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The south entrance of the Dana Classroom Center seen from the second floor dining room of the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. The walk to and from these buildings is a daily one for most Dana students.
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Commencement Weekend celebrates graduates, Dana Builders and two Distinguished Alumni

One hundred and twenty-one graduates will receive their bachelor's degrees at Commencement on Sunday, May 18. The 1 p.m. ceremony will be preceded by a 10 a.m. Baccalaureate service. Both will be held in Borup Coliseum.

Two other traditional events will be held the day before. The first is the noontime Builders Luncheon that honors alumni and friends who have included Dana in their estate plans. The other is

the 6:30 p.m. Recognition Dinner that honors graduating seniors. Campus Service Awards and two Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at the dinner.

This year's Distinguished Alumni are Dr. Arthur Pedersen '45, a physician who lives in Gaffney, South Carolina, and Carol Wood '73, president and chief executive officer at Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Arthur Pedersen. Pedersen, who grew up in Blair and was a pre-med student at Dana, received his B.S. and doctor's degree in medicine from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. He completed his M.D. in 1947 and was a self-employed general practitioner in Council Bluffs from 1948 to late 1971. In Council Bluffs he also served as chief of the medical staff at Jennie Edmundson Hospital.

In 1971 Pedersen changed to emergency medicine, a very new

field at the time, and he and his family moved to South Carolina. He writes, "My first day at Gaston Memorial Hospital started with a three- or four-word welcome from

the head nurse, and then I immediately had to repair a very large laceration on a woman."

For the next 20 years Pedersen practiced emergency medicine at several hospitals in Alabama and the Carolinas. He also served as chief of the medical staff at Cherokee Memorial

Hospital in Gaffney. In late 1991 he retired because, he writes, "I felt I was getting too old to work 24-hour shifts in an emergency room every other day." About six weeks later, however, he was recruited by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health to be a part-time physician at a mental health center. He continues to work there, seeing as many as 25-30 patients daily, three or four days a week.

He and his wife, Mary (Jensen '46), have two daughters, Barbara and Nancy, and two sons, William and Ben.

For many years he and Mary were active in the Collie Club of America and the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, and he served as secretary of the former in 1968 and as president of the latter in 1972. Licensed by the American Kennel Club to judge

eight breeds of purebred dogs, he has judged at shows across the country.

He is also a woodworker, and their home has more than 30 pieces of furniture he has made. "A few more are still in the workshop in various stages of construction and finishing," he writes.

His sister, Helen McNichols '42, a retired registered nurse, will present the Distinguished Alumnus Award to her brother.

Carol Wood. Wood majored in sociology, psychology, and anthropology at Dana, with an emphasis in social work. In 1980 she received her master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In 1981 she received a certificate from the Menniger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, after participating in a three-year externship training program in marriage and family therapy.

She began to work at Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. in 1973 as a social worker in foster care and

adoptions, in a boys' group living program, and as a child care worker in a girls' detention unit. She became a family therapist there in 1980. In 1987 she became clinical supervisor/director of family center services/family therapist. In 1991 she was named vice president of

professional services, and in May 1992 became interim president. In April 1993 she was named president and CEO. Her current

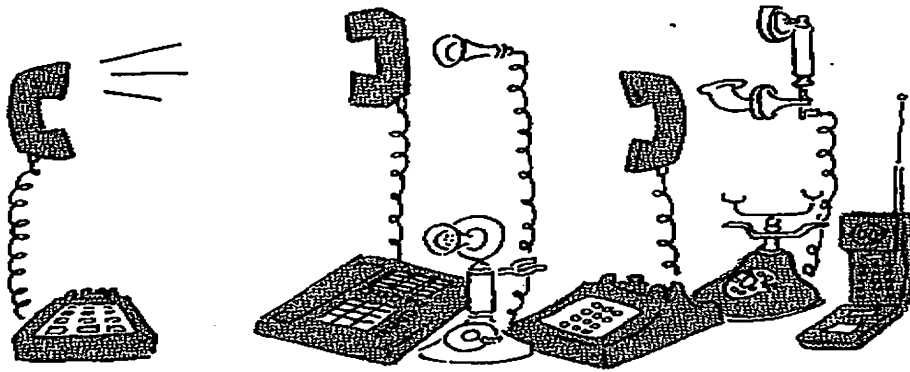


Arthur Pedersen



Carol Wood

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Do We Have It Right? Please let us know!

All 8,500 Dana College alumni were recently notified of our upcoming new *Alumni Directory* and asked for their input. If you have not already done so, please return your questionnaire today. Doing so will ensure that your personal information will be accurately included in this interesting new reference book.

Within one to two months the verification phase of this project will begin. Alumni will be receiving a telephone call from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., the official publisher of our directory. Please

give the representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

If you would like to order the *Alumni Directory*, please tell the Harris representative during the conversation, since this will be the only opportunity you will have to order the book. (It can be purchased only through Harris.)

Scheduled for release in October/November 1997, the directory promises to be the definitive reference of our alumni. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of it! ○

To former Rainbow Trail staff members:

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Hillside, Colorado, has asked the Review and other ELCA college magazines to publish the following invitation to former staff members.

To celebrate Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp's 40th anniversary, Rainbow Trail is hosting an all-staff reunion, September 20, 1997.

All former staff members are invited to return to camp to reconnect with old friends, share some laughs and memories, and enjoy Rainbow Trail as it is today. Overnight accommodations will be available . . . and of course you will be invited to bring your children.

Reservations are a must, especially if you plan to spend the night. Call the camp at (719) 942-4220 for more details and be sure to mark your calendars now!

Let us know where any "lost" staff members might be! Call, write, fax (719-942-4000) or e-mail <rtlc@rmii.com> the camp office to give us any mailing information you can share regarding former staff. Thanks, and see you there!

Distinguished Alumni

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professional activities include serving on the boards of the National Association of Homes and Services for Children and the Coalition for Family and Children's Service in Iowa, as a peer reviewer for the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc., and on the advisory boards for the Southwest Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinic and the Dana College Social Work Program.

She is a board member of the Council Bluffs Guild of the Omaha Symphony. She is also a member of the Human Services Roundtable (Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie Counties), the Pottawattamie County Human Services Advisory Council, Leadership Council Bluffs Alumni, the Rotary Club, and Network C.B., a women's leadership group.

Wood writes: "I love to travel, camp, white water raft and go on related adventures. I've been scuba diving for ten years, which has taken me to many wonderful places in the U.S., across the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Australia, etc. And there is always time for the arts--plays, symphony, acoustic music, etc.

"At Dana the lifelong friendships I made and the foundation for living and learning I received have enriched my life. Curriculum requirements such as humanities, the Liberal Arts Reading Program and Parnassus events all fostered great appreciation well beyond specific academic course work."

Prof. Jan Potter of Dana's Social Work Department will present Wood's award.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling the Alumni Office at (402) 426-7235. ○

Growth in biology, chemistry spurs drive for more and better laboratory equipment

Laboratories and classrooms in the C.A. Dana Hall of Science are busier and fuller than ever:

○ Biology has become the college's second most-popular major (only elementary education has more majors--76 to biology's 71).

○ Dana's largest class, Biological Principles, has 58 students.

○ More students than ever before are majoring in chemistry, and 60 students took chemistry classes last fall.

○ In any given semester, 20% of the student body are enrolled in general chemistry or biology.

○ The former electronics lab has been converted into an immunology and molecular biology lab, an expansion of the college's biology program to meet the needs of students.

Growth in the Biology Department has led to the addition of two new faculty members, one to teach ecology and environmental science, and the other molecular biology and immunology. Dr. Larrie Stone '57, long-time biology professor and chairman of the Science Department, describes the additions as "top quality people who are also dedicated to undergraduate education."

The growth has also led to Dana's science program being identified as one of its academic strengths.

But growth, combined with rapid changes in science, also means that the science labs need more and better equipment. To meet this need, the college has launched a drive to raise \$116,000.

An enclosure to letters to

science alumni inviting contributions described the equipment that \$116,000 will buy:

○ A Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 1000 FT-IR at \$18,000. (This instrument has become standard in undergraduate teaching; it offers a significant improvement over the Chemistry Department's current level of technology.)

○ Anasazi Instruments EFT-60 CW to FT conversion package at \$43,000. (This is needed to refurbish/upgrade an existing Perkin-Elmer Model R24B CW NMR Spectrometer to incorporate modern NMR spectroscopy into the organic chemistry curriculum.)

○ A spectrophotometer at \$5,000. (This is needed because of an increased interest in environmental analysis of water samples for phosphates and nitrates.)

○ General molecular biology laboratory equipment at \$35,000. (This includes general lab equipment and renovations for the lab conversion described above.)

○ Constant temperature

incubators and water baths at \$12,000. (These are needed to replace equipment that no longer works and to provide for the increase in students.)

○ New cages and animal care equipment at \$3,000. (The present cages are more than 30 years old and no longer usable.)

Prof. Stone in his letter to biology alumni wrote, "The very generous financial support that many of you provided in our 1989 fund drive for science equipment helped us maintain a quality science program. Also, several former students have provided very generous gifts of used equipment and/or laboratory supplies that have helped fill our continuing needs. However, we are again at a crossroads where our needs have reached a point where we can use everyone's help."

Readers who would like to contribute to the fund-raising drive for science equipment can send their gifts to the attention of the college's Development Office. ○

Here's a small world story:

Kari Fjelstad, a 1994 graduate, is a medical student at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. At Dana she received the Ben Krantz Endowed Scholarship, which was established to honor the late Dana Regent and superintendent of the Blair Community Schools. Supporters of the scholarship include his widow, Bee, and son, Brent.

Bee was a Parnassus assistant at Dana for many years. Brent is a surgeon at Merit Care Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

Because Kari plans to become a surgeon, she was recently assigned to Brent for several months under a preceptorship.

One day he mentioned to her that his hometown was Blair, Nebraska. "Yes, I know your mother," Kari told him. Surprised, he asked, "Did you graduate from Dana?"

When Brent called his mother that evening to tell her of the coincidence, she replied, "Yes, of course I know her. She received Daddy's scholarship."

On February 24 the college's first *Morton Scholars* were admitted to the Dana College Honors Program. They are: juniors Valerie Bensen (Maskell, Nebr.), Kevin Brennan (Omaha), Eric Krystof (Springfield, Nebr.), Sonya Weber (Cozad, Nebr.); sophomores Melissa Blum (Manning, Iowa),

Amy Klusmeier (Sheboygan, Wisc.),

Kevin Ronnenkamp (Albion, Nebr.),

Jaelyn Smith (Hay Springs, Nebr.);

freshmen Jennifer Burger (Cincinnati,

Iowa), Lisa Decker (Huntley,

Nebr.), Stephanie Lassek (Omaha), Christina

Nutter (Gibbon, Nebr.), Carolyn Scrivner (Des Moines, Iowa), Dana Strege (New Richmond, Wisc.) and Amber Weber (Tilden, Nebr.).

Actions taken by members of the *Board of Regents* when they met on February 14 included granting tenure to Dr. Scott Morgan (chemistry) and promoting Dr. Sybille Bartels (German) to the rank of full professor.

The Regents also re-elected the following officers: chair, Don Jorgensen '60 of Ripon, Wisconsin; vice-chair, Elsie Burklund of Omaha; and secretary, Dr. Paul Laursen '51 of Lincoln, Nebraska. Laursen, Tom Lippincott of Blair and Dr. Rodney Wead '57 of Columbus, Ohio, were elected to second terms on the Board.

The international headquarters of Phi Delta Kappa has accepted a manuscript by *Dr. Kay Ferguson* (education and

psychology) and O.W. Kopp for publication this August as a Fastback book titled *Infusing Technologies in Every Classroom: Higher Education's Challenge*.

Social work professors *Richard and Jan Potter* presented papers at the Annual Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference, held October 23-27 in Portland, Oregon. His paper, "The Practicum Rotation: An Innovative Approach to Field Instruction," discussed a new model for an introductory practicum that he has been developing at Dana. Her paper, "Using Spiritual Themes in Literature to Deepen Our Approach to Cultural Diversity," explored spiritual themes from three major ethnic groups in the U.S. as related to the assumptions of the dominant culture.

Parents of current students pledged almost \$8,000 for this year's *Bookathon*. The proceeds will benefit the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library. Members of the Student Senate conducted the telephone campaign in early March.

Spring theater productions at Dana included Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, with six original songs by A.D. Ward '99 of Omaha, from March 6-9, and the musical *Guys and Dolls* from April 23-27.

Campus programs held February 11-13 for *Black History Month* included a presentation by David Jones of the University of Nebraska Medical Center on "Affirmative Action: The Debate Continues"; a presentation by Dr. Everett Reynolds, NAACP-Omaha Chapter, on "The Ism's of Racial Understanding"; and a third by Robert Armstrong of the Omaha

Housing Authority on "Race Relations: How Far Have We Come?"

On March 9 *Jeanmarie Nielsen '78* (soprano) and *Michael Anderson* (trumpet) of the college's music faculty were featured performers for the King of Glory Lutheran Church Concert Series in Arvada, Colorado. Their program included works by J.S. Bach, Handel and Copland. Their hosts were Michael and Veryl McBride, parents of Lara Jean (McBride '90) O'Connor and Greg McBride '91.

Several campus activities observed *Disabilities Awareness Week*. They included, on February 24, a showing of the film, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" followed by a discussion; on February 26, a disabilities awareness workshop; and on February 27, a disabilities awareness panel.

One hundred and fifty-one high school seniors participated in the college's *Presidential Scholarship Competition* this year. The main competition was held on Sunday, February 16, with a make-up day the following Thursday. To participate, seniors had to have either a 25 ACT composite (1130 SAT combined) or a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and be accepted for admission to Dana. At Dana they wrote essays and were interviewed by teams of Dana faculty, staff, students and alumni. Participants received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition. On the same day, 19 students participated in the Melchior Voice Competition.

Several activities were held on campus in March in observance of *Women's History Month*: On March 7 a readers' theater

presentation by Omaha's Brigit St. Brigit Theater of *Lady Susan*, an adaptation of a short novel by Jane Austen. On March 11, "Coming Together in Beijing" by Yvonne Mathews, who attended the UN Women's Conference in China two years ago. On March 12, "Take Back the Night," a campus march with readings about domestic violence, followed by a vesper service. On March 14, "Caretaking," a discussion of how women balance their own needs and those they care for. On March 18, "Breaking the Glass Ceiling," a panel discussion by Jennifer Barabas '92, director of the day treatment program at St. Joseph Hospital for Mental Health, Omaha; Mary (Heistand '80) Bro, president, Intellisell, Omaha; Kathy Foley, Dana's athletic director; and Mary Jo (Nielsen '62) Kubik, assistant supervisor of instruction for grades 4-6, Omaha Public Schools. On March 19, a "Celebration of Women" with women members of the forensics team and members of the Women's History Month Committee presenting an interactive "open microphone" event with humorous readings, serious poetry and personal reflections on influential women in history and their own lives.

Heidi Gerth '97, a graphic design and art major from Winona, Minnesota, and Damian Pollack '98, a business management, organizational behavior, and marketing major from Omaha, reigned as Winterfest queen and king on February 8. Members of their court were Jana Bentley '98 (Macedonia, Iowa), Jennifer Dierks '98 (Clinton, Iowa), Carrie Knapp '98 (Lexington, Nebr.), Stacie Sarasio '98 (Martensdale, Iowa), Michael Babbitt '98 (Emerson,

Iowa), R.J. Gall '98 (Howells, Nebr.), Paul Gardner '97 (Plattsmouth, Nebr.) and Rodney Ronk '97 (Emerson, Iowa).

Dr. Richard Palmer (music) was this year's guest conductor for the Boyer Valley Conference High School Honor Choir at Boyer Valley High School in Dunlap, Iowa, on March 24. Nine high schools contributed their best singers for participation in a mass choir of nearly 150. Four of the conference high school choirs are

directed by Dana College graduates. They are: Stephanie (Wiemer '84) Petersen of Boyer Valley, Jeff Meyer '75 of Ar-We-Va, James Jordan '89 of Charter Oak-Ute and Julie White '96 of West Harrison.

Palmer was a guest clinician at this year's Festival of Choirs, USA held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 25 and 26. The competing high school choirs, from around the country, received both a competitive rating and clinical comments. ○

Former UELCers living in upper Midwest are invited to attend June 9 Gathering at Luther

The 1997 Planning Committee for the Upper Midwest Gathering of former members of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church has asked the Review to include the following announcement. Committee members are Bob D'50 T'53 and Betty Hansen of Harmony, Minnesota (507-886-3292), and Roland T'54 and Alberta (Madsen '51) Hansen (715-834-6277) of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

We're happy to announce the date and place of our 1997 Upper Midwest Gathering of the former UELC: Monday, June 9, at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Due to building renovations at our previously announced site in Harmony, Minnesota, and with the planned program for the day, we've moved across the border to one of our ELCA church colleges.

We're looking forward to hearing Fred Jensen share "Memories of My Father-John M. Jensen, Editor of *The Ansgar Lutheran* and How He Did It! (Before the Age of Technology)!"

Jim Iversen, chairman of the board of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, will give us a presentation and updated report on this latest addition to Danish culture.

Finally, we will be treated to a mini-Danish concert by the Luren Singers, a male chorus that includes our own Bob Hansen.

Oh yes, we'll enjoy both a morning coffee and an afternoon coffee in Qualley Lounge plus a hot Scandinavian buffet at noon in the Peace Dining Room.

All of this is for the price of \$10 per person. Please be sure to pre-register--and share this announcement with others who might be interested. But above all--plan to attend.

Wrestling is 'best-ever,' from the team finish to individual performance by Andy Hensley

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

Wrestling

It was the best-ever team finish and the best-ever individual finish in the history of Dana wrestling as the Vikings and Andy

Hensley turned in a strong showing at the NAIA National Championships at Jamestown, North Dakota. Dana finished 14th in the team standings, marking the third straight year that the Vikings have been

among the top 20 teams at the national tournament. Dana finished 3-6 in dual competition on the season, posting wins over Wisconsin-River Falls (31-16), St. Thomas, Minnesota (34-14), and Carleton, Minnesota (56-0). Dana placed second in the annual Tri-State Meet and finished fifth at an NAIA area tournament.

Hensley, a senior from Massena, Iowa, capped his standout Dana career by placing second in the nation at 167 pounds. He went over 100 wins for his career, finishing 101-42 to join Bill Bussey '86 as the only 100-win grapplers in school history. Hensley earned All-American honors for a second time (he finished third at nationals as a sophomore) and placed in the top eight at nationals for a third straight season.

Freshman Steven Jenny also placed at nationals for the Vikings. The Columbus Lakeview product finished seventh at 126 pounds to

cap an impressive rookie season. Jenny went 23-14 in his first collegiate campaign.

Chad Greguras '99 (Seward, Nebr.), Justin Smith '97 (Omaha), Jeremy Rine '00 (Tecumseh, Nebr.) and Ryan Barrett '99 (Harrisburg, Nebr.) also qualified for nationals for Dana. Greguras and Smith went 1-2, Rine was 0-2 and Barrett did not go because of a shoulder injury. Seniors Shawn Isaacs (Unadilla, Nebr.) and Mike Bisig (Omaha) went to the national tournament as wild-card entries for Dana—both dropped two matches at Jamestown.

Men's Basketball

With eight losses by five points or less, including seven on the road, the men's basketball team skidded to a 12-20 record this past season after going 16-14 the year before.

The Vikings were led by the senior duo of Shawn Fasbender (Omaha) and Nathan Babbitt (Emerson, Iowa) and were hurt by the loss of a third senior, Bret Marchese (Glendale, Ariz.), to a knee injury over the Christmas break.

Fasbender and Babbitt both earned Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) first-team all-conference honors and both were honorable mention All-Americans in NAIA Division II. Babbitt finished his career as Dana's #2 all-time scorer and top three-pointed shooter and steal artist in school history.

Fasbender, a GTE Academic All-American third-teamer, wrapped up his stellar career with the Vikings at #2 on the all-time

rebounding chart, #5 in career scoring and #1 in career blocked shots. Fasbender and Michael Babbitt '98 (Emerson, Iowa) were both selected as NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-Americans—the second such honor for both. Michael Babbitt (Emerson, Iowa) was also honorable mention all-conference.

Dana went 3-9 in the NIAC and finished in a fifth-place tie with Concordia in the final league standings. The Vikings and Bulldogs hooked up in a classic post-season thriller at Borup Coliseum in the first round of the NIAC post-season tournament. Concordia won it, 101-99, and went on to shock the rest of the league by winning the tourney as a #5 seed and going to nationals.

It was the close ones that jumped up and bit Dana all season. The Vikings lost at Sioux Falls, South Dakota (72-75), at Buena Vista, Iowa (70-72), at Peru State (75-77), at Dakota Wesleyan, South Dakota (62-65), at NCAA Division III national runner-up Nebraska Wesleyan (83-88), at Northwestern, Iowa (83-87) and at Briar Cliff, Iowa (83-86).

The season was not without some big highlights for the Vikings. Dana won its own invitational tournament in November by pounding Concordia, Minnesota (91-69), and Huron, South Dakota (80-56). The Vikings romped past NIAC rival Doane (104-78) and won at Concordia (75-64) for the first time in nine seasons.

Dana trimmed Midland Lutheran on the road (93-91) with



a thrilling second-half comeback and dumped Briar Cliff at home (83-81). The Vikings beat Huron a second time at the Dakota Wesleyan holiday tournament (79-58) and went 3-0 against in-state rival Bellevue.

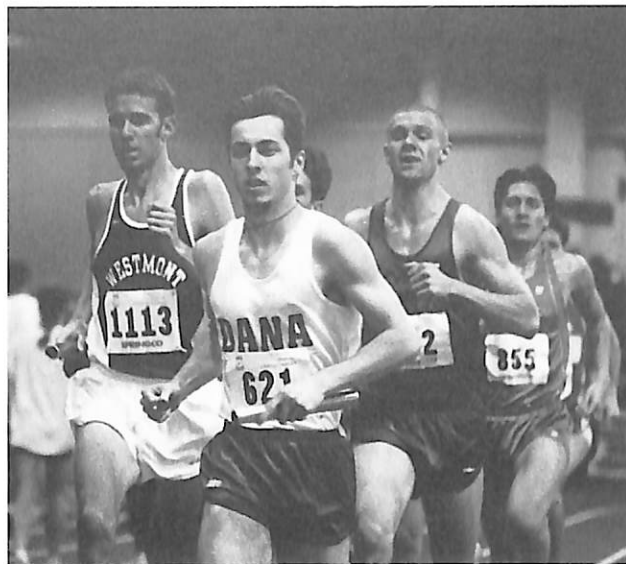
Women's Basketball

Youth and inconsistency were the major stumbling blocks for the women's basketball team as the Vikings went 8-21 overall in the recently completed season. After going .500 in its first 14 games, Dana won just one of its final 15 contests. The Vikings finished a disappointing seventh in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC), winning just one of 12 league contests.

The conference season started on a high note for the Vikings as they blasted Nebraska Wesleyan, 83-58, at Borup Coliseum. But that was to be the only league victory for Dana. The Vikings came up just short in a pair of losses to Northwestern, Iowa (71-70 and 74-71), and also pushed nationally ranked Concordia-Seward into overtime before losing, 74-72.

Dana won the championship of its own invitational to open the season, beating Iowa Wesleyan (85-75) and Marycrest, Iowa (67-60). Other highlights of the nonconference season included a pair of lopsided victories over York (70-54 and 80-38) and wins over Westmar, Iowa (82-60), Mount Marty, South Dakota (63-57), and Peru State (71-70).

Senior Nichol Buenning (Parkston, South Dakota) became Dana's all-time leading rebounder late in the season, breaking the previous school record held by Jennifer Edelman '93. Buenning was one of three Dana players to



Dana's Matt Poulter leads the pack in the distance medley relay at the NAIA Indoor Track & Field Championships. The Vikings sent nine men and two women to the indoor nationals, held February 28-March 1 at the Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Poulter, a sophomore from Essex, Iowa, is a returning outdoor track All-American in the men's marathon.
Photo by Paul Clark

receive honorable mention all-conference honors. The others were junior Jennifer Dierks (Clinton, Iowa) and first-year player Kim Wilken (Treynor, Iowa).

Buenning and Susan Weddingfeld '98 (Panora, Iowa) were both selected as NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-Americans.

Track

Ben Sandy '98 (Newcastle, Wyo.) ran his Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship count to seven to highlight the indoor track season for Dana. Sandy won conference titles in the men's mile and two-mile run as the Vikings placed fifth at the conference indoor meet. He now has three indoor track, two outdoor track and two cross country championships in the NIAC and looks to add to that total as the outdoor season opens this month.

Also placing at conference indoors was Amanda Buttry '99 (Shenandoah, Iowa) in the mile run (fourth) and Amber Weber '00 (Tilden, Nebr.) in the high jump and triple jump (sixth in both).

Max Grady '98 (Dunlap, Iowa) placed third for the Dana

men in the 880-yard run while Will Hardin '00 (Neligh, Nebr.—fourth in the long jump) and Jason Mitchell '99 (Sidney, Nebr.—fourth in 440) also placed for the Vikings.

Dana's 4x440 relay team of Joel Carter '99 (Fountain, Colo.), Dan Formo '99 (Blair), Grady and Mitchell placed sixth at conference.

The Dana women were seventh in the team standings. A total of 11 athletes represented Dana at the NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championships. Dana did not have any placers and failed to crack the team scoring columns.

In addition to Sandy, returning athletes who placed at last year's conference outdoor meet for Dana include Andrea Spreen '98 (Elkader, Iowa), Nichol Buenning '97 (Parkston, S.D.), Sandy Smith '97 (Superior, Nebr.), Scott Heiss '99 (Page, Nebr.), Chad Grosse '00 (Omaha), Matt Poulter '99 (Essex, Iowa) and Ryan Jacobsen '98 (Elk Horn, Iowa).

Sandy won the men's 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs at last season's outdoor NIAC Championships. Spreen was the 1995 conference champ in the women's javelin throw. ○

○ An article titled "Tip for Omaha Travelers: Don't Make Your Flight" in the October 16, 1996, *Wall Street Journal* described the helpful actions of **Kimberly Thomas '89**, a customer-service agent for Delta at Omaha's Eppley Airfield. It reported that a 75-year-old Iowa woman who lived 175 miles from Omaha arrived at Eppley three hours early to fly standby for a Delta flight to California

for her granddaughter's high school graduation. Then Thomas had to break the news: There was no seat on the flight, and it was the last one out that evening.

When the

woman, a novice traveler, was hesitant about staying overnight in a motel, Thomas invited her to spend the night with her and her parents (and visiting relatives) in Blair. Thomas gave up her room for the woman and drove her back to Eppley the next morning. The grandmother arrived in California in time for her granddaughter's graduation.

○ **Neil Brown '86**, coordinating program manager for community services for School District 16 in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, has been invited to speak at the MnSACA (Minnesota School-Age Care Alliance) annual conference this spring. His topic is "Team Management: A Working Model for School-Age Care." He has also been invited to speak at the annual conference of NSACA (National

School-Age Care Alliance) in Florida on gay and lesbian issues and diversity training.

○ **Mark Amman '84**, case manager for the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Faribault, was the lead negotiator in a domestic hostage situation in Lonsdale. It was the first time in state history that a Department of Corrections negotiating team assisted law enforcement, emergency response teams, and the State Patrol SWAT Team. The suspect, who shot one of the hostages, surrendered after eight hours.

○ **Curtis Fett '82** of Sioux City, Iowa, district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood, was recently honored at Lutheran Brotherhood's Muehling Agency Awards Banquet in Des Moines. He was honored for the fourth consecutive year as "Top New Member Producer." He also qualified as an "Agent of the Year" of the Muehling Agency and was recognized as a Presidents' Club Qualifier with Lutheran Brotherhood, one of LB's most prestigious sales honors.



Kimberly Thomas

○ **Dr. John Hibbing '76**, who teaches political science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was interviewed on February 14 on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." He discussed attitudes toward the U.S. Congress. Hibbing has written a book on the subject titled *Congress as Public Enemy: Public Attitudes toward American Political Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 1995).

○ **Ryle Smith '73** of Omaha spent the past summer studying acting, voice, movement and Shakespeare

at the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain in London. He was one of 30 actors chosen to participate from the U.S. and Canada. This fall he married Monica M. McFarland, a freelance writer and broadcast producer.

○ **Joe Anderson '70**, who teaches English and theater at Blair High School, recently received the Director's Award from the Nebraska State Thespian Society. He was recognized for his service and dedicated commitment to theater and the arts.

○ **Karen (Hanna '63) Dyer** of Ankeny, Iowa, has been named to the fourth edition-1996 of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

○ **State Senator C.N. "Bud" Robinson '50** has been re-elected chairman of the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. The committee acts on all legislation concerning such issues as election law, initiative and petition processes and local government. ○

Alumni director position open

Because Alumni Director Ann (Harms '54) George has announced that she plans to retire at the end of August, Dana invites alumni to apply for the position. The position will begin September 1, 1997.

Responsibilities include the alumni and parents programs and the *Dana Review*.

Those interested in learning more about the position should write to Michael Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Dana College, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008-1099.

Part-time work as student leads to career

Ron Hansen '84 first worked with food when he was student food service manager at Dana.

With only a brief diversion, that experience has led Hansen, an accounting major, to a job as total quality management coordinator at a Denver bakery that turns out 36,000 hamburger buns an hour.

The company, east.balt bakery of denver, is the main supplier of buns for McDonald's in the Rocky Mountain region, Hansen said. Ninety-five percent of the buns go to McDonald's.

At Dana Hansen worked with manager Bob Lincoln for Saga

Foods, which was under contract with the college at the time. Hansen continued with Saga after graduating, first as food service manager in Davenport, Iowa, at St. Ambrose College, and then in Denver at Colorado School of Mines.

"Then I decided to look for something else," Hansen said, "and I took a Series 6 Securities License to sell variable annuities."

But not much later—in June 1988—he learned that east.balt bakery had an opening for a foreman. He applied and was a foreman for six months. When the person who hired him left, Hansen

moved into her position as plant sanitarian and safety director. Although he has a wide variety of responsibilities, he said, the main ones are in human resources and in seeing that the company complies with Federal regulations.

"I've had the opportunity to participate in the start-up of our bakery in Paris, France, and to visit our bakeries across the U.S." Hansen said. "I've enjoyed meeting my counterparts and working together with them to solve problems in sanitation and safety. And, yes, I do like hamburgers." ○

Alumna's watercolor paintings are featured on whimsical greeting cards and art prints

Whimsical greeting cards of flowers, teddy bears and other charming creatures painted by Mary (Sauke '74) Rollins have been receiving attention from magazines like *Art Trends* and *Teddy Bear Review*—and expressions of interest from as far away as France and Turkey.

Mary and her husband, Dale, have formed a company, Shelterwood Publishing in The Dalles, Oregon, where they live along the Columbia River Gorge. It was Dale's idea to put her watercolor paintings on greeting and note cards, Mary said. He now acts as publisher, marketer and distributor for her work, which also includes art prints.

Mary's cards, called the Whimsicaline, are carried by shops in the Northwest. They're also sold through Best's Catalog of Catalogs and the Shop at Home Catalog.

"I paint what I like," Mary told a reporter writing a feature story on the couple's enterprise for the local paper, *The Dalles Weekly Reminder*. "I guess I'm a kid at heart. If you paint what pleases you, you usually will have some content that appeals to audiences." Mary and Dale founded their company two years ago, and it's beginning to flourish:

○ The January-February 1996 issue of *Art Trends* featured her paintings in a two-page editorial, and the magazine's editor has helped connect her with art galleries and print and card shops across the U.S.

○ The Columbia Gorge Master Gardeners Association chose her watercolor, "Magnolias Unfurled," as its 1996 poster.

○ Last November Mary's paintings were featured in a monthlong show at The Dalles Art

Museum.

As a Dana student Mary took art classes from the late Prof. F.W. Thomsen and from Prof. Jim Olsen. "These classes were very instrumental in aiming me in this direction," Mary said, "even though I learned watercolor later when I took classes at South Oregon State College, where I received my degree."

The future looks bright for Shelterwood. At the end of May Mary and Dale will be in Portland at their first gift trade show and in June in New York City at a licensing show. "We're looking at this year as our launch year," Mary said. "We've needed several years to reach this point, but we'd been told that it would take three years."

"Since we have two teenage sons, working out of a studio in my home has turned out to be a wonderful career choice." ○

Shopping at the Dana Bookstore



Red Time-Out oversized, heavyweight fleece crewneck sweatshirt w/white "logo" graphic. 80% cotton/20% polyester. Sizes: S,M,L,X-L. Price: \$33.



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Red Time-Out heavyweight T-shirt w/white "logo" graphic (same as sweatshirt above). Heavyweight, 100% preshrunk cotton jersey. Sizes: S,M,L,X-L. Price: \$16.

Survey shows Dana students more satisfied than those at 200 other private colleges

Is Dana College meeting the expectations of its students? What are the most important areas of college life to college students?

Dr. Dan Travaille, vice president for student development, has found a way to answer both of those questions through use of a single instrument, the Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI). The SSI is a standardized instrument developed by the USA Group Noel-Levitz.

"I specifically chose the SSI for two reasons," said Travaille. "First, it enabled us to do what we hadn't been doing very well, and that is measure levels of both satisfaction and importance. Secondly, it provided an opportunity for us to see how we were doing in comparison to other private colleges."

For each of the 192 questions on the SSI, students are asked to rate both their level of satisfaction and their level of importance. The surveys are then scored by the company and the results are reported in both areas. In addition, the responses from each institution are compared against a mean score that comes from all of the other participating colleges as a group (the norm group).

In 1994-95, the first time the SSI was administered at Dana College, the responses from Dana students in regard to satisfaction were not particularly favorable. For the most part, Dana students seemed to express lower levels of satisfaction than the norm group. When compared against the national norm, the levels of satisfaction expressed by Dana students were lower in eight of the 11 areas, with four of those areas showing a statistically significant difference in the scores.

"It was fairly clear there were several things that needed improvement," commented

Travaille.

As the results for 1994-95 were shared with the campus community, a number of areas were targeted for improvement and plans were put in place to seek to improve student satisfaction.

When results of the 1995-96 SSI were returned, there were indications that the levels of satisfaction had improved. Satisfaction scores for Dana students were lower than the national norm in just two areas, and neither of those was statistically significant.

"We were certainly encouraged," said Travaille, "but we could also see there was still more work to be done."

When the 1996-97 SSI results came in, the change was dramatic. Of the 11 areas evaluated, the satisfaction scores of Dana students were higher than the national norm in every single area. In fact, the difference in scores between Dana and the norm group was statistically significant at either the .01 or .001 level of confidence.

Travaille explained, "What statistical significance really means is that the results were not due to chance. This was no fluke. According to the mean scores in this survey, Dana College students are more satisfied than 83,000 students at approximately 200 other private colleges."

Not only had the satisfaction scores for 1996-97 improved in comparison to the norm group, but the numbers themselves were also higher in every area than in either 1994-95 or '95-96.

Travaille also asked Noel-Levitz to do a more narrow comparison, analyzing Dana's results against those of seven other small, private liberal arts colleges in the Midwest. The results were equally affirmative: Dana had

higher levels of satisfaction in all 11 categories than any of the other seven colleges.

And what do Dana students indicate are the most important areas to them? According to the SSI, there is little doubt—it's their academic experience. For all three years Dana students ranked "instructional effectiveness" as #1 and "academic advising" as #2 in importance. "Student centeredness" was either third or fourth each of the three years.

Travaille noted that these rankings approximate the national rankings and that students across the country consider the areas concerning academic learning as the most important. Interestingly, both the Dana results and the national norm indicate that college students put "campus life" at the very bottom of the list in terms of importance.

"This is why the SSI has become so valuable," Travaille said. "Typically, most colleges will say that the greatest number of complaints from students will be about things that fall in the general area of campus life. Yet, we now know that this area of the college experience is really not as important to students as is receiving a good academic education. It just may be that campus life is something that's easier to complain about. We still cannot afford to ignore those concerns, but now we can put them in a better perspective."

The challenge of providing students at Dana with a college experience that meets their expectations, both in terms of having a top-quality academic encounter and an overall enjoyable atmosphere, will probably never end. But, at least for this year, there are signs that this challenge is being met. ○

'90s

○ *James '96 and Angela (Mason '91) Anderson* live in Madison, Wisconsin, where James works for Astra Pharmaceutical and Angela stays home with their children, Tyler and new baby Sydney Morgan (born June 14, 1996). Angela coaches basketball at High Point Christian School and tutors Spanish at home part time.

○ *Chad Foust '96* started a new job in Omaha on February 7 as zookeeper in the Wild Kingdom Pavilion at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

○ *Angela Melby '96 and Chris Ulven '94* were married on December 21 at Soldier Lutheran Church in Soldier, Iowa.

○ *Jill Beckman '95* has been promoted to programmer analyst at West Teleservices in Omaha.

○ *Karl Lettow '95* graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in May 1996 and will graduate from the Defense Information School in Washington, D.C. this May. The Navy has assigned him as a journalist to cover the construction, commissioning and maiden voyage of the USS Bataan, a ship being built in Mississippi.

○ *Scott Lowman '95* works in the laboratory at Ft. Dodge (Iowa) Animal Health, a company that develops animal vaccines.

○ Tucker John Buzz was born on February 12 to *Barbara (Bentley '94) and Shawn '96 Bluml* of Carson, Iowa. Barbie works at Lutheran Social Services in Atlantic, Iowa, and Shawn at Children's Square in Council Bluffs.

○ *Karen (Dittmer '94) Goodman* and her husband, Chris, announce the September 3, 1996, birth of their first child, Charles Jordan. They live in Norfolk, Nebraska.

○ *Angie Heise '94* has been a social worker at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha since April 1996.

○ *Mary Vorthmann '94* is a retail marketing coordinator at First National Bank of Omaha.

○ Shawn and *Kim (Sloan '93) Collins* of Arvada, Colorado, announce the February 4 birth of daughter Kaitlyn Marie.

○ Jakob Daniel was born on March 5 to *Dan '91 and Carrie (Pedersen '93) Hanson* of Des Moines, Iowa.

○ *Russ Wilcox '91* is the new president of F&M Bank in Madison, South Dakota.

○ *Hanne Monsted Nielsen '90* is a full-time student at the Danish School of Journalism in Aarhus, Denmark.

○ *Mark Olsen '90* is a graduate student in the School of Cinema-Television at the University of Southern California. A recent showing of student films there included a short film he wrote and directed titled "Il Postino." He writes, "It's not really a spoof of 'Il Postino' [a popular Italian film]. It's a black comedy that examines paranoia and the workplace We added an Italian flavor to it and thought it would be fun to play with words in the title and incorporate a hint of the original 'Il Postino' into the concept."

'80s

○ *Teresa (Blaas '89) and Bryan '88 Daum* of Battle Creek, Nebraska, announce the June 25, 1996, birth of their second daughter, Kylee Beth. She joins Shelby (3).

○ *Dr. Michael Moore '89* and his wife, Janet, announce the January

25 birth of their first child, Mackenzie Caroline.

○ *Kimberly Thomas '89* has been hired to manage the Blair Insurance Agency. She has had more than 13 years of experience in insurance agency management and direct customer service. She has also worked as a customer service agent for Delta Airlines for the past eight years, where she recently earned a customer service award and was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article (see "Alumni in the News" in this issue.)

○ *Stacie Lukasiewicz '87* of Omaha and Robert Iossi of Fremont, Nebraska, married on May 2. Stacie is an account representative for The Guardian Life Insurance Company in Omaha and Robert is plant manager for United Products Co. in Fremont. They live in Omaha.

○ *Andrea (Nielsen '86) Fredrickson* is vice president at the American Institute of Management in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She provides training services in management and customer service in the area and across the country. She recently took specialized training at The Disney Institute, part of Disney University in Orlando, Florida. The focus was on management, service delivery and human resource management using the principles and methods developed and used throughout the Disney operations.

○ *Faith (Smith '87) Senff* teaches part time in the Hampton, Nebraska, school system. She and her husband, Arthur, have two children--Jake Henry, born December 5, 1995, and Angela Natalia, born October 5, 1993. ○ *Scott Ringle '85* and Wendy Lingard were married on August 10, 1996, at Grace Lutheran Church



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in Huntington Beach, California. Scott's uncle, the Rev. Melius Bollesen D'52 T'56, conducted the ceremony. Scott has been transferred from the Los Angeles office to the Omaha office of Union Pacific Railroad. His new title at Union Pacific is business manager, Ford vehicles-Mexico. They live in Omaha at 17330 M Street, ZIP 68135.

○ Earl and *Sandy (Stellyes '81) Lawrence* of Kendrick, Idaho, announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Andrew, on January 22.

○ *Evonlee (Jessepe '80) Kreipe* of 6930 S.E. 2nd, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542, and her husband, William, have two daughters, Lenora Marie (16) and Emily Louraine (14).

William is an engineer for the Veterans Administration in Topeka. Evonlee, a member of UA Local 763, is in her third year as a plumber's apprentice. She received her AA degree in 1993 from Haskell Indian Junior College. She adds, "Please write, or call (913) 379-0811."

'70s

○ *Jay Paist '79* of Omaha has been promoted to director of security at First Data Corporation. He has worked at First Data for 11 years. His wife, Katie, is in her 17th year as a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital.

○ *Michael Behuniak '77* of Redmond, Washington, is a senior application developer at Microsoft Corp.

○ *Kathy (Andersen '75) Kalmoe* is a high school art teacher in Boone, Iowa.

○ Monica Marsha was born on October 21, 1996, to *Miriam (Hiller '74) Galbraith* and her husband, Mark, of Menomonie, Wisconsin.

She joins sister Naomi. Mark became the Lutheran campus pastor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie last August. Miriam is a substitute organist. She also plays piano on Sunday evenings at services for Lutheran students.

○ *Brian Moerer '71 and Vicky Donaldson '72* of Northfield, Minnesota, have bought and renovated a 100-year-old house in downtown Northfield. Brian is a district manager with Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, and Vicky is an attorney at the Minnesota Court of Appeals in St. Paul.

○ *Greg Witte '71* has been named nursing administrator at Florence Home Senior Living and Rehabilitation in Omaha.

'60s

○ *Jane (Butler '69) Zieg* of Manson, Iowa, was recently elected executive board secretary for the North Central Iowa Mental Health Center in Fort Dodge. The center serves a four-county area. Jane is a case manager/social worker for the Iowa Department of Human Services. She works with chronically mentally ill and mentally handicapped adult men and women who range in age from 20-67 years.

○ *Charles Scott '68* has been named superintendent of Lewis Central Schools in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He had served as interim superintendent since last summer and was the district's executive director of administrative services before that.

'50s

○ *Augie Stricker '51* of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, retired on December 31 as vice chairman/CEO of Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

Deaths

○ *Gene Lauritsen '75* of Effingham, Illinois, on March 3. He worked in the area of mental health. Survivors include his wife, Jane.

○ *J. Cyrus Warmanen '66* of Crystal Falls, Michigan, on October 19, 1996. He served as pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan, before becoming assistant to the bishop of Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod in Milwaukee. One of his responsibilities was overseeing two Lutheran camps in the synod. From 1982-94 he was the first full-time director of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls. In 1995 he became executive director of Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conference in Southern California. Because of ill health, he returned with his family to Crystal Falls in August 1996. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, and sons Christopher, Peter and Tim.

○ *Silas Kaldahl '53* of Downey, California, on December 20. He worked first for Bank of America and then for 29 years as finance officer for Market Basket, a large grocery chain, until he retired at the age of 55. After retiring he became a volunteer income tax preparer for the poor and elderly. He was an advocate for the poor and homeless, often buying them groceries anonymously or meals at the restaurant where he ate. He also became a conservator for several elderly persons who lived in nursing homes, filing their papers and doing their banking without remuneration. He visited them, took them for outings, read their mail to them, wrote letters for them, and arranged telephone visits with their families and friends. His survivors include brothers Charles '52 of Daly City,

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California, and Philip '53 of Bellevue, Nebraska.

○ *The Rev. Johannes Andersen D'49 T'52* of Hamlin, Iowa, on January 20. Survivors include his wife, Therma, and sister, Eleanor Hansen '46 of Audubon, Iowa.

○ *Esther (Carlsen '40) Hansen* of Blair on February 7. She was a registered nurse who served in nursing homes in Racine, Wisconsin, and Audubon, Iowa. She and her late husband, the Rev. Thorvald Hansen D'40 T'43, had five daughters, all of whom survive her: Carolyn Di Stefano '66 of Charlotte, North Carolina; Ruth Peck '64 of Olathe, Kansas; Paula

Hansen '69 of Philadelphia; Sarah Anderson '71 of Blair; and Lois Brokowski of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. She is also survived by four brothers, Verner D'36 T'39 of Thousand Oaks, California; Viggo '35 of Blair; Stanley D'45 T'47 of Des Moines, Iowa; Niels D'49 T'56 of Watsonville, California; and two sisters, Rhoda Holl '48 of Spokane, Washington, and Eunice Larsen '60 of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

○ *Silpa (Petersen '18) Petersen* in February in Northfield, Minnesota. She was the widow of the Rev. A.R. Petersen, a pastor of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survivors include her daughter, Marcia Vanderbilt, and

son, the Rev. A.R. Petersen..

Friends

○ *Mary (Minderman) Kirchhoff* of Weeping Water, Nebraska, on November 13, age 92. Survivors include sons Leo '60 of Chico, California; Glenn of Weeping Water and Mesa, Arizona; and Dick of Las Vegas, Nevada; and daughter Erma Bettinger of St. Paul, Minnesota.

○ *Louise Ranheim* of Waseca, Wisconsin, on January 11, 1996. She was the widow of Arthur Ranheim, who taught at Dana from 1947-57. Survivors include daughters Sonja and Laurie and son David. ○

Senior picked to intern at United Nations joins students from many other countries, learns to appreciate other points of view

After interning in New York City at United Nations headquarters during the January Interim, senior Sara Howieson has decided she'd like to work there some day.

The German and history major from Delavan, Minnesota, applied for the competitive internship because she hopes eventually to work in foreign relations.

She was one of 40 college and university students from around the world to be selected for this year's program.

They included a student from Croatia and another from

Ukraine. "No matter where we were from, we all worked together," Howieson said.

The program, which is in its sixth year, is administered by

Eckerd College in Florida, a Presbyterian liberal arts school.

The interns were able to go behind the scenes, Howieson said, and U.N. employees were very open to them. "We learned how the U.N. functions and I found out that it really is accomplishing things."

The interns met key people and worked with their assistants. The person Howieson

worked with most closely was Jean Baptiste Hajayawdi, a diplomat's assistant from Burundi.

They also had a mock session on a real world problem.

"It was valuable to learn to see things from other points of view," she said. "I found out how powerful some countries are compared to others. And I loved listening to a dozen languages at the same time."

The interns stayed in suites at the Bedford Hotel only four blocks from the U.N. and within walking distance of most major Manhattan sites. "At first I was nervous about going to Manhattan," Howieson said, "but I found New Yorkers helpful."

She had to buy her food and pay her expenses. "But," she said, "the experience was great and certainly worth it." ○



Sara Howieson

Student interns use January Interim to gain experience in research, business, sciences, communication, theater and government

Internships during the January Interim took some students out of the classroom and into the larger world.

Several had internships far from the campus. For example:

- Thomas Blase '00 of Polk, Nebraska, went to Molokai, Hawaii, to do research on seed corn fertilization for Holder's Foundation Seed.
- Gabriel Encalada '98 of Quito, Ecuador, returned home to study Andean root and tuber crops at the International Potato Center.
- Heidi Gerth '97 of Winona, Minnesota, interned at the Seattle Repertory Theater.
- Sara Howieson '97 of Delevan,

Minnesota, went to New York City to intern at the United Nations (see story on page 16).

○ Mark Nielsen '97 of Omaha interned in Phoenix, Arizona, at McAlpine Soda Fountain, which is owned by Arden Dorn '63.

Others found a variety of workplace challenges related to their majors in Blair, Omaha, or western Iowa. Here's a sampling:

○ Nozomu Takada '98 of Saitama, Japan, continued an internship she started last summer at SCOLA (Satellite Communications for Learning), a nonprofit educational organization near Council Bluffs that brings international television broadcasts to affiliated high

schools, colleges and universities.

○ Rhonda Dierking '97 of Lincoln, Nebraska, was an intern in Omaha at Oasis Gaming, a division of International Gamco, Inc.; she continues there this semester as a part-time employee.

○ Janet Reissdorff '97 of David City, Nebraska, interned in Harlan, Iowa, at Bro Business Center, owned by Bruce Bro '80.

○ Nicol Buenning '97 of Parkston, South Dakota, worked in the aquarium at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

○ Diane Crawford '97 of LaSalle, Colorado, was a med tech intern at the Blair Clinic under the supervision of medical technologist Deb (Dill '85) Frahm.

○ Five students interned at Nebraska's Unicameral under the supervision of State Senator Bud Robinson '50 (see photo, this page).

○ Amy Benedict '98 of Tabor, Iowa, worked at the Glenwood, Iowa, *Opinion Tribune*.

○ Joel Jorgensen '97 of Blair interned at radio station KSOM in Atlantic, Iowa.

○ Kyla Clay '97 of Beresford, South Dakota, interned with Blair chiropractor Faye (Coles '77) Jones.

○ Kerry Maas '97 of Parkston, South Dakota, remained on campus to help prepare for the Scholastic Art Exhibit, doing everything from helping catalog the 3,000 or more entries to preparing the campus-wide exhibits. ○



Five intern at Unicameral

During the January Interim, State Senator Bud Robinson '50 of Blair introduced five students to the workings of the Nebraska Unicameral. With Robinson are (from left): Melanie Mowinkel '99 (Osmond, Nebr.), Amy Klusmeier '99 (Sheboygan, Wisc.), Tara Furstenau '99 (Strasburg, Colo.), Roisin Bell '97 (Bellevue, Nebr.) and Mary Jo Greenwood '98 (Riverside, Wyo.).

By choosing Dana, alumni sons and daughters make parents' alma mater their college, too

Fifty-three students this year have alumni parents. They are: *Traci Ahrendt '99*, daughter of Kathryn (Hulsebus '71) and Paul '68 Ahrendt, Lincoln, Nebraska. *Matthew Anderson '98*, son of Allan '69 and Fran (Pedersen '69) Anderson, Omaha. *Nathan '97 and Michael '98 Babbitt*, sons of Vaughn Babbitt '73, Emerson, Iowa. *Angela Bentjen '99*, daughter of Rolan '67 and Connie (Elting '68) Bentjen, Albion, Nebraska. *Christopher Boozikee '99*, son of Alan '74 and Patricia (Hansen '74) Boozikee, San Antonio, Texas. *Scott Bruning '00*, son of Gerald Bruning '70, Fullerton, Nebraska. *Anthony Eitzmann '99*, son of Roger Eitzmann '67, Sidney, Iowa. *Tara Furstenaus '99*, daughter of Randy Furstenaus '75, Strasburg, Colorado. *Bethany Gruner '00*, daughter of Carol (Madsen '73) and Mark '75 Gruner, Eureka, Kansas. *Mark Gustafson '97*, son of Judy (Hanson '63) Gustafson, Des Moines, Iowa. *Kristin Hansen '97*, daughter of Richard '68 and Karen (Nelson '69) Hansen, Ruskin, Nebraska. *Jesse Hardy '99*, son of John Hardy '71, Tekamah, Nebraska. *Scott Heiss '99*, son of Judith (Jorgensen '64) Heiss, Page, Nebraska. *Rachel Heitmann '99*, daughter of Karen (Sietsema '76) Heitmann, Victor, Iowa. *David Henneman '97*, son of Mary Lou Henneman '70, Youngstown, Ohio. *Rachel Herman '00*, daughter of Jerri (Olsen Herman '83 '96) Pederson, Blair.

J. Ryan '98 and Eric '00 Holtam, sons of Annette (Sorensen '69) and James '68 Holtam, Fremont, Nebraska. *Joel Jorgensen '97*, son of Richard '64 and Patricia (Kiracofe '63) Jorgensen, Blair. *Nancy Kemmish '97*, daughter of Charles (Grap '68) and Kenneth '66 Kemmish, Crescent, Iowa. *Emily Kempcke '97*, daughter of Cindy Kempcke '93, Blair. *Beth King '97*, daughter of Carol King '84, Omaha. *Mark Knudsen '00*, son of Karen (Nielsen '65) and Herbert '63 Knudsen, Ogallala, Nebraska. *Danielle Larson '98*, daughter of Douglas Larson '73, Waverly, Nebraska. *Kristin Mathiesen '98*, daughter of Judy (Zimmerman '71) Mathiesen, Blair. *Shannon Martin '97*, daughter of Judith Yeates '95, Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. *Robert "Reed" Mayberry '98*, son of Robert Mayberry '67, Scribner, Nebraska. *Jessica Mock '00*, daughter of John Mock '73, Mondamin, Iowa. *Emily Nessen '00*, daughter of Peter Nessen '69, West Bend, Iowa. *Ivy Nielsen '97*, daughter of Stanley '68 and Cheryl (Paulsen '68) Nielsen, Shelby, Iowa. *Mark Nielsen '97*, son of Tom Nielsen '59, Omaha. *Matthew Oestmann '99*, son of Carolyn (Robinson '78) and Paul '77 Oestmann, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. *Daniel Olsen '98*, son of James '62 Olsen, Blair, and Lois (Vaught '66) Olsen, Omaha. *Jennifer Patience '99*, daughter of Terry Patience '81, Crescent, Iowa.

Sarah Pierce '99, daughter of Jim '71 and Juel Neve '71 Pierce, St. Joseph, Missouri. *Jeremy Rademacher '97*, son of Darlene (Haecker '67) and Robert '64 Rademacher, Oberlin, Kansas. *Jamie Rodenburg '99*, daughter of Frederick Rodenburg '72, Neola, Iowa. *Meadow Rouse '97*, daughter of Michael Rouse, Blair. *Biana Dana Sabiya '00*, son of Wilson Sabiya '72, Mbamba, Adamawa State, Nigeria. *Gina Schoening '99*, daughter of Gary Schoening '70, Glenwood, Iowa. *David Shields '97*, son of Sharon (Dyoneson '69) and Joseph '69 Shields, Denison, Iowa. *Kyle Slusher '97*, son of the late Jeannette (Wallman '68) Slusher, Martel, Nebraska. *Steven Lance Sorensen '99*, son of Steven Sorensen '68, Blair. *Melanie Stewart '00*, daughter of Michael '76 and Diane (Bradley '76) Stewart, Aurora, Nebraska. *Mark Taht '98*, son of Juri Taht '52, Bowie, Maryland. *Tricia TeSelle '98*, daughter of Eugene '63 and Nancy (Jacobsen '64) TeSelle, Tekamah, NE. *Kara (Vergamini) Nieland '97 and Douglas "Kent" Vergamini '97*, daughter and son of Linda (McNichols '71) and Robert '71 Vergamini, Morris, Illinois. *Kimberly Wilken '00*, daughter of Carol (Thurman '67) Wilken, Treynor, Iowa. *Jennifer Willers '97*, daughter of Gene Willers '71, Schuyler, Nebraska. *Catherine Wolf '00*, daughter of Paula (Zackman '68) Wolf, Norridge, Illinois. *Christian Wulf '99*, son of Eldon Wulf '73, Blair. ○

It is gratifying that *students report high satisfaction with their educational experience at Dana.* Indeed, this year a representative sampling of Dana students revealed a higher degree of satisfaction on virtually every item contained in the nationally validated Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) than students at almost all other

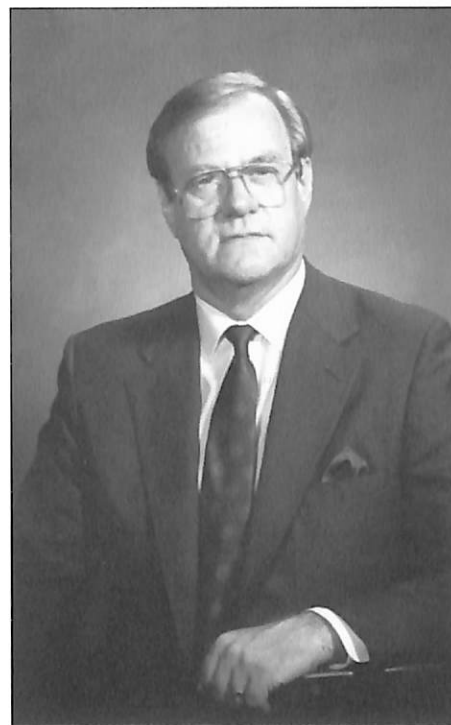
participating private colleges and universities. It is our aim to provide high quality educational experiences for every student and to try to extend this satisfaction across all of our services--in the classroom and elsewhere on campus. Having spent 25 years of my educational career as a teacher and administrator in some of America's best large public universities, I believe that Dana College offers one of the best undergraduate educational experiences anyplace and at a cost that makes Dana a "best buy." Hence, I am not surprised that Dana students seem quite satisfied, and I hope we will always earn their approval.

However, the issue of satisfaction as a measure of education intrigues me. *Just how important is satisfaction?* On the one hand, we are a nation of consumers who expect satisfaction, and companies as well as community agencies, schools, churches and other organizations that sell or provide products and services have adopted standards aimed at customer satisfaction.

Higher education consultants advise, "take care of your customers." In a college, students are our customers. We want to make sure they are satisfied so that they'll want to return. We also want them to feel that their education is well worth the investment. I am one who believes we should work hard to earn high satisfaction ratings from our students.

On the other hand, *I hope we never make satisfaction the highest goal of the educational quest.* Education is often at its best when the student is stimulated to question, to puzzle over and struggle to find solutions for difficult problems. Some of our most valuable lessons come because we are unable to find an easy fix. Sometimes being a little dissatisfied is a desirable state, leading us to take needed steps to change our situation or resolve a knotty problem. In their pursuit of knowledge, students should never be satisfied if that means contentment with what they already know. There is always more to learn, a better methodology, and the like.

Complete satisfaction may never be achieved. Some aspects of living and learning are always a little troublesome. Those of us who are Christians believe that we all are sinners and fall short of the glory of God. God alone provides the "satisfaction" for our sins in the gift of his son Jesus Christ who died and rose again that we might all have life, and have it abundantly. Because of his death and resurrection, we are freed to live and serve others knowing that salvation is not something we earn but something that comes to us by the grace of God. I recognize this is



a different use of the term satisfaction, but I am reminded that satisfaction is not entirely within our ability to achieve.

It is my hope that the journey we and our students take in life may bring us many instances of great satisfaction and of personal and professional fulfillment. However, there are challenges and circumstances that don't and won't lead to immediate satisfaction. Let us celebrate when we earn satisfying approval, but also welcome challenges so that we are moved to know more, to do a better job, and to want to create greater understanding and a better, more loving and humane world.

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President

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- Helga (Jessen '51) Hanson, Blair. Retired elementary school teacher.
- Jennifer Jensen '82, Omaha. Manager, Marketing Communications, Inacom. Has completed one three-year term as an elected member.
- Douglas Larson '73, Waverly, Nebr. Plant Controller, Walker Manufacturing. Has completed a one-year term as an appointed member-at-large.
- Paul Madsen '80, Omaha. Regional Director, ADD Tech Support, Applications Design and Development. Has completed a one-year term as an appointed member-at-large.
- Maija Nielsen '93, Omaha. German teacher, North High School, Omaha Public Schools. Has completed a one-year term as an appointed member-at-large.

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