

DANA REVIEW



One Remembered

At Homecoming we dedicated our fine new sports and recreation facilities, the Gardner-Hawks Center and the Cooperman Atrium. The names were chosen to honor the family foundations of Dan and Jeanne Gardner, Howard and Rhonda Hawks, and Harold and Merriam Cooperman, whose lead gifts helped make the facilities possible. Speaking for the families, Howard Hawks pointed to two Dana student platform guests and said, "We do it for you, the students. That's what motivates us." We thank God for that spirit of giving. Giving and reaching out have played a prominent role in Dana history.

Nearly 50 years ago, I had my first encounter with Dana students. The Dana Men's Glee Club performed at my church in Wisconsin. Their spirit was contagious. I remember a black man sang the solo part in "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." I later learned that many regard him as the greatest all-around athlete in Dana's history. He graduated in 1956, and when I started at Dana in the fall of 1957, the Marion Hudson stories abounded: How this 6-footer could spring above the rim to his elbows and slam dunk the basketball; how he dominated as a broken field runner on the grid iron; how he won the Drake Relays with a taped javelin and how his long jumps rivaled Olympic records.

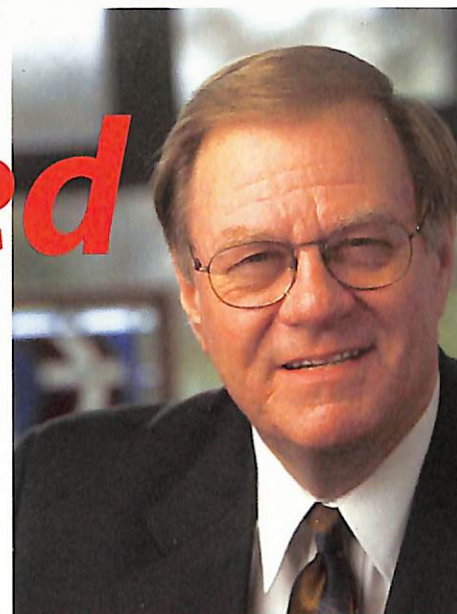
Marion turned 70 recently and was recognized at our last home football game. Marion is in declining health, but came to Dana to share a few words with our football team before the game

and join friends who are establishing a scholarship in his name after the game for birthday cake.

It was a retired teacher from Snyder, Neb., Alex Meyer, a graduate of our sister institution, Midland Lutheran College, who turned our attention to Hudson. For more than 50 years, Hudson has been Meyer's hero. As a youth, Meyer followed Hudson's career in the Omaha papers and, five decades later, he still admires the man. Meyer contacted Hudson's football coach at Dana, Keith Skogman, and several of Marion's classmates like Dr. James Thomsen, a retired University of Wisconsin Medical School professor. Meyer and Jim and Barb Thomsen have challenged others to join them in supporting the Marion Hudson Scholarship that will help others like Marion who could not attend without scholarship help.

The Hudson story is worth telling. He came to Dana because of Dana students. They raised \$355 for a scholarship to bring a young black student to Dana. Omaha Central Coach Frank Smagacz recommended Hudson to Coach Paul Petersen, and in the fall of 1952 he became Dana's first African-American student. Another black student from Omaha, Rodney Wead, followed. Since then scores of minority students have come to Dana.

The 1952 effort wasn't the first by Dana students. Following World War II, Dana students rallied to raise funds to make possible the attendance of Juri Taht from Estonia.



President Myrvin F. Christopherson

Seventeen years ago, students were supportive in helping us bring the first of 12 Namibian students to Dana, and a few years later, 17 Chinese students were welcomed to campus with the help of Dana students.

It is my prayer that students, alumni and friends of Dana will continue to support efforts to bring a diverse group of students here, including those whose color, creed, ethnic background or other identification might preclude their attendance. Some of Dana's proudest moments have come because we have welcomed persons who could not be here without our support. "Do you love me?" Jesus said to Simon Peter. "Then feed my lambs." (John 21:15-17) May many keep such efforts in their prayers and lend financial support.

A few weeks ago, another great Dana student athlete of Hudson's era, Neil Moore, died, and I was again reminded how Moore and Hudson and so many more have quietly shaped and inspired others. I am grateful that Alex Meyer came forth to help us thank and remember Marion Hudson, one who has made Dana and the world a richer and better community. >>



The Dana College Concert Band provides some pep at the Homecoming football game against Dakota Wesleyan

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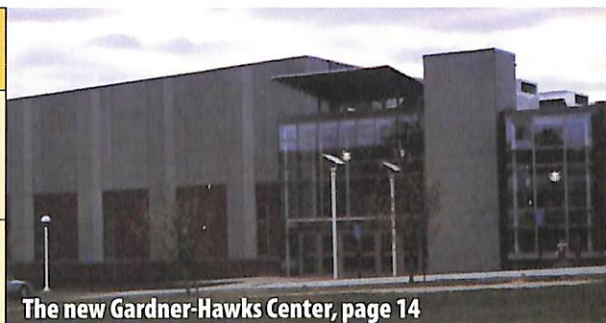
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On the Hill

Sights & Sounds is On Its Way

Sights & Sounds of Christmas — Dana's two-day festival packed with concerts, food, exhibits, demonstrations, crafts and more — is just around the corner on Dec. 6 and 7. Designed to be family friendly, all of the festival events are entertaining for all ages, with some especially designed to fascinate and engage children with hands-on activities. Visitors can gain entry to more than 20 different events with the purchase of a Sights & Sounds button for just \$5.

The buttons will be available at the door to every event during the festival,

but reservations are encouraged for the famous Scandinavian Smorgasbord (\$15.50 for adults, \$7 for children under 12). The menu is authentic Scandinavian cuisine, including frikadeller (meat balls), medisterpølse (sausage) and salmon, as well as 22 additional items.

Seats for the Smorgasbord are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so if visitors have a specific time in mind, they are encouraged to make reservations early.

Three highlights out of 20 events for this year include:

The Viking Encampment & Demonstrations is a crowd favorite for both adults and children, with recreations of the life and culture of the Viking Age.

The Dana College Chorale & Concert Band Concert features Dana's premier music groups in a new setting of 30-foot trees and hundreds of poinsettias.

Let's Make it Danish teaches visitors the art of Papirklip (paper cutting), Bobbin Lace, Hardanger, Rosemaling, Strawweaving, Tatting and traditional Scandinavian Christmas ornaments. It's great fun for families and children of all ages.



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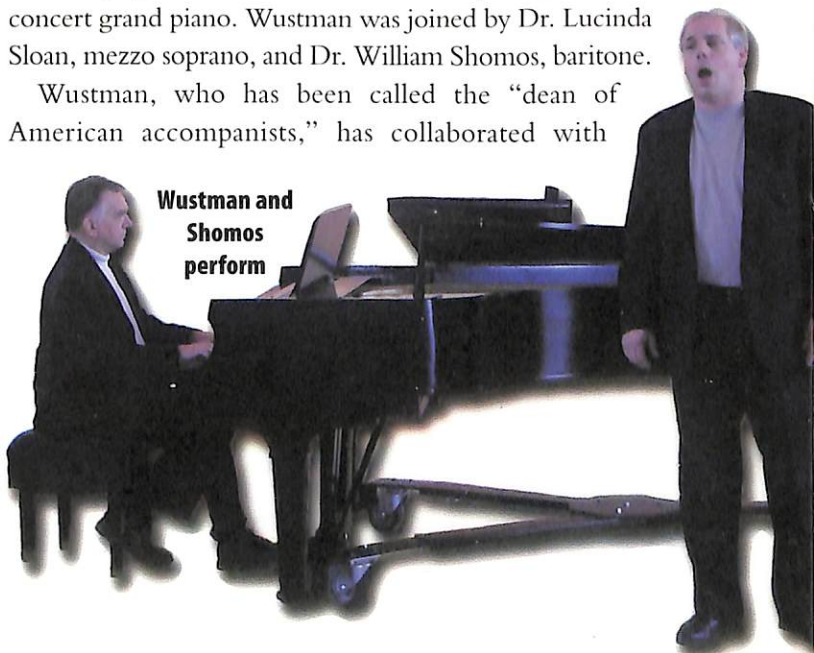


The spirit was willing, but the box was stubborn at Dana's Opening Dinner Aug. 20 in the Cooperman Atrium. The box was a time capsule closed into Borup Coliseum's cornerstone during its construction in the early 1960s. The cornerstone was removed to facilitate construction of the Gardner-Hawks Center and Cooperman Atrium earlier this year. It took a bit of trying, but Bob Schmol '83, executive vice president and chief financial officer (left), and Dr. Myrv Christopherson '61, president, opened the box revealing copies of *Hermes*, *Blair Enterprise*, a D-Club roster and other items. The memorabilia will be displayed in the Cooperman Atrium.

Famed Accompanist Performs

Legendary American accompanist John Wustman delighted an audience in Trinity Chapel of the Margre Henningson Durham Center on Sept. 10, with the first in a series of dedication performances on Dana's newly restored 9-foot concert grand piano. Wustman was joined by Dr. Lucinda Sloan, mezzo soprano, and Dr. William Shomos, baritone.

Wustman, who has been called the "dean of American accompanists," has collaborated with



many of the great singers of the second half of the 20th century in the leading concert halls of five continents. He has performed with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Birgit Nilsson, Regine Crespin, Christa Ludwig, Nicolai Gedda, Carlo Bergonzi and Luciano Pavarotti. Along with Maria Callas, Wustman served as a member of the jury at the Fourth International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, Russia. His students are engaged as singers, conductors and répétiteurs at the Metropolitan Opera Company, Houston Grand, San Francisco Opera, Chicago Lyric, Munich Staatsoper and La Scala, to name but a few.

This performance was the first in a series of events to dedicate the newly acquired concert grand piano, donated last spring by Dana alumnus Don Poh '50 of Green Bay, Wis. The piano is a restored, 1973 9-foot concert grand Baldwin piano, one of the finest instruments available to college students in the region.

Another dedication concert was held during Homecoming Alumni, including Iris (Frey '78) Doolittle and Barry Anderson '73, as well as Dana faculty and students, gave a concert on Oct. 10.

New Faces Join Full-Time Faculty

Dana welcomed seven new full-time members of the faculty at the start of the academic year. Some are homegrown and some bring experience from places far away.



Dr. Stewart Brewer, assistant professor of history, earned his bachelor's in history and master's in anthropology from Brigham Young University. He earned his doctorate in international history from University at Albany, State University of New York. He previously served as a visiting assistant professor in the department of history at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. Brewer is an expert in Latin American studies and is currently working on a book on the history of U.S.-Latin American relations.

Dr. Kate Joeckel, associate professor of communication, received her doctorate in speech and dramatic art as well as her master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska. She taught at Simpson College for 13 years, where she served as department chair of communication studies and division chair of policy studies. She also served as a policy analyst in the Nebraska governor's office, researching and preparing speeches for then-Governor Bob Kerrey.



Professor Carol King '84, assistant professor of business administration, began teaching part-time at Dana in 1994, but moved to a full-time position this fall. She has also taught courses at College of St. Mary in Omaha. King earned her bachelor of science degree in accounting from Dana in 1984. She completed her master's at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1997 and earned her CPA in 1991.

Professor Carl Scheuermann, instructor of mathematics, received his master's in mathematics from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and his bachelor's in education from California University of Pennsylvania. He worked as a graduate assistant in the Learning Center at UNO, tutoring math and writing, and mentoring at-risk students.



Dr. Albert Snow, assistant professor of chemistry, received his doctorate and master's degrees in organic chemistry from the University of Oklahoma and his bachelor's from Arkansas Tech University. While at OU, he served as vice-chair of the Graduate Student Senate. Last year, Snow was a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow at Wichita State University.



Professor Starla Stensaas, associate professor of graphic design, received her master's of fine art in art from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and her master's and bachelor's from Eastern Illinois University. She is returning to Dana after teaching at Southern Illinois University and Nebraska Wesleyan University.



Dr. Thomas Wicks '68, associate professor of education, earned his doctorate in educational foundations from Iowa State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Dana. He also holds degrees from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Waldorf Junior College. Wicks is an expert in curriculum and assessment, and is returning to teaching after working as a consultant in Minnesota for several years. Wicks served as an assistant professor at Kansas State University, and has extensive experience as a principal and superintendent of schools in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.



Arizona Luncheon Date Set

The annual Arizona Luncheon will be held Feb. 21 at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa, Ariz. All alumni, friends, and past and present parents are invited to attend. For more information on the luncheon, contact Anne Christopherson, special projects director, at achristo@fs1.dana.edu or (402) 426-7248.

Donate Your Spare DVDs to Dana

The C.A. Dana-LIFE Library has been doing a brisk business in DVD checkouts this year. Thanks to a gift from the Dana College Student Senate, the library now lets students "rent" DVDs for free.

If you have some old DVDs or videocassettes cluttering up your entertainment area, consider giving them to Dana for students to enjoy.

To Donate

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Dana Prof. Releases New Book

Dana College's Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion, has added a new theory to theology with his new book from New York University Press, *Film as Religion*.

Lyden moves beyond the many pieces of scholarship comparing religion to film and actually looks at the way modern viewers experience film as a religious experience.

"Both theological and ideological approaches to film and religion have failed to take seriously the religious element in popular culture as representing a distinct religious tradition," Lyden said. "Popular culture may not be as formal or as institutionally organized as 'official' religions, but it functions like a religion, and may thus be viewed as a religion."

Lyden goes on to analyze the worldviews conveyed by movies like *Die Hard*, *The Godfather*, *Titanic*, *When Harry Met Sally...*, and many others. In his discussion he places emphasis on how the general audience experiences the movie, rather than seeking to uncover hidden meanings in film detectable only to scholars.

Written to be used in the classroom and enjoyed by general readers, *Film as Religion* has been called "a major challenge to all those who discuss culture, religion and theology today," by Clive Marsh, co-editor of *Explorations in Theology in Film*.

Lyden holds degrees from Wesleyan University, Yale Uni-

versity and the University of Chicago. He has taught religion classes at Dana College since 1991 and seeks to bring a fresh approach to his students.

"My research and my teaching are integrally connected, as I examine religion as a part of culture, including popular culture," he said. "Students seem to find this approach more relevant, as religious beliefs and values are not seen as things separated from the rest of life, but as things they encounter every day."

Listen to Dana Radio on Your PC

KDCV has long been the voice of Dana College. But you don't have to be within spitting distance to listen to Dana Radio's selection of music, programming and sports coverage. Now anyone with a connection to the Internet can catch Dana Viking games live as well as student and other programming.

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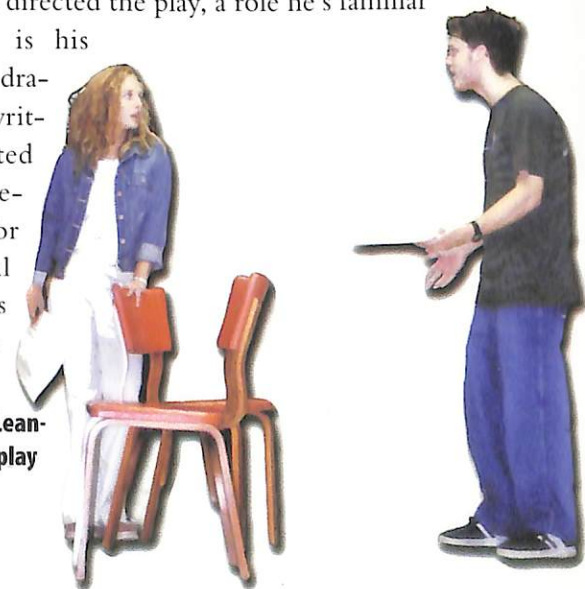
The Dana College Theatre was the first to perform Professor Paul Schneider's first full-length play, *Soundbite*, in Dana's Lauritzen Theatre, Oct. 9-12.

Schneider was inspired to write *Soundbite* after watching a segment of the popular cable talk show *The O'Reilly Factor*. The resulting play is a whirlwind of the lies, exploitation and hidden motivations that define the modern political world. The story explores politics in the newsroom, the classroom and the bedroom, leading the audience through the complicated and deceitful web of contemporary political life.

The cast included talented veterans of the Dana College Theatre, including Mara Bartlett '04 as Jayne Grayfellow, a liberal entertainer, Jeremy Stoll '04 as conservative talk show host Dick O'Malley and Eric Grant-Leanna '05 as liberal college professor Dr. Lucas Bremer.

Schneider also directed the play, a role he's familiar with. *Soundbite* is his first full-length drama, but he has written and directed five shorter theatrical works for Dana's annual Sights & Sounds of Christmas festival.

Bartlett and Grant-Leanna rehearse for the play



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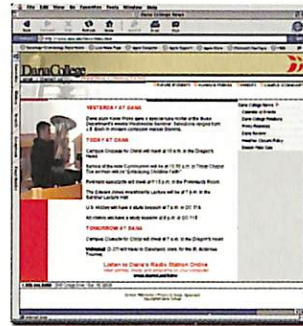
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Digest Campus Digest Campus

John Schraut, admissions counselor, has been promoted to assistant director of admissions.

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president, has been re-elected as the Council of Presidents representative for the Great Plains Athletic Conference institutions of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Marta Walker '04 was elected in March to serve as a 2003-04 officer of the Student Education Association of Nebraska.

Dr. Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics, is helping to organize volunteers for the Region 5/6 Emergency Management Office in Fremont, Neb., in case of an accident at the Fort Calhoun, Neb., nuclear power plant.

Patti (Meier '76) Nielsen, R.N., director of health services, had a short piece published in the June issue of *Nursing 2003*, titled "Stop the Chitchat." It emphasized the need to address a patient's needs before engaging in small talk.

Professor Richard Potter, associate professor of social work, gave an invited presentation at the Society for Spirituality and Social Work's annual conference in Austin, Texas, during the summer. The title of his presentation was "A Spirituality of Consciousness: Antidote to Religious Intolerance."

Erik Nielsen '04 presented a paper to the American Sociological Association's annual

meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in August. His paper was entitled "The Power Elite and Global Hegemony Entering the 21st Century."

Theresa Peterson '04 presented a paper she co-wrote to the 2003 Policy Conference of the School of Social Work at the University of South Carolina in August. Her paper was entitled "Empowerment and Advocacy Through Service Learning: The Political Process and LB 152." LB 152 is proposed legislation in Nebraska that would provide in-state tuition for graduating high school seniors who are the children of undocumented immigrants.

Steve Costanzo, head wrestling coach, was awarded the Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award.

Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion, presented a paper entitled, "The Culture Wars: Can Progressives Win?" at the Fall Forum of REASON, held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha on Sept. 27.

Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate dean for student success, professor of German and director of International Studies and English Language Institute, has been invited to serve a three-year term on the national screening committee of the Institute of International Education to review applications for teaching assistantships in Germany.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen '73, professor of English, had his article, "The Cups of Blood Are

Emptied: Pietism and Cultural Heritage in Two Danish Immigrant Schools on the Great Plains," published in *Great Plains Quarterly*. He also represented Dana and the Danish Immigrant Museum at a conference on Danish literature and culture sponsored by the Danish government Oct. 23-25 at the University of Washington—Seattle.

Professor Laura LaMarr, instructor of sociology, presented a workshop for the Nebraska Health and Human Services Eastern Service Area Diversity Committee Oct. 7 in Lincoln, Neb. Her topic was "Diverse Family Relationships."

Professor Jo Peterson, assistant professor of social work, spoke as a member of the opening plenary panel at the eighth annual Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference this summer in Austin, Texas. Her topic was "Working for Peace in a Time of War."

Jo Peterson was co-chair of a conference committee for the SpeakOut at STRATCOM event held at the University of Nebraska—Omaha on Aug. 2. The event was sponsored by numerous local and national peace organizations, including Nebraskans for Peace and the Act to Stop War Coalition in Nebraska.

Thomas Hansen, director of development, was elected to the Board of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. He will serve a three-year term.

DanaFest 2003

It was one wild, wacky throwback weekend. For the hundreds of people who came back there was singing, dancing, dedicating and a lot of groovy remembrances. For those who weren't there ... Well, where were you, man?

Former Senator Paul Simon '49 took time out from enjoying all the Homecoming festivities to sign autographs and copies of his new books for all Dana brothers and sisters.



All hail the King and Queen! Seniors Kio Coffie and Brooke Rohner were elected the 2003 Homecoming King and Queen. Kio is a business administration major from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Brooke is an elementary education student from York, Neb.



The Class of '53 joined a select society of Venerable Vikings, alumni who have reached their 50th reunion. First row, from left, Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve, Marilyn (Simpson '53) Rolland, Doris (Petersen '47) Hanson, Joan (Andersen '49) Jensen, Eleanor (Olson '53) Schultz, Joyce (Bayek '53) King; Second row, Marilyn (Steffensen '53) Jersild, Joan (Petersen '51) Stricker, Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen, Alvina (Karsen '48) Bjortsvang, Jeanne (Nelson '53) Jorgensen, Darrell Nelson '53; Third row, F.W. Bennett '53, Vaughn Christensen '53, Floyd Petersen '53, Richard Andersen D'53 T'60, Dorothy Karsen '53, Olaf Ahlquist '53; Fourth row, Floyd Jorgensen '53, Bob Coffey '53, Paul Jersild D'53 T'59, Ried Neve D'48 T'51, Paul Neve '41; Fifth row, Ray Seegers '53, Ken Christensen '53, Lloyd Bansen '53, Fred Reinke '53, Bob Berthelsen D'42 T'49, Philip Kaldahl '53 and John Beck D'50 T'55.

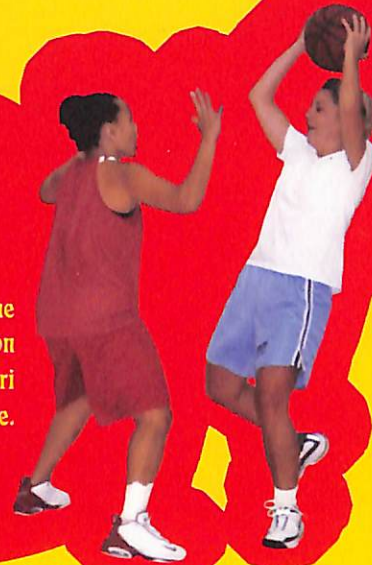


Nothing could stop the Vikings on the field against Dakota Wesleyan. The hometown favorites came back from a 12-14 deficit to steal the game away, 25-14. The "Dana Fury" defense held the conference's second-best rusher to a ho-hum day.



These students are completely under the power of hypnotist Frederick Winters, a special Homecoming visitor.

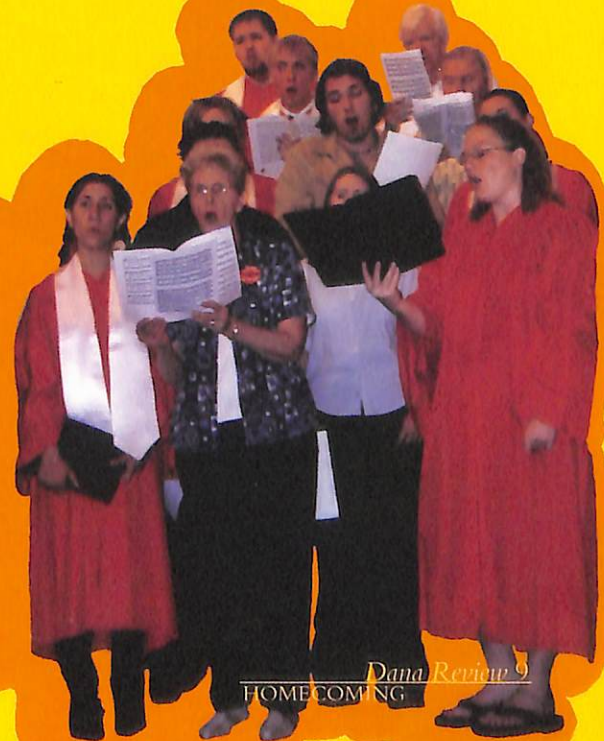
The past battles the future as Hall of Fame inductee Heidi Grappendorf '95 takes on current women's basketball player Kori Kamoya '05 in the alumni game.



Members of a gymnastics troupe made up of graduates of the Vojens Ungdomsskole in Denmark show off their upper-body strength at a special performance during Homecoming.



Old and new voices joined together during the Traditional Choir Reunion in Trinity Chapel. The group of more than 100 singers was led by Dr. Richard Palmer, current director of the Dana College Chorale, and past director Dr. Paul Neve.



Hofbräuhaus

It was a walk down memory lane during Homecoming 2003's signature event, The Hofbräuhaus, held Saturday, October 11, in Blair's historic Old Fire Hall. Hundreds gathered to enjoy the German-themed meal, the nostalgic radio show program and the Dana-styled camaraderie.



Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 stayed in character (and off-key) for a rousing rendition of "Hail Dana." Broomhilde, her nom de guerre for the evening, brought the crowd to the verge of tears ... from laughing.

Ernie Elbariotes '65 expressed his shock and horror at the sheer gall of Dana pranksters during the 1960s. And although he could remember almost all of the pranks happening, he had absolutely no recollection of which fiends were responsible.

Jean (Wood '76) and Paul Hundtoft '76 took on the personas of Sonny and Cher to emcee a section of the program on "Dana Styles." The crowd was treated to a fashion show for the ages, with everything from the futuristic looks of the 80s to the oh-so-bare streaker craze of the 70s.



Distinguished *and* Outstanding

Dana honored two new Distinguished Alumni, Rev. Ried Neve D'48 T'51 and Dr. Larrie Stone '57, and one Outstanding Young Alumna, Julie Howland '91, during Homecoming festivities.

Rev. Ried Neve D'48 T'51

Rev. Ried Neve's dedicated service to Habitat for Humanity began in the late 1980s when the then unheard of organization came to Greeley, Colo.

Service was not new for Neve. During World War II, Neve entered the Naval Officer Training Program. He then came to Dana, where he studied psychology and was choir president and a *Hermes* staff member. As an ELCA pastor for four decades, Neve served in Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado in community churches, hospitals and charity organizations. When he and his wife, Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve retired in 1990, they moved back to Omaha. Neve brought his passion for Habitat for Humanity with him.

He started with the goal of bringing churches into active participation with the Omaha chapter of Habitat. He helped form five coalitions, composed entirely of churches, who committed to providing both the labor and the money necessary to build one Habitat house each. Neve was so successful at bridging between Habitat and Omaha churches that an entire committee, the Church Relations Committee, now works with him to push the effort further.

In 2000, Neve was awarded the Omaha Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the Year Award for "dramatically increasing Habitat's ability to fulfill its mission." At the end of 2002, Omaha Habitat for Humanity had built 150 houses and placed families in them.



Neve, Howland and Stone at the award ceremony.

Dr. Larrie Stone '57

In the beginning, freshman Larrie Stone planned to attend Dana for just a couple of years before transferring to a university. In the end, Dr. Larrie Stone retired from Dana's faculty after 37 years of teaching biology.

In the middle, Stone earned his bachelor's in biology from Dana and a master's and doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also spent nearly four decades instilling a love of science in his students at Dana.

"I worked in Dana Hall of Science with Larrie for over 32 years prior to my retirement in 1995," Dr. Gene Lindblad said in his nomination of Stone for this award. "I became aware from personal observation about his continuing and 'beyond the call of duty' concerns for and about his students — his academic advising, mentoring and encouragement as he presented the academic material of his field in challenging ways and with high expectations for and of his students."

Lindblad also cited Stone's tireless efforts in recruiting students for Dana and those students' continuing devotion to him as testament to his impact. "The most complete list (of references for Stone) would be a collection of those names found on Dana Commencement programs whose major is listed as 'biology,' for there are few who would not

bear testimony on the positive effects that Dr. Stone had on their lives and careers."

Julie Howland '91

Americans entrust their money with institutions that are FDIC insured. The FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) trusts Julie Howland with making sure all those Americans can rest assured.

Howland has been in leadership roles since her days at Dana, when she served as president of the Student Senate and a resident assistant. She also worked for three years for the business faculty. "They made each student they interacted with feel as if they were their most important priority," Howland said. "Their compassion to teach people has rubbed off on me."

Now Howland is the teacher. In her time at the FDIC she has trained and mentored green examiners and even participated in the development of examination systems that will be used by regulatory agencies across the country.

She has been awarded the agency's Sustained Superior Performance Award for her work as an examiner in charge of a billion-dollar financial institution. For this project she supervised more than 50 examiners from two regulatory agencies. In the same year, she was given the Special Act Award for her dedication and commitment to a project analyzing the credit quality at financial institutions.

Reunions!

Class of '78

Front row: Iris (Frey) Doolittle, Becky (Masoner) McCain, Jeanmarie Nielsen, Second row: Joyce (Wulf) Snide, Rhonda (Oelrichs) Rose, Paula Christensen, Lisa (Damrow) Rose, Monique (Bentzinger) Poldberg, Third row: Malinda (Wallman) Jepsen, Kay (Beune) MacDonald, Tana (Christensen) Zeich, Fourth row: Dennis Lee, Susan (Neve) Bettinger, Bob Jepsen, Connie (Gerlt) Backer, Nancy (Hansen) Eagen



Class of '83

Front row: Shelly (Peterson) Grorud, Leanne (Danahy) Buland, Lucy Lindahl, Second row: Karen (Reuter) Bovard, Jann (Buckley) Dappen, Third row: Sheryl Kester-Beyer, Ellen Stokeland, Fourth row: Monty Scheele, Kristie (Hansen) Mendez, Fifth row: Kevin Johnson, Not pictured: Michael Martin



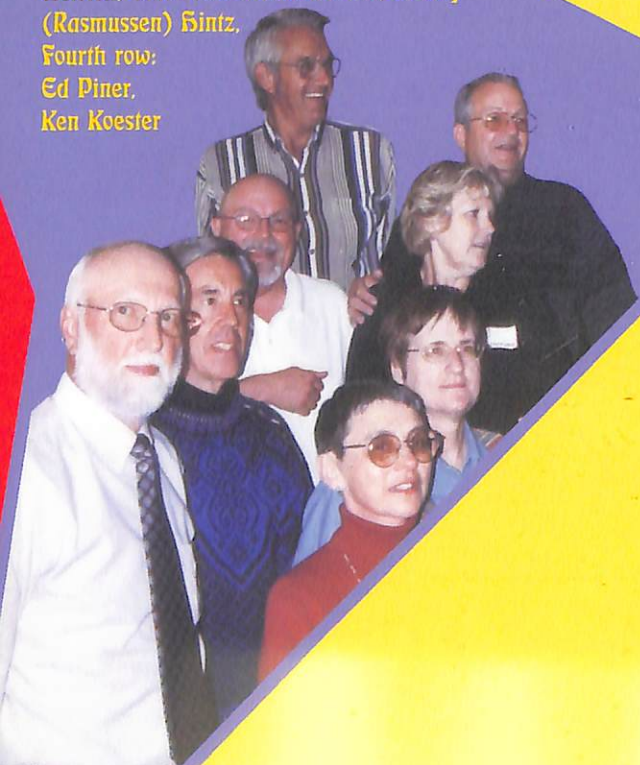
Class of '73

Front row: Annette Minderman, Lois (Edmonds) Jensen, Deb (Nordlund) Feldman, Sharon (Hansen) Davis, Second row: Debbie (Sams) Takazawa, Carol Wood, Katie (Hines) Weinnig, Nancy Johnson, Denise (Tapelt) Redinger, Susan (Erbes) Williams, Third row: Cheryl (Heinz) Behrends, Carolyn (Schropp) Roan, Fourth row: Sharon Peterson, Cheryl (Harris) Fleming, Brenda (Baack) Fosse, Jacque (Koehn) Smith, Larry Andrews, Dan Smith



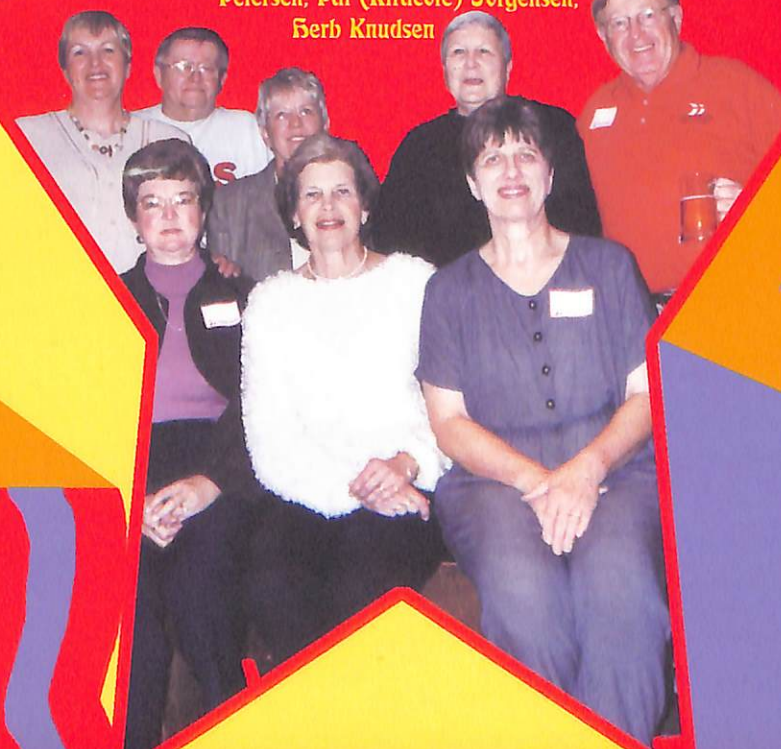
Class of '68

Front row: Doug Roszbach, Kathy (Niemeyer) Kuster, Second row: Jim Degner, Peggy (Vogel) Petrick, Third row: Paul Ahrendt, Sherry (Rasmussen) Hintz, Fourth row: Ed Piner, Ken Koester



Class of '63

Front row: Karen (Hanna) Dyer, Donna (Adams) Reimers, Kathy (Wollenhaupt) Shaw, Second row: Ruft (Meyer) Muehl, Bob Steffensen, Shirley (Thompson) Petersen, Pat (Kiracofe) Jorgensen, Herb Knudsen

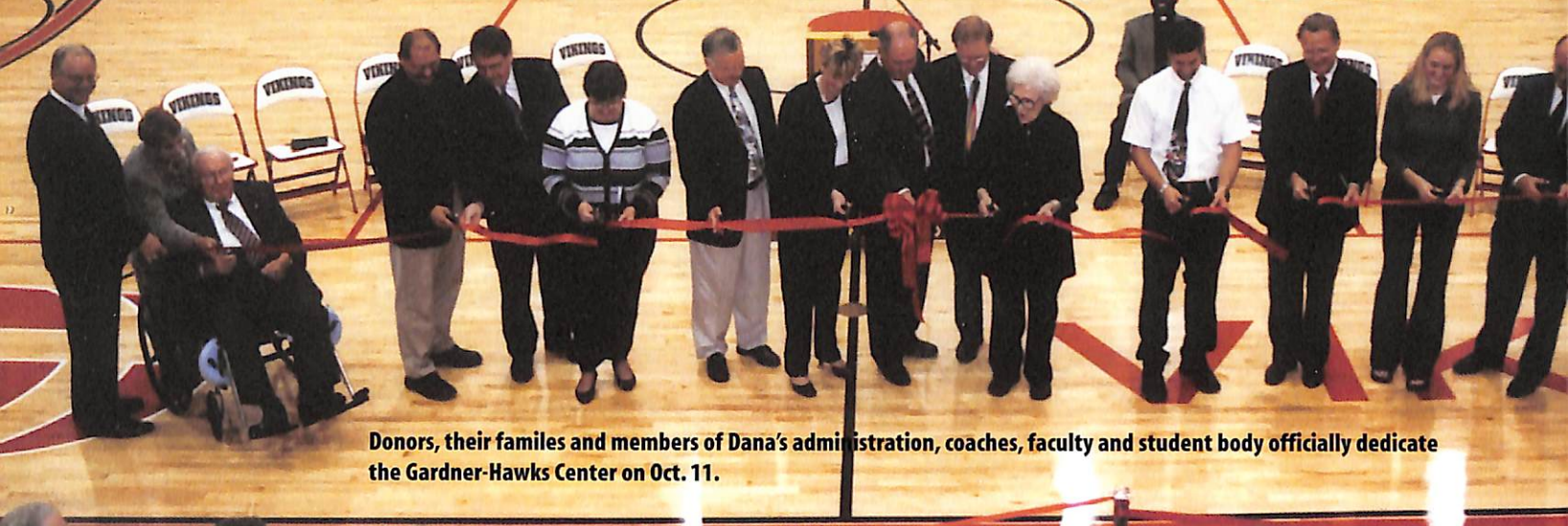


Class of '58

Front row: Nellie Fay (Hansen) Bagberg, Mary Ann (Anderson) Fehl, Betty Ann (Schulzke) Harsen, Second row: David Bidstrup, Arnold Foss, Mel Sick, Third row: Inguert Appel, Fourth row: Gary Jensen



Introducing... *The Gardner-Hawks Center*



Donors, their families and members of Dana's administration, coaches, faculty and student body officially dedicate the Gardner-Hawks Center on Oct. 11.

Dana College officially named and dedicated its new athletic facility, the Gardner-Hawks Center, at a special ceremony on Oct. 11 during Homecoming. The ceremony also dedicated and officially named the Cooperman Atrium, the new entry hall and special events space for the facility.

The Gardner-Hawks Center was completed in August, and has added 34,200 square feet to Dana's existing athletic facility, Borup Coliseum. The center's focal point is a new competition gym that seats 2,210 with an additional 814 overflow seats. The new gym is a state-of-the-art space with a sophisticated sound system, multiple ethernet connections for Internet use, a walking track and the ability to convert into three practice courts.

The Center includes much more, including the Cooperman Atrium, the main entry point for both the Gardner-Hawks Center and Borup Coliseum. It contains a new event admissions desk, concession stand, restrooms and the Legacy Wall, an artistic remembrance of the hundreds of people who gave to Dana's Legacy Campaign which helped fund the facility.

The Gardner-Hawks Center has also added 15 offices, a laundry facility, a training room, a conference area, a multimedia classroom and storage rooms. During the construction process, the existing Borup Coliseum was renovated, updating and expanding locker rooms, offices and the wrestling practice room.

In all, the Gardner-Hawks Center construction and Borup Coliseum renovation cost \$6 million. The center is named after the two families whose foundations provided the major gifts — the Dan and Jeanne Gardner family of Wakefield, Neb., and the Howard and Myrna Hawks family of Omaha. The Cooperman Atrium is named for Harold and Merriam Cooperman of Omaha, generous supporters of Dana College. A key challenge gift came from the Peter Kiewit Foundation of Omaha. The remaining funds came from hundreds of smaller individual gifts to the Legacy Campaign.

The new facility owes its existence to three main donors and the hundreds of people who have given to the Legacy Campaign.

Dan and Jeanne Gardner, along with their family, started the Gardner Foun-



Aesthetics were an important aspect in designing the new facility. Details included in the design are meant to be reminiscent of Dana icons like the clock tower on Margre Henningsen Durham Center and the college logo. Both ends of Cooperman Atrium feature glass walls that give spectacular views of the campus and Viking Field.



dation in 1992. Dan, formerly president of the M.G. Waldbaum Company of Wakefield, Neb., passed away in 2001. Howard Hawks co-founded Tenaska, Inc., an international energy company headquartered in Omaha in 1987. Harold Cooperman founded No Frills Supermarket, the first warehouse supermarket in the Omaha

metropolitan area and now a chain of nine stores in southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa, including a store in Blair.

During the past six years, Dana College has invited its alumni and friends to help extend Dana's legacy into the new century and beyond. Response has been incredible — with more than \$50 million in current and future commitments to the Legacy Campaign.

Last year, the college received \$3.4 million in cash gifts and pledges for capital projects, student scholarships and endowment growth. In addition, donors

committed \$2.6 million in future deferred gifts to assure Dana's continued growth and development.

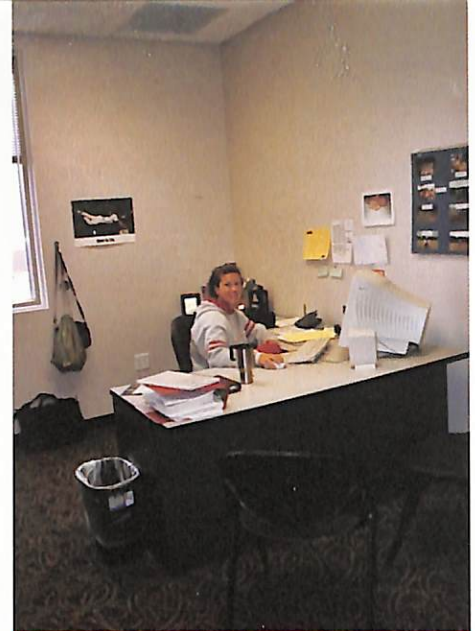
These gifts have enabled Dana to complete the renovation of Borup Coliseum and the construction of the Gardner-Hawks Center.

For many in the Dana College Athletic Department, the increased space is the most exciting aspect of the new facility.

"It's going to be a luxury from the aspect of scheduling and training for student athletes," said Jim Krueger '85, athletic director. "The biggest thing for us is being able to have multiple teams training at the same time."

Space was an issue the original planners of Borup couldn't have foreseen. In 1960, when plans were being drawn for the new \$459,000 facility, Dana had just six athletic teams. Over the next few decades, more women's teams and less traditional teams were added, bringing the total to 13. Teams also became larger. The 1961 Viking wrestling team consisted of 10 members. The 2003 wrestling roster included 52. The football team has increased by 190 percent in the same time period, numbering 105 at the start of this season.

Before completion of the Gardner-Hawks Center, teams were scheduled for practices in Borup's gym in 2-hour blocks starting at 4 p.m. and running sometimes until midnight. The addition of the




The Gardner-Hawks Center is much more than a great new gym. Added offices, locker rooms and bathrooms better accommodate Dana's booming Athletic Department. With 70 percent of the student body involved in intercollegiate athletics, space in Borup Coliseum was a major issue. Last year, softball shared an office with other women's sports. In the new facility, Head Softball Coach Marcy Roff has a room and a desk to herself.

equivalent of three courts in the new facility has ended that system forever.

"Using our new space, the old gym in Borup and the renovated wrestling room, we can now have volleyball, both basketball teams, wrestling and track working out at the same time," Krueger said. "With the curtain between the gyms down, teams won't be bumping into each other either."

Students have already expressed their enthusiasm for the new facility. Student athletes have been using Gardner-Hawks since the beginning of the fall season and have been raving for months.

"It's so much easier to do what you have to do in practice when you don't have to worry about running into a volleyball player or finishing fast enough to get out of the basketball teams' way," said Ross Jensen '04, co-captain of the Viking football team. "It also boosts our spirits knowing that the college is keeping up with our needs." 



The new performance gym in the Gardner-Hawks Center is the focus of the facility. High-tech sound and communications abilities, combined with the space's versatility and aesthetic appeal, have increased Dana's athletic presence.



Bill Sapp and Athletic Director Jim Krueger '85 examine the effects of the crumb rubber on Viking Field. Dana's fields have made great progress in terms of the lushness of the grass, durability of the field and player injury reduction.



Cam Schweitzer '06 dumps leaves into Clint Sedivy's '06 sack, while Jeremy Havener '07 looks on and Rob Waters '07 rakes in the background.

Gift of Crumb Rubber Helps Keep Vikings Healthy

Head Football Coach Bill Danenhauer calls a recent gift to Dana as "one of the best things we have done for our fields since I've been here." Injuries on the team are down and Viking Field has the thickest and greenest covering of grass it's had in a decade, drought or no.

And it's all thanks to Nebraskans' old tires and a gift from Bill Sapp, CEO of Sapp Brothers Petroleum and a member of the Dana College Board of Regents.

In early summer, a covering of crumb rubber was applied to both Viking Field and the college's practice field. These fine particles of rubber are produced by freezing old tires and then smashing them with a hammer mill. It's a process pioneered in Nebraska by EnTire Recycling Inc. of Nebraska City, the company that sold the additive to Dana. Half of the project was paid for by Sapp (with a portion from his brother, Lee Sapp of Lee Sapp Leasing), and Dana hopes to recoup the rest of the cost through Nebraska grants that support these types

of recycling projects. The material was also used on Dana's other practice and play fields.

"I'm really happy with it," Danenhauer said. In his two years at Dana, the field was as hard as a rock, causing injuries to players tackled on it. Now the field has more durability and more "spring," helping to cushion players as they fall. The field is also able to hold onto more water, further softening the field and giving the grass a better growing environment.

"It is sincerely a win-win situation," Sapp said. "Nebraska gets to get rid of its old tires and Dana gets a safer field for its players. If it saves one young man from hurting his knee — an injury that can last the rest of his life — then it's worth it."

The crumb rubber will remain effective for 5-10 years, depending on weather and field conditions. Then it will become a part of the soil under the field. The additive is used on the University of Nebraska fields, as well as several high schools in the state.

Runners Pick Up Rakes

Dana College's cross country and track teams donated their Fall Break day-off from classes to help others deal with fall yard work. In the teams' first Work-A-Thon, held Oct. 17 in Blair, the student athletes raked leaves and cleaned up yards for those who needed help.

The primary goal of the Work-A-Thon was to be a community service event. All work was done free of charge by members of the teams. Pledges were accepted, but not required.

"Head Cross Country Coach Bob Spangler and I both felt that it was time for both the teams to get out and perform a meaningful service to the community," said Allen Friesen, head track coach. "This was a chance for the team to get out and interact with the community."

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Student Artist Puts the "D" in "Dana"

Dana College Viking football fans experienced a lot of newness this year. They entered the field through the new Gardner-Hawks Center, paid at the new admissions booth and bought snacks from the new concession stand. The team looked new, as well. Quarterback Tom Lensch was one of eight freshmen with starting roles this season.

But one young woman is responsible for a whole new look to Dana's Viking Field. Dana sophomore Jamie Snyder, from Alta, Iowa, designed and produced a giant Dana logo on the field that stretches from both 45 yard lines and both sets of hash marks. It's the biggest Dana logo ever produced on the field and possibly the biggest version of the logo ever created.

Snyder got the assignment by being both a graphic design student and a student worker for Dana's facilities management department. She reconfigured the logo to fit the space, designed a model, made a stencil, developed a grid to transfer the small design to the huge space and helped with the painting. She accom-

plished all this in four days.

Snyder said the project was challenging, but that she had experience in athletic field art. While she was in high school, Snyder developed the logo on Alta High School's field.

"My dad (Alta School District maintenance worker Rolan Snyder) asked me if I could hook him up with an A," she said. "But I've never had to do anything as big as Dana's logo."

The new look to the field received rave reviews from Dana fans, employees and members of the football team. Snyder said she'd experienced clapping, handshakes and compliments since the project was completed in August.

Snyder's not ruling out a career in producing field art, but is excited by all the possibilities a degree in graphic



Jamie Snyder '06 poses in front of her field art creation. It's believed to be the largest reproduction of the Dana College logo ever created.

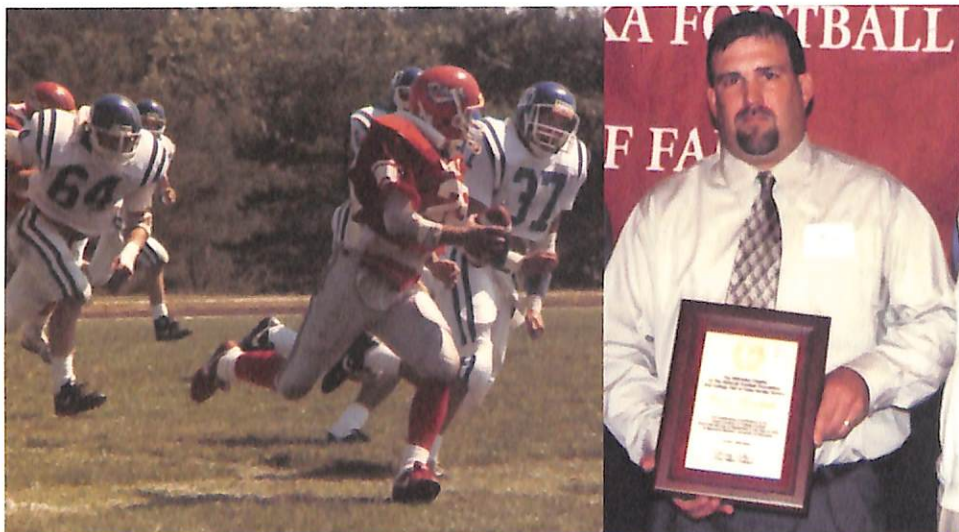
design can create for her.

"I watch *American Chopper* and I think it would be cool to design motorcycles," she said. "Then I watch *Trading Spaces* and I think I might want to design interiors. Then I'll pick up a magazine and think I'd like to make magazine layouts."

Snyder's next project is to create a permanent stencil of her logo that can be used season after season.

"It will be kind of cool to come back after I've graduated and see it on the field," she said.

Dana's Muschall Named to Hall of Fame



Muschall goes for a long run against Dakota Wesleyan. His rushing ability has now earned him a spot in the Nebraska Hall of Fame.

Dana standout Bryan Muschall '90 was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame during a special reception on Level 3 of the Memorial Stadium Skyboxes on Sept. 11 in Lincoln, Neb. Muschall was introduced to the crowd during pregame ceremonies at the University of Nebraska-Utah State game on Sept. 12.

Muschall set a Dana career rushing record with 3,471 yards, and set a school mark during his sophomore year with a 261-yard game. That year, Muschall led the NAIA with 1,519 rushing yards.

Five Dana Superstars Enter Viking Hall of Fame



The 2003 Viking Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were, from left, Fran Morrow, John Hibbing, Heidi Grappendorf, Jim Krueger and Leo McKillip. Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president, is behind the inductees.

Dana added five more names to its roll of athletic notables during the 2003 Hall of Fame Induction, held Oct. 10 as part of Homecoming.

Hall of Fame candidates are chosen based on their record of athletic excellence while a student at Dana or while they are employed at Dana.

This year's inductees were Heidi Grappendorf '95, John Hibbing '76, Jim Krueger '85, Leo McKillip and Fran Morrow '53.

Heidi Grappendorf '95

Heidi Grappendorf received her diploma at Commencement, took off her cap and gown and boarded a plane for Tulsa, Okla. She was on her way to

being the first Dana woman to play in the NAIA National Tennis Championships.

Being a leader in Dana's athletic department was nothing new to Grappendorf. In three seasons on the basketball court for the Vikings, she set 12 individual school records. By the end of her career, Grappendorf completed her basketball career as the No. 4 all-time leading scorer at Dana with 1,200 career points. She had a .349 career average on three-pointers and a .737 career average for free throws.

She was first-team all-conference as a junior and as a senior, leading the league in scoring both years. Grappendorf ranked 10th nationally in NAIA Division II scoring as a junior and 14th as a senior.

The Chariton, Iowa, native had a 34-5 career record in tennis, including three consecutive Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference singles championships. (She earned the first two without the benefit of formal coaching.) As a senior, she was undefeated going into the national championships, where she suffered her only loss of the season in the third round.

In 1995, Grappendorf's senior year, she was named the Omaha World-Herald's Nebraska State College Female Athlete-of-the-Year. She was the first Dana woman to earn the award.

John Hibbing '76

By the time John Hibbing finished his collegiate football career in 1976, he held

nearly all of Dana's receiving records, including most catches in a career, most receiving yards in a career, most receiving yards in a season, most catches in a game and most touchdown receptions in a game. Needless to say, he was the Vikings' leading receiver four years straight.

Even with the advent of more pass-dependent offenses, today Hibbing still ranks seventh in career receptions (108), seventh in career receiving yards (438) and is tied for second in touchdown receptions in a single game (3).

Hibbing was named to the All-Conference and All-State teams and was chosen Dana's Most Valuable Player twice. He also was a member of the Viking men's basketball team.

Now the Foundation Regents University Professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Hibbing excelled in the classroom as well as on the field. Dana also gave him the opportunity to meet his wife of 25 years, Anne (Nielsen '77). Together they have three children, Michael, 22, Matthew, 19, and Anthony, 15.

In 1992, Hibbing received Dana's Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Jim Krueger '85

Quarterbacks, running backs or the occasional wide receiver, the most valuable player is usually someone who is directly responsible for putting points on the board. Jim Krueger was one of the rare players who was chosen for stopping those points.

In his career as a linebacker at Dana, Krueger racked up 434 tackles, making him one of the Vikings' all-time best. He still holds the records for most tackles in one game (26 against Concordia in 1984) and most sacks in one game (four against Doane in 1984).

His performance on the field led to

All-Conference, All-State and All-American accolades. He was a team captain for his junior and senior years, and was voted MVP in 1984.

Krueger also wrestled in his first two years at Dana, qualifying for the National Tournament in 1981.

When his eligibility expired, Krueger became a student coach. After graduation, he became the Vikings' assistant coach and later defensive coordinator under Head Coach Leo McKillip. When McKillip retired, Krueger took over the reins and now serves as Dana's athletic director.

Krueger said he learned to love coaching from McKillip and made friends on the team that have lasted a lifetime.

Leo McKillip

Leo McKillip accepted the head football coach position at Dana in 1985. He had lost his previous position as defensive coordinator for the Washington Federals when the team's league folded, still owing him money.

To say that Dana's program was troubled would be romanticizing the situation. There was talk about cutting the sport completely. At the first practice of camp, 30 potential players showed up. His assistant coach, working as essentially a volunteer, died one week before the first game. Everyone wanted Dana to come play for their Homecomings — the true sign others think you're an easy mark. The scoreboard only worked part-time, but was a full-time hotel for 50 pigeons.

The 1985 Vikings unsurprisingly won only one game. But the determination of that team to succeed ended the talk of cutting the program. The next year, 65 players showed up for camp. That team was 6-4. Dana started receiving fewer requests to be other school's guests for Homecoming.

Then, in 1987, something that had seemed preposterous happened. The Vikings, 87 strong, went 8-2 and played in the national play-offs. In two seasons, McKillip turned a virtually extinct team into a national contender. Not only did Dana stop getting Homecoming requests, other schools started dropping Dana from their schedules completely.

McKillip spent eight years at Dana as coach and athletic director. He even got a new scoreboard.


Fran Morrow '53

In his freshman season, Fran Morrow's season statistics were simple: He played in one game, and made one free throw. Three years later, Morrow would be the Vikings' leading scorer and a force to be reckoned with in every game.

As a sophomore, Morrow was a solid, dependable player, making appearances in 18 of the Vikings' 20 games. A glimmer of what was to come appeared in his junior year, when Morrow scored 17 points against Concordia College.

But it was this senior season in 1952-53 that earned Morrow a spot in the Hall of Fame. In 21 appearances, Morrow averaged 13.52 points per game, with 17 games in double digits and 27 points against Luther College. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player and was selected as an all-conference player.

Morrow also excelled in baseball. He was a four-year letterwinner and a thorn in Midland Lutheran College's side. (In 1953 he had three hits in one game against the Warriors, then turned around and had two in the next.)

Originally from Tekamah, Neb., Morrow is now retired in Ninevah, Ind. Much of his Dana memorabilia was lost in a fire on his family's farm while he was serving his country in Korea. But his contribution to Dana athletics will always be remembered. 

Destiny's Deep Sea



Paul Stark '98 and wife, Mandy, welcomed a daughter, Madison Marie, on May 3. Madison weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Paul works for ConAgra Foods in Omaha, and the family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.



Andrea (Bjergaard '01) and Benjamin Edelman '01 had a baby, Autumn Nicole, on June 20, 2001. Benjamin teaches life skills at South Dakota State Penitentiary and Andrea is pursuing an elementary education degree at Augustana. The family lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.

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Derek Fey '03 placed tenth in the men's division of the Omaha Corporate Cup, Oct. 19. He lives in Omaha.

Diane Grote '03 and Michael Thies '03 were married Aug. 9 in Earling, Iowa. Diane teaches a fourth and fifth grade combination class in Ralston, Neb. Michael works at Travelex in Omaha, where he performs accounting reconciliations for the currency exchange among countries.

Lisa (Jackson '03) Irvin is an enroller at Alliance for Affordable Sales in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lauri Kahl '03 is a Spanish teacher in the Louisville, Neb., school district.

Kari Kristensen '03 married Benjamin Huenink on Oct. 4 in Omaha.

Jeff Mangus '03 is a wholesale sales administrator for Certified Transmission Services in Omaha.

William Mathis '03 is library technician at Dana. He also helps with custodial support for the library.

Ryan Milner '03 was the 10,000-meter champion in the Omaha Marathon, Sept. 28. He also placed fourth in the men's division of the Omaha Corporate Cup, Oct. 19. Ryan lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jason Schwabauer '03 is a sales consultant at Qwest in Omaha and an assistant soccer coach at Dana.

Erin Sorensen '03 is a chemist in the narcotic department at Novartis in Waverly, Neb.

Sarah Zehnder '03 is an intensive supervision officer and case manager for juvenile justice for Geary and Dickinson counties in Kansas. She lives in Abilene, Kan.

Renee Hesseltine '02 is working on her master's of divinity degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

Abigail Jones '02 is a high school language arts teacher and cheerleader sponsor in the Norfolk, Neb., school district.

Danielle Soby '02 is a program coordinator for the Union Pacific Child Care at Bright Horizon in Omaha. She is also working on her master's degree in social work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

John Tripp '02 won the men's division of the Omaha Corporate Cup, Oct. 19, with a time of 33:16. He lives in Omaha.

Marc Bierbaum '01 placed 14th in the men's division of the Omaha Corporate Cup, Oct. 19. He lives in Omaha.

Jessica Chambers '01 married Jason Rausch on Sept. 6 in Omaha. Jessica is employed at Health and Human Services in Omaha.

Sarah Goodwin '01 married Chris Brabec on Oct. 12, 2002. Sarah is employed as a marketing coordinator at General Service Bureau in Omaha.

Scott Hendrickson '01 married Julie Hahn on July 12 in Westphalia, Iowa. Scott works for the U.S. Army and is in training to become a special forces soldier at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Rebecca Dunnell '00 is a preschool teacher at Affton-Lindbergh Early Childhood Education Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Susan Hamblen '00 married Mark Huse in 2001. Susan works at Empire Insurance Company in Omaha as a customer care specialist.

Jason Mitchell '00 is the new varsity football coach and girl's varsity basketball coach for the Lodgepole (Neb.) Panthers. He is also teaching physical education at the school.

Gina (Flood '00) and Perry Mostek '00 have moved to St. Bonifacius, Minn. Gina is working at the Cargill Corporate Center in Minneapolis, Minn., as a human resources generalist. Perry continues to work for MidAmerica Computer Corp. in Blair, via telecommuting, as a programmer analyst.

Anthony Ward '00 is the director of liturgy and music at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Omaha, where he and his wife, Jennifer (Patience '99) Ward live.

Tara Zellmer '00 married Ed Clark on Oct. 4. Tara is working at West Corporation in Omaha as a benefits coordinator.

90s

Lindsay Bruning '99 married Craig Paulsen Nov. 1 in Stanton, Iowa.

Laurie Grasso '99 and Cory Peatrowsky '94 were married on April 25 in Omaha. Laurie works for the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Cory works for Empire Insurance Companies. The couple resides in Omaha.

Carrie Eckhoff '99 married Jason Kohl Sept. 27 in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Carrie is a business teacher and golf coach at Missouri Valley High School.



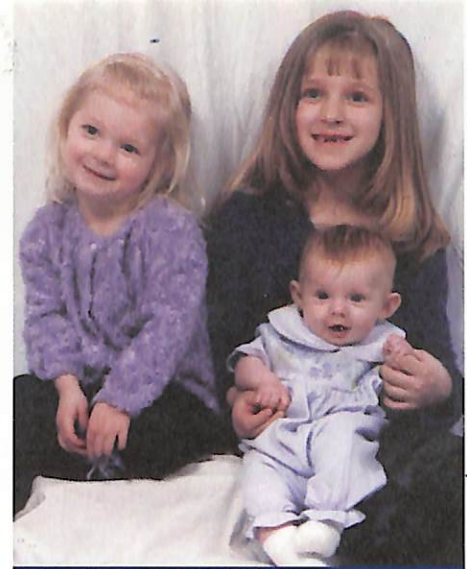
Lance '99 and Michelle (Gee) Sorensen '03 added a baby girl, Olivia Pearl, to their family on Feb. 16. Olivia joins her brothers, Zachary, 5, and Jaxon, 2. The Sorensens live in Blair.



Erin (Foulkes '96) and Matt '96 Rega had a baby boy, Bryce William, on March 14. Bryce weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Erin is a stay-at-home mom. Matt is the assistant principal at Montclair Elementary in Millard (Neb.) Public Schools. The family lives in Omaha.



Amy (Dicke '95) and Brad '94 Volcek had their first child, Marissa Katerina, born June 24. Marissa weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. The family lives in Columbus, Neb., where Brad farms and does seasonal tax work and Amy is a stay-at-home mom and a call-in bank teller.



Chad Van Zante '94 and wife, Keri, have a new daughter, Grace Isabella, born Nov. 8, 2002. She joins big sisters Hope, 7, and Faith, 3. The family lives in Winthrop, Iowa, where Chad teaches and coaches in the East Buchanan School District.

Nikki Kinsey '99 is co-owner of Sol Chicks Design, LLC, a company specializing in hand-painted glassware, apparel and hand-crafted jewelry. The company is web-based and can be found online at www.solchicks.com. Nikki lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Tiffany Menard '99 was promoted to research associate at the Michigan Public Health Institute and also appointed speech writer for Michigan's first surgeon general, Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom.

Jaelyn Smith '99 is the administrative assistant for academic services at Dana.

Jana (Bentley '98) and Andy Hensley '98 had a baby girl, Ella Jae, on May 22. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long. The Hensleys live in Carson, Iowa.

James "Ryan" Holtam '98 and his wife, Nicky, are family teachers for eight boys at Boys Town, Neb.

Jeremy Jones '98 is a graphic designer for Performance Marketing in West Des Moines, Iowa, where he also lives.

Taffy (Forsen '98) Jones and her husband Luke had a daughter, Lexington, born on May 31. Taffy and Luke also have a 2-year-old son, Treyton. Taffy teaches kindergarten and Title I reading at Herman (Neb.) Elementary. The family lives in Blair.

Angie (Sparacino '98) Sandy placed second in the women's division of the Omaha Corporate Cup, Oct. 19. She lives in Omaha.

Michael Hanson '97 is the band director at Elmwood-Murdock (Neb.) Schools. He lives in Murdock.

Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock and her family have moved to Walnut, Iowa, where Sarah is the K-12 music teacher for Walnut Schools.

Tim Marsden '97 and Terra Keiser '96 were married July 12 in Omaha. Tim is the director of choral music at Millard (Neb.) South High School. Terra is music specialist at Abbot Elemen-

tary in Omaha and teaches as an adjunct faculty member at University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Julie (Seeba '97) Reece received her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Portions of her doctoral research were published in *Oncology Reports* and *Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology*. Julie works as a quality specialist/technical writer at Novartis Consumer Health in Lincoln, Neb.

Leasa (Stark '96) Brouillard and husband, Duane, welcomed a new son on May 31. Kade Christian Paul joins his sisters, Payden, 10, and Chloe, 1. The Brouillards live in Chandler, Ariz.

Dustin Wolfe '96 married Lesley Neumann on July 19 in Omaha. Dustin is employed in the finance department at Woodhouse Chrysler in Blair.

Cara Lucas '95 married Justin Richt on Sept. 26 in Omaha. Cara is a teacher with the Millard Public Schools and is pursuing a master's degree at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

Stacey (Harris '94) and Michael Maxwell '93 have moved to Hutchinson, Kan., where Michael is a sales manager with Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

Shelli (Wiebelhaus '94) Oborny and family have moved to Bennington, Neb., where Shelli works as a K-2 special education teacher at the public school. She and her husband, Chuck, have two children, Bailey, 4, and Brayden, 2.

Stephanie Psota '94 married Brian Edwardson on Sept. 13 in Hastings, Neb. Stephanie is a licensed practical nurse at Intelistaf Healthcare in Lincoln, Neb.

Chikako Osawa '93 married Takeshi Oshima in 2000. The couple moved to a town near Tokyo, Japan, where Chikako works for an advertising company as a sales promotion planner and is studying to be a tour guide for English-speaking visitors.

Bryan Scheer '93 is providing medical service at the Morrill County (Neb.) Community Hospi-

tal and the Physicians of Scottsbluff (Neb.) Orthopaedic Associates, P.C.

Andrea (Monaghan '92) Stogner has moved to Largo, Fla., with her two children, Liz, 5, and Austin, 2. Andrea is teaching in an early childhood center and is going back to school for credentials in early childhood education.

Ginny Ward '92 married Brent Allumbaugh on Aug. 23 in Shenandoah, Iowa. Ginny is a media buyer at MediaWorks, Inc. in Omaha.

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Karyn (Hillesland '89) and Larry Overbeck '89 have added a fourth child to their fam-



Mary Kay (Petersen '74) Hennings is a second grade teacher at Nebraska's first downtown school, Liberty Elementary, in Omaha. Mary Kay teaches in a remodeled bus barn while construction continues on the school, scheduled to be completed in 2004. Most students at the school are high risk or speak a language other than English, so class sizes are 15 or less.



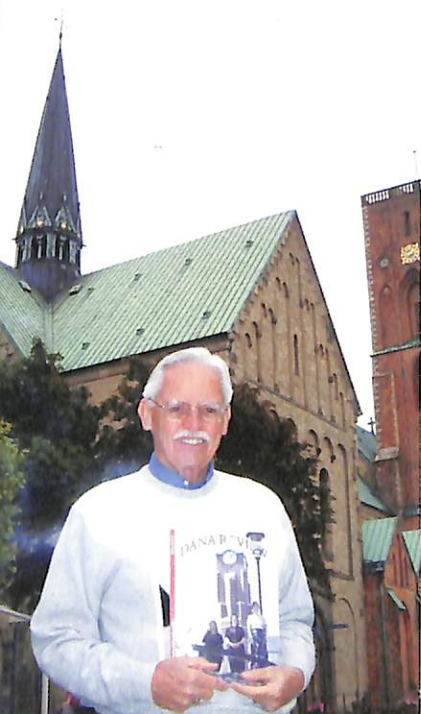
Helen (Hansen '68) Sorenson and Alvina (Chow '68) Gadeberg met in Alvina's hometown of Odense, Denmark, and spent a day visiting, shopping, eating, and sharing photos of children and grandchildren. (Here, they are seen sitting in front of the Hans Christian Andersen Museum.) It was the first time in 35 years the former classmates had seen each other. Helen lives in San Antonio, Texas.



Paul Olson '61 and Lois (Lorenzen '61) Olson, left, took a Scandinavian tour in June with their Burnsville, Minn., church group. Also on the tour was Al Olson '61, of Medford, Ore., who was celebrating retirement. They all met up with Ulla (Korshoj '60) Benzon at the Grand Hotel in Ulla's hometown of Copenhagen, Denmark. The Olsons live in Lakeville, Minn.



A good time was had by all at a mini-Dana reunion Aug. 22 in Door County, Wis. Attendees were, from left: Dan Hansen D '54 T '57 and Donna (Moree '54) Hansen of Vista, Calif.; Jerry Petersen '57 and Joan (Miller '58) Petersen of West Bend, Wis.; Harold Laursen D '56 T '60 and Barb (Whiteside '58) Laursen of McCook, Neb.; and hosts Toni (Nelson '57) Lawson and Bill Lawson D '56 T '60 of Green Bay.



Harry Landbo '58 enjoyed performances of the Dana College Chorale at the Ribe Cathedral, Denmark, (above) and the Fourth of July Festival in the Rebild Hills, Denmark. Jimmy L. Sorensen '51 and his wife, Esther, also were at the Rebild Hills performance. Harry lives in Fort Myers, Fla. The Sorensen live in Wood Dale, Ill.

ily. Sarah Lynn was born Aug. 6, 2002, and joined Rachel, 10; Jacob, 7; and Anna, 4. The Overbecks live in Omaha.

Allen Cordes '88 and his wife, Tracy, had a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, on Sept. 2. The family has moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Robert O'Donahue '87 is district operations manager for Gold's Gym in Treasure Valley, Idaho. He and his wife, Gayle, have two children, Leslie, 10, and Robyn, 5. They live in Meridian, Idaho.

Andrea (Nielsen '86) Fredrickson, partner and vice president of operations for The American Institute of Management in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was featured in the July 1 edition of the *Council Bluffs Business Journal*. Andrea's company works with businesses to determine the directions they should take. She lives in Honeycreek, Iowa, with her husband, Tom.

Chere (Fox '85) O'Reilly served as juror for the 2003 "Celebrate the Hills" Art Show, Sept. 6 in Moorhead, Iowa. Chere is the art teacher at West Monoma Jr./Sr. High School in Onawa, Iowa. Chere lives in Turin, Iowa.

Danette Johns '82 shared the sermon at a Community Labor Day Service at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Essex, Iowa. Danette is an assistant to Bishop Michael Last in the Western Iowa Synod. She lives in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Morgens Knudsen '81 and his Sav-A-Lot Discount Foods store in Lexington, Neb., were featured in a front-page story in the June 29 *Omaha World Herald* on the increasing Latino population in the Lexington area. Morgens has added Mexican and Southwest food brands to his store.

70s

Deb (Jenner '78) Billington and her family have moved to Cook, Neb., where her husband, Steven, has been installed as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. The Billingtons have two sons, Ian, 19, and David, 16.

Donald Baack '75 is the co-author of a new publication, *Integrated Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Communication* (second edition) from Prentice Hall. Donald is also a new regular feature contributor for *IMC Communicate*, a trade magazine. He is a professor at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University and lives in Joplin, Mo.

Norma (Wolf) Potadle '71 is giving piano lessons in Omaha, where she lives in an assisted-living complex "and just loves it," she writes.

Vicki (Keating '70) Croft served as one of two U.S. members on the Scientific Committee for the Fourth International Conference for Animal Health Information Specialists in Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 6-9. Vicki was one of the planners for the original conference, held in 1992. She works in the Health Sciences Library at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

Ruth (Jacobsen '70) Leitel has been elected to the Good Samaritan Society's National Board of Directors. She works for the society as an interim administrator. Ruth lives in Moorhead, Minn.

60s

Ramona (Hinze '69) Laubscher served as a missionary in Saratov, Russia, from July 29-Aug. 9, where she worked in an eyeglass clinic. This was her second mission to Russia. Two years ago she went to St. Petersburg. Ramona lives in Denison, Iowa.

Herb Panko '62 retired several years ago after teaching high school English in Tyler and Aitkin, Minn., for 35 years. He and his wife, Judith, live in Chatfield, Minn.

40s

Gladys (Lyngne '45) Hughes was crowned Ms. Mississippi Senior on July 12 in Gulfport, Miss. For the talent portion, Gladys performed a comedy monologue. She lives with her husband, **Hughie Hughes '48** in Carriere, Miss.



Four alumni met up in Copenhagen, Denmark, for a get-together on June 21. They are, from left, Lynn (Cole '58) Edwards of Placentia, Calif., Marlene Paulsen '58 of Niva, Denmark, and Milt Jensen '58 and Bev (Peterson '60) Jensen of Albuquerque, N.M. Lynn, Bev and Milt were met by Marlene while on a cruise. They spent the day being guided by Marlene around Copenhagen, with the highlight being a traditional Danish lunch in Marlene's home.

Charlotte Andersen '42 has moved to San Diego, Calif., where she enjoys her retirement.

Deaths

Clara (Zaiger) Klinkefus '74 died July 25 in Des Moines, Iowa. Clara taught elementary school in Audubon, Iowa, and at Lewis Central School District in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was a

member of the First United Methodist Church in Audubon, United Methodist Women and the National Education Association. Survivors include three sons and three daughters, 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, a sister and four brothers.

Virginia (Andresen) Ellis '72 died May 14 in Tekamah, Neb. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tekamah, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two daughters, a son, Bruce Ellis '75, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Neil Moore '54 died Aug. 12 in Charleston, Ill. While at Dana, Neil lettered four years in football and track, received All-American recognition in track, was the Mid-Western Light-Heavyweight Golden Gloves champion and was named the 1954 Nebraska State College Athlete of the Year. He went on to college coaching and was a 12-time Mid-Continent Coach of the Year and directed 11 teams to the indoor/outdoor Mid-Continent Conference Championships between 1983 and 1992. He coached two Division I national champions, five NCAA individual champions and three Olympic Trials qualifiers. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, two sons, three grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Ruth (Madsen '40) Mason died July 7 in Peoria, Ariz. Ruth and her husband, Tom, traveled in their recreational vehicle throughout the United States and Canada. They took 19 overseas trips,

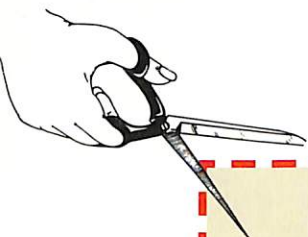


Bob Coffey '53 and Joan (Nelson '54) Coffey of Hartford, Wis., and Shari (Coffey '85) Friedel and Dean Friedel '85 of Grant, Neb., pose in LaCrosse, Wis., during a family gathering in June.

including two trips around the world. In addition to travel, Ruth was fond of western art. She is survived by her husband, a son, Larry Mason '64, two daughters, five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Alvin Petersen D '34 T '36 died July 8 in Lincoln, Neb. Alvin was pastor at Lutheran churches in Marcus and Owens, Iowa, and Lincoln and Davey, Neb. He served in interim ministries in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, and was a campus pastor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a science professor at Dana. He also served on the Dana College Board of Regents from 1944 to 1960. Survivors include a daughter and two grandchildren.

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Alumni Council Report

The single most important area for Alumni Council involvement at Dana is Homecoming. This year several members of the council went above and beyond the call of duty to give important assistance for Homecoming.

For many events at Homecoming, council members were vital support workers. We couldn't have done it without them. Council members who worked on these tasks were Ingvert Appel '58, Alvina (Larsen '48) Hjortsvang, Keith Jensen '56, Kathy (Niemeyer '68) Kuster, John Laughhunn '64, Cheryl (Paulsen '68) Nielsen, Alan Pedersen '80, Maxine (Lubkeman '68) Scott, Bob Rademacher '64 and Doug Renken '66. Special thanks also goes to spouses Sharon Appel, Darlene (Haecker '67) Rademacher and Audrey Jensen. President Trasy Sparr '93 spoke on behalf of the alumni at the Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni Luncheon and the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

Alumni involvement at the Hofbräuhaus event is another area to celebrate. Former council member Nathan Krämer '89 was the creative planner of the Hofbräuhaus event at the Old Fire Hall in Blair, where 300 alumni ate a delicious meal and celebrated Dana. The following alumni and friends were instrumental in putting together the meal and hilarious program: Karla (Schutt '81) Schulze, Ellen Stokebrand '83, Mark Juergens '85, Jim Olsen '62, Jim Iversen '55, Dale Larsen '56, Dick Jensen '56, David Iversen '86, Ernie "Greek" Abariotes '65, Herb Knudsen '63, Jean (Wood '76) and Paul Hundtoft '76, Liz (Miller '82) and Paul Johnson '76, Barb (Wolf '73) Triplett, Dawn (Carper '74) and John Mark Nielsen '73, Gene Lindblad, Myrvin Christopherson '61, Duey Heffelfinger '88, Michael Martin '83, Luci Lindahl '83 and Richard Jorgensen '64.

All of us involved in alumni affairs hope you will join us 2004 for Homecoming 2004, "New Trails to Blaze!"



Alumnus Leo Kirchhoff '60 (and Dana College Board of Regents member) gets in the spirit and lends a helping hand during the Hofbräuhaus event at Homecoming. Alumni are crucial to pulling off Homecoming events to remember.



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