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We Are Blessed

Good news is precious! This fall Dana's enrollment numbers showed the greatest percentage growth of any Nebraska private liberal arts college. A lot of people at Dana deserve the credit. I salute our fine admissions and financial aid personnel, supported by the enthusiastic and creative efforts of many coaches, directors, faculty and staff. What pleases me is that reports indicate the growth will continue. We are showing nearly 25 percent growth in applications over the same time period from last year, our best year in decades, and campus visits are up significantly, a good gauge of student interest.

Even bad news can have a positive outcome! The baseball-size hail that caused severe damage to campus roofs, windows and lighting instruments on May 22 has a bright side. Although repairing the damage is costly and time-consuming, much of the cost has been covered by insurance. The result is that many deferred maintenance issues have been addressed. New roofs, windows and lighting yields lower repair costs in the short run.

I firmly believe that God blesses us at all times, even when the outlook is bleak. Twice in my years as president, we have received help when it was not expected. Fifteen years ago, after Old Main burned, an Omaha-area Danish-American farmer by the name of Leonard Johnson died and left in his estate more than \$1.5 million to Dana. That money enabled us to proceed with the Old Main replacement classroom center. To help us maintain the building, we received a generous gift from Omaha

philanthropist Chuck Durham. The building was named the Margre Henningson Durham Center to memorialize Chuck's wife, Margre, a wonderful Danish-American friend of Dana.

More recently, when our financial well-being had been challenged by reduced giving and endowment borrowing, the million-dollar trust of the late Marvin Jersild matured. Jersild was a Chicago-area attorney and a brother of the late Rev. Hans Jersild, who many years ago served as president of the church body that founded Dana. Two of Marvin's nephews are Dana alumni — Dr. Harold Jersild '50, an orthopedic surgeon from the Quad Cities, and the Rev. Dr. Paul Jersild D '53 T '59, retired seminary professor and dean, now of Virginia. Marvin Jersild's original vision for the trust was to provide a chapel to Dana, but he left his estate gift unrestricted so that it could benefit Dana wherever it was needed.

Readers may recall that our chapel need was filled when Trinity Chapel was built in 1993, thanks to a gift from the trust of another Danish-American couple, the late Terkild and Margaret Nielsen of Michigan, made possible by direction of the fund's trustee, Dana alumnus Victor E. Lauritsen '41. The beautiful stained-glass chapel windows depicting the Holy Trinity were completed thanks to many gifts. The final two windows, dedicated at Homecoming in October, were the gift of Dana friends, Lowell Kramme, the Danish Ambassador of Iowa, and his wife, Marilyn. The gift was given in remembrance of, and in tribute to, their Scandinavian parents.



President Myrvin F. Christopherson

Without the gifts of the people I have mentioned, we would not have been able to provide important, much-needed facilities at Dana. People often say that you can't depend on estate gifts for annual support. That is true; but small under-endowed colleges like Dana have been richly rewarded by estate gifts to supplement annual giving. **So, let us salute these generous saints.** The ones cited here did not attend Dana themselves, but they have known and prized the work of the college and the people who have learned here.

As Anne and I move closer to retirement, we remember with thanksgiving those who have aided us in our 19-year journey here. We will continue to urge all Dana alumni and friends to make generous annual gifts to support needed scholarship help for our students. We also ask them to make a provision in their estate plans to benefit the college. For some a child's share and for others a larger share will be designated for Dana. **Without these God-sent gifts, the extraordinary Dana educational experience that I received, and we still offer, could not be provided.** May what we do here always glorify God and prepare men and women for faithful lives of service.

The audience laughs it up at the annual Homecoming Alumni Revue



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On the Hill



Alumni Council member Doug Renken '66 shares some lemonade and a laugh with a parent during freshman move-in day in August. The Alumni Council manned tables in each of Dana's residence halls supplying cool drinks and cookies.

New Faces Join Dana College

Several new employees have joined Dana in the last year. Here is just a few bits of information about these talented newcomers to the hill:

Karen Bertram '96, instructor of business administration and assistant softball coach, was a standout utility player for Dana in the '90s. After majoring in mathematics and accounting at Dana, she went on to earn her master's in accounting at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Louise Driver, director of financial aid, is originally from Gurdon, Ark. She earned a bachelor's of business administration from Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Brandi Feyerherm, facilities management, comes to Dana after working as a babysitter for the State of Nebraska. She is originally from Mondamin, Iowa, and attended West Harrison High.

Karen Frizzell, reference librarian, comes to Dana from Metropolitan Community College, where she was a library assistant. Originally from Omaha, Frizzell graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Peggy Holloway, visiting assistant professor of music, has taught at a variety of schools and colleges. She has earned a bachelor of science in French from Nebraska Wesleyan University, a bachelor of music in vocal performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, a master of music in vocal performance from UNO and a doctor of musical arts in vocal performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Peggy Holloway

Chuck Caul, facilities management, comes to Dana with 30 years of experience in carpentry. He is originally from Allentown, N.J.

Beth King '98, admissions counselor, earned a bachelor's in music education at Dana before going on to get her master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Brandi Koester, student activities director and hall director of Argo and Holling Halls, comes to Dana from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. While at Augustana, Koester worked for Student Activities as a work-study student for two years and was co-chairwoman of Augustana's Homecoming week and chairwoman of Habitat for Humanity.

Pat Morris '99, assistant football coach and athletic development, was a defensive back for the Vikings after attending Nebraska City-Lourdes High School. Morris has two daughters, Ciera, 6, and Audree, 3.

Jackie Smith '99, administrative assistant in academic services, comes to Dana after being a residential counselor at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. She is originally from Hay Springs, Neb., and earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Dana.

Glenda Trecek, administrative assistant for financial aid, is originally from Bellevue, Neb. She attended Midland Lutheran and Dana, before leaving to work in an office. She owned and managed Dairy Delight in Logan, Iowa, for 19 years.

Charidith Uhing, facilities management, attended Tekamah High School. Her previous job was as a contracted janitor for OPPD.

Johan Windmuller '97, admissions counselor, is originally from Roskilde, Denmark. He studied international communication at Dana and earned a bachelor of arts degree.

Arizona Luncheon Date Set

Alumni and friends of Dana are invited to attend the annual Arizona 'Snowbird' Luncheon on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 S. Power Road. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in The Pavilion. A luncheon mailing will be sent early in January '05.

If you are not receiving our mailing, have a different winter address or know of Arizona residents or visitors who might like

to attend, please contact Anne Christopherson, Director of Special Events and Projects at Dana College at achristo@dana.edu or 402-426-7248.

Presidential Search Begins

Dennis Gethmann '71, vice chairman of the Dana Board of Regents, has been named Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee that is charged with conducting the search for a successor to President Myrvin Christopherson '61, who will retire after 19 years in office on July 1, 2005. (Please see "Dr. Christopherson to Retire," on page 10.) Members of the committee, in addition to Gethmann, are Regents Richard Vierk '75, Mary (Heistand '80) Bro, Don Jorgensen '60, and Bob Coffey '68. Members from the Dana community include Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion and Faculty Senate chairman, Professor Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology, Wendy Grasz, Staff Council president, Tim Marsden '97, Alumni Council president, and Matt Bloomingdale '05, Student Senate president.

Gethmann invites suggestions for the committee regarding the top priorities for the new president and qualifications and characteristics desired in a new president. Suggestions should be sent to: dennisg@broadviewfinancial.com. When the committee is ready to receive nominations and applications (probably by mid-December), they should be sent to Dennis Gethmann, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Dana College, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008.

Orientation Focuses on Respect

Again this year, Dana's New Student Orientation, Aug. 26-29, centered around a theme. Previous years have explored character and leadership during Orientation. This year's group took up the theme "Community of Respect."

"I think respect is something that is very important for the future of Dana graduates," said Chris Jebesen, dean of students. "I think respect is sometimes taken for granted, and I wanted to highlight in small ways and big ways how we can show respect to each other."

Jebesen said the students were prompted to think about respect for other people, tradition, academics, themselves and property during the days leading up to the first day of class on Aug. 30.

"Really, how we treat each other says a lot about who we are as individuals," Jebesen said. "I think respect is something that is a valuable trait to have for all of us."

Besides being introduced to Dana's computer systems, library and other services, students attended special group meetings every day on respect. They also did a mock Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) session on Professor of Reli-



Dr. John Lyden presents on violence in the media to a packed Lau-ritzen Theatre during New Student Orientation. The session helped introduce students to LARP.

gion John Lyden's work on violence in the media. LARP is a special class at Dana where students read and discuss important works. Another session reviewed Dana's sexual assault policy. Students were also given the option to participating in volunteer activities at the Washington County Recycling Center, on campus or for Blair's elderly.

"I'm pleased that we are emphasizing the theme of respect this year," Dana President Myrvin Christopherson '61 said. "Many observers claim there has been an erosion in respect shown by young people for property, for the elderly, for people in authority, even for parents. I don't think we should blame young people alone, however. I do think we can all use a reminder that all of God's creation has worth and deserves our recognition, regard, and veneration. We fail to show respect when we litter the campus and other grounds, abuse property or show disregard for another person or a person's point of view. I hope that by choosing this theme we might raise the consciousness about what it means to show respect."

Jebesen said he hopes the theme will be carried out beyond New Student Orientation into the regular school year.

"I hope that by having the theme, we will engage as a campus in showing respect for each other," he said. "It might lead to discussions on improving this place and our community."

Students Put Muscle into Sale

The annual Ladies' Auxiliary Rummage Sale — held Sept. 16-19, at the Washington County Fairgrounds — can only be described as huge. Thousands of people from all over the United States come to the fundraiser for Memorial Community Hospital in Blair to sort through hundreds of thousands of used and like-new items.

The only problem? All the stuff for sale is stored in a warehouse in Blair, Neb., while the sale takes place 16 miles down the road in Arlington, Neb. That's where Dana College's stu-



Tracy (Erickson '87) Heffelfinger accepts a door prize at Dana's Opening Dinner on Aug. 24.

dent athletes come in. Once again this year, they provided the muscle needed to load the boxes onto cattle trailers and trucks in Blair and then unload them in Arlington.

"It's indescribable — how many boxes there are, I can't even guess," said Sharon Gordon, a rummage sale volunteer who coordinates student help with Dana. "They bring a lot of pep. We have two-wheel carts to move the boxes, but they form assembly lines handing the boxes from one to the other."

This year, around 200 members of the Dana football, men's basketball, men's soccer and wrestling teams helped move about 10,000 boxes and clean up the fairgrounds. According to Ted Murray, assistant football coach and admissions counselor, the teams were more than happy to help out with this important event for Washington County.

"We feel like we're lucky to be an integral part of the sale," Murray said. "It's a form of community service for us to give back to the community."

The Dana student athletes are just a few of the many volunteers who make the sale happen, said Kathy Jensen, volunteer coordinator for MCH. But having a couple hundred strong young men certainly speeds up the process.

"We are very grateful to the student athletes from Dana who help us each year in setting up for the Rummage Sale," Jensen said. "I don't think people realize the tremendous amount of donations that the Auxiliary receives and the time it takes to transport it to the fair grounds. Without Dana's help, unloading would be a very difficult task, and we certainly wouldn't be able to transport the items in just one day."

Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson '61 said these opportunities are what define Dana's character as a school for active participation.

"Dana is an NAIA Champions of Character school," Christopherson said. "Servant leadership is a core value in which Dana athletics is a participant. We believe that sharing our gifts in service to others helps one develop character to the fullest. This is just one of many volunteer efforts of Dana student athletes, but an important one."

Chorale Opens for Keillor

The Dana College Chorale, one of the region's most esteemed vocal groups, performed at a very special event in Omaha on Oct. 24.

The Chorale opened for National Public Radio staple Garrison Keillor at the Omaha Civic Center. Keillor, best known for his show "Prairie Home Companion," did the performance as a benefit for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Nebraska and Iowa. The event was an exciting opportunity for the Chorale to expand its fanbase in the area. The Chorale was the only group performing to share the stage with Keillor, and he complimented them on their outstanding performance.

The Dana College Chorale sang from the following repertoire: "Three Hymns," arranged by Chorale Director Richard Palmer; "Ride the Chariot," arranged by Andre Thomas; "Joy is on the Way," by Joy K. Westmoreland; "Jericho," arranged by Michael Dryver; "God be in My Head," by Palmer; and "Chindia" by Alexandru Pascanu.

Hengevelds Establish Scholarship

A long-time Dana College professor and his family returned to the college recently to make a significant gift.

Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Frank Hengeveld and his wife, Helen, presented Dana President Myrvin Christopherson '61 a check for \$50,000 to establish the Frank and Helen Hengeveld Endowed Scholarship which will be presented annually to an outstanding student in chemistry or science.

"Frank and Helen are beloved on our campus and in the Blair area — Frank for his sharp intellect and wit and his sincere devotion to learning, and Helen for her gentle compassion and service to church and community," said Christopherson. "The scholarship they have endowed is a most welcome gift to



Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson receives a gift to establish the Frank and Helen Hengeveld Endowed Scholarship. Joining their parents at the reception were Frank and Helen's daughters Lonna Meston and Sue Miller.

our science students and to Dana where they have lived and given so much of their lives the last 60 years. We were delighted to have them and two of their daughters, Susanne and Lonna, join us for a gathering of friends and the presentation of their generous scholarship donation.”

Hengeveld taught at Dana from 1946-56 and 1966-86. Among his students was Dr. Larrie Stone, who later became his colleague in the science department as a professor of biology.

While in Blair, the Hengeveld family also planted a swamp oak at Black Elk-Neihardt Park as a “life celebration tree” in honor of Frank and Helen. In the early 1950s the family had owned and farmed part of the land that is now the park.

Frank and Helen Hengeveld now live in Eugene, Ore.

Service Learning is Everywhere

Dana College is well known for its commitment to providing students with lots of activities to expand their horizons. But those activities aren’t exclusively found outside the classroom. Many faculty members have combined the college’s commitments to participation and hands-on learning into service learning projects required in classes.

Barb Zimmerman, assistant professor of psychology, has been pleased to see her psychology students complete a course requirement with five hours of time to the Blair Head Start program and go above and beyond the required time. Some also volunteer at the Joy Preschool in Blair.

Dr. Susan Udey, associate professor of business administration, requires her students to complete two hours of community service per class each semester.

Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology, has been pleased to see community involvement at Dana through the social work student’s practicum work, which have been at a variety of agencies.

Dr. Karen Murch-Shafer, assistant professor of biology, had been involved in a project at another college where students research a project and then create a demonstration that can be taken out into local classrooms and after-school programs.

Dr. Lisa Schreiber, assistant professor of communication, notes that she has seen many of her students volunteer time off-campus, whether on their own or as part of small group classes.

Have an International Tale?

The next issue of the DANA REVIEW will focus on Dana’s global involvement. Send us your favorite international tale for publication.

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Campus Digest

The Higher Learning Commission recently presented Dana President **Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61** with its Certificate of Recognition for “four years of dedicated service to the Commission as a member of the accreditation Review Council.” Christopherson has served on the council and as a reader of accreditation visit reports of private colleges and universities that seek accreditation with the commission, which accredits all colleges and universities in the 23-state region of the North Central Association. Christopherson will continue as a site team visitor and team chair for the Higher Learning Commission.

Professor Starla Stensaas, associate professor of graphic design, was invited to attend a technology roundtable at the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College this summer. The roundtable was focused on the formation of the Editorial Board for AcademicCommons.org, an interactive web portal sponsored by the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts to provide a forum for academic professionals interested in investigating educational technologies within a liberal

arts context. Stensaas was invited to serve on the Editorial Board with colleagues from Emerson, Wesleyan, Alma, Wagner and Wabash. She will curate a portion of the site dedicated to showcasing outstanding student and faculty hypertexts as well as innovative uses of technology in the classroom. Launch of the site is expected in January 2005.

Patti Nielsen, R.N., director of health services had an article titled, “Time for Renewal” published in the Sept./Oct. edition of the *Journal of American College Health*. The article stressed the need for health professionals to attend American College Health Association conferences, suggested innovative sources of funding during budget cut-backs and offered ideas for applying continuing education to the workplace.

Professor Chris Fear, head men’s basketball coach and instructor of physical education, spoke at the Metro Basketball Coaches Association Clinic in Omaha on Sept. 29. He presented his coaching philosophy to approximately 100 area high school coaches.

Dr. William Hall, assistant professor of music, had the abstract to his dissertation “A Critical-Performing Edition of the Franz Krommer Parthia for Band (1825) for American Concert Band” printed in the Fall 2004 Research Report of the College Band Directors National Association.

Dr. Peggy Holloway, visiting assistant professor of music, attended the International Symposium “Nadia Boulanger and American Music” Oct. 7 – 9 at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The symposium was held in honor of the 25th anniversary of the death of Nadia Boulanger, who was the teacher of countless American composers including Aaron Copland, Virgil Thompson and Philip Glass. The event was attended by more than 100 musicians and scholars from around the world, the majority of whom had studied and worked with Boulanger. Holloway presented a lecture-recital on Marion Bauer, Boulanger’s first American student. She performed one song by Boulanger and four by Bauer. Two of the Bauer songs appear in a new edition of Bauer’s previously unpublished songs edited by Holloway.

population

**BOOM!**

Dana's enrollment surges to a three-decade high

For three years, the quietest place on the Dana Campus was Rasmussen Hall. The residence hall has been empty since 2001, except for a short stint as temporary office space during the renovation of Borup Coliseum in 2003.

All that — and a lot more — is changing this year at Dana.

A record number of incoming students means Rasmussen is more than reopened — it is almost filled to capacity. With a 10 percent growth in the overall student body from last year, Dana officials are both basking in success and scrambling to modify the campus to meet the academic and housing needs of more students.

It could be the beginning of a new golden age at the college. The increased enrollment is not a blip. Improved admissions and marketing efforts are behind the increase, and officials predict the trend will continue for the foreseeable future. If that is the case, this year's enrollment of 617 fulltime students could rise to 750 students by the college's 125th anniversary in 2008.

Keys to Success

The most dramatic aspect of Dana's growth is that it is the result of many small and medium-size changes across the college.

"We've always felt we had what prospective students wanted," said Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, director of college relations and marketing. "We offer great faculty-student relationships, outstanding career placement and the opportunities to really be active and involved in a variety of extracurricular pursuits. What

we lacked was the right way to communicate that to prospective students."

In recognition of that need, Dana hired Art & Science Group of Baltimore, Md., to conduct a marketing assessment. The company did extensive research, including telephone surveys, to get a better grasp on how Dana was coming across to prospective students and what the college could do to improve their recognition among young people.

The results were great news for Dana. When students in the greater Omaha area were asked what they wanted in a college, they responded the ideal college would be a warm, supportive place where faculty and staff were supportive of students and their goals. Students also wanted opportunities to get involved in a variety of activities, including athletics, fine arts, and volunteer and academic groups.

"We were very excited about the marketing research results," Reed said. "It told us students want to go to a place like Dana. All we had to do was let them know we were here."

Armed with the research results and a new slogan, "Develop Talents, Take Charge, Build a Future: We're With You All the Way," Reed and Dean of Enrollment Management Jim Lynes worked to revamp all of Dana's publications and its web site. New materials were revised to be more marketing-oriented and attractive to prospective students. Special emphasis was placed on Dana's strong academic programs and active atmosphere.

Other changes within the Admissions Office have been ongoing since Lynes' arrival in 2001. One of the first was the removal of an application fee. Without that extra hurdle, Dana saw applications

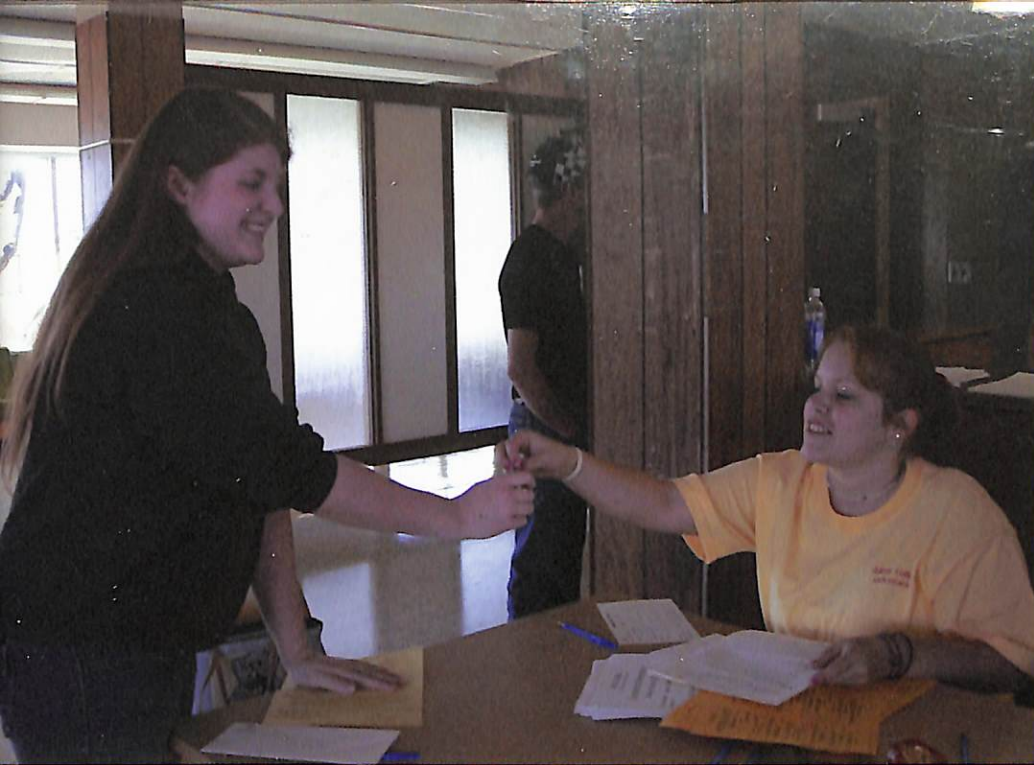
steadily rise, from 427 freshmen applications in 1999 to 912 for the 2004-05 academic year. Admissions standards were also tweaked to eliminate weaker students less likely to thrive and graduate at Dana. This year's entering class has an average ACT score that is a half point above last year's, a trend the college hopes to continue.

Lynes and the faculty also worked together to modernize Dana's curriculum. New majors were added in Criminal Justice, iMedia, Accounting, Management Information Systems and International Studies. These interdisciplinary studies merged Dana's liberal arts tradition with new technologies and career fields to produce exciting opportunities for students. Nearly 8 percent of this year's incoming students indicated interest in Criminal Justice, while 4 percent indicated iMedia.

With these structural changes behind them, Dana increased the number of people actively recruiting students. In the Admissions Office, a more mature and professional staff was better able to articulate to students why Dana was the right college for them. Coaches in the athletic department and fine arts directors also stepped in to help bring in the active students Dana is known for. Faculty began reaching out even more to students who would fit into their own programs and bring other qualities to Dana.

Lynes said he expected these changes would bring Dana success in attracting more students, but he didn't expect it to happen so quickly.

"The spike has happened a year earlier than I thought it would happen," he said. "I think this trend will continue. The



Emily Bostwick '08 receives the keys to her room in Rasmussen Hall from resident assistant Cheyenne Jansdatter '07 during move-in in August. Bostwick became one of Ras's first residents since the hall was reopened to accommodate this year's large enrollment.

college has said they want to get to 750 in enrollment, and I think we can expect to see that within the next five years.”

In all, 202 freshmen entered Dana this fall. In comparison, 140 freshmen entered Dana in 2002 and 164 in 2003. The last time Dana had an entering class of more than 200 was in 1981, when the college admitted 206 students. The new students, as well as healthy retention of existing students, have made Dana's student body 10 percent larger than last year, and the biggest group since the height of the Vietnam War in 1971. The addition of 20 traditional part-time students and 32 part-time Danish students studying here for a shortened study term brings the total headcount at Dana this fall to 669.

Lynes said he believes that Dana can reach those large class sizes of the war years again, as long as the college keeps on changing to meet students' demands.

“We emphasized keeping up with admissions trends,” he said. “We try to change as much as possible. Without these changes in the last couple of years, we wouldn't be talking about this big class.”

Changing for Success

Higher enrollment means some changes for Dana. As a residential college, one of the most important issues is where to house the additional students. Fortunately, Dana had room to grow in its own residence halls. The re-opening of Rasmussen Hall created space for both the new students and returning students who would prefer to have their own room rather than the more typical double occupancy.

The extra available space easily accommodated this year's spike in students, but if the trend continues, the college will have to look elsewhere for housing options.

“One of the things we have coming up is looking at housing,” said Chris Jebson, dean of students. “We're working on a plan for new construction and renovation. Last spring we lowered the price of single rooms, which helped us reopen Rasmussen. But now we are pretty full, especially in terms of male students.”

Fortunately, Dana has room to grow, said Dr. Brian Viets, provost and dean of the college. “Unlike many schools, Dana

is not 'landlocked.' We have areas around campus where we could expand with new construction. Few colleges in our area have this luxury.”

While housing may be fairly easy to modify, growth causes some more challenging questions for academics at the college.

“It's great having the larger class, but we don't want to become UNL or UNO,” Viets said. “The close personal connection students get in classes is extremely important to Dana's identity as a college. We don't want our students to lose that valuable experience.”

For this year, Viets has opened new sections in some general education classes, the most popular with freshmen. The goal is to keep the classroom environment as intimate as possible. For classes that by necessity must be larger, faculty and administration carefully consider each student's individual needs to determine whether they would succeed most in a small or larger class.

“We haven't dealt with this number of students in recent memory,” Viets said. “We've been hard at work all summer making sure we have the right classes in the right classrooms so we can continue to offer the kind of education that has made us so popular.”

While Viets and his staff are focusing mostly on this year's needs, he said the college is preparing to accommodate even more students in the future. Plans for future resource allocation have already been discussed and everyone is committed to keeping the atmosphere of Dana unchanged.

The small problems caused by Dana's enrollment success are dwarfed by the excitement caused by such a change in the college, Viets said.

“I think it's exciting whenever you get an influx of new students,” he said. “They bring with them an energy. It just permeates through campus. When the campus gets that injection of energy, it's going to be a great semester.”



Dr. Christopherson to Retire

Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson '61 announced to the Dana College campus community Oct. 5 that he is retiring after 19 years in office.

Christopherson will continue to serve the college in his current capacity until he assumes the title of President Emeritus on July 1, 2005, when his existing contract expires. As president emeritus, he will carry a reduced load with selected responsibilities in fundraising, community relations and board development. He will be assisted in many of these duties by his wife, Anne, who serves as Dana's director of special events and projects and has been the coordinator of the popular Sights & Sounds of Christmas festival and Smorgasbord for many years.

"Myrv and his wife, Anne, are much loved at Dana. They have been a God-send to the growth and development of Dana," said Dana Board of Regents Chairman Richard Vierk '68. "Their mark is everywhere on the Dana campus and community. Their legacy is rich and deep. We are delighted that they will continue to serve Dana, even if it's on a reduced-time basis."

Christopherson's retirement was accepted by the Board of Regents at their fall meeting Homecoming weekend.

At the announcement to the Dana faculty and staff, Christopherson said, "I'm looking forward to a reduced load

and more time for family. Anne and I have had a wonderful experience here and are very proud of Dana College. We hope to be able to continue to make a contribution without having the fuller load we've enjoyed for the past 19 years."

Vierk announced that a search for a new president will begin immediately in hopes that a successor can be found to assume duties on or about July 1, when Christopherson vacates the office. The search committee will include regents and members of the faculty and staff. Applications and nominations can be directed to the Presidential Search Committee at Dana College until the search is complete.

Christopherson, 65, came to Dana as President July 1, 1986, from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, where he was associate dean of communication and fine arts. Prior to that, he taught at Purdue University, where he received his master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy and communication, and at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, his first full-time teaching position after he earned his doctorate.

Under Christopherson's leadership, Dana has grown from 396 to 622 full-time students. This fall Dana reported its highest enrollment since 1970, when scores of students enrolled to escape the Vietnam draft.

During his presidency, the endowment has grown from about \$1 million to more than \$12 million. In total, nearly \$100 million has been secured in current and deferred gifts for scholarships, endowment and campus improvements.

Buildings completed include the Margre Henningson Durham Center and Trinity Chapel, the art addition to the Madsen Fine Arts Center, the Gardner-Hawks Center and the Cooperman Atrium, a new all-weather track, a competi-

tion soccer field, football and soccer practice fields, significant upgrades of science and art facilities, and many renovation and beautification projects. During his presidency Dana has taken a lead in technology enabling Dana to advertise "the most wireless campus in Nebraska."

Academic programs have also grown under his leadership. He facilitated creation of the annual Presidential Scholarship competition, the Morton Scholars Program for honors students, new or revised academic programs in accounting, psychology, criminal justice, special education, computer science, graphic design, e-studies, iMedia, international studies, and sports management. Sports programs have also grown during the Christopherson administration, with the addition of men's and women's soccer and women's golf.

He is currently the longest serving president among the 28 colleges and universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Wartburg Theological Seminary awarded Christopherson an honorary doctorate of divinity degree in 1998 to honor his service to the church and higher education.

Higher education accreditation has been among Christopherson's special interests. For several years he has been a consultant-evaluator and team chair for The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, the entity responsible for accrediting colleges and universities in a 19-state region.

Christopherson has been active in maintaining relations between the college and Denmark. During his administration the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College has prospered, and Dana's Lur Publications, under the leadership of Dr. John W. Nielsen, has published a dozen books.



Barry Anderson '73, Dick Zion '70 and Judy Seaver led the festivities at the Saturday evening program recounting the "true" story of Lewis and Clark's time in Nebraska.



The Class of 1954 gathered for their 50th class reunion during the Saturday night program on Oct. 2. Pictured here are, back row from left, Bill King, Hans Mehr, Peter Mathiasen, Stan Petersen and Arvin Quist; fourth row, Ann (Harms) George, Janet (Anderson) Svendsen, Roma (Geisler) Bunch, Gary Hansen and Arne Jessen; third row, Nancy (Ohlsson) Gumm, Doris (Jacob) Senica, Donna (Moree) Hansen, Dan Hansen and Marge (Poh) Christensen; second row, Joan (Nelson) Coffey, Ellen (Olesen) Mendenhall, Norm Freund and Helen (Jorgensen) Zelinger; and front row, John Christensen, Myra (Vig) Christensen and LeVern Nielsen.



Lowell and Marilyn Kramme, and President Myrvin Christopherson '61 show off stained glass gifts given to the Krammes for their donation for the final two windows during the dedication ceremony for the last trinity-inspired stained glass windows in Trinity Chapel.

Homecoming 2004



Seniors Shannon Ford-Jefferson and Nick Kroon were chosen by the student body as the 2004 Homecoming Queen and King.



Choir and Chorale members old and new gathered to sing and chat during the Traditional Choir Reunion on Saturday. A special gathering for Professor Emeritus Paul Neve '41 was hosted later in by his children.

They are ... Distinguished ... Outstanding

Five Dana alumni were honored during a special ceremony on Oct. 1. Paul Ahrendt, Don Poh and Jeanne and Conrad Sorensen were awarded Dana's highest alumni honor, the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Nathan Krämer received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award.

Paul Ahrendt '68

Persistence. It's a philosophy and a way of life that have taken Paul Ahrendt from Dana's high hill into a successful career as owner of a growing small business.

The desire to continue his education and play football brought Ahrendt to Dana after his graduation from LeMars Community High School in 1963. It was also the beginning of family tradition. His wife, Kathryn (Hulsebus '71) also attended Dana. Four of their five children (Tami '96, Traci '00, Teri '01 and Toni '02) followed in their parents' footsteps in graduating from Dana.

Ahrendt found the classwork at Dana challenging at first. In fact, he credits the Academic Probationary Board as being a strong college influence, believing in him enough to allow him to stay in school even though his grades didn't measure up at first. Others at Dana who strongly touched Ahrendt's life were Coach Paul Peterson, Pastor Richard Jensen '56 and Ernie "Greek" Abariotes '65.

While at Dana, Ahrendt was a four-year member of the football team, lettering each year. He also participated in wrestling.

In 1977, he began his own business in Lincoln, The Tool House. The business has grown from one small store to three locations in Lincoln, Omaha and Des Moines. The business has 40 employees.

He has continued to support Dana, both with financial donations and time as a past member of the Dana Alumni Council. He credits Dana with helping

him to believe in himself, and for fostering relationships with faculty members, students and other alumni which continue to this day.

Don Poh '50

Don Poh has been gone from the hill at Dana for more than 50 years now.

But a piece of him has found its way back and will serve as a legacy to the man and his music. In the spring of 2003, Poh donated a nine-foot Baldwin concert grand piano (vintage 1973) that today brings joy to musicians on the campus.

Poh arrived on the campus in the fall of 1946, just getting his "land legs" back after serving in the Navy as anti-submarine technician in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. He had entered the military right after his 1944 graduation from Green Bay (Wis.) West High School. The GI bill gave him the funding he needed to pursue a dream of becoming a music educator.

While on the Dana campus, he participated in the student newspaper, led the Men's Glee Club and was a member of the chorus and quartet. He studied piano as part of his music education major. He credits the influence of Louise Woeppel, English composition professor, with

connecting him to the *Blair Pilot Tribune*, which turned him for seven years away from music and into journalism.

In 1950, he returned to Green Bay, working in both newspaper and television. He got back into the music business with his own store, something that would more than fill his hours for the next 51 years. The focus of the business was not only on the sales of pianos, but much more, with full service to piano teachers with a huge inventory of piano and organ music. For many of the years, the business included a building next door, Little Carnegie, which gave music students a center for performing recitals on a concert grand piano. The Pohs' service extended to opening up for teachers' meeting and seminars. Poh and his wife, Judy, sold their business earlier this year.

Jeanne (Nielsen '53) and Conrad Sorensen '53

Conrad and Jeanne Sorensen have both felt God guiding their paths through their lives. Although they were never sure where the path was leading, it always led them to joy in getting to know people through the outdoors, on the farm, on the job and at church camp.



This year's honored alumni were, from left, Don Poh, Nathan Krämer, Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, Conrad Sorensen, Jeanne Sorensen and Paul Ahrendt.

In the fall of 1976, the couple took a dramatic step in becoming co-directors of Lake Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp (now Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp) and moving there. At the time, Connie was also building and selling homes while the couple still lived on their farm; Jeanne was teaching school in Harlan.

Their association with the Bible camp began back in 1961 when Connie was named to the camp's board. They had spent 1975 working with staff and program development there. They spent the summer of 1976 as volunteers at the camp. As camp director they built friendships and relationships for more almost 20 years before they turning over the leadership to their son, Mark '78 in 1993. As an outgrowth of the camp work, Jeanne organized a travel program for adults, which has taken the couple across the nation and even to Israel.

The couple has two sons, Mark and Paul and six grandchildren. They have touched the lives of many through their work. At least 35 camp staff members at Okoboji have gone on to become ordained ministers and another 50 have served as church youth directors. They credit Dana for giving them a background of faith and friendship that has helped sustain them through the years.

Nathan Krämer '89

The praises of Nathan Krämer, this year's Dana College Outstanding Young Alumnus, are numerous and come from a variety of nominating sources.

Krämer's first contact with Dana College came while he was still a high school student in Bethune, Colo. He visited Dana for several Luther League District retreats and conferences. Alice Laaker, the former dean of women at Dana, befriended the young student and encouraged him to come back to Dana for his college education.

With the help of Dana faculty, he overcame learning disabilities and perse-

vered to pass his courseload.

A highlight of his college experience was a 1987 Interim trip to Europe, led by Professor John W. Nielsen D '47 T '53. Krämer calls the trip 'one of the most powerful influences in my adult life It exposed me to things that make my life rich and rewarding today.'

He and his wife, Amy Barlow, met at a Lutheran church volunteer work program in 1983. They share a broad variety of interests including a passion for entertaining, writing and developing genealogical histories, classical music and

collecting family heirlooms and Dana memorabilia. Since graduation, Krämer has worked at Dana College, coordinating special events in Parnassus; as a creative partner and chef at Carey Cottage in Fremont; as an events coordinator for Creighton University, and since 1999 for HunTel.net in Blair, where he assists businesses in the development of web-sites. He continues to be active in alumni affairs, most notably as the creative director of The Grand Tour, Homecoming 2002 and The Hofbräuhaus for Homecoming 2003.

... And Venerable



This year's Homecoming Weekend saw the largest group of Venerable Vikings yet. The status is given to all alumni during their 50th class reunion year.

The following alumni attended the Venerable Viking reception: Sigrid Christensen '47, John Beck D '50 T '55, Ginny (Lippincott '51) Beck, Roma (Geisler '54) Bunch, Niels Carlsen D '49 T '56, Natalie (Petersen '52) Carlsen, Kenneth Christensen '53, John Christensen '54, Myra Dell (Vig '54) Christensen, Margie (Poh '54) Christensen, Vaughn Christensen '53, Joan (Nelson '54) Coffey, Robert Coffey '53, Ninna (Schultz '53) Engskow, Norman Freund D '54 T '58, Ann (Harms '54) George, Nancy (Ohlsson '54) Gumm, Edward Hansen D '39 T '42, Shirley (Bondo '42) Hansen, Daniel Hansen D '54 T '57, Gary Hansen '54, Alvina (Larsen '48) Hjortsvang, Arne Jessen '54, Willard Johnson '49, Oscar Johnson D '44 T '47, Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson, Cal Jorgensen '51, Erna (Thomsen '54) Jorgensen, Jerry Jorgensen '53, William King D '54 T '58, Joyce (Hayek '53) King, Dorothy Larsen '53, Red Leighton '49, Dorcas (Vammen '50) Leighton, Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen, Peter Mathiasen '54, Ellen (Olesen '54) Mendenhall, Paul Neve '41, Lloyd Neve D '45 T '47, Muriel Neve (honorary), Ried Neve D '48 T '51, Eunice (Peterson '49) Neve, LeVern Nielsen '54, Stanley Petersen '54, Darleen (Holm '53) Petersen, Arvin Quist '54, Carl Schattauer T '52, Doris (Jacob '54) Senica, Donna (Moree '54) Hansen, Arthur Sorensen D '49 T '52, Joan (Peterson '50) Sorensen, Connie Sorensen '53, Jeanne (Nielsen '53) Sorensen, Janet (Anderson '54) Svendsen, Alvin Svendsen '52, Marjorie (Jorth '49) Wahlgren, Mary (Skobo '50) Weckmuller, Helen (Jorgensen '54) Zelinger, Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen, Hans Mehr '54, Eleanor (Olson '53) Schultz



Round Robin Comes Home

A group of Dana alumni who have corresponded by round robin letters since leaving Dana in 1954, reunited during Homecoming weekend to catch up on everything that didn't make it into print. The ladies attended the special Saturday night program looking back on the "real" story of Lewis and Clark.

Pictured here are, top row from left, Roma (Geisler '54) Bunch, Marge (Poh '54) Christensen, Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madson; middle row from left, Joan (Nelson '54) Coffey, Ellen (Olesen '55) Mendenhall, Carole (Henningsen '57) Evert; and in front, Myra Dell (Vig '54) Christensen. Not pictured is Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen.

See all the Homecoming Weekend photos at www.dana.edu/alumni

Two Generations Honored with Hanson Award

Dana College presented Arthur and Helene Antholz and Lila and Clayton Nietfeld '65 with the Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award during the annual Dana College Builders Luncheon, May 21.

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

"Arthur and Helene Antholz regarded everything they had as their Lord's gift to them and believed that it should be shared with others," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president. "Their church, missions of their Lutheran Church and Dana College were among those they benefitted routinely. Their lives were models of Christian stewardship."

Arthur and Helene Antholz were true American farmers. From their first farm together north of McDonald, Kan., to their last near Nunn, Colo., the Antholzes were inspirations to their farmer friends. Arthur served on school and community boards, the Board of American Missions of the American Lutheran Church, the Central District

Mission Committee, the Martin Luther Home of Beatrice, Neb., and various committees at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Greeley, Colo., and Faith Lutheran Church in Eaton, Colo. Helene served in women's organizations on the local, conference and district levels, and also served as president of the Women of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. Arthur died in May 2001, and Helene lives at The Kenton Manor Care Center in Greeley, Colo.

The Antholzes passed their commitment to service and stewardship on to their daughter, Lila, and her husband, Clayton. After Clayton graduated from Dana College in 1965 and Wartburg Seminary in 1968, he and Lila served numerous congregations, including Denver, Colo.; Good Shepherd Home in Blair; Malmo, Neb.; Dodge City, Kan.; Englewood, Colo.; and Pickrell, Neb. Clayton also served as Central District Director for "Commitment to Mission," a stewardship program of the American Lutheran Church. The Nietfelds also spent a summer in the Seward Peninsula of Alaska, serving the five mission congregations there while the pas-



Lila and Clayton Nietfeld with President Myrvin Christopherson after the ceremony.

tors and families enjoyed vacation and further studies. Clayton retired from the ministry in 1996. He and Lila continue to live in Eaton, Colo.

"Rev. Clayton and Lila Nietfeld continued to share the legacy of the Antholz family and have lived their lives as servants of their Lord Jesus Christ," Christopherson said. "They sacrificed greatly so that at age 34 Clayton could come to Dana College and then Wartburg Seminary to prepare for the Lutheran ministry. When he retired from active ministry, he returned to be steward of the wheat farm Arthur farmed. Lila and Clayton practice their Christian faith on the land as well as in the pulpit or pew. Nobody in need escapes their loving service. We are honored that they would permit us to recognize them with the Hanson Servant Award."

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Special Teams

Rick Lebeda '07 has been playing soccer since age 4. It wasn't until his junior year of high school, when the football team needed a kicker, that Lebeda decided to lend his soccer leg to kicking footballs. And as the humble Lebeda puts it, he just "happened" to be good.

In Rick's first year at Dana, he broke five school records and set the GPAC record for the longest field goal — 57 yards. The NFL record is 63 yards.

Those who know Rick best, know his success is not just by chance. Dana's Head Football Coach Bill Danenhauer said, "Lebeda is one of the top athletes on our team."

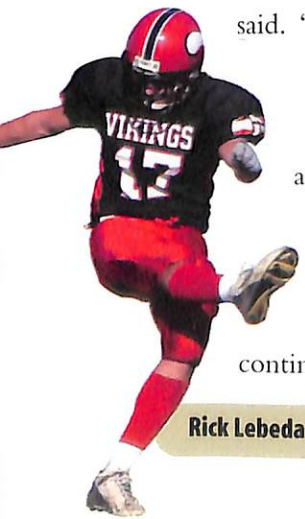
Receivers/Kickers Coach Pat Morris agreed.

"Rick is very competitive and confident," he said. "He has an incredible desire to be the best — to win. His teammates are drawn to that."

"I love it here," Lebeda said. "I came here because

Dana recruited me hard, and I liked Coach Danenhauer. This is the best place for me."

Lebeda hopes to continue kicking after col-



Rick Lebeda

lege or become a fire-fighter.

Offense

After high school, Tom Lensch '07 was recruited by several colleges to play baseball. But Lensch decided he wanted to play football for Danenhauer at Dana.

Dana's "River City" offense relies on Lensch's passing abilities. A sophomore from David City, Neb., Lensch started eight games for the Vikings in 2003 and passed for 1,016 yards.

In 2004, Lensch has reached even higher. Passing for 2,861 yards in nine games and breaking the collegiate (NAIA and NCAA) record for most pass attempts in a single game with his 101 tosses against Hastings College on Oct. 30.

"It's been a long time since I've coached a quarterback who has such a good understanding of the game and basic defense strategies. Tommy is continually improving. He has a real desire to learn and get better," Danenhauer said.



T.J. Weiss is the leader of the tough Dana defense, which has been gaining respect throughout the conference for smart, physical play.

Defense

T.J. Weiss '05 has been a constant on the Viking defense for four seasons. A co-captain this year, Weiss was unanimously selected as captain by his teammates.

With an average of 10 tackles per game, Weiss was one of the Top 25 best tacklers in the NAIA this season. Halfway through the season, Weiss led the Viking defense and was eighth in the individual GPAC statistics with 45 tackles. In 2003, Weiss received Honorable Mention All-Conference as well as Academic All-American honors.

"I'm glad I stuck it out all four years," Weiss said.

"T.J. is key to the Viking defense," said Defensive Coordinator Allen Friesen. "Players like T.J. are hard to come by and hard to replace."



Tom Lensch

Famed for their game

Five enter the Dana Athletic Hall of Fame

Five former Vikings joined the Dana Athletic Hall of Fame during a special luncheon held on Oct. 2.

Honorees are nominated for their excellence in athletics while attending Dana.

Ron Beaman '74

Coaching the Vikings one day was far from the mind of young Ron Beaman when he transferred to Dana College from Iowa Western College in 1971. He came to wrestle himself, learning from Coach Bob Simpson.

After two and a half seasons as a Viking wrestler, Beaman left Dana with a degree in physical education and recreation. He spent two years as the assistant manager of Alpha Fitness in Omaha before joining his family business. He was sales manager for the business for several years before he and his wife, Nancy, purchased the feed business in 1986, renaming it RB Distributing. That business structure gave him the freedom to say "yes" when Dana came calling with the offer of being the Viking wrestling coach in 1979, a job he had for 19 years.

His wrestlers earned a number of honors during his coaching years. Nineteen of his wrestlers placed in the national tournament; he also coached seven scholar athletes, another point of pride for Beaman.

His Viking teams earned wins in dual meets over some much larger schools, including NCAA Division I Valparaiso University and Chicago State University, NCAA Division II schools Central Mis-

souri State University and Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) and NAIA wrestling power Missouri Valley College. Two of his wrestlers, Bill Bussey and Trent Gutschenritter, are in the Dana Athletic Hall of Fame.

Since retiring as the Vikings' coach, Beaman started a second business, Ron Beaman Massage Therapy and Personal Training, along with R.B. Distributing. He and his wife, Nancy (Harris '74) have a daughter, Laura Beaman Pike.

Steve Cook '70

When Steve Cook arrived on the Dana Hill in the fall of 1966, he was accepting the campus "sight unseen" at the recommendation of his high school history teacher, Grant Walls Sr., whose son, Grant Walls Jr., just happened to be the Viking football coach at the time. Cook's first impression of the campus was of surprise, as the boy from the big city of Norwalk, Ohio, found an unpaved gravel road running through his new campus.

By the time Cook left the campus in 1970 with his bachelor's degree in physical education, both he and Dana College had benefited and he became a "Viking forever."

Cook was a four-year letterman for the Vikings. As a sophomore, he won first-team all-conference honors on defense. He repeated that honor in his junior season, also earning All-NAIA



New Hall of Fame inductees Scott Simms, Ron Beaman, Bryan Muschall and Steve Cook with Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson '61. Connie Tracewell was unable to attend the ceremony.

District II honors that year. In a memorable senior season, he again made the all-conference and All-NAIA District II first teams. He was the co-captain of his team, was first-team All-Lutheran College as a defensive tackle, was named to the *Omaha World-Herald* All-Nebraska College Team and received the Rufus Olson Memorial Award.

Today, Cook is the vice-president of Kelly Ryan Equipment and is the owner/manager of the Blair Marina. He and his wife, Kathleen Ann (Ryan '70) are the parents of two sons, Steven and Scott and of a daughter, Stephanie Jean (Cook) Rasmussen. The couple lives in Blair.

Bryan Muschall '90

The Vikings trailed by two points to Doane College in the fourth quarter and were deep in their own territory. It was Homecoming at Dana, 1988. The hand-off went to Bryan Muschall. The All-American delivered with a 95-yard run from scrimmage for a touchdown and the Vikings went on to win, 31-26. That run, one of the highlights of Dana football all-time, is listed by Muschall as one of his favorite Dana memories.

Muschall ended his years at Dana as the school's career rushing leader, gaining 3,471 from his running back position. He was all-conference each of his four years at Dana, 1986-89. He was named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* All-State College Team from 1987-89, was

the NAIA Division II leading rusher in 1987 and was named to the NAIA's first team of All-Americans in 1987. The Nebraska Chapter of the National College Football Hall of Fame inducted him into their chapter in 2003.

During his banner season in 1987, he led the nation in rushing yards. That year, the Vikings ended the season with an 8-3 record. They made it to the national playoffs, losing a heartbreaker to second-ranked Baker University, 35-37. That year, the team finished 14th in the national rankings. Although injuries plagued Muschall his last two seasons at Dana, he still finished among the country's Top 10 NAIA rushers in 1988, gaining 1,053 yards on 225 carries, an average of 4.7 yards each.

Muschall, a member of the Dana class of 1990, was a business major while at Dana. He currently lives in Council Bluffs with his family; he is self-employed. He and his wife, Susan, have a son, Dallas and a daughter, Riannon.

Scott Simms '81

As a two-sport athlete at Dana College, Scott Simms was versatile and durable. He has many fond memories of outstanding team performances during his years as a Viking. He was honored with the 1981 Coach Olson Award. At Dana, he majored in business and economics.

He won three letters in basketball, playing off the bench as the "sixth man" his sophomore and junior years. He became a starter as a senior, scoring an average of 14 points per game. His top individual game came against Northwest Missouri State that year, when he scored 26 points. The squad during his junior year was one of the school's best, finishing with an 18-10 record.

Simms' time on the pitching mound for Dana was outstanding. In a single day he earned two pitching victories against conference-rival Nebraska Wesleyan University. The second game of the

double-header was a no-hit shutout win. A single walk kept him from throwing a perfect game. In his final game in a Viking uniform, he threw 179 pitches in an 11-inning thriller over Wayne State in the district playoffs. It was a 5-4 win for the Vikings.

While he was on the Viking baseball squad he lettered four years. His career record was 25-15 with an ERA of 3.96 in 225 innings pitched. During his career, Dana won the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference three times and finished second during his sophomore year. He collected all-conference, all-area, NAIA all-district, all conference, all area and Academic All-American honors.

He is the manager of Kaiman's Grocery in Glenwood, Iowa. His wife, Mary (Welp) Simms graduated from Dana in 1981 with a degree in elementary education. The couple has two children, Rob and Cory.

Connie (Kennedy '82) Tracewell

Women's basketball was still in its early stages at Dana College back in 1978 when Connie Kennedy arrived to play for the Vikings.

Her inside game was her strength. Although statistics from those early years of Viking Women Basketball are scarce, Kennedy remembers that as an individual, one of her best performances came in her freshman year. "I don't remember how many points or rebounds I had," she said, "but I remember that I played well." Success in that particular game was important to Tracewell, because her Wahoo High School Coach had made the trip to Blair to see her play.

Her fondest basketball memory came when her team made it to the regional tournament during her junior year. Although the team was soundly defeated in the first round game, Tracewell remembers how proud she and her teammates were to represent the school at a game at that level.

Tracewell used her bachelor of science in biology degree in her career. She spent 10 years working in the animal health industry as part of a team of researchers who developed a vaccine that helps prevent pneumonia in swine. Tracewell and her husband, Bill, live in Lincoln. They have a son, Mason, and a daughter, Hayley. She is currently spending her time raising her children. She credits the hard work, desire and practice she put into basketball at Dana as something she now carries over and uses daily in raising her family.

Sports Shorts

Sharp Shooters

The 2003 Dana women's basketball team completed the season with a team GPA of 3.558, the highest of all Dana College's sports teams for the 2003-04 school year and the fifth highest in the nation. This accomplishment reflects Dana's commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Head Coach Brenda Mechels '96 said she is proud of her team's achievement. "When I'm recruiting, I look for student-athletes who work hard in the classroom, because they will also work hard on the court."

Basketball Centarians

This season marks the 100th season of men's basketball at Dana College. Friends and alumni are invited to attend a special celebration on Saturday, February 5, 2005, during the Dana vs. Dordt College men's basketball game. Tipoff is at 4 p.m.

Three New Coaches Join Dana

Three new head coaches join Dana College's growing athletic department for the 2004–05 year. The coaches hail from Merced, Calif., Serbia and Montenegro, and Woodbine, Iowa, and all three promise to bring success to the Vikings.

Bruce Atkinson

Bruce Atkinson took over the Viking volleyball program this fall. Atkinson came to Dana from Merced College in California, where he had served as the assistant women's volleyball coach since 1999.



During his time at Merced, the volleyball team never finished lower than fourth in the Central Valley Conference of the Community College League of California. The conference and league are known for producing solid student athletes — especially in volleyball — who go on to great athletic careers at four-year institutions.

"I'm extremely excited to have Coach Atkinson direct our volleyball team," said Jim Krueger '85, director of athletics. "To have a coach of his experience join our program will make a great addition to the athletic department and keep us competitive in the perennially tough Great Plains Athletic Conference."

Atkinson has previously coached at the high school level and competed for Brigham Young University-Hawaii's men's club volleyball team and in California Beach Volleyball Association tournaments.

Atkinson said he chose to come to Dana because of the college's commitment to building an exceptional team that will develop into a legacy.

Under Atkinson's direction, the volleyball team won their first match in the Gardner-Hawks Center, something they had missed out on last year. Spectators also remarked on improved strategy and skill sets.

Nik Barjaktarevic

Dana's women's soccer program plans to keep its successful dominance streak alive with new head coach Nik Barjaktarevic.



"Nik is a great fit for Dana College," Krueger said. "His knowledge of soccer and the GPAC, and his enthusiasm enable him to continue a successful women's soccer program at Dana."

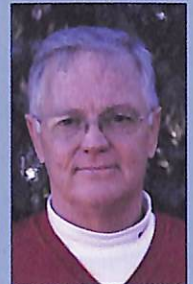
Barjaktarevic came to Dana after serving as a graduate assistant men's soccer coach at Hastings College. During his time there, the Broncos were 45-4-1, clinched the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) title twice, and finished No. 18 and No. 3 in the NAIA overall rankings. He also served as Hastings High School's head boys' soccer coach, leading the Tigers to their first winning season in school history.

Before Hastings, Barjaktarevic was a defensive standout for Union University in Tennessee. He was named Best Defensive Player and led the NAIA's third-ranked defense in 2000, his first season. Originally from Belgrade in Serbia and Montenegro (part of the former Yugoslavia), Barjaktarevic was a member of several premier soccer teams before coming to the United States to continue his education.

This fall, the Dana women's soccer team was once again successful, earning a No. 4 seed in the GPAC tournament. Although that game was lost in a double-overtime penalty shootout, Dana ended with a respectable 8-9-2 season record.

Warren Kuhl

Warren Kuhl of Woodbine, Iowa, assumed responsibility this fall for guiding Dana's first women's golf team in their inaugural season.



"We are very fortunate to have Warren bring his experience as a successful coach in both Nebraska and Iowa to Dana's golf program," Krueger said. "By getting such an outstanding candidate to start up the program we feel we are starting a great tradition at Dana."

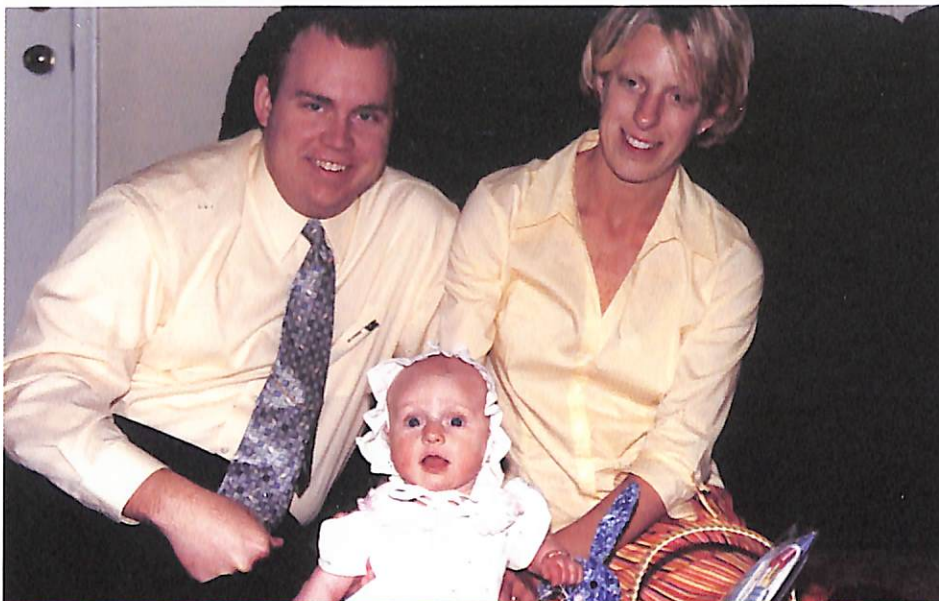
Kuhl brings 30 years of high school coaching to Dana, his first collegiate position. He led the Maple Valley High School girls' golf team to a fifth place finish in the 1998 Iowa state championships. In 1986 he coached the Madison High School football team to a third place finish in the Nebraska state championships.

"I think that most people who coach in high school think of moving up," Kuhl said. "I'm excited about starting a new program at Dana."

Kuhl said he was attracted to Dana's small college environment, where student athletes are encouraged to grow in both their athleticism and in the classroom, without requiring them to give up all their other interests in life.

Although Dana's first season was tough, GPAC All-Conference Team members and freshmen Brooke McCabe and Karla Harshbarger show that Dana golf has a great future ahead of it.

Destiny's Deep Sea



Matt Anderson '98 and his wife, Lori, welcomed a baby girl, Hailey Elizabeth, on Oct. 8, 2003. The family bought a house in Manchester, Mo., in April 2004. Both Matt and Lori are pursuing doctoral degrees in chemical biology from Washington University in Saint Louis, Mo.



Melissa (Lewis '02) Schere and her husband, George, are the parents of a son, Grant William, born Aug. 26. Grant weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. The family lives in Omaha.



Denecia (Siemers '98) Royer and her husband, Todd, welcomed a daughter, Morgan Jane, on Aug. 13.

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Tanya Chadwick '04 married Steve Bruck on July 17 in Earling, Iowa.

Anne Sonntag '04 married Kyle Quist on July 2 in Atlantic, Iowa.

Sandra Wakeman '04 and Derek Fey '03 were married on June 12 in Omaha. Sandra is director of before- and after-care at Underwood Hills Elementary in Omaha. Derek is employed at Westside High School in Omaha. The couple resides in Omaha.

Rachel Ahrens '03 is a full-time preschool teacher at Children's Respite Care Center in Omaha.

Brian Erickson '03 is the band director for both the Woden-Crystal Lake School District and Titonka schools in Iowa. Brian lives in Titonka with his two sons, Scott, 18, and Logan, 14.

Erin Sorensen '03 and Matt Reed '04 were married on July 31 in Omaha. Erin is pursuing a nursing degree from Creighton University in Omaha. Matt is a Medicare auditor for Mutual of Omaha.

John Brummer '02 married Tracy Maciejewski on July 24 in Loup City, Neb. John is a science teacher at St. Edward (Neb.) Public Schools.

Kaj Nielsen '02 is a surveyor at Thompson, Dreesen & Dorner, Inc. in Omaha.

Mark Sukraw '02 earned a master's degree from the Cadre Teaching Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in August 2003. He works at Beadle Middle School in Millard, Neb., where he teaches geography and reading, and coaches football, track and chess. Mark married Angela Barnhard on July 3, 2004. He serves in the Bennington (Neb.) Lions Club, coaches little league football and is on the church council at St. John Lutheran, where he teaches Sunday school and sings in the choir. Mark is a member of the Nebraska Choral Arts Masterworks Choir.

Christian "CT" Holz '01 married Erica Blodgett '01 on Sept. 25 in Omaha. Christian is a sales coordinator for Hertz Equipment Rental.

Tara (Zellmer '00) Clark is working at ConAgra Foods in Omaha as a benefits customer service specialist. She and her husband, Ed, in live Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Lee Heimes '00 married Joan Clarkson on July 17 in Bow Valley, Neb. Lee is a teacher and coach at Wynot (Neb.) Public School.

Jason Mitchell '00 is a first-year football coach at Minatare (Neb.) High School.

Bob Spangler '00 married Terra Riediger on July 5 in Rapid City, S.D. Bob completed his master's in special education degree this summer and works at Benson High School in Omaha. He is also the head cross country coach and assistant track coach at Dana.

Razzy Sparacino '00 and Luke Connell '02 were married Sept. 11 in Omaha. Razzy is a middle school science teacher at Norris Middle School in Omaha. Luke is a marketing representative with John Hancock in Omaha.

Anthony Ward '00 is the director of music for campus ministry at Creighton University in Omaha. He lives in Omaha with his wife, Jennifer (Patience '99) Ward, and their two children, Anna and Ian.

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Jon Barta '99 married Sarah Ricke on April 30. Jon is a physical education teacher at Sandoz Elementary in the Millard (Neb.) public school system. The couple lives in Omaha.

Tony Eitzmann '99 has been promoted to manager at Scim Johnson Sestak & Quist, a certified public accounting firm in Omaha.

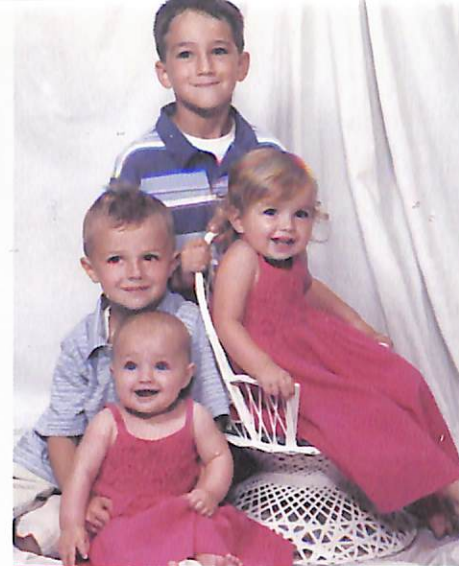
Lindsay (Bruning '99) Paulsen and her husband, Craig, have moved to Omaha. Lindsay is the 2-1-1 data resource and outreach manager for United Way of the Midlands.



Kara (Koehler '96) Johnson and her husband, Matt, welcomed son Cole Hunter on May 14. Cole weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins sister Paige, 2.



Gretchen (Last '95) Stanley and her husband, Michael, had their first child, Noah Michael, on July 16. Gretchen teaches K-4 at Fort Dodge (Iowa) Community Schools.

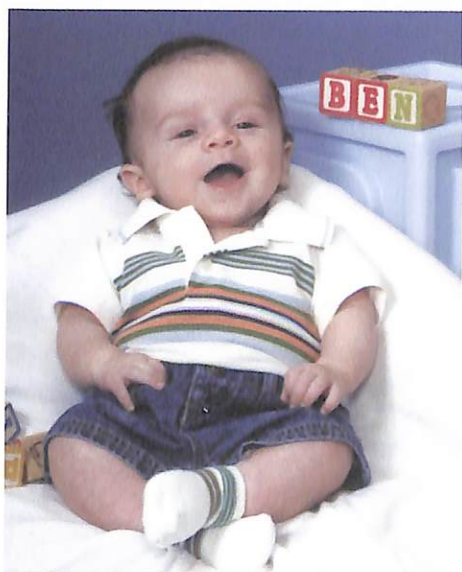


Barbie (Bentley '94) and Shawn Bluml '96 welcomed a new baby, Isabelle Ruby, on Dec. 22, 2003. Isabelle joins siblings Tucker, 7, Tatem, 5, and Gracelyn, 2. Shawn works at CSG Systems in Omaha. Barbie is a stay-at-home mom.

Nikki Kinsey '99 traveled to the Motown 45 TV special taping on May 17 to participate in the Celebrity Retreat. During the show, Nikki represented her e-business design firm, Sol Chicks Design, while displaying her glassware, jeans and accessories backstage for Motown legends and other stars who attended the show.

Kolette (Haskell '99) and Cedric Satterfield '00 welcomed their third child, Rowen Kaley, on May 30. Rowen weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins older brother Trevelian, 4, and sister Briallen, 1. The family lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Jill Williby '99 married Jason Garrett on June 9 in Las Vegas, Nev. The couple lives in Omaha.



Krista (Sesker '94) Pocta and her husband, Christopher, had their first baby on June 11. Benjamin Christopher weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Champlin, Minn.

Terra (Schmidt '98) Beethe graduated in May from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a master's of science in reading degree with an endorsement in library media. She is currently working at Bellevue (Neb.) University as a student support specialist.

Susan (Weddingfeld '98) and Brent Jensen '98 welcomed a daughter, Riley Marie, on April 8. Riley weighed 9 pounds, 8.5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Jami (Prouty '98) Finazzo runs her own salon, Salon at Prouty Place, along with her sister Juli Prouty in the family's building across from the Qwest Center in downtown Omaha.

Fafani (Goecke '97) Bents earned her master's degree in education in December 2003. She is currently a school psychologist in River Falls and Hudson, Wis. Her husband, Gerd Bents '99 continues his studies at Luther Seminary. They welcomed their second child, Harm Frederick, on Aug. 2. Harm weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and joins his big sister, Raena.

Stephanie Carlson-Pruch '97 is teaching K-6 art at Castelar Elementary in Omaha and working on her master's degree in special populations in education at Creighton University.

John Chandler '97 started a new job at Bramming Kostskole in January 2004. He lives in Grindsted, Denmark.

Cameron Arthur '96 teaches criminal justice at Dana and Hamilton College in Omaha, where he also serves as the director of student services. He has retired from law enforcement after serving with the Kansas City (Mo.) Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Nicole Stromgren '96 is the new basketball coach at Omaha Mercy High School.

Angela Martinsen '95 is working at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. She lives in Omaha.

Cara (Lucas '95) Richt completed a master's in educational leadership degree from Doane Col-

lege in Crete, Neb., in May 2004. She is now working as a supervisor for special education in the Omaha Public Schools.

Kelly (Wesemann '94) Martinson has been elected president of the Omaha Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants. She is serving a one-year term from July 2004 to June 2005.

Patty Ross '94 is teaching second grade in the Omaha Public Schools. She is starting her 11th year of teaching and is working on a master's degree through Peru (Neb.) State College.

Amanda (Prideaux '93) Blazek is teaching music at Trinity Catholic School in Protivin, Iowa. She lives in Lawler, Iowa, with her husband, Tony, and children, Destiny and Anthony.

Matthew Plowman '93, associate professor of history at Waldorf College, recently attended the Fourth Galway Conference on Colonialism at the National University of Ireland. Matthew presented his paper, "The Alliance and Leadership of Sinn Féin with the Gadar Party in the Indo-German Conspiracy of World War I," which was based upon an article recently published in the *New Hibernia Review*. He also was recently granted tenure at Waldorf.

Diana (Jones '90) Thomas graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a master's degree in educational administration and supervision recently. She is teaching MH:Mild students at the high school level for the Omaha Public School District. She lives in Bellevue, Neb.

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Jennifer (Crosley '88) Kelley and her husband, Britt, welcomed a daughter, Kaliska Mae, on April 27. Jennifer is a medical social worker at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, where she does discharge planning for renal, oncol-



Mike Haller '92 became Mr. Arizona Body Builder for the second time in July. Mike works as a personal body trainer in Meza, Ariz.



A group of Dana alumni got together at the home of Lisa (Hansen '90) Frank in Elkhorn, Neb., to visit with former Dana Danish instructor, Anni Boelum, who taught at Dana in 1986-87. After spending the week with the Franks, Anni and her husband, Peter Aaskov, traveled throughout the western United States. Pictured here, from left, is Peter, Gordon Frank, Connor Frank, Ted Bansen '89, Lisa, Mary Miller, Christian Bansen, Anni and Margie (Miller '87) Bansen.

ogy and trauma patients. She also serves as a practicum field instructor for Dana's social work program.

Jeralyn (Holling '87) Callahan earned her master's degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in December 2003. She has been teaching at Brady (Neb.) Public School for 17 years in the first and sixth grades. She has also been the head volleyball coach, assistant girls' basketball coach and quiz bowl coach. Jeralyn and her husband, Tim, have been married for 14 years and have a son, Ethan, 11, and a daughter, Tera, 5. They live in Brady.

Steve Godwin '87 and his wife, Ann, had their first child, Sydney Sadiya, on March 4. Sydney weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Steve is a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, studying great gray and northern spotted owls. The family lives in Eagle Point, Ore.

Mark Pickel '86 is the assistant principal at Kamiakin High School in the Kennewick (Wash.) School District, where he lives.

Dixielee (Reed '84) Tripp and her husband, Robert, have purchased the Galloway House Inn Bed and Breakfast in Weiser, Idaho. The Galloway is a 104-year-old home of Queen Anne design. It is a three-story home with five guest rooms. Dix-

ilee said, "We'd love to have people from Nebraska come out to see how beautiful Idaho is."

Kim (Rasmussen '83) Pierce recently took a position as the administrative assistant to the executive pastor and director of local ministries at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha. She is also the wedding coordinator and works with the Inside-Out and Sudanese ministries.



This group of Dana grads has been getting together for a reunion for nine years. They are Shelly (Peterson '83) and Scott Grorud '82 and their children, Kirsten and Andrew; Kari Jo (Molzer '85) and Kevin Johnson '83 and their children, Kirsten, Kaitlin and Kurtis; Julie and Monty Scheele '83 and their children, Jorie and Jacob; Val (McCoy '84) Rosenthal and her children, Ben and Jackson; and Leanne (Danahy '83) and Mark Buland and their children, Matt and Claire. This year's reunion was in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Lydia (Kerns '90) and Mark Rothfusz '91 are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kaitlyn Jean, born Aug. 20. Kaitlyn weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins siblings, Lisa, Andrew and Aaron. Mark works in Harlan, Iowa, as co-manager of HineLine Home Furnishing. Lydia earned her master's degree in social work in 1995 and has been a full-time homemaker since 1998. The family lives in Atlantic, Iowa.



Jerry Wallace '78 is the new K-12 principal for Banner County Elementary and High School in Harrisburg, Neb. Jerry served for the last five years at Norfolk (Neb.) Catholic High School as a boys' basketball coach and history instructor.



A reunion weekend was held July 8-9 in Blair and on the Dana campus for this group of friends from the classes of '69-'71. Pictured, from left in the front row, are Jan (Penke '70) Bates, Diane (Schmidt '71) Christenson, Betsy (Buck '69) Anderson and Judy (Zimmerman '71) Mathiesen, middle row, Jan (Schneider '71) Young, Toni (Bailey '70) Feuerbach, Karen (Lausterer '70) Riddle and Eileen (Taake '69) Simonsen, back row, Nancy (Munn '70) Anderson and Nancy (Blobsaum '70) Ludwig. Not pictured is Rikki (Forney '70) Hulsebus.



A group of Dana alumni spent a week together at Norman Dynneson's '68 cabin in Wisconsin this summer. Pictured here, from left, front row, are Nikki (Shields '00) Riffner, Max Riffner '99, Norman and David Shield '97; back row, Joe Shields '69, Sharon (Dynneson '69) Shields and Leshara (Means '97) Shields.

Paulette (Strecker '81) Orr started a new position as a special education resource room teacher at Offerle (Kan.) Elementary. She is employed by the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative of Larned, Kan. She and her husband, Byron, have a son, Wesley, who is a sophomore in high school, and a daughter, Christine, who is a fifth grader. The family lives in Larned.

Elizabeth (Falksen '80) Brockhoff has taken the position of director of choral music at Park Hill South High School in Parkville, Mo. Her hus-

band, Merle Brockhoff '81 is on leave from ministerial call.

70s

Howard Kulzer '78 and his wife, Alice, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4 at their home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jeanmarie Nielsen '78 and her husband, Michael Anderson, have moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., after teaching at Dana for 18 years. Michael

is professor of trumpet at Oklahoma City University, and Jeanmarie is adjunct professor of voice at Southern Nazarene University. Their children, Colin and Maren, are attending school in the Putnam City (Okla.) School District.

Dennis Nelson '76 spoke on "Breaking the Links Between War and Energy, Enhancing Our National and Energy Security" at Peace Fest in Chicago, Ill., on July 11. Dennis is a researcher for Sustainable Energy Technologies and Global Warming with the Nuclear Energy Information Service in Evanston, Ill. He lives in Chicago.

Norma (Wolf '71) Potadle is retired and living in an assisted living retirement home. She leads a Bible study group once a week and is a member of a residents' choir.

60s

Pat (O'Dell '67) Otto received the 2003-04 Burke High School Community Leader Award in recognition of her commitment and support of Burke High in Omaha. She was the first woman to be selected for the award. Pat works as an athletic director assistant aide and substitute teacher at Burke. She also volunteers as a worker for the Nebraska state track meet, and the state softball and baseball tournaments.

Nancy (Jacobsen '64) TeSelle judged the "Celebrate the Hills" art exhibit in Moorhead, Iowa.

Elaine (Lillethorup '60) Olson spent a week in Koyukuk, Alaska, as part of a volunteer group to teach Vacation Bible School to Alaskan natives. The trip required a plane landing on a gravel strip runway, 24 hours of sunlight a day and lots of water hauling. But Elaine said she felt God had truly blessed their work and is looking forward to returning next year. She lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



In April, a mini-Dana reunion was held in Hollywood, Calif. Pictured, from left, are Roma (Geisler '54) Bunch, Margaret (Christiansen '53) Madsen, Liz Callaway, Ann Hampton Callaway, Dorothy (Kloth '56) Petersen and Jon Petersen '56. Liz and Ann are the daughters of Shirley (Andersen '55) Callaway.

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Marilyn (Guyer '48) McCormick is one of 10 docents at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha who have volunteered for more than 30 years. Now in her 31st year, Marilyn is at the zoo nearly every weekday, performing a variety of tasks from weeding plants to assisting in the genetics lab.

Deaths

Lucille Lindahl '83 died Aug. 8 in Vancouver, Wash. Luci was very active in the Vancouver Vineyard Church and enjoyed music, reading, painting and taking care of her cat. Survivors include her parents, and two sisters, including Lorie (Lindahl '86) Thomas.

Donald Wernz '66 died July 21 in Baltimore, Md. He worked at the Bethlehem Penwood (Md.) Power Station for 42 years. Donald had a lifelong interest in railroading and model trains. Survivors include his wife, Julie, two sons, a daughter and

three granddaughters.

Walter Fox '64 died March 10 in Sioux City, Iowa. After six years in the 185th Air National Guard, Wally operated Fox Implement as a chain saw dealer. Several of his chain saw carvings grace the yards of his family and friends. He also farmed in Turin, Iowa, using innovative soil conservation methods for stewardship of his beloved Loess Hills. Survivors include his wife, Faye (Byriel '64) Fox, a daughter, Chere (Fox '85) O'Reilly, a son, nine grandchildren, two sisters and his step-mother.

Charles Hansen '50 died June 16 in McCook, Neb. He and his wife, Arlene (Hatt '50) Hansen, owned and operated Hansen's Market in Arlington, Neb., for 34 years until they retired. Charles was a scout master for 10 years and served on the Arlington Village Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a brother and two sisters.

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