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Janteloven

We are in the process of interviewing firms for possible hire to do a marketing study. We'd like to know what current and prospective students think of Dana, and why they would or would not choose Dana. A comprehensive study of this type has not been done in the 17 years I have been here.

When asked to evaluate our publications, one of the firms interviewed said they were well done, but thought the message about Dana is sort of "vanilla." We don't say much that clearly boasts of our distinctiveness. This made me wonder if we don't have anything to boast about or we are reticent to boast about ourselves. Those who know me know I'm not shy about promoting Dana.

I have often felt our Danish roots may have contributed to Dana folks being reluctant to "blow their own horns." You see, while Danes may have much to boast about, it is not their nature to do so. The Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, (June 29, 2002), featured a story about *janteloven*, Jante's law, a fictional law used to describe the modesty or humility that marks Danish culture. The writers, Stig Matthiesen and Carsten Ingemann, say Jante's law is: "You shall not believe that you amount to anything, or that you are just as good as another, as intelligent as another, and you should not imagine you are better than another, know more than another, are more worthy than another." Further, you should not "laugh at another," "believe that another cares for you," or that "you can teach another anything." In short, it is important that you not promote yourself above another.

The authors also suggest this view extends into other aspects of life, so one should not be too religious, too old, too wise, rich, bright, loud and the like.

Although *janteloven* is not the same as being vanilla and the Danes do many things very well and take pride in doing so, they are reluctant to brag or promote themselves. There is something to be said for such a philosophy. I tire of people or institutions that boast when there is little to back their claims, but humility can also be a liability. One Dane explained, "We have never been given permission to fully share our feelings, and we pay a price for that in our country."

I have sometimes wondered if Jante's law doesn't sometimes reign at Dana. Are we too timid to share our strengths, that our faculty love teaching and do it well, programs like social work and education have been rated exemplary by outside reviewers, our job placement rate is high, our library materials per student ratio is far above those at comparable institutions, our archive is a celebrated collection, and most of our student services are rated by students above the norm for peer colleges on a national rating instrument? Dana students leave to become excellent teachers, doctors, pastors, lawyers, business leaders, musicians, coaches, scientists and community leaders. We need not be afraid to share successes.

I also know that we can do better or need to make improvements at Dana. Sometimes small vision and scarce resources stifle risk-taking. We should be judged by our performance, not alone by our claims. However, failure to "toot our horn" might mean no one

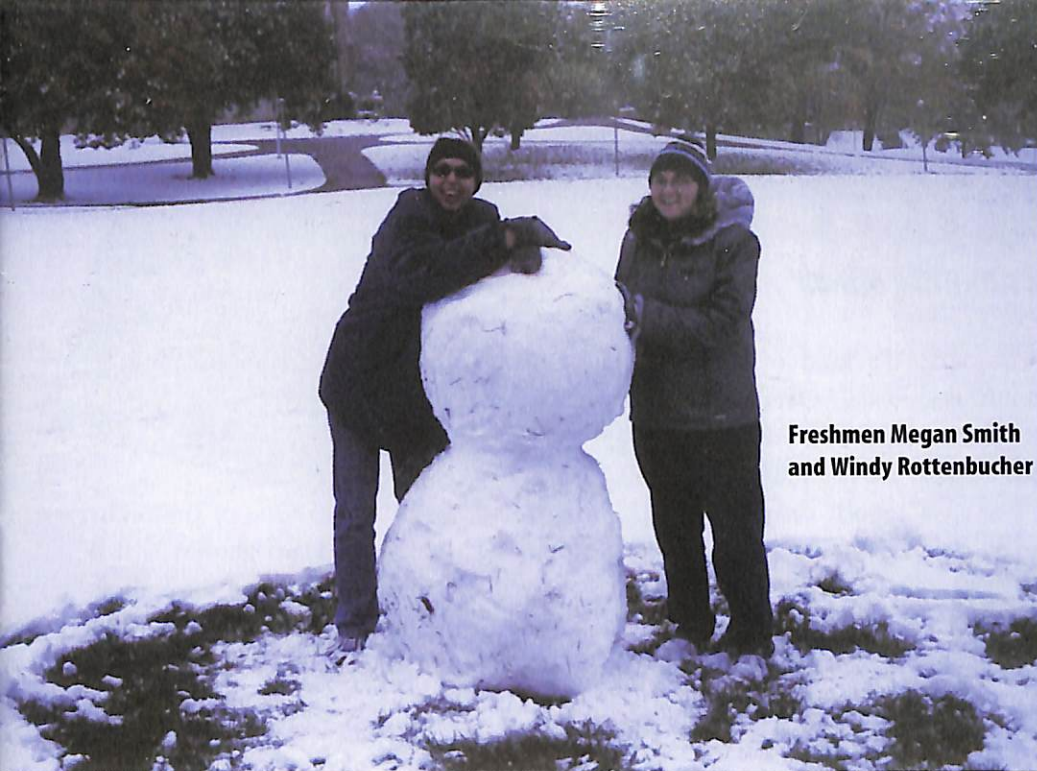


President Myrvin F. Christopherson

knows we're here. Let's not fail to take center stage if we have something worthwhile to share. I'd like to hear from Dana alumni. How did your Dana experience prepare you for life or career? What about your experience sets it apart from that of others with whom you work or serve? What was extraordinary that we should try to replicate?

Bertha Andersen, a gifted retired teacher from Elk Horn, Iowa, sent a note with her Christmas greeting that I cherished. "You were my home (away from home) [and gave me] a scholarship when money was scarce and the banks closed," she wrote. "The friends I met there, teachers also, made a real positive gift to my thinking. And I got a ride home at Thanksgiving, but was happy to return on Monday. Yes, the friends I met are gone and are not getting my Christmas greetings. May you [Dana] always be there on the hill. You are important and I am deeply in debt to you."

Dana has had a profound effect on many and continues to help shape some exceptional people. We don't need to gush with pride over nothing, but let it not be the "Dana law" that we are expected to keep our achievements and our blessings to ourselves.



**Freshmen Megan Smith
and Windy Rottenbucher**

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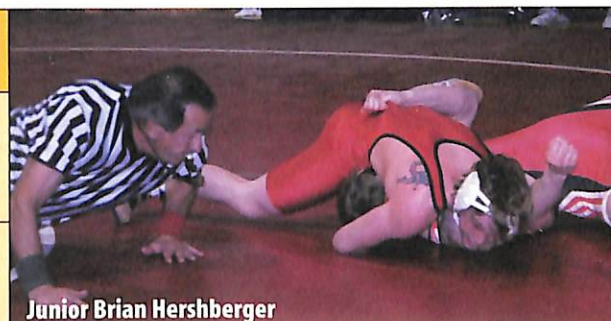
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Saturday Morning With the Council

A chat with the members of Dana's Alumni Council

On Jan. 11, the Dana Alumni Council sat down with the DANA REVIEW for an informal chat about the council, Dana and alumni affairs. Here's an excerpt from the conversation:



DANA REVIEW: Tell us a little bit about the Alumni Council and how it works.

ALAN PEDERSEN '80: The council meets four times a year, roughly. We have a fall meeting at the start of the year, and then we have a meeting around Homecoming and one at the end of January and then another in April. As the year goes on, we address different things that are coming up. We're fairly involved in Homecoming and definitely those types of things. We're also involved some with what happens at Sights & Sounds with alumni. The Alumni Council helps with some of the recognition dinners at Homecoming, graduation time and also some of the other times during the school. We try to represent the alumni of the college, help them remember their times here and get them involved currently.

REVIEW: What kind of reasons do you get involved in the alumni council?

PEDERSEN: It's kind of a friends and family free-for-all. Over time different people that are on the council bring new people onto the council. We try to have a good distribution along when you graduated.

JULIE (THORSON) ROHLFING '70: Seriously, I hope I didn't twist too many arms. I do watch events and keep track of people I know and have met and see who would have the skills to be a leader to make decisions and enjoy coming to four

meetings a year. You guys all have been good. It's been fun to recruit many of you, and recruit many of you to take a second term.

TIM MARSDEN '97: I think it's exciting to be able to give back something to Dana, because I feel that they've helped shape who I am and my career and just made a foundation for me in life. So it's fun to be able to be part of a group that's able to give back in service.

REVIEW: What are some of the challenges that are facing the council now and will be facing the council in the future?

MARSDEN: I think one of the challenges is keeping young alumni involved. You tend to leave Dana and think, "OK, well that was fun. Now on to this next big-

ger, better thing." But it doesn't stop there. Your involvement in Dana hopefully will continue.

INGVERT APPLE '58: One of the problems I think with Dana alumni is that we're so scattered out. But I think that's one of the problems: How do we keep the alumni together? To get together socially? But Homecoming's about the only shot you've got, really.

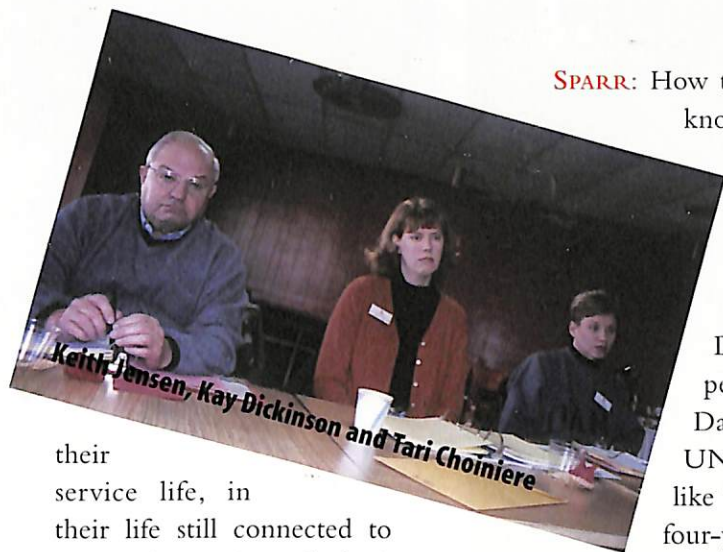
REVIEW: The alumni covers such a large group and generations of people, how do you deal with the challenges of that?

KATHY (NIEMEYER '68) KUSTER: I think a good example of that is we're talking about Homecoming next year, talking about having a something like a polka band earlier, and then from 9 to 12 have a DJ for the younger alumni. We can't expect to do the same thing for everybody.

ROHLFING: I was thinking it might be nice to talk a little bit about the Distinguished Alumni Award and how that happens.

TRASY SPARR '93: Sure. One of the functions of the Alumni Council is each year we recommend nominations for both the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award goes to someone who has graduated in the past 15 years and has done remarkable things in





their service life, in their life still connected to Dana. The Distinguished Alumni is for someone beyond that point — beyond the 15 years — who has distinguished themselves, whether in their career, or in their service to the college, or their service to humanity, and kind of a combination of all those things. I think that's probably one of the struggles we face as Alumni Council, though, is getting these names in combinations. We all know, there are people who have graduated from here and done remarkable things, but they are spread out, all over the country, all over the world for that matter. And to find out about these people, you almost have to know somebody else who knows somebody else. That's a difficult thing. It's kind of a struggle. Because you know there's somebody out there who still has that connection, whether we see them on a daily, monthly, yearly basis, or we don't see them because of their location. But they should be recommended and nominated and honored.

PEDERSEN: What a celebration! Most people don't have such nice things said about them before they die. The way their families come in and celebrate with them, it's something really special.

SPARR: And it is special, because you can tell how much Dana played in who they became.

PEDERSEN: Right.

SPARR: How they got to that point. I know I was at one once and a gentlemen had his kids, and his parents and the whole family. And he was pointing out everything and how Dana plays a big part in people's lives. I think Dana's different than UNO, UNL, somewhere like that. You don't just get a four-year degree and go away. We talk about Interim. Cheston's still here, and doing Interim, and I loved Interim. I thought it was great. It changes, but it's still the same. So no matter what age group you have here, there's a connection.

PEDERSEN: That's one of the big challenges for us as an alumni committee. For example, when we're out promoting Dana, we have someone who asks about the school and we have the chance to talk about our experience. Sometimes we give information that is no longer valid as to how the college operates. For example, as I understand it, the student attendance rate at some of the weekend events has gone down a little bit. More people have cars, more people have gas money. We have to be careful that we don't tell them something that isn't true. We don't want to be out there promoting that.

SPARR: I think that's part of our job as Alumni Council members to promote and talk, whether you're out there really selling it or just talking about how happy you were to have been here.

KEITH JENSEN '56: I think we have kind of a unique perspective to communicate what Dana's all about. And as much as we're not staff, we're not paid professionals, we don't have an ax to grind, just someone who has had the Dana experience and feels that excited about it. So I think that within Dana College we are a

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unique group. That we in fact can do that probably better than some of the other people.

REVIEW: Are there any upcoming changes that will affect anything to do with alumni affairs?

Rohlfling: The golf cart's going to win the parade this year. (Laughter)

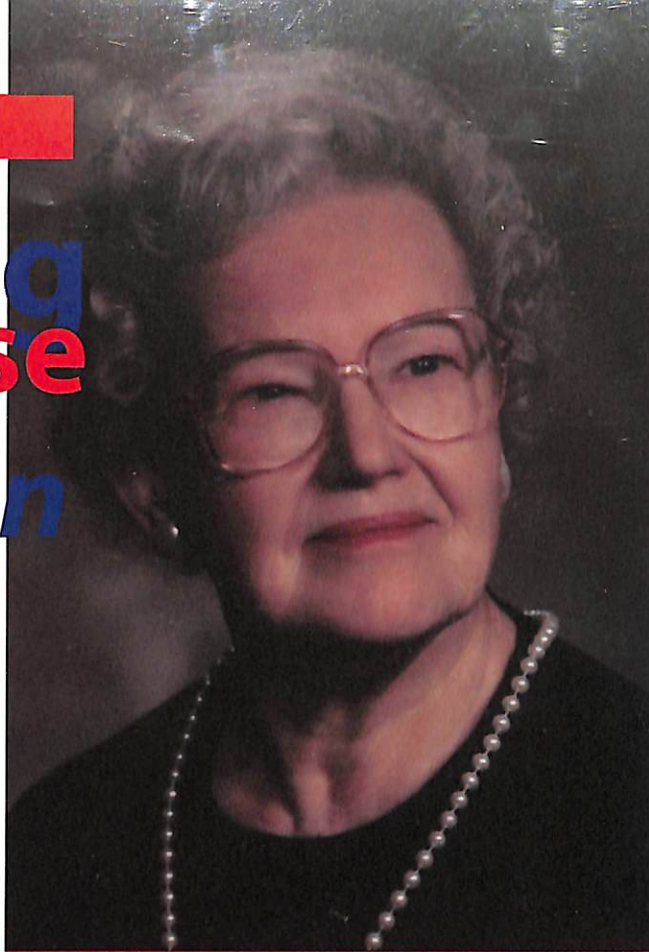
Giving Because She Can

To Genevieve Jensen, giving is a way of life. It isn't something special she does. It is just something she does.

"I have more than I need. As long as the Lord was good to me, I'd feel guilty not sharing," she said.

And share she has. Although she only attended Dana for one year, she has always held the college near and dear to her heart. "It's been a part of my life for all of my life," said the Blair native, who now lives in Plainview, Neb. She attended Dana in 1938-39, working in the Registrar's Office and for Dana President Lawrence Siersbeck to help pay for her tuition.

The following year, Genevieve had such a good job at the Danish Publishing House, she didn't return to school. "When I think back now, if I'd been smart I would have attended longer and



Genevieve Jensen

studied to be a parish secretary," she said. Now retired, Genevieve did work for many years as a secretary, even without that degree.

Her experience at Dana is something that Genevieve has carried with her for her entire life. "I believe in Dana," she said. "It's a great school with excellent teachers. I'm proud to be connected with Dana and I hope to be for a long time."

Genevieve is both an annual giver and a Dana Builder, having first includ-

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*—Dr. Myrvin Christopherson
Dana College president*

ed Dana College in her estate plan approximately 15 years ago. She established a charitable remainder trust through the ELCA Foundation and has several charitable gift annuity agreements from which Dana will benefit.

"My husband (Donald) knew how much Dana meant to me," she said. "He said, 'Why don't we set up a scholarship?'" In 1980 she established the Plainview Dana Scholarship, which is given to a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Plainview,

Neb. Genevieve gives annually to support this scholarship.

"I want anybody who goes to college to consider Dana," she said. Genevieve works with her pastor at Our Saviour's to identify the youth at her church who are considering college and tells them about Dana. "It's something I believe in 100 percent."

Dana College is not the only Christian charity that benefits from Genevieve's generosity. She also supports Martin Luther Home, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Good Shepherd Home in Blair, Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma and her church, among others.

"Genevieve is a gem. She lives her life in service to God and others. I know of no one who is a better model of Christian stewardship," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president of Dana College.

"If you want to tithe for your church and charities of your church, it can be done," Genevieve said.



Dana received an anonymous gift of about 100 B&G and Royal Copenhagen plates to be sold to support the Trinity Chapel stained glass window fund. The first of three windows depicting the Trinity will be installed in March, and perhaps dedicated at Dana's Arbor Day celebration, April 24. Former Chairman of the Board of Regents Dr. Paul Laursen and his wife, Gail, (at left) sold many of the plates at the Sights & Sounds of Christmas 2002. Check the Dana web site (www.dana.edu) if you are interested in purchasing plates to support this project. If interested in donating to the window fund you may send your donation to:

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Radio Free Science

On Dec. 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville and Wilbur Wright were the first people to ever fly an airplane. Orville flew first, then Wilbur, then Orville, then Wilbur. Then they were done. There was no big celebration. There wasn't even an audience.

On Dec. 17, 2002, in eastern Nebraska, listeners to KIOS, Omaha's public radio station, heard the story of the Wright brothers. The reader of the story was an Omaha public school student learning the ins and outs of radio firsthand. The script was written by Dana's Dr. Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics. There was quite an audience.

It was just another "Today in Science," a segment written by Sand in the style of the popular "Writer's Almanac," also broadcast on public radio. The segments have been running every workday since their debut on Sept. 9, during breaks in "Fresh Air," a morning interview show.

The project has been something Sand has been working on for more than five years. He originally started compiling the information used for the segments to be put into a book. Unfortunately, someone beat him to the punch, and Sand was left with a lot of information going to waste.

"I just wanted to do something with it," Sand said. So he contacted KIOS, and pitched the idea of doing the daily science tidbits using high school students as readers. The segments would be informative and about things the public could easily relate to.

Radio Broadcasting Instructor Carol Tschampl-Diesing of the Omaha Public Schools' Career Center was involved in

the development process of the show, and currently works with the students who produce it. She said the segments were perfect for KIOS, which is run by the Omaha Public Schools and often serves as a laboratory for students interested in communication.

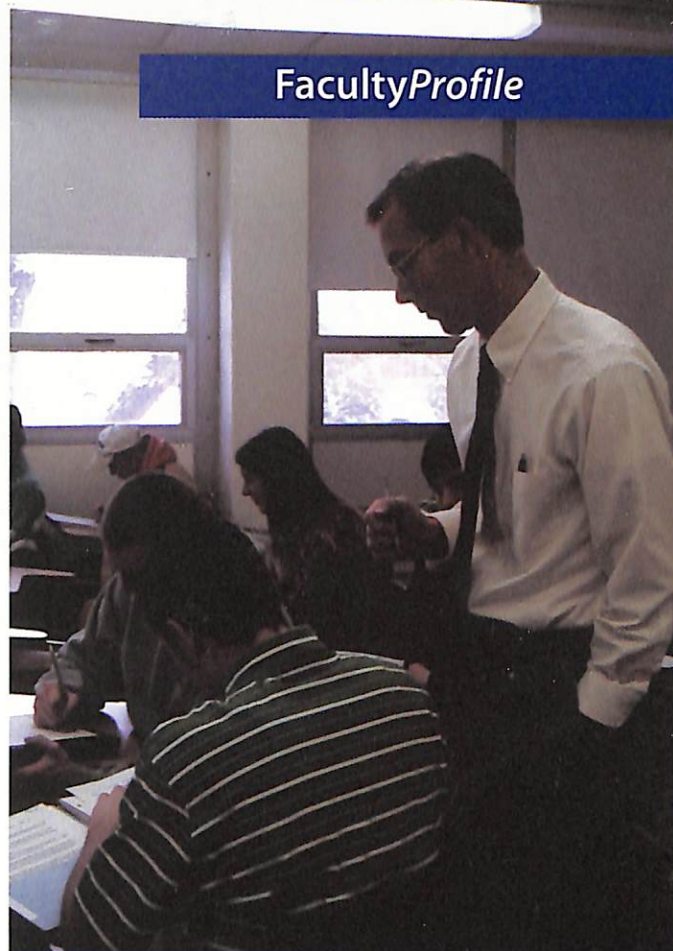
The students who read "Today in Science" are members of advanced radio classes at OPS's Career Center. Tschampl-Diesing said they run the gamut from students seriously interested in pursuing a career in radio to students who heard it was a fun class.

"They were all really excited about actual on-air experience," she said. Students put a lot of effort into getting the segments just right, sometimes spending up to a week working on a 1-minute piece.

Beyond the experience gained in reading for the radio, Tschampl-Diesing said she could tell students were learning quite a bit about science from the activity as well. "Today in Science" has also received a great response from Omaha-area science teachers, she said.

The decision to continue the project for a second year has not been made, but Tschampl-Diesing said she would love to keep her students working on it. Sand said he would also like to see the segments continue and would only need to make a few alterations and additions to have a second season ready.

FacultyProfile



Dr. Mark Sand's creativity extends to his teaching at Dana, as well. During Interim, Sand offered a class called "Learning and Teaching Mathematics Through Puzzles and Games." Students were challenged to explore the world of math and logic through common children's games and puzzles like ones found in newsstand magazines. The ultimate goal was to expand students' methods of thinking in a different way than the usual studying from the textbook. (Although learning the secrets to beating your friends at Mancala isn't chopped liver.)

Here's a problem Sand gave to his students in the class (above):

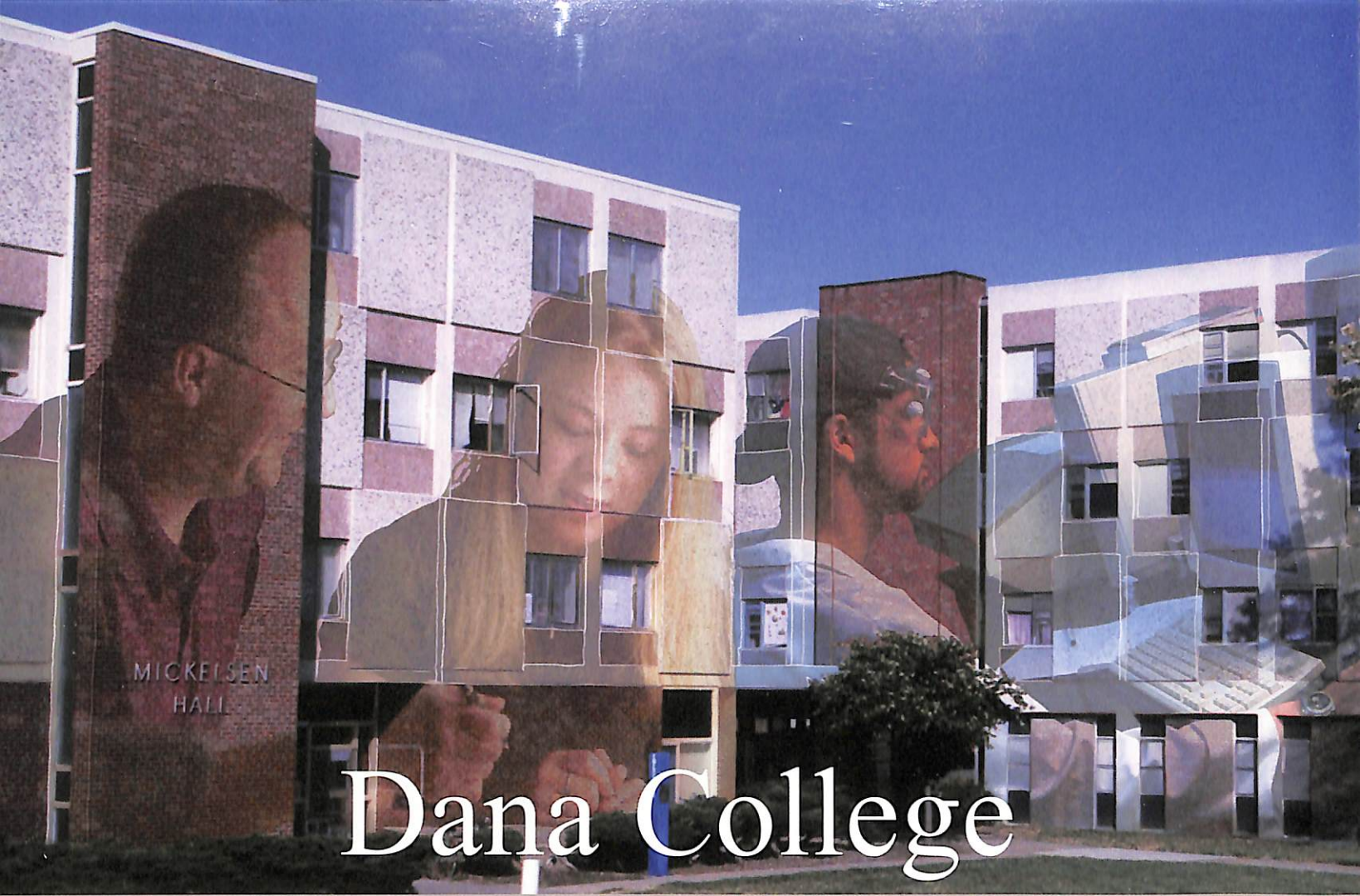
A natural (counting) number ends in 2. If we move this digit to the beginning of the number, then the number will be doubled. Find the smallest number with this property.

Answer: 105,263,157,894,736,842

"They pretty much write themselves," he said.

Which leaves Sand with some free time on his hands. His plans?

"I'd like to do something like a half-hour radio talk show about the history of science," he said. "It still has to be explored."



Dana College

Building Stronger and Better

With the addition of the new Borup Coliseum expansion taking shape, it's easy to see how Dana College is shaping the landscape for the future. But buildings are just places to learn. Changes in Dana's academic offerings will ensure that next year will be even stronger than this one, and that Dana College graduates will be leaders in the workplaces of tomorrow.



Damien Dempsay has always wanted to pursue corrections as a career. One look at the 6-foot, 260-pound Viking offensive lineman and you can see how well he's suited to handling violent offenders.

But inside that tough exterior is a compassionate heart and a thoughtful mind. Dempsay wants to work with troubled kids to get them out of the justice system before they are too far in to save. He's seen too much from his life in Grand Island, Neb., and his internship at the Omaha Correctional Center to believe in taking all criminal offenders — violent or not — and locking them up forever.

This year, Dempsay is a junior sociology major, studying in one of the state's preeminent social work and sociology departments. But thanks to an enlightened and progressive decision by Dana administrators and faculty, Dempsay will have the chance to be a senior criminal justice major in one of

the most forward-thinking programs in the region.

The addition of a new criminal justice major is just one of several changes for the 2003-04 academic year at Dana. A reorganization of the communication department will allow students a more structured instructional approach for use in this broad career field. A new minor in e-studies could become Dana's new interdisciplinary program and a stepping stone for high-tech jobs of the future. Taking advantage of Dana's strong physical education department and active student body, sports management will also become a concentration. With all these changes, plus the addition of five new full-time faculty positions, it is easy to understand why Provost and Dean of the College Dr. Brian Viets said, "Dana is going to be a different place next year."

The addition of the criminal justice major, probably the biggest change for next year, was a perfect example of how Dana strives to meet current market demand by prospective students while staying true to its traditions.

Interest in criminal justice as a major has been growing among all American high school students, and the ones who have applied to Dana recently have been no exception. During a review of what applicants were showing interest in, Director of Admissions Jim Lynes discovered criminal justice was ranking near the top of the list. Even without it listed as one of the school's majors, more than 100 students interested in Dana last fall listed it as one of their probable majors. Everyone seemed to be asking about it — students, community college and high school counselors, and representatives from Omaha's Chicano Awareness Center.

"Interest cut across all students," Lynes said. "We had traditional and non-traditional students asking for it, athletes and non-athletes. If a prospective student wants to major in criminal

The New Criminal Justice Major

The criminal justice major will begin with a solid set of existing courses to form the foundation for this new program of study. Other courses will be added through. The major requires students to take the following courses:

Introduction to Sociology	Deviant Behavior and Social Control
Introduction to Psychology	Juvenile Justice: Policy and Practice
Introduction to Social Work	Methods of Behavioral Research
Cultural Diversity	Crime and Justice in Contemporary Society
Introduction to the Political Economy	Substance Abuse: Policy, Prevention and Treatment
Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	Constitutional and Criminal Law
Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	Criminal Justice Internship*
Criminology	
Social Problems	
Social Science Statistics	

**The Criminal Justice Internship will be a launching pad for many graduates, said Professor Richard Potter. Criminal justice agencies often use internships as extended working interviews for potential job applicants. The class will use the extensive contacts made through the years by the Social Work Department.*

justice, we had to tell them we have a criminal justice concentration. When they are looking at another school that has a criminal justice major, and we have it as a concentration, that other school is going to get more of their attention.”

But what is popular isn't always right, especially for a small, liberal arts school like Dana. Trends tend to come and go in student interest inventories, often linked to what's hot in popular culture. (For instance, forensic science is the current star, largely due to television ratings sensation “CSI.”) The strength at Dana is more in keeping quality, broad-based faculty members capable of instilling the liberal arts tradition in students, than to hire and fire specifically

trained instructors based on whatever is “cool” that year.

“Whenever we approach a new program, we look to make sure it fits our philosophy,” Viets said. At first glance, criminal justice wouldn't be the type of degree expected at Dana. The approach at most colleges and universities that have a criminal justice major is based more on procedures of arrest than theories about why people commit crime. The whole point of attending a liberal arts college is to learn how to think in whatever career you choose, not train for a very specific job.

The “law and order” approach isn't the only available perspective on criminal justice, though. As more states are

facing budget crises brought on by incarcerating so many prisoners, more policy-makers are looking toward the restorative justice perspective for answers. Restorative justice emphasizes community-based initiatives in dealing with crime, especially through rehabilitation and reconciliation. It is primarily used for non-violent crimes and incorporates restitution, dialogue and supervision to ensure the offender doesn't offend again.

The approach draws heavily on the discipline of social work, and Dana is nationally known for its excellence in preparing future social workers. It also calls for professionals who are educated — not trained — and are able to respond to unique community issues.

Building Up by Tearing Down

A piano being torn apart on a windy day sounds a lot like Stravinsky, but for Dr. Milt Heinrich's class of 10 Dana College students, it was a lesson in “found art.”

Heinrich's two-dimensional design class is a general education class, filled with students probably getting their last brush with art education. So when Heinrich heard about a few of Dana's older pianos being replaced, he offered to help dispose of the instruments. They would offer a great opportunity to show how art lessons can be applied to many fields.

Take, for instance, freshman Mitch Chappelear's work. Chappelear started the project by using a skill saw to delimit one piano, while mentioning that this class requirement was actually fun. By the end, it may have seemed less so as he listened to Heinrich list the many details of his piece that broke established art rules.

“But look at it,” Heinrich said to the class. “It works. It's almost a daring, in-your-face sort of thing. Sometimes the rules don't matter.”

In between discussing the curvilinear aspects of the pieces and the use of positive and negative space, Hein-



Mitch Chappelear's finished piece

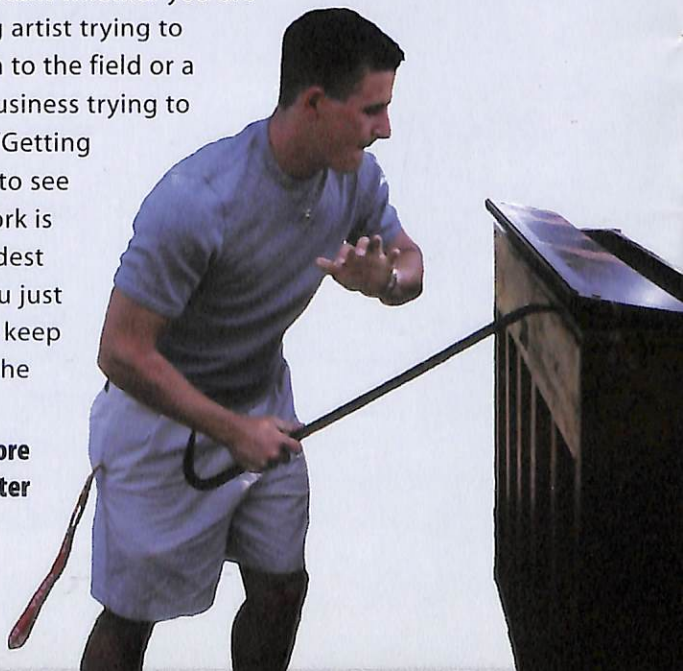
rich also used them as examples of lessons in education and business, two of Dana's largest majors.

“The visual is more interesting,” Heinrich told the class.

“As students, it holds your attention longer.” Working on a project rather than studying it is a good educational technique whether you're a college sophomore or a first grader.

And then there's promotion, something Heinrich said is important whether you are a young artist trying to break in to the field or a small business trying to get by. “Getting people to see your work is the hardest part. You just have to keep trying,” he said.

**Sophomore
Kyle Walter**



New Communication Emphases

The new Communication Department organization will allow students to choose from seven different emphases to complement their major, more than any other on Dana's campus. More information on the communication changes are available on its web site: www.dana.edu/communication.

Media Studies
Visual Communication
Business Management
Marketing

Social Justice
Behavioral Science
Self-Designed

"Everyone has a criminal justice degree, but the way Dana is doing it is different," Viets said. "With restorative justice, the philosophical approach is different. It requires a sound foundation in the liberal arts, a broad background to deal with a variety of positions and situations."

The utility-player aspect will give Dana criminal justice graduates the leg up on the competition in looking for positions, said Richard Potter, associate professor of social work, and social work and sociology department chairman. At the National Association of Social Workers Convention last summer, a resolution was passed calling restorative justice the future of corrections. As policies change, agencies will be looking for new hires with a restorative justice background. Potter believes criminal justice graduates trained in the "law and order" approach at other schools won't be able to "do the job" 10 years from now.

"Right now we incarcerate more people percentage-wise than Saudi Arabia, Iran or Iraq," Potter said. "You've heard people say we can't afford to imprison so many people. What needs to happen — and what will happen — is we need to be more clear in our understanding of rehabilitation and reconciliation."

The restorative justice approach isn't limited to police and corrections officers. Dana's criminal justice major will be a good foundation for graduates looking to become Federal Bureau of Investi-

gations and Drug Enforcement Agency agents, sheriffs, probation and parole officers, criminal lawyers and judges, among others.

The focus is perfect for Damien Dempsey, who wants to get into the criminal justice field to help people, not warehouse them. Dempsey was comfortable with his sociology major, but said he learned during his internship at the Omaha Correctional Center how much employers expect job applicants to have a degree in criminal justice. He's happy with the restorative justice approach, since he's never wanted to be the person to slap on the cuffs.

"You see so many of these kids getting in trouble because they are acting out for environmental reasons," Dempsey said. "They just want attention and don't care if it's positive or negative. That's where I want to come into effect. I want to be that positive role model who gets them out of the system before they get in."

Changes in the world outside have also led to a change inside Dana's Communication Department. Beginning next fall, students will choose between majoring in organizational communication and intercultural communication. The old general communication major will be a thing of the past.

"The change reflects the direction communication is headed today," Viets said. "There is much more of a focus on organizational and intercultural commu-

nication."

Assistant Professor of Communication Lisa Schreiber was the main force behind the change. She said the new organization of the department will provide students with coursework that has more depth and is more clearly focused.

"Our goal was just to make sure that students have the knowledge and skills that will prepare them well for careers and life," Schreiber said. "Now classes build on each other to help reinforce what we want students to learn."

An organizational communication degree is similar to a business degree. A graduate will have mastered the way communication is handled in settings such as corporations and non-profit agencies and how those organizations communicate with the world. Possible career tracks for organizational communication majors include public relations, business management, human resources and corporate communications. If students are interested in communication, but not this particular area, they still have the option of majoring in intercultural communication and/or organizational communication and choosing a specific emphasis.

Dana admissions counselor Jenni Tekesky '02 said the change in communication makes the overall program stronger, and therefore a stronger "sell" for prospective students. She's also happy about the upgrade of sports management from an emphasis in the physical education major to a concentration.

"For years admissions has pushed for sports management to be a major or a minor," she said. "This is a good move for us."

Sports management, much like criminal justice, has been gaining momentum in student interest over the last decade. A career in sports used to be limited mainly to the teacher-coach tract, but with the explosion in professional, semi-professional and amateur

Cancer Only Made Him Stronger

Now recovered, harrier Ian Latella is running faster than ever

Ian Latella was having a great freshman year. He had been a good runner in high school, but always buckled under pressure. But with a new training attitude taught by Dana's Coach Jay Birmingham, Latella was on his way to being a great collegiate runner. He qualified for both the cross country and track national championships his freshman year.

But a week after completing his first national marathon competition, Latella found the lump. It was the end of his great freshman year, but definitely not the end of a great running career.

Latella returned to Dana his sophomore year (2001) while undergoing chemotherapy treatments for testicular cancer. He went to every class and every cross country practice he could. It wasn't easy. Latella couldn't remember a time when anything under 15 miles was a problem for him. The treatments eventually left him so weak, he couldn't make it a mile before having to slow to a walk.

"It made me realize how important running really is to me," he said. "It was so hard watching everybody else run."

To make matters worse, the men's cross country team was having one of their worst seasons in recent history. Besides Latella's illness, the team was dealing with several injuries and the loss of leadership from graduation. Knowing the team needed him — and that he couldn't help — was one of the worst things for Latella.

The Red Oak, Iowa, native never thought for one instance that he wouldn't get well. It's an attitude his mother, a nurse, said was instrumental to his quick recovery, and teammate Derek Fey said was an inspiration to the struggling team.

"Everyone saw that Ian was fighting back," Fey said. "If that hadn't happened, last year's team would be a complete loss."

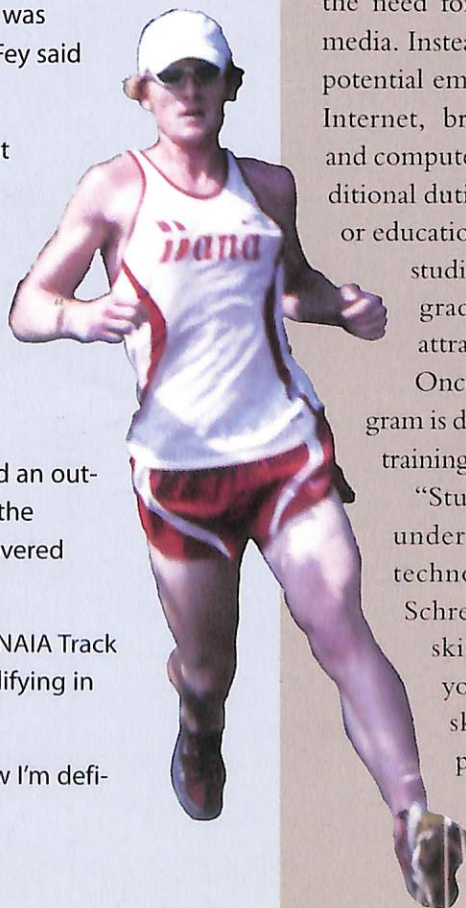
By the following track season, Latella was cancer-free and pushing himself to regain his old strength.

"It was frustrating," he said. "I knew with a lot of time I could get back, but it was slow."

Now in his junior year, Latella is stronger than ever. He had an outstanding cross country season this fall, finishing 197th in the country after qualifying for Nationals with a similarly recovered men's cross country team.

Latella has also already qualified for the marathon at the NAIA Track Nationals this May and stands a very good chance of qualifying in other events, especially the steeplechase.

"I thought of cancer as another hill to climb," he said. "Now I'm definitely stronger than I was."



teams, as well as the growth in the fitness industry, graduates with related degrees are in high demand.

The change to concentration was a natural step for Dana, Viets said. "We have so many gifted athletes who are also gifted students. I hope this move will help tie in with our athletic-academic atmosphere."

The building of Dana's academic programs isn't complete or probably ever will be. A possible exciting new program has been approved for implementation next fall. The e-studies minor is be a groundbreaking move for Dana. It will bring four departments — communication, business, computer science and art — together to provide Dana's new interdepartmental minor.

"This is the biggest collaborative effort we have," Viets said. "It's a response to what is happening in the world, but not a knee-jerk response. It's a interdisciplinary approach to new means of communication."

The dot-com bust didn't obliterate the need for graduates versed in new media. Instead, the pressure is on for all potential employees to know about the Internet, broadband communications and computers, in addition to more traditional duties. Being a business, music or education major with a minor in e-studies will make future Dana graduates that much more attractive in the job market.

Once again, though, the program is designed to be more than just training students in specific skills.

"Students with this minor will understand how humans use technology to communicate," Schreiber said. "It's not just skills. It's taking the skills you have and putting those skills to use in solving problems. That's what education means."



Shawn Petersen (left), financial associate for Thrivent in Blair, and Paul Johnson '76 (right), financial associate for Thrivent in Fremont, present Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson with the latest check for matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Matching Gift Program Benefits Dana

with Thrivent and gives \$400 to Dana will see another \$200 given to the school through the GivingPlus Program.

Associate Thrivent members can have their gifts matched 50 cents per dollar on gifts given from \$50 to \$100. Thrivent will make matching gifts to up to

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Members of Thrivent must be age 16 or older and demonstrate a Lutheran connection. This includes not only members of Lutheran congregations, but also alumni and current students of Lutheran colleges or universities, parents of students of Lutheran educational

institutions, employees of Lutheran organizations and residents of Lutheran care centers.

Thrivent was created in January 2002 by the merger of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) and Lutheran Brotherhood (LB), forming the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States.

Last year, more than \$117,000 was given to Dana College from AAL and LB through their member gift matching and scholarship programs. Since the inception of matching gifts, the two organizations have combined to give more than \$2 million to Dana College.

ForMore

For information about the GivingPlus Program, send an e-mail to GivingPlus@Thrivent.com

Santa Lucia Sings Final Note

For about 50 years (no one can say for sure) the Santa Lucia Singers have performed for thousands on and off of Dana's campus.

And at December's Sights & Sounds of Christmas they sang for the last time.

Interest in the group has waned for students, but Director Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 cautions this effect has more to do with what Dana is doing right than what it is doing wrong.

"Students come to Dana to be active," she said. "But as our fine arts groups have grown in stature and prestige, students need more time to focus on preparing."

Last spring, Nielsen announced the class would not be offered this fall, essentially saying the group was no more.

The news was sad to many, but especially hard for some of the upperclass-

men of the group who saw Santa Lucia as a big part of their Dana College experience.

Senior Jillian Scheerhoorn has performed with the group for four years and was not ready to finish her fifth without it.

"It was disappointing for me to not have Santa Lucia offered," Scheerhoorn said. "There are a lot of people who love the program, and we were determined to keep it alive."

Earlier this fall Nielsen approached Scheerhoorn and three other disappointed students — junior Sarah Olson, senior Maureen Gubbels and sophomore Kori Willamsen — and offered them the opportunity to continue Santa Lucia for at least one more year. The new



The four members of the Santa Lucia Quartet perform for the last time at Sights & Sounds, from left, Maureen Gubbels, Kori Willamsen, Sarah Olson and Jillian Scheerhoorn.

group was called the Santa Lucia Quartet and performed a shorter version of the traditional program following the last setting of the Scandinavian Smorgasbord.

"This little group of troupers said they would continue the program," Nielsen said.

Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts were made in 2002 in memory or honor of the following:

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90th Birthday
Harold & Dorothy Wright —
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Dana College receives memorial and honorarium gifts each year. It is a special way to give in honor or memory of someone who has touched your life. For more information on how you can make a gift of this type to Dana College, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement or visit us on our web site.

1-800-444-DANA

www.dana.edu/gifts

Diane Moore Calling

Development Associate Diane Moore has joined the office of Institutional Advancement to help expand Dana's alumni donor base. A Norfolk native, she comes to Dana College with experience from several non-profit organizations. She will be making personal contacts with potential alumni donors and coordinate Dana's annual Alumni Phonathon.

"I'm very excited about hearing the Dana story from alumni," she said. "Dana has a strong legacy — built literally by the generosity of generations. The Phonathon is an effort to give every former alumnus/ae the opportunity to continue the tradition and make an impact, especially those we have yet to reach."

On Feb. 17, alumni phones will begin ringing with current Dana student callers ready to update alumni records

and bring alumni up to date on the latest campus events, facilities expansion projects and visit with alumni about their most cherished Dana memories.

"Alumni play vital roles in the future of Dana College. We are dedicated to keeping them informed of campus goals, needs and challenges. Alumni giving participation is necessary to help meet the challenges ahead," Moore said.

Alumni contributions may support several areas including scholarships, endowment, facilities and academics, as well as other areas. Donors may increase gifts by offering multiple-year pledge support or by participating in matching gift programs.

Most importantly all gifts received help to ensure quality teaching programs and increase student opportunities. All gifts are tax-deductible.



Diane Moore and senior Derek Davis preparing to make some alumni calls.

Legacy Wall Grows

Since the last report in the Fall 2002 issue of the DANA REVIEW, additional donors have contributed \$5,000 or more to Dana's Legacy Campaign. In recognition of their generous gifts and pledges, Dana will feature their names on the Legacy Wall.

Dwight and Beverly Ayers
Jon and Julie Bansen
Edwin and Alnora Daubendiek Family
Dr. Douglas and Pam Lemon
Scott and Patricia Miller
Elliott and Juane Nielsen
David Lee Pedersen Family
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Bradley and Patricia Schweer
Harold and Dorothy Wright

Names can still be added to the Legacy Wall. Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (402) 426-7333 for more information.

* deceased



Be a Chorale Groupie

Alumni and friends of Dana College are invited to see the Dana Chorale perform on tour this summer in Denmark. A 12-day "tag-along" tour has been planned that will cross paths with the Chorale trip at three locations, Ribe, the Rebild Hills for the Fourth of July festival and Copenhagen.

The tour will depart on June 27 from Omaha and is

scheduled to fly out of Copenhagen on July 8. Site-seeing will include Tivoli Gardens, Roskilde Cathedral, Viking Ship Museum and Frederiksborg Castle.

Interested parties should contact Tor Jensen, owner of Jensen World Travel, directly to find out more about the trip, tor@jensenworldtravel.com or 1 800 T JENSEN.

The Chorale is scheduled to depart June 22 and return July 7. They will perform in Bad Segeberg and Oeversee, Germany; as well as Ribe, Vejle, Legoland, Odense, Rebild Hills and Copenhagen, Denmark.

New Donor Program *Puts You* Right in the Action

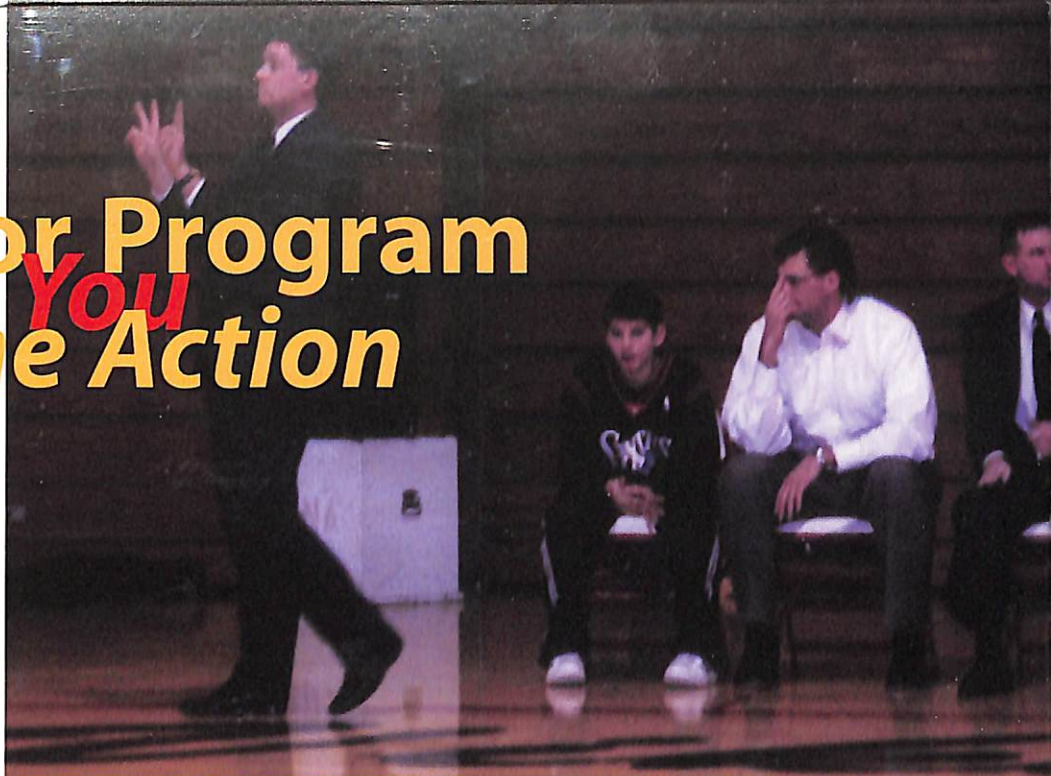
At first, Trevor Cissell just wanted a haircut like Viking senior guard Jeff Tesmer. Then Trevor wanted to shoot like him. After that, his mom, Teri, said, "He's become obsessed with this player!"

Trevor's obsession developed over the course of just one night, but as co-Coach of the Day, Trevor had enough contact with Tesmer and the rest of the men's basketball team to know the difference between a player with just a cool haircut and a player with some cool skills.

Up-close and behind-the-scenes knowledge is a big part of the draw for Dana Athletics' Coach of the Day program. Participants spend the entire "game day" with their favorite team, everything from the pre-game pep talk to the post-game celebration. Honorary coaches spend the game in the coaches' area of the bench or dugout, listen in on timeouts and even lead the team in prayer. For a souvenir, coaches are presented with signed game balls to remind them of their experiences.

Trevor Cissell split the Coach of the Day honors and duties with his father, Gary Cissell '80, who spent much of his time at Dana on the player's side of the bench. Now director of flooring at Nebraska Furniture Mart in Omaha, Gary said he and Trevor had a great time participating in the Vikings' easy Jan. 6 defeat of York College.

"It was great to be a part of the game," Gary said. "The coaches and players treated both Trevor and I like we were part of the team, and that felt great. The experience is one that both Trevor and I will remember forever."



Trevor and Gary Cissell watch from the Vikings' bench during a Jan. 6 home game against York College as Head Coach Chris Fear signals his players.

The Coach of the Day program is new this year. Honorary coaches were at each of the Viking football games last fall, but the Cissells were the first to participate in another sport.

Bill Danenhauer, associate director of athletics for athletic development, assistant head football coach and director of the Viking Club, said all of Dana's athletic programs welcome Coach of the Day participants.

"We want people to be a part of our programs and feel a sense of ownership of the Viking teams," Danenhauer said. "Coaches of the Day get to see what happens with Viking Athletics from a personal point of view."

The most tangible benefit for the teams is the participation fee honorary coaches pay. But Danenhauer said players get much more out of their visitors than some much-needed funds.

"I know our football guys really got a kick out of having these guys come in," he said. "And I was talking to Coach (Chris) Fear the other night and he was telling me how much the basketball players loved having the Cissells there."

As for Gary Cissell, he said his Coach

of the Day experience was bittersweet. "Sweet because I was 1-0 as a coach," he said. "Bitter because I was retiring as a coach."

Trevor just tasted the sweetness, though. He said he had an awesome time as Coach of the Day. Not only did he have a story to tell his own middle school basketball team, but less than a week after his night at Dana, he received an auto-graphed photo of Jeff Tesmer.

ForMore

Viking Coaches of the Day can be a part of any of the college's 13 athletic teams at any home game or meet. The participation fee is \$200 and goes to help fund the team the donor chooses.

Contact:

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Blair, NE 68008
(402) 426-7290
bdanenha@acad2.dana.edu
www.dana.edu/athletics/viking_club

Men's Soccer

The men's team suffered many injuries throughout their season, but ended on a high note with a defeat of Briar Cliff. Their overall record was 2-15.

Jarad Hollendieck GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Brent Lorkovic GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Jason Schwabauer GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Women's Soccer

The women's season came to an end in the GPAC tournament, losing to Hastings with 13 seconds left in the second half. Their overall record was 15-5-1.

Tanya Dugan GPAC All-Conference First Team

Michelle Glanz GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Julie Miller GPAC All-Conference Second Team

Loycee O'Daniel NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete, GPAC All-Conference Second Team

Amanda Reddish GPAC All-Conference Second Team

Melissa Respeliars GPAC All-Conference First Team, NAIA All-Region IV, NAIA All-America Honorable Mention

Erin Rozelle NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Natalie Sifers GPAC All-Conference First Team

Volleyball

The volleyball team endured a tough season, finishing 3-21 overall.

Erin Williams GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Football

The football team finished the season 2-8, but with several close calls.

David Abbott GPAC All-Conference First Team Offense

Doug Bargman GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Kio Coffie GPAC All-Conference

Honorable Mention

Steve Costello GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Mitchell Deering GPAC All-Conference Second Team Defense

Zach Elderts GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Cliff Ellis GPAC All-Conference Second Team Defense, NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Alex Gum NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Darrell Greene NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Ross Jensen NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Chevas Lamoya GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Jerrod Phillips GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Luke Smith GPAC All-Conference First Team Defense, NAIA All-America Second Team Defense

TJ Weiss GPAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Cross Country

The men's cross country team finished third in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships, earning them a spot among the NAIA Top 25. The women's team finished eighth at the conference meet.

Stephanie Collins NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Garry Clark NAIA All-America Scholar Team Member

Derek Fey NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete, NAIA All-America Scholar Team Member

Ian Latella NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete, NAIA All-America Scholar Team Member

Brent Reno NAIA All-America Scholar Team Member

Allen Wagner NAIA All-America Scholar Team Member

Alicia Widtfeldt NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete

Women's Basketball

At midseason, the women were 0-2 in conference play and 0-8 overall. Samantha Alapa was averaging 12.5 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Men's Basketball

The men were 1-1 in conference play at midseason and 8-8 overall. Dana led the GPAC in offensive rebounds with 37.

Wrestling

At midseason, the grapplers were 3-3 on the season in duals and ranked 13th in the NAIA. Art Castillo was coming off a huge win, upsetting 2002 Junior National Champion Ben Askren of the University of Missouri at the Dana Open.

Softball

There are high expectations for the softball program this year. The Vikings return every player from their 2002 roster. Some key players to watch are Jessica Bolte, Erica Duncan and Jennifer Holmes. All three are seniors and expected to lead the Vikings to their best finish yet. This fall, Dana played most teams in the conference and finished at the top of every tournament.

Baseball

As the 2003 Dana College baseball team continues preparation for their season opener, Feb. 15 at Newman University, there is a quiet confidence in Coach Damon Day's troops. The Vikings will be anchored by a talented trio of outfielders led by junior Chris Zachgo, a left fielder from Delta Junction, Alaska, who was recently named as a player to watch in the NAIA by *Collegiate Baseball News*.

Track

The track team is reloading with four All-Americans from last year's squad: Stephanie Collins, Allen Wagner, Matt Maltby and Tiffany Poole. The team is gaining confidence and looks to better their performances from a year ago.

Share Your Success *Be a Dana Mentor*

Dana College alumni have a new way to give back to their alma mater through the gift of their time and expertise.

The Dana Mentors program, newly instituted by Dana's Career Services office, enables current students to be in contact with a working alumnus or friend of the college to ask questions about occupations and job searching.

According to Ann Nelson, director of career services, many of Dana's current students are the first in their family to attend college. Consequently they may have limited occupational knowledge of professional careers. "This is a crucial need for them," she said.

Dana Mentors serve as a resource for current students. They may serve as a sort of a personal advisor to a student, sharing information about their career and career path through phone conversations. Other mentors may choose to visit campus and be a part of panel discussions about careers or give talks about their occupational fields to classes or groups of students.

men·tor \ˈmen-tor, tər\ *n* 1 : A wise and trusted counselor or teacher
2 : Dana alumni; *esp.* : those who are willing to give time to students

A mentor may be called upon several times a year, but there may also be a year when there happen to be no requests.

Contact with professionals is motivating to students, Nelson said. "They pick up things that they can't learn anywhere else," she said. "That gift of experience, there's just nothing like it for the students."

The benefit is not only for the students but for the alumni as well. It provides an opportunity to stay connected with Dana College. "Even if they are unable to come back for every reunion, they can have two 20-minute phone conversations with a student each year," Nelson said.

Dana Mentors also provide a venue to make a difference in the life of a current student. "It's something each alum can

give of their own experience. They can leave something in the heart and mind of another as they go out in the world," she said. "It's completely portable. It goes wherever they do. It's not bound by time. They will affect others, who will in turn affect others."

"This is kind of the heart and soul of the Dana difference," Nelson said.

ForMore

To sign up for the Dana Mentors Program, contact:

Ann Nelson
Director of Career Services
(402) 426-7258

You can also sign up through the web site. A complete list of job titles in which the mentoring program is missing volunteers is also available:

www.dana.edu/careerservices/mentors.html

Wartburg Seminary to host 2003 UELC Gathering, June 6-8

Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, will host the 2003 Upper Midwest UELC Gathering June 6-8. The 2002 event, held on Dana's campus, was attended by more than 100 people.

The special topic for this year's reunion will be Jens Dixen's leadership in global mission and outreach in the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCL). The situation Dixen addressed in Kenmare, N.D., is much like the context for many small town and rural parishes today.

In addition to Dixen's leadership in the local parish and in the UELCL, his mission initiatives were global and led to the establishment of Lutheran churches in Cameroon, Liberia and elsewhere on the west coast of Africa.

Dr. Winston D. Persaud, professor of systematic theology at Wartburg Seminary; Brian and Jean Quigley, members of Trinity Lutheran, Kenmare; Dr. Norma Cook Everist, professor of church and ministry at Wartburg; and Wartburg President Duane H. Larson will be the featured speakers.

A special feature is a Saturday-afternoon opportunity to explore Dubuque's new America's River project and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium and the National Rivers Hall of Fame, scheduled for a June 1 opening. Featured in the com-

plex will be five major aquariums that bring to life distinct river habitats of the Mississippi River. Hands-on exhibits will let visitors create a flowing river, study river hydrology and flooding and simulate piloting a towboat.

The 2003 UELCL Gathering is the 18th such event. The series started in 1985 in the Twin Cities with a small get-together of former UELCL clergy and spouses.

ForMore

Registration for the reunion is \$25. A limited number of rooms are available on Wartburg Seminary's campus.

Contact:
Wartburg Seminary Development Office
(800) 225-5987 ext. 221
development@wartburgseminary.edu

Music, Music & More Music



The Dana College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Michael Anderson, presented its fall semester concert, featuring latin percussionist Joey Gulizia (above), one of Omaha's favorite jazz musicians. The band performed swing, cool, latin, ballad and jazz-rock style tunes.

Dana College will team up with the National Anti-Defamation League and the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, to present the first national Tribute to the Danes and Other Rescuers Essay Contest for high school students this spring. The contest, planned to be an annual event, is designed to encourage Omaha-area students in grades 9 through 12 to take the lessons of World War II and the Holocaust and apply them to their lives.

During her winter break from classes at Dana, sophomore Shannon Ford-Jefferson picked up some skills to help empower herself and those around her at the Impact 2002 Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference brought

together 4,000 African-American students, teachers and ministers, including nine from Nebraska, to help students learn to be better leaders in their communities and the world.

Fifteen members of Dana's Campus Crusade for Christ organization traveled to Crusade's interdenominational collegiate conference in Denver, Colo., over winter break. Students attending the conference interacted with hundreds of other college students from Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

Dana Registrar Michelle Kempke Eppler has been appointed chairwoman of the Diversity & Multiculturalism Committee for the Nebraska Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admission Officers (NACROA). The committee's main purpose is to keep members of NACROA informed on topics such as affirmative action, especially during sessions at NACROA's annual conference.

Three Dana College faculty members performed a special holiday recital for Dana's annual Sights & Sounds of Christmas celebration. Professors Jeanmarie A. Nielsen and Michael Anderson and Dr. Claire Bushong combined for two performances in Trinity Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Dana College Theater presented "A Long Way from Home," an original play by Dr. Paul Schneider, professor of English and director of theater, during Sights & Sounds of Christmas. The play centered around a family's struggle to cope with a member's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. The cast included juniors Mara Bartlett, Emily Neve and Jeremy Stoll; freshman Maureen Annett and sophomore Eric Grant-Leanna.

Dana College received first place in the 2002 Blair Downtown Holiday Window Decorating Contest, Hometown for the Holidays. The decorated

window was located at Nannen's Physical Therapy on Washington Street. The contest was sponsored by the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. John Lyden attended the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Toronto, Canada, Nov. 23-26. He presided over a discussion dealing with the religious implications of the Harry Potter books and films.

Dr. Therese Michels, Dr. Richard Palmer, and Dr. Mark Sand have been recognized for educational excellence in the latest edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002*. These teachers have been chosen by their community as influential educators.

Patti Nielsen, R.N., had a short piece published in October's *Nursing 2002*. It concerned instructing caregivers on proper injection techniques and creating a peaceful environment for the same.

Professor Michael Anderson is a featured columnist for the *International Trumpet Guild Journal* beginning with the October 2002 issue. His column, "Web Site Reviews" appears in the quarterly journal and highlights leading technological and pedagogical resources available for trumpet players online. Anderson was also selected to the *ITG Journal* Editorial Committee and has been instrumental in helping the *Journal* become a peer-reviewed publication for the first time in its 27-year history.

Erik Nielsen, a sociology and psychology major at Dana, recently was awarded first place in the Student Paper Competition at the 35th Annual Conference of the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium.

Lori Nielsen, Learning Center Director, attended the 35th Annual Conference of the College Reading & Learning Association in Minneapolis, Minn., in November.

Destiny's Deep Sea

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Teri Ahrendt '02 is an administrative assistant at Ameritrade in Bellevue, Neb. She is also dancing for the National Indoor Football League's Omaha Beef Dance Team.

Dave Delort '02 is currently working in radio as a disc jockey for AAA Entertainment. He resides in Champaign, Ill.

Tiffany Shellberg '02 married Curtis Schutt on Oct. 5, 2002, at Oakland (Iowa) United Methodist Church. Tiffany is a Spanish teacher at Riverside High School in Oakland.

Rachel Lynch '01 is currently working at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha in the geriatric psychiatry clinic as a psychometrist and in psychopharmacology as a clinical studies assistant.

Cassandra Green '00 married Mark Harrison Oct. 17, 2002, in Cancun, Mexico. Cassandra is an art



Nate Larsen '96 and wife, Reita, are parents to their first son, Dexter Montgomery Randall, who was born July 20, 2002. Nate is the sales manager for John Hancock Financial Services in Omaha.

teacher. They are living in London, United Kingdom.

Deborah Nelson-Allender '00 and husband, Brian Allender, welcomed their second son, Cameron Thomas, on Feb. 14, 2002. He joins a brother, Jordan Taylor, 4. Deborah does outreach for covering kids with insurance. They live in Casper, Wyo.

Christina Nutter '00 is an associate director of Ebert Ranch Camp at Cross Trails Ministry, an outdoor ministry of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA. She is living in Harper, Texas.

90s

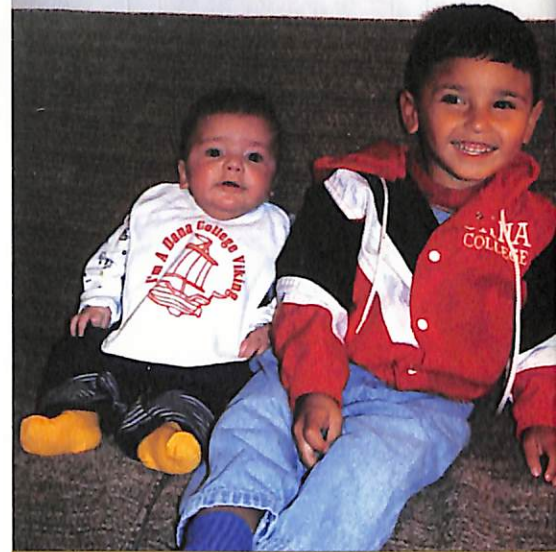
Rachel Heitmann '99 married Michael Cunningham on May 31, 2002. The couple lives in LeMars, Iowa.

Michael Hemmingsen '99 married Leah Johnston on Nov. 30, 2002, in Audubon, Iowa. Michael is an information technology applications associate for Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa.

John '99 and Melanie (Mowinkel '99) Olson announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Haley, on June 18. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Melanie is a seventh grade science teacher at Beadle Middle School in the Millard Public School District in Omaha. John is the landscaping foreman at Granulawn in Omaha.

Tara Stark '99 is working as the corporate catering manager within the sales and catering office at Embassy Suites Hotel, Downtown/Old Market in Omaha.

Beth (McCabe '98) Krominga received her master of arts in management degree from Bellevue University in June. Beth has been employed with Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. since August as their customer service/marketing coordinator. Her husband, Joel



Aidan (3 months) and William (3 years), sons of Shannon '96 and Mary (Hennings '96) Lefave, pose in their very fetching Dana bib and jacket. We'd love to show off your little ones in their Dana gear.

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Krominga '99 has been employed with Cass County Bank in Plattsmouth, Neb., since September as a loan officer/branch manager.

Reed Mayberry '98 married Angie Reef on Dec. 14, 2002. Reed is employed as a retail sales manager at Monsanto in Norfolk, Neb.

Brenda (Eckhoff '98) Rumery and husband, Matt, are the parents of Abbie Jean, born May 2, 2002. Brenda previously taught in Plattsmouth, Neb., but is now staying at home in Glenwood, Iowa, with Abbie Jean.

Diane Crawford '97 married Tishiba (Tiger) McDonald on Aug. 16, 2002. Diane is a medical technologist and a student at Physician Assistant School in Colorado.

Tasha Hoggatt '97 is working for Chubb Group of Insurance in Los Angeles, Calif., as a workers' compensation adjuster. She has also been awarded an Insurance Education Association certificate.

Laura Pierce '97 is the director of development at the Omaha Children's Museum. In her spare time, she volunteers at the Nebraska AIDS Project and serves as a board member of Omaha Alive! Laura lives in Omaha.

Vanessa (Brunssen '95) Welsh and husband, Paul, welcomed twin sons, Caleb and Ethan, on Aug. 13, 2002. Vanessa is taking a year off from teaching to stay home with their sons. The couple lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Laurel Minnick '94 and Robert Tague '96 married on Sept. 29, 2001. Laurel is a fraud analyst at Mutual of Omaha and Robert is with Ameritrade. They live in Omaha.

Craig Olson '92 has been promoted to purchasing manager of Concrete Equipment Company (CON-E-CO) in Blair. He has been a purchasing agent for CON-E-CO since 1995.

Thom Morrow '91 is senior photo-journalist at KSFY-TV, the ABC affiliate in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Anne (Gustafson '91) Rahlfs and her husband, Tom, welcomed a daughter, Lyndsay, on July 17, 2002. They also have two sons, Dylan, 3, and J.T., 2. Anne has been working for the past year and a half for five neurosurgeons at Midwest Neurosurgery in Omaha as a scheduling assistant.

80s

Griffin '89 and Kelly (Stember '92) Dunlop announce the birth of a son, Jacob Anthony, on Oct. 18, 2002. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. He was



Greg McBride '91 and his wife, Heidi, had their first child on Dec. 7. Cooper Thomas weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. They live in Highlands Ranch, Colo.



Bill Lawson D '56 T '60, Toni (Nelson '57) Lawson, Bill King D '54 T '58, Joyce (Hayek '53) King, Dan Hansen D '54 T '57, and Donna (Moree '54) Hansen held a mini-Dana reunion in Wildrose, Wis., in September, 2002.

welcomed home by big brothers Jackson, 4, and Max, 18 months. They live in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Rebecca (Brabec '89) Vande Hei and her husband, Todd, live in Aliso Viejo, Calif., and are the proud parents of Jack, 2½; and Mary, 1½. Rebecca works as an licensed clinical social worker consultant at Newport Bay Hospital.

Karla Larsen '85 married Corey Rusie on Aug. 10, 2002, at St. Mark Lutheran in Omaha. Karla is employed at Tilly in Omaha as the alterations manager. The couple resides in Omaha.

70s

Kirk Tyler '78, president of the Atlantic (Iowa) Coca-Cola Bottling Company, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Wesley Retirement Services Inc. in Iowa. Kirk is also on the board of the Association of Business and Industry in Atlantic and is serving as secretary for the Des Moines Rotary. He lives in Waukee, Iowa.

Pamela (Miller '74) McVeigh attended the National Federation of the Blind Center for the Blind in Ruston, La., and is working on starting a non-profit support group for varying conditions. Pamela also received her amateur radio license a few years ago and is attempting to get a full ticket. She lives in Ruston.

Craig Parkinson '74 is head football coach at Akron-Westfield in Akron, Iowa. His team won the class 1A football championship, finishing with a 13-0

record. His career record is 164-96 and state playoff record is 7-3. He was also named the 1A/2A Region 1 Coach of the Year. Craig has been at A-W for 26 years. He and his wife, Mary, have four children, Mike, 18; Andrea, 16; David, 12; and Sarah, 10.

Joel M. Eskelsen '73 is president-elect of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He will take office at the NIAAA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., in December. Joel was also named the National Boys Track Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association last year. He will be inducted to the Wyoming Coaches Hall of Fame this summer. He is in his 30th year of coaching and his 21st at Big Piney High School in Big Piney, Wyo.

Carol Wood '73 was awarded the Arlene Steege Award for her work in the social work profession. Carol works at Children's Square U.S.A. in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and has served as CEO for the past 10 years.

Mark R. Musick '72 recently gave a presentation about "Patriotism in Early America" at a special Brown Bag program at the Alliance (Neb.) Learning Center. General Musick has served as chief of staff, state headquarters, Nebraska Air National Guard in Lincoln, Neb., since January 1999.

Gene C. Wulf '72, formerly vice president and controller at Bemis Company Inc. in Minneapolis, Minn., has been promoted to vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. Gene joined Bemis



Alvina (Larsen '48) Hjortsvang had a green ash tree planted on the Dana campus May 15, 2002, in memory of her husband, Herb Hjortsvang '50. Also at the ceremony were Paul Christopherson, left, and Ted Bansen '89, right.

in 1975 and has held various finance and information technology positions.

60s

Ruby (Bushnell '66) and **Philip '65 Dymneson** have retired and are living in Kalispell, Mont.

Fran Jordan '64 has a successful tree farm, which he has been running for more than 30 years in Turin, Iowa. He was recently featured in an article in the *Sioux City Journal* for his production of Christmas trees.

Marcella (Ridlen '63) Ray, senior fellow in the School of Public Policy and adjunct professor in the Sociology and Anthropology Department at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., has published a book entitled *The Changing and Unchanging Face of U.S. Civil Society* (Transaction, 2002).

50s

Jim Youmans '50, a World War II veteran, spoke to students of Walnut

(Iowa) High School at the annual Veteran's Day program. He discussed the importance of honoring veterans from all the wars and conflicts in which Americans have served in the past century. Jim lives in Persia, Iowa.

40s

Arthur M. Pedersen '45 retired from the practice of medicine on Jan. 24. He was in general practice in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for 25 years, in emergency medicine in North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama for 20 years, and in mental health for 11 years. He lives in Gaffney, S.C.

Deaths

Linda (Simon '79) "Lyn" VanSlyke died Jan. 16 in Broken Bow, Neb. She taught in Arcadia (Neb.) Public Schools for 23 years and was a member of the Nebraska Teachers Association. Survivors include her husband, Michael; five daughters; her mother; a brother; two sisters and four grandchildren.

Marjorie Dibben '73 died Nov. 27, 2002, in Omaha. She is survived by her husband, Darrell; daughters, Sherri Andersen '86 and Shelli (Meyerholz '80) Mosser; sons, Dave '84 and Dan '84; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister and a brother.

Kenneth R. Nelsen '73 died Oct. 6, 2002, in Omaha. Survivors include his wife, Judy; a daughter; her parents; two stepchildren; a sister; a brother and three granddaughters.

Rev. Mark Olson '73 died of complications from multiple myeloma Nov. 7, 2002, surrounded by his family at home in Eau Claire, Wis. He spent the last six years as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. He is survived by his wife, Elaine (Bringewatt '72); a son; a daughter; brothers and a sister.

Garyld "Kus" Kuster '68 died Dec. 18, 2002. He worked in the paint room at Kelly Ryan Equipment Company and retired in January 2002 due to ill health. He is survived by his wife, Kathy (Niemeyer '68) of Blair.

Dennis D. St. Clair '68 died Jan. 10 in Omaha. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed baseball, a sport he competed in at Dana as a pitcher. Survivors include his mother and two sisters.

Geneva C. Symonds '67 died Jan. 12 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was an elementary school teacher for 42 years in the Iowa towns of Mercer, Carbon, Massena and Council Bluffs. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

Jo (Williams '66) Bohannon died Dec. 11, 2002, in Lyons, Neb., after a long battle with cancer. Jo was bookkeeper for her father's business, Art William's Trucking & Redi-Mix, and mail clerk at the Tekamah (Neb.) post office. Survivors include her husband, LeRoy; two sons; two daughters; grandchildren and brother, Roy Williams '64.

Gregory Russell "Mitch" Mitchell '66 died Nov. 15, 2002, at Berlin Memorial Hospital (Wis.), following a battle with emphysema. Greg played football for Dana and served his country as a sergeant in the Air Force, stationed at Campion Air Force Base in Alaska. He was a well-known bartender in the Wisconsin towns of Berlin, Oshkosh, Milwaukee and Green Lake. Surviving are a daughter; his mother; grandchildren and a sister, Bette Mitchell '69.

Bartel Adrian Borglum '59 died Feb. 6, 2002, after a lingering battle with lung, brain and bone cancer.

Duane Lubkeman '56 died Nov. 28, 2002, in Hampton, Iowa. He was a member of the Hampton Lions Club, Hampton Country Club and Iowa Farm Bureau. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette (Petersen '59); his mother; daughter, Lori '80 Lester; son, Roy D. '83; sisters, Kaye '61 Christensen and Maxine '68 Scott; and three grandchildren.

Marion (Nielsen '55) Hansen died Jan. 5, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., after a long battle with breast cancer. Marion was employed as an associate registrar at the University of Iowa and at Shimer College in Mount Carroll, Ill. She was an early pioneer of computer applications for university registration systems and achieved national recognition when her systems ideas were used across the country. Marion is survived

by her husband, Gary F. '54; three sons; a daughter; sisters, including Luella Nielsen '42, Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou and Margaret (Nielsen '61) Rodenburg; brothers, Dr. John W. Nielsen D '47 T '53 and James Nielsen '53; and several grandchildren.

Betty (Jensen '51) Nygaard died Nov. 28, 2002. She was certified as a senior Lauback tutor and since 1978 she had been a trained advocate with the Northfield Victim Support program. She was also the director of parish education for nine years at St. Peter's Lutheran, in Northfield, Minn. In 1989 she received the Service to Mankind Award from the local and district Sertoma Men and Women's Club. She is survived by her husband, Gerhard D '50 T '53; brother, Bruce Jensen '52; three daughters, including Linda '76; and two grandchildren.

Doris Andersen '50 died Nov. 30, 2002, in Blair. Doris joined the staff at Dana College in 1964. She is survived by a brother.

Andrew Jensen '50 died Dec. 18, 2002, from head injuries he sustained in a bicycle accident. He worked in the parts and sales departments of Eugene, Ore.-area trucking companies. Survivors include a daughter, a son and two grandchildren.

Rhoda (Carlsen '48) Holl died Feb. 5, 2002, in Spokane, Wash., at the age of 84. Survivors include her husband, Elmer; three children; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Eunice (Carlsen '47) Larsen; and three brothers, Verner Carlsen D '36 T '39, Stanley Carlsen D '45 T '47 and Niels Carlsen D '49 T '56.

Alfred Tan Creti '47 died Aug. 26, 2002. He served with the Air Force in World War II, earning two purple hearts and the Distinguished Flying cross. He was a long-time resident of West Des Moines, Iowa.

William Steinmeyer '42 died Nov. 5, in Lincoln, Neb. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in

the South Pacific. William returned to Clatonia, Neb., and served more than 30 years as postmaster for the Clatonia Post Office. He is survived by two sons, grandchildren, a stepson and a sister.

Don Nelson '36 died Dec. 31, 2002, in Atlantic, Iowa. He served as chief clerk and staff sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1943-46, receiving the American Theater Service Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal. Following military service, Don was an insurance agent and auto parts man in Atlantic. He was a member and volunteer for the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Survivors are his wife, Fern, and a daughter, Cathy (Nelson '71) Allen.

Correction

Adam Martin '02 is currently teaching at Elkhorn Valley Public Schools in Tilden, Neb.



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April	6	Chorale	Elk Horn, Iowa, Concert
	13	Concert Band	Joslyn Art Museum (Omaha) Concert
	24	Event	Arbor Day
	27	Chorale	St. Cecilia's (Omaha) Concert
	30	Theater	"Grease"
May	1-4	Theater	"Grease"
	8	Concert Band	Spring Concert
	11	Chorale	Home Concert
	12	Chorale	Home Concert
	22	Event	Baccalaureate Service
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