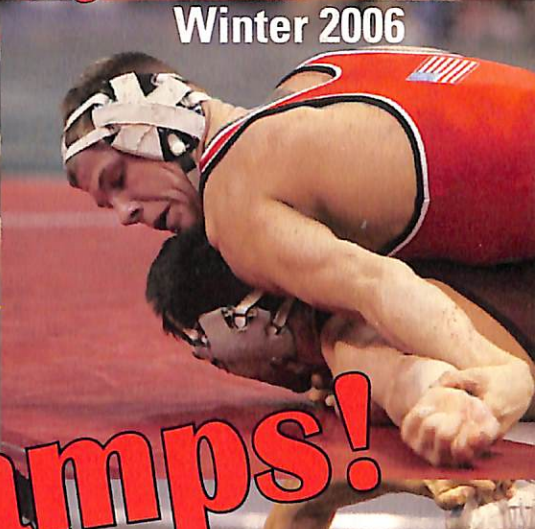
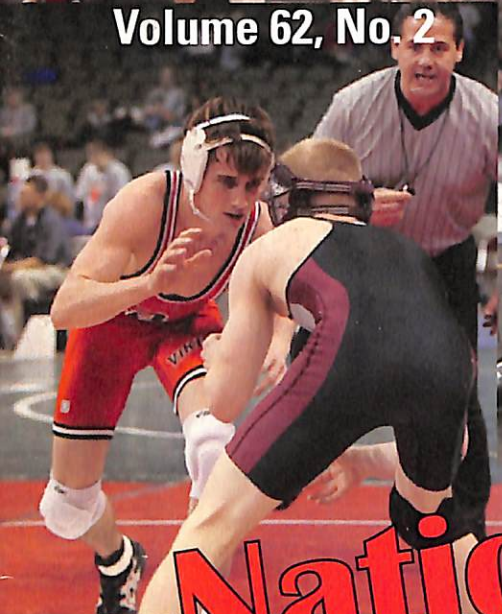


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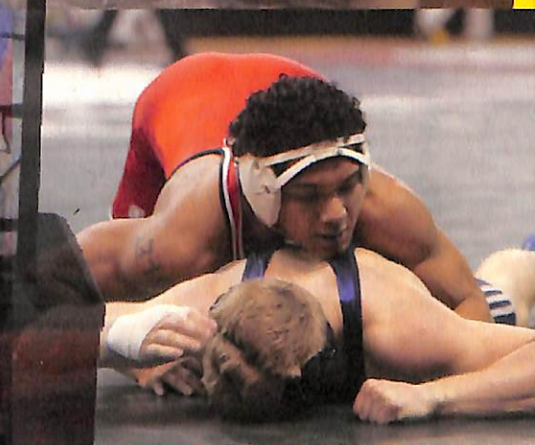
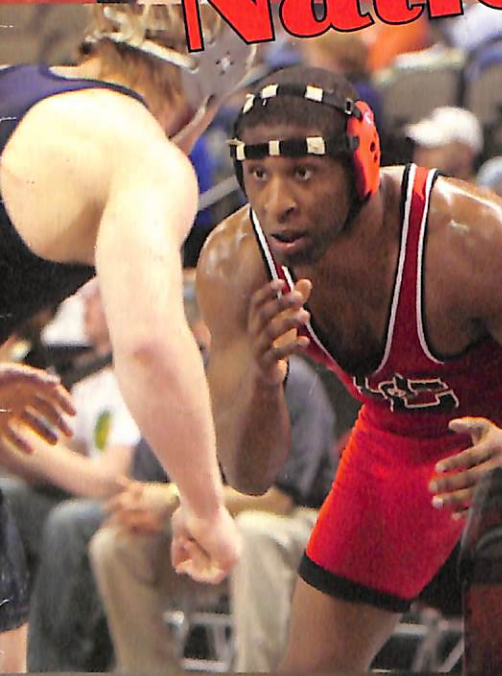
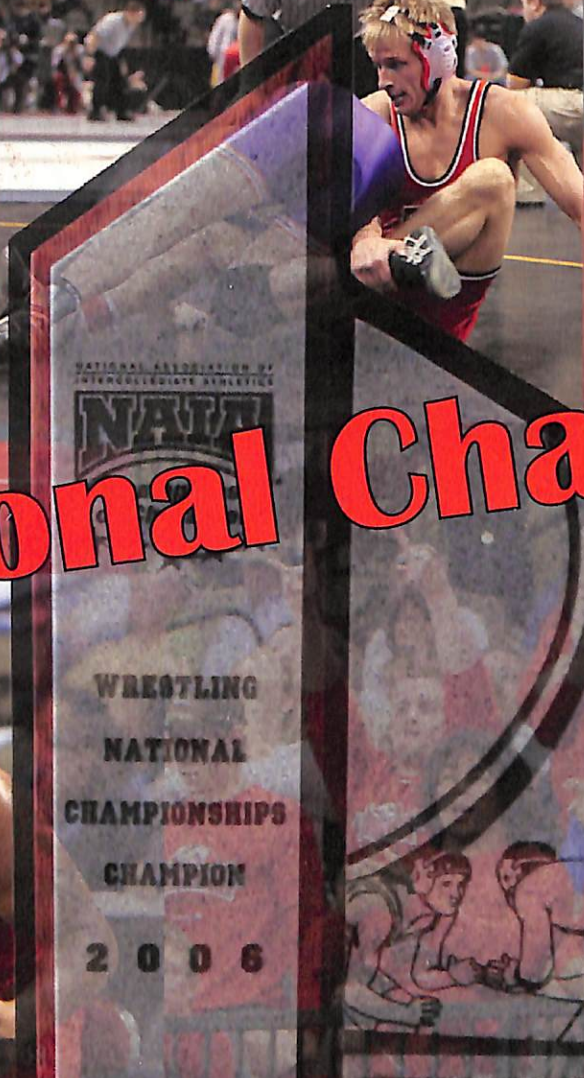
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Planning for Our Future

I am pleased to share with you the Strategic Planning process that is now underway at Dana College.

Dana College has a long history as a liberal arts college with a Danish Lutheran heritage, first, with the UELC Synod and now, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For the first years, Trinity Seminary (the predecessor of Dana College) prepared young men for the ministry. Now students enroll at Dana College not only to be teachers, social workers, business owners, or enter the ministry or graduate programs in medicine, pharmacy or nursing, but to continue in the activities that give value to our lives such as music, theater, faith-based groups, and athletics.

At critical junctures, an institution must take a long look at the academic and co-curricular programs that are offered, determining if the programs meet the needs of society and of prospective students. In February, Dana College launched a strategic planning process that will culminate in a five-year plan to position the college for a successful future.

In December 2005, in preparation for the planning, I sent the following message to the campus community:

"The situation today again finds us at a crossroads. As you know from the recent discussions, the financial pressures threaten our ability to pursue the mission of Dana College. If we are to honor the living faith of the founders and past leaders of Dana College, we must look critically at the present and devise a strategy with which we can proceed courageously into the future. Over the past 121 years, Dana College has been threatened several times by natural disaster, enrollment declines, and budgetary strains, in the early days to the extent that some months faculty did not receive paychecks. Dana has prevailed, lead by presidents such as Dr. Erland Nelson who served during the depression and Dr. Robert Morton who served during the years of WWII when enrollment dipped under 100 students. We must never lose the vision and tenacity of those who went before us.

"We must realistically define ourselves for today. Today's public does not necessarily share our belief in the value of small, residential liberal arts based colleges. Students have many options to consider and our ability to understand their needs and desires as well as how to engage their interest in Dana College will be key to our success. We cannot afford to simply change or modify a few programs or aspects of the campus. We must think about this process as transformational change, the type of change that alters the culture of the institution by changing select underlying assumptions and institutional behaviors, processes, and products, a process that is deep and pervasive, affecting the whole institution, is intentional and occurs over time.

Thus, the goals of the Strategic Planning process are not merely to examine financial considerations. The change agenda includes articulating the core

values, mission and vision and identifying external threats and opportunities. Both of these exercises will support decisions about types of students for Dana College and strong programs to meet the needs of enrolled students.

"The educational environment of today is not defined solely by the academic curriculum. There is a need to redefine what constitutes a learning opportunity and who facilitates student learning. No longer are faculty viewed as the only educators on campus. This responsibility has been extended to student affairs professionals. Valuable learning occurs not only in the classroom but outside as well, through service, programming in the residence halls, community engagement, internships, and co-curricular activities such as theater, music, clubs and athletics. And, learning is not solely about knowledge acquisition but must be used for engaging social issues and providing leadership in the communities in which we live and work.

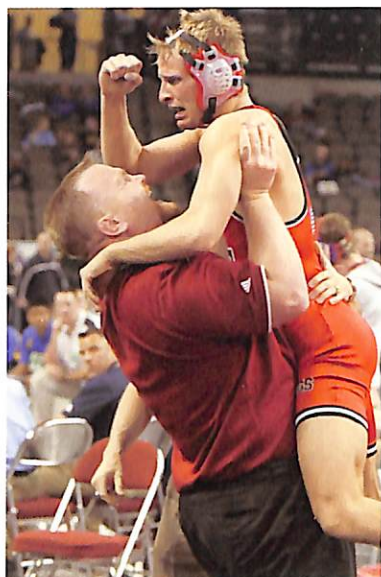
"Dana's founding ideals included a strong emphasis on spiritual life derived from its initial function as a seminary. The fourth president, Kristian Anker, has been described as the educator among the founding fathers, moving the college to a more traditional American Education pattern for 'our talented young people who desire an education that prepares them for various professional occupations'."

The overarching goal of this strategic planning process is to gain clarity of purpose for Dana College. Four task forces have been established and will deliver their reports to me by June 1, 2006. The findings in the reports will be used to determine the strategic directions for Dana College. The task forces will explore and define issues in the areas of Enrollment Management, Criteria for Evaluating Departments and Programs, and Utilization of Campus Resources. The umbrella task force, Core Values, Mission, and Vision, with representatives from each of the three task forces, will have the responsibility for shaping the mission based on the planning process.

The planning we do will be transformative for Dana College. Success encourages risk-taking on behalf of more ambitious goals. Deep change requires people to think differently. The task force membership of Regents, alumni, students, staff, and faculty will provide a rich arena for discussions that will shape the future of the College.

I look forward to reporting our progress in future issues of the *Dana Review*.

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Ship sails back to Dragon's Head

Part of the original décor has been revived as part of the newly remodeled Dragon's Head.

A Viking ship used to find its place between the booths of the Head in the Campus Center. The wooden artifact was discovered in storage while the remodeling project was underway this fall.

Student Body President Tyler Mohr asked senior art and history major Heidi Antonson of Ralston, Neb., to paint the ship.

The senior who "majors in history because I love it and art because I can do it" said she was intrigued by the project and set out researching traditional designs of Viking longboats. "I had to be historically accurate with the paint job," she said.

Some of the traditional designs were adorned with jewels in the center. These were combined with others for variety and Antonson made her own mark of "H" and "A" for the shields on either end.

The senior worked on the project in her parents' workshop over Christmas break and during



EYE OF THE DRAGON: Senior art and history major Heidi Antonson repainted an artifact from the original Dragon's Head decor for the newly remodeled space.

the weekends of Discovery Term.

"I think it looks really good in here," Antonson said. "But I put so much work into it, that I almost want to take it off the wall

and take it home."

Antonson's father, Ken, helped Heidi with some of the drilling and set the jewel in the eye of the dragon. He also donated the cost of the materials for the project.

The ship was Antonson's first three-dimensional project. "I kind of took it on because it was another medium that I haven't experienced."



MAY I CUT IN: Student Senators, facilities management staff and administration all participated in the ribbon-cutting for the newly remodeled Dragon's Head in February.

Dragon's H

A flurry of activity can now be seen in the previously rarely occupied Dragon's Head in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center on the Dana College campus.

A ribbon-cutting was held Feb. 10 for the newly remodeled area. Glass walls that separated the space from the rest of the student center are now gone. Carpeted floors, a fresh coat of paint, new tables and chairs and a stage area, combined with a big-screen television, welcome students into the area at all hours of the day.

Education Department receives accreditation

The Dana College Education Department, well-known in the area for producing quality teachers, has received another stamp of approval from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

NCATE is the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education. Professional accreditation is one way to ensure the public that schools of education are graduating well-qualified teachers ready for today's classrooms. Dana College's Education Department has been continuously accredited since 1963.

Dr. Diane Mann, assistant professor of education at Dana and NCATE coordinator, said preparing for the NCATE accreditation was difficult and exacting, but ultimately fulfilling. "We could not have done it without Kim Berg, our office manager and data analyst," she said. "Along with Kay Ferguson and Ellie Furst, the other members of the department, we estimated that we handled over 2000 pieces of evidence. It was worth it though when the chairman of the examining team complemented our dedication to our students and told us that she would be proud to have one of her children attend Dana College. The entire college, Blair community and outside area chipped in to help out with the visit. We are certainly grateful for all the help we received."

NCATE-accredited schools

must meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. Teacher candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they plan to teach as well as the skills necessary to convey it so that students learn.

The college must carefully assess this knowledge and skill to determine that candidates may graduate. The institution must have partnerships with schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary to help students learn. Candidates must be prepared to understand and work with diverse student populations. College faculty must model effective teaching practices and must have the resources, including information technology, necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards.

NCATE revises its standards every five years to incorporate best practice and research in order to ensure that the standards reflect a consensus about what is important in teacher preparation today. In the past decade, NCATE has moved from an accreditation system that focused on curriculum and what teacher candidates were offered, to a data-driven performance-based system dedicated to determining what candidates know and are able to do.

For more information about Dana College's teacher education program, visit www.dana.edu/education.



King, queen for a day

Seniors Amy Fullenkamp (Bellevue, Neb.) and Tyler Mohr (Ocheyedan, Iowa) were crowned Winterfest Queen and King at a formal dinner and dance in February. Other members of the court were Jackie Benson (Woodbine, Iowa), Chris Humphries (Columbus, Ga.), Brett LaForest (Jackson, Mo.), Mark Lantosh (Stanley, N.M.), Brynn Lastovica (LaVista, Neb.), Christina Ulmer (Menno, S.D.), Greg Wilmes (Creighton, Neb.), and Katrina Woldseth (Tacoma, Wash.). The royalty were chosen from the junior and senior classes by a vote of the entire student body.

Head has new look, role

Students have the option of eating lunch and dinner in the Dragon's Head and the grill is open additional evening hours.

The entire project was made possible as an initiative by Student Senate. The Senate polled students last spring, asking them to prioritize campus improvements. A place for students to gather and more meal options made the top of the list.

Using volunteer labor by students to paint and clean

and taking advantage of the expertise of Dana's own facilities management staff, the project was affordable.

Student Senate volunteered its rollover funds from the previous year combined with funding through the college.

"Nothing is impossible at Dana," Student Senate President Tyler Mohr told the students at the ribbon-cutting. "It just takes hard work and a little creativity."

ACTIVE COACHES: Help us update our records. Send your e-mail, where and what you are coaching to David Hoppe at dhoppe@dana.edu.

Slate of inaugural events scheduled

A committee of Dana College faculty, staff and community volunteers are busy finalizing the details of the inauguration of the college's 17th president, Dr. Janet S. Philipp, on April 28.

A number of activities are planned prior to the installation service on April 28 at 2 p.m.

The inauguration festivities will begin on April 27 at 5 p.m.

with a tree planting in honor of the new president.

On April 28, the day starts with an inaugural prayer service at 8 a.m. in Trinity Chapel in the Durham Center and continues with an academic symposium by University of Virginia professor Dr. Mark Edmundson.

The installation ceremony will be an exciting event with participation from the entire

campus community. The Dana College Concert Band and Dana College Chorale will perform as part of the ceremony.

Following the event, a reception will be held in Borup Coliseum where all guests will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Philipp.

Dr. Philipp began her tenure at Dana College in July 2005. Prior to this position, she served

for five years as the liberal arts dean and campus executive officer at the University of Wisconsin-Rock County campus.

She also previously held positions at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, as vice president for academic affairs and professor of nursing education.

She and her husband, Frank, have two grown children, Michael and Laura.

Academic symposium to focus on reading, liberal arts

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) at Dana College, the inauguration committee sought a symposium speaker who embodied the liberal arts and the importance of reading.

They found just the candidate in Dr. Mark Edmundson, NEH/Daniels Family Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Virginia.

His latest book, "Why Read?" argues that literature and reading "is the major cultural source of vital options for those who find that their lives fall short of their highest hopes," and that "the purpose of a liberal arts education is to give people an enhanced opportunity to decide how they should live their lives."

Edmundson says, "I'll be trying to tell people what a true liberal arts education is and why it matters. I'll be talking about generating live options and growing wise by encountering what Matthew Arnold called 'the best that has been known and thought.'"

Edmundson has written for



WHY READ? Mark Edmundson will examine the importance of reading and a liberal arts education at the academic symposium as part of the inauguration ceremonies on April 28.

the New Republic, the New York Times Magazine, The Nation and Harper's, where he is a contributing editor.

His symposium begins at 10 a.m. on April 28 in the Gardner-Hawks Center. The public is welcome to attend.

INAUGURAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Inaugural Tree Planting in honor of Dr. Philipp

5 p.m. — The Oval

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Inaugural Prayer Service

8 a.m. — Trinity Chapel, Margre Henningson Durham Center

Academic Symposium by Mark Edmundson

10 a.m. — Gardner-Hawks Center

Lunch

11:30 a.m. — Dining Hall, E.C. Hunt Campus Center

Lunch is available through the cafeteria line for \$5 per person, payable at the door. Please call Jill Clark, 402-426-7200, if you plan to eat lunch.

Inauguration Ceremony

2 p.m. — Gardner-Hawks Center
Reception immediately following in Cooperman Atrium and Borup Coliseum

"Return of the Forbidden Planet" — Musical

7:30 p.m. — Lauritzen Theatre, Madsen Fine Arts Center

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

For more information and a complete schedule of inaugural events, visit www.dana.edu/inauguration



FAIRY TALE: A touring theater troupe from Odense, Denmark gave a special performance at Dana College this fall.

Hans Christian Andersen celebrates 200th birthday

A touring theater troupe from Denmark was on stage at Dana College for a special performance in October.

The performance was part of the world-wide celebration of the 200th birthday of Denmark's most-renowned storyteller, Hans Christian Andersen. "The Hans Christian Andersen Parade" came directly from Andersen's hometown of Odense, Denmark.

The cast of 25 actors, ranging in age from 10-19, presented scenes from such

well-known tales as "The Ugly Duckling," "The Little Match Girl," and "The Emperor's New Clothes."

The Hans Christian Andersen Parade performs more than 250 times each year in Denmark. This is their first United States tour.

The group stayed with host families in Blair during their visit and also had a special performance at the Blair Public Schools.

Dana College was a national sponsor for the tour.

UELC reunion planned

"Mission in the 21st Century" is the theme for the 2006 UELC Reunion at Dana June 9-11.

The United Evangelical Lutheran Church was a church organized by Danish immigrants, grounded in a personal commitment to Jesus and a mission call to take the message of Jesus to others in their new land and to the ends of the earth.

The 2006 UELC Reunion will build on these themes by looking at contemporary world Christianity and the new perspectives of Christ's mission today.

Speakers include Rev. Arata Miyamoto, pastor of the Japan

Evangelical Lutheran Church; Lay Pastor Ivo John Mouto, leader of the Sudanese congregation at Grace Lutheran Church in Omaha; Dr. Janet Philipp, president of Dana College; Rev. Dr. Mark W. Thomsen D '53 T '56, visiting professor in missions at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; and Rev. Dr. Maria Erling, associate professor in history of Christianity in North American and global mission at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Registration is \$30 per person plus meals. Contact Julie Rohlfing '70 at 402-426-7235.

Jewish conference to be held

Diana Brown, associate professor of French and Spanish, is organizing a conference at Dana College next fall in collaboration with the Jewish Center and Creighton University.

The keynote speaker for "A Frail Sense of Freedom: Greece and the Holocaust" will be poet Margalit Matitiah from Israel. Brown has a long history with Matitiah. Brown has worked with the Israeli poet for the last 12 years studying and translating the Judeo-Spanish language and researching the history of the Holocaust.

The conference will begin at Dana on Oct. 26. It will continue at the Jewish Center in Oma-

ha on Oct. 29 and at Creighton University on Oct. 30. Brown will also be a presenter for the conference.

Brown's research has become a passion for her. "I just cannot put it aside. I need to know more. I need to know more. I need to know more," she said.

A literary journal, "Artesanias Literarias," from Israel recently published an article about Brown's research on Matitiah. The article also contains a short historical aspect of the Jews in Greece from 1492 up to the Holocaust, and the involvement of the Greek citizens during the Second World War to rescue the Jews.

Nine students commissioned as peer ministers in new program at Dana

Nine students were commissioned as peer ministers at Dana College during chapel services this spring.

Peer Ministry is about students ministering to 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, as well as spiritual needs. Students can be peer ministers only after they have received training from a certified youth and peer ministry trainer.

The new Peer Ministers are: Jenna Bierma (Sutherland, Neb.), Kendra Chapin (Council Bluffs, Iowa), Evan Engel (Pocahontas, Iowa), Manda Haas (Omaha, Neb.), Chris Humphries (Columbus, Ga.), Thomas Jackson (Champaign, Ill.), Kendra John-

son (Cedar Falls, Iowa), Brynn Lastovica (LaVista, Neb.), and Erin Sanders (Omaha, Neb.).

"These individuals will be a great asset to campus ministry and student life on campus as a whole," said Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor.

Joeckel to explore community outreach

Dr. Kate Joeckel, assistant professor of communication, was appointed Community Outreach Coordinator. Her new responsibilities include assessing and facilitating partnership opportunities between Dana College and area businesses.



Joeckel

“The Blair and the Washington County community are of critical importance to the success of Dana College,” said President Janet Philipp in making the announcement.

“This region is an important source of students and many businesses provide goods and services needed by the College. The purpose of the Dana College and Blair/Washington County outreach coordinator

position is to create new linkages and service between Dana College and businesses in the area.”

“I accepted this new responsibility because I agree with President Philipp that strong connections with the community are vital to Dana’s future,” Joeckel said. “These connections are beneficial to both Dana and the greater Blair area.

“Dana benefits through internship and other experiential learning opportunities, networking for our students, and increased community engagement by faculty and students. The community benefits by access to campus resources, such as faculty expertise and student interns.”

Dana receives \$75,000 grant

Dana College recently received a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans designed to spur immediate and deferred financial gifts.

Dana College will use its \$75,000 for the D.A.N.A. Plan. This plan encourages donors to discover passions, assess resources, name partners to help develop a plan and act on the plan.

Also receiving grants were the Nebraska Synod and Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. All three serving arms will be working with Lutheran Planned Giving Services as they help their constituents express their passions for ministry through

their estate plans. The grants are all part of Thrivent Financial’s \$4.9 million Charitable Gifting Initiative.

“We strongly believe that these gifts will help the Synod and agencies establish a stronger foundation for its work,” said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial senior vice president of charitable outreach. “As people learn how to improve their resource management, we believe they will increasingly become motivated to support all Nebraska Synod congregations and agencies through charitable gifting options. The entire community will benefit from this initiative.”



World travels

Several Dana College alumni were members of Professor Jim Olsen’s 2006 Discovery Term travel program to Paris, Prague and Vienna. Shown with Olsen ‘62 (front) are, from left, Ginny (Lippincott ‘51) Beck, Joan (Petersen ‘56) Krogh, Kaye (Beune ‘78) MacDonald, Marion “Marnie” (Hansen ‘53) Larsen, John Beck D’50 T’55, Nona (Kastl ‘50) Christensen, Verlan Hanson ‘51, Helga (Jessen ‘51) Hanson and Arne Jessen ‘54. The picture was taken at the Schoennbrunn Palace in Vienna.

In January 2007, Olsen’s Discovery Term course will be “The Legacies of Egypt.” Alumni who are interested in participating in this 14-16 day trip may contact Olsen at 402-426-7206 or jolsen@dana.edu.

Students assist in hurricane relief

The destruction of Hurricane Katrina is thousands of miles away from quiet Blair, Neb., but that hasn’t stopped Dana College students from giving up their breaks to serve those in need.

Over Fall Break, eight members of Dana’s Campus Crusade for Christ headed south to volunteer their time in the hurricane-ravaged city of Pass Christian, Miss., about an hour from New Orleans.

Five Dana students joined a troupe from Midland Lutheran College to travel to Biloxi, Miss.,

to help with the hurricane relief for two weeks during Discovery Term.

Forty-four more Dana students returned to the hurricane-ravaged region over Spring Break.

“It was kind of hard to come back to our comfortable little Dana when there’s so much to be done there,” said Dana sophomore Heather Kahnk of Arlington, Neb. “It just puts things in perspective. You still have your family. You still have your friends. You still have your home.”

Campus Digest

News about the Dana Community

Three professors earned promotion and/or tenure as approved by the Board of Regents at their winter meeting. **Dr. Susan Udey** (business) was promoted to full professor. **Dr. Kate Joeckel** (communication) received tenure. **Dr. Lisa Schreiber** (communication) also received tenure and was promoted to assistant professor.

Dana College freshman **Thomas Gjere** of Omaha was cast as a teenage trial witness in the L.A. Theatre Works Radio Theatre production of "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial." The semistaged production was presented Feb. 3 and 4 at the Orpheum Theater in Omaha.

The final weeks of the fall semester were busy ones for music department students and faculty. Music majors **Joy Augustine**, **Jenna Gray**, and **Lindsay Van Horn** performed Christmas selections at the Washington County Historical Society open house on Dec. 11 in Fort Calhoun. **Dr. Peggy Holloway** was a guest soprano soloist in a presentation of Handel's "Messiah" at the Immanuel Village Chapel on Dec. 10. **Dr. Holloway** and pianist **Clare Cowing** presented a program at the annual dinner of the Norden Club of Lincoln. Each year, the dinner theme represents the traditions of one of the representative Scandinavian countries. The dinner this year was a Danish smorgasbord. The musical program included songs by Edvard Grieg with poetry by Hans Christian Andersen, and Danish Christmas carols drawn from Dana's Santa Lucia repertoire. Clare Cowing also provided piano "dinner music."

A special worship service in commemoration of the life and

work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King was held Jan. 12 in Trinity Chapel. The guest speaker was A'Jamal Rashad Byndon from Omaha, senior director of public policy for Catholic Charities. He is also an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at UNO.

Congratulations to Dana College junior **Breanne Chamberlain** and Conference and Special Events Coordinator **Lori Strohm** for their second place award in the Blair Sugar Plum Festival Holiday Window Decorating Contest in the Most Creative category.

Prof. Vern Wirka was interviewed Dec. 6 by the Canadian Broadcast Corporation on the subject of ventriloquism. The live telephone interview aired on the CBC network of radio stations. A brief history of the art was discussed along with an introductory explanation of creating the illusion of making a puppet come alive through ventriloquism.

Dr. Janet Philipp, Dana College president, attended a meeting of the Commission on Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness in late October. The American Council on Education (ACE), a Washington D.C.-based organization for college and university presidents that lobbies for higher education policies and funding, convenes an advisory body of 45 presidents twice a year to review new activities and modify and strengthen existing programs.

Chuck Conlee, assistant director of computer services, recently passed his fourth and final Amateur Radio Extra Exam. Other Dana Amateur Radio operators include **Vern Wirka** and **Frank Philipp**.

Dr. Sybille Bartels, professor of German, attended the fall workshop of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of German (NATG) held in Lincoln, Nov. 4. Bartels serves as Vice President and President-elect of the Nebraska chapter.

Dr. John Lyden and **Rev. Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi** attended the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Philadelphia from Nov. 19-22. Dr. Lyden moderated a discussion on the "Left Behind" novels and films, in connection with the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group.

Johan Windmuller, assistant director of admissions, had his article "From the Farm to the Faculty: The Educational Odyssey of Paulus Falck," published in "The Bridge" volume 28, number 2 (2005). Falck was a former Elk Horn College and Dana College student who later served on the faculty here in the early 1920s. He was also the basketball coach.

Dr. Peggy Holloway, assistant professor of music, presented a lecture recital entitled "Down on the Bayou: Where the French 'Romance' Meets the American Parlor Song" at the annual meeting of the College Music Society in Quebec City, Canada.

Eleven members of the Dana College Chapter of CMENC (College Music Educators National Convention) attended the Nebraska Music Educators Association Convention in Lincoln on Nov. 17-18. Senior **Thomas Brandon** of Logan, Iowa, was selected by competition to represent Dana College in a showcase recital. **Dr. William Hall**, associate professor of music, also attended the Nebraska Music Educa-

tors Association Professional Inservice Conference in Lincoln where he served as a clinician for the Student Conducting Symposium.

John Schraut, associate director of admissions, co-presented with Debbie Rogers from Nebraska Wesleyan University on Student Admissions Telecounseling Programs at the Annual Nebraska Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference on Nov. 10 in Kearney.

Prof. Richard Potter, social work, was the luncheon speaker for the Eastern Region meeting of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers on Oct. 13. His presentation was entitled "Managing Ethical Dilemmas."

Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion, was quoted in the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times on Oct. 26 concerning the release of the "Left Behind" movie.

Starla Stensaas, Art Department, was awarded an honorable mention for her interactive Net Art piece "Out of the Trees in Hundreds." The piece was accepted for inclusion in the online juried exhibition, Virtual Fields: The Digital Landscape, which includes the work of 19 international artists and 22 American artists.

Dr. Claire Bushong's article, "Music at Dana College", appeared in the October issue of Grace Notes, the newsletter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. The article is part of an ongoing series highlighting the music programs of Lutheran colleges.

Building Character



Launched by the NAIA in 2000, the Champions of Character program is designed to promote character development in youth and change the culture of sport. The program currently reaches hundreds of thousands of students on nearly 300 college and university campuses in North America and extends into their surrounding communities.

The NAIA Champions of Character program is an educational outreach initiative which emphasizes the tenets of character and integrity, not only for NAIA college students, but for younger students, coaches and parents in our communities.

Coaches, parents, administrators and community partners all have a role in developing students of character.

So many times the purpose and value of athletics is forgotten or misplaced. The Champions of Character initiative seeks to revive the

true spirit of the game.

Dana College embraces the Champions of Character initiative and is recognized by the NAIA as a Champion of Character institution. Over the past few years, Dana has participated in several projects to promote the initiative and the five core values of Responsibility, Respect, Servant Leadership, Integrity and Sportsmanship.

Team community service projects, academic grade checks, and regular Champion of Character honors are just part of the Athletic Department's efforts to support and adhere to Champions of Character standards.

On the following pages you will see each of the core values explained and read stories about the Champions of Character at Dana College.

Those associated with sport show respect by treating themselves, other persons, institutions and their sport according to the highest standards of conduct. It implies civilized and gracious behavior to players, coaches, fans and parents.

“On Sunday I saw Tyler carrying out some trash bags to the dumpster. I was curious to what he was doing and asked. He told me he was helping out the housekeeping crew by eliminating a lot of the weekend trash.”

“Last week in the cafeteria, a group of four or five students, for whatever reason, decided to leave their table a mess with their trays, plates, cups, napkins, etc. for Food Service to clean up. Tony quietly got up, collected all of the mess and carried a mountain of dishes over to the dish line without saying anything about it to anyone. I commend him for showing maturity and respect.”

“At a recent Dana College soccer game, Ryan was approached by the visiting team’s bus driver. The

driver asked if there was a place within walking distance to get something to eat. Ryan told the man there is nothing close and then offered to drive him downtown to pick up some food. Thank you, Ryan, for going out of your way to treat Dana College guests with hospitality.”

The Champions of Character program also means being the best athlete you can be. Respecting the game and your opponents means working hard so that you can perform to the best of your ability during a contest like Dana basketball athlete, Jason Isaacson.

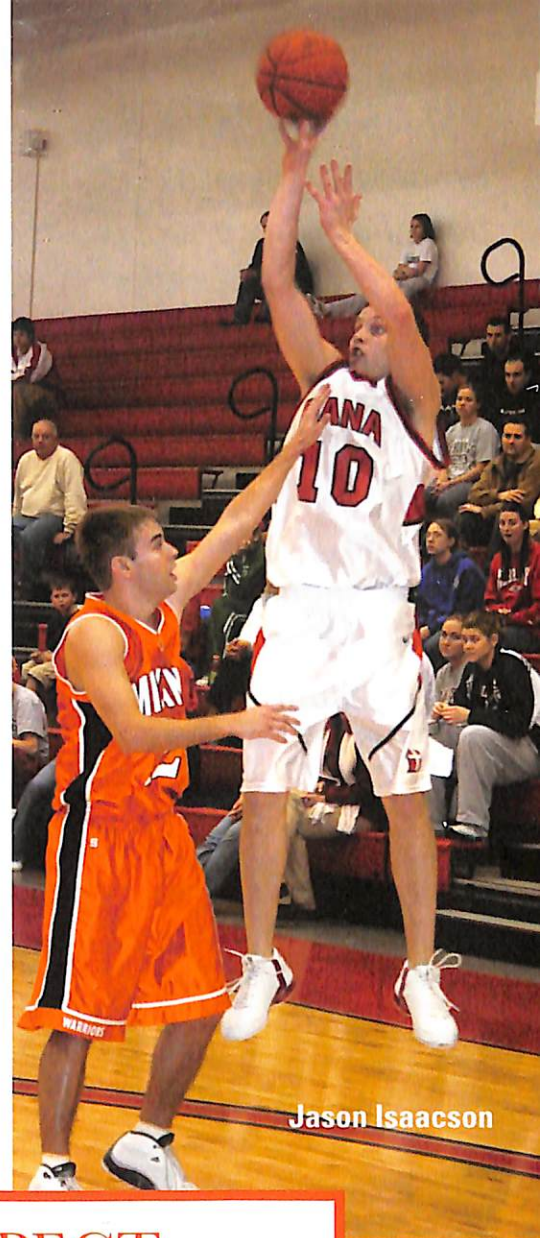
In just two seasons at Dana, Isaacson (Council Bluffs, Iowa) scored 1382 points.

Isaacson averaged 25.1 points per game in 2006, making him one of the leading scorers in the NAIA and the leader of the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Through 100 years of men’s basketball at Dana College no one has scored more points in a single game. Isaacson scored a school record 48 points against Morningside on Jan. 21.

He also is the best free-throw shooter Dana has ever seen. He put up a .869 career free throw percentage.

Isaacson says his secret to shooting is “repetition.” He shoots hundreds of shots each day. But he contributes his success to his teammates and God for giving him the opportunities.



Jason Isaacson

How an athlete shows RESPECT:

◆ Teachable Spirit

- can take correction as a compliment
- consistently seeking new information
- eager to learn

◆ Work Habits

- can subject yourself to hard, productive work
- commit to continuous improvement
- commit to a particular course of action

◆ Attentiveness

- listening, concentration and fine focus
- without this, there is no improvement
- demonstrates respect for coaches and teammates

◆ Confidence

- quiet inner feeling based on preparation, not arrogance
- relaxed aggressiveness
- confidence builder

◆ Pride

- shared joy of the inner circle
- does not require or expect special treatment
- sense of dignity
- valuing the work and accomplishments of the team



Athletes show responsibility by making academic progress toward graduation their top priority. They solve problems rather than make excuses, and are reliable team players. Students should be accountable for their actions and decisions, and coaches and administrators should maintain high standards of competence and conduct.

Last year 27 Vikings were recognized as NAIA Scholar Athletes—the most in school history. Balancing academics and athletics requires a tremendous amount of effort from student-athletes. Dana College strives to provide a supportive environment where students can make things happen in all areas of their lives.

Dana College Athletic Director, Jim Krueger '85, attributed the success to the coaches. "This is an excellent tribute to Dana coaches as well. Our coaches conscientiously recruit top-quality student-athletes and then help them continue to succeed in the college environment."

So far Dana has 20 NAIA Scholar Athletes this year. Surpassing last year's record is likely.

Academically there is a friendly competition amongst our coaches to see which program has the highest team GPA. We were very pleased to see several programs with a team GPA above a 3.0.

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

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

"Academics must come first. I expect the girls to work as hard in the classroom as they do on the field. Athletics compliments academics by teaching work ethic. A student's work ethic carries over into every aspect of

life."

Dana College's men's basketball team led the nation with five All-America Scholar Athletes in 2005.

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

Dana wrestling also recognized the most NAIA scholar Athletes in the nation. Four of the 15 wrestlers who earned the award were Dana student-athletes.

Coaches keep track of students' progress through grade checks each semester. Student-athletes are given an "Academic Grade Check" form and instructions on how to approach their professors. Each professor is asked to report on absences, current grade, and include additional comments if necessary. Professors are encouraged to contact coaches personally if they have serious concerns about a particular student. In addition, most every program has some form of study hall on a weekly basis.

How an athlete shows RESPONSIBILITY:

◆ Academic Progress

- makes academic progress toward graduation top priority
- assumes responsibility for academic effort
- maintains academic eligibility
- covers all responsibilities for any classes missed due to travel

◆ Accountability

- to accept responsibility for outcomes
- problem solver, not an excuse maker
- look to yourself first when

improvement is needed

◆ Consistency

- reliability
- can be counted on by self and teammates

◆ Discipline

- discipline and love are two sides of the same coin
- accept and embrace discipline for the benefit of the team
- self control on and off the court
- focused attention and effort

◆ Competitive

- controlled determination to work within the rules of the game to be successful
- able to make a quick recovery from mistakes or misfortune

◆ Mental Toughness

- inner strength to be able to control emotional responses and concentrate on what has to be done in pressure situations
- use emotion and energy to make yourself tougher, not to give your opponents strength
- nothing can happen that will break your spirit, you stay enthusiastic, confident and positive

◆ Determination

- the ability to start your own engine
- quick recovery from mistakes - perseveres
- shows initiative
- stay with your obligations and promises

responsibility

For student competitors and their coaches, integrity means keeping commitments and conducting honest behavior. Coaches must subscribe to and practice the Coaches Code and Code of Ethics, and student-athletes must know and understand the Champions of Character Student-Athlete Pledge.

"I asked Tyler if he would tutor a high school student in Calculus. He agreed instantly and worked out

a schedule. Then he decided he didn't need to be paid since he was already tutoring at that time. I've never known Tyler to turn down an opportunity to help his fellow students or the college."

"Everyone knows Tyler. He is one of the most involved students on our campus—student government, as an RA, athletics, and campus ministry just to name a few. Being involved though is not what makes him a champion of character, it's the impact he makes in each of those areas that defines his character."

"Tyler is an exceptional young man. He is one of the hardest workers in the basketball program and pushes the other players to improve. But he does so many other things on campus as well. He is deeply involved in student ministries as well as serving as a member of the Student Senate. His leadership has helped to benefit many of his peers on campus. All the while, he does a fantastic job in the classroom with a demanding workload."

The dictionary defines integrity as "steadfast adherence to a strict ethical code." Those employed to keep fair statistics must have

integrity. They must be knowledgeable and committed to fairness because the athletes' careers and the school's reputation is at their fingertips. Dana College statistician Cody Huebert is just such a person.

"Cody works behind the scenes, taking the stats for Dana's athletic events. He is a champion of character because he excels at what he does and always goes the extra mile to be correct and fair."

"He shows great respect for the athletes by the care and thoroughness of his work. He always represents Dana in a professional manner at events and when working with visiting athletes, coaches and officials."

"Cody takes great pride in his position. He studies the rules of each sport and knows how to handle even the most unusual game situation. He practices the scoring software to ensure he can keep up with the pace of the game."

"Cody strives for perfection in taking accurate and fair statistics which shows his commitment to the true spirit of the game."

The Student-Athlete Pledge states:

Each game and practice I participate in will provide me with an opportunity to be a Champion of Character.

I pledge, as an NAIA student-athlete, to accept the five core character values of the NAIA and will do my best to represent the NAIA, my institution, my teammates, and myself by: respecting my opponent, the officials, my teammates, my coach, myself and the game; taking responsibility for my actions in all areas of my life; having the integrity to stand by my word; providing servant leadership where I serve others while striving to be a personal and team leader; and being an example of sportsmanship by holding myself to the highest standards of fair play.



Cody Huebert

How an athlete shows INTEGRITY:

- ◆ **Integrity**
 - purity of intent
 - truthful, honorable and genuine
 - being worthy of respect



Students demonstrating servant leadership have a primary purpose of serving others while striving to become a personal and team leader. The servant-leader provides a critical service to society and the great gift of good example.

"After the storms Monday night, a group of students went outside to enjoy the mud. When they came back to Holling, there was quite a muddy mess in the lobby, up the stairs and down the hallways. Brad took it upon himself to clean up after this group, even mopping the floor. This is a true measure of the type of person that Brad is. He is a very mature and respectful young man."

Shoulder surgery may have kept Marisa out of fall softball, but it didn't keep her from playing a vital role on her team.

"Marisa has been a huge asset to the coaching staff by helping our freshmen learn the ropes and leading by example," said Head Softball Coach Marcy Roff.

Marisa continued to work hard despite her injury. She put in extra time conditioning. She did not miss a practice or game. She coached first base when needed and volunteered her time in the training room.

"I was walking to the Campus Center when my attention was drawn toward Mitch and his roommate, Luke. They were walking up to Holling Hall. Luke was struggling up the mountain of stairs because of

his crutches due to knee surgery. Suddenly they both stopped, Mitch grabbed the crutches and Luke jumped onto Mitch's back. Mitch trudged up the stairs carrying his injured friend."

Letter sent to Dana Athletic Director:

"My son plays on Dordt's basketball team. Last Saturday while we were at the game at Dana, my father had a nose bleed, which we had trouble getting under control.

While we were in the bathroom, a young man, I am assuming a student at Dana, offered to help in any way he could.

He brought towels and a chair to sit on and offered to get Dana's trainer. The trainer was a young lady who helped us. Their kindness and care was very genuine and well beyond what I might have expected from a total stranger. I wish that I had asked their names, so that I could personally thank them.

If you know who these two young people are, please extend my thanks and sincere gratitude for their willingness to help and the kindness they showed to us."



Marisa Bretschneider

"The other day in the weight room, most of the machines were being used by the Special Olympics athletes. One of the athletes was trying to pull down too much weight on a machine and Trent stepped behind him and secretly assisted him in lifting. He thought that he lifted it himself and was so excited. Then Trent helped him get the right amount of weight on the machine so he could really lift.

Trent also helped someone else who could not figure out the treadmill. He unplugged it and plugged it back in and pushed a lot of buttons until they finally figured out it didn't work. I think that he might have helped

other people with their lifting more that he actually lifted himself."

Dana teams perform several community service projects throughout the year. Some of the projects include: the Memorial Community Hospital's annual fundraiser rummage sale where Dana football, men's basketball and wrestling teams move more than 9,000 boxes of items to set up the sale and then move them again to take it down.

One team volunteered for highway garbage pick up and another sorted clothes at Joseph's Coat thrift store.

Dana women's soccer and golf teams rang bells for the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign.

Football athletes helped clean up the Optimist Club's annual fish fry. The softball team taught a mini softball clinic for disabled youth at an Easter Seals camp.

Student athletes also assisted with on-campus athletic events by setting up, taking down and picking up trash, hosting officials, and keeping score. Students annually help set up, clean up and drive shuttle vans for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas and other campus events.

Several team assisted with student move-in day by unloading vehicles and hauling items up residence hall stairs.

Dana cross country runners devoted their summer to constructing a new addition to the trail system in Blair. Over 100 hours of labor were logged by team members on the south side of campus. Chain saws, weed eaters, shovels and tillers were just a few of the tools that the runners used to open up the path. The new trail (located in the woods directly behind the lower competition soccer field) which is nearly a half-mile in length, includes two bridges and a wood-chipped section. Many Blair citizens have enjoyed use of the trail since its completion in August. It also serves as a section of the college's cross country course.

How an athlete shows **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**:

◆ **Selflessness - Teamwork**

- the ability to put the team ahead of yourself in every decision
- accept and fulfill a role

◆ **Enthusiasm**

- love of the game
- share it with teammates
- bring it everyday



SPORTSMANSHIP

The conduct of educational sports according to the highest standards is our expectation for sportsmanship. Administrators, coaches, students, fans and parents are expected to act correctly even when others do not, and demonstrate fairness and equity in all contests and relationships.

During a men's soccer game this past season, the head referee commented about Kevin's play and sportsmanship.

"It is rare today to find a male athlete who has very good skill and is not arrogant about it. He is a great example of how a player should be humble," the official said.

Goalkeeper Melissa Respeliers was nominated as a "champion of character" by the opposing team's fans at a women's soccer game last year.

In an important match-up of GPAC No. 2 Dana versus No. 3 Nebraska Wesleyan, the Nebraska Wesleyan fans remarked on Melissa's play even as she kept their team from scoring.

Throughout the game, Nebraska Wesleyan fans cheered her.

"Dana's goalie is really good."

"This goalie is smart and she works hard."

"I love this goalie!"

After the game ended, Melissa took a lone run across the field. On their feet, the entire crowd cheered and applauded her.

Not only did Melissa play an outstanding game athletically, but she also demonstrated her character to people she had never met. Her example defines a Champion of Character.

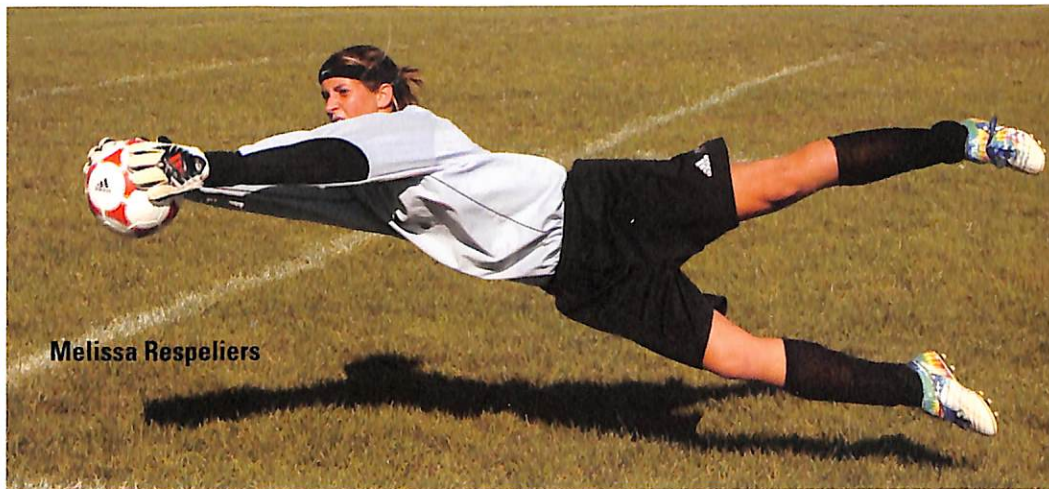
Melissa showed her integrity and respect for the game by giving everything she had on each play. Mel faced 30 shots and had 16 saves in the game.

Her leadership abilities were apparent by the way she encouraged and directed her teammates from her vantage point as goalie.

She demonstrated sportsmanship in the way she handled a disappointing and controversial end to the game.



Kevin Lorkovic



Melissa Respeliers

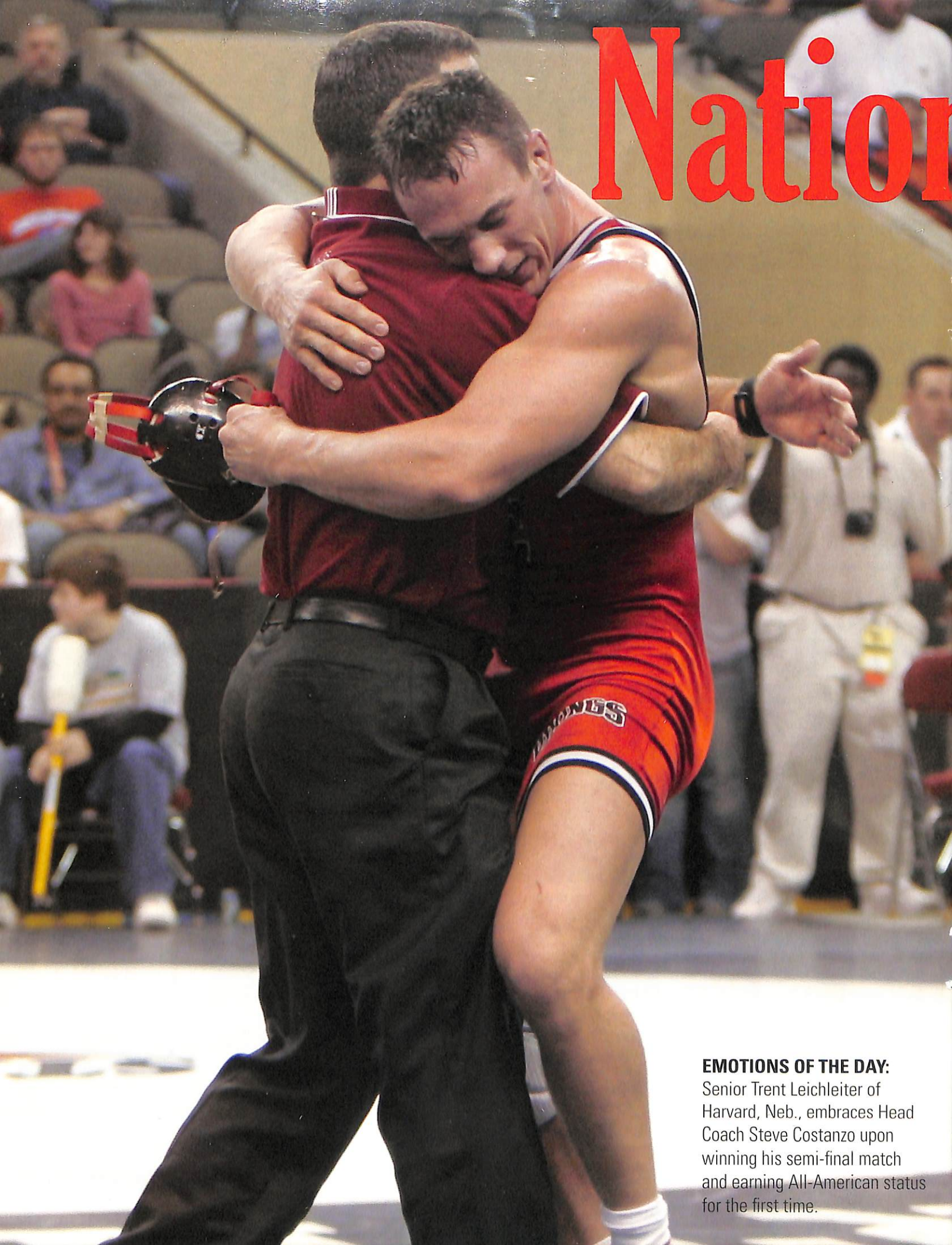
How an athlete shows SPORTSMANSHIP:

◆ Sportsmanship

- respect for the rules and the game
- respect for and accepting the judgment of others
- respect for your opponents as guests
- reacting correctly even when others do not

sportsmanship

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EMOTIONS OF THE DAY:

Senior Trent Leichleiter of Harvard, Neb., embraces Head Coach Steve Costanzo upon winning his semi-final match and earning All-American status for the first time.

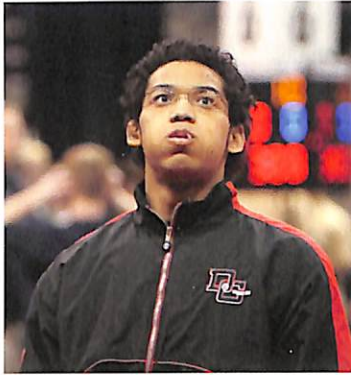
nal Champions!

Dana College has the best wrestling team in the nation. The Vikings won the 2006 NAIA National Wrestling Tournament March 3-4 in Sioux City, Iowa. All twelve Dana wrestlers placed in the tournament, giving Dana 12 All-Americans and an NAIA tournament record 193 team points. Lindenwood (Mo.) was the runner-up with 164 points.

The national championship is the first-ever NAIA team championship for any Dana College team.

Two Vikings also claimed individual titles. Jimmy Rollins (133, Woodbury, N.J.) won the national title over Kyle Jahn of McKendree College by injury default. Willie Parks (Garden Grove, Calif.) defeated Rick Story of Southern Oregon 16-8 for the national championship at 184 pounds. They are the first-ever Dana College individual wrestling national champions.

Parks was honored with the NWCA-NAIA Outstanding Wrestler-of-the-Year award.



HERE WE GO: Ben Henderson of Federal Way, Wash., takes a deep breath before the day's competition begins.

Dana Head Coach Steve Costanzo was named 2006 NAIA Wrestling Coach of the Year after an incredible season in which he recruited the No. 1 non-Division I recruiting class in the nation, then coached the team to the NWCA National Duals championship, a school-record 17 dual wins, and the NAIA National Championship.

Anthony Haukenberry (Buckley, Wash.) was the national runner-up at 149 pounds. Brad Cooper of the University of the Cumberland defeated Haukenberry in the finals 3-2.

A strong start in the tournament gave Dana the edge. Dana won all but 2 of their first 15 matches to put 10 of 12 wrestlers in the championship bracket.

Scott Taylor's (Arapahoe, Neb.) mild upset in the 157-pound quarterfinal jumpstarted the Vikings during Friday night's second session. With that victory, Taylor, a senior

and returning national-qualifier, achieved All-American status for the first time. He finished fourth in the tournament.

Just like Taylor, Trent Leichleiter (Harvard, Neb.) was a senior and returning national qualifier. Leichleiter's 165-pound quarterfinal match began just as Taylor's match ended. Hyped from Taylor's victory, a sea of nearly 250 red-clothed Dana fans cheered "Trent, Trent, Trent" as Leichleiter pulled out a one-point escape in overtime to win the match. Leichleiter fell to his knees then jumped up and hugged Costanzo in celebration. He had earned the title "All-American" for the first time. He would go on to place fourth in the tournament.

By the end of day one, seven Vikings remained undefeated; none were eliminated.

Burke Barnes (Lake Stevens, Wash.) scored two falls on his way to third place at 125 pounds.

Terrence Almond (Pelham, Ga.) lost to Gordo Villaescusa of Embry Riddle 11-10 in the final seconds of the third place match to earn a fourth place finish.

Dana's other placers were: Craig Trampe (125 Ord, Neb.) 7th; Jason Lozier (141 Omaha, Neb.) 6th; Ben Henderson (Federal Way, Wash.) 5th; Marshall Marquardt (174 Altoona, Iowa) 7th; and Blair Alderman (197 Spokane, Wash.) 4th.

"The best part for me was having 12 All-Americans," Costanzo said. "It wouldn't have mattered if we won the championship after that. Seeing

those guys place who have missed it by just a match before, having everyone place...that's what brought tears to my eyes."

Four named Scholar Athletes

Four members of Dana College's 2006 NAIA National Championship wrestling team were honored as NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes. Only 14 NAIA wrestlers received the award. No school in the nation had more scholar wrestlers than Dana College.

Dana's 2006 NAIA All-America Scholar Wrestlers are:

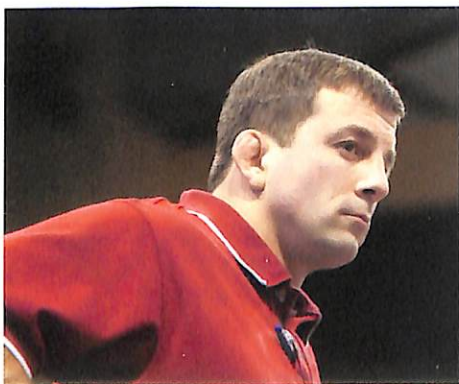
Scott Taylor, a fifth year senior from Arapahoe, Neb., who will graduate this May with a degree in Biology & Psychology.

He is an All-American wrestler and placed 4th in the 2006 national tournament.

Trent Leichleiter is a fifth year senior from Harvard, Neb. He is an All-American wrestler and placed 4th in the 2006 national tournament. Leichleiter will graduate this May with a degree in Elementary Education.

Marshall Marquardt is a fifth year senior from Altoona, Iowa. He is an All-American wrestler and placed 7th in the 2006 national tournament. Marquardt will graduate this May with a degree in Organizational Communication.

Webster Farris is a junior from Nebraska City, Neb. He is a two-time national qualifier for the Vikings and is studying Biology at Dana College.



LEADER OF THE PACK: Dana Head Coach Steve Costanzo, in his sixth year leading the Vikings, was named NAIA Wrestling Coach of the Year.

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WRESTLING

The 2006 Dana College wrestling team made huge strides this season by recruiting the No. 1 Non-Division I recruiting class in the country, breaking the school record for most dual wins in a season, and earning the No. 1 ranking in the NAIA poll prior to winning the team national championship in March (see pages 16-17).

Dana College wrestling also claimed another national championship earlier in the season at the NWCA Cliff Keen National Duals in January. With a capacity crowd of more than 8,000 spectators, Dana defeated the #6 ranked Cumberlands 22-13.

Dana finished the season with a 17-1-1 dual record.

In the Great Plains Athletic Conference tournament the Vikings dominated, winning their fourth straight conference title. Dana lost only one match in the entire tournament and crowned five champions and six co-champions.

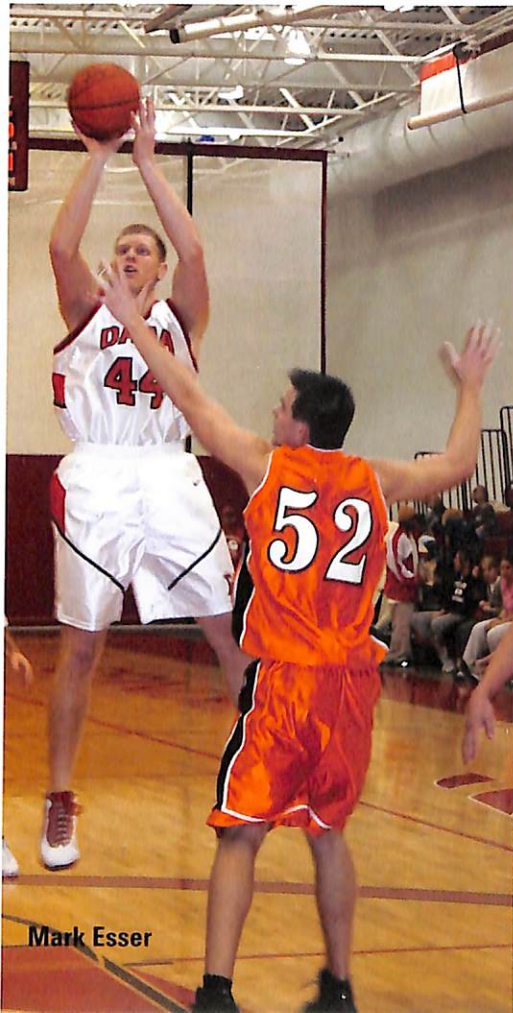
Five Vikings won individual titles as Dana claimed its fourth Regional Championship.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Mark Esser (Woodbine, Iowa) was voted GPAC Defensive Player of the Year. Esser and teammate Jason Isaacson (Council Bluffs, Iowa) were both named to the first team. Rob Cox (Hawley, Minn.) received honorable mention.

In four years at Dana College, Esser scored 1153 points and grabbed 613 rebounds. He holds the Dana record for career blocked shots at 206.

Isaacson scored 1382 points and dished out 210 assists in his two-year career. He set school records for points in a single game (48 points against Morningside), career scoring average



Mark Esser

(21.94 ppg), career free throw percentage (86.9%), free throws in a season (227) and points in a season (803).

The Dana men finished the season with a record of 7-11 in

the GPAC and 14-18 overall.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2005-06 was the Vikings' most successful season in ten years with a record of 10-20 overall.

Dana's Amy Nichol (Des Moines, Iowa) was named second team all-GPAC women's basketball. Nichol, a sophomore guard for Dana, led the Vikings with 348 points, 78 assists and 90 steals this season.

Teammates Jen Endres (Lincoln, Neb.) and Felicia Ellis (Jolley, Iowa) received honorable mention.

With no seniors and just one junior, the 2005-06 Dana College women's basketball team is still young and Coach Brenda Mechels continues to connect with high school coaches and pull in talented recruits.

SOFTBALL

Dana softball was picked No. 2 in the GPAC pre-season poll and No. 4 in Region III.

Head Coach Marcy Roff says, "Our returners are smarter and understand the game better than they did a year ago. With the addition of our newcomers, we think we will be tougher up the middle and behind the plate. Offensively, we can crack out the short game or allow the team to just hit."

Returners include two-time all-conference selection Marisa Bretschneider (Norfolk, Neb.), 2005 All-Region Josie Bar-

row (Woodward, Iowa), and first basemen Sarah Sempek (Omaha, Neb.), also a two-time all-conference selection.

Top newcomers include pitcher Mindy Schoop (Johnston, Iowa), catcher Morgan Shields (Britt, Iowa) and shortstop Heather Parsons (Ottumwa, Iowa).

"This team has the potential to beat anyone in the conference. We have to play to our best every game, because our opponents will give us their best. As long as we stay healthy and come together as a whole, this team could be something pretty special," said Roff.

BASEBALL

Dana Baseball received four first place votes and was picked third in the 2006 GPAC pre-season poll.

Coach Chad Gorman says "Our expectations are high for the 2006 season. This is one of the best recruiting classes during my time here. We will be better in the field and on the mound than in years past. These kids have worked their butts off in the classroom and on the field. They are just as hungry as I am to win. The sky is the limit for these kids."

Viking Baseball is hosting a summer Legion baseball tournament June 21-25 in honor of Jim and Rae Taylor. "The Taylor family has done so much for Dana College and for our baseball team over the years," Gorman said.

Paul Peterson Field has undergone some renovations recently. A new 1600 square foot deck goes around the back stop and two new foul poles are



Javon Bell

up. "We couldn't have done it without some key people in the community and the baseball team thanks you for your help," Gorman said.

FOOTBALL

Dana football finished the 2005 season 5-6 overall and tied for sixth place in the GPAC. This is the highest finish for Dana football since the GPAC was formed in 2000 and the most wins for Dana College since 1995.

Javon Bell (Miami, Fla.) and Rick Lebeda (Omaha, Neb.) were named first team All-GPAC.

Four Vikings were selected to the second team all-GPAC: Matt Neesen (Omaha, Neb.), Jeremy Havener (Clarinda, Iowa), Kurt Ferguson (Omaha, Neb.) and Mitch Bowhay (Bellevue, Neb.).

Twelve Dana football athletes received Honorable Mention all-conference: Nick Harms (Omaha, Neb.), Terry Zitkovich (Honolulu, Hawaii), Clay Salberg (Gretna, Neb.), Chris Reinke (Omaha, Neb.), Mike Buchanan (Omaha, Neb.), Shaun O'Connell (Omaha,

Neb.), Tom Lensch (David City, Neb.), Marcus Sladek (Omaha, Neb.), Dan Irwin (Bellevue, Neb.), Shawn Roll (Gretna, Neb.), Greg Wilmes (Creighton, Neb.), and Trevor Ketelsen (Omaha, Neb.).

Bell also received honorable mention All-American as a wide receiver. Bell led Dana and the GPAC with 80 catches for 1112 yards in 2005 and claimed two Dana College school records-most catches in a season and most receiving yards in a season. Bell's average of 101.1 receiving yards/game was the third highest in the NAIA.

Bell was also named to the third team All-American by NAIAfootball.net.

Five members of the 2005 Dana College football team earned recognition as an NAIA Scholar Athletes: Aaron McClun (Louisville, Neb.), Kyle Peterson (Blair, Neb.), Joe Stump (Grand Island, Neb.), John Synowicki (Ft. Calhoun, Neb.) and Greg Wilmes (Creighton, Neb.).

Defensive Coordinator Allen Friesen was honored as the NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year at the National Football Coaches Association's annual convention. This is the first time the prestigious award has been given to a coach in the GPAC.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Dana men finished the season with an 11-8 mark and qualified for the conference tournament for the first time in three seasons. During the season the team received the program's first-ever regional ranking. Dana men's soccer was ranked as high as No. 3 in Region III in 2005.

Dana College sophomore Lance Barton (Salt Lake City, Utah) received honorable mention All-American as a de-

fender. Barton also garnered second team all-GPAC honors, first team All-Region and was named the GPAC defensive player of the week during the season.

Five Dana College Viking men's soccer players earned all-conference honors. Shane Thomason (Payette, Idaho) and Barton were named first team all-GPAC. Corbin Lukasiewicz (Omaha, Neb.), Mike Bradley (Denison, Iowa), and Devin Herrin (South Jordan, Utah) received honorable mention.

The Dana College men's and women's soccer teams were recognized for their successes in the classroom by earning The National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award.

In order to earn the team academic award, a team must post a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Dana College was the only institution in the GPAC and in the area to achieve this honor.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Vikings finished their season 8-7-2 overall and 1-9-1 in conference play.

Dana midfielder Shannon Glanz (Council Bluffs, Iowa) was selected second team all-conference. Caslyn Zuniga (Omaha, Neb.), Kara Fox (Omaha, Neb.), Amy Fullenkamp (Bellevue, Neb.), Jenna Talero (Lincoln, Neb.), and Danielle Mendoza (Council Bluffs, Iowa) received honorable mention.

Three Dana College women's soccer players were named NAIA Scholar Athletes. Seniors Fullenkamp, Julia Peterson (Omaha, Neb.) and Jennifer Thede (Denison, Iowa) each earned a GPA of 3.5 or better. All three women received the honor last season as well.

GOLF

Karla Harshbarger (Bridgeport, Neb.) and Brooke McCabe (Plainview, Neb.) were selected to the 2005 all-conference team

in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. Both women are sophomores and made the all-GPAC team last season as well.

"This is quite an honor because the GPAC has a lot of very talented golfers," said Coach Warren Kuhl.

The Dana College women's golf team finished sixth at the GPAC meet in October. Harshbarger finished 12th and McCabe tied for 13th in the individual standings.

VOLLEYBALL

Mariana Naldi (Livingston, Calif.) was selected to the 2005 Second Team All-GPAC team. Naldi, a middle blocker for the Vikings, hit 383 kills this season for an overall attack percentage of .237. She also had 43 aces serves and 102 total blocks.

Juniors Michelle Jankovits (Culbertson, Neb.) and Darcy Gross (Earling, Iowa) received honorable mention.

Dana finished the season with an overall record of 17-18.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Dana women's team finished 15th at the regional meet in November.

Despite season-best performances in the Region III meet, junior John Kaup (Grand Island, Neb.) was the only Viking runner to qualify for the national meet.

Kaup showed dramatic improvement from his national performance a year ago by placing 86th at the 2005 NAIA National Cross Country Meet. Kaup's time of 26:04 was the second fastest of his career.

Kaup and senior Dru McMillan (Gillette, Wyo.) were honored as NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes. To be eligible for the award, individuals must be a junior or senior, possess a 3.5 G.P.A., and run a qualifying time.

A Very Brief History of...



by Ann (Harms '54) George

Plans for the tree-planting in the spring of 1960 started simply enough, although there was an international component from the beginning.

Three Lutheran synods with Danish, German and Norwegian backgrounds would merge in April to form The American Lutheran Church.

Wanting to symbolize the merger of the Danish synod that founded and supported Dana College and Trinity Seminary with the German synod and to recognize the growing number of students of German descent, Norman C. Bansen '47, at that time an associate professor of English and Danish, wrote to West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt in March with a proposal. Bansen suggested that the city send linden trees to Dana for its own Unter den Linden. (With the division of Berlin at the end of World War II, Unter den Linden, the city's famous boulevard, was now in East Berlin, in the shadow of the Brandenburg Gate.)

Soon after Bansen sent his letter, according to a note titled "How It Happened..." in the program for the tree-planting, "... word was

received that 24 Linden trees were being sent to the College 'as a greeting from West Berlin and a symbol of the friendship existing between Germany and the United States.'"

With this news, college administrators announced that the tree-planting would take place on May 22 and that Dana's Unter den Linden would border a large segment of the future Campus Oval, from Old Main to beyond Mickelsen Hall, then under construction. (Old Main, which was destroyed by fire in 1988, stood adjacent to the present Korshoj Terrace.)

In early May the U.S. Air Force flew the trees to Washington, D.C., and then to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha. Offutt personnel delivered them to Dana.

The May 5 issue of *The Hermes*, the campus newspaper, in reporting the expected delivery of the trees within a few days, noted that the Pentagon had become involved in planning the ceremony.

That month Cold War tensions escalated when, on May 1, the U.S.S.R. shot down an American U-2 spy plane and captured its pilot, Gary Powers. Then on May 16

Soviet furor over the spy plane caused the Paris Summit Conference between President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Khrushchev to collapse.

In recounting the tree-planting and these events in his centennial history of Dana and Trinity Seminary, *A Place Called Dana*, Peter L. Petersen '61 writes, "... what started as a plan to commemorate quietly the merger of the three church bodies by planting on campus some trees native to Germany soon mushroomed into an international event publicized worldwide via the United States Information Agency, Radio Free Europe, and the Voice of America. . . . Suddenly the gift of two dozen trees from the mayor of West Berlin to a small liberal arts college in Nebraska took on a new meaning."

As a consequence of this Cold War chill, it's probably seldom that trees have been planted with so much ceremony.

The Offutt band played as the crowd, estimated at 1,000, gathered that Sunday afternoon southeast of Old Main. Phil Pagel '56, director of public relations, was master of ceremonies. Two groups from Offutt opened the program, with a color guard presenting the flags of the U.S., Germany, Denmark and the United Nations, and the band playing the national anthems of the three countries. The Rev. Raymond Meyer, representing the Central District of the new synod, The American Lutheran Church, gave the invocation, and Dana President C.C. Madsen D'31 T'34, gave the welcome.

Carl von Mutius of the West German Embassy in Washington, D.C., brought greetings and read a cablegram (the text is in the June 1960 alumni quarterly) from Mayor Brandt, in which Brandt said, "The Berliners will always be grateful for the tremendous help and protection the American people have granted to the city of Berlin."

There were additional greetings from Frederik Behr of the U.S. State Department, Brig. General James Knapp of the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, U.S. Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska and Mayor Don Schettler of Blair.

(Colonel Robert Hemphill '40, the official

Unter den Linden

A few facts about lindens —

The plant inspection entry permit issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., for the German lindens identifies the trees as *Tilia cordata*. The popular name for *Tilia cordata* is littleleaf linden. Other popular varieties in this country include the American linden, also known as basswood and whitewood, and the silver linden.

In North America the trees are generally called linden, and in Britain, lime. (There's no relationship, however, to the citrus with the same name; both names are derived from the Germanic root, *lind*.)

Lindens, which are recommended as ideal shade trees, can grow to heights of

50 to 80 feet. As they mature their shape changes from pyramidal to rounded.

Although their flowers aren't showy, they're highly fragrant, and tea from the dried flowers is equally fragrant. The flowers are also used in perfumes and soaps. Linden honey is prized — in fact, in some regions lindens are called bee trees.

The soft, even-grained wood of the linden has been used by sculptors and woodcarvers over the centuries.

Outdoor life in many small European villages once centered around an ancient linden, Poland and Greece have regarded lindens as sacred, and the linden is a national tree of Latvia.



INTERNATIONAL EVENT: An estimated crowd of 1,000 gathered for the dedication ceremony for the Linden trees from Germany in 1960. In "A Place Called Dana," Peter L. Petersen '61 writes, "... what started as a plan to commemorate quietly the merger of the three church bodies by planting on campus some trees native to Germany soon mushroomed into an international event publicized worldwide via the United States Information Agency, Radio Free Europe, and the Voice of America. ... Suddenly the gift of two dozen trees from the mayor of West Berlin to a small liberal arts college in Nebraska took on a new meaning."

Air Force escort from the Pentagon, was one of eight additional platform guests.)

The Dana Choir, under the direction of Dr. Paul Neve '41, sang Neve's composition, "Peace," which he had earlier set to the poem "Peace" by Henry Vaughan, a 17th century English poet.

U.S. Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska gave the main address (his text is also in the June 1960 alumni quarterly). "The unity of our meeting today, gathering to our midst friends from abroad, under the auspices of a noble, Christian institution of learning," he said, "so pointedly reminds us that men of good will, men of deep faith have, throughout all history, faced the future with confidence."

Then two of the lindens were planted by Bansen, von Mutius, President Madsen, Behr and Senators Hruska and Curtis. The crowd dispersed after singing "Hail Dana."

Within a few days hundreds of newspapers in this country and Europe, including those in Berlin, carried articles about the ceremony, and a recording of the program was broadcast over 247 Radio Free Europe stations.

That's not quite the end of the story, how-

ever. An article in the May 5, 1961, *Hermes* is headlined "'Unter den Linden' Emerges after Year of Campus Exile." In what might be considered an anticlimax, but a necessary one, the two lindens planted at that impressive ceremony were removed, and, with the remaining 22 saplings, planted in a nursery so that landscaping could be completed over the summer for this new area of the expanding campus. With the arrival of spring the next year, the trees were planted. Forty-five years later, 15 of them remain and are thriving.

What happened to the other nine? Phil Pagel recalls that several arrived from Berlin in very poor condition, were planted in the nursery but didn't survive; when the E.C. Hunt Campus Center was built, two were transplanted to the front of the "Mengers House" on College Drive – used at the time as a residence for women students – and one of those has survived; and one tree was damaged by the Old Main fire and had to be removed.

Lindens can live to be hundreds of years old, however, and perhaps several of Dana's remaining 15 will someday be venerated for their longevity.

Are there trees from Denmark and Norway, too?

Five beech trees from Odense, where Hans Christian Andersen was born, were planted at Dana in 1955, the sesquicentennial of his birth. When the three synods merged, therefore, there were already trees on campus representing Denmark. (Prof. Norman Bansen, an avid gardener, obtained the beeches as well as the German lindens. He also obtained the gas street lamps from Copenhagen that border the campus terrace.)

Evergreens were imported from Norway, but unfortunately they haven't survived Nebraska's hot summers.

Nebraska weather has been a challenge for the beeches, too. Several were replaced within a few years, and of the three that eventually remained, one was downed a few years ago by a wind-storm. The remaining two stand on the south side of College Drive near the northeast corner of the Durham Center.

Chorale continues 10-year tradition as part of Cathedral Arts Project

The awe of singing in one of the largest cathedrals in the United States has become tradition for the Dana College Chorale.

The Chorale is celebrating its 10th season as a part of the Cathedral Arts Project at St. Cecelia's Cathedral in Omaha.

This year's performance is slated for April 23 at 3 p.m. The cathedral is located at 701 North 40th Street in Omaha. The concert is free and open to the public.

St. Cecelia's sits atop one of the highest hills in Omaha and can be seen for miles around. The massive structure is a site both inside and out, measuring 255 feet long, 158 feet wide and 222 feet high. The architectural style of the building is Spanish Renaissance Revival and it was consecrated in 1959.

As promotional material from the Cathedral Arts Project states: "For the past two decades, the Cathedral Arts Project has been bringing residents of the Midwest some of the best in the visual and musical arts all under the roof of one of the most unique and spiritual structures in the Midwest."

The Cathedral Arts Project brings in such world-renowned groups as Dave Brubeck, the Vienna Boys Choir and Grammy award winning Chanticleer.

Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music at Dana and director of the Chorale, is excited to be a part of the tradition.

"It's really magical. It really gives the students a whole dif-



SACRED SPACE: The Dana College Chorale has performed in the awe-inspiring St. Cecelia's Cathedral in Omaha for the past 10 years. This year's performance is slated for April 23.

ferent experience," he said. "You sing a song in the Neve Room over and over and then you do it in that space and it's 'Wow!'"

The Chorale first had the opportunity to perform in the Cathedral in 1995 in conjunction with three other groups, the Clarion Chamber Chorale, Central High School and the Omaha Public Schools Mini-Singers. The four ensembles performed individually and then came together for a performance of "Crying for a Dream," a choral piece written by Rene Clausen of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

The executive director of the Cathedral Arts Project, having heard the Dana College Chorale,

invited the group to be a part of the Cathedral Arts Project the following year and they have been doing it ever since.

"It is a great experience," said Dana senior Chorale member Christina Ulmer of Menno, S.D., "because of the way the acoustics just keep going. You cut off and then you hear that sharp cut off come back at you again."

The St. Cecelia's performance

also gives the Dana College Music Department the opportunity to showcase its faculty. "It is a wonderful way for Dana College faculty to appear in the Omaha area," Palmer said.

This year's featured performer will be Dr. Peggy Holloway. Holloway has been an assistant professor of music at Dana since 2004. She also was an adjunct faculty member at Dana in the 1990s.

The Chorale's performance will be recorded and played as a delayed broadcast on KIOS, Omaha's public radio station at 91.5 FM.

"It's another way for the name of Dana College to be heard in the marketplace," Palmer said.



Peggy Holloway



Benefit for Dana Theater raises more than \$900

What started out as a potential alumni concert has turned into a benefit for the Dana College Theater Department featuring semi-professional performers from the Omaha area.

Beth King, a 1998 graduate of Dana College and assistant director of admissions, approached Dr. Paul Schneider, director of theater, with the idea of an alumni concert for fun. Schneider suggested it become a fundraiser to raise money for a new lighting board for the theater.

"Since it was going to be a benefit concert, I wanted really high quality

performers," King said.

King approached a couple of her friends from her days at Dana, Terra (Keiser '96) and Tim Marsden '97, and the idea took off. She added the talents of frequent Dana theater director Brandon Higdeman and Angela Jenson, whose parents both graduated from Dana, and the cast was set.

Also added to the performance credits were a number of stars from the current Dana stage: Nick Albrecht, Sara Andrews, Joy Augustine, Thomas Gjere, Jenna Gray and Lindsay Van Horn, all of Omaha; Joe Blackstad of Andover, Minn.;

and Kirk Schjodt of Blair.

The event featured traditional Broadway numbers from such classic shows as "Phantom of the Opera," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Chicago" and "Hairspray" as well as songs from newer shows such as "Wicked," a musical retelling the story of the *Wizard of Oz* through the eyes of the Wicked Witch of the West.

"An Evening of Broadway" included more than music. Choreography, costumes and staging were also part of the mix.

"An Evening of Broadway" raised more than \$900 for the Dana College Theater.

Visit Europe in 2007

President Janet and Frank Philipp invite alumni and friends of Dana College to join them in touring northern Europe in May/June 2007.

Professor Jim Olsen will lead the 10-14 day tour which includes points

between Paris and Copenhagen. The trip will be highlighted by a performance of the Dana College Chorale, who will also be in northern Europe on its 2007 tour.

For more information or to express interest in the trip, please contact tour leader Olsen at 402-426-7206 or jolsen@dana.edu.

Students provide "Music and More" during Lent

A group of Dana College students, coordinated by Clare Cowing, are providing the gifts of music and worship leadership to area churches.

"Music and More" offers vocal and instrumental solos or small ensembles, children's sermons, lesson readers and/or a Sunday School opening for area churches' worship services, meetings and retreats.

"Music and More" was introduced for the Lenten season but will continue throughout the school year.

"Music and More" provides a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and Dana College," said Cowing. "We are excited for this program to continue to grow and reach out to more congregations."

Dana *Donor* Profile

“Joy comes from what in our lives surpasses time...”

Ada Jeppesen is a retired English teacher. The native Minnesotan is quick to offer whatever she can — a friendly conversation, a monetary gift, a return to the classroom.

Although Ada never attended Dana College, her ties to the college are many. Her late husband, Paul, graduated from Dana in 1950. Paul’s father attended Dana and Trinity Seminary. Her cousins Luella and John W. Nielsen not only attended Dana, but also taught at the small college for decades.

“I saw the qualities in the lives of all of these people — and they were good people to know,” Ada said. “They really reflected the liberal arts emphasis of Dana.”

In 1991, Ada and Paul established the Paul and Ada Jeppesen Scholarship upon selling Ada’s childhood home in Minnesota.

Paul wrote the following about Dana College several years ago: “Both Ada and I feel what Dana stands for has enriched our lives and the lives of our relatives and close, lifelong friends. We want that enrichment to be a part of the lives of many students to come as they spend a very meaningful part of their lives here.”

A scholarship surpasses time. The money given today is invested and can be given to Dana students for decades to come. The education a student receives from Dana College will continue to benefit the graduate, their family and their community for a lifetime and the lifetimes of those they touch.

Dana College is also part of Ada’s will, as is Bethany Lutheran in Mankato, Minn.

PAUL JEPPESEN Ord, Nebraska

Jeppe, this year’s editor and last year’s associate editor of the HERMES, was a member of L. S. A., Language club, and A. S. F. and was vice-president of his sophomore class. With a major in mathematics and minors in economics and English, he plans to do graduate work in the field of economics. Who’s Who.



This fall, Ada found another way to give of herself which surpasses time. She found herself on the faculty at Dana, teaching the final five weeks of a freshman-level Writing Workshop course.

Ada taught high school English in California for 40 years, retiring in 1984. She moved to Blair in October

ON CAMPUS: Paul Jeppesen looked back on his four years at Dana as “the best of his life,” according to his wife, Ada.

Paul and Ada Jeppesen



BACK IN THE CLASSROOM: Ada Jeppesen found herself teaching after 22 years of retirement. Her students included Sonny Silva (Kimberly, Idaho), Ryan Tuzon (Wailuku, Hawaii) and Nichole Syverson (Elkhorn, Neb.)

2004 following the death of her husband. She is a frequent visitor to campus, occasionally helping in the Danish Immigrant Archive.

It was during one of those archive visits that Ada’s giving to Dana took a different turn. Her cousin, Tom Nielsen, director of the library, was aware of the need for someone to complete the semester in one of the English courses and asked Ada if she was interested.

By that afternoon, Ada found herself in front of the classroom teaching composition to 15 college freshmen. “I walked in on two canes. I wondered what they must have thought,” she said.

The students, most who needed a little extra help in English, perhaps were surprised on that first day, but did connect with their new teacher. The skills they learned in those few weeks will impact their remaining years at Dana.

“I guess I had some yearning to be back in the classroom,” Ada said. “It was completely exhausting, but also exhilarating.”

“The checks are easy to write,” she said. “In this way, I feel that I gave a little bit of gift of self.”

2005 Memorials and Honoraria

Gifts were given to Dana College in 2005 in memory of the following people:

Jo Ann Alsey	Rex Grossert	Michael Mathiesen	Gilbert Ragan
Betty Andersen	Atlef & Agnes Hansen	Ardis (Gramps '51) Mengers	Steve Refsell
Doris Andersen '50	Helen (Olsen '47) Hansen	Paul Mengers '50	Floyd Rohe
Ernest Andersen	Rubena (Jorgensen '39) Hansen	Carl & Cathrine Miller	Ellen (Hansen '45) Schooley
Helen Andersen	V. Marion Hanson	Floyd Miller	Beth Schultz
Norman Bansen '47	Gary Hussey	Nis Mommsen	John Schultz T'45
Hazel Bjerstrand	Allen L. Jenny '67	Bill Morris	Einer & Else Solevad
Dagmar Bligh	Janice (Nygaard '50) Jensen	H. Skov Nielsen	Harold Sonderup
Mervin Bro	Roland Jensen	Homer Nielsen '41	Severin Sorensen '34
J. Margaret (Christensen '42) Cantine	Stan & Virginia Jensen	Ione (Christensen '40) Nielsen	Eloise (Morris '38) Sperati
Elton Carper	Roger Johnsen '67	James A. Nielsen '53	Harold Stadsvold
Dora Coffey	Michael E. Johnson '95	Luella Nielsen '42	Janet (Anderson '54) Svendsen
Harold Cooperman	Kai Kastrup	Betty (Jensen '51) Nygaard	Dagny (Nielsen '33) Swanson
Larry Wayne Cox	Diane Kreutzfeldt	Marie Olesen	Dolliver D. Thogerson D'35 T'38
Vera (Nielsen '47) Currier	Mastrogiacomio	Etlar Olsen '38	Beverly (Hill '50) Thomas
Norma Jean Dettmer	Dorothy Anna Larsen '53	Rufus Olson	Harry Tostenson
Stanley Erlandsen '63	Karen Larsen	Paul Panum '67	Ed Waggoner
Ruth (Petersen '46) Falksen	Catharine "Penny" Lindsey	Dora (Nelson '36) Paulsen	J. Cyrus Warmanen '66
Marian R. Gilbert	Kirsten Lubkeman	S. Harold Paulsen	Gloria (Paulsen '71) Weinman
Carl S. & Jennie Gjerloff	Lenora Madsen	Adolf Petersen D'32 T'35	Chris F. Young '40
Dagmar (Olson '30) Goll	Leonard K. Madsen	Marie (Larsen '34) Petersen	
Edith Grabe	Mac Martin	Clara Quist	

The following people were noted in honoraria given to Dana in 2005:

Bill '69 & Betsy (Buck '69) Anderson
Archive Volunteers
Bob '52 & Erna (Petersen '51) Berthelsen
Karen (Jensen '60) Capel
Herluf Christensen
Myrv '61 & Anne Christopherson
Trine Feuerborn
Norman D'54 T'58 & Esther Freund
Eddie Goering – 95th Birthday
Lois Gurney – 83rd Birthday
Thomas Hansen
Phil '49 & Florence Larsen
Lloyd D'45 T'47 & Muriel Neve
John W. Nielsen D'47 T'53 – 80th Birthday
John W. D'47 T'53 & Elizabeth (Solevad '49) Nielsen
Phil Pagel '56
Janet Philipp
Catherine Goldie Reed – Birth
Karl & Anjanette Rist
Robert Shaff '73
Delmar & Phyllis Wiemers

Former professor, Trevanian, dies

Novelist Rod Whitaker, who taught speech and drama at Dana from 1963-66, died on December 14, 2005, in England. He was 74.

Whitaker wrote international bestsellers using pseudonyms, the best known of which is "Trevanian." As Trevanian he wrote *The Eiger Sanction* (he was also a screenwriter for the film, with the credits listing his own name), *Shibumi*, *The Loo Sanction*, *The Main*, *The Summer of Katya*, *Death Dance* and *Incident at Twenty-Mile*. His most recent Trevanian novel, *The Crazy Ladies of Pearl Street*, is considered autobiographical.

For many years Trevanian's identity was a much-speculated upon mystery, although Dana acquaintances knew who he was. It wasn't until 1980 that a front-page article in the *Toronto Star* revealed him as Rod Whitaker.

Whitaker used the pseudonym "Nicholas Seare" for his novels *1339 or So: Being an apology for a pedlar* and *Rude Tales and Glorious*. He used his own name for nonfiction books and articles.

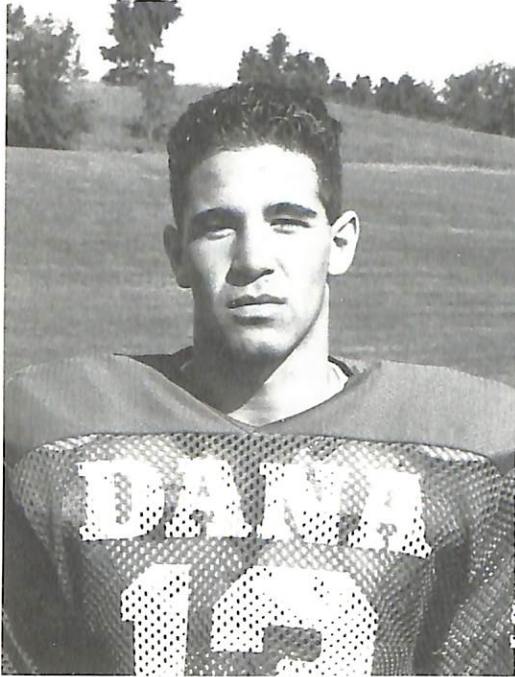
His obituary in the December 17, 2005, issue of *The New York Times* noted that he has been compared to such esteemed storytellers as Zola, Poe and Chaucer and that his books have been translated into "at least 14 languages."

At Dana Whitaker directed students in a variety of plays, including *Inherit the Wind* by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, William Inge's *Bus Stop* and John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

Survivors include his wife, Diane, son Christian, and daughters Alexandra and Thomasin.

Whatever Happened to... ●

Mike Carubba



Mike Carubba '93 came to Dana College from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and excelled as the Vikings' quarterback from 1989-1992. His name can still be found among the leaders in virtually every passing category in the Viking record book. Today, his football credits can be found on the movie screen.

Mike Carubba came to Dana College to learn the Xs and Os of football from Viking Head Coach Leo McKillip. He planned to use what he had learned first to become a professional football player and then to be a teacher and coach.

"Leo McKillip was the best thing that ever happened to me," Carubba said. "He gave me the foundation of knowledge to help me succeed."

After his Dana career, Carubba experienced some success as a quarterback at several different levels outside of the National Football League — including the Football League of Europe and the Arena Football League.

In 1997, his career took a different turn. Because he was the same size and build as Gil Bellows, Carubba was hired as Bellows' foot-

ball double in the TNT film "Second String" that was filming in Canada.

"As the years went by, all these other films were popping up," Carubba said.

He was again working as a quarterback stunt double for the ESPN original series "Playmakers" when the production company became unhappy with the football choreographer. He was fired and Carubba was asked to fill the role.

"Having that experience as quarterback and going back to the Xs and Os in Leo's office, it was a lot of fun," Carubba said.

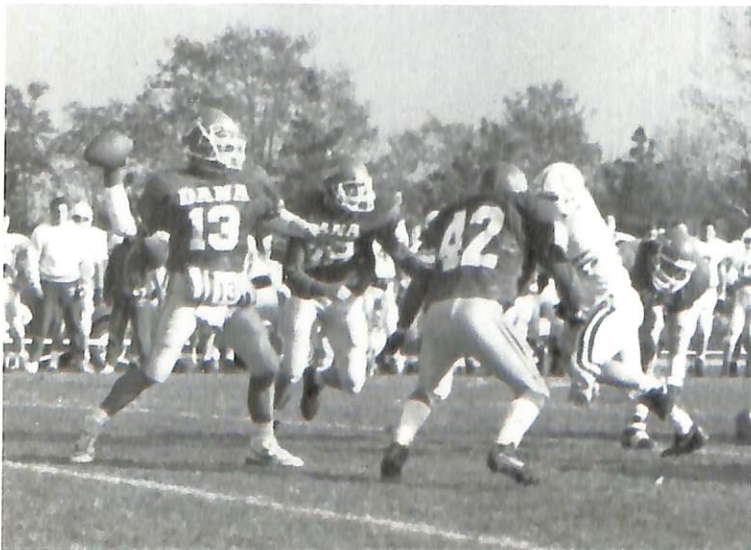
Former Viking teammate Manny Johnson '94 came to Toronto from Erie, Pa., to help Carubba with the series.

He served as football choreographer for the ESPN film "Codebreakers" that first aired this fall on the sports cable station, and Carubba said he just wrapped up filming on "It's a Boy Girl Thing," with Kevin Zegers and Samaira Armstrong.

As a football choreographer, Carubba is responsible for drawing up the play to make the end result on film that is both safe and believable. He works with the actors to develop their mechanics and mannerisms to emulate football players. "It's something you've done all of your life — now you pass it on to these actors."

Carubba's emersion into the film industry has interested him in life in front of the camera as well. "I want to act," he said. "I've taken a couple of classes and I really enjoy the industry."

The physical education major says he would also like to return to teaching and coaching some day.



STRONG ARM: Carubba steps back to pass in a 1991 contest versus Hastings College.

2000s

Leister Bowling III '05 and MacKenzie Bliven were married Sept. 4, 2005, in Omaha. The couple is at home in Allenspark, Colo.

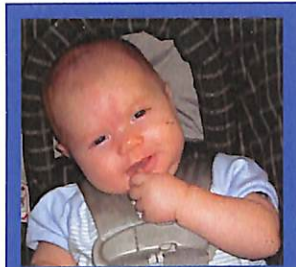
Molly Jackson '05 is a general music teacher in the Ralston (Neb.) School District.

Richelle (Pretz) Pinkerton '05 is a first- and second-grade teacher at Blumfield Elementary in the Ralston (Neb.) School District.

Joe Sweeney '05 is a teacher and football coach at Oswego (Ill.) High School. He lives in Naperville, Ill.

Carmen Woudstra '05 is a ninth-grade physical science teacher at Harwood Junior High in Bedford, Texas. She lives in Arlington, Texas.

Ross Jensen '04 is an admissions counselor and assistant football coach



Sarah (Johnson '01) and Todd Trimpe '02 welcomed a son, Spencer Michael, on July 28, 2005. Spencer weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21.25 inches long.

at Dana. **Mary (Miller '02) Jensen** works as a youth care professional at Uta Halee Girls Village in Omaha. The family recently moved to Blair with their daughter, Hannah, 2.

Melissa (Einrem) Pethoud '04 and Robert Milliken were married Oct. 1, 2005, in Maui, Hawaii. Melissa currently works as a 401(k) and stock administrator for SkyWest Airlines in St. George, Utah.

Owen Day '03 is a second-year master's degree student in literature at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Natalie Hornig '03 is working as a graphic designer at the corporate offices of Godfather's Pizza in Omaha. She continues to do freelance work through her business, Origin Design.

Lisa (Jackson '03) Irvin works for Aslan Financial Services Inc. of Omaha. She lives in Silver City, Iowa.

Ryan Stange '03 married Tasha Nafranowicz on Oct. 15, 2005. Ryan was recently promoted to an outside sales position at Columbia Pipe & Supply and the couple lives in Loves Park, Ill.

Justin Stover '03 works as a contract administrator for Vail Resorts. He lives in Avon, Colo.

Sarah Zehnder '03 and Matthew Toll were married Feb. 11. Sarah is a research/file maintenance clerk at Sunflower Bank in Salina, Kan.

Toni Ahrendt '02 received the "Good Persons Award" at the Family Violence Recognition Event in October. The award goes to someone who has exhibited special efforts to help end violence against women and children.

Megan (Olson '01) and Tim Andersen '01 gave birth to a girl, Jadyne Glenee, on Sept. 16, 2005. They have moved to Minneapolis,

Minn., where Tim is a senior environmental scientist with Olsson & Associates.

Nicholas Hollinger '01 is a supervisor for Midwest Airlines in Omaha. He is also a freshman football coach for Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he lives.

Anne Curran '00 married David Frey on Oct. 29 in Orlando, Fla. Anne works at the Central Florida YMCA in Orlando.

Bobbie Day '00 married Karsten Marshall on Aug. 20, 2005. The couple lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Cedric Satterfield '00 is a systems operator for Operations Intralot USA. He lives in Lincoln, Neb.

1990s

Liza (Moberg '99) Feldkamp and her husband Eric have moved to Austin, Texas, where Lisa teaches art at a local magnet school. Their son, Paolo, was born June 8, 2004.



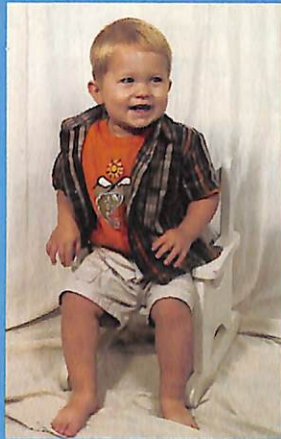
First Lieutenant **Brent Reno '03** graduated from the U.S. Army's Ranger School on Dec. 16, 2005. Brent lives and works in Fort Polk, La., where he is a chemical platoon leader in the 10th Mountain Division, 4th Brigade.



Christine Moberg '00 married Damian Baker on Aug. 28, 2004, at the University of California-Davis. Christine works in utilization management at Yolo County Mental Health. The couple lives in Vacaville, Calif.

Melanie (Lubbers '99) Francis and Adam Pryor were married Nov. 26, 2005. The couple makes their home near Woodbine, Iowa.

Janelle (Kahl '99) and Shane Koepke '99 live in Bellevue, Iowa, where Shane is serving as intern pastor at St. John Lutheran Church. Shane is a third-year student at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Janelle is the director for annual giving at the University of Dubuque where she is also pursuing her master's degree in communication.



Jeff and **Sonya (Weber '98) Buskirk** had a son, Dane Charles, on Feb. 20, 2004. The family recently moved to Kearney where Sonya is in private practice as a mental health therapist.

Matty Lewis '99 is a singer/guitarist for the Sony Records band, Zebrahead. He lives in Whittier, Calif.

Matt Worley '99 has recently filmed commercial for Budweiser and WWE wrestling. He lives in New



Above, three Dana grads took this picture with their children at the wedding of **Sara (Hildreth '97) and Erik Jensen '96** on July 2. Pictured from left are **Gretchen (Last '95) Stanley** and Noah, **Kim (Zulfer '95) Anthony** and Owen, and **Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock** and Emma.

Below, these current and former Dana employees, students and grads attended the wedding of **Sara (Hildreth '97) and Erik Jensen '96** on July 2, 2005. In the front row are Erik and Sara. In the second row, from left, are **Deloris (Hansen '47) Bengtson**, **Melissa Seitelback '98**, **Sharon (Messer '65) Jensen**, **Timothy Jensen '66**, **Sarah (Kobs '97) Kock**, **Gretchen (Last '95) Stanley**, **Kim (Zulfer '95) Anthony**, **Iris (Frey '78) Doolittle**, **Joel Jensen** and **Keith Pille**. In the third row are, from left, **Bob Messer**, **Pat (Kiracofe '63) Jorgensen**, **Richard Jorgensen '64**, **Marnie Jensen '98**, **Kaci Solt '96**, **Neal Anthony '95**, **Jan Potter** and **Richard Potter**.



York, N.Y.

Ryan Holtam '98 and his wife, Nicky, have two children, Macy, 4, and Maccoy, 17 months. Ryan works as an assistant family teacher at Girls and Boys Town in Omaha.

Jeremy Jones '98 works as a graphic designer for Performance Marketing in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Mahmud Parvez '98 is currently working at Merck & Co. Inc. in Pennsylvania.



Mark '97 and Amy (Johnson '97) Gustafson adopted a son, Luke, from South Korea in September 2005. The family lives in Omaha.

Jennifer Zahnow '98 has been called as a pastor at First Lutheran Church in McCool Junction, Neb. She was ordained Feb. 4, 2006, in Las Vegas.

Tim Marsden '97 is the assistant director of worship and music at Christ Community Church in Omaha, Neb.

Robert '97 and Kara (Vergamini '97) Nieland had their third child, Laura Lynn, on March 15, 2005. Robert is assistant district manager at Farmers Insurance Group. The family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jennifer (Nelson '97) Voskamp has been named director of social services at Beverly Healthcare in Tekamah, Neb. She lives in Craig, Neb.

Tami Ahrendt '96 is working as the human resources administrator for the Tool House in Lincoln, Neb., and recently received her human resources certification from Creighton University.

Antonie (Schropfer '96) Holmstrom is working as an

outpatient mental health and substance abuse therapist at ABH Addiction and Behavioral Health Services in Omaha. She has two daughters, Becka, 3 1/2, and Linnea, 10 months.

Nate Larsen '96 is a sales manager and financial advisor with John Hancock Financial Network in Omaha. He lives in Blair with his wife, Reita, and two boys, Dex and Dane.

Melissa and **Danny Mattern '96** had a daughter, Ella Dale, on Nov. 23, 2005. The family lives in Towana, Kan.

Renee Sawerbrey '95 is an account manager at GiftCertificates.com. She lives in Bennington, Neb.

Cathy (Clements '93) Nun has been appointed director of marketing for InVision Architecture. Cathy is headquartered in Omaha but is also in charge of marketing efforts at additional locations in Des Moines, Sioux City and Waterloo, Iowa.

Karen Clements '92 is an operations accountant at DTN in Omaha. She lives in Blair.

Vanessa (Brunssen '95) Welsh recently had her first children's book published by Twins magazine. The book is titled "Grandpa's Twins" and is sold through the magazine and their website, www.twinsmagazine.com. Pictured with Vanessa and her book are her three-year-old twins, Ethan and Caleb.



1980s

Allison and **Dr. Brian Betts '88** had a daughter, Devyn Deanna, on Oct. 5, 2005. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Brian is a chiropractor in Eagan and Lakeville, Minn. The family lives in Burnsville, Minn.

Laurie Christensen '88 is working as an exhibit sales consultant for Xtreme Xhibits by Skyline. She specializes in custom modular trade show exhibit displays. She lives in Round Rock, Texas.

Ann (Burgard '88) Thieman is working at Crestridge Magnet Center in Omaha as a kindergarten paraeducator.

Mark Hoffman '87 and Karen Whitmarsh were married Oct. 15, 2005, in Lincoln, Neb. Mark is an independent contractor with Express Messenger Systems.

Julie Grauerholz '86 presented an award-winning essay at the National Baccalaureate Social Worker's Program Director's Convention in Austin, Texas. She is pursuing her license bachelor of social work degree at Fort Hays State University. She lives in Hays, Kan.



Several Dana alumni were in attendance at the Herman Hansen family reunion in Omaha: back row, from left, **Douglas Pohl '68**, **Judy (Gollner '69) Pohl**, **Neil Hansen '52**, **Bud Hansen '44**; front row, **Calvin Pohl '70**, **Pat (Kamtz '70) Metzler**, and **Candy (Bamesberger '65) Widness**.

David Iversen '86 presented a paper, "Quest and Place in Carl Hansen and Hans Christian Andersen," at the Danish American Heritage Society Conference on Danish Immigration, History and Culture held in October in Des Moines, Iowa. David lives in Minot, N.D. **John Mark Nielsen '73** and **James Iversen '55** were among the conference organizers and presenters.

Jay Moss '86 was congratulated by New York Governor George E. Pataki for the efforts of him and his colleagues in saving the life of a woman and her son in Syracuse, N.Y., while apprehending a violent criminal. Jay is a New York State Parole Officer and lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

Daniel Jensen '84 was named Nebraska History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America. He

teaches at Waverly (Neb.) High School and lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Michael Martin '83 successfully defended his dissertation "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Creating Ethos in Uncertain Circumstances" at Michigan Technological University and received his doctoral degree in rhetoric and technical communication in December. He lives in Menomonie, Wis.

1970s

Jim Betts '78 married Lelia Holthus on Aug. 18, 2005.

Hon. Curtis Maschman '77 officiated the ceremony. Jim is a forensic specialist/crime scene investigator with the Lincoln (Neb.) Police Department.

The growth of Bank of Nebraska (LaVista) where **Michael Choiniere '78** is president was featured in the Jan. 6, 2006, issue of *Midlands Business Journal*. Michael joined Bank of

Nebraska as a vice president in 1997 and was promoted to president in 2005. Michael lives in Blair.

Donald Baack '75 recently published "The Concise Encyclopedia of Advertising," co-authored with Kenneth D. Clow. In 2006, Donald will be promoted to the rank of University Professor at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University, a rank only awarded to a highly limited number of faculty members at the university. A paper that Donald co-authored with his son, Daniel, has been named "best paper" in the strategic marketing track of the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators Conference. Donald lives in Joplin, Mo.

Deb (Davis '71) Cecrle is a Spanish and resource teacher at Blue Hill (Neb.) Elementary School. She lives in Hastings, Neb.

1960s

David Kjeldgaard '68 works as the Sienna/Francis House homeless shelter in Omaha as procurement manager.

Judy (Swenson '64) Lebeck has retired from teaching. She lives in Grinnell, Iowa.

Richard Hagedorn '62 retired in 2005 after 31 years as a funeral director. He is now helping his wife, **Loreli (Burgdorf '62)** at her quilt shop in Yucca Valley, Calif., and has become an avid quilter! "He actually cut up all his neckties and made a quilt with them," the Hagedorns write.

Myrv Christopherson '61 spoke at the annual Blair Lions Club picnic in August 2005. He spoke of his 19 years in Blair and serving as president of Dana.

Leo Kirchhoff '60 has been re-appointed to a six-year term to the Dana College Board of Regents, re-elected to a two-year term as Region 1 Director for the National Association for Alternative Certification, re-elected to the National Education Association Resolutions Committee and re-appointed as a California Teachers Association liaison to California Postsecondary Education Commission. In July 2004, Leo was an official observer for the National Education Association at the Fourth World Congress of the Education International in Porto Alegre, Brazil. He lives in Chico, Calif.

1950s

Philip Andersen '51 of Burbank, Calif., recently had an article published, in collaboration with his daughter, in *Vignettes* magazine describing a brush with death he had in 2002. While golfing, Philip collapsed from cardiac arrest and the article described the process and feelings he and his family felt during the five-week hospital recovery. "God truly gave me back my life, as described in the article, one small step at a time," Philip writes.

Deaths

Mary Adam '70 died Dec. 28, 2005. She spent her entire teaching career at the Alliance (Neb.) Middle and Elementary Schools. Survivors include her mother and a brother.

Steven Neet '70 died Sept. 1, 2005. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968-71, and then served as a park ranger

and police officer. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, American Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Harley Owner's Group. Survivors include his wife, Pam (Peterson '70) Neet, two children, three grandchildren and two sisters.

Eileen Borchers '69 died Oct. 28, 2005, in Bennington, Neb. She taught school in Otoe County, Washington and Bennington, Neb., before retiring in 1994. Survivors include two sons, Kent '63 and Keith, a daughter, Karma, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren a sister and a brother.

Lucille (Bauer '68) Stodola, of Fremont, Neb., died Dec. 24, 2005. She worked as an elementary teacher in Dodge County, District 88, Valley and Fremont, Neb., schools. Survivors include a daughter, four sons, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Allen Jenny '67 of Stratford, Iowa, died Oct. 28, 2005. He practiced veterinary medicine in Klemme, Iowa, before working in the Iowa State University Diagnostic Laboratory while completing his master's program. He was working as a pathology investigator for the United States Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services, National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. Survivors include his wife, Linda, a daughter, his mother and two brothers.

Paul Panum '67 died Aug. 29, 2005, of cancer. As a physician, Paul served at



A number of Dana alumni helped **Joan (Nelson '54) Coffey** and **Bob Coffey '53** celebrate 50 years of marriage. Seen here are, front row from left, **Tim Coffey '80**, **Eugene Flynn '49**, **Jim Nelson '56**, **Joan**, **Bob**, **Ellen (Olsen '55) Mendenhall** and **Jean (Coffey '58) Pristas**. In the back row, from left, are **Arne Jessen '54**, **Jim Coffey '50**, **Dick Coffey '68**, **Kaye (Lubkeman '61) Christensen**, **Paul Christensen '60**, **Nancy (Ohlsson '54) Gumm**, **Dean Friedel '85**, **Shari (Coffey '85) Friedel**, **Karen (Flynn '82) Gengenbach**, **Joan (Coffey '58) Smith** and **Marc Gengenbach '81**.

Wadsworth Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., and completed an internal medicine fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He practiced internal medicine in Minneapolis, Minn., and South San Francisco, Calif. He also taught medical ethics at the University of Oregon Law School, as well as served on many boards. Survivors include his wife, Pamela, two sons, a brother, Philip Panum '64, and one grandson.

Linda Gehrig '64 of LaVista, Neb., died Nov. 13, 2005. She was an Omaha school teacher for eight years and a Sarpy School teacher for 32 years. Survivors include her parents, sister and nephews.

Stanley Erlandsen '63, professor in the University of Minnesota Medical School, died Dec. 5, 2005. According to his memorial bulletin, Stan entered Dana College with a football scholarship and planned to become a coach, but his biology professor inspired him to change direction and become a research scientist. Survivors include his wife, Carol Wells, a daughter, two sons and three grandsons.

Vernette (Nissen '63) Klever of Dayton, Iowa, died Dec. 11, 2005, after a long battle with Alpha-1Antitrypsin Deficiency. She had worked at the Ackley Medical Center, the Dayton Elementary School and First American Bank in Dayton. Survivors include her husband, Mark, a brother, a sister, a son, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Joyce (Hansen '54) Rath of Laurel, Neb., died Dec. 31, 2005. She taught school in Quimby, Cherokee and Estherville, Iowa. She worked as a teacher's aide for 23 years in Laurel, Neb. She served as Sunday School Superintendent and Children's Choir Director at United Lutheran Church and also was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Wilbur, three daughters, including Lisa (Galvin '83) Floss, and a son.

Beverly (Hill '50) Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, died June 20, 2005. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

Allan Jorgensen '49 died in Lynden, Wash., Dec. 10, 2005, of cancer. From his small town roots in Ames, Neb., he became a successful executive with Pfizer, and subsequently developed his own successful immunology company. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

Lorraine (Nelsen '47) Schacht, 83, of Omaha, Neb., died Dec. 26, 2005. She was the first woman to graduate from Dana College with a bachelor of science degree. After graduation, she served as a cadet nurse at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colo. She lived in Neligh, Neb., for 35 years where she worked as a registered nurse, was a case worker and an instructor at the LPN School of Nursing in Norfolk. Survivors include four sons, Glenn '70 and his wife Rondalyn (Wente '71), Gary '72, Walter

'75, and Michael '77, 11 grandchildren, including Benjamin '02 and Eric '05, and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth (Petersen '46) Falksen died July 16. She and her husband, Bernard, lived in the Glenville, Albert Lea and Ellendale areas of Minnesota. Ruth's life centered around her family, church and community. Survivors include her husband, three sons including David Falksen '66 and Bruce Falksen '69, three daughters including Elizabeth (Falksen '80) Brockhoff, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

J. Margaret (Christensen '42) Cantine of Waverly, Iowa, died Nov. 29, 2005. She taught school at Quimby, Reinbeck, Cedar Falls and Waverly, Iowa. She later became a partner with her husband in the Coast to Coast Hardware Store and Gold Coast Gifts. Survivors include her husband, Russell; a daughter; two sons, including Thomas '68; seven grandchildren, one great-grandson and two sisters.

Inga (Nielsen '40) Krause died Nov. 17, 2005, in Des Moines, Iowa. She taught in Iowa for more than 40 years.

Frieda (Smidt '28) Nielsen died Dec. 4, 2005, in Elk Horn, Iowa. Survivors include two daughters, Jeanne (Nielsen '53) Sorensen and her husband Connie '53, and Lona Louis; two sons, Don '55 and his wife Marie (Jensen '59) Nielsen, and David Nielsen '63; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl (Paulsen '68) Nielsen, 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Shirley Mae Andersen of Richmond, Va., died Nov. 17, 2005. Her husband, Sam '45, is the son of Dr. Silas C. Andersen, a former member of the Dana Board of Regents, and grandson of Rev. A.M. Andersen, founder of Dana College.

Maxine Bragg, 81, a former house mother at Dana College, died Jan. 1, 2006, in Blair. Survivors include a son, four grandchildren, three greatchildren and a sister.

Kenneth Holm of Omaha, member of the Dana Board of Regents in the late 1970s, died Jan. 11, 2006.

Leonard and Lenora Madsen of Audubon, Iowa, passed away just weeks apart on Nov. 1, 2005, and Dec. 11, 2005, respectively. The couple were members of the Dana Builders. Survivors include their children, Cathy (Madsen '68) Stone, Janice (Madsen '72) Grindle and Gary Madsen '75 and his wife Diane (Larsen '75) and their son Lars '04.

Martha Nielsen of Chicago died Jan. 24, 2006. Her husband, Jens Peter Nielsen, served on the Dana Board of Regents, as did her son-in-law, Herb Knudsen '63. Survivors include two daughters, Judy Lang and Karen (Nielsen '65) Knudsen.

Orpa Thomsen, widow of Professor Emeritus of Art F.W. "Bill" Thomsen, died Jan. 19, 2006, in Blair, Neb. Survivors include sons Paul '65 and John '68.

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