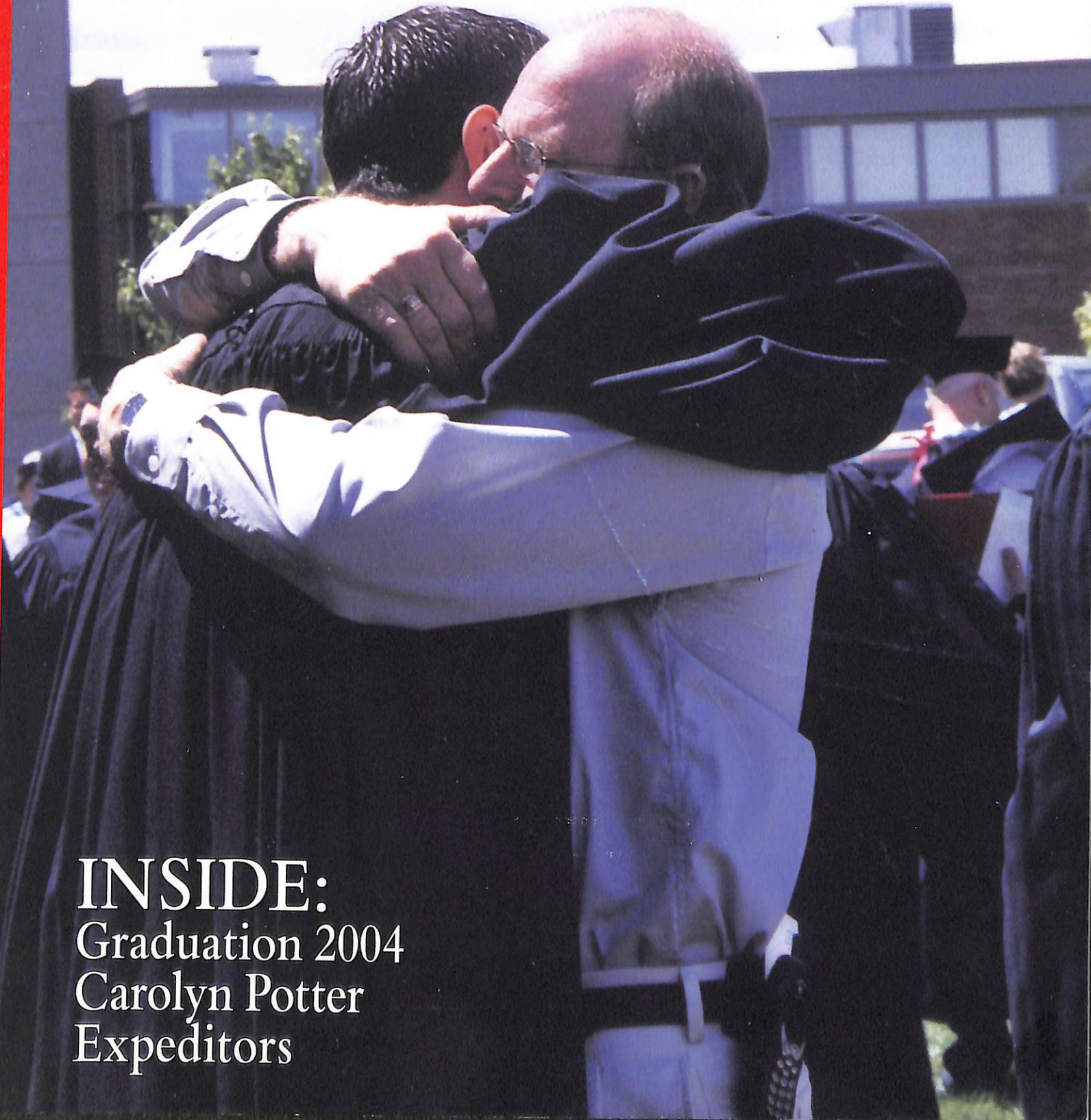


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Reflections on a Lake

Little things mean a lot! Once again this summer I have come to realize lakes inspire me. I grew up in Milltown, a village in northwestern Wisconsin. We could claim 13 lakes within eight miles. My father was an avid fisherman, and we spent many days at the lakes fishing and swimming, often picnicking, too. For many years we rented a cabin on Bone Lake near Luck, Wis. Anne and I bought a lot and cabin in the area 35 years ago.

My fondness for lakes was renewed this summer when we visited a good friend at Lake Milnora in Minnesota. It was a highlight of my summer not only because of the good time spent with our friend, but because I got to swim in a natural lake like those I remember from childhood.

I've often wondered what memories our graduates take with them from Dana. I believe it's likely the people, special memories of those people, and how they were treated and stimulated that are remembered most. Every campus aims to create a somewhat distinctive community. The facilities help, but in the end it is the people who count the most. I hope what we offer expands one's knowledge base and opens opportunities — as when one attends an opera or theater production for the first time, travels overseas or learns methods of discovery that can be applied throughout a lifetime. For many of us our faith is tested and matures, character lessons are learned, and we encounter diverse people we might not have come to know personally.

Each community gives off signals of what it values most. One Dana alumna put it this way: "Dana was like family. Many of my best friendships were

formed there. My professors treated me like a family member; they seemed to really care about me and challenge me to perform up to my ability."

Another said, "I grew in my Christian faith at Dana; not because chapel was required or courses in religion were required, but because my faith was nurtured and modeled by many in the community."

After more than 43 years as a college professor and administrator, I think about the tremendous changes in higher education. Today some of the largest universities are privately owned for-profit and "online" institutions. Will the personalized experience we have long prized at Dana continue to be valued? I think the intimate residential experience will continue to be preferred. But will it continue to be prized by parents and students who look for the lowest sticker price and by a Congress that is once more deadlocked on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and hasn't raised student loan limits for decades?

Colleges like Dana are residential communities with facilities that foster community interaction and participation. Many newer universities require only an Internet connection or rented classroom facility. Inasmuch as Dana is a residential learning community, facilities are very important. We remember how we were strapped for classrooms and offices when Old Main burned in August 1988. We were tested again this year on May 22, about seven hours after the Dana class of 2004 walked across the stage in the Gardner-Hawks Center. Baseball-size hail pummeled our campus, smashing more than 200

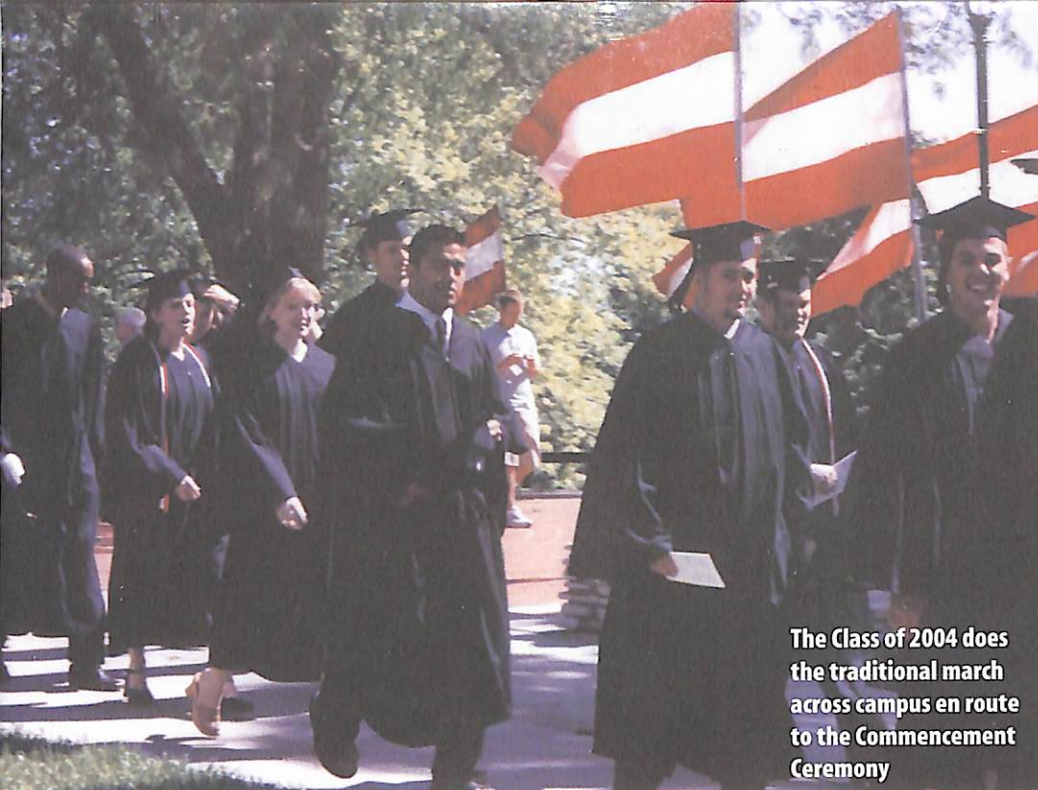


President Myrvin F. Christopherson

northern-exposure windows, and badly damaging campus lighting fixtures, outdoor bleachers, skylights, roofs and our college vehicles. Some students found windows in their vehicles smashed as they prepared to go home. Yet, the community pulled together once again as staff members gathered the next day to cover broken windows and clean up the mess.

The damage was extensive — more than \$1 million. But the community remains unscathed. Students will continue to be nurtured by a caring, competent community of scholars, advisers and other staff. We continue our pledge to students, "We're with you all the way!"

Diving into a cool Wisconsin or Minnesota lake brought joyous memories to me. It reminded me that small things mean a lot. It is my prayer for Dana College that the most important features of the college, our people and our mission, will not be lost or compromised. May education here always be rooted in and inspired by a loving, saving God, hearts and minds eager for learning and community, and a shared desire to create a better, more peaceful world community. I found that here when I first came as a student. I believe it is still a part of the fabric of life here. Those "little" things mean a lot. 🍷



The Class of 2004 does the traditional march across campus en route to the Commencement Ceremony

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On the Hill



The Dana College Band stormed the Great Plains in late May and early June during their 2004 tour. The band performed concerts in Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota at high schools and Lutheran churches. They also took some time to have some fun, spending a day in Chicago and posing for a group photo on the location used to shoot *Field of Dreams* (sans Shoeless Joe). The band tours every other year and is made up of students from many different majors and backgrounds.

Students Pick Faves of the Year

The Dana College Student Senate announced in May that Dr. Scott Hermanson, assistant professor of English, and Steve Costanzo, head wrestling coach, had been elected by the students of Dana as the professor of the year and staff member of the year respectively.



Scott Hermanson

"This person has really made my English major worthwhile" said Bernardo Hinojosa '06 in presenting the award to Hermanson. "This person treats you like an equal and doesn't hold his title around his neck."

Costanzo was also cited for his enthusiasm for working with student athletes and his overall dedication to Dana. In a testament to the students' regard of him, Costanzo was chosen despite being accidentally omitted from the ballot.

"He treats us all like his own sons," Scott Taylor '05 said. "Above all, I'm just glad to have him as a coach."

Hermanson became a Dana faculty member in 2002. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies from Northwestern University and a master of arts degree in English from the University of Cincinnati. The University of Cincinnati also awarded him a Ph.D.

Costanzo is in his fifth year as head wrestling coach for the Vikings.

During that time, the Viking wrestling program has undergone a revival, leading toward the upper echelon of the NAIA competition. With a strict and demanding schedule, the Viking wrestling program seeks action seasonally from the top NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA programs in the nation.

In the past four seasons the Vikings captured back-to-back Central Regional Championships in 2001 and 2002, and Great



Steve Costanzo

Plains Athletic Conference Championships in 2003 and 2004. This year, the Vikings finished sixth in the nation at the NAIA National Championships.

Costanzo's program at Dana has produced 38 National qualifiers, eight All-Americans and five Academic All-Americans. In 2003, Costanzo received the NAIA Robert Bubba Coaching Excellence Award. This award epitomizes the qualities and characteristics of a role model and mentor for developing young student athletes.

New Major Honors Sen. Simon

Dana College will add International Studies to its diverse offerings of academic majors starting with the fall 2004 semester. Developed partly in tribute to the late Sen. Paul Simon '49, the centerpiece of the major involves immersion experiences abroad or in diverse areas of the United States.

"We've been thinking about an International Studies major for some time to build on the strengths of our liberal arts background," said Sybille Bartels, professor of German and associate dean for student success. "With Senator Simon's passing, there was a strong sense of finding a way to honor the legacy of our most famous alumnus. From his first book 'The Tongue-Tied American,' to his last appearance before Congress, he always expressed a passion about learning language and about other cultures as a way to establish world peace."

Students in the major will study language, communication, history, religion and political science classes. They also choose an emphasis area from religion/philosophy, history, international business and languages. All students in the major are required to participate in immersion experiences in other countries or in ethnically distinct areas of the United States. International Studies majors will be able to apply for travel abroad loans from a fund at Dana established by Simon with money left over from his presidential campaign in 1988. Simon died from surgery complications on Dec. 9, 2003.

Besides making students better world citizens, the major is designed to prepare students for a multitude of careers in the exploding global job market.



Paul Simon

“Many employers place higher value on prospective employees who can relate to people with diverse backgrounds, and who have knowledge and experience in diverse situations,” said Ann Nelson, director of career services at Dana. “Obviously governmental agencies at all levels and non-governmental organizations find those with international

knowledge and experience more attractive, if not essential. Increasingly, occupations in the business, communications, criminal justice and social work fields seek persons who are bilingual. For an example, check the top Omaha employment listing sites.”

Bartels said the program will rely on Dana’s well-established relationships in Argentina, Denmark, Germany and on many American Indian reservations for immersion opportunities for students, while looking at expanding elsewhere in the world. As with all of Dana’s majors, International Studies will not only give students knowledge, it will teach them the critical thinking and problem solving skills imparted by a liberal arts education.

May Storm Brings Heavy Damage

More than a month later, officials were still trying to determine the overall property loss from a May 22 hail storm that devastated Dana’s campus. Early estimates of \$1 million in damage have been revised upward as more losses have come to light.

Baseball-size hail fell for around a half hour on the same day the college celebrated Commencement for the Class of 2004. Fortunately, because classes had ended for the semester, there were no injuries and little damage to student property, other than hail damage to some cars.

According to Bob Schmoll ’83, executive vice president and chief financial officer, 15 of the college’s buildings sustained



Broken windows like these on Mickelsen Hall were the most visible effects of the May 22 storm, but the most costly damage actually occurred on the roofs of many of the college’s buildings.

significant damage. Overall, 150–200 windows were broken on the north sides of Mickelsen, Rasmussen, Argo and Elkhorn halls, as well as Pioneer Memorial and the Dana Hall of Science. These buildings also received the greatest roof damage, including the loss of all vents and many of the skylights. Needed roof repairs are so extensive, Schmoll said, some will have to wait until next spring and summer.

In addition, three of the college’s leased vehicles lost windows and windshields, and all of the college vans sustained heavy hail damage. The president’s car was damaged in the storm. There was also some water damage in some of the buildings. The college’s computers and networks were hit.

“Assessments continue on to determine the extent of the damage,” Schmoll said. “We are in discussions with our insurance firm about the total amount of the loss, but the college will have to cover its \$10,000 deductible first.”

Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson ’61 said he is thankful no one was hurt in the storm. He thanked members of the Dana staff for coming in immediately to ensure the buildings were safe and clean up broken glass, water damage and fallen limbs and debris.

“We hope much of the damage will be covered by insurance, but know that not all is covered,” Christopherson said. “We know that the loss will be significant.”

To Help

Dana is asking its extended family to help us pay for repairs from the May 22 storm. If you are able, please send donations to:

Dana Storm Damage Fund
c/o Business Office
Dana College
2848 College Drive
Blair, NE 68008

Contributions of any size are greatly appreciated.



More than 100 well-wishers showed up on July 21 for a very special 65th birthday party for President Myrvin Christopherson '61. Partygoers enjoyed cake, a poem by Professor Emeritus John W. Nielsen D '47 T '53 and a preview of the work being done on Dana's new mission statement. They also were able to sign an extra-large sign/banner for Christopherson to keep in memory of the day.

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Professor Sybille Bartels, professor of German, associate dean for student success and director of international studies and the English Language Institute, was elected vice president of the Nebraska chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German in April.

Michelle Young '04 gave her Morton Scholar presentation on May 3 at Dana, titled, "Enron: Various Transactions and Lessons Learned."

Erin Field '04 gave her Morton Scholar presentation on May 3 at Dana, titled, "LEADERS: Laboratory Experiments and Demonstrations: Efficient, Relevant, Safe."

Richard and Jan Potter, professors of social work, along with Robin Russel of SUNY Binghamton, presented the 2004 Annual Conference for the South Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers on April 5-6. The title of the conference was "Spirituality in Mental Health Practice."

Join Us for Kids on the Hill Day

The date is set and plans are forming for Dana's annual day of fun and exploration for youngsters, Kids on the Hill, Oct. 16.

This year's day is open to all kids ages 8 through 12. It's a fun mixture of athletic and academic offerings designed to introduce children to the college life. For just \$3, kids can come up to campus to play games, do hands-on experiments, eat lunch, see the Viking football team in action and participate in the annual Frisbee throw at halftime of the Dana versus University of Sioux Falls game.

Don't miss out on the fun! Registration starts at 10 a.m. in front of the Gardner-Hawks Center. For more information, contact Dana College Relations at (402) 426-7216.

Lewis & Clark Visit the Hill

Just in time for Nebraska's only Signature Event in the national celebration of the anniversary of Lewis and Clark's historic exploration, Corps of Discovery II, an interactive experience put on by the National Park Service in cooperation



A Park Service worker helps put up the displays inside the Tent of Many Voices.

with many agencies, set up shop in Dana's Gardner-Hawks parking lot.

At press time, the exhibit was still being set up in preparation for five days of free family entertainment sure to bring hundreds of people to Blair.

Corps II is named after the 1803-06 "Corps of Volunteers for Northwestern Discovery." Corps II opened at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello near Charlottesville, Virginia, on Jan. 14, 2003. Corps II is a mobile exhibit designed to provide visitors an introduction to the Lewis and Clark story, including the natural history, cultural resources and the people of our nation before, during and after the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

A special shuttle service ran from Fort Calhoun, Neb., the site of the main festival, to the Dana campus for those who wished to partake of the whole historic experience. »



The 2004 Viking Golf Tournament saw a gorgeous day to raise funds for Dana's athletic department and have a lot of fun on June 25. The event, held at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha, brought in more than \$25,000.

The winning team, seen here with Dana players Jon Stuehm '05 (far left) and Chris Finke '05 (far right) included, from left, Rod Stuehm '76 (Jon's father), Don Holtmeyer, Joe Stanek and Dan Gould '76.

For information on next year's tournament, contact the Athletic Department at (402) 426-7290.

You Don't Want to Miss Out on This Party!

Homecoming 2004: New Trails to Blaze is coming Oct. 1-3.

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Five Presidents One Carolyn

In the last 30 years, thousands of photographs have been taken of the five presidents of Dana. There are photos of presidents enjoying Sights & Sounds. There are photos of presidents holding shovels at groundbreaking ceremonies. There are photos of presidents greeting new students to campus.

But in the 30 years Carolyn Potter has served as secretary to the presidents of Dana College, there have been just a handful of photos taken of the woman who kept those presidents running from event to event.

Potter was even reluctant to have her photo taken at her surprise semi-retirement party held on a cold day in February. But she gave in “for the good of the college” and posed with a cake made especially for the party.

Even if Potter has stayed out of the public eye, her dedicated efforts for Dana have been appreciated by 30 years of students, faculty, staff and administration.

“She’s one of the finest people I know,” said Dr. Elwin Farwell, former president of Dana. “She’s so loyal to the president and the college.”

Potter originally came to Dana in 1957 for an elementary education degree. She left for an office job in Omaha before she completed her studies. But returned in 1974 as a secretary in the Development Office.

After six months, Potter was named secretary to the president, a position she has held ever since. She has been a constant at Dana College Board of Regents meetings and a vital support system to the presidents she’s served.



“I came to Dana because I thought the college atmosphere would be a place where I would like to work,” Potter said. “I thought I would like it better than a business atmosphere.”

Obviously, Potter did enjoy Dana. She always has lived close to the campus and now lives across the street from her office in Pioneer Memorial. Over the years, she’s taken advantage of Dana’s thriving cultural and athletic life, attending plays, concerts and games.

“I like working with the faculty and staff,” she said. “I like the environment here. I like the closeness between people.”

Potter said her duties as secretary to the president haven’t changed much since 1975, but the technology has made her job much easier to do. The electronic typewriter has been replaced by a computer, and the copier has enabled her to free herself from carbon copies, ditto machines and mimeographs.

It’s events like Opening Dinner, Farewell Coffee and birthday coffees that Potter said are her fondest memories of working at Dana. The most vivid, though, is the day she came up the hill to the sight of flames engulfing Old Main. Her activities for the following days were a blur of activity, but she remem-


bers it being a very emotional time.

Even in semi-retirement, Potter has stayed dedicated to Dana. She works about six hours a day, but only takes pay for four. She said she hopes to continue until the college can find a suitable replacement.

As those who work with Potter will tell you, though, there will never be a replacement for her.

“I have had several very fine secretaries in my 40 years in higher education,” said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson ’61, current president. “Carolyn represents the best of all of them. She is bright, professional, dedicated to the task, uncomplaining, and absolutely devoted to Dana College and the college mission.”

“To top it off, she treats every visitor and caller with respect; and always upholds confidentiality. In my mind, she is the consummate administrative assistant, and I hope she’ll continue to work with me for as long as she wants, even if it’s only part time.

“What is amazing to me is that Carolyn and I were freshmen at Dana together. I was surprised and delighted to find out that she was to be my administrative assistant when I came here 18 years ago.” 



The Class of 2004 – A Reflection of Dana

Dustin Wayne Abrahams ... Doug Joe Bargman ... Kevin Cruz Bartak ... Marissa Nicole Bartlett ... Christian Alan Beckendorf ... Jami Eileen Bertelsen ...
 Mark Allen Bless, Jr. ... Tyler David Bliemeister ... Jarred Nathaniel Blue Coat ... Jonathan Curtis Carlo ... Kenneth Paul Carlson ... Arthur Gabriel Castillo ...
 Lysie Marie Cetto ... Tanya Renee Chadwick ... Garry Delano Clark ... Kio Rashad Coffie ... Kristina Marie Conley ... Lucas Matthew Costantino ...
 Phillip Arthur Dawes ... Luke Jeffrey Dea ... Mitchell Walker Deering ... Tanya Jean Dugan ... Jennifer Ellen Eggert ... Zachary Kendall Elderts ...
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 Charles Alan Kaup ... John Parker King ... Jenny Reyne Kingsley ... Mackenzie Elizabeth Krause ... Kelly Joseph Krings ... Nathaniel James Landa ...
 Victor Gene Lyon ... Lars Peter Madsen ... Sione Foueti Maka ... Jon Michael Mauro ... Casey James Meinecke ... Mary J. Melichar ...
 Anthony Wayne Metcalf ... Christopher Paul Meyer ... Lindsay Ann Meyer ... James Wesley Miller ... Jason Matthew Mitchell ...
 Jonathan Richard Moench ... Steven Charles Monigold ... Christen Marie Neben ... Emily Ann Neve ... Kenneth Lloyd Nicoll ... Dustin Daniel Nielsen ...
 Erik Solevad Nielsen ... Marta Niziolek ... Megan Renee Oakley ... Shannon Marie O'Brien ... Aloise O'Daniel ... Tulai Trevor Opetaita ...
 Sarah Elizabeth Amanda Olson ... Gloria Jessie Otto ... Theresa M. Peterson ... Jerrod D. Phillip ... Tiffany Kay Poole ... Jeremy Wade Pope ... Cory M. Ray ...
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 Marcie J. Smidt ... Anne Marie Sonntag ... Jeremy Robert Stoll ... David Andres Subiabre, Jr. ... Jason Michael Swift ... Jeffrey Paul Tesmer ...
 Koli Moa Tonga ... Matthew Lee Van Horn ... Philip Scott Volentine ... Sandra Jean Wakeman ... Marta Paige Walker ... Thomas Kyle Walter ...
 Elizabeth Jean Weis ... Michelle Marie Wever ... Carrie Ann Whitehead ... Jill Renae Williby ... George Edward Willing, Jr. ... Clint Lyle Winey ...
 Matthew David Wise ... Charles Kenneth Wright III ... Michelle Lyn Young

The Class of 2004 — Out with a Bang

Mother Nature must have been sad to see the Class of 2004 go. Only a few hours after the 112 new Dana alumni crossed the stage in the Gardner-Hawks Center to accept their well-earned diplomas, the hailstorm of the century hit Blair, knocking out windows and tearing up roofs.

The distinguished class included two valedictorians and three Morton Scholars (following stories). Fifty-four of the graduates came from Nebraska, and 24 from Iowa. Seven graduates were originally from Hawaii and two came from foreign countries (Denmark and Chile). Other states represented were Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota and Wyoming, as well as Washington, D.C.

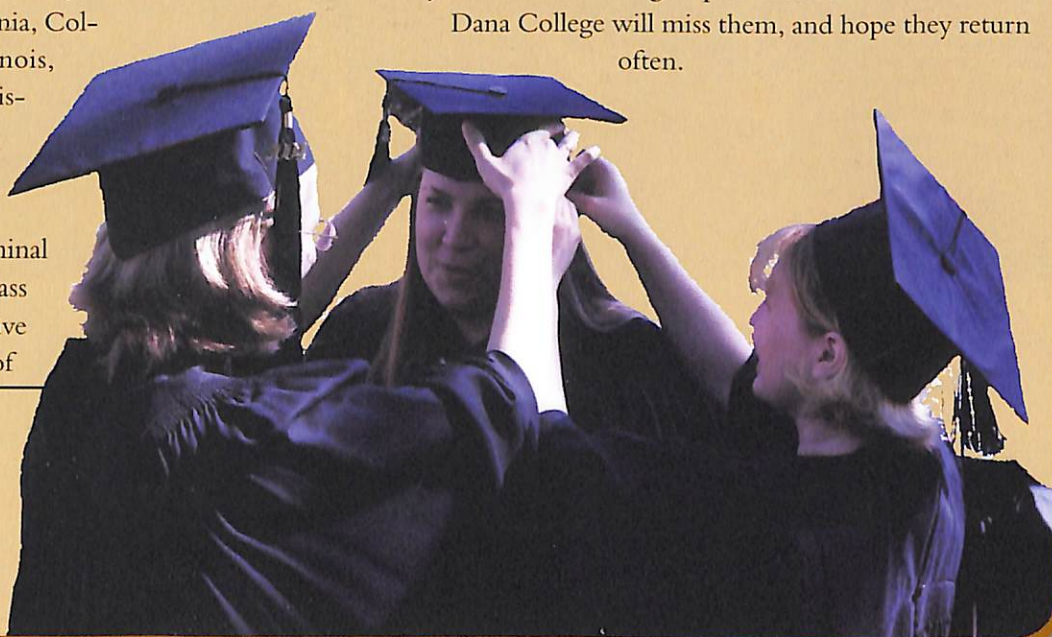
Dana's first graduate in criminal justice was a member of the Class of 2004. It was an extremely active class, too. Ninety-eight percent of

the graduates participated in some sort of extracurricular activity while at Dana or appeared on the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement.

They were leaders, helpers, friends, teammates, lab partners, stars, soloists and accompanists. They brought their spirit to countless athletic competitions and fine arts performances. They brought their quest for intellectual enrichment to class projects, scholarly papers and innovative experiments. They brought their hearts to each other during difficult times and happy celebrations.

They were an excellent group of students.

Dana College will miss them, and hope they return often.



Lindsay Meyer (center) gets help preparing for the ceremony from Lysie Cetto (right) and another graduate. The Class of 2004 was the first to accept their diplomas in the new Gardner-Hawks Center.



Service and Commitment

Eight members of the Class of 2004 were honored with Dana's awards for outstanding service and commitment to the college. The winners were, from left, Cliff Ellis — Spirit of Dana, Mackenzie Krause — Spirit of Dana, Erin (Rozelle) Field — Excellence in Leadership, Emily Neve — Excellence in Leadership, Wendi Sieh — Service in Religious Life, Esther Iverson — Excellence in Service, and Anthony Metcalf — Excellence in Leadership. Not pictured is Chad Harder, who was honored with the Excellence in Leadership Award.

Remembering 1:

We asked some of the Class of 2004 what they considered the best aspect of being a student at Dana. Here's what they told us:

Dustin Abrahams, Organizational Communication:

I feel the best thing about Dana is the close-knit community atmosphere of the campus. This can also be a drawback on certain issues, but for the most part it allows you to stay involved with all kinds of activities and gain valuable experience in your field (job related) of interest.

Lysie Cetto, Organizational Communication:

The support you get even outside of school. People at Dana believe in you and your dreams.

Erin (Rozelle) Field, Chemistry and Chemistry for Secondary Teachers:

The best thing about being a student at Dana is that you get to know all of the other students, and you are able to be very involved with many different clubs or activities.

Anthony Metcalf, Chemistry and Chemistry for Secondary Teachers:

The best thing about being a student at Dana is having so many opportunities right at your fingertips. You can choose your level and place of involvement and thus choose your own destiny.

Marcie Smidt, Organizational Communication:

Dana is a great small community.

Matthew Van Horn, Business Administration:

I like the relationships you build with professors and faculty.

Michelle Young, Business Administration:

The best thing about being a student at Dana is you are not a number. I know my professors and they know me. You get involved at Dana, whether it is sports, clubs or just various activities.

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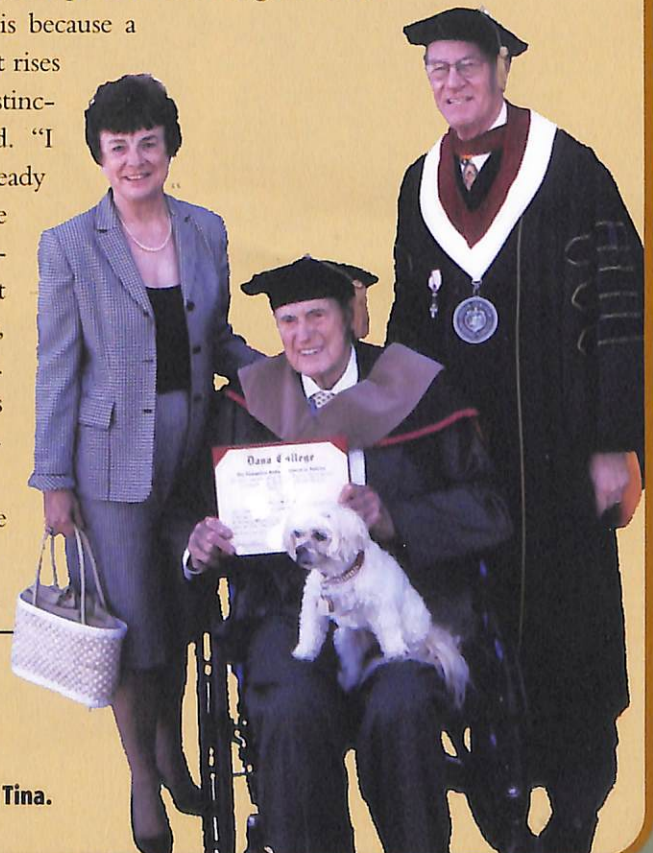
Dana honored noted Omaha businessman Charles W. Durham by presenting him with an honorary doctor of business at the college's Commencement Ceremony.

Durham is one of the most well-known figures in Omaha, having achieved extraordinary success building HDR, Inc. into one of the world's largest and best architectural engineering firms. He has previously been honored by the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress, where he was a founding member and steering committee member. In 2003, he was given the prestigious Horatio Alger Award. Locally, he has been King of Ak-Sar-Ben, Chairman of the Omaha Chamber, Director of the University of Nebraska Foundation and a director and member of many other volunteer organizations.

"One way people count achievement is for awards received, and there is no award of any significance in the Omaha business and volunteer sector that Chuck has not received," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president.

Durham is also one of Omaha's greatest philanthropists. His monetary support has helped build the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Durham Science Building and Carillon Tower, the University of Nebraska Medical Center's The Durham Research Center, the Durham Western Heritage Museum, the Henry Doorly Zoo's Tree Tops Restaurant, the Nebraska Humane Society's center and Boy Scout centers. He and his late wife, Margre, helped the college construct the Margre Henningson Durham Center after Dana's main classroom building, Old Main, burned in 1988.

"In my estimation, the most important reason to grant somebody your highest honor is because a person's character and spirit rises to the level of worthy of distinction," Christopherson said. "I have seen Chuck remain steady even through adversity, the loss of his life partner, Margre, and a fractured hip that has reduced his mobility, but never flagged his spirit. If it were not for supporters like Chuck Durham, private colleges like Dana, who receive no direct state or federal dollars, would not be here."



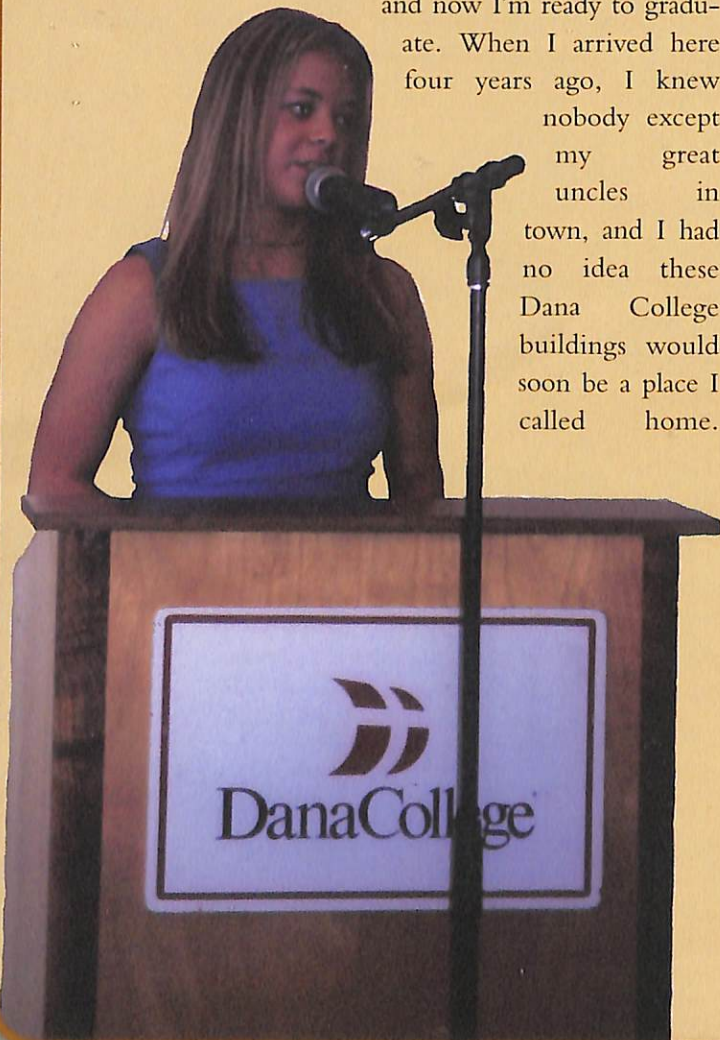
Charles Durham (center) poses in his new regalia after the ceremony with Anne and Myrv Christopherson and Durham's constant companion, Tina.

Emily's Ode to Dana, o

Every year, Dana College asks one member of the graduating class to speak on his or her experiences at the annual Builders Luncheon. This year, the speaker was Emily Neve '04, whose family has produced many alumni and proud supporters of Dana. Emily was one of the most active students in the Class of 2004, participating in music, theater, campus ministry and many student organizations. She will be an English teacher in the Omaha Public School system next year.

Emily's speech follows:

My name is Emily Neve and I am a graduating senior. Let me say that again. I am a graduating senior. It still seems odd to say. I can't believe I am already done. I feel like I just got here, blinked my eyes, and now I'm ready to graduate. When I arrived here four years ago, I knew nobody except my great uncles in town, and I had no idea these Dana College buildings would soon be a place I called home.



When I was asked to speak today and reflect on my time at Dana I had a hard time putting into words what this place means to me, but I'm going to try. I decided to put together a Top 10 list of the things I will miss about Dana. Here it goes:

10. I'll miss road trips with the Women's Soccer Team.

9. I'll miss camping under the cross up on Dana Hill, with the amazing view.

8. I'll miss checking my mail five times a day hoping somebody loves me.

7. I'll miss No Frills at 2 a.m. in my pajamas — every weekend.

6. I'll miss knowing no matter how bad I think my just-rolled-out-of-bed look is, someone else looks worse.

5. I'll miss wearing shorts and a t-shirt in the dead of winter because the heat is on in Argo.

4. I'll miss being close enough to my professors that I can share with them my joys and my tears.

3. I'll miss wearing my red robe for Chorale concerts.

2. I'll miss living, breathing, eating ... and sleeping in Lauritzen Theatre during show weeks.

And the No. 1 thing I'll miss about Dana are the close relationships I have found here with the faculty, staff and my friends. Dana is the place where I was given so many opportunities and was really able to grow, not only academically but personally, because I was invested in as a person. My professors knew me; I'm not just another name. The relationships I have formed here have taught me about the person I want to be. As I close today I want to leave you with a poem that I think truly exemplifies what Dana has taught me as I leave this campus behind after graduation. The poem is entitled "Life." Its author is unknown.

Life isn't about keeping score.

It's not about how many friends you have

Or how accepted you are.

Not about if you have plans this weekend or if you're alone.

It isn't about who you're dating, who you used to date, how many people you've dated, or if you haven't been with anyone at all.

It isn't about who your family is or how much money they have

z “Top 10”

Or what kind of car you drive.
Or where you are sent to school.
It's not about how beautiful or ugly you are.
Or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on, or what kind of music you listen to.
It's not about if your hair is blonde, red, black or brown
Or if your skin is too light or too dark.
Not about what grades you get, how smart you are, how smart everyone else thinks you are, or how smart standardized tests say you are.
It's not about what clubs you're in or how good you are at "your" sport.
It's not about representing your whole being on a piece of paper and seeing who will "accept the written you."

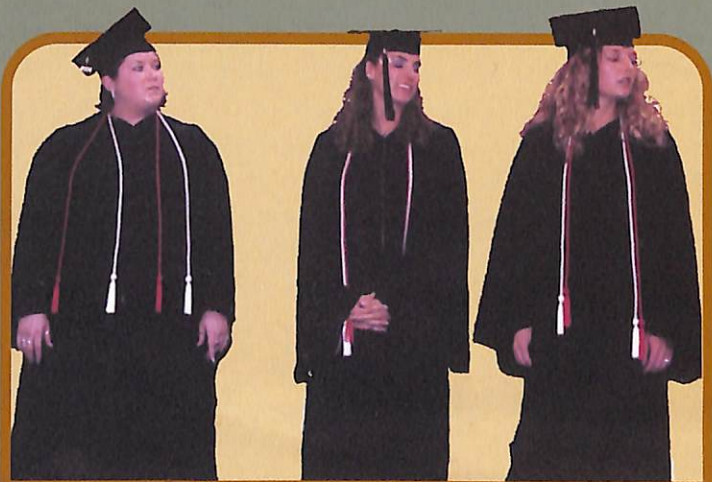
LIFE JUST ISN'T.

But, life is about whom you love and whom you hurt.
It's about whom you make happy or unhappy purposefully.
It's about keeping or betraying trust.
It's about friendship, used as a sanctity or a weapon.
It's about what you say and mean, maybe hurtful, maybe heartening.
About starting rumors and contributing to petty gossip.
It's about what judgments you pass and why.
And who your judgments are spread to.
It's about who you've ignored with full control and intention.
It's about jealousy, fear, ignorance, and revenge.
It's about carrying inner hate and love, letting it grow, and spreading it.
But most of all, it's about using your life to touch or poison other people's hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone.
Only you choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices are what life's all about.
Thank you.



Valedictorians:

Michelle Young (left) and Inga Roe (right) both finished their Dana College careers with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, earning them spots as co-valedictorians. Michelle, a business administration major, will continue at ConAgra Foods in Omaha, where she did a prestigious internship this year. Inga, a social work major, was also named the Outstanding Student in Music for this year for her piano studies and participation in musical ensembles.



Morton Scholars:

Three members of the Class of 2004 completed the rigorous coursework, projects and service activities required to earn the designation Morton Scholar at graduation. This year's Morton Scholars were, from left, Michelle Young, Erin Field and Mara Bartlett.

The designation demands hundreds of hours of extra work and is named after Dr. Richard E. Morton, president of Dana College and Trinity Seminary from 1944–56. These graduates made a large contribution to the academic and service atmosphere of Dana. The goal of the Morton Scholars program is to prepare students to be leaders in the world outside Dana, as well.

Congratulations to the 2004 Morton Scholars!

Never Stop Giving

Dana College bestowed its College-Community Service Award to Vaughn Christensen during Commencement. The College-Community Service Award is the highest non-academic honor Dana gives.

Christensen is a 1953 graduate of Dana College. Originally from Minden, Neb., he has taught, counseled and coached at many schools. In 1960, he received his master's degree in counseling from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In the early '80s, he worked at Dana as an assistant director of admissions and financial aid director. For the last 19 years, Christensen has been the owner and operator of Vaughn Christensen Specialty Advertising in Blair.

"What made it easy for us to choose Vaughn as our College-Community Service Award recipient this year is that he never stops giving," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president. "He could have walked away from Dana when he left to go into business for himself. Instead, he and his wife, Clarice (Frederickson '55), have been among the most faithful fans at Dana athletic events, concerts, plays and anything else that happens at Dana."

Besides Dana, Christensen gives greatly of his time and money to several Blair organizations including First Lutheran Church, Lions Club, Washington County Recycling Center, Blair Area Chamber of Commerce, Blair High School, Washington County Food Pantry, Blair Rescue Squad, Blair Fire Department, Boy Scouts and the Red Cross.

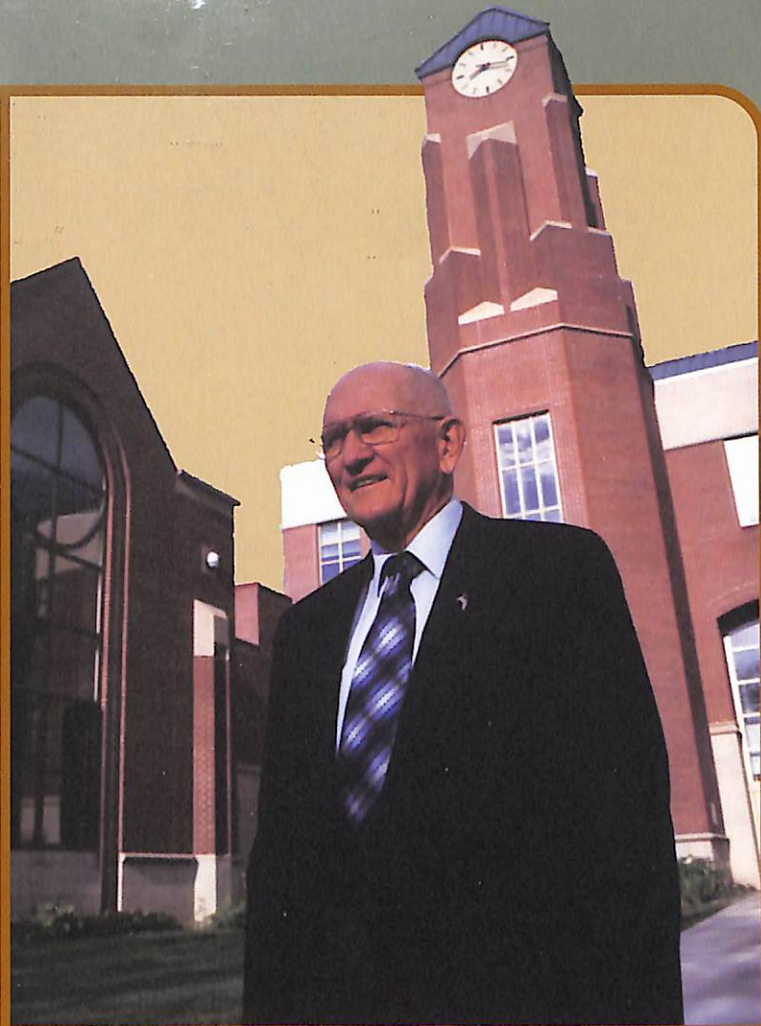
"You have to feel a need or a want to help others — to give something back that you've been given," Christensen said. "Involvement helps not only others, but ourselves."

Christopherson invited Christensen's wife, Clarice, to the platform when the award was presented. The three Christensen children — Joy (Christensen '76) Sanford, Scott Christensen

'83 and Jill (Christensen '83) Sibole — were also present.

Christensen said he believes the relationship between Dana and Blair has never been better. While Christensen gives credit to the hard work of Christopherson and his wife, Anne, Myrvin Christopherson said much of the credit goes to community-minded people like Christensen.

"I'm sure he'd give the credit to others, but I'd say a key reason (for the improved relationship) is people like Vaughn Christensen in the community building bridges and promoting understanding between our fine city and the college," Christopherson said. "I can honestly say I know of no one I'd rather have representing Dana and Blair than Vaughn Christensen."



Remembering 2:

We asked some of the Class of 2004 what they'll remember most about being a student at Dana. Here's what they told us:

Cliff Ellis, English for Secondary Education:

As I get older, I will always look back to memories of playing football on Saturdays, participating in various student activities, like bowling and campus movie nights, and experiencing small town life for a period in my life.

Christen Neben, Elementary Education:

The long nights of hard work, as well as the long nights of hanging out with people.

Emily Neve, English and English for Secondary Education:

I will remember the incredible relationships I have formed with friends.

Megan Oakley, Spanish for Secondary Education:

My friends and my trips abroad during Discovery Term. >>

Winter and Spring Athletic Honors

Men's Basketball

Chad Harder '04 All-Conference Honorable Mention,
GPAC Player of the Week

Bruce Erdmann '05 All-Conference Second Team

Nathan Wittstruck '05 GPAC Player of the Week, All-
Conference Honorable Mention

Women's Basketball

Michelle Glanz '05 All-Conference Honorable
Mention

Track

Garry Clark '04 National Champion, All-American,
Conference Champion

Ian Latella '05 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

Marcie Smidt '04 Conference Champion

Wrestling

Terrance Almond '07 All-American Honorable
Mention

Leister Bowling '05 All-American Honorable Mention

Wynn Fangmeier '04 All-American

Trent Leichleiter '05 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

Jason Lozier '06 All-American

Scott Taylor '05 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

Brian Tsutsumi '05 All-American Honorable Mention

Baseball

Tommy Bond '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention

Matt Chicvara '05 All-Conference

Chad Cooke '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention

Rich Eber '05 All-Conference

Mark Listenberger '05 All-Conference, All-Region

Steve Monigold '04 All-Conference Second Team

Shannon Murphy '05 All-Conference Second Team

Kenny Nicoll '04 GPAC Pitcher of the Week, All-Con-
ference Second Team

Matt Tigani '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention

Chris Zachgo '05 GPAC Player of the Week, All-Con-
ference Honorable Mention

Softball

Marisa Bretschneider '06 All-Conference

Apryl Groteluschen '07 All-Conference Second
Team

Kelly Heller '04 GPAC Pitcher of the Week, All-Con-
ference Second Team

Sarah Sempek '07 All-Conference Second Team

Michelle Wever '04 All-Conference Second Team



Dana stars of the past can meet the Viking stars of tomorrow like sophomore field goal record holder Rick Lebeda at the Viking Football Alumni Day, Sept. 18

Football Team Honors Alumni

The Dana Viking Football team will honor its alumni during halftime of the Dana vs. Morningside game (kickoff at 1 p.m., Sept. 18). Each football alumnus in the audience will be invited onto the field and recognized for his efforts while a member of the Viking squad.

The alumni will also have the opportunity to play a round of golf preceding the game at RiverWilds Golf Club, north of Blair on Highway 75. After the game the attending alumni and the current Viking coaches will gather for an evening meal and social gathering at Jake's Bar and Grill in the No Frills Plaza in Blair.

"We in our program are enthusiastic about having our past football players return to campus to enjoy a Viking game and meet the coaching staff of the football team," said Pat Morris '99, assistant football coach.

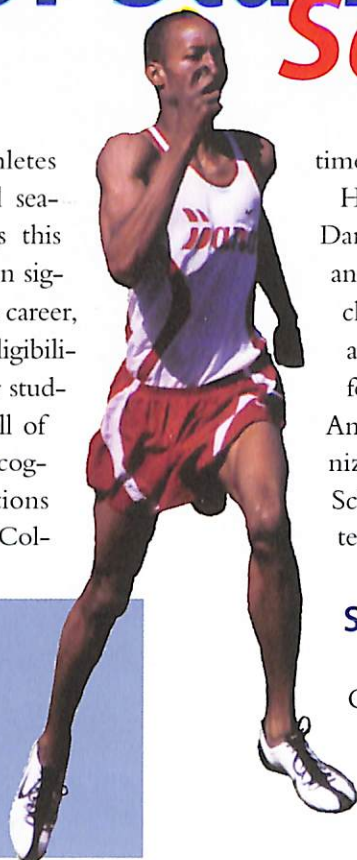
For More Information

For more information on the Viking Football Alumni Day, contact:

Pat Morris
pmorris@dana.edu
(402) 426-7363

Senior Standouts Say Goodbye

Several talented athletes completed their final season as Dana Vikings this spring. For most, graduation signifies the end of their sports career, while some have finished eligibility, but are completing their studies next year. We salute all of our student-athletes and recognize the many contributions they have made to Dana Col-



Track Seniors:
Garry Clark (right)
Ian Latella
Tiffany Poole
Marcie Smidt

lege.

Track

Dana College track members Garry Clark '04, Ian Latella '05, Tiffany Poole '04 and Marcie Smidt '04 all finished their track careers on high notes at the 2004 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Louisville, Ky., in May. Each placed in the Top 15 in their events.

"It was a bittersweet day for me," said Head Coach Allen Friesen. "I am extremely happy with the way each of them finished and what they have accomplished since I came here as head coach two years ago. But I will miss their competitive spirits."

Three-time All-American Clark added National Champion to his crown this year in the indoor 600-meter dash. He holds school records in five different events and was a GPAC Champion four

times.

High jumper Smidt holds Dana's record in the event and was the 2004 GPAC champion. Poole became an All-American in 2003 for throwing the shot put. And Latella has been recognized as a Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete each semester of his career.

Softball

First-year Head Softball Coach Marcy Roff led the Viking team to a 26-27 overall record, 12-12 in the GPAC. The Vikings led the conference in stolen bases, more than 20 ahead of the next team — a reflection of Roff's aggressive style of play.

Six Vikings hung up their red cleats this year. Red cleats for seniors is a new tradition. Combined, the seniors leave 15 marks in Dana's record books. Centerfielder Jami White '05 is fourth for triples in a career. Setting records for assists were shortstop Gloria Otto '04 (in a single game) and third baseman Lindsey Fox '04 (career). Pitcher Kelly Heller's '04 name appears several times in the record books, most notably for most pitching appearances in a career (second) and most saves in a career (fourth). Heller was also a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete, and both she and catcher Michelle Wever '04 were named All-Conference Second Team in 2004.

Roff said she was very thankful to have a group of seniors who were excited about the changes she wanted to make to the program.

Baseball

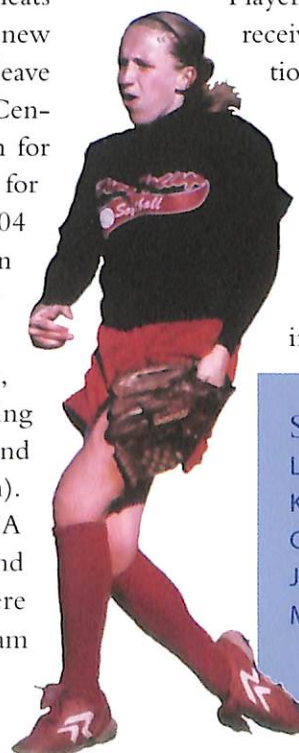
Viking Baseball clinched the GPAC regular season championship for the second consecutive year, and finished the 2004 season with an overall record of 29-26.

Next year's squad will look very different, as the team loses 15 seniors. Head Coach Chad Gorman said 2004's seniors are going to be missed.

"This group of seniors was a big part of bringing Viking baseball back to where it used to be," he said.

First baseman Mark Listenberger '05 was named to the All-Conference and All-Region teams in 2003 and 2004. In 2003 Listenberger was named GPAC Player-of-the-Year and received Honorable Mention as an All-American.

Shortstop/pitcher Kenny Nicoll '04 received conference Pitcher-of-the-Week honors this year as well as making All-Conference



Softball Seniors:
Lindsey Fox
Kelly Heller (left)
Gloria Otto
Jamie Sanders
Michelle Wever
Jami White



Baseball Seniors

- Ryan Foss
- Matt Tigani
- Chris Zachgo
- Casey Meinecke
- James Miller
- Luke Costantino
- Chris Meyer
- Paul Langenegger
- Wade Pope
- Tommy Bond
- Chad Cooke
- Steve Monigold
- Mark Listenberger (above)
- Kenny Nicoll
- Jason Mitchell

Second Team. Centerfielder Paul Langenegger '05 started every Vikings' game since the 2001 season until an injury early this season ruined his streak. He holds the school record for most hits in a career. Playing next to Langenegger was rightfielder Chris Zachgo '05, who received All-Conference Honorable Mention each of his four years at Dana. Second baseman Chad Cooke '05 leaves Dana with all the school records for hit-by-pitch, including season, career and game. >>

Fall Home Athletic Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Sport
Aug. 29	4 p.m.	York College (scrimmage)	Men's Soccer
Aug. 31	4 p.m.	Grace University	Men's Soccer
Sept. 4	10 a.m.	Dana Open	Cross Country
Sept. 4	1 p.m.	Midland Lutheran	Football
Sept. 8	7:30 p.m.	Concordia	Volleyball
Sept. 11	11 a.m.	CSA Fusion	JV Men's Soccer
Sept. 11	1 p.m.	Strikezone All-stars	Baseball
Sept. 11	2 p.m.	Bethel College	Men's Soccer
Sept. 12	11 a.m.	Gladiator Cendera	JV Men's Soccer
Sept. 12	1 p.m.	Kansas Wesleyan	Men's Soccer
Sept. 12	3 p.m.	Kansas Wesleyan	Women's Soccer
Sept. 13	5 p.m.	Briar Cliff	JV Football
Sept. 14	7:30 p.m.	Briar Cliff	Volleyball
Sept. 14	6 p.m.	NFC Caliente	JV Men's Soccer
Sept. 15	3 p.m.	Morningside	Men's Soccer
Sept. 15	5 p.m.	Morningside	Women's Soccer
Sept. 18	1 p.m.	Morningside	Football
Sept. 20	7 p.m.	York College	Volleyball
Sept. 21	3 p.m.	Nebraska Wesleyan	Women's Soccer
Sept. 21	5 p.m.	Nebraska Wesleyan	Men's Soccer
Sept. 22	7 p.m.	Hastings	JV Men's Soccer
Sept. 27	5 p.m.	Doane College	JV Football
Sept. 30	6:30 p.m.	University of Sioux Falls	Volleyball
Oct. 1	4 p.m.	University of Sioux Falls	Women's Soccer
Oct. 1	7 p.m.	Nebraska Wesleyan	Volleyball
Oct. 2	10 a.m.	Homecoming Meet	Cross Country
Oct. 2	2 p.m.	Nebraska Wesleyan	Football
Oct. 3	8 a.m.	Intersquad Scrimmage	Softball
Oct. 3	1 p.m.	University of Sioux Falls	Men's Soccer
Oct. 5	2 p.m.	Concordia	Men's Soccer
Oct. 5	4 p.m.	Concordia	Women's Soccer
Oct. 5	7:30 p.m.	Doane College	Volleyball
Oct. 12	7:30 p.m.	Midland Lutheran	Volleyball
Oct. 13	2 p.m.	Hastings	Men's Soccer
Oct. 13	4 p.m.	Hastings	Women's Soccer
Oct. 16	1 p.m.	University of Sioux Falls	Football
Oct. 16	1 p.m.	Briar Cliff	Men's Soccer
Oct. 16	3 p.m.	Briar Cliff	Women's Soccer
Oct. 16	3 p.m.	Dordt College	Volleyball
Oct. 17	3:30 p.m.	Bethany Lutheran	Men's Soccer
Oct. 17	4 p.m.	Doane College	JV Men's Soccer
Oct. 25	TBA	Concordia	JV Football
Oct. 30	1 p.m.	Hastings	Football
Oct. 30	5 p.m.	Black/Red Classic	Wrestling

Company Gives Graduates An Expedited Future

As regional vice president for Expeditors, Rick Rostan '79 deals with some famous names. Companies like Motorola, The Gap, Nordstroms, Kohls, Logitech and Cisco Systems rely on Expeditors to move their products around the world.

"Any major retailer — we're doing business with them," Rostan said.

Expeditors, a public company with 180 offices around the world and \$2.65 billion in business in 2003, works with both its customers and transportation companies to ensure goods get the best treatment possible during shipping in our globalized economy.

Careers at Expeditors are full of high-pressure situations, complex customer relations and a lot of quick thinking. It takes just the right sort of person to succeed at the company. They must know how to work as a team, handle the strain and have a great personality. None of which you can tell by reading a job applicant's résumé.

But for the last two decades Rostan and Expeditors have known exactly

where to go to find the candidates they are looking for: the Dana College football team.

"In the beginning I would go back (to Dana) each year," Rostan said. "I would go back to the football coaches because they know these guys pretty well."

The results have been good both for Dana and Expeditors. Rostan began a chain of Dana alumni at Expeditors (see box, below right), and although he no longer personally returns to Dana every year, his Expeditors alumni colleagues continue his tradition of hiring Dana graduates.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Mike Jones '71 said successful alumni, like Rostan and his colleagues, who choose to hire from Dana give the college one of the best gifts possible.

"We'd love to have more alumni think of Dana first when looking to hire," Jones said.

In his view, the college benefits by getting its graduates into good jobs, but alumni reap just as much from the situation.

"Our people have been able to see these students on a daily basis," he said. "They can match up attributes and abilities to the company and job."

Dana's faculty, coaches and staff know the students so well and care so much, the chances of getting a recommendation that's off-the-mark are virtually zero.

"I think it's very rare to have someone recommend someone just for the sake of recommending someone," Jones said. "It's in everyone's best interest to make the best match possible."

That's why Expeditors keeps coming back to Dana's football team, said Tim Barber '82, executive vice president for global sales for Expeditors. Barber, who

got his start in the industry with help from Rostan, said Expeditors hires a lot of student athletes because of their mental toughness, experience working on a team and ability to work together under pressure.

"'Hire for attitude' is our motto at Expeditors," he said.

Barber said he believes Dana's personal environment and caring community, along with a great educational foundation, contribute to the development of students. He knows, because it happened to him.

"I was going through a rough personal time while at Dana," he said. "But there was always someone to help you through. I really grew as a person while I was there. I've got to believe that the percentage of graduates out of Dana have a good career path ahead of them."

Several Dana Alumni have found success at Expeditors. Together, they have provided new job opportunities for Dana graduates and given monetary gifts. The Expeditors alumni also sponsor a classroom in the new Gardner-Hawks Center.

Rick Rostan '79
Tim Barber '82
Don Savino '82
Mark Bauer '84
Kevin Albert '85
Todd Hinkle '87
Tom Bolton '89
Scott Walker '89
Craig Wilwerding '90
Shawn Winters '92
Darren Osbahr '96
Michael Babbitt '98
Chad Hansen '99

For Opportunities

If you are interested in working with Dana College to find excellent graduates for job opportunities in your company, the best place to start is the Career Services Office. From there, they can help you find the best department or coach to contact.

Dana Career Services Office
career@dana.edu
(402) 426-7258
2848 College Drive
Blair, NE 68008

DanaDonor Profile



Dana's global outlook is also especially good for businesses like Expeditors, who deal with business outside the United States every day. With Dana's liberal arts tradition, graduates have an appreciation for languages and cultures not found at every school.

Expeditors doesn't limit itself to new graduates, either. Barber said he encourages all Dana alumni to take a look at Expeditors.

"We're always looking for good people," he said.

The Expeditors alumni have been very generous to Dana in other ways, as well. Their monetary gifts have enabled Dana to start an Expeditors Scholarship, with preference given to student athletes, especially those who choose football. They have also chosen to sponsor a classroom inside the new Gardner-Hawks Center, Dana's new state-of-the-art athletic facility.

As to why the Expeditors alumni are so generous to Dana College, Rostan said it all goes back to the experiences they had as students.

"I think all the guys would say the same thing," he said. "You try not to forget where you came from. Obviously, giving the money doesn't give as much gratification as hiring someone and watching them do well. But we help in any way we can. We just want to continue to do that." ❧

Evolution of a Photo:

Six Expeditors recently returned to Nebraska to compete in the Viking Golf Tournament, an annual event to raise funds for Dana athletics. It was such a good time, even taking the photo was a barrel of laughs. Seen here, front row from left, Darren Osbahr, Todd Hinkle and Craig Wilwerding; back row, Micheal Babbitt, Rick Rostan and Scott Walker.

Destiny's Deep Sea



Mandy (Buttry '99) and Matt Poulter '99 adopted a boy on May 9. He is 3, and his name is Shay Alan. He was welcomed home by big brother Ethan, 4, and little sister Whitley, 3. Matt is the production manager at Pella Corporation in Shenandoah, Iowa. Mandy coaches girls' track, also in Shenandoah, where the family lives.

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Dustin Abrahams '04 is a sales representative at Woodhouse Ford in Blair.

Mara Bartlett '04 is pursuing her master of fine arts degree at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco, Calif. She married Anthony Metcalf '04 on June 5 in Blair.

Tyler Bliemeister '04 is a produce sales representative for CH Robinson in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Jon Carlo '04 is working in public relations for the U.S. Air Force in Alabama.

Lynsie Cetto '04 is a color specialist for Odermatt in Omaha.

Garry Clark '04 is pursuing his master's degree in urban studies and public policy at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Phillip Dawes '04 is working security at the Los Alamos National Laboratories in Los Alamos, N.M.

Jenni (Miller) Eggert '04 is pursuing her master in social work degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is also the director of social services at Tekamah (Neb.) Health & Rehabilitation.

Cliff Ellis '04 is an English teacher in the Bellevue (Wash.) School District.

Erin (Rozelle) Field '04 is a chemistry teacher at Burke High School in Omaha. She is also pursuing her master's degree in education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Jenn Gochenour '04 is a pharmacy technician for Alegent Health in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Phil Hansen '04 is an accountant at National Indemnity Company in Omaha.

Angela Hodges '04 is a special education teacher in the Omaha Public Schools.

Andrew Iva '04 is a counselor at Adult Friends for Youth in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Esther Iverson '04 is a substitute elementary teacher in the Sioux Falls (S.D.) Community School District.

Chuck Kaup '04 is a youth care worker/seclusion specialist at Cooper Village/Uta Halee in Omaha.

Mackenzie Krause '04 is a special education teacher in the Bellevue (Wash.) Public Schools.

Victor Lyon '04 is a British Petroleum account manager for Baker-Hughes-Centrilift in Anchorage, Alaska.

Lars Madsen '04 is pursuing his law degree at Creighton Law School in Omaha.

Lindsay Meyer '04 is furthering her education at Minneapolis (Minn.) College of Art & Design.

Emily Neve '04 is teaching seventh grade English in the Omaha Public Schools.

Kenny Nicoll '04 is pursuing his master of education degree at the University of Reno (Nev.).

Dustin Nielsen '04 is an art teacher in the Yutan (Neb.) Public Schools.

Erik Nielsen '04 is pursuing his master of sociology degree at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Megan Oakley '04 is a Spanish teacher in the Blair Community Schools.

Tulai Opetaiia '04 is a youth care worker at Cooper Village in Omaha.

Cory Ray '04 is a claims examiner for Sedgwick CMS in Omaha.

Matt Reed '04 is a Medicaid auditor for Mutual of Omaha.

Brent Rickert '04 is a salesman at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Hummer.

Jamie Sanders '04 is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing degree at Auburn University in Alabama.

Wendi Sieh '04 is pursuing a master of science in clinical psychology degree from Argosy University in Minnesota.

Marta Walker '04 is an applied behavioral analysis therapist in Omaha.

Kyle Walter '04 is a project manager at W.G. Mills General Contractors in Sarasota, Fla.

Elizabeth Weis '04 is an order entry processor for Lozier Corp. in Omaha.

Michelle Wever '04 is a counselor at the Blair YMCA.

Chuck Wright '04 is the signal caller for the Iowa Blackhawks, a newly formed indoor football team and member of the American Professional Football League. He is also a manager's assistant at Enterprise in Tampa, Fla.

Michelle Young '04 is an inventory accountant at ConAgra Foods in Omaha.

Jessica Bolte '03 married William McGannon on June 12 in Columbus, Neb. Jessica is attending Shands School of Radiology in Georgia.

Jeremy Bryan '03 married Amy Meador on May 1 in Omaha.

Derek Fey '03 placed second in the Lincoln (Neb.) Marathon on May 2.

Cheston Field '03 has been named a loan officer trainee in the commercial loan division at Washington County Bank in Blair.

Ashley Schroder '03 married Brian Meyers on June 4 in Lincoln, Neb. Ashley is a child develop-



Heather (Kelley '97) and Mike Tupa '96 became the proud parents of Kip Joseph Tupa in October 2003. The family lives in Omaha.

ment assistant at BryanLGH Medical Center in Lincoln, where the couple lives.

Rodney "Tom" Wissman '03 is working at Applied Underwriters in Omaha. He lives in Blair.

Heather Wonders '03 married Jeremy Busselman on June 12 in Omaha. Heather is attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha's counseling graduate program.

Allison Botkin '02 will perform in the Omaha Community Playhouse production of "Hair," Aug. 27-Sept. 26. More information on performances can be found at www.omahaplayhouse.com. Allison lives in Omaha.

Tyler Neal '02 married Elizabeth Kramer on June 5 in Blair. Tyler works at Cargill North American Sweeteners in Blair as a quality assurance chemist.

Theresa (Soby '02) and Trey Scholl '01 have received new jobs. Trey graduated from the Sheriff's Academy in Tampa, Fla., and is working as a sheriff for the Hillsborough County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office. Theresa is a kindergarten teacher at Chiles Elementary in Tampa. The couple lives in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Adam Christensen '01 was cast as an extra in the upcoming feature film, "Friday Night Lights." Adam plays both Player 25 and Player 5 in the movie based on the best-selling book and starring Billy Bob Thornton and Tim McGraw. Adam lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

Rachel (Herman '01) and Justin Dannelly '01 live in Dakota City, Neb. Justin coaches and teaches at Homer (Neb.) Schools. Rachel works for Great West Casualty Co. as an underwriting specialist.

Michaela (Kibbon '01) and Jeff Hume '99 welcomed a boy, Lance, on Jan. 24, 2003. Jeff is an athletic trainer at OrthoWest Orthopaedics contracted to Dana. Michaela is a chemist at Purac America in Blair.

Jeret Pospeshil '01 moved to Rapid City, S.D. in April and works as a health care representative with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Amber (Weber '00) Beals graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center on May 14 with a doctorate of pharmacy. She has accepted a one-year pharmacy residency position at Florida Hospital Celebration Health in Orlando.

Jessica Clark '00 received her master of social work degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha on May 7. She is working as a day treatment therapist for the Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare in Grand Island, Neb.

Jennifer (Williams '00) Formo was promoted in February to community director at the March of Dimes in Madison, Wis.

Cody Franzen '00 married Melissa Paulman on June 26 in Grand Island, Neb. Cody teaches at Barr Middle School in Grand Island.

Scott Heiss '00 married Stacy Becker on May 29 in Omaha. Scott works at ADT in Omaha.

Ben Thompson '00 married Katie Bohon on June 12 in Sedalia, Mo. Ben is a driver and merchandiser for the Budweiser County Distributing plant in Sedalia.

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Rachel (Heitmann '99) Cunningham and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Kathryn Elisabeth, on April 1. Rachel teaches at LeMars (Iowa) Community High School. The family lives in LeMars.

Nikki Kinsey '99 had her business, Sol Chicks Design, featured in the April edition of *One Magazine*. Sol Chicks is an e-business, found at www.solchicks.com. Nikki lives in Omaha.

Nathan Olsen '99 is a computer programmer in Olympia, Wash., where he lives with his wife, Diep.

Deneen Schriver '99 married Joshua Kelly on June 19 in Albion, Neb. Deneen works at the Metabolic Research Center in Denver, Colo., where the couple lives.

Benjamin Tams '99 married Stacey Grindle on Aug. 7 in Omaha. Benjamin is a loan officer at Mortgage Express in LaVista, Neb.

Michael Babbitt '98 married Carrie Vincent on July 10 in York, Neb. Michael is an export manager with Expeditors International in Kansas City, Mo.

Matt Haufle '98 will attend Fordham University Law School in New York this fall.

Anna (Hovde '98) Hurm and her husband, Travis, welcomed a baby boy, Braik Hunter, on May 16. The family lives in Gillette, Wyo.

Taffy (Forsen '98) Jones, was profiled in the *Blair Pilot-Tribune* in their "Teacher Feature" column. Taffy teaches kindergarten in Herman, Neb. She lives with her husband, Luke, and their children, Treyton, 2, and Lexington, 1, in Blair.

Caid Christiansen '97 married Nichole Elkins on July 23 in Elkhorn, Neb. Caid is president of Christiansen Design, Inc., an advertising company in Omaha, where the couple lives.

Tim Marsden '97, director of the Millard (Neb.) South High School Choir, has had his choir recognized as one of the best 100 high school choirs in Nebraska.

Clint Williams '97 married Becky Thompson on June 5 in Blair. Clint is a sales representative at Woodhouse Dodge-Chrysler in Blair.

Debi (Moore '96) Redmon received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha on May 5.

Marcus Albers '95 married Emily Bush on May 1 in Dubuque, Iowa. Marcus is an information technology support specialist at Carlisle Communications, Ltd., in Dubuque.

Sue (Cass) Connealy '95 was featured in a "Teacher Feature" in the *Burt County (Neb.) Plaindealer*. Sue is a special education teacher at Tekamah (Neb.) Elementary.

Joel (Arens '94) and Todd Harris '93 are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cody Michael, and daughter, Kayla Marie. The twins were born June 15 in Omaha. Cody weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and Kayla weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces. They join a sister, Emma. The family lives in Omaha.

Vicki Behrends '94 married Dan Manning on April 24 in Auburn, Neb. Vicki works at Humboldt (Neb.) Implement Co. Inc. as a bookkeeper. The couple lives in Humboldt.

Stacey (Harris '94) and Mike Maxwell '93 live in Hutchinson, Kan., with their two children, CheyAnne, 9, and Dalton, 2. Stacey is an independent licensed agent with Aflac. Mike is the operations manager with Lowe's in Hutchinson.



Carmen (Toel '96) McNaughton and her husband, Aaron, welcomed a baby girl, Lillian Rose, on Feb. 23. Lillian Rose weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Matthew Schmidt '94 and his wife, Carla, welcomed their second son, Broc, on April 14. Broc joins his brother, Rian, 3. The family lives in Morton, Ill.

Cameron Arthur '93 recently retired from 17 years of law enforcement to dedicate more time to teaching on the college level and pursue a law or doctoral degree. He lives in Ralston, Neb.

Sarah Martin '93 works at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., where she lives.

Pam Shelton '93 is the executive assistant for Rod Christenson '70 at Mid America Computer Corp. in Blair.

Shawn Winters '92 married Emily Moren on July 24 in Piedmont, Calif. Shawn is employed at Expeditors International in Bensenville, Ill.

Randall Hollowell '90 works in the information technology services department at Miami (Ohio) University, where he is also an instructor in the Interactive Media Studies program. He lives in Oxford, Ohio.

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Denise Hunter '89 was featured in the *Burt County (Neb.) Plaindealer's* "Teacher Feature" column on April 21. Denise teaches special education at Tekamah (Neb.) Elementary.

Laurie Christensen '88 works for Unisource as a paper specification sales representative for central Texas. She was voted Ad Woman of the Year in 2003 and Best Paper Rep for six years in a row by the Austin (Texas) Ad Federation. She has been a member of the Austin Ad Fed Board since 1998. She lives in Round Rock, Texas, with her husband, Steve, and children, Ty, 12, and Kimberly, 5.



Lora Rennau '90, right, visited Jun Lyneborg (Jorgensen) Christiansen, left, in Jun's home at Hillerod, Denmark, last summer. Jun was a student at Dana in 1987-88. She is married to Kenneth and has two sons, Jacob and Oliver. Lora lives in Boulder, Colo.



Some members of the Class of '61 gathered June 25-27 in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., to sightsee and reminisce about times at Dana. Pictured as they boarded the Dells Boat Tour are, front row from left, Luther Kloth '61, Doris (Siersbeck '61) Kloth, Ellen (Andrews '61) Fisher, Jo Ann (Larsen '61) Otto, and Rosie (Peterson '61) Glover, second row, Norma (Parde '61) Heeren, Don Heeren, Arla (Siems '61) Mayhew, Ken Glover '61, Tom Mayhew, Arlyce (Fuchs '61) Olsen and Charles Olsen. The group has kept a round robin letter going since their graduation.

Steve Meister '88 is leaving the U.S. Navy after seven years of active duty military service. He is moving on to become a family physician at Affiliated Community Medical Centers in Marshall, Minn. His wife, Karen, and children, Noah, 6, and Sydney, 4, moved to Marshall earlier to set up the family's new home.

Julia (Schroeder '87) Macek lives in Wade, Maine, with her husband, Dave, and their children, stepson Eric, 17, Kristin, 7, and Aaron, 3. Julia is a clinical supervisor for Wings for Children and Families, which is a target case management agency.

Edward Kaspar '84 was promoted to vice president at Physicians Mutual Insurance Company of Omaha. Edward oversees the claim services division.

Renaë Claussen '81 was the recipient of the Denison (Iowa) Leading Women in Business Award in 2004, presented by the Denison Chamber of Commerce. Renaë owns and manages a local cable channel, Channel 18, in Denison, where she lives.

Mogens Knudsen '81 was featured in the *Lexington (Neb.) Clipper-Herald* in a story about how he promotes community and family through his Sav-A-Lot store in Lexington. Mogens got into the grocery business through his wife, Sally (Miller '81) Knudsen, whose father ran a store.

70s

Kevin Barratt '79 will start as the new drama teacher at Benson High School in Omaha this fall.

Jeanette (Renander '74) Rhyan was installed as president of the Theta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Key

Women Educators in the spring. She is also serving on the state level as a member of the Program of Work Committee. Jeanette teaches health, physical education and journalism at Ousley Junior High School in Arlington, Texas. She lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

John Christensen '71 was inducted to the Millard (Neb.) Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame in May. John is vice chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Art Beckman '70 was elected testing chair of the Nebraska chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German in April. Art teaches at Northwest High School in Omaha.

Charlie Rohlffing '70 retired this spring after 27 years as a counselor at Elkhorn (Neb.) High School. Charlie is now looking forward to being a counselor at Omaha Benson High School. His wife, Julie (Thorson) Rohlffing '70, is director of alumni affairs at Dana. The couple lives in Blair.

Timothy Wiggins '70 accepted the call to become director of pastoral care at Tabitha Health Care in Lincoln, Neb. As director, Timothy will coordinate the pastoral care program in giving spiritual support to Tabitha clients and their loved ones.

60s

Roger Eitzmann '67 ran for Fremont (Iowa) County Supervisor in the June primary as a Republican and won. Roger and his wife, Barbara, live in Sidney, Iowa.

Tim Wright '67 is celebrating 25 years as a contract administrator with the Boeing Company. He is also a third-year student at St. Louis (Mo.)

University School of Law, where he received an Academic Achievement Award in Trial Advocacy. Tim lives in Alton, Ill.

Joan (Rathe '63) Barnes retired from teaching after 35.5 years. She taught for one year in Filley, Neb., 1.5 years in the Omaha Public Schools and 30 years in Atlantic, Iowa, where she now lives.

Sharol (Crandall '61) and Ernie Anderson '59 have moved to Yorkville, Ill., to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They are building a new home.

Carol Petersen '60 recently had five hymns published in the new Episcopal hymn supplement "Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song." In the spring of 2003, Carol visited Ethiopia. The tour group observed a leper colony, a school for the blind, Fistula Hospital, a mentoring group, and Hope Enterprises, which educates and feeds the abandoned youth culture and street people. Since her trip, Carol has been active in the International Community of Phoenix, assisting in the founding of AMEN, an international bimonthly prayer meeting and international worship gathering in the East Valley, Arizona.

Deaths

Cynthia (Michels '71) Arnold died March 16 in Blair. Cynthia was a nurse's aide at Crowell Memorial Home in Blair and Tekamah (Neb.)

Nursing Home. In a decade's time, she took in more than 20 foster children. Survivors include her husband, David, two daughters, one son and one grandchild.

Gloria Daggett '69 died July 10, 2003, due to complications following a massive stroke. Survivors include her mother, Rhoda (Hansen '43) Daggett, and brother, Roger Daggett '67.

Marvel Christensen '66 died April 24 in Oakland, Neb. Marvel was an elementary teacher for 30 years in Burt, Dodge, Washington, Cuming and Keya Paha counties of Nebraska. She served as church pianist and Sunday school teacher for the First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ in Uehling, Neb., for many years.

Eunice (Erickson '66) Houston died Feb. 20 in Minnesota. Eunice taught elementary school for 31 years in Racine, Wis. and Pine City, Minn. Survivors include her husband, Rick Houston '66, two children and one grandchild.

Kaye (Dirgo '43) Woodring died April 19 in Pattonsburg, Mo. Kaye was a cook for the Pattonsburg school system and a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Crossroads Community Club of Pattonsburg. Survivors include four daughters, one son, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

Clarence Paulsen D '40 T '43 died May 12 in Sacramento, Calif. Clarence served congregations in Neola, Iowa; Kansas City, Kan.; Toronto,

Canada; and Ontario, Calif. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and building. Survivors include his wife, Beverly, two brothers, seven children, including Ivan Paulsen '68, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Eda (Paulsen '29) Panum died April 8 in Eugene, Ore. Eda worked in the nursing field from 1929 until 1940, when she became a homemaker and mother. She enjoyed tatting, reading and working around her home. Survivors include two sons, Philip Panum '64 and Paul Panum '67, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

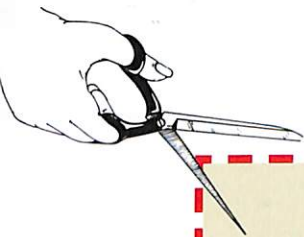
Friends

Ruth Nielsen died May 12 in Omaha. A retired teacher, Ruth served for many years as chairwoman of the board for the Oaks Indian Center, translated Danish works into English for the Danish Immigrant Archives and was a Dana Builder. She held a doctoral degree and was named the Omaha Business and Professional Women's Club's outstanding woman in 1967.

Corrections

In the Winter 2004 DANA REVIEW, we mistakenly included Alvina Blaikie as a memorium for 2003. We should have stated that it was Elton Blaikie, Alvina's husband, who was named in the memorium.

What's New *With You?*



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Upcoming Events at Dana College

- Aug. 30 First day of fall semester
- Aug. 31 Opening Convocation
- Sept. 11 Melchior Men's Choral Clinic
- Sept. 18 Alumni Council Meeting
- Sept. 18 Viking Football Alumni Day Celebration
- Oct. 1-3 Homecoming Weekend
- Oct. 3 Softball Intersquad Scrimmage & Recruit Day
- Oct. 8-17 "Seussical: The Musical"
- Oct. 16 Kids on the Hill
- Oct. 16 Parent's Day
- Oct. 24 Chorale performs at "An Afternoon with Garrison Keillor" in Omaha
- Oct. 29 Discover Dana Day
- Oct. 30-31 Dana College Weekend at First Lutheran Church
- Oct. 31 Fall Band Concert
- Nov. 13 Alumni Council Meeting
- Nov. 13 Discover Dana Day
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