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A photograph of a graduation ceremony. A graduate in a black cap and gown is looking down at a medal being presented to him by a young boy in a red shirt. Other people, including a woman in a blue shirt and another boy in a red shirt, are visible in the background. There are red and white flags in the scene.

**Honoring this and every
year's graduates**



President Myrvin F. Christopherson

Five years ago when we began the Legacy Campaign with a goal to raise \$40 million dollars for scholarships, capital improvements and endowment, I was optimistic, and Howard Braren, our consultant from the Quad Cities, assured me it could be done. While I had a few jitters, I was confident our alumni and friends would be generous.

I have not been disappointed. Indeed, we have secured \$45 million, \$23 million in cash and pledges and \$22 million in estate gift expectancies. Naturally, most has already gone to assist students, expand and improve our facilities, enhance technology and strengthen our endowment. The portion of the pledges yet unpaid will come in over the next few years.

That should be the end of it then, right? Wrong! Needs identified more than five years ago have had to be modified and costs have expanded. The fundamentals remain the same. Many of the students we wish to at-

Legacy succeeds, but needs go on

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

tract often cannot come to Dana without scholarship assistance. Our physical plant and grounds require constant attention, update and expansion, and our endowment is still too small to offer stability and produce support for annual needs.

These ongoing needs, together with our desire to offer the best possible alternative in higher education, led the Board of Regents to approve a two-year extension of the Legacy Campaign. We hope that many will choose to make new or extended multi-year commitments to the Legacy Campaign.

Most Dana supporters give sacrificially. They believe strongly that the education they received here or have witnessed in others merits their support. A very successful recent grad who received scholarship help while at Dana recently wrote: "I owe Dana at least the approximate cost of attendance I think I use something I learned at Dana every single day. The way in which a small, liberal arts college ... can open a person's mind astonishes me." Such comments assure me the education we provide at Dana is worthy of support.

This past year our giving was at near record level, but so were our needs. Both public and private institutions have suffered from economic jitters. Public universities across the nation are making cuts in view of revenue shortfalls. Private colleges and universities are suffering from sharp declines in endowment earnings, especially those heavily invested in the plummeting stock market. An uncer-

tain economy and downturn in the market often gives donors jitters, too.

I am delighted our Board of Regents has authorized us to proceed with the Borup Coliseum expansion. It is a much-needed facility. The original gymnasium was built in 1962 when few colleges boasted comparable athletic and recreational facilities. Today's students expect, seek and compare athletic, recreational and fitness offerings. Meeting the million-dollar Peter Kiewit Foundation matching grant has assured the project will proceed, however, the cost of the Borup expansion is greater than first projected, and failure to include needed features now will mean much higher costs later.

Extending the Legacy Campaign will allow more alumni and friends to help us meet our challenge goal for Borup and other needs, invite scholarship support for the needy and talented, and grow our endowment. Endowment growth will require not only strong annual giving but generous estate gifts as well.

I hope all who see the unique benefits of Dana to students will want to give generously now and also include Dana in their estate plans. Planning ensures your life estate goes where you want it to go. Including Dana will help future generations benefit from a Dana education.

My prayer is: "God, grant us the will and the faith to pass on the Dana legacy. Make it pleasing to You." My thanks to all of you who keep us in your prayers and plans.

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Car dealers earn high honors for outstanding community service

The unique contributions of a Blair business to Dana College made the choice for this year's College-Community Service Award an easy one. Bob Woodhouse and Lance Pittack, owners of the Woodhouse Ford and Daimler-Chrysler dealerships in Blair, were named recipients of this year's award during commencement ceremonies. The College-Community Service Award is Dana's highest non-academic honor.

"It is quite likely that no business or organization has done more to bring recognition to our community and Dana College than the Woodhouse dealerships," said Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson.

Woodhouse came to Blair in 1975. He was born and raised in Power, Mont., the son of dairy farmers. He earned a teaching degree from Northern Montana College, but went to work for Ford Motor Co. after graduation, where he found the fun was in the retail part of the automobile business. He found his way to Blair with the help of Dean Sapp, who owned the dealership in Blair.

Pittack shares Woodhouse's small-town boyhood experience, perhaps the common ground in their relatively new partnership of seven years. A Plainsview, Neb., native, he graduated in 1973 from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln with an accounting degree.

"Lance put rocket boosters on this place," Woodhouse said. The dealerships have grown rapidly since Woodhouse and Pittack became partners. Nationally, the Ford dealership is number one in Super-Duty truck sales, fourth in F-Series truck sales, and tenth overall for all Ford truck sales.

The dealership is ranked 18th of more than 4,000 dealerships nationally for all car and truck sales, and first among Midwest dealerships. The Daimler-Chrysler dealership is sixth in the nation among 3,100 dealerships. Woodhouse employs 350 people.

"Bob and Lance have helped to put Blair on the map," Christopherson said. "Together with the outstanding Sid Dillon dealership, Blair is the automobile capital of the region. We couldn't be prouder to honor Woodhouse and Lance and Bob. They set high standards for



College-Community Service Award winners Bob Woodhouse (left) and Lance Pittack (right) with Dana College President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson.

our community and are wonderful supporters of Blair and Dana College."

One of the dealerships most recent contributions has been one of awareness for Dana College. "Home of Dana College" has been added to the television advertisements for Woodhouse Ford, making the Omaha market more aware that Dana is located in Blair.

Original art print sale scheduled for Homecoming Week, Oct. 4-6

Original fine art prints from a Canadian print collection will be for sale at Homecoming weekend (Oct. 4-6). Several artists are represented as well as numerous prints. Further details will be available later.

This project has been under the direction of Dana Board of Regent spouses, Gregg Pejsar, adjunct instructor of photography, and Anne Christopherson. (For more information, call Anne at 402-426-7248.)

Blair couple receives award for servanthood

Philip and Florence Larsen were honored with the Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award for their selfless service to their community, church and Dana at the annual Builders Luncheon during Commencement Weekend.

"Phil and Florence were chosen because they exemplify servanthood in their contributions to their church, their community and Dana College," said Dana College President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson. Both have been actively involved in giving time to Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair, Oaks Indian Center in Oaks, Okla., Memorial Community Hospital in Blair and First Lutheran Church in Blair.

"If a job needed to be done, food served, a home opened to receive guests, a board served on, or funds needed to see a worthwhile project through to conclusion, Phil and Florence were often called upon and could be counted upon to help," Christopherson said. "We prize their



Dana College President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson presents Florence and Philip Larsen with the Hanson Servant Award.

service. They serve in the tradition of servants like Dr. Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson after whom the Servant Award was named."

Philip and Florence Larsen are both native Nebraskans who have made Blair their home since 1951. Florence earned her degree from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb. She taught in several Nebraska school districts, meeting Philip in the Oakland schools where he also taught.

Philip practically grew up on the Dana campus, where his father, Dr. C. B. Larsen, served for many years as a professor of theology at Trinity

Lutheran Seminary. He attended Dana for two and a half years before completing his degree at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Florence is a gifted china painter and a perpetual volunteer, especially at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, where she often plays piano for chapel services. She has been an officer in the Nebraska State China Painters organization and a member of the Fremont China Painters Club. Florence recently helped to organize the Blair China Painters Club.

The Larsens have three grown children and four grandsons. Their two daughters, Diane (Larsen '75) Madsen and Lorene Larsen '86, are Dana graduates and one grandson, Lars Madsen '04, currently attends Dana.

The Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award recognizes individuals who model a selfless devotion. The award gives recognition to the ordinary people who do extraordinary things inspired by faith, love and service.

Two valedictorians give speeches at graduation

Eighty-four students received bachelor's degrees during commencement ceremonies on May 18. Sixteen students graduated with honors.

Valedictorians Curtis Isaacson of Carson, Iowa, and Eric Lee of O'Neill, Neb., completed their college careers with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Both served as senior speakers.

Isaacson challenged the audience to "find out who your boss is."

"To be valedictorian was not my goal four years ago, nor even four

months ago My goal was simply to labor to my utmost for my utmost.

"You see, I've found out who my boss is, because money burns and people disappoint. And when I work for myself, I meet certain failure... So I challenge you, find out who the boss is, choose carefully what becomes the object of your very existence, and in doing your job will be half done," Isaacson said.

Lee thanked the people who helped him reach graduation day.

"We graduates didn't get here on

our own," Lee said. "We love that today our friends, families and professors are proud of us. But at the same time, we hope that you know how thankful we are for your support and guidance."

Four members of the class of 2002 completed the Dana College honors program and graduated as Morton Scholars. They were Megan Ahrens of Oakland, Neb., Allison Kline of Lexington, Neb., Michael Stessman of Pekin, Ill., and Mark Sukraw of Bennington, Neb.



Schreiber named Prof of the Year

Lisa Schreiber, instructor of communication, was named Dana's Professor of the Year for 2001-2002 by a vote of the student body.

Schreiber came to Dana in fall 2000. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in interpersonal communication from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., in 1989, and a master of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1991. She currently is working toward a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her dissertation is entitled, "Healing in Process: Communication Patterns in a Holistic Healing Community."

In addition to her academic experience, Schreiber has also been a trainer and consultant for a number of local, national and international organizations such as ConAgra, Hitachi, Omaha Steaks, the State of Nebraska and Union Pacific. She has conducted training as a volunteer for such non-profit organizations as the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the Open Door Mission and United Way-CHAD.

Shawn Cook, coordinator of student activities, was named Dana's Staff Person of the Year. Shawn, who had been at Dana since 1999, resigned his position this spring to pursue new opportunities at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Historian and ambassador to speak at conference

Diplomats from Denmark and the United States will deliver key addresses at an international conference in Omaha in October. The conference on Danish-North American relations since World War II will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Omaha Oct. 10-13.

Bo Lidegaard, a Danish historian and member of the Danish Foreign Service, will give the opening address on Thursday, Oct. 10. Ambassador Edward E. Elson, United States Ambassador to Denmark from 1993-1998, will address the conference banquet on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Lidegaard will focus on Henrik Kauffmann, the Danish Ambassador to the U.S. during World War II. Kauffman worked with the United States to establish military bases in Greenland, then a Danish territory, in spite of protests and accusations of treason from the government of Nazi-occupied Denmark. In the 1950s Kauffmann was instrumental in negotiating an agreement between Denmark and the United States allowing radar sites in Greenland, the primary line of defense in the event of an "over the pole" invasion of North America.

Lidegaard has been posted to the Danish embassies in Paris and Geneva. While in Geneva, he was a part of the permanent delegation to the United Nations; during his posting in Paris, he served as permanent delegate to UNESCO.

Ambassador Elson's address will focus on current relations between the United States and Denmark. While

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serving in Copenhagen, Elson was successful in cultivating relations with the Danes. Through this relationship, the United States and Denmark have worked together in such global trouble spots as the former Yugoslavia, and more recently, Afghanistan.

Elson was the first non-Dane to receive the Merkonom Prize, an annual award presented to the individual who has made the most significant contribution to Denmark.

Ambassador Elson has had a distinguished career in both public and private service. During the 1995 Dana College choir tour, Ambassador Elson and his wife invited the Dana College Chorale to the ambassador's residence in Copenhagen, where they performed.

Also scheduled at the conference, scholars from Denmark, Canada and across the United States will give presentations on the economic, social and cultural factors that have motivated immigration since World War II.

The conference celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Danish American Heritage Society. Joining the Society in sponsoring this international conference are The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, Dana College and The Danish Immigrant Archive, and Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Beloved professor retires after 33 years

Dr. Richard Jorgensen was honored with the Professor Emeritus of History title at Dana College's commencement, retiring after 33 dedicated years of service to the college.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English, paid tribute to his one-time professor and long-time colleague during the ceremony.

"Dr. Jorgensen has a deserved reputation for academic rigor," Nielsen said. "He cares deeply about his students and is passionately devoted to the study of history. That he has been and is respected and loved by his students is evidenced by the fact that he is one of two professors to receive the "Professor of the Year Award" three times during the course of his career."

Abby Jones, a 2002 graduate who majored in English for secondary teachers and history, echoed Nielsen's sentiment. "There were two things that everyone knew about Dr. Jor-

gensen—that he was one of the hardest professors on campus, and also that he was one of the kindest," she said. "His ready smile and friendly greetings whenever he met us in the halls were as impressive as the dread that his tests inspired."

Jorgensen's kindness was well-known across campus, not just among history majors. "He knows everybody's name and their hometown, even if they've never had a class with him," Jones said.

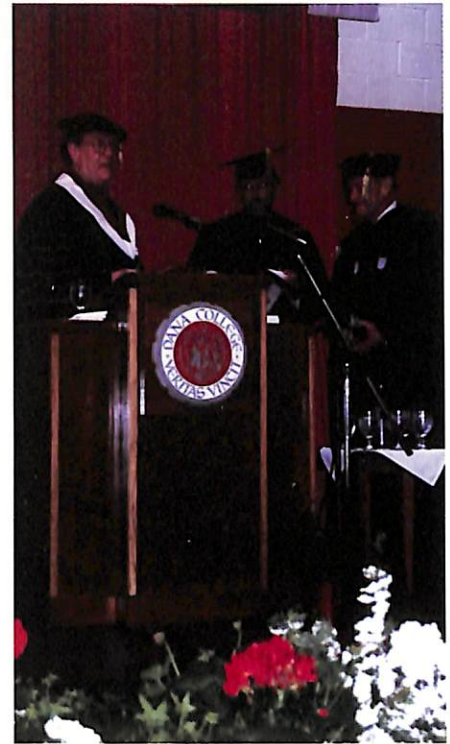
"The interaction that I had with him was part of the reason that I went to graduate school," said Roxane Fenton '94. "He is a Dana institution in a lot of ways."

Dr. Jorgensen received his bachelor's degree from Dana College in 1964, graduating summa cum laude with majors in history and English and a minor in German. In addition, he received a prestigious Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in 1964 that allowed him to pursue his graduate studies at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

He received his master's degree from Duke in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1973. The title of his dissertation was "The Kingship of William III, 1689-1697." Jorgensen taught for one year at Western Carolina University, and returned to Dana College in 1970 where he has been a member of the faculty since that time.

Jorgensen's impact has extended beyond the classroom at Dana College as he spearheaded the recycling effort on campus for a number of years.

Dr. Nielsen quoted Micah 6:8, "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." "I know of few others who have exhibited these



Dr. Richard Jorgensen (far right), professor emeritus, at Dana Commencement in May.

qualities throughout their careers. He has constantly sought to be of service to Dana College, to this community, and to his church. We will miss him," Nielsen said.

Jorgensen will be missed by past, present and future students at Dana College as well. Jones and Fenton are just two of dozens of Dana graduates who have considered Jorgensen a mentor.

"I think a lasting quality that he helped stamp on my thinking process is the need to learn and speak the truth clearly, painting with precision rather than in broad strokes," Jones said. "He's set quite a benchmark for me as I look toward becoming a teacher myself someday. I hope that my students might say of me what is absolutely true of him: He's hard, but he's fair—and you couldn't ask for a kinder or more genuine person."

Calling all Monday morning coaches

For a donation to Dana athletics of \$100, you can be the Honorary Head Coach for the Day. Join your favorite athletes on the sidelines or bench. Be a part of the halftime pep talk and pre-game activities. Get a team autograph. See first hand what happens behind the scenes in Viking Athletics.

You will be acknowledged during halftime or a break.

All proceeds will benefit Dana College athletics. For more information, contact Bill Danenhauer, assistant athletic director, at 402-426-7388.

Some colleges offer gym: **DANA OFFERS A CAREER**

Editor's note: This is the third in a series on the academic programs at Dana College. Dana College's physical education program, along with its facilities, has undergone and continues to undergo major changes. The current expansion and remodeling of Borup Coliseum will allow for further diversification of the physical education major.

The opportunities for practical application, hands-on experience and great internships Dana's physical education majors have available to them puts our graduates ahead of their peers as they enter the workplace in a growing field.

"It is an attractive area for people who want to be active and have an active career," said Carol Haussermann, associate professor of physical education and chair of the department. "It's one that people are getting more and more interested in."

Lori Hansen '81, director of parks and recreation for the city of Papillion, Neb., majored in recreation at Dana and received her master's degree in recreation management from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"My educational experience at Dana College definitely contributed to my success at UNO," Hansen said. "The faculty's door was always open for students who needed help with their classes or to just be there to listen to us as we were working



The burgeoning fitness and health fields have seen a dramatic rise in students majoring in related subjects. But the hands-on knowledge and personal attention Dana students receive sets them apart when it comes time to apply for jobs.

through the struggles of being young adults. It was that kind of relationship that gave me the skills and the confidence at the graduate level to be successful. Not to mention the fact that the curriculum and the expectations the faculty had for the students were demanding and challenging, which also prepared us well for our jobs as well as continuing educational opportunities."

Dana College added an optional emphasis in sports management to its physical education major four years ago. Currently the PE program has approximately 35 students, of which two-thirds are sports management ma-

jors and one-third education majors, Haussermann said.

The sports management emphasis was developed in cooperation with the business and communication departments. Plans are in the works to increase the number of sports management courses offered and consequently reduce the number of education courses those majors must take.

Dana alumnus Kevin Kern '00 was one of the first sports management majors at Dana. Kern began working at the Blair Family YMCA part-time while he was a student at Dana and now is senior program director at the YMCA in Oneonta, N.Y.

“Basically I didn’t want to go into teaching,” Kern said. “I wanted to work at a YMCA or some other type of gym where I could still teach people but they were coming to me.”

Alumnae Heidi Grappendorf ’95 did not major in physical education, but a sports management course she took as an undergraduate has greatly influenced her career.

Grappendorf earned her master’s degree in sport administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1996 and her doctorate in physical education/sport administration in 2001. She is assistant professor of sport management at Salem (Mass.) State College.

“Dana really provided me the opportunity to actually experience first hand several different areas I was interested in. I learned that I loved sports, learning and the college environment too much, so I combined my interests and became a college professor,” said Grappendorf, whose undergraduate degree is in social science.

“My teaching philosophy has been strongly influenced by my experience at Dana. I incorporate numerous practical and experiential opportunities for my students, and like most of my professors at Dana, I am very invested in the students and their overall educational experience.”

The physical education field has changed in recent years to include not only competitive sport but also wellness. “Wellness was not even a term that existed in the late 1960s,” Haussermann said.

Nationwide there is greater concern about the sedentary lifestyle and resulting obesity of many Americans, including children. Retiring baby boomers are also looking at ways to be active in their later years.



Earning a coaching endorsement by taking about a semester’s worth of health and physical education courses can make Dana education majors more attractive to potential employers.

This interest in wellness has created a great number of new job opportunities in physical education and sports management. An increasing number of corporations have a wellness program. Weight training is being introduced in nursing homes.

The doors are open to Dana’s physical education graduates for all of these careers in addition to teaching and coaching in public and private schools. Haussermann said it is the personalized, hands-on experience Dana students receive that helps them succeed in the workforce.

“You’re taught by professionals here,” she said. “There are a lot more opportunities for personal experiences for our students.

“Just because we’re small, it doesn’t mean we can’t have the big opportunities for our students,” Haussermann said. “They’ve done it. They’ve been out in the field.”

The success of Dana College physical education graduates is also evident in the schools. “We have a good reputation with our teachers,” she said. “In a time when physical education has been oversupplied, our people have gotten the teaching jobs.”

The Dana College physical education major is made up of 40 hours, incorporating a variety of theories and methods courses. Those entering the teaching profession take an additional sequence of courses from the education department. An additional 17 hours in health and physical education are required for a coaching endorsement. The sports management emphasis

includes an additional 20 hours from the departments of physical education, business and communication.

The expansion and remodeling of Borup Coliseum will create more classroom space for physical education. Only two classrooms are available in the existing facility. More classroom space and a secure space to store classroom materials may result in new classes as well, Haussermann said.

“It isn’t only going to benefit our major,” she said, “particularly as we get more and more students that are interested in fitness.”

The Nebraska Leadership Seminar Inc. (formerly HOBY) gathered on the Dana campus May 30-June 2.

Dana's International Student Organization (ISO) hosted an International Food Week in April. Each evening, a different continent was featured along with entrees from that region. The international students chose the entrees that were prepared and worked closely with Dana's food service in preparing the meal. The students also served their countries food on their featured evening. Countries represented were Chile, Argentina, Denmark, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Tanzania and Togo. Currently, 10 international students are enrolled at Dana College.

Frank LaMere, a Native American activist from South Sioux City, Neb., spoke at the Dana campus in April about his ongoing battle against the sale of alcohol to his fellow Native Americans in Whiteclay, Neb.

William Hall, assistant professor of music, was selected as guest conductor for the 2002 Niobrara Valley Conference Honor Band. In March he rehearsed the band and conducted its performance of works by Irving Berlin, Claude T. Smith and Robert W. Smith.

Ellie Furst, assistant professor of elementary education, made a presentation on "Children and Loss" at a conference at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in April. The conference was entitled "Bridging the Gap Between School and Home."

Sybille Bartels, professor of languages and associate dean for student success, and **Volker Langeheine**, lecturer in language, served as judges for the German Students Convention at Millard South High School in April.

Summa cum laude in participation



Eleven graduating seniors were awarded the Campus Service Award for outstanding contributions to Dana. Awardees pictured here with President Myrvin Christopherson are (from left): Curtis Isaacson, Mark Sukraw, Renee Hesseltine, Jenny Tekesky, Megan Ahrens, Kelly Kuiken and Allison Botkin. Not pictured are Adam Martin, Shon Trent, Mary Sutherland and Jessica Gall.

More than 300 middle school, junior high and high school students from 20 Nebraska schools competed in multiple events such as knowledge bowl, poetry recitation, extemporaneous speaking and performing arts, all in German.

Lori Nielsen, Learning Center director, attended the Wyoming College Reading and Learning Association 2002 Regional Reading Conference in April in Rock Springs, Wyo. She gave a presentation titled, "How Developmental Students Can Meet a College Literacy Requirement."

Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor, attended and presented a paper at the symposium organized by the Lutheran World Federation to discuss the implications of the Joint Catholic-Lutheran Declaration on Justification by Faith. The symposium was held in Dubuque, Iowa, in April.

Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics, attended the Iowa Section meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in Sioux City, Iowa, and the Nebraska section meeting of the MAA in Omaha. He

gave a presentation at both conferences entitled, "A Mathematical Genealogy, Part 1."

Toni Ahrendt '03, Gwen Goos '04, Renee Hesseltine '02 and **Professor Richard Potter** attended the National Association of Social Workers "Campaign School" at the University of Kansas in April.

Dana faculty and staff members **Ann Nelson, Jeanmarie Nielsen, Michael Anderson** and **Richard Palmer** were participants in a Clarion Chamber Chorale Concert this past year which was just given Honorable Mention in the *Omaha World Herald's* Top Ten Musical Events of 2001-2002, the only such recognition given a choral ensemble.

Dana College was chosen to receive one of seven \$2,500 scholarships awarded from the **J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship Program**. Dana College alumnus **Dwight J. Ayers '69**, a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Inc., selected Dana College's criminal justice program as the recipient.



Gloria sings the Blues...

(and the Reds and Whites, too)

Fans cheer after Dana student Gloria Otto finishes her rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner before the start of the championship game of the College World Series, June 22 in Omaha. The soon-to-be junior beat out 164 other individuals and groups to be selected for the biggest college baseball game of the year.

But the CWS was just a warm-up for Gloria. In addition to many gigs at weddings and festivals, at press time Gloria was well on her way toward the Colgate Country Showdown—a competition that has seen the likes of Garth Brooks and Martina McBride before they were stars.

If Gloria wins the state competition at the Nebraska State Fair she will head to regionals in South Dakota this October. But if you don't want to go all that way to hear her sing, come to Blair. Gloria is a frequent performer at Dana athletic events.

In the Home Stretch: Years of success prompt Legacy Campaign extension



Gifts to the Legacy Campaign have remodeled and extended Borup Coliseum (above), built an elevator in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center (below right), bought equipment for science and technology classes (above right), remodeled the Dining Hall (far right) and built the new track (center), as well as increased Dana's endowment and provided scholarship support for Dana students.

Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson recently announced the extension of the successful Legacy Campaign for an additional two years.

"The response of Dana's alumni and friends to the Legacy Campaign has been overwhelming. With their help, we have made tremendous progress in all of the campaign's fund-raising priorities. We now look forward to extending the Legacy Campaign until June 2004 in order to secure much-needed funding for capital projects, student scholarships and endowment growth," Christopherson said. "We must keep the momentum going to secure our needs and assume quality education

and services to our students."

Five years ago Dana started the campaign with goals to secure \$20 million in cash gifts and pledges and \$20 million in deferred gifts. The fund-raising totals now stand at \$23 million and \$22 million respectively.

During the past five years, Dana has received \$18 million—an average of \$3.6 million per year—in cash gifts and pledge payments for capital projects, student scholarships and endowment growth. The remaining \$27 million of campaign commitments will come in future payments of pledges and planned gifts.

Through the Legacy Campaign, Dana has increased its endowment

from \$6 million to approximately \$10 million to provide urgently needed scholarship support for its deserving students. It has made significant improvements to the E.C. Hunt Campus Center, including updated cafeteria service and a much-needed passenger elevator that serves both students and campus guests. Campaign gifts have enabled science faculty members to purchase instrumentation that prepares Dana graduates to compete in the technological society.

"The recent purchase of equipment allowed us to modernize our curriculum, which in turn has made our students better prepared," said Dr. Scott Morgan, associate professor of





Legacy Campaign will help complete the Borup Coliseum renovation project, along with providing more than \$2.5 million annually in student scholarships.”

Jones encourages people to consider participating in the Legacy Wall, a permanent tribute to Dana’s donors, which will be located in the new Borup Coliseum lobby. This burnished and polished metal sculpture—designed by Dr. Milton Heinrich—will celebrate Dana’s commitment to learning in action. At print time the Legacy Wall is designed to feature the names of more than 400 individuals, couples, foundations, businesses, and churches who have made contributions of \$5,000 or more in cash, pledges, company and AAL/LB matching gifts to the Legacy Campaign.

The College is grateful for all who have supported Dana and given generously to the Legacy Campaign and now encourages others to join in supporting Dana’s rich heritage of faith-based higher education. For more information on the Legacy Campaign, please see “Gifting to Dana” at www.dana.edu or contact Michael Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at 1-800-444-DANA.

chemistry. “It puts us on a more even playing field competitively when compared to other small colleges in Nebraska.”

One of the most significant projects Dana has undertaken is the remodeling and expansion of Borup Coliseum. It has built a new, all-weather track, developed a new soccer field and five-acre practice field, and renovated a portion of Borup Coliseum including men’s and women’s locker rooms. This summer Dana will begin construction on a new addition, which features a performance gym with three courts for competition, intramural play, and special events. The new and improved facility will be available for student use by fall 2003.

“The changes in Borup will help bring more school spirit to the Vikings,” Toni Ahrendt ’03 said. “I believe a burst of energy will enter every student when they see a new Borup. I also think that it will help to draw in more students, those who play or enjoy sports of all kinds.”

Through the Legacy Campaign, nearly 100 individuals and couples have made a deferred gift to Dana

through their estates or wills. These future gifts, which will yield \$22 million for Dana at maturity, assure the continued growth and development of the college.

At their spring meeting, the Board of Regents authorized the extension of the campaign for another two years. During this short window of time, Dana will focus on securing \$4 million per year in new cash gifts and pledges for scholarship support and capital projects. At the same time, Dana will work to secure an additional \$8 million in new planned gifts.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Michael Jones said, “While Dana has met the terms of the Peter Kiewit Foundation’s \$1 million challenge grant for Borup Coliseum, we still need financial resources to add a third court and to remodel the existing facility. The extended



New coaches take to field, court and

Shad Beam

Head Men's Soccer Coach



Shad Beam returns to Dana to lead the men's soccer squad after successful years at Nebraska high schools. Beam is a 1994 graduate of Dana with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and social science.

Beam became a pioneer in Dana soccer history by helping form the soccer club in 1992 and serving as its player/coach for three years.

Beam was a four-time varsity letter winner on the Dana tennis team

and was the men's and women's tennis coach in 1993 and 1994. He went on to coach the junior varsity boy's soccer team at Ralston (Neb.) High School from 1995-1999. Beam has been serving as the head boy's soccer coach at Gretna (Neb.) High School the past two years, and led them to the Class B State Championship in May.

"I am excited about the opportunity to head the men's soccer program at Dana," Beam said. "This will be a rebuilding year for us, but I have high hopes we'll be competitive in every game. I hope to advance the program to the next level in the conference and regionally."

Beam resides in Millard and is working towards his master's degree in history. He will also serve as intramural director and dance team coordinator.

Kristen Gay

Head Women's Soccer Coach



Former Husker standout Kristen Gay has been hired as the new women's soccer coach at Dana College. She inherits a program that finished the 2001 season with a 22-1 mark, with the only loss coming to College of St. Mary in the NAIA Region IV finals.

Gay played college soccer at the University of Nebraska under John Walker. During her collegiate career she garnered several individual hon-

ors and was a member of Husker squads that reached the Elite 8 in 1996 and Sweet 16 in 1997 and 1998.

Most recently she coached at Lincoln East High School and has been working with the Nebraska Olympic Development Program.

Gay will also serve as sports information director for the college.

Brenda Mechels

Head Women's Basketball Coach



Brenda Mechels begins her first season at the helm of the Dana women's basketball program this year. Mechels, a native of Burns, Wyo., served as the top assistant at College of St. Mary in Omaha, Neb., before taking over at Dana College.

A 1996 graduate of Dana, Mechels will complete her master's degree in health, physical education and recreation at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in the spring 2003.

While at Dana, Mechels earned All-American Scholar Athlete honors and was a three-point specialist. "I am excited for the opportunity to return to my alma mater," Mechels said. "We have a solid number of returning players and I look forward to providing a new philosophy that I feel will help to build a winning tradition in women's basketball at Dana."

Brenda will also teach in the mathematics department.

Allen Friesen

Head Track Coach

Football Defensive Coordinator



Allen Friesen begins his first season as the defensive coordinator and head track coach at Dana College. Before coming to Dana, Friesen spent two years at Dakota State University as the co-defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

"I am excited to be a part of the Dana College family and Viking athletics," Friesen said. "I look forward to the challenges of building up the track and football programs and competing for titles in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and nationally."

Prior to his stay at Dakota State, Friesen spent seven seasons at Mesa State and two seasons at Fort Hayes State.

Friesen earned his bachelor's degree in human wellness and performance at Mesa State and his master's degree from Fort Hayes State in sports administration. Al and his wife, Michella, raise four children, Abigel and Keresa, both 16, Aries, 10, and Arissa, 4 months.

track this year

Chris Hansen

Assistant Football Coach

Chris Hansen begins his first season at Dana College as the assistant offensive coordinator. A graduate of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, Hansen spent two seasons as a member of the Duhawk coaching staff. He went on to be a graduate assistant coach at St. Cloud State.

Hansen is a native of Racine, Wis. He and his wife, Emily, reside in Omaha, Neb.

Kevin Hixson

Assistant Football Coach

Kevin Hixson begins his first season at Dana College as the defensive secondary coach. Hixson has spent the last 10 years at Gallatin (Mo.) High School as a physical education teacher, head football coach, and men's track coach. Hixson lists two sectional titles, three district championships and two conference championships as part of his coaching resume.

Hixson is a graduate of Peru State College and in 1995 was the NASA National Powerlifting Champion.

Ted Murray

Assistant Football Coach

Assistant Track Coach

Ted Murray begins his first season at Dana College as the wide receivers coach and will assist the hurdlers, sprinters and jumpers during the track season.

Murray is no stranger to coaching. Murray earned his first coaching job at Ralston (Neb.) High School where he was the assistant track coach and offensive coordinator. After his three-year stint at Ralston, Murray moved on to become an assistant football/track coach at Lake Havasu (Ariz.) High School.

After a coaching stop at Omaha South High School, Murray became the head football coach at Superior, Neb.

Ted and his wife, Julie, have three children, Kelsie, age 7, Tyler, age 6, and Mikey 2.

Two other changes were effective June 1 in Dana's athletic department. **Mark Clements** has been appointed director of athletics. Clements, a 1990 Dana graduate, had been serving as interim director of athletics since August 2001.

"I am extremely thankful and excited for the opportunity to oversee the athletic department at Dana College," he said.

Bill Danenhauer, who joined the staff at Dana last year, was named assistant athletic director. He will also continue his duties as assistant football coach/offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

Dana baseball overseas

Dana College Head Baseball Coach Damon Day was selected to be an assistant coach for Athletes International in the Prague Baseball Week in Prague, Czech Republic. Dana senior pitchers Justin Schroeder and Wally Haime were also selected to the team that was made up of NAIA and NCAA players.

Prague Baseball Week consisted of a seven-day tournament with teams from Russia, Germany, Czech Republic and United States. The tournament was held June 24-July 1.

In the USA Internationals opening round game of pool play, Dana pitcher Wally Haime took the mound against the German Junior National, a team made up of players 23 and under from throughout Germany. Haime was masterful with a complete game victory, 8-1. He surrendered no earned runs and struck out nine while allowing only four hits.

Coach Day was pleased with Wally's performance. "I am extremely proud of the way Wally pitched," Day said. "He represented Dana and American baseball very well."

In round two, it was Justin Schroeder's turn to take the mound and show he had what it took to pitch on the international stage. Schroeder threw a complete game, earning a 2-1 victory over Russia, striking out 17 and surrendering only five hits.

USA International would win its next two games to advance to the medal round as the number one seed in pool play. In the semi-final game USA International lost to Athletes in Action, 3-0. In the semi-final loss, Schroeder would come in for two innings of relief, striking out four and surrendering no runs.

For the tournament, Schroeder pitched 11 innings, striking out 21 batters and surrendering one unearned run.

Haime started the bronze medal game. His defense betrayed him in the first as the German National Team scored three runs without getting a hit. Haime settled down and pitched five innings, striking out six, before giving way to relief. For the tournament Haime pitched 14 innings, striking out 15 and never surrendering an earned run.

Schroeder and Haime signed professional contracts to play with Sokol Arc of the Czech Professional League.

"I am very proud of both of these young men and what they accomplished in Europe. They both deserve this opportunity and I am sure they will continue to represent Dana College baseball in a positive manner," Day said.

Iowa doctor and musician earns Outstanding Young Alumni Award

“Already in his young career Dr. Paul Jensen ’89 has touched and influenced the lives of many people of all ages. He exemplifies the attitude, desire, scholarly tools and willingness to be of service to others that Dana College would like to see in all its graduates,” said Dr. Larrie Stone, professor emeritus of biology at Dana. Jensen received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at Dana College during commencement weekend ceremonies.

Jensen is a physician with the Mercy Medical Clinic in Cresco, Iowa, and medical director of the

Howard County Hospice. He earned both his doctor of pharmacy and doctor of medicine degrees with distinction from the University of Nebraska Medical School (UNMC) in Omaha.

A native of Wisconsin, Jensen came to Dana as a Presidential Scholar. While a Dana student, Paul was extremely active in music. He participated in nearly every musical organization and contributed significantly to the campus culture over the course of his college career.

The accomplished musician has written and performed an anti-smok-



Myrvin Christopherson and Paul Jensen

ing presentation accompanied by guitar for elementary and secondary schools. He plays bass guitar with the Cresco Community Theater as well as a rock/pop band that had the distinction of opening for Kenny Rogers in 1999.

He and his wife, Jayne (Stein ’89), reside in Cresco, Iowa.

Old England or New? Travel opportunities abound for Dana alumni

If you are interested in the theater and especially if you want to see London, the Alumni office has a recommendation for you! Alumna Kathy (Wollenhaupt ’63) Shaw is organizing a theater trip to London, England, Feb. 18-23.

One pleasant benefit of going to London for the theater is you can stay in the same hotel for four days and enjoy good dining with other alumni/ae who have been there before.

Among the planned events are tours of Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle, Runnymede and Hampton Court gardens and viewing the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

Your theatre adventure will include a choice of a top London shows, such as “Chicago,” “Whistle Down the Wind,” “Les Miserables,” or “Phantom,” a ticket to a second pre-selected show, and a Shakespearean play at the Globe Theatre. You will receive a behind the scenes historical look into

the National Theatre of London, a must for theatre buffs!

Your days can be as flexible or as busy as you wish. Three evenings offer wonderful theatre venues. If you want more information on this alumni tour, contact the Alumni Office or Shaw (see box at right).

For those who are still considering taking an alumni Alaskan cruise, make your reservation by Oct. 30 and receive a free salmon dinner.

You can also go to New England in September to see the fall foliage. This alumni trip, from Sept. 23–30, begins in Boston and includes visits to historical sites including the Minute Man National Historical Park, commemorating the battle that began the War for Independence; the North Bridge where the shot was fired that was “heard round the world;” Montpelier; Bunker Hill Monument; Beacon Hill and the Statehouse in Boston; Harvard University; the waterfront; the Old North

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Church; USS Constitution; Quincy Market; Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II.

As you travel through New England, you will enjoy other experiences such as a harbor cruise, a clam bake, an aerial tram ride, and witnessing the processing of both maple sugar and cranberries. In addition to all this, you will have time to reflect on the wonder of the New England autumn colors and the location of the birth of independence. It will be a great experience to share with classmates and friends from Dana. For a complete itinerary, contact Shaw or the Alumni Office as above.

Alum gives scholarships through shooting hoops

Tony Collins '95 has always known an education is priceless. It wasn't until after he earned his degree, though, that he fully appreciated how expensive priceless can be.

For More:

INFORMATION:

www.nothingbutnetball.com

To Donate:

Nothing But Net Foundation
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Omaha, NE 68104
alcollins1@cox.net
All donations are tax deductible and the foundation provides receipts

But Collins had help in the form of a basketball scholarship. And once he was settled into his new career at Union Pacific in Omaha, he wanted to return the favor.

Now into its third year, Collins' nonprofit foundation, Nothing But Net Foundation, uses money raised from Nebraska's only 5-on-5 basketball tournament to provide college scholarships to Nebraska high school seniors.

"I wanted to do something that would be fun, but would also raise money," Collins said.

The foundation held its second tournament in June and hosted 47

teams—from third graders to college all-stars at all levels of ability—and raised enough money for four \$500 scholarships and to cover the rest of the charity's start up costs.

But Collins and his board—which includes Dana alumni Pat Sanders '92, Jason Jackson '96 and Nick Prosocki '96—have more planned for the foundation.

"We want to help spread the word about being a positive organization in the community," Collins said.

The foundation offers free admission for spectators and allows other nonprofits, like Habitat for Humanity, to set up booths around the courts. The foundation has also adopted a public school, Mountain View Elementary in Omaha. This year, the goal is to make sure Mountain View students have the materials they need to succeed in the new school year.

Kevin Turner, a scholarship winner in 2001 and a tournament participant in 2002, said there's more to the foundation's scholarships than money.

"After I started school, Tony and [Collins' wife and fellow board member] Patique sent a letter asking how I was doing," Turner said. "He calls to check up."

Turner said he also noticed the difference during the application process. The foundation requires applicants to have a 2.95 grade point average, write an essay on why they want to go to college and interview with the foundation.

"They weren't sweating you [in the interview]," Turner said. "They wanted to make sure they were giving it to good kids."

The third annual Nothing But Net Foundation's tournament will be next June in Omaha.

Remembering the UELC



Nearly 100 participants, including many Dana College alumni, were in attendance at a United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCL) reunion on the Dana campus in June.

Panelists Ruth Benson, Allan Hansen, Inga Larsen and moderator Carl Schattauer Jr. provided the Saturday morning program.

In the afternoon, John W. Nielsen presented the program on the Danish Immigrant Archive and Lur Publications. Ninna Engskow and Ed Hansen participated in booksigning.

Sunday worship was led by Edward A. Hansen and Robert O. Berthelsen preached.

President Christopherson's dinner presentation, "The UELC and Dana—Memories, Reflections and Prophecies," set the tone for a delightful evening together. Mezzo-Forte, led by Dana's Director of Computer Services Duey Heffelfinger, provided musical entertainment.

Participants spent many pleasant hours reminiscing about the UELC and catching up on news from friends.

FOR MORE: www.dana.edu/Alumni/uelc_reunion.htm

'00s

Megan Ahrens '02 is teaching seventh grade life science at Bellevue (Neb.) Public Schools.

Sarah Allensworth '02 is working as a family support specialist for Better Living Counseling in Bellevue, Neb.

Amy Ballain '02 is pursuing her master's degree in occupational therapy at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo.

Chris Bertschinger '02 is pursuing his master's degree in fine arts-technical theatre at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. He is also working as assistant technical director in the Forest Roberts Theatre there.

Marc Bierbaum '02 is a traveling art teacher for Omaha Public Schools and men's and women's cross country/head track coach at Westside High School in Omaha, Neb.

Allison Botkin '02 is an inside sales representative for Scantron Service Group in Omaha, Neb.

Curtis Braden '02 is working as an assistant general manager for 24-Hour Fitness in Omaha, Neb.

David Bryan '02 is a graduate student pursuing his master's degree in fine arts-piano pedagogy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Luke Connell '02 began work as a financial services representative at John Hancock Co. in Omaha, Neb.

Jason Dannelly '02 is an account executive and on-air broadcaster at WAITT Media in Grand Island, Neb.

Kylie Dirkschneider '02 is working this fall as a substitute teacher in the Blair (Neb.) Community Schools.

Ben Edelman '02 is working as a customer service representative for Citibank in Sioux Falls, S.D. His wife, **Andrea (Bjergaard '02) Edelman**, is pursuing her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Sioux Falls.

Mindi Fowler '02 begins work this fall as a special education (K-6) teacher at Westmont Elementary, South Sarpy County Public School District #46, Springfield, Neb.

Jessica Gall '02 teaches English at Fremont (Neb.) High School.

Lisa Grasso '02 is pursuing her associate's degree of culinary arts at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Junction, Vt.



Amy and Justin '02 Haberman (left) are the parents of a son, Cade David, who was born May 3. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Renee Hesseltine '02 is a graduate ministry associate at the Lutheran Student Center at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Toni Hoffmeier '02 teaches secondary English at Marcus Meriden Cleghorn Public Schools in Marcus, Iowa.

Allison Kline '02 teaches junior high special education at Papillion-LaVista (Neb.) Public Schools.

Brian Janssen '02 is a sales representative for Ideal Water in Omaha, Neb.

James Koontz '02 is teaching fifth grade at Blair (Neb.) Community Schools.

Eric Lee '02 is a graduate student pursuing his doctorate degree in optometry at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

Melissa Lewis '02 is teaching first grade at Papillion-LaVista (Neb.) Pub-

lic Schools and is pursuing her master's degree in education-curriculum at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Mary Leigh Miller '02 and **Ross Jensen '03** were married June 1 in Blair. Mary is director of first impressions at Redstone Communications in Omaha, Neb. Ross will be a senior at Dana this fall.

Tyler Neal '02 is a chemist, quality assurance at Cargill in Blair, Neb.

Dwight Nelson '02 is teaching elementary physical education at Papillion-LaVista (Neb.) Public Schools.

Hilary Ormseth '02 is a medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Christine Reiners '02 is the program coordinator for ALLSTARS at the Nebraska Council to Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse in Omaha.

Traci Rudolf '02 is a client coordinator for The Partner Network in Omaha, Neb. She is also pursuing her master's in social work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Theresa Soby '02 and **Karl (Trey) Scholl III '01** were married on April 6. Karl is a cost accountant for Coca-Cola and Theresa is teaching second grade at Robles Elementary School. The couple's home is in Tampa, Fla.

Michael Stessman '02 is teaching history at Millard (Neb.) High School and pursuing his master's degree in education at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Jennifer Tekesky '02 began work as a Dana admissions counselor in May.

Jeremy Willer '02 is a permit agent at Trans/Mid America in Omaha, Neb.

Shannon Winton '02 is pursuing a master of science degree in community counseling at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Mark Sukraw '02 is teaching seventh grade social studies at Millard (Neb.) Public Schools and pursuing his master's degree in education at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Shon Trent '02 is an auditor for Woodmen of the World in Omaha and is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at Creighton University.

Lisa Decker '00 and Wes Colbert were married June 15 in Alma, Neb. Lisa is the women's shoes department manager at Von Maur in Omaha.

Kelly Kumm '00 and Sarah Rose were married June 1 in Bloomfield, Neb. Kelly is employed by Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Bloomfield.

Tony '00 and Jennifer (Patience '99) Ward of Omaha, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Anna Cecilia, who was born June 4.

Amy Zimbelman '00 and Joe Solomon were married July 6 in Kearney, Neb. Amy is a seventh grade math teacher in Lexington, Neb.

'90s

Jeremy and **Angie (Kratovichil '99) Coufal** of Shelby, Neb., had a baby girl, Isabel Grace, on May 2. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. She joins a brother, Michael, age 2.

Todd Ashby '98 has joined the marketing firm of Envoy in Omaha as an account coordinator, after working in account service for Bozell in Omaha.

Sonya Weber '98 and Jeffery Buskirk were married June 1 in Gothenburg, Neb. Sonya is a mental health therapist at Beneficial Behavioral Health Services Inc.

Ryan Jacobsen '98 completed his doctor of pharmacy degree summa cum laude from Creighton University

in May. His wife, **Melissa (Blum '99)**, completed her master's degree in physician assistant studies with distinction at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in December. Ryan is currently the specialty resident in primary care at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and Melissa works as a physician's assistant in the hematology/oncology department at the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The couple live in Iowa City.

Søren Schmidt '98 graduated from Lay School for Mission in Iron Mountain, Mich. He has been doing supply preaching at many Upper Michigan churches. In May, Søren gave a benefit concert of classic arias and Broadway music for the local theater and the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, where he is director of programs.

Michael Storjohann '98 and Kelly Kesling were married June 15 in Blair, Neb. Michael is the Internet service manager at HunTel.

Charles and **Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock** are the parents of a daughter, Emma Mae, who was born May 15. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Tim Marsden '97 was named Omaha Northwest High School's Teacher of the Year this spring. He is in his fifth year as director of choral activities at Northwest. The award is based on student nominations and finally a vote of the student council.

Chase '97 and Stacy (King '98) Roller have moved back to their hometown of Oakland, Iowa. Chase is working as an adult parole/probation officer for Cass and Audubon counties in Iowa. Stacy is a stay-at-home mom, doing a little day care on the side and is also a Tastefully Simple consultant.

Rhonda (Dierking '97) and Marty '97 Santoni are the parents of a daughter, Jaden Delaney, who was

born Aug. 8, 2001. She weighed 4 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Rhonda also received her CPA license in March.

Angie and **Kenneth '97 Swanson** are the parents of a son, Kaden James, who was born Feb. 20.

Chris Togneri '97 is currently living in Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia, where he is editor and photographer of a travel magazine on Slovakia. He will be moving back to the United States soon to begin graduate school at the University of California-Berkeley where he hopes to earn a master's degree in journalism.

Shawn '96 and Barbie (Bentley '94) Bluml of Carson, Iowa, are the parents of a daughter, Gracelyn Raine, who was born May 7. She joins two brothers, Tucker, age 5, and Tatem, age 3. Shawn is a product support center supervisor at CSG Systems in Omaha.

Duane and **Leasa (Stark '96) Brouillard** are the parents of a daughter, Chloe Ivana, who was born March 29. She joins a sister Payden, age 9. The family lives in Milford, Neb. In the fall, Leasa plans to begin home-schooling her oldest daughter.

Erik Jensen '96 teaches Spanish at Mercy High School in Omaha, Neb.

James '95 and Tara (Wassmann '91) Plasek are the parents of a daughter, Lily Abigail, who was born Feb. 8. She joins sister Elizabeth, age 6. James graduated from the LMEF Family Practice Residency in Lincoln, Neb., in June and began work as a family practice doctor in Seward, Neb. James and Tara have bought a home in Seward and Tara plans to retire from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom.

Shad Beam '94 was the head coach of the Gretna (Neb.) Dragons boy's

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soccer team which won the 2002 Class B State Championship. Shad has been hired to serve as head men's soccer coach and coordinator of intramurals at Dana College this fall.

Kenny and Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed announce the birth of a son, Jonah Doyle, on April 20. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Krista Sesker '94 and Christopher Pocta were married on May 4. Krista currently teaches world languages and Spanish at Jackson Middle School and coaches volleyball and softball at Champlin Park High School in Champlin, Minn.

Kalani Simpson '93 and Jennifer Watzke were married May 18 in Omaha. Kalani is a sports columnist for the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.

Patrick Cronin '92 was appointed manager of shift operations at Omaha Public Power District. He has been with OPPD since 1985.

Jeffrey and Jennifer (Rose '92) Woodward announce the birth of their third son, Carson Jeffrey. He was born April 25, weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Carson joins brothers Jordan, 5, and Tyler, 2 1/2. Jennifer plans to continue to be a full-time, stay-at-home mom.

Mark Weber '90 and his wife, Stephanie, have purchased a bakery in Dawson, Minn. Mark writes, "I had wished for a job with *bankers* hours!"

'80s

Darlene (Christensen '89) Bowman graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a master's degree in elementary guidance counseling in May. She will continue working at Mount View Elementary in Omaha.

Jeff '87 and Cindy (Lorenzen '84) Hansen recently traveled to Denmark with their son, Pete. Jeff assisted with the wedding ceremony of Cindy's sister. Jeff is pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Center, S.D., and at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Canova, S.D. Cindy teaches at Madison Middle School in Madison, S.D.



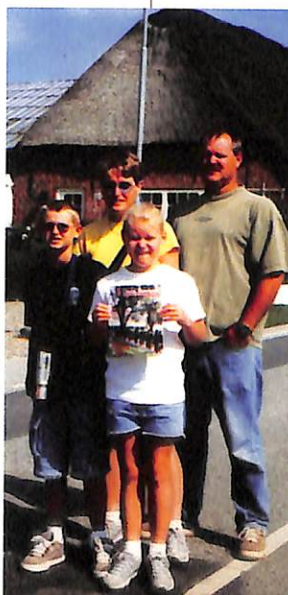
Dana friends (from left) Mark Hoffman '87, Ellen Stokebrand '83, Karla Larsen '85, Karen (Brockhoff '85) Schweitzer and Ron Schweitzer vacationed together in Rocky Mountain National Park. Karen writes, "We all live within 40 miles from each other and get together at least once a month for any reason we can."

Daniel and Denise (Mueting '81) Falcon of Omaha, Neb., welcomed a daughter, Jolie Marie, on January 21.

This spring, Professor Brian Serr '81 received an award for outstanding teaching from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Brian teaches constitutional and criminal law at Baylor.

Eric '82 and Heidi (Faudel '83) Beck vacationed with their children, John and Maria, in Europe in July 2001. This photo at right was taken on the border between Germany and Denmark near Tønder, Denmark.

Barbara Bock '80 has been chosen Teacher of



the Year by her peers at Beardsley Junior High School in Bakersfield, Calif., where she teaches seventh and eighth grade students with learning disabilities. She has also been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" based upon the nomination of a former student who will be graduating from high school with honors this spring.

Mary (Heistand '80) Bro and her daughter, Becky, were among the stars in the Omaha Theater Company's production of "The Sound of Music" this summer at The Rose in Omaha. They portrayed two nuns from the convent along with some smaller bit parts.

Paul Madsen '80 began a weekly radio show, "The America's Job Coach Radio Program," in June.

Janelle Siffring '80 was commissioned an associate in ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on May 26 at Advent Lutheran Church in Glendale, Ariz. She has accepted a call to serve the parish of Kanawha Lutheran Church in Kanawha, Iowa, and First Lutheran Church in Britt, Iowa.

'70s

Diane Ressler '78 teaches English, reading and creative writing at Dunedin High School, Dunedin, Fla. Last summer Diane was one of only 16 teachers within five counties selected to participate in the Tampa Bay Area Writing Project Summer Invitational. She is now a teacher consultant with them.

Joyce (Wulf '78) Snide completed her master's degree in elementary education with an endorsement in early childhood education at

the University of Nebraska-Omaha in December 2001.

'60s

Bill Spetman '69, using the pen name Augustus Kelvin, and co-author Peter Sterling have published a book titled "The Chronicles of Seth: In Pursuit of Giants." This adventure/romance story is set in the time before the biblical flood.

Pat (Fahrenkrug '67) Hoffman retired from teaching this spring. She has taught third grade at Missouri Valley (Iowa) Schools since 1968.

Bernhard Vaaler '66 retired from Certified Grocers of California after more than 30 years of service. He writes, "I am currently enjoying the beautiful sunshine, sandy beaches and warm weather in Belmont Shores, Calif., with my wife **Rebecca (Lyche '68)**.

'50s



Milt and Elaine (Madison '51) Brostrom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8 with a celebration in St. Peter, Minn. Among those helping Elaine (center) celebrate the special day were Dana friends Naomi "Tutti" (Bach '53) Sherlock-Harrington (left) and Marjorie (Baxter '54) Tuveson (right).

Correction

In the spring issue of the Dana Review, the following survivors were omitted from the obituary for Vasthi (Magnussen '38) Christensen: her children, Dr. Doran Christensen, Joanna Christensen '65 and Dr. Paul Christensen.

Deaths

Rev. Anton C. Kirkegaard D '52 T '55 of Osage, Iowa, died June 17, at the age of 74 after a short battle with cancer. He served as pastor in several parishes in Iowa during his career. After retiring from the ministry, he worked as a pre-need counselor for a number of funeral homes in Iowa and South Dakota. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte (Pearson '57), three children, five grandchildren, a brother, Rev. Walter Kirkegaard D '53 T '57, and four sisters including Irene (Kirkegaard '48) Jessen and Ruth (Kirkegaard '54) Svinth.

Lorraine (Peterson '42) Schaeffer died May 8 in Woodland Hills, Calif., at the age of 82. She worked at Lockheed for 25 years as a secretary before retiring. She then became an active volunteer. Survivors include her husband, William, two daughters, three grandchildren and a brother.

Dorothea (Sorensen '41) Andersen died May 21 in Beatrice, Neb., at the age of 84. Survivors include five children, including Carolyn (Andersen '73) Simison and Gregory Andersen '73, and nine grandchildren.

Eve (Bach '37) Putnam Keyes died August 18, 2000. Survivors include her husband James of San Diego, Calif., daughter Harriet (Putnam '64) Dobson Morris, sons Gordon '71 and John, and six grandchildren including Michelle Dobson '02.

Edith (Sorensen '34) Jensen died May 19 in Rockford, Ill., at the age of 92. She retired from teaching in the Dubuque, Iowa, school system in

1971. Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Ellefson, Ruth (Jensen '69) Lukawski and Eleanor (Jensen '59) Gensler, 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Jensen '32) Baller died April 26 in Independence, Mo., at the age of 90. Survivors include two children and five grandchildren.

Dozler '01 led full, rich and short life

Kristine Dozler '01 of Omaha, Neb., died June 17 at the age of 24, following a long battle with cystic fibrosis.

"There was something so powerful seeing the Dana diploma on the casket of a young person," said Ellie Furst, assistant professor of education.

Kris graduated from Dana in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She was also a cheerleader during her first year at Dana. She was a 1996 graduate of Albion (Neb.) High School.

"In retrospect, I think that Kris taught us more than we realized," Furst said. "She never felt sorry for herself. There were times I wasn't certain she could even get through the reading of a story, but she did with determination. At the end, she made her dreams come true, she graduated and she taught."

Dozler taught kindergarten at Bright Horizon's Child Development Center in Omaha.

"Kris wrote in an essay that she wanted to touch the lives of others. She did. All of us that knew her will never be the same," Furst said.

Survivors include her parents, LeRoy and Mary Dozler, three sisters and five brothers.

What's new for Homecoming? The Grand Tour



There are elements of Homecoming we hope will never change. But you are looking for something new, too, aren't you? We will have activities on Oct. 4-6 ranging from favorites like football, awards presentations and reunions to the Alumni Revue, a Volksmarch, and The Grand Tour.

The Alumni Revue has been presented to a full house for the past four years. Contact the alumni office now at 402-426-7235 or event coordinator Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 at jnielsen@acad2.dana.edu if you'd like to be a performer.

The Grand Tour will provide alumni and friends with an entertaining evening of travel to England, Italy, Germany and Denmark—all in one night. Park your car and take the shuttle from the E.C. Hunt Campus Center to the "countries." Nathan Kramer's '89 event planning and leadership skills have created this exciting



event with support from the alumni office and the participation of several faculty, staff and local alumni.

Nathan and his wife Amy Barlow will host the "trip" to England in their home, dressed as the Pearly King and Queen of London. Del and Trudy Hutton will welcome you to Germany where Ann (Harms '54) George and Marion Grube will be among the preparation and serving staff.

Italy and Denmark will be found in the homes of Jim '62 and Sue Olsen and Bob '56 and Joan '56 (Petersen) Krogh respectively. Ted '89 and Margie '87 (Miller) Bansen will be in costume for Denmark. Costumed hosts or greeters, ethnic foods and music will add special touches to each venue.

There will even be someone in each country to stamp your passport with a visa stamp. Nathan designed the original artwork and Jim '73 and John '70 Prouty and



Jami (Prouty '98) Finazzo of Wessco Graphics donated the rubber stamps.

Help us prepare your passport by sending a photocopy of your yearbook photo (or a comparable vintage photo) along with your Homecoming registration.

Class reunions are for the classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992. In addition to travel groups, reunion events will also be held for the 1987 playoff football team and resident assistants or floor leaders. There will be basketball scrimmages and soccer games. Coach Jay Birmingham invites you to participate in the alumni invitational fun run, and also on Saturday morning the family can go on a volksmarch.

Registrations are required by September 20. Call some of your friends and classmates to encourage them to come to Homecoming 2002: Home Again with you.



Alum Deb Harris '83 honored for outstanding teaching

In her 17 years of teaching at Omaha's Miller Park Elementary, Deb (Hansen '83) Harris has taught hundreds of children the basics they'll need all through life. She's also seen quite a few teachers come and go from the urban school, looking for places with better pay and better conditions.

So when the Blair resident was told she had been selected as an outstanding Omaha teacher, she saw it as a victory for her school as well.

"We finally have some acknowledgement that we do good work [at Miller Park]," Harris said.

The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Awards are handed out every

year from a foundation created by Omaha investor Warren Buffett to honor his aunt, who taught home economics for more than 35 years. In addition to the prestige, this year's recipients received \$500 dollars in coupons from McDonald's and \$10,000 from Buffett.

Harris gave the coupons to her first-grade students and will give some of the money back to Miller Park to buy books for the library and support the school's efforts to display and promote African-American art.

Harris said she also hopes the award will help inspire other urban teachers, especially at Miller Park. Or at least let them know the efforts they

put out are appreciated.

For Harris' work, there seems to be no question. "Her knowledge and her skill in teaching are remarkable," one parent wrote.

Harris is the sixth Dana alum to win the Buffett Award. The others are: 1996 winner Kristen (Appleby '74) Freeman, 1991 winner Janis (Sorensen '72) Christensen, 1990 winner Barbara (Dayton '74) Lebedz, and 1989 winners Kent Day '76 and Dorothy (Willmert '58) Schultz.



Warren Buffett and Harris

CUMING CITY GEMETERY

Lab 10!

A small cemetery of native prairie grasses and flowers is a living laboratory for Dana College science students.

A short three miles from campus sits the Cuming City Cemetery, a tract of approximately 12 acres of virgin prairie northwest of Blair. Cuming City was a thriving pioneer town in the 1800s but when Blair was founded in 1869, the village literally moved to Blair and Cuming City ceased to exist. The cemetery has only been used sparingly since that time for its intended purpose, but it is occasionally thriving with activity as Dana classes use it for research.

The cemetery was given to Dana College by the Nature Conservancy in the mid-1970s contingent on the fact that Dana would maintain the property as a natural tall grass prairie.

Professor George Grube, assistant professor of biology and head of environmental studies at Dana from 1965-1988, was initially charged with management of the site. Currently, Dr. Carla Delucchi, professor of biology, and her students maintain and preserve the prairie habitat. "Even though I'm an aquatic insect person, I get to manage prairie," she said.

Many of Delucchi's students, from those in beginning courses

such as Introduction to Biology or Life Science to biology majors in Ecology, Botany or Invertebrate Zoology courses, have a chance to do research projects, collect specimens and help maintain the prairie.

"It's great to have a place where you don't have to get permission to go," said Delucchi. "It's so close. We have a natural habitat where we can go observe and collect things.

"If we just had a forest, we'd be set," she said with a smile, "and a pond!"

Part of the maintenance includes a controlled burn of the prairie every two years. Future plans include a cycle of burning half one year, half the next and one year of doing nothing before burning again. The burning helps preserve the prairie habitat by eliminating the non-native plants. For example, brome grass was taking over portions of the cemetery until cycles of spring burning pushed it back.

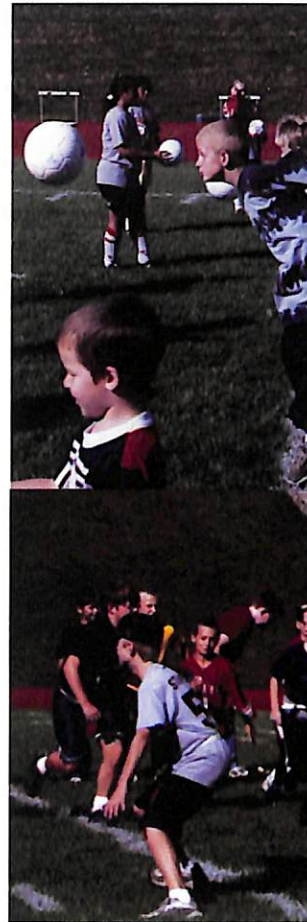
This spring, students in Delucchi's Intro to Biology class again helped with the burn. This hands-on experience helps the students understand the cycle of nature.

Ironically on the grounds of a cemetery, new life springs from death.

Upcoming Events

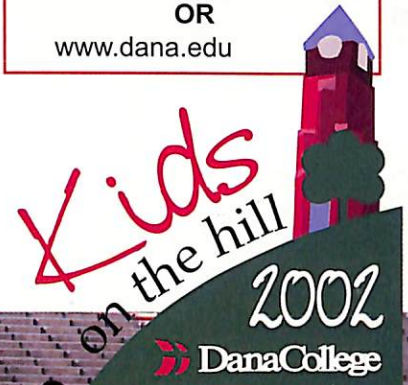
- Aug. 22 New Student Orientation
- Aug. 26 Classes begin
Opening convocation
- Sept. 2 Labor Day—No Classes
- Sept. 21 Discover Dana Day
Kids on the Hill Day
- Oct. 4–6 Homecoming
- Oct. 11 Fall Break—No Classes
- Oct. 20 Fall Band Concert
- Oct. 26–27 Dana Weekend at First
Lutheran Church in
Blair
- Nov. 2 Discover Dana Day
- Dec. 7–8 Sights and Sounds

Don't miss out
on the fun!



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