



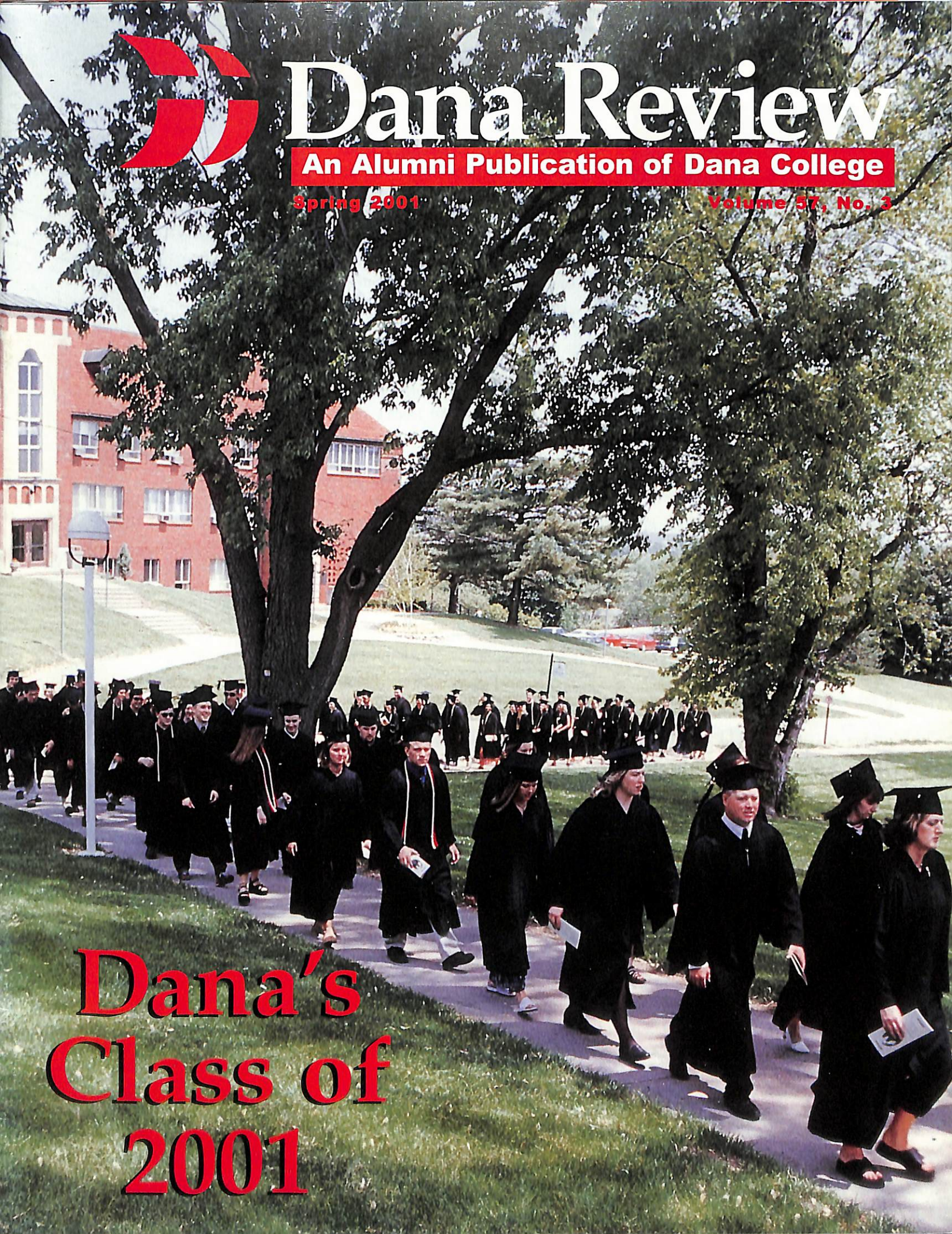
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EARNING OUR REPUTATION THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY

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



To whom do you entrust your reputation? If you're like most of us, it is earned by daily encounter with others. The pattern of evidence accumulated by those with whom we come in contact informs their judgments about us and ours about them.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Where do colleges and universities get their reputations? Of course, they get them the same way as people get them — by the record of their performance. The best athletic teams, top musical or theater groups and art or science programs bring recognition to their colleges and universities. Awards to faculty and students, research grants, and quality of scholarly articles and books coming out of a college add to the reputation; so does the relative success of an institution's graduates. We prize those whose graduates get the best jobs and receive the highest salaries. Admissions standards can also affect reputation. Colleges that receive the largest number of applications for admission and from the best students as measured by tests like the ACT and SAT are often believed to be the better schools. Whether warranted or not, it is also often thought that those colleges with the largest endowments are "the best."

Accrediting agencies can also attest to the quality of an institution. When I

came to Dana fifteen years ago, I urged that we maintain good standing with our regional accrediting body, but also invite the scrutiny of the best accrediting agencies for specific programs. Hence, we have successfully earned accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE), and the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). These bodies have been praiseworthy of Dana and in some cases cited Dana's programs as exemplary. This lends credibility to our claims of quality.

For some years now, U.S. News and World Report has conducted research

and presented their findings for their annual "America's Best Colleges" report and rankings. Despite being able to boast of having one of the top sports programs in America, the University of Nebraska at Lincoln was ranked in the third tier of American research universities. In the same report, Creighton University was ranked number one in the Midwest among universities of its type, and Dana College ranked in the second tier of Midwestern Regional Liberal Arts Colleges.

While a number of factors enter into these rankings, a critical component is the ranking by other Presidents. For example, I recently was asked by the U.S. News & World Report team to rate the **academic quality** of Colleges from several Midwestern states which are viewed to be peer colleges. I was asked to base my rating upon my assessment of their "scholarship record, curriculum, and quality of faculty and graduates." I was given a rating scale from five to one with five representing "distinguished" and one "marginal". Anybody who knows the system knows these ratings

result in an imperfect evaluation of a college or university. Few College Presidents are likely to be well enough informed to give a reliable rating to many other colleges.

I am disappointed that measures such as "teaching excellence," "faculty mentoring," "ability to inspire a love of learning," "attention to character development," and other such components are given no attention in such popular ratings and rankings. Anne and I chose to send each of our children to one of our Lutheran Colleges because we are alumni of them and want for our children the same love of learning, commitment to service and respect for the dignity of all people that we acquired. As you might imagine, we got little help from reports such as the U.S. News and World Report *America's Best Colleges* in determining how well a college provides for students in areas important to us like the quality of teaching, the opportunity for participation, and how well the college challenges its students to grow in literacy, character, and faith. Granted, such matters are much more difficult to assess, but they are nonetheless very important to student development.

Dana has generally been blessed with favorable ratings from U.S. News & World Report and from other review and accrediting bodies, and we haven't sought to influence ratings in the manner of some who send out mass mailings to presidents to tell how good they are. Instead, our reputation is earned the old fashioned way, by the way we help students realize their potential.

It would be wonderful if everybody found out what a gem Dana College is, but, then, if we became too popular, some of the charm and intimacy that marks this place might be lost. So, shh! Don't tell *everyone!*

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106 GRADUATES COMPOSE THE CLASS OF 2001

One hundred six students received bachelor's degrees during commencement ceremonies at Dana College on May 19, 2001.

Heather Stewart of Bellevue, Nebraska, was named valedictorian for maintaining a perfect 4.00 grade point average during her college career. The "Message From the Class of 2001" was delivered by Ashley Denney of Osceola,

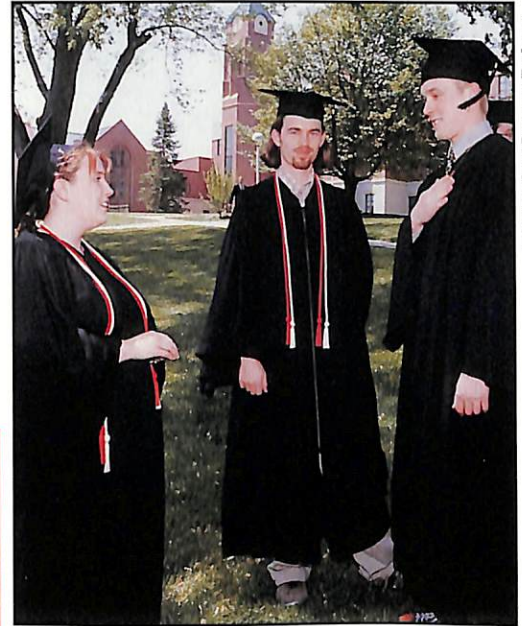


Heather Stewart

Iowa, who was elected to speak by her classmates.

Graduating with honors were: **Summa Cum Laude:** Heather Stewart, Bellevue, Nebraska; Melissa Jurgensen, Omaha, Nebraska; Megan Cosgrove, Omaha, Nebraska; Molly Fuxa, McCook Lake, South Dakota; Trenton Kerger, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Katherine

Zadina, Omaha, Nebraska; Jessica Cosgrove, Omaha, Nebraska; Melissa Goldax, Bellevue, Nebraska; Heather Plowman, Ponca, Nebraska; and Brooke Thomsen, Superior, Nebraska.



(L-R) Danielle Mozeika, Eric Friedericks and Dan Kennedy await the graduation procession.

Hartvigsens Receive Service Award

At the May 19th commencement ceremony, President Myrvin Christopherson presented Dana's highest non-academic honor, the College-Community Service Award, to Keith and Carol Hartvigsen of Blair. Their children Troy and Nicole and Carol's mother, Lydia Andersen, were on hand to see them receive the honor.

They have a family business, C&K Enterprises, which owns and operates Pizza Hut restaurants in Shennandoah and Audobon, Iowa, and in Blair.

Keith has served on the County Extension Board, the Memorial Community Hospital Board, the Dana College Fund Raising Committee, and as a Blair Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. Carol has been a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, and held various offices of the Xi Gamma Phi Chapter

of Beta Sigma Phi, an international social, cultural and service organization.

The Hartvigsens have both been Cub Scout leaders. Carol has been a 4-H leader, while Keith served on the 4-H County Board. Keith has also coached both Little League and girl's softball.

The Harvigsens helped with YMCA fund raising, and were a host family for two Rotary students from Brazil.

Keith and Carol are active members of First Lutheran Church in Blair.

Their son Troy and his wife Tatum live in Blair and he works for C&K Enterprises. Their daughter Nicole is in her third year of medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Keith and Carol Hartvigsen, 2001 College-Community Service Award recipients.

EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE CHANGING AT DANA

By Paul Formo

Provost and Dean of the College

The landscape at Dana has changed significantly over time, sometimes dramatically and other times more subtly. Any alum coming back to campus for the first time in a while notices the changes immediately. Even now the ground is being prepared for an extension of Borup Coliseum that entices one to think with excitement about the coming possibilities.

This nation's higher education's landscape has changed as well. In fact, we are in the midst of a dramatic change that holds out new possibilities even as it creates some concern about what is being lost. Dana's profile and curriculum are no exception. For those of you who have not been close enough to the inner landscape of the College - embodied in the faculty and the curriculum - it might be useful to describe the current context of higher education.

First, in terms of the preparation and expertise of the faculty, we now assume that all should hold a terminal degree in their discipline. This means faculty are more fully prepared in their chosen discipline than when a master's degree was considered adequate for a career in college level teaching. It also means, by virtue of work on a dissertation, that faculty are more highly specialized. We at Dana College add additional expectations. We look for individuals who love teaching and who are committed to the mission of the institution. It does our students little good if a faculty

member is primarily interested in research and comes to class with little enthusiasm for teaching that leads to deep learning.

A second change in the landscape has been gradually occurring over the last three decades. Society's call for accountability can no longer be shrugged off with the old standby response, "Trust us, we are the experts." In recent years, accreditation agencies have responded to this call by expecting colleges to articulate

noticeable are writing and quantitative reasoning skill deficiencies. The fact that now more than half of high school graduates go directly on to college partially explains why this is happening. Decades ago when access was more limited, only about 20% were privileged to go on to college. The challenges for faculty to meet the learning needs of such a wide range of student preparedness are sometimes daunting, especially for small institutions that do not have abundant

resources to hire developmental specialists to help students. While we at Dana do have a Learning Center that offers programs to assist all students, we continue to be concerned about the number of otherwise

capable students that come to us underprepared.

Two related developments have led to some of the most dramatic changes in the way we do our daily business of teaching students. Recent ongoing research on the brain and subsequent development of theories on how humans learn have made clear that some of the traditional methods of teaching are not the most effective ways for students to learn. We are in the middle of a paradigm shift from primarily lecture mode to teaching strategies that are better suited to deeper learning. At Dana, on any given class day, you are likely to encounter a wide range of teaching models and might be hard pressed to find even one person who only lectures. We have growing evidence that learning is improved as a result.

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— Dr. Paul Formo, Provost and Dean of the College

our goals and objectives clearly, and to show evidence that we are achieving them in terms that non-academics can understand. This year we at Dana are in the process of a significant self-study in preparation for our next visit by the North Central Association, the body that accredits us.

Another significant change is in the preparedness of the students for higher learning. Thirty or forty years ago students who entered college had been successful in a college preparation curriculum at the high school level. Now many students come to college without the advantage of a full college preparation curriculum. They are not necessarily incapable of learning, they just have not had adequate preparation for the rigors of a college curriculum. Nationwide we are all recognizing that significant developmental or even remedial work is needed for students to succeed. Most

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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

By Toni Hoffmeier '02

Editor in Chief

Hermes Student Newspaper

As always, Arbor Day was celebrated a day early on campus this year. A Japanese Lilac tree was placed into the ground on April 26th, in front of the Margre Henningson Durham Center. The Arbor Day celebration purpose is not only to beautify the campus, but also to "Celebrate seeds of learning," according to Dana President Myrv Christopherson. The other purpose of the celebration is to thank all of the alumni and contributors who help keep Dana the great place that it is.

Cheston Field, Student Senate President, also spoke at the celebration. He said that Dana is like a tree: "We are nurtured and we grow." He then introduced next year's senators. Rachel Lynch, a senior, then spoke on behalf of the Dana students who receive scholarships. She said that there are many benefits to attending a small liberal arts college, one being that Dana is like a family within a family.

The real celebration began, however, when President Christopherson honored the Durham family for all of their contributions to Dana.

Margre Henningson Durham was always proud of her Danish heritage



(L-R) Anne Christopherson, Steven Durham, Debby Durham, Lynne Boyer, Charles Durham, Sunny Lundgren, and Myrv Christopherson

and according to her husband, Chuck Durham, "Most of her life was spent in connection with children and education," so it is only fitting that one of Dana's buildings was to be named after her. Margre was the first woman to serve on the Omaha School Board.

According to President Christopherson, it is also "because of Margre and Chuck's unselfishness" that this building has been named after her. Durham then said, "I know if Margre were here today, she would be so proud . . ." This celebration occurred three days before Margre's birthday.

After that, Durham received a very high honor himself. He was deemed an Honorary Great Dane of Dana and given a Dana helmet and was "initiated" by three "true Danes," Thomas Hansen, Dana Director of Development; Annette Hansen, Instructor of Danish; and Kasper Petersen, Dana student from Denmark.

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One cannot leave the discussion of the learning landscape without consideration of how the media influences all of us, not just students. The internet generation is soon upon us (those students whose whole school life has occurred after the internet became a pervasive influence). We are still in the infancy of understanding what the ramifications for teaching and learning are.

So, how are we at Dana meeting the challenges of the shifting landscape? Two items are worthy of note, although they are by no means the

only things we are doing. Last November the faculty approved new goals for the College. In February 2001, the Board of Regents approved them and also made some language modifications to the mission statement. The faculty now are in the early, brainstorming stages of developing a new, comprehensive general education curriculum that addresses the new goals. We intend to have a new program ready to be implemented by the Fall of 2003. It has been ten years since the last major revision, so it is time to examine the landscape

and develop a cutting edge curriculum.

These are exciting times to be on the faculty at Dana College. Shaping a future that has good promise can be invigorating, even if sometimes exhausting. When you make your next visit to campus, ask us what the latest developments are. You might be amazed how the traditions of the College can be maintained in substance even as detail changes give the surface a new look.

Myrna Lee Hawks



Dana College Regent and long-time friend of the college Myrna Lee Hawks died January 24, 2001, after fighting a long battle with ovarian cancer.

Myrna Hawks was born Myrna Lee Kleen on February 19, 1937, at Bruning, Nebraska. Her early years were spent on her family farm, where she enjoyed riding horses and raising calves to show at the county fair.

After graduating from Bruning High School in 1954, and married her high school sweetheart, Howard L. Hawks, the following year. Myrna attended Anderson College in Indiana, Lincoln School of Commerce, and Ball State University.

She worked as an executive secretary until the birth of her oldest son, at which time she elected to become a full-time homemaker.

Myrna directed the Hawks Family Charitable Foundation which supported young people interested in attending faith-based colleges and universities, working as missionaries, or becoming social workers.

"Myrna loved her Lord, her church, and her family," said Dana's president, Myrvin Christopherson. "She was an inspiration. As she battled cancer she put her trust completely in God. She and Howard have co-chaired Dana's Legacy campaign. She will be greatly missed."

Daniel W. Gardner

Daniel Warren Gardner, prominent Nebraska agri-businessman and supporter of higher education, died January 19, 2001.



Dan Gardner was born March 16, 1925, in New York City. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1948. He served in WWII as an army officer on the European Front. In 1952 he came to Nebraska to manage the M.G. Waldbaum Company and later became the CEO. He had other business interests in the food industry and in broadcasting.

Gardner was one of the nation's key leaders in the egg and poultry industry, serving on many regional and national agri-business boards and committees. During his long career, he earned a lengthy list of industry and community awards and commendations including the AK-SAR-BEN Good Neighbor Award, Nebraska State Bankers Association Agricultural Award in 1993, and induction into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame in 1995. He was active in his community as a lifetime member of the American Legion and Masons, and served on the school board and city council. He was also a Boy Scout leader and Sunday School teacher.

He was president of the Gardner Foundation, which has generously supported higher education in the state of Nebraska, notably at Dana College and at Wayne State College.

"Dan was a visionary. He loved his family and gave generously back to the community and region," said Dana

President Myrvin Christopherson. "We will miss him greatly."

Gardner is survived by his wife Jeanne, who serves on the Dana College Board of Regents. His daughter, Leslie Gardner-Bebbe of Wakefield, Nebraska, attended Dana from 1975 - 77.

Earl Kjeld Madsen



Dana College Regent Earl Madsen passed away April 11, 2001, at the age of 83. Madsen was born October 27, 1917, in

Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of Danish immigrants Kjeld and Fredrike Madsen.

Earl graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1936. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and following the war he married Kathleen Conlon in Council Bluffs on April 8, 1947. He went to work at Dain Bosworth as a financial advisor the same year. He worked as a broker his entire professional career, retiring in 1998. Earl took pride in being a weekend farmer, loved to travel, and had a pilot's license.

"Earl was a classic 'Great Dane' of Dana," said Dana President Myrvin Christopherson. "He loved his church, his family, and took pride in helping his clients." Madsen began serving on the Dana College Board of Regents in 1996 and served until his death. "We are grateful for his support and wise counsel as a member of Dana's Board of Regents," Christopherson said.

COMPLEMENTING THE LEARNING PROCESS: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES*By Rose Sand**Editor, Dana Review*

Dana students have a wealth of services at their finger tips right here on campus. The following describes some of the services available to our students.

CAREER SERVICES

Ann Nelson believes what Freud so elegantly stated: "The two most important things in life are love and work." She contends that "satisfying work is a key for a fulfilled life."

Career Services has changed over the years from being known as a career placement office to a full-service career planning office.

"The word placement denotes putting students into jobs," said Nelson. "The global economy has changed things immensely. The days of 30 years and a gold watch are over," said Nelson. "That's why our service is so important. The average person will change jobs 5 to 10 times in their adult lives and change occupations three times," she said. "I'm here to teach the student how to find their own job, because they will do that many times after college," said Nelson.

She recently worked with a student who was worried about finding a job and paying off her student loans. Nelson met with the student several times, talked about job opportunities, and spent time working on her resume. "I was able to help her calm down and 'manage' the job search process," said Nelson. The student interviewed for a job, was offered a position and will be employed this spring immediately fol-

lowing graduation.

For Nelson, the rewards of the job are numerous. "To work with students and be part of this transition time, when they are moving from others directing their life to taking charge of their own life is wonderful. I've seen them blossom and begin to become themselves more fully," said Nelson.

For Dana, Nelson sees more services being offered on-line. She would also like to develop a network of alumni who would help facilitate opportunities for students to research careers. "Students need opportunities to meet with employers for information about

and was located in another building, the mission remains the same. "We are here to help people along, and that part has never changed," said Nickeson-Ray.

"Students need a place to come where they can talk about things with someone who has an objective point of view," said Nickeson-Ray. "We have added another counselor and see more clients now, but the mission has not changed," she said.

The center, now located on the third floor of Pioneer Memorial, occupies two office spaces along with an inviting, sunny room with overstuffed chairs and sofas. David Hoppe, a specialist in drug and alcohol abuse, was hired in 1992 to meet the center's full-time requests. In 1996-97 a total of 121 clients were seen. That year, they held 566 sessions with 40 alcohol evaluations. This year, Nickeson-Ray knows they will surpass those numbers.

One of the reasons for the increase in students visiting the center is because going to the Counseling Center for help is less of a stigma today. "We're not going

to talk with a professor about a student's visit," said Nickeson-Ray. "Everything is confidential. We feel it's important that we are located where we are, away from the center of things."

Referrals come from resident assistants, faculty, and staff. "Most referrals are self referrals. It's really word-of-mouth that produces our clients. If they've heard it's okay to come, then they do," said Nickeson-Ray. Dana's other student service directors also

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**(l-r,) back row: Lori Nielsen, Ann Nelson
front row: Diane Nickeson-Ray, Patti Nielsen**

occupations," said Nelson. Many small colleges of Dana's size use their community to their advantage by encouraging alumni mentor networks for their graduates.

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center at Dana College is the result a 1989 practicum. Diane Nickeson-Ray '84 was a student of Professor Jan Potter, and from her practicum, today's Counseling Center was born. Although it started out small

make referrals to Nickeson-Ray. "We work well together, Patti, Lori, Ann, and I. Lori, from the Learning Center may have a student that has more of an emotional issue, or Patti, in Health Services may see a student that may be experiencing stress-related issues, which of course, is all kept confidential," said Nickeson-Ray.

Success, to Nickeson-Ray, is to see students be able to stay in college all four years, or to help someone help themselves with a problem. "We can see students as many times as we see fit; or as the student sees fit," said Nickeson-Ray. "I learn something from every student I meet," said Nickeson-Ray. The Counseling Center is here to help people and that part will not change.

HEALTH SERVICES

The mission of Health Services is to support learning. "If a student is not healthy, they are distracted and can't do as well in school," said Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen, R.N. "Healthy students make better students because they can give peak performance," said Nielsen.

Nielsen has served as the director of Health Services at Dana since 1991. "We were once known as a first aid station. Now we have additional services such as health education, prevention, physician referrals, and nutrition counseling," said Nielsen.

Nielsen works with students in three basic ways. She consults with the college physician, Dr. Chauncey Wilkins '83, and by his orders can dispense over the counter drugs, or she may obtain a prescription for a student. She will send students with more acute symptoms to the Blair Clinic for one-on-one consultation with a physician.

Nielsen says fall is her busiest time of the year. "Students sleep patterns change, their comfort zone changes, and that, compiled with all of the other changes they encounter, creates stress.

Then the stress is translated into sickness," she states.

She likes working with college students. "They are so optimistic and hopeful, even when they are sick," she said. "I like to teach them to be independent and to make good choices with their health care," said Nielsen. "If good habits are cemented in place now, they will have a good foundation for decision making as adult health care consumers," she said.

"All students need access to health care," said Nielsen. "It helps to have a nurse assess whether they need to be seen by a physician. Many do not. If I

"Satisfying work is a key for a fulfilled life."

— *Ann Nelson, Director of Career Services*

can help them keep their healthcare costs down, then that's great," she said. As the mission states, she's here "to support learning by enabling each student to achieve and maintain optimum health and wellness." "That's my goal," said Nielsen.

THE LEARNING CENTER

"When there's a will, there's a way," describes the attitude of Lori Nielsen '77, director of Dana's Learning Center. Originally called the Teaching Learning Center, it began as a resource facility for the college's faculty. In 1992 when Nielsen became the director, it was located in a small, one-room office on the second floor of the library. There was no door on her office, nor furniture for students and tutors when she opened that fall, but that did not stop Nielsen from envisioning the possibilities!

The following year she moved her desk, filing cabinets and files to the cen-

ter's present location on the first floor of the Dana Life Library where it now occupies six times the space. With the help of the Dana Women's Club and the Alumni Council, the old cafeteria tables and rickety chairs have been replaced with new round tables and sturdy chairs. Art by Professor Milt Heinrich's art students and friendly tutors create an inviting environment.

"We are seeing more and more students who lack vital study skills," she said. They are encouraged to visit the center to work with Nielsen or one of the 10 – 12 tutors currently employed. Student-tutors must maintain a 3.0 cumulative g.p.a., a requirement of the center. "We are an important supplement to the learning that takes place in the classroom. Twenty-five percent of the students we tutor end up on the Dean's List," said Nielsen. "We don't know that it's all of our doing, but we would like to think we've helped those students," said Nielsen.

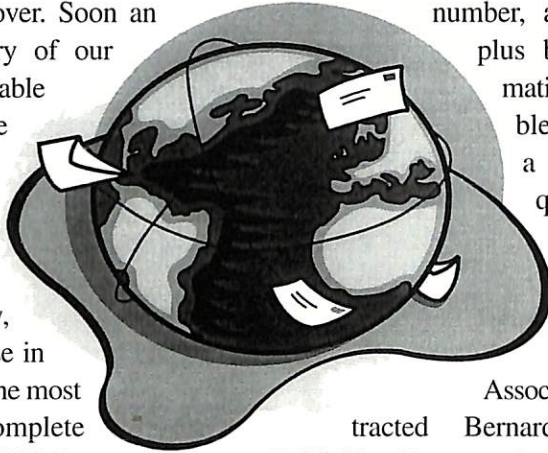
Maureen Gubbels, a sophomore biology major said, "The best thing about working as a tutor is being able to help people, seeing them succeed, and building up their confidence. It's really a good service. I've used it myself and have learned to be a better tutor. If a professor isn't available, we're here to help," she said.

One of Nielsen's dreams is to locate all of the student services in one location, side by side, sharing resources and an assistant. "Students could easily come and go, and no one would know whom they were seeing," said Nielsen. When you are on campus, stop at the Learning Center to meet Lori Nielsen and see how her "will" created the "way" to provide valuable services for Dana's students.

IN SEARCH OF ALL DANA COLLEGE ALUMNI!

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate, only to find that the last directory is 8 years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your friends.

The new Dana College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in early 2002, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of over 9,500 Dana



College alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library quality edition.

The Alumni Office and the Association has contracted Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce our

directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumna/us.

The new Dana College Alumni Directory will soon make finding an alumna/us as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues.

Register on-line for the new Dana Directory at bcharrispub.com after you receive your password in the mail.

ALUMNI REVUE #4: A HOMECOMING TRADITION

Thanks to the creative energies of Assistant Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 and many talented alumni/ae, the Alumni Revue has become a Homecoming tradition on Friday evening. Jeanmarie and the performers have worked to present a fresh program each year and the audience response has been tremendous. Homecoming 2001 is October 12-14 so now is the time to make plans to participate in the 7:30 p.m. Alumni Revue.

This year we are encouraging music and theater alumni/ae as well as former Danish folkdancers to consider how you could be involved. If you are interested in performing, contact Jeanmarie as soon as possible. The best way to reach her is through email: jnielsen@acad2.dana.edu. If you do not have access to email communication, you are welcome to call or write the alumni office who will

forward your message to Jeanmarie. Send your correspondence to: 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008 or call 800 444-DANA, option #4, or 402/426-7235.

When asked what alumni/ae could do now to help create Revue #4, Jeanmarie encouraged music and theater alumni/ae to: "Call that friend from your college days, you know, the one with whom you sang or danced or played together for a recital, musical theater production or program. Dust off that score and be a part of this program. If

you need an accompanist, let me know and I'll have someone ready to perform with you." Other helpful information for performers: Trinity Chapel has a tracker organ, a grand piano, and wonderful, natural acoustics. Dance space and sound system are easily arranged.

ALUMNI REVUE #4

In your initial contact, please include as much information as possible, including full name, class year, what you may be performing and with whom. Also indicate whether you will need an accompanist. Help make this another fresh and exciting Alumni Revue by contacting Jeanmarie today!

President Myrvin Christopherson '61 served as Chaplain of the Day for the Nebraska Legislature on Monday, January 22. He opened the session with prayer and was introduced by his host, Senator Matt Connealy, to many of the senators and staff members, several of whom shared complimentary words about Dana College and Dana employees.

CAMPUS DIGEST

Duey Heffelfinger '88, director of computer services, was selected to receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The Nominations and Awards Committee of the Alumni Council recommended Duey to the whole council where his selection received unanimous support. Duey was recognized on May 18 at the Recognition Dinner.

Jan Potter served as a re-accreditation site visitor for the Council on Social Work Education. She visited a college in the greater Boston area on Jan. 7-9.

Professor Carol Hausserman '69, **Dr. Kathleen McSharry**, and **Dr. Scott Morgan** were promoted to associate professors.

The **Dana Board of Regents** elected the following officers in February 2001: Chairperson, Paul Laursen '51; Vice

Chairperson, Richard Vierk '68; Secretary, Carl Schattauer T'52.

Lori Nielsen '77, learning center director, attended the 25th Annual Conference of the National Association for Development Education in Louisville, Ky., March 14-18. She presented a paper titled, "Pairing Study Skills with a Content Course."

Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor, is serving on the Task Force Committee of the Division for Higher Education and Schools of the ELCA, which is looking for ways of establishing partnerships between the universities and colleges of the ELCA and those of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

Chris Schnieders and seniors Ashley Denney, Stacy Schroeder and Lindsay Joslin presented at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention on April 19, 2001, in Kansas City, Mo. Their panel discussion was titled, "What Are We Getting Into? Preservice Teachers Discuss Assessment of Professional Standards."

Michael Anderson was recently elected to a second 4-year term as a member of the International Trumpet Guild Board of Directors. Currently he is the Chair of Technology Committee,

Executive Director of the ITG Web Site (housed at Dana College) and presents and performs regularly at ITG annual conferences.

Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics and physics, attended the Spring 2001 meeting of the Neb. section of the Mathematical Association of America at Doan College in Crete, Neb. He gave a presentation entitled: "Spherical Harmonic Functions and the Earth."

Paul K. Formo, Provost and Dean of the College, has been named president of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan. Formo will become the 12th president of Bethany, also an ELCA college. Formo has served as vice president for academic affairs and as dean of the college from 1993 to July, 2001.

Richard Jorgensen '64, professor of history was selected Professor of the Year and **Denise (Daubendiek '96) Work**, assistant director of admissions, was selected Staff of the Year by the Dana College student body.

Michael Doyle, professor of economics at Dana for 18 years, was conferred emeritus status by President Myrvin Christopherson at Dana's May 19th commencement ceremony.

DANA TO HOST MS 150 BIKE TOUR: JULY 14 - 15

Dana College will host this year's Nebraska Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150 Bike Tour.

The ride will start at Dana on Saturday, July 14, and end Sunday July 15, at Dana. Several routes will be offered including a 45-mile, 75-mile and 100-mile per day route. All proceeds benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information or to register please call Nichole at 402. 572-3585 or e-mail nichol.palmer@nen.nmss.org.



Men's Basketball

The 2000-2001 version of Dana College men's basketball team under 1st year Head Coach Chris Fear had many highlights and helped to set a standard for the future Viking teams. The Vikings were led in scoring and rebounding by 1st Team All-Conference performer Michael Johnson. Johnson averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game. Johnson, along with Jim Koontz and Don Morrison were senior co-captains and helped to lead Dana to an 8-8 Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) finish and a 13-16 overall record. This was the first time in 20 years that the Vikings had finished at .500 or better in conference play.

One of the big highlights of the season was an 80 to 75 victory over Nebraska Wesleyan. It was the first time in 6 seasons that Dana had defeated NWU. The Vikings also swept rival Midland Lutheran with two convincing victories. On Senior Night, the Vikings took care of the University of Sioux Falls with a thrilling 86 to 83 double overtime victory. Dana will return eight letter winners next year led by seniors Luke Connell, Dwight Nelson, and Brad Alexander. The Vikings will look to take another step towards a conference championship.

Indoor Track

Enterprise Publishing Staff Writer

Stephanie Collins, a sophomore from Shelby, Iowa, improved with each race at last week's NAIA Indoor National Track and Field Championships. Entering the meet ranked 20th in the 800-meter run and a personal best of 2:20.10, she left Tennessee with an All-American plaque for a sixth place finish in a time of 2:18.80.

Collins was the eighth and last qualifier for the Saturday night event held at East



Stephanie Collins

Tennessee State's Mini-Dome. She placed third in her Friday qualifying race with a personal record of 2:20.64. In the final Collins paced herself carefully on the first of the 280 meter laps, moved up on the second lap, then crushed two runners with a sustained finishing effort. The 800 was won by Life University's Leotine Tisba, a student from Kenya, in 2:08.68.

Chenel Sanders (1st yr./Omaha North) ran a personal best of 26.44 in the 200-meter dash for a new Dana record. Her time was 11th best among the field of 18 athletes with only the top eight runners competing in the final.

Matt Maltby (2nd yr./Ralston) improved his personal best and school record in the shot put to 49 feet, 10 inches. The mark earned him 12th place in the 30-man field.

Also competing for Dana were John Tripp (Omaha North) and Allen Wagner (3rd yr./Kailua-Kona, Hawaii). Wagner posted a time of 4:23.34 to place tenth in the mile run.

Tripp got tangled up with another runner in the 1000 meters, almost falling, and ran on with a qualifying time of 2:37.43, his second best ever.

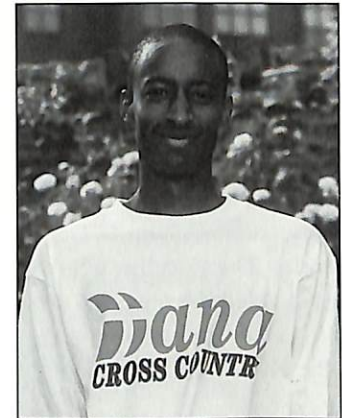
Outdoor Track

The Dana College outdoor track team is competing this spring with the big dogs, and many Vikings have shown they can compete with the best. Three Dana runners added their names to the list of qualifiers for the NAIA National Track and Field Championships at Drake University's Jim Duncan Invitational. A total of 15 Dana athletes placed in the top six of their events against Minnesota, Iowa State, Drake, Northern Iowa, Bemidji State, Concordia-St. Paul, Morningside, and various others.

Garry Clark smashed the five-year-old 800-meter record to win the event in a fine 1:53.82 clocking. Clark was among

the leaders the entire race and found a gap on the rail to slip through for a one-meter victory. The old record of 1:54.30 was set at Nationals in 1996 by Max Grady of Woodbine, Iowa. Clark returned with a stunning 49.1 second leg in the 4 x 400-meter relay.

Stephanie Collins carved two more seconds from her 800-meter time to nab fifth overall in 2:20.02, a national



Garry Clark

qualifying mark. Senior Justin Christensen also qualified for the national championships with a third place in the steeplechase, recording 9:42.18.

Allen Wagner returned to top form at Drake with a fine 1500/5000 meter double. The All-American marathoner returned for a strong third place in the 5000 in a time of 15:56.22.

Other placers for the Viking Women were Tiffany Poole, fourth in the javelin throw; Jessica Chambers, fourth in 5000 meters; and Chenel Sanders, whose 1:01.29 placed sixth among the 400 meter field.

Men who placed for Dana included Ian Latella, who ran 10:04.36 for fifth in the steeplechase; Jason Brindle, whose personal record time of 16:07.80 was fourth in the 5000 meters; Chris Lagazo long jumped 21 feet, 7 inches for third place; and Matt Maltby threw the shot 48'11" to earn third in the shot put event.

Other scorers included Arona Malu in the shot put, Josh Law in the high jump, and the men's 4 x 100 relay team of Lagazo, Nahshon McMillan, Bryant Johnson, and Mitchell Deering.

After finishing events in Crete, Neb., on April 21, 2001, three school records were broken at the Doane Relays. Matt Maltby placed fifth in the shot put with a heave of 50' 3-3/4" and Tiffany Poole (1st yr/Ashland) improved her best mark in the women's shot put, 40' 1-3/4", both new Dana records. Stephanie Collins in her outing at the 1500 meters, placed fifth



Justin Christensen

with a Dana record of 4:59.54.

Allen Wagner was the big scorer for the Vikings. He took charge in the men's 1500 meters with the race half over to win in 4:02.11. Later, Wagner placed fifth in the 3000 meter steeplechase in 9:45.50. Justin Christensen placed second in the steeplechase after leading over the final three laps, losing in a lunge for the line to Doane's Zach Reeves, 9:38.2 to 9:38.4.

Chenel Sanders placed fifth in the women's 100, running 13.14 in the preliminary and a fine 12.96 in the final. Chris Lagazo leaped to a personal best of 22'3", a strong fourth-place finish in the 14-team meet.

Other performances of note were Poole's 111'4" toss in the javelin, a seven-foot improvement; John Tripp's winning of the second section of the 1500 meters in 4:12.56; and a six-second personal record by Charlie Kaup in the same event, a 4:22.32.

Wrestling

The Dana College wrestling team came into the 2000-2001 campaign with a goal of winning the Central Regional Championship, and they did

just that. The Vikings defeated Mt. St. Clare College of Iowa, Northwestern College of Iowa, Dakota Wesleyan University and Briar Cliff College. The Vikings defeated Mt. St. Clare by a score of 117 to 84.5 to give the Vikings their first regional title in the history of the Dana College wrestling program. Head Coach Steve Costanzo was extremely proud of his team's effort. "It was a team effort with everyone pulling together to get the job done. This was something that our kids, parents, fans, alumni, and administration have worked together for and it is very satisfying to see it all come to fruition."

Peter Isham defeated Jason Comins (MSC) with a 6-2 decision to win his first regional championship at the 133-lb. weight class. Riley Tonkin defeated Luke Kuhl (BCC) with a 9-5 decision to win the regional title at 184-lb. weight class. Wynn Fangmeier pinned Jordan Wonderchec (NWC) to earn the regional title at 197-lb. weight class. Keith Simmons, Joe Durick, Keith Clausen, Justin Williams, and Mark Lander were regional runner-ups. Tom Wissman and Walker Whitney earned 3rd place honors at the regional tournament.

Baseball

"When you have 17 freshmen on your 25 man roster, anything and everything that can happen will happen." That statement made by second year Head Coach Damon Day sums up the 2001 baseball season at Dana College. The young Vikings showed glimpses of what the future holds up on the hill, but the Vikings lacked the consistency and experience day in and day out to compete against one of the toughest schedules in the country. "We are not afraid to play

anybody. Our program believes that what does not kill us will only make us better," Coach Day stated. The Vikings ended the season 13 - 41 and 10 - 16 in GPAC play.

Softball

The Lady Viking Softball team qualified for the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament as the #8 seed.



Dana Women's 2001 Softball Team

The Vikings defeated Midland Lutheran College 3-1 in the final game of the season to earn the post season bid. "We are a young club that really struggled down the stretch, but in the end the girls really played their hearts out and deserve to be in the conference tournament," stated second year Head Coach Lori Foster. The Vikings ended their season 23 - 29 and placed 8th in the conference.



Jeff Nelson at bat

CHANGES APPROVED FOR BIOLOGY PROGRAM

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

Perhaps no field of science is facing more drastic changes in knowledge and technology than biology. The knowledge base required of someone practicing in the field has changed dramatically in the past decade. Biologists face issues and moral questions that were the things of science fiction just a few years ago. Following several years of examination and discussion, Dana's biology department submitted a list of program changes addressing the needs of today's biology student to Dean/Provost Paul Formo. The changes have been approved by the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee and will be represented in the upcoming 2001-2003 Dana College Catalog.

The two-semester introductory biology sequence has expanded to a three-semester sequence, adding the courses: Introduction to Cell Biology and Genetics, Introduction to Evolution, Ecology and Botany, and Introduction to Microbiology and Zoology. This increase will give biology students a better foundation in the basic areas of biology, enabling them to make a more informed decision about what area of interest they will concentrate on. It will also give them more flexibility after they finish the introductory sequence. The 2001-2002 school year will be a transition year, helping students who entered the program under the previous guidelines to continue,

while getting new students started under the updated program.

The department is also expanding its offerings in the area of biochemistry. "As we delve deeper into the secrets of the cell, biochemistry is becoming more important to the field of biology," says Dr. Carla M. Delucchi, associate professor of biology and department chair. Courses added include Protein Biochemistry, Biochemistry of Metabolism, and Experimental

courses they need to go on to advanced studies in the health professions, biochemistry, ecology, and

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— Dr. Carla M. Delucchi, Associate Professor of Biology and department chair

environmental science.

The last step in the biology program redesign has been updating the course numbers to provide consistency between courses and levels. The department developed guidelines for assigning course levels ranging from 100 level survey courses, which cover a large body of knowledge and do not have prerequisites to 400 level courses that do have prerequisites and require previous knowledge to understand the concepts presented. These advanced courses cover conceptually complex material and require independent thinking and learning on the part of the student.

"These changes will allow Dana to continue to offer a high-quality and up-to-date education to its biology students," Dr. Delucchi said.



Dr. Carla Delucchi clarifies a point for Biology student Danielle Abrahamson of Omaha.

Biochemistry Laboratory.

"We are also updating our prerequisites to reflect the actual knowledge our students need before taking an advanced course," Delucchi said, "and adding areas of emphasis to give students more direction in their specialized areas." Students who go on to graduate school need many courses that are not required by the biology major itself. These new areas of emphasis require students to take the

SCIENCE SOLUTIONS PLAN INITIATED

Dana College science faculty members have been evaluating the science curriculum, along with the facilities in the Dana Hall of Science (DHS), and have developed a three to five-year plan they call "Science Solutions." The half-million dollar plan will improve safety, give science students more hands-on experience with cutting-edge equipment, and expand research opportunities for students and faculty alike. "Science Solutions" calls for curriculum revisions, equipment acquisitions, and facility renovations. Implementation began this academic year with changes in the biology/biochemistry program outlined in the accompanying article. The goal of the plan is to ensure that students, both science majors and non-majors, receive an education that effectively prepares them for a wide range of occupations and careers in today's job market.

A top priority of the plan is to remodel and update all the labs in the Dana Hall of Science. Most of the fixtures in the labs date back to the 1960s when the building first opened. This remodeling will not only make them more functional, but will improve safety by replacing worn and outmoded equipment. The original five fume

hoods in DHS need to be replaced with models that meet modern chemistry standards.

Another step in the process will be the acquisition of new scientific instruments. Among the most highly anticipated instrumentation is a high pressure liquid chromatograph which will be used for the isolation of pure compounds, and a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer which will be used in the separation and identification of trace levels of organic compounds of unknown chemicals. These multi-use instruments will support many chemistry courses, but will be particularly key in the new biochemistry curriculum. They will also make a wide range of student research projects possible.

Not all lab equipment needs to be replaced, but much of it, for example, microscopes, is in need of maintenance and repair. Computers have become basic science instructional tools, so laptop computers are planned for student workstations in wired chemistry labs. Improved classroom lecture tools are also planned, including two new computer projection systems. Science teachers have



Chemistry student Aloise "Loycee" O'Daniel analyzes vinegar by acid-base titration under the watchful eyes of Professor Therese Michels.

always used visuals to help explain scientific phenomena, but we have come a long way from the toothpick and styrofoam ball models of the past. When discussing complex chemical reactions and physics equations, today's computer generated graphics and simulations have proven to be indispensable.

Science Solutions Equipment Needs List

Biochemistry Lab:

- High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph
- Spectrofluorometer
- Refrigerated Centrifuge
- Gel Dryer

Organic Chemistry Lab:

- Chemistry Lab Remodel
- Chemistry Lab Fixtures
- Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer

Ecology Specialization:

- Greenhouse
- Rubber Rafts
- Muffle Furnace
- Water Sampler
- Surber Sampler

Facility Improvements:

- Fume Hoods
- Treated Water Taps
- Wireless Network Connections
- Common Chemical Storage

Lecture Room Improvements:

- Computer Projection Systems
- Student Desks
- Chemistry Demonstration Desk

Other Lab Equipment:

- Laptop Computers
- Stereoscopes
- Compound Microscopes
- Bio-Pack Physiology System
- Voltammetric Analyzer

- Ion Chromatograph with Chemical Suppression
- Animal Cages
- Solution Calorimeter
- Shaking Incubator
- Microscope Repair
- Slide Cases
- Dishwasher
- Oxygen Bomb Calorimeter
- Melting Point Apparatus
- Super Dynamics System
- Stereoscope Lights

Science Equipment Challenge Announced

The ambitious "Science Solutions" plan calls for an additional investment in Dana's science programs of \$500,000 in the next three to five years. Dana has secured more than \$110,000 in individual pledges already and is actively approaching alumni and foundations for assistance with the project. An anonymous alumnus has offered a \$40,000 gift that will provide a dollar-for-dollar match of science contributions received by December 1, 2002.

DANA BUILDERS CELEBRATE TWENTY YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

On May 18, 2001, more than 100 friends of Dana gathered for a luncheon to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Dana College Builders. Dana Builders are individuals who have made arrangements to support Dana through wills, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, insurance or retirement accounts, life estate agreements or outright gifts of property.

Planned Giving Director Jim Jorgensen '66 reported that Dana's "quantifications," funds expected in future estate settlements, grew by more than \$5.5 million since May of 2000, for a total of \$36,111,250. That's more than \$36 million expected in coming decades, on top of the more than \$7 million Dana College has received in estate gifts in the last decade.

There are 142 names on the list of charter members of the Dana Builders. Today there are 523 members. The Dana Builders have played a key role in helping Dana grow, and will be a cornerstone for Dana's future. "The goal is to use these gifts to grow Dana's endowment," said Mike Jones '71, vice-president of advancement. "The Dana Builders are insuring that the college will be strong for years to come."

Present at the luncheon was Sharon Gordon, former director of special projects, who was instrumental in implementing the Dana Builders organization back in 1982. Attending also was Gene Meyer, the executive director of development at the time and one of the chief architects of the program. Phil Pagel '56 and John Beck D'50 T'55, former officers with the college, were also recognized as strong supporters of the idea for an organization to recognize those who remember Dana through planned giving.

Also speaking at the luncheon were graduating seniors and Morton Scholars Megan and Jessica Cosgrove from

on piano.

A highlight of the luncheon was when President Christopherson presented the first Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award to alumnae Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen.

This award is given to individuals who have spent their lives in unselfish service to others. The Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award gives recognition to the ordinary people who do extraordinary things inspired by faith, love and service. For further information, see story on page 17.

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— Mike Jones, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement

Omaha. The twins spoke about their college experience and how much their time at Dana College has meant to them. Entertainment was provided by vocalist Rachel Lynch from Council Bluffs, Iowa, also a graduating senior. She was accompanied by music instructor Clare Cowing

Remember When . . .

In the winter time, if Professor Frank Hengeveld '41 could make it up the hill we knew we would have chemistry class.

When we said we would like to have a qualitative chemistry course, Professor Hengeveld said, "o.k.," but you will have to build your own lab . . . which we did on the fourth floor of old main.

— from Earl Pace '50



Photo left: Earl Pace (l) and Professor Hengeveld looking at plans for Qualitative Chemistry Lab.

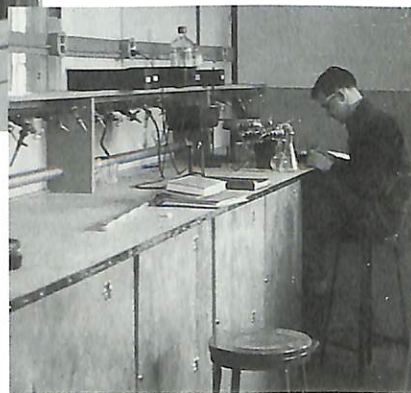


Photo above: Earl Pace working in Qualitative Chemistry Lab. Photo left: Professor Hengeveld walks through the snow and up the hill to teach class at Dana.

LORRAINE MADSEN HONORED WITH HANSON SERVANT AWARD

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

"Where would I be if I didn't have Dana?" says Lorraine (Sandberg '48) Madsen. "It's effected my life in so many ways." She, in turn, has effected Dana College and many of its students. In honor of her life of Christian service, Lorraine became the first recipient of the Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award at the annual Builders Luncheon, May 18. This award was given to Lorraine because she exemplifies the Hansons' spirit. During their lifetime, the Hansons were inspired by their Christian faith to give generously of themselves in service to their church, Dana College, their community and country. "This is such an honor," she said. "The Hansons were wonderful people."

Lorraine has been a long-time member of the ELCA Nebraska Synod Multi-Cultural Committee. That involvement sparked an interest in personally meeting and helping people from other cultures. Since 1988 she has been host and surrogate mother to a series of Dana students from China, Tanzania, and Bangladesh. "It has been a wonderful experience getting to know them," she said. Lorraine has also been a passionate supporter of the Oaks Indian Center in Oklahoma.

Lorraine has been active with the Dana Women's Club and is a strong advocate of women's athletics. "When I take the teams out for pizza when the games are over, I often share the verse from scripture: 'Run with perseverance

the race that is before you.' We've all got races to run," she said. Lorraine has been a volunteer at the Good Shepherd Home and Crowell Home, helping out with Bingo and sing-alongs. She has also been active in the Blair YMCA. But a list of organizations Lorraine has helped is only part of the picture.



Lorraine Madsen, pictured here in her backyard, admires a treasured piece of Dana memorabilia.

Everyone who knows her can tell a story about how she helped someone, loaning a Dana student money to take a trip, driving someone to a doctor's appointment, or pitching in to help get a job done.

Lorraine attended Dana in the mid-1940s. "I majored in accounting, for my parents, but then I taught Vacation

Bible School one summer and that was it. I switched to become a teacher," she said. "One of my most vivid memories at Dana is of being in Argo Hall and hearing people outside shouting 'The war is over! The war is over!' Before long a lot of young fellows came to campus," Lorraine recalled. "My husband was one of them." Her husband, Archie Madsen D'48 T'51, had landed at Normandy four days after D-Day, receiving a minor injury. Once he arrived at Dana, it didn't take him long to find Lorraine. "Cliff Hanson was pastor at Underwood (Iowa), my hometown. He married us," she said. After attending Dana, Archie graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and accepted a call in Fremont, Nebraska, in 1951. From there they moved to South Dakota and then to Denver, Colorado, in 1964 where the Madsens stayed for 20 years. Archie served a church, became Central District President, and then retired. Lorraine raised their children, attended Denver University, and taught in parochial schools and the Denver school district. The Madsens moved to Blair in 1984. Archie was a member of the Dana College Board of Regents for eight years. He died in 1988.

Lorraine Madsen is moving back to Colorado to be near her daughter and family, but she knows she will miss Dana College. "I'll sure miss the people, and the athletics and plays and concerts . . . everything," she said. She is already making plans to return for Homecoming.

'00s

Michelle Hemen '00 married Stephan Jones on November 4, 2000. Michelle is currently working at Quality Living Inc. in Omaha, Neb.

Mark Knudsen '00 married Shawna Smith on May 19th in Omaha. Knudsen is a financial analyst with Primerica Financial Services in Omaha.

Robert Spangler '00 was named director of the Southgate Unit of the Boys and Girls Club in Bellevue, Neb.

Anthony Ward '00 and **Jennifer Patience '99** were married on February 10, 2001, in Omaha. They both teach at St. Vincent de Paul School, Omaha.

'90s

Tony Eitzmann '99 passed the November '00 CPA exam. He is an accountant at Seim, Johnson, Sestak, and Quist in Omaha.

Sandy Paasch '99 has a new job with Lorain County (Ohio) Children's Services. She will begin her master's of Social Work program at Case Western Reserve University in August of 2001.

Joy (Pudenz '99) and **Dennis '97 Pinkelman** moved to Bourbonnais, Ill. Dennis works at Aventis Behring LLC as a Microbiology Supervisor. On January 8, 2001, they were blessed with a daughter Emma Rose.

Todd Ashby '98 is an Account Coordinator at Bozell in Omaha.

Shelton Crouch '98 joined Swanson Russell Associates as a graphic designer. He lives in Omaha with his son.

Chris Kellner '98 married Shannon Dvorak on September 30, 2000, in Atkinson, Neb. Kellner is currently District Manager for Conseco Health Insurance, Lincoln, Neb.

Dan Olsen '98 a graduate student at Chapman University Film School in Calif., has been selected as a Knott Scholar and will be working one-on-one with Oscar winner filmmaker Robert Jones.

Denise Van Housen '98 married Scott Reilly on Nov. 4, 2000, in Polk, Neb. She is the assistant manager at Fastenal in Kearney, Neb.

Mary Ann Bruns '97 married Jason Eckberg on April 28, 2001, in Worms, Neb. Bruns is a teacher's aide for a Head Start preschool in Grand Island, Neb.

Heather (Olsen '97) McCain was promoted to associate art director at Swanson Russell Associates, an advertising agency in Omaha.

Stephanie Carlson-Pruch '97 is teaching elementary art (K-6) for Omaha Public Schools. She also teaches classes at Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, and works as a mural artist for the center.

Michele Bristol '96 is working as the Children's Minister at Hill Country Nazarene Church, Cedar Park, Texas.

Jill Drake '95 is a program coordinator at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Jill is in charge of programming activities for 7,000 students.

Scott Lowman '95 married Sharon Nimke on October 7, 2000, in Webster City, Iowa. He is employed by Fort Dodge Animal Health. The couple reside in Charles City, Iowa.

Chris Moore '94 works as a Senior Account Executive for McKee Wallwork Henderson, Albuquerque, N.M.

Ann Duncan-Gibbs '93 works at Northwest University Library in the preservation department. She lives in Evanston, Ill.

Kurt James '92 works at AT&T Broadband, El Segundo, Calif., as a Human Resources Project Manager. In his spare time he enjoys rock climbing and surfing.

Carrie (Baird '92) North and husband David welcomed their son, Garrett, born August 7, 1999.

Jennie (Rose '92) Woodward was promoted to Director of Education for Sylvan Learning Center in Omaha, Neb. Jennie works part-time and when not working tends to her boys, Jordan, 3-1/2, and Tyler 14 months.

Craig Dew '90 lives in Silver City, Iowa, with wife Becky and their 4 children. He teaches at Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs. He coaches varsity football and wrestling, leading the wrestling team to become one of the top 3 ranked wrestling teams in the U.S.

Susan Ruth Hendrick '90 of Omaha joined an internet startup (paypal.com) as an Operations Analyst.

Nancy Holtz '90 teaches seventh grade language and eighth grade math at A-H-S-T Elementary in Shelby, Iowa. She also teaches K-3 TAG in Avoca, and coaches high school girls softball and volleyball.

Michael '90 and **Melissa (Carson '89) Ryan** have two children Megan (5) and Carson (3). Michael accepted a call as associate pastor for Southwood Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb. Melissa resigned from Lutheran Family Services of Beatrice to be a stay-at-home mom.

Scott Walker '90 and wife Kerri welcomed first baby, Lauren Erica, on July 7, 2000. They have moved to Kansas City, Mo. where Scott works as a District Manager for Expeditors International.

'80s

Andrew Madsen '89 and wife Heather had a baby girl named Madeleine on January 2, 2001. They live in Milwaukee, Wis.

Susan Marie Kallman '87 was married to William Duane Daniel on April 21, 2001. She is a technical documentation writer for CSG System Inc. in Omaha, Neb.

Jolynn (Oliver '84) Tonsfeldt is the Iowa State University Extension youth field specialist. She lives in rural Remsen, Iowa, with husband Steven Tonsfeldt and three children.

Carol Larson '83 is a faculty member with the Division of Medical Technology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This department was awarded the "University-wide Departmental Teaching Award" for 2001, along with a \$25,000 grant.

Patrick '83 and Carla (McCormick '83) Mowry are the parents of Daniel Minor Mowry, born October 3, 2000. He was born at home and joins brothers Roy (8) and Carl (5).

Curtis E. Fett '82 was recognized on January 20, 2001, at Mid American Partners Celebration in Omaha, Neb., as a Leader's Club Qualifier with Lutheran Brotherhood. In December 2000, Fett was also awarded the National Quality Award for the tenth year and qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Round Table for the ninth year. He and wife Sylvia have two children Joshua (3) and Julia (2).

Marshall Davis '80 received the 2000 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Davis, a science teacher at Hancock/Hamline University Collaborative Magnet (St. Paul, Minn.), was selected from more than 600 national finalists. He received a \$7,500 educa-

tional grant for his school and a trip to Washington, D.C.

'70s

Mark John Christensen '79 was to appear before the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., for oral argument in the case of "State of Alabama v. Michael Herman Bozeman."

Roger Nowlton '79 has accepted a position as an outdoor recreation planner with the National Parks Service Midwest Office in Omaha.

Dan Henderson '78 is working for Highland Community Schools as curriculum director and assistant principal. He is also an instructor at Kirkwood Community College in history. He married **June Albert '78** in June of 1999. They live in Washington, Iowa.

Kit Kelley '77 has joined the Scoular Company in Omaha as director of corporate process development.

Michael Stewart '76 was recognized as Educator of the Year in Aurora, Neb. He and wife **Diane (Bradley '76)** have lived in Aurora since 1981. Michael has served in a variety of teaching and coaching capacities at the Aurora Middle School.

Daniel Smith '73 received the Iowa High School Athletic Association Administrator of the Year Award.

Phil Worley '71 joined Holmes Murphy/Nebraska as vice president; adding 24 years of commercial insurance experience to the Omaha office.

Doug Witte '70 was recognized as a Distinguished Principal by the Neb. State Dept. of Education. Witte attended a conference in Washington, D.C., where he met with Richard Riley, Secretary of Education.

'60s

Ben Talley '69 accepted a position as reference librarian at Blue Mountain Community College located in Pendleton, Or.

Helen (Hansen '68) Sorenson is AARC Respiratory Care Geriatrics Committee Chair and will serve as a liaison to the COPD/Emphysema Composite Program of the American Institute of Life Threatening Illness. Sorenson serves on the Dana Alumni Council and works at Metropolitan Community College.

Peter L. Petersen '62 retired in June 2000, after thirty-three years in the History Department at West Texas A&M University. He was recognized at spring convocation as one of the most honored professors in the school's history. Petersen is the author of "A Place Called Dana: The Centennial History of Trinity Seminary and Dana College" and a 1990 Distinguished Alumnus. He and wife **Shirley (Thompson '63)** reside in Canyon, Texas. They donated 390 books to the C. A. Dana-LIFE Library.

Everett Johnson '60 is retiring after 23 years as executive secretary of the Iowa High School Music Association, the state's highest-ranking post in high school music. Johnson also received the Dana Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

'50s

Dave Nuland '54, an extension horticulturist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is the curator of the D.A. Murphy Panhandle Arboretum. An article about his work and 20 years of experience in the field was published in *Leafings* (Winter 2000/2001), a publication of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Rev. Walter J. Kirkegaard D'53 T'57, Great Falls, Mont., was named interim
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bishop of the Montana Synod of the ELCA effective March 15. He was selected by the Montana Synod Council at its meeting Feb. 16 in Great Falls.

'30s

Vernie '31 and **Mildred Jacobsen** celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in July 2000. They began their courtship at Dana College in the late 1920's. They live in Wallingford, Iowa.

DEATHS

George A. Pallesen D'38 T'41 died on January 23, 2001, in Lake Worth, Fla. Pallesen was survived by wife, Irene; son, Tim; stepbrother, Tom Ruback; and grandson, Adam. He served as pastor of First Lutheran Church in Blair from 1959-1969.

Richard C. Boe '40 died January 28, 2001, in Blair. He was survived by children and spouses Barbara (Boe '62) and Tom '63 Vierk, Jacqueline and Nasos Karras, Steven and Faye Boe; five grandsons; and two great-grandsons.

Lois (Lynge '41) Boe died March 15, 2001, in Blair. She was the widow of Richard C. Boe. In addition to the children and grandchildren listed above, she was survived by her sister, Gladys (Lynge '45) and Hugh '48 Hughes.

Nelson Boe '43 was diagnosed with cancer a year ago and died at his home on January 25, 2001. Survivors include wife Phyllis (Olson '43); sons Gary, Gordon, and Gregory; and six grandchildren.

Anna (Hansen '49) Huber died April 24, 2001, in Blair. Huber taught elementary grades in Washington and Douglas counties (Neb.) and high school in Ft. Calhoun, Neb. She is survived by niece Eileen Brotherton and husband Curtis of Pensacola, Fla.

Herbert A. Hjortsvang '50 died April 10, 2001. He worked for 23 years as a teacher and administrator. He is survived by wife, Alvina (Larsen '48); daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gary Repair of Omaha; son, Paul Hjortsvang of Ellsworth, Neb.; and five grandchildren.

Hilmar Krueger '56 died April 6, 2001, in Kearney, Neb. He was a teacher in Hebron, Neb., and Omaha Westside High School until 1960. He farmed and was a rural mail carrier until retiring in 1989. Survivors include wife, M. Lucille "Lu"; son, Jason; daughters, Sheila and Cheryl; brothers, Paul and Karl; sisters, Martha Schroder, Esther Elting, and Hilda Vortman; and four grandchildren.

Leone E. Knowles '72 died March 29, 2001, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She worked as an elementary school teacher in the Council Bluffs School District for 37 years; retiring in 1982. Knowles is survived by daughter, Leone D. Robine and husband, John, of Council Bluffs.

Judith (Solomon '72) Maddocks passed away February 9, 1998, from a heart attack. She is survived by husband Jeffrey Maddocks '71; daughter Jennifer, 14; and son Jeff, 7.

Barbara (Dayton '74) Lebedz died on Feb. 25, 2001, in Omaha. She was a teacher at Bryan High School in Bellevue, Neb., and received the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 1990. Survivors include husband Stephen and daughters Elizabeth and Julie.

Carl R. Porter '73 died on January 27, 2001, at his home in Tekamah, Neb., at the age of 72. Carl was a dedicated teacher for over 30 years. Survivors include sisters, Janice Anderson of Oakland, Neb., and Marilyn (Porter '76) Hansen of Rosalie, Neb.

William (Bill) L. Shaff '71 of Shellsburg, Iowa, died March 8, 2001, near Iowa City, Iowa, in a car accident. He is survived by wife Judith (Renken '71); children Cindy, Phil and Elizabeth; mother Marlys; brother Robert '73; and sister Lynda Lee.

Jon Galis '98 died at the age of 24 on February 12, 2001, from acute myeloid leukemia. Jon was survived by his parents William and Barbara Galis.

FRIENDS

Larry Brown, 59, an assistant Dana football coach since 1996, died of cancer April 17, 2001, in Fremont, Neb. He was survived by wife Joan. President Christopherson said of Brown, "He was a great coach. He modeled in his life the lessons he shared with his players, on and off the field. He battled valiantly to the end."

Rev. Arthur Grorud, 81, died on Feb. 13, 2001, in Sioux Fall, S.D. Survivors include wife Minnie, daughter Annette (Grorud '80) Peterson, son Rev. Mark Grorud '75, and five grandchildren.

Lester Madsen died Jan. 25, 2001, in St. Croix Falls, Wisc. at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife Elaine; children Philip, Paul '80 and wife Lisa (Hanson '82) Madsen, Barbara Kreye and husband David; sister Laura Sumpte; brother Lowell Madsen and wife Lillian; and sister-in-law Esther (Johnson '29) Madsen.

Verna Olsen, wife of Rev. James Olsen D'40 T'49, died the week of March 5th in Loveland, Colo. Together, Verna and James served many years in the ministry of the Church. He served at Dana as the Vice President of Church Relations and Development from 1961 - 63 and is a Dana Regent Emeritus.

Alumni MOMENTS

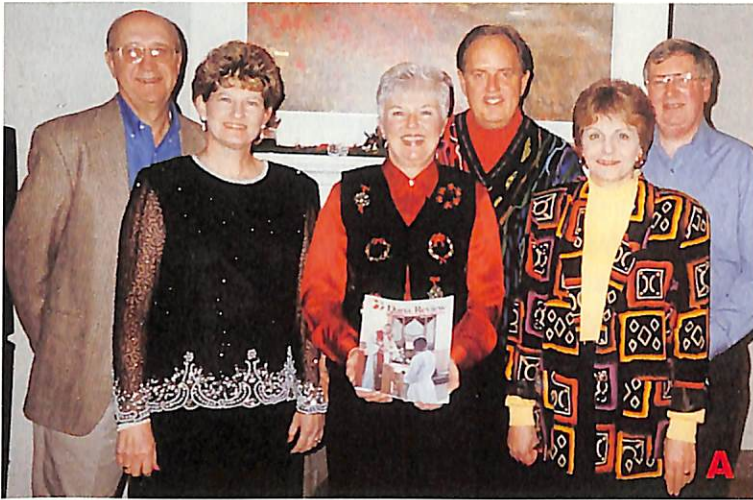


Photo A: New Year's Eve in San Antonio, Texas. Pictured are: (l-r) Don Perekovich '67, Terry Perekovich, Beth Jensen '70, Paul Jensen '68, Jean Shelstad '71, and Gary Shelstad '68. **Photo B:** Known as "The Danish Mafia," this group meets monthly at Fremont's Rose Room. (Pictured l-r): Norman Freund '54, Thomas Hansen, Dana Development Director, Paul Johnson '76, Bill Christensen, Allan Hansen '47, and Paul Larsen '48. **Photo C:** This group of alumnae has been writing to each other for nearly fifty years in a "round robin" format. (Pictured from l-r): Joan (Peterson '50) Sorensen, Lillian (Nielsen '52) Ohlsen, Janice (Nygaard '50) Jensen, Arlene (Rudolph '68) Youmans, Dorcas (Vammen '50) Leighton, Erna (Petersen '51) Berthelsen. Not pictured: Esther (Jensen '51) Hansen, and 2 deceased members: Marlyn (Neve '50) Nyegaard, Ella (Erlandsen '51) Hansen. **Photo D:** John Gebuhr '71 traveled to Haiti, near Gonaives to install a transmitter for Faith Lutheran Church. Gebuhr is a broadcast engineer for WOWT Channel 6 in Omaha. **Photo E:** Ken Christensen '53 is pictured in the center of this group of first and second cousins in Denmark. They threw a party for Christensen at Beck's Hotel in Skjern Jylland.



CAMPUS MINISTRY ON THE MOVE

By Barry Anderson '73

Director of College Relations

The Campus Ministry Organization is dead, long live Campus Ministry.

Campus Ministry has kicked into high gear recently, with several new student organizations, more on and off-campus activities, and a series of student-led worship services. Campus Pastor Andrea Ng'weshemi and a core group of involved Dana students decided that the term "Campus Ministry Organization" was too limiting. "Campus Ministry now refers to a full spectrum of organizations and activities addressing the spiritual life of the college," Pastor Ng'weshemi said.

Christ In Action (CIA) is an interdenominational group which seeks to promote and provide opportunity to express the community of faith within the college setting. This group has undertaken many of the most visible activities of campus ministry, including Bible study and fellowship, volunteer service projects, retreats, Christian concerts, and other ministries. "Ministry takes many forms," said junior Abby Jones, president of CIA, "and this gives students a chance to participate in ministry . . . using their own talents and interests." CIA student members plan activities for Dana students, and for outreach to area youth groups. For instance, CIA held a lock-in Friday, April 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Junior high and high school age youth groups from the Blair area were invited to come to Dana to participate in games, tournaments, Bible studies, praise and worship.

Fellowship for Christian Athletes (FCA) has been active at Dana

College for many years. It continues to present athletes and coaches with the challenge of serving Jesus Christ. "We meet weekly, every Tuesday," said junior Curt Isaacson. "We also attend an annual statewide retreat, and have our own retreats. We worked with Habitat for Humanity in Fremont this semester." In recent years the group has also sponsored an annual

in Bible studies, prayer groups, movie discussions, retreats, youth outreach efforts, service projects, worship services, and more.

Peer Ministry is another program started this year. Six students attended a retreat for peer ministry training. They offer students a vital support system in the midst of the pressures of college life. They provide an active



Garry Clark, first year student from White Oak, Md., provides the homily for a student-led chapel service.

Christian concert. The group's activities are now being more closely coordinated with other groups on campus.

Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) is an interdenominational ministry dedicated to taking the gospel of Christ to all people. It provides spiritual resources to college students through weekly meetings, small groups, retreats, social activities, and Bible studies.

Called by Christ (CBC) is a new group made up of students who are contemplating attending seminary or serving the church as youth ministers or other church workers. It provides opportunities for personal and professional growth through taking the lead

witness to the Christian faith, and positive examples of Christian life. There are situations in which students may not feel comfortable sharing their experiences and feelings with professors, parents or even a pastor. A peer may be easier to identify with. "I plan to be a youth pastor some day, so this program and the timing is perfect for me," said freshman Matt Albright, one of those trained as a peer minister. "In fact it's already come in handy. I had a student come to me. She's been having a hard time with some stuff in her life. I think I was able to help."

All the above groups' activities are coordinated by a Campus

Religious Council made up of elected leaders from each of the groups. The council meets regularly with the campus pastor.

Finally, there is a Worship Committee that studies the needs of the college community and trends of worship and religious life as a whole on campus. They serve as advisors to the campus pastor in determining the community's worship needs. This semester a new series of contemporary services was added, all planned and executed by students. "Nineteen students were involved with the first one, and fifteen with the second," said student Abby Jones. "They are going great. It's been pretty incredible."

Here, in the words of Abby Jones, President of CIA, is a partial list of Campus Ministry activities this past semester:

Good Shepherd Nursing Home:

We visited the nursing home on January 21, February 18, and April 29. In January, we performed dramatic readings of children's stories and played the piano. On February 18, and April 29, we played bingo with the residents, providing prizes for the winners.

VeggieTales Party: We held a party to watch VeggieTales videos in the Dragon's Head on Wednesday, April 4. We also served refreshments and gave out VeggieTales door prizes.

An Ultimate Frisbee Party was held in the Oval on Wednesday, April 11.

Lock-in: A lock-in for area youth groups was held on Friday, April 20, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in the Campus Center. Activities included games and icebreakers; pool and ping pong tournaments; Bible studies; praise and worship led by "From Dust," a local Christian band; movies; and, of course, food and prizes.

Concert: A band called "Array" from Luther College came to play here on campus, Saturday, April 28th. (FCA and CIA were co-sponsors of this event.)

Bible study: CIA has sponsored a Bible study meeting every Monday night this semester.

participated in a variety of ways, including: preaching, playing or singing on the worship team; acting and directing dramatic presentations; creating PowerPoint slides for the service; making bulletins; hanging posters around campus; greeting at the service; and meeting to pray before the service.

The River: Beginning in December, students from campuses around the Omaha metro area began meeting once a month for a time of praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship. These meetings, called "The River," have been held at Creighton University, Grace University, and UNO. Dana students have attended



(L-R) Students Rene Hesseltine from Pleasant Hill, Iowa; Sarah Thompson, Papillion, Neb., Curtis Isaacson (behind at drums), Carson, Iowa; Abby Jones, Omaha, Neb.; and Adam Martin, Gering, Neb. provide upbeat music for a student led chapel service.

Contemporary Services: Services began on November 30, 2000, and have been held monthly this semester. They are completely student-led, and many different students have par-

several of them, and we may host "The River" at Dana sometime next year.

From the Eternal City to the City of Lights: Rome, Florence and Paris

By Ann (Harms '54) George

Contributing Editor

Art professor James Olsen '62 invites alumni and friends to join him and students next January in a travel interim he's planning called "From the Eternal City to the City of Lights: Rome, Florence and Paris."

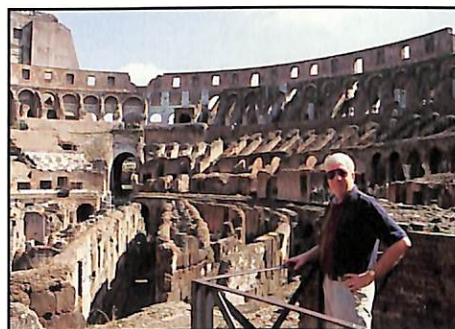
Travel won't be limited to these cities, Olsen said, but they'll be the focus of the three-week trip. "We'll explore the cultural, artistic, religious, intellectual and political significance of these places historically, but we'll also consider the social and political realities of life in these places in the contemporary world."

In Rome, highlights of the full itinerary will include visits to the Forum Romanum, the Colosseum, the Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel; in Florence—the home of da Vinci,

Michelangelo, Raphael and Dante—the Uffizi Galleries, the Monastery of San Marco, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Palazzo Vecchio; and in Paris—the first true city north of the Alps—Notre Dame Cathedral, Saint-Chapelle, the Louvre, the Tuileries Gardens, the Sorbonne and the Musée d'Orsay.



A Dana interim group is pictured in Florence, Italy, at the statue of David by Michelangelo.



Professor Olsen enjoys the view at the Coliseum, Rome, Italy.

France, to Normandy and Monet's home and gardens at Giverny.

Because he is limiting the size of the group, Olsen said that non-students will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order in which deposits are received. He hopes to keep the final cost at or below \$3,000. This amount will include airfare from Omaha, all surface transportation, lodging with a roommate, breakfast and dinner, and admission to required group activities.

To participate in a college-sponsored tour, non-students must register to audit one-half credit hour and pay a modest tuition fee.

Readers who would like to learn more about the trip can reach Olsen at Dana by telephone (402-426-7206) or e-mail (jolsen@acad2.dana.edu).

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