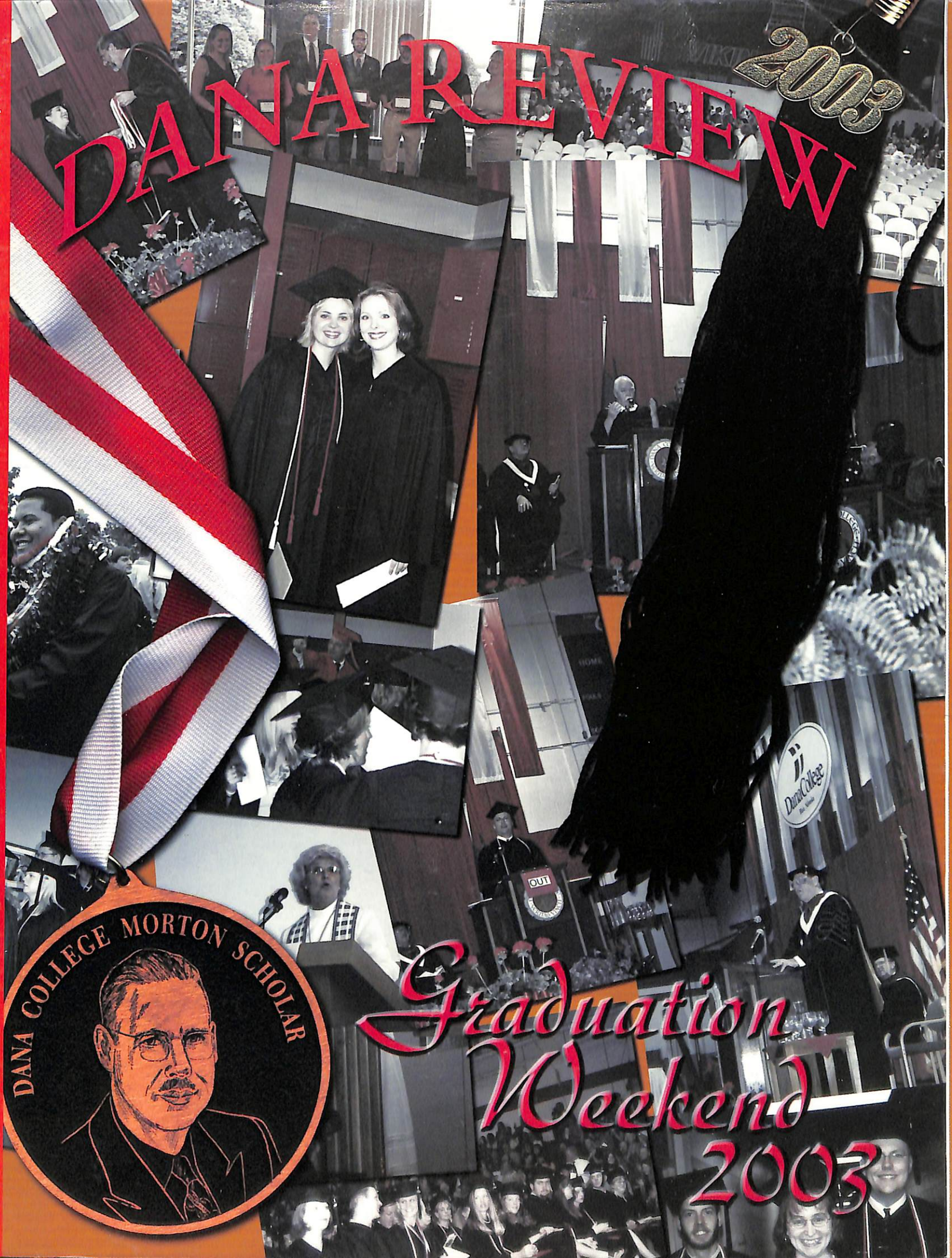
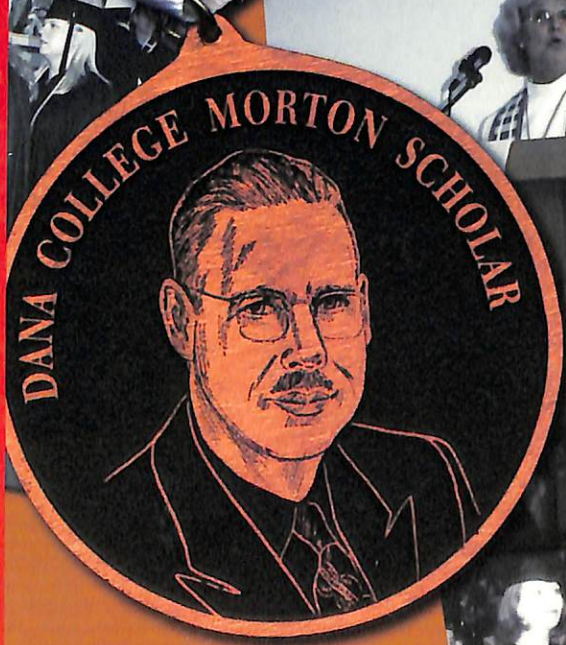


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# Graduation Weekend 2003

# The Value of a Good Preparation

We faced a dilemma in early June. Two weeks before the Dana College Chorale was to leave for Germany and Denmark, our conductor, Dr. Richard Palmer, was diagnosed with blockage of three arteries, requiring bypass surgery.

What do we do? Do we cancel the tour after arrangements have been made for travel and concerts including a featured performance at the Rebild National Park in Denmark for the largest U.S. Independence Day celebration outside of the United States?

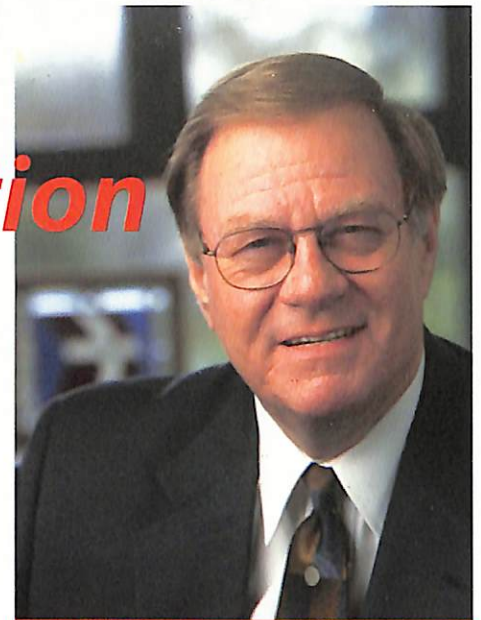
Happily, Palmer was able to call on the help of a friend. Choral director Michael Janis, retired after 35 years with the Millard Schools and a member of Dick's choir at St. Paul's Lutheran in Millard, agreed to direct the choir on tour. Janis and his wife, Ginny, joined tour director Carrie Reed, director of college relations and marketing, her husband, Kenny, and their charming 14-month-old, Jonah, to lead the tour. With them for much of the tour was Development Director Thomas Hansen, my wife, Anne, and I. Thomas' father, Bent, a seasoned city bus driver from Odense, Denmark, volunteered to drive the coach.

After only a few hours with the Chorale before leaving for Europe, Janis was able to direct with needed competence and confidence. After

a few numbers of the first concert, it was evident that Janis and the Chorale were working together and moving toward peak performance. From the first concert at the Otto Flath Art Hall in Bad Segeberg, to Ribe's magnificent Dom Kirke, the Vejle Handelsskole auditorium and the fine acoustical sanctuary of Sankt. Knud's in Odense, they sang to enthusiastic crowds that responded with standing ovations not always seen in settings often much more reserved. Even on the outdoor stage in Legoland and the great natural amphitheater of the Rebild Hills, the crowds applauded with vigor. Needless to say, Anne and I were very proud.

I had been anxious, but I needed not be. I was reminded of the Boy Scout motto I had recited as a youth: "Be prepared." Preparation is definitely the key. Professor Janis proved to be an excellent director. He reminded the Chorale again and again that they were performing for Dr. Palmer, the one who had prepared them for success. Thanks to the preparation, neither Janis nor the Chorale had to start from scratch. They met one another part way and let their preparation carry them forward. Together they built on the foundation Palmer had laid.

Education is preparation. Our job at Dana College is to prepare for lifelong learning; to share the tools of discovery, offer ways of knowing and analyzing, digesting, evaluating, refining and communicating. The learning will not, and should not, be complete at graduation. The fine Dana Class of 2003 has left us to enter the workplace or further study. Professors and others in the Dana community have offered models of learning, been resource



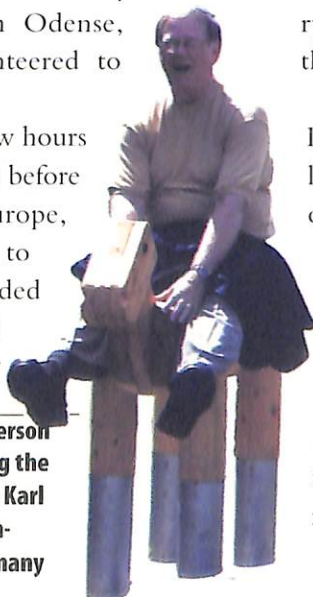
President Myrvin F. Christopherson

guides, sounding boards, and judging panels. Coaches and directors, counselors, the campus pastor, residence hall staff and dining hall personnel have also helped shape the lifelong learner. If we've done our job well, Dana graduates will be prepared to perform to a high standard throughout life and continue to grow as learners, building on the foundation laid by parents, teachers and others. Participation in and outside the classroom at Dana will serve as a foundation upon which future performance will be refined. Unlike some places where learning seems focused alone on the acquisition of knowledge, at Dana the moral and spiritual dimensions of learning and behavior are integral to the preparation for life.

It was a great disappointment that Dr. Palmer could not direct the Chorale he had spent countless hours preparing for the tour. But the quality of the preparation was not lost. The Chorale members reached into their preparation to blend their voices and respond to the new director's subtle cues and adapt to each new setting. Preparation for life and learning is like that, too. >>

*For more on the Dana College Chorale's All-American Tour, please see page 14.*

**President Christopherson  
horses around during the  
Chorale's visit to the Karl  
May Platz, a Western-  
themed park in Germany**



Marta Walker '04 does a dance with Dana College Chorale groupie Jonah Reed during the Chorale's All-American tour of Germany and Denmark. Jonah is the son of Tour Director Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, director of college relations and marketing, and Kenny Reed. See more about the tour on page 14.



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# On the Hill

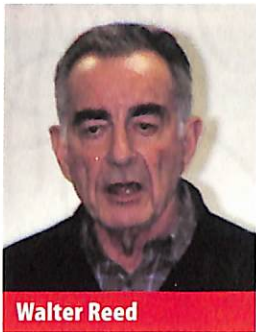


Michelle Young '04 accepts her scholarship award from Beth Byrne, chairwoman of the scholarship committee for the Omaha Chapter of ASWA.

## Holocaust Survivor Visits Dana

**H**olocaust survivor, World War II veteran and retired public relations director Walter Reed gave a presentation at Dana on April 29 on his experiences as a teenager in 1930s and 1940s Europe.

Reed was born Werner Rindsberg in 1924 in a village near Wuerzburg, Germany. His peaceful childhood ended in 1938 when all the Jewish men and boys in his village were arrested and put in jail. After this incident, Reed's family sent him to a refugee children's home in Brussels, Belgium, as part of the "Kindertransport" program, under which Belgium accepted more than 500 German and Austrian Jewish refugee children.



Walter Reed

In 1977, Reed started attending reunions of "Kindertransport" children. Since that time, he has been active in planning reunions and speaking on his experiences. His speech at Dana was sponsored by the Save the Children Holocaust Foundation on the request of Professor Diana Brown, associate professor of French and Spanish. Brown translated *The Rescue of the Belgium Jews During the Second World War* for the Save the Children Holocaust Foundation, as well as other works about Jewish refugees during the war.

## Nielsen Named Prof of the Year

**D**r. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English, was chosen by the student body of Dana College as the 2002-03 Professor of the Year.

Nielsen has taught for 25 years at Dana College. Earlier this spring, he announced his decision to scale back his teaching duties at Dana to take over as executive director of The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Jill Camargo, administrative assistant for Career Services and Student Life, was named as Staff Member of the Year.

Dana's Professor of the Year and Staff Member of the Year are chosen by a vote of the entire student body.

## Dana Senior Wins National Award

**M**ichelle Young '04 is the winner of one of 10 national scholarships from the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA).

Young won the Omaha Chapter of ASWA's scholarship competition earlier this year, and her application was forwarded for the national competition. She competed with accounting students from all over the country.

In addition to the \$1,000 she received from the Omaha Chapter, Young will get another \$2,000 to finish her schooling at Dana.

The scholarship is available to part-time or full-time students entering their senior years in accounting programs. Successful applicants must have 60 hours of course work completed at an accredited school. Applications are judged based on the student's academic background, employment history, awards and honors, financial situation, quality of references, career goals and ability to communicate well.

"What a great honor for Michelle and for Dana," said Carol King, assistant professor of business and a member of ASWA. "Out of the 10 national winners, Michelle was the only student not from a major university."

## Class Brings 'Culture' to Campus

**A** group of Dana College students hosted the college's first Cultural Fair, April 26-May 2. The week was full of free activities designed by the Communication Capstone class to create cultural awareness by exposing various aspects of culture to Dana and its surrounding communities.

Events within the week included musical, artistic, scholarly, informative and food-related activities for teenagers and adults.

## Kids on the Hill Is Back at Dana!

**D**ana's annual child-sized event, Kids on the Hill, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27. Kids on the Hill is always a great opportunity for first through eighth graders to experience what life at Dana is like for our students.

Participants get the whole college experience crammed into one day. In the morning, there are clinics from Dana's student athletes, fun presentations on academic subjects like science, student life events like karaoke and lunch from Dana's award-winning cafeteria. In the afternoon all participants and their families are invited to watch the Viking football team take on conference rival Doane College and participate in a special half-time event.

"Kids on the Hill is a great way for alumni to share their love of Dana with their children," said Sarah Cavanah, communications coordinator and Kids on the Hill planner. "We also think it's a great way for Dana to show appreciation for alumni by offering them this fun free family event."

For more information on Kids on the Hill, contact Sarah Cavanah at (402) 426-7216 or scavanah@fs1.dana.edu.



**At Kids on the Hill last year our guests learned what "explosive" fun science can be from Dr. Therese Michels, associate professor of chemistry.**

impact on the amount of financial aid awarded to Dana students. Between donations from alumni and businesses, The Artonomics Fund should be a valuable resource for many art students.

## Fall Foliage and Dana Alumni Pals

**T**he next tour of the Dana Alumni Travel program will take in the great New England fall foliage. The tour will take travelers to all corners of New England and will be hosted by alumna Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw.

Revisit the battles of Lexington and Concord through a guided narrative. Go back to 1620 and see Plymouth Rock and visit the Mayflower II. Experience the splashes of color throughout the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire while also visiting exhibits of quarrying for marble and processing maple sugar. Enjoy a down East clam bake and a harbor cruise that are truly a New England specialties. In Boston see Bunker Hill, the Statehouse, Old North Church, USS Constitution and other memorable aspects of the city.

If you can't make the Fall Foliage Tour, several other alumni travel options are coming up in the next year. A new tour planned for 2004 includes a February cruise of the Eastern Caribbean. Return to the genteel days of traditional cruising to St. Maarten, St. Thomas and The Great Stirrup Cay. Prices start at \$399 without airfare.

A tour offered for mid-September 2004 will be a Lutherland tour in Germany, retracing many of the events in the life of Martin Luther. Highlights will be Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisenach, Nuremberg and Berlin.

### ForMore

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## Artonomics Helps Students Create

**A**nn (Myers '98) Towey attended Dana with the support of scholarships funded by alumni. Now Towey has made it a personal mission to give back.

To help art students pay for expensive supplies, Towey founded The Artonomics Fund. The fund is designed to allow professors of art to allocate funds toward the supplies required for their classes. For example, a student who needed to purchase a \$30 paint set would only have to pay \$15. The Artonomics Fund would supply the remainder.

While the fund not only benefits students by relieving much of the cost for art supplies, it will have no

### ForMore

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## Band Performs at Joslyn Museum

**T**he Dana Concert Band, under the direction of Assistant Professor William Hall, gave a special concert April 13 in the Witherspoon Concert Hall at the Joslyn Art Museum.

The performance featured the world premiere of Hall's critical/performing edition of Franz Krommer's "Parthia for Band." The piece, originally written in 1825 and never before published, was completed as part of Hall's doctoral dissertation. It is a three-movement concert work written by one of the most important composers of the time. Krommer was the last court chamber music composer for the Austrian Empire and held great influence over his peers.

## Opinion

By Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor

### Thoughts on the 2003 Staley Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series

The Mission of the Christian Church in an Age of Globalization was the theme of the 2003 Staley Lecture Series at Dana College, April 10–11. Dr. Robert Schreiter, professor of theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and at the University of Nijmegen, was the speaker and gave several lectures on the topic of globalization.

According to Schreiter, globalization refers to the world order and new relationships in the world following the end of the political alignment of the Cold War in 1989. Advances in technology have simplified communications networks, allowing faster communication among people and institutions. The communication technologies democratize the flow of information and simplify mobilization of public opinion. However, a significant population is excluded from these technologies. In Bangladesh, for instance, there are only two telephones for every 1,000 people.

Economically, the interconnectedness of globalization has swallowed the world in one economic system of capitalism. Generally, global capitalism improves the quality of life of people. However, it excludes many others, creates a great gap between the rich and poor, and generates an anthropology that bases the value and dignity of the human person on one's capacity to produce and consume.

Politically, globalization is gradually weakening the nation-state's influence. With the rise of the new world order, the United States has become the single most powerful nation in the world. This leads to hegemony, and it raises the question whether the new world order will be in line with the dreams and aspirations of the United Nations.

In the social-cultural sphere, simplified transportation and communication systems have resulted in expansion in migration. Immigrants do not assimilate but maintain contact with their home communities. When immigrants choose to remain distinctive in some way, it means communities will become increasingly more multicultural. The question becomes: What does it mean to the cohesion of these communities? There is also a resurgence of religion at a time when secularization was believed to be taking over. Christianity is growing in the Southern hemisphere. Fundamentalism is also rising in all major religions of the world. In some situations, it is on a collision course against modernity/globalization. In others, it is changing the political face of countries.

Globalization creates two realities. The first is a globalized discourse, that is, a harmonized world over which no country has control. Second is a reassertion of the local against the global, that is, local resistance whereby people aspire to regain their autonomy against global forces and have control of their destinies.

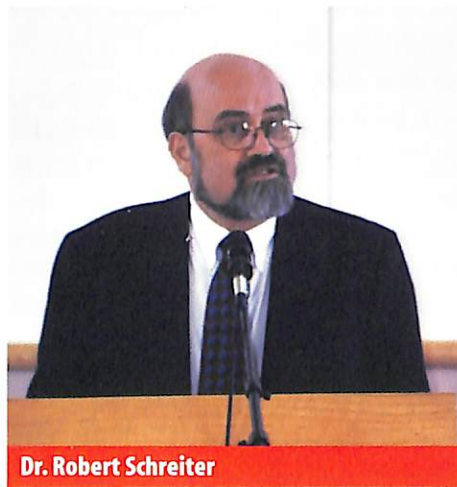
Standing between these global and local trends is the church. In its diverse forms, Christianity accounts for 34 percent of the world's population. This makes the church the most trans-local movement or institution in the world today. In Schreiter's view, there are several areas where the mission of the church needs to be exercised in the world today.

At the global level, the Christian faith needs to be a voice and conscience for the world today. It should speak out against the exclusion and marginalization of people in economic globalization and the division of people among themselves. It must be a voice and conscience about imperial and unilateral decisions that affect global balance. It must be a voice and conscience in the promotion of life for all, for this was a central concern of Jesus (John 10:10b).

At the local level, Christians must work on building communities that can deal with realities the communities need to confront in terms of identity and of their boundaries. The church must foster multicultural communities and help and encourage Christians to live together in solidarity with one another without falling apart. It should promote peace and solidarity among people of different religious traditions, denounce religious violence, foster religious tolerance and, together with other religions, promote human development and dignity.

The church has to take the lead in reconstruction of communities shattered by civil wars. Christianity's message of peace — God reconciling the world through Christ — is an immense resource. It must foster meaning, to suppress memory is to suppress human identity; pursue truth, which will set us free; and seek justice, which will right the wrong we have done.

In a globalized world, Christianity has a special responsibility because of its message of peace and neighborliness, understanding the peace (*shalom*) of God as the goal toward which we move, toward which the reign of God is being built. Christians need to understand themselves as God's agents. They are God's new creation and ambassadors of Christ. They are called upon to pursue God's work in a world so densely connected yet so radically torn apart, a world to which God has bestowed so much love.



## From the Alumni Director By Julie (Thorson) Rohlfing '70

**D**anaFest — the Homecoming theme for Oct. 10-12, 2003 — is coming! Among alumni directors there is a saying, "It won't be a re\_nion without U!" Corny? Maybe. True? Yes!



**DANA  
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For information and a complete schedule of events, go to the Dana web site: [www.dana.edu](http://www.dana.edu), and click on "Homecoming" under the "Navigate" button. You can even make reservations online through a secure site. At the Homecoming web site you can also see a photo of the special commemorative glass stein/mug available for orders.

This year's special event, the Hofbräuhaus, will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. We'll be taking class photos early, and the program will begin immediately following dinner.

The Hofbräuhaus isn't all that's going on. Distinguished Alumni Rev. Ried Neve D '48 T '51 and Dr. Larrie Stone '57 will be recognized at the Saturday awards luncheon, as well as Outstanding Young Alumna Julie Howland '91. Inductions into the Athletic Hall of Fame, friends at reunion gatherings, aebleskiver at breakfast, worship in Trinity Chapel, the historic Borup Addition dedication and many other events will keep you busy all weekend.

All in all, DanaFest is shaping up to be a great alumni party with plenty of time for socializing after a program packed with fun and sentiment. We're off to a record-breaking start for reservations. Make yours today!

### ForMore

To get all your questions about Homecoming answered, contact:


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## Dana Education Alumni Earn Big Honors

**T**hree Dana alumni were awarded for their excellence in teaching in the Omaha area for the 2002-03 school year. Amy Hansen '81 and Lynn (Norgaard '69) Petersen became the seventh and eighth graduates of Dana to receive Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Awards. Paul Hundtoft '76 was one of two teachers to earn The Phillip & Terri Schragger Foundation's Distinguished Teaching Awards. The Buffett Awards, established by Omaha investor Warren Buffett, recognize outstanding teachers in the Omaha Public Schools with a \$10,000 prize. The Schragger Awards also has a \$10,000 award and go to outstanding teachers in Nebraska District 66 (West-side).

Hansen, who teaches second grade at Marrs Elementary, and Petersen, who teaches kindergarten at Jefferson Elementary, both found a common influence when they met at the awards banquet.

"We sat at the same table and all we did was talk about (former Dana education professor) Dorothy Olson," Petersen said. Olson's influence, along with the rest of their Dana education, has helped both teachers remain flexible and adjust to classroom situations no one could have predicted back when they were students at Dana. For instance, both are in schools stretching to meet the needs of an increasing number of students who didn't learn English as a first language.

"At Dana we covered learning styles and being able to adjust to whomever we teach, wherever we end up teaching," Hansen said. 

## Campus Digest

**Dr. Scott Hermanson**, assistant professor of English, had an article, "Fear and Loathing in Los Angeles: Mike Davis as Nature Writer," published in the Fall 2002 issue of *Western American Literature*. His review of Richard Powers' *The Time of Our Singing* ran in the Jan. 19 edition of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* Books section.

**Jamesena Grimes Moore**, a member of the Social Work Advisory Committee, was named the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Social Worker of the Year. She lives in Omaha.

**Erin Sorensen '03** gave her Honors Program presentation, "Remediation of Chromium: A Comparison of Bioremediation by *Pseudomonas aeruginos* Versus Pytoremediation by Indian Mustard," on May 6 at Dana.

**Sara Smit '03** gave her Honors Program presentation, "Medicare Reimbursement and Cost Shifting," on May 6 at Dana.

**Dr. Barbara Zimmerman**, assistant professor of psychology, gave a presentation entitled, "Relationships Among Elementary-Aged Children's Implicit Gender Knowledge, Explicit Gender Beliefs, and Gender Schematicity," at the Society for Research in Child Development conference April 24-27 in Tampa, Fla.

**Dr. John Lyden**, professor of religion, has published a book with NYU Press, *Film as Religion: Myths, Morals, and Rituals*.

**Ted Murray**, assistant football coach and assistant track coach, was appointed admissions counselor June 1. Murray will continue his football coaching duties.

**Dr. Myrvin Christopherson**, president, was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of The Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) at their April meeting. He will represent the Great Plains Region.

**Amy Lyons**, director of financial aid, was elected sector representative for four-year private colleges on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA). She will also serve on the Nominations and Elections, and Awards committees. Lyons also served as a panelist for NeASFAA's Spring Conference for "Working with Auditors."

**Trine Feuerborn**, instructor of Danish, has been appointed the new assistant registrar.

**Dr. Lisa Schreiber**, assistant professor of communication, served as guest faculty at the Bryn Mawr (Penn.) Summer Institute for Women in High Education Administration in July. She did training and coaching on communication skills.

# Graduation Weekend 2003

*It was a two-day celebration four or five years in the making. From the Builders Luncheon to the post-Commencement Brunch, Dana celebrated the 103 members of the Class of 2003 and the thousands of graduates of the past. Here's our scrapbook from the weekend:*

## Reluctant Legacy

**Toni Ahrendt: Proud to carry on family's tradition at Dana**

**Builders Luncheon, Friday, Noon**

*The following is an excerpt from a speech given by Toni Ahrendt '03 at the annual Builders Luncheon honoring those who have made plans for Dana in their wills. Toni is the daughter of Kathryn (Hulsebus '71) and Paul '68 Ahrendt, and sister of Tami Ahrendt '96, Traci Ahrent '00 and Teri Ahrendt '01.*

**D**uring the fall of 1963, a tradition was started in my family. Back then Dana had no idea what it was getting itself into when it accepted a young man — Paul Ahrendt — to be a student. Little did Dana know it would be dealing with the Ahrendts for the next 40 years.

I have told the story many times about how I tried everything in my power to avoid coming to Dana. From the time I was a freshman in high school, I was working as hard as I could, both in and out of school, so I could get a scholarship to any school — anywhere but Dana. Throughout my various college searches and visits, my parents asked that I keep Dana as a possibility, and that I compete in the Presidential Scholarship competition. I reluctantly did both.

As you can see, God's plans differed from my own. I received a substantial scholarship from the Presidential competition and that, combined with church and other agency scholarships, made Dana the best choice, cost-wise.

The cost wasn't the only reason I chose Dana.

Dana's social work program far surpasses its neighboring programs in the Midwest. The combination of quality professors and the ability to give each student individualized experience and attention makes Dana's programs a cut above the rest.

I followed in the footsteps of so many Ahrendts before me, and I have never regretted it. From the moment I set foot on this campus I felt comfortable, I felt at home. Back then I saw myself as a follower, something I've never been very good at, but now I see it differently. I am proud to carry on the Dana tradition in my family.

Dana has given me so many things, and through me has touched even more people. I see this as yet another one of Dana's traditions, which it intends to pass on to future generations. Every spring, graduates from Dana go out into the "real world," where they carry with them Dana's values, along with the knowledge and confidence that has been instilled in them throughout their education here.

During my sophomore year at Dana I was given the amazing opportunity to spend the following year in London working with homeless women. About two months after being there, something I will remember forever happened to me.

It was raining, of course, so I stopped into a coffee shop in the basement of the St. Martin of the Fields Church in Trafalgar Square. While there a man approached me. He said he noticed I was wearing a Dana



College sweatshirt. He asked where I got it. I told him I was a student at Dana. He commented to me how he once knew someone who went to Dana years ago. I watched him think back to when he knew this person, a smile crossed his face, and he told me it was a good school. I agreed with him, and he went on his way.

I was stunned. It amazed me that even there, in London, Dana was with me. That man has no idea what he did for me that day. I was feeling pretty down, which happens easily when it's been raining for two weeks straight. I was really homesick and sad. After that chance meeting, the world seemed so much smaller to me. The distance between London and home seemed to shrink a bit that day.

Now, as I graduate, I am confident Dana's "tradition" will shine through me in whatever I do. Tomorrow I will be leaving Dana, but I know Dana will never leave me, and this is a tradition I hope to pass down to the next generation of Ahrendts.



## Auto Service

*Dillons honored for commitment to the community*

**Builders Luncheon, Friday, Noon**

Dana College presented Sid and Hazel Dillon with the Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award during the annual Dana College Builders Luncheon.

The Hanson Servant Award recognizes individuals who model selfless devotion and gives recognition to ordinary people who do extraordinary things inspired by faith, love and service.

“Both Sid and Haze Dillon have given unselfishly of themselves and their resources to church, community agencies and institutions, including Dana College,” said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president. “They have built automobile dealerships known for the highest standards of professionalism, customer relations and ethical business practices.”

Both native Omahans, Sid and Hazel (“Haze”) Dillon, attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. They married in 1956 and have four children and 10 grandchildren. They moved to Fremont, Neb., in 1976, where they founded Sid Dillon, Inc., an automobile agency that includes four dealerships in eastern Nebraska.

“We feel it’s our duty and responsibility to share the blessings God has given us,” Hazel Dillon said about her family’s commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy.

They have especially been inspired to help children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds get the same chances in life as others, but often do it with as little fanfare as possible.

“We were very overwhelmed by the fact that (Dana College) even thought of us (for the Hanson Award),” Hazel Dillon said.

## Financial Aid

*Thrivent awarded highest honors*

**Commencement, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.**

Dana College bestowed its College-Community Service Award to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans during Commencement. The College-Community Service Award is the highest non-academic honor Dana gives.

Thrivent (formerly Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans) was chosen to receive the award based on the fraternal organization’s more than 100-year history of helping Dana’s home community of Blair

and the rest of Washington County, Neb. Currently, more than 1,500 residents of Washington County, seven Lutheran churches and Good Shepherd Lutheran Home receive benefits from Thrivent.

Thrivent provides annual scholarships for students from Washington County to attend Dana College, as well as colleges and universities throughout the country. During the last 25 years, Thrivent has provided more than \$2 million to Dana for scholarship support and programs.

“Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has been one of Dana’s top supporters for years,” said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president. “Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans, the two bodies that merged to form Thrivent, have provided scholarships for students, underwritten conferences and educational programs and been a willing partner in many ministries. We are most grateful for their generous support.”

Specific examples of Thrivent’s past local assistance include: sponsoring parenting programs; supporting food and clothing pantries; planting trees; purchasing playground equipment; supporting families with special needs due to illness, fire and accidents; giving disaster-relief funds; providing resources for foster families; preparing food baskets for the needy; and funding capital improvements.

**Keith Schmode of Thrivent accepts the award from Dr. Christopherson**



**Award winners, from left: Stephanie Collins, Toni Ahrendt, Justin Wiese, Carle Mock, Cheston Field, Maureen Gubbels and Rachel Ahrens.**



## *Seven Who Shined*

*Seniors are the first to receive Dana's new awards*

*Senior Recognition Dinner, Friday, 6:30 p.m.*

Seven members of the Class of 2003 were the very first honorees of Dana's new senior awards for outstanding service and commitment to the college. The new awards replaced the Campus Service Awards.

Toni Ahrendt, a social work student, won the Dana College Community Enrichment Award. This award recognizes an outstanding member of the senior class who has served as an advocate for celebrating inclusiveness and respect for all at Dana College. The recipient of this award must have performed well academically and been active in the college community through leadership, service and citizenship. Ahrendt's presence as an active member of the student body has benefited the entire college community and assisted Dana in its commitment to be an increasingly diverse living and learning environment.

Rachel Ahrens, an elementary educa-

tion and Spanish student, Maureen Gubbels, a biology student, and Carle Mock, a history and business administration student, were awarded the Dana College Award for Excellence in Service. This award recognizes individual accomplishments in the area of service to others. Dana seeks to help students "actively participate in and help society." The Dana College Award for Excellence in Service is presented to students who best exemplify this goal through a commitment and dedication to serve, assist and care for others.

Stephanie Collins, a physical education and biology student, was given the "Spirit of Dana" Award, which recognizes a member of the senior class who best exemplifies the ideals of Dana College in the area of character.

The winner must be

a highly respected individual on campus who regularly acts with integrity and exhibits values consistent with Dana's commitment to fostering a community where the dignity of every person is respected. Her character is recognized in the classroom, extra-curricular activities and interactions with the Dana community.

Cheston Field, a business administration student, won the Dana College Award for Excellence in Leadership. This award recognizes individual accomplishments in the area of leadership. The recipient must be a student who is highly respected by his peers and the faculty, staff and administration of Dana College. The award is presented to a student who has made positive leadership contributions in areas such as academics, activities, community service, athletics or the performing arts.

Justin Wiese, an integrated studies and religion student, was awarded the Dana College Award for Service in Religious Life, which was established to recognize a member of the graduating class who has excelled at serving the college in the area of religious life. The recipient of this award must be recognized as a person of strong Christian faith and been an active participant in the programs and activities aimed to foster spiritual growth on the Dana College campus. The award is presented to a student who best exemplifies service through a commitment to his faith.

## *Salute!*

*Carle Mock, Lauri Kahl and Justin Wiese*

*Perfect 4.0 grade point averages earned these students the title valedictorian*



After 42 years of teaching

# A History of Warman

*Dana's master of history, Don Warman, retires*

**Commencement, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.**

history to the students of Dana College, Professor Don Warman

announced his retirement earlier this year. To honor his service to the college, Warman was named professor emeritus of history at Dana's Commencement Ceremony.

Best known for his wit and insatiable urge to learn and teach, Warman taught thousands of students in his time at Dana, including several who would later go on to become his colleagues on the faculty. In his first years at Dana, he interested a young man in English history. When that student later finished his doctorate in history at Duke University, Warman pushed the administration at Dana to hire him. They taught together for 33 years until Dr. Richard Jorgensen retired last year. Warman's retirement ends their long dynasty in Dana's history department, making for one of the most dramatic changes in the college's history.

"Professor Warman will be missed," President Myrvin Christopherson said. "You can't help but like the guy. He makes history come alive."

Warman's family moved around the country during his childhood, but his unusual intelligence caused one school to skip him from the fifth to ninth grade. In Warman's early teens, his father died, and Warman hit the open road, hitchhiking all over the United States at the age of 13.

After graduating with a degree in social science from Park College in Kansas City, Mo., he held a series of odd jobs, including selling typewriters in the Kansas City stockyards (he never made a sale in six months) and one in which he was hired and fired within three days.

In this time period, Warman married his wife, Sandy, and started a family. He was drafted into the U.S. Army when his son was 6 months old, despite his conscientious

objector status.

It was at Fort Sill in Oklahoma that Warman gave his first history lecture. As a non-commissioned officer, one of his duties was to give lectures on military history to the troops. (He was chastised on giving one lecture on the Battle of Little Big Horn, told, "We don't talk about the ones we lost.")



Warman was given an early discharge to pursue his master's degree at the University of South Dakota. He also spent a year working on a doctorate before becoming the first historian at the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, Neb. Much of the text found within the museum today was written by Warman during his tenure there.

After a one-hour interview with then-Dana College President C.C. Madsen, Warman was hired as a new member of the Dana College faculty in 1961. It was at his first faculty dinner that Warman decided he never wanted to leave. "This is where I

want to be," he remembers saying to the rest of the faculty. "This is where I need to be."

Warman lived through several changes at Dana. In his time the college went from predominately Lutheran to a college that reflects the demographics of the Omaha area. He was involved in Dana's humanities program for a quarter-century, a program, he said, "Every student who's taken it loves 10 years out." He also saw its end.

Warman also embraced changes in technology for use in the classroom. He's creator and developer of Professor Giga-byte's Gateways to Infinity ([www.dana.edu/dwarman](http://www.dana.edu/dwarman)), a well-known academic clearinghouse of reference web sites begun in 1995.

But Warman's real passion is teaching. He said he was born to teach. He would never leave teaching, but a series of strokes has left him physically weaker.

"I would rather teach than eat," Warman said. "And obviously I like to eat."

Warman's favorite classes over the years have included Russian History, History of the Non-Western World and Late 20th Century History. But he holds a warm spot in his heart for his classes in anthropology and geography, topics he's never took a single day of instruction in.

"First and foremost, Professor Warman is a teacher," said Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English and one of Warman's former students. "Professor Warman has pursued learning with a passion throughout his long career."

In recognition of Warman's service to Dana the Donald G. Warman Award for Outstanding Senior Student in History will be presented for the first time to a student next year.

Warman and his wife, a retired English professor, moved this summer to New Hampshire to be near their oldest son.

# Mission: World

Rev. Bonnie Jensen receives honorary doctorate

Commencement, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Dana College honored the Rev. Bonnie Jensen by presenting her with an honorary doctorate of divinity at Commencement.

Jensen, who currently serves as executive director for the Division for Global Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from its churchwide offices in Chicago, Ill., was given the honor for her decades of work helping the unfortunate around the world.

"Her outstanding leadership to her national church and to Christian causes, agencies and institutions worldwide, and her clear voice of advocacy for women, children, minorities, the poor and neglected has

brought honor to Dana College and all who know her," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president.

Jensen also was the guest speaker at the Baccalaureate Service, held May 23.

As executive director of the Division for Global Mission, Jensen oversees a \$29-million program operating in approximately 70 countries, with 300 missionaries and volunteers, and 47 Chicago-based staff. Under Jensen's leadership, the division developed a model that held to deepen and expand the ELCA's relationship and cooperation with more than 60 Lutheran churches worldwide. During her tenure, Jensen has diversified the ethnic makeup of the division's staff by adding significant numbers of people with Latino, Arab, African and Asian backgrounds.

Jensen, originally from Royal, Iowa, is a 1970 graduate of Dana and a 1980 graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Before her current appointment, she served in the same division as director for planning and evaluation and program director for Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific, and director for global mission education.

She has participated in numerous international church consultations and conferences, and served on the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Advisory Committee for Women in Church and the LWF Society and the Project Committee representing North America, and was an advisor to the LWF Assembly in Winnipeg, Canada. She is also a member of the board of Lutheran World Relief. From 1962 to 1965, she served with her husband, Dr. Richard A. Jensen, as missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She was ordained a pastor of the ELCA in 1993.

## Mortons

Nine students finish  
Dana's most rigorous  
program

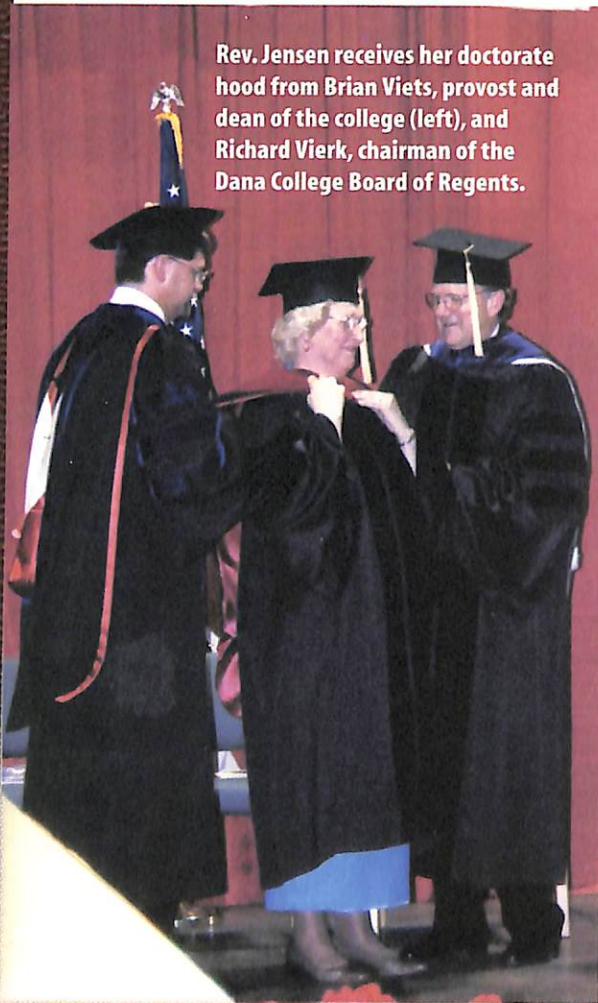
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Order classes, extra classes, independent study, community service and a thesis or project presented to the public are just some of the requirements nine graduates completed to earn the title Morton Scholar at graduation. As part of Dana's honors program, these students put in hundreds of hours of work to earn the title, named after Dr. Richard E. Morton, president of Dana College and Trinity Seminary from 1944-1956.

These graduates made a large contribution to the academic and service atmosphere at Dana. The goal of the Morton Scholar program is to prepare students to be leaders in the world outside Dana as well.

The 2003 Dana College Morton Scholars are Stephanie Collins, Crystal Cordes, Jessica Donnell, Amber Lake, Jeffrey Mangus, Amy Miller, Sara Smit, Erin Sorensen and Heather Wonders.

Rev. Jensen receives her doctorate hood from Brian Viets, provost and dean of the college (left), and Richard Vierk, chairman of the Dana College Board of Regents.



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# All Good Things...


**Class of 2003, 103 strong, graduates**

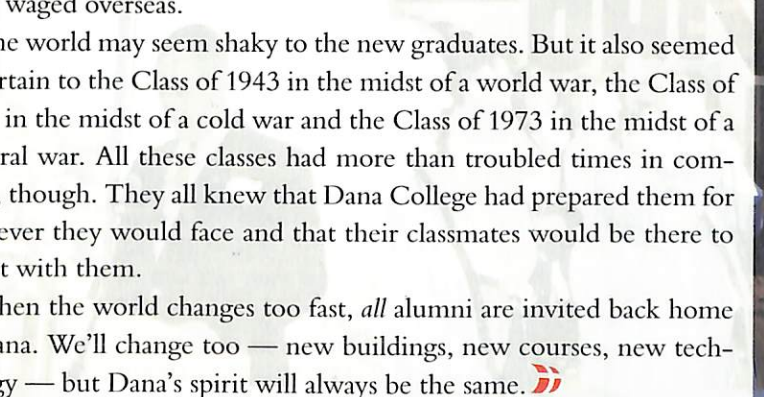
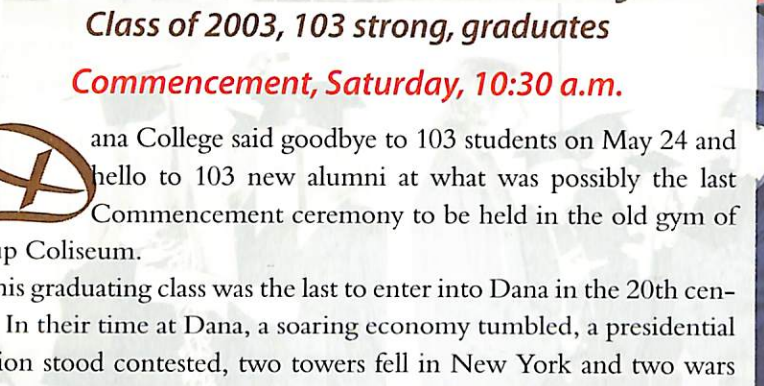
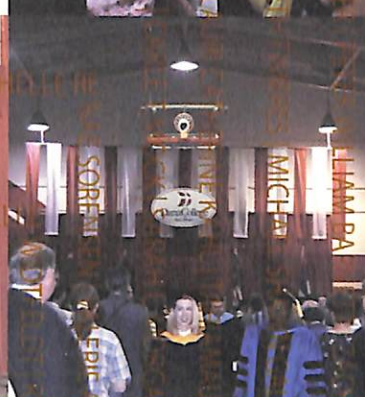
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**D**ana College said goodbye to 103 students on May 24 and hello to 103 new alumni at what was possibly the last Commencement ceremony to be held in the old gym of Borup Coliseum.

This graduating class was the last to enter into Dana in the 20th century. In their time at Dana, a soaring economy tumbled, a presidential election stood contested, two towers fell in New York and two wars were waged overseas.

The world may seem shaky to the new graduates. But it also seemed uncertain to the Class of 1943 in the midst of a world war, the Class of 1963 in the midst of a cold war and the Class of 1973 in the midst of a cultural war. All these classes had more than troubled times in common, though. They all knew that Dana College had prepared them for whatever they would face and that their classmates would be there to face it with them.

When the world changes too fast, *all* alumni are invited back home to Dana. We'll change too — new buildings, new courses, new technology — but Dana's spirit will always be the same. 



# Wish You Were Here...

## Postcards from the All-American Tour



**Sunday, June 22**  
**Dana College**  
**Blair, Nebraska**  
**Dana College Chorale**

The tour was challenged even before it started. Just days before departure, conductor Dr. Richard Palmer had emergency heart surgery. He would be OK, but the Chorale would need a replacement leader.

In June and July, the Dana College Chorale made a 17-day concert tour of Germany and Denmark. They performed in small towns and large cities and got to know the people (and each other) well. Along the way, they kept a journal. Here are some excerpts:

Once upon a time... there was a tale of a great choir going on a long, noble journey to the foreign lands of Denmark and Germany. Our adventures started a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. Or maybe it started today at our home of Dana College. All said and done, we got to Eppley and took off for Chicago without a hitch. Some people caught a glimpse of John Elway, but some (Joe) didn't. (Even thought he was literally standing behind me.) So at this point, we are sitting at the gate, waiting for our plane to take off.

— Chris Masters '05 &  
Joe Blackstad '06



Alesha Alvis  
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**Wednesday, June 25**  
**Otto Flath Art Hall**  
**Bad Segeberg, Germany**  
**First Concert Performance**

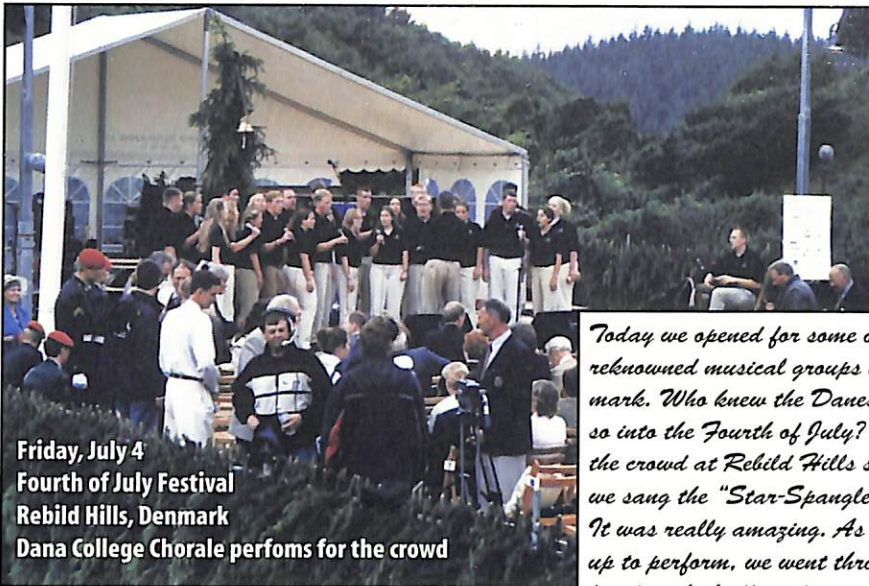
Arrived at the hostel, and we got ready to sing. Dinner and a short ride later we arrived at our first singing point. When we arrived, there was an American Flag hanging for us. How welcoming! It was exciting to see the audience pour in. The concert was incredible! We can be so amazing as one group, instead of 39 individuals. They loved us! Our first standing ovation. After the concert, we shared champagne and snacks with the audience. Later, we hurried back to the hotel to change for a night out on the town with our native tour guides.

— Sarah Olson '04 & Tabby Holman '04

Mike Janis, a retired vocal instructor from the Millard (Neb.) Schools, volunteered to fill in for Dr. Palmer. The well-prepared Chorale was able to rehearse for a few days with Janis before leaving for Europe.



Sybill Bartels  
Professor of German  
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**Friday, July 4**  
**Fourth of July Festival**  
**Rebild Hills, Denmark**  
**Dana College Chorale performs for the crowd**

*Today we opened for some of the most renowned musical groups in Denmark. Who knew the Danes would be so into the Fourth of July? Everyone in the crowd at Rebild Hills stood up as we sang the "Star-Spangled Banner!" It was really amazing. As we walked up to perform, we went through a path lined with the flags from all 50 states. And even though some of the flags were out-of-date (South Dakota hasn't been the "Sunshine State" in a while), the fact that they would make such an effort to honor the United States was fabulous. I missed spending the Fourth with my family, but I'm glad I'm here.*  
*—Marta Walker '04*



*Trine Feuerborn*  
*Assistant Registrar*  
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The celebration in Rebild Hills, Denmark, is the largest Fourth of July party outside of the United States. The Chorale was given the honor of singing several selections and the national anthem in front of thousands of festival-goers in a picturesque nature park.



**Sunday, July 6**  
**Slangstrup Church**  
**Slangstrup, Denmark**  
**Final performance of the All-American Tour**

*Today marked a fitting end to the "official" part of our trip. The Chorale gave its final performance during worship at Slangstrup Church in a charming community just outside of Copenhagen. The church was beautiful and the Chorale was well received once again. After a great lunch given by the congregation, the Chorale was asked to step back into the sanctuary for a couple more numbers. There were more than a few tears and a lot of reflection as the students realized that it would be their last performance together. I was a little sad myself as I also realized the trip is coming to a close. It has been an honor to accompany this group and hear them perform during the past 17 days. Even in the absence of Dr. Palmer, their talents shined through.*  
*—Carrie (Larkins '04) Reed, tour director*



*Sue Olsen*  
*Development Office Manager*  
*Dana College*  
*2848 College Drive*  
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# The Juice Gets His Due

Longtime Viking coach Dale Lemon receives Medal of Honor



Dale "Juice" Lemon

Many remember Dale "Juice" Lemon for his work ethic and his appreciation for the fundamentals of baseball. His players remember "Juice" for his unique sense of humor and his passion for winning. For 35 years, Dale Lemon contributed to the game of baseball as few have.

For this, Lemon was awarded the Medal of Honor from the Nebraska Baseball Hall of Fame March 16 at an awards banquet in David City, Neb.

The lifetime achievement award given by the hall is presented to those who have made significant contributions to the game over an extended period. The award is certainly fitting for Lemon.

Growing up in Lincoln, Neb., Lemon graduated from Lincoln Northeast High in 1950. There, he started for the Rockets basketball team in 1949 and 1950. After graduation, Lemon played basketball for two years at the University of Arkansas until transferring to Nebraska Wesleyan, participating in football, basketball, track and baseball upon graduation in 1957.

After finishing his undergraduate career, Lemon left for the University of

Nebraska at Lincoln, where he earned a masters degree in physical education.

Lemon began his coaching career at Valley City (N.D.) State College, coaching from 1959-1963.

"I was coaching at North Dakota at the time when my [former] coach at Nebraska Wesleyan told me about the opening at Dana," Lemon said. "I interviewed and everyone seemed to agree."

Lemon arrived at Dana College in 1963. He signed on to coach baseball and teach physical education.

One of Lemon's first players he coached upon arrival was pitcher Jim Jorgensen '66, now Dana's director of planned giving.

"Juice came my sophomore year," Jorgensen said. "He was soft spoken and low key. He didn't have a fiery temper or personality that other coaches had."

Lemon's coaching wasn't flashy. He stressed playing fundamental baseball. It was this take on the game that allowed


Lemon to compile a 503-635 career win-loss record, 13 conference championships and make 17 appearances in the NAIA regional tournament.

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than his winning statistics was the way in which he won.

"Juice did it all himself. We didn't have an assistant coach," said former firstbaseman and catcher Steve Appel '84.

Lemon said he had just three assistants for a total of five years during his 31-year career at Dana.

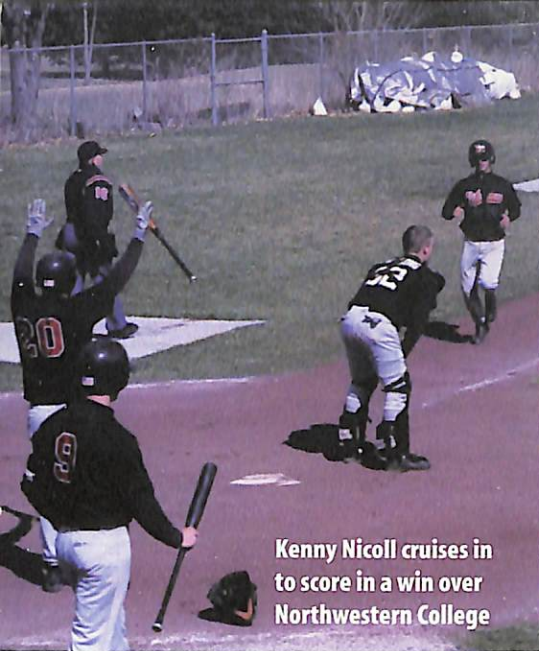
"[Lemon] had a true love for the game. We use to kid him for his age but he had a rich understanding of the history of the game and the way it was played," said Mark Clements '90, a catcher and first baseman, who coincidentally received swimming lessons from Lemon as a child.

After 31 years at Dana, Lemon retired in 1994. When asked why he chose to stay at Dana College so long, Lemon responded, "I liked it here. I like the faculty, the people I worked with, the community of Blair, and the relationships down through the years." 

Lemon (red dot) with some of his former players at an old-timers game in 1994. Jim Jorgensen is the blue dot. Mark Clements is the yellow dot.



## Baseball Takes the Doubters And Wins ... And Wins



Kenny Nicoll cruises in to score in a win over Northwestern College

The Viking baseball team was not considered a threat in the Great Plains Athletic Conference in 2001 when a talented recruiting class of 45 debuted. They weren't. But with the addition of an outstanding pitching staff in 2002, the team had the most overall wins of any team in the conference, where they ended fourth, and obtained numerous school records and post-season honors.

With those pitchers absent from the 2003 roster, Dana couldn't get any respect and were picked to seventh out of 12 in the conference. That ranking was fuel to the fire for this team, who refused to go unnoticed any longer.

If their pitchers were gone, they would have to do it through offense. The Vikings pounded away at their GPAC opponents with a .314 team batting average. With the talent of Mark Listenberger (.407 batting average, 10 home runs and 64 RBIs), team leadership of pitcher/shortstop Kenny Nicoll (batting .356) and the experience of Paul Langenegger (has started 171 consecutive games for the Vikings), the team rolled to its first GPAC championship with an overall conference record of 22-5.

Even better, continuity will not be a problem for next year's squad. Assistant coach Chad Gorman will move into the head position (see page 18). Nicoll, Langenegger and Listenberger, who was named GPAC player of the year, are all returning. Chris Zachgo, a consistently strong player, returns as a senior. Third baseman Steve Monigold's fielding was top notch in 2003 and is being counted on to be the Vikings next powerhitter. Pitcher Ryan Hohanshelt will return with year of experience under his belt.

"Nothing is going to change (in our program)," Gorman said. "Every year there are changes and new challenges, but this team has proven it can overcome the challenges. There is a lot of talent on this team."



## Tracksters Earn Three All-American Honors

The Vikings took eight athletes to the NAIA Outdoor Championships May 22-24 in Olathe, Kan., and walked away with three All-Americans.

"I was pleased with the way our kids competed in Olathe," said Dana College Head Track Coach Allen Friesen. "We faced some great competition. For us to get three All-Americans shows the kind of competitive spirit our kids have and shows that our program is moving in the right direction."

The All-Americans included Allen Wagner '03 in the marathon. Wagner placed sixth and ran a personal best of 2:33.58. Matt Maltby '03 placed sixth in the shot with a throw of 51-06.25. Garry Clark '04 placed sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:55.09.

A sunny, beautiful day at Skyline Woods Country Club in Elkhorn, Neb., greeted the 108 participants in the Viking Club's first benefit golf tournament. The event raised more than \$25,000 for Dana's athletic department. The funds will be used to cover the cost of the event, buy new equipment and uniforms and complete some needed repairs.

At the end of the day, the winning team was WBE Weikhorst Brothers, an excavating firm from Valley, Neb. The team was, from left, Mark Mauer, president of Enterprise Banks in Omaha, Scott Redding, vice president of Enterprise Banks, Scott Weikhorst, owner and president of Weikhorst and Brian Weikhorst, vice president of Weikhorst. At an auction following the tournament, several prize packages went to participants, including a weekend in Kansas City with tickets to the Chiefs-Steelers game and a trip to New York for the U.S. Golf Open.

The tournament went great, but planners would like to see more alumni at the 2004 edition, Friday, June 25, at Tiburon in Omaha. To sign up for next year, call the Athletic Department at (402) 426-7290.

# Vikings Add Four New Head Coaches

## Marcy Roff Softball



Former Simpson Storm standout Marcy Roff has been hired as the new head softball coach.

Roff played college softball at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. During her collegiate career she garnered several individual honors and was a member of the 1997 NCAA Division III championship team. The standout pitcher was named Second Team All-Conference and All-Region during her collegiate career.

She comes to Dana from Knoxville, Iowa, where she was a seventh grade science teacher and an assistant softball coach at Central College. She helped lead the Dutch to the NCAA Division III championship in 2003.

"I am very excited about the addition of Marcy to our staff," said Jim Krueger, director of athletics. "I believe her coaching background and experience as a college athlete will enhance our women's softball program."

## Bill Danenhauer Football

Dana's football program will keep its momentum going with the appointment of former offensive coach Bill Danenhauer to the head coaching spot for 2003.

Danenhauer began working at Dana as offensive coordinator in 2001. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 2002. He also



serves as assistant athletic director.

The former NFL and USFL player was an all-conference tackle at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1980. Danenhauer coached at the collegiate level at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., and St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. He also performed as a professional wrestler under different stage names in the 1980s.

Danenhauer succeeds Jim Krueger who served as head coach of the Vikings for 10 years before stepping down in the spring of 2003 to become Dana's athletic director.

## Chad Gorman Baseball

Chad Gorman, former assistant baseball coach, will be the new head baseball coach for the 2003 Great Plains Athletic Conference champion Vikings.

"Coach Gorman has done an outstanding job as an assistant and has a strong repore with the players," said Jim Krueger, athletic director. "I see him doing the same as the new head coach."

Gorman has been with Dana's baseball team since 2000. In addition to assistant duties, he also served as head junior varsity coach and strength coordinator.

Gorman was a standout for Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., in the 1990s. He



then played semi-professional baseball for four years with the Sheboygan A's. Gorman was an infielder and catcher and had a lifetime batting average of .348 with the A's.


"With Coach Gorman taking over, I see the program continuing with strong consistency," Krueger said.

## Bob Spangler '00 Cross Country

Four-time Viking national cross country qualifier Bob Spangler '00 is returning to Dana to take on the head cross country position.

Spangler, who ran under outgoing cross country coach Jim Birmingham, said he plans to continue the program's success. With the graduation of several top runners in the last couple of years, Spangler will also be looking to rebuild. One of his top priorities is to improve the women's cross country team.

In addition to his cross country honors, Spangler was a three-time All-American in the marathon, and an indoor track All-American in the 5,000-meter distance relay. He has also been appointed assistant track coach, replacing Ted Murray, who has become an admissions counselor.

He will also be spending this fall completing his master's degree in special education at the University of South Dakota. 



# Parting Is Such Sweet Music



**D**on Poh's long relationship with his "old buddy" ended with three taps and a kiss.

It had been a long journey for Poh '50, whether you counted it as starting three days before in Green Bay, Wis., seven months before during supper with a Dana College development officer, or nearly 60 years before on U.S. Navy warships in the Atlantic and Pacific. They all ended in the same place, Trinity Chapel, with the same act of generosity — Poh leaving his "old buddy," a restored, 1973, 9-foot concert grand Baldwin piano, to enhance the education of present and future Dana College students.

As he gave his last impromptu concert on the piano on May 13, Poh explained to the audience how there was a direct line from the ventures of World War II to the gift of the piano to Dana. "It's a war story of a different kind," he said. "Without the war I wouldn't have gone to college (on the G.I. Bill). If I hadn't gone to Dana, I wouldn't have studied music. If I hadn't studied music, I wouldn't have opened the store. Without the store, I wouldn't have this piano to give."

The piano is especially dear to Poh

because it not only came from his store, Don Poh Music Inc. in Green Bay, but it was the highlight of Little Carnegie, a concert hall Poh built on the side of the store for countless recitals and performances from the youngest beginners to the most accomplished professionals. The piano is a "twin" to the one preferred by the great Leonard Bernstein and

already has Dana's students and faculty buzzing about what its presence could mean for the college's piano program.

"It really makes a difference to be able to audition a student on a good instrument," said Dr. Claire Bushong, assistant professor of music. Knowing such a great instrument is available — and not just to graduate students like at large universities — will draw talented piano students to Dana.

The gift comes from Poh's gradual retirement from a half-century of being Green Bay's piano man. Little Carnegie closed a year ago, and Poh and his wife, Judith, have scaled back the store. When Poh was approached by Director of Planned Giving Jim Jorgensen about giving to the Grand Piano Fund (started by Alma (Madsen '22) Petersen to buy a new piano for Trinity Chapel), Poh told Jorgensen he had an idea for something even more complete. Instead of a just another instrument, he would let Dana have the 9-foot grand, undoubtedly a superb instrument with the right combination of age and materials to make pianists' dreams come true. He would also add money to the Peterson Fund to

care for this instrument and also refurbish Dana's other performance and practice pianos to top condition. Several are Baldwin studio pianos Poh's firm helped Dana buy 40 years ago. Another is the 1925 baby grand Steinway he used to perform a Rachmaninoff concerto at his own senior recital in 1950.

Poh's donation is an example of a gift of tangible personal property, a term for a donation of personal property that doesn't take the form of cash or marketable securities. Dana has benefited over the years from many gifts of this type, including stamp, book and coin collections, art work and jewelry.


"Gifts of tangible personal property are a thoughtful and specific way to give to the college," Jorgensen said. When an item of value is no longer needed by a donor, giving it to Dana allows items to have a new home or help the college through its sale. The donor still gets the tax break without the headache (or heartache) of finding a buyer.

Poh said he hopes the piano will be a gift that inspires and educates students for decades to come.

"It's the spirit that lives on," he said. "Whomever we touch, whatever we touch, we leave our spirit there."

He said he felt it was only right his favorite piano find a permanent home at Dana. Since graduating with a music degree in 1950, Dana has never left Poh.

"Dana taught us not only how to make a living, Dana taught us how to live," he said.

"I'm extremely grateful that I'm in a position today to give Dana something it didn't have, for the students of tomorrow." 

# Destiny's Deep Sea

## 00s

Toni Ahrendt '03 is a social worker for the Women & Families (Abuse) office of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Jarom Alip '03 is a youth worker at Cooper Village in Omaha.

Jonathan Andersen '03 is a lab analyst at Cargill DOW in Blair.

Jessica Angus '03 is a ministry assistant at Westside Church in Omaha.

Stacey Barker '03 is a special education resource remedial teacher in the Bellevue (Neb.) Public Schools.

Peter Barnett '03 is food service manager at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

Jennifer Bock '03 is taking cytotechnologist training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Stephanie Collins '03 is pursuing her master's in physical therapy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Tyler Cooper '03 is a certified trainer for Olive Garden Restaurant in Omaha.

Crystal Cordes '03 is a graduate student in the Biomedical Research Training Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Derek Davis '03 is an art teacher at North High School in Omaha.

Jillian Dreesen '03 is a sixth-grade teacher at Druid Hill Elementary in Omaha.

Amanda Dvorak '03 is a social worker at Community Support Division: Community Alliance in Omaha.

Jaime Ellithorpe '03 is a sales associate at Primerica in Omaha.

Derek Fey '03 is a bank teller at US Bank in Omaha.

Cheston Field '03 is a management trainee at Wells Fargo Financial in Omaha.

Elizabeth Garber '03 married William Cunard III on Aug. 5 in Nadi, Fiji. Elizabeth is a master's student in urban studies at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Samantha Gonsalves '03 is doing veterinary technologist training at the Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology in Denver, Colo.

Maureen Gubbels '03 is in the Creighton University Accelerated Nursing Program in Omaha.

Alex Gum '03 is an associate engineer (GUI programmer) at ACI Worldwide in Omaha.

Nathan Gutridge '03 is pursuing his nursing degree at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Lisa Jackson '03 married Christopher Irvin June 14 near Shenandoah, Iowa.

Aleksei Kriatchko '03 is working on his master's in medical microbiology and immunology at Creighton University in Omaha.

Amy Miller '03 is a social work and public administration graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Ryan Milner '03 won the 5K run at the Bluffs Challenge Cup held June 7 in Lake Manawa, Iowa. He is training for the Chicago Marathon in October.

Carle Mock '03 is manager at Generic Motel in Sidney, Neb.

Jeffrey Nelson '03 is a financial representative at American General Finance in Merrillville, Ind.

Matthew Prosocki '03 is assistant general manager at 24-Hour Fitness in Omaha.

Shawn Reeh '03 is an automotive supervisor at United Parcel Service in Omaha.

Mary Rist '03 and Zach Baro '03 were married July 19 in Papillion, Neb. Mary is an artist and Zach is a history teacher at Hillsborough County School District in Plant City, Fla.

Jillian Scheerhoorn '03 is a special education resource room teacher for K-6 at Norfolk (Neb.) Public Schools.

Sara Smit '03 is an accounting associate at Target Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn.

Luke Smith '03 is studying to be a physical therapist at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

Erin Sorensen '03 is a medical secretary at Heart Consultants PC in Omaha.

Lindsay Sparks '03 is an emergency room social worker at Alegent Health in Omaha.

Rebecca Wiemers '03 is a social worker at Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation in Omaha.

Justin Wiese '03 is this year's recipient of the ELCA College Graduate Award, a renewable, \$2,500 scholarship. Justin will use the scholarship at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, starting this fall.

Emelyn Wiggins '03 married David Theesen in July in Lincoln, Neb. Emelyn is a fourth-fifth grade teacher at Alda (Neb.) Public Schools.

Ben Wilcox '02 is the first wrestling coach at Lincoln North Star, a new high school in Lincoln, Neb.



**Erin Roubicek '97 married Jamie Slavin on May 26, 2001, in Phoenix, Ariz. On July 17, 2002, the couple had their first child, Riley Katherine. Riley weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21.25 inches long. Erin is now a stay-at-home mom in Phoenix.**

Erin Williams '03 is a youth care worker at Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha.

Rodney Wissman '03 is assistant manager at Casey's General Stores in Blair.

Heather Wonders '03 is a counseling graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Brian Anderson '02 is starting his first year of teaching art at Burke High School in Omaha this fall.

Lisa Grasso '02 is attending the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Junction, Vt.

Melissa Lewis '02 married George Schere May 24 in Cedar Bluffs, Neb. Melissa is a first grade teacher in Papillion, Neb., and is enrolled in the Cadre Master's Program at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Scheres live in Omaha.

Melanie (Hinze '02) Lyons has accepted a position at The Friendship Program, Inc., as communication/office support specialist.

Kaj Nielsen '02 is an architectural drafter with Berggren Architects in Lincoln, Neb.

Christine Reiners '02 married Craig Gochenour June 21 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Christine is program coordinator for Nebraska Council to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Omaha.

Molly Fuxa '01 married Seth Krivohlavek Aug. 2 in Sioux City, Iowa. Molly teaches and coaches in Elkhorn (Neb.) Public Schools.

Jose Garcia '01 is a football coach at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania.

Laura Rosenberry '01 married Steven Heller Aug. 2 in Omaha. Laura is a sixth-grade special education teacher at Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Traci Ahrendt '00 is working for OfficeTeam in St. Paul, Minn., her new home.

Dana (Strege '00) and Brock '98 Cooper have moved to West Des Moines, Iowa, where Brock is regional officer of supervisory jurisdiction for Commercial Federal Investment Services' Iowa, Missouri and Eastern Kansas regions. Dana is a graphic designer with the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care.

Christine Moberg '00 has moved to Vacaville, Calif. She is a counselor for women at the Yolo County Jail.

Allison Ruhde '00 has moved to Ames, Iowa, to work on her master's degree in higher education: student affairs at Iowa State University.

Robert Spangler '00 is seeking a master's degree in exercise science at the University of South Dakota. He is also the new head cross country coach at Dana.

Amber Weber '00 married John Beals on May 24 in Omaha. Amber is a pharmacy student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

## 90s

Rob Wheeler '99 is a registered pharmacist at HyVee in Lincoln, Neb.

D. Matt Worley '99 graduated May 12 from the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, Calif., with a master's of fine arts in acting. In September he will move to New York to begin his career.

Patrick Dumas '98 married Heather Haseltine July 3 in Omaha. Patrick is a contractor working toward an associate of radiology degree from Alegent.

Ben Sandy '98 placed 67th in the half-marathon in Duluth, Minn. on June 22. Ben competed with Team Nebraska and had a time of 2:38:06.

Janet (Reisdorff '97) and Jeff '97 Buman welcomed their second child on March 28. Justine Gabrielle shares a birthday with big brother Tyler, who turned 3 the same day. The Bumans live in Harlan, Iowa.

Jennimarie Joslin '97 married Asil "Ace" Ingram Nov. 30, 2002. Jennimarie also completed her master's of business administration with a healthcare man-



**Fafani (Goecke '97) and Gerd '99 Bents had a daughter, Raena Christine, born May 31, 2002. Gerd earned a masters of education in school psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2002. He is pursuing his masters of divinity at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Fafani is working on her masters of education in school psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.**

agement emphasis through online institution University of Phoenix in February. She is now working with Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest coordinating in-home healthcare in the Tucson, Ariz., region.

Jona Williams '97 works for eQuality as the program manager in charge of job development. Jona lives with her husband, Brian '95, and their 3½-year-old son, Evan, in Minnetonka, Minn.

Kristin (Knight '96) McCormick and husband, Jeff, welcomed a son, Ethan Alexander, on May 3. Ethan was 6 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches long. Kristin is working as director of the early childhood and school-age programs for Family Service in Lincoln, Neb.

Anne (Bodenstedt '96) and Jon '93 Pestel have built a home on family land near Malvern, Iowa, where they live with their three children, Caitlin Jean, 6; Colton John, 4; and Curtis James, 19 months. Anne teaches third grade in Malvern and Jon is a dispatcher for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha.

Chris Tauber '94 is a family teacher at Girls & Boys Town in Omaha.

Matthew Plowman '93 was honored with the Alpha Chi Professor of the Year and the Board of Regents Outstanding Professor awards at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. Matthew is an assistant professor of history. His wife, Laurie (Johnson '94) Plowman, is a K-6 special education life skills teacher and Special Olympics coordinator in Lake Mills, Iowa. The couple has a daughter, Jocelyn, and live in Forest City.

James Peister '92 completed an executive master's degree in business administration at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in May.

Cathy (Keck '90) Adcock and husband, David, have a son, Michael Paul, born May 16. Michael weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He joins sister Isabelle, 5, and brother Charles, 3. The family lives in Omaha, where Cathy is a stay-at-home mom.

Todd Kollbaum '90 has finished his year of vicarage at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He will be going back to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., to complete his masters of divinity.

Dawne (Preston '90) White is an advisor and tutor to 50 students at Nebraska Indian Community College. She is constructing a home in Lyons, Neb.

## 80s

Ted Bansen '89 has been elected vice president of the Blair Farmers Market. Ted and his family live in Blair, where Ted is groundskeeper for Dana.

Darlene (Christensen '89) Bowman and husband, William, welcomed a new daughter March 6. Chenoa Corrine joins her older brothers Ben, 11, and Dakota, 7. The Bowman family lives in Little Sioux, Iowa.



**Stacie (Lukasiewicz '87) Iossi and husband, Robert, are the proud parents of a son, Joshua Collin, born June 18 in Omaha. Joshua weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He joins a big sister, Chloe, 4. The Iossis live near Arlington, Neb.**

Steven Meister '88 has been named department head of the Naval Hospital Guam Family Medicine department, the largest family medicine department in the U.S. Navy outside of a teaching program.

Joel Barratt '86 has been promoted to associate creative director of the Sacco Group, an Omaha-based advertising agency.

Mary (Franzen '85) Costello and husband, John, announce the birth of their baby boy, Ethan Thomas. Ethan was born April 11, and was 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and 19.75 inches long. He joins brother William, 7, and sister Emily, 5. The family lives in Omaha.

Michael Martin '83 has been appointed assistant professor of technical communication and composition at University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. He recently presented a paper at the Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition titled "Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Rhetorical Journeys."

## 70s

John Hibbing '77 had his work featured in *The Washington Post* in February. John is a political scientist at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he resides. Through polling, he found that nearly half the country would prefer for the country's most significant decisions be made by unelected experts or business leaders rather than politicians or average citizens. His latest research examines how individuals strike a balance between self-interest and cooperation through the use of a "ultimatum bargaining" game.

Dave Stickrod '75 is the new principal at Glenwood (Iowa) Community High School.

Steve Hardiman '73 was honored as one of six distinguished alumni by the University of Nebraska-Omaha in April. Steve is principal at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

John Christensen '71 has been named interim vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. John has been with UNO since 1978.



In March, a group of Dana alumni held a mini-reunion in Kauai, Hawaii. From left, Jack Lodl '56, Carol (Olsen '58) Lodl, Toni (Nelson '57) Lawson, Bill Lawson D '56 T '60, Sue Olsen, development office manager, Jim Olsen '62, associate professor of art, Joyce (Olsen '58) Gilbert and Jerry Gilbert.

**Rod Christenson '70** was selected to receive a Good Neighbor Award from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the *Omaha World-Herald*. The Good Neighbor awards recognize individuals from Nebraska and western Iowa who have performed neighborly acts and deeds unselfishly without personal gain. Rod organized a group of individuals to help fix the old Craig (Neb.) High School and turn it into a community center. He lives with his wife, **Diane (Schmidt '71) Christenson** in Blair.



**Everett Johnson '60** was the first musician to be inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations' Hall of Fame on July 2 in Chicago, Ill. Everett was the executive secretary of the Iowa High School Music Association from 1978-2001. He also taught vocal music at Sheldon (Iowa) Middle and High Schools for 16 years and at Exira (Iowa) Junior-Senior High School for two years. Everett and his wife, June (Santage '62), live in Boone, Iowa.

**Twila Juel '70** retired at the end of the 2002-03 school year from her position as a teacher in the Millard (Neb.) Public Schools, where she had been for 33 years. Twila lives in Omaha.

## 60s

**Helen (Hansen '68) Sorenson** serves as the American Association for Respiratory Care's special representative to the American Institute for Life Threatening Illness and Loss and is assistant professor in the department of respiratory care at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

**Kathy (Anderson '62) Bliese** is the author of a new book, *Healing His Way*, published by Xolun Press. The book is based on Kathy's experiences around the world. She lives in Grand Island, Neb.

## 50s

**Marilyn (Ward '57) Nichols** and her husband, Roger, are spending an academic year in Cologne, Germany, where Roger will be a Fulbright Professor at the University of Cologne.

**Warren "Bud" Kruse '56** was inducted into the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Relays Hall of Fame in April. Bud was chosen for assisting in the race and entering 20 teams from Iowa School for the Deaf into the relays, as well as his teaching and coaching. Bud lives with his wife, Sandra (Lamb '57) Kruse, in Council Bluffs.

## Deaths

**Klemens Namwira '90** died November 23, 2000, in Grootfoutein, Namibia, after a bout of pneumonia. Klemens was a planner with the Ministry of Education and Culture of Namibia. Survivors include a wife, Rosaline, four sons and a daughter.

**Ruth (Hansen) Jensen Weaver '72** died May 23 in Blair. Ruth taught for the Hewett, Fontanelle, Nashville, Glendale, Spiker, Summers,

Wranch, District 77 and District 89 schools in Nebraska. She originally attended Dana for one year in the 1930s and then completed her degree over 16 years of summer and night classes in the '50s, '60s and '70s. She was a member of the Herman (Neb.) Community Church, Circle II & III, Washington County and Boyd County teachers associations. Survivors include four daughters, a son, a brother, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Gerald Petersen '70** died on April 11 in Omaha of cancer. Gerald was a civil engineer working for DRL Group in Omaha. Gerald loved the outdoors. Survivors include his wife, Lynne (Norgaard '69) and three daughters.

**Ronald Bosworth '69** died on March 10 in Davenport, Iowa, following an unexpected illness. Ron was an engineering technician at the Alcoa Company, Davenport Works, where he had been employed for 23 years. He was a member of the Sierra Club and enjoyed camping, hiking and boating. Survivors include his wife, Sheila, a daughter, three sons, a sister, a granddaughter and mother.

**Theresa (Moler '60) Ernst Jansen** died June 14 in Norfolk, Neb. She taught for 47 years in rural schools and at O'Neill (Neb.) Public School. Theresa was a member of Sacred Heart-St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She is survived by a daughter, a son, two sisters, four brothers, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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**Arthur Simon '52** has had his book, *How Much is Enough? Hungering for God in an Affluent Culture*, published by Baker Books of Grand Rapids, Mich. Arthur is founder and president emeritus of Bread for the World. He lives in Colmar Manor, Md.

Yvonne (Hansen '56) Vorthmann died May 10 in Omaha. Yvonne was a homemaker and owned a small country store on Main Street in Treynor, Iowa, from 1986-96. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor and was an associate member of the American Lutheran Church of Sun City, Ariz. Survivors include her husband, Alfred, a daughter; three sons, including Niles '88; three sisters, including Gayla (Hansen '73) Newmeister; and two brothers, Gary Hansen '54 and Timothy Hansen '68.

Dorothy (Paulsen '49) Eriksen died April 29 of Lou Gehrig's Disease at her home in Reinbeck, Iowa. After working for Mutual Insurance Company in Omaha, Dorothy and her husband, Shirley, farmed south of Reinbeck. She was a devoted member of the Amity Presbyterian Church near Reinbeck and was a lifetime member of the AMVETS Auxiliary Post #10 in Lincoln, Iowa, and served as state president for 1987-88. Survivors include her husband, four daughters, a brother, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Herbert B. Larsen '38 died April 22 in Audubon, Iowa. Herbert and his wife ran the family farm near Kimballton, Iowa, for more than 40 years. He was an avid bowler and won many tournaments. Survivors include a brother, Chester Larsen '35, a sister, nieces and nephews.

Andrew Staby D '36 T '39 died May 6 in Loveland, Colo., following a short illness. Andrew

served parishes in Red Cloud, Neb., Plainview and Winnetoon, Neb., Oregon, Wis., Fremont, Neb., Brush, Colo., and Chadron, Neb. He also served as assistant to the central district president over all the rural ALC parishes in Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and parts of Oklahoma. In retirement, Andy read widely, used a computer, kept up on current events, learned to cross country ski and continued to play golf into his late 80s. Survivors include a wife, Martha (Rasmussen '39), and four children, including Paul '69 and Mary '76.

## Friends

Tom Allan died June 27 in Lincoln, Neb., of leukemia. Tom was a retired reporter for *The Omaha World-Herald* and was given an honorary doctorate by Dana in 1979. Survivors include a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister and three grandchildren.

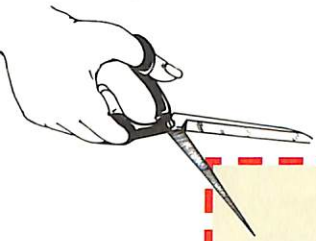
Robert C. Hunt died June 10 in Saint Paul, Minn. Bob founded Great Plains Communications in Blair in 1974 after working with his father, Emory Sr., and brother, Emory Jr. He served as president of Great Plains until 1986 and as chairman of the board until 2002. Bob was a great friend to Dana, stepping forward with financial help after Old Main burned down in 1989. He also served as a computer class instructor for a brief time in 1979. Bob is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

## Rev. James W. Olsen

The Rev. James W. Olsen D '40 T '49, former member of the Dana College Board of Regents, died June 7 in Loveland, Colo. James's pastorates were Farmington, Minn., Lincoln, Neb., Reno, Nev., and Scottsbluff, Neb. He also served Dana as vice president of church relations and development from 1961-63. Among his church positions were service as president of the Nebraska District UELC, and vice president and later secretary of the American Lutheran Church Central District. James was also an avid barbershop chorus singer.

Survivors include a son, a daughter, Kathryn (Olsen '65) Goetz, two sisters, including Donna (Olsen '48) Johnson, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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# Dana loses a scholar, teacher and member of the family

**L**uella Nielsen '42, a longtime professor in Dana's English department, died Sunday, June 1, in Albert Lea, Minn. Her death is a great loss of the Dana family.

Luella was born Aug. 23, 1919, in Mankato, Minn., to Meta Wolter Kaeding. Because her father, Arthur Kaeding, died of the Spanish influenza before she was born, the only father she knew was John Nielsen, whom her mother married in 1924.

Luella completed her grade and high school education in Albert Lea, Minn., graduating as valedictorian of her class

in 1937. She continued her education at Dana and at the University of Minnesota, from which she received an master of arts degree. She completed post-graduate work at both the University of Wyoming and the University of Vermont.


Luella taught high school in Pender, Neb., and Blair. She then became a professor of English at Dana in 1958, a position she would hold for the next three decades. In her time at Dana, she influenced thousands of students with her love for the written word. When she retired in 1986, Dana rewarded her excellence in teaching by naming her professor emeritus. She continued to teach part-time at Dana until the early 1990s. She also spent many hours serving as a volunteer necrologist for the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana.

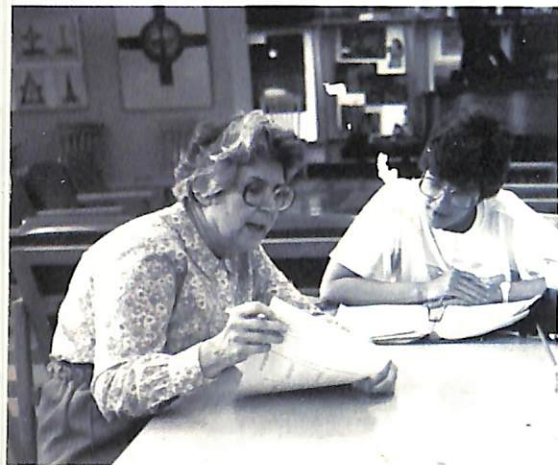
Teaching, reading and travel were her great delights, winning her the appreciation of decades of high school and college students. For her career as a teacher, she was named a distinguished alumna of Dana in 1973.




During her academic career, Luella was active in the American Association of University Professors, the American Association of University Women, the Midwest Modern Language Association, the Washington County Teachers Association, the Lutheran Daughters of First Lutheran Church of Blair, and the Washington County Democratic Party.

Luella is survived by two brothers, John W. D '47 T '53, and James '53; two sisters, Eleanor '50 Shou and Margaret '61 Rodenburg; and 29 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be designated for Dana College, the Danish Immigrant Archive or Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. 



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