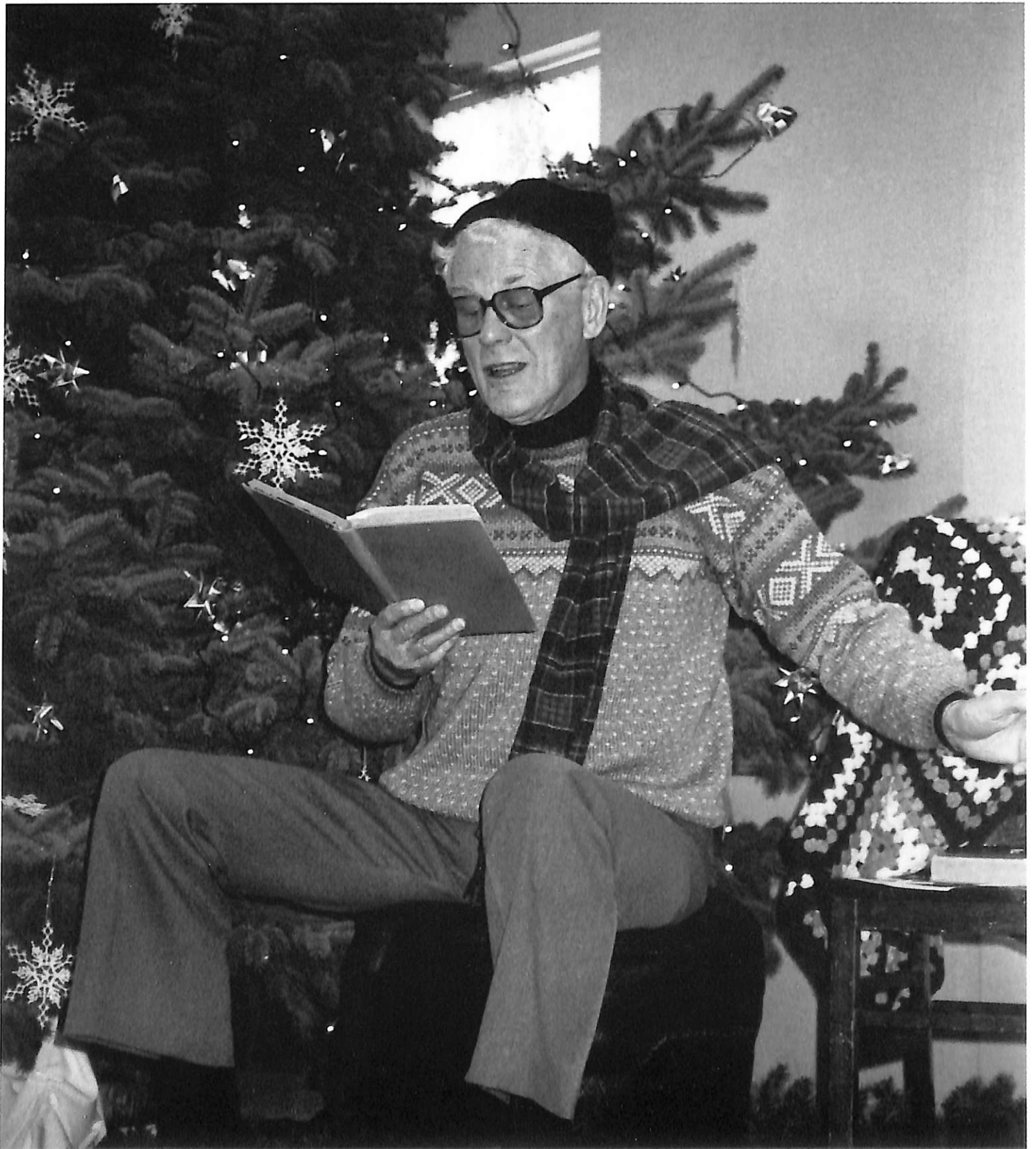

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Lutheran scholar Martin Marty receives honorary doctorate of humane letters

By Carrie L. Larkins
Review Editor

Distinguished Lutheran scholar Dr. Martin Marty became the newest alum of Dana College January 29.

Marty was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters during his visit to the college in conjunction with the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program.

Marty, the author of 50 books, is a professor at the University of Chicago and a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

"He is almost certainly the most well-known scholar of religion in America today," said Dr. John Lyden, associate professor of religion, while presenting the honorary degree. "His well-earned reputation as an expert on matters related to the intersection of church and society has led major news organizations to invariably consult him first when comment is required on any newsworthy event related to religion."

Marty has received the National Humanities Medal (1997), the National Book Award (1972), and the Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1995). He has served on the Board of Regents at St. Olaf College since 1988 and is current chairman. He is past president of the American Society of Church History, the American Catholic Historical Association, and the American Academy of Religion, which has instituted the Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion.

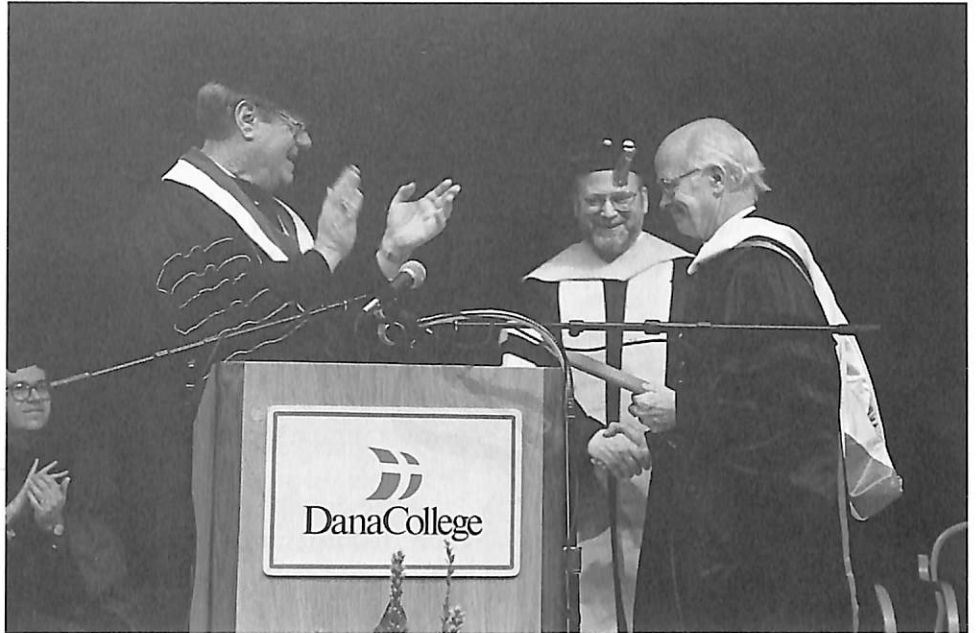


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Associate Professor of Religion John Lyden (seated), President Myrvoin Christopherson and Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs, congratulate Dr. Marty Marty (far right) on receiving the honorary doctorate.

Marty has directed 100 doctoral dissertations; has served as director of the Fundamentalism Project, a landmark multi-volume study of the phenomenon of fundamentalism in religions around the world; and is the senior editor of "The Christian Century" and the editor of "Context."

"Dr. Marty is not only a fine scholar, but a committed church leader, husband and father," Lyden said. "He lives his faith in all aspects of his life."

Marty visited the campus the entire day, speaking at the morning convocation, during chapel services and at an evening lecture. His topic for the day was "You Shall Love Your God With All Your . . . Mind."

Marty is the 36th person since 1959 to receive an honorary doctorate from Dana College. Previous recipients include retired

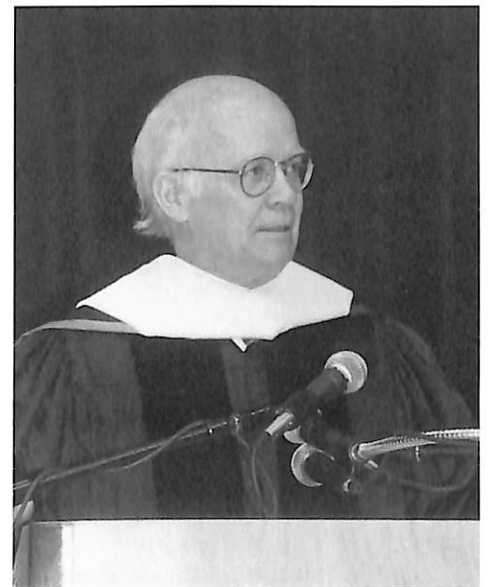


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Dr. Martin E. Marty speaks to the Dana College community during morning convocation.

Omaha World-Herald publisher Harold W. Andersen, entertainer Victor Borge and Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. ○

Storz gift allows for update of graphic design lab; helps students professionally

A matching grant from the Robert H. Storz Foundation in Omaha is pushing Dana's graphic design majors forward in the professional world.

The \$33,000 grant, received last year and coupled with matching funds, re-outfitted the entire graphic design computer lab this fall with 13 PowerComputing PowerTower Pro 225 machines.

Starla Stensaas, associate professor of graphic design, said the old computers were about two years behind in technology, and the graphics students had advanced beyond the computers' capacity.

This resulted in long delays in opening documents and an inability to have more than one piece of software open.

"Now we are in a place where we can work with large images in a reasonable way," Stensaas said. "[The new computers] are a lot faster and they have a lot more memory."

Students were also unable to adequately use a top notch color printer which was already in the lab.

Previously, they had to take their documents to Omaha and pay up to \$28 for each color print. If there was a mistake, the students

would have to return to Omaha and pay the additional costs.

Now color prints may be made on campus for a minimal fee for materials.

"It really quickly, quickly improved things," Stensaas said.

The grant added one station in the lab which permits increased enrollment in the courses, and the overall program continues to grow. Eleven first-year students are declared graphic design majors.

A plaque recognizing the Storz Graphic Design Lab is visible on-line at <http://www.dana.edu> through the Art Gallery. ○

Changing technology results in need for new equipment

Growth in the number of students interested and enrolled in science courses at Dana, combined with rapid changes in science and technology, has resulted in teaching and learning labs which are in need of more and better equipment.

The chemistry and biology departments currently lack standard laboratory teaching equipment which 10 years ago was not essential. Without this equipment, Dana's graduates are handicapped in their educational experience.

Because of this, the Science Equipment Fund drive began in November 1996. The effort has been spearheaded by Dr. Larrie Stone '57, long-time biology professor and chairperson of the science department, and Dr. Scott Morgan, chairperson of the department of chemistry.

Spurred by their position to meet the critical needs for modern laboratory learning equipment, 10

chemistry and biology students volunteered to telephone science alumni last spring to obtain pledges for the science department.

The financial support received has already had a positive impact. The science department has purchased such new equipment as a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 1000 FT-IR, an Eiki LC-SVGA860 Data/Video Projector and Penium 200 computer; a Model EC120-2 Mini-Vertical Gel Electrophoresis Apparatus and an eximer laser.

"In addition to direct financial support, several former students have recently donated equipment and/or laboratory supplies, while others have gotten us in touch with companies that have used equipment which they will donate to colleges such as ours," Stone said. "We have been blessed in many ways by our alumni, and we are very grateful for everything they do for us. It is most rewarding

that former students and friends are willing to help us try to provide our science majors with the highest quality program possible and are generous and willing partners in this endeavor."

Several items are still needed, including:

- 10 stereo dissecting microscopes with lames and accessory lenses, \$1,500 each;
- Anasazi Instruments EFT-60 CW to FT conversion package (needed to upgrade existing spectrometer), \$43,000;
- Spectrophotometer, \$5,000;
- General molecular biology laboratory equipment, \$27,000;
- Constant temperature incubators and water baths, \$12,000; and
- New cages and animal care equipment, \$3,000.

Readers who would like to contribute to this effort can send their gifts to the attention of the college's Development Office or phone 402-426-7333. ○

Chorale to perform in Omaha cathedral

The Dana College Chorale will be joined by two past presidents of the group in a showcase performance in Omaha March 29.

The Chorale has been invited to perform in St. Cecilia's Cathedral as part of the Cathedral Arts Project since 1995, the same artists' series which brought the Vienna Boys Choir to the Omaha-metro.

"I can't wait to hear college singers there," said Richard Palmer, director of the Chorale. "(The cathedral) is really an incredible place in which to sing."

Kevin Wass '93 and Trista (Witt '95) Cowart, both past presidents of the Dana College Chorale, will bring their instrumental music expertise to the concert.

Wass will perform "The Tuba Concerto" by Edward Gregson at this "Celebrate Dana" event.

Following graduation, Wass studied at Indiana University under the "granddaddy of all tuba players," Harvey Phillips. Wass is now a music educator in Omaha and is on the faculty of the Lutheran Music Program's national summer camps at Augustana College, Luther College and Valparaiso University.

Cowart also started her professional career as a music educator in Omaha and now does the same in Fayetteville, Ark. She will be featured on flute in "Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise" by Albert Franz Doppler.

"This will give us an opportunity to toot our horn, quite

literally, in the Omaha area," Palmer said.

"I can't describe the opportunity," he said, "to be a part of a major artists' series."

The concert will feature a variety of music, including spirituals by Moses Hogan and sacred music. The concert finale will be John Rutter's "Gloria" with brass and percussion, the same piece which closed this year's Sights and Sounds of Christmas Concert.

"It's going to be a roller coaster ride of a concert, lots of highs and lows—extreme drama," Palmer said.

A reception sponsored by the Dana Alumni Association will be held following the concert in the Lay Apostolate Center of the cathedral in the lower level of the rectory.

The Chorale's performance at St. Cecilia's is not the only extra singing gig the group has planned for this semester. In addition to its annual spring concert May 3-4, the

Chorale joined with the Clarion Chamber Chorale and the United States Air Force Heartland of America Big Band, "The Notables," in presenting Nils Lindberg's Requiem Feb. 22.

On March 29, the Dana College Chorale and the Blair High School Concert Choir will perform at Dana as part of the Blair World of Entertainment Series.

For more information about any of the Chorale's performances, contact Palmer at 402-426-7310. ○



Trista (Witt '95)
Cowart



Kevin Wass '93

Upcoming Chorale events:

- ◆ March 22: Dana College Chorale at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, Omaha, 2 p.m.
- ◆ March 29: Dana College Chorale with Blair High School Concert Choir, Blair World of Entertainment Series, Dana College, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ May 3: Dana College Chorale Spring Concert, Trinity Chapel, 2 p.m.
- ◆ May 4: Dana College Chorale Spring Concert, Trinity Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

The Governor of Nebraska, E. Benjamin Nelson, recently surprised *Anne and Myrv Christopherson* by making them "Admirals" in "The Great Navy of the State of Nebraska." The certificates were accompanied by a letter stating "be forewarned—I might have to call you into duty if those riverboats from Iowa cross the Nebraska border!"



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John Lyden, associate professor of religion, attended the American Academy of Religion Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 22-25. He presented two papers: "Religion and the Liberal Arts Senior Seminar" for the Section on Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion; and "To Commend or Critique? The Question of Religion and Film Studies" for the Religion, Film and Visual Culture Group. The latter paper has been published on line on Vol. 2 of "The Journal of Religion and Film" (<http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwjrf>).

Dr. Robert Moussetis, assistant professor of business administration, represented Dana College and the department of business by presenting papers at the Southern Allied Business Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in November. At the Southern Management Association annual meeting, he presented a paper entitled, "The Relationship of Environmental Turbulence and Charismatic Leadership in Successful Implementation of a Discontinuous Change: A Conceptual Proposal for Research." Moussetis is the co-author of two other articles which were also presented at the conference, "Internationalization of Greek Firms: The Importance of Cultural and

Geographic Proximity," and "Globalization Strategy in Greek Exporting Companies."

At its November meeting, the *Board of Commissioners for the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs*, an accrediting body for business programs, granted Dana College "Candidacy Status" for accreditation by the ACBSP. Candidacy status means that an institution has decided to seek accreditation and has been approved to publish in its catalog that it is a "Candidate for Accreditation by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs." The Candidacy Certificate will be presented during the Tenth Annual Conference in Kansas City in June.

From over 150 candidates, *Matt Anderson '98* of Omaha was one of 14 outstanding undergraduate students awarded a summer undergraduate Research Assistantship in Biological Sciences (RABS) at Iowa State University. For eight weeks, Anderson engaged in laboratory-based research under the guidance of Dr. Parag Chitnis in the department of biochemistry. Results of the research were presented in July during a seminar for students and faculty.

An artist-made book by *Starla Stensaas*, associate professor of graphic design, was included in an art show titled "Profusion of Digital Art" juried for exhibit at the Center for the Visual Arts in Oakland, Calif., Jan. 11-Feb. 8. The book, titled "Architectural Detailing at Random," is Stensaas' first completely digital book and is currently housed on the Dana College home page. *Eric Krystof '98*, a computer science major, wrote the Java script for the interactive component of the book. You may view the book by accessing the Dana home page (www.dana.edu), selecting Art Gallery, Dana Zone

and Architectural Detailing at Random: an artist-made book.

Fran Mallory, assistant professor of business administration, was elected president-elect of the Nebraska Economics and Business Association at their 1997 annual meeting held in Lincoln last November. She will serve in this position for one year. In November 1998, she will become president of the association.

Mandy Buttry '99 of Shenandoah, Iowa, and *Ryan Holtam '98* of Fremont, Neb., were crowned Winterfest king and queen Feb. 7. Other candidates were *Sara Crawford '99* of Watertown, S.D.; *Michelle Hurt '99* of Seward, Neb.; *Elaine Rivard '98* of Sandstone, Minn.; *Jaclyn Smith '99* of Hay Springs, Neb.; *Shane Koepke '99* of Emerson, Neb.; *Joel Krominga '99* of North Platte, Neb.; *Søren Schmidt '98* of Escanaba, Mich.; and *Paul Stark '98* of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

President Myrvin Christopherson's speech, "Danishness in the U.S.A. Today," and subsequent article presented at the opening of the Danes on the Prairie exhibit in Odense, Denmark on May 1, 1997, has been translated into Danish and published in the 1997 Yearbook of the Odense City Museum, "Fynske Minder 1997."

Two Omaha speakers visited the campus to commemorate the birthday of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.: *Rev. L.C. Menyweather-Woods*, senior pastor at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Omaha, and *Erwin McSwain*, director of training in the human relations department for the City of Omaha.

"The Danes In Nebraska," a feature article by *Dr. John Mark Nielsen*, appears in the 1998 winter issue of "Nebraska Life." The article is the second in a series on Nebraska's ethnic heritage. ○

Campus pastor reflects on past, present

I catch myself wondering if I am a character in a science fiction movie, flashing between two decades, back and forth between this time and then. This time: the academic calendar year 1997-98. Then: when I was a student in college; the late 1970s.

Then: I attended Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. This time: I serve as Campus Pastor at Dana. Then I hung out in the College Pastor's office, sitting in a chair next to the secretary's desk. This morning I walked out of my own pastor's office to the Forum where Esther Gunderson, the administrative assistant for campus ministry sits. The chairs near her desk are much more comfortable than the chairs were at Carthage. Almost always I sit down for a moment that stretches into two or three, or more.

Slipping back 20 years, I recognize the value of those moments. There is an intensity to college life that is exciting and exhausting. When I was experiencing that intensity as a student I needed to know there was a quiet place for me to go to

on campus. I needed to believe there would be people in that place whom I could trust.

That place for me was the chair next to the secretary's desk in the pastor's outer office. The people I trusted were the pastors, and the secretary, Mary Jane.

I have many visions for ministry at Dana College. One is to provide a quiet, safe place at the heart of our campus, a place where people are respected, listened to, and cherished. I am hoping my office will be a part of that place.

As I write this article, my door is open. When I am working on a sermon, my door is open. When I am in this office, the only time my door is closed is when someone else is in here with me, needing to talk. I am, I will be, accessible.

It is no accident that Trinity Chapel was built at the center of our campus. A sacred place, in part this sanctuary is where it is to provide refuge for any and all who enter. Whether we are celebrating Word and sacrament, offering our morning praise or ushering in the darkness at the end of day, the

light of God's love shines in our Chapel. God's love shines on every face, in every life, making no exceptions. I cannot guarantee Trinity Chapel will always be a quiet place. I can pledge that its doors will be open, safely embracing all of God's children.

Finally, I think of those comfortable chairs surrounding Esther's desk in the Forum. I have no idea their cost; I know that as an extension of our campus ministry, they are invaluable. I've seen students sitting in those chairs, laughing. I've seen others sprawled out on the couches, napping. And I have heard conversations. Faculty members and staff persons, as well as students, find a place for themselves by Esther's desk, a place where it is safe to talk, a place where someone is listening, a place where even silence is acceptable.

It takes me back 20 years when I was a student sitting by a different desk, Mary Jane's desk at Carthage College.

I received a Christmas card from Mary Jane this year. Can you believe it? Mary Jane Dey attended Dana College. Now, while I am serving as Campus Pastor at Dana College, remembering when I was a student at Carthage and Mary Jane was ministering to me, she is remembering when she was a student at Dana and someone else was ministering to her.

In her Christmas note, Mary Jane wrote that she is proud of me and pleased that I am serving at Dana College. Her words were a touch of love, her love and God's. In retirement, Mary Jane's ministry continues. I humbly pray I might serve God so long, and so well.

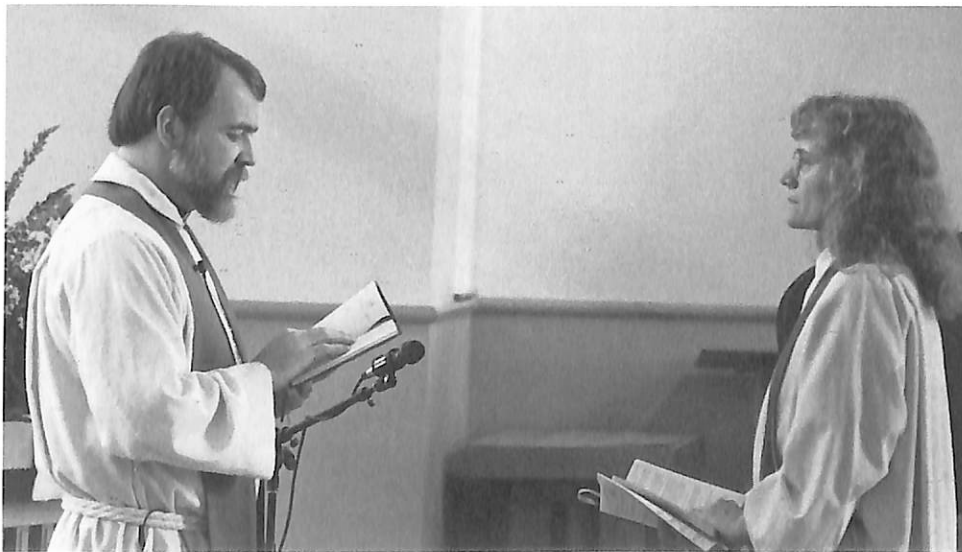


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Pastor David Daubert, assistant to the bishop, Nebraska Synod, ELCA, installs Campus Pastor Joanne Richmond this fall.

Pastor Joanne S. Richmond

Omaha theater hit based on family of Dana alumni

By Barry Anderson '73,
Director of College Relations

One of the stage hits of Omaha's holiday season was the Diner Theater production of "A Christmas For Carol," an original play by Dana alum Brian Barratt ('83). Brian and his brother Kevin ('79) were featured actors in the play, and the youngest Barratt brother, Joel ('86), designed the poster for the production.

The play is the story of two adolescent brothers and their widowed, handyman father struggling with their own relationships and a cast of well meaning but eccentric characters.

Brian appeared through most of the production as the narrator, recalling his home-life as he grew up in the 1970s.

Two teenage actors portrayed constantly arguing, but somehow always loving, siblings. The final scene jumped to the present, with

Brian appearing as the adult younger brother, and his real-life brother, Kevin, playing the elder.

The play skillfully balanced plenty of chuckles and a few laugh-out-loud one-liners with an occasional lump-in-the-throat. He drew upon childhood experiences in church and school productions for the centerpiece in "A Christmas For Carol," a hilarious take on small-town Christmas pageants.

Though names were changed, anyone who knows the Barratt family could tell the play was semi-autobiographical.

"Actually," Brian said, "I had to tone it down. Nobody would believe the whole truth."

"A Christmas For Carol" was a hit, and there is already talk of reviving it next year in other theaters. Brian said the Diner Theater would like him to write two more plays featuring the same

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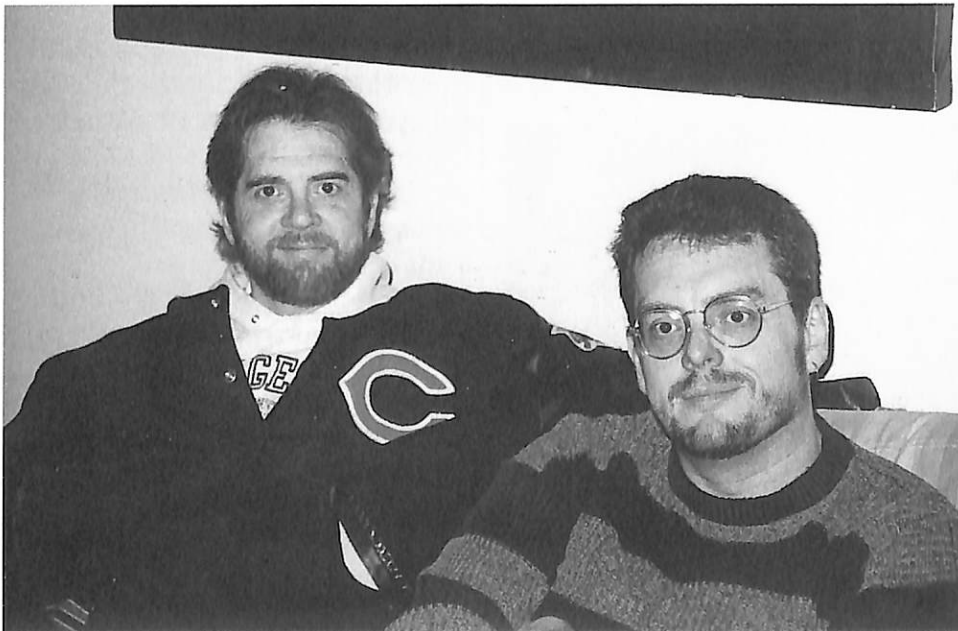


Photo by Barry Anderson '73

Brian Barratt '83 (right) wrote "A Christmas For Carol," an original play performed this holiday season in Omaha. The play was loosely based on his own family and actors included his brother Kevin '79 (left).

All in the family for Barratts

By Barry Anderson '73,
Director of College Relations

There are two brothers in the play "A Christmas For Carol," but there were actually five Barratt brothers, all of whom graduated from Dana.

Steven ('74) lives in Kirkman, Iowa, and works for the U.S. Postal Service. A dedicated traveller, it is not uncommon for Steve to take three to five trips to foreign shores in a year.

Roger ('76) is a paleontologist and specializes in Midwestern anthropology and archeology. He makes his home in Oakland, Iowa.

He has not escaped the performing bug; he travels to Iowa schools giving presentations as "The Bone Man."

Joel studied art and business at Dana and is art director for Markers graphic design studio in Omaha.

The poster he designed for "A Christmas for Carol" is his latest in a string of designs for Omaha theater companies.

Brian ('83) has been interested in theater from early grade school when he played a rat in a school production of the operetta "The Pied Piper."

At Dana, Brian auditioned his first day on campus and won a role in "The Crucible." He was active in theater throughout his four years in college, and was even invited back as a guest

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Alum teaches preaching method in latest book

The Dana College experience of alumnus Rev. Alvin C. Rueter '42 is a part of his latest book, "Making Good Preaching Better."

Rueter says the book differs from other homiletical texts in its way of teaching the art of preaching.

"Others assume that the student from the beginning will prepare complete sermons, with the professor and fellow students pointing out what was wrong, in some cases ending in discouragement for the fledgling preacher," he said.

Rueter's book is based on the teaching method he began developing in preaching workshops for pastors. His first preaching workshops were held at Dana in 1979.

"In studying Classical Rhetoric, I'd discovered that the first century teachers of rhetoric didn't expect their students to produce an entire speech all at once, but had broken down the process into "elementary exercises,"" Rueter said.

"Since, while serving at a pastorate in St. Paul, Minn., I'd been teaching homiletics at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, under the standard method and seen its ineffectiveness with too many students, I decided to design "elementary exercises" in learning to preach--or (for pastors) learning to preach even better," he said. "So this book has three-minute exercises before a VCR, practicing one new step at a time, making it more likely that the preacher can succeed."

"Making Good Preaching Better" was published in Feb. 1997 by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn. In September it was in its second printing, Rueter said.

Rueter has used the text himself in courses at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

The book is available for \$19.95 plus postage and handling through The Liturgical Press, St. John's Abbey, P.O. Box 7500,

Collegeville, MN 56321-7500; Phone: 1-800-858-5450.

Rueter also hosts and produces a weekly radio program, "Sing For Joy," which is heard on 275 stations in 41 states and 4 other countries. The program features 30 minutes of vocal music of the church chosen to connect with the readings for the day. ○

Barratts keep it in the family

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artist for "Three Penny Opera," the first production in the Madsen Fine Arts Center's Lauritzen Theater.

"We got to break it in," he said. "What a fantastic space!"

Brian's "day job" is as an instructor at the Martin Luther Homes of Nebraska, but every year he finds time to appear in three to five shows at the Omaha Playhouse, The Diner Theater, the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, and others.

He is one of a handful of actors in the area that does not audition; rather he is invited by directors to play parts.

Kevin Barratt ('79) is the education director for the Omaha Theater Company for Young People.

Besides acting and directing there, he has appeared at the Kennedy Center, the Brooklyn

Academy of Music, The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, SNAP Productions, and many others.

Kevin's face is familiar throughout the Midwest through his appearances in commercials and industrial films.

Kevin first got involved in theater at Dana. "I was going to be in radio," he said, "but my freshman year at Dana the lead in "Barefoot In The Park" dropped out and I got sucked in to replace him. That was it. I got hooked."

He says, "My liberal arts education and the emphasis on Humanities has paid for itself many times over. It helped me get jobs, helped me in grad school, and it helps me in my current position.

"An understanding of historical periods, how people lived and how they were effected by their times, is so necessary if you want to mount a credible production." ○

Diner Theater hit based on alumni

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characters, completing a trilogy.

An honored guest at one of the final performances was Marvin Barratt, father of the Barratt brothers. All five sons were present..

The night before that performance, Brian said, "I don't know what he'll think of it. I kind of show things warts and all."

He needn't have been concerned. His father loved it, Brian said. The play comes across as a tribute, not a roast.

"There wasn't much money, and we didn't always get along," Brian said. "But if you think about what he did--raising five boys without a Mom, and he made sure we all got through Dana. You've got to admire that." ○

Alum's first CD features original folk-rock tunes

The following was taken from a Dec. 17, 1997, article which appeared in the Gothenburg (Neb.) Times. It is reprinted here with permission.

From blowing into his father's trumpet at age 5 to performing the opening act for rock legend David Crosby last January, music has always been a passion of Gothenburg native John Gonzales '81.

Gonzales, now of Carpinteria, Calif., and his singing partner and wife, Anastasia, recently released their first CD. The recording includes 11 original songs

which blend elements of folk, rock and jazz and include appearances by such well-known musicians as Graham Nash and Jimmy Messina.

"I'm very happy with it," John said in a telephone interview along with his wife from their home in Carpinteria. "I didn't know what to expect and never realized what a full project it would be."

Recorded in Ventura and Echo Park, Calif., from March to August 1997, John said the CD has been well received, especially in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria and throughout the west coast.

"Almost everyone who hears it says they can't stop playing it," Anastasia said.

Although Anastasia sings lead vocals on most of the songs, she also performs harmony with John who sings and plays the



Anastasia and John '81 Gonzales' first CD is entitled "That's You and Me." Courtesy photo

guitar. Messina plays bass during two selections and Nash sings harmony and plays the harmonica in a couple of other songs.

The engineer for the project is Paul Deiter, who recorded the last Crosby, Stills and Nash album. The couple got to know Deiter when they opened for Crosby last year.

John met several of the other musicians who are on the CD when he worked as a guitar and keyboard technician for such artists as Gloria Estefan, Bonnie Raitt, and Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Music has always been where his heart is, John said, although his journey to where he is today has taken many twists and turns.

John said his father, a trumpet player, exposed him to the instrument and "was always playing music in the house."

Although John played

trumpet in the high school band and was involved in singing groups at school, playing the guitar was something he said he "dove right into" when he began taking lessons at age 13.

After graduating from Gothenburg High School in 1977, John attended Dana College in Blair where he studied music and psychology for two years before transferring to the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In Omaha, he played in different bands which performed hard rock.

He then traveled to Nashville, Tenn., where he lived with a

couple of songwriters.

"I didn't play much music, but I got an education in business dealings and song writing," John said.

But it was at the Musician's Institute in Los Angeles where John said he got an intense one-year education in theory, jazz and rock guitar. Soon after graduation, he began work as a guitar and keyboard technician for several famous artists—a job that he still does today.

John met Anastasia while working in a music store in Burbank, Calif. She worked at a hamburger place a block from his store.

"We started dating, but didn't do anything musically together for about three years," he said. "I had no idea what a great voice she had and it was a couple of years later

before we started singing and playing together."

The first break the couple got was at the annual Avocado Festival in Carpinteria where they sang for about an hour. Now their shows are about two hours long.

"It all seemed to fall into place," John said.

Anastasia said so many musicians want to make it big, but that she and John don't perform to become stars.

"We do it for the love of it and then it shows on stage," she said. "People can relate to that, they connect to that."

To make it in the music industry or in any other career, John said it's a matter of keeping at it, making opportunities happen and being prepared for opportunities when they happen.

Both John and Anastasia described opening for Crosby's solo tour which took them from San Diego to Seattle as the highlight of their careers. Anastasia added that singing on stage with Crosby and Nash was also a great experience as was the day Nash came to help their record their CD.

"He asked to be on the CD so there were the three of us all singing into the mike," Anastasia said. "He's a wonderful person and very much into music."

John said the lyrics for their songs are about things that happen in their lives and the lives of families and friends.

Married for three years, John described that state as complicated and rewarding and something that provides ideas for lyrics.

"But I think it's neat because we're connected in a very special way," he said. "When we can pass that on on stage, it helps us connect. We're about being together and that does take a lot of work." ○

Dana receives AAL grant to assist with enrollment

Dana College has been awarded a \$24,400 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

The funds allow the college to undertake a number of projects aimed at increasing enrollment and retention.

One project includes expanding outreach to Lutheran churches by providing student vocal and instrumental music performances at Sunday worship services. In addition, student-led

ministry teams will design and conduct programs for Lutheran youth groups.

The college also plans to increase its outreach through use of the Internet. Grant funds will be used to update the Dana College web site.

Dana will also use grant funds to improve and revitalize its liberal arts curriculum.

Faculty will have workshops to make curriculum changes for the 1998-99 academic year. ○

Former UELCers invited to June 15 gathering in Iowa

The 1998 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 Homer D'45 T'48 and Eunice (Carlsen '60) Larsen (319-266-6465), Oscar D'44 T'47 and Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson (319-277-4067), Inga Schultz Larsen '36, Marion Hanson Svendsen '38, and Joan Tange, all of Cedar Falls, and Jerry '53 and Erna (Thomsen '54) Jorgensen of Waverly, Iowa.

We're happy to announce the date and place of our 1998 Upper Midwest Gathering of the former UELC: Monday, June 15, at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

We're looking forward to hearing Rev. Stan Carlsen D'45 T'47 share "Memories of My Father--N.C. Carlsen, President of the UELC 1925-1950."

Alvin Rueter '42 has agreed to be with us. Rueter has a radio program, conducts seminars on preaching, has taught homiletics and recently lectured in Hong Kong.

John Ylvisaker will provide our music for the day. He is best known for the popular hymn, "Borning Cry." He is working on a new book of hymns with Scandinavian background.

We left time for fellowship, morning and afternoon coffee and an excellent noon meal prepared by the caterers at Nazareth.

All of this for only \$12 per person.

Call Larsens or Johnsons if you would like to receive an April mailing which will ask for reservations and payment. ○

Reflections turn to focus on the future

Reflecting on my college days has always been a delightful pastime.

"Remember when we did that or thought this? And what about the time . . . ?"

Recently my reminiscing took on a different character. As the new Alumni Affairs Director, my reflections are now more future focused.

What enticing events will bring out the alumni? How do the issues of our busy society affect programming? Do we need more family events? What about child care at reunions? What do we want Homecoming to look like? How can we get everyone together after the football game?

While I don't claim to have answers to all these questions, I do claim to be pleased and thrilled to be working at Dana. There is a Dana difference. I felt it 30 years ago and it's part of me today.

Many alumni say they felt like family when they were here. How do we keep that closeness as we busy ourselves with family, church, work and recreation? Many of you have nurtured that closeness over the years. Perhaps you have a story for the *Dana Review*!

Dana has nearly 10,000 living alumni with almost one-third residing within 50 miles of the campus. Geographically, this one-third is quite close! I invite those who are within driving distance to come back to



Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Julie Rohlfing '70 is the new director of alumni affairs.

Dana for at least one event this spring: a baseball or softball game, the musical "Grease" (April 22-26) or for worship and Sunday Brunch on the Hill (2nd Sunday of each month).

There will also be a Recognition Dinner May 23 when we will be privileged to honor Distinguished

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Ambassadors extend campus recruitment

Do you look back at your days at Dana with fond memories?

Do you believe going to Dana College, rather than another college or university, has helped you in your professional life?

Do you want to share that experience with prospective students in your area?

The Dana Ambassador program is a way you can help Dana College recruit new students and enable others to have the same sort of college experience you enjoyed.

"This program formalizes what is already happening on a daily basis as many members of

the Dana family encourage friends and relatives to choose Dana," said Julie Rohlfing, director of alumni affairs.

"We see this program as a way for alumni and friends to assist the admissions counselors in several target areas."

Ambassadors will serve as assistants to Dana admissions counselors.

New ambassadors will be asked to attend a training session on campus to become familiar with the Dana of today.

Each ambassador will have a manual of resources to help answer students' questions about Dana College.

Activities of ambassadors will include contacting other alums to encourage them to refer students to Dana College. These alums could include pastors and teachers who are in regular contact with high school students.

Other activities could include promoting Dana College within your church and local high school by visiting with prospective students, sponsoring a Dana Day for your community and other activities.

For more information on the Dana Ambassador program or to volunteer as a Dana Ambassador, call Julie Rohlfing, director of alumni affairs, at 402-426-7235. ○

Student activities program, director receive award

Dana College's student activities program and one of its directors were honored as some of the best in the Midwest this fall.

Kevin Schaudt, dean for student life at Dana, received the "Sara Boatman Award for Outstanding Service" at the National Association for Campus Activities--Heart of America Regional Conference in Denver.

The award is named after one of the founding members of the region who also served as chair of the national association.

The Boatman Award is the highest honor that is given by the region. The recipient of the award must be nominated by fellow professionals in the field of campus activities.

Schaudt has served as regional coordinator and as a member of the regional steering and conference committees for several years. He has presented educational sessions at the regional

and national conventions and delivered the keynote address at the regional spring conference. He has been at Dana since 1992.

Dana also received the 1997 Outstanding Standing Series Program Award for its annual "Spring Fling" event.

The award is given to the best program series that is at least three days in length and where students

are significantly involved in the planning, decision making and presentation of the program.

Dana was the only school in the five-state region with an enrollment of less than 2,500 students to receive this award.

"Spring Fling" is held in late April or early May and is implemented by a campus-wide committee. ○

Alumni director plans for future

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Alumni Everett D. Johnson '60 and Richard J. Vierk '68.

There is one more question for us to consider and that is how can we as alumni assist with increasing enrollment? Read the accompanying article on the Dana Ambassador program for information on an exciting new admissions and alumni project!

I invite you to join me in the future focus of the alumni program by sharing your thoughts and

ideas. Call, write or send e-mail to Julie Rohlfin at 402-426-7235 or jrohlfin@fs1.dana.edu.

Julie (Thorson) Rohlfin is a 1970 graduate of Dana College. She has worked with Augsburg Fortress Publishers and Omaha-area churches as Christian education director and parish associate.

Her husband, Charles, also a 1970 Dana graduate, is a guidance counselor at Elkhorn (Neb.) High School. ○

Earl K. Madsen, a member of the Dana College Board of Regents since 1996, was named a "Great Dane of Dana College," Dec. 17, 1997. Dana College President Myrovin Christopherson presented the award.

"It is my privilege today to honor you, Earl, with a special recognition from Dana College,"

Christopherson said during the presentation. "It is my pleasure to honor Earl K. Madsen, a person of consummate integrity, who in the first years of his life spoke Danish, and ever since has spoken words of kindness, friendship and faith . . ."



Photo by Carrie L. Larkins '94

Dana cagers suffer tough mid-season

By Charlie Janssen, Sports Information Director

Men's Basketball

Through 20 games the Viking cagers stand at 6-14 overall and 0-5 in the powerful Nebraska and Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

The bumpy ride has produced some highlights for Coach Dave Jensen's squad.

After an 0-2 start, the Vikings regrouped to defend their home court at the Dana Invitational. The Vikings claimed their third straight Dana Invitational Championship by bombing Kansas

Wesleyan, 83-61, and Peru State, 84-63, in the championship game.

Senior forward Vince Grey (Bronx, N.Y.) erupted for 31 points during the championship game against Peru St. For his outstanding effort, Grey was named captain of the all-tournament team. Teammate Jeff Mulder (Nevada, Iowa), who recorded a double-double in the championship game, was also selected to the all-tournament team.

Dana competed at the Dordt (Iowa) Invitational on Nov. 28-29. The Vikings rolled past Viterbo (Wis.), 58-47, in first round action, placing them in the championship game against the host team. Dana led Dordt by eight points at halftime, before falling 72-60.

Junior guard Tony Jackson (Indianola, Miss.) put up a team-high 17 points for the Vikes in championship play. The second place finish at Dordt gave the men a 3-4 record through November.

A 77-73 win over Bellevue got December off to a promising start, and gave the Vikings momentum heading into the Dec. 5-6, Peru State Invitational. The Viking's split two games at Peru, losing, 85-67, to Park College in the first round and defeating Peru State, 69-53, in consolation play.

After a two-week vacation, Dana went South to the William Jewell (Mo.) Classic, on Dec. 19-20. The Vikings posted a 71-65 first round win over Hannibal-LeGrange. Nationally rated William Jewell survived a spirited effort by the Vikings in the championship game, escaping with a 78-74 win. Dana wrapped up December with a 6-6 record.

January was a month to forget for the Viking men. A non-conference loss to Grand View (81-61) started a string of eight straight losses during January, including five NIAC Conference losses.

With the second-half of the NIAC season getting underway, Coach Jensen is looking for improved play down the stretch.

Through 20 games Grey is leading the Vikings in scoring (14.1) rebounding (5.4) and free-throws made (79). Other team leaders include: Mulder (18 blocked shots), William Mays of Dallas, Texas (22 steals), Jackson (44 three-pointers), Bryant Marchese of Phoenix, Ariz. (43 assists).

Women's Basketball

First year Head Coach Sandi Mitchell got the Viking women off to a fast start in November. After dropping the first two games of the season at the Dana Classic, the Vikings reeled off three straight wins. During the win streak, Dana

claimed the Midland Classic championship trophy with wins over Valley City (N.D.), 73-71 in overtime, and York College, 89-27. The 52-point scoring margin against York was the widest in school history. An 86-75 win over Mount Marty (S.D.) gave the Vikings their third straight win and a 3-2 record.

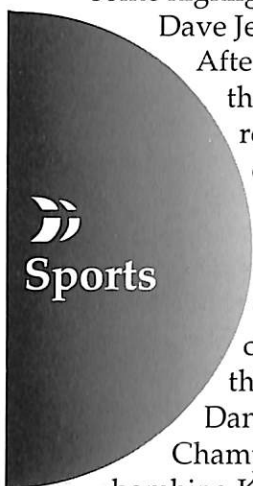
After an 88-73 loss to Peru State ended the Vikings win streak, the women traveled to the Pikes Peak Hoop Classic in Colorado Springs, Colo. Dana dropped two games to NCAA Division II opponents at the Classic. The host school, CU-Colorado Springs, beat Dana, 66-61, in first-round play. Southern Colorado sent the Vikings home with a 77-67 decision in the consolation round.

Susan Weddingfeld (Panora, Iowa) was named to the all-tournament team at the Classic. Weddingfeld, a senior post-player, was also an all-tourney selection at the Dana Classic.

Like the men's team, the women would just as soon forget about the month of January. The Vikings dropped six of seven games during January, including five losses in the talent-rich NIAC Conference. Dana's only win during that span was an 81-42 thumping of York College on Jan. 12.

Coach Mitchell's squad has lost its share of close games this season, dropping seven decisions by ten points or less. The Vikings will be hoping to reverse their fortunes during the second half of the NIAC season. Dana's record currently stands at 4-13 on the season and 0-5 in conference play.

Jennifer Dierks of Clinton, Iowa, leads the Vikings in scoring



(12.4 ppg) and rebounding (6.1). Other team leaders are: Mandy Axmann of Litchfield, Neb. (42.1 percent three-point shooting), Kim Wilken of Treynor, Iowa (32 three-point goals made), Tori Talbitzer of Malcolm, Neb. (50 percent field goal shooting), and Sarah Klein of Sioux City, Iowa (50 assists and 37 steals). Dierks and Weddingfeld are tied for the team lead in blocked shots with 12.

Wrestling

Coach Ron Beaman once again will be taking wrestlers to the NAIA National Meet March 6-7, in Las Vegas, Nev. Through January, four Viking grapplers have qualified for the national meet.

Freshman Jason Rowe (Van Wert, Iowa/Clarke H.S.) has qualified at the 142-pound weight class. Rowe earned his spot in the national tournament on Jan. 10, with a second place finish at the Glenn Brand Open, held in Omaha. Rowe also took second place honors at the Dana Invitational on Jan. 17.

Junior Chad Greguras (Seward, Neb.) earned his spot at nationals with a second place finish in the 118-pound bracket at the Dana Invitational.

Sophomore Steven Jenny (Monroe, Neb./Columbus Lakeview H.S.) will be representing the Vikings in the 134-pound weight class at nationals. Jenny, who has been rated as high as No. 6 in the nation, also placed second at the Dana Invitational.

At heavyweight, freshman Dax Doran (Harlan, Iowa) has earned a trip to nationals. Doran, who is also a starting lineman on the football team, took second place at the Dana Invitational.

Beaman expects to qualify more wrestlers for the national meet as the season progresses. ○

Coach Birmingham recruits for attitude, develops runners' talent

By *Charlie Janssen*
Sports Information Director

With the crack of the morning sun, sometimes even before, the Dana cross country team can be found charging up hills, down hills, and pacing their way across numerous area country roads.

Head Cross Country Coach Jay Birmingham trains his runners seven days a week with the belief that, while other teams may have more numbers, no other cross country team in the nation will work harder than the Vikings.

"We can't let our competition get ahead of us," Birmingham said. "We have very dedicated, hard-working athletes here at Dana that realize to be the best, you have to train harder than the rest."

When it comes to talking about the best and working hard to be the best, Birmingham knows what it takes. Hired in August 1994, Birmingham was called upon to build a program from the ground up. In only his second season at the helm, Birmingham guided the Viking men to a 17th place finish at the 1995 NAIA National Meet. Ben Sandy (Newcastle, Wyo.) became the Vikings first cross country runner to gain All-American status with a 27th place finish at the national meet.

In 1996, after claiming the men's NIAC Conference championship, Birmingham and his Viking runners shocked the nation with a fourth place finish at the National Meet. The fourth place finish is the highest final national ranking by any Dana athletic team

in school history.

Sandy ran his way to a second All-American selection at the meet by again finishing 27th. Sandy Smith (Superior, Neb.) and Anna Hovde (Gillette, Wyo.) joined Sandy as Scholastic All-Americans. The men's squad made the NAIA Scholar Team with a combined 3.18 GPA.

The '97 Vikings proved to the nation that the Dana cross country program is going to be a premier program for a long time to come, by finishing seventh in the nation.

The Viking women made a name for themselves by finishing the season ranked 24th in the nation.

Again the Vikings were well represented on the Scholastic All-American list. Sandy, Evan Bees (Oakland, Iowa/Riverside H.S.), Ryan Jacobsen (Elk Horn, Iowa), Ken Nikolas (Maplewood, Minn.), Amanda Buttry (Shenandoah, Iowa) and Angie Sparacino (Houston, Texas/Pius X H.S.), all were honored as Scholastic All-Americans. In addition, the men's team finished sixth in the nation with a combined 3.38 GPA.

Birmingham built his national power by looking for potential stars, instead of the often traveled road of recruiting the best talent.

"We recruit for attitude here at Dana," Birmingham said of his dedicated team. "Most of our runners weren't even state placers in high school, but if a runner comes here with the right attitude we can develop them into a great runner down the road."

That road appears to be taking Dana to the top of the pack among NAIA colleges. ○



Ben Sandy '98

'90s

○ *Melinda Almand '97* is a full-time claims processor III at the Progressive Insurance Company in Phoenix, Ariz. She is also working at a children's crisis center part-time plus volunteering on a nearby Indian reservation.

○ *Mary Bruns '97* is working at Insty Print in Omaha.

○ *Mercedes Buller '97* is a member of Captive Free, a musical ministry team to south central United

States. The seven-member group travels to various areas of the country to present a program about the gospel of Jesus Christ using music, personal testimony, puppet shows and drama.

○ *Stephanie Carlson-Pruch '97* is teaching art at

Parrish Middle School in Omaha. Parrish is one of the three special study centers in OPS designed for students who are unable, either academically or behaviorally, to function in the regular schools. She also teaches art to mainstreamed 9-12th grade special ed and behaviorally disordered students. Stephanie writes, "I am rarely bored and always challenged!" She and her husband, David, also bought a home built in the 1880s which they are remodeling.

○ *Shawn Fasbender '97* is working as an assistant accountant with the Nebraska business unit of KPMG Peat Marwick in Omaha.

○ *Amy Gerken '97* is working at ConAgra in Omaha.

○ *Chana Harbottle '97* and Lowell Kubie were married Aug. 9, 1997. The couple is residing in Blair.

○ *Jennifer Liebenow '97* is working at a shelter house in Omaha.

○ *Shannon Martin '97* is working at Community Alliance in Omaha.

○ *Tom Munger '97* is attending the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

○ *Mark Nielsen '97* is a staff auditor

for Deloitte & Touche in Omaha.

○ *Dennis Pinkelman '97* is working for Becton-Dickinson, a pharmaceutical company in Columbus, Neb.

○ *Sandy Smith '97* received the Outstanding Student-Teacher of the Year Award from the Nebraska English Language Arts Council last fall. She completed her student teaching at Westside High School, District 66, in Omaha and is currently teaching English at Carver Middle School in Laurinberg, N.C. Sandy is the third Dana College recipient of the award since its inception nine years ago. Previous Dana winners are *Margaret Crannell '89*, a Spanish teacher at Blair High School, and *Lois (Behrens '92) Jones*, a speech/drama teacher at Springfield-Platteview High School.

○ *Nathan Wigdahl '97* is working as a pharmacy technician at Central Park Pharmacy while taking a class at Creighton University in Omaha.

○ *Shawn Bluml '96* is the new fourth grade teacher in Riverside (Iowa) Schools. He attended kindergarten through sixth grade in the Riverside South Elementary building. Besides his teaching duties, he is helping with the youth wrestling program this winter. Shawn, his wife, *Barbie (Bentley '94)* and their one-year-old son, Tucker, live in Carson, Iowa.

○ *Jeff Belgum '95* and *Tonya Hauser '94* were married on April 5, 1997. Jeff is a funeral director/embalmer at George F. Porter and Sons Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kan. Tonya teaches second grade for the Kansas City, Kansas District 500 School District.

○ *Ginger M. Jensen '96* has been working for Aon Corporation's Financial Services Group in Chicago since May 1997. Aon is the second largest insurance company/broker in the world

○ *Jeff Rademacher '96* is a full-time announcer for WCLP-FM, a country music radio station in Newark, Ohio.

○ *Kimberly Burlingame '95* is a family preservation specialist/social worker for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in Omaha.

○ *Jeremy '95 and DeEtta Sikes* are the parents of a daughter, Rachel Dawn, who was born Sept. 11, 1997. She joins a brother, Jerome, who is now 2 years old.

○ *Romanus (Ndeopo) Kandjimi '94* is now serving as the chief inspector of the police force in Windhoek, Namibia.

○ *Steve Lemon '93* and Heather Hoins were married Aug. 2, 1997, in Hebron, Neb. Steve is a mathematics teacher and coach at Bellevue West High School. The couple lives in Omaha.

○ *Joel Jorgensen '91* of Ripon, Wis., has been named to the newly created executive management position of sales manager-Central/Western territory for Continental Girbau Inc. In this position, he will be responsible for the development of coin and on-premise laundry distribution channels in the central/western United States and Canada, development of niche market opportunities, customized communication support services to Continental's existing distributor base and new product marketing.

○ *Greg McBride '91* has started his own graphic design firm, Envision Graphics, in Englewood, Colo. There are six on staff, three designers, one illustrator, one bookkeeper and an office manager. He writes, "I had worked for the same design firm since 1992 and recently decided to go out on my own. The owner of the company that I worked for decided she was burned out on the industry. That gave me a great opportunity to acquire the assets of the company, including the equipment, clients and staff. We're really excited about the prospects of this company." Local alumni can reach McBride at 303-843-9777.

○ *Russell Miller '90* and Lisa Lane were married Sept. 13, 1997, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Russell is a farmer.

○ *Kevin White '90* and Jill Nieland, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were married Aug. 9, 1997, in Breda, Iowa. Kevin is a sportswriter for the "Daily Nonpariel" in Council Bluffs.

'80s

○ *Dr. Steven '88 and Karen Meister*

are the parents of a son, Noah Brock, who was born Jan. 16, 1998, at 1:15 p.m. Noah weighed 5 pounds, 6.6 ounces and was 17.5 inches long.

○ *Peggy (Sorensen '84) and Ming-Guang Chen* are the parents of a son, Matthew Liang, who was born Jan. 15, 1998. Ming-Guang is a senior software development analyst at First Data Resources in Omaha. Peggy is at home raising Matthew and his older brother Tyler, now 2 1/2.

○ *Jeff DeYoung '84* and four of his colleagues at "Iowa Farmer Today" newspaper were recently honored by the National Association of Ag Journalists for a three-week investigative series on the nation's changing livestock industry. DeYoung, who serves as livestock field editor, led the team project which examined how large-scale livestock production, particularly in the hog industry, has affected producers and communities in Iowa. "Iowa Pork Today," a supplement to "Iowa Farmer Today," received the Livestock Publication Council's Newspaper of the Year award recently. DeYoung is one of two major contributors to the publication. He has been with "Iowa Farmer Today" since February 1994.

○ *Todd Enfield '84*, a sales consultant for Harmon Autoglass in Mankato, Minn., was named Salesman of the Year for the fiscal year 1996-97.

○ *Anita (Dettmer '83) and Nick Palmer* are the parents of a daughter, Michelle Marie, who was born Dec. 29, 1997. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins three brothers, Brian, Trenton and Kirk; and a sister, Hilary.

○ *Dan von Rentzell '83* recently ran unopposed for reelection to the office of mayor in Earlham, Iowa. A native of Earlham, he is employed as a woodworker at DeVries Woodcrafters.

○ *Curtis E. Fett '82*, a district representative for Sioux City (Iowa) Lutheran Brotherhood, received recognition and awards at the Muehling & Associates Brotherhood Recognition Luncheon in Ames, Iowa, in January. Fett qualified as an "Agent of the Year" with the Muehling Agency. In addition, he was honored

as a "Top New Member Producer." He was also recognized as an Executive's Club Qualifier with Lutheran Brotherhood, an honor based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. In December 1997, Fett received the National Quality Award for the 7th year and the National Sales Achievement Award for the 9th year from the National Association of Life Underwriters in Washington, D.C. He also qualified for membership in the Millon Dollar Round Table for the sixth year. He has been in the insurance industry for 16 years. He and his wife, Sylvia, anticipate the arrival and adoption of a Korean infant in the summer of 1998.

○ *Candice Hogden '81* of Custer, Wis., and her sisters Crystal Bartels and Connie Skwierawski have formed the singing group Embrace. They spent a year recording favorite hymns in a compilation titled "A Christmas Gift." An article about their singing effort appeared in the December 1997 issue of "The Lutheran."

○ *James '80 and Barbara Borden* of Zumbrota, Minn., recently adopted two children from overseas.

○ *Mary (Heistand '80) Bro* of Harlan, Iowa, recently performed as a vocalist as part of the Town and Country Arts "5 Alive" event in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Professionally, she was appointed president of Intellisell Corporation in April 1997. She had served as executive vice president/ chief operating officer since January 1991.

'70s

○ *Barry Anderson '73* composed and recorded the musical score for a Nebraska ETV documentary entitled "The War Comes To Nebraska." It premiered on the statewide network November 8 and was re-broadcast December 3. It will be shown again in March.

○ *Nancy (Comfort '75) Anderson's* article "The Reading/Writing Connection," was published in the June 1998 "School Library Media Activities Monthly."

○ *Michael Thompson '73* has been named president of Pioneer, a communications network based in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. He will be responsible for managing Pioneer's operations and implementing the company's strategic plan. He had been a vice president for NetworkMCI Services in Richardson, Texas, since 1995.

○ *Carol (Schmidt '73) Willadsen* was ordained Sept. 17, 1997, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia, Mo., and has accepted a call to serve at Amana Lutheran Church in Scandia, Kan. Carol and her husband, Colin Ward, have moved to Scandia.

'60s

○ *Frederick A. "Addie" Adkins '62* recently completed his 20th season as head coach of the girls' soccer team at Coon Rapids (Minn.) High School and was inducted into the Minnesota State High School Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His current record of 294-79-30 is the most wins for a girls' varsity coach in Minnesota and is currently 8th in the nation, according to the National Soccer Coaches Association. The record of this two-time Minnesota Coach of the Year includes two state championships, nine region champions and five runners-up, eight conference championships and five second place finishes and one undefeated season. Adkins is in his 31st year of teaching math at Coon Rapids.

○ *Norm Bock '62* is the new principal of the Harrison Grade School in Harrison, Neb. He has been an elementary principal for the past 28 years, the last 22 in Laramie, Wyo.

'50s

○ *Rev. Raymond Hagberg '56* of Spencer, Neb., was the recipient of one of four Luther Achievement Awards to the alumni of the former Luther College and Academy in Wahoo, Neb. Hagberg, now retired, served as a pastor and evangelist for more than 27 years. He also served as a missionary to Tanzania from 1958-94

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and received recognition for his help with famine relief in that nation.

○ **Norman Freund '54** is a visitation pastor at First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Neb.

Deaths

○ **Paul C. Ickes '69** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died Oct. 20, 1997, at the age of 62. He was an elementary teacher for 24 years in the Papillion-LaVista (Neb.) Schools, retiring in 1996, and had worked for 10 years for the Union Pacific Railroad.

○ **Larry Kron '64** of Flower Mound, Texas, died suddenly Dec. 24, 1997. He was a senior consultant for Quorum Health Resources in Dallas, Texas.

○ **Edna (Bondo '42) Nance** of Denver, Colo., died Jan. 22, 1998 at the age of 89. After completing three years at Dana College in 1930, she taught third grade in Minnesota schools. In 1939, she graduated from Fairview Hospital Nursing School in Minneapolis, Minn. She attended Dana in 1941-42 and received her bachelor of arts degree. In 1952, she moved to Denver where she worked as a public school nurse until her retirement, followed by 10 years as a substitute nurse. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel Horace Nance; her sister, Ellen Pedersen and her brother, Rev. Ervin Bondo '36. Survivors include a nephew, Mark Bondo '64 of Freehold, N.J.

○ **Lewis Patrick** of Fairbury, Neb., died Jan. 4, 1998, at the age of 79. He retired as superintendent of Fairbury Public Schools in 1983 after 31 years in the school system. Previously, he taught and coached at Winside, Uehling, Oakland, Dawson and Reynolds, all in Nebraska. He was inducted into the Dana College Hall of Fame in 1995 for his outstanding basketball career.

○ **Rosa K. McCartney '32** of Denver, Colo., died Nov. 30, 1997, at the age of 86. In her young adult years, she helped her parents on the family farm, taught piano lessons, and did housework for several Denver residents. Eventually she entered the insurance business, where she served as an agent.

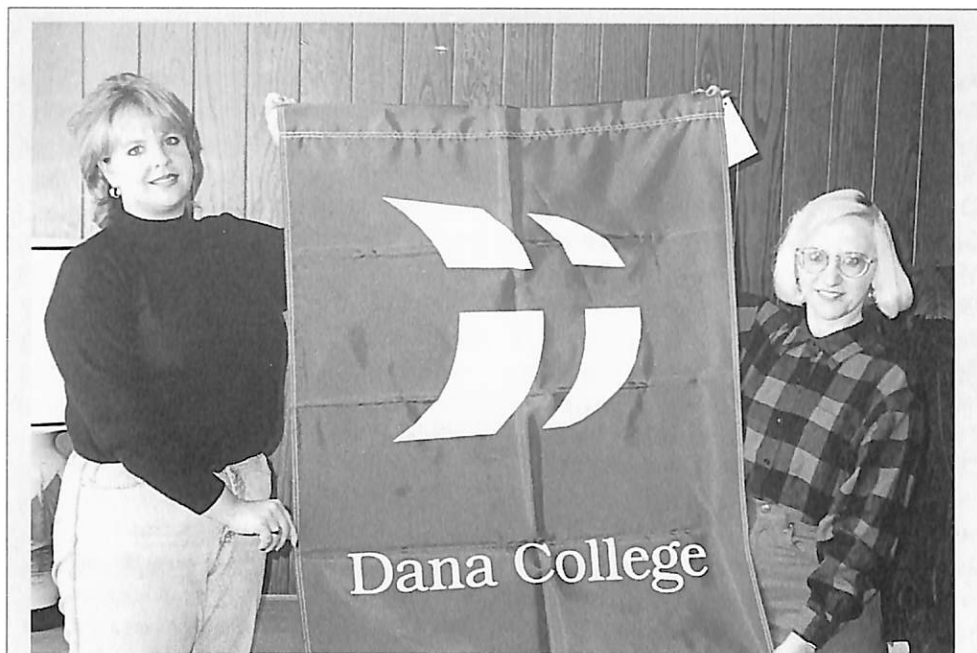


Photo by Barry Anderson '73

Shawn Lorenzen '91 and Jennifer Jensen '82, members of the Dana Alumni Council, display the new Dana flags available for purchase. The flags, 34" x 44", cost only \$35 each, including tax. They are made of red cloth with white print.

Proceeds from the project will go to benefit Dana College student activities and scholarships. To order your flag, send \$35 to Dana College Alumni Council, P.O. Box 1199, Dana College, Blair, NE 68008.

Send us your news, ideas

The *Dana Review* is one of the few ways Dana College has to communicate on a regular basis with our alumni and friends.

Therefore, in order to make the *Review* something you look forward to receiving every few months, I need to know more about what you and your classmates are doing.

Remember a few months ago when you got that new job... One of the items on the to-do list in the back of your mind was to call the alumni affairs office at Dana to let them know of your career advancement. Then you got sidetracked and never made the call.

Until I started as editor of the *Dana Review* last August, I fell into the same trap. I always neglected to make the call or drop a note in the mail to get my news in

"Destiny's Deep Sea."

Well, it isn't too late for you, and we've just made it easier. Detach the top postcard from the center of this issue and drop it in the mail, postage-paid.

Okay, now that you've filled out that postcard, I'm going to ask you to go one step further. Do you or a classmate from your Dana days have even more of a story to tell?

I welcome you to submit your own story or story idea for consideration in a future issue of the *Review*. I would like to see more articles written by and for alumni. After all, this is really your publication.

If you have any ideas, feel free to contact me by phone, letter or via e-mail, 402-426-7216, clarkins@fs1.dana.edu. ○

A dusting of fresh snow covers the campus this wintry Nebraska morning. It can't be too cold, as many students move at a moderate pace up and down hilly campus walks with open jackets.

I have a marvelous vista now from a newly remodeled and expanded President's office, thanks to the gifts from Dana friends. I protested the expenditure, wishing instead that the funds go to support our primary mission, the teaching of students.

However, key donors prevailed, stressing the importance of having a more presentable space for the President, space which hasn't been remodeled since Pioneer Memorial Hall was built in 1948. When the lead donors threatened to withdraw their gifts if I didn't follow through, I was convinced. The product is a wonderful office, and I no longer have any excuse for not doing a good job.

I am in the home stretch of completing 12 years as Dana's President. It's hard to imagine that Anne and I have lasted that long. The tenure of Dana Presidents has generally been six or fewer years.

As I sit in my new office, I can't help but think of the first two presidents to occupy this building. They and I have much in common. It's curious that the three of us have served longer terms of office than any of the rest. It is even more remarkable that the three of us—Richard E. Morton (12 years from 1944-56), Clifford C. Madsen (15 years from 1956-71) and I (1986-98)—grew up within a four-mile radius of one another in the Luck and Milltown area of Polk County, Wisconsin.

I always say "it must be something in the water" that led the three of us to occupy the Dana presidency over one-third (39 of the 114 years) of the history of the college. All three of us were of Danish Lutheran ancestry, and all three came to Dana for our undergraduate work. Dr. Morton and I graduated from the same high school, Milltown High, which is no more. Dr. Madsen and my father were baptized and confirmed in the same church, St. Peter's Lutheran in North Luck.

As I reflect on my 12 years, I give thanks for the many who have shared my vision of excellence in liberal arts

education offered in an environment inspired by Christian love and service.

All Dana presidents have faced difficult challenges. For me, the tragic fire which took Old Main on August 25, 1988, is one of the most memorable. Thanks to the support of generous supporters, including the late Omaha-area Danish farmer Leonard Johnson, who left a healthy share of his estate to Dana, we have a fine new Dana Classroom Center and a beautiful place of worship in Trinity Chapel. Trinity Chapel was made possible by a gift from the Margaret Nielsen trust. Margaret, a Dane from Detroit, was a long-time Dana friend.

The challenges remain great. We operate with an endowment much too small for a school our size, and in a state which lags almost all others in providing financial support to needy in-state students who elect to attend one of the state's independent colleges.

Our athletic and recreational facilities, track and fields must be renovated and expanded; science laboratories and classrooms call for attention, and buildings like the E.C. Hunt Campus Center and Pioneer Memorial must be made accessible to all.

If we are to meet these challenges, serve students of great promise who could not go to college without our help, and maintain the high quality of instruction and student services Dana has traditionally provided, we must once more call upon alumni and friends to pledge generous multi-year commitments.

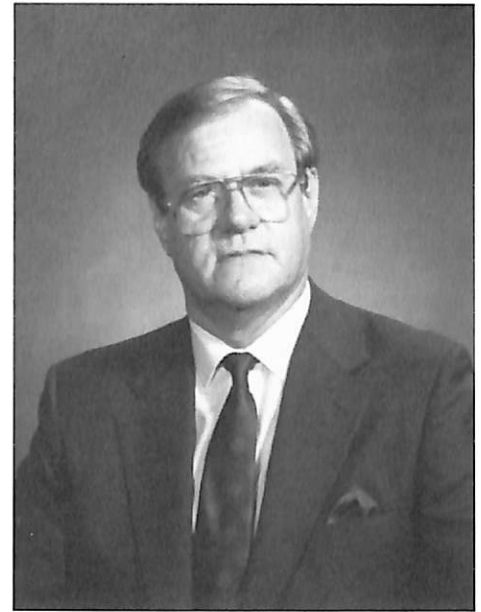
To secure our future, we will have to find new friends who declare by their major gifts their willingness to help, and ask old friends to do more.

Higher educational institutions are more plentiful than ever. So, some will argue that private Christian liberal arts colleges like Dana are no longer needed. Certainly such a case can be made if one only looks to institutions to offer courses leading to a degree.

At Dana College, I believe we offer "more than a degree." I know that college courses can be offered anywhere, on-site and off. Distance learning and pre-packaged learning modules have made it possible for students to learn the basics of subject matter in many disciplines without ever setting foot on a college campus.

But these are not what I want for my children. What I look for, and I believe many of the public still demand and are willing to pay a premium for, calls for a residential face-to-face instructional experience which includes features Dana offers.

Among the features that I believe the



Dana experience tends to offer students are the following: 1) a high degree of oral and written communication competency; 2) greater literacy, i.e. exposure to and understanding of literature across several disciplines; 3) the development of leadership potential in every student; 4) the care and nurturing of moral, ethical and spiritual growth in students as well and an opportunity for students to know, worship, proclaim and serve Christ; 5) the expectation that every student should be actively involved in campus life out of the classroom as well as in, and 6) preparation to leave Dana with marketable skills and knowledge that will yield job offers upon graduation in four years and inspire an appetite for learning that will continue beyond graduation.

These are ideas that challenge and excite me as I sit in my new office and gaze out upon this beautiful campus that God has whitened with fresh fallen snow, and upon the students which God has gifted to me and presidents, faculty and staff for more than 100 years.

The big question for me is what will I and others in the Dana community do for these students and what will they in turn do for humankind and to the glory of God? If my prayers are answered, Dana will continue on the path of excellence already begun and rise up and meet the challenges that face us without compromising the commitment to offer more than a degree.

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

Myrvin F. Christopherson
President

PROFILE:

Junior reaches outside of academic discipline

The musical life of Dana College junior Tara Stark took a turn one Sunday afternoon this fall.

Stark, who has been singing since she was "really little," performed her junior voice recital.

"My mom has pictures of me (singing) when I was 3 or before," Stark said. "It's just something I grew up around."

Normally, a recital is a common event in the music department.

However, Stark's recital was unique, because she is majoring in business administration, not music. The Ponca, Neb., native has excelled musically over the past several years, but simply has chosen not to pursue it professionally.

Stark was an Nebraska All-State Choir selection for two years in high school and participated in a number of other honor choirs.

She sang in high school musicals "Cinderella" and "Fiddler

On the Roof."

Stark cites high school vocal music teacher Kari Petersen as one of

her musical influences, along with her voice instructor at Dana, Prof. Jeanmarie Nielsen, and Dana College Chorale Director Richard Palmer.

"(Petersen) got me to break out of my shell a bit more and try out for those choirs. She spent a lot of time with me," Stark said.

Stark's lack of a music major has not slowed her from playing a major part in the Dana music department during her three years at the college. She sang in the chorus in all of Dana's musicals, including "The Robber Bridegroom," "Godspell," "Guys and Dolls" and "H.M.S. Pinafore."

She is a member of the Dana College Chorale, Dana VOICES and the Santa Lucia Singers, a special women's group which performs

during the annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas celebration.

"One thing I like about Dana is that I don't have to be a music major to be in music," Stark said.

Stark chose to take private lessons to push herself musically and learn more about singing. She is in her third year of lessons from Nielsen.

"It's just a chance to pick out the music I want to sing and the styles I like," Stark said.

Last year, Stark decided to take her talent one step further and pursue a recital.

"It's something I've always kind of wanted to do," she said. "Last year it hit me I needed a goal to continue taking voice lessons."

"Tara is a joy to work with as she works hard, is not discouraged easily and is always willing to advance to another level of challenge," Nielsen said.

"Students such as Tara keep the teachers stimulated because she wants to know 'why, 'how' and 'what if...'. A creative student who wants to work hard and learn as much as possible is a reason to keep teaching!" ○



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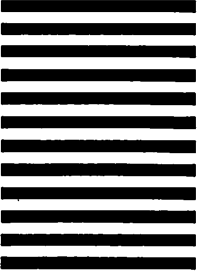
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