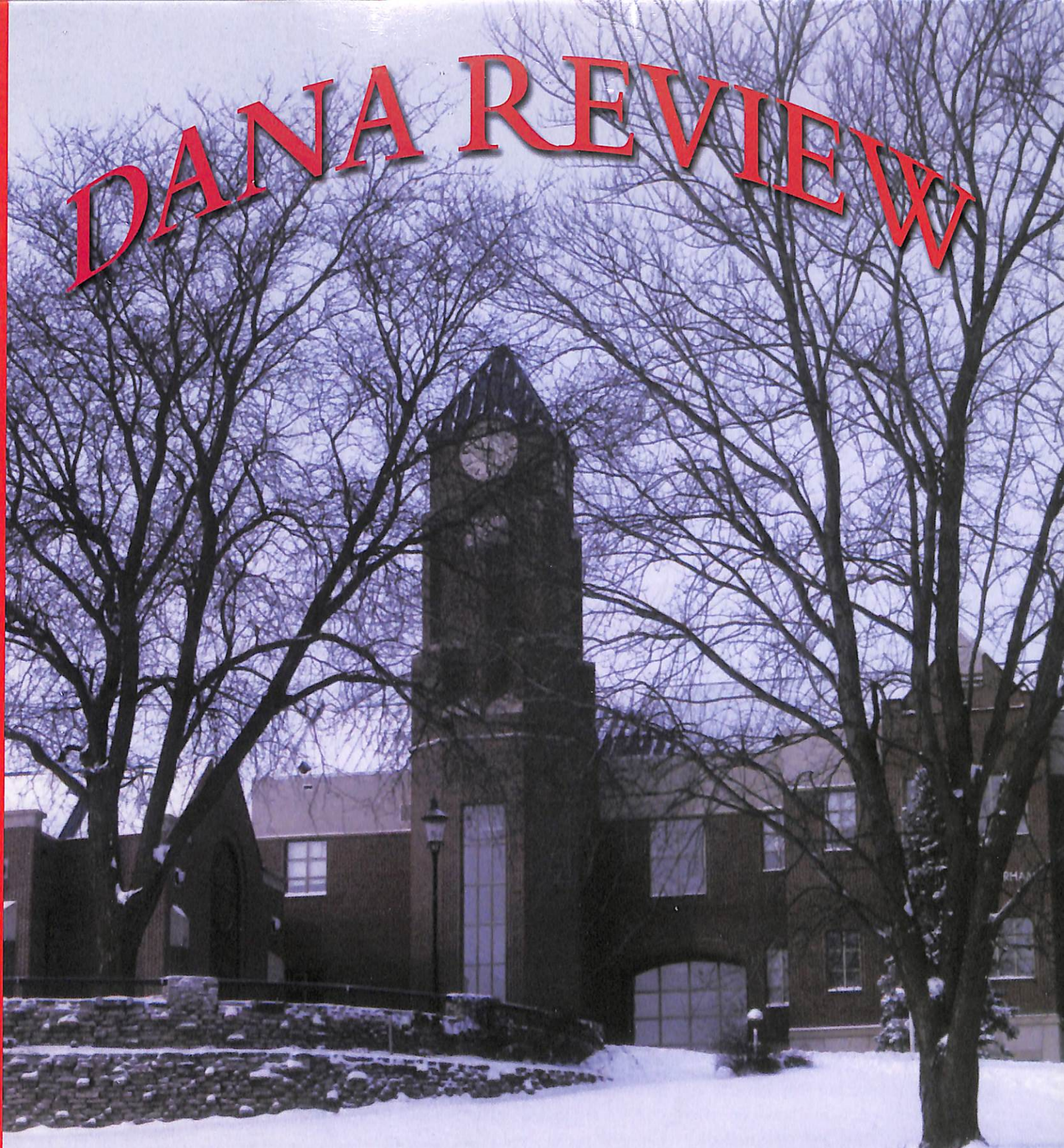



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A Job Well Done A Life Well Lived

He was a source of great pride! Paul Simon, who is arguably our most distinguished alumnus — certainly our most widely recognized one — died unexpectedly in December of complications following heart surgery in Springfield, Ill. Director of Special Events and Projects Anne Christopherson and I attended his memorial service at the Southern Illinois University Arena on Dec. 14, as did Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate dean for student success, professor of German and director of International Studies and the English Language Institute.

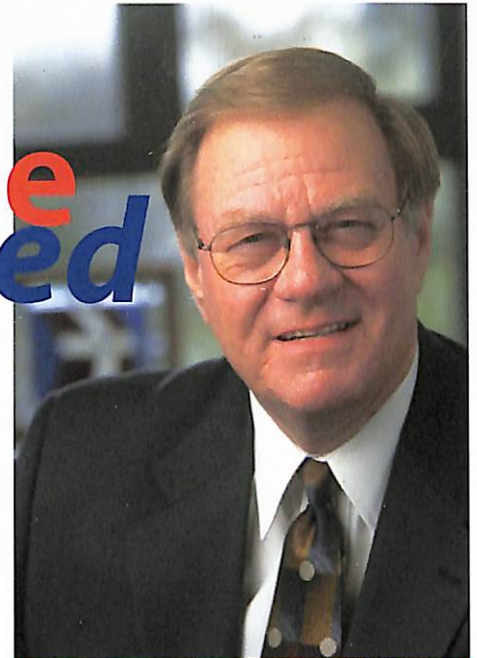
It was a moving ceremony with more than 6,000 on hand to honor and salute a man who meant so much to so many. Little was said about Dana at any of the farewell events, but we who knew Paul knew how much he loved this college. I recall being at an event with several dozen college and university presidents in Washington, D.C., many years ago when Sen. Simon spoke. Several fellow presidents in attendance from Illinois commented that he spent more time talking about Dana than any of their institutions.

He had agreed to come back on the Dana College Board of Regents effective January 1 this year, but that was not to be. We are most grateful, however, that he and his wife, Patti, were able to come to campus for Homecoming this past October. He loved the Traditional Choir Reunion, cheering for the Dana football and volleyball teams, and visiting with classmates. He made a special plea that we set Homecoming dates three years in advance so that he could free his calendar to attend.

One can argue over how much influence Dana had on his life. Writers often called him a college drop-out, which I think quite unfair, especially given the fact that he was a lifelong learner, always the student, and, as his colleagues and friends, Senators Alan Simpson and Edward Kennedy said, “always the teacher.” The author of 22 or more books, he was surely not a “student” drop-out.

I shall always be grateful for his gift a few years ago of his remaining presidential campaign funds to establish at Dana an endowed travel loan fund. We call it the Simon Travel Loan Fund, as it makes small loans to Dana students who plan to study overseas. Paul's request was that the money be given as a “loan” with no stipulations except a request that one day recipients return the funds and perhaps an added amount so it becomes a perpetual loan fund. I urge Dana alumni and friends to make memorial contributions in any amount to enable us to continue the Simon Fund. Paul believed travel and friendship among people of different nations would improve the prospects for peace.

I remember when he ran for president and a *Life* reporter asked him to name his favorite musical group. Without hesitation, he responded, “The Dana College Choir.” Students put giant bow ties on the residence halls that year when he visited. People of all walks of life loved the man because he was a devoted statesman, a rare public servant who cared little for what the polls said as long as his heart and conscience were clean. He was often compared to Abraham Lincoln. One syndicated cartoonist recently drew a




President Myrvin F. Christopherson

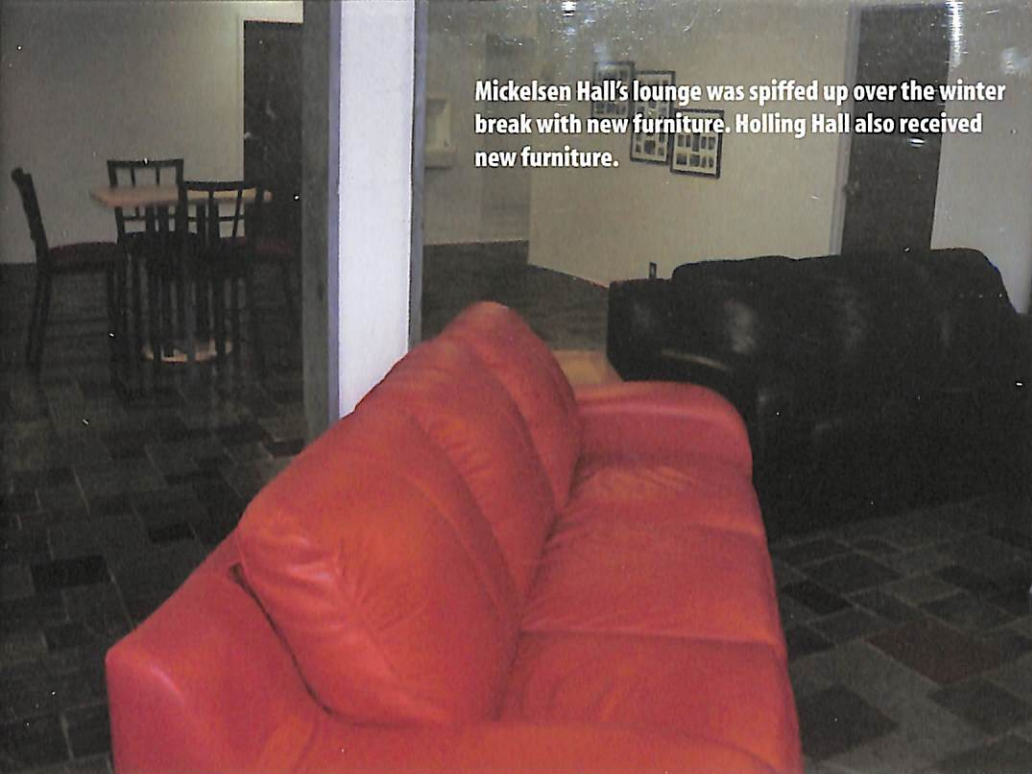
caricature of Simon and Abraham Lincoln shaking hands outside the pearly gates. An angel in the background says, “Wow! It's that Illinois politician famous for his honesty!” The other angel replies, “Which one?”

We shall miss Paul greatly. His role model will not soon be forgotten. He often said he got his start in politics at Dana as student body president. I know this: He gave much back to his alma mater. Another cartoonist captured his life well. A drawing of a huge hand-tied bow tie fills the drawing. The caption reads: “Honesty — Dignity — Courage — Respect, Paul Simon 1928-2003.” May his devotion to public service and humane, fair-minded treatment of all people be a model for Dana students always, for all people always. Our prayers go out to Patti and his children, Sheila and Martin, and their families.



Thank You, Paul, for a job well done, a life well lived! 

Mickelsen Hall's lounge was spiffed up over the winter break with new furniture. Holling Hall also received new furniture.



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On the Hill

Two Join Dana Board of Regents

A financial notable and a Blair medical pillar became the two newest members of the Dana College Board of Regents in the fall. The Regents are the guiding body of Dana College and meet to decide on measures to ensure Dana's prosperous future.

Merlyn Minderman

A knowledge of finance and a strong background in community service are just two of the attributes that Merlyn Minderman of York brings to the Dana College Board of Regents.



Merlyn Minderman

Minderman was a 1953 graduate of Avoca High School. His post-graduate education included studies at the National Business Institute and the University of Nebraska, along with banking schools at the University of Oklahoma and Southern Methodist University.

He began his banking career at the Continental National Bank in Lincoln, working parttime while he was still a student. He was on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1955-57, returning to banking at Continental National Bank until 1960. He then spent 15 years with Gateway Bank in Lincoln in operations, as a loan officer and director.

He made his move in 1975 to York's First National Bank (now Cornerstone Bank). He served as the senior loan officer and in financial services before his retirement in 2000. Although retired, he continues to serve as a member relations consultant for both the American Bankers Association and National Business Association.

Retirement may not truly describe his lifestyle, since he continues to serve as a director of the Cornerstone Bank, the Albion National Management Company and Sutton Agency; as Advisory Director of First National Bank and Trust of Syra-

cuse; as vice president and director of S & M Farms, Inc., and the vice chairman of the York Housing Authority.

He is an active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in York and is also a member of the Sertoma Club, Chamber of Commerce, the York County Development Corporation, the Country Club and the York Ambassadors. He has served in a variety of leadership positions with most of his service organizations.

He and his wife, Velda, have been married 47 years. They have two children. Stephen, a real estate broker in Brandon, Fla., and his wife, Audrey, have a daughter, Jordan, and are expecting another child in February. Their daughter, Kathleen Plond, and her husband, Doug, live in Garden City, Mich. They have two children, Ashley and Brandon. His mother still lives in Syracuse, near where Merlyn grew up.

Carol Weckmuller

A familiar face around Blair and the Dana campus also joins the Board of Regents.

Dr. Carol Weckmuller is a life-long resident of Blair and was born at Memorial Community Hospital, where she is now a family physician. Her mother, Mary (Skobo '50) Weckmuller,



Carol Weckmuller

who also lives in Blair, is a graduate of Dana with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Her father, Raymond Weckmuller '52 also taught in the education department for 28 years before his death in 1986.

Weckmuller has a 6-year-old daughter, Anna, who attends North School in Blair.

Weckmuller graduated from Dana in 1980 with a degree in biology and general sciences. She graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, where she performed her family practice residency.

She is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American Medical Association. She is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is also currently the medical director at Good Shepard Home in Blair. Her special interests in medicine are geriatrics and women's health, including breast cancer and preventive medicine.

She was named an Outstanding Young Alumna of Dana College in 1995.

Weckmuller said she is excited about joining the Dana College Board of Regents.

"My family and I have quite a bit of history with the school, and I'm very interested in its welfare," she said. "Dana is an excellent educational institution, and I'm looking forward to the work involved in assuring it continues its tradition of excellence for future generations."



More than 1,000 people enjoyed the famous Scandinavian Smorgasbord at Dana's annual Sights & Sounds of Christmas celebration, Dec. 6 and 7. The Saturday night setting of the Smorgasbord sold out. Guests at that setting enjoyed a dinner performance by the First Lutheran (Blair) Male Choir, in the background in this photo. They were one of six musical groups at the festival.

Dana Hosts Web World Premiere

Dana College's Professor Michael Anderson performed Robert Bradshaw's "Sonata for Trumpet" on Nov. 5 as part of a unique premiere effort for the piece.



Michael Anderson

The performance was part of Bradshaw's 50 States Premiere Project, which aimed to get Bradshaw's new piece performed in all 50 U.S. states and as many other places as possible during the month of November. Anderson was the performer for the state of Nebraska.

Anderson's concert was also carried live on Dana's radio station, KDCV 91.1, and on the station's live webcast feed at www.huntel.net/kdcv. The webcast was a world-wide premiere event, exclusively carried by Dana College.

UELC to Hold 2004 Reunion

A United Evangelical Lutheran Church Reunion will be held June 11-13 at Dana. This event is the 19th such gathering of former UELC laity and clergy. In 2002, the group gathered at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

The program will center on the past and present of two former UELC missions: Santal Mission in India and Oaks Indian Mission (now Oaks Indian Center) in Oklahoma.

Dana Professor John Mark Nielsen '73 and his wife, Dawn (Carper '74) Nielsen will speak on the Danish Trading Colonies and their encounter with India when John Mark was a Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Literature in 2000.

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Dr. Edward A. Hansen D '39 T '42 will share Santal Mission mementos from his travels and term on the mission's board.

Former Oaks Indian Mission Board member Phil Larsen '49 and current member Gene Meyer will present information on the Oklahoma mission.

Those arriving on Friday are invited to gather for coffee at 3 p.m. in The Forum of the Margre Henningson Durham Center. The Rev. Bonnie (Hagedorn '70) Jensen will preach on Sunday and the Rev. Ried Neve D '48 T '51 will preside.

Registration materials for the reunion will be mailed in late February. If you do not receive the mailing or if you need other assistance, please contact the Dana Alumni Office.

'Blaze a Trail' to Homecoming '04

Using Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery as a springboard, Dana College is planning a Saturday evening Homecoming program on Oct. 2 unlike any you will find elsewhere in history.

Dick Zion '70 (a.k.a. Montana) and others will be on stage to present this historical event in a hysterical new light. What was happening on the Dana Hill at the time of Lewis and Clark? (See notice on page 6 for more information on how you can participate.)

More information will be provided in the next issue of the DANA REVIEW and in a Homecoming mailer to homes in early summer. Class reunions this year are for the Classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94 and '99.

Alumni Help Students Settle In

Aug. 21, 2003, was move-in day for new Dana students. On this hot and humid day, students and their parents were met by members of the football team, who provided the muscle to get their things to their room. The Alumni Council set up welcome centers in the dorms and treated everyone to homemade cookies and bars, lemonade and ice water.

Dana Adds Three Majors for Fall

An iMedia major and two different Accounting majors will join Dana's diverse academic offerings starting with the Fall 2004 semester.

The addition of the new programs of study will help Dana students better prepare for the workplaces of today and tomorrow, said Dr. Brian Viets, provost and dean of the college.

"Both of these majors are built largely with classes we already offer," Viets said. "In a way it is a repackaging of our programs made to better suit the needs of our students."

The new iMedia major's innovative approach to instruction will give Dana graduates an advantage in the workplace. Although the major is offered by Dana's art department, it provides students with a broad background in interactive media and its uses in business.

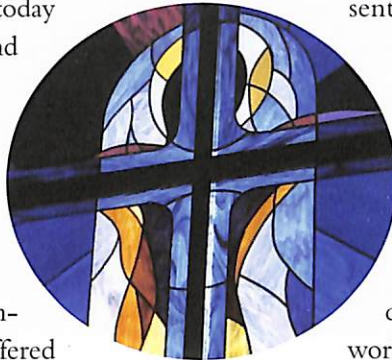
The major capitalizes on the interdisciplinary strength of a small, liberal arts school, where programs are already designed to cover multiple areas of study.

The accounting majors are an extension of an existing program within the business administration major. The Accounting major will replace the old emphasis within the Business Administration major. The Public Accounting major adds extra courses that will make it easier for Dana's students to become certified public accountants. The CPA examinations require applicants to have taken certain kinds of classes as well as more classes than the average college graduate. The new Public Accounting major will completely prepare students for this testing process.

Read the full story at www.dana.edu/review

Second Trinity Window Installed

The second of three planned stained glass windows was installed this winter in Trinity Chapel. The windows each represent an aspect of the Trinity. "Father" was installed earlier this year. The second window represents Christ.



Designer Jeff Schmitz said he used the existing structure of the window to construct his view of Christ on the cross as seen from the back.

"We observe the crucifixion from behind the cross, symbolically showing Christ turning his back on death — the cross — and his face turned outward to the world — the campus and beyond," Schmitz said of the window's design. "The Roman arch or bell cover-shaped nimbus surrounding Christ can be seen as an extension of his halo and brings to mind an inner sanctum or greater holiness."

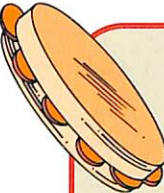
Christophersons Honored by Blair

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president, and Anne Christopherson, director of special events and projects, were the recipients of the 2004 Blair Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, given to them in January at a special dinner ceremony. Several members of the Dana community attended the event to cheer the Christophersons.

"Myrv and Anne exemplify Blair's ideals," said State Senator Mick Mines, who presented the award. "They are grounded in their faith and handle their high-profile positions with dignity and grace. In their course of work and travel, the Christophersons have developed significant relationships for Dana and for Blair with literally thousands of supporters throughout the world."

The Christophersons accepted the award on behalf of the Dana community and all those who work to make Dana College a better place.

"The fact that Myrv and Anne are this year's honorees is testament to the Community Service Award itself," Mines said. "It is important to recognize local leaders in our community who choose to engage in making this a better place to live, who choose to raise their families here and who choose to give of their time and resources simply to benefit others."





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Funds Help Science Teach

Dana is pleased to report it has been awarded two grants to help fund its Science Solutions project. Together, the grants equal nearly \$75,000 and will be used to create a special study and work area for Dana's science students, and upgrade an existing classroom for better demonstrations during classes.

The new Science Learning Center will be located on the third floor of the Dana Hall of Science. Existing walls will be removed to create a larger space to hold computer workstations, a science library, conference table and dry-erase boards.

The space will be a great addition to Dana's science facilities, said Dr. Therese Michels, associate professor of chemistry.

"Our students in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics already have access to state-of-the-art instrumentation and up-to-date scientific software and the opportunity to use it in an environment that promotes discussion and learning," Michels said. "The center will give students a space where they will have easy access to computers, faculty members and each other."

The science majors are becoming increasingly popular at Dana, especially for students planning to enter the burgeoning health fields. Like

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Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61, president, was elected chairman of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority in November 2003. NEFA issues tax-exempt bonds for Nebraska's independent colleges and universities.

Professor Sybille Bartels, associate dean for student success, professor of German and director of international studies and English Language Institute, participated in the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German fall workshop on culture-based language instruction, Nov. 1, 2003, in Omaha.

Professor Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology, served as an accreditation site visitor for the Council on Social Work Education, Oct. 19-21, 2003, in Michigan.

The Dana College Faculty Trio, comprised of **Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen '78**, assistant professor of music, **Professor Michael Anderson**, assistant professor of music, and **Dr. Claire Bushong**, assistant professor of music, performed at Mount Marty College (Yankton, S.D.) on Nov. 23, 2003. The trio's appearance was one of a series of concerts hosted by the Yankton Concert Association. Nielsen also conducted a singers' workshop on the same day.

Dr. Lisa Schreiber, assistant professor of communication, presented three competitively selected papers at the National Communication Association's annual meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., in November.

Clare Cowing, campus accompanist, accompanied the 436-member All State Chorus at the Lied Center in Lincoln, Nov. 20-22, 2003. Dana MENC: National Association for Music Education members also attended the conference. **Kori Williamsen '05**, accompanied by **Molly Jackson '04**, represented Dana in the Collegium recital. The annual event is a gathering of the music educators of Nebraska.

Professor William Hall, assistant professor of music and director of bands, attended the Nebraska Music Educators Association Professional Inservice Conference held in Lincoln on Nov. 20-22, 2003, where he presented a session titled "Balance: Proportion and Perspective in Music."

Amy Lyons, director of financial aid, served as a panelist at the Nebraska Association of Financial Aid Administra-

tors Fall Conference. Her session was for experienced financial aid officers and her topic consisted of packaging, verification and professional judgment awarding issues. Lyons also assisted at the fifth annual Countdown to College on Dec. 3, 2003. The program, sponsored by EducationQuest Foundation, was shown on Nebraska Public Television. Financial aid professionals from several schools answered the public's questions regarding financing a college education.

Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion, attended the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 22-25, 2003. He made a presentation on his recently published book *Film as Religion: Myths, Morals, and Rituals* (NYU Press) as part of a panel on new books on religion and film.

Dr. Christopherson was elected secretary of the board at the Nov. 18, 2003, meeting of the Board of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) in Washington, D.C. FIHE is a national consortium that raises funds for independent colleges and universities.

Carolyn Potter '61, who has served as an administrative assistant to the president for most of her 30 years of employment at Dana, retired from full-time employment effective Dec. 31, 2003.

Professor Hall's article "Keeping First Things First," has been selected for publication in the upcoming issue of the National Federation of State School Association's (NFHS) *Music Journal*. The article discusses the importance of teaching the aesthetic elements of the music being rehearsed in addition to perfecting the notes and rhythms, and that teaching the aesthetics of the composition will develop musicians with deep understanding and appreciation for the art.

Professor Bartels visited educational institutions and government agencies in Bonn, Weimar and Berlin, Germany, during a study tour jointly sponsored by the Paedagogischer Austauschdienst Deutschland (PAD) and the American Association of Teachers of German, Jan. 7-17, 2004. The trip recognized some 30 college/university faculty for their efforts as state testing chairs for the national exam, annually administered to some 25,000 U.S. high school students of German.

all programs at Dana, the sciences are built around a philosophy of mentoring students through constant one-on-one attention from faculty members. The new space will help students to gain the maximum benefit of these close relationships.

Read the full story at www.dana.edu/review

The Danes Are Coming to Dana!

Dana is proud to announce that the National Danish Performance Team will give a special performance for the public at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in Dana's Gardner-Hawks Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling the Dana College Relations Office at (402) 426-7216.

The team consists of Denmark's finest gymnasts selected from the Danish Gymnastics & Sports Associations, an organization that boasts membership from more than one-fifth of Denmark's population. The Performance Team was formed in 1993 to promote an awareness of Danish gymnastics traditions abroad, through spectacular performances of gymnastics, rhythmical sequences, dance and advanced tumbling. Dana College is just one stop on the team's 2003-04 World Tour, which visits countries such as South Africa, Australia, Japan, Germany and France. The troupe of 28 men and women has drawn hundreds of thousands of spectators to their family-friendly performances.

"If you want a treat, don't miss this



The 2003-04 National Danish Performance Team

outstanding performance," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president. "The National Danish Performance Team combines precision gymnastic and dance performance with light comedy, uplifting musical accompaniment and brilliant costuming."

This is not the first time the team has performed in Nebraska. The group's "ancestor" was one of the first events held in Dana's Borup Coliseum, completed in the early 1960s. The last tour visited Dana in 1997. The February appearance will be one of the first major non-athletic events in Dana's new facility, the Gardner-Hawks Center.


The program consists of two hour-long halves, with a short intermission. The audience will see a dazzling display of athletic and artistic ability, highlighting the best qualities of a non-competitive sport.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concessions, parking and a shuttle service will be available. More information can be found at Dana's web site, www.dana.edu. More information about the Performance Team is available on its web site, www.dgi.dk/ndpt.

Dana's Band Plans May Tour

The Dana College Concert Band will circle the Midwest on its biannual tour this summer. Tentative concerts are planned in Marshalltown, Cedar Falls and Dubuque, Iowa; Winona, Minn.; and Brookings and Beresford, S.D. The students will spend a free day enjoying the sights of Chicago.

If you live in or around these areas, watch your mail for the time and place of the band performance. The tour will begin May 24 and return to Dana on May 30.

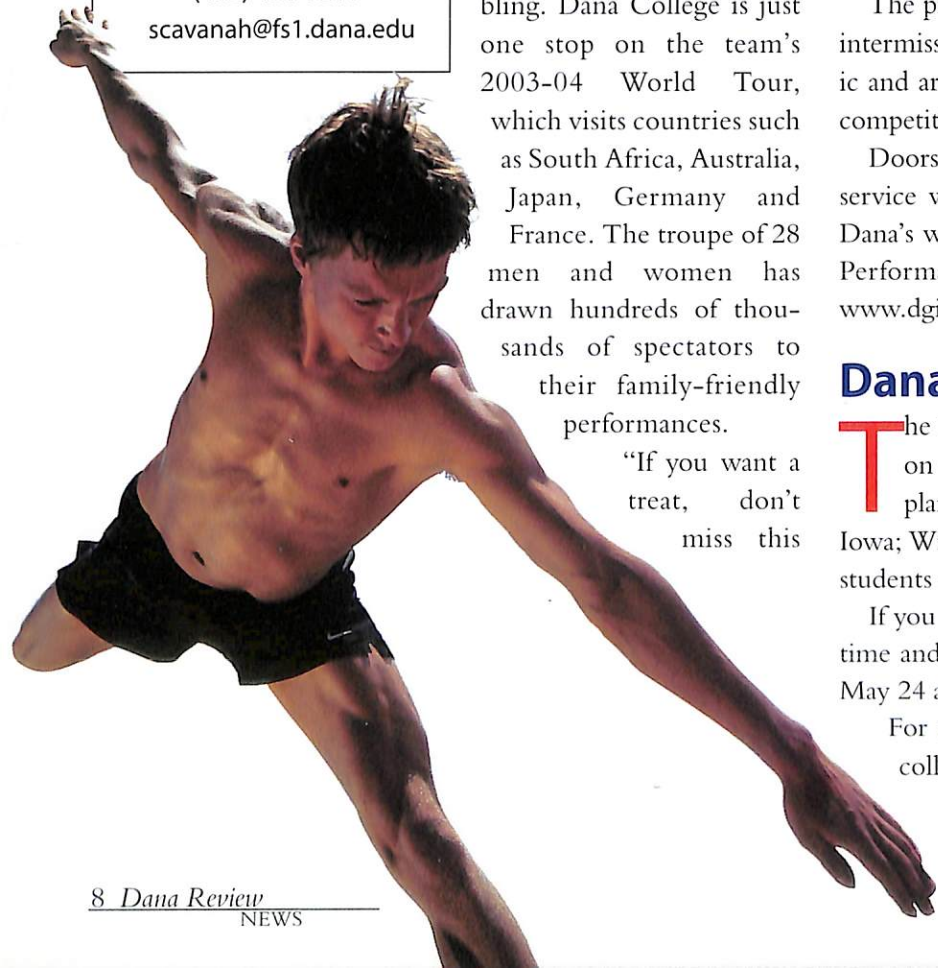
For more information, contact Carrie Reed, director of college relations and marketing, at (402) 426-7385. 

For Reservations

Reservations for the National Danish Performance Team special presentation are encouraged.

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Following are stories that illustrate how **Dana College has made a difference** in the lives of our students and how these same students have made an impact on Dana College.

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Tyler Mohr

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T Tyler Mohr '06 is a mathematics and computer science major. Tyler Mohr is a member of the Morton Scholar honors program. Tyler Mohr is a varsity men's basketball player. Tyler Mohr is a Learning Center tutor. Tyler Mohr is a leader in Campus Ministry. Tyler Mohr is a Student Senate representative.

Tyler Mohr is a Dana student.

Dana is, and always has been, a place for students who want to be active — and not just in one role. That's why Mohr said he knew Dana was the right place for him. He loved the small, personal campus, and wanted the chance to pursue his love of basketball.

In just two years, Mohr has earned a spot as the team's backup point guard, playing in every game this year. His commitment to his team doesn't require that he give up every other interest he has. In fact, Head Coach Chris Fear encourages his student athletes to be active on campus like Mohr.

"We are very happy to have Tyler

Mohr in our basketball program," Fear said. "Tyler is a wonderful, Christian young man. He is very active on campus and works very hard on the court and in the classroom."

Mohr doesn't see his involvement as "resume building," but instead enjoys participating for participating's sake.

"I really enjoy the involvement with the organizations," he said. "Student Senate is good experience, and I've learned lots of things I wouldn't have known about the college. Joining the Honors Program was a no brainer. What you get out of it is worth all the effort. Campus Ministry makes you more responsible. You can have fun in the other organizations, but you don't get the pure joy you get from being involved with ministry."

Earlier this year, Mohr attended a Christian leadership conference. He came back with ideas on how to encourage other students to become involved in Campus Ministry.

"Tyler Mohr is a visionary, commit-

ted and passionate member of Campus Ministry," said the Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor. "His leadership and relationship skills are an asset to Christ In Action, one of the Campus Ministry groups on campus."

Mohr is also one of Dana's most successful students in the classroom. Besides pursuing the challenging majors of mathematics and computer science, he's also earning minors in Spanish and business administration.

He likes being in the Morton Scholar honors program for the challenge and reward, but has also met a lot of friends in the selective, harder classes the program provides.

Now Mohr wants to help find more students who want to join Dana's supportive atmosphere.

"One of my goals is to develop a recruiting committee for Christian students," he said. "Coaches recruit students for athletics. Students are recruited for academics. I think it would help the campus to recruit for Christianity."

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The news may be full of apathetic young people, but that's not true at Dana. Just one example is Student Senate President Anthony Metcalf '04 of Douds, Iowa.

"From the time Anthony arrived on this campus, he has done an excellent job in inspiring others to get involved," said Chris Jebsen, dean of students.

Metcalf has been behind a renaissance of the Student Senate. Since his election as a representative his sophomore year, Metcalf has pushed for the Senate to do more and be more visible to Dana's students.

"It's very good for me to have been in the Senate at different levels," he said. "My sophomore year was a major rebuilding point, and most of the work was done by the executive staff. In my junior year, we had more responsibility, but the Senate was not as active as I would have liked. As president, I've tried to put responsibility on the individual senators to do the work of the Senate."

The results have been an increase in student input on everything from parking issues to the food served in the Dining Hall. This year the Senate has put more TVs and new carpet in the residence halls and raised money to upgrade computer labs.

"The Senate this year has been the most active that I've seen in my four years," Metcalf said.

Providing students with leadership opportunities is something Dana is uniquely qualified to do as a small college dedicated to nurturing each individual student.

"Students learn a lot about leadership through active participation in clubs, organizations and activities," Jebsen said. "In addition to serving as president of Student Senate, Anthony has served in major leadership roles in Student Activities and Residence Life. In these positions, he has modeled behavior that encourages others to pursue leadership opportunities."

Metcalf is planning on being a role model for life. As a chemistry and chemistry for secondary education major, there's a good chance he'll end up in the classroom.

"For three years Anthony has tutored students in General Chemistry," said Dr. Therese Michels, associate professor of chemistry. "His contributions outside the classroom are as stellar as his contributions in the classroom."





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Planning for your future isn't really that hard. Deciding what you want your future to be, now that's a challenge.

Thankfully, like everything else at Dana, the Career Services Office is always there for students, from the first day they step on campus all the way through to their first job.

"One of the things about building a future is figuring out the pieces," said Ann Nelson, director of Career Services. "We don't tell students what to do. But we help them explore possibilities through internships, talking with Dana Mentors and information on different careers."

Almost half of Dana freshmen come to Career Services for guidance and support. By the time they are seniors, nearly all students have used the office's resources several times.

"A lot of what we do is help students learn how to search for a job — developing resumes and cover letters and working on interviewing skills," Nelson said.

Career Services also relies on Dana alumni to help students prepare for future careers. Through the Dana Mentors program, alumni share information about their careers with students who might be interested in something similar. So far, the program has been a success, but Nelson is still looking for Mentors, especially in the fine arts, technology, business and government services.

Nelson would also like to add alumni to the office's list of internship possibilities. Career Services is always looking for new places for students to intern, especially in states other than Nebraska and Iowa. Many Dana students use internships to test whether a particular career is right for them and get that crucial first foot in the door.

"There are also side benefits to an internship people often don't think of," Nelson said. "Students gain experience in what it is to do a job search and they get a sense of what kinds of skills they will need in the career of their choice."

When it comes time for that first real job, Dana students do extremely well with the help of Career Services. Eighty-five percent find employment or graduate school positions in their field of study within six months. With some electing not to pursue careers in their fields, 85 percent is a very high number.

"Dana students have a good reputation for working well with others," Nelson said. "I think it speaks to the emotional support they receive as students."



DanaCollege

Develop Talents, Take Charge, Build a Future
We're With You All the Way

In the beginning, Columbus, Neb. native Matt Worley '99 admits he was a little intimidated by Dr. Paul Schneider, Dana College Theater director.

"Our relationship in the first year and a half I was at Dana was always professional," Worley said. "Strictly student-professor. After that, though, when we got to know each other better, a friendship began to develop."

That's the real strength of Dana College, according to Schneider. It's more than professors knowing all their students' names. It's that every student can form a meaningful, supportive relationship with Dana faculty, staff and fellow students. These relationships don't have a four-year expiration date. For many, they last a lifetime.


"At first, I thought Matt was just somebody who needed developing," Schneider said. "His acting was great, but his vocal performance wasn't very strong. But Matt is like a Marine. If you tell him he needs to improve, he does it."

Schneider believes that faculty can make a powerful impact on students if they put their whole hearts into working with them. He tells students when he thinks they can do better. He also tells students when he thinks they are doing well.

"I started coming early to acting class and leaving late so that I could talk to (Schneider) about acting, theater and how I could improve," Worley said. "We fed off of each other's enthusiasm for the work, both in class and during rehearsals. Somewhere in here is where he became my most important mentor."

After graduation, Worley had several offers to become a music teacher. He turned them down to pursue an acting career, but was rejected by the graduate schools he applied to. Schneider kept up his support and helped him prepare a new audition for the next year. Worley was accepted to several programs the second year, and ended up studying at the prestigious American Conservatory of Theater in San Francisco. He's now a working actor in New York City.

"I guarantee Dana made Matt who he is," Schneider said. "Put together the faculty and his fellow students with his great work ethic and he has a promising future."

Worley agrees. "The education at Dana is individual, professional and rewarding. I would attend Dana again in a second." 



Goodbye MR. BOW TIE

It's true. Paul Simon never graduated from Dana College — or any other college. But to call him a “college dropout” borders on the offensive. Simon was a man who was passionate about the truth, the United States and his alma mater, Dana College. His death, following complications from cardiac surgery Dec. 9, was a great loss to the Dana community.

“No alumnus was more loyal than Paul Simon,” said Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson. “Paul left Dana in 1948 without a degree to become the youngest newspaper publisher in the United States. He returned almost every year at Homecoming to sing in the reunion choir and attend the Dana football game.”

Simon served on the guiding body of the college, the Dana College Board of Regents, from 1978-81 and 1985-96. He was to rejoin the board on January 1. He was named Distinguished Alumnus in 1979. He also gave generously to the college. After his run for the U.S. presidency in 1988, Simon donated funds left over from his campaign to establish a fund to allow Dana students to travel overseas. Students pay back money from the fund at no interest, allowing the fund to continue indefinitely. He was also the primary planner and fund raiser for an international conference held at Dana on the World War II rescue of Danish Jews.

“Paul believed in America, but he also believed in world peace and strived for harmony

among all people,” Christopherson said. “He challenged his alma mater to be a leader in diversity and encouraged world travel by college students.”

In his time as Illinois' senior senator, Simon was a leading voice for supporting educational systems, fiscal responsibility and limiting violence on television. Enacted legislation that he wrote includes the National Literacy Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, the Job Training Partnership Act amendments and the 1994 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He was the leading Senate champion of the direct college loan program and chief Democratic sponsor of the balanced budget amendment.

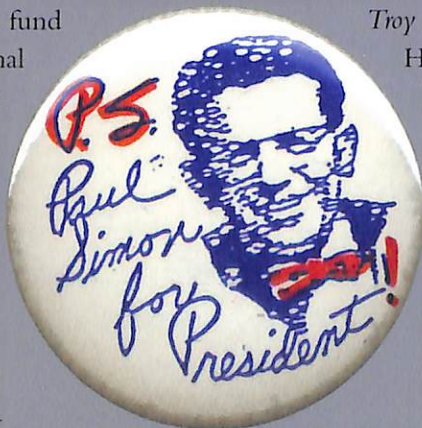
Before his national career began, Simon attended Dana College and then became the nation's youngest editor-publisher when he joined the

Troy Tribune in Troy, Ill. He used his forum to expose syndicate gambling connections and at age 22 was called as a key witness to testify before the U.S. Senate's Crime



Investigating Committee. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974 and served until he upset three-term incumbent Charles Percy to win election to the U.S. Senate. Simon served in the Senate until his retirement in 1997, even while seeking the Democratic nomination for president in 1988.

Simon was most recently a professor at Southern Illinois University, where he taught classes in political science, history and journalism. He was founder and director of the Public Policy Institute at SIU's Carbondale, Ill., campus. Simon held more than 55 honorary degrees, including one from Dana, and had written 21 books. He was last at Dana for the college's Homecoming celebration in October, where he did a free book signing of his recent works, “Our Culture of Pandering” and “Healing American Values and Vision.”



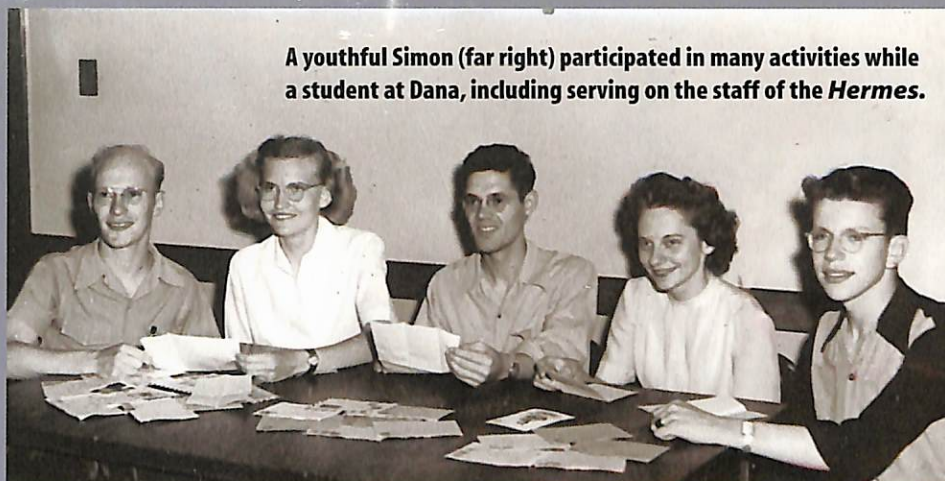
Simon was more than a famous alumnus who brought prestige to Dana. He was a lifelong friend to many who attended classes at the same time as him and a mentor and inspiration to those who attended after.

When retired Dana professor Dr. Verlan Hanson '51 first met Simon, Hanson was a new freshman tagging along with his older brother.

"I came to know him by chance, because I was going to have my brother as a roommate, and he and Paul were also going to be roommates," Hanson said. "At that time, he was active in student government and I was just a freshman, so I didn't do many things with him. But I really enjoyed living with him and getting to know him. He was just a great guy all around."

Many remember Simon as an active leader in campus organizations, singing with a deep bass voice in the choir, writing for the *Hermes* and *Danian*, and serving as student body president.

Eunice (Petersen '49) Neve arrived at Dana the same year Simon transferred from Eugene, Ore. She said Simon seemed to get to know everyone quickly and always found a way to visit with



A youthful Simon (far right) participated in many activities while a student at Dana, including serving on the staff of the *Hermes*.

everyone in a room.

"On one of our choir trips, the men were supposed to all wear their maroon ties," she said. "As a joke, Paul came out in a bright green bow tie, and he even had a solo to sing that night. (Choir Director) Paul Neve '41 told him that if he was going on the stage, he would be wearing the same ties as everyone else did. (Simon) did change back to that maroon tie, but we got to see one of his bow ties early."

Simon also showed his potential as a leader early. Hanson said Simon was always trying to get people to do the right things, and failing that, get the right things done anyway.

"He spent some of his time working to get a black student on campus," Hanson said. "It didn't happen while he was here, but his efforts along with the work of others eventually made it happen." (See "Hudson Day" on page 16.)


As Simon advanced in his political career, he never forgot his friends from Dana. Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson was in Simon's class and followed his political career for decades.

"I've been impressed through the years with his integrity and his unswerving and vocal loyalty to Dana," she said. "He always recognized Dana friends in whatever audience they were in when he was speaking. My biggest regret is that he never got to be president of our country — our loss."

Simon's commitment to Dana touched the lives of students far beyond the 1940s and '50s. Allison Ruhde '00 never personally knew Simon, but said he was an inspiration.

"In my years at Dana, I can't remember a Homecoming where he didn't attend," Ruhde said. "He was a great example for current Dana students — that alumni, even someone in his position, care about Dana and give back to the school in any way they can."

His spirit will be missed by all.

"His death truly leaves a big hole in the country, for his old Dana friends and for Dana in its mission," Johnson said. "It was a privilege to know him and to call him friend." 

Simon (center) loved the Dana Choir, once telling *Life* magazine it was his favorite musical group. He often returned at Homecoming to participate in the Traditional Choir Reunion.



HUDSON

Day

VIKING STAR OF THE 1950S MARION HUDSON joined in pre-game rituals and preparations with the 2003 Viking squad.



Marion Hudson made his decision to go to college at a time when gaining a college education wasn't a common thing among young black men. He had a lot of questions: Could he afford it? Would he be ready for the rigors of a four-year college education? What would he study and where would a degree lead him?

One question Hudson didn't have to ask himself back in the summer of 1952 was whether the all-white student body at Dana College would accept him.

The students at Dana had felt so strongly that their campus needed racial diversity, they independently raised money for a scholarship to bring African-American students to Dana. A full decade before Alabama Governor George Wallace promised "segregation forever," and then grudgingly allowed the University of Alabama to admit African-American students, Hudson was the first black student at Dana, the recipient of the students' \$355 scholarship.

Hudson would become that first black student, but it wasn't what has given him legendary status today. From the moment he attended his first football practice, Hudson would become Dana's finest all-around athlete, smashing records on the gridiron, the basketball court and the track.

Fifty years after he first came on the students' scholarship, Dana alumni and friends came together once more to honor Hudson and his achievements. At the Nov. 8, 2003, football game against Northwestern College, Dana College President Myrvin Christopherson declared Marion Hudson Day and a new

scholarship in honor of Hudson was created, funded by money donated by Hudson's former classmates, teammates and a lifelong admirer.

Alex Meyer of Snyder, Neb., said he followed Hudson's athletic career through the sports pages of the *Omaha World-Herald*. His interest was rekindled in the past few years, as he has gotten to know Hudson personally. Because of Hudson's quiet humility, Meyer has learned more about the star athlete through contacts with Hudson's former teammates. He continues to research Hudson's athletic achievements to amass a permanent record for Hudson and his family.

Hudson first made his mark at Dana as a running back, rushing for 2,383 yards in his career. His own best marks also rank among Dana's all-time bests: 67 points scored in a season and 157 points overall. His four rushing touchdowns against Parson College of Iowa in 1953 still ranks high in the Dana record books.

His football prowess earned him first-team all-conference running back honors in the Central Church College Conference three times. He was good for a first down on many occasions, ending his four-year career with an average of 7.78 yards per carry and 103.6 yards per game. In his best season, his average was 8.67 yards per carry, and in one single game, he had an average of 12.3 yards.

Hudson was hardly a one-dimensional athlete, though. He received 12 varsity sports letters while at Dana. Teammates still remember that while he barely stood 6 foot tall, he could jump high enough to have his elbows touch the basketball rim. On the court, he could be relied on for both his scoring and defense.

As dominant as Hudson had been in football and basketball, it was in the spring of his freshman year that he showed his potential to be a legend. In 1953, Hudson long-jumped 24 feet $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches, just 6 inches less than the gold medalist at the 1952 Olympic Games. By

the time Hudson left Dana in 1956, he had bettered his long jump mark to 24 feet 6 inches, still Dana's all-time best.

During that freshman year of track he scored more points by himself in the 1953 Drake Relays than all of the Big Seven Conference schools combined. His former coach, Kieth Skogman, remembered Marion's best single day occurred at one of the Doane Relays during his college career. Facing some of the nation's best college athletes, he came away winning the 100 and 220 yard dashes, the high jump and the long jump.

Hudson became fascinated watching his teammate, Lynn Farrens '56, working out with the javelin one day at practice. He asked for a turn and threw the stick about 175 yards, twice as far as Farrens was throwing. Once he learned how to throw it correctly, his marks just continued to increase. His best was 208 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, yet another Dana record.


Hudson's strength and speed came somewhat naturally, but not without hard work. Dana lacked any kind of weight room at the time, so Hudson and his roommate, John Lodl '56, turned their dorm room into the campus weight lifting center. Hudson would do situps while holding 88 pounds of weight behind his head.

Hudson carried his own dream, and the dream of the Dana students who helped to bring him to the campus, to a successful end when he received his bachelor of science degree in 1956. His majors were history and education, which became a background for a career that took him to several places around the Midwest.

A member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame (inducted in 1994 along with his football coach, Paul Peterson), Hudson was also among the first three inductees into the Dana Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976 and was the *Lincoln Star's* State Athlete of the Year in 1956.

He is the father of seven children, five of them adopted. He and his wife, Ella,

are residents of Omaha. As the years went by, his wife said, family commitments, church and singing forced him to give up his sports activities. Now retired and facing some health problems, Hudson continues to remember his Dana years as some of the most memorable of his life, but not just for the places on the record boards. His family heard many stories of his time at Dana through the years, particularly about the support of his teammates as Hudson faced the challenges of being a black athlete in the 1950s, traveling to many places where segregation was common. Many of his teammates have continued to stay in contact with him through the years.

"It's the friendships that you remember most," he said. 



Hudson's 1952
team photo

DanaAthletics

The following student athletes were honored for their athletic and academic performances during the fall sports season.

Cross Country

Matt Bloomingdale '05 All-America Scholar
Ian Latella '04 All-America Scholar
Dru Weaver '07 All-Conference, National Qualifier

Football

Doug Bargman '04 All-Conference First Team, All-America Honorable Mention
Mitch Bowhay '07 All-Conference Second Team
Cliff Ellis '04 All-Conference Second Team, All-America Scholar
Ross Jensen '04 All-Conference First Team, All-America Scholar
Rick Lebeda '07 All-Conference Second Team
Matt Neesen '07 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Shaun O'Connell '07 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Adam Peterson '04 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Jerrod Phillip '05 All-Conference Second Team
Chris Reinke '07 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Jonathan Stuehm '04 All-America Scholar
TJ Weiss '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention, All-America Scholar

Men's Soccer

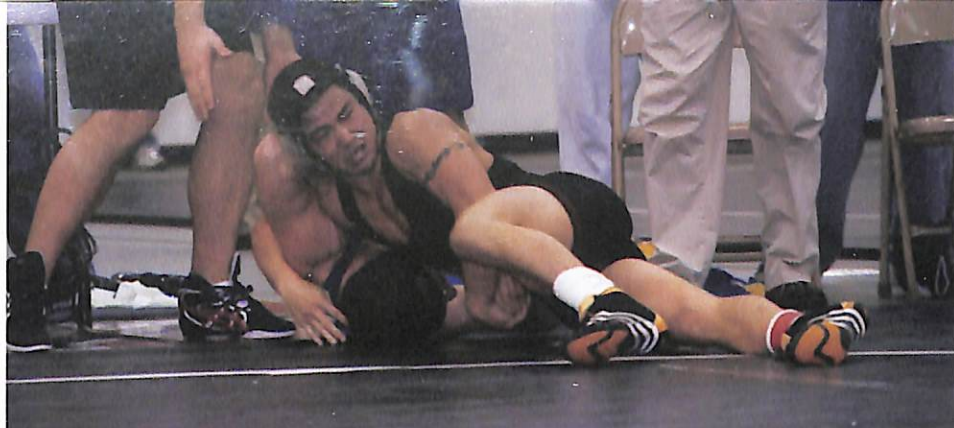
Jake Gradoville '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Ryan Grudle '06 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Jerad Hollendieck '06 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Eric Johnson '06 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Brent Lorkovic '06 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Aaron McGoldrick '05 All-America Scholar

Volleyball

Marcie Smidt '04 All-Conference Second Team

Women's Soccer

Tanya Dugan '04 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Kristen Gay All-Conference Co-Coach of the Year
Michelle Glanz '05 All-Conference Honorable Mention
Julie Miller '05 All-Conference First Team
Loycee O'Daniel '04 All-America Scholar
Amanda Reddish '05 All-Conference First Team, All-America Honorable Mention, All-America Scholar
Melissa Respeliers '05 All-Conference Second Team, All-America Honorable Mention
Erin Rozelle '04 All-America Scholar
Natalie Sifers '04 All-Conference First Team
Nancy Steward '06 All-Conference Honorable Mention



Ranked No. 6 in the country at 133 pounds at midseason, Brian Tsutsumi is part of a Dana College Viking team that might go down as the greatest in history. Or at least until next year, when all but two of Dana's ranked grapplers return.

Do You Know Viking Wrestling?

You might have heard the Dana wrestling team is doing well. You might know they sent a few wrestlers to nationals last year. And you might think the coach's name is Costanza.

You're close on all counts, but are still missing a lot. Dana College wrestling has become one of the dominant programs in the NAIA in the last few years, and definitely something for all Viking fans to brag about.

In his fifth year, Coach Steve Costanzo (*o* not *a*) is becoming widely known and respected for the successful wrestling program he has built at Dana. Costanzo, along with assistant coaches Darold Foster '00, Ernie Abariotes '65, Art Castillo '04 and Ed Schmitt '04, have turned the Viking wrestling program into a team that can compete at any level.


In fact, the Viking wrestlers compete successfully in open tournaments against wrestlers from schools of all levels each weekend of the season, including NCAA Division I teams. The 2003-04 schedule may be the toughest ever. The Vikings' jam-packed schedule included top tournaments like the prestigious Cliff Keen Invitational in Las Vegas, Nev., and the largest tournament in the country at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. These tournaments consist primarily of large-school powers like the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and University of Nebraska.

Dana's 2003-04 roster includes three returning NAIA All-Americans and six individuals ranked in the Top 10 in their weight class. Leister Bowling '05 was ranked No. 1 in the NAIA at 165 pounds at midseason. He held a win streak of 11 in a row. Ranked No. 3 at 141 pounds was Jason Lozier '06. Lozier's midseason match record was 11-3. Wynn Fangmeier '04 was ranked No. 3 at 197 pounds, but since then has defeated the second-ranked man. At 133 pounds Brain Tsutsumi '05 and at 174 pounds Marshall Marquardt '06 were both at No. 6. Ben Henderson '06 held a midseason match record of 17-14 and was ranked No. 7 at 149 pounds.

Assistant Coach Abariotes said this team has the potential to be the best Dana's ever fielded. "There is no telling how far we'll go," he said. "This team is on the verge of being an excellent team."

Dana Adds Golf

Dana is proud to announce that it will add women's golf to its intercollegiate athletic offerings, starting with the fall of 2004. Women's golf will join Dana's existing 13 intercollegiate athletic teams.

"Golf is a growing sport in the United States," said Jim Krueger '85, athletic director. "We think it's good for a small, private school like Dana to be able to offer this popular sport to our students." 

Read full versions of both these stories at www.dana.edu/review.

2003 Memorials and Honoraria

Gifts were given to Dana College during 2003
in memory of the following people:

Tom Allan	Hazel Hunter	James W. Olsen D'40 T'49	William L. Shaff '71
Martin & Elsie Dahll Anderson	Herbert Jeppesen '43	Verna Olsen	Paul Simon '49
Lucille Andrews	Michael E. Johnson '95	George Pallesen D'38 T'41	Ray Skogen
Howard Beam	Paul Krogh '91	Irene Pallesen	Alvan Slonski
Alvina Blaikie	Garyld "Kus" Kuster '68	Elizabeth Anne Pedersen	Lilly (Jorgensen '35) Sorensen
Roy Brown	Alvin D. Larsen	Rev. Alvin Petersen D'34 T'36	Eloise (Morris '38) Sperati
Elva (Jensen '53) Castello	Leon A. & Patricia Larsen	Ivadell Raben '49	Bob Stegmaier '64
Mary Christensen '69	Duane Lubkeman '56	Viola Ragan	Andrew Staby D'36 T'39
Elsie Curley	Agnes & Viggo Madsen	Walter B. Rasmussen '38	Katherine Stone
John Derry	Ruth (Madsen '40) Mason	Elsie Rippe	Pat Thisted
Pat Derry	Neil Moore '54	Dick Rodd	Warren Thompson
Marge Dibben '73	Scott Morgan	Kay Ronnenkamp	Trinity Seminary Graduates
Lowell Erickson	Aage Nielsen	Mark B. Rosenthal '83	Norma (Lund '36) Van Steenhoven
Esther & Elmer Falksen	Chris Nielsen	Belulah Santage	Yvonne (Hansen '56) Vorthmann
John Freudenberg	Luella Nielsen '42	Dean Sapp	Evelyn Waldo
Cliff Goering	Mayme Nielsen	Jane Schattauer	Cy Warmanen
Marion (Nielsen '55) Hansen	Christopher Notley	Ossie Schou	Gloria (Paulsen '71) Weinman
Robert Hunt	Dorothy Notley	Warren Frank Seiler	

The following people were noted in
Honorariums given to Dana during 2003:

Lloyd '53 & Ann (Jessen '56) Bansen – 50th anniversary	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Petersen
Karen (Jensen '60) Capel	Estor Schlef - 90th birthday
Pastors and Staff of First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Neb.	Harold '50 & Opal Schou - 50th anniversary
Dr. Edward A. D'39 T'42 & Shirley (Bondo '42) Hansen – 60th anniversary	Keith D. Uhlinger '84
John W. D'47 T'53 & Liz (Solevad '49) Nielsen	Virgil & Ordell (Olson '49) Witte – 50th anniversary

Destiny's Deep Sea



Sandy Paasch '99 graduated in May 2003 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, with a master's of science in social administration. Sandy is working as a children's mental health therapist at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio. She lives in Elyria, Ohio.

00s

Todd Maxwell '03 starred in a production at the Bellevue (Neb.) Little Theatre from Nov. 7-23, 2003.

Michelle Dobson '02 married Neal Haufe on Jan. 11, 2003. The couple lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

Christine (Reiners '02) Gochenour works for the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce and lives in Missouri Valley, Iowa, with her husband, Craig.

Renee Hesseltine '02 entered Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., as a student in the master of divinity program last fall.

Jenni Tekesky '02 is a drug prevention educator with Family Services in Omaha, where she lives.

Todd DeWees '01 recently graduated from Arizona State University with a master's in statistics. He is working on his doctorate in statistics at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Danielle (Mozeika '01) Maguire had her poem, "Marry Me?" published in the 2003 International Library of Poetry book, titled *The Colors of Life*. Danielle lives in Omaha.

Kelly O'Brien '01 graduated with a master's degree in occupational therapy from San Jose State

University in May 2003. She married Jason Bayless on June 7, 2003, in Sacramento, Calif., and moved to Long Beach, Calif. Kelly works in inpatient rehab for people with physical disabilities at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, Calif.

Cheryl Karl '00 graduated with her doctorate in occupational therapy from Creighton University in Omaha in December 2003.

Michael Stevens '00 is a first lieutenant serving as a scout platoon leader with the 1st Cavalry Division in Baghdad, Iraq.

90s

Deena (Knapp '99) and Mike Bisig '97 welcomed a baby girl, Kirstyn Marie, on March 9, 2003. Kirstyn weighed 7 pounds, 10.6 ounces and was 20 inches long. Deena is a full-time instructor in the speech department at Clark Community College in Vancouver, Wash., where the family lives.

Kristi Conkling '99 married Shane Randall on Sept. 26, 2003. Kristi works at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Psychiatry in Omaha.

Liza Moberg '99 married Eric Feldkamp on July 12, 2003. Liza works in the Dean's Office of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin.

Jeffrey Mulder '99 and his wife, Kate, had a baby boy, Caleb Andrew, on Oct. 3, 2003. The family lives in Urbandale, Iowa.

Renee Widhelm '99 is a branch manager for Centris Federal Credit Union in Omaha, where she lives.

Valerie Bensen '98 and her two sons, Josiah and Danyael, have moved into their first home in Mantorville, Minn. Valerie teaches piano from their home.



Jay Ceclre '98 and wife, Tammy, had a daughter, Katelyn, on Aug. 6, 2002. The family lives in Hastings, Neb.



Jennifer (Nielsen '97) and Wade Daggett '96 had a daughter, Paige Elizabeth, on July 19. Paige joins her sister, Payton, 3.

Beth King '98 is an admissions counselor at Dana. Justin Smith '98 and wife, Laurie, had their first child, Tessa Ann, on April 7, 2003. Justin is head football, wrestling and assistant track coach at Wakefield, Neb., schools and teaches English.

Sarah (Packard '97) Lee is working as a small animal veterinarian in Fishers, Ind.

Karl Hermanson '95 married Paige Keck on July 21, 2002. They welcomed their first daughter, Ena Elizabeth, on Aug. 6, 2003. Karl is a freelance artist in Boise, Idaho, where the family resides.

Jen Neumeister '95 married Steve Hilgenkamp on Nov. 22, 2003, in Fremont, Neb. Jen is a teacher and coach for Fremont Public Schools.

Kristin (Olsen '93) Koubsky and husband, Ken, had a baby boy, Karson Stanley, on Oct. 6, 2003. Karson joins brothers Kane, 4, and Kolton, 2. The family lives in Omaha.

Noelle (Miller '90) Andrew graduated from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) Theological Seminary in May and was ordained at Vail Presbyterian Church in Vail, Iowa, in December. She is serving as associate pastor at Vinton Presbyterian Church in Vinton, Iowa.

Shelley (Carter '90) Cudly and husband, Steve, had a baby girl, Mary Grace, on Sept. 25, 2003. She joins siblings, Luke, 2, and Hope, 7. Shelley is a business analyst at Ameritrade in Omaha, where the family lives.

80s

Kim Thomas '89 married Barry L. Howard on Oct. 17, 2003. The couple lives in Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Kay (Rasmussen '87) Jay and husband, Walter, are the parents of a daughter. Rebekka Ellen was born on Dec. 5, 2003, weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. The family lives in rural Tekamah, Neb.

Ann (Klein '85) Gredys has completed her master's degree in special education at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She works for Millard (Neb.) Public Schools and has been chosen for the Leadership Academy program in that district.

Steve Albertsen '80 is the program director and midday personality at Triad Broadcasting's Froggy 98 in Lincoln, Neb.



Sandy (Smith '97) Watkins and husband, Lance, had a baby girl, Holly Rebekka, on Sept. 26, 2003. Holly weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. The family resides in Due West, S.C.

Nate Wigdahl '97 finished 1,108th out of 1,995 athletes in the Ironman Florida Triathlon in Panama City, Fla., on Nov. 8, 2003. The event consists of a 2.4-mile open ocean swim, a 112-mile bike race and a full 26.2-mile marathon. Nate finished the race in 12 hours, 35 minutes, good enough to place him 206th out of 319 in his 30-34 age group. The race was not only his first attempt at an Ironman triathlon, but also the first time he had swum competitively, cycled 100 miles or run a marathon. Nate is employed as a pharmacist with Walgreens and resides in Omaha with his wife, Julie, and daughter, Brooke, 2.



70s

Kay Konz '79 is the clinical director for Developmental Services of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Jim Betts '78 wrote an article that appeared in the November 2003 issue of *Law Enforcement Technology Magazine*, titled "Adobe Photoshop for Law Enforcement." Jim is an identification/crime scene technician with the Lincoln (Neb.) Police Department.

Kim Cooper '78 and his wife, Lynn, are celebrating the second anniversary of their gallery in Ashland, Neb. Cooper Studio & Gallery opened in 2001. Kim is in his 26th year of teaching art at Omaha North High School and in his 28th year of marriage to Lynn. They live in the loft apartment of the 100-year-old building that houses the gallery.

Dawn (Qualley '76) Smith was awarded the Nebraska Counseling Association's 2003 Counselor of the Year Award at the Nebraska Counsel-

ing Association's Fall Conference in Omaha on Oct. 2. Dawn is the counselor at Bloomfield (Neb.) Community Schools.

David West '76 has released a CD of solo bagpipe music. The CD is titled *Ciumhnich* (pronounced "queenich"), which in Gaelic means "remember." On the CD David plays traditional Scottish and Irish music using both the great highland pipes and softer-sounding fireside pipes. He accompanies himself by playing a Celtic drum called a Bodhran on a couple of tracks. The graphics for the CD were designed by David's wife, Sandra (Rochlitz '75) West.

Mark Musick '72 was the guest speaker at the Fullerton (Neb.) Veterans Day Dinner. Mark is a brigadier general and chief of staff at the state headquarters of the Nebraska Air National Guard in Lincoln, Neb.

Greg Witte '71 is the executive director at Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs,

Iowa. He is responsible for overseeing a 40-acre complex, which has multiple facilities and offers independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care.

60s

Ndewirwa "Ned" Kitomari '64 hosted Roxanne (Marquette '65) and Arden Dorn '63 of Phoenix, Ariz., when they paid a three-week visit to Ned's home of Tanzania. Along with Ned's wife, Eunice, the foursome visited Tanzania's main tour attractions, including Kilimanjaro National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge and the Serengeti. They also visited Zanzibar and had a fantastic tour of the world-famous spice island.

40s

Gladys (Lynge '45) Hughes won \$5,000 through the Konze Award for volunteer work at



Several Dana friends and their families got together for a trip to the Henry Doorley Zoo in Omaha in June 2003. Front row, from left: DeEtta Sikes holding Rachael Sikes, and Jerome Sikes. Second row: Kara (Koehler '96) Johnson holding Paige Johnson, William LeFave, Ann (Schropfer '96) Holmstrom holding Becka Holmstrom, Mary (Hennings '96) LeFave holding Aidan LeFave, and Erin (Rasmussen '96) Barber. Back row: Matt Johnson, Shannon LeFave '96, Jeremy Sikes '95 and Ken Barber.



Heidi Blas '91 married Kriss Mills on Aug. 2, 2002, in Okoboji, Iowa. On Nov. 27, 2003, they welcomed a son, Tanner Riley. Tanner weighed 4 pounds, 12.5 ounces and was 18 inches long. Heidi teaches 4-5 special education at Montclair Elementary in the Millard (Neb.) School District. The family lives in Omaha.



Tara (Wassmann '91) and James Plasek '95 had a daughter, Ruth Ann, on May 2, 2003. Ruth joins sisters Elizabeth, 7, and Lily, 17 months. James is a family practice physician at Memorial Health Care Systems in Seward, Neb., where the family lives. Tara raises the girls.



Scott Ringler '85 and his wife, Wendy, had their first child, Ellie Leota, on Jan. 25, 2003. Scott works for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, where the family lives.

the National Senior America Pageant in Reno, Nev., Nov. 2-9, 2003. The prize money will be given to Picayune (Miss.) On Stage. Gladys represented the State of Mississippi at the pageant. She and her husband Hughie Hughes '48 live in Carriere, Miss. Gladys will be performing in New York on April 18.

Chris F. Young '40 and his wife, Lilian, live in a mobile home park in Peoria, Ariz. They enjoy the park's hot tub, swimming pool, exercise room with a treadmill and six different workout machines, and the park's other 200 members. They also enjoy Saturday night dances in winter.

Deaths

Paul Krogh '91 died Nov. 13, 2003, in Los Angeles, Calif. He lived and worked for nine years

in Las Vegas, Nev., before moving to Los Angeles in 2002. An avid traveler, Paul visited Mexico, Canada, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the Canary Islands, Japan and Hong Kong. Survivors include his parents, Joan (Petersen '56) Krogh and Bob Krogh '56, a sister and two nephews.

Steven Humburg '72 died Nov. 20, 2003, in Long Prairie, Minn. Steven served parishes in Bisbee and Park River, N.D., LeCenter, Shakopee and Long Prairie, Minn., Anchorage, Alaska, and Pocatello, Idaho. He was a member of Long Prairie American Lutheran Church, the Long Prairie Ministerial Association and the Long Prairie Rotary Club. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and two children.

Sherrill (Molash '68) Hansen died Nov. 21, 2003, at home in Denison, Iowa. Sherrill was an assistant buyer and visual merchandise director for department stores in Minnesota. In 1984 she underwent surgery for a brain tumor and suffered a brain stem infarct, rendering her a quadriplegic. The disability did not stop her from her love of painting, the arts, cats, playing cards, watching movies and writing letters. Survivors include her husband, Gary Hansen '68, three children, her mother and two brothers.

Ellen (Peterson '64) Dunnell died Dec. 20, 2003, in Saint Louis, Mo. Ellen taught English in St. Louis public high schools for several years. She was active in the Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in south St. Louis County, where she worked on women's missions. Survivors include her husband, Robert Dunnell '64, daughter, Becky Dunnell '00, a son and a sister.

Robert Stegmaier '64 died Nov. 16, 2003, from complications of a brain illness sustained in 1992. Bob was a lifelong farmer in Farmington, Minn., who loved the land and caring for his dairy cows, beef herd, hogs and horses. He loved telling jokes and stories, especially about his size 18 feet, traveling on fishing and hunting trips, and planning class and family reunions. Survivors include his wife, Lynn (Dige '74) Stegmaier, three daughters, a grandson, two sisters and a brother.

Harry Conklin '51 died Nov. 27, 2003, in Fremont, Neb. Harry worked for Hormel Food Corp. for 30 years until retiring in 1979. He was a former member of the Dana College basketball team, and a current member of the Hooper-Winslow Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10535 and the Lions Club in Hooper, Neb. Survivors include three stepsons, a stepdaughter, three brothers, three sisters and 15 stepgrandchildren.

Arlo Andersen '50 died in November 2003 in Omaha. Arlo was an associate administrator at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha for



A group of Dana alumni got together for a photo at the wedding of Ginny Ward '92 to Brent Allumbaugh in Shenandoah, Iowa, on Aug. 23, 2003. In the front row, from left, are Pam Rademacher, Tami Ahrendt '96, Allie Darr and William Darr. In the back row, from left, are Jon Rademacher '94, Ken Darr, Melissa (Reinikainen '92) Darr, Karen Clements '92, Trasy Sparr '93 and Christina Zayat '91.

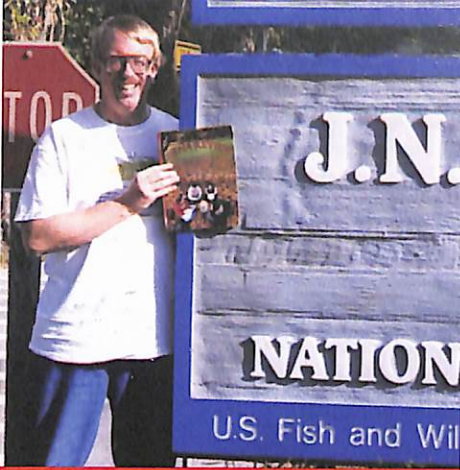
20 years. He was an active member of his church and enjoyed gardening and cooking. Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Bloebaum '49) Andersen, two sons, three daughters including Carol (Andersen '82) Quiroz, and a sister.

Kenneth Krogh '50 died Oct. 14, 2003, in Dallas, Texas. Kenneth was an educator and public servant. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and taught at Balboa High School in the Panama Canal Zone, where he met his wife. He served as president of the First Baptist Academy School Board at its inception and was a deacon at First Baptist Dallas, where he was an active member for nearly 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Judy, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

Charles Bissell '39 died Oct. 4, 2003, in Washington State. He owned his own plumbing service and taught Sunday school at First United



A mini-Dana reunion was held at a charity golf tournament for the youth ministry at Gethsamane United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, Wis., on Sept. 8, 2003. Those in attendance were, front row from left, Tony Sortino, Phil Howland, Linda (Money '65) Jorgensen, Jim Jorgensen '66; back row, from left, Jackie Sortino, Ron Briggs '70, Diane (Howland '71) Briggs, Eric Howland, Roger Howland '64, Linda (Anderson '65) Howland, Marilyn (Andersen '65) Abariotes and Ernie Abariotes '65. Eric is the youth minister at Gethsamane, and Roger's company, Country Tire, sponsored a hole.



Dennis Nelson '76 visited the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island near Fort Myers, Fla., on Dec. 23. He identified several alligators, some raccoons and 64 bird species including egrets, herons, ibises, shorebirds, ducks, pelicans, gulls, cormorants, hawks and songbirds. Dennis lives in Chicago, Ill.

Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Wash. He enjoyed vacationing, trailer traveling, gardening and doing his own building projects. Survivors include his wife, Vivian, two children, two sisters, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mark Davis '39 died March 29, 2003, in Tujunga, Calif. While enlisted in the U.S. Army

he was wounded at Guadacanal. Mark later spent many years working in Los Angeles, Calif., as a glass installer and assistant manager. His wife, Alice, died less than three months after Mark's death. Survivors include one daughter, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a brother.

Lilly "Lil" (Jorgensen '35) Sorensen died Nov. 25, 2003, in Nebraska City, Neb. Lil dedicated her life to educating the less fortunate in American society, at places like the Indian Mission School in Oaks, Okla., and the Nebraska City School for the Visually Handicapped. She also taught kindergarten at Sixth Street School in Nebraska City. She was a very active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Delta Kappa Gamma Teaching Sorority and P.E.O. Chapter C.F. Survivors include her husband, Severin "Sev" Sorensen '34, two daughters including Starla (Sorensen '68) Sweda, a son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Oscar Peterson '33 died Oct. 15, 2003, in Beaverton, Ore. Oscar served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, earning assignments at the U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway, and the rank of lieutenant colonel. After retiring from the service, he devoted much of his time to volunteering and service organizations. Survivors include one son.

Emily Lynn Nieland, infant daughter of Kara (Vergamini '97) and Robert Nieland '97, died Oct. 12, 2003. Emily was born on Oct. 7 and weighed 3 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches



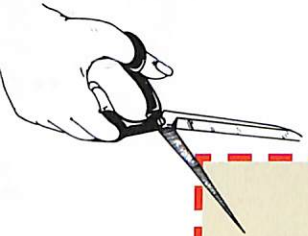
Bev (Namen '63) Larsen is a speaker for Humanities Iowa on early Iowa pioneer women. Starting in April, she also will be doing programs on Lutheranism in frontier Iowa. Bev lives in Elk Horn, Iowa.

long. The Nielands have two surviving children, Daniel, 3, and Amanda, 2. The family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Corrections

In the Fall 2003 edition, we misspelled the names of Kieth Skogman, Paul Peterson and Mogens Knudsen. The DANA REVIEW regrets the errors.

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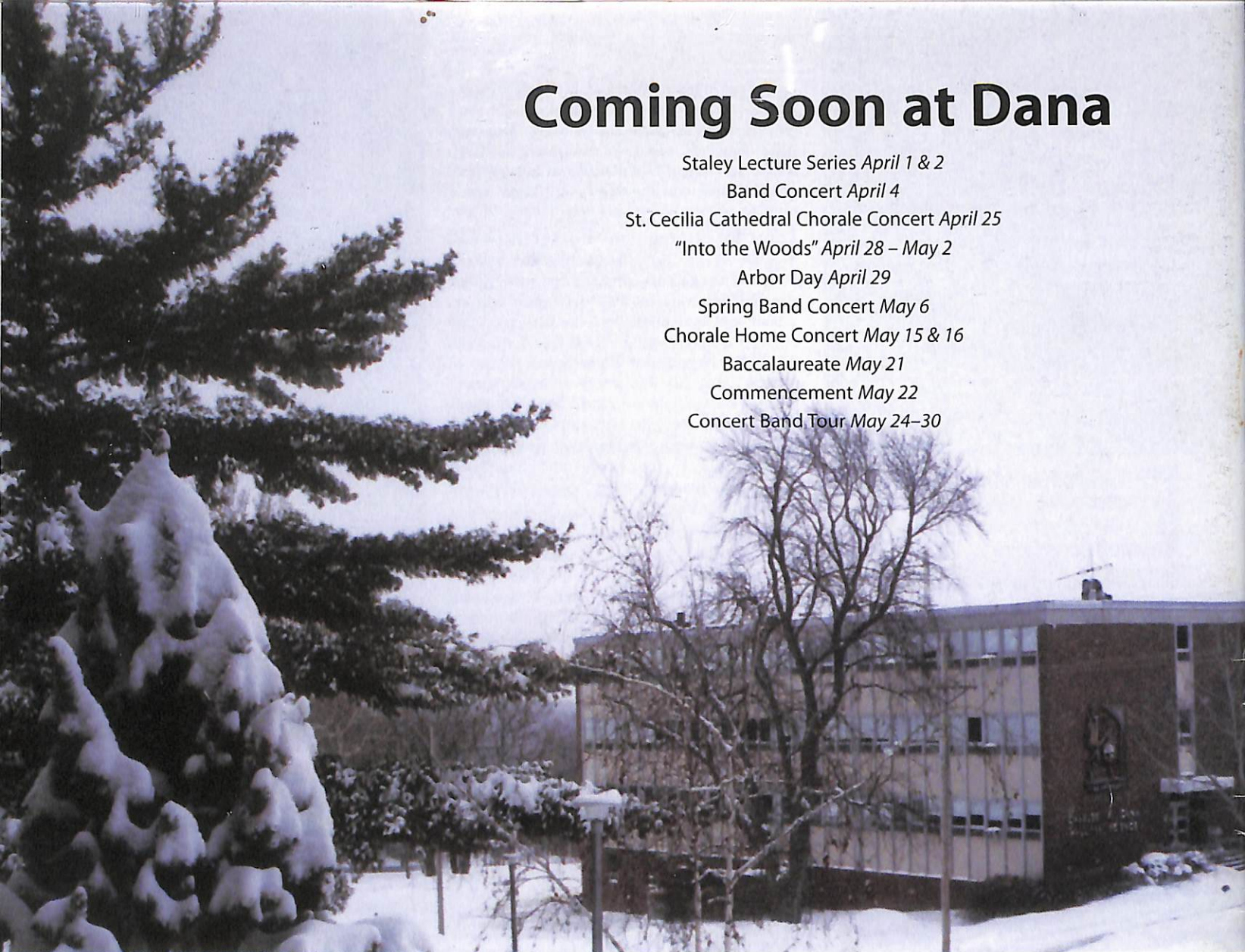
Spring Band Concert *May 6*

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Baccalaureate *May 21*

Commencement *May 22*

Concert Band Tour *May 24–30*



As the DANA REVIEW was being prepared for publication, we learned of the death of Professor Emeritus Norman Bansen '47. Our Spring 2004 issue will have more information. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. on April 28 in Trinity Chapel.



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