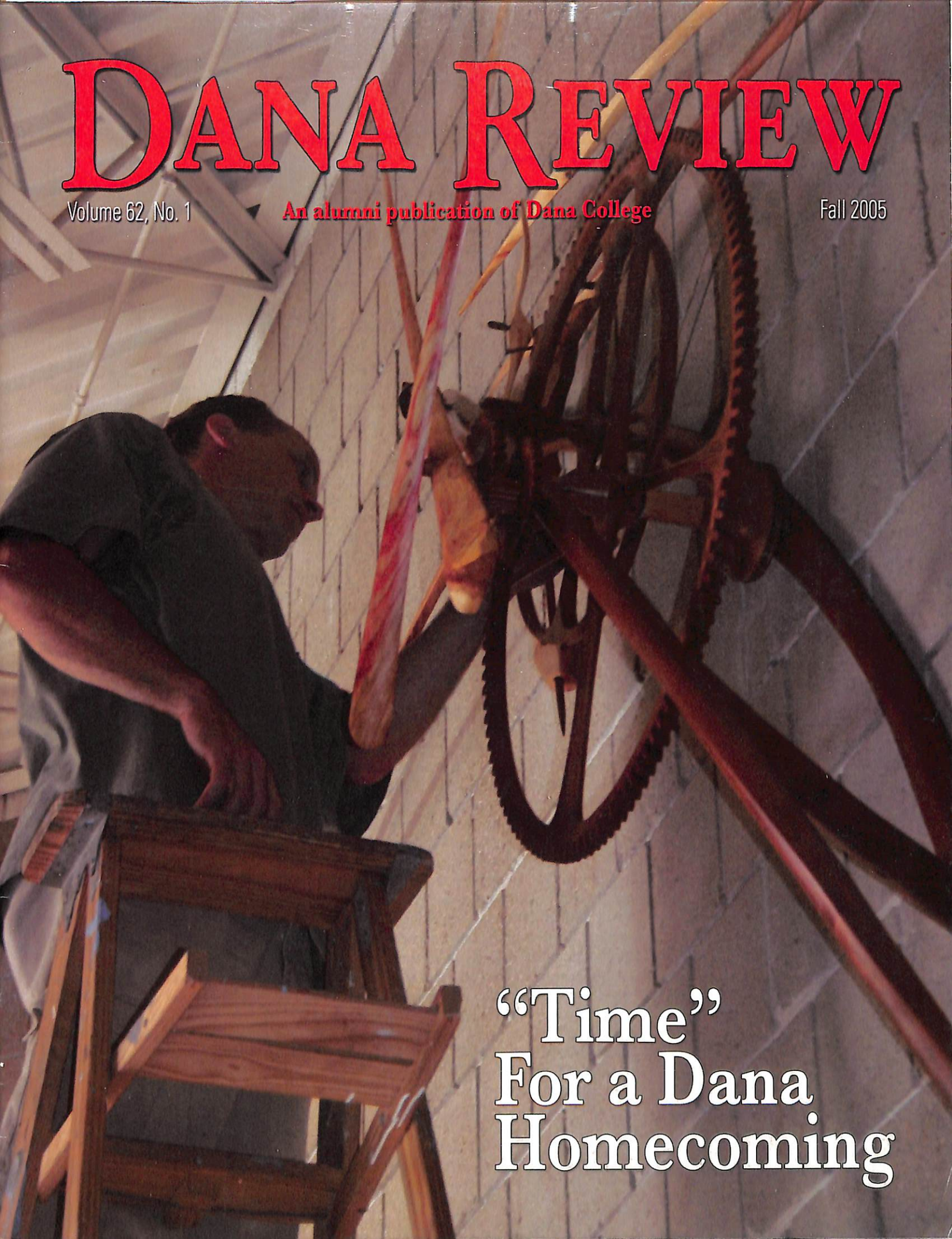


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“Time”  
For a Dana  
Homecoming



# Chairman's Message

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Dear Alumni and Friends of Dana:

**D**As chairman of the Dana Board of Regents, it is my pleasure to add an official welcome from the Board of Regents to Janet Philipp, our new president. Although fall is the beginning of the academic year, Janet has been hard at work since July, meeting with Board members, faculty and staff, developing the goals and strategies that will help shape Dana's future.

As a student, there is an excitement and expectation when one begins college each fall. That type of excitement and expectation is the atmosphere we have today with a new president. The many possibilities and aspirations of Dana are being visited. Are you ready to engage in this new adventure of building on Dana's strengths and looking at the changes that are needed for Dana to face the 21st century?

Dana is and will always be a place where students can be involved and be nurtured by a great faculty and administration. As we look to the dynamic environment of today's world, we must examine how Dana must adjust to fit these challenges. Do we have the tools for the student of today to meet this new world? Dana gave me the skills to compete and succeed. We must be sure we do the same for today's students.

For Dana to meet these expectations, we must examine our curriculum to retain what is relevant and to challenge what may no longer add value to our students and the world around us. We must continue our focus on a changing campus life environment and complete our upgrade of residence halls. The Board has also approved plans for campus apartments — watch for more on this. The students of today have a more independent lifestyle and Dana's campus living is preparing to match this need.

We must challenge ourselves as alumni and friends of Dana to be more involved with Dana. It is no surprise that more personal time and more financial resources are needed to make these important changes essential to Dana's viability. Your help is needed. How can you do it?

Today's parents find a college education essential but financially very challenging. Dana, and schools like Dana, have responded with school-funded scholarships to share this burden with students' families. Dana's scholarship funds, however, are not at the level of our competitor schools. As one of our goals, we need to match or exceed the endowed funds of these other institutions. At present Dana is operating at a "glass half full" in this area. We need to fill the glass! I know if we focus on this, it can be done. Have you considered an endowed gift to Dana?

Dana holds a special place in my life, as I hope it does for all of you. As Dana embarks on a "new beginning," please revisit what you are doing for Dana. It has done much for us. Now is the time for us to do more for Dana. Join Dr. Philipp and me in this journey. It will give back so much more than you give.

Richard J. Vierk '68  
Chairman of the Board of Regents

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*We're with you all the Way!*



From left, President Emeritus Myrvin Christopherson '61, Student Senate President Tyler Mohr '06, Blair Mayor Jim Realph, President Janet Philipp, Board of Regents member Dennis Gethmann '71, Weitz Construction President Rad Way and the Rev. Delvin Hutton start the digging on the new residence hall during Homecoming Weekend.

# Dana's growth goes on

**D**ana College broke ground on a new \$2.5 million residence hall to accommodate its increasing enrollment and to meet student expectations on Oct. 1 as part of Homecoming Weekend.

The 48-bed, suite-style facility is the first phase of a planned three-building expansion. The new hall will be located to the east of the Gardner-Hawks Center. Each suite will include four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and small kitchen. The hall will also include a laundry facility and lounge areas. Like all of Dana's campus, the building will feature complete wireless connections to the Internet.

Bob Schmoll '85, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said Dana chose to work once again with architectural firm RDG and contractors Weitz. The two firms were also contracted to build Dana's

Gardner-Hawks Center, a \$6 million state-of-the-art athletic facility completed in 2003, and the Margre Henningson Durham Center, the college's main classroom facility, completed in 1993.

Together the firms and Dana have created a plan for a building that will add an aesthetic quality to the campus, as well as additional housing. The two halves of the building will mirror each other at an angle, with a pitched roof, gables, brick accents and a diamond pattern adding to the visual pull of the construction.

"We didn't want to build a 'residence hall box,'" Schmoll said. "We want to build something that fits in with our campus, which is often recognized for its beauty."

Site work began in September. The construction of the building, as well as a new parking lot, is expected to take nine to

10 months. The college fully expects that the building will be open for new residents starting with the Fall 2006 term.

To take advantage of tradeworkers already on campus, Dana will also use this academic year to renovate Holling Hall, a residence hall originally constructed in 1964. The renovation will update the climate control in the building, giving each room individual control of temperature. Aesthetic work will also be done to update the look of the hall.

The two construction projects, combined with a campus-wide purchase of new residence hall furniture made this summer, will vastly update Dana's residence hall offerings. As a residential college, administrators said they are committed to providing students with a home-away-from-home environment that matches increased expectations.

# Another record year for enrollment

**D**ana College announced earlier this fall that its official 2005-06 full-time enrollment is 653 students, a gain of 6 percent over its 2004-05 numbers. The gain follows a record-breaking year for Dana, which saw its 2004-05 enrollment jump 10 percent — from 563 in 2003-04 to 617 — last year. This higher enrollment trend means the liberal arts college has its largest enrollment since 1971, the height of the Vietnam War.

At that time, larger enrollments were due to both a spike in the number of college-age students — with the Baby Boom generation — and the imposition of the military draft, which could be avoided by entering college. Dana's recent spike comes at a time when college-age students are actually declining in Nebraska and more educational and vocational opportunities exist.

Dean of Enrollment Jim Lynes said that Dana's recent surge in enrollment is due to many factors, including:

- Focusing on local recruiting of students who want to attend a school where they can be both academically challenged and participate in many extracurricular activities. (Thirty-four percent of this year's incoming freshmen class hail from Omaha. Ninety-eight percent of Dana students participate in an extracurricular activity associated with athletics, fine arts or academics.)
- A new marketing approach that informs prospective students about Dana College's personality and strengths.
- The addition of unique, career-oriented majors, such as Criminal Justice and iMedia.
- Changes to the admissions process that make applying easier,

but focus on higher-achieving students.

In a time of declining enrollment numbers for Nebraska's public universities, Lynes said he thinks Dana's success shows that Nebraskans are starting to realize that Nebraska's private colleges offer superior education at a great value. Dana students enjoy a low student-to-teacher ratio, phenomenal job placement rates after graduation and increased extracurricular opportunities for students. And while Dana's "sticker price" seems much higher than public school tuition, by the time financial aid and the increased chances of graduating in four years are factored in, the overall cost of attending Dana is comparable to a public four-year university.

"They are considering things like class size, majors offered and the overall experience they expect to get in college," Lynes said. "For many, we win in these categories. Nebraskans also seem to be worried about news of budget cuts at state institutions and how that may impact the education and services students will receive in the future."

Officials at Dana are thrilled with the rise in enrollment and hope for continued growth in future years. Lynes said the college hopes to grow to around 750 for full-time enrollment. To achieve this, the Admissions Office is continuing to innovate. The 2006-07 class will be the first to be offered specially tailored academic scholarships, that will reward students in history, English and other subjects, much like the scholarships Dana's talented student athletes and fine arts students receive.

Recruitment for the 2006-07 class is already underway, and Lynes said he hopes it will top even this year's record-breaking pace.

## Sights & Sounds is coming!

**D**ana College has announced the schedule for its annual Scandinavian-themed festival, Sights & Sounds of Christmas, Dec. 3 - 4, 2005. This year's festival features a celebration of the 200th birthday of Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen.

The two-day festival is packed with concerts, food, exhibits, demonstrations, crafts and more. Designed to be family-friendly, all of the festival events are entertaining for all ages. Visitors can gain entry to more than 20 different events with the purchase of a Sights & Sounds button for just \$5.

The buttons will be available at the door to every event during the festival, but reservations are encouraged for the famous Scandinavian Smorgasbord (\$15.50 for adults through reservation — \$17.50 at the door, and \$7 for children under 12). This year Dana is offering seven limited settings of the Smorgasbord. The selections include authentic Scandinavian cuisine, including frikadeller (meat balls), medisterpølse (sausage) and salmon, as well as 22 additional items carefully selected and prepared in consultation with chefs trained in Scandinavian foods.

The Sounds of Christmas Concert features Dana's own Chorale and Concert Band



Reservations can be made by visiting the event's web site, [www.dana.edu/sightsandsounds](http://www.dana.edu/sightsandsounds), or by calling the Dana College Relations Office, 402 426-7216. Seats for the Smorgasbord are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so if visitors have a specific time in mind, they are encouraged to make reservations early. Times for the Smorgasbord are 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, and 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Prof. Jim Olsen and  
President Janet Philipp



## Celebrate Service

Three employees honored for 95 years of work

Each year, the Dana community gathers to celebrate the start of a new school year at Opening Dinner. Traditionally, this dinner is also a time to recognize employees' loyalty and commitment to the college.

While savoring a chocolate fountain and a delicious catered meal by Sodexo, Dana also honored three employees, who together have contributed 95 years of service.

Jan Potter, professor of social work, was honored for 25 years of employment at Dana.

Potter emphasizes going out and seeing the world as one of the best ways to learn. During Dana's Discovery Term, she has led students on trips around the world, often seeing societies hidden from the average tourist.

"One of the things I like at Dana is that I get the chance to teach about diversity," Potter said. "Now I can take groups to Native American reservations or to Mayan leaders in Guatemala. I also really love teaching about group dynamics and group work, my master's of social work emphasis."

Dr. Milt Heinrich, professor of art, was honored for 30 years of service.

Heinrich's work can be found throughout the Midwest. A site-specific artist, he has been commissioned to produce more than 50 works, including pieces at Eppley Airfield in Omaha, the Iowa State Judicial Building and Fort Atkinson, a historic site on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River where explorers Lewis and Clark first met with American Indians.

Having an artist-teacher is even more important at Dana, where students have more of a mentor-to-apprentice relationship with the faculty than at larger schools.

"Dana provides students a longitudinal education," Heinrich says. "They see the same profs over and over again. I know where they're strengths and weaknesses are. What suits best for their talents."

Jim Olsen, associate professor of art, celebrated a staggering 40 years of work at Dana.

Olsen teaches art history, drawing and sculpture and has been at Dana since 1965. A three-time Fulbright scholar, Olsen travels extensively and has an on-going involvement with the Bethisidia archeological excavation site in northern Israel. He often uses insights and visual resources gained from his world travels in his art history courses and conducts foreign travel experiences for students during the January Discovery Term.

## Banding together for victims

After separate fundraising drives by Dana College's students and employees, the college is proud to announce that it has raised nearly \$6,000 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This money is on top of the offer of free tuition to college students displaced from their normal schools by the storm and its lasting damage.

On the student side, students took collections at the Sept. 3 Dana vs. Doane football game, as well as outside area businesses. In one day, the student effort was able to raise \$2,300, which was donated to the Red Cross in Omaha.

For employees, Staff Council President Denise Work and Faculty Senate Chairman Dr. John Lyden sent a letter asking all Dana employees to give to a special Dana fund for relief. The letter also went to the Dana Board of Regents, who were asked to encourage their own institutions, companies and organizations to participate. Staff Council also elected to use their monthly "Denim at Dana" drive for the fund.

In all, the employee effort raised \$2,332.61, which was donated to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, who will match half that amount and donate the total to hurricane relief.

Work said she was happy to have been a part of such a worthy effort.

"I think (the drive) encouraged people at Dana like me who would always say, 'I should give to that cause,' but never get around to it," she said. "It put something in their hands as a reminder and a deadline that was soon enough that it was still on the news and part of our daily conversations."

In the wake of the hurricane, Dana announced that it was offering free tuition for the fall semester for up to five students whose educations have been disrupted by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast. Eligible students are those who were enrolled at one of the dozens of colleges and universities in the Gulf Coast that have been devastated by Katrina and may not reopen for the fall semester.

"We join the nation in extending our hand to those affected by Hurricane Katrina," said Dana President Janet S. Philipp. "We hope that this small gesture can help in the process of recovery for a few."

## Arizona Luncheon is on

The annual Arizona Luncheon will once again be held at The Pavilion at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa, Ariz. Join President Janet Philipp at 11:45 a.m. on Feb. 18.

Alumni, past and current parents, and friends of Dana are all invited to this event. More information including menu selections and costs and will be coming in a January mailing. So, snowbirds, please make sure Dana's Alumni Office has your winter contact information.

# dana.edu evolves

**D**ana College launched the latest incarnation of its web site, [www.dana.edu](http://www.dana.edu), in September. The new site features an updated design and reorganized navigation, especially for on-campus users.

The redesign is the first complete overhaul of the site since the fall of 2002. Emphasis was placed on making the navigation as easy to use as possible, while updating the look of the site.

"We felt that our last version of the Dana web site really helped get the right kinds of information to prospective students," said Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, director of college relations and marketing. "We kept that organization, but put increased emphasis on making the site more useful to our current students, parents, visitors and employees."

New features of the site include a portal for future students that provides more options, a better-organized intranet for employees with increased content, and a reorganized campus life section with better navigation for current students. All pages now feature a quick links menu to popular areas of the site and a search feature.

"We pride ourselves on having one of the best small-college web sites around," Reed said. "We believe that our users are most concerned with content and navigation. We feel our new site provides both the information people want and ways that make that information easy to find."

## Hermes enters cyberspace

**Y**ou can now read Dana's student newspaper, the *Hermes*, online through a new link on the Dana web site.

This change will allow students, as well as parents, alumni and friends, to read about news on the Dana campus from their homes, offices and even in the car.

The update was necessary because today's students read 75 percent of their news online, according to *Hermes* advisor Joan Bucy. They rarely pick up a paper news source to read it, she said.

"This will provide easier access to our student-written material and will hopefully keep students better informed about what is going on that they want and need to know," Bucy said. It will also allow parents of students to stay informed, as well as let parents of *Hermes* staff members view what their son or daughter has written.

The publication will still include news stories, photos and opinions, but will be updated as stories are completed, instead of weekly. Dana College Relations and Marketing has designed the newspaper's pages to coordinate with the new look of the Dana web site, which was put up the first week of classes. New editors Kristina Congdon '09 and Faye O'Reilly '09 began adding stories to the new site in October.

"This is an exciting change for Dana's student media, one which will provide our students with greater exposure and experience," Bucy said.

The *Hermes* can now be found at [www.dana.edu/hermes](http://www.dana.edu/hermes).

## Start your morning with Dana's KDCV

**S**tart your day off right with the Morning Show on KDCV 91.1 "The Jam" hosted by Dana senior Bob Parsons '06. Every Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 10 a.m., Parsons brings listeners music, news, sports, weather and more. Parsons brings a new dimension to KDCV programming in addition to the live broadcasts of Dana and Blair High School sporting events. KDCV broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For those outside the radio station's range, KDCV offers audio streaming at [www.huntel.net/kdcv](http://www.huntel.net/kdcv).

## "Community" is focus of new Dana major

**D**ana College is proud to announce that it will begin offering a Community Journalism major starting with the 2005–06 academic year. The new major is part of an overhaul of Dana's Communication Department offerings. The changes will also bring a new focus to the Organizational Communication major — now to be called Corporate Communication — and modifications to the Intercultural Communication major and the emphases offered to majors.

Community or "grassroots" journalism is characterized by intensely local-first coverage. The term frequently applies to journalism by newspapers with circulations of less than 50,000 that focus on service to their communities. Expected career routes for Dana graduates with this major include editor, reporter, broadcaster, script writer, technical writer, newsletter production, public information officer, press secretary and interviewer.

"Our research into this area shows that community journalism will be the next hot thing," said Dr. Kate Joeckel, associate professor of communication. "This emphasis fits well for Dana because of our tradition of training the community leaders of the future."

Community Journalism majors may select to emphasize in Visual and Broadcast Media, Design or Writing.

Dana's Organizational Communication major will also be undergoing changes. To help students better understand the focus of the major, it will now be called Corporate Communication. Students will still receive excellent instruction in theory and real-world experience through internships and practicums, but changes have been made to sharpen the focus of the major and enhance its marketability for graduates. Corporate Communication majors will be able to choose from three new areas of emphasis: Business, Global Commerce and Media Relations.

These new areas of emphasis will also be available to Dana's Intercultural Communication majors, who participate in an emerging area of study at Dana. The Intercultural Communication major reflects the growing need by employers for graduates who can not only communicate effectively within the mainstream American culture.

# Board of Regents adds two alumni to ranks

The Dana Board of Regents welcomed two new members during their meeting held in conjunction with Homecoming weekend. The Dana Board of Regents is elected to set the strategic direction and policy of the college, set goals and long-range plans, ensure financial solvency and provide tools to the administration to enable the administration to manage the institution.



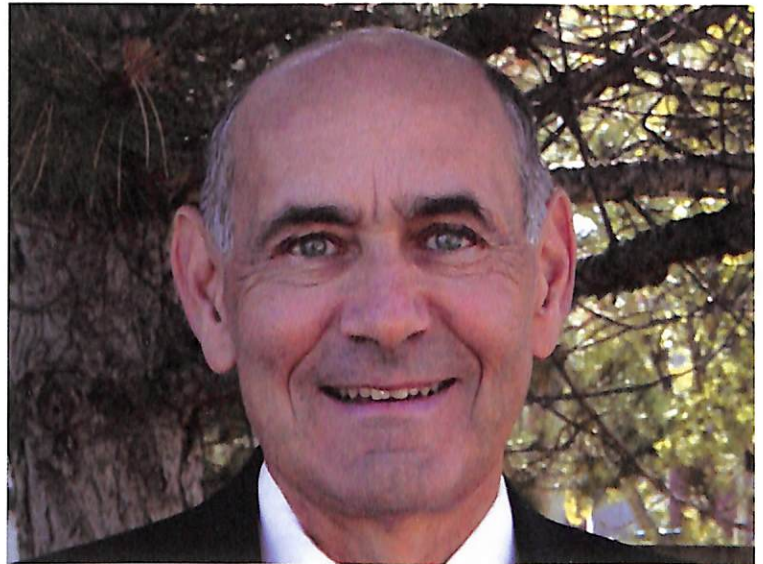
## Marnie Jensen '98

Marnie Jensen '98, associate attorney for commercial interests at Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn P.C., returns to Dana as its youngest current Board member.

Jensen is originally from Cairo, Neb. After graduating from Dana as valedictorian, she earned her juris doctorate at College of William and Mary School of Law, where she was executive editor of the *William & Mary Law Review*. Before returning to practice in Nebraska in May, she served as an associate at the firms of Jenner & Block, and Tabet, DiVito & Rothstein in Chicago, Ill. She's a member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, the Illinois Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Her community service includes serving as a mentor for high school students at the first all-girl high school in Chicago, and as a tutor and mentor for elementary students from low-income backgrounds, also in Chicago.

Jensen currently resides in Nebraska City, Neb., and says her hobbies include backpacking, reading, politics, international travel, and organic and sustainable agriculture.



## William R. Yates, M.D. '74

Former Distinguished Alumni honoree Dr. William R. Yates '74 has taught at the University of Oklahoma since 1997. He has extensive experience in higher education, following his education at Dana, by earning his M.D. at the University of Nebraska in 1977, and earning a master of science from the University of Iowa in 1986. He also served as a professor at Iowa from 1983 to 1997.

Originally from Geneva, Neb., Yates currently resides in Tulsa, Okla., where he is very active in the community. He is a member of the Association of Medicine & Psychiatry, and served as its president for the 2000-01 year. He is a board member for both the Parkside Psychiatric Hospital and University of Oklahoma Admission Committee. He is a member of the Promotions & Tenure Committee at OU, and serves as a consultant for the Laureate Research Center.

Yates says his hobbies and interests include golf, fitness, travel and writing.

# New faces join Dana

Several new full-time faculty have joined the Dana College community for the 2005-06 year. Here is some brief information on each of them:



**Cathy Brunkhorst**, mathematics instructor, graduated from Dana in 1993 with a mathematics for secondary teachers degree. She graduated this summer from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a master of arts for teachers of mathematics. Prior to working at Dana, she was a graduate assistant in the Math Department at UNO. She is originally from Omaha.

**Dr. Molly Brown** has been appointed assistant professor of criminal justice. Brown received her Ph.D. and M.A. in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Brown resides in Elkhorn, Neb., and joins us with extensive research and teaching experience at University of Nebraska at Omaha.



**Dr. Janet Huntzinger** has been appointed as assistant professor of education. Huntzinger completed her doctorate of education studies at Oklahoma State University, and her master of science studies at Kansas State University. Her most recent teaching appointment was with Ohio University Southern in Ironton, Ohio.



**Dr. Viatcheslav Krutik** has been appointed as assistant professor of chemistry. Krutik has earned master of science degrees in computer science and chemistry from Creighton University and Latvian State University, respectively. His Ph.D. is from Moscow State University. Krutik is fluent in English, Russian and Latvian. His most recent research and teaching appointments have been with the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



**Dr. Laura Massa** has been appointed assistant professor of psychology. Massa completed her undergraduate studies at the Dominican College of San Rafael before pursuing a master of arts at the California State University, Sacramento. She recently completed her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology with an emphasis in quantitative methods in the social sciences at the University of California, Santa Barbara.



## Campus Digest

*News about the Dana Community*

On July 25, **Dr. Claire Bushong**, assistant professor of music, gave an organ recital at All Saints Episcopal Church in Omaha as part of the All Saints Summer Organ Series.

**Ross Jensen '03** has joined the Dana team as an admissions counselor and assistant football coach.

**Dr. Iain Anderson**, assistant professor of history, has been selected to be the holder of the Leitha K. and Willard A. Richardson Professorship in Liberal Arts for 2005-2006 at Dana College. Anderson was chosen for his proposal, "This is Our Music: Free Jazz, Cultural Hierarchy, and the Sixties."

Dana College Wrestling Coach **Steve Costanzo**, served as a speaker at the Kansas High School Activities Association convention in Topeka, Kan., in August. Costanzo spoke at several sessions on topics such as: "Building a Championship Program," "Dana College Wrestling" and "Practice Drills."

**John Schraut** has been promoted to Associate Director of Admissions.

**Beth King '98** has been promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions.

Dana College is proud to announce that it has hired **Lori Strohm** to fill the newly created position of conference and special events coordinator.

The Rev. **Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi**, assistant professor of religion and campus pastor, attended the 2005 Convocation of ELCA Teaching Theologians, Aug. 19-21 in St. Paul, Minn.

From June 15-19, **Dr. William Hall**, associate professor of music, was the guest of the U.S. Army at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Va., where he was invited to serve as a consultant for curriculum revision.

**Dr. John Mark Nielsen**, professor of English, has been appointed to the Council for the Independent Exchange of Scholars (CIES) Board of Review for scholars seeking Fulbright fellowships and grants to India and Southeast Asia.

**Tina Blair** has joined the Dana College Admissions Office as the campus visit coordinator.

**Prof. Starla Stensaas**, associate professor of design, recently completed an external review of the art programs at Minot State University in North Dakota.

**Dr. Peggy Holloway**, assistant professor of music, presented a lecture/recital Sept. 21 in Dana College's Trinity Chapel. The topic was "The Art Songs of Marion Bauer."

# Time to come Home

*Homecoming 2005 was a time to think about time, and a time for stories to tell. Most of all, it was time to celebrate Dana — past, present and future*



**B**efore the very first Homecoming weekend event started on Sept. 30, Jim Borden '80 was installing his own personal "homecoming" of sorts. "Flight of Time" a beautiful abstract wooden clock began to appear on the wall above the Lauritzen Theatre in the Madsen Fine Arts Center as Friday went on.

Borden is an accomplished clockmaker, designing and constructing 12 to 15 clocks a year, mostly for homes. But his very first clock is still on display at Dana, humbly sitting in Argo Hall. Fifteen years ago, Borden started the clock as a special independent study project for Interim. He and Tom Kendall '80 had four weeks to turn their exploration of time and time keeping into a physical form. They finished sometime in May.

The experiment launched Borden into a lifelong pursuit that connects him with his ancestors, Swedish immigrant furniture makers. (He even uses his great-grandfather's tools.)

Dana wasn't just the location of his first clock-making experience. The broad, liberal arts education he received has been the inspiration for all the clocks he's constructed since.

"I have these images in my mind from studying (the humanities at Dana) that have just stuck there," Borden says. "It's the more basic idea that anything is possible. The possibilities are endless, and the horizons are open."

Borden's story is just one of many told at Homecoming. There were the stories of classes gone by and teammates from long ago. At the Alumni Awards Dinner (see pages 12, 13, 20 and 21), there were stories of alumnae who have excelled in careers and celebrations of alumni who inspire our student athletes today. There were stories of what will be, especially the new residence hall rising east of the Gardner-Hawks Center (see page 4). We heard stories, stories and a few more stories at the Saturday evening event, TivoliFest (see page 11). And we heard stories of those who have gone at the Memorial Service on Sunday.

## Time to Sing!

The annual choir and chorale reunion drew the usual large crowd ready to remember "Beautiful Savior" and how to properly mold those vowels. Here, Dr. Paul Neve '41, professor emeritus, prepares to lead the mix of current students and returning alumni.



## Time to Laugh!

At the Saturday night event, this year dubbed "TivoliFest," more than 200 alumni gathered for good food and many good laughs. Master of tables Prof. Jim Olsen '62 (below left) directed guests toward tasty Danish treats like roast chicken, pickled herring, and of course, the entries in the Danish Kringle Tasting Kontest, submitted from all over the country. Master of Ceremonies Andy Andersen '61 (below right) hosted "The Eight O'Clock Talk Show," featuring such diverse acts as former Danish Folk Dancers and a humorous telling of "The Princess and the Pea" by Emily Neve '04. A call from the master storyteller himself, Hans Christian Andersen, started off the show in a hilarious manner.



## Time to Venerate!

The Class of 1955 were the latest inductees into the Venerable Vikings, a society for alumni who have reached their 50th reunion year. Special medalions were give at a brunch on Sunday, Oct. 2 to: Glen Christofferson, Jim Iverson, Ruth (Pedersen) Christensen, Dagmar Ahlquist, Clarice (Fredrickson) Christensen and Phyllis (Bollesen) Matthews.



## 2005 Outstanding Young Alumna Kirsten Christopherson- Clark '90

grade point average, a summa cum laude degree in International Communications and German, and as Homecoming Queen.

Since leaving our little hill, Kirsten has chosen to touch the lives of others — in the tradition of her parents, but in her own unique way. In 1996, she earned a master's of education degree from Antioch New England Graduate School in elementary education and early childhood with Waldorf certification. Since that time she has pursued a career and a calling as a Waldorf teacher.

Waldorf schools approach education as a holistic experience for each individual child. Waldorf teachers usually stay with the same group of students from first grade to fifth grade, and sometimes even longer. Waldorf teachers are required to weave singing, recorder playing, movement, painting, poetry, sculpture, drawing, reading, writing, science, history and mathematics into their daily lessons. This philosophy of teaching is based on the belief that the human being is not just a brain, but a being of will and feeling, as well as of intellect. Each subject studied aims to contribute to the development of a well-balanced individual.

As you can probably guess, Waldorf schools attract the best-of-the-best in the teaching world. These elite teachers strive to provide the best for the students. And Waldorf teachers Kirsten has come in contact with all agree that she is an excellent teacher with a very promising future ahead of her.

Mark Birdsall, faculty chair at the Kimberton Waldorf School, had this to say about Kirsten:

"She is an outstanding teacher — one of those few who take every aspect of their work seriously and devote themselves to perfecting it. She taught a large class of racially diverse urban children and did an excellent job with them. Her classroom management was great; the students respected and obeyed her without coercion. Her lessons were prepared in detail and delivered with artistry and humor. She takes professional development seriously and regularly participated in several weeks of professional activities each year, in addition to weekly meetings in a school where site-based decision making was a reality. In short, she's a great teacher."

And the praise for Kirsten continues. Dorothy St. Charles, leadership specialist at the Milwaukee Public Schools told us this:

"I have very high regards for Kirsten and the work she did at Urban Waldorf School. She was an exemplary teacher and colleague. Teaching in a Waldorf school is very demanding. Her mastery of the curriculum and her ability to skillfully deliver it have been evident in her students' performances on district and state assessments."

As you can see, Kirsten is off to a great start. And because the college believes she holds such great promise for the future, we officially elevated her from the rank of P.D. to the 2005 Outstanding Young Alumna.

**M**ost Dana students arrive as practically anonymous freshmen, ready to make their individual mark on the college. But Dana blood runs in many families, and the college has been graced by siblings and generations of students who arrive with a "reputation" so to speak.

Kirsten Christopherson-Clark '90, on the other hand, arrived with her own acronym. The "P.D.," as some of her friends called her, was the President's daughter and immediately known to every faculty member, student and employee she came across.

But being the P.D. is not what Kirsten is about. While at Dana, she excelled — on her own — as an individual. She participated in cheerleading, dance team, International Club, A-Team, Student Senate, Choir and was a student-leader in the internship program that Dana hosted in the Nebraska House at Bad Segeberg, Germany. She left Dana with a 3.9

2005 Distinguished Alumna

## Dr. Barbara (Anderson '85) Hamel

Upon learning that she had been nominated for the Distinguished Alumna Award, Dr. Barbara (Anderson '85) Hamel had this to say:

"We also give distinguished alumni awards at Central Methodist University, and I guess I've always thought of them being bestowed on truly important people — those who have made it big and can afford to donate back huge sums of money to the college, those who have just discovered a cure for some disease, or perhaps somebody who was once a successful attorney, now turned politician. I will likely never do any of these things."

Here's what Barbara does as associate professor of music at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo.:

"I especially enjoy working with the freshmen and sophomore students — they have so much to learn when they first stop on campus. I spend much time telling them the lessons I learned as a young student — wake up, go to all your classes, do what the teachers tell you, value knowledge, and be kind."

We honored Dr. Barbara Hamel on Sept. 30 at the Alumni Awards Dinner because she is an important person. Everyday, she lives out the greatest ideals of Dana College. She carries the torch of a liberal arts education — sometimes undervalued in today's society so focused on learning skills to earn as much money as possible. She works at a college "eerily similar" to Dana — a small school, church-related and dedicated to the liberal arts. She's seen faculty come and go, using the college as a launching pad to better paying jobs at larger institutions. But Barbara stays because she believes in the value of a liberal arts education and she believes she makes a difference to her students.

For 18 years, she has taught piano and organ to thousands of students. But she has taught them more than how to make a diminished chord. At CMU, Barbara volunteers to teach the "Character and Life" course. In the class students spend 90 percent of their time reading and discussing literature. "I've felt well prepared for this experience due to my coursework at Dana," she says, "particularly the dreaded Liberal Arts Reading Program."

The value of LARP isn't the only thing Barbara carried from Dana to her new home. Here's what she remembers from her time on the hill:

"I got to practice in my piano professor's studio at night (he hid a key for us), was invited regularly to faculty members' homes (good spaghetti and cream puffs) and expected my former teachers to come to my recitals and wedding many years after graduation (they did)."



As a distinguished member of the faculty at CMU, Barbara hides keys to her office for her students, invited her students to her home for dinner, and has been to more recitals than previously thought humanly possible.

Dr. Barbara Hamel may never find a cure for a disease. She may never have the funds to endow a scholarship or buy a plush political office. But we chose Barbara as our 2005 Distinguished Alumna because she chose another path. She chose to be a teacher. She chose to inspire thousands of young people. And she chose to take the values of Dana and spread them through the world. Dana can ask for no better sense of purpose from our graduates.

# How Great *Our* Art



Breanne Chamberlain '07



Jen Thede '06

*This summer, Dana's Art Department was selected to be one of the first colleges featured in Creative Convocation magazine, a new publication for higher education art instructors and students. Dana's department was selected as the Central Region school based upon student art contributed to the magazine, and Professor Starla Stensaas, associate professor of design, penned the article. "Dana College is an excellent example of what a college art program should be," said Curtis Moore, editor of Creative Convocation. "The staff at Creative Convocation was impressed and excited to feature them in our first-ever issue."*

## Excerpt from *Creative Convocation*:

**D**ana College, a small residential applied liberal arts college located north of Omaha, Nebraska, is home to a thriving Art Department where students have the latitude to focus on a studio direction of their choosing. Economy of scale at Dana College means that undergraduates have a wealth of opportunity to develop their individual talents, refine their vision, and build their futures by working closely with experienced artist professors. Studio courses range in size from four to twenty, with a campus-wide faculty/student ratio of 1:12. Small at Dana College means that the academic experience is individually tailored to encourage and motivate students to become lifelong learners, to actively participate, to prepare for leadership responsibility, and to work toward realizing their full potential as individuals and in the community.

Home to three majors, Art, Art Education and iMedia (Interactive Media), the Dana College Art Department offers courses in art education, art history, audio/video design, ceramics, color theory, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, print production, sculpture, two-dimensional and three-dimensional design, and web design. Courses are taught in a wing of the Madsen Fine Arts Center, designed and built in 1990 to house the Art Department. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the three primary studio spaces, coupled with high contemporary ceilings and exposed duct work, create welcoming, light-filled art-making classrooms. The primary studios include a sculpture and ceramic studio, a painting and printmaking studio and a drawing and design studio. In addition, a twelve-station black and white photography studio, a ten-station G-5 Macintosh lab, and a student gallery/foyer complete the facility. Art history courses are taught in a multimedia lecture room in the primary classroom building on campus and a bronze foundry is located in a building a short distance from the main campus.

The iMedia major is the centerpiece of innovation in the Dana College Art Department. This new major replaces an earlier Graphic Design major, which was followed by a Graphic Communication emphasis. In its second year of enrolling students, this cross-

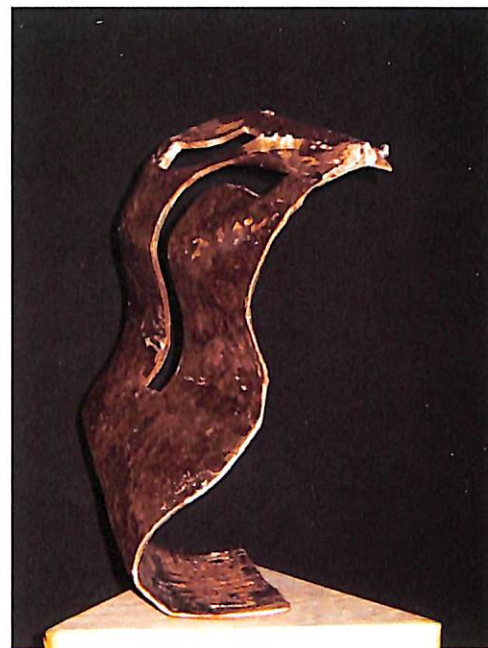
disciplinary major focuses on innovative and creative application of Web-based technology. iMedia majors study and practice design theory, imagemaking, typography, interactivity, navigation and the use of audio and motion through hands-on, web-based practice.

In addition to a 22 credit-hour core in Web-based design and a 12 credit-hour art foundation, iMedia majors complete a 21 credit-hour concentration in one of the following areas: art, business, creative writing, computer science, graphic design, history or music. These areas of concentration provide a focus for iMedia majors as they begin to work on more complex design applications in the upper division courses. Senior iMedia majors take a capstone course where study in the concentration area serves as the focus for a semester-long, "real life" Web design project. For example, an iMedia major with a history concentration can take the senior history seminar course on the immigrant experience simultaneously with the iMedia course, and use primary sources in digital formats to create a historically illuminating Web site in addition to the seminar research paper. A senior iMedia major with the creative writing concentration has the opportunity to create a culminating in-depth, web-based creative writing project that integrates text, image and sound as preparation for graduate study in English or Communication.

All iMedia majors take a foundation of art course, but students who wish to complete a concentration in art also finish the art history sequence (three courses) and an additional 18 credit hours of studio art courses. The graphic design concentration focuses very heavily on two-dimensional studio art courses in addition to a print production course and an internship or practicum experience.

iMedia majors are required to purchase laptops in their junior year, but many do so sooner. As one of the most wired campuses in the region, our wireless coverage takes in the entire campus, making it convenient for students to work in the drawing and design studio that adjoins the computer lab. The ratio of students to college-owned computers is five to one.

The iMedia major has been very popular with prospective students and employers alike. The program is limited to 20 students per year and next year's courses are nearly



Greg Towne '05

filled. Last Discovery Term (January), the first graduating iMedia major (Chris Johnson '05), who completed a concentration in art, was placed in an internship as a Flash designer at Leopard, Inc., an advertising and marketing agency in Omaha. He was hired part-time during the spring semester of his senior year and offered a full-time contract upon graduation. Next year's seniors, both with concentrations in creative writing, are researching graduate schools, and have interests in programs in Digital Storytelling and Professional Writing.

Art majors and Art Education majors also play a major role in the department. Art scholarships are based on one-on-one faculty portfolio reviews with prospective students and provide an opportunity for prospective students to experience the "Dana difference" first-hand before making a college decision. Faculty/student relationships for art majors develop early in the student's academic career and continue long past graduation. Faculty mentoring is individually tailored to meet the student's goals, and is based on regular assessment of the student's developmental process as a maturing artist or designer. Pedagogy in studio art courses often provides opportunities for students to individualize class assignments, resulting in student ownership of the work produced for class.

# Why?

## *Dana College*

*On Aug. 30, Dr. Janet Philipp made her first remarks to the student body of Dana College at Opening Convocation. The following is a transcript of her address.*

I want to speak to the students about the liberal arts aspect of education at Dana, how it is distinctive and how it adds value to their future. When you decided to attend Dana College, you were saying YES to the liberal arts as the foundation for your studies here:

- a foundation for the major you choose
- a foundation for the career you choose
- a foundation for graduate school, if that is your choice, and
- preparation for your responsibilities of citizenship and leadership.

You are enrolled at Dana College because you expect more from your education than being trained for a job.

But, you ask, just what is a liberal arts education? How will a liberal arts education make a difference in my life? And, why is a liberal arts education so important?

James Freedman, president emeritus of Dartmouth College, submits that a liberal arts education acquaints students with the cultural achievements of the past and prepares them for the urgent needs of an unforeseeable future. It provides students with standards by which to measure human achievement and fires their minds with new ideas, powerful and transcendent ideas that will trouble them, elevate them and brace them for new ideas. It offers students the opportunity to





**The Learning Curve:** Dr. Janet Philipp has been using the Fall Semester to get to know the Dana community better. She took an opportunity at the Football game during Homecoming to show her Viking spirit. Philipp has also performed many "Listening Sessions," including informal meetings with current parents, such as the one at right during Parents Day.

develop the empathy and moral courage to endure uncertainty, disappointment, and suffering.

The most useful education is one that is wide and deep, one that is cumulative, synergistic and self-sustaining, one that helps students move from passivity to passionate, active learning.

One student has described a noteworthy education as finding yourself in a group of people who have struggled to understand a difficult text and, through a vigorous exchange of views, discovering a deeper understanding of what the author was trying to say, along with a deeper understanding of why it is important. Under-girding this understanding of education then, is a deep appreciation for the discursive, collaborative nature of liberal learning.

How real is the value of the liberal arts education? It becomes real when you, our students, are fully engaged – as individuals and as partners, in consciously learning from everything you do at Dana and from everyone you meet here.

Dana College is such a place, where the mind is nurtured, questions are taken seriously, critical thinking is encouraged, and diversity is valued.

Such a profound education can not be obtained or attained simply by accumulating credits, sitting in lectures and classes or watching a computer screen.

At Dana College we identify ourselves by our philosophy and mission. As a College rooted in a strong church-related, liberal arts tradition, we have a curriculum that embraces several professional and pre-professional programs of study in addition to a broad curricula in the liberal arts. The process of education at Dana assumes that:

- the world is an arena of personal freedom and social responsibility,
- education for life and career integrates the intellectual, moral, spiritual, physical, and cultural dimensions of human existence,
- acquiring knowledge and skills is a part of a larger commitment to bringing about a more just and humane world, and
- learning incorporates care for one's fellow human beings and for the natural environment.

So, what does this mean for students attending Dana College?

It means that faculty will engage you, that they will dialog with you about making ethical and moral decisions, and about what it is that you value and understanding why you value your beliefs and opinions.

- It means that you will graduate from Dana College with an appreciation for art, music, drama, and literature – an enrichment that will last a lifetime.
- It means that you will develop an understanding of local, national, and global issues such as what it means to be a diverse society, and social and political issues, as well as understanding the rights and obligations of citizenship.
- It means the ability to think critically about one's own work and ideas and that of others – being able to construct and examine arguments orally and in writing, generating and evaluating differing perspectives based on one's own and other's viewpoints.
- It means you will develop knowledge skills within a particular field of interest, and
- You will create links between the liberal arts and your major.

Employers are calling for graduates who are skilled communicators, scientifically literate, proficient at quantitative reasoning, capable of innovative thinking, are aware of global issues, and will take leadership roles in their communities. Dana graduates are ready for the challenge.

All new experiences, all new beginnings, whether it is your second day of classes at Dana or the second day of your sophomore, junior or senior year, create some degree of uneasiness and maybe fear of failure. There are many times in my life when I've had those feelings of uneasiness.

I will close with the words of two Americans, one who struggles to be creative in the performing arts and the other who struggled for justice.

From actor Alan Alda, "Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative is the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. You can't get there by bus, only by hard work and risk and by not quite knowing what you're doing. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself." We want you to discover yourself at Dana College.

And Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

A liberal arts education is about having the courage to live life creatively and to accept the challenges and controversies of our time. We are happy you've chosen Dana College for your new beginning!

# A Very Brief History of...

by Ann (Harms '54) George

# “Hail Dana”

**A** need has long been felt by the students and friends of Dana for a college song, one in which is embodied the ideals of our college and which could be used at all of our activities. . . .

*Hermes*, Feb. 1926

With this introduction the campus newspaper announced a competition for a school song. The deadline was April 15, and the prize, awarded by the student government, was \$10.

Three months later the *Hermes* announced that Max [Magnus] Christensen had written the winning entry.

Christensen '26 had the melody of “America the Beautiful” in mind when he wrote his three stanzas. Then the *Hermes* reported in March 1927 that Prof. Waldo B. Nielsen — who directed the choir and was a member of the music faculty — “had written a splendid melody” for Christensen’s “expressive stanzas.”

Alumni had been introduced to the words and music with a handout at Homecoming that February (Homecomings at that time were held during the second semester), and another article in the same March *Hermes* reported, “All joined enthusiastically in singing the school song.”

Since then alumni have continued to sing what came to be known as “Hail Dana” enthusiastically at Homecoming and other events.

But there’s more to the story of “Hail Dana.”

Campus visitors have admired it. Bill Christensen records the comments of one of them in his *Saga of the Tower*, the 75-year history of Dana and Trinity Seminary. He writes that in 1947 a visiting lecturer, Henry Goddard Leach, former editor of *Forum* and *Century* magazines and president emeritus of The American-Scandinavian Foundation, “commented on the beauty of the Dana song,” saying “it was one of the finest college songs he had heard and that it captured the very spirit of Dana.”

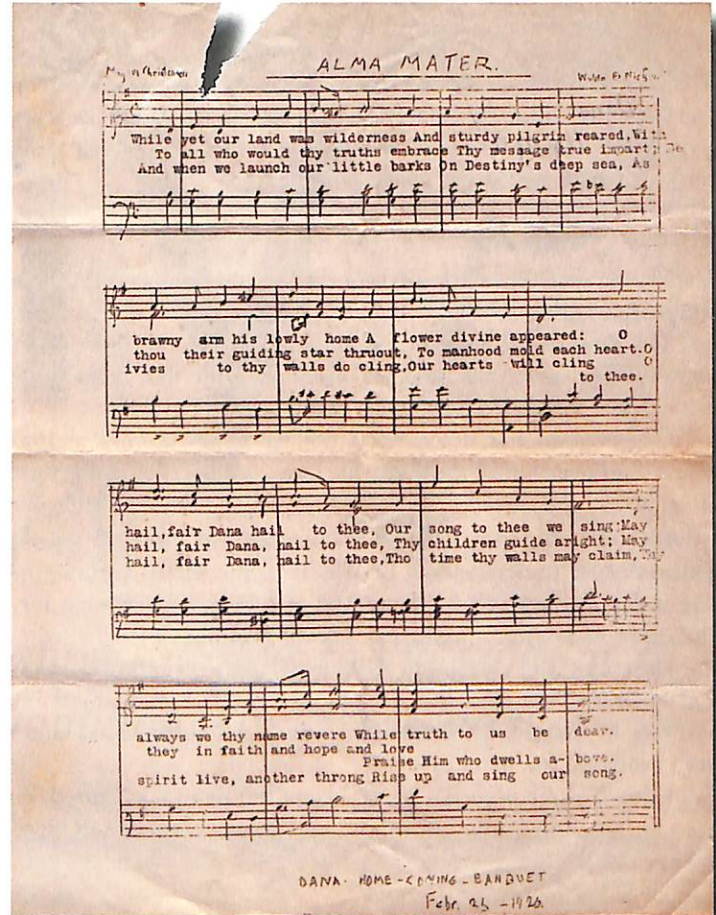
The alumni news section in the DANA REVIEW was named “On Destiny’s Deep

Sea,” from the second line of the last stanza, in 1948.

The college recognized Christensen and Nielsen in 1963 for their “Hail Dana” and gave them Distinguished Service Awards. (Christensen lived in Denver, Colo., and Nielsen in Denmark.)

In 1982, when Alumni Memorial Auditorium, built in 1928, was razed to make way for the Madsen Fine Arts Center, the Homecoming handout was found in its cornerstone. The DANA REVIEW, which reported the find, included Magnus Christensen’s recollections of the competition. He said he’d been influenced by a school song by Nellie Falk — a member of the English Department — titled “Hail Dana,” and that her first line, “Hail, hail to thee, fair Dana, hail!” had “greatly appealed” to him, and she gave him permission to use it. (Falk’s three stanzas, which were to be sung to “Auld Lang Syne,” appear in the 1926 *Daniam*, the yearbook, and Christensen’s in the 1927 *Daniam*.)

Then, in early 1985, Christensen wrote a letter to Dana. The 90-year-old said that after he’d received a copy of the cornerstone song sheet, “I discovered the words to which I object and wish to have eliminated. . . .” The words that disturbed him were “To manhood mold each heart,” the fourth line of the second stanza. He explained, “This was a grave error for which I take full responsibility. . . . I tell you truly when I inform you that the passage. . . has caused me a great deal of discomfort and also loss of sleep.”



This song sheet, now in the Dana Archive, introduced alumni to their new school song, first titled “Alma Mater,” at the 1927 Homecoming. (The notation at the bottom was apparently added later; the year is incorrect.)

Christensen suggested that the line be changed to “To virtue lead each heart.” His suggestion was adopted and the change announced in the DANA REVIEW. (It took several years, however, before alumni no longer stumbled over the line.)

That, for now, completes the story of “Hail Dana.” But here’s a challenge to alumni who have sung it so many times over the years. For several months “Hail Dana” was sung to “America the Beautiful.” Try singing it to that tune. . . Did you get beyond the third or fourth line without reverting to Waldo B. Nielsen’s melody? Hard, isn’t it?

# Dana *Donor* Profile

“How blessed we are at Dana to have friends who make plans like Marvin Jersild.”

That’s what Dr. Myrv Christopherson ‘61, president emeritus, said last year when Dana received a \$1.1 million charitable remainder gift. What is remarkable about the gift is that it came from one who never attended Dana. Christopherson said, “It illustrates how important it is that those who believe in our mission make estate provisions that include Dana.”

Marvin Amble Jersild was born in 1897, the third of 10 children born to Thomas Nielsen Jersild, a Danish Lutheran pastor, and his wife, Anne Bille Jersild. While he never attended Dana himself, Marvin and his family have been leaders in the United (Danish) Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC), which gave birth to Trinity Seminary and Dana.

According to a manuscript prepared for the May 1988 recognition of the Thomas Nielsen Jersild family as a “Distinguished Dana Family” by the Rev. John Beck D’50 T’55, Dana’s first director of planned giving, Marvin graduated from high school in Elk Horn, Iowa, in record time and enlisted in the newly formed Tank Corps during World War I.

After the service he returned to Atlantic, Iowa, where he worked as a bank teller, was tutored in the law by area attorneys and took correspondence courses from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. This preparation enabled him to enroll in the University of Chicago (Ill.)

Law School and to pass the bar examination. His highly successful career was spent as chief lawyer for the New York Central Railroad in Chicago.

Although Marvin never married, he never forgot his family and the institutions they loved. He gave generously throughout his lifetime to his local church, to the synod, Dana College and Trinity Seminary. What is special about Marvin’s stewardship is that, because he made plans for how his estate would be shared after his death, his generosity continued for nearly three decades after he died in 1967. Marvin left his estate in a trust to benefit his siblings and their spouses during their lifetimes. This past year, when the last beneficiary passed away, Marvin’s nephews in Chicago, who served as trustees, advised Dana that the college would receive the remainder of the trust.

In his last will and testament Marvin advised that if Dana needed a chapel he would like his estate gift to go toward that purpose. Of course, Trinity Chapel had already been built by the time this gift passed to Dana, so the college administration and Board of Regents determined the best use would be for the scholarship fund, always the greatest need at Dana. Hence, many future students, who by need and preparation merit support, will be recipients of Marvin Jersild Scholarships.

The Jersild name is well known by those who know the history of the UELC. Marvin’s father, the Rev. Thomas Nielsen Jersild, was one of the founding

pastors of the UELC and president of the folk school, Elk Horn College, in Elk Horn, Iowa, a school that later moved to Blair and the Dana Campus.

Marvin’s oldest brother, the Rev. Hans Christian Jersild, became a much-loved pastor in the UELC. He also served for a time on the faculties of Dana and Trinity. At Dana he met his wife, Carrie Sinamark. A graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, she had come to Dana in 1918 as director of music and leader of Dana’s choral group. In 1950, the Rev. Hans Jersild became president of the UELC. During his administration the church grew significantly and the support to Dana and Trinity increased almost threefold.

Two more of Marvin’s brothers, Arthur Jersild ‘22 and Gerhardt ‘29, also studied at Dana. Both had distinguished careers; Arthur as professor of psychology at Columbia University in New York, and Gerhardt as a respected attorney in Chicago. It is impressive that three of the children of Thomas and Anne Jersild – Hans, Marvin, and Arthur – were listed in Who’s Who in America at the same time.

Perhaps best known of this Jersild family today are Marvin’s niece, Joann (Jersild ‘57) Spiegel, a retired legal assistant, and two nephews: Dr. Harold Jersild ‘50,

# Marvin Jersild



a retired orthopedic surgeon from Moline, Ill., and Dr. Paul Jersild D’53 T’59, who served as academic vice president and dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. All three are children of the late Rev. Hans Christian and Carrie Sinamark Jersild.

Dana is most grateful for the gifted Jersild family, and we give thanks for the planning that has resulted in a most welcome gift from Marvin, who a brother once described as “a most thoughtful, loving and kind man ... who made his brothers and sisters and their families his family.”

He also made Dana an extension of his family. When he learned of this gift, Jim Jorgensen ‘66, Dana’s director of planned giving, said, “By planning how his estate would be shared, Marvin Jersild was able to direct his generous stewardship well beyond his lifetime, and be of immense help to his family and to Dana and her students.”

# Welcome *to the* Hall

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Three Viking legends join the wall of greats

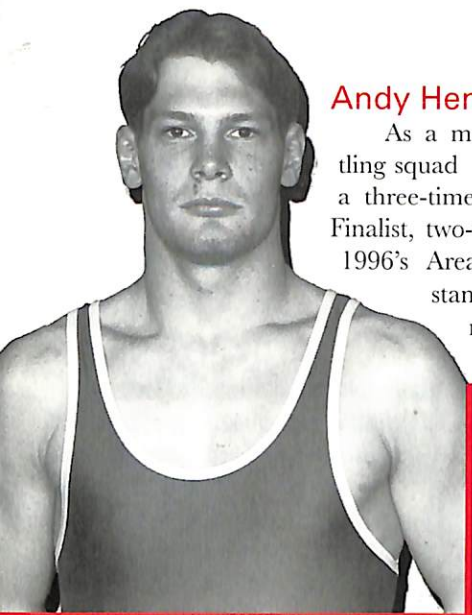
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*During the Homecoming festivities, Dana added three new names to the listing of student athletes achievers in the Cooperman Atrium. They excelled on the mat, on the court, on the field and on the diamond. We're proud to tell the stories of these three mighty Vikings.*

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President Janet Philipp with Hall of Fame inductees John Murtaugh, Andy Hensley and Bryan Traylor at the induction held during Homecoming on Sept. 30.



## Andy Hensley

As a member of the Dana Wrestling squad from 1994-97, Hensley was a three-time All-American, a National Finalist, two-time Area Champion and 1996's Area Tournament Most Outstanding Wrestler. He racked up more than 100 career wins as a Viking.

Nominator and former Wrestling Head Coach Ron Beaman said he felt Hensley was one of the greatest grapplers in Dana's dominating history in the sport.

"Andy was literally 25 seconds away from being a National Champion," Beaman said. "He beat Bobby Lashley all three times they wrestled. Lashley was not only a three-time National Champion in the NAIA, but was a weight class higher than Andy."

Hensley came to Dana from Cumberland-Massena High School in Iowa as a two-time state placer, but no one expected him to become the Vikings' star. "I'm surprised I've done this well," Hensley told the *Atlantic News-Telegraph* in 1994 after qualifying for his first National Tournament. "I thought maybe I'd make the varsity, but I didn't even think about qualifying for Nationals."

Hensley also told the paper he chose to attend Dana in part for its excellent education program. He has taken both that education degree and his experience as a student athlete and turned them into a successful coaching and teaching career at Tri-Center Schools in Iowa.



## John Murtaugh

As a linebacker for the Dana College Vikings in the early '80s, Murtaugh as a leader who racked up tackles and honors. He was voted Most Valuable Player three years straight by his teammates, was a two-time All-Conference selection, and was named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* Small College All-State Team twice, on the Second Team in 1980 and the First Team in 1982. He is still listed in the Dana record books for career tackles, earning the No. 5 position with 297.

When asked about his favorite memory of his time at Dana, he said, "Getting 14 tackles against Midland College on the same week that my oldest son was born."

Murtaugh has taken the skills he learned at Dana and returned to his hometown of Harlan, Iowa, to share them with the student athletes of tomorrow. He teaches and coaches both football and wrestling. Murtaugh's wife, Mary Ann, said that it was agonizing for him to choose between coming to his Athletic Hall of Fame induction or coaching his own Harlan Cyclone Freshman team.

John and Mary Ann Murtaugh have four children, Josh, Jessica, Tyler and Taysha.



## Bryan Traylor

In the early 1970s, Bryan Traylor led not one, but two, Viking teams. From 1970 to 1974, he started four years on the Dana Baseball team and three years for the Basketball squad, earning a total of eight varsity letters. In 1974, he shared the Rufus Olsen Award for Outstanding Dana Athlete of the Year and was a member of the Outstanding Athletes of America listing in 1973 and 1974. These honors were on top of his numerous All-Conference honors for both baseball and basketball.

By the time Traylor graduated in 1974 with a degree in accounting, he had also accumulated several Dana College records. In basketball he held the records for most points in a season and career; most free throws made, and attempted, in a game, season and career; and highest field goal percentage made in a single game. In baseball, Traylor held records for most put-outs, assists and attempts in a season; most stolen bases in a season; most hits in a double-header and highest batting average for a utility player.

Originally from Council Bluffs, Iowa (Abraham Lincoln High), Traylor works as a financial analyst for BAE Systems. He and his wife, Debi live in Omaha. He is the father of two sons, Ryan, 24, and Shawn, 21.

# VIKINGreport



## Football

At midseason, Viking Football was undefeated at home with wins over Doane, Dakota Wesleyan, Concordia and Briar Cliff.

Dana's pass-happy offense enjoyed the luxury of two talented quarterbacks — returner Tom Lensch '07 and newcomer Marcus Sladek '09. Both had pass-completion percentages in the top five in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Wide receiver Javon Bell '07 was second in the NAIA with an average of 7.7 receptions per game and 11.9 yards per game. He led the GPAC in both categories. Running back Matt Neesen '07 led the GPAC in all-purpose yards.

Dana's Viking Fury Defense, coached by third-year Defensive Coordinator Allen Friesen, made some impressive plays this season as well. The defense made a stand against the Doane offense to win the Vikings' opener. Mike Buchanan '07 led the tackle charts for the Vikings and has the most solo tackles (38) in the GPAC.

Head Coach Bill Danenhauer said, "It's great to watch these kids work together. I'm really impressed with how this team is growing together. When the offense has a letdown, the defense picks them up, and vice versa. That's what a team is about."

## Men's Soccer

Dana's Men's Soccer team was in the midst of the best season in school history at midseason. The Vikings achieved a third-place ranking in NAIA Region III, which is the highest ranking ever for Dana Men's Soccer. Keeper Shane Kucera '08, for-

ward Mike Bradley '08, and defender Lance Barton '08 had each been named GPAC Player of the Week.

## Women's Soccer

Keeper Caslyn Zuniga '09 set a Dana College record with 26 saves in the Vikings' game with College of Saint Mary.

Plagued by injuries, Dana Women's Soccer was 2-11-1 overall at midseason.

## Women's Golf

Dana College Women's Golf decided to focus on team for their second year as a program. With two outstanding returners in Karla Harshbarger '08 and Brooke McCabe '08 and some talented new recruits, the Vikings were able to compete as a team. In mid-September, the team placed third at the Wayne State Invite. A week later, Dana accomplished their highest team finish ever, taking second at Doane College's invitational.

Dana finished sixth at the GPAC meet, just four strokes shy of advancing to the NAIA Regional meet. Harshbarger and McCabe placed 12th and 13th respectively. Only the top five teams and top 10 individuals advance to the Regional meet in May.



Vikings had six hitters over 6 feet or taller including Darcy Gross '07, a middle blocker from Earling, Iowa, and 6-1 Millard West grad, Katie Japp '09. Transfer setter Michelle Jankovitz '07 enabled the Vikings to run a faster offense and, at 6 feet tall, she was also an effective blocker. Newcomer Nichole Elwood's '09 specialty was her mean serve. Elwood broke a Dana College school record this season when she served 10 aces against Bethel College (Kan.).

Dana also fielded a junior varsity volleyball team with a full schedule of games. Assistant Coach Randi Scott headed the JV team.

## Wrestling

Viking Wrestling was recognized as having the No. 1 Non-NCAA Division I recruiting class in the nation this fall. The 32-member class is highlighted by 26 state championships (17 belong to incoming freshman), 18 All-American honors, nine Junior College All-Americans, six individual National Championships, seven nationally ranked wrestlers, and two high school All-Americans.

After capturing the school's highest national finish in the NAIA 2005 National Championships, the Dana wrestling team looks to build on last year's fifth-place showing and make a run at the national title.

Ten NAIA qualifiers return from last year's squad. Of the 10, six have earned All-American honors at least once during their careers.

Dana wrestlers are winning in the classroom as well. In the spring semester of 2005, 34 of the total 64 wrestlers achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Thirteen members of the program received a 3.5 grade point aver-

## Volleyball

Second-year Head Coach Bruce Atkinson repositioned returning players and recruited height for this season. The

age or higher and two members accomplished a perfect 4.0.

### Men's Basketball

Dana Men's Basketball tipped off Nov. 5 at Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa. Despite the loss of three starters and six of seven lettermen from last season, the 2005-06 Viking squad is confident about the upcoming season.

"We are very excited and confident about this season. Our preparation for the year has been the best of any team that I have had at Dana. We have several players back who saw significant playing time and also some younger players who we expect to step up and make consistent contributions. We have been in the middle of the GPAC the last two seasons and feel we have what it takes to get into the upper echelon on the league," said Head Coach Chris Fear. Fear is in his sixth season as the Dana Men's Basketball coach.

### Women's Basketball

A team grade point average of 3.315 placed the Dana College Women's Basketball team among the Top 25 academic teams in the NAIA. The list, compiled by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), recognizes teams throughout the nation that have the highest GPAs for the 2004-05 season.

This is the second consecutive year that the Vikings have achieved this honor.

"I'm proud of the team for working hard



in the classroom and on the court," Head Coach Brenda Mechels '96 said.

### Softball

The 2005 Dana College Softball squad achieved a team grade point average of 3.56, the fourth highest in the NAIA, according to results compiled by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

"This honor is not only a reflection of the softball program, but also a reflection of Dana's faculty and staff," said Head Softball Coach Marcy Roff.

"Academics must come first. I expect the girls to work as hard in the classroom as they do on the field," Roff said.

The Dana Softball team has everyone back from a year ago and has added some quality depth at every position. The coaching staff is extremely excited to see what February will bring.

This fall, Dana Softball played Midland Lutheran in a split-squad doubleheader. Dan won three of the four games. The Vikings also played seven games at the Morningside Tournament.

### Baseball

Paul Peterson Field received a facelift this fall in the form of a 2,500-square-foot deck. The deck was added behind the home plate fence for seating.

Viking Baseball hosted GPAC Scout Day Sept. 28. Fifteen major league scouts came to survey the GPAC talent.

More than 50 baseball athletes participated in the tryout.

The Vikings are looking forward to the upcoming season and the chance to play some tough opponents. Kansas State University is on the Dana Baseball schedule this year as well as annual NAIA powerhouse Oklahoma City University. The addition of a talented recruiting class will enable the 2006 team to continue the Viking Baseball tradition.

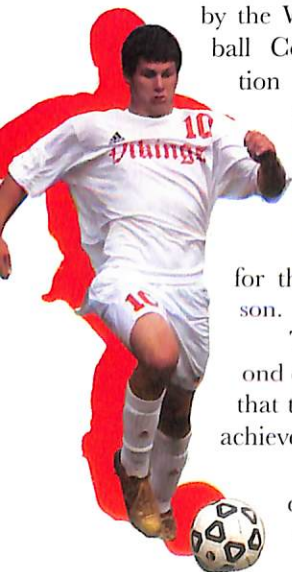
### Cross Country

"We've trained all year on the toughest course in the country, and its effects are beginning to show," said Head Coach Derek Fey '04 as he and his team awaited the season's final meets.

In typical Dana fashion, the team improved dramatically from August to November. Several runners have potential to be individual National qualifiers. John Kaup '06 is one such runner. Kaup finished 12th of 134 runners at the most recent meet. Kaup led the men's team all season.

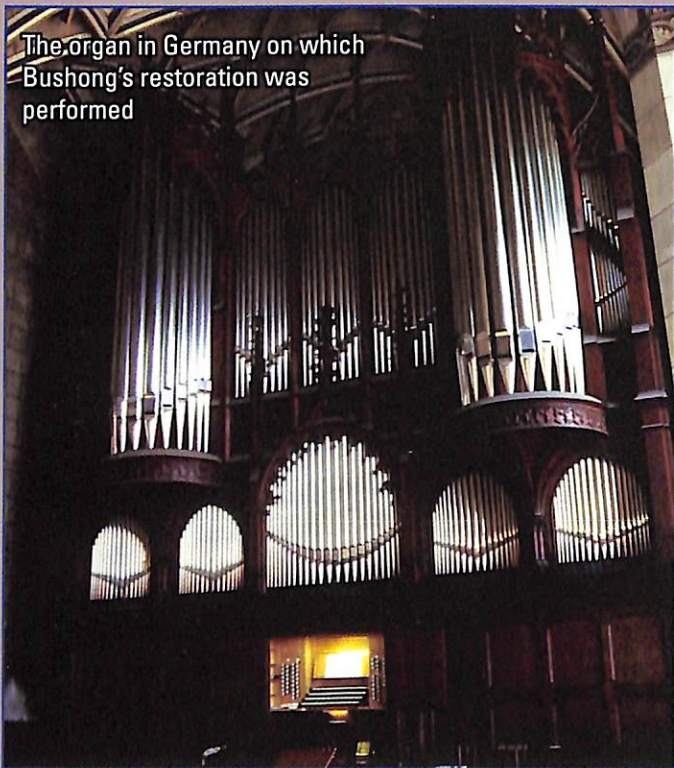
The women are led by previous National qualifier Dru (Weaver) McMullan '06. The women's team also has a chance for a National berth. In the most recent meet (to publication) at Mount Marty, the Dana women's team finished second among GPAC schools, and beat eight Region III teams.

Photo captions: Football — Matt Neesen '07; Women's Soccer — Jenna Talero '09; Men's Soccer — Mike Bradley '08; Cross Country — Eric Bane '08; Volleyball — Shanan Arnold '08



Shane Jackman (left) was misidentified in the last issue of the *Dana Review* in an article on Scholar Athletes. We apologize for the error.

## Finishing for Fanny



The organ in Germany on which Bushong's restoration was performed

A composition by Dr. Claire Bushong, assistant professor of music, was given its German premiere in July at the Wittenberg Castle by Dr. Quentin Faulkner, professor of music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The composition is a continuation and completion of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel's Prelude in G, which exists only in an incomplete fragment.

Hensel's original work includes a compelling opening section, followed by a contrapuntal section, which appears to be the exposition of a fugue. Bushong continued working with the motivic material in the style of a fugue from the period, using the few other extant organ works by Hensel and those of her more famous older brother, Felix Mendelssohn, as a model. Hensel's style is very similar to that of Mendelssohn, so much so that one wonders how much of his style was derived from hers. It is known that he took credit for some of her compositions, later admitting with some chagrin that the works were, in fact, those of his sister. Hensel's husband encouraged her to publish her compositions, but her father's — and to some degree, her brother's — disapproval prevented her from pursuing this.

Bushong is convinced that the fragment by Hensel holds such promise that it deserves to be heard. It is her hope that this work will allow other organists to perform the piece and provide a twenty-first century outlet for the compositional brilliance of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel.



Blair middle-schooler Sarah Lardy (left) led a large cast in "The Secret Garden," which also included Lindsay Van Horn '08 and Greg Rickenbacher '07.

## Dana College Theater thrives with plethora of women

The Lauritzen Theatre stage was bursting with actors for the Dana College Theater's first production of the year, "The Secret Garden," in October.

Twenty-five cast members participated in the production based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's beloved novel. The cast also included two Gerald Otte Middle School students, Sarah Lardy and Mason Snyder.

Paul Schneider, Dana College Theater director and producer of the show, said the increased interest in theater by Dana's students has allowed him to pick such an ambitious production.

The production required many behind-the-scenes artists, as well. The lush, romantic story features beautiful period costumes by Lora Kaup, and enchanting choreography by Michelle Garrity. Another remarkable set was constructed, featuring a stark, cold granite environment complete with ghosts and portraits to add to the turn-of-the-century atmosphere.

Schneider said he will continue to capitalize on the increase in interest by students, especially the 18 freshmen women who entered this fall on theater scholarships. Later this season, Dana College Theater will present "Steel Magnolias," an all-female production made famous in the 1980s when an all-star cast, including Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis and Sally Field, brought it to the big screen.

As to staging even larger productions than "The Secret Garden," Schneider said it's not likely.

"We just can't fit more than 25 on the Lauritzen Theatre stage," he said.

Dana College Theater usually presents three productions during the year. Dramas are usually free, while musicals like "The Secret Garden" are generally \$5 for admission. The company focuses on modern theater.

# Arts

## Professor focuses on women in music

**D**r. Peggy Holloway, assistant professor of music, has been doing her best lately to emphasize the role of women in music history.

On Sept. 21, she presented a lecture/recital at Dana on "The Art Songs of Marion Bauer." Bauer, who lived between 1882 and 1955, was the subject of Holloway's doctoral dissertation and remains a continuing area of scholarly research. Holloway contributed the biographical information on Bauer to the series *Women Composers: Music Through the Ages*. The book included Holloway's editions of six of Bauer's previously unpublished songs,

which were also issued separately by Hildegard Press.

In July, Holloway joined Dr. David King, pianist, and Dr. Janet Morrow King, mezzo-soprano, both of Colorado State University, to record 28 art songs by Marion Bauer. The recording sessions took place at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Holloway is currently working with Leonarda Records to master and produce a compact disc on the Leonarda label.

On Oct. 9, Holloway gave a repeat performance of her recital/lecture, "Pioneering Women and the Search for an American Musical Identity in Nebraska," at the Neihardt Historic Site in Ban-

croft, Neb. The program told the story of the involvement of several women with ties to Nebraska in the early 20th century effort to include "American" elements in musical composition, including the use of musical themes from the Omaha tribe.

In early November, Holloway will present a new lecture/recital entitled, "Down on the Bayou: Where the American Parlor Song Meets the French Romance." Holloway will perform songs in French and English by several composers who had ties to French-speaking regions in the Americas, including Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Pauline Duchambge, and Lily Strickland.



Dr. Peggy Holloway has embarked this fall on a women in music educational campaign.

## Dana Chorale hosts retreat

**B**eginnings can be exciting! A new academic year for the Dana College Chorale always promises to be filled with a bit of organized chaos as new singers and returning singers meet. This year the Chorale invited Northwest High School of Omaha, and their Director Curt Isaacson '02, to join in the fun!

As many other Dana students slept the morning away, Chorale members were in Trinity Chapel bright and early on Saturday, Sept. 17 to join the high school singers from Northwest in a vocal/choral workshop.

The agenda included many activities to identify and develop personal singing skills as well as addressing some of the human issues that arise in any ensemble. Time was given for introductions and getting acquainted as the college singers sat randomly among the high school students throughout the sessions.

At the conclusion of the retreat, Chorale members provided each student of Northwest with two "necessities to good singing" — an honorary water bottle and the most recent Dana College Chorale CD!

The student officers of Omaha Northwest, following Isaacson's poignant words of gratitude to all the students present, made a presentation of their own, a new music stand, to remain in the Chorale rehearsal room, autographed by all the Northwest students!

Following a lunch as guests of Dana, the high students returned to their buses for their return to Omaha amongst enthusiastic comments like, "Awesome sessions," and "That's the best food I've ever had!"

## Winter Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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| Nov. 5       | Comedian/Musician Johnny Walker                   |
| Nov. 12 & 13 | Chorale and Concert Band Concert in Le Mars, Iowa |
| Dec. 3 & 4   | Sights & Sounds of Christmas                      |
| Dec. 9       | Jazz Ensemble Concert                             |
| Jan. 13      | High School Honor Band Day                        |
| Feb. 10      | Performing Arts Scholarship Competition Day       |
| March 12     | Concert Band 'Masterworks' Concert                |
| March 15     | Jazz Clinic                                       |

# Whatever Happened to... ●

# Marilyn Nelson



*Marilyn (Nelson '52) Meyer came to Dana in 1948 as a full-blooded Dane looking for a calling in life. She was too young to take nursing classes, so she started in the Education program and never regretted the choice. She was a teacher for 35 years, but that's not what's happened to Marilyn. In fact, this story really starts after she retired from teaching.*

After two years at Dana, Marilyn left to become a teacher. She taught hundreds of first graders in the Omaha, York, Neb., and Everly, Iowa, public schools. In 1954, she moved with her husband, Robert Meyer '51, to his family farm near Everly, Iowa, in Clay County. There she raised three children, Jeff Meyer '75, Jennifer Meyer '75 and Joel Meyer '78 and started exploring her newly adopted home. A native Omahan, Meyer found herself especially attracted to the rural school tradition. Her mother, who died when Marilyn was very young, had taught in rural schools, and the differences between those small one-room schools and the city schools intrigued her.

Marilyn became increasingly involved with the Clay County Historical Society. One day, Bill Sherman of Des Moines, Iowa, approached the society for help. He was compiling a book about all 99 Iowa counties and needed some assistance. Marilyn volunteered and was so successful, the local museum pushed her to continue her historical work after she retired from teaching. Naturally, Marilyn turned her attention to finding what was left of the legacy of Clay County's 131 rural schools.

"I went to the courthouse and found the acreages the schools used to sit on," she says. "I visited with former students and teachers when I could find them, and discovered that each school had its own little history."

Marilyn's work eventually became a popular slide show in Clay County. So popular, that the Historical Society said it would help finance turning Marilyn's rural school project into a book. Now in its second printing, "Remembering Clay County Rural Schools" has made Marilyn the definitive expert on not only Clay County's schools, but the rural school tradition in Iowa.

But the book was just a start. After seeing examples of historical marker signs at a meeting of a rural schoolhouse conference,

Marilyn developed and erected (with the help of three men from the Historical Society) signs at every former location of a Clay County rural school. She and three other retired teachers dress up in costumes and bring artifacts to every fourth grade classroom in Clay County. They tell stories Marilyn learned during her interviews with former teachers and students — stories like the one about the 11-year-old boy who was a substitute bus driver for his area. Every morning the boy would load up his parents' car and take the local children to school.

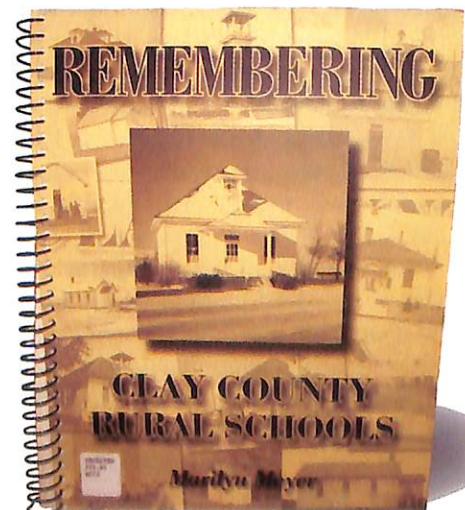
"It's really been almost a new career for me," Marilyn says.

And a vital one, if regional, rural history is to be preserved. Marilyn says one of the hardest things about researching the schools was hearing the line, "If you'd only come 10 years earlier." So many facets of our local history are disappearing and only "amateur" historians like Marilyn are likely to save it.

"I really didn't have any historical training," Marilyn says.

But because she took that leap, Clay County will forever have a piece of its history documented.

"There's so much history around us," she says. "You can never start too soon."



2000s

**Brooke Allerdings '05** and **Darrell Greene '04** were married Aug. 13 in Omaha. Brooke works at Remington Heights Retirement Community in Omaha. Darrell works with the Omaha Police Department.

**Janelle Barclay '05** and **Dustin Nielsen '04** were married June 18 in Homer, Neb. Dustin teaches K-12 art at Yutan (Neb.) Public Schools.

**Chad Cooke '05** is an assistant baseball coach at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in charge of defense.

**Jennifer Muell '05** and **Chad Harder '04** were married July 23 in Atlantic, Iowa. Jennifer works at Washington County Bank in Blair in the finance division. Chad is a teacher and coach at Tri-Center School in Iowa.

**Brooke Rohner '05** is teaching third grade at Saint Joseph Catholic School in York, Neb.

**Bryan Watson '05** is a special education teacher at Brunswick (Ga.) High School. He is also the offensive line coach for the school's varsity and junior varsity football teams.

**Lynsie Cetto '04** is a video tape editor and backup photographer at WOWT (Ch. 6) in Omaha.

**Marcie Smidt '04** is an accountant executive for Clear Channel Radio in Lincoln, Neb.

**Kyle Walter '04** married Krista Hein '06 on June 25 in Scottsbluff, Neb. Kyle works at Plaza Pontiac GMC Buick in Omaha.

**Brent Wilberding '04** married Whitney Wagoner May

21 in Clarinda, Iowa. Brent is manager of The Buckle at the Fremont (Neb.) Mall.

**Stephanie Collins '03** married Adam Harder on Aug. 13 in Avoca, Iowa. Stephanie is working on her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

**Elizabeth (Garber '03) Cunard** recently received her master's in housing and community development with an emphasis in urban studies from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She works as the director of real estate development at the Omaha Economic Development Corporation.

**Marian Fimbres '03** recently received her master's in urban studies from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is a community development specialist with Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and lives in Blair.

**Lindsey James '03** married John Weinburgh June 4. They have three children. Lindsey is a paraprofessional at Liberty County High School in Allenhurst, Ga.

**Craig Martin '03** is an assistant baseball coach at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. He will serve as the hitting coach.

**Lindsey Sparks '03** received her master's of social work degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha on Aug. 12. She is a medical social worker in the intensive care, and labor and delivery units at Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha.

**Sharene Synowicki '03** and **Marc Bierbaum '02** were married June 24 in Blair, Neb. Marc is an elementary art teacher in the Omaha Public School District, head coach in cross country and assistant track coach at Omaha Westside High School. Sharene teaches first grade in Bellevue, Neb.

**Brian Anderson '02** married Molly Conway on June 24 in Omaha. Brian is an art teacher at Burke High School in Omaha.

**Amy Ballain '02** graduated from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., on May 15 with a master's degree in occupational therapy. She works at the Rehab Services Department at Olathe (Kan.) Medical Center.

**Adam Martin '02** directed his Ord (Neb.) High School choir in singing the National Anthem at the College World Series in Omaha on June 17. Adam teaches grades 7-12 vocal music and coaches track at the school.

**Mandy Bassinger '01** married Bradley Bell on Sept. 17. Mandy is a physical education teacher at Indian Hills Academy School in Omaha and is the junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Mercy High School in Omaha.

**Ashley Denney '01** graduated May 21 from Doane College with a master's degree in educational curriculum and instruction.

**Rachel (Lynch '01) Holmes** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed a daughter, Kyrstin Cecilia, on May 20, 2004. Rachel is a clinical studies assistant at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Psychiatry Department in Omaha.

**Riley Tonkin '01** married Kathleen Decker on July 30 in Lincoln, Neb. Riley is a claims representative with First Comp Insurance in Lincoln.

**Shane Warner '01** is an attorney with the firm of Joel T. Niebaum, Attorney at Law in Missouri Valley, Iowa.



**Lyndsy Walsh '03** and **Mark Listenberger '05** were married June 4 in Omaha. Lyndsy works at Anderson Grove Elementary School in Papillion, Neb. Mark works at Woodhouse Ford in Blair. The wedding party included, far back, from left, **Scott Volentine '04**, **Anna Erpelding '04** and **Chad Cooke '05**; next row, **Michelle Young '04**, **Melissa (Bliemeister '00) Walsh**, **Jen (Schneider '00) Brown**, **Lyndsy**, **Mark**, **Trisha Nicholson '00** and **Ryan Bares**, and front row, **James Walsh '00**, **Jared Grune '05** and **Lisa Shefland '00**.



**Mandy (Messner '01) and Paul Stark '98** welcomed a daughter, Aubrey Jane, on April 11. Aubrey weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister Madison, 2. Paul works for ConAgra Foods in Omaha, and the family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**Rachel (Carter '00) Aten** graduated with honors and received a master of science degree in curriculum and instruction from Wayne (Neb.) State College on May 7. Rachel teaches at Howard Elementary in Fremont, Neb.



**Ruel Cooper '00** and his wife, Celina, welcomed a daughter, Kyla, on Oct. 8, 2004. She joins her brother, Keagan, 6. Ruel is vice president of gas marketing at Devlar Energy Marketing in Denver, Colo.



**Mandy (Buttry '99) and Matt Poulter '99** adopted a little boy, Denzel, 1, in October 2004. Denzel (second from left) was welcomed home by, from left, sister Whitley, 4, and brothers Shay, 4, and Ethan, 6. Matt is the new plant manager for Pella Corporation's Support Products Plant in Pella, Iowa.

**Bobbie Day '00** married Karsten Marshall on Aug. 20. The couple lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Jason Houston '00** married Lisa Sesniak on May 13 in a small ceremony in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They live in Aurora, Colo.

**Victoria (Talbitzer '00) and Greg Parde '98** are the parents of a baby boy. Charles "Chase" John was born Feb. 20. The family lives in Omaha.

**Shannon Rager '00** welcomed a son, DeLonte Jamaal, on Feb. 7. They live in Blair.



**Tara (Furstenau '99) Bly** and her husband, Dana, had a daughter, Tessa Marie, on May 3, 2004. The Blys live in Auburn, Neb.

## 1990s

**Sandi Frey '99** ran the 2005 Lincoln (Neb.) Marathon in a time of 4:05:19, placing her 83 out of 233 women. She works as a nutrition specialist/teacher's aide at Goldenrod Hills Headstart and lives in Tilden, Neb.

**Robert Wheeler '99** married Gwendlyn Pelzek on May 6 in Adventura Spa Palace, Mexico. Rob is manager of a Safeway pharmacy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Jana (Bentley '98) and Andy Hensley '98** welcomed a son, Hayden James, on May 12. Hayden joins his big sister, Ella, 2, at the family's home in Carson, Iowa.

**Marnie Jensen '98** has joined the law firm of Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn, P.C. in Lincoln, Neb. She continues to concentrate on commercial litigation, including breach of contract, class action litigation, accountant and attorney malpractice, and other commercial disputes. She and her husband, Kenny Bogus, live in Nebraska City, Neb.

**Angie (Sparacino '98) and Ben Sandy '98** have moved to Bellevue, Neb. Ben received his master's in recreation administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in May and is serving in the Air Force. Angie received her master's in curriculum and instruction from Doane College in May and teaches English at Westside High School in Omaha.

**Trinity Aguilar '97** married Jennifer Hill on July 8 in Newport Beach, Calif. Trinity is a union carpenter for Braxton Hancock and Sons of Hopkins, Minn.

**Josh Bauermeister '97** married Crystal Hemphill on June 2 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Josh is a police officer for the Norfolk (Neb.) Police Division.

**Mary (Bruns '97) Eckberg** has been transferred from Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Neb., to Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert of California.

**Chris (Hall '97) Haggstrom** and her husband, Shane, welcomed a son, Tyler Joseph, on July 8.

**Sara Hildreth '97 and Erik Jensen '96** were married on July 2 in Red Oak, Iowa. Sara is pastor of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Neola, Iowa. Erik teaches Spanish at Mercy High School in Omaha.

**Lars Jensen '97** married Tanja Nølke on July 2 in Daugard Kirke, Denmark. The couple lives in Bjerringbro, Denmark.

**Julie (Seeba '97) Reece** and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed a son, Jackson

Dale, on Aug. 17, 2004, in Lincoln, Neb. Jackson weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21.75 inches long. Julie is a technical writer at Novartis Consumer Health in Lincoln.

**Meadow (Rouse '97) Scott** and her husband, Curt, are the parents of a son, McCoy Thomas, born April 27. Meadow is a mental health therapist at a private practice in Fremont, Neb.

**Wendy (Gunderson '96) Johnson** of Omaha was recently promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Iowa Army National Guard. Her role is that of a physician's assistant in a medical unit. She also practices family medicine as a physician's assistant in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**Diana (Da Valle '96) Ramirez** and her husband, Ismael, welcomed a second son, Dominic Ismael, on May 8. Dominic weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. He joins a brother, Justin, 4. Diana received her master's in gerontology from the University of La Verne (Calif.) on May 28.

**Jenna Christiansen '95** married Troy Dhayer Sept. 17 in Galveston Island, Texas. Jenna is the executive director of the North Harris County YMCA in Houston, Texas.

**Jill Drake '95** married Richard Shadwick on Dec. 31, 2004, in Springfield, Mo. They live in Louisville, Ky.

**Rebekah Marsh '95** graduated from Iowa State University with a doctoral degree in biochemistry in August. She is a post-doctoral research

associate at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

**Jason Tiedtke '95** has been promoted to market vice president of Great Western Bank. Jason is on the Bellevue-Sarpy County (Neb.) Advisory Board and the Sarpy County Economic Development Advisory Board, and is treasurer of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Presidents Club.

**Stacey (Harris '94) and Michael Maxwell '93** have moved to Kasson, Minn. Mike is the operations manager for Lowe's Home Improvement in Owatonna, Minn. Stacey works in the Department of Anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. They have two children, Cheyenne and Dalton.

**Nicole (Thomas '93) Deters** and her husband, Brad, welcomed a son, Cooper Richard, on Feb. 18. Cooper weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins a brother, Austin, 9, and a sister, Hunter, 6. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom and volunteers at the kids' school.

**Carol (Mueller '93) Gray** and her husband, Amos, welcomed a son, Joel Elisha, on April



Here's a photo of Taylor, 4, and Jett, 7 months in this photo, the children of **John Arensberg '93** and his wife, Amy. The family lives in Fremont, Neb.



**Nyla (Christensen '93) Schoeld** and her husband, David, are both pastors at First Lutheran Church in Brookings, S.D. They welcomed their third daughter, Noelle Rachel, in December 2004. She joins older sisters Kaija Leigh, 7, and Anya Marie, 3.

1, 2004. Carol is finishing her master's degree in social work and doing a practicum at the Monroe Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

**Ginny (Ward '92) Allumbaugh** is media buyer for corporate stores at Godfather's Pizza, Inc., in Omaha.

**Siri Vollan '92** received a master of arts degree in education from Saint Mary's University (Minn.) in June 2002. Siri is teaching sixth grade special education for the Prescott, Wis., school district. **Jennifer (Rose '92) Woodward** graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a master's degree in elementary education/literacy on Dec. 17, 2004. Then, on March 28, she and her husband, Jeffrey, welcomed Bailey Rose, who weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces. She joined brothers Jordan, 8, Tyler, 5 and Carson, 3. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom.

**Amy (Mayberry '91) Rogers** is the new assistant principal for



**Becky (Johnson '92) Davenport** and her husband, Wade, welcomed Kayla Ann on July 5. Kayla joins brother Joshua, 3. Becky is an e-learning curriculum development specialist for Carlson Hospitality Worldwide in Omaha, where the family lives.

the K-2 schools in Blair. Her husband, **Marty Rogers '85**, is the activities director at Blair High School.

On July 16, the Iowa Blackhawks, a semi-pro team in the American Professional Football League, competed in Topeka, Kan., for the league championship. **Craig Dew '90** was the offensive and defensive line coach. **Chuck Wright '04** was the quarterback, and **Kurt Ferguson '01** was both a running back and receiver. The team, in its second year of existence, lost to the Kansas Koyotes 24-26.

**Cory Wilson '90** is an emergency department physician at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.

## 1980s

**SusanAnn (Peloso '88) Harrison** has been accepted into the Courage to Teach program sponsored by the Fetzer Institute. Her husband, **Kevin Harrison '86**, is an associate for the Huron Consulting



One of the all-time great Dana College quarterbacks was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in September.

**Alan Pogue '91**, who quarterbacked the Vikings from 1984–1987, threw for 7,505 career yards (which ranks him in the Top 10 all-time passers in the NAIA) and led Dana to a first-time-ever appearance in the NAIA playoffs in 1987. He holds, or is in the top five of 16 all-time Dana records, and took the Vikings from a 3-6 record his freshman year to an 8-3 mark his senior season.

Alan was inducted into the Dana College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.



**Lisa (Hayne '88)** and **Craig Swenson '86** welcomed identical twins Matthew Hayne and Noah Howard on Oct. 19, 2004. They join brothers Andrew, 5, and Christian, 4. Lisa is senior assistant county attorney at the Olmsted County (Minn.) Attorney's Office. Craig is an international personnel advisor at the Mayo Clinic.

Group. They live in Portage, Mich.

**Kay (Rasmussen '87) Jay** received her master's in education from Wayne (Neb.) State College in May. She is a teacher for the Logan View Public Schools in Hooper, Neb., and lives in Tekamah, Neb.

**Sheryl (Petersen '87) Krueger** is now a kindergarten teacher in the Blair School District. Her husband, **Jim Krueger '85**, is athletic director at Dana.

**Martin Stessman '86** is the superintendent of the Shawnee Heights Unified School District 450 in Kansas. He oversees 3,480 students, and lives in Topeka, Kan.

**Mary Frohs '85** is working on a doctorate in ministry in pastoral counseling at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind. Since 2003, she has been the guardian of Elvyn Hall, 9, and they have two dogs, Abby and Sophie.

**Terri (Pedersen '85) Summey** has been elected president of the faculty for Emporia (Kan.) State University for 2005–06. She is an associate

professor in the University Libraries and Archives.

**Sharon (Zimmerman '84) Drilling** is accountant and merchandising buyer at Drilling Pharmacy in Sioux City, Iowa. She and her husband, Bill, have two daughters, Sarah, 14, and Lindsey, 11.

## 1970s

**Cheryl (Hemken '78) Hoke** and her husband, Randy, serve as missionaries with Mission to Unreached Peoples. They work with refugees from dozens of countries in Asia, Africa and Europe and live in Budapest, Hungary.

**Cynthia Gunderson '76** graduated from DePaul University recently with a master's degree in public service administration and the recipient of a Presidential Mission Fellowship. Her study included a trip to Chiapas, Mexico, with a visit to a Zapatista autonomous community and Las Abejas, a pacifist Christian community and the site of a massacre in 1997. Cynthia works as department director in a community-based

senior program of Catholic Charities in Elgin, Ill.

**Diane (Williamson '76) Luxford** has owned D-Lux Interiors in Omaha for 15 years. She has served on the national task force in interior design qualification and examination.

**Mary Kay (Petersen '74) Hennings** was awarded a grant this year from Quest Talented and Gifted to produce "Dilly Duck," a musical she began writing for an elementary class as a senior at Dana. The musical was cast with kindergarten through second graders from the Omaha Public School system. The students performed the play in June. Mary Kay is a second grade teacher at Liberty Elementary in Omaha.

**Carolyn (Andersen '73) Simison** is assistant professor of special education at the University of Dubuque (Iowa). She is the mother of three and grandmother of one.

**Mark Musick '72** was promoted to the rank of major general during a ceremony May 5 at the National Guard

hangar in Lincoln, Neb. Mark is assistant adjutant general in the Nebraska National Guard.

**Gordon Putnam '71** married Anne on May 21. The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va.

**Rod Christenson '70** was selected for the 2005 Distinguished Service Award by the Organization for the Promotion & Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO). Rod is president of Mid-America Computer Corporation in Blair. He won the award for outstanding service benefiting small, rural telecommunications companies.

## 1960s

**Rita (Sandvold '69) Kohlscheen** is the Algebra I and Applied Math instructor at A-H-S-T secondary school in Avoca, Iowa.

**Mark Knoell '67** retired from the Harlan (Iowa) Community School District this spring after teaching there for 33 years.

**Ruth (Meyer '63) Muehl** is serving as an ELCA Global

Mission volunteer to Slovakia. She began her tenure there on Aug. 21 and will stay until June 2006. Her assignment is teaching English at the Evangelicke Lyceum in Bratislava. Ruth retired from public school teaching in June 2004, and calls Chambersburg, Penn., home when not on missions.

**Myrvin Christopherson '61**, president emeritus, has been appointed a fellow at the Foundation for Independent Higher Education in Washington, D.C. His primary responsibilities will be to assist the foundation in launching a new program, First Opportunity Partners.

**Shirley (Nielsen '61) and Jerry Lincoln '61** have moved to Lincoln, Calif. "We are retired and plan to enjoy it," Shirley writes.

## 1930s

**Margaret (Petersen '33) Breese** and her husband, Donald, celebrated their 70th anniversary in November 2004. They have two daughters, one son (deceased), 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. They live in Richfield, Utah.

## Deaths

**Hertha Gjerloff-Olson '86** died Aug. 20 in Lincoln, Neb. She was a retired advertising manager of Miller & Paine, where she worked for 22 years. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Chapter DN, P.E.O. and the Danish Sisterhood. Survivors include a daughter,

three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

**Betty Marsh '73** died at the age of 89 in Council Bluffs in August. She was a longtime professor of community health nursing at the University of Nebraska and Iowa Western Community College. Betty was an accomplished artist, and a member of Mary's Group, St. John's Lutheran Church Alter Guild and the Council Bluffs Senior Center. Survivors include two daughters, a son, a sister and six grandchildren.

**Vonda (Nixon) Kemmish '70** died July 4 in Logan, Iowa. She taught country school in Harrison County, Iowa, for several years. Vonda was a member of the United Methodist Church in Persia, Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Duane, a son, Ken Kemmish '66, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie (Gehrk) Matzen '65** died May 25 in Omaha. After owning her own tall fashions shop in Omaha, Marjorie taught in Fort Calhoun, Waterloo, Bennington, Blair, Omaha and Arlington, Neb. After her retirement in 1987, she stayed active in her church and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Survivors include three sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Lois (Young) Squires '61** died May 29 in Onawa, Iowa. She taught elementary school in and around Decatur, Neb. Lois was a member of the Decatur United Methodist Church and Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Larsen '53** died July 27. She taught in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha Public Schools for about 30 years, and after her 11 years of military service (1956 to 1967) in the U.S. Navy, she had earned the rank of lieutenant commander. Survivors include two sisters, Alvina (Larsen '48) Hjortsvang and Ruth (Larsen '51) Benson, and two brothers.

**Joyce (Williams '52) Peck** died May 27 in Omaha. She was well known for her spirit of giving, and was active in P.E.O., the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Women, library board, Book Club and Bridge Club in her home of Tekamah, Neb. Survivors include her husband, John, three daughters, 10 grandchildren, and three sisters including Dorothy (Williams '41) Yowell and Rita (Williams '49) Lipps.

**Helen (Olsen '47) Hansen** died Aug 9 in Omaha. She taught elementary vocal music in every elementary school in Blair for more than 35 years, teaching three generations of students. Helen directed the youth choir at First Lutheran Church in Blair for many years, and performed with Opera Omaha. Survivors include a son, a daughter, a brother, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Viola (Hansen '40) Aspegren** died July 31 in Minden, Neb. She lived and farmed with her husband near Minden and worked at Minden Exchange

Bank. She enjoyed painting, sewing, reading and cooking for her friends and family. Survivors include a son, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Della (Johansen '38) Agnew** died July 31 in Mason City, Iowa. She worked at Latimer State Bank for 10 years and farmed with her husband near Coulter, Iowa. She loved to dance, play the piano, bake and cook. Survivors include a sister.

**Sev Sorensen '34** died Aug. 19 in Nebraska City, Neb. He taught at Indian Mission School in Oaks, Okla., Lisbon, Iowa, and Nebraska City. Sev was a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska City Park Board and Nebraska City Tree Board. Survivors include two daughters, including Starla (Sorensen '68) Sweda, a son, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a foster sister, Evelyn (Sorensen '37) Bogan.

## Friends

**Harold Cooperman** died Sept. 20. Cooperman was born in Poland and came to America after World War I. He opened his first grocery store on 16th and Fort in Omaha in 1938, and eventually built it into a chain of 10 No-Frills grocery stores in the Omaha metro area. Dana has bestowed an honorary doctorate on Harold, and the Cooperman Atrium between the Gardner-Hawks Center and Borup Coliseum is named in honor of him and his late wife, Merriam.

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