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## What's Happening at Dana:

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On Sunday, December 8, large crowds again attended the college's popular "Sights and Sounds of Christmas." And as always, students and student groups and members of the faculty and staff and their spouses helped prepare for the day and then participated in it. Two of the groups, the Dana Chorale and Dana Concert Band, gave concerts the night before as well as on Sunday afternoon. Pictured is concert band member Ann Myers '98 of Omaha.  
*Photo by Barry Anderson '73*

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# College introduces Honors Program; participants are called "Morton Scholars"

This semester academically gifted freshmen and sophomores are the first Dana students to have an opportunity to participate in the college's new Honors Program.

Students in the program will be called "Morton Scholars" in honor of the late Dr. Richard E. Morton, president of Dana from 1944 to 1956. Morton was responsible for preparing Dana for initial regional accreditation by the North Central Association.

The Honors Program was adopted by the faculty at the start of the academic year. The proposal they considered stated that objectives of the program "are to attract, retain and challenge academically gifted students to realize their full intellectual, social and spiritual potential" and "to offer qualified students the opportunity to have a distinctive educational experience in the General Education Program, in their chosen major area of study, and in co-curricular activities."

Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of Greek and religion and director of the Honors Program, said that the college plans to affiliate the program with the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Hutton said that participation should enhance the students' undergraduate experience as well as their employability and admission to graduate school. He said that they will also be able to register for up to three credit hours per academic year in regularly scheduled courses over the normal limit of 16 credit hours per semester with no additional tuition fees.

The Honors Program is administered by an Advisory Council consisting of the vice

president for academic affairs, three faculty members (one of them the Honors Program director) and three Morton Scholars elected by students in the program.

This year's Morton Scholars are freshmen and sophomores who were invited to apply at the start of the second semester.

Freshmen will always enter the program at the start of their second semester because they must first complete the Foundations for Lifelong Learning class with at least a B+. Continuing Dana students or transfer students from other accredited institutions who have at least a 3.5 grade point average can apply for admission to the program no later than the start of their junior year. An applicant must have:

- A high school grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- A composite ACT/SAT score of 26/1170 or above.
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or his/her academic adviser at Dana.
- A personal interview with the Honors Program Advisory Council.

To graduate with honors, a participating student will need at least 20 semester hours of Honors credit. These hours include:

- Successful completion of

Foundations for Lifelong Learning (LA 103) with at least a B+ (thus earning three credit hours) or three credit hours of approved electives for those entering the program after their freshman year.

- Participation in a minimum of one Honors Section of the Liberal Arts

Reading Program (one credit hour).

- A minimum of one designated interdisciplinary Honors Course offered during the January Interim (three credit hours). (This January three Interim Honors Courses were offered.)

○ A minimum of six semester hours in designated Honors Courses from "The Challenge to Expand" section of the General Education Program.

- Cross-cultural experience consisting of (1)

approved international or domestic travel, or (2) an approved off-campus independent study in cultural diversity (three credit hours).

- A senior thesis/project in a student's major area that he or she will present to the public (three credit hours).

○ A minimum of 40 hours of approved community service (one credit hour).

- Participation in a non-credit Honors Colloquium each semester while in the Honors Program.

○ Maintenance of a cumulative 3.5 grade point average or above. ○



*The late Richard E. Morton, president of Dana from 1944-56: Students in the Honors Program will be called "Morton Scholars"*

# Nielsen responds to class discussion, "Just what is a liberal arts education?"

*Dana's General Education program begins with a three-credit Foundations for Lifelong Learning class that, among other things, introduces first-year students to the concept of a liberal arts education. Students in the class keep journals in which they write about issues discussed in their sections. One of those issues this fall was "Just what is a liberal arts education?" After a lively discussion in his section, Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73 of the English Department addressed the question by writing his own journal entry and shared it with the class.*

On Friday, September 27, we discussed what a "liberal arts" education might be by taking a closer look at the words "liberal" and "arts." Some of you noted some frustration as it seemed to be a discussion that could go on and on. I hope it does. But I also recognize a need to provide some momentary closure in the midst of the experience.

Some of you asked me to answer the question, What is a liberal arts education? and I hesitated, not because I don't have an answer, and certainly (as you know) not because I'm bashful about sharing my observations, but because I don't want you to understand my answer as the answer. It is a response, an answer, which grows out of my experience. How you answer this question will

grow out of your own experiences.

I too start by breaking down the words, recognizing that they're slippery and that meanings change. "Liberal" comes from the Latin words *liber* and *liberalis*, which can mean freedom or to free oneself. Consequently, our focus on liberation in the discussion seemed useful to me.

The word "art," however, is more difficult for me as it also seemed to be for the class. Certainly, our inclination to associate it with making or creating is important, but I think it also includes a way or a state of being. I say this when I think of the phrase "the art of medicine" or "the practice of medicine." (I think we were moving in that direction when someone mentioned "the art of warfare.")



John Mark Nielsen

For me a personal experience shapes my response to this word of art as a practice. It has to do with when my youngest son underwent treatment for a rare brain tumor, and my wife and I thought he would be dead within six months. I wanted precise

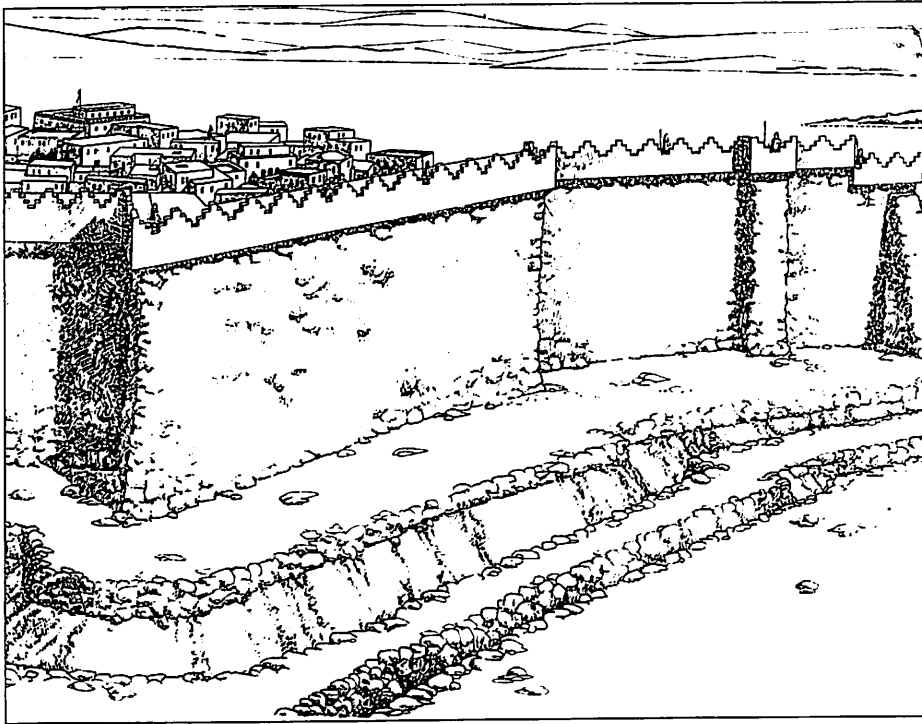
answers; I wanted what I thought was the certainty of science. But the treatment of our son was more than just how a given patient responded to "x" regimen of chemicals and radiation. There was a personal and individual dimension to the

treatment. I witnessed doctors, nurses, specialists, all meeting together, struggling to keep our son alive, and not having the precise answers and not certain of the outcomes. I observed them practicing a kind of method or strategy that was as much intuitive as it was intellectual. For me, this is how I understand "art"—it's acquiring habits, strategies, methods, and skills for dealing with questions and issues that may lie outside of our ability "to know."

My working definition is then "a liberal arts education is an education in acquiring the habits, strategies, methods and skills that liberate me or set me free. But free from what? All the untested assumptions and beliefs that I have, so that I might more clearly know what I believe and why I believe as I do, and that this understanding can inform my actions. As Linsey [Donnelly '00, Tekamah, Nebr.] noted, challenging and testing our assumptions and beliefs is painful. Certainly I too have my prejudices and biases which I constantly struggle to overcome, but if I don't continually engage in this struggle, I die, intellectually and spiritually. I have come to feel, as Plato attributes to Socrates, that "the unexamined life is not worth living."

Can one acquire this education at places other than liberal arts colleges? Of course one can. Anyone who develops a posture or habit of inquiry and curiosity and sets about in a disciplined way to wrestle with the essential questions of life and death and the nature of existence is, I would argue, in the process of becoming liberally educated.

What then does the liberal arts



### **Olsen sketches Bethsaida finds**

*Last summer art professor Jim Olsen '62 used his drawing skills when he traveled to Israel to participate in the archaeological dig at Bethsaida. He spent three weeks producing detailed and accurate sketches of finds there. He also prepared this drawing based on the discovery of a segment of the wall that surrounded the ancient town. It shows Bethsaida as it would have appeared when it was situated directly on the Sea of Galilee. Over the centuries the sea receded until today it is about two miles away. Bethsaida was occupied from about 2700 B.C.E. (Before the Christian Era) to 67 C.E. (Christian Era). It was the site of King David's third marriage in about 1000 B.C.E. and is the third most-mentioned Galilean village in the New Testament. Dana belongs to a consortium of seven American colleges and universities and the University of Munich that participate in excavating the tell. Several Dana students and other faculty members participated in the dig in previous years.*

college have to offer? Here I would explore the meaning of the word "college." For me, college carries with it the idea of colleagues and community, of joining in a shared endeavor to search for answers and to test solutions, to work across the boundaries of disciplines, rather than focusing solely on the questions of a particular discipline. Consequently, scientific investigation is as exciting to me as is linguistic acquisition or poetic or fictional expression. A community that offers these kinds of opportunities is more exciting to me

than the larger university which seems to me more impersonal. It comes down to living in a community where the individual and the individual's struggle is valued. It is a shared experience; we learn from each other. That's what I hope you will find here at Dana, especially as you come in personal contact and work with a variety of faculty and students, both in and outside of the classroom.

There's much more I could say and even want to say, expanding the descriptive phrase to include a Christian, liberal arts college, but

that will have to wait until you give me another journal assignment. I do, however, look forward to responding to you individually should you have questions or want to explore these issues further. This is what makes living and learning in a liberal arts college exciting.

I hope that you're adapting to your new groups and that you'll find the oral history project challenging, interesting and a growing experience.

Take care,  
John Mark

# New software aids cataloging, research in college's Danish Immigrant Archive

by Sandra Wigdahl

*Sandra Wigdahl is the administrative assistant in Dana's Office of College Relations and Marketing. She is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.*

**A** new cataloging system is in place, and the monumental task of entering data from thousands of letters has begun in the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana.

The MicroMARC system is being used to catalog letters, pictures, periodicals and numerous other pieces of information currently in the archive collection. One collection alone, the Hansen-Mengers collection, consists of more than 13,000 letters spanning 100 years from the 1870s to the 1970s and represents four generations of a single Danish immigrant family. Library officials estimate it will take a minimum of three years to enter all the information from just this collection into the MicroMARC system.

According to Ruth Rasmussen, director of the C.A. Dana-LIFE Library at Dana, no other collection of Danish

immigrant material in the United States compares in scope to the Hansen-Mengers collection. "Unless the collection is cataloged and translated, however, valuable as it is, it is not usable," she said. "At this point we are known in several scholarly settings, but we are not ready to open this collection up to the scholarly world because of the difficulty in retrieving information," she added.

The MicroMARC system was recommended to the library by the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, and all the materials from the archive will eventually be entered in a format that will allow scholars and researchers from all over the world to access the information.

Having a cataloging system that is compatible with other systems throughout the country also qualifies the library for grants to do further work organizing the archives.

The system was financed in part by the Washington County Visitors Promotion Fund and the Dana Women's Club.

Dr. John W. Nielsen D'48 T'53, director of archive projects, wrote in a summary review, "The name [Danish Immigrant Archive] also states the focus of the Archive, which is to collect, preserve, catalog, translate and make available materials relating to the Danish immigrant experience and its ongoing contribution to American life and culture."

In addition to local genealogical information and the Hansen-Mengers collection, the archive contains original bodies of material from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dana College and Trinity Seminary; general Danish immigrant material; local historical archives; and the records kept by the Danish Brotherhood. It also contains 35 boxes of papers and correspondence of the Danish-American author, Sophus Keith Winther. Recent additions include the Jorgensen collection of letters given by Lilly (Jorgensen '35) and Severin '34 Sorensen, with documents covering the same time span as the Hansen-Mengers collection, and materials given by Alvin '36 and Edel Petersen.

Nielsen said that Dana is always looking for more material to add to the archive. "We are interested in any letters, diaries, or journals of Danish immigrants and descendants," he said. "Of particular interest would be material from more recent immigrants--those since 1945. It's harder to get that material than the older things." Business records and farm accounts of immigrant families are also a welcome addition to the archive, as are books and magazines published in the U.S. in the Danish language, according to Nielsen.

Workers in the archive have merely scratched the surface in using the MicroMARC index system, but the potential is limitless. In a few years' time scholars from around the world will be tapping into Dana's archive and finding ready access to the information they need. ○

## College is given founder's Bible

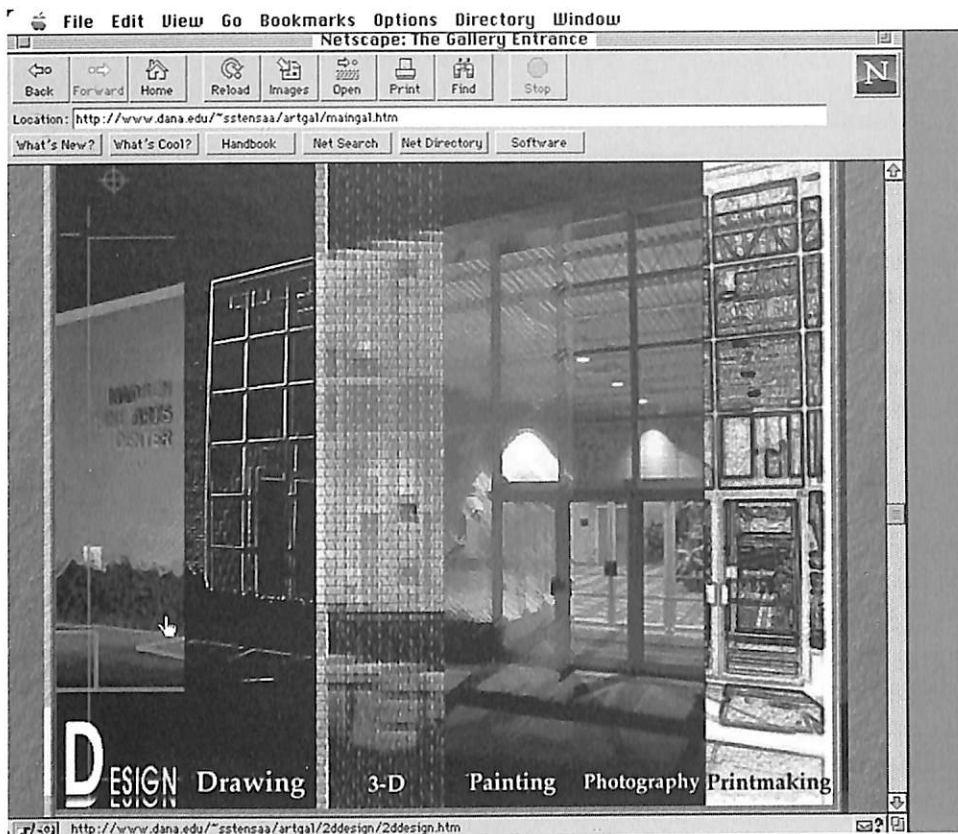
**T**he Bible used by the Rev. A.M. Andersen, a principal founder of Trinity Seminary and its first president, has been given to Dana College by his grandson, Allen E. Andersen, Jr., of Hanover, Massachusetts. (Dana traces its beginnings to the 1884 founding of Trinity Seminary, and both institutions shared the campus for many years.)

In a letter to Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement, Allen Andersen wrote: "Since my Dad (Dr. Allen E. Andersen) was the youngest of the seven children out of seventeen to have survived infancy on the American Frontier, the Bible had been handed down to him. Of special interest are the entries in Grandfather's handwriting chronicling the births and deaths of his children. . . .

"This Bible is something to behold, especially if one imagines how it must have looked when new. Though the years have not been kind to the cover and binding, the high quality prints, the color plates especially, are absolutely beautiful . . . ."

He continues: "It is quite sad to part with this very personal and dear heirloom, but it really should have been given to Dana long ago. I know that because of its historical significance to Dana, my Grandfather's Bible will be well received and cared for."

At Dana Andersen's Bible is currently on display with his portrait in the John Wolter and Elizabeth Solevad Nielsen Document Room of the Danish Immigrant Archive. ○



### Art Gallery has World Wide Web home

Viewers to Dana's Web site can click on the "Art Gallery" button to visit the Gallery and Dana Zone or go to both directly by using the address: <<http://www.dana.edu~art>>.

## New Web sites show students' art; alumni in arts can have home page

Dana's Art Department invites visitors to the college's World Wide Web <<http://www.dana.edu>> site to browse through its new "Art Gallery." The Gallery shows students' current work—paintings, prints, photographs, graphic design, drawings and three-dimensional pieces—and gives viewers an opportunity to discuss the work with them via e-mail.

Another new Web site feature is the "Dana Zone." It includes home pages created by senior graphic design majors, with their resumes and portfolios of their work, and two computer-generated student research projects written by Eric

Krystof '98 (Springfield, Nebr.) for his Foundations for Lifelong Learning class.

Professor Starla Stensaa, who teaches graphic design, said that the Art Department also welcomes links to home pages from alumni who are involved in the arts or who majored in art at Dana. If an art graduate doesn't have a home page for a link, he or she should get in touch with the Art Department about placing a page on the Dana server.

The Art Gallery and Dana Zone can be accessed using a color monitor with Netscape 2.0 or other browsers like Internet Explorer. ○

## Acting, directing, by Omaha alumni win reviewer's praise

Dana graduates continue their involvement with Omaha theater productions, most recently this fall in the musical *Oliver!* at the Omaha Community Playhouse and David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* at the Diner Theater.

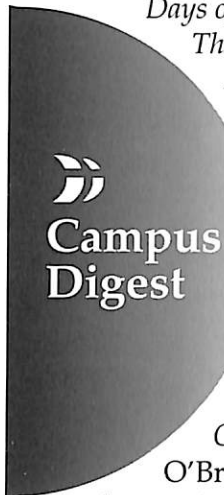
A review by *Omaha World-Herald* staff writer Jim Delmont headlined "Oliver! A Dickens of a Show" appeared in the August 31 edition. He wrote: "Director [Charles] Jones has some wonderful lead actors—Stan Lassegard ['74] as Bumble the Beadle, with a booming voice and solid presence. . . and Kevin Westring ['95] as the foul, loud-mouthed Sykes."

In a September 23 *World-Herald* review of *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Delmont wrote, "The Diner has a crackling good production of this powerful play, admirably directed by Brent Noel ['85] and well acted by a fine cast. . . . The part of the office manager, who must be stoic to insults, a bit nerdy but a bit steely at times, is one of the most difficult in the play, and [Kevin] Barratt ['79] is very able in this part. His brother, Brian Barratt ['83], one of Omaha's stellar performers, brings a lot of vivacity and energy to the part of Dave, who masterminds a burglary of his employer's office." Delmont noted that Kevin Barratt is also a member of the Omaha Theater Company for Young People.

Books being read this semester in the *Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP)* are: *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt, *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, Plato's *The Last Days of Socrates* and *The Harp of Burma* by Michio Takeyama.

Dana's Weekend College also offers LARP. The selections for that course are: Plato's *The Last*

*Days of Socrates*, Dorris's *The Broken Cord*, Anaya's *Bless Me Ultima*, Bressano de Alonso's *Fuggevolezza*, Goethe's *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, Euripides' *Hippolytus* and *Medea*, Cather's *O Pioneers*, O'Brien's *In the Lake of the Woods* and Laurence's *Stone Angel*.



**Dr. Richard Palmer** (music) conducted the Fort Kearney Conference Quad Honor Choir on November 12 in Axtell, Nebraska. The more than 100 singers were selected from the choral programs in Overton, Wilcox, Loomis and Axtell. The daylong rehearsal concluded with an early evening concert by the mass choir.

Members of the **1961 European Choir** who attended the group's reunion at Homecoming last October have contributed \$495 to the Dana Chorale. The contributions are a memorial to three deceased members—Jack Hill, Milan Nore and Elizabeth (Nielsen) Pedersen.

On November 21-24 the college's **Theater Department** performed Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*. The production was directed by English instructor

Cathy Wells. She also directs the Brigit St. Brigit Theater in Omaha, a company performing classic plays.

**Kevin Schaudt**, dean of student life, has been named the 1996 Advisor of the Year for the Heart of America region of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). He received the award in November at the regional NACA conference. Nominations for the award were submitted by students at member institutions. The region includes over 70 colleges and universities in Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri and New Mexico. More than 500 students and advisors attended the conference. Schaudt was also given special recognition by the region for his contributions to the organization over the past two years. He was this year's conference coordinator.

On December 6, the Friday before "Sights and Sounds of Christmas," the **Santa Lucia Singers** and their director, **Prof. Jeanmarie Nielsen '78** (music), appeared on Omaha's KMTV morning news program, and 14 members of the **Dana Chorale** and Chorale director **Dr. Richard Palmer** appeared on Omaha's WOWT noon news program. **Barry Anderson '73**, director of college relations and marketing, joined both groups to talk about Sights and Sounds.

The Santa Lucia Singers also performed on December 2 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. On December 13 they were featured performers for Scandinavian Night at Omaha's Western Heritage Museum.

Two new counselors have joined the college's Admissions Office. **Sarah Peterson '97**, a

psychology major from Gillette, Wyoming, will cover southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa. She completed requirements for her bachelor's degree during the January Interim. **Sarah Voorhees**, a 1996 graduate of Luther College, will cover northeast and north central Nebraska and several Omaha high schools.

**Dr. Michael Gill** (music) and nine Dana students attended the Nebraska Music Educators Association annual conference and in-service workshop in Kearney November 21-23. As part of convention activities, two of the students—flutist Betsie Walles '00 (Ceresco, Nebr.) and pianist Kolette Haskell '99 (Haigler, Nebr.)—performed at a collegiate recital.

On January 14 and 15 **Dr. James M. Childs, Jr.**, academic dean and professor of Christian ethics at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, gave three lectures on ethics in business for the college's 1997 Staley Foundation Christian Lecture Series. He also spoke on January 16 on "Ethics in the Curriculum: The Church College Difference" at a professional meeting of the faculty. ○

## Mark your calendars for Homecoming 1997

Homecoming 1997 is set for September 26-28. The college will sponsor reunions of the Classes of 1947, 1957, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992.

Members of other classes or groups who would like to hold reunions and participate in planning them should get in touch with Alumni Director Ann George before May 31 (402-426-7235; ann@fs1.dana.edu).

# Scholarships established by alumni, friends

Over the past three years alumni and friends of Dana have established the following scholarships to assist students:

Miss Abbie Scholarship, established by Phil & Florence Larsen

Ken Anderson Memorial Scholarship, established by family & friends

Anne M. & Peter H. Bansen Endowed Scholarship, established by the Bansen family

Marvin & Norma Barratt & Sons Scholarship, established by Steve Barratt

William Bracker Endowed Scholarship, established by Anne Bracker

Cargill/Washington County Scholarship, established by Cargill Inc.

Henry G. & Esta L. Deets Memorial Endowed Scholarship, established by Norma J. (Deets) May

Darrell & Marge Dibben Scholarship, established by family & friends

Clarence Ericksen Memorial Scholarship, established by Lydia Young

Hilma Gartner Scholarship, established by Hilma Gartner

Rev. Fred C.M. & Carrie E. Hansen Endowed Scholarship, established by Elmer Hansen & family

Hartvigsen/Pizza Hut Scholarship, established by Keith & Carol Hartvigsen

Gunnar Horn English Endowed Scholarship, established by Gunnar Horn

Jersild-Geiger Memorial Scholarship, established by Art & Bertha Jersild

Kirchhoff/Minderman Endowed Scholarship, established by Leo Kirchhoff

Knudsen-Schattauer Scholarship, established by Carl & Alice (Knudsen) Schattauer

C. Clifford & Sigrid S. Koldenborg Scholarship, established by Gail Koldenborg

Garnet Larson Social Work Scholarship, established by Richard & Jan Potter

N. Myrle Lassen Scholarship, established by John-Henry Lassen

Alfred J. Latwaitis, Sr., Memorial Scholarship, established by Helen Latwaitis

Dale & Jane Lemon Scholarship, established by family & friends

Matthies & Dean Families Endowed Scholarship, established by Fred & Carol (Dean) Matthies

Phyllis McManigal Scholarship, established by family & friends

Julie Miller Memorial Scholarship, established by family

Neil & Shirley (Bohs) Moore Scholarship, established by Neil & Shirley (Bohs) Moore

New Day Scholarship, established by Duey & Tracy Heffelfinger, Kay & Mark Dickinson, Scott & Teresa Doksansky

Nielsen/Neve Endowed Memorial Scholarship, established by Arnold & Elaine (Neve) Nielsen

John & Meta Nielsen Endowed Scholarship, established by Walter & Margaret (Nielsen) Rodenburg

Rev. & Mrs. N.P. Nielsen/Harold W. & Ruth Holm Memorial Scholarship, established by LeVern & Marilyn (Holm) Nielsen

Christine Rasmussen Scholarship, established by family & friends

John & Beth Schultz Heritage Scholarship, established by John & Beth Schultz

Edward & Elna Steen Scholarship, established by Edward Steen

Ethel Honey Paul & Norma Arline Wilcox Endowed Scholarship, established by Maude Phillips

Wayne Wise Memorial Scholarship, established by Ruth Borsheim-Wise



## Oaks Indian Center honors Vammens

Dr. Adolph Vammen '40 and his wife, Hazel, of Oaks, Oklahoma, were thanked last spring by the Oaks Indian Center for the many years of service they and other members of the Vammen family had given the Center. They're pictured here with James Morrison (left), executive director of the Center. Like Dana College and Trinity Seminary, the Oaks Indian Center was supported by the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church.



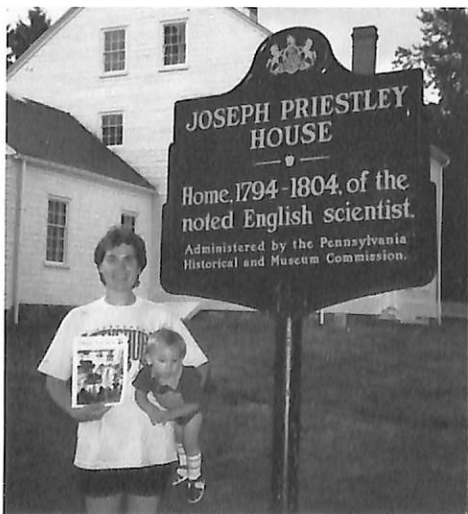
**To Kenya (top left):** Ruth (Larsen '51) Randall of Lincoln, Nebraska, and her 15-year-old grandson, James Randall of Apple Valley, Minnesota, went on a 14-day African safari this past summer. Ruth writes, "While we were in Kenya, we crossed the Equator and had our photo taken there."

**To Japan (middle left):** May (Skobo '52) Jackson of Rochester, Michigan, visited Japan this summer. She writes: "A group of eight of us women from the Michigan Senior Olympics volleyball team (ages 50-68) went to Kyoto to play volleyball, we thought. Actually, we played volleyball one afternoon, and our excursion turned into the most marvelous people-to-people program. Most of the time we stayed in people's homes and were feasted and feted throughout." The team's player-coach Fusako Hines (left) and Jackson stand with the Dana Review before the Kinkakuji Temple (or Golden Pavillion) in Kyoto.

**To Pennsylvania (bottom left):** Ann (Burgard '88) Thieman and son Josiah took time out on July 4 during a visit to Ann's hometown of Northumberland for a photo at a local historic site. Ann writes, "We also made a trip to Washington, D.C., and the Gettysburg battlefield, but I didn't have my Review with me for those trips!"

**To Turkey (top right):** Dr. Al Rueter '42 of St. Paul, Minnesota, and daughter Judy (Rueter '67) Brehm of Blair pose with the Review at the Library of Celsus in Ephesus, Turkey. They visited Judy and Charlie's ('67) son Jeff and his family at Incirlik Air Base.

**To New York City (bottom right):** The rain didn't keep sisters Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen of Anaheim, California, and Helen Christiansen '56 of Rhinecliff, New York, from stopping for a photo outside Carnegie Hall. Ken Fricker, Helen's musician husband, was playing there in Louisiana Purchase.

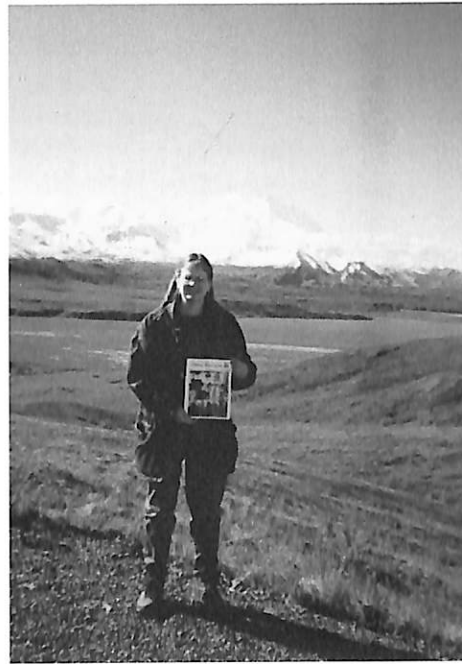


# Dana alumni & families take

## Review along . . .



*To France (top): Winter Springs, Florida, residents Artie and Janice (Madsen '72) Grindle, Laura Johnson (Janice's daughter) and Tamara Grindle pose with the Review at the Palace of Versailles.*



*To Mount McKinley (middle left): Margret and Glen '55 Christoffersen of Redwood City, California, took the Review with them when they visited Alaska this fall. Glen writes, "This photo was supposed to have been a grand portrait of Mount McKinley with us in the foreground. . . . But, like 85 percent of the visitors to Denali National Park, we didn't get even a glimpse of the mountain, due to fog and low clouds. The rest of our Alaskan trip was great, with lots of sunshine, and the fall color at its peak."*

*Jill (Jorgensen '86) Hennick (middle right) of Nebraska City had better luck on her trip to Alaska. Yes, that's Mount McKinley in the background.*

*To Canada (bottom): Kay (Braaten '74) Bresemann of Clarksville, Tennessee, spent five weeks this summer in Canada at l'Ecole de langue Francaise at de culture quebecoise at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi. She writes, "This was an immersion program that I completed as part of the requirement for teacher certification in French. In addition to class every day, I traveled throughout the beautiful Saguenay-Lec St. Jean area of Quebec, the most completely French-speaking part of the province, and a beautiful tourist area as well. As part of the program I toured the city of Quebec, cruised in the St. Lawrence River to see whales and learned quebecoise folk dancing." Kay took the Dana Review along for this photo.*



## Alumni in Tokyo form Dana Club, invite others in Japan to join them

Three alumni living in Tokyo, Japan, have organized an informal "Dana in Japan" Club. The three—Norma (Jordan '68) and Roger '63 Lippincott and Michi Enya '84—serve (in the same order) as the club's president, vice president and

secretary.

They invite other alumni and friends living in Japan to get in touch with them if they'd like to meet occasionally. Roger, an officer stationed at Yokota Air Base, can be reached at 0425-52-2511, ext. 58069. ○



**To festival of Norfolks (above):** Donna (Byriel '60) Rector of Norfolk, Nebraska, took time out from a celebration of residents from the Norwiches and Norfolks of the world to pose with the Dana Review in front of the 900-year-old cathedral in Norwich, Norfolk County, England. She reports, "People from all the Norwiches and Norfolks in the world (26 cities) were invited to attend. Twenty-three cities were represented. We had a wonderful time—marched in the Lord Mayor's parade, attended a reception at City Hall put on by the Lord Mayor (got to attend because my husband Harley is the mayor of Norfolk, Nebraska), and were honored at a reception at the Castle." The Rectors also visited London, Ireland, and Wales.



### College friends take Review to reunions

**To Hawaii (top right):** Joyce (Olsen '58) Gilbert took the Review to Kauai, Hawaii, when she and three Dana friends (the four are also childhood friends) met in May for their annual reunion. From left (front) at the Princeville Hotel are Carlene (Petersen '58) Heiser of McMinnville, Oregon, Karen (Petersen '59) Jensen of Monmouth, Oregon, and (back) Carol (Olsen '58) Lodi and Gilbert, both of Eugene, Oregon.

**To Missouri (above):** Another group of four Dana friends, all of them 1978 graduates, vacationed together at Shell Knob, for five days at a resort on Table Rock Lake. From left are Becky (Masoner) McCain of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Iris (Frey) Doolittle of Madison, Nebraska, Paula Christensen of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Jeanmarie Nielsen Anderson of Blair.



## New alumni directory planned for late '97

Have you ever tried to get in touch with a former classmate only to find that the last address you have in your telephone directory is eight years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon a new directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your old friends.

The new *Dana College Alumni Directory*, scheduled for release in October/November 1997, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on over 8,500 living Dana College and Trinity Seminary alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive, hardbound volume will include names, home addresses and phone numbers, academic data, career/business information, and e-mail addresses.

The Alumni Office has contracted with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to produce the directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing questionnaires to all alumni for whom the college has current addresses. (If you prefer not to be listed in the directory, please notify the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new *Dana College Alumni Directory* will soon make finding an old friend as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues of the *Dana Review*.○

# Alumni Council president describes resolutions, vows to "use days wisely"

January is a time for reflection. Most of us take at least a moment at this time of year to consider the state of our lives. What do we like? What should we change? One of the things I have noticed is the tendency to want to change externalities. How many of you have New Year's resolutions that make no mention whatsoever of "weight"-related topics?

I am taking a different approach this year. No, I am not going on an eating binge. My efforts at change are going to be devoted to my inner life. My list of resolutions follows:

1. I will not do anything with which I morally disagree, no matter how much I respect the person who wants me to do it.
2. I will be patient with others.
3. I will listen.
4. I will smile. (At first glance, this might seem to be external; however, if done correctly it is absolutely internal.)
5. I will practice kindness, and allow others to reciprocate.
6. I will not impose my value system on others, nor will I abandon it for them.
7. I will not pass judgment on others.

Seven is enough for me. For one thing, having reached the age of 50 this past year, I know it is all I can remember. My children tease me about the things I forget as mounting evidence of my aging.

Aging is not all bad. It is not only pleasant things one forgets.

Several years ago I asked God to let me live to raise my children. Since that is essentially done, each additional day is a gift to me. I feel a responsibility to use

these days wisely. My association with the Alumni Council has been a good use of these days. It has enabled me to contribute to something worthwhile and lasting. The best part is that it is a combined effort. We all accomplish so much more together than any of us could have done individually.

A quote attributed to Albert Einstein reads, "Only a life lived for others is worth living." What is it that we remember the best about Albert Einstein? Oh yes, he was VERY smart.

Carol King '84  
President, Alumni Council  
Vice President,  
Valley Products Corp.



# Winter sports: A mid-season report

by Paul Clark, Sports Information Director

## Men's Basketball

After a 4-1 start, by January 20 the men's basketball team stood at 8-12 with 20 games on the books. Despite the slump that produced just four victories in a 15-game span, the Vikings had their sights set on a strong finish over the final third of the 1996-97 season.

Highlights of the season included an impressive performance at home in the Dana Invitational November 15-16. The Vikings drilled Concordia-St. Paul (Minnesota) 91-69 and Huron (S.D.) 80-56 to claim the tournament championship. Bret Marchese '97 (Glendale, Ariz.) was named the tournament MVP for his performance in leading Dana to the two victories.



The Vikings beat Bellevue three times in the opening month of the season, winning 87-76 at home, 84-56 at Bellevue and 81-78 at the Peru State Invitational. Dana finished second at the Peru State and Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) tournaments, losing to the host schools by two and three points in the respective championship games.

An overtime victory at Grand View (Iowa) 86-79, and an 83-81 win over Briar Cliff (Iowa) at Borup Coliseum were other nonconference wins for the Vikings. Dana lost to two nationally ranked teams, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) and Berea (Kentucky), at the Embry-Riddle Classic in early January. In all, Dana had four losses to nationally ranked teams and five losses on the road by five points or less.

Nathan Babbitt '97 (Emerson, Iowa) led the team in scoring and Shawn Fasbender '97 (Omaha) was tops in rebounding through 20 games. Fasbender also ranked among the NAIA Division II national leaders in field goal percentage in mid-January. Marchese was the team's top scorer and ranked nationally in assists per game before a knee injury over the Christmas break prematurely ended his season.

## Women's Basketball

A lack of consistency was the key factor in the Dana women's 7-10 start to the 1996-97 basketball season. The Vikings played very strong basketball in several early games. Dana won the championship of its own Dana Classic in mid-November by defeating Iowa Wesleyan 85-75 and Marycrest (Iowa) 67-60. The Vikings' Jodi Bradley '99 (Ft. Dodge, Iowa) was named MVP of the tournament. Dana sailed to nonconference victories over York 70-54 and Westmar (Iowa) 82-60 and opened its Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) schedule with an 83-58 pasting of Nebraska Wesleyan at Borup Coliseum. That extended the Dana women's home winning streak to a school-record seven games dating back to last year. The Vikings also picked up a 71-70 nonconference win at Peru State. Unfortunately, rival Midland Lutheran ended Dana's dominance at home with a 58-53 win over the Vikings on January 18. That was one of four losses by five points or less that have kept the Vikings below the .500 mark through the first two-thirds of the season. Bradley was Dana's top scorer and Nichol Buenning '97 (Parkston, S.D.) was the leading rebounder 17 games into the season. The Vikings' Sarah Klein '00 (Sioux City, Iowa) ranked among NAIA Division II national leaders in free throw percentage.

## Wrestling

Dana once again started the 1996-97 wrestling season with a series of tough competition against plenty of NCAA Division I and Division II foes. As the Vikings moved into the heart of their NAIA competitions in January and February, individual records started improving and three Dana matmen had clinched their spots in the NAIA National Championships scheduled for March. Leading the way again was Andy Hensley '97 (Massena, Iowa), who was 12-7 this year and had boosted his career win total to 85 through mid-January. Hensley qualified for nationals by winning the 167-pound championship at the UNO Glen Brand Open on January 11 and he followed that up with a title at the Dana Invitational on January 18. Hensley placed third at the rugged Fort Hays State (Kans.) Open in December. Also qualifying for nationals at the UNO Glen Brand Open were Dana's Steven Jenny '00 (Monroe, Nebr.) and Ryan Barrett '98 (Harrisburg, Nebr.). Jenny, a 134-pound freshman, has been the success story of the season for Dana. Jenny's record was 10-8 through mid-January, including runner-up finishes at the UNO and Dana tournaments. Barrett finished second among collegiate wrestlers at 158 pounds at the UNO Open to earn a nationals berth. In dual meets, Dana was 0-3 to

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start the season. Dakota Wesleyan, Northwestern (Iowa) and Westmar (Iowa) all handed the Vikings dual losses at home in January.

### **Birmingham honored**

Dana's Jay Birmingham has been selected as the NAIA Men's Cross Country National Coach-of-the-Year for 1996.

Birmingham led Dana to fourth place at the '96 NAIA Cross Country Championships in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in November. It marked the highest finish ever for a Dana team at the national level and came in just the third season of the rebirth of cross country at Dana under Birmingham's direction. Dana moved up 13 spots from its seventeenth-place finish at national in 1995 to earn Birmingham the national award.

Birmingham is also coach of the women's cross country team and the men's and women's track teams at Dana; he is also an instructor in the Physical Education Department.

### **Athletes named All-Americans**

Five individuals earned NAIA All-American recognition during the fall sports season and six outstanding sports scholars were given national honors for their excellence on the playing field and in the classroom this fall.

Ben Sandy, a junior from Newcastle, Wyoming, earned All-American honors in men's cross country to become Dana's first-ever three-time All-American. He finished twenty-seventh at the national meet for a second straight year and has now been an All-American twice in cross country and once in men's track.

Senior William Collins from Asheville, North Carolina, became Dana's first two-time All-American in football with his repeat selection to the NAIA Division II elite team this season. Collins is a bona fide pro

football prospect with scouts from about 20 NFL teams visiting the Dana campus this fall.

Earning All-American honorable mention in football were junior defensive back Ben Tams of Oxford, Nebraska, and sophomore wide receiver Jason Mitchell of Sidney, Nebraska. Mitchell received recognition as a punt returner—he was the only player in the nation to rank in the top ten for kickoff returns and punt returns in the final NAIA statistics report for 1996.

Senior Paul Gardner of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, became Dana's fourth two-time NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete this fall. Also making All-America Scholar-Athlete in football this year were junior Michael Babbitt of Emerson, Iowa, junior Tony Weers of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and junior Chris Kellner of Weston, Nebraska. Babbitt's 3.93 GPA in social sciences ranked him ninth among all NAIA Division II college football players in the country.

Earning All-American Scholar-Athlete recognition in women's cross country was Anna Hovde, a junior from Gillette, Wyoming. Ben Sandy accomplished the impressive doubling up of All-American honors with Scholar-Athlete honors in men's cross country.

### **Women's basketball honored**

Last fall Dana's women's basketball program received a lofty honor for athletic and academic achievement from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).

Dana was ranked #2 in the nation among NAIA teams in the first WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll. The listing was based on cumulative team GPA for the 1995-96 season. Dana's 3.51 team GPA ranked second in the nation only to Bethany (Kansas) at 3.62. ○

## Movie extra Black: "All of my scenes were kept in!"

Laura (Lunzmann '72) Black of Lincoln, Nebraska, appears in the Alexander Payne/Laura Dern film *Citizen Ruth* as a featured extra. She is one of the security escorts for the women's clinic. The film was shot in Omaha.

Black writes, "It was fun working with Laura Dern, Mary Kay Place, Tippi Hedron. All of my scenes were kept in!"

During the Christmas season Black, as a host for the Nebraska Public Radio Network, read from Bess Streeter Aldrich's *Journey Into Christmas*, a four-part special, and from Willa Cather's *My Antonia*. ○

## Volunteers needed for campus projects

The fall issue of the *Dana Review* included an article announcing plans to start a Dana Volunteers Program this spring. Projects on which volunteers might work could include construction and painting, campus beautification and electrical work. Dana would provide food and lodging.

Anne Christopherson, program coordinator, said that readers who would like to learn more about the program should write or call her at Dana (402-426-7248). She would appreciate information on skills, licensing for certain projects (for example, for electrical work and plumbing) and health insurance coverage. ○

## '90s

○ **Holly Halsell '96** and Richard Jones were married on December 28. They live in LaVista, Nebraska. Holly works in Omaha at Von Maur Department Store, where she was recently promoted to assistant area sales manager of the Town and Club and Women's Sportswear Departments.

○ **Anne (Bodenstedt '96) and Jon '93 Pestel** write, "We are restoring an 1881 Italianate Victorian house in Malvern, Iowa, where we welcomed our daughter Caitlin Jean on November 4, 1996."

○ **Megan Weeks '96 and Brad Hopp '94** were married on April 1, 1996.

They live in Lawton, Iowa.

They write that they own a business and are making plans toward a ministry for Brad and a ministry of music in violin and voice for Megan.

○ **N. Sue Dugan '95** is controller for commercial real estate at the Lund Company in Omaha.

○ **Mariko Kishida '95** of Nagano, Japan, has been asked to be a translator for representatives from Cyprus serving on the National Olympics Committee. Next year's Winter Olympic Games will be held in Nagano.

○ **Brian and Stacy (Stauss '94) Cox** live in Grand Island, Nebraska, where Stacy is a file clerk at Festival Foods. Daughter Christina Ann was born on July 17; Leighton Joseph is three.

○ **Shawn Osbahr '94** is an account executive with American Business Information in Omaha.

○ **Kyle '93 and Jennifer (Edelman '93) Lindelof** of Basehor, Kansas, announce the birth of their first child, Keirsten Elaine, on December 30.

○ **Scott and Cathy (Clements '93) Nun** of Tekamah, Nebraska, announce the November 30 birth of Lindsey Dena. Cathy is a marketing and information specialist at Cargill, Inc., in Blair.

○ **Mary Savery '93** of Omaha writes that she started a new business-to-business teleprospecting company, called Allegra TeleServices, on behalf of

World Marketing, Inc., a subsidiary of the *Omaha World-Herald*. The company began as a department of World Marketing in March 1996 with Mary as the only employee. It is now an independent operating company under her direction.

○ **Ginny Ward '92** and Chris Hawk were married on October 26. They live in Omaha. Ginny is scanning coordinator for No Frills Supermarkets; Chris is a musician.

○ **Audrey Gowen '91** and Lee Reinsch were married on August 17. He is a hospital chaplain.

○ **Thom Morrow '91** is a production assistant for the daily/nightly newscasts at KSFY, the ABC television station in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is also an announcer at KRRO-FM (rock) and KWSN-AM (talk) radio stations. Thom's wife, Heather, is a junior at Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

## '80s

○ **Mark and Gail (Bray '88) McCorkindale** of Wayne, Nebraska, announce the October 14 birth of daughter Sydney Paige. She joins Hannah (3).

○ **Elizabeth Oribiletti '88** and Daniel Lewis were married last September 28. They live in Woodbury, Minnesota. Elizabeth is an actuary at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota, and Dan is a LAN capacity planner at Fortis.

○ **Brenda and Rod '87 Rumelhart** of Guthrie Center, Iowa, announce the November 25 birth of Lane Dean, their first child. The Rumelharts recently moved into a new house that Rod built. He continues to work at New York Life Insurance Co.; Brenda is a physical therapy assistant at Guthrie County Hospital.

○ **Sherri (Reeker '86) Finney** is branch manager at West Gate Bank in Lincoln, Nebraska.

○ **Pat and Ann (Klein '85) Gredys** of Stone Mountain, Georgia, announce the arrival of their second son, Matthew Paul, on January 12, 1996. Brother Joshua (5) helped him celebrate his first birthday. Ann has been working part time as an educational consultant for a Christian elementary school; she also

has her own private tutoring and testing business. Pat is a branch manager/construction engineer at a specialty contracting company. Ann writes that he was very busy with constructing venues during the Olympics, but now their family is being transferred to Kansas City, Missouri. They've lived in the Atlanta area for five years.

○ **Kristin and Tim '84 Rongstad** moved to a new home in Woodbury, Minnesota, in July 1995 (7049 Aberdeen Curve ZIP 55125). Tim still teaches math and science to kindergarten and fourth/fifth graders at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. He's in his tenth year of teaching. Kristin is the business manager for the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Tim, Kristin, son Matthew (8) and daughter Rachel (6) are active in their home congregation. Tim is a member of the church council, Kris is the choir director, and the children are involved with Sunday school.

○ **The Rev. Kathy Gerking '82** has accepted a call as assistant to the bishop of the Southeast Iowa Synod. She and her husband, **Andrew Johnson '83**, and their children have moved from Cambridge, Iowa, to Iowa City.

○ **Thomas Jacobson '81** has graduated from medical school at the University of Minnesota and is now a resident at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood, Minnesota. Son Dane Anders was born last March. He joined brothers Kai and Leif and sister Leigh.

○ **Kitty Wooley '81** is temporarily based in Washington, D.C. She continues to work on a project concerned with risk analysis for the U.S. Department of Education, but in a newly created Data Management and Analysis Division. Her new title is "management and program analyst."

○ **Terry and Deborah (Schultz '80) DeBauche** of McCook, Nebraska, announce the November 8 birth of Adrienne Carol. She joins Spencer (8) and Ethan (5). Deb is a physician's assistant at the McCook Clinic.

## '70s

○ **Dr. Curtis Boeck '79** received his doctor of medicine degree in 1994 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He is now in his third



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year of residency in anesthesiology at UNMC. He and his wife, Robin, have three sons: twins John and Michael (7) and James (4).

○ *Cherie (Esbeck '78) Hensley* is the social worker (part-time) for Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Iowa. Cherie, her husband Mark, and their sons, Chad (14), Greg (6) and Steven (3), live in Elk Horn, Iowa.

○ *Dr. Marilyn Musick '76*, minister of music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney, Nebraska, has been giving a series of organ recitals at the church. The concerts celebrate the tenth anniversary of the installation of the church's Roosevelt/Schantz pipe organ. Musick received her doctor of musical arts degree in organ performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1990. She has also attended the Summer Institute for Organ Studies in France.

○ *Mark Musick '72* has been promoted to colonel in the Nebraska Air National Guard. He is commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing that flies all over the world and the U.S.

## '50s

○ *Wilma (Christiansen '52) Quelle* of Blue Gap, Arizona, is entering her tenth year as an elementary teacher on the Navajo reservation. She recently had a student workbook on Navajo history published titled *Navajo History 1766-1996*. It is the only Navajo history book currently on the market geared to Navajo students. It uses Navajo biographies to trace the accomplishments and history of the Navajo people.

## '40s

○ *Dr. Paul C. Larsen '48* of Fremont, Nebraska, has written and published his autobiography, *De Ogsa Med: I Want to Go Along*. In his introduction, he writes, "As I begin my journey through the past and try to relive and remember the memories of the by-gone years, one may ask why do I undertake this task—why this autobiography? First of all it's a challenge—I've always wanted to do this, even as a young man. So through the years I've kept good records, many journals, and records of all kinds.... I also want our children and grandchildren to remember their

parents and grandparents, and even pass on to future generations what happened to this particular family...."

○ *Dr. Alvin Rueter '42* of St. Paul, Minnesota, has returned to Hong Kong for a second stint of teaching at the Lutheran Theological Seminary there. The Seminary and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong have also asked him to lead a preaching workshop for ELCHK pastors and other church workers. Rueter's textbook, *Making Good Preaching Better*, was published this February by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota.

## '20s

○ On November 30 friends and family gathered to help the *Rev. Dr. Joseph Girtz D'21 T'24* of San Jose, California, celebrate his 100th birthday. He was born on December 2, 1896. Celebrants included his daughter, Lois (Girtz '51) Halley of San Jose, and his son, the Rev. Albert Girtz '61 of Salina, Kansas.

## Deaths

○ *Karena Kae*, the daughter of Michael and Michelle (Weaver '88) Ballard of Rockport, Indiana, was stillborn on December 9. She is survived by her parents and brothers Cody Nelson (18 months) at home and Michael Wayne (7 1/2) of Fort Worth, Texas.

○ *Bruce Johnson '71* of New London, Minnesota, on October 28. He was a real estate appraiser for the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Survivors include his former wife Susan (Kruse '73), sons Nathan and Tim and daughters Virginia and Elizabeth.

○ *Michael Moore '70* of Eagan, Minnesota, on December 31.

○ *Olga Frahm '64* of Blair on November 2. She was a retired teacher who taught for 20 years. Survivors include her husband Chris, who is 100 years old, and daughters Betty Fetter, Myrna Matzen '64, Alice Penke '51 and Norma Schneemeyer.

○ *Gail Koldenborg '59* of Waukegan, Illinois, on November 30. She earned a master's degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago. From 1964 until she retired in 1994, she taught in the Waukegan public schools. She had also been director of social services at Elim

Children's Home in Elk Horn, Iowa, and a teacher in the Omaha Public Schools. She belonged to St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenoska, Wisconsin, where she was director of the children's choir and a member of the liturgical choir and Women of the Church.

○ *Melvin Boose '42* of Elk Horn, Iowa, on June 28, 1996. He had retired as postmaster of Elk Horn. Survivors include his wife Irene and son Steven '68.

○ *Arthur Norgaard '37* of San Diego, California, on December 31. He was a retired teacher. An obituary in the January 1 *San Diego Union* described him as "a soft-spoken man who spent more than two decades talking and listening to junior high school students as a counselor at Granger Junior High School in National City." He had also served as president of the House of Denmark in Balboa Park, volunteered as a Danish interpreter and wrote monthly articles for *Bien*. Survivors include his wife Ethel, daughter Barbara Sufficool and son Arthur.

○ *Francis (Bross '31) Sprecher* of Blair on December 18. Survivors include daughter Nancy Williamson of Blair.

○ *Mary (Hansen '20) Justesen* of Stanton, California, on January 7. Survivors include daughters Janet Brostrom '54 of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Lois Miller '61 of Garden Grove, California.

## Friends

○ *Walter George* on December 23 in Blair. He taught German and political science and was a member of the humanities team at Dana from 1966-74. He represented the 16th District in Nebraska's Unicameral from 1974-80 and then served as director of the European offices of the Great Plains Regional Commission and the State of Florida, both based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He retired to Blair in 1988. He is survived by his former wife, Ann (Harms '54), director of alumni affairs at Dana, and sons Eric of Kassel, Germany, and Stephen of Spearfish, South Dakota. ○

# On-campus and off: Graduates serve college

Alumni volunteers continue to assist the college:

○ Blair physicians Carol Weckmuller '80 and Chauncey Wilkins '83 have been mentors to premedical students, biology professor Larrie Stone '57 reports. He said that Dr. Weckmuller most recently worked with biology major Diane Crawford '97, showing her what being a physician is like. Stone described this "shadowing experience" as "very important in helping Diane with her career choice." In the past Weckmuller has also worked with other students, and two of them, both women, are now

in medical school. Stone noted that Dr. Wilkins has also been very good about helping Dana premedical students gain experience, and two former students whom he helped are also now in medical school.

○ Diane (Heistand '84) White, principal at Tri-Center Elementary School in Neola, Iowa, was one of three school principals who were panelists at a meeting of Dana's Student Education Association. (The others were Richard Pahls, principal at Aldrich Elementary School in Millard and the husband of Lyn [Weckmuller '78] Pahls, and Mac McKown from Arlington,

Nebraska.)

○ Four recent graduates were panelists at a meeting of the college's Business Club: Stacey Dodge '95, corporate accountant at Ag Processing, Inc., in Omaha; Libby Hansen '95, executive assistant at HunTel Systems, Blair; Michael Tupa '96, credit manager at Norwest Financial, Inc., in Omaha; and Brian Williams '95, purchasing specialist at Cargill, Blair.

○ Omahan Carol King '84, vice president of Valley Products Corp., continues to give the Business Department feedback from the business community.

○ Four graduates assisted the Admissions Office this fall by representing Dana at college fairs in their areas--Kim (Zulfer '96) Anthony at a Minneapolis college fair sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling; Vicki Lee '72 of Seattle at a Seattle college fair sponsored by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA); and Gary '75 and Diane (Larsen '75) Madsen at a college fair sponsored by the Lutheran Youth Organization of Chicago. ○

## At 101, Agnes Petersen is oldest former faculty member

Inez (Agnes) Petersen taught at Dana in the Education Department and served as dean of women in 1923-24. Today at 101, she's the college's oldest former faculty member.

Miss Petersen, who attended Dana her freshman year, completed her bachelor's degree at Drake University and her master's at Northwestern University. She taught three elementary grades at Elk Horn, Iowa, and high school dramatics and social studies at Webster City, Iowa. She then served as junior high school supervisor at Ironwood, Michigan; as supervisor of primary grades at East Chicago, Indiana; as supervisor of elementary grades at Decatur, Illinois; and, from 1941-61, as supervisor of elementary grades at Sioux City, Iowa.



She subsequently taught in the graduate school of the University of Miami. She also taught summer classes at Northern State Teachers College (Marquette, Mich.), Illinois Normal, the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Cherokee Indian School in Oaks, Oklahoma.

Miss Petersen, who lives at the Salem Home in her home town of Elk Horn, Iowa, continues to contribute to Dana

and is listed on the Old Main Commemorative Wall.

*We were sorry to learn, just as the Review was going to press, of Miss Petersen's death on February 8. Survivors include her nephew, Regent Emeritus Earl Fries '38 of Des Moines, Iowa. ○*

## Alumni head Ann George announces retirement

Ann (Harms '54) George, director of alumni affairs, has announced that she plans to retire at the end of August.

"Ann will be retiring from Dana College after 31 years of service," said Michael Jones '71, vice president for institutional advancement. "She has performed her responsibilities with an acute sense of professionalism and high standards of excellence. We will miss her very much. Finding a replacement this summer will indeed be a great challenge." ○

I've always pulled for the "little guy or gal." The population of my home town, Milltown, Wisconsin, was under 500 when I grew up and it still boasts a census below 1,000. When I was going to elementary and secondary school, the state basketball tournament included schools of all sizes. The large and small high schools competed against one another for one prize. Almost every year one small high school made it to the state

competition in Madison, and

occasionally the small school won. I always pulled for the small school.

Being native Wisconsinites, we were more than a little excited when the Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl XXXI. I

suspect part of the charm is that the

Packers come from the smallest city and smallest media market in the NFL, and the team is owned by some 1,900 people of Green Bay, not by a wealthy individual.

When I left high school in 1957 I came to Dana College. We had only about 300 students then. Now, with over 600 we are still among the smallest in the country. Our endowment at just over \$5 million is one of the smallest, too. But size does not equate with quality or achievement.

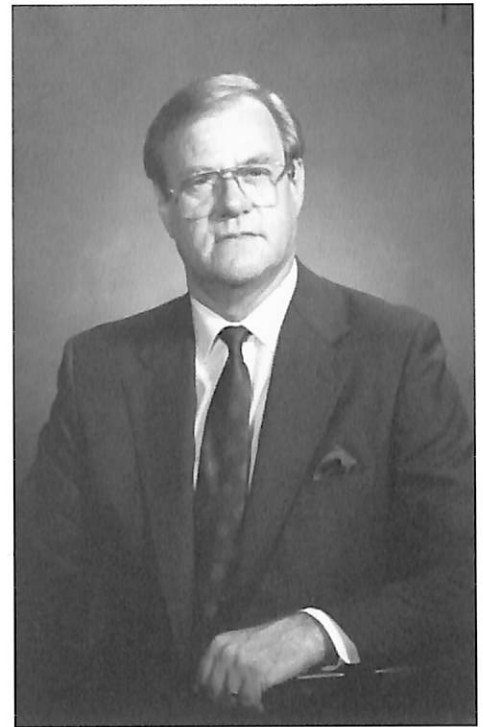
I have always thrilled at the prospect that in most every arena David can be the victor over Goliath. Because of our size, Dana is almost always at a disadvantage. In sports, technology, facilities, salaries, endowment, and in so many more areas, our resources are less than those with whom we compete. Yet, year after year our athletic teams pull surprises. For example, this year our men's cross country team placed fourth in the NAIA national meet, and several of our athletes gained All-American recognition for their feats on field, court, or track, as well as in

academics. Last year our women's basketball team was second in the nation in academic honors. Many of us on campus are hoping that our All-American football player, Will Collins, will be drafted by the NFL, an opportunity rarely granted to small college players.

We all know that big is not necessarily better. We know that each of us is equal before God our creator, and that in Christ each one of us has been freed from sin and for service.

You can imagine how gratified I was when state and national accrediting teams reviewing our teacher education program made a rare finding, "no weaknesses," and judged our program to be "worthy of emulation" by other colleges and universities. Or my delight when our Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana is found to be "the largest collection of American immigration scholarship." (Incidentally, if you haven't yet obtained a copy of *Tante Johanne: Letters of a Danish Immigrant Family 1887-1910*, edited by our own Dr. John W. Nielsen, I urge you to do so. Contact the Dana Bookstore. The book is excellent.)

It is gratifying to me to encounter almost weekly stories of Dana students and alumni who have earned recognition, assumed leadership roles, or have given themselves unselfishly in service to others. When Dana participated in the ELCA program to provide educational opportunities to students from the small African nation of Namibia, we took more students than any other ELCA college. Even though the program has ended, we have helped additional Namibian students. Our sister institution, Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, has taken a lead in its "Lutheran Leaders Program" to help scores of students from abroad who could not attend college without its help. We have been grateful that some of those students have come to Dana for their last two years. I hope we will always have the courage to help some who have little or nothing. As the world views Dana College, a private college



in Nebraska with very small means as measured by the size of our endowment, I am sure some wonder, "Can any good come out of Dana?"

Dana is small compared to many, but we are big in our zeal to serve, and to serve with distinction. It is a joy to be able to observe daily that we have a faculty, a staff, a student body, alumni and friends equal to any task we accept, and I believe, equal in quality to their counterparts any place. Excellence is not measured in size. Neither are service, love, and gratitude. In each of these, the Dana College community overflows. Thanks be to God, and to all of you who by your gifts and prayers help us prosper and serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Myrvin F. Christopherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

Myrvin F. Christopherson  
President

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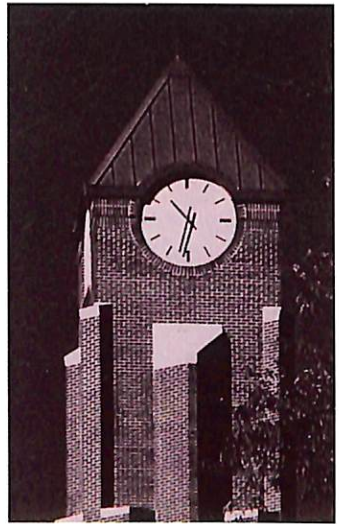
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