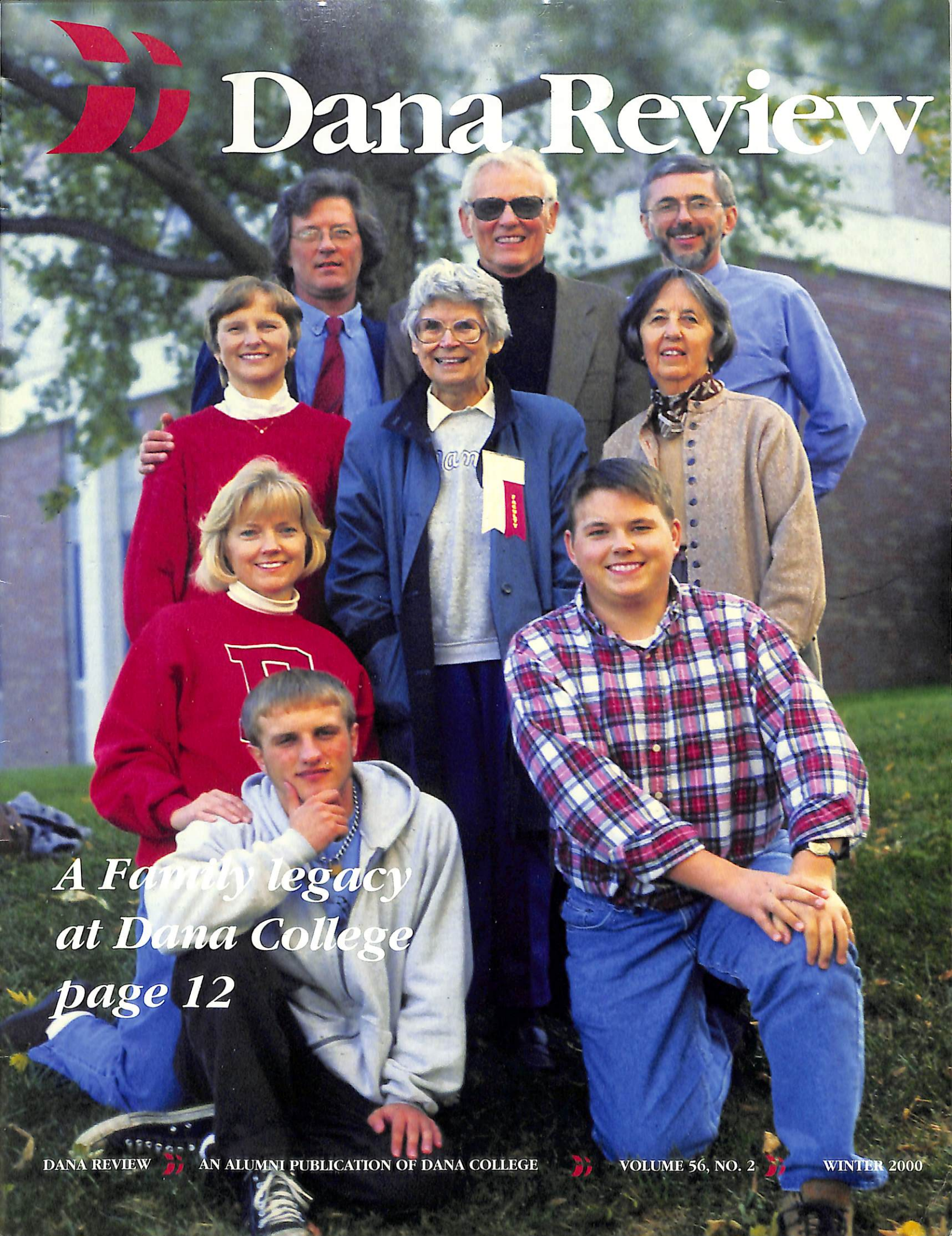




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# Memories of mentors point us to a higher road

By Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson '61, President of Dana College

Who is your man or woman of the century? As I grow older and the mentors from my early years pass on, I find myself reflecting on the value of certain persons who were influential in my life. Sometimes it is a seemingly insignificant statement or experience that sticks in my memory.

For example, I remember that my mother shared that she was impressed by the politeness of some Dana students from my hometown, Milltown, Wisconsin. She appreciated that these young men (Charles "C1" Jorgensen, Duane Spong, George Johnston, and Eugene Jacoby) greeted her with a "good morning," rather than with the more curt and familiar "hi," and did not call her by her first name. Language use and politeness was to mother a mark of education, discernment, and politeness. These Dana men won her admiration. I think such seemingly

the general manager and feed mill manager, was out of work after twenty-seven years of competent, dedicated service. The tears running down my mother's cheeks as she prepared the coffee and sandwiches for those in attendance signaled something had gone awry.

I'll carry to my grave the picture of my Dad harboring no apparent ill will to those who voted him out of work. The sad thing is that after several changes in management, the cooperative that enjoyed prosperity under Dad's leadership, closed for good a few years later.

Pastor Neve died on December 31. Rev. Aster Eberhardt Neve was the pastor at Milltown Lutheran who urged me to come to Dana College 43 years ago. The oldest brother of Paul (Emeritus Professor of Music at Dana), Lloyd, Alton, Ried, Marlyn

(who died just a week after Aster), and the youngest,

Ruth (also deceased), were the children of Rev. and Mrs. A.V. Neve. The Neves have been one of the most faithful, talented, and supportive families in Dana's history.

Aster was not only my Pastor, he was my friend. He was an eccentric in the Lord. He loved Jesus and carried that love to all of God's people. Admittedly, he sometimes had an odd way of showing it – seeming to be lost in his own world. Everyone who knew Aster has stories to share. Like the time he left his car in front of the parsonage on the Main Street of Milltown with the engine running, lights on, and door standing wide open. You see, he had dashed into the house to retrieve something, became engrossed in the latest edition of *Christian Century*, and retired for the night – completely forgetting about the car.

Aster was intellectually gifted, consumed by the gospel, and for me and hundreds of others, who saw



beyond his mannerisms, his example of love for every neighbor enriched our lives. Aster saw God's special gifts in every person. He and his talented wife and partner in ministry, Ruth, had a powerful impact on my life, and I shall remember them with gratitude.

It is my prayer that each one of us may have graphic memories of folks like my parents and Pastor Neve whose legacies lift us beyond daily preoccupation with self, pointing us to a higher road both more rewarding and enduring.

At Dana, we daily have an opportunity to influence those who make up this place called Dana. Because we are an intimate community, learning is usually collaborative and personalized by the professor. At Dana the roles of learner and the learned are readily interchangeable. Because of our intimate size, we are accessible to our students. They see who we are, how we think, what we do with our gifts, and the like. Our actions and our words offer models of faith and life to those we serve.

Personally, I prize the teaching moments that present themselves. It may be something so insignificant as when I remind a student not to sit on a table intended for eating or magazines. It may be when I gently suggest a

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insignificant behaviors may still merit attention.

How one conducts his or her life often leaves an indelible impression. My father lived almost 92 years and may merit little mention in history, but he had a powerful impact on me. I especially remember that to enable me to go to Dana College in 1957, he took the job as janitor of our church.

That \$60 per month supplemented his modest income as head of the Land O' Lakes Locker Plant in Luck. I didn't know until later that he took the job so that I could go to school. My mother shared the custodial duties. She did the dusting and cleaned the toilets each week, while Dad moved tables and chairs, vacuumed, and removed the garbage.

Another poignant memory is of Dad serving coffee to the people at the annual meeting of the local cooperative who had just voted a total change of management. That meant my father,

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# Sights & Sounds of Christmas – a celebration



The Christmas Storyteller, John W. Nielsen D'47 T '53, entertains the crowd in The Forum.

On Sunday, December 5, 1999, the Dana College campus was once again buzzing with the *Sights & Sounds of Christmas*. Thanks to good weather, the all-day Scandinavian Christmas celebration attracted a large number of people – all eager to observe Danish Christmas customs, experience the authentic Scandinavian smorgasbord, purchase Christmas gifts, and listen to the Dana College Chorale, Concert Band, and Santa Lucia Singers.



Kirsten Larsen demonstrates the art of making Danish sandwiches.



The Dana Concert Band performs at the Sunday afternoon concert under the direction of William R. Hall.



The Scandinavian Folk Dancers share customs and perform traditional dances in Borup Coliseum.



Jim Petersen plays his street organ during intermission at the concert.



Dr. Richard Palmer leads the Dana College Chorale to kick off the Sights & Sounds of Christmas Sunday afternoon concert.

# Nielsen named Nebraska Professor of the Year

By Carmen Polk  
Editor, Dana Review

In October, Dana College English professor John Mark Nielsen '73, was named the 1999 Nebraska Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Nielsen was selected for the honor from a pool of eight nominees from Nebraska, and joined winners from 44 other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

The award program was started by CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) in 1981, and works in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation and other higher education associations.

Upon hearing he had received the honor, Nielsen was surprised and a little let down. "Although it would be dishonest to say that I don't welcome or even sometimes crave recognition, I really find it awkward," he said. He also feels that he must somehow merit the recognition, and he ends up placing the bar of self-expectation higher.

"Consequently, it's both good in motivating me, but also harmful in that I feel I have to do even more," he said.

Nielsen is not the first member of his family to pursue a career in teaching, and he credits many members of his family as influences.

When asked to name his *greatest* influence, six individuals came to mind: 1) His grandmother, the daughter of German immigrant parents who was a gifted teacher and storyteller. "She could be both deeply spiritual and delightfully irreverent," said Nielsen. 2) His Aunt Luella, a woman who's passion and love of learning is a gift. "When we were

little, I can remember her always reading in a corner of the living room...and she would stop and share with us passages from what she was reading," he said. 3) His father, a man who has influenced him in so many ways, particularly with the love and romance of travel. "The experiences of travel have opened me up to experiencing and accepting diverse peoples and cultures," Nielsen said. 4) His mother's father, a man who emigrated from Denmark and never saw his parents again. "He had both a patience and love of family that is a part of me. Patience and acceptance are so critical when teaching," he said. 5) His mother, an art teacher who has instilled a wonder for the visual world in her son. "She also had an influence on me in the constant creativity she used in preparing for class," Nielsen said. "She has a gift for seeing possibility in the common as well as the unique." 6) His mentor, Norman Bansen '47, Professor Emeritus at Dana from 1953-86. "He, as is true of each of the others, has constantly modeled qualities I have sought to emulate," Nielsen said. "He is creative, patient, has a flare for the dramatic, and exudes a passion for living. When I think of him and each of these individuals, I feel a profound sense of gratitude and joy to be alive."

Coming from a family where teaching runs so deep, one might wonder what other professions Nielsen has pondered or wished he could be a part of.

"I'm on a Woody Guthrie kick at the moment," he said. "I've always wished that I could sing and play the guitar. What could be more wonderful than traveling the land and singing songs about social justice?"



Professor John Mark Nielsen has been teaching at Dana since 1984.

Luckily for Dana students, Nielsen has decided not to wander and has stayed at the school since joining the faculty in 1984. He was even selected as Professor of the Year by the student body in 1987 and 1995.

In addition to these awards, Nielsen has been recognized with the Ak-Sar-Ben Professor of the Year Award in 1990 and the 1992 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education, sponsored by HunTel Systems, Inc.

When asked what the best thing is about teaching at Dana, Nielsen replied, "The people and the ability to know and interact with everyone on a personal level. For me there is a profound sense of community." You can be sure that community feels very lucky to have him as a member.

Read more about  
the Nielsen family.  
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# Alumna visits the children of war-torn Kosovo

By Sara Lynne Hildreth '97

I recently spent three weeks in Kosovo working with children who had been traumatized by the war. I went with a group of Presbyterians I had met through a student from the Czech Republic who studied at Trinity last year.

Our group of eight lived in one of two apartment buildings housing 40 volunteers from different countries. Actually, we had a nice time. It wasn't too dangerous, the food was good, and our job was to play all day long. Sometimes it was hot, but the school playgrounds were filled with energy regardless. The playgrounds had been cleared of mines and declared "safe zones" by the United Nations.

Our presence gave parents a break while their children were supervised and entertained by foreign volunteers. At times the language barrier made things difficult, but we found that there were lots of things we could do and play without assistance from a translator. In fact, I've never done the "hokey pokey" so many times in my life!

Not everything is fun and games now in Kosovo, though. Certainly the ethnic Albanians are celebrating their freedoms, but now the Serbs remaining in Kosovo are fearful and huddling together under NATO protection. I spent a day in an Orthodox seminary where over 200 Serbian Kosovars are living, cramped and bored to tears. Lice are everywhere and entire families sleep together in tiny dorm rooms. They can't return to their homes because they fear the Albanians will kill them (revenge crimes are happening despite NATO presence), and it's likely the Albanians burned their homes and businesses as soon as they left.

Outside the walls of the seminary there's much destruction, but the atmosphere is totally different because the Albanian Kosovars now have hope.

They are hopeful of a better future — a future free of repression and murder — one in which they can make enough money to support their families

and have an actual voice in their own government.

However, in the center of town there remain 200 fearful Kosovars caught up in the remainder of the ethnic conflict, feeling the effects of a crazed leader who happens to be of their same ethnic background and religious faith. It is not a hopeful picture for these 200. They can't leave Kosovo unless relatives or friends ask for them, and since the post office is not working, they must send messages through the U.N. or a non-governmental organization.

They might want to go to Serbia to start a new life, though many don't — they have lived in Kosovo for generations. Even if they want to go, the United Nations can't take them there if they don't have someone to take them in or Serbia will turn around and accuse the Albanians of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. It's a complicated mess, one that will take years to work out just as it has taken years for the conflict to develop.

Right now, the Albanians are celebrating the defeat of the Serbs and are even turning around to seek revenge on the Serbs with the same destruction and violence that was so recently visited on them. It's against the law, but even NATO can't always stop persons who are intent on seeking revenge. We heard an Arab proverb while we were in Kosovo, "He who seeks revenge should dig two graves." This timeless truth has proved itself again and again in Kosovo. We saw one Serbian business that had been burned, and the fire spread to other nearby buildings, destroying six Albanian houses.

The day before we left, one of our translators came up with an idea for a project. He envisioned a program that brought Albanian children and Serbian children together to play. This idea was born out of his correspondence with a Serb living under protection at the seminary. My friend, the translator, sent a letter with us when we went into the seminary. We found someone who was willing to write back to him and share her own story of life during a war.



Sara Lynne Hildreth poses with some of the children she played with during her trip to Kosovo. (Christopher Maddocks, photographer)

In this letter my friend found hope, hope that Albanians and Serbs can overcome their animosity toward one another. With this one woman who was willing to write to him, my friend discovered the shared humanity between himself, an Albanian, and this woman, a Serb.

I pray that my friend will keep his vision alive and work hard to develop his program. Doing so will put him at risk, for some Albanians are not at all interested in any work at all with Serbs, and they are willing to kill for this belief. But, God has not forgotten Kosovo. Peace *has* come and peace *will* reign. The compassion of God will someday be present in Kosovo. I'll be praying that it will come soon.

*Sara is attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary and is currently interning at Frederick Lutheran Church, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Her home congregation is Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tekamah, Nebraska.*

## Dana College thanks our Campaign donors

In June 1997, the advanced gifts or "silent phase" of the Dana College Legacy Campaign was started. At this time, key leaders in the Blair community were asked to join the Campaign.

Two of the first individuals to respond to the request were Richard Hunt, vice-chairman, and Hugh Hunt, chairman, of HunTel Systems, Inc. The pair pledged \$1 million over a five-year period to the Campaign to support building projects, scholarship programs, and endowment goals.

When asked why they decided to be lead donors in the Campaign Richard Hunt replied, "Dana is a key component of what makes Blair what it is. We have a significant number of Dana alumni working for HunTel – they are a valuable part of our business. I'm very proud to be connected to Dana – it's a great institution."

Hugh shares his brother's feeling regarding the overall importance of Dana to the community, "If Dana weren't in Blair, the quality of life wouldn't be nearly as good. The school has made a profound impact on Blair and HunTel because of its students and professors."

The Hunt family's ties to Dana are strong. Richard first joined the Board of Regents in 1978 when Interim President Robert Glass invited him to become a member. He then went on to serve as Chairman from 1988-1991, and was named Regent Emeritus in 1991.

Hugh has also served on Dana College's Board of Regents. He was a member from



1995-97. "I served on the Board for a few years and I was very proud to do that," said Hugh.

Civic service is a common thing for Richard and Hugh. They both serve in key positions for a number of service organizations.

Currently, Hugh serves as co-chairman for the Blair YMCA Capital Campaign, and he's a member of the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association, MerryMakers, the University of Nebraska Touchdown Club, and many other organizations.

Richard is chairman of The Heart Institute, co-chairman for the Memorial Community Hospital Phase II Fund Drive, past chairman of the Omaha Symphony Board, and is a member of the Constitutional Heritage Institute, Nebraska Community Foundation, and numerous other organizations.



**Richard Hunt**



**Hugh Hunt**

Richard and Hugh have also received numerous awards for their service and business practices. In 1997 they both received the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. In 1994 *Inc. Magazine* presented them with the Entrepreneur of the Year Regional Master Award, and in 1990 each was named Nebraska Small Businessman of the Year.

It's this expertise and generosity that Richard and Hugh openly share with Dana. "I share Myrv's vision for Dana," said Richard. "I think it's important that Dana continue to nourish its relationship with the church. It's that relationship that sets it apart from many other schools."

Hugh agrees with his brother and wants to see Dana continue to grow. "I think Myrv is by far the best president Dana has ever had," he said. "I think the long-term challenge for Dana is raising the student population. I realize Dana isn't for everyone, but if a student wants a quality education with good Christian values – it's for them."

Dana College would like to thank Richard Hunt, Hugh Hunt, and HunTel Systems, Inc., for their generous gift and continued support of Dana and the Legacy Campaign.

"Hugh and Richard and their

companies are winners. They have been good for the Blair community and great for Dana. I'll be forever grateful for their support and the companies and individuals who are part of HunTel Systems, Inc.," said President Myrvin Christopherson.



By *Doug Fessler*  
Sports Information Director

## Fall Sports Wrap-Up

The Viking football team finished the season with a two-game winning streak. Their record was 4-6 overall, 2-4 in the NIAC (tied for 4<sup>th</sup>).

The women's volleyball team ended their season with a 6-23 record overall, 0-12 in the NIAC. Despite their record, the team showed signs of great improvement and look forward to next season.

The women's soccer team finished the season in third place in the NIAC with a 3-3 mark, 14-5 overall. They finished with the best mark in the history of the program.

The men's and women's cross country teams kept up their winning tradition with strong finishes. The men's team qualified for nationals for the fifth straight year and finished 19<sup>th</sup> among 28 teams. The women placed fifth in the NIAC and fourth in the National Qualifier.

## SPORTS

### Soccer has best season ever

Entering the fourth year of the program, the women's soccer team ended the season 14-5 overall and earned the third seed in the conference tournament. They hosted Concordia in the first round and defeated them 2-1 in overtime to advance to the semi-finals of the conference tournament. In the semi's, Hastings defeated Dana 5-0 to end a wonderful season.

Leading the team this season was sophomore **Jen Wilcox** (Omaha, NE) with 13 goals/six assists, and sophomore **Renee Boman** (Columbus, NE) with 11 goals/five assists. Freshman **Denise Klug** (York, NE) gave up just 16 goals in 19 games as goal keeper this season. Congratulations to the Lady Vikings on a wonderful season!

### Cross Country Teams strong

The Dana men were ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the NAIA as of Nov. 19, and for the fifth straight year, they qualified for nationals as a team by placing first in the National Qualifier in Fremont. Senior harrier **Scott Stanley** (Malvern, IA) came in 16<sup>th</sup> in the field of 236 at Nationals to earn his second All-American award. During the race he also set a personal record of 25:03.

Sophomore **Natalie Flynn** (Blair, NE) and freshman **Stephanie Collins** (Shelby, IA) led the women this season. The ladies

finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the NIAC Championships despite running their best team race of the season with a 53-second pack time.

### Lady Viking Basketball "Making Great Strides"

The Lady Viking basketball team is looking like a team with much pride. Despite their 11-12 record, the Lady Vikings have been competitive in every game. Their nine wins are the most for the past three seasons in the women's program. The NIAC boasts of having six of the seven teams receiving votes in their respective divisions in the national ratings.

Leading the way for the Lady Vikings this season have been two seniors. **Elizabeth Snedigar** (Clarinda, IA) and **Kim Wilken** (Treyvor, IA) are leading the team in scoring, averaging about 15 points per game. Junior **Mandy Axmann** (Litchfield, NE) has come on as of late averaging 11 points per game. Snedigar and junior **Tori Talbitzer** (Malcolm, NE) are leading the team in rebounding with nine and eight rebounds respectively.

The team is also 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation in free throw percentage at 73% on the season. Snedigar is 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation in individual free throw percentage going 78-93 (83%). A complete wrap-up of the season will appear in the next *Dana Review*.

### Viking Wrestling "Ready to Rumble"

Under the direction of new first-year Head Coach Steve Costanzo, the Viking wrestling team seems primed and ready to take on all opponents. They have a record of 2-3 so far in dual matches and have had two wrestlers qualify for the National Championships. Senior **Darold Foster** (LaVista, NE) qualified for nationals in the first meet of the season at the Central Missouri State Open. Sophomore **Ben Wilcox** (Fremont, NE) also qualified for nationals during the Ron Beaman '74 Invitational held at Dana.

"I'm happy with the effort of the team so far," said Coach Costanzo. "We still have a lot of work to do, but with maximum effort, we should have more athletes qualify for the National Championships." The NAIA National Championships will be held March 5-7 in St. Charles, MO. A complete wrap-up of the season will



Snedigar

## ATHLETE HONORS

The following student athletes were honored at the end of the season:

**Cross Country:** **Scott Stanley** (SR) — All-American; 16<sup>th</sup> at Nationals

**Football:** **Jason Mitchell** (SR) — 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Offense, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American (SB), 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Defense (RS); **Joel Carter** (SR) — 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Offense; Honorable Mention All-American (WR); **Bill Potts** (SR) — 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Offense (OL); **Kurt Ferguson** (SO) — 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Defense (DB); **Chevas Lamoya** (FR) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Offense (RB); **Justin Haberman** (SR) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Defense (LB); **Cameron Cornist** (JR) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference Defense (P); **Tim Anderson** (JR), **Jared Blue Coat** (SO), **Zach Elderts** (FR), **Jaret Pospeshil** (JR), **Trey Scholl** (JR), and **Bryan Soukup** (SR) — Honorable Mention All-Conference

**Volleyball:** **Becky Stansberry** (SR), **Amber Weber** (SR) — Honorable Mention All-Conference

**Soccer:** **Denise Klug** (FR) — 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference (GK); **Renee Boman** (SO) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference (FWD); **Jen Wilcox** (SO) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference (FWD); **Amanda Stoffel** (SR) — 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference (MID); **Molly Fuxa** (JR), **Remy Stoffel** (SO), **Noel Tesar** (JR) — Honorable Mention All-Conference; **Coach Todd Wick** — Coach of the Year

## SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

(3.0 GPA or better)

**Football:** **Bryan Soukup** (SR) — 3.80 GPA (Physical Education); **Todd DeWees** (JR) — 3.58 GPA (Math)

**Volleyball:** **Lisa Decker** (SR) — 3.98 GPA (Business & Communication); **Amber Weber** (SR) — 3.82 GPA (Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy); **Michaela Kibbon** (JR) — 3.57 GPA (Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy); **DaLean Butterfield** (JR) — 3.50 GPA (Biology)

**Men's Cross Country:** Team qualified as All-American Scholars including — **Marc Bierbaum** (JR), **Justin Christensen** (JR), **Jason Brindle** (SR), **Aaron Schlote** (JR), and **John Tripp** (SO)

*Congratulations to these athletes!*

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appear in the Spring *Dana Review*.

## Vikings "Young and Tough"

The Viking basketball team looks as if they're on the right path. Despite having a young team (two seniors), the Vikings have shown they are a team to be reckoned with in the NIAC. Their 11-12 overall record (2-6 in the NIAC) puts them in a tie for third in the conference. They have lost some tough games on the road, but have taken care of business at home where they are (8-2) this season.

"We've put ourselves in a situation where we need to protect our home court advantage, but we need to win a couple on the road as well," stated Head Coach Dave Jensen. "Our young athletes have shown a lot of maturity and are playing like veterans."



**Johnson**

Junior **Michael Johnson** (Oakland, NE) leads four Vikings in double-figure scoring on the season averaging 14 points and 7 rebounds per game. Freshmen **Derek Hack** (Fremont, NE) and **Jeff Tesmer** (Grand Island, NE) average 12 points per contest, and sophomore **Dwight Nelson** (Fremont, NE) averages 10 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. A complete recap of the season will be in the next *Review*.

## Viking Baseball Preview

The Viking baseball team begins its 2000 campaign, February 19-20, at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Coming off a 24-20-1 season and third place finish in the NIAC last year, the team has had a major overhaul. They lost 10 players and acquired a new coaching staff. New Head Coach Damon Day and assistant Mark Clements '90 begin their first season at the helm. "We are very excited about the future of Viking baseball. What this team lacks in roster size and depth we will make up in competitiveness," stated Coach Day.

The Vikings have already received individual attention as two players, seniors **Craig Wetterberg** and **Joseph Pope**, were recognized as players to watch for the 2000 season by *College Baseball News*. Wetterberg is a pitcher from Norfolk, NE, while Pope is a shortstop from Carthage, MS. The Vikings also have three All-Conference players returning this

season, including Wetterberg and seniors **Ryan Enright** (1B, Sioux Falls, SD) and **Joe Pennucci** (C, Loveland, CO).

## Viking Track After Records

"Records will fall," declares Dana Track Coach Jay Birmingham as he enters his sixth season. Approximately 20 men and 14 women will run, jump and throw for the Vikings this spring.

Seniors **Scott Stanley** and **Amber Weber** are the top returnees for Dana.

Dana's women will feature sophomore **Natalie Flynn** in the 1500 and 3000-meters, and freshman **Stephanie Collins** is also expected to make an impact in races. Junior **Jessica Chambers** (Bennington, NE) has already qualified for May's NAIA Championships in the marathon.

National qualifiers for 1999, **Justin Christensen** (JR, Schuyler, NE), **Aaron Schlote** (JR, Plainview, NE), and **Derek Fey** (SR, Omaha, NE) will spearhead Dana's men.

## Spring Sports Schedules

### VIKING BASEBALL

2/19	Air Force Acad	Colo. Spgs, CO	1:00
2/20	Air Force Acad	Colo. Spgs, CO	11:00
2/22	Bellevue	Blair, NE	2:00
3/3	Bethany	Lindsborg, KS	5:00
3/4	Sterling	Sterling, KS	1:00
3/5	Kansas Wesleyan	Salina, KS	1:00
3/11	Heidelberg	Panama City, FL	9:00
3/12	Marietta	Panama City, FL	12:00
3/13	WI-Platteville	Panama City, FL	9:00
3/13	Missouri-Rolla	Panama City, FL	3:00
3/15	California-PA	Panama City, FL	3:00
3/16	Park	Panama City, FL	9:00
3/17	Sewanee	Panama City, FL	9:00
3/18	Otterbein	Panama City, FL	9:00
3/21	Morningside	Blair, NE	3:00
3/23	Dordt	Blair, NE	2:00
3/25	*Midland	Blair, NE	TBA
3/26	*Midland	Fremont, NE	TBA
3/30	*Northwestern	Orange City, IA	TBA
4/1	*Northwestern	Blair, NE	TBA
4/2	Peru State	Blair, NE	12:00
4/4	*Doane	Blair, NE	1:00
4/5	Briar Cliff	Blair, NE	TBA
4/6	*Doane	Crete, NE	3:00
4/8	Peru State	Peru, NE	1:00
4/9	York	Blair, NE	1:00
4/12	Briar Cliff	Sioux City, IA	TBA
4/15	*Concordia	Seward, NE	TBA
4/16	*Concordia	Blair, NE	TBA
4/17	York	York, NE	2:00
4/20	*Hastings	Hastings, NE	TBA
4/22	*Hastings	Blair, NE	TBA
4/25	Dakota Wesleyan	Blair, NE	2:00
4/29	*NE Wesleyan	Blair, NE	TBA
4/30	*NE Wesleyan	Lincoln, NE	TBA
5/1	Mid-American Natl	Blair, NE	1:00

5/2	Mid-American Natl	Blair, NE	1:00
5/4	Conference Tournament		TBA
5/6	Conference Tournament		TBA
5/13	Regional Tournament		TBA
5/20	Super Regional		TBA
5/27	NAIA World Series	Lewiston, ID	TBA

Head Coach: Damon Day  
Assistant Coach: Mark Clements  
\*NIAC games

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

3/9	Indian Hills	Blair, NE	1:00/2:30
3/10-19	Spring Break Tourn.	(Fla.)	TBA
3/21	Iowa Western	Blair, NE	3:00/4:30
3/24-25	Hastings Tourn.	Hastings, NE	TBA
3/28	Doane	Crete, NE	5:00/7:00
4/1-2	College of St. Mary's Tourn.		TBA
4/4	Peru State	Blair, NE	4:00/5:30
4/5	Hastings	Hastings, NE	5:00/6:30
4/7-8	Dordt Tourn.	Sioux Center, IA	TBA
4/10	Midland Luth.	Fremont, NE	5:00/6:30
4/14-15	NIAC RR Tourn.	Fremont, NE	TBA
4/18	Northwestern	Blair, NE	5:00/6:30
4/19	Concordia	Blair, NE	4:00/5:30
4/21-22	NIAC RR Tourn.	Fremont, NE	TBA
4/24	Nebraska Wes.	Blair, NE	5:00/6:30
4/25	Concordia	Blair, NE	5:00/6:30
4/28	Indian Hills	Ottumwa, IA	1:00/2:30
4/29-30	Grand View College Tourn.		
		Des Moines, IA	TBA
5/4-5	NIAC Tourn.	Hastings, NE	TBA

Head Coach: Lori Foster

### TRACK

3/25	Briar Cliff Open	Sioux City, IA
4/1	NW Missouri State Inv.	Maryville, MO
4/8	Dordt Invitational	Sioux Center, IA
4/15	Graceland Invitational	Lamoni, IA
4/22	Doane Relays	Crete, NE
4/28	Simpson Twilight	Indianola, IA
4/28-29	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA
5/6	NIAC Championships	Hastings, NE
5/13	NAIA Mid-States	Baldwin City, KS
5/25-27	NAIA Championships	Alhotsford, BC

Head Coach: Jay Birmingham

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# Communication Department gets a facelift

By Carmen Polk  
Editor, Dana Review

“Don’t try to do it all. Focus on one thing and do it well.” This is the philosophy Dr. Mary McComb, assistant professor of communication, followed when she set out to design a Program Review for the Communication Department at Dana College.

“We moved away from specialized majors toward one liberal arts generalist major with individual flexibility,” said McComb. This conclusion, following extensive fact-finding research and discussions, led to the development of a new Communication major at Dana.

The new 33-48 credit major, which began with the fall 1999 semester, provides students with a broad introduction to the communication field and the processes of producing and critiquing communication messages. It also eliminates the Broadcast Communication, Print Media, and Organizational Communication majors. However, aspects of each of these majors are included in the new major, and students can take part in radio, t.v., the student newspaper, etc. as a co-curricular. The International Communication major still exists, but it too has been revamped to make it more effective.

One exciting aspect of the new Communication major is that it allows for optional emphasis areas in organizational communication, media, and a self-designed program.

“The emphasis areas allow students to design a program just for them – they have a choice,” said McComb. “That’s what is so cool about it – they can draw from all other departments, depending on their emphasis.”

One may wonder how students will react to these changes. “Student response has been good,” said McComb. “Students in one of the old majors will be allowed to complete them, or they may switch over to the new major. Right now, we have one student pursuing the women’s studies track in the new self-design emphasis.”

So, how does one come up with

## Sample Communication Major Designs

### Organizational Comm. Emphasis

- Principles of Management
- Marketing
- Advertising/Consumer Behavior/Marketing Research
- Public Relations (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- Organizational Communication Practice (4<sup>th</sup> year)

### Media Emphasis

- History of Music I/History of Music II
- World Music (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- History of Rock and Roll/Jazz Appreciation
- Writing for the Media (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Media Production Lab (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- + elective participation credits in KDCV radio

### Self-Designed Emphasis

#### (Women’s Studies)

- Intro to Sociology
- Women’s Issues
- Sex and Gender Roles
- Women’s Writing
- Marriage and Family

the idea for a new major? “I knew I immediately wanted to change things when I got here,” said McComb, who arrived at Dana in Sept. 1996. She set out on a fact-finding mission that included: Participation in discussions and panels of the Small College Interest Group at the Central States and National Communication Associations; participation in the Hope College Conference on the Essential Undergraduate Curriculum in Communication; searches via the world wide web and on paper about other small college programs to seek possible models; recognition of the huge financial resources needed to upgrade and maintain video and audio facilities; and discussions with Dana College faculty members.

“I didn’t just make it up,” said McComb. “I talked with a lot of people, consulted with a number of small colleges, and the proposal went

through several drafts.”

McComb also brings her expertise to the program. She received a radio/t.v./film degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, her master’s in adult education and her Ph.D. in speech communication from Penn State University. McComb also worked in television for six years and as a manager for the University of Wisconsin-Superior Media Center.

The other full-time member in the Communication Department is Dr. James Lundy. Lundy brings his experience from the Marines — where he served four years — teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Doane College, to Dana. He received his bachelor’s degree in communication and philosophy from Slippery Rock University, his master’s in organizational communication from Miami University of Ohio, and his Ph.D. in philosophy of communication from Southern Illinois University.

The department also includes part-time and adjunct instructors, along with the possibility for internships (which students set up themselves), and accessibility to the Communication Advisory Panel, which is in the process of being formed.

“The real world experience of our faculty and the Advisory Panel adds value to our program,” said McComb. “And when students find their own internships it gives them practice for when they’re looking for jobs after graduation.”

With this combination of faculty, courses, internships and co-curricular programs, students majoring in Communication at Dana will be ready to handle a variety of communication opportunities in work, service, and leisure.

“People today are involved in work, family, civic, and social lives,” said McComb. “Communication prepares people to work effectively in those many communities.”



At their annual convention, the Nebraska Library Association presented **Dorothy Willis**, director of library services at Dana, the Meritorious Service Award for her leadership, willingness to serve, and her dedication to libraries and the profession.

Associate professor of biology **Dr. Carla Delucchi**, working in collaboration with the Department of Entomology at the University of Nebraska, has been selected by the Preparing the Future Faculty Program to participate in the Shaping the Preparation of Future Science and Mathematics Faculty program.

Vice President for Business Affairs **Bob Schmoll '83** was re-appointed to another three-year term on the ELCARM (ELCA Risk Management) Advisory Council. He was also asked to serve on the Investment Committee and the Audit Committee of the ELCARM Board, and as a trustee on the ELCAUCH Board of Trustees.

Director of College Relations & Marketing **Barry Anderson '73** served as a panelist on the marketing career panel for the Blair High School 1999 Career Night. **Bob Schmoll** served as facilitator and was on the steering committee for the event.

**Dr. Richard Palmer**, professor of music and Dana Chorale director, completed a commissioned choral work for Trinity Lutheran Church of Omaha. The work, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," will be performed in the spring. Jim Elsberry and the Mastersingers have also commissioned a work by Dr. Palmer. The work, entitled "Credo," will be premiered on March 4 at Millard West High School.

**John Lyden**, associate professor of religion, attended the American Academy of Religion meeting in Boston, Nov. 20-23, 1999. He presented a paper entitled, "The Apocalyptic Cosmology of Star Wars," to the Religion, Film and Visual Culture Group.

New staff member **Linda Lutz** began work as Financial Records/Administrative Assistant in Institutional Advancement in January. She recently moved to the area from North Dakota.

**Carmen Polk**, assistant director of college relations, attended the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District VI Conference in St. Louis, Mo., January 8-11.

The Clarion Chamber Chorale, under the direction of **Dr. Richard Palmer**, performed Feb. 20 in a concert entitled, "Jesu in terra," (Jesus on earth) at First United Methodist Church in Omaha. The Dana College Brass Ensemble, led by **Michael Anderson**, assistant professor of music; **Dr. Claire Bushong**, adjunct instructor of music; and Campus Pastor **Joanne Richmond** also participated.

**Penny Johnson** joined the Dana staff at the end of January as Business Office Assistant. She previously worked at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.

## CAMPUS DIGEST

### Mentors

more appropriate use of language or offer a more fitting way to deal with anger or frustration.

I also must acknowledge that there are times, sometimes painful, when I take a lesson from a student who reminds me that I am "out of touch" or, God forbid, that I may not "practice what I preach." Such experiences multiplied many times over the encounters of students and faculty and staff every day at Dana become part of the legacy we pass on. Some of the lessons are formal and direct or intentional, but many are informal, often unintended but nonetheless memorable and potent.

As is noted elsewhere in this issue, we are engaged in the biggest fund raising campaign in Dana's history, with a goal of forty million dollars. We call it "the Legacy

Campaign" because we believe the distinctive legacy that the Dana community passes on is important and should continue.

In this issue, we feature some of the lead donors that have made the Legacy Campaign successful thus far. HunTel Systems, Inc. of Blair, the John and Bruce Lauritzen families and their banks (First National of Omaha and Washington County Bank), and the Peter Kiewit Foundation made generous early commitments to the Campaign. In the next issue of the *Dana Review*, we will feature other lead donors like the Gardner Foundation, Korshoj Trust, and the Hawks Foundation, and introduce our national campaign co-chairs, Mogens and Cindy Bay, and Howard and Myrna Hawks.

If, like me, you recognize the im-

portance of passing on the legacy Dana fosters — such as love of learning, devotion to our Christian faith, and to service above self — **then I trust you will want to make a five-year pledge of cash support and include Dana College in your estate plan too.**

At the dawn of the new millennium, many media sources promote their choices of "most influential" people. I am reminded that those who count the most for us are likely to be our parents, our pastors, our teachers and other mentors, including fellow students, co-workers, and neighbors.

May we remember them with thanksgiving and pass on to future generations, the valuable legacies they have shared with us.

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# Three generations of Nielsens at Dana College

By Barry Anderson

Director of College Relations

Dana has been blessed with a number of "Legacy Families" that sent numerous siblings and more than one generation to attend classes here. A few families have had members who earned degrees at Dana and later returned as faculty or staff members.

One example is the Nielsens, a family noteworthy because it currently has three generations on the Dana campus. John W. Nielsen, Professor Emeritus, manages the Danish Immigrant Archive. His sons, John Mark Nielsen and Thomas Nielsen, are both current faculty members. Kaj Nielsen, son of John Mark and Dawn, is a junior majoring in education. Erik, son of Tom and Patti, is a freshman majoring in psychology.

Except for a few scattered academic years, there has been at least one Nielsen on campus for more than six decades. It all began when John Nielsen, born in Denmark, came to the United States in 1912 at the age of 18. He settled in Minnesota where he met and married Meta Walter.

The family's connection with Dana began in 1937 when daughter Luella Nielsen came to Dana from the family home in Albert Lee, Minnesota. Her brother, John W. Nielsen, followed in 1944. "Our father was a Danish Lutheran immigrant," said John W. "We were going to go to a Danish Lutheran college. Going somewhere else was not even discussed."

Other siblings followed and by 1964 seven Nielsens had attended Dana. Five of that generation met their spouses at Dana. Meta Nielsen was honored at Dana's 1964 commencement ceremony with the first "Dana Parents Appreciation Award."

Luella Nielsen had earned her master's degree from the University of Minnesota and was working as a teacher in Blair when she returned to Dana as a part-time instructor in 1952. In 1958 she joined the faculty full time, teaching American literature and composition. She continued her education during summers in Wyoming, Vermont, Colorado and at Oxford University in England. She inspired generations of Dana students with her enthusiasm.

"She has always had a love of



The Nielsen family has some fun while posing for photos on the Hill.

reading and history," remarked John W. "She's been a teacher all her life. She was reading Shakespeare to me when we were just kids." Luella retired in 1986, though she continued to teach part-time until 1993.

John W. Nielsen earned two degrees from this campus; his bachelor's degree in 1947 and his B.D. from Trinity Seminary in 1953. The latter he earned while serving as Dean of Men for the college. Following two pastorates in Minnesota, he returned to Dana as professor of religion in 1962. In 1970 he took over as director of the Humanities program that Clifford Hanson had begun. John W.'s tenure was marked by the establishment of the Parnassis Room, and by many guest lectures, art shows and other cultural events on campus. His own education continued, and he earned his D. Phil. from Oxford, England, in 1976.

John Mark Nielsen earned his B.A. in English and American literature from Dana in 1973 and his masters from Creighton University in 1976. After a year of study in Denmark, he returned to Dana as coordinator of the Teaching Learning Center and Instructor of English. In 1983-84 he served as Fulbright Guest Lecturer in American Literature at the Ribe and Esbjerg Statsseminaria in Denmark. Upon his return, he was hired as professor of English at Dana. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1988.

Thomas Nielsen graduated from Dana in 1974. After working for *The Enterprise* newspaper in Blair and editing a

literary magazine, Tom returned to Dana as a library assistant in 1993. He earned his Master of Library Science degree in 1999 and became the fourth member of the Nielsen family to serve on Dana's faculty.

The Nielsen family is also connected by marriage to other Dana families. Tom met his wife Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen while she was a student at Dana and her father was on staff. She earned her RN degree from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1977 and worked at Memorial Hospital of Dodge County before returning to Dana as Director of Health Services in 1991.

John W. Nielsen's wife, Elizabeth (Solevad '49), and John Mark's wife, Dawn (Carper '74), are both Dana alumnae, and both were on staff at Dana during the 1970s. Dawn is now teaching in the Blair school system. Elizabeth, Patricia and Dawn all have siblings who attended Dana as well. The Nielsen family is also related to the Schous & Rodenbergs, two more Dana "Legacy" families.

So the Nielsen family has deep roots on the Hill. They have logged more than 110 years at Dana College as students, and 111 years in service to the college as faculty or staff.

## Nielsen Family Timeline

1937	Luella Nielsen enrolls
1944	John W. Nielsen enrolls
1947	Eleanor (Nielsen) Schou enrolls
1948	James Nielsen enrolls
1950	J.W. returns to Trinity Seminary
1951	Marian (Nielsen) Hansen enrolls
1956	Margaret (Nielsen) Rodenburg enrolls
1958	Luella Nielsen joins faculty
1960	Elizabeth Anne Nielsen enrolls
1962	J.W. Nielsen joins Dana faculty
1964	Meta Nielsen honored as first "Dana Parent"
1969	John Mark Nielsen enrolls
1970	Thomas Nielsen enrolls
1978	John Mark Nielsen joins faculty
1988	Luella Nielsen retires
1990	J.W. Nielsen retires from teaching
1991	Patricia Nielsen becomes Director of Health Services
1993	Thomas Nielsen joins library staff
1997	Kaj Nielsen enrolls
1999	Erik Nielsen enrolls/ Thomas Nielsen joins faculty

# Dana College thanks our Campaign donors

Dana College wishes to say thank you for another lead gift at the beginning of the Legacy Campaign. First National Bank of Omaha, Washington County Bank and the Lauritzen family have pledged \$500,000 to the Campaign in support of building projects, scholarship programs, and endowment goals.

First National Bank of Omaha, one of the largest privately held banks in the United States, has been managed by the Lauritzen family for more than five generations.

The Lauritzen family, and their businesses, have also been generous supporters of Dana for decades. The Lauritzen Theater in the Madsen Fine Arts Center was named in their honor to thank them for their support of the Centennial Campaign.

“Our family has been involved with the Washington County Bank for four generations,” said Bruce Lauritzen, chairman and president, First National Bank of Omaha. “With this close association to the Blair community, we have grown to appreciate the fine educational experience which Dana College offers. Dana provides a special collegiate atmosphere for Blair. It gives the community an extra special cultural and educational quality which most cities its size do not have.”

In addition to his duties with First National Bank of Omaha, Lauritzen is a director of the Omaha Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and past chairman of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, and the Nebraska Chapter of Young Presidents’ Organization. In



1996, he was appointed Honorary Consul of Denmark for the State of Nebraska.

President Myrvin Christopherson made both Bruce and his father, John, “Great Danes of Dana,” and in 1991, John was awarded an honorary doctor of business degree by the college.

“John and Libby Lauritzen and Bruce and Kim Lauritzen have all been marvelous friends of the college. Locally, President Mike Mahlendorf and his colleagues at the Washington County Bank have always been there



Bruce Lauritzen

to provide excellent financial services and counsel,” said Christopherson.

The Lauritzen family believes Dana is an integral part of the higher educational community in the state of Nebraska.

“Dana College provides an important educational experience for students in our region. The relatively small size, which permits personal attention and camaraderie, creates an important addition to the learning experience,” said Bruce Lauritzen. “Dana offers a special alternative for students seeking a college education in the Omaha metropolitan area. It allows them to participate in a small community educational experience, while residing 30 minutes from downtown Omaha. I encourage other individuals, corporations, and foundations to support this unique and very special college.”

When asked if their businesses have profited by having Dana in the region, Lauritzen replied, “We have several Dana College graduates working in Blair, Omaha, and throughout our banking organization. They have been well prepared for business and we are pleased to have them as part of our banking group.”

“We are blessed to have the Lauritzens and their banks among the lead friends of and donors to Dana. They are a ‘class act,’” said President Christopherson. “We are grateful for their many years of friendship. The City of Blair and Dana College have greatly benefited by their leadership and support.”



## Special raffle wins student trip to Scandinavia

This year, the Sights & Sounds of Christmas featured a special raffle for two airline tickets to Scandinavia. The tickets were provided through a generous donation from SAS-North America.

Raffle tickets were sold along with smorgasbord reservations, and also prior to the drawing on Dec. 5.

The drawing for the tickets took place during intermission of the Christmas Concert on Sunday afternoon. The lucky winner was David Delort from Carol Stream, Ill., a Dana College sophomore.

"We are most grateful to SAS of North America for their generosity in donating two airline tickets to make Sights & Sounds of Christmas even more fun and exciting. This special gift helped raise \$1,470 in support of our students at Dana. Thank you also to all of you who bought a raffle ticket!" said Thomas Hansen, director of development and raffle organizer.

All proceeds from the raffle benefitted the Student International Scholarship/Travel Fund at Dana College.



Director of Development Thomas Hansen presents Dana College sophomore David Delort with the certificate for his free airline tickets to Scandinavia.

## Computer testing and workshops offered at Dana

Did you know Dana College has become an Authorized Testing Center for the MOUS Program? What is MOUS, you ask? MOUS stands for Microsoft Office User Specialist, and it is the globally recognized standard for certifying Microsoft Office desktop skills. The performance-based MOUS certification exams are based on real world scenarios. The reward for passing the exams is a Microsoft Office User Specialist Certificate of Achievement.

In addition to becoming a MOUS Authorized Testing Center, Dana's Computer Services Department will be offering a number of hands-on, non-credit computer workshops this spring. All classes will be held in the state-of-the-art computer lab of the Dana Classroom Center, and will be taught by Software Training Coordinator Kat Montira.

Workshops offered this spring

include the following:

**Microsoft Word 97** — Feb. 21, 28 and March 6, 20 (7-9:30 p.m.). This class covers the beginning and intermediate levels of Word including, how to place and align text, headers and footers, templates, tables, and how to create documents for use on the Internet/Intranet. Cost is \$100.

**MOUS Word 97 Proficient Exam** — March 27 (7:30-9:30 p.m.). Patrons who have completed the workshop may sign up to take the exam, as well as anyone who wants to become certified. Cost for the exam is \$75. Those taking both the workshop and exam will receive a \$10 discount.

**Microsoft Excel 97** — April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, (7-9:30 p.m.). This workshop covers numerous aspects including workbooks, creating and applying ranges, functions, charts, and saving spreadsheets to HTML. Cost is \$100.

**MOUS Excel 97 Proficient Exam** — May 8 (7:30-9:30 p.m.).

Those who have completed the workshop may take the exam, as well as anyone who wants to be MOUS certified in Excel 97. Cost for the exam is \$75, and those taking both the workshop and test receive a \$10 discount.

Arrangements can also be made for MOUS exams in the following areas: Microsoft Word 97 — Proficient and Expert; Microsoft PowerPoint 97 — Expert; Microsoft Excel 97 — Proficient and Expert; Microsoft Access 97 — Expert.

To register for any of the workshops, contact the Dana College Business Office at (402) 426-7210. One-week advance payment is required and credit cards will be accepted over the phone. Additional questions may be directed to Kathy Montira at (402) 426-7359 or Email at [kmontira@acad2.dana.edu](mailto:kmontira@acad2.dana.edu).

**Marion Hudson '56** was featured in an article in the *Lincoln Journal-Star* highlighting the Nebraska College Athletes of the Century. Hudson was a 12-time letterman at Dana – lettering four times in football, track, and basketball. He was also the first African-American student at Dana, and won the javelin at the Drake Relays as a freshman. The **1932 Football Team** was also honored as a “Team of the Century.” The 1932 Vikings were undefeated with a record of 6-0.

**Joanne (Gochenour '66) Bracker's** 30-year tenure as women's basketball coach at Midland Lutheran College and her

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

contributions to the women's game were featured in an article in the *Omaha World-Herald*. The article also highlights her induction in the inaugural class of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame last summer.

**The Prouty family — John '70, Jim '73, Carol (Holmstedt '75) and Jami '01 —** was featured in an article in *The Midlands Business Journal* (Omaha). The article

highlighted the changes over the years with their business, Wessco Inc. – a firm that makes rubber stamps, placques, vinyl lettering, and signs – and what the future holds for the company.

**Richard (Dick) Zion '70** was featured in an article about Wright Zion Advertising Design L.C. in *Commerce Today* (Council Bluffs, Ia.). Zion joined the firm, which specializes in hard-hitting graphic design as applied to advertising, as a partner in 1994.

**Brent Siegrist '74** was featured in an article about the 2000 session of the Iowa General Assembly in the *Omaha World-Herald*. Siegrist (R-Council Bluffs) began his first term as Speaker of the House on Jan. 10.

**Bob Jepsen '78** was recently awarded The Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult scouting honor, by the Boy Scouts of America and was featured in an article in the *Blair Pilot-Tribune*. Jepsen has been involved with scouting since 1980, and was presented the award for his contributions to scouting and his community. Jepsen's wife **Malinda (Wallman '78)** serves as the troop's advance chairman.

**Dr. Stacey Goodrich '79** was the focus of an article in the *Tecumseh (Neb.) Chieftain*. The article detailed Dr. Goodrich's specialties and his role in a program for medical students at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Jane Mundschenk '80** was featured in the *Albion (S.D.) News* for receiving a national award at the Council of Schools for the Blind meeting in Louisville, Ky. She is a certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist at South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and was named 1999 Outstanding Related Service Professional. She has initiated an annual ski experience for students, and courses at Northern State University relating to visual impairments for teachers.

**Dr. Paul '89 and Jayne (Stein '89) Jensen** were featured in an article in the *Cresco (Ia.) Times-Plain Dealer*. The couple will be moving to Cresco this summer where Dr. Jensen will be joining the staff at Mercy Medical Clinic.

**Napa Harold's '89** life was profiled in an article in the *Longview, Wash. Columbia County Review*. Harold left Thailand in 1975 and now lives in Oregon.

## UELC Reunion to be held at Dana in June

Do you remember the UELC? Ever wonder about Dana's connection to the UELC? In *Church Roots*, edited by Charles Lutz, Theodor I. Jensen has a chapter about the Danes and the UELC.

The 'Blair Church,' with offices and seminary, was organized in 1884 and located in Blair, Nebraska. Twelve years later the 'Blair Church' joined with a portion of the 1872 Danish church known as the 'North Church' to form the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 1945 the name was streamlined to United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC).

Dana's Old Main was originally dedicated as the new quarters for the UELC's Trinity Seminary in 1886.

Trinity was the first Danish Lutheran Seminary in the United States. The Seminary moved from Dana's campus to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1956 and officially merged with Wartburg Seminary in 1960. That same year, the UELC merged with other Lutheran bodies to form the American Lutheran Church.

Since that time, UELCers have gathered for programs and fellowship. Many groups have been locally organized within various geographic areas, but participants have come from all over the United States. Dana and Wartburg Seminary have hosted some larger UELC Gatherings, with the last one at Wartburg in June 1999.

**Dana College is pleased to host a UELC Reunion, June 10-11, 2000.** As Reunion coordinator,

Julie (Thorson) Rohlfin '70 has been in contact with Bob (D '50, T '53) and Betty Hansen, Roland (T '54) and Alberta (Madsen '51) Hansen, Alvina (Larsen '48) and Herb ('50) Hjortsvang, Paul Neve ('41), Ried (D '48 T '51) and Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, John W. (D '47 T '53) and Elizabeth (Solevad '49) Nielsen, and Carl (T '52) and Alice Schattauer.

If you are interested in attending this reunion and have not received the mailing, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at Dana College, 800/444-DANA, option #4, (402) 426-7235, (402) 426-7333, or Email [jrohlfin@fs1.dana.edu](mailto:jrohlfin@fs1.dana.edu). Mark the dates on your calendar now so you can take part in this special reunion.



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- **Kathy Allmon '99** is a social worker with the Mid-Iowa Clinic in Council Bluffs, Ia.
- **Holly Anderson '99** is a permit agent in the marketing dept. at Trans/Mid-America in Omaha.
- **Ryan Barrett '99** is an insurance agent for John Hancock in Omaha.
- **Jodi Bradley '99** is attending Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, Texas.
- **Lindsay Bruning '99** is a Permanency Planning Specialist with Lutheran Social Service in Wichita, Kansas.
- **Amy Carlson '99** is working at El Camino Pines, an environmental education camp in California.
- **Darcy (Twedt '99) Cottone** is a trainer for Oriental Graphics in Omaha.
- **Tara Furstenau '99** is a recruiter in the human resources dept. of West Teleservices in Omaha.
- **Cedrick Harvey '99** has been promoted to Sergeant in the US Army and is stationed in Texas.
- **Michael Hemmingsen '99** is employed by the Iowa Dept. of Human Services.
- **Tracie (Zimmerman) Holiday '99** is working at Physician's Mutual in Omaha.
- **Tony Jackson '99** is a resident assistant at Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha.
- **Nancy Johnson '99** is a social worker at Life Care Centers in Omaha.
- **Janelle Kahl '99** and **Shane Koepke '99** were married Sept. 4, 1999. Shane is a social service worker for the Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services, and Janelle is employed by Journal Broadcast Group as a sales assistant. They live in Omaha.
- **Charissa (Easley) Kennelly '99** is a family support worker for Maplewood Counseling Assoc., Inc. She lives in Stromsberg, Neb.

- **Joel Krominga '99** and **Beth McCabe '98** were married Oct. 9, 1999 in Blair.
- **Juliet Langley '99** is teaching English at Pender (Neb.) High School.
- **Rachel Lochner '99** is a behavioral management technician at Boys Town, Neb.
- **Eliasamehe Mbwilo '99** is working at Dillard's in Decatur, Ga.
- **Deann Ray '99** is teaching art in two elementary schools for the Omaha Public Schools.
- **Kimberly (Stanley) Regmi '99** is employed by ENCOR.

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- **Deneen Schriver '99** lives in Wichita, Kansas, and is a Permanency Planning Specialist for Lutheran Social Service.
- **Melanie Scurlock '99** is a resident assistant at Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha.
- **Neal Smith '99** is a social worker in Kansas.
- **Tara Stark '99** is the Assistant to the Sales Dept. of J.C. Robinson Seed Co. in Waterloo, Neb.
- **Benjamin Tams '99** is a salesperson for H & H Chevrolet in Omaha.
- **Carlyn Will '99** works in customer service for Enterprise Bank in Omaha.
- **Jill Williby '99** is a nanny in Omaha.
- **Chris Wulf '99** is currently a

credit manager for Norwest Financial in Omaha.

- **Sara Ann Flood '98** and Jeffrey Armbruster were married Nov. 27, 1999, in Norfolk, Neb. The couple resides in St. Louis. Sara is employed by Tri-Star Motor.
- **Ryan Holtam '98** is a counselor on the anger management team at Boys Town, Neb.
- **Ann Myers '98** and Emerson Towey were married Nov. 27, 1999, in Omaha.
- **Dan Olsen '98** is currently pursuing his MFA in screenwriting at Chapman University Film School in California.
- **Damian Pollack '98** is a universal banker for US Bank in Omaha.
- **Stacie Sarasio '98** is currently working for Kaw Valley Center, a social services agency that assists children in foster care. She lives in Kansas City.
- **Denecia Siemers '98** is a national sales coordinator with First National Bank of Omaha.
- **Jennifer (Moores '98) Thompson** was recently hired as coordinator for ISU Extension's Growing Strong Families program.
- **Jennimarie Joslin '97** was promoted to Manager of Benefit Administration at Medical Security Card Co. in Tucson, Ariz.
- **Kristina (Bohannon '95) Fors** and her husband, Larry, are the parents of a son, Evan Bo, who was born Jan. 5, 2000. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. He was the first baby born in 2000 at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.
- **Dana Holz '95** recently completed a year of service with Americorp, and is now an adjunct instructor/tutor with Columbus (Ohio) State Community College as a freelance music teacher.
- **Brian '95** and **Jona '97 Williams** are the parents of a son, Evan Boyce, who was born on Sept. 15, 1999. He weighed 7



## DESTINY'S DEEP SEA



This summer, Christina Zayat '91, center, was visited at the National Baseball Hall of Fame by Karen Clements '92, left, and Ginny Hawk '92, right.

pounds, 1 ounce. Brian works for the Pillsbury Company and Jona is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Edina, Minn.

- **Benjamin Kolff '94** works as an account manager for Randstad.
- **Dan and Nichole (Jaskiewicz '94) Rogert** are the parents of a son, Tyler, who was born Sept. 18, 1999.
- **Ann Gibbs '93** and Dr. Shan Duncan were married April 3, 1999. They live in Bloomington, Indiana.
- **Art Phillips '93** works as a marketing associate with Boys Town USA in Omaha.
- **Pam Shelton '93** accepted the position of Assist. Director of Admissions at Dana College in Sept. 1999 — working with transfer and international students. Pam also received her master's degree in counseling, with an emphasis in student affairs practice in higher education, from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Dec. 1999.
- **Siri (Vollan '92) Parkhouse** is teaching second grade and serving as assistant principal at Riverside Elementary in Bismarck, N.D. She was also awarded the North Dakota Jaycees Roughrider Award for continued leadership and participation in the community.

- **Jeff and Jennifer (Rose '92) Woodward** are the parents of a son, Tyler James, who was born November 16, 1999. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins a brother, Jordan, age 2.
  - **Joetta Pitt '91** is teaching language arts at King Science Center in Omaha.
  - **Tara (Wassmann '91) Plasek** teaches in the foreign language dept. at Pius X High School in Lincoln, Neb.
  - **Christina Zayat '91** is now a membership associate in the Membership Department at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.
  - **Maria Amakali '90** is a senior hydrologist with the Dept. of Water Affairs in Namibia. She's also part of a project reviewing the water sector of Namibia.
  - **James Mimmack '90** is teaching physical education and coaching at Valley (Neb.) Public Schools.
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- **Jim Jordan '89** and Jodie Lynn Wills were married June 20, 1998. Jim is a 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade music teacher in Wakefield, Neb.
  - **David Moore '88** and his wife, Tracy, are the parents of a son, Trevor Denton, who was born Oct. 17, 1999. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long.
  - **Robert and Stacie (Lukasiewicz '87) Iossi** are the parents of a girl, Chloe Lynn, who was born June 8, 1999. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 ¾" long.
  - **Janet Voelker '87**, an insurance agent with Lutheran Brotherhood, was awarded the National Quality Award from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.
  - **Sandra (Ohrt '86) Ellis** has been promoted to vice president of billing services at Mid America Computer Corporation in Blair.
  - **Joanne Marie (Jorgenson '84) Cannon** and her husband, **Gordon '83**, reside in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Gordon is an engineer with an oil and gas company and Joanne is a full-time mom. They have two children, Victoria, age 4, and Blake, who was born July 1, 1999.
  - **Diane Nickeson-Ray '84** CMSW, LCSW recently passed the mental health-licensing exam. She has been the director of the Dana College Counseling Center for the past 11 years.
  - **Jean King '83** and William Herrstrom were married Sept. 18, 1999, in Boone, Ia.

### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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- **Mary Staby '76, Andy Staby D'36 T'39, and Paul Staby '69**

(L-R) participated in a Staby "Celebration of Life" in Cabo San



Lucas, Mexico, in Nov. 1999. All three are survivors of cancer and were together with their families for a week in Mexico.

- **Ronald Brown '74** was re-elected by the judges of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court to serve as presiding judge.
- **Beverly Jedynak '74** is currently Executive Vice President with Martin E. Janis & Co., Inc., in Chicago, Ill. She is also director of music at Park View Lutheran Church.
- **Dave Waite '72** has been named vice president of marketing at Mid America Computer Corporation in Blair.
- **J. Dennis Weidler '72** and his wife, Candace Harman-Weidler (below) recently moved to Nome,



Alaska, where Dennis is the General Manager of KICY AM/FM. The radio station

broadcasts in English, Yu'pik and Russian.

- **Rev. Gary Panko '70** is the new pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal, Ia.

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- **Fred Adkins '62** was recently voted Minnesota Soccer Coach of

the Year for 1999. His Coon Rapids High School girls' soccer team won their 10<sup>th</sup> conference championship and 11<sup>th</sup> region championship this year. They also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state soccer tournament. Adkins is retiring from coaching after 22 years with a record of 332 wins, 84 losses, and 32 ties – 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for high school girls' soccer coaches. He will also retire in June from 38 years of teaching math.

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- **Dr. David Smith '59** returned to Dana on Oct. 27, 1999, for a discussion of the Human Genome Project. Smith was the first director of the Project.

## DEATHS

**Rev. Dr. Joseph Girtz '21** died Dec. 6, 1999, at the age of 103. Girtz was born Dec. 2, 1896. He came to Dana College in 1914, and after joining the Army during World War I, he attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. In 1925, he sailed to India and was assigned to the Kaerabani Boys' School. In November 1925, he married Mabel Hansen in India, where the couple remained until 1939. Their first call in the U.S. was to Luck, Wisc., and the next parish was Trinity Lutheran in Albert Lea, Minn. In 1950, he became Vice President of the UELC. In 1952, Girtz moved to Olivet Lutheran in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a charter board member at California Lutheran College, and also served on the Dana Board of Regents. In 1964-65, Girtz served as interim pastor of the American Lutheran Church in Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1966, he answered a call to assist at Resurrection Lutheran in Redondo Beach, Calif. He retired from there in 1992 after 68 years in the ministry. He is survived by a son, Albert '61; a daughter, Lois (Girtz '51) Halley; two stepchildren,

Paul Bongfeldt and Sharon Bongfeldt; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Rev. Aster E. Neve D '39 T '44** died Dec. 31, 1999, at the age of 83. He was born Jan. 6, 1916, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Rev. Anders and Dora Larsen Neve. He was the oldest of five boys and two girls. Aster loved Jesus and carried that love to all – serving in many parishes including Milltown (Wisc.) Lutheran. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, David; three daughters, Grace Gee, Lois Neve, and Mary Neve; four brothers, Paul '41, Alton '43, Lloyd D '45 T '47, and Ried D '48 T '51; and five grandchildren.

**Edward "Ed" Steen '39** died Oct. 10, 1999, at the age of 82. He was retired and lived in Elk Horn, Ia. He is survived by a son, Ernest Cross; two brothers, Emmert and Leonard; and two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**Mary Helen (Langley '40) Hookstra** died Nov. 28, 1999, at the age of 81. She wrote a column for the *Spalding Enterprise* for many years and was a retired postal worker. She is survived by a son, Benje; two daughters Donetta and Inga; and three grandchildren.

**Dr. James O. Thone '47** died Dec.

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5, 1999, at the age of 73. He was a retired veterinarian and a member of many civic organizations. He is survived by his wife Leona (Christensen '50); three sons, Brent, Dennis, and John; two daughters, Sarah Jensen and Lisa Bohanan; a sister, Ila Widger; and four grandchildren.

**Delos H. Lind '50** died Oct. 28, 1999, at the age of 73. He was the former principal at Sheffield (Neb.) Community High School and had also worked at Waldorf College. He is survived by his wife, Arla Mae; a son, David; a daughter, Deanne Boss; a brother, Darrel; a sister, Doris (Lind '48) Fritz; and four grandchildren.

**D. Marlyn (Neve '50) Nyegaard** died Jan. 6, 2000, at the age of 71. She was born Feb. 20, 1928, to Rev. Anders and Dora Larsen Neve. She had five older brothers and a younger sister. After attending Dana for three years, Marlyn attended the University of Colorado. On July 20, 1950, she married Allan Nyegaard '50. She was a former teacher in Nebraska and Iowa, and taught piano lessons for more than 30 years. In 1957 the couple moved to Eugene, Oregon. Marlyn was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church, the National Piano Guild, and the Civic Music Association. She was also a charter member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, No. 348. She is survived by her husband; two sons, Philip and Mark; four brothers, Paul '41, Lloyd D '45 T '47, Alton '43, and Ried D '48 T '51 Neve; and five grandchildren.

**Richard D. "Moose" Zimmerman '50** died Nov. 27, 1999, at the age of 74. He was a retired postal worker and member of the American Legion. He is survived by two sisters, Joyce Robinson and Marcelyn Lund; nieces and nephews.

**Dr. Lyle E. Jacobsen '51** died Dec. 1, 1999, at the age of 70. He had a

long career in teaching, including 20 years at the University of Hawaii, before retiring in 1994. He is survived by a brother, Leland; a sister, Irene Johnston; and nieces and nephews.

**Teresa A. Reeh '58** died Dec. 2, 1999, at the age of 87. She was a retired teacher and taught in the Blair school system for 20 years. Teresa was also the first female pilot in Washington (Neb.) County. She is survived by three daughters, Dr. Susan Menking, Janelle Harris, and Jacqueline Rafferty; two sisters, Beatrice Howard and Rosalie Hogan; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Ronald Heye '68** died Nov. 23, 1999, at the age of 55. He is survived by his wife, Doris (Gennow '68); a son, Jared; his mother, Josephine; two brothers, Robert and James; and many other relatives.

**Gaylen "Sonny" Sandvold '71** died Dec. 20, 1999, at the age of 57. He was the owner/operator of S&S Pumping Service. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Siert '68); a son, James; two sisters, Carolyn Varner and Kathryn Andrews; a grandson, Michael; and nieces and nephews.

**Gerson Katoko '94** died in October 1999, in Nigeria. He was a secondary school teacher.

## FRIENDS

**Amanda M. Hanson** died Nov. 22, 1999, at the age of 93. She was retired and lived in Fort Dodge, Ia. She is survived by three sons Norlan D '49 T '52, Verlan '51, and Gary '63; three daughters, Judy (Hanson '63) Gustafson, Karen Blaas, and Joyce Hanson '69; 18 grandchildren (eight who attended Dana); two step-grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Arleen M. Gigstad** died Dec. 5, 1999, at the age of 88. She was an elementary school teacher and secre-

## Changes for 2000 commencement

This year, there will be a few changes regarding graduation festivities at Dana College. Baccalaureate is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel, Dana Classroom Center.

Commencement will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, in Borup Coliseum. This is a change from the usual Sunday graduation date as in previous years.

Due to this change, the Dana College Builders Luncheon will be Friday, May 19, with a reception at noon and lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. For information regarding the luncheon, please contact Jim Jorgensen '66, director of planned giving at (402) 426-7232 or 800/444-DANA, option #4.

tary at Columbus (Neb.) Community Hospital before retiring. She is survived by a son, Kenneth; two daughters, Karleen Brown and Elaine Sacco; a sister, Irma Moen; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Hans Thyge Nielsen** died Jan. 12, 2000, at the age of 74. He was a former member of the Dana College Board of Regents, and the founder and principal owner of Hans Nielsen, Inc., a construction company in Colorado. Hans was also a long-time Honorary Danish Consul and one of the founding members of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Ia. He is survived by his wife, Valborg; two sons, Peter and Carl; two daughters, Lise Nielsen Uhrich and Nanna Nielsen Smith; his sister, Bodil Christensen; and six grandchildren.



# Dana alumnus is part of mission to Colombia

*In the spring of 1999, Dr. Luther C. Kloth '61 traveled to Colombia with 17 other health care professionals for a medical mission. The following is a story detailing the mission which appeared in the May 1999 Marquette University News and Views magazine. It was written by Aimee York and is reprinted with permission of Marquette University ©1999.*

## Healing wounds pumped new vigor into professor's work

Medical supplies can help heal wounds, but the doctors, nurses and physical therapists who went to Bucaramanga, Columbia, to provide medical care, found it was the group effort, the "band (of) aid," that had an impact on the many, more serious medical maladies they found there.

Luther C. Kloth, professor of physical therapy, and 17 other health care professionals including physical therapists, physicians and nurses from the Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Medical College of Wisconsin participated in a 10-day medical mission to Bucaramanga, a city of 1.2 million people. At the Charity Hospital of the Industrial University of Santander, they helped impoverished people who had congenital deformities, deformities from burns, and leg and foot ulcerations from poor circulation, diabetes or snakebites.

"During the first day, we screened people for plastic surgery all day and into the evening," Kloth said. "We had taken 25 boxes of supplies, equipment and dressings, everything we needed for surgery and wound care. What we didn't use we left behind for their doctors, physical therapists and nurses to use for follow-up care."

Kloth spent long days seeing the patients, examining and caring for their wounds, talking with family members and giving them the supplies they would need to continue proper care of wounds.

## Packing up heart and courage

A trip to Colombia is not a trivial excursion. There are dangers, but the coordinator of the trip, Dr. Sonya Dumit-Minkel, PT, would make sure all her volunteers were kept safe. Prior to each mission to Colombia, she made advance plans with city, state and national police.

For Dumit-Minkel, a physical therapist from the VA hospital, this trip would be her 13<sup>th</sup> medical mission.

"I decided to go this year even though Colombia is known to be a country where foreigners are vulnerable if they travel in isolated areas," Kloth said. "There are two anti-government factions known to participate in kidnapping and skyjacking activity. These rebels know the jungle environment in the Andes Mountains, which makes it easy for them to hijack people traveling along the mountain roads. There is not enough policing of these roads."

Kloth's group always stayed together and always had security as they traveled between the hotel and hospital and while they were working.

Although his enthusiasm was slightly dampened by the risks, Kloth said he knew a powerful, and humbling, adventure lay before him. After their trip an Avianca jet was hijacked – a flight at the same time of day, from the same city that Kloth had left on to return home.

## Going the distance to add extra to ordinary medical care

Although the trip had been planned for awhile, Kloth really began thinking about what awaited him that Sunday evening in March when he departed for Bogota. His journal entry for the first day read: Arrived in Bogota Sunday evening. Took a flight to Bucaramanga early Monday morning (about 400 miles away). Arrived at 10 a.m. and by 11 a.m. was at the hospital where we spent the first day screening candidates for plastic and reconstructive surgery – patients with congenital hand deformities, cleft palate and lip deformities and disfigurement from burns.

The team didn't leave the hospital until about 9 p.m. that evening. Many burn cases were treated; the poor people of the country use flammable kerosene to do their cooking. Kloth treated burns on adults and children – burns on arms, hands, upper chests and heads.

At the end of the first day, the team completed 75 screenings; during the remaining days the plastic surgeons would have a full schedule ahead of them – 33 surgeries in nine days.

After the first day of screening,



**Students at the College of Health Sciences at the Industrial University were eager and ready to learn. (Photo courtesy of Marquette University)**

Kloth spent some of the following days in surgery taking pictures of patient deformities before and after surgery, and of the surgeons performing surgical procedures. Much of the rest of the time, Kloth spent working in his area of expertise – wound healing. He saw patients with chronic wounds or for follow up of the acute wounds from the various surgical procedures performed.

More than once Kloth recognized the wonders of working in the medical field. In one of the surgical cases, the doctors performed surgery on a man, in his early 20s, who had three fingers but no thumb on his left hand. The surgical team removed the second toe from his left foot and transplanted it to become the thumb on his hand. "Using microsurgery the doctors had reconnected nerves, veins and arteries that would provide blood and sensation to the tissues of the new thumb," Kloth said. It was an all-day surgical procedure, after which Kloth was responsible for assisting with dressing changes and molding a splint to fit the hand that would help stabilize the newly attached appendage.

"We saw the fellow each day and near the end of our 10-day stay he was doing quite well," Kloth said. A report from the patient's physician on May 11, 1999 indicates that the patient is receiving physical therapy and is making good functional recovery with his thumb.

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# MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

## In Memorial

*Gifts were given in 1999 in memory of the following:*

Milton Andersen  
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Arnold Hansen  
Barbara Hansen  
David Hansen  
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Dr. Paul V. Hansen '52  
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Rev. Dr. Clifford T. Hanson '41  
D. Florence Hanson '74  
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Christian & Laura Pedersen  
Mrs. Hans Petersen  
Rev. P.M. Petersen  
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Esther West  
Lois (Hansen '31) Wulf

## In Honorarium

*Gifts were given in 1999 in honor of the following:*

Dr. Charles Bagby  
Lloyd '53 & Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen  
Dr. Ruth (Larsen '51) & Duane Benson  
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Don Lippincott  
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Dr. John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen  
Luella Nielsen '42  
Donald '49 & Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou  
Andrew D '36 T '39 & Martha Staby  
Eugene T '50 & Joan (Vogt '63) Wekander

## Mission

During the 10-day mission, the team helped many people who, despite being poor, were very grateful for the slightest care provided to them. "To show their gratitude they would smile, shake your hand or bring you little gifts," Kloth said.

One older gentleman, who came in several times for treatment of his leg ulcer during the team's stay, brought a bag full of miniature painted, fruit-laden toy trucks on his last day. He was showing his appreciation for the care he was given in the only way he could, and gave the toy trucks to Kloth and the other physical therapists, who had difficulty holding back their tears.

### **Bringing it all back together: teaching**

Kloth also spent a day at the medical school and College of Health Sciences at the Industrial University of Santander,

which had physical therapy, nursing and nutrition programs. He provided seven hours of interactive instruction with the faculty and students from physical therapy and nursing on a variety of topics related to wound healing, and demonstrated wound treatment methods for PTs and nurses at daily wound clinics for inpatients and outpatients. His instruction varied through several formats, including slides and hands-on wound evaluation. He encouraged the class to be interactive and would ask the students what they would do in particular situations. "To my surprise, they always came back with the right answer. They are very well-trained," Kloth said.

After he spent the day teaching, he would return to the charity hospital where

the level of health care was probably 20 years behind the worst level of health care in the United States, Kloth said. "There were other hospitals in the city where those who had health insurance, or could afford to pay, would seek care. There were drastic differences between the rich and the poor."

Helping at the hospital, seeing all the patients that could be helped, motivated Kloth to continue taking action upon his return to the United States. He has contacted companies that supply wound dressings and wound care equipment, in an effort to get U.S. company representatives in Bogota to make their products available to the charity hospital in Bucaramanga.

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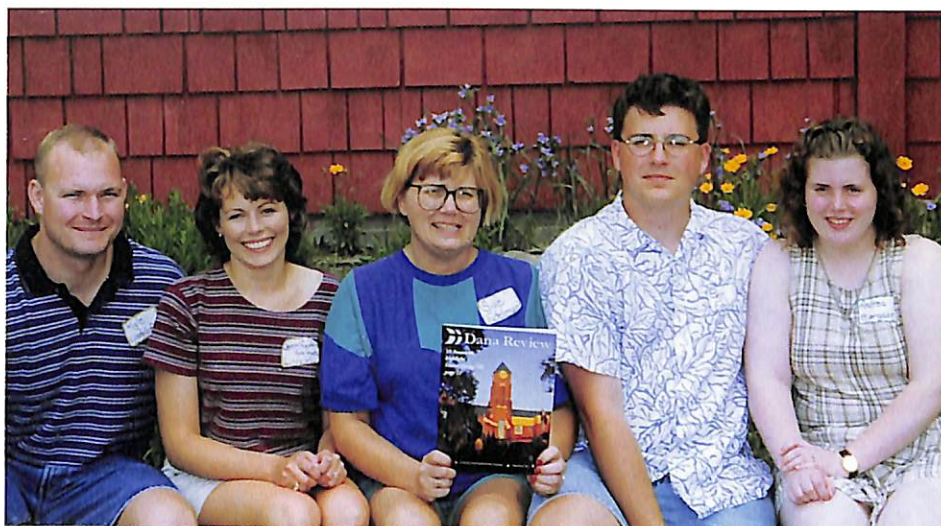
# Travels with the Dana Review...



**German Review:** Dana friends (L-R) Ginger LeBlanc '90, Heidi Grappendorf '95, and Kris Grappendorf '93 in front of King Ludwig II's Royal Castle of Linderhof this past summer.



**North of the Border:** Bill D'56 T'60 and Toni (Nelson '57) Lawson along with Mary Ann (Anderson '58) and Ken Fehl '56, took an automobile trip through Canada and New England in the fall of 1999. Here they are at St. Jean's Gate in Quebec City.



**Family Reunion:** Members of the Edelman family gathered last summer at Halsey National Forest in Nebraska. Those who are Dana grads include (L-R) Kyle '93 and Jennifer (Edelman '93) Lindelof, Susan (Schweer '71) Edelman, Benjamin Edelman '01, and his fiancée Andrea Bjergaard '01.



**Independence Day:** Darleen (Holm '53) and Stan Petersen '54 celebrated the 4th of July at the Rebild Festival in Denmark.



**Danish Summer:** Marge (L) and Jim Iversen '55 (R) pose with Henning Dochwelier, Director of the Askov Folk School, while attending the Danish American Summer School in Denmark.



**Return to Dana:** Dana friends and alumnae (L-R) Roxanne (Sorensen '75) Wadding, Debbie (Sundermann '75) Johnson, Betsy (Grummert '75) Clark, Eloise "Weasel" Hiemke '74, and Rita (Hiemke '75) Hale brought the Dana Review back to Dana last summer.

# Danish Royal Opera Quartet performs at Dana

On Monday, November 1, the Danish Royal Opera Quartet presented a free concert in Trinity Chapel at Dana College. The performance was scheduled as part of the group's Midwestern tour.

The seasoned Quartet – which performs regularly in Danish Royal Opera presentations at the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen – presented works from grand and light opera, popular musicals, as well as some Danish folk songs during their two-hour performance.

Members of the Quartet include tenor John Venning, soprano Marie Kindberg, baritone Rudi Sisseck, and mezzo-soprano Anne Kleinstrup. Venning, who is of Chinese descent, is the leader of the group. The other members of the group are of Swedish, Hungarian, and Danish descent.

"I intentionally picked singers with different ancestral backgrounds to show that music knows no national or geographic boundaries," said



The Quartet and their accompanist (L-R) John Venning, Anne Kleinstrup, Knud Rasmussen, Marie Kindberg, and Rudi Sisseck following their concert.

Venning.

During their stay at Dana, the Quartet also presented a short program for students in Dana's VOICES class, and checked out a few tourist sites in the area including the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Strategic Air Command Museum, the Old Market, and other local attractions.

"The high point of the day in

Omaha was going to the soda fountain in the drugstore at 50<sup>th</sup> and Dodge for a chocolate malt," said Barry Anderson '73, Director of College Relations and the group's tour guide for the day. "None of them had ever had a chocolate malt before, but they'd seen people drinking them in movies. They shot a whole roll of film of each other sitting on the stools having a malt."

## Dana plans conference and music workshop

This summer, Dana College is offering two programs developed to serve churches in Nebraska and Iowa. The event, to run June 25-27, consists of a conference for pastors on compulsive gambling and a music workshop for active church musicians.

The pastoral conference will provide an understanding of the personal, interpersonal and financial effects of problem gambling. Pastors will learn symptoms to look for and successful counseling techniques for working with problem gamblers.

David Hoppe, campus counselor and instructor of psychology at Dana is organizing the conference. He is a Nebraska Certified Gambling Counselor, and serves on the state screening board for licensure of gambling counselors.

Featured speakers at the conference will be Jerry Bauerkemper, Executive Director of the Nebraska Counsel on Compulsive Gambling and Tim Christensen, Gambler's Assistance Program Manager

for the State of Nebraska

At the church music workshop, Dr. Claire Bushong will lead sessions on traditional keyboard methods, including how to get the most out of small organs and ways for piano/electronic keyboard players to make the switch to organ effectively. She is instructor of music and coordinator of liturgical music at Dana.

Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music and chair of the choral division at Dana, will provide tips for working with amateur adult and childrens choirs. Choral directors will also be able to read through and pick up complimentary copies of choral literature.

The Contemporary Music/Sound sessions will provide tips for effective rehearsal of amateur contemporary groups. Barry Anderson '73, Dana's director of college relations, has experience as a touring musician and sound engineer. He will also cover budgeting for sound systems, choosing the right gear,

getting a professional sounding mix, and microphone technique.

Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 teaches singing, diction & vocal literature, music history, and world music at Dana. She will give the presentations "Chanting in the Church: Leading Liturgical Worship for Pastors and Cantors," and "Incorporating Traditional African Rhythms, Harmonies and Instruments into the Church Service."

Dana hopes this will be the first of many summer church programs, according to Barry Anderson. "Dana is a college of the church," he said. "We hope to develop programs every year to meet the needs of area congregations."

The cost of the pastoral conference and/or music workshop is \$80 per person, including all materials and meals. Overnight accommodations on campus are available for an additional \$10 per night. For more information, call Barry Anderson at (402) 426-7216.



# Peter Kiewit Foundation makes \$1 million challenge grant to Borup Coliseum project

Dana's \$5 million Borup Coliseum renovation/expansion project received a giant boost recently when The Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha pledged a \$1 million challenge grant toward the \$5 million project.

The foundation has stated that if Dana can raise \$4 million by December 31, 2001, the foundation will contribute the funds to complete the project.

The project will include renovation of the existing gym and classrooms, addition of a new gym, new offices and classrooms, improvements to the track and field facilities, and additional parking.

"This effort will benefit every Dana student," President Christopherson said. "It will greatly improve our ability to serve their recreational needs."

"This project is going to make Dana much more competitive when we're recruiting student athletes," said James Krause, Dana's Athletic Director. "Dana will also be able to host athletic events and non-athletic events that we couldn't



Athletic Director James Krause, center, tours the new locker room facilities with student athletes Charlie Kaup, a freshman from Grand Island, Neb., and junior Tori Talbitzer of Malcolm, Neb.

dream of before."

The first phase of the Borup renovation, a complete remodeling of the locker room and shower area, has been completed.

"Anyone who had seen and used the old locker rooms will appreciate what a tremendous improvement this is," said Krause. "Dana's been planning to redo Borup and the athletic fields for years. Students and coaches are excited to see this first part of the project completed. We realize that it's really going to happen."

A recognition wall is planned for just inside the main entrance of the

new facility. "We'll use that wall to recognize alumni and friends who have supported Dana with gifts of \$5,000 or more for the Legacy Campaign," said Michael Jones '71, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "This generous Kiewit grant puts our Borup project goal closer, but it's the alumni support that will put it over the top."



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