

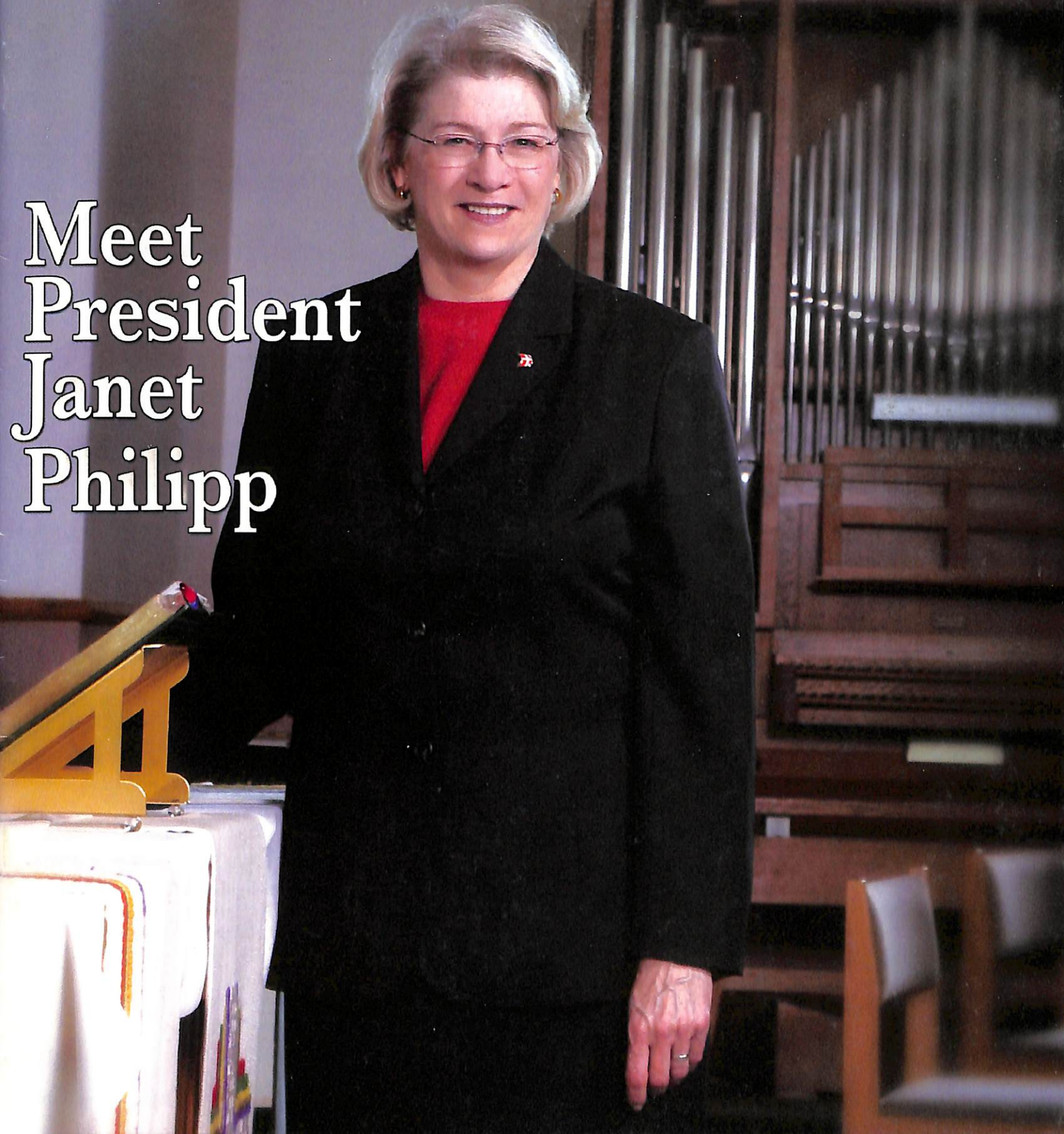
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Meet
President
Janet
Philipp





President's Message

Reminiscent of the “old soldier” farewell remarks of General Douglas MacArthur, it is now my turn to “fade away.” Although I have never been a soldier, nor do I regard myself as old — I won’t be 66 until July 21 — I will cease to be president of Dana College, a position I have been privileged to hold for the past 19 years. Anne and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve, and are now pleased to lend support to a new presidential couple.

We are pleased with the Regents’ choice of a new president for Dana College. Dr. Janet Philipp comes to us with excellent experience in higher education — both as faculty member and as administrator. She is at home in Nebraska and Iowa, where most of our students call home. Most of her experience has been in private colleges with her most recent four years as campus dean and chief executive officer of a public university center in Wisconsin. An added bonus is her service as a dedicated Lutheran lay leader in the ELCA. Her husband, the Rev. Frank Philipp, has enjoyed a distinguished career in the Lutheran ministry, with service in the parish as well as in hospital chaplaincy. Anne and I are delighted they will now serve Dana. Congratulations, Janet! And best wishes to you and Frank as you embark on a new chapter in your lives of service. I urge all alumni and friends of Dana to welcome Dr. Janet and the Rev. Frank Philipp to Dana and to lend their full support as Janet prepares to lead Dana to new achievements.

Speaking of achievement, I want to salute our teacher education faculty and staff for successfully hosting a visiting team of educators who recently completed their re-accreditation review of Dana’s education program for NCATE (the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education). You can imagine my pride when the visiting team reported that Dana meets all six standards for accreditation. My pride swelled even more when the visiting team chair from Idaho reported, “Everyone we interviewed — from school superintendents and principals, to cooperating teachers, graduates, current students, faculty, staff and more — had positive things to say about Dana College and its teacher education faculty, students and program!” Such praise is not common from NCATE teams, and I couldn’t be more proud! Congratulations, Dana College faculty and staff and all who assisted in preparing for this visit.

Quality of programs and quality of faculty, staff and administration are two “measures” on which Dana has always excelled, and I leave Dana with gratitude for the talented, hardworking people who serve here. God has richly blessed us even though our resources are small. I wish I could have left Dana with an even larger endowment and greater financial stability. That is still a work in progress, one I trust all who care about and have benefited from Dana will help to remedy.

The tributes that have been extended to me and Anne have been more generous than we deserve. Nonetheless, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have honored us with affirmations, cards, gifts to the scholarship established in our name, and much more. If we have failed to thank you, please forgive us and know we are grateful. Know this, too. Whatever has been achieved during my presidency — growth in enrollment and endowment, enhancement of the physical plant, expanded programs and services, recognition, and the like — all is owing to the gracious and generous support of a gifted team of Regents, employees, alumni and friends. Of course, we believe the primary thanks must go to a gracious and loving God who sent his only Son who guides and inspires our service and offers life and hope now and forever.

Finally, I want to thank the students who have been a great source of pride and inspiration to Anne and me these 19 years. Seeing you grow in knowledge, ability and service, and how you contribute to the communities where you live and work after Dana fills our hearts to overflowing! As president emeritus, I will not entirely “fade away.” With Anne’s faithful and able assistance, we will continue to provide whatever support we can to Dr. Philipp and Dana. It is our prayer that we can share our personal thank you to each of you for the generous support you have given Dana and us.

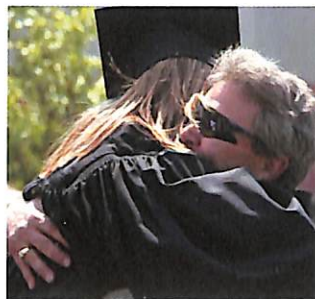
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OUR HEARTS



Nearly 700 people came to Dana's hill on Saturday, April 30, to honor outgoing President Myrvin Christopherson '61 and Director of Special Events and Projects Anne Christopherson. The day started with the annual Arbor Day celebration, with two trees planted in honor of the event's creators, the Christophersons. Afterward, the crowd traveled across campus to the Gardner-Hawks Center, a state-of-the-art athletic facility completed in 2004 through fundraising efforts led by Dr. Christopherson. There, representatives from the faculty, staff, donors, Board of Regents, alumni and students explained why the couple are so important to Dana's identity, past and future. Kirsten Christopherson-Clark '90 brought tears to eyes as she thanked her parents for their devotion to Dana and her sisters and brother. And the youngest audience member, the Christophersons' granddaughter Aleide, brought smiles (below left).

The Christophersons were also presented with an original pencil drawing by Professor of Art James Olsen '62 (right). Drawings of the new Christopherson Paraments, a complete set of liturgical paraments for Trinity Chapel designed by Professor of Art Milt Heinrich, were also on display.

The crowd was pleased to learn that through the generosity of Dana alumni and friends, the \$1 million goal for a Myrv & Anne Christopherson Endowed Scholarship had been met in just a few months. The scholarship, started with a \$500,000 challenge grant by Board of Regents member Jeanne Gardner, will continue to sponsor deserving students at Dana in perpetuity.



WILL CLING TO THEM

Dana celebrates spring and the Christophersons

How can you say thank you for 19 years? Over the last few months, the Christophersons have been given many gifts, including a fine, handmade memory book created by wood artist Phil Larsen '49 and Board of Regents Spouses member Gail Laursen (right).

The Dana student body also presented the Christophersons with a gift, two engraved watches. The watches' engraving references Colossians 1:9-12, verses from the Apostle Paul to Timothy and the followers of Christ. The verses are words of comfort and support saying, for example, "we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will.... endure everything with patience while joyfully giving thanks to the Father...."

Not to be outdone, the staff gave a few "gifts" of their own to the presidential couple. In honor of the staff's annual Christmas white elephant exchange, each department presented the Christophersons with gifts, including Myrv's 19-year tab for his Dana plaque, visiting rights to a particular problem plant in the Dana-LIFE Library for Anne, and a mixed CD of Myrv's favorite pre-game songs from the Athletic Department.



Accolades for Myrv have poured in, including two major distinctions.

In April, the Great Plains Athletic Conference announced it was creating the Christopherson Academic Award. The details of the award are being finalized by the conference, with the first award scheduled to be presented following the 2005-2006 academic year.

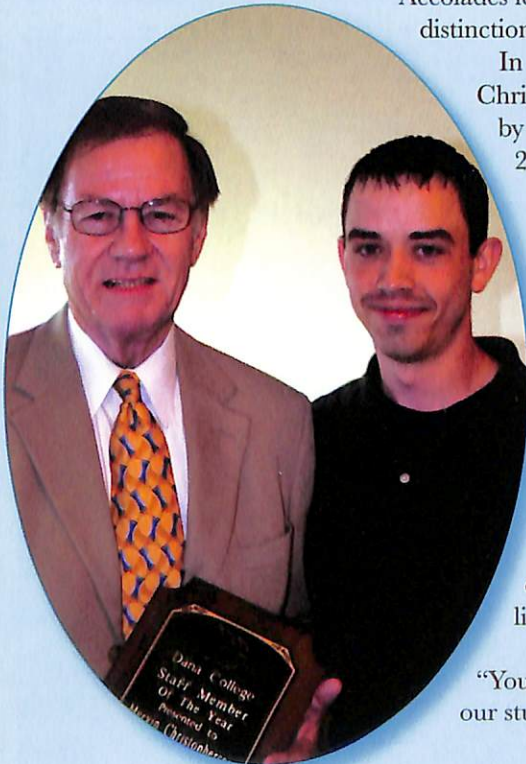
The award reflects Christopherson's faithful and long-term service to student-athletes in the GPAC.

"President Christopherson's leadership and guidance of the GPAC has made a positive impact on where we are today," said GPAC Commissioner, Corey Westra. "Naming this award in his honor is a testament to his years of service and we wish him well in his retirement from higher education."

But the distinction that seemed to most touch Myrv Christopherson was his election by the student body as Staff Member of the Year.

"There is nothing I can say that will be as significant as what he means to the students of Dana College," said Student Senate President Matt Bloomingdale '05 (left) in presenting the award. "Nothing can express our deep gratitude for how his commitment and dedication has affected our lives.

"You are the reason we are here," Christopherson said to the students. "You bring a lot of pride to us the way you conduct yourselves. We give thanks to our students in the way you give joy to us."



See Paris with Us!

Paris, Prague and Vienna — three of the world's most beautiful cities — are the destinations of a Discovery Term travel course next January led by Prof. Jim Olsen '62. He invites alumni, family and friends to join students on a space-available basis.

Olsen, associate professor of art, says, "The objective of this course is to acquaint participants with the geographic, historic, cultural, artistic and socio-political heritage of these places, and to do so in a way that gives participants a new perspective on our own American values and outlooks."

Tentative dates for the 17-day or 18-day trip are Jan. 6 to Jan. 22 or 23, 2006.

Although the total cost will depend on the number of participants, currency exchange rates and air fares, Olsen hopes to keep charges under \$3,000.

This amount will include all transportation, lodging in tourist class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily throughout the trip and admission to all scheduled historic sites such as museums. (Total cost will be based on round-trip airfare from Omaha. Participants can also make arrangements to join the group at the point of international departure, which will depend on the air carrier used.)

"We'll be doing a significant amount of moderate to vigorous walking," Olsen says, "so prospective participants should consider this program only if they are in good physical condition."

To ensure a comfortable group size, enrollment is being limited to 16 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. A deposit of \$200 per person can be made to the Paris, Prague and Vienna Discovery Term account in Dana's Business Office. Deposits, which will reserve space on the priority list, will be refundable until October 1.

Those interested can contact Olsen by e-mail (jjolsen@dana.edu) or telephone (office, 402-426-7206; home, 402-426-2765).



Prof. Olsen points out the portal sculptures at Chartres Cathedral, one of the sights on this year's tour.

Michels named Provost

Dana College is pleased to announce that Dr. Therese Michels, associate professor of chemistry, has been named interim provost and dean of the college. In this position, she will oversee the day-to-day academic affairs of the college and share oversight and provide support to administrators and staff in Student Affairs and Athletics.

Michels has served effectively as chairwoman of the Chemistry Department and as a member of key committees, including service as chairwoman of the Curriculum Committee and Co-chairwoman of the Morton Scholars Program. She is also an active member of the Strategic Planning Committee.



Michels has taught at Dana since the fall of 1994, and has been fulltime since 1999. This year she was awarded the Willard and Leitha Richardson Professorship in the Liberal Arts.

Michels received her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and her master's of science and doctoral degree in analytical chemistry from Iowa State University. Before coming to Dana, she taught chemistry at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and before that, was a research chemist at Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, Okla.

She will continue to teach parttime in the Chemistry Department.

Danish American Conference coming

The Danish American Heritage Society (DAHS) international conference, Danish Culture, Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years, will take place Oct. 13-16 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

All are welcome for this enlightening and energizing conference that includes presentations, films, music, entertainment, tours, food and libations. Conference brochures are being distributed and conference and registration information is posted on the Grand View College web site: www.gvc.edu. Click on the DAHS Conference on the home page.

Participants can register online or by mail using the Conference registration brochure. For copies of the brochure, please e-mail DAHSConference@gvc.edu. Individuals can be added to the Conference mailing list by contacting DAHS Conference Registration at the same e-mail address or by calling 515-263-6129.

Homecoming activities announced

Homecoming is story-telling time. Maybe the stories are slightly embellished, but they are true to the heart and true to the spirit of Dana alumni. Dana College's Homecoming 2005 celebrates this spirit with a weekend of events and "A Story to Tell."

Friday (Sept. 30) highlights:

- Afternoon reception in the Cooperman Atrium, highlighting the 1955 and 1960 men's track teams, and marking the 10-year anniversary of the first time a Dana cross country team qualified for Nationals
- Evening Awards Dinner honoring Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding Young Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Saturday (Oct. 1) Highlights:

- Aebleskiver Breakfast followed by the Choir and Chorale Reunion
- Homecoming Tailgate Party, outside the stadium before the game, featuring fire-grilled brats and burgers. Football kick-off at 1:30 p.m.
- All-Alumni Reunion caps off Saturday with a TivoliFest theme at Central Court featuring:
 - » Ten class reunions. Reunions of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000.
 - » Kappa Theta Phi and Tau Gamma Rho sororities, and Kappa Chi Lambda and Delta Sigma Omega fraternities
 - » Social hour and dinner with delightful Danish cuisine: Frikadeller, ham, roasted chicken, red cabbage, pickled herring,

aquavit, havarti and other favorites. For dessert enjoy Danish raspberry pudding, Rødgrød or Danish kringle.

- » "Danish Kringle Tasting Kontest" — A panel of distinguished judges will taste, comment upon and select prize-winning kringle.
- » "The Eight O'Clock Talk Show," hosted by alumnus and Regent Andy Andersen '61, and produced by Nathan Krämer '89, will feature a slate of alumni guests telling their stories. You will hear from such notables as the Distinguished and Outstanding Young Alumni, campus leaders and other assorted "story tellers."

Sunday (Oct. 2) highlights:

- Morning Worship in Trinity Chapel with time to recognize alumni who have passed away in the last year
- Venerable Viking Brunch and Program for 50+ reunion year alumni
- Afternoon Dana Chorale Concert in Trinity Chapel

Homecoming is the perfect gathering time for college classmates to rekindle their friendships. Now is the time to contact these friends and say, "Let's meet at Tivoli."

Look for more details and registration materials in the Homecoming brochure arriving soon. If you have questions about Homecoming, please contact the Alumni Office, (402) 426-7235 or (800) 444-DANA, option #4, or jrohlfm@dana.edu.



Roesler and Brewer with just some of the many books Roesler read in her history classes this year.

Brewer named Prof of the Year

Dr. Stewart Brewer, assistant professor of history, has been chosen by the student body of Dana College as the 2004-05 Professor of the Year.

"This professor requires a lot of academic excellence," said Maria Roesler '05 while presenting the award. "He cares about students inside and outside of the classroom. And he is very flexible — except when it comes to the reading."

Roesler, a Spanish major who happened to have four classes with Brewer this year, brought all the books she was required to read in Brewer's classes this semester, to "illustrate" his dedication to instilling knowledge.

"(Dr. Brewer) will always sympathize with his students about the workload," Roesler said. "I know it's hard, he'll say. 'Now get working.'"

Dana's Professor of the Year is chosen by a vote of the entire student body. Recipients must have demonstrated excellence in teaching, positive interpersonal relationships, organization and classroom management, intellectual stimulation and desirable behavior outside the classroom. Professors who have received the award within the past five years are not eligible.

Brewer has been teaching at Dana since 2003. He earned his bachelor's in history and master's in anthropology from Brigham Young University. He earned his doctoral degree in international history from University at Albany, State University of New York. He previously served as a visiting assistant professor in the department of history at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

Put your mark on the Dana Hall of Science

For many Dana College students, the Dana Hall of Science can seem like their entire world. The demanding science majors require a lot of hands-on study with Dana's great equipment. And collaboration is the name of the game: everyone works as a team to prepare for the careers of the future.

"Some times it seems like I sleep there," says Michelle Simon '07.

Students hang out in the halls, classrooms, faculty offices and the newly updated multimedia area — basically anywhere they can. Every inch of the facility is being used.

Except for maybe one. A downstairs room housed pipes, shelves and loads of outdated junk. But thanks to work from the Science Club — one of Dana's most dynamic groups — and science faculty, that underused space is getting a new lease on life.

"It was a storeroom," says Dr. Karen Murch-Shafer, assistant professor of biol-

ogy, while standing in the cleaned out space. "And, oh my goodness, it was a mess. I'm amazed how clean we've got it."

Murch-Shafer has big plans for the space. She envisions a new student lounge, complete with all the current science literature, career information, a study area and even a tin ceiling. (See the sample below.)

The room could be used as a seminar room for upper-level students, a potential multimedia space and — if things go really well — a place to hold receptions following a science seminar series.

The science students have put a

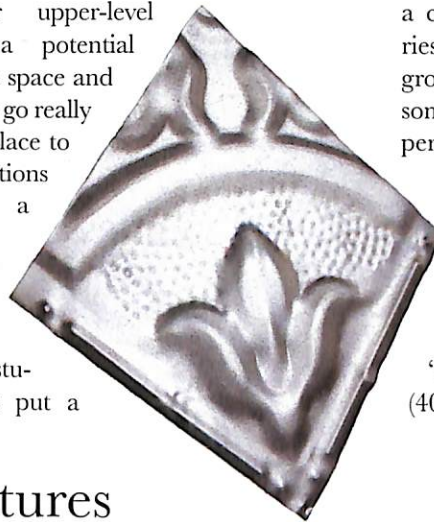
lot of effort into getting the room in shape, but they can't finish the project without some financial help.

"Right now, we are calling this the Science Resource Center," Murch-Shafer says. "But we would love to put a (donor's) name on it."

The room needs a refrigerator for its kitchenette, couches, tables and chairs and a ceiling. The proposed science lecture series also needs some funding to get it off the ground. But bringing speakers to campus is something the faculty feel the college "desperately needs," says Murch-Shafer.

The students and faculty hope to have the room's first stage completed by the start of the fall semester. They are hoping everyone who has felt touched by science at Dana can chip in.

To donate, please contact Mike Jones '71 in Dana Institutional Advancement at (402) 426-7233 or mjones@dana.edu.



Timely Topic at Staley Lectures

"Christians and Muslims Talking Together: Towards Understanding Global Islam" was the topic of Dana College's annual Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Series, April 21 and 22. The series was presented by the Dana College Religion Department and Dana College Campus Ministry.

The series' featured speaker was Dr. Michael Shelley, an expert in Islam and Christian-Muslim relations and an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shelley brought his experience of 24 years of service in Egypt to this very important and topical discussion.

The Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, assistant professor of religion and Dana's campus pastor, said the topic of communication between Christians and Muslims was inspired by on-going global events.

"(The rising population of Muslims across the globe) raises a number of questions," Ngweshemi said. "One may wonder, why is Islam growing at such pace both globally and locally? In what ways does the American form of Islam relate to or differ from Islam in the rest of the world? What does such expansion of Islam mean to Christianity, and how does Christianity respond to this situation? Are there any ideas or practices that can bring Muslims and Christians together for the common good? These are some of the issues which Dr. Shelley addressed."

Shelley earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo, his master's of divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, his master's of theology in mission and ecumenism from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and his doctorate in Islam and Chris-

tian-Muslim Relations from the University of Birmingham, England. He served in Egypt under the ELCA's Division for Global Mission for 24 years. He lives in Chicago, where he is interim director of the Doctor of Ministry Program and visiting professor of world religions at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Series is a project of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York. This lectureship was established in the fall of 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley of Rye, New York, in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley and Judge and Mrs. H.H. Haynes. The Thomas F. Staley Foundation is firmly persuaded that the message of the Christian gospel, when proclaimed in its historical fullness, is always contemporary, relevant and meaningful to any generation. To this end, the foundation seeks to bring to the college and university campuses of America distinguished scholars/artists who truly believe and can clearly communicate the Christian gospel to students.



Dr. Michael Shelley

Campus Digest

News about the Dana Community

The Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor and assistant professor of religion, attended the ELCA Youth Ministry Conference in Anaheim, Calif., Feb. 5-7.

Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate dean for student success, professor of German and director of International Studies and the English Language Institute, took part in the selection of American graduate students under the Institute of International Education-sponsored programs for the U.S. Student Fulbright Program. As a member of the National Screening Committee, Bartels had a major role in assuring that the finest candidates are represented in the program next year.

Dr. Claire Bushong, assistant professor of music, presented a program for the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on music by African-American composers in February.

Dr. Peggy Holloway, visiting assistant professor of music, presented a paper entitled "From My Grandmother's Piano Bench" on March 13 at the Great Plains Chapter of the College Music Society Annual Conference at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. The topic of the paper concerned women in the Great Plains who wrote and published popular songs in the early 20th century. Holloway is the treasurer for the chapter and also served as registrar for the event.

On March 4, the Dana College History faculty participated in the

Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha. **Dr. Stewart Brewer**, assistant professor of history, provided commentary on papers in the panel "The Political Economy of Colonial and Modern Mexico."

Dr. Iain Anderson, assistant professor of history, chaired a session on "Progressive Era Reform."

Prof. Jan Potter, professor of social work and sociology, and Louise Latimer, a member of the Dana College Social Work Advisory Board, presented the keynote address at the Sixth Annual Social Work Program Institute at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, Mo., on March 25. Their topic, "A New Look at Cultural Competence: What Really Matters to Our Clients," was based on Potter's research with diverse client groups. Potter presented her research and mediated a response panel discussion, "Being Culturally Competent: Diverse Social Workers, Diverse Settings, Diverse Clients," for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers - Nebraska Chapter on April 1.

During 2004 and 2005, **Dr. Stewart Brewer** served as a member of the Editorial Review Board for the Fourth Edition of *World Civilizations* by Philip Adler and Randall Pouwels, published by Thomson Wadsworth Publishers and scheduled for release in 2006. For this edition, Brewer helped write a new chapter on Genghis Khan and the rise of the Mongol World Empire during the 13th century. This summer, Brewer will complete the

manuscript for his book, *Borders and Bridges: A History of U.S.-Latin American Relations*. His next project involves writing a chapter, based on archival research in Spain and Guatemala, for a forthcoming publication by the University of Florida Press on the Ch'orti' Maya of early colonial Guatemala between 1524 and 1825.

Dr. Iain Anderson is in the process of completing a book manuscript for the University of Pennsylvania Press entitled *This Is Our Music: Free Jazz, Cultural Hierarchy, and the Sixties*. His monograph draws upon oral history, the mainstream and trade press, diaries, letters, and other archival documents, and recorded music sources. His book will appear in the series *The Arts and Intellectual Life in Modern America*, edited by Casey Nelson Blake of Columbia University.

Dr. Iain Anderson served as a judge for National History Day: Nebraska, held at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln on April 15. The theme for this year's contest was *Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*. Anderson judged the Senior Group Exhibit category.

Dr. Claire Bushong was installed May 9 as Dean of the Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Two of Bushong's private students were awarded scholarships by the chapter for further organ study.



the Perfect Fit

Dr. Janet Philipp takes the helm at Dana

Laura Philipp was introduced to higher education early — very early. While safely tucked in her grandmother’s arms at just 1 week of age, Laura waited outside in the hall where her mother, Janet Philipp, was taking a final exam for a graduate class.

It’s a cute little story, and it says a lot about Dana College’s next president, Dr. Janet Philipp. She cares deeply about education, earning five diplomas, including two after she started her family. She cares deeply about her family and others, valuing tradition, faith and service as the highest virtues. And she is unstoppable. Ask anyone who’s known her — and we asked quite a few — and the words that come out of their mouths include, “determined,” “energetic,” “strength,” “commitment” and “compassion.”

Now Philipp is headed for Blair to a job she has dreamed about for several years.

“The words ‘Dana College’ exemplify cultural heritage — in this case Danish — and rootedness in the Church. Because those are important traditions to me, (being named president) was like receiving a highly valued gift,” Philipp said.

Philipp didn’t start out wanting to be the president of an ELCA liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, but she has always wanted to serve. In 1969, she earned a diploma from the Capital City School of Nursing and kept enhancing herself to be of better service to the world ever since. In 1978, she earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Dubuque, followed the next year by a bachelor’s of science in nursing. She continued her higher education, commuting many miles, to earn a master’s from Creighton University in family and community health nursing, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of South Dakota in 1994.

Somewhere along the way, Philipp’s dream became being involved with a private, liberal arts college, ideally affiliated with the ELCA. Getting the presidency at Dana, she says, was like “being handed a dream on a silver platter.”

You only have to look at Philipp’s previous position as liberal arts dean and campus executive officer (roughly equivalent to president) at the University of Wisconsin-Rock County to see why Philipp and Dana are a perfect match.

“She took charge of the campus,” says Jennifer Hanson, a Rock County alumna who served on student government. “She came in and headed up so many things. She got plans for a brand-new library for us. She did so much fundraising. She got us a new mascot. She had a music faculty member write a new fight song. She was a strong advocate for the school in the community and was involved in everything.”

Under Philipp, Rock County experienced an explosion in student organizations and campus participation, extraordinary considering it is mainly a commuter school. And behind it all, according to Hanson, was Philipp.

“She didn’t have to do everything she did,” Hanson says. “We called her up to tell her that we were having a protest about a hike in tuition, just as a courtesy. She answered, ‘Great!’ We did laps around campus to illustrate the added burden of the costs, and she even did a lap.”

When a student music organization called Club LIME needed a “superhero” for a themed Relay for Life fundraiser, Philipp stayed up late with the students to help them raise money for cancer research.

“Dana is very, very lucky,” Hanson says. “I feel so bad for the students at Rock County who won’t get to work with Dr. Philipp.”

Students aren’t the only ones who will miss Philipp. Dr. Kim Kostka, professor of chemistry at Rock County, says Philipp has a real talent for bringing people together and getting them moving in the right direction.

Kostka, who has been at Rock County for 12 years, remembers the excitement that followed Philipp to the school five years ago. The new dean organized everyone together and established a strategic planning exercise. The list the faculty devised as part of that exercise is still being used to further the school.



The First Family of Dana: Dr. Janet Philipp (seated) and husband, the Rev. Frank Philipp with, from left, daughter-in-law-to-be Erin, son Michael, and daughter Laura. Below, Philipp poses with her mother, Dorothy.





Expanding horizons: Philipp has always tried to open her students to other cultures and ways of life. She regularly took student groups to the Hopi Reservation in Arizona (top, with Bertha Kinate). The Philipps' have also gone on their share of choir tours. Above, they pose with the Morningside College Choir in Pamploma, Spain, during the summer 2000 tour.

More than that, Kostka says, Philipp respects faculty enough to let them be the most effective teachers they can be. For instance, Kostka centers her teaching approach using non-traditional methods to get students engaged. In her opinion, it's the best way to ensure students learn the material, but it's often hard for students who excel at the traditional textbook-and-test methods.

One of Kostka's students complained to Philipp about what the student believed to be "useless work." After Philipp investigated what was going on in Kostka's classroom, she congratulated the professor on her unusual methods and use of campus materials.

"I asked her what she told the student," Kostka says. "She answered, 'I told her that this is college and it's supposed to be hard. This isn't grade 13.'"

Kostka says Philipp also earned the respect of faculty by spearheading several academic activities that are considered traditional at many campuses today. They include the increased encouragement of extracurricular activities, campus-wide book readings with a specific theme for each year and building a real community among faculty members. (Of course, these ideas may be traditional elsewhere, but anyone familiar with Dana will recognize all three.)

Philipp inspires such accolades through her outlook on higher education administration. To her, it's not about earning fame or devotion through a "cult of personality," but about making sure others reach their own potentials.

"I work at an institution to build capacity," Philipp says. "I help others understand their talents and gifts, and to work together as a team for the betterment of the organization."

Philipp balances the aspects of leadership. She is devoted to gathering information and opinions of others, but, in the end, she is decisive.

"I have a can-do attitude," she says. "I believe in looking for what we can do and not focusing on what can't be done."

Philipp "exudes confidence," says Dr. Brad Stewart. Stewart was Philipp's colleague, holding the equivalent position at University of Wisconsin-Waukasha, and is now vice president and provost at Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus in Maryland.

Stewart expressed how fortunate he felt Dana was to get Philipp, saying he wished Maryland and Nebraska were closer.

"She was adept at getting (community members) on board as

members of the college team," he says. "I'll bet my last dollar she'll be able to do the same thing in Blair."

Philipp says her primary goal at Dana is to improve the school's future, while maintaining the quality academics and rich, deep traditions of the college. Her plan is to gather as much information as she can from all of the Dana community and move forward on the three largest challenges she sees for Dana.

The first is to grow the enrollment to the capacity of the campus. With a record class of freshmen in 2004 and numbers that look very promising for 2005, Dana is on the right track, she says.

The second challenge is to attain financial stability. Dana, like many small colleges, continues to struggle with escalating costs and demands for increased compensation for its faculty and staff, as well as facility improvements for its students. Although the college has experienced a few years of deficit spending, it is projected that the recently completed fiscal year ending May 31, 2005, will be balanced with a modest surplus. Philipp is devoted to ending deficit spending and continuing a trend of budget surpluses.

"We'll achieve this through enrollment primarily," she says. "But we'll also identify new revenue sources and work on increased fundraising."

The final challenge has been with Dana from nearly the beginning. The college continues to exist with a small endowment, which, although it grew extraordinarily under the leadership of President Myrvin Christopherson '61, is still uncomfortably low.

“This is important,” Philipp says. “We need an adequate endowment to support incoming students with the scholarships they need to succeed.”

Success seems to surround Philipp. Everyone we asked about her expressed how inspiring she was as a person. Duane Larson, president of Wartburg Seminary, says Dana will “see a quiet, steady, firm passion for the institution.” Former student Guillermo Cuautle says, “You can just hear the wisdom coming from her responses.” Dr. Tom Kluberantz, associate dean at Rock County, says, “I have appreciated her level of integrity, humanity and ability to build effective communities of colleagues. I have been impressed by her dedicated support of the fine arts, sciences and athletics on our campus.”

Perhaps the greatest testament to Philipp’s suitability as Dana’s president, though, lies closer to home. She has been married for 30 years to the Rev. Frank Philipp, an ELCA pastor and Board Certified Chaplain. They raised their two children, Laura and Michael, mainly in parsonages in small Midwestern towns. They built their lives around service for others and education. Now both Philipp children are pursuing doctoral degrees in areas where they may touch many lives, but will probably never touch much in the way of money. Michael is working on a specialty in neuroscience at George State University and hopes to follow in his mother’s footsteps as a college professor. Laura is working on a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Houston. Ironically, the girl who says, “As a kid, I always thought I never wanted to be like my parents,” is now almost a complete blend of them. She hopes to work in a hospital with cancer patients when she is through.

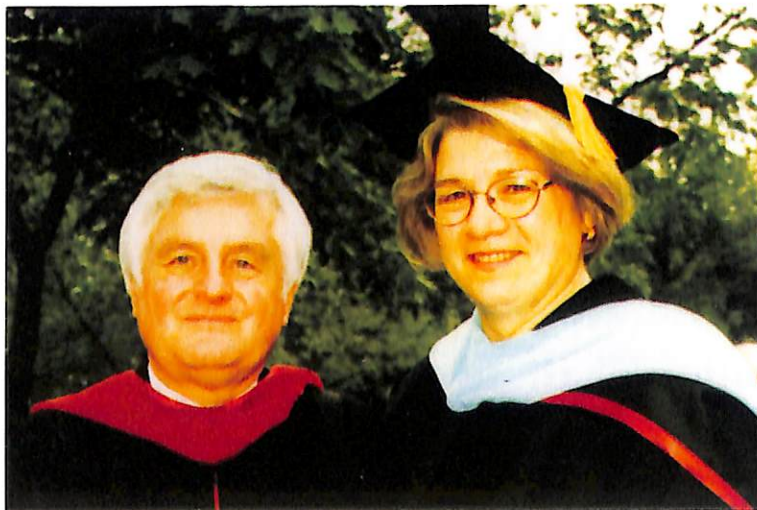
It’s what Philipp says she hopes for all her students — that they find their calling through the gift of a private, church-based education. And as she begins what is likely to be a productive tenure as the leader of Dana College, students are her main directives.

“Students are the reason we exist,” she says. “I like to keep my finger on the pulse of student concerns and student joys. If I’m not interested in them, then I’m in the wrong job.”

Obviously, Dana College is the right place for Dr. Janet Philipp, and Dr. Janet Philipp is the right person for Dana College.



Welcoming smiles: Philipp and husband, Frank, say they will strive to brighten Dana’s future.



The Wartburg Connections: Philipp has deep roots in the Church. She served a 1-year training appointment under Wartburg College President Dr. Bob Voger (left). She also served on the board at Wartburg Theological Seminary, seen at right with fellow board members, from left, Dan Busse ‘68, the Rev. Casey Zestch, President Duane Larson and the Rev. David Anderson.



The end is the Beginning

Another class says goodbye to Dana College

On May 20, Dana added 113 names to its list of alumni. They were from as near as Blair and as far away as Alaska, but they can now always consider Dana as home. During their time at Dana, they saw the Gardner-Hawks Center rise from a parking lot to a state-of-the-art facility. They were some of the first to take advantage of five new academic majors. And like all Dana classes, they were active in the classroom, on the field and in the community.

Graduation Weekend was a celebration of these outstanding students and their academic and social achievements. Even if the schedule of events was similar to other years', the people in the ceremonies made this another unique celebration for Dana.



Baccalaureate

The ending of the 2004-05 school year kicked off with the Service of Baccalaureate, to thank God for another Dana class. Music major Theresa Garrison '05 led the procession into Trinity Chapel, carrying the cross. As Garrison told the congregation later in her testimony, it was when she found her place in Campus Ministry that she found her place in life.

"When I came to Pastor (Andrea Ng'weshemi) and told him I wanted to go into the ministry, he was so excited and supportive of me," she said. Garrison's journey through Campus Ministry led her through small roles in the service to presiding minister and finally preaching minister.

Now, she'll be following in the footsteps of Baccalaureate's Preaching Minister Kathryn Gerking '82 by going to seminary.

Gerking started her sermon by pushing and scooting the pulpit until it faced more toward the graduating seniors than the congregation. "You are, after all," she said giving the pulpit another push, "the reason why we are here."

Her sermon ranged from the philosopher/radio host Chris on the television show Northern Exposure's musing on a trip to Africa to Jesus' journey from the Last Supper to the garden where he was betrayed by Judas. Everyone changes during their own journeys, especially during college, she said, but God is always there, helping to guide the traveler on his or her path.

In the final blessing, this message was brought home, when Gerking said, "We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for these students who will soon depart Dana. We entrust them into your loving care, knowing that you are always the Faithful Traveler and Companion on our way. Shelter each one and protect them from all harm and all useless anxiety. May their futures be a source of enriching and transforming moments lived within your grace."

Graduate Recognition Dinner

After Baccalaureate, it was on to a sumptuous dinner in the Dining Room in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center for graduates and their families. After turkey, beef and make-your-own-cheesecake-sundaes, the recognition program kicked off with a gift presentation to departing Dean of Students Chris Jebson. Provost and Dean of the College Brian Viets gave Jebson a "very rare" autographed portrait of Martin Luther, complete with a personal congratulations from the founder of the Protestant Revolution on Jebson's excellent work at Dana.

The lighthearted tone continued with senior class speakers Matt Bloomingdale '05 and Ashley Sorensen '05, both of whom joked about standing in line for the midnight opening of "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" the night before with several high-ranking administrators at Dana.

Then it was time to give out Dana's graduate awards and time for the tears. The first recipient, Melissa Respeliers '05, started to tear up when she realized she was receiving the "Spirit of Dana" Award. Respeliers had been a leader in the classroom and on the soccer field for Dana, and was nominated for the honor for her persistent encouragement of everyone around her.

Brian Martin '05 was the second "Spirit of Dana" Award winner. Martin barely survived a terrible car accident his freshman year, but returned to Dana and the wrestling team, despite lasting physical and vocal damage. Even with these additional challenges, Martin continued to achieve in the classroom and even managed to wrestle during his senior year. Beyond that, Martin was known around campus for his upbeat attitude and willingness to help out with nearly anything.

Two seniors were recipients of the Dana College Award for Excellence in Service, given to those who exemplify Dana's "students in action" mentality. Ashley Sorensen '05 was singled out for not only being involved,



From top: Theresa Garrison carries in the cross at Baccalaureate; Rev. Kathryn Gerking '82 addresses the graduates; Dean of Students Chris Jebson unwraps a very special present; Graduate Recognition award winners, from left, Respeliers, Reddish, Hancock, Garrison, Sorensen, Bloomingdale, Schjodt and Martin.

Summa Cum Laude

Ginger Krueger
Jennifer Muell
Elizabeth Pearson
Clint Peterson
Maria Roesler
Carmen Woudstra

Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Allen
Zach Braun
Ryan Bruce
Christina Campbell
Jennifer Eccles
Tina Hackett
Jessica Holz
Karie Lenzen
Andrew Miller
Ashley Sorensen
Jami White
Nathan Wittstruck

Cum Laude

Janelle Barclay
Lisa Glissman
Sara Gutzwiller
Dustyn Keepers
Aaron McGoldrick
Isaac Piper
Vanessa Piper



New graduate Jenny Eccles '05 embraces her uncle.

Graduates

Brian Abrahams
 Brooke Allerdings
 Adriann Ames
 Luke Andrews
 Robert Andrews
 Kiley Bair
 Erin Bansen
 Sharae Bishop
 Matthew Bloomingdale
 Tommy Bond
 Leister Bowling
 Matthew Bryan
 Rebecca Bryant
 Christopher Carder
 Zane Christensen
 Dustin Clark
 Justin Connors
 Lance Conroy
 Chad Cooke
 Steven Costello
 Jeffrey Davis
 Kevin DeLaVina
 Damien Dempsay
 Honour Dugan
 Stephanie Esser
 Braxton Fecht
 Christopher Finke
 Shannon Ford-Jefferson
 Theresa Garrison
 Peter Geldes
 Michelle Glanz
 Eric Grant-Leanna
 Jessica Hall
 Becky Hancock
 Darrell Harvey
 Kyle Hatch
 James Heimann
 Brian Hershberger
 Stacy Hubbard
 Shane Jackman
 Molly Jackson
 Bryant Johnson
 Christopher A. Johnson
 Christopher J. Johnson

Eric Jones
 Janine Jones
 Jo Ellen Kanne
 Jennifer Knowles
 Jennifer Kolman
 Paul Langenegger
 Ian Latella
 Kristin Leitow
 Mark Listenberger
 Brian Martin
 Alfonso Martinez
 Eric Meurer
 Victoria Mumm
 Shannon Murphy
 Derek Nelson
 Robert Peacock
 Anthony Perry
 Adam Peterson
 Richelle Pinkerton
 Mandy Pippitt
 Amanda Reddish
 Melissa Respeliars
 John Roan
 Julie Roan
 Brooke Rohner
 Kraig Schjodt
 Katie Schneekloth
 Brett Scholting
 Willie Shelton
 Robert Smith
 Julie Stange
 Brad Streeter
 Jonathan Stuehm
 Joseph Sweeney
 Nicole Tenski
 Ryan Tonkin
 Gregory Towne
 Brian Tsutsumi
 Lisa Vrana
 Philip Wail
 Bryan Watson
 Timothy Weiss
 Brian Welte
 Christopher Zachgo

but bringing the Science Club back from near extinction to an organization capable of bring more than 80 youngsters to Dana for a science day camp. Kraig Schjodt '05, the other winner, was a regular in Dana's performing arts and also the go-to guy for sound system setup for college events.

The Dana College Community Enrichment Award was given to Becky Hancock '05, a social work major from Fremont, Neb. Becky earned this award for her commitment to providing Dana with cultural events and programs to broaden students' views of the world.

The Dana College Award for Service in Religious Life went to two special women, Theresa Garrison and Amanda Reddish '05. Garrison, who testified at Baccalaureate, was recognized for involvement in Campus Ministry, and especially her devotion to chapel services. Reddish was a leader outside of the chapel, inspiring members of the women's soccer team and others through leading Bible study and serving as president of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Finally, the Dana College Award for Excellence in Leadership was awarded to Matt Bloomingdale, who served as president of the Student Senate for the last year. As one nominator put it, "Matt is a natural-born leader." He continued Senate's goal of making more of a difference in students' lives through initiatives on parking, retention and technology.

These winners exemplify the best of Dana College and what the institution hopes for all of its students — that they find their passion and make a difference in the world.

Commencement

Even with a stiff wind, Saturday, May 21, was a gorgeous day to celebrate the 113 members of the Dana College Class of 2005. Hundreds of friends and family gathered in the Gardner-Hawks Center to watch as the faculty and graduates streamed in at 10:30 that morning.

For outgoing President Myrvin Christopherson '61, the ceremony was bittersweet.

"Two thousand five is also my graduating year," he told the audience. "It marks my transition to a F.I.P. — formerly important person — and a grandfather."

Next on the program were two other outstanding graduates, Ginger Krueger '05 and Elizabeth Pearson '05. The co-valedictorians both earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages for their entire course of study at Dana.



From top: Dr. Myrvin Christopherson '61 "graduated" as well; valedictorians Elizabeth Pearson, left, and Ginger Krueger; Christopherson with Community Service Award winner Roger Howland '64 and his wife, Linda (Anderson '65) Howland; Anne Christopherson returning to her seat after being named an honorary alumna.

Krueger, an English major, gave an unconventional “cynic’s” speech, in which she admitted she tried to write one without the standard clichés associated with graduation speeches but ultimately couldn’t find anything else. Pearson, a biology major, encouraged her class to continue striving for the best they can achieve, while spreading God’s word throughout the world.

After these great speeches, Christopherson bestowed the 2005 College-Community Service Award on Roger Howland ’64, who said he was proof that you don’t have to be vaedictorian to succeed in life. As owner-manager of Country Tire, a chain of stores in Nebraska, Howland has been a community leader in Blair since his graduation at Dana, earning many different awards and appointments to civic boards and organizations.

“Dana provided me with many things,” Howland said in accepting the award. “But the people I met here continue to be the best in my life. It’s the relationships built here that have made the difference in my life.”

It was then time to present the Class of 2005, or so everyone thought. Instead, Alumni Council President Tim Marsden ’97 was called to the stage. Once there, he reflected on how fondly alumni look back on their time at Dana College and how important the “little touches” were to the events that stuck out in his mind.

“Maybe you started to notice the tablecloths that were a little nicer, that Sights & Sounds was a little better each year,” he said. “Every special event at Dana seemed a little classier because of Anne Christopherson’s touch.”

Marsden’s surprise announcement was that Dana was bestowing the title of Honorary Alumna to Anne Christopherson, director of special events and projects. For years, Anne Christopherson had been an unrelenting force in improving the look and feel of Dana’s special events. Her devotion to details raised the bar on Dana’s events. But in her characteristic modest style, Christopherson merely walked to the stage, hugged Marsden tightly and returned to her seat, without extending her time in the spotlight for even a second more.

Finally, the moment 113 students had been working for all their lives was here. To cheers, applause and even an air horn, the Dana Class of 2005 walked across the stage and accepted their diplomas. Their fields of study ranged from Accounting to Social Work, but they all benefited from the skills and philosophy Dana imparts on its students: An ethos of lifelong learning and a broad outlook on life that not only improved their chances of succeeding in the workplace but of being a success at life.

All of the Dana community congratulates these men and women on their achievements. And we ask that they represent their alma mater well, and come back to see us often.

Good Neighbors

Neves given Hanson Servant Award

Dana College presented Muriel and Lloyd Neve D ’45 T ’47 with the Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award during the annual Dana College Builders Luncheon, Friday, May 20.

“Lloyd and Muriel Neve put their Christian faith into action — day in and day out,” said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson ’61, president. “They exemplify love of neighbor in a way that few do.”

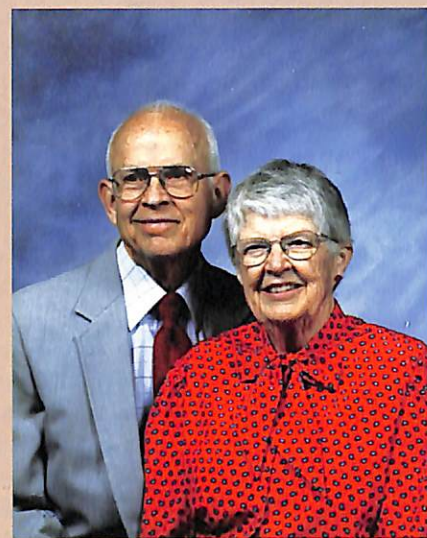
Lloyd and Muriel Neve have spread their faith and mission across the globe for more than 60 years. The son of a South Dakota pastor, Lloyd came to Dana in 1941, eventually becoming student body president. He attended Trinity Seminary and Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Ill. While serving as a missionary in Japan, Lloyd met Muriel Hayward, a Californian who was teaching at a mission school in Fukuoka. Together, they have led a life of ministry ever since.

The Neves have served in Kurume, Japan; the Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tokyo; Obihiro, Japan; the Japan Christian Women’s University in Tokyo; Lae, Papua New Guinea and Mapumulo, South Africa. In all, 40 years of missionary work. In 1988, they retired to Blair, just 10 yards from the residence hall where Lloyd lived four decades before.

Since retiring, the Neves have volunteered for Bread for the World, N Street Village, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and, of course, as active members of the Dana community.

Lloyd Neve humbly thanked the college for the award, and credited his wife and fellow Dana alumnus the Rev. Art Simon ’52 with teaching him to be a servant.

“One must work with, and for, the poor on their level to help them get enough food for their families, jobs to support themselves and adequate housing, which would make family life possible,” he said.



Muriel Neve also addressed the audience, telling of her work at N Street Village, a women’s shelter about a mile north of the White House in Washington, D.C. At the shelter, Muriel mans the craft/needlework room, providing work therapy for the women, the majority of whom are mentally ill.

“Every day is a challenge,” she said. “I usually can be nice to everyone — with a little help from above — but when I don’t succeed, they tell me so, often with profanity.”

Christopherson praised the Neves for their commitment to such difficult work.

“For many, ‘neighbor’ is the person next door so long as that person is easy to like,” he said. “For Lloyd and Muriel, their definition of ‘neighbor’ includes those who are different, difficult and maybe even undesirable. It especially includes the poor, the hungry and the outcast. They have been wonderful supporters of Dana who show us how to live like the servant Christ.”

The Hanson Servant Award was presented to the Neves during the Dana College Builders Luncheon, an annual celebration for donors who have included Dana College in their estate plans. The award is named for Dr. Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson, who, during their lifetimes, were inspired by their Christian faith to give generously of themselves in service to their church, community, country and Dana College. Clifford Hanson was a professor of philosophy and religion at Dana and the first to be named vice president of academic affairs. Florence Hanson was an associate in ministry at First Lutheran Church in Blair for several years.

A Very Brief History of...

by Ann (Harms '54) George

Until recently, scaffolding covered much of Pioneer Memorial as workers made repairs after the severe hailstorm struck Blair a year ago in May, the evening after Commencement. To the casual observer, the most obvious repairs are a new tile roof and new copper gutters and downspouts.

"Our goal was to preserve the look of the original construction," Bob Schmoll '83, vice president of business affairs, said in discussing the work.

As a result, the 57-year-old building that everyone calls "PM" must closely resemble what it looked like to the 2,000 who attended its dedication, an outdoor ceremony, on Oct. 31, 1948, a Sunday afternoon on a Homecoming weekend.

Among those present, in addition to students, faculty and staff, alumni, friends and local residents, were representatives of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCC), the Danish Lutheran synod that founded and supported Trinity Seminary and the college, institutions that shared campus facilities.

The size of the crowd at the dedication was evidence of the jubilation felt over the first new campus building in 20 years.

Furthermore, it was a handsome building that reflected the ties the college and seminary had to Denmark. The dedication program described the structure, designed by architect William Ingemann of St. Paul, Minn., as "an adaptation of contemporary Scandinavian architecture, accentuated by such features as the tower, the irregularity of line, and the brick frieze of the administration section."

The dedication program also summarized the history of the fund-raising drive that made the building possible: "In 1941 the United Evangelical Lutheran Church launched the Jubilee Drive, \$150,000 of which was designated for the new Administration-Library Building at Dana College and Trinity Seminary. The war years prevented erection of the building. One year ago the Church and School Development



Drive was launched by the supporting church body. Included was a Dana Building Fund of \$105,000 to cover the increase in construction costs. Residents and businessmen of Blair have also contributed to the building funds. The total cost of the structure is about \$255,000."

The new building was definitely needed. When enrollment increased after World War II, partly because of the G.I. Bill, the demands on Old Main — which housed college and seminary classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, laboratories, the chapel, the library, the bookstore and canteen — became too much.

A brochure prepared for the drive outlined the need for a new building. It noted that, among other problems, "We continue to use crowded library facilities in an ill-ventilated series of rooms. Even with crowding, however, we have space for only 50 students in the one and only reading room." To show their support, students pledged \$4,000 to the campaign.

After much debate over the building site, one was selected on the north side of College Drive, and work began.

The Sept. 26, 1947, issue of the *Hermes*, the student newspaper, reported that excavation had started after two houses were moved

to other locations on College Drive. (These were Bondo Memorial, the home of the president and his family, and the Bertelsen home. Both still stand.)

A month later, on Oct. 26, 1947, the cornerstone was laid at the southeast corner during a Homecoming ceremony attended by 500. Dr. Richard E. Morton, president of Dana and Trinity — and an alumnus of both — wrote in the Nov. 8 *Hermes*, "This cornerstone laying is the beginning of a new era for Dana College and Trinity Seminary. It will cost much to reach our objective, but the cause warrants it."

Dr. Verlan Hanson '51 of Blair recalls that students followed progress on the building with "a lot of excitement, often crossing the street to watch construction" and that some students worked alongside crew members of the Korshoj Construction Company.

The *Hermes* continued to carry updates. The Oct. 1, 1948, issue announced that the completed building would be dedicated on Oct. 31, a year after the cornerstone laying, "on the steps of the tower entrance."

But before the dedication, the library had to be moved. Dr. Peter L. Petersen '62 writes in *A Place Called Dana: The Centennial History of Trinity Seminary and Dana College*, "Students moved the library on October 3.

Pioneer Memorial



Students who learned construction basics by working on Pioneer Memorial included future Dana Regent Paul Laursen '51 (back) and Virgil Hansen '51.

To the sounds of *le Jazz hot* blaring over the public-address system, the 'book brigade' commanded by Librarian Aagot Hoidahl and her assistant, Sena P. Bertelsen, spent most of a Saturday transferring nearly 10,000 volumes from their cramped quarters in Old Main to the spacious and fireproof new facility."

A *Hermes* staff writer, reporting on the dedication in the Nov. 12, 1948, issue, observed that "The library is apparently the major source of interest and pleasure to students as far as the new Administration-Library building is concerned." Looking back, Elaine (Madison '51) Brostrom of St. Peter, Minn., who was a student library aide, agrees. She writes, "I remember the luxury of space in the new library — space for studying, of course, but also space in the work areas directed by Aagot Hoidahl."

At first the new structure was simply referred to as the "Administration-Library Building," and those words are cut into the limestone lintels above the two front entrances, "Administration" over the east door and "Library" over the west. But the building housed more than the administration and library. It also housed Trinity Seminary at the northeast corner of the third floor; some

faculty offices as well as administrative, eight classrooms, a conference room, the chapel and the post office.

In *A Place Called Dana* Petersen writes that UELC president Dr. N.C. Carlsen had suggested years before that a future building might be named "Pioneer Memorial," and that was the name eventually agreed upon after the dedication. Subsequently, at the synod's 1949 convention a plaque was placed at the east entrance naming the building "Pioneer Memorial" in memory of Trinity and Dana pioneers "A.M. Andersen, Kr. Anker, C.X. Hansen, P.S. Vig, G. B. Christiansen and many other faithful men and women who contributed to the development and influence of Dana College and Trinity Seminary."

Although the exterior of Pioneer Memorial remains essentially the same, interior spaces and the way they're used have changed over the years to meet new situations and needs: In 1956 the area used by Trinity Seminary became available for college classes when the seminary moved to the Dubuque, Iowa, campus of Wartburg Seminary. (The move was in anticipation of the 1960 merger of the UELC with several

other Lutheran synods; that same year Trinity merged with Wartburg Seminary.) By the mid 1960s the library had outgrown its shelf space of 50,000 books, and in 1969 there was another book brigade to a new library. The library space then became Parnassus, the center of the college's Humanities Program; more recently it's become the Community Training Computer Laboratory. Today Pioneer Memorial houses mostly administrative offices, although classes still meet in the large rooms at the northeast corner of the second and third floors.

Old Main, built in 1886, was destroyed by fire in 1988, and Alumni Memorial Auditorium, built in 1928, was demolished in 1982 because of structural problems. Both have been replaced — Old Main by the Margre Henningson Durham Center and Trinity Chapel, and Alumni Memorial Auditorium by the Madsen Fine Arts Center. With the exception of Argo and Elk Horn Halls, Pioneer Memorial is the oldest building on campus. It continues to be an adaptable and key campus building, and Schmoll anticipates that it will be for many years to come — the new tile roof, he says, has a 75-year warranty.



A crowd of more than 2,000 attended the 1948 Homecoming dedication of Pioneer Memorial.

Playing *it* Smart

Dana celebrates its largest number of Scholar Athletes ever

Scholar athlete Mark Esser '06 was a big man for the Vikings on the court and in the classroom.



Twenty-seven Dana College student-athletes were named NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes this school year. The number is the highest ever at Dana.

Since Dana became a member of the Great Plains Athletic Conference in 2000, 10 to 15 Dana student athletes have been recognized as NAIA Scholar Athletes each year.

04-05: 27 All-America Scholar Athletes

03-04: 12 All-America Scholar Athletes

02-03: 15 All-America Scholar Athletes

01-02: 11 All-America Scholar Athletes

00-01: 13 All-America Scholar Athletes

This year's high of 27 Scholar Athletes is especially impressive considering the specific selection criteria:

Criteria for selection includes:

1. Nominee must be in at least his/her junior year of attendance.

2. Nominee must have been in attendance at the nominating institution a minimum of one full term.

3. Nominee must have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the nominating institution at the time of nomination.

4. Nominee must be a member of the intercollegiate varsity team at his/her institution and making a significant contribution.

Student-athletes who meet the criteria not only excel in the classroom, but in the athletic arena as well. Many of them play key positions or serve as team leaders. Marisa Bretschneider (Norfolk, Neb.), a junior right fielder for the Viking softball team, is one example. Bretschneider started and played all of the Vikings' 49 games. She batted .315 and made only two errors all season while maintaining a high g.p.a. as a Biology major.

Balancing academics and athletics requires a tremendous amount of effort from student athletes. Dana College strives to provide a supportive environment where students can make things happen in all areas of their lives.

Dana College Athletic Director Jim Krueger said, "This is also an excellent tribute to Dana coaches who conscientiously

recruit top-quality student athletes and then help them continue to succeed in the college environment.”

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, president, said he was proud of this year’s achievements by Dana’s student athletes.

“This is a great tribute to Dana student athletes, who have to balance their academic pursuits with practice and travel in their sport,”

he said. “At Dana we aim to enroll students who excel in and outside of the classroom. The achievements of this year’s Dana student athletes are to be commended.”

Dana College proudly recognizes its 27 NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes:

<p>Marisa Bretschneider Junior Norfolk, Neb. Softball</p> 	<p>Shane Jackman Senior Seward, Neb. Cross Country</p> 	<p>Aaron McGoldrick Senior Glenwood, Iowa Men's Soccer</p> 	<p>Scott Taylor Junior Arapahoe, Neb. Wrestling</p> 
<p>Krystal Cary Senior McClelland, Iowa Softball</p> 	<p>Chris Johnson Senior Oakland, Neb. Men's Basketball</p> 	<p>Dru Weaver Junior Gillette, Wyo. Cross Country Track</p> 	<p>Jen Thede Junior Denison, Iowa Women's Soccer</p> 
<p>Mark Esser Junior Woodbine, Iowa Men's Basketball</p> 	<p>Nick Kroon Junior Steen, Minn. Men's Basketball</p> 	<p>Tyler Mohr Junior Ocheyedan, Iowa Men's Basketball</p> 	<p>T.J. Weiss Senior Springdale, Ark. Football</p> 
<p>Chris Finke Senior Omaha, Neb. Football</p> 	<p>Ian Latella Senior Red Oak, Iowa Cross Country</p> 	<p>Julia Peterson Junior Omaha, Neb. Women's Soccer</p> 	<p>Nathan Wittstruck Senior Martell, Neb. Men's Basketball</p> 
<p>Amy Fullenkamp Junior Bellevue, Neb. Women's Soccer</p> 	<p>Trent Leichter Junior Harvard, Neb. Wrestling</p> 	<p>Amanda Reddish Senior C.B., Iowa Women's Soccer</p> 	<p>Carmen Woudstra Senior Neb. City, Neb. Women's Basketball</p> 
<p>JD Hall Junior Ogallala, Neb. Men's Soccer</p> 	<p>Brent Lorkovic Junior Council Bluffs, Iowa Men's Soccer</p> 	<p>Jon Stuehm Senior Ralston, Neb. Football</p> 	
<p>Hannah Heckart Junior Danville, Iowa Softball</p> 	<p>Marshall Marquardt Junior Altoona, Iowa Wrestling</p> 	<p>John Synowicki Junior Omaha, Neb. Football</p> 	



Costanzo (right) has brought Dana wrestling to the national level through recruiting good student athletes like Bowling.

Steve & Leister

Lyons, Colo.: Home of Dana College wrestling. Lyons, Colo.? Yes, that is where it all began more than 10 years ago now, when Steve Costanzo, then a student athlete at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, met 80-pound eighth grader Leister Bowling during the YMCA Rocky Mountain Summer Wrestling Camp. A friendship instantly sparked between the two.

A year later, Bowling was a 103-pound freshman at Lyons High School, where his dad was the head wrestling coach, and Costanzo was the new head wrestling coach across town at Estes Park High School. Bowling frequently called Costanzo, a three-time NCAA Div. II All-American, to workout.

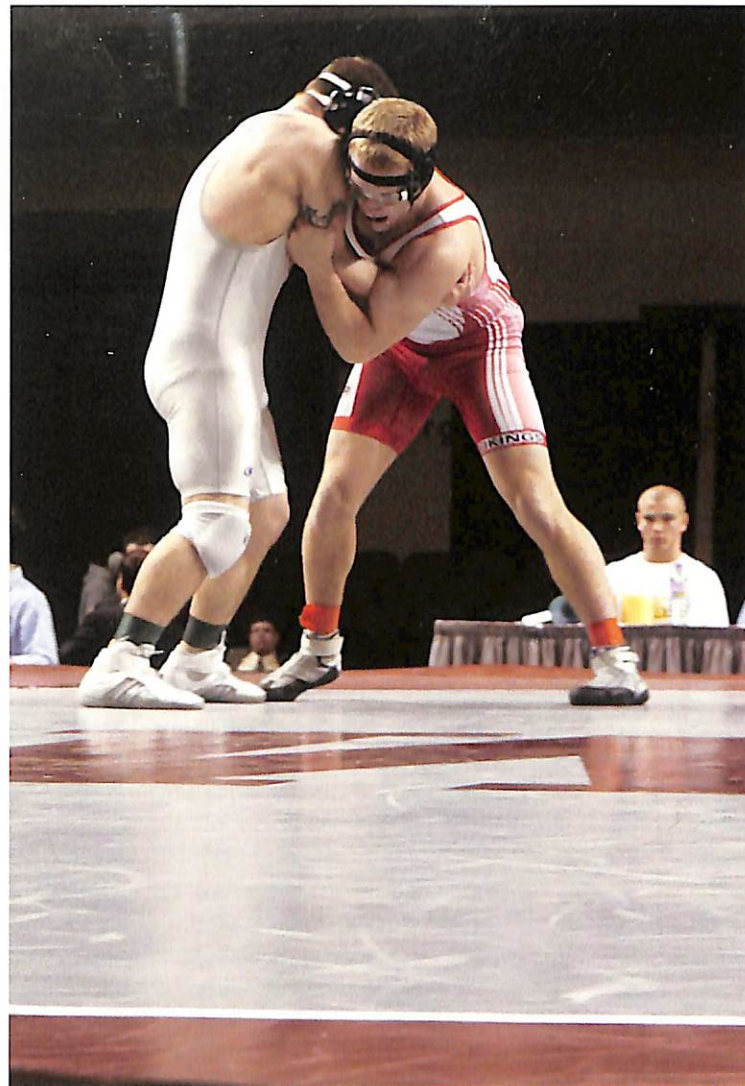
The extra workouts paid off for Bowling when he became a three-time Colorado State Champion. His outstanding high school career set several Colorado state records.

After graduating from high school, Bowling accepted a wrestling scholarship to the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo.

At the same time, Costanzo took the head wrestling coach position at Dana College and moved to Blair.

Bowling and Costanzo were headed in separate directions, until Pueblo dropped its wrestling program after Bowling's first year. Bowling turned to his friend and coach, Costanzo, for advice. In the process

Coach & Wrestler



Bowling competed with an injured eye during the National Championships in Sioux City, Iowa.

of selecting a new college and wrestling program, Bowling decided he wanted to wrestle for Costanzo at Dana. And for the past four years the two have worked together to build Dana's wrestling program.

Bowling's success brought fame to Costanzo's young program.

"Leister is the winningest, most accomplished wrestler ever in 45 years of Dana College wrestling," said Costanzo.

His collegiate career record is 144-50 with 57 falls. He is a three-time All-American, four-time Regional Champion, and three-time Great Plains Athletic Conference Champion. This season Bowling took second place in the 165-pound weight class at the NAIA National Championships.

"He is also the most loyal, committed and dedicated person and athlete I've been around. Watching him develop over the years is a unique experience. He's like a little brother to me. I love the guy," Costanzo said.

Coach Costanzo choked up thinking about life beyond Bowling. Bowling and his new wife, McKenzie, are now back in Lyons, where Bowling will take over for his father as head wrestling coach at Lyons High School. And though their relationship as wrestler and coach ended this spring, Costanzo's and Bowling's bond will last a lifetime. Don't be surprised if several future Dana College Vikings come out of Lyons, Colo.

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Softball

Dana College Softball Coach Marcy Roff was named the 2005 GPAC Co-Coach of the year after completing her second season as the Vikings' head coach. Her 2005 team finished with an overall record of 30-19, broke the Dana College school record for homeruns in a season (25), and set a new NAIA record with 7 home runs in a single game. The 2005 Viking softball team was ranked as high as No. 2 in the region and received votes in the national NAIA poll.

With everyone returning for the 2006 season, the future looks very bright for Viking softball.

Honors: Josie Barrow '08 — All-Region Team, First Team All-Conference, GPAC Player of the Week, GPAC Pitcher of the Week, Regional Pitcher of the Week, Regional Player of the Week; Marisa Bretschneider '06 — First Team All-Conference; Krystal Cary '05 — Second Team All-Conference; Maggie Downs '08 Honorable Mention All-Conference; Sarah Sempek '07 — Second Team All-Conference; Aimee Supanckick '08 — Second Team All-Conference

Men's Basketball

Dana College's men's basketball team led the nation with five NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes. In the GPAC, 16

men's basketball athletes received the honor, five of them from Dana.

The 2004-05 Vikings finished with an overall record of 12-19, 8-10 in the GPAC.

Honors: Mark Esser '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Jason Isaacson '06 — Second Team All-Conference; Chris Johnson '05 — All-America Scholar Athlete, Honorable Mention All-Conference; Nick Kroon '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete; Tyler Mohr '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete, GPAC male nominee for NAIA Liston Award; Nathan Wittstruck '05 — All-America Scholar Athlete

Women's Basketball

Freshman Amy Nichol led the Vikings in scoring and many other categories this season. Carmen Woudstra, a senior guard from Nebraska City, Neb., was Dana's second-leading scorer this season.

Honors: Amy Nichol '08 — Honorable Mention All-Conference; Carmen Woudstra '05 — All-America Scholar Athlete; Honorable Mention All-Conference

Cross Country

Dana College is proud to announce that it has hired former Viking standout Derek Fey '03 to take over as the college's head cross country coach. During his time at Dana, Fey was a two-time All-American, once in track for the marathon and once in cross country. He was a five-time NAIA national qualifier, three times in cross country and twice in track, and he was an Academic All-American. He graduated from Dana with a degree in religion.

Football

The spring football game was held May 14. Ten sacks and two interceptions helped Black beat Red 40-35. Mike Buchanan '06 led the defense with 6.5 tackles. Matt Holubar '08, Clay Salberg '07 and Terrance McLean '08 each recorded 1.5 sacks. On offense, quarterback Tom Lensch '07 passed 28 times

for 260 yards. Receiver Javon Bell '06 caught seven passes for 101 yards and a touchdown.

Forty-eight new recruits are expected to join the football roster this fall. With returning players, the 2005 football roster could have as many as 105 members.

A complete 2005 Viking Football schedule is posted on the website, www.dana.edu/athletics/football. The Vikings open at home against Doane College Saturday, Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.

Golf

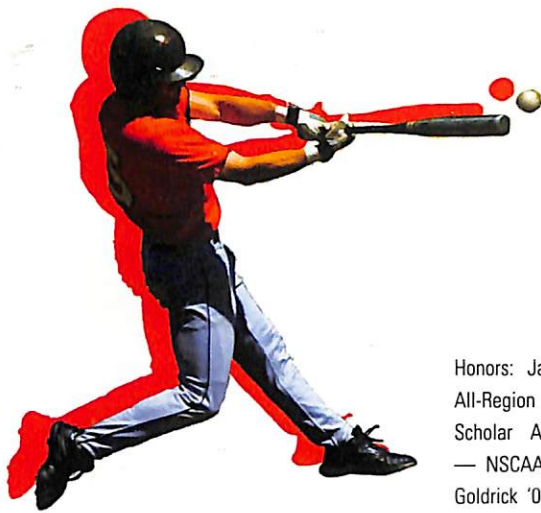
Two Dana College freshmen, Karla Harshbarger and Brooke McCabe, tied for 13th at the NAIA Regional Golf Tournament held May 2-3 on the Indian Creek Golf Course in Elkhorn, Neb.

Though Dana's women did not advance to the national competition, their finish is truly a success for the first-year program.

"I am very pleased with the play of Karla and Brooke," Dana College Head Women's Golf Coach Warren Kuhl said. "They showed tremendous mental toughness in some extreme weather conditions to represent Dana very well at the regional meet. For two freshmen to qualify for regionals in the first year of the program speaks well of the type of young ladies involved in the program. We look forward to our team qualifying for the regional meet next year, and with the benefit of a spring schedule of tournaments, using the leadership and experience of Karla and Brooke to get us into the national meet in the future."

Baseball

Though only one starter returned this season, the 2005 Vikings finished the season with 31 wins, just one win short



of Dana's school record for wins in a season.

The 2005 team also set a few records. Freshman Pat Hercinger broke the Dana College school record with 195 at-bats this season. The team also broke the NAIA record for hit batsman in a single game with nine HBP vs. Si Tanka (Huron) on March 6, and the Dana College school record for hit batsman with 105 this season.

Dana finished the season fourth in the GPAC with a 16-8 conference record. The Vikings were 31-31 overall.

Honors: Bobby Andrews '05 — Second Team All-Conference; Kevin Brown '06 — Honorable Mention All-Conference; Pete Casarotto '07 — Second Team All-Conference; Chris Dennis '08 — Second Team All-Conference; Dan Hagen '05 — Second Team All-Conference

Men's Soccer

Dana College's men's soccer team led the nation as one of two schools in all divisions with four All-Region National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar Athletes. No school in the nation had more than four members recognized as scholar athletes.

The NSCAA North Central Region includes NCAA Division I schools such as Creighton and Indiana University, NCAA Division II schools such as University of Indiana, NCCA Division III such as Luther College and Westminster (Mo.), and NAIA schools such as Mid-American Nazarene and Bethel College.

Dana College was the only team from the GPAC to have members on the Scholar All-Region squad.

Honors: Jake Gradoville '05 — NSCAA Scholar All-Region Athlete; JD Hall '06 — NSCAA Scholar All-Region Athlete; Brent Lorkovic '06 — NSCAA Scholar All-Region Athlete; Aaron McGoldrick '05 — NSCAA Scholar All-Region Athlete

Women's Soccer

Eight recruits signed with Dana women's soccer this spring: Emily Werner (Lincoln, Neb.), Kara Fox (Omaha, Neb.), Kaylla Gray (Omaha, Neb.), Caslyn Zuniga (Omaha, Neb.), Kate Gethmann (Maple Plain, Minn.), Kayla Johnson (Lincoln, Neb.), Ashley Neitzel (Springfield, Neb.), and Kristi Miller (Denison, Iowa). This is in addition to earlier signee Jenna Talero from Lincoln Pius X High School, the 2005 Class B Nebraska State Tournament Champions.

Volleyball

Dana College volleyball is proud to announce the addition of some key recruits for the 2005 season:

Michelle Jankovits — a 5-foot-11-inch setter, who was First Team All-America for North Platte (Neb.) Community College.

Darcy Gross — a 6-foot-2-inch middle blocker and a powerful hitter from Southwestern (Neb.) Community College.

Katie Japp — a 6-foot outside/opposite hitter and good all-around player from Millard (Neb.) West High School.

Track

The Dana College track team sent three distance runners to the NAIA National Track Meet in Louisville, Kentucky: John Kaup '07, Shane Jackman '05 and Dru (Weaver) McMillan '06. All three competed in the marathon and set personal best times.

The Dana College women's 4x800 relay team of Melissa Respeliers '05,

Brooke McCabe '08, Tabitha Kabala '08, and McMillan set a new school record with a time of 10:50 at the GPAC Outdoor Championships held at Dana.

Thrower Santana Hildebrand '07 set a Dana record in the discus with a personal best toss of 136 feet 9 inches at this year's Dordt Invitational.

Honors: Shane Jackman '05 — All-America Scholar Athlete; Dru (Weaver) McMillan '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete

Wrestling

Dana wrestlers led the nation with three NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes this season. Out of a total 15 All-America Scholar Athletes, three were from Dana College.

The Dana College wrestling team placed fifth at the NAIA National Wrestling Tournament held in Sioux City, Iowa. This was the best team finish in Dana wrestling history. The 2005 team also won the Central Regional Championship, GPAC Championship and posted the best dual record in Dana College history.

Viking Leister Bowling '05 took second place at Nationals at 165 pounds. Four other Vikings achieved All-American status by placing in the top eight.

Honors: Blair Alderman '06 — All-America; Terrence Almond '07 — All-America; Leister Bowling '05 — All-America; Ben Henderson '06 — All-America; Trent Leichter '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete; Marshall Marquardt '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete; Jimmy Rollins '07 — All-America; Scott Taylor '06 — All-America Scholar Athlete

Photo captions: Softball — Josie Barrow '08; Baseball — Robert Tellez '06; Track — Melissa Respeliers '05

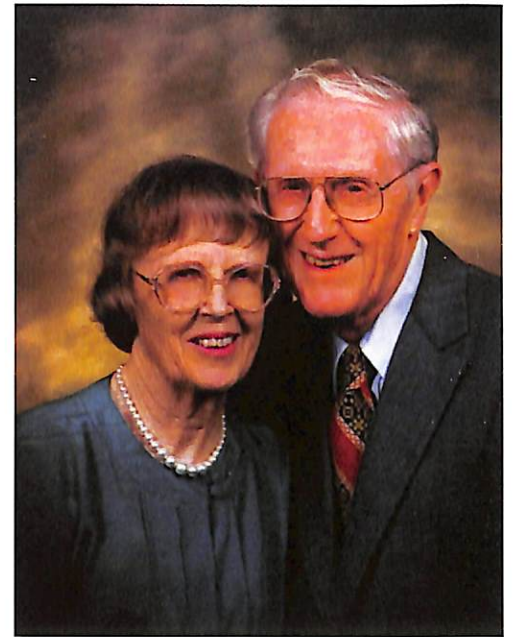


Dana *Donor* Profile

Art Welch



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What Art Welch '44 wanted was to finish his college education at Dana. What he got was a place in one of the most iconic images of World War II. How did this businessman end up behind General Douglas MacArthur invading the Philippines? It's not your typical war story.

It was 1942, and the world was in the grips of the largest conflict in history. But back in Tekamah, Neb., Welch was attending Dana College, hoping to complete a business degree. But times were hard, and the U.S. Army was promising enlistees that they could finish their studies before being shipped off.

Except times were hard. The Army was fighting in three theaters and lacked soldiers. So, Welch left home and started basic training in Alabama, where he "wore out two pairs of shoes, walking all over Northern Alabama training for desert combat."

On the day assignments came in, all of Welch's new friends were sent east, while he was the only one sent west. Welch, a private trained for the desert, was sent to New Guinea.

"I've never seen as much water in my life," he says. "New Guinea is nothing but water and mud."

New Guinea was also a place of unspeakable death and destruction. The first

man Welch saw killed was a friend of his, who, just for one moment, took off his helmet to scratch his head. A sniper placed a bullet right between the friend's eyes.

Welch eventually survived two years of combat in the Pacific, including four campaigns in New Guinea and one in the Philippines, where a Life magazine photojournalist snapped that famous picture of MacArthur with Welch just a few men behind (above).

The experience was not positive for Welch. In the end, he found himself in California, suffering from malaria, with a burly sergeant asking the embittered Welch if he would like to re-enlist. (Welch had been discharged with a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars.)

"At that point I hated the world and everything in it," he says. "I was mean. I was in no mood to re-enlist."

Welch filed for unemployment, just as the Army had told him to. But within days, he was sent to interview at PG&E, the Cali-

fornia power giant. He started two days after being let out of the Army, and retired from the same company 41 years later, after working in payroll and public relations.

Eventually, some of the pain of his war years faded. (Although, it was difficult, as he suffered from recurrent symptoms of the malaria he contracted in the South Pacific.) He married his college sweetheart, Marie (Nielsen '44) Welch (above). Today, the couple lives in a beautiful retirement community in Chico, Calif.

"Now, all is forgiven," Welch says.

Throughout it all, Welch has kept Dana in his heart. He and Marie courted by walking all over the beautiful country surrounding the college.

As Dana College Builders, the Welches have agreed to leave a portion of their estate to Dana.

Given what Welch has already sacrificed for Dana, it might seem odd that he continues to support the college. But, as he says, "We have a soft spot for Dana in our hearts."

Whatever Happened? to... ●

Corinne Adams

Doris (Larson '66) Besch asked us to find out what happened to Corinne Adams '66, "a Danish folk dancer and a wonderful, positive person."

Here's what we found out:

Corinne Adams came to Dana College from a farm near tiny Brock, Neb. And although she was your run-of-the-mill country girl, Dana was the platform for her launch into a much wider life.

At Dana, Corinne was a popular member of the Danish Folk Dancers and (she says, a mediocre member of) Dana Choir, and was voted secretary of her senior class. Corinne says Dr. John W. Nielsen D '47 T '53, Prof. Luella Nielsen '42, Dr. Clifford Hansen and the Liberal Arts Reading Program were all powerful influences on her life. Her original plan was to become a Christian education director, and she prepared for this calling by becoming an English major with a religion minor. But she soon had such a good time student teaching she changed her mind and applied to work as a teacher in Minneapolis, Minn., after graduation.

First, though, she took a summer offer to set up an interdenominational recreation/craft program for the kids on Wake Island in the Pacific Ocean and fulfill her original calling. Her first experience flying ended up being in a military C-130 prop plane over 12 hours of uninterrupted ocean.

"It was an incredible experience," she says. "A truly life-changing experience that solidified my desire to travel."

Corinne snagged the first teaching position she applied for in Minneapolis, despite the fact that she had never been to the city. She taught at Jefferson Junior High, an urban school, for six years. In 1970, she married Gene Robinson, an African-American law enforcement officer.

Corinne's experiences teaching in an urban environment, combined with her then unusual bi-racial marriage, brought her into con-



Corinne Robinson enjoys the "busy" retired life in Minneapolis with, from left, son-in-law Jesse Martin, daughter Liz, herself and husband Gene.



tact with issues she would never have even thought of back on the farm in Brock. When she became pregnant with her daughter, Liz, she was faced with a common decision for women at the time: work full-time or resign.

She chose to take the year off from teaching, but didn't rest on her laurels. Instead, she pursued a master's degree in library science — something she had become interested in working in the library at Dana. For the rest of her career, Corinne worked as a media specialist (a.k.a. librarian) in urban Minneapolis schools.

From this position, Corinne found she could advocate for several causes that were important to her. She still remembers Professor Norman Bansen reading the opening passage of "Out of Africa" — then a relatively unknown work — to her class. She has continued to teach the commitment to multicultural and world literature she learned at Dana. Her belief that "democracy is built on people having as much information as they can" has led her to fight against censorship in public schools. In her position as an executive board member of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, she helped negotiate educators' contracts, fought for more preparation time for teachers and increased compensation for additional work, helped to implement a professional development program and advocated for child-care leave, job-sharing, part-time work and paternity leave so others wouldn't have to make the choice between work and family.

Corinne retired in 1998, but hasn't slowed down a bit. She formed a foundation with other former teachers and alumni to raise money for inner-city Washburn High School. She also started what she calls "a committee of one to change the world one letter at a time." Each week, she writes three or four letters to media, politicians and other influential people on events and issues important to her. She's collected all the letters in a notebook.

"I've told my daughter that when I die she should skip everything else (for the funeral) and just put that notebook up on a table," she says.

Corinne also enjoys being part of an investment club, going to the theater, movies, family history, and visiting family and friends in Nebraska. (Her older sisters, Mary (Adams '61) Teten and Donna (Adams '63) Reimers, also attended Dana.)

And, of course, she travels. But usually in a little better conditions than a military cargo plane.

2000s

Matthew Allen '05 will be teaching math this fall at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and pursuing his master's in education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Janelle Barclay '05 will be a seventh-grade math teacher at Beveridge Middle School in Omaha, starting this fall.

Christina Campbell '05 is the childcare director at Blair YMCA.

Chad Cooke '05 is the assistant baseball coach at Woodbine (Iowa) Community School.

Steven Costello '05 is assistant manager at Walgreen's in LaVista, Neb.

Jeffrey Davis '05 is an auto claims representative at State Farm Insurance in Lincoln, Neb.

Jenny Eccles '05 is a Blair YMCA camps counselor supervisor and will start an online master's program with Capella University in the fall.

Shannon Ford-Jefferson '05 is doing a summer project in Virginia Beach, Va., as part of the Impact movement, an effort designed to equip African American students to spread the word of Christ. The project is a 10-week-long effort.

Theresa Garrison '05 is a site manager for Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and will be a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., this fall.

Lisa Glissman '05 is a social worker for Tekamah (Neb.) Health and Rehabilitation.

Tina Hackett '05 is an elementary teacher at LaPetite Academy in Omaha.

Kyle Hatch '05 will begin his master's degree studies in marketing at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls this fall.

Jess Holz '05 is a youth care worker at Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha and will be an English teacher at Bellevue (Neb.) East High School this fall.

Stacy Hubbard '05 is a youth worker at Children's Square in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jo Ellen Kanne '05 is an outdoor program specialist at Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ashland, Neb.

Kristin Leitow '05 is an art teacher at Karen Western & Seymour Elementary schools in the Ralston (Neb.) district.

Mark Listenberger '05 is a sales representative at Woodhouse Nissan in Blair.

Jennifer Muell '05 is a finance trainee at Washington County Bank in Blair.

Victoria Mumm '05 is a case-worker at Harrison County (Iowa) Outreach Center.

Anthony Perry '05 is a district advisor at Kroger in Omaha.

Clint Peterson '05 is associate accountant at Graeve, Garrelts, Denham & Bruce in Omaha.

Maria Roesler '05 is serving an apprenticeship in shared living at Beyond Borders in Haiti.

Brett Scholting '05 is a car salesman at Woodhouse Nissan in Blair.

Willie Shelton '05 is a teen advisor at Westgate Community Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Bradley Streeter '05 is president of Streeter Enterprises in Omaha.

Jon Stuehm '05 is president of T&A Delivery and Lawn Care in Omaha and will be pursuing his master's in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha this fall.

Joe Sweeney '05 is a business and technology teacher at Northwest High School in Omaha.

Lisa Vrana '05 is pursuing her teaching endorsement at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Phil Wail '05 is the head baseball coach at Woodbine (Iowa) Community School.

T.J. Weiss '05 is doing an internship in strength training at the University of Southern California and will pursue a master's in exercise science at the University of Arkansas this fall.

Jami White '05 is a third grade teacher at Leonard Lawrence Elementary in Bellevue, Neb.

Carmen Woudstra '05 is outdoor pool manager at Blair YMCA.

Brent Wilberding '04 is the manager of The Buckle store in the Fremont (Neb.) Mall.

Mary (Rist '03) and Zach Baro '03 live in Dania Beach, Fla. Zach graduated from the Police Academy in Davie, Fla., and is working as an officer for the Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Police Department. Mary does independent contract work for mac FineArt & Design in Dania Beach.

Jillian Dreesen '03 married Randall Burns on April 2 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Jillian is a sixth-grade teacher at Druid Hill Elementary in the Omaha Public School system.

Jillian Scheerhoorn '03 and Justin Wiese '03 were married on June 18 in Sanborn, Iowa. Jillian is a special education resource teacher at Grant Elementary School in Norfolk, Neb. Justin is a graduate student attending Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Sarah Zehnder '03 is a researcher for Sunflower Bank at their headquarters in Salina, Kan. She lives in Lindsborg, Kan.

DaLean Butterfield '01 married Casey Barten May 28 in York, Neb. DaLean also earned her doctorate of veterinary medicine from Kansas State University in May. She plans to practice veterinary medicine in the Holland, Kan., area.

Jose Garcia '01 is the head men's and women's golf

coach at NCAA Division I Alcorn State University in Alcorn State, Miss. He is also an admissions counselor and diversity recruiter. He lives in Lorman, Miss.

Roni Peterson '01 married Douglas Siebels May 14 in Cedar Bluffs, Neb. Roni is a clinical liaison for Value Options in Tempe, Ariz.



Riley Tonkin '01 received his master of business administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha on Dec. 17, 2004.

Stephanie (Lassek '00) Olson has been promoted to lead specialist of social services at Friendship Program, Inc. in Omaha. Stephanie's husband, **Ben Olson '97**, continues to work as a chemist at Novartis Consumer Health in Lincoln, Neb.

Allison Ruhde '00 completed her master of education degree in higher education at Iowa State University on May 6. She is the assistant director of records and registration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

1990s

Jill Dewald '99 married Lyle Pudwill on Aug. 21, 2004 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Jill is the marketing manager for TSP, an architectural, engineering



Melissa (Blum '99) and Ryan Jacobsen '98 traveled for the first time to Europe last summer to visit **Lars Jensen '97**. On July 30, 2004, they took this picture at the home of Dorte Staermose and **John Chandler '97** in Grindsted, Denmark. Pictured from left are Dorte, John (holding their son, Christian), Melissa, Lars, **Tanja (Oestergaard '01) White, Jacob White '98** and Ryan.

and construction firm. The couple lives in Sioux Falls.

Matty Lewis '99 is the singer/guitarist for Columbia Records' band Zebrahead. You can find out more at www.zebrahead.tv. He lives in Whittier, Calif.

Brock Cooper '98 is senior compliance analyst for ING



Chana (Bammerlin '98) and Jason Orton '98 are the parents of a son, Raden Jason, born Dec. 16, 2004. He joins sister, Caitlin, 4.

Financial Partners in Des Moines, Iowa.

Orville "Sonny" Larsen '97 is the modern worship leader at Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Omaha. He lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

David Shields '97 is the director of social work services at On With Life, a skilled-nursing care facility



This group of Dana girls was taken at the August wedding of **Jill (Dewald '99)** and Lyle Pudwill. From left is Kelsey, daughter of **Joni (Travis '99)** and **Tony Eitzman '99**; Tessa, daughter of **Joy (Pudenz '99)** and **Dennis Pinkelman '97**; Rachel, daughter of **Michelle (Hurt '99)** and **Paul Gardner '97**; Mia, daughter of **Melanie (Mowinkle '99)** and **John Olson '99**; Emma, daughter of Joy and Dennis Pinkelman; and Briana, daughter of Michelle and Paul Gardner. Dennis Pinkelman is associate director of microbiological services at Fort Dodge Animal Health, a division of Wyeth, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.



Sara Olson '94 married Patrick Church Feb. 12 in Omaha. Sara is a housing and compliance analyst at Mosaic, where she acts as owner and manager for all Mosaic-owned or -sponsored low-income housing projects nationwide.

for those with brain injuries in Glenwood, Iowa.

John Arensberg '93 and his wife, Amy, welcomed a son, Jett, on Sept. 22, 2004. Jett joins older sister, Taylor, 4. John owns and operates Leisure Lawn, a lawncare and landscape company in West Point, Neb. He coaches junior varsity basketball at the high school and substitute teaches during the winter at various local schools around his home in Fremont, Neb.

Andy Dotson '93 is in his fourth year as head basketball coach at Corsicana (Texas) High School, his alma mater. He has now accomplished his goal of coaching at every school where he has played basketball, including Corsicana, Lon Morris College and Dana. He has a 9-year-old daughter named Demi.

Dana (Hamilton '93) Hernandez and husband Alex live in Allen, Texas, with



Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed and her husband, Kenny, welcomed a daughter, Catherine Goldie, on March 17. Catherine weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins her brother, Jonah, 3. Carrie is director of college relations and marketing at Dana.

their two daughters, Sarah, 4, and Corinne, 1. Dana is a stay-at-home mom and part-time attorney with her own private practice. She writes, "I miss Dana and Mr. (Donald) Warman (professor emeritus), especially. Go Vikings!"

Elizabeth (Brooks '93) Spencer is the child development director at the Salina (Kan.) Family YMCA. She and her husband, Marcus, have two daughters, Cassidy Brooks Hornbacher, 9, and Logan Olivia Spencer, 1.

1980s

JoLene (McCabe '88) Bensen is a litigation paralegal at Berens & Tate, P.C. in Omaha.

Michael Stessman '86 is opening a integrated sports entertainment spot in downtown Omaha called InPlay. The new hotspot will offer video games, bars, party/



Former Dana baseball greats Brian Moon '88 (left) and Brian Betts '88 (right) played in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Fort Myers, Fla., Nov. 7-14, 2004, at the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox spring training facilities. Both Moon and Betts played baseball at Dana from 1985-88 and are career-record holders in several baseball categories.

The Roy Hobbs World Series is a baseball tournament comprised of several age groups and has teams from all over the United States, as well as teams from Puerto Rico, St. Croix and other countries. Moon and Betts played in the 38-and-older group on a team from the Twin Cities, Minn., area, placing second in the AA Division, losing in the finals to the Morris Mariners from New Jersey.

During the tournament, Betts was the leading batter for the team, averaging .500 and playing third base. Moon, who had not played baseball since college, played at catcher and as designated hitter, batting an average of .400.

Betts writes, "The competition was very good, with some teams having former major and minor league players on their rosters. It was a thrill to play against them and also to play on the well-groomed fields and stadium complexes of the Twins and Red Sox."



Sonya (Anderson '87) Ehrich and her husband, John, adopted Juliana Emilie Kristina and Kevin Ray Kirill on March 22. Both children were born in the Russia province of Siberia and now live with their parents in Aurora, Ill.

conference spaces and more in the renovated Tip Top Building.

Stephanie (Meyer '86) Stueckrath was honored March 11 at a banquet in Lincoln, Neb. for her work in the Nebraska LEAD program. NE LEAD is a two-year program to prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership. As part of the program, Step-

hanie has traveled to Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D.C., Chicago, Ill., Seoul, South Korea, China and Hong Kong.

Chere (Fox '85) O'Reilly was the judge for the Iowa Artists Area 9 Art Show April 2 in Atlantic, Iowa. Chere teaches eighth- through 12th-grade art at West Monona Community School in Onawa, Iowa.

Paul Snow '85 is principal database administrator for Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sanra (Stellyes '81) Lawrence is teaching sixth-grade language and health at Orofino (Idaho) Elementary School. She is the mother of two boys, Ryan, 8, and Brian, 5.

Terry Dutton '80 has joined the Nebraska Board of Trustees of The Nature Conservancy. Terry is president of First National Equipment Financing, a subsidiary of First National Bank of Omaha, and lives in Blair. He and his wife, Kim, have five children.

1970s

Michael Choiniere '78 has been named president and CEO of Bank of Nebraska in Omaha.

Annette Minderman '73 has answered the call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Blue Hill (Neb.). She was installed April 17.

Lynn Edgell '70 was named the Washington County (Neb.) Volunteer of the Year by the Washington County Enterprise in February. Lynn is a retired teacher who lives in Blair.

Dan Kleinpaste '70 has retired from American Baptist Homes of the Midwest in Harlan, Iowa, on Nov. 30, 2004. He and his wife, Pat, live in Harlan.

1960s

Twila (Willmott '67) Guy teaches gifted students for the Shelby County (Tenn.) School System. She lives in Germantown, Tenn.

Jim Wardrip '67 retired in 2003 from being regional sales manager for the Midwest Division of Time Warner Cable Media Advertising. He lives in Racine, Wis.

Doris (Larson '66) Tomlinson married Ronald Besch on Nov. 20, 2004, in Davenport Iowa. Doris retired from

teaching as an elementary reading specialist in June 2003, after 37 years of teaching in Green Bay, Wis., and Davenport. She and Ron are building their retirement home in Hayward, Wis.

Kathy Bliese '62 married Louis Walk on Jan. 9 in Naples, Fla. Kathy is medical director at Employer's Health Care in Grand Island, Neb. For the third year in a row, she has been named one of the best 200 International Poets of 2005 by the International Library of Poetry. Kathy's work will be published in a book, *The Best International Poets of 2005*.

1950s

Art Simon '52 was presented with the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award on Nov. 10, 2005, in Davenport, Iowa. Simon is founder of Bread for the World, a charity organization.

Deaths

Nick Steinhoff '03 died Jan. 29 in Sioux City, Iowa. Nick helped his father with farming and worked with UPS in the freight department. He was a member of Hornick

United Methodist Church and the Teamsters Union. He was an avid hunter, trapper and fisherman. Survivors include his father, mother, fiancée, a sister, two brothers and four grandparents.

David Bryan '83 died March 6 in Lexington, Neb., following a brief illness. David first worked for Burroughs Corp./Unisys, selling large computer systems, and eventually became co-owner of Data Support Systems. He enjoyed golf, cards, trivia and attending hockey games with his daughter. Survivors include a daughter, his parents, four sisters, a brother and grandfather.

Wilson Sabiya '72 died March 19, 2004. He served several churches and Lutheran organizations in Nigeria, before joining the Unity Party of Nigeria and serving as Gongola State Chairman, and governor of Gongola State. He held many positions on several boards, organizations and churches in Nigeria. Survivors include his wife and eight children, including Biana Dana Sabiya '00.

Robert Krumwiede '60 died March 11 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962, Robert was the co-owner of an Internet-based business. He was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. Survivors include his wife, Roberta, a son, two step-sons, a step-daughter, a brother, a sister, and three step-grandchildren.

Homer Frank Nielsen '41 died March 2 in Blair. After

serving during World War II, Homer worked at Dana in public relations and then became a financial advisor for IDS/American Express for 35 years. Survivors include two daughters and four grandchildren.

Chris F. Young '40 died March 18. Chris was a proud foreman of the crew at Northrup Aircraft in California that built the "Flying Wing," the precursor to today's Stealth Bomber in the early '40s, farmed near Tekamah, Neb., and sold a type of feed additive he invented in Omaha. He enjoyed fishing, golf, bridge, pinochle, speed-walking and bringing a smile to the faces of friends. Survivors include his wife, Lillian, two daughters, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a sister.

Rubena (Jorgensen '39) Hansen died March 3 in Oshkosh, Wis. She was a retired elementary school teacher. Survivors include two daughters, Lois (Hansen '63) Borne-meier and Carol (Hansen '69) Hubert, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Mabel (Sornson '28) Fredrickson died Jan. 24 in Elk Horn, Iowa. Mabel was a farm wife for most of her life and was a much appreciated source of local history. She enjoyed friendships and kept up her sociable ways until her death. Survivors include her daughter, Clarice (Fredrickson '55) Christensen, three grandchildren, Joy (Christensen '76) Sanford, Scott Christensen '83 and Jill (Christensen '83) Sibole, and seven great-grandchildren.



These Dana alumni were among a group that traveled to Greece and Italy in January with **Prof. Jim Olsen's '62** Discovery Term course "The Glory of Greece and the Grandeur of Rome." Picture here at Herculaneum are, from left, **Milly (Guyer '50) Hill, Marnie (Hansen '53) Larsen, Jim Olsen, John Beck D '50 T '55, Joan (Petersen '56) Krogh and Mark Olsen '90.**

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