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Core Values, Vision Guide Dana's Mission

By now alumni have received a copy of Dana's strategic plan: *Dana by Design: Setting a 21st Century Course*. A link to the plan can also be found at www.dana.edu. I appreciate the opportunities I've had to communicate with many of you about the



goals for Dana's future. The overarching objective is to move Dana forward while retaining quality programs and services for students.

The mission of higher education is to transform people with knowledge. What differentiates us is how we accomplish that mission through our vision and core values. Six core values were identified during the strategic planning process. These

values define the Dana College experience: faith and learning, practical liberal arts learning, vocational reflection, teaching and learning, student-centered, and leadership.

Reflecting the core values, Dana's vision statement reads as follows:

The Dana College experience engages students in a practical liberal arts education in a collegial, student-focused environment of faith and learning that prepares informed citizens and leaders.

So, how is it that Dana provides a collegial, student-focused environment of faith and learning? Student involvement in chorale, athletics, theater, student government, student organizations, campus ministry

or other faith-based groups, and Bible studies are just some of the student-focused activities. New student orientation programs, themed housing options, service learning projects, and the new Viking Leadership Council are further illustrations of how students are at the focal point of the Dana College experience. The quality of student life, along with the genuine 'close-up' contact with faculty in their respective academic programs, sets the stage for promising lives for our graduates.

What are some ways that we prepare informed citizens and leaders? At Dana, students have opportunities through exposure to a variety of perspectives intended to widen our own world view, encourage self discovery, and appreciate world views that differ from our own. International travel and exposure to global thought are two means of enlarging the world view. From summer internships in Argentina, to Discover Term trips to Egypt and Germany, and the choir trip to Germany and Denmark next June, students are encouraged to take advantage of the many life changing opportunities. For those of us on campus not traveling abroad, our horizons are expanded by the campus visits of Danish students from both Vejle Business School and Aalborg University this fall and the campus lecture of Margalit Matitiah, an internationally acclaimed poet from Israel.

These are just a few of the expressions of the Dana experience in 2006. Students are always at the heart of what we do.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS; Dana College marked the official opening of its new suite-style residence hall with a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 29. Participating in the ribbon-cutting were (left to right) Dana student Jodie Bonertz; Bob Coffey, Dana College Regent; Gina Edwards, Student Senate president; John Sova, RDG Planning and Design; Bob Schmoll, Dana executive vice president and chief financial officer; Janet Philipp, Dana College president; John Taylor, Weitz Company; Brian Mahlendorf, Weitz Company; Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor; and Dana student Jill Connot.

Hunt Joins Dana Board of Regents

Lifelong Blair resident Dan Hunt has joined the Dana College Board of Regents. Hunt, a 1981 graduate of Blair High School and 1985 graduate of Luther College, is president of HCI Holdings in Blair.



Hunt

"We feel fortunate to have Dan join the Dana Board of Regents," said Dr. Janet Philipp, president of Dana College. "We will draw upon his extensive business experience and strong connection to the Blair community. The Hunt family has had a strong connection to Dana College for decades, and we are pleased to have Dan continue that tradition."

Hunt is a leader in the telecommunications industry, serving in several

leadership roles in the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, the Nebraska Independent Telephone Association and the Nebraska Telephone Association.

Hunt is also a leader in the Blair community, having served as an ambassador and president of the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce, president of the Blair Gateway Development Board of Directors, chairman of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee of the Washington County Historical Association, and board member for the Blair Family YMCA. He is a founding and current board member for both the Blair Area Crime Stoppers and Leadership Washington County. He also currently serves on the board of directors for the Blair Library Foundation and the Edgerton Explorit Center.

The Eagle Scout has received countless awards from the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America as an adult. He has served on the Mid-America Council Board of Trustees since 1993.

Hunt and his wife, Mary Beth, have two children, Megan, a junior at Dana College, and Matt.

Study: Dana College Adds More Than \$27.5 Million to Local Economy

Whether viewed separately or as part of the larger group of Nebraska's private colleges and universities, Dana College plays a vital role in the economic strength of both Blair and the state of Nebraska.

A recent economic impact study reveals that Nebraska's 14 private colleges and universities contribute \$1.42 billion to the state's economy and support more than 11,000 jobs, according to the study, which was conducted on behalf of the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority (NEFA).

Dr. Ernie Goss, professor of economics at Creighton University, tallied the importance of private colleges as a collective force in Nebraska's economy.

In Blair, Dana College has more than 600 students, employs 155 faculty and staff members, and spends \$27.52 million in the local economy and supports hundreds jobs in the area, according to the latest available data.

"We at Dana College are proud to be such an integral part of Blair and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the community," said Dana College President Dr. Janet Philipp.

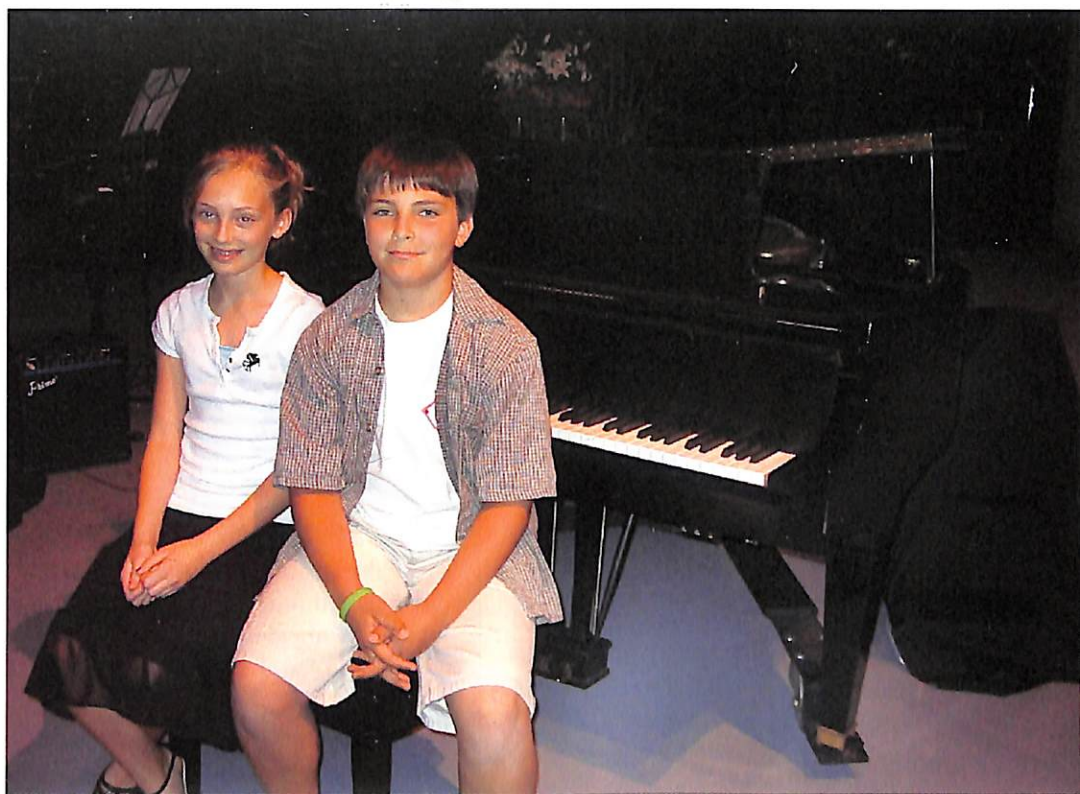
"While we do play a significant role in the area's economy, that's only part of the story," said Philipp. "We contribute in many intangible ways as well, from attracting talented faculty and students to the community, to strengthening local business and educational partnerships, to providing cultural and entertainment opportunities for local residents. Our campus is an essential part of the fabric of life in Blair."

Children of Alumni Benefit from Nielsen Family Gift

Two Blair youths recently had the opportunity to play a piano donated to Dana College by a member of their own family.

Marissa and Dane Appel, the children of Dana alumni Deanna (Nielsen '84) and Steven Appel '84 of Blair, performed their spring recital on a seven-foot Baldwin Artist grand piano given to the college in 1983 by their great-grandfather, Emerald Nielsen '26. He donated the instrument in honor of his wife, Olga, whom he met at Dana.

In 2003, the piano was restored to its original condition thanks to a donation from Alma Petersen '22 and her daughter, Donna, a former member of the San Francisco Opera. An individual climate control was also installed to help preserve the instrument, which now resides in the Lauritzen Theatre in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.



Marissa (left) and Dane Appel, children of Dana alumni Deanna and Steven Appel, sit in front of the grand piano their great-grandfather, Emerald Nielsen, donated to the college in 1983.

The piano is one of two donated to the college by the Nielsen family. Elliot Nielsen '61 and his wife, Juane (Skow '61) Nielsen, donated a Baldwin Vertical piano in 1994. It is located in The Forum in the Durham Center.

— Submitted by Don Poh '50

Dana College Foundation Created

The Dana College Board of Regents recently authorized the creation of the Dana College Foundation to help secure the long-term financial strength of the College.

Dana President Dr. Janet Philipp said the establishment of the Foundation is "a great opportunity for Dana to build upon its fund raising initiatives and help secure its future."

"Endowment growth is imperative," said Philipp, "and the Foundation will be the focus of this new entity and will complement the annual fund, and future campaign goals to secure much-needed

operational, scholarship and building fund support."

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, who served as Dana president from 1986-2005, has assumed new duties as president of the Dana College Foundation.

The Foundation is governed by a board whose sole focus is to work with the



Christopherson

Foundation president to raise and manage the investment of endowment funds through estate gifts and major current endowment gifts.

The members of the Foundation Board are Richard Hunt, Blair telecommunications business owner who serves as chairman, Richard Vierk, member of the Dana Board of Regents, and Marc Petersen, Omaha, a retired executive of Tenaska, Inc. who serves as vice-chairman. Philipp serves as an ex-officio member.

Dana will be the only recipient of earnings received from gifts designated to the Foundation.

Former Glee Club Members Donate Money for Theatre Acoustics Upgrade

Sixteen men who loved to sing nearly 60 years ago have made a better place for today's Dana College students to perform.

All living members of the original Men's Glee Club from 1948-49 came together to donate more than \$15,000 for a stage acoustics project in the 20+ year-old Lauritzen Theatre in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

After learning of the need for facility improvements, Don Poh '50, the student director of the original Men's Glee Club, brought his group together again, this time in terms of financial support for their alma mater.

Poh contacted his friends and classmates by letter recently when he found an old program from their performance days. In his letter, he mentioned the needs in the theater and the Glee Club responded.

"The idea came from the Glee Club members themselves," Poh said. "The

guys saw an artistic need at Dana they could fill."

Poh led the fundraising drive with phone calls to the former members, an effort which resulted in 100 percent participation. "That was a spectacular group of guys. They are just as spectacular today as they were 58 years ago," he said.

This summer, sound reflecting material was installed along the back wall of the theater, along the catwalk and back stage, greatly improving the acoustics in the space.

The fall musical, "Wonderful Town," which opened in late October, was the first performance in the enhanced space. "There is now a noticeable reverberation in the theater, and the sound is evenly distributed throughout the house," said Dr. Paul Schneider, director of the theater and professor of English.

Staley Lecturer Discusses Singing's Place in the Church

Dr. Paul Westermeyer, professor of church music at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., was the featured speaker at this year's Staley Lecture Series event

held in October at Dana College. The series is sponsored annually by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation.

Westermeyer presented a lecture on the "Implications of a Danish Church Bell" in which he discussed the place

of congregational and choral singing in the church. He took the title of his lecture from a quotation used by theologian Gordon Lathrop in his writing.

The event also featured hymn singing by a choir



Westermeyer

made up of Dana community members and friends. The group was directed by Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music and chorale director, and was accompanied on the organ by Dr. Claire Bushong, assistant professor of music. A concertato hymn arrangement by David Schack, an Omaha composer nationally recognized for his contributions to music of the church, also was premiered during the event.

Nine Students Commissioned as Peer Ministers

Nine Dana College students were commissioned as peer ministers this fall.

Peer ministry involves students ministering to other students. Peer ministers are available for one-to-one faith sharing and to provide support to fellow students facing personal struggles in academic, emotional, relationship and spiritual needs. Students can be peer ministers only after they have received training from a certified youth and peer ministry trainer.

Installed as peer ministers were the following: James Clark of Indianola, Iowa; Joshua Cogan of Salisbury, N.C.; Jessica Deardoff of North Platte, Neb.; Kelsey Dimmitt of Elba, Neb.; Natalie Hearn of Garland, Texas; Mandy Hemphill of Utica, Neb.; Jennifer Lind-



Pictured above are members of the original Men's Glee Club from 1948-49. All 16 living members recently donated more than \$15,000 for improvements to the acoustics in the Lauritzen Theatre.



Dr. Jeff Solheim (left), professor of mathematics, teaches chess moves to Dana students Lane Roberts (center) and Nickolas Makris during a Chess Club practice session.

stead of Hastings, Neb.; Megan Reppert of Pender, Neb.; and Matthew Willard of Omaha, Neb.

"I am very proud of these students who have volunteered to offer their time and talent to serve others," said Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, assistant professor of religion and campus pastor. "With their care and love for others, these trained peer ministers will offer support, comfort, consolation, and prayer to fellow students, particularly when the going gets rough."

Math Professor Launches New Chess Club

Seasoned chess players as well as those new to the game are honing their skills by participating in a new group at Dana College.

Earlier this fall, Dr. Jeff Solheim, professor of mathematics, started a new club for Dana employees and students and members of the public who enjoy playing chess and for those who are interested in learning how to play.

"Chess is a love of mine, and I wanted to see if I could find others who were also interested in playing," Solheim said.

Throughout the fall, group members participated in an on-going intramural

tournament. The contest included several rounds, with participants arranging their own time and place for games. The winner of each game was awarded one point, while the loser received no points. If a game ended in a tie, each player earned half a point. After each game, players reported their scores to Solheim.

The club also held its first round-robin tournament in November. Winners of the tournament were: first place, Hannah Solheim, daughter of Jeff Solheim; second place, Dana student Chris Udey of Blair; third place, Dana student Lane Roberts of Hay Springs, Neb.; fourth place, Dana student Keith Block of Sioux Falls, S.D.; fifth place, Dana student Breanne Chamberlain of Craig, Neb.; and sixth place, Jakob Solheim, son of Jeff Solheim.

For more information on the Dana Chess Club and upcoming tournaments, contact Solheim at (402) 426-7265 or e-mail chess@dana.edu.

Student Groups Help Stock Local Food Pantry

The Washington County Food Pantry in Blair was able to keep its shelves stocked this fall thanks in part to the volunteer efforts of two groups of Dana students.

On August 26, Dana's freshman class held a drive to collect food for the pantry.

The "Freshmen Food Frenzy" was part of Dana's New Student Orientation program, which introduces incoming freshmen to the college and to the Blair community.

During the drive, students canvassed Blair to collect donations, which residents were asked to leave on their doorsteps.

Community service projects like the Freshmen Food Frenzy have become an annual tradition for new Dana students, said Brandi Sestak, assistant director of student life and involvement.

In October, another group of students volunteered to assist the food pantry. On Halloween night, several members of Dana's Christ in Action organization donned their Halloween costumes to collect 391 cans of food.

Still Time to Register for Spring 2007 European Tour

Reservations are still being accepted for the European tour with President Janet and Frank Philipp planned for spring 2007.

The 10- to 12-day tour will likely include travels to the Swiss Alps, the Romantic Road, the Rhine River Cruise, Amsterdam and Denmark.

While in Denmark, the group will meet up with the Dana College Chorale to hear their performance in the Odense Cathedral. Odense is the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. The tour will also include time in Copenhagen.

Experienced tour guide Jim Olsen, associate professor of art at Dana, will lead the tour, which is scheduled to depart on or about May 30, 2007.

The cost is estimated at \$3,000-\$3,200 per person based on double occupancy, including round-trip airfare, all surface transportation, breakfast daily, and admission charges to museums and historic sites. For more information or to express interest in the trip, please contact tour leader Olsen at (402) 426-7206 or jolsen@dana.edu.

Stewart Brewer, assistant professor of history, was recommended for inclusion in the 10th Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," 2005-06.

KHAS-TV in Hastings Neb., aired an interview with **Vern Wirka**, assistant professor of communication, on ventriloquism August 8. The feature, "A Day in the Heartland" with Dennis Kellogg, focused on Wirka's background as a professional ventriloquist.

Summer of 2006 marked the completion of a long-term project by **Peggy Holloway**, assistant professor of music, to record the art songs of American composer Marion Bauer. Production of the CD "Send Me a Dream: The Songs of Marion Bauer," with mezzo-soprano Janet Morrow King and pianist David King of Colorado, was completed and is available for purchase.

Andrea Ng'weshemi, assistant professor of religion and campus pastor, presided and preached at churches in Grand Island and in Omaha this summer. He also gave a three-part series of presentations at Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha in November and December 2006. The theme of the presentations was "Christianity or Christianities? A Look at the Changing Face of the Church."

Peggy Holloway performed on a collaborative recital entitled "Contemporary American Music" at the annual conference of the College Music Society on September 16 in San Antonio, Texas. Holloway's performance, "Women's Poetry from the Plains," featured a song cycle which had been composed for her by UNL Composer-in-Residence Randall Snyder.

Diane Nickeson-Ray, LCSW, CMSW, Dana College Counseling Center director, and **Patti Nielsen**, campus nurse, both attended the 2006 Nebraska/GPAC Dean's meeting held at Clarkson College in Omaha on October 24. They were able to meet with representatives from Northwest College, Nebraska Wesleyan, Morning-side, Midland, and Concordia University.

Claire Bushong was one of three presenters to introduce Evangelical Lutheran Worship, new hymnal of the ELCA, to Nebraska in a workshop hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk on October 21. Over 100 people attended this first introductory event. Following the workshop, Bushong led a pre-service "hymn sing" using hymns from the new hymnal and led the congregation of St. John's in new hymns and liturgical music in their services throughout the weekend.

David Hoppe, instructor of psychology and campus counselor, has been elected to serve a two-year term as the president of the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling.

Four faculty members recently had books published. **Iain Anderson**, assistant professor of history, wrote a book entitled "This is Our Music: Free Jazz, the Sixties and American Culture." **Stewart Brewer**, assistant professor of history, had his book, "Borders and Bridges, A History of US-Latin American Relations" published. **Jan and Richard Potter**, professor and associate professor of social work and sociology, also wrote a book entitled "Spiritual Development for Beginners: A Simple Guide to Leading a Purpose-Filled Life."

New Full-Time Faculty



Ann Adkins, instructor of education, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education with concentrations in outdoor and early childhood education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She previously worked as an adjunct instructor and elementary teacher.



Dr. Nicole Burns, assistant professor of chemistry, holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Dr. Beth Leader-Janssen, assistant professor of special education, holds a bachelor's degree in secondary special education, a master of education degree in professional specialization: learning disabilities and reading, and a doctorate in special education, all from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Prior to joining Dana, she was an instructor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Scott Sasse, criminal justice instructor, holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from UNL, a master's in criminal justice from the UNO, and a doctorate in sociology from UNL with a specialization in criminology and social psychology. He previously worked as an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and as an assistant professor at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha.



Dr. Ray Slavens, assistant professor of English, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Missouri at Columbia and a doctorate in English from Michigan State University. He previously taught English and drama at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa.



New Annual Fund Targets Greatest Needs

Alumni and friends of Dana College can ensure their monetary gifts have an immediate, direct impact on the quality of Dana's campus and its educational offerings by participating in a new giving program.

The Dana College Annual Fund, established as part of the College's strategic plan, serves as a basis of support for the College, with money being used to support day-to-day college operations and to meet the greatest needs of students, employees and the campus.

Creation of the Annual Fund was announced earlier this fall when the College's Institutional Advancement Office mailed letters and brochures to alumni, parents and friends. Donors will have opportunities to pledge their support to the fund through mail campaigns, phonathons and personal visits with Dana Development representatives.

Through the Annual Fund, donors may select one of 10 levels at which to give. Their participation at each level earns them membership in an exclusive giving club with proud ties to some of Dana's most charismatic and influential leaders and to the College's cherished heritage and traditions. A list of the different clubs and the giving levels with which each is associated is shown in the box at right.

According to Dana Director of Annual Giving Chrystal LeGrand, the positive impact Annual Fund gifts can have on a college is illustrated by one of Dana's sister colleges, which says its annual fund "has long been the top fundraising priority for the college."

"The Annual Fund should really serve as the foundation of any development office," LeGrand said. "It is a way to encourage yearly participation, but also to encourage our donors to grow in their participation."

There are numerous benefits to giving to the Annual Fund, according to LeGrand. Money that is donated helps maintain affordability for those who may not be able to meet college costs on their own. It also enables Dana to retain and attract outstanding faculty who are the best within their profession.

A statement donors will see on Annual Fund letters and brochures that perhaps best summarizes the reasons to give to the Dana College Annual Fund is this: "Whatever motivates you to give, it's all of our gifts together that continue to create new and exciting opportunities for Dana students!"



LeGrand

Dana College Annual Fund Giving Levels

Founders Club.....\$18.84 or more
Anniversary Club \$1 for every year of Dana College's existence. (Dana was founded in 1884.)

Red and White Club..... \$250 to \$499
Trinity Club..... \$500 to \$999

Presidents Circle

C.X. Hansen Society.....\$1,000 to \$1,883
J.P. Jensen Society\$1,884 to \$2,499
KR. Anker Society..... \$2,500 to \$4,999
P.S. Vig Society \$5,000 to \$9,999
G.B. Christensen Society\$10,000 to \$24,999
A.M. Andersen Society....\$25,000 or more

For more information on the Dana College Annual Fund, contact Chrystal LeGrand at (402) 426-7208 or (800) 444-DANA, option 4, or by e-mail at annualfund@dana.edu.

Bard Named V.P. for Institutional Advancement

Dean W. Bard has been named Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Dana College. A Nebraska native and ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Bard began work at Dana in October.

Bard has served both as parish pastor and church administrator, revitalizing congregations in Chicago and Berlin, Germany. He has substantial experience in stewardship programming and institutional development, also having served as associate vice president for development at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Bard was the founding director of the ELCA Wittenberg Center in Wittenberg, Germany, a continuing education

center of the church. Most recently, he was an assistant to the bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA.



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Michael Jones, former vice president for institutional advancement, is assum-

ing a new role at Dana as assistant to the president and major gifts officer.

Jones has worked at Dana College for more than 34 years, serving as admissions counselor, director of admissions, director of the annual fund and vice president for institutional advancement.

He chose to step down from the vice presidency to spend more time with his family and to develop better health.

"Dana College has been a major part of my life," Jones, a 1971 graduate of Dana, said. "I met my wife Faye through Dana College and my entire working career has been here. I look forward to continuing to work with donors and Dana's future."

MP3

[maximum peak performance program]

Program Helps New Students Tune in to College Life

By Michelle Simon '07

Making the transition from high school or from another college to Dana College sometimes can be a difficult and stressful time for freshmen and transfer students. Some students embrace the changes, while others need help adjusting. A new program introduced at Dana this fall is helping make the transition from high school to college easier.

Dana's Maximum Peak Performance Program (MP3) is a non-credit course designed to introduce first-year Dana students to campus life and to teach them skills that will help them in the classroom and in their daily lives, according to David Hoppe, instructor of psychology and campus counselor. All freshmen were required to participate in the program this fall. Transfer students also had the option to participate.

The goal of MP3, said Dean of Students Matt Thielen, is to increase student satisfaction with the Dana experience and to help students succeed academically and socially their first year of college.

"MP3 is an extended orientation for our students," Thielen said. "We want to ensure new students are successful and form a connection with the College."

Hoppe said some of the topics discussed in MP3 sessions were the College's mission statement, history and



The MP3 groups were given the task of developing a list of things they hope to gain from their college experience at Dana. Here, freshman Ryan Fredericksen (right) presents Dana President Dr. Janet Philipp with his group's list during Opening Convocation.

policies. Also covered were study skills such as time management, note-taking and test-taking. Other topics included stress management, living a healthy lifestyle, advising, financial assistance and LARP.

A first-year student program similar to MP3, called Campus Connections, was offered at Dana in fall 2005, Thielen said. Some changes were made to the program with the approval of Dana faculty, and it was offered again this fall, but with a new name and as part of the College's long-running Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP).

Under the new arrangement, freshmen were divided into their own LARP groups separate from the other LARP

groups, which included a mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each freshman LARP group, which was made up of 12-15 members from different majors, was assigned a different faculty member who led that group's sessions all semester.

Before LARP classes started, the freshman groups attended MP3 sessions during New Student Orientation, which ran August 23-27. This gave freshmen an opportunity to meet their classmates and instructors and to become familiar with the campus, Thielen said. When regular LARP sessions began, MP3 sessions were held on the Thursdays that LARP sessions were not scheduled.

Tammy Clark, assistant professor of chemistry, said connecting the MP3 program with LARP created an effective way to give freshman students more feedback. During one of their first MP3 sessions, freshmen learned what to expect in LARP sessions and how to obtain a good grade in the class, Clark said. The combined MP3-LARP program also provided a more comfortable environment for freshmen because they already knew their classmates and professor from their MP3 sessions, she said.

Hoppe said he believes many freshmen recognized the benefits of the MP3 program.

Kelsey Koll did. The freshman from Swanton, Neb., said MP3 helped her form relationships with other students and with a faculty member whom she could go to for help.

Dana's faculty members approved the MP3 program as part of the College's curriculum for one more year, Thielen said. The results of the program will be examined during that time through student surveys and faculty feedback to determine whether changes need to be made to the program.

So far, Thielen said, he has received a positive response to the program from both students and faculty.

"Overall, it seems to be a good experience for our students," he said.

New majors

mean *new opportunities*

Dana College is proposing to add two new majors to its list of programs beginning in the fall of 2007, musical theater and sport management. The additions were announced this summer as part of a five-year strategic plan for the college.

"The college must offer academic programs that meet the changing interests of prospective students," said Dana College President Janet Philipp. "Musical theater and sport management target these interests and also address market demand."

Dana's faculty approved the new sport management major this fall, clearing the way for current students and next year's incoming students to declare it as their major. The faculty will review the proposed musical theater major at its December meeting.

Dana plans to use the new musical theater major to capitalize on its strong vocal music and theater programs and appeal to students who participated in these activities in high school.

Over the last 12 years, Dana College musical theater has become a signature program for the college. The program is known throughout Nebraska and western Iowa for high-quality productions of both new and challenging musicals. The Omaha music and theater community features many extremely talented graduates of Dana College who studied vocal music and performed regularly on the Dana stage.

"With the expert help of the award-winning actor, singer and performer Brandon Higdeman and choreographer and dancer Michelle Garrity, we have created a program that is unique in this part of the country," said Dr. Paul Schneider, professor of English and director of the theater.

Only 20 new students will be accepted into the program per year. Scholarships will be offered by audition.

"The musical theater major will prepare the most talented students for a career in performance, and all graduates will



Above is a scene from the Dana Theater Department's fall musical, "Wonderful Town." Musical theater is one of two new majors Dana is proposing to offer in the fall of 2007.

develop skills essential to many careers, especially those involving interaction with the public," Schneider said.

Students in the musical theater program will be encouraged to double major, thus helping to ensure future career opportunities should they not choose to pursue a career in the extremely competitive field of professional performance.

Sport management, previously an emphasis area under the physical education major, will be added as a major within the Business Department in response to current market trends. Nationwide, there is a greater concern about the sedentary lifestyle and resulting obesity of many Americans, including children. Retiring baby boomers are also looking at ways to be active in their later years.

"Sports is so important in society right now, and its importance will continue to grow," said Brenda Mechels, head women's basketball coach and director of Dana's Sport Management Program.

Dana's innovative curriculum, based in the Business Department, will provide students with the opportunity to develop expertise in business management with an orientation toward the world of sport.

The new major will have a business core foundation with courses that include management, marketing, and accounting. Additional courses in health, fitness and recreation will provide flexibility for students to plan a program of study.

This flexibility, Mechels said, will allow students to tailor their education program to a specific career, such as managing a fitness club or athletic facility, marketing a college or professional sports team, or working as a personal trainer or nutritionist.

"I'm excited about the new major," she said. "With an educational background in both business and athletics, our students will be getting the best of both worlds and will be highly marketable to potential employers."

Acting *like a pro*

It could be the script for a play: A Syracuse University English and theater professor and his students start a new theater company in Syracuse, N.Y. The professor leaves to pursue a different career in another city, but later returns to teaching at a small, private college in the Midwest. Years later, one of the professor's recent students moves to Syracuse with his fiancée and decides to try his hand at professional acting. The young man lands a lead role in a play, and later discovers the theater producing the play was started by his former professor.

As far-fetched as this story may sound, it really happened, and the lead characters are two people with connections to Dana College – the theater's founder is Paul "Doc" Schneider, professor of English and director of Dana's theater program; the student is Dana alumnus Scott Taylor.



After graduating from Dana in May, Taylor and his fiancée, fellow 2006 Dana graduate Katrina Woldseth, moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where Woldseth is pursuing a master's degree in new media at Syracuse University.

Though he had long been interested in acting, theater wasn't Taylor's primary focus during college. He majored in biology and psychology and was an Academic All-American wrestler – not the typical profile of a theater student. But in addition to his other activities, he also participated in Dana's theater program, performing lead roles in several plays.

Hoping to continue acting in his new home of Syracuse, Taylor decided to audition for a role in the play "A Naked Girl on the Appian Way" he saw in an advertisement.

"One of the lead parts called for a blonde, blue-eyed, 24-year-old, physically built male," Taylor said. "I slowly realized that I kind of fit that (description), so I decided to try out."

Though the play was being produced by a professional theater company that primarily hired professional actors, Taylor didn't let that stop him.

"I didn't have what I considered professional training, but I did enough shows and took enough acting classes at Dana to consider myself a formidable candidate for the role," he said.

The show's producers thought so too. They cast Taylor in one of the lead roles, that of Thad Lapin, a young man who, after returning home from a trip to Europe, announces to his parents that he and his adopted sister have fallen in love and intend to get married.

During the show's run, Taylor made an astonishing discovery: the theater company producing the play had been started by someone he knew well.

"I had a chance to talk to a group of men involved in the theater community (in Syracuse). They asked where I studied theater, and I told them I didn't really 'study' theater, but rather just participated in the theater program at Dana," Taylor said. "I knew that Doc (Dr. Paul Schneider) had a high standing in the Syracuse theater community back in the late 70s and early 80s, so I told them the only training I received was from Paul Schneider. Their eyes lit up, mostly in

disbelief that he is living in and teaching in Nebraska, because the last they knew he was still a stock broker."

Taylor e-mailed his former professor to tell him the news. At first, Schneider didn't recognize the name of the theater – the Redhouse. But after doing some research on the Internet, he realized it was the same theater company – with a new name – that he and some of his former students had started while he was teaching English and drama at Syracuse University in the 1970s.

Schneider said the company started with one play that he and students in his modern drama class produced at the Syracuse Civic Center. The play received such a positive response from the community that he and his students decided to do a whole season of contemporary plays at the center. At Schneider's suggestion, the group decided to call themselves the Contemporary Theater of Syracuse.

Schneider left the university after the company's fourth season, but the group lived on, eventually evolving into an arts facility called the Redhouse. In addition to theater, the Redhouse also features year-round presentations in music, film, and fine art.

"I think it's so cool that Scott wound up getting a paid lead role at the same theater company I helped start," Schneider said.

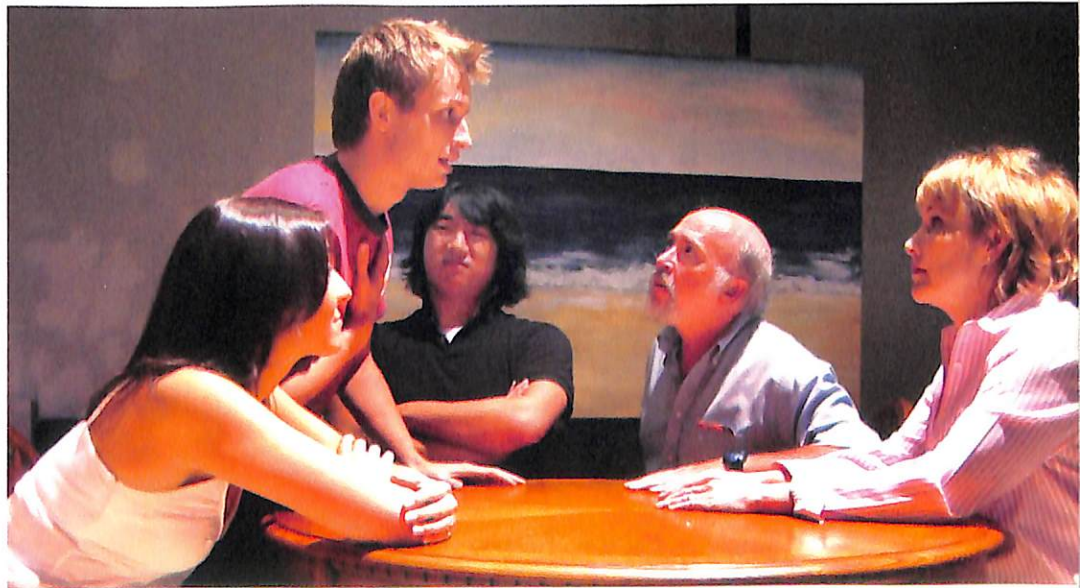
Taylor said his performance in "Appian Way" has opened the door to many other acting opportunities. He recently finished performing in a community theater production of "Cash on Delivery" and hopes to act in more plays.

Taylor credits Schneider and Dana's theater program with teaching him the acting skills that have put him on a level with other professional actors.

"Everyone says that I exhibit skill that only trained actors exhibit," Taylor said. "It may be partly (natural) talent, but I wasn't that good of an actor before attending Dana. I believe I am the actor I am today in part because of the training I received from the theater program at Dana."

Taylor said if he had attended a larger college or university, he would have been able to participate in theater productions only if he was majoring in theater. At Dana, however, he was able to participate in any activity he wanted, including those outside his major.

Schneider agreed that Dana provides a unique environment for students to explore their talents which other larger colleges do not. "If Scott had gone anywhere else, he probably wouldn't have been able to do all of the things he did at Dana," he said. "Dana College is one place where multi-talented students can come and do it all."



On the previous page and above, 2006 Dana graduate Scott Taylor plays the role of Thad Lapin in "A Naked Girl on the Appian Way." Photos courtesy of Timothy D. Oleston, Redhouse public information officer.

 DanaCollege
Blair, Nebraska

A Jazzy Affair with a Carnival Flair

Homecoming 2006
October 6-8



Above: The Columbus Jazz Orchestra entertains guests at the annual All-Alumni Banquet.



Jackie Benson (left) of Woodbine, Iowa, and Javon Bell of Miami, Fla., were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during a coronation ceremony on October 3.



At left, Dr. Paul Neve '41, professor emeritus, leads current and former choir members in singing a number of songs at the annual choir reunion.



Maccoy Holtam and his dad, Ryan Holtam '98, check out their catch while fishing at the Homecoming Carnival in Borup Coliseum.



Any other time, throwing something at a professor would likely result in punishment. At the Homecoming Carnival, however, Dana history professors Stewart Brewer (left) and Iain Anderson didn't seem to mind getting pies thrown in their faces.



Junior Jenna Gray paints a Dana 'D' on the cheek of Grace Serr, daughter of Brian Serr '81.



Dana's Student Life Office sponsored a Craziest Fan Contest during the Homecoming football game. Dana students Eric Maassen (left) and Jon Person competed for the title by sailing their homemade Viking ship, the S.S. Dana, in front of the crowd of Dana spectators.

Homecoming 2006



Twenty-eight members of the Class of 1956 were in attendance at a brunch on Sunday, Oct. 8, to receive their Venerable Vikings medallions. Pictured are Mark Allen, Martha (Jacobsen) Allen, Arlene (Miller) Christensen, Helen Christiansen, James Clemon, Lynn Farrens, Ken Fehl, Raymond Hagberg, Elaine (Bondo) Hoyer, Marion Hudson, Keith Jensen, Richard Jensen, Lois (Kemble) Johnson, Bob Krogh, Joan (Peterson) Krogh, Dale Larsen, Harold Laursen, Bill Lawson, John "Jack" Lodi, Norm Madsen, Elna (Nielsen) Mathiasen, Edna (Skobo) McFarlane, Phil Pagel, Dorothy (Kloth) Petersen, Jon Petersen, Barbara (Peterson) Ward, Phil Wittig and Fritz Youra.



President Emeritus Myrvin Christopherson blows his horn in celebration of the Viking football team's 21-6 win over Hastings College.



Above and at left: Members of the Men's Glee Club from 1949-55 gathered for a reunion and later performed several songs at the Venerable Viking Brunch in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. Their performance earned them a standing ovation.





Left: Dana alumni and their families enjoyed burgers and brats at the Viking tailgate party held in the Oval before the football and volleyball games.



Several members of the Class of 1961 attended the 2006 Homecoming activities. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Mary (Bertelsen) Ruden, Ellen (Andrews) Fisher; Arla Jean (Siems) Mayhew, Luther Kloth, Shirley (Nielsen) Lincoln, Arlyce (Fuchs) Olsen, Rosie (Peterson) Glover, Jo Ann (Larsen) Otto and Doris (Siersbeck) Kloth. In the back row are (left to right) Norma (Parde) Heeren, Sharon (Mardesen) Nelson, Bill Johnson, Andy Andersen, Jerry Lincoln, Jim Olsen, Myrvin Christopherson, Ken Glover and Roger "Bud" Christensen.



Paddles and jackets were a few of the items of memorabilia alumni brought to the Greek organization reunion at the Blair Marina. Though Greek organizations were around for only a short period of time at Dana, the bonds formed between former members continue to survive.



Left: Dana alumni had the opportunity to relive their college days by participating in Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) sessions. "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac was chosen as the text for the discussions.

2006 Alumni Awards

On October 6, Dana presented awards to three alumni who have made exceptional accomplishments in their professions and in their communities. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professions and have rendered dedicated service to the College and to others. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to an alum who attended Dana within the past 15 years who has shown accomplishment and promise in his or her profession and who has given exceptional service to his or her community, church, and to Dana.

Philip Larsen '62 of Arden Hills, Minn. received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a former senior associate dean of the University of Minnesota College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science and a former professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology. He currently oversees operations of a U of M agricultural research program.



Larsen

Larsen attended Dana from 1958-61 as a biology major. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in botany from Iowa State University and a master's degree and doctorate in plant pathology from the University of Arizona.

Larsen taught plant pathology at Ohio State University from 1968-84. During that time, he also worked closely with golf course superintendents and professional turfgrass managers and taught workshops for the Golf Course Superintendents of America organization.

He joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota in 1985. Since then he has worked his way up the ranks, serving as professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology; senior associate dean of the

College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences; interim vice president of agricultural policy; and interim dean of the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. He currently serves as director of operations for UMore Park, a 7,686-acre property owned by the U of M. About half of the land is used for crop and livestock research and the other half is leased for income generation.

Larsen has received numerous awards for his work, including the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation's Professional Excellence Award; a selected participant of National Extension Leadership Development Program, Class III; the U of M Department of Plant Pathology Faculty Mentor of the Year and Distinguished Service awards; and U of M Initiative for Renewable Energy and Environment Legacy Award.

Larsen has served on the boards of several college and national committees, and has written and co-authored numerous books and articles on plant pathology.

He, and his wife, Sandra (Jensen), whom he met at Dana, live in Arden Hills, Minn. They have four adult children: Gregg, Todd and Robb Larsen and Amanda (Larsen) Heinsohn.

Brian Serr '81 of China Spring, Texas, also was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus. Serr, professor

of law at Baylor University School of Law, has distinguished himself as a teacher and as a lawyer.

He graduated summa cum laude from Dana in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He went on to earn his juris doctorate, with honors, in 1984 from Washington University, where he was editor of the *Washington University Law Quarterly*. He earned his Master of Law degree



Serr

in 1985 from the University of Illinois College of Law, and spent the following year as a clerk to the Honorable John R. Brown of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

He joined the faculty of Baylor Law in 1986. He currently teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Advanced Criminal Procedure, and Supreme Court Seminar. He is also the director of the Law School's international summer program in Guadalajara, where he teaches International Human Rights.

Serr has received several awards for his teaching. In 1994, he won a Fulbright Scholarship to teach courses in American Constitutional Law at Vytautas Magnus University, a new university in the former Soviet

Union (Kaunas, Lithuania). In 2001, he was awarded a fellowship to attend an international conference on International Human Rights in Salzburg, Austria. In 2002, he was named Baylor's Most Outstanding Faculty Member (in the Schools of Law, Business, Engineering & Computer Science); and in October 2003, the *Texas Lawyer* honored him as "The Most Influential Professor" at the most highly regarded law school in Texas.

In addition to teaching, Serr has coached several of Baylor Law School's national champion appellate advocacy teams. He has published numerous articles in leading law journals, commenting on topics relating to criminal procedure, civil rights litigation, and the First Amendment.

He has also maintained an active appellate practice, focusing primarily on constitutional law issues, particularly First Amendment issues and issues arising in civil rights litigation involving police officers. He has briefed and orally argued cases in both the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has three times been asked to write amicus curiae briefs on behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices (composed of the Chief Justices of the 50 states) in United States Supreme Court cases turning on issues expected to have a common impact on the interests of all 50 states. He

received a pro bono award from the American Bar Association for his work on two of those cases.

Serr and his wife, Kathy, have three children: Grace, Olivia and Sophia.

Kevin Wass '93 of Lubbock, Texas, was honored as this year's Outstanding Young Alumnus. He is an award-winning tuba player and assistant professor of music at Texas Tech University.



Wass

He graduated from Dana in 1993 with a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) in music education. He was a co-valedictorian of his class. He went on to earn a master of music degree and performer's certificate from Indiana University in 1995 and a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan in 2002.

Since joining the faculty of Texas Tech in 2001, Wass has become an active recitalist, appearing at Dana College and at numerous colleges and universities around the country.

As a clinician, he has been featured at the Texas Music Educators Convention; Texas Bandmasters Association Conference/Clinic; Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic; Great Plains, Southwest and Texas Regional Conferences of the International Tuba-Euphonium

Association; International Euphonium Institute; and the International Tuba-Euphonium Conference.

Wass is an active member of the International Tuba-Euphonium Association, having served as a regional conference host in 2005. He is currently serving as the founding director of the Harvey G. Phillips Awards for Excellence in Composition.

Wass has performed with a wide range of ensembles, including the Disneyland All-American College Band, the Music Academy of the West Festival Orchestra, the Omaha, Lincoln, Honolulu, and Lubbock Symphony Orchestras, and various brass chamber groups.

His teaching experience is equally varied. He has taught at the elementary and high school levels in the Omaha Public Schools, at Lutheran Music Programs national summer music camps, and as an adjunct faculty member at Dana College and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In addition to his duties at Tech, Wass serves on the faculty of the Las Vegas Music Festival and performs with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

Wass was the winner of the inaugural Arnold Jacobs Orchestral Audition Competition sponsored by the International Tuba-Euphonium Association, and has advanced to at least the semifinal round of three other international competitions.

Wass and his wife, Susan, live in Lubbock, Texas.

Call for award nominations

Dana College is seeking nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding Young Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame awards. For information on award criteria and to nominate candidates for these awards, please visit <http://www.dana.edu/alumni/awards.html>. You may also contact the Alumni Office at (402) 426-7235 or via e-mail at jrohlfn@dana.edu.

DANA COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Four Dana College alumni were inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame at the Alumni Awards Banquet on October 6. The Hall of Fame annually recognizes alumni who excelled in athletics while attending Dana. In order to be eligible, a candidate must have participated in and earned a varsity letter in one or more intercollegiate sports while a student at Dana or have made exceptional contributions in time or talent toward improving the College's athletic programs.

JOAN (SCHERBRING '90) MUSICH



Joan (Scherbring '90) Musich excelled from the pitcher's mound in her two-year career for Viking softball.

While at Dana, Musich helped the Vikings to undefeated conference records of 12-0 in 1998 and 16-0 in 1989.

Her performance on the softball field earned her recognition as NIAC First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-District in 1988, and as Dana Most Valuable Player, NIAC First Team All-Conference, and All-District First Team in 1989.

Musich graduated with a bachelor's degree in math education and coaching. She went on to earn a Master of Education degree from Wayne State College. She currently teaches middle school math in the Harlan (Iowa) Community School District.

Outside of work, she volunteers with Meals on Wheels, and is a member of the St. Boniface Parish Council, Enhancing Education Through Technology and the National Athletic Training Association.

Musich and her husband, Rodney, have two children, twins Luke and Lexi. The family lives in Earling, Iowa.

WAYNE PETERSON '63



Wayne Peterson '63 was a top sprinter for the Vikings and a four-year letterwinner in track.

During his sophomore year in 1961, Peterson set school and meet records in the men's 100- and 220-meter dashes at the Tri State conference meet. He continues to rank among the top 10 Dana runners in those events.

Also in 1961, Peterson helped the 100- and 220-meter and sprint medley relay teams set school and meet records at the Sioux City Relays.

In 1962, he was team captain and was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player.

One of his favorite memories as a student at Dana was having the opportunity to meet Jesse Owens, Olympic gold medalist and legendary track and field star.

Peterson is a retired union relations manager with the Boeing Co. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MARY (WELP '81) SIMMS



Mary (Welp '81) Simms played in national tournaments in basketball and softball at Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa, before then Head Women's Basketball Coach Lee Ahrens recruited her to help build the Dana Viking women's basketball and softball programs.

Simms lived up to expectations, helping the Viking Women's Basketball Team qualify for the regional tournament in 1981. Her efforts on the court earned her Team Hustle and Most Valuable Defensive Player awards both years she was at Dana.

Simms was also fundamental in helping get Dana's softball program off the ground. When she transferred to Dana, softball was just a club sport. With her help, the Vikings ended their first season as a varsity sport with a successful 7-1 record.

In addition to playing sports, Simms was a resident assistant and a member of the ministry team. She was chosen Homecoming Queen and was a member of the Winterfest Court in 1980.

Simms graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. After graduation, she coached high school girls basketball before taking a break from her career to raise her children. She currently teaches third grade in the Glenwood (Iowa) Community School District and coaches middle school basketball and youth soccer.

Simms met her husband, Scott, a 1981 Dana graduate and 2004 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, while playing a co-ed softball tournament during Homecoming. Mary recalls that despite catching several of Scott's hits in the outfield, he still asked her out after the game.

Mary and Scott have two children, Rob and Cory. The family lives in Glenwood, Iowa.

KIRK MCLAUGHLIN '72



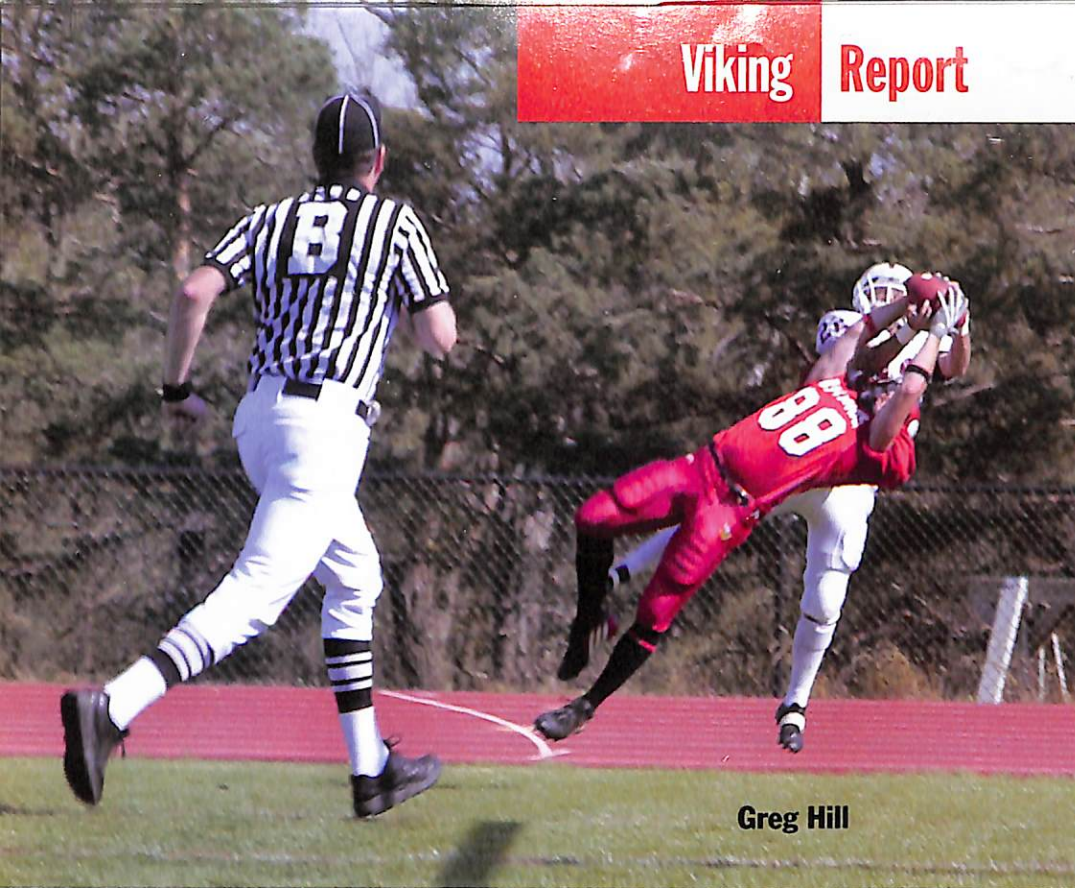
Kirk McLaughlin '72 was a four-sport athlete and letterwinner at Dana. He participated in football for four years, basketball for three and a half years, and track and baseball for two years each.

He received his highest honors in baseball, earning Second Team NAIA District #11 Outfielder, Second Team NIAC and Dana's Most Valuable Player award in 1972. His senior year, he was team captain and led individual hitters with a .355 batting average on 32 hits in 90 at bats. In his two years on the baseball team, the Vikings were conference champions the first year and co-champions the next.

McLaughlin graduated with a bachelor's degree in health/physical education. He was a physical education teacher and coach with Omaha Public Schools for 33 years before retiring. During that time, he coached 9th grade football, basketball, gymnastics, wrestling and track at Monroe Middle School. He later transferred to Omaha South High School where he was head coach for girls basketball, boys and girls tennis, boys golf and assistant coach for varsity football and baseball.

McLaughlin and his wife, Karen, live in Beaver Lake, Neb. They have two sons, Cory and Mickey, who are both married.

In addition to spending his retirement golfing, fishing and hunting, McLaughlin also continues to substitute teach at Omaha South.



Greg Hill

■ Baseball

Coming off a 17-27 season in 2006, the Vikings baseball team will be led by a new coach in the 2007 season. Ken Misfeldt has been named the new coach of the Vikings. Misfeldt is a 15-year veteran of the college and high school coaching ranks. He comes to Dana after serving the past six months as the director of operations and head coach of the Nebraska Sluggers Baseball Academy. Prior to coaching the sluggers, Misfeldt had many years of collegiate baseball coaching experience including a three-year stint at Iowa Western Community College.

Dana returns many experienced players in 2007 including First Team All-GPAC selection sophomore Mike Dobre (Pompano Beach, Fla.). Dobre, the Vikings' catcher, hit .353 last season, including nine doubles. He also only had three errors in 153 fielding chances.

The Vikings start their season on Feb. 10 at Oklahoma City University.

■ Men's Basketball

Head Men's Basketball Coach Chris Fear graduated four starters and a large percentage of his scoring and rebounding from last season. He's not worried, though. The Vikings will rely on the experience of seniors Teddy Cox (Hawley,

Minn.) and Zeb Christensen (State Center, Iowa).

There will be eight new faces on the varsity this season, but the coaches feel the team has a chance to be very solid.

"I'm looking forward to working with this group," said Fear. "We have the opportunity to really improve and make an impression on the GPAC this year."

The Vikings opened their season on Nov. 3 against Dakota State at the Dakota State Classic.

■ Women's Basketball

Dana Women's Basketball Coach Brenda Mechels believes the Vikings can continue the momentum they started last season. Dana finished the 2005-06 season 10-20, which was the best season the Vikings have had since 1999. Now the Vikings are working hard to improve and prepare for a tough Great Plains Athletic Conference schedule that includes perennial powers Morningside and Hastings.

Mechels has reason to be optimistic as the Vikings return virtually their entire squad from last year, including leading scorer and rebounder, junior Amy Nichol (Des Moines, Iowa), who averaged 12.4 points and 5.0 rebounds per contest. The Vikings also return second leading scorer

junior Michelle Weinrich (Pierce, Neb.), who averaged 10.5 points a game in 2005-06. Nine freshmen have been added to help bolster the returning talent.

Off the court, the Vikings boasted the highest grade point average of any school in the nation last season.

Dana started their season Nov. 3 against Friends University in Wichita, Kan.

■ Football

At press time, the Dana football team's record was 3-3, and they were tied for fifth place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. The Vikings began the season with a 10-7 victory at Doane. They struggled to lose three in a row against Nebraska Wesleyan, Dakota Wesleyan and Sioux Falls, and then rebounded to win their last two games at Concordia and at home against Hastings.

Offensively, the Vikings have been led all year by senior wide receivers Javon Bell (Miami, Fla.) and Greg Hill (Omaha, Neb.). So far this season, Bell has 34 receptions for 357 yards and four touchdowns. He also broke the Viking career reception mark of 161 receptions on Sept. 23 against the University of Sioux Falls. Hill has caught 22 passes for 214 yards and one touchdown. His best individual performance came against Hastings on Oct. 7 when he caught seven passes for 99 yards including a 33-yard touchdown catch. Sophomore quarterback Marcus Sladek (Omaha, Neb.) has 786 yards passing and four touchdown passes this season.

On defense, senior linebackers Mike Buchanan (Omaha, Neb.) and Shaun O'Connell (Omaha, Neb.) have led the way. Buchanan is sixth in the conference in tackles, averaging 6.5 stops per game. O'Connell is 12th in tackles, averaging 5.4, and third in the conference in tackles for losses totaling 9.5. Junior defensive lineman Terrance McClean (San Antonio, Texas) and senior defensive lineman Ryan Hoden (Council Bluffs, Iowa) have both been putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks, registering five sacks each.

During their Homecoming game on Oct. 7, the Vikings defeated Hastings College 21-6. This was the first time Dana has defeated Hastings since 1988.

The Vikings had five games remaining including road games at Briar Cliff and

Northwestern and home games versus Waldorf, Midland and Morningside.

■ Women's Soccer

The Dana women's soccer team started 2006 with a mixture of youth and experience. The team started off with a 5-0 win over Calumet College of St. Joseph, Ind. Freshman Emily Werner (Lincoln, Neb.) had three goals in her first college match.

On Sept. 10, junior Danielle Mendoza (Council Bluffs, Iowa) set a Dana record with six goals in a game against Mt. Marty. Freshman Ashley Armstrong (Castle Rock, Colo.) has posted three shot-outs this season. The Vikings were captained by Mendoza, senior Jacque Kaasch (Omaha, Neb.), and senior Megan Flowers (Council Bluffs, Iowa). At press time, Dana was 4-9 on the season and 2-6 in conference play.

■ Men's Soccer

Following a slow start, the Men's Soccer team was on a role. The Vikings were ranked number one in Region III after a 1-0 defeat of Hastings College, the first in the program's history. The win also earned the men's soccer team their first ever national poll votes. Dana also defeated Doane, Sioux Falls and Morningside.

The Vikings were led by a trio of senior captains: Matt Bragg (Omaha, Neb.),

Timmy Alvarado (Bellevue, Neb.), and Shane Thomason (Payette, Idaho). Sophomore Corbin Lukasiewicz (Omaha, Neb.) was named the NAIA Regional player of the week. Junior Shane Kucera (Grand Island, Neb.) and senior Brett LaForest (Jackson, Mo.) each received conference honors. At the beginning of October, sophomore Ernesto Bueno (Salt Lake City, Utah) was leading the team with four goals. Lukasiewicz was near the top of the conference with seven assists.

■ Track

Dana Head Track Coach Allen Friesen, in his fifth year leading the Vikings, is excited about the upcoming season.

"We have some excellent returning athletes, and in recruiting we improved our depth in the women's sprinters and mid-distance runners," said Friesen.

Among the returning athletes for the Vikings are several school record holders. Nichelle Kimbrough (Highland, Kan.) currently holds the school record in the 400 meter hurdles. Tina Castle (Farrugut, Iowa), Emily Schaaf (Stuart, Neb.), Amy Jackman (Seward, Neb.), and Tabitha Kabala (Davenport, Iowa) return after setting the school record in the 4x800 meter relay last season.

On the men's side, Dana has two runners returning who qualified for the

NAIA Outdoor National Championships. Both John Kaup (Grand Island, Neb.) and Eric Bane (Oakland, Iowa) competed in the marathon. Kaup finished 10th in the race while Bane finished in 28th place. Kaup was also an NAIA Scholar Athlete in 2006.

The Vikings' first indoor meet is the Ward Haylett Invitational on Jan. 19 at Doane College in Crete, Neb. The first outdoor contest for Dana is the Neil Moore Open in Blair on March 31.

■ Wrestling

Defending national champions Dana College will look to defend their record-setting championship. Former Head Assistant Coach Richard Fergola will lead the champs as he takes over for Steve Costanzo.

The Vikings will lose nine of their 12 All-Americans, but the cupboard is not bare. Coach Fergola will have three returning All-Americans: Craig Trampe (125 lbs.), Burke Barnes (133 lbs.) and Terrence Almond (141 lbs.). Almond placed fourth in 2006 and will be looking to become Dana's first ever four-time All-American in school history.

The Vikings also return four national qualifiers: Bula Tuzon (165 lbs.), Webster Farris (184 lbs.), Wade Jordan (197 lbs.) and Jesse Boggs (285 lbs.).

Other highlights for the Dana Vikings will be freshmen Donny Altman (125), Ty Costa (125 lbs.), Eric Graham (133 lbs.), Brian Graham (141 lbs.), Jason Bilinski (157 lbs.), Forrest Millsap (157 lbs.), Ed Locke (174 lbs.), and Josh Ghobadpoor (174 lbs.).

The Vikings opened their season with the Red/White Classic on Oct. 20.

■ Softball

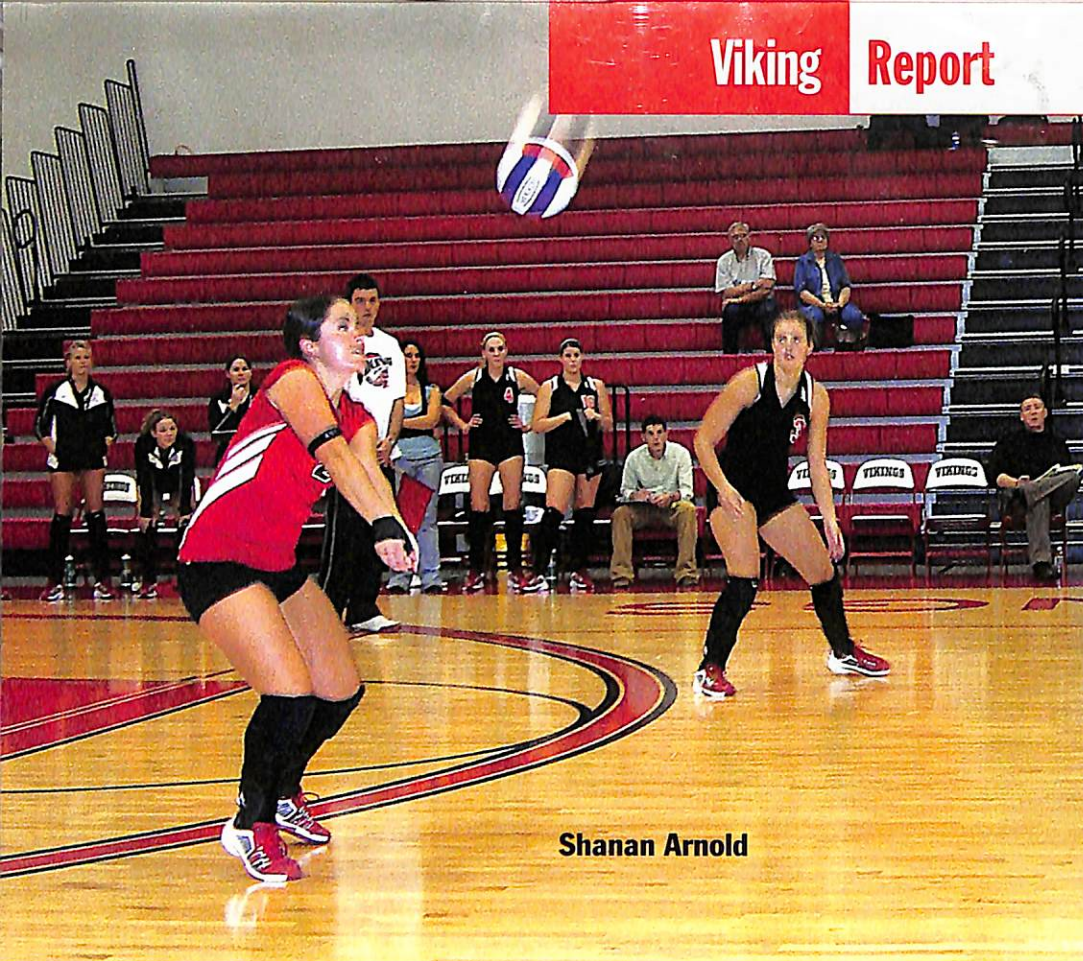
Last year, the Dana softball team had one of its most successful seasons in college history, posting a record of 43-10 overall and 20-2 in the GPAC and winning both the regular season and GPAC tournament championships.

Head Coach Marcy Roff said she believes the Vikings can repeat that success this year.

"I feel this team has the potential to build off last season and become an even better ball club," Roff said. "We have to make sure we stay healthy and step up our intensity from the fall, but the team is looking to make a run and try to get to the national tournament."



Devin Herrin



Shanan Arnold

Top returnees for the Vikings are junior Josie Barrow (Woodward, Iowa) and seniors Morgan Shields (Britt, Iowa), Sarah Sempek (Omaha, Neb.), Janez Anderson (Albion, Neb.), and Heather Parsons (Ottumwa, Iowa).

The entire pitching staff returns: sophomore Mindy Schoop (Johnston, Iowa) and juniors Ashley Jess (Monroe, Iowa), Christa Backus (Newton, Iowa) and Cassie Lager (Missouri Valley, Iowa).

The team's goal this year is to win conference, Roff said.

■ Volleyball

As of Oct. 9, the Dana volleyball team had a record of 5-15 (1-6 GPAC). The team, which had many young players, struggled in conference play and was looking to rebound to finish the season strong. Dana had wins over Grace, Mid America Nazarene, Baker, Mount Marty and Midland this season.

At press time, senior Darcy Gross (Earling, Iowa) was the team's leader. She was fifth in the GPAC in kills per game and second in service aces per game. Junior setter Holly Lehmer (Omaha, Neb.) was eighth in the conference in assists. Freshman Kali Brayfield (Elkhorn, Neb.)

was fourth in the conference in blocks per game, averaging 1.49. Freshman Sarah Reddy (Lincoln, Neb.) was seventh in the conference in blocks.

Dana had nine regular season contests remaining on the schedule, followed by the GPAC tournament.

The Vikings are led by first-year Head Coach Rayna Cain and her assistant, Mark Kirlin.

■ Women's Golf

The Dana women's golf team has started 2006 with strong team and individual play. The team has continued to improve and is moving toward having the most successful season in the history of the program.

On Sept. 26, the team finished tied for first in the Midland College Invite. Junior Karla Harshbarger (Bridgeport, Neb.) was the medalist in the tournament, finishing with a score of 82. Harshbarger and junior Brooke McCabe (Plainview, Neb.) have been Dana's most consistent performers this season. The team has also had a fourth place finish in the Red Raider Classic on Sept. 1, a seventh place finish at the Dana Invite on Sept. 12, a third place finish at the Doane Invite on Sept. 16, and

a seventh place finish at Nebraska Wesleyan on Oct. 1-2.

The team competed at Concordia on Oct. 7 and concluded its fall season by hosting the GPAC meet in Blair on Oct. 12-13.

■ Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country teams began the season well with team sweeps over Dordt College at the Dana Open on Sept. 9. Senior John Kaup (Grand Island, Neb.) took the individual title at the Dana Open with a time of 28:31. Freshman Chelsea Fibranz (McPherson, Kan.) placed third overall with a time of 22:10 to lead the women.

The women's team has seen three different number one runners so far this fall, with Fibranz, junior Jennifer Anderson (Lincoln, Neb.), and freshman Rachel Ness (Seward, Neb.) all taking their turns in the front.

The men have been led by Kaup, and a slue of freshmen have followed. Junior Eric Bane (Oakland, Iowa), a solid second or third man on the team, has been the glue holding the younger team members together.

The highlight of the season to this point was a trip to Boulder, Colo., where the Vikings competed against some of the top teams in the country. Both teams dealt well with the altitude, but times were much slower, as expected. Dana was scheduled to host the GPAC Cross Country Meet on Oct. 28. Both teams were looking forward to the home-course advantage.

■ Cheer and Dance

The cheer and dance teams are now being coached by Niki Wulf. Both teams have performed at the past two Homecoming events. The teams are gearing up for a full slate of performances this winter during basketball season.

Veterans of the cheer and dance squads are Heather Hall (Blair, Neb.), Ashley Christoffersen (Omaha, Neb.), Stephanie Blessin (Big Springs, Neb.), Racine Wood (Garner, Iowa) and Jaimie Brabec (Schuyler, Neb.).

Both teams will be hosting camps in 2007 and will also be holding tryouts for next year's squad.

A League of His Own

Recent Dana College graduate Jason Isaacson discovered there is truth to the line from the movie *Field of Dreams*, “If you build it, they will come.”

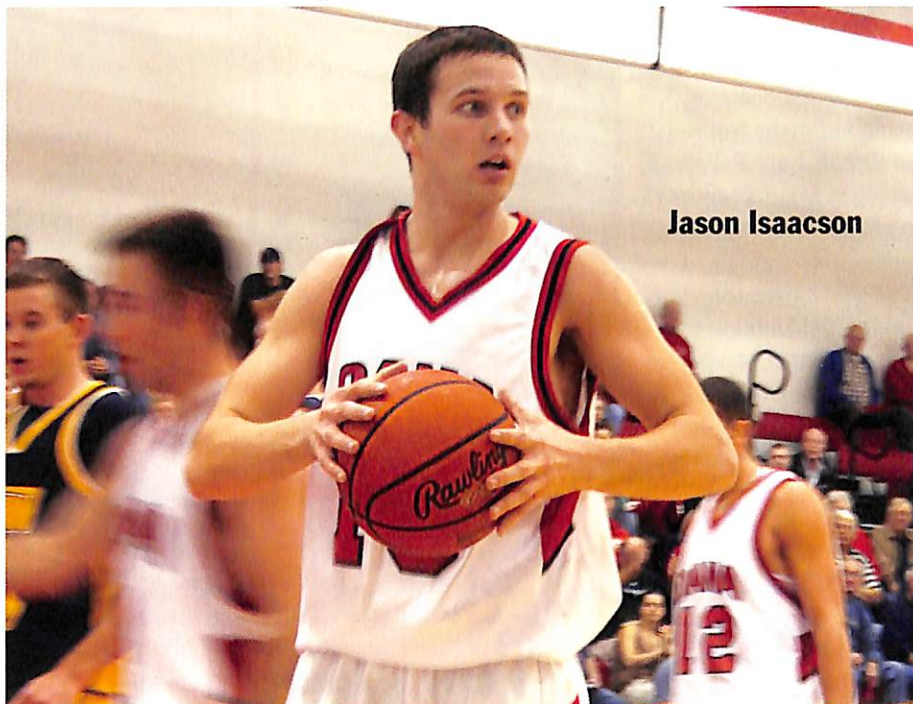
Just as the movie’s main character was able to summon the ghosts of past baseball greats by building a baseball diamond in his cornfield, Isaacson, a 2006 Dana College graduate and Viking basketball standout, was able to attract some of the area’s top basketball players by starting a new elite summer league in his hometown of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Every Wednesday night from the end of June through the beginning of August, more than 70 players gathered at high school and college gyms in Council Bluffs to play in the new league. The players were from almost every college in Nebraska and from colleges in Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and South Dakota. Several players who already play professionally in Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Iceland, Portugal and Sweden, also participated.

Isaacson, an Abraham Lincoln graduate who finished third in NAIA Division II in scoring (25.1) last year at Dana, said he formed the league to give area college basketball players a challenging and fun way to condition over the summer. The area lacked such a league, he said.

“I hope the league has provided a very high level of competition for the guys to play in and to improve themselves,” Isaacson said. “I mainly hope the guys love the competition and have been having fun on the court and playing in front of people.”

The league was made up of eight teams with eight players per team. Isaacson assigned a ranking to each player signifying that player’s talent level to ensure all teams had a roughly equal mix of talent. The teams played four games each week. Games were played with 20-minute halves, using a running clock that stopped only during the last two minutes of the game. Players were allowed six fouls before being disqualified.



Jason Isaacson

Isaacson said he did a lot of preliminary work to get the league started. In addition to recruiting the players, he also had to find sponsors to help pay for jerseys and T-shirts for the players, reserve gyms, and fill out applications to obtain National Collegiate Athletic Association certification for the league so that Division I student-athletes could participate.

Finding players turned out to be one of the easier tasks, Isaacson said, because he already knew several college players from competing against them while at Dana.

The most challenging task, he said, was finding sponsors. “Since this was the first year of the league, businesses did not seem too confident in putting their money towards it,” he said. “Once I got the talent and threw out some names, it helped in getting sponsors.”

The talent, which included players from Creighton University and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, also helped draw fans. Spectator attendance grew from about 70 at the league’s first games to about 400 the last few weeks of the season. Isaacson predicted about

500 would attend the final tournament in August.

“The support for the league turned out greater than I expected,” Isaacson said. “Basketball fans in the Omaha–Council Bluffs community have been very involved with the league and have been following their favorite players or colleges. The players are the ones who bring in the crowds – if you have good talent, people will come watch no matter where the games are held.”

Isaacson said organizing the league has given him the chance to put into practice the organizational skills he learned in college and to form new friendships with other people in the local basketball circuit. He said he plans to offer the league again next year.

Isaacson’s former basketball coach at Dana College, Chris Fear, said he isn’t surprised by Isaacson’s success in organizing the league.

“Jason is a leader,” Fear said. “He’s willing to step out of his comfort zone and try something new. I’m not surprised he was able to pull something like this off.”

Destiny's Deep Sea

2000s

Dru McMillan '06 is a per-diem social worker at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha.

Brian Martin '05 is working as an accountant with a company that is moving to Omaha from Manhattan Beach, Calif. Following his training in Manhattan Beach, he will be returning to Blair.



Garry Clark '04 and **Tina Hackett '05** were married on July 15 in Oakland, Iowa. They now live in Gainesville, Fla. Garry is a city planner/Main Street manager for the city of Newberry, Fla. Tina teaches second grade at Metcalfe Elementary for Alachua County Public Schools in Gainesville. Pictured with Tina and Gary are, from left, **Becky Bryant '05**, Tasha Barnes, Jessica Pullen, Carley Husz, Niki Hackett, Stephane Yam-baka, John Hernandez, Maurice Barnes, Garry Clark, Sr., **Ben Henderson '06**.

Megan (Oakley '04) Engel is a pre-K-12 Spanish teacher, volleyball coach and cheerleading sponsor at Castlewood (S.D.) Public Schools. She lives in Brookings, S.D., with her husband, Weston.

Sarah (Zehnder '03) Toll is a librarian at Lindsborg (Kan.) Middle School. She and her husband, Matt, live in Lindsborg, Kan.

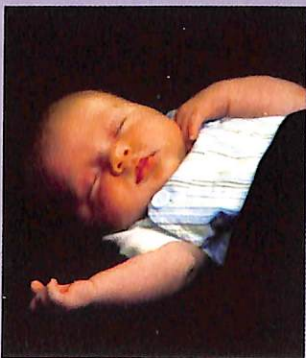
John Brummer '02 is a science teacher for grades 8-12 at Wynot High School.

Shon Trent '02 is an admissions counselor at Career Technical College in Shreveport, La. He is also involved in outreach ministry at the United in Christ Pentecostal Church.

Kevin Stull '01 recently was appointed as manager of U.S. Bank's Council Bluffs (Iowa) Westside branch.



Melissa (Dolezal '00) and **Derrick Weyand '97** welcomed a son, Maximos, born on May 30 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where the couple is stationed. Derrick works for the Headquarters Air Force Material Command and was recently promoted to major. Melissa graduated from UMUC in December 2005 with a Master of Public Administration. She is a manpower analyst for the Air Force.



Ashlee (Guerrier '03) and **Jon Andersen '03** welcomed a son, Jackson Carter, on May 4. The family lives in Bellevue, Neb., where Ashlee teaches sixth grade. Jon is attending the Nebraska Medical Center to become a medical tech.



Sarah (Goodwin '01) Brabec and her husband, Chris, welcomed a daughter, Haley Elizabeth, on September 16, 2005. The family lives in Omaha.



Mary (Miller '02) and **Ross Jensen '03** of Blair, Neb., welcomed a son, Christian, on May 31. He joins his sister, Hannah, age 2.

Jennifer (Schaaf '01) Tougaw and her husband, Travis, welcomed a son, Carvin, on Jan. 20. The family moved to Tucson, Ariz., this summer.

The pop band Shelter Belt released its third album, "Under the World Awhile" in October. Five of the band's seven members are Dana graduates: **Nick Pribyl '01, Anthony Knuppel '02, Rachel Hospodka '00, Chris Sorensen '01 and Jesse Otto '00**. The group planned to perform at its Omaha CD release party Saturday, Nov. 11, at the PS Collective. For more information on Shelter Belt, visit www.beltcave.com.

Rebecca Dunnell '00 recently started a new job as a special needs assistant for children with Down syndrome with Special School District in St. Louis, Mo.

Darold Foster '00 is working as a permanent substitute teacher at Wahoo (Neb.) Public Schools. He is also the seventh grade football coach as well as head varsity and middle school wrestling coach.

Cassandra (Green '00) Harrison of Crawley, England, launched an e-commerce Web site, www.geehowquaint.com, in November 2005. The business offers an array of travel accessories for the stylish jet setter, including a patented waterproof swimsuit bag that she designed. She also recently completed illustrations for a print-on-demand children's book, "Planes, Train and the



Ann (Neumeister '95) Gigs-tad and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a son, Landon Dean, on August 13. The family lives in Omaha, Neb.

London Eye," which can be ordered at Borders bookstores.



Cory '94 and Laurie (Grasso '99) Peatrowsky welcomed a daughter, Hannah Marie, on May 6. The family lives in Omaha, Neb.



Shannon '96 and Mary (Hennings '96) LeFave adopted their fourth child, Tregan Samuel, on July 30. He was born July 17. He was welcomed by his three big brothers, William, 7; Aidan, 4; and Shane, 2. Shannon is a junior/senior high science teacher and cross country and track coach at Deshler (Neb.) Public Schools. Mary is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Hebron.



Melissa (Blum '99) and Ryan Jacobsen '98 welcomed twins, Joceyln Kay and Aidan Dean, on March 15. The family lives in Iowa City, Iowa, where Ryan is the outpatient pharmacy manager at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and Melissa is a physician assistant in oncology at the VA Medical Center.



Evan Bees '99 married Rebecca Mueller on June 12 in Las Vegas, Nev. Pictured with the couple, from left, are Evan's former Dana classmates and track/cross country teammates **Dan Formo '99, Jennifer (Williams '00) Formo, Ken Nikolas '99, Lisa Nikolas, Amanda (Buttry '99) Poulter and Matt Poulter '99**. The couple lives in Omaha, Neb., where Evan is an accountant with Mutual of Omaha Investor Services.

Matt Kern '00 is a physical science teacher at York (Neb.) Middle School and is head girls basketball coach at York High School.

Allison Ruhde '00 married Wade Junker on August 26. She is working as assistant director of records & registration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

1990s

Nikki Kinsey '99, owner of Sol Chicks, was featured in the July 1 edition of the *Midlands Business Journal*. The article focused on the growth of her company, Sol Chicks Design, as well as the addition of Flair, a new online boutique that will be launched this fall by Kinsey and two other Sol Chicks designers. You can visit the new site at www.justadfflair.com.

Carrissa Virgin '99 is a paralegal and office manager at a small law firm in Albuquerque, N.M.

Douglas Eichhorn '98 recently was promoted to project manager at Sprint Nextel. In May, he moved from Leesburg, Va., to Temple, Texas.

Lynette Reimersma-Gooder '98 is teaching physics, general science, biology and advanced biology at Medicine Valley Public Schools in Curtis, Neb.

Soren Schmidt '98 married Rebekah VanDuinen on August 26 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp where they met.

Jeff Lutt '96 and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a baby girl, Ellie Katherine, on April 11, 2006. She joins her brother, Barrett, age 4. Jeff is teaching elementary PE at Great Bend (Kansas) and is



Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock and her husband, Charles, welcomed a daughter, Megan Jean, on Oct. 12, 2005. She was welcomed home by her sister Emma, 4. Sarah is a vocal music teacher at Walnut (Iowa) Community School. The family lives in Walnut, Iowa.

an assistant football coach at Great Bend High School and an assistant track coach at Great Bend Middle School.

Karri (Roberts '96) Moore of Castle Rock, Colo., is working in inside sales for a speciality products department.

Katherine Eller '95 is director of marketing and communications for Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Renee Sawerbrey '95 married Trent Nissen on April 8 in Omaha. The couple lives in Bennington, Neb.

Brian Williams '95 is director of marketing for Buhler, Inc. in Plymouth, Minn. His wife, **Jona '96**, is an employment coordinator for eQuality-Pathways to Potential. She is enrolled in the Mini MBA program for non-profit organizations at the University of St. Thomas. The couple lives in Maple Grove, Minn., with their son, Evan, who is 7.

Kelly (Wesemann '94) Martinson of Omaha has been elected partner of Lutz & Co., an Omaha-

based CPA firm. She works with small, closely-held businesses and individuals on tax, retirement and employee benefit compliance and consulting.

Mary (Miller '92) Higgins is a stay-at-home mom to 3-year-old son, Robert "Hawk," and 13-month-old triplets, Richard "Falcon," Katharine "Wren," and Rose "Phoenix." She and

her husband, Richard, live in Porterville, Calif.

Shelley Edwards '91 is a charge nurse in the emergency department at the Medical Center of Aurora. She and her partner of 16 years, Crissie, have two boys, Corey, age 9, and Jack, age 8. They recently purchased a new house in Aurora, Colo.

Russ Wilcox '91 recently was named the senior vice president of Midwest Bank in Norfolk, Neb. His primary responsibility is business banking. He and his wife, Kim, and their three children live in Norfolk.

1980s

Gail (Bray '88) McCorkindale and her husband, Mark, welcomed a son, Braydn Owen, on Oct. 20, 2004. He joins his sisters, Hannah and Sydney. Gail graduated from Creighton University in May 2005 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She is a physical therapist at Providence Medical Center in Wayne.



Joy (Miller '88) Biffar and her husband, Alan, of Blair welcomed a son, Louis Floyd, on July 6. He joins his sister, Josephine Rose, 2.



Four members of the Glenwood (Iowa) Rams U14 travel soccer team have fathers or grandfathers who are Dana alumni. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Steve Gutschenritter, Josh DeYoung, Cory Simms and Drake Ruth. Standing behind the boys, from left, are **Trent Gutschenritter '87**, **Jeff DeYoung '84** (coach of the team), **Scott Simms '81** and **LeMar Osterholm '66** (Drake's grandfather). Cory's mother, **Mary (Welp '81) Simms**, is also a Dana graduate. The team finished undefeated in the Council Bluffs soccer league and won the league tournament as well. Josh and Cory are freshmen at Glenwood High School, and Steve and Drake are eighth graders at Glenwood Middle School.



On August 18-21, nine Dana alumni (and three possible future Dana students) visited Opal Stinson in Farmington, N.M., to celebrate her 80th birthday. She is the aunt of **Kathy (Hulsebus '71) Ahrendt** and **Ron Hulsebus '70**. Pictured here in the back row, from left, are **Dave Abbott '02** (holding Hunter Ahrendt), **Teri Ahrendt '01**, **Traci Ahrendt '00**, **Tami Ahrendt '96** and **Toni Ahrendt '02**. In the front row, from left, are **Rikki (Forney '70) Hulsebus**, **Paul Ahrendt '68** (holding Tristen Ahrendt), **Kathy (holding Miranda Ahrendt)** and **Ron**.

Marty Stessman '86 of Topeka, Kan., received his doctorate in educational leadership from Wichita State University on May 13.

Amy (Holmquist '82) Jones is a math teacher in the Ralston (Neb.) School District. She lives in Gretna, Neb.

Rev. Kelley Pedersen '81 recently was installed as the new pastor of the Niobrara and Lindy (Neb.) Lutheran churches.

1970s

Hanne Lundgaard Hansen '79 is living in Lemvig, Denmark. She is married and has two children, Laura, 19, and Jens, 18.

Mark Sorensen '78 and his wife, Tonya, recently moved to Arizona where they are employed at Community Church of Joy.

Tom Walker '76 recently was named director of IT operations at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa. His responsibilities are to oversee information technology operations and to manage the college's technical staff.

Brent Siegrist '74, former Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives, recently was appointed to the Iowa Public Broadcasting Board. The board governs Iowa Public Television and sets programming objectives and policy. Siegrist is executive director of Iowa's Area Education Agencies. He serves on the boards of Iowa Western Community College and Goodwill Industries of Omaha, Neb./Council Bluffs, Iowa, and is secretary/treasurer for the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce. He served in the Iowa Legislature for 18 years.



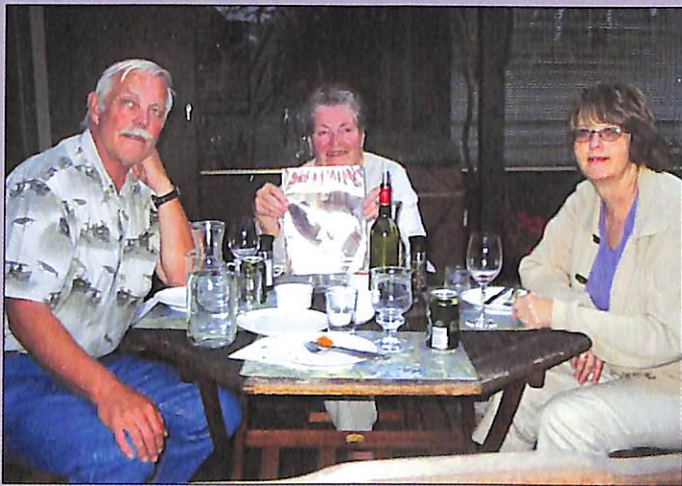
Mary Kay (Petersen) Hennings '74 received a grant to write a second children's musical for the Omaha Public School Quest Program for the Talent and Gifted. She wrote a musical titled "Way Out West." Kindergarten through second grade students from the Omaha area auditioned for the roles, and 34 children presented the show this summer. Mary Kay based her musical on her love for the prairie spirit depicted in Laura Ingalls Wilder's books "Little House on the Prairie." Mary Kay teaches second grade at Liberty Elementary, an inner-city ESL school in downtown Omaha. She and her husband, **Dennis '72**, live in Omaha. They have two grown children.



Several Dana alumni attended the wedding reception for **Pat (Anderson '72) Holton** and Kenneth Rahn on July 21 in Millard. Pictured, from left, are **Debbie (Jensen '72) Katt**, **Carol (King '72) Hansen**, **Pat (Andersen '72) Holton Rahn**, **Sue (Schweer '71) Edelman**, **Betty (Jorth '71) Neben**, **Arno Neben '72**, **Jean (Hammack '79) Lubbert** and **Rick Lubbert '79**.



Helen (Hansen '68) Sorenson (left) of San Antonio, Texas, and **Ralph Hansen '62** of Rochester, N.Y., visited their niece, **Christina Zayat '91**, and her parents in Cooperstown, N.Y., in August.



Pat (Bro '70) (right) and **Ivan Paulsen '68** (left), paid a visit to their cousin **Marlene Paulsen '58** in Nivaa, Denmark, this summer. Ivan and Pat toured Denmark from July 11-24. The Paulsens live in Graeagle, Calif.



Niels Carlsen D'49, T'56 (left) and his wife, **Natalie (Petersen '52) Carlsen**, took the *Dana Review* with them on a trip to Malta in September. They live in Summerfield, Fla.

1960s

Judy (Rueter '67) and **Charlie Brehm '67** of Blair celebrated their 40th anniversary on July 30. They first met at Dana.

Shirley Haahr '60 retired in May 2002 after 42 years of teaching

second grade at Harney Elementary School in South Sioux City. After graduating from Dana, she earned a master's degree in education from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

In Memoriam

David Scott Vallinch '76 died August 13 in Omaha. He was 52. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1972 and later attended Dana College for two years on a baseball and bas-

ketball scholarship. He lived in Ashland for the last seven years and was a member of the Sons of American Legion Post No. 129 of Ashland. Survivors include his wife, Amy; three children, father, sister, brother and four grandchildren.

Jane (Butler '70) Zieg, 59, died September 25 at her home in Manson, Iowa. She spent her career as a case worker for the State of Iowa. She was a member of DAR, Manson WaTanYe, Manson Park Board and the St. Paul Lutheran Church council. Survivors include her two sons and two grandchildren.

Margaret Katherine (Royer '69) Adams died July 16 at her home at Remington Heights Assisted Living in Omaha. She was 92. She was a member of the Logan (Iowa) Christian Church where she was a pre-school Sunday school teacher for 32 years. She taught public school for 31 years, the last 21 in the Logan-Magnolia system teaching fifth grade. She was a member of the Delvers Study Club and the Harrison County Retired School Personnel Association. Survivors include two sons, two sisters, a brother, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Phyllis (Seburg '66) Ahlers died June 5, 2005, in Clermont, Fla. Survivors include her husband, Wayne.

Mary (Anderson '66) Bargren died June 20, 2005, in Cherry Valley, Ill. Survivors include her husband, David Bargren '65.

Mary Jo (Andrews '59) Kubie died April 4 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. She was 68. She was the first woman elected to the Blair City Council. She taught for eight years at Mount View Elementary School in Omaha and later worked at Dana College as career services director until retiring in 2000. She was active in the AAUW, Hospital Auxiliary, Monday Afternoon Club, Washington County Genealogical Society and the Blair Housing Authority. In recent years, she had revived her love of art, which included taking art classes in

the area. Survivors include her husband, Richard '66; a son and daughter; and sister, Ellen (Andrews '61) Fisher.

Carl Nielsen '56 died July 15 at his home in Gold Canyon, Ariz. He was 71. He was a professor at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., for 30 years. He enjoyed crafts and woodworking, and built two houses – one in Blair, Neb., and one in Colorado. He loved camping and hiking in the mountains. Survivors include his wife, Bonny (Christensen '58) Nielsen; a son, three daughters, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Alice (Voetmann '53) Romer died July 16 at Dallas, Texas. She was 75. She retired from Thermalloy Industries after over 20 years in International Marketing. She was active in the Lutheran Church and taught Sunday School and sang in the choir for many years. Survivors include her husband, Howard Romer '52; a daughter; son, Philip Romer '78; three granddaughters, two brothers and a sister.

Clarice (Jensen '37) Aus of San Diego, Calif., died May 11. Survivors include a brother, Donald Jensen '50; niece, Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson; great-nephews, Paul Johnson '76 and Andy Johnson '83.

Ninna (Schultz '33) Engskow died September 11 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair. She was 97. She taught elementary school for many years. She helped her husband, Rev. Ben Engskow, in his ministries at parishes in Dannebrog, Ruskin, Geneva and Belgrade, Neb., and in rural Stewart, Minn., Indianapolis and Fresno, Calif. She recently had translated some of the Danish records for the Dannebrog church. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church

in Blair, the church circle and the church quilting group. She volunteered at Good Shepherd Home in Blair and also at the Danish Immigrant Archives at Dana College, where she translated Danish into English. Survivors include a son; a daughter, Becky (Engskow '68) Gnuse of Arlington; a sister, Inga (Schultz '36) Larsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends

Berneice Hopper, 87, of Weeping Water, Neb., died August 26 in Lincoln. Survivors include children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Verna "V.G." Johnson died Oct. 10 in Independence, Mo. She was the wife of former Dana history professor Dr. Niel Johnson, who taught at Dana from 1969 to 1975. V.G. taught in the Blair Public School system and directed the choir at the Congregational Church in Blair. The Johnsons are longtime supporters of Dana and have visited the college and Blair friends on a number of occasions since moving to Independence.

John Robert "Bob" Macholan, 84, of Blair died August 30. He was a 1992 recipient of the Dana College Community Service Award. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served on the USS Iowa during World War II. After his distinguished service in the Navy, he purchased a grocery store in Blair, which he named Mac's Food Center. He operated the store for 39 years. He served as a lay minister for St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, and was a member of the Memorial Community Hospital Board of Trustees, Lions Club, Rotary Club and the Blair Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife, Helen;

a daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elcar "E.A." Nielsen, 88, died July 16 in Kansas City. He worked in the lumber business in Kansas City for over 50 years starting with Badger Lumber, and as sales manager and vice president of Southwest Lumber Company, a division of R.L. Sweet Lumber, before starting a partnership called Lumber Products Sales Company in 1953. In 1960, he formed his own Wholesale Lumber Company, E.A. Nielsen Company. He was proud of his Danish heritage and was a member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge #56 and a former president of the Scandinavian Club of Greater Kansas City in 1971 and 1972. In 1978, he was appointed to be the Honorary Royal Danish Consulate by the Danish Foreign Ministry and Queen Margrethe II, and joined the Consular Corps of Greater Kansas City. He was bestowed the title of Knight of Dannebrog and later was honored with the next level of knighthood – Knight First Class of Dannebrog. He served on the Dana College Board of Regents and also served on the boards of directors of Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Swedish American Savings and Loan, and Farm and Home. Survivors include his wife, Norma; son, James M. Nielsen; daughter, Karen Nielsen; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Barbara Renander, wife of Warren Renander '66, died in February in Webster, Texas.

Frank Van Steenhoven, 87, died May 30 while snorkeling in a lagoon in Bora, Bora, near Tahiti. As a design lighting engineer, he had 18 patents. He was also a choir director, soloist and actor. Survivors include his son, Tom Van Steenhoven '73.

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