Nebraska, is a sales representative for Medline Industries.  
○*Mark Andrews '96* has an internship at radio station KHUB in Fremont, Nebraska.  
○*Karen Bertram '96* is an accountant at Acceptance Insurance Co. in Omaha.  
○*Michele Bristol '96* is a summer camp counselor for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Texas.

○*Jeanne Brockman '96* is a family support worker at Visinet in Omaha.

○*Eleanor Buchardt '96* is co-manager at the Hospital Auxiliary Closet in Blair.

○*Paula Cultice '96* and *Pat Forck '96* were married on May 18.

○*Wade Daggett '96* is a salesman at Woodhouse Chrysler in Blair.

○*Denise Daubendiek '96* is an admissions counselor at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska.

○*Erik Einertson '96* works in special projects for Expeditors International in Chicago.

○*Cathy Ferrone '96* is an accountant/analyst at Mutual of Omaha in Omaha.

○*Erin Foulkes-Rega '96* works in sales at Borsheim's Jewelry in Omaha.

○*Chad Foust '96* works in the aquarium at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha.

○This fall *Wendy Gunderson '96*, Blair, will enter the physician's assistant graduate program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

○*Cecelia Haynes '96* is an account executive at Cellular One in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○*Donna Hladky '96*, Tekamah, Nebraska, is a tax preparer for H & R Block and a bookkeeper for Larry's Body Shop and Robertson Real Estate.

○*Tom Jenson '96* will teach special education this fall in the Omaha Public Schools.

○This fall *Brent Johnson '96* will teach art in the Harlan, Iowa, Community Schools.

○*Jennifer Johnson '96* is a production coordinator for the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

○*Jeremy Johnson '96* is a team leader at Cooper Village in Omaha.

○*Manuel Johnson '96* plays on a professional football team in Sheffield,

England.

○*Kara Koehler '96* has entered the medical technology program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

○*Stephanie Knobbe '96* is a family therapist at Iowa Family Networks; she is also working on a master's degree in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○*Nathan Larsen '96* is a marketing representative at John Hancock Financial Services in Omaha.

○*Shannon LeFave '96* will teach science this fall in the Dëshler, Nebraska, Public Schools.

○*Jennifer Loach '96* will be a physical education teacher this fall in the Omaha Public Schools.

○This fall *Danny Mattern '96* will teach mathematics and coach at Augusta, Kansas, High School.

○*Brenda Mechels '96* will teach mathematics this fall in the Council Bluffs school system.

○*Angela Melby '96* will teach mathematics this fall at Monroe Middle School for Omaha Public Schools.

○*Nola Millett '96* is director of social services at Plattsmouth Manor, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; she is also working on a master's degree in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○*Tim Misfeldt '96* is a residential adviser at Cooper Village in Omaha.

○*Jean Mitchell '96* is a graduate student in social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○*Debi Moore '96* is a day rehabilitation specialist at Community Alliance in Omaha.

○*Michelle Mundt '96*, Omaha, is a manager for Footlocker-Woolworth Corp.

○*Kelly Paper '96* is an accountant at Randall K. Koski, P.C., in Omaha.

○*Cory Peatrowsky '96* is assistant manager at C&K Enterprises/Pizza Hut in Blair.

○*Jeff Rademacher '96* is an announcer at KEZO-FM in Omaha.

○*Jason Shannon '96* is a sports intern at KETV in Omaha.

○*Kaci Solt '96* is studying dentistry at the School of Dentistry, the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

○*Leasa Stark '96* works at the Early Childhood Center in Crescent, Iowa.

○*Joe Stretch '96* is administrative director at New Direction Group Home in Rancho Cordova, California.

○*Ben Sweers '96* is studying veterinary medicine at Iowa State University.

○*Darren Tooley '96* is an account trainee at Nash Finch in Grand Island, Nebraska.

○*Tricia Wagner '96* is a family support

worker at Visinet in Omaha.

○This fall *Julie Ann White '96*, Missouri Valley, Iowa, will be the director of vocal and instrumental music at the West Harrison Community Schools.

○*Heather Austin '95* and David King were married on March 30 in Dana's Trinity Chapel.

○*M. Dale Mattern '95* graduated in June from the Wichita, Kansas, Police Academy.

○*Josephat Mwatotele '95* is working for the U.S. Embassy in Windhoek, Namibia.

○*Neil Drews '94* is an estimator and accountant for Wilson Concrete in Omaha.

○*Jackie and Christopher '94 Moore* of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announce the May 21 birth of Alexandria Rae. Her grandmother is Barbara Moore, administrative assistant in Dana's Office of Student Development.

○*Amy Barta '93* and Thomas Becker were married on January 6. She teaches and directs the theater and speech programs at Yutan (Nebr.) High School, where she has also founded a drug-free youth program. He teaches and directs the theater and speech programs at Emerson Hubard High School; he has a master's degree in acting from the University of South Carolina.

They met last summer at the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, where she was the assistant director and he was an actor.

○*Michael Lee* was born to Tammy and *Greg '93 Hansen* of Omaha on February 22. Greg is a special education teacher at North High School.

○*Sarah Martin '93* of Orlando, Florida, is director of social services at National Health Care, Merritt Island, Florida.

○*De Ette (Vittitoe '93) Pendland* has been promoted to inbound accounts manager at Idelman Telemarketing in Omaha. Her supervisor is *John Hollingsworth '88*.

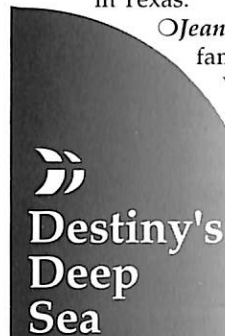
○*Lori Johnson '92* and Larry Tiarks were married on June 1. She continues to teach third grade in Shelby, Iowa, where she is also head coach for the high school volleyball team. He is vice president and manager of KSOM Radio in Atlantic, Iowa.

○*Jennifer Rose '92* and Jeffrey Woodward were married on March 30. They live in Omaha, where Jennifer has completed her third year of teaching fourth grade at St. Stephen The Martyr Catholic School and Jeffrey is an internal auditor at Mutual of Omaha.

## '80s

○Curtis James was born on April 4 to *Bob '89 and Ann (Leistad '87) Bolton* of Guthrie Center, Iowa.

○*Nathan Kramer '89* of Omaha has a new position at Creighton University, serving as facility services manager for the Skutt Student Center. He coordinates and

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reserves space in the Center for conferences, workshops, banquets, receptions and student activities.

○*Jerrod '89 and Jackie (Schultz) Lawrence* of Omaha announce the February 9 birth of their first child, Reigan Alexa.

○*Dr. Michael Moore '89* of Omaha has accepted a pediatric faculty position at the Creighton University Medical Association, in the Community Pediatric Section of the Ambulatory Division of Pediatrics. He is completing his final year of residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Creighton University as chief resident of pediatrics.

○*Jacob Lewis* was born on March 15 to *Karyn (Hillesland '89) and Larry '89 Overbeck* of Omaha. Larry reports that "big sister Rachel is a good little mommy."

○*Audrey (Miller '88) Kossayian* of Newtown, Pennsylvania, is director of special sales at Chelsea House Publishers in Philadelphia. She is in charge of international sales, rights agreements and supplying books, CD-ROMs and videos to channels outside of schools and to libraries.

○*Steve Meister '88* and *Karen Benton* were married last December 30. Steve, who is in his third year of medical school at the University of Minnesota, has been doing a nine-month rural rotation in Marshall, Minnesota. Karen is a former elementary education teacher who was nominated for Colorado Teacher of the Year in 1994-95; this past academic year she was a substitute teacher in the Marshall area.

○*Lisa (Hayne '88) and Craig '86 Swenson* are living in Winona, Minnesota. Lisa is assistant county attorney, and Craig is director of international admissions at St. Mary's University.

○*Todd Hinkle '87* is district manager for Expeditors International in St. Louis, Missouri.

○*David Bartels*, who received his teacher certification from Dana in the fall of 1986, has accepted the position of assistant headmaster and head of the Upper School at Brownell-Talbot in Omaha after two years as assistant principal at Crete (Nebr.) Junior/Senior High School. He received his B.A. in history, English, and German from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his M.S. in educational administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

○*David Iversen '86*, head of cataloging at Cowles Library, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, as a new Iowa academic librarian received a scholarship from the Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries to attend the ILA/ACRL spring conference.

○*Tom and Christi (Rose '85) McCartney* announce the October 30, 1995, birth of James Paul Thomas. He joins brother Logan Bradley Roth (9) and sister Heather Jo (4). Christi writes that she became a stay-at-home mom when James was born. Husband Tom is director of operations for Livingreen Companies in Omaha. They live at 3618 S. 91st St. in Omaha (68124).

○*Ruth Nielsen '85* of South Euclid, Ohio, is engaged to marry Dale J. Mortensen of Brook Park, Ohio. They are planning an October 5 wedding. Deaconess Ruth works at Hope Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights. Dale, a graduate of Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University, does research work for Nyma Inc., which contracts with NASA.

○*Landon Jaughn* was born on March 22 to *Phil '83 and Jill (Christensen '83) Sibole* of Omaha. He joins sister Hillery (3).

○*Rhonda Wellsandt-Zell '81* was ordained a Lutheran pastor on March 23 at Faith Lutheran Church, her home congregation in Talmage, Nebraska.

Alumni participating in her ordination included Pastors *Kathy Gerking '82* and *Sheryl Kester-Beyer '83* and lay assistant *Andrew Johnson '83*. On March 30 she was installed as pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Parish in Pierre, South Dakota, which she previously served as interim pastor.

## '70s

○*Patricia (Zabel '78) and Everett '75 Baltz* of North Platte, Nebraska, are the parents of Anna Wilhelmina Leisch Baltz. She was born July 26, 1995, and weighed 1 pound 14 ounces. She was baptized on April 7, 1996.

○*Cynthia Forde '76* is pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hempstead, Texas. In 1995 she received a doctor of ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Spiritual Direction.

## '60s

○*Jean (Reuter '69) Stippich* of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, is head nurse in the surgical department at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Deaths

○*Carolyn Scholl '69* of Des Moines, Iowa, on May 26, of cancer. Soon after graduating from Dana, she began working for the American Red Cross in Omaha as a consultant for Donor Resources Development. At the time of her death she was regional executive officer of the Red Cross's seven-state North Central Region headquartered in Des Moines. She served as an International Red Cross delegate and

traveled to Tanzania twice to work with that country's Red Cross Society. During Operation Desert Storm she was asked by National Red Cross headquarters to manage its staffing unit in Washington, D.C. Scholl was involved in community activities, serving as co-chair of social services for the State Legislative AIDS Task Force, as chair of community services for the Des Moines Rotary Club, and as vice president of the board of directors for the Willkie House, an inner city youth agency. In 1994 she was named a Distinguished Alumna of Dana College. Survivors include her mother Ruby of Anita, Iowa, and brother Richard '72 of Des Moines.

○*Clyde Bunten '61* of Blair on May 13. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service from 1961-69 and for the Ray Ryder accounting firm in Blair until 1988, when he started the Bunten Agency in Blair. Survivors include his wife Phyllis and daughter Tammy Royer '88.

○*Everett Christiansen '41* of Milwaukie, Oregon, on February 20. He was a retired employee of the City of Portland. Survivors include his wife Fern.

○*Earl Glarborg '41* of Aberdeen, Idaho, on February 11. He served in the U.S. Army from October 1941 through December 1945, first as a field artillery surveyor and later as a research technician for the Manhattan Project, working with mass spectrometers in developing the atomic bomb. After the war he worked as a physicist for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for several years before moving to Beresford, South Dakota, and then, in 1958, to Aberdeen, where he farmed. Although he retired in 1982, he continued to help his son Steve '73 on the farm. Other survivors include his wife Ethel (Jensen '39), son Jim and daughter Lois Marquette.

○*Harriett (Wilson '39) Campbell* of Blair on May 9 in Rancho Mirage, California. Survivors include her husband George and brother Bill '44.

○*Lily (Andersen '35) Gayhart* of Racine, Wisconsin, on May 1. She was a retired bookkeeper. Granddaughter Gretchen Lyn Gayhart wrote a poem for her eulogy, in which she thanked her grandmother "for listening, joking, forgiving, supporting, loving, / Helping, remembering, welcoming, knitting, holding ... / But above all for being yourself so humbly."

○*Jean Audrey Larson '34* of Faribault, Minnesota, on February 29. After graduating from Dana she taught vocal music and business education in Pender, Nebraska, and supervised the high school office training program in LeMars, Iowa. When she began losing her sight during

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her last two years in LeMars, she took training at the Iowa Center for the Blind. She then taught at the Minnesota Braille and Sight Saving School in Faribault, later known as the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind. After retiring she prepared materials in Braille for the American Bible Society, was active in her church, taught English to Cambodian refugees, and worked in many other organizations. Survivors include her sister, Shirley Spicknall '37 of Largo, Florida.

○ **Albert Andersen '32** of Albert Lea, Minnesota, on March 1.

○ **The Rev. Elmer Anderson T'32** of Hastings, Nebraska, on April 12.

He was also a 1926 graduate of Dana Academy. Anderson was pastor to congregations in Lindsay and Genoa, Nebraska, and in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Maine. He served as bishop for the Maine area of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church. During WWII he was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy, completing his service as a lieutenant commander. In Hastings he was chaplain

at Good Samaritan Village All Saints Chapel from 1969-75, when he retired. Survivors include brother A. Raymond of Selma, California, and nephews Ernie '59, Emory '61, Ronald '66, Allan '69 and Larry '71 Anderson.

○ **Niels Marius Hansen '20** of Mercer Island, Washington, on February 7. He was 100 years old. Hansen emigrated from Denmark in 1914 and attended the former Dana Academy. After graduating from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, he practiced family medicine in Iowa for 33 years. He was active in medical societies and for many years was on the staff, serving also as chief of staff, at Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. He retired in 1962 and lived for many years at Covenant Shores Retirement Home on Mercer Island, where he was active in helping build Mercer Island Covenant Church. Survivors include daughters Mary Ann Dawson and Pauline Lindberg, both of Mercer Island.

### Friends

○ **Erwin Goldenstein** of Lincoln,

Nebraska, on June 9. He was a former member and chairman of the Dana Board of Regents. President Christopherson, in notifying faculty and staff of Goldenstein's death, described Goldenstein and his wife, Pearl, as "wonderful friends of Dana and the ELCA." Goldenstein was a retired professor of education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

○ **Adolph Marking** of West Salem, Wisconsin, on April 7. He was the father of Anne Christopherson, wife of President Myrvin Christopherson.

○ **Irene Konz**, the mother of Kay Konz '79, on April 27. She is survived by her husband John and four sons and seven daughters.

○ **Carrie Schultz** of Seattle, Washington, on March 21. Survivors include three daughters—Alice Layman '53 of Billings, Montana, Margaret Wiges '59 of Mitchell, Nebraska, and Dorothy Bock '63 of Laramie, Wyoming; and three sons—Erling '55 of Omaha, Myril '59 of Seattle, and Holger Jr. '65 of Albuquerque, New Mexico. ○

## Former Regents chairman was also well-known humorist

**B**yrton J. Langenfeld '38, who served Dana for almost two decades, starting in 1950, as a member of the Board of Regents and as Board chairman for several years, died on March 10 in Racine, Wisconsin. He was 86.

He worked at Racine Hydraulics-Rexnord for approximately 30 years and was corporate secretary there when he retired in 1969. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Racine, where he had taught Sunday school and Bible classes.

Langenfeld was also a humorist who, for nearly 50 years, wrote gags for over 400 well-known cartoonists, including Peter Arno, Hank Ketchem and Chon Day. An article about his gagwriting, which Langenfeld called "not a career or a business or a hobby, but rather a release for an inner compulsion" appeared in

the Spring 1988 issue of the *Dana Review*. The article reported that "thousands of his gags had appeared in 995 publications," among them the *New Yorker*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Ladies Home Journal* and *Cosmopolitan*.

"There's no retirement from gagwriting," Langenfeld said in the article. "The humor calling pays no attention to clocks and calendars. I find it a most congenial occupation—and I must go on."

His survivors include his wife Mary (Jensen '36); sons and daughters-in-law Tom '57 and Marie (Hansen '60) of Edina, Minnesota, and Mark '70 and Lynn of Madison, Wisconsin; and daughter and son-in-law Janet '60 and Peter '58 Smith of Lake Forest, Illinois. ○

### Triplets!

**B**onnie and Gene Dollen '78 of Persia, Iowa, have become the parents of triplets—Hunter, Harrison and Hailey.

Gene writes, "On October 23, 1995, our family doubled in size from three to six!" The triplets have a brother, 18-month-old Nathan.

Gene is controller for Jim Hawk Group, Inc., in Council Bluffs, and Bonnie is a vascular technician at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha.

**Readers**—Do you have a musical instrument you no longer play?

Dana's Music Department is seeking donations of instruments for the Concert Band and for woodwind, brass, strings and percussion methods classes.

If you have an instrument in good condition that you'd like to donate, please call (402) 426-9000 and ask for extension 7346 or 7902.

When I came to Dana 35 years ago this fall, I had an interest in becoming a teacher or a pastor. I don't think earning money was a major motivation, but I suppose I went to college so that I could have a better life. Reports today suggest that the college graduate will earn a lifetime income of approximately \$600,000 more than the non-college graduate.

**While getting a better job and earning greater income will always be a motivating factor, I believe the real payoff is less quantifiable.** A college

education provides an enrichment that rarely comes without it.

Having spent 25 years at large, quality, public universities and now ten years at a small, quality, private college, I have a sense of which kind of institution best creates a love of learning. Of course, the tools and love of learning are not exclusive to one type of institution. However, I believe that the small,

private, liberal arts college environment is especially suited to occasion this love. My observation is that the faculty in such places find complete fulfillment in teaching. Students are taught by professors, most of whom have acquired the doctorate or other terminal degree (at Dana about three-fourths of our faculty have theirs), not by teaching assistants who are working part time while pursuing their degrees. Furthermore, the curriculum, the general education requirements, and campus life give special attention to the development of the whole person, including the spiritual and social as well as the intellectual and emotional dimensions. I believe colleges like Dana also are particularly well suited to raising the literacy level of every student. Let me illustrate.

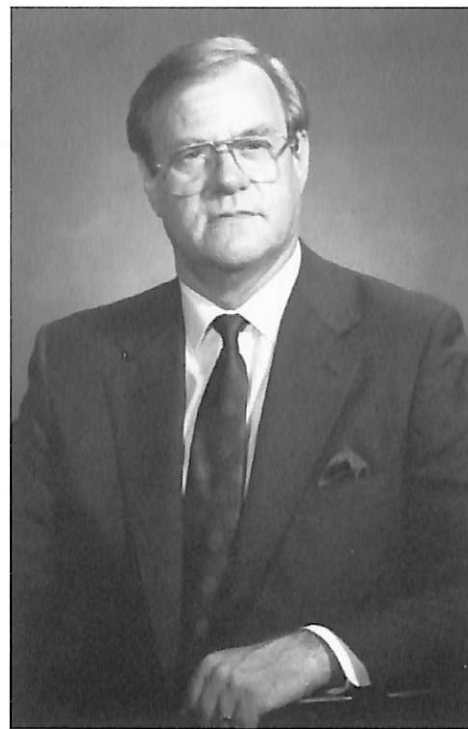
This year Dana College celebrates the fortieth anniversary of the introduction of the Liberal Arts Reading Program, affectionately known by Dana students as LARP. In the 40 years of LARP, 234 different books have been read and discussed by Dana faculty and students. Some books have been read two or more times. Each week students from throughout the college read selected classic or important contemporary works covering a range of subjects, sometimes related to a common theme. They discuss the readings in small groups led by a

member of the faculty. One week the discussion leader might be a chemistry or biology professor, the next a religion professor, and the third, an English or a physical education teacher.

**Think about the cumulative effect of having an entire community of scholars engaged in reading common works.** Consider the intellectual growth available to a faculty member who spends 20 or 30 years at a college and reads six to ten or more books each year from diverse fields and discusses them with colleagues from her own and other disciplines as well as with students from throughout the college. A faculty member who has been at Dana for ten years is likely to have read 60 to 70 important literary works, most of which I doubt would have been read outside of this program. The student who graduates from Dana is likely to have encountered 20, 30, or more serious literary works that perhaps only the student of literature would read at many other colleges.

When I was a Dana student, eight semesters of LARP were required, and the program was just under way when I began. Some of the books that I can remember reading include Homer's *The Odyssey*, George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*, James B. Conant's *Modern Science and Modern Man*, Charles Darwin's *The Origin of the Species*, Fyodor Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, Marx and Engels' *The Communist Manifesto*. That was the first year alone. The second year I read Schweitzer's *Out of My Life and Thought*, Freud's *Psychopathology of Everyday Life*, *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift, Dante's *The Inferno*, Voltaire's *Candide*, or *Optimism*, and Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*. And many more books were read the next two years.

Some of those books have made a permanent impression upon me. I'll never forget the impact reading Schweitzer had on my life. In his autobiography I encountered a master organist, organ builder and professor of theology. He seemed set for life. At age thirty his faith led him to want more from life, and he entered medical school in preparation for the mission field. Following graduation as a doctor, he felt called to French Equatorial Africa where he established a hospital among lepers. As Schweitzer put it, "I decided to let my life be my argument." I have never lost that thought. Much more important than earning an additional \$600,000 over the course of a lifetime is what one may gain from college that can lead to a career and a lifetime of service to others.



One of the features that makes Dana College such an exciting, dynamic and worthwhile community of learning is the Liberal Arts Reading Program. A complementary requirement of the LARP program in recent years has been to attend a number of fine arts, cultural and educational events such as concerts, lectures, plays and the like. The combined requirement of reading and attending such programs has an accumulative effect upon a student over the years of his or her college experience. LARP is but one way I believe Dana College creates a community of faith and learning. Required programs such as LARP help a student consider not only what can be learned but what can be done with the learning.

Dana graduates probably will earn much more over their lifetimes because they received a college education. But, more important, they may gain the courage to follow their convictions and, like Schweitzer, decide to let their lives be their argument, thereby putting faith and learning into action.

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

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President



**October 4-6**

**Reunions:** Men's Glee Club (1951-52 through 1954-55) ○ 1961 European Tour Choir ○ Classes of 1946, '56, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91.

**Friday:** Estate planning seminar ○ Celebration of 40 years of LARP with faculty, staff, professors emeriti/ buffet with variety of hors d'oeuvres ○ Volleyball game ○ Coronation of Homecoming queen and king ○ Pep rally.

**Saturday:** Hot air balloon rally ○ Aebleskiver breakfast ○ Golf tournament ○ Fun Run ○ Varsity-alumni basketball scrimmage ○ Golf cart parade ○ Prof. Roger Olson, "Athletics and Academics: Keeping 'Student' in the NAIA 'Student/Athlete'" ○ Choir reunion ○ Homecoming brunch and awards ceremony for Outstanding Young Alumna Sharon Lockridge '84 and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Bill Bussey '86 and Rick Rostan '79 ○ Football game ○ Post-game reception honoring U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 ○ Reunions ○ Homecoming dance.

**Sunday:** Reunion performance by Men's Glee Club ○ Worship service, a Festival of Remembrance celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church ○ Oldtimers' baseball game ○ Brunch ○ Naming of Dana Archives in honor of John W. and Elizabeth (Solevad) Nielsen with reception.

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

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