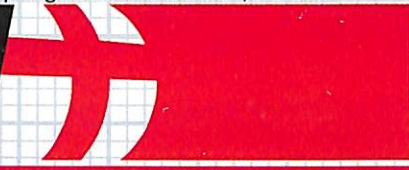
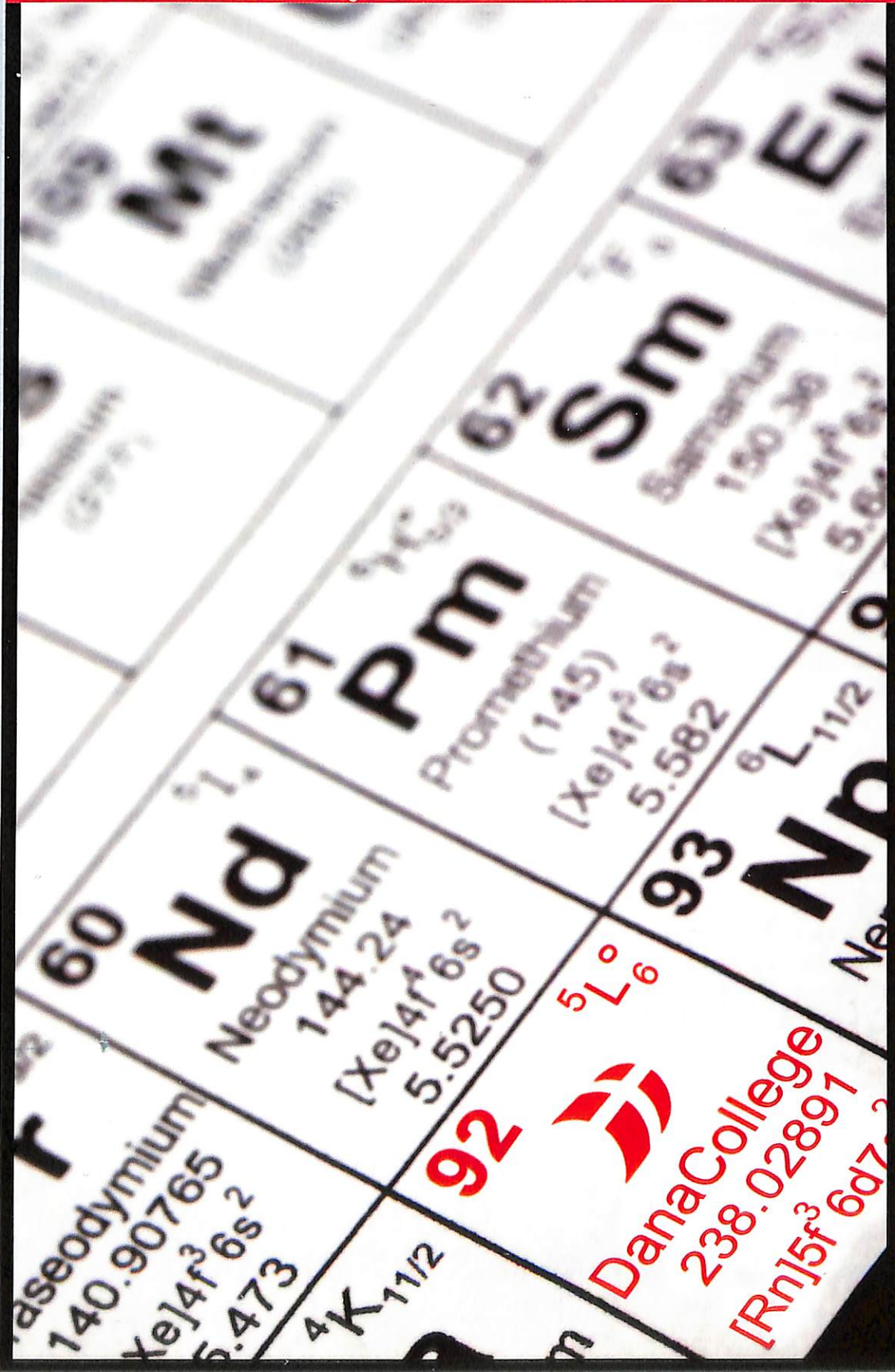


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A GREETING FROM PRESIDENT PHILIPP



Dr. Janet Philipp
President, Dana College

Greetings Dana alumni and friends,

As I write this, spring begins to peek through the winter days. We are coming into that time of year when athletic teams hope for fair weather and dry fields, undergraduates are planning for summer internships and jobs, and thoughts of graduation occupy the minds of seniors. This is a good time to reflect on the success stories of Dana alumni. Included in this issue are profiles of science alumni whose Dana experiences tell the stories of a legacy of successes, of faculty who focus on teaching and mentoring. The quality experiences of Dana's science graduates gives rise to high acceptance rates into graduate school. And because they attended Dana College, they also know the benefit of learning a second language so that they can better serve others through mission trips and in their own practices today. We profile the arts as well, knowing that a liberal arts curriculum prepares graduates for opportunities that enrich their lives and ours. Who among us in the business world would dare to reach for an 'operatic' experience because of the music training they received at Dana? Or would have our artistic talent showcased in the entrance of a major health care institution?

In my travels, I continue to be amazed by the stories told by Dana alumni. I've heard about the legendary Miss Mac, an education professor whose influence and confidence in her students continues to be felt 50 years later by alumni who teach and mentor young people both in the United States and abroad. I've heard stories about the controversial LARP books that were read nearly 50 years ago and of the friendships and loyalties that were forged at Dana College. And I've witnessed family members of alumni who are in such awe of their parent or relative's experience at Dana that they continue to be that connection for their family.

Dana College continues to provide that experience, an experience that includes the complete formation of a young person from the classroom, to the theater, to the music hall, and to the athletic field as well as the myriad of leadership and service opportunities that are available. At a recent event for prospective students and parents, a Dana student said that whenever he goes home for the weekend he later wishes he'd stayed on campus because invariably he misses an activity or program that everyone else was enjoying.

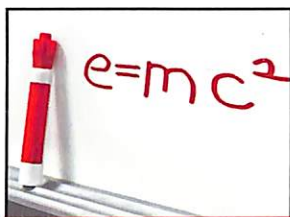
We are keeping that tradition alive at Dana College!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet S. Philipp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet S. Philipp
President

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CAMPUS DIGEST

The Latest News from the Dana College Community

• Dan Hunt, a member of the Dana College Board of Regents, was thanked and honored for his past two years of service as Council Commissioner for the Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the group's annual meeting in December. The Commissioner's role is to oversee district level commissioners, coach and consult with adult leaders of Scout Units, help maintain the standards of the organization and review the unit charter renewal plan that each unit registers on time with optimum number of youth and adult members. He is leader of all uniformed scouts, offering advice, positive attitude and problem solving.

Hunt and HunTel Communications will be honored on June 24, 2008, at the Citizen of the Year Luncheon. HunTel Communications will receive the Corporate Partner of the Year Award from the Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America. Hunt remains a member of the Boy Scouts Board of Trustees and also continues to serve on the executive committee of the Mid-America Council.

• November 15 - 17, 2007, a large group of Dana students attended the annual The National Association for Music Education/Nebraska Music Educators Association (MENC/NMEA) conference in Lincoln. The students who traveled to Lincoln were: Paige Vaughan, Natalie Hearn, Megan Reppert, Luther Simon, Molly Polk, Joy Augustine, Sara Andrews, Samone Hendricks, Kristina Kurr, Kirk Schjodt, David Manley, Jenna Gray, Carly Beckman, Becky Winger,

Ryan Herman, Ronnie Kellogg, and Lindsay Van Horn. A highlight of the Collegiate Day on November 15 was the Showcase Recital which features a performance by one musician from each of the participating colleges. Joy Augustine, who was selected through a competitive audition in September, represented Dana College by singing an opera aria, accompanied by Clare Cowing. Dr. Peggy Holloway, who is the chapter advisor for Dana, served as a session host for the collegiate choral workshop on Thursday afternoon. On Friday evening, Dr. Bruce Bartels, director of instrumental activities at Dana, was inducted into the NMEA Hall of Fame.

• Dr. John Lyden attended the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 17-20, 2007, in San Diego, Calif. He participated in a panel entitled, "Theology and Film Reconsidered: Re-Framing the Discipline." Lyden is also co-chair of the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion.

• Professor Carol King was chosen by the Omaha Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants as the recipient of the Lady Vestey Woman of Achievement Award for 2007. The award reads: "In recognition of her long-term commitment to women in the profession. The award is given in recognition of Carol King's contributions to the positive regard accorded to women in the fields of accounting, finance and banking in the States of Nebraska and Iowa. Ms. King is honored for her achievements and contributions to the accounting and finance



industry, her service to the community, and her commitment to the mission of ASWA.”

- Dr. John Lyden’s article “Theology and Film: Interreligious Dialogue and Theology” was published in Robert Johnston, ed., *Reframing Theology and Film: New Focus for an Emerging Discipline* (Baker, 2007). Lyden was also recently interviewed for John Morehead’s blog on Religion and Film which can be found at <http://johnmorehead.blogspot.com/2007/12/john-lyden-film-as-religion-myths.html>

- Angela Archer is the new Service Learning Coordinator-VISTA volunteer at Dana. She graduated from Rollins College (Fla.) with a degree in psychology. She committed to volunteering for a year with VISTA as a way to show her appreciation for the kindness, compassion and generosity that was shown to her and the program she worked with in New Orleans. She is very excited about her opportunity to help build service learning here at Dana College and hopes that together we can “be the change.”

- Pam Muell-Talbot is the new Dana College campus nurse. She has been a registered nurse since 1980 and received her BSN at the University of Nebraska College of Nursing.

- The production of “Jerry’s Girls” at the Chanticleer Theatre Jan. 11-27 featured Dana Associate Professor of Music Peggy Holloway and Dana alumna Rachel (Lynch ‘01) Holmes.

- Dana College became the first United Educators (UE) member to use the “The Goal Is Fairness: A Workshop for Improving Tenure Evaluation” after its July 2007 release following nearly a year of pilot testing. Dana was featured in “UE This Week,” an e-newsletter of the association.

- Dana College senior Lindsay Van Horn (Omaha, Neb.) took the stage in February in the one-woman show “The Moonshot Tape” by Lanford Wilson. The 40-minute show was about a successful middle-age writer who comes to grips with her awful childhood when she returns to her small-town home in Missouri to visit her mother in a nursing home. It is a powerful and funny play, one of almost two dozen one-actor plays that have been done by Dana College students over the last 15 years. Van Horn is a majoring in music education and musical theater.

- The journal *Choice* recently selected “This Is Our Music: Free Jazz, the Sixties, and American Culture” by Dr. Iain Anderson (History) as an Outstanding Academic Title of 2007. In an earlier review, *Choice* gave the book its highest rating, describing it as “an excellent study of the heyday of one of the most problematic bodies of work in the history of jazz music. . . . Essential.”

- Alex Hook was inadvertently omitted from the list of NAIA Scholar-Athletes that appeared in the Winter 2007 issue of the *Dana Review*.

DENIM AT DANA

Several in Washington County enjoyed a brighter holiday this season because of the efforts of Dana College employees and students.

Dana College employees donate \$5 or more on the last Friday of each month to participate in “Denim at Dana.” Employees can wear jeans and Dana apparel in exchange for their charitable donation. A different cause is chosen by Dana’s Staff Council each month.

In the month of November, \$250 was raised for Blair’s Head Start program. The Denim at Dana collection of \$150 was added to by the new Dana College chapter of M.O.P.S. (Mothers of PreSchoolers) which meets on campus each month. Eighteen boys and girls of Blair’s Head Start program received Christmas gifts in the form of coloring books, activity cases, Play Doh, socks, underwear and gloves.

In October, Denim at Dana funds were added to other fundraising efforts of the student-led Social Awareness Organization and matched by Dana’s Student Senate to create 21 Thanksgiving baskets for local families.

Other recent Denim at Dana charities have included Habitat for Humanity in Blair, Blair Special Olympics, the Washington County Food Pantry, the Blair Crisis Center, the victims of the Von Maur shooting and sending school supplies to Iraq.

Dana’s students are also active in charitable efforts. In November the History Club conducted a successful food and clothing drive and donated all the items to Joseph’s Coat in Blair.

In December, the Morton Scholars raised money and donated it to the Von Maur Victims Fund.

Students also had a chance to pay their campus parking fines with donations to the local food pantry. A little over \$700 in parking fines was paid with donations and several students donated extra items. Eighty-six boxes of pancake mix, 51 bottles of pancake syrup and 44 boxes of oatmeal were delivered to the Washington County Food Pantry from this drive.

HOMECOMING 2008 – OCT. 3-5

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2008! Reunions for each of the five-year classes (those ending in 3 or 8) are being planned. New activities for families and younger alumni are also in the works. Watch your mailbox and the alumni page of the Dana College web site for more information.

If you have any questions or would like to take the lead on planning your class reunion, contact Carrie L. (Larkins ’94) Reed, director of alumni affairs and special events, at 402-426-7385 or creed@dana.edu.



ONE'S TRASH AIDS ANOTHER



What started as a few boxes of old, discarded pill bottles turned into garbage bag after garbage bag full of help for others.

The Dana College Business Club collected old prescription

bottles throughout the fall semester to give to medical personnel who travel to Nicaragua to run a clinic. The bottles were used to help the personnel dispense medication to the thousands who come to take advantage of their services in February.

“The Pill Bottle Drive was an excellent opportunity for the Business Club,” said Julie Pinkelman, Business Club president, “and I am so glad we decided to take it on. We had a fabulous response and appreciate everyone who contributed. It is for a great cause and is going to benefit a lot of people. We are more than happy that we could help out and hope to be a part of it in the future.”

Gathering the bottles are (counterclockwise from back) Jon Person, Sean Johnson, Doug Huston, Hunter Samuels, Julie Pinkelman and Jesse McKinney.

CHOIR REUNION TO HONOR NEVE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Former members of the Dana College Choir under the direction of Dr. Paul Neve (1945-1984) are invited to return to campus June 19-22, 2008, for a Choir Reunion. The reunion also celebrates Neve's 90th birthday.

“What better reason is there to have a mass choir reunion and honor him on such a milestone,” said Kathy (Wollenhaupt '63) Shaw, one of the organizers of the reunion. “It will be a great opportunity to return to Dana and see first-hand the many exciting things that have taken place over the years. And, of course, we will be involved in helping Dr. Neve celebrate his birthday as well as revisiting the many experiences he had with us during the special kind of learning we all enjoyed during our college days.”

The four-day reunion will include rehearsals in preparation for a final concert program, as well as many opportunities for touring area attractions and socializing. On-campus housing and meals will be available for participants.

“This adventure will allow us to relive what it was like when we were students in the choir,” Shaw said. “Our ages and voices will melt together as well span the eras from 1945 to 1984. We can see old friends and make new friends and be part of the Dana family again.”

For more information and a registration form, visit www.dana.edu/neve or contact Shaw at 866-457-7784 or at KatiDid63@aol.com.

DANA STUDENT SEEKS SEAT IN LEGISLATURE



It was a bitterly cold day a few weeks ago, with wind chills below zero, when Sean Tyler noticed a man walking beside Highway 133 near the Blair Airport.

Knowing the icy temperatures the man was braving, Tyler pulled over and asked the stranger if he would like a ride into Omaha. The man acquiesced and jumped inside.

Back on the road, Tyler asked him why he was walking toward Omaha in the freezing weather.

“Would you like the real story or a lie?” the man asked.

“The real story,” Tyler replied.

The man told Tyler his story, how he had been arrested for embezzling funds from his company. He had just been released from the county jail and had walked all the way from the Washington County Courthouse to where Tyler found him because no one would give him a ride, and no one pulled over to offer him assistance.

“Not a single person had asked him if he needed help,” Tyler related later. “I thought that's what Nebraska is all about,



taking care of people.”

“Nebraska has grown away from that.”

But Sean Tyler hasn't. With serving the people of Nebraska on his mind, the 21-year-old Dana College student filed to run for the District 18 seat in the Nebraska Legislature. He joins Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh and Blair resident Carl Lorenzen in the election ring for District 18.

Lautenbaugh was appointed by Gov. Dave Heineman to serve in former Sen. Mick Mines' stead when Mines resigned last fall.

“My goal is to serve people in an honest, loving way,” Tyler said. “I'm going to be offering something new and fresh.”

The son of a Lutheran minister and Dana alumni Kip '80 & Sherri (Sandoz '83) Tyler, Sean is a fifth-generation Nebraskan who is currently triple majoring in history, secondary education and social science with plans to join the ministry some day. He plans to graduate from Dana in the fall of 2009, if he is elected to the Legislature.

His youth may be an issue for some, but Tyler feels he has the knowledge to counter what some may deem as a lack of experience, having served as a student senator at Dana and now the treasurer of student government.

Recent letters in the newspaper also encouraged him to run, in particular a letter from Madelyn Musick in the Feb. 19 issue of the *Pilot-Tribune*. In her letter, Musick urged “citizens of integrity” to serve in their local governments for the community and not themselves.

“I want to listen to what other people are thinking and build on those ideas before coming in with my own preconceived ideas,” Tyler said.

He's been following many issues that would affect Washington County residents, such as a bill that would prohibit the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District from using eminent domain to acquire land for building projects. Tyler is adamantly against the NRD gaining eminent domain.

He's also very passionate about educational issues, especially keeping Nebraskans in state for college instead of attending out-of-state institutions that are more expensive.

The Sean Tyler campaign most likely will be small and paid for mostly out of the college student's own pocket. He plans on holding a food drive and going door-to-door to introduce himself to potential constituents, learning their needs.

“I don't plan to raise a lot of money because I don't want to buy people's votes. I'm not a politician,” Tyler shrugs. “I want to know people, not to have people just know my name.”

“What I'm trying to do is serve people rather than be served.”

If he sounds like a broken record talking about his great desire to serve people, Tyler won't apologize. He said his servant's attitude can be found rooted in his Christian faith. He lives it by serving at his church, Lutheran Church of the Master, by running a youth program for first- through fifth-graders on Wednesdays, and a high school youth group on Friday nights to keep kids out of trouble.

Tyler's faith affects the decisions he makes in his personal life, and how he feels about hot topics in the world at-large, like marriage, abortion and the death penalty.

“I feel my faith is who I am, not just a part of me. It runs all through me,” he said.

It even helped guide him to pick up a tired, cold man walking by the highway.

“I just had to have faith that I'm supposed to pull over and help this person,” he said. “You've just got to trust God he's got the best plan for you.”

This story by reporter Stephanie Ludwig appeared in the March 4, 2008, issue of the Washington County Pilot-Tribune. It is reprinted here with permission.

UELC REUNION PLANNED AT DANA

The success of the 2007 reunion of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC) at Wartburg Theological Seminary has helped set the programming for the 2008 reunion planned on the Dana College campus June 13-15.

“God's Mission to Heart and World II” is the theme of the 2008 gathering which will feature three “Missions Meetings.” These worship services will be centered on personal repentance, the Christian life and global mission. The services will also feature much congregational singing!

Two sessions will be devoted to the Indre Mission (inner

mission) movement in the church of Denmark and in the young Danish immigrant congregations in the United States.

Featured speakers include Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jensen, Parish Ministry Associate Barbara Laursen, Dr. Tim Jensen, Dr. John W. Nielsen, and Dr. Mark Thomsen. Dr. Janet Philipp, president of Dana College, will be the Saturday evening banquet speaker.

For more information, contact Julie Rohlfin at jrohlfin@dana.edu.



A LIFELONG LOVE OF MUSIC

Mary Bro recaps her experience at Dana

A lifelong love of music has led business owner Mary (Heistand '80) Bro to the Opera Omaha stage for this spring's production of Verdi's "Aida."

Although Bro majored in business, not music, while studying at Dana, it was the musical connections she made here in the late 1970s that earned her a spot on stage in her first professional opera.

As a Dana student, Bro took advantage of the opportunities to be involved in extracurricular activities, especially in performing arts. She took voice lessons from Lucinda Sloan and piano lessons from Alan Brandes. She participated in band and in "as many theater productions as possible." As a non-music major, she chose to perform junior and senior vocal recitals "for the fun of it."



Mary (Heistand '80) Bro and Lucinda Sloan

That experience from more than 25 years ago paid off for Bro as the business professional co-mingled with professional musicians in auditioning for Opera Omaha last May.

When Bro filled the application at her audition, the questions included "what operas have you been in, who are you studying with and when/where can we hear you perform?" Bro sheepishly answered with the names of the operas she performed while a student at Dana College. She added that she could be heard the second Sunday of every month at her

church in Harlan, Iowa, with the Praise Band.

Fate placed Bro in front of a good friend of her former vocal teacher, Lucinda Sloan, for her audition. "I'm pretty sure it was because they knew I was going to study under her that I got a part in the chorus," Bro said.

Bro called Sloan the day after her audition and began taking lessons from her at the Omaha Conservatory of Music.

Sloan said she was delighted that Bro chose to connect with her after all of this time. "What was amazing is that I recognized her name and then recognized her voice," Sloan said. "I had a remarkable group of students in my first collegiate teaching position. I walked into a dream job with this group of students and Mary was at the top of that list."

Bro's lessons include not only getting her voice back in shape, but also working learning Italian as the entire opera will be subtitled. "It's something this old brain hasn't done in a long time," Bro said. "There's nothing like stretching yourself a little bit."

Bro's time on stage is far removed from her "day job" as president of Ci Direct and senior vice president of ZC Sterling. Bro founded Ci Direct in 1998 and became a part of the ZC Sterling team when it acquired Ci Direct in 2001. The companies provide licensed agent sales and customer support for the insurance and financial services marketplace.

Sloan said Bro's experience speaks to the liberal arts education. "She invested in that wholeheartedly as a student. She never gave up singing," Sloan said. "She's the example we all want our students to have when they go out in life."

"Aida" is the tale of an Ethiopian princess held in captivity as a slave and is torn between loyalty to her homeland and her feelings for Radames, an Egyptian with whom she has fallen in love and who loves her in return.

The opera will be performed April 4, 6, 9, 11 and 13. For more information, visit www.operaomaha.org.



WORLD-WIDE DANA

2009 Discovery Term trips take Dana students and alumni all over the world

Alumni and friends are cordially invited to join Dana students and their instructors on cultural and experiential learning experience during the '09 Discovery Term, space permitting and without academic credits in :

- * Guatemala with Jan Potter (Social Work),
- * Greece and the Aegean Islands with Jim Olsen (Art),
- * Berlin with Sybille Bartels (German),
- * Costa Rica with Carla Delucchi (Biology)

BERLIN

The cross-cultural experience conducted by Dr. Sybille Bartels will be based in Berlin, with trips to Lutherstadt Wittenberg and environs. In Berlin, we will visit historic and cultural sites (Reichstag, Brandenburger Tor, Museum Island, Staatsoper, Stasi-Prison, Sachsenhausen, and more), family and friends, schools and businesses, and other sites of interest to individual group members. We will conclude our travels with an EasyJet visit to Athens or Budapest or Paris, to be announced by participants. The estimated cost of \$2800 includes round-trip airfare from Omaha, ground and other air transportation, breakfast daily, lodging and admission to all required sites. Contact sbartels@dana.edu for further



2008 Discovery Term

DESTINATION GUATEMALA

You are flying low into a city surrounded by volcanoes and deep, green barrancas (tree-covered canyons), and you notice that one of the volcanoes is exhaling wisps of smoke that rise into the blue sky. That is the scene that will meet your eyes as your plane approaches Guatemala City, a bustling metropolis full of bougainvillea-covered churches, palm-lined plazas, cars, and people from both Maya and Spanish backgrounds.

The participants of the January 2009 travel seminar to Guatemala will be met by the broad smiles of Fidel Xinico Tum, a friend of Dana College and member of the Kachikel Maya group, our host and guide.

While in the city, we will meet with several persons who will orient us to the multiple realities of Guatemala. We will visit with people such as Mayan teachers who are bringing their once-banned history back to Mayan children, a Congressman who once fought for justice with the guerillas, a social worker who empowers traditional Mayan women, a pastor who speaks about peace-making efforts, and a director of an organization that works for better conditions for factory workers.

Imagine awakening at sunrise to a chorus of birdsong in the

jungles of Guatemala! Suddenly the sweetness of the birds' music is interrupted by the roar of a howler monkey, and you realize where you are. Outside your cozy cottage lies the vast jungle surrounding the ancient ruins of Tikal, home to Mayan people from about 800 B.C. to about 950 A.D.

You will join your group to explore this immense metropolis, with large palaces, pyramids, awesome temples, ball courts, and stellars (markers with hieroglyphs).

You might want to climb to the top of one of the pyramids to watch the sunset.

Back in the highland forests, you will walk down a path near patches of tall Maya corn, beans, and squash to visit a group of rural women who have started a weaving cooperative. These women, widowed by the conflict of the 1970s and 1980s, support their families by weaving gloriously colorful blouses (huipiles), table runners, wall hangings, purses, shirts, and many other items. They will show us how they accomplish this marvel with simple handmade back-strap looms.

We will have the option of attending mass in an historic

church that was built on top of a Mayan temple. The steps of the temple are still intact at the front of the church, and colorful processions of traditionally dressed Mayan people walk through the lively streets on Sunday mornings to hold ceremonies on the steps – and even in the back of the church aisles during mass.

Later we will treat ourselves to an afternoon at the famous Chichicastenango Sunday market, where the weaving, carving, and other art work of the Mayan people is displayed in a multitude of vivid stalls, often tended by crafts persons who are happy to visit with us about their work and their lives.

Another day in Chichicastenango we will meet with a Mayan day-keeper, who is also a university professor, and his anthropologist wife. These two know the Mayan culture intimately and share their depth of knowledge about the Mayan calendar and the current practices of traditional spirituality.

A favorite place for visitors is always the beautiful colonial town of Antigua, surrounded by volcanoes and full of lovely old churches and government buildings.

We will drive through mountainous terrain to reach the lakeside town of Panajachel, where we will stay in a small hotel with vistas of the gorgeous Lake Atitlán, a deep crystalline lake surrounded by volcanoes. The next morning we will board motorboats to cross the immense lake to reach the village of Santiago Atitlán on the opposite side.

After meeting with a well-known local painter and a skilled woodcarver who will share their knowledge of Mayan culture



with us, we will visit in the streets with children selling tiny dolls and beaded necklaces. We look forward to spending the next day with a young couple who are Mayan day-keepers, shamans who graciously explain some of the depths of their profound culture with us.

Many other adventures await us during our stay in the heart-opening country of Guatemala, and saying good-bye at the end will be hard. Fidel tells us that the traditional Mayan farewell is, "Be very careful to keep your balance," and the polite reply is, "Thanks to you, I will."

The trip is open to Dana College students, alumni, and community people from around the country as well. We have found that it is wonderful to have a mix of group members representing different ages and backgrounds, and we invite you to join us! For more information, please contact Jan Potter, Professor of Social Work at Dana College (402-426-7238, jpotter@dana.edu). The cost and tentative itinerary will be posted soon.

THE AEGEAN WORLD from Athens to Istanbul



In January 2009 Professor Emeritus James Olsen is offering a travel program focusing on the classical sites of Athens, Delphi, Corinth, Mycenae, Crete and Rhodes in Greece and Ephesus, Pergamon, Troy and Istanbul in Turkey. Several of these places were also major centers of early Christianity where Paul established congregations in the first century AD.

The tentative dates are Jan. 8-23, 2009. As a Discovery Term course it carries academic credit for students but alumni, family, and friends of Dana are invited to join the group. Non-student participants will not be expected to complete the academic requirements of the course.

The price will include round-trip airfare from Omaha, unless

participants make arrangements to join the travel party where our international flights originate and end.

The fee for this program will include all transportation, all lodging in superior tourist class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily throughout the trip and admission to all required historic sites, museums, etc. The price will be determined based on the total number of participants, currency exchange rates and airfares as of late summer 2008. It is hoped that the total cost will be around \$3,500 per person, based on double occupancy.

Because there will be a significant amount of moderate to vigorous walking, prospective participants should consider this program only if they are in good physical condition.

While an exact limit on enrollment has not been established, Professor Olsen hopes to insure a comfortable group size of around 24 or less.

Interested people are encouraged to contact Professor Olsen by email jolsen@dana.edu or phone; 402-426-2765. A \$200 deposit can be made to the Aegean World Discovery Term account in the Dana Financial Services Office to reserve space. In the event that a limit on participants needs to be imposed, priority will be based on the earliest deposits. These deposits are refundable until early October.



NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Carrie Reed brings her passion for Dana to the Alumni Affairs Office

Perhaps no one aspires to lead the Alumni Affairs office at her alma mater, but there is no better job for me.

On February 1, I became Director of Alumni Affairs and Special Events at Dana College. This is somewhat a new initiative for Dana as the position has moved from part-time to full-time. This change is part of a clear plan to reinvigorate the alumni program and engage more of Dana College's alumni in meaningful ways.

We want to make alumni affairs more than our annual Homecoming celebration, although there are plans to revitalize that event as well. We are looking for new ways to connect with our alumni and have them connect with each other.

Dana After Hours, which started about a year ago, has been a great way for local alumni to connect and reconnect with each other across generations. Current and emeriti professors have enjoyed attending these events and meeting up with their former students. The first Lincoln After Hours was a big hit in February and our first Council Bluffs After Hours is planned in April. If you have an interest in helping plan an After Hours in your community, please let me know.

We are planning a Dana College alumni online community to allow our alumni to connect whatever their physical location. Planning for this feature is still in its preliminary stages, but it may include career networking and sharing of information in the style of the social networking site, Facebook.

The Dana College Alumni Council will become a more vibrant part of the alumni relations efforts. We will be looking for new members to bring a diversity of class years and interests to the future council. Please contact me if you are interested in being a member of the Alumni Council.

We will be creating more opportunities for alumni to visit campus. This will include alumni receptions surrounding theater events, music concerts, athletic events and special events such as Sights and Sounds. Watch your mailbox and email for information on these future gatherings.

It is exciting for me to be the new Director of Alumni Affairs and Special Events, and I am eager to learn more about what that will mean for me and Dana College. I have been content in my 8 ½ years in the College Relations office at Dana, but this seems to be an even better fit. Even from my years as a student at Dana in the early 1990s, you could say that I bleed "Dana red." I have a passion for this place and it truly is my home on the hill.

I will continue to serve as senior editor of the *Dana Review* and will plan such events as Sights and Sounds of Christmas and Commencement. I will continue to serve as tour manager for domestic and international music tours. But all of these responsibilities will take on a new slant as I focus on the alumni component.

Most of all, I am eager to get to know as many Dana Vikings as possible! I have been lucky to know most alumni who were students from 1990 to the present, but there are so many more I am anxious to meet. Be sure to introduce yourself to me when you come back to the hill for this year's Homecoming (Oct. 3-5) or at the next Dana After Hours.

If you have any thoughts on alumni events you would like to see on or off campus, something you would like to add to Homecoming or any other suggestions for alumni affairs at Dana College, please contact me at 402-426-7385 or creed@dana.edu.

- Carrie L. (Larkins '94) Reed

GENEROUS ALUMNUS REMEMBERED

Don Poh remembered for his devotion to his alma mater



Don Poh '50 was a music legend in his home city of Green Bay, Wis. Comments on his death as posted on the online message board of the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* included:

"There are countless numbers of Green Bay children and young adults who will have fond memories of the man in the red vest making them proud of their music skill! God Bless you Don Poh, what glorious music must have awaited you at the pearly gates!!!"

And from a former student of his: "He had enormous passion for music. His face reflected that passion as he drew from us the tone, sweetness, and strength he sought from us."

Poh operated Don Poh Music Store in Green Bay for more than 50 years, before retiring in 2004.

He also was founding conductor of the Green Bay Youth Orchestra; president of Brown County Civic Music Association as well as Friends of the Arts Inc.; associated with the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra at the time it hired its first professional conductor; present at the formation of Pamiro Opera Company; instrumental in the founding of Green Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra; and music critic for the *Press-Gazette* before going into business in 1953.

Poh's generosity to Dana College started just a few years ago. Development officer Jim Jorgensen had been calling on Poh, seeking monetary donations for the purchase of a piano for Trinity Chapel. For several years, Poh made small gifts, not to the music department, but rather to the Morton Scholars Fund

out of respect for former Dana President Richard Morton.

In the fall of 2002, the tide turned. Poh had met with Jorgensen in the afternoon. He called Jorgensen later in the evening to ask him to dinner. That dinner was a turning point in Poh's donations to Dana College. During that dinner, Poh told Jorgensen: "Over the years I've deeply regretted the estranged relationship I've had with my alma mater."

A few months later, Poh made major strides to mend that relationship. Poh's first major gift to Dana came from Poh's gradual retirement from a half-century of being Green Bay's piano man. Little Carnegie, a recital hall that was part of his music store, had closed, and he decided to give the college his restored, 1973, 9-foot concert grand Baldwin piano.

"Being able to "return thanks" to my Dana of 60 years ago has been one of the great joys of my life," Poh wrote in a thank you letter to the Dana College Institutional Advancement staff.

Poh's giving did not end there. In 2006, Poh rallied all of the living members of the 1948-49 Men's Glee Club to raise \$16,000 for a stage acoustics project in the 20+ year-old Lauritzen Theatre in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

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

He also gave money to refurbish a host of other pianos on campus, to provide adequate climate control to protect the piano in Trinity Chapel, to create an instructional keyboard lab in the Madsen Fine Arts Center and to provide for a new altar setting for Trinity Chapel, among other projects.

"He is a giver who just kept on giving," Jorgensen said. "He made a tremendous impact on Dana College and our music department."

Poh was honored as a Dana College Distinguished Alumnus in 2004.

In one of his last letters to Dana College, Poh shared his feelings about giving to Dana College: "It has really been a joy these last few years for an old man to once again be an active part of music at "his" old Dana."

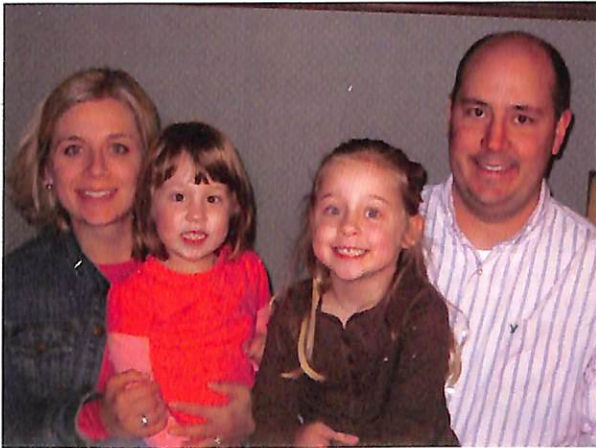
Poh died January 31, 2008, at the age of 81. See his complete obituary in *Destiny's Deep Sea*, page 30.



WHY WE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND

Dana's heart-hold inspires generosity in alumni

Dana's 124-year history has been shaped by the unwavering support of alumni, parents and friends. Consistent annual support is the cornerstone of our Advancement efforts. All gifts, every single individual gift, are crucial to Dana regardless of their size.



Mandy, Aubrey, Madison and Paul Stark

There is perhaps no better example of consistent giving than Paul '98 and Mandy (Messner '01) Stark. The Starks have supported Dana each of the past 10 years.

"Giving to Dana has been something we have done since Paul graduated in 1998. Dana holds a special place in our heart, as it was the place that we met."

The Starks have been married for almost eight years and have two daughters; Madison is five and Aubrey is three. The family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Mandy is the seventh grade science teacher at Wilson Junior High. Paul is a

business systems analyst with ACI Worldwide in Omaha.

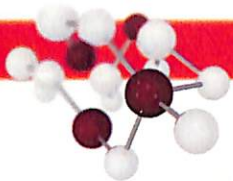
"There are so many reasons why we give to Dana. It is a way to give back to help with general scholarships and operational costs. The education that we both received from Dana was valuable, so we like to give back towards keep the school alive and striving to be better," Mandy said. "We also enjoy seeing the improvements and additions that have been made to Dana. It's just one more reason that we are alumni that like to keep giving back to Dana."

Virtually no aspect of Dana College is left untouched by the Annual Fund. These unrestricted annual gifts enhance teaching, learning and living at Dana. They provide for scholarships and technology and equipment upgrades. They ensure that Dana can hire and retain the best faculty. They help maintain the beauty of Dana's campus and allow for necessary enhancements to the buildings and property. They also strengthen academic and co-curricular programs.

Last year more than 1,400 alumni, parents, friends, students, faculty and staff of Dana College provided vital support for the college by making a gift to the Annual Fund. Participation at any level is an important indicator used by corporations and foundations when making grants to educational institutions. It also reflects well on Dana's institutional rankings, such as those in *US News and World Report*. Each gift to the Dana College Annual Fund helps to maintain the value of a Dana degree.

Thank you to the Stark family and all of you who consistently support Dana each year. The fiscal year for 2008 ends on May 31. Please look for our listing of annual donors in the fall issue of the *Dana Review*. We hope you will add your name to the list!





$$E=mc^2$$

WHY I TEACH

This article by Dr. Mark Sand, associate professor of mathematics, is the first of a resurrected *Review* series "Why I Teach." The series first ran in the *Dana Review* in the mid-1990s. Sand began teaching at Dana in the fall of 2000 following nine years on the faculty at Northwest Missouri State University. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Drake University in 1980. Both his master of science degree (1989) and his Ph.D. (1991) were received from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis.

Why do I teach? Because I like to eat, and so does my family. Now, I don't want to sound too silly, so I'll re-word the question and try again. Why do I teach instead of pursuing a different career? What comes to mind is the word opportunity.

Everyone who thinks about a career wants it to include some specific opportunities. For me, it's the opportunity to make a difference. Of course, we all make a difference in the world, just by living where we are and interacting with the people around us. But even beyond that, as I set foot on our campus each day, I see the students coming to class and I am reminded that the day will bring fresh opportunities to make a positive impact on the lives of some very good young people.

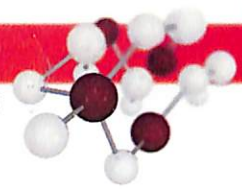
It may seem unlikely, but that positive impact can happen in a math class—it might be the impact of getting one idea solidly planted in a student's mind after a long discussion or the fifth different explanation. Or, it could happen outside of class—it might be the increase in a student's confidence after some one-on-one problem solving. It might also be non-mathematical—a student's more-optimistic outlook on the future after discussing graduate school and careers.

I have seen many instances of small changes in ability or attitude, building up over time, that amount to life-changing results. I can't always break through the perceptions of most people that math is difficult, irrelevant, and impossible to enjoy, but I look forward each day to the opportunity to try.

One more thing: over the past 10 years or so, a web site of "mathematical genealogies" has been developed. At that site I can find my name, which is then connected to my graduate advisor, who in turn is connected to his graduate advisor, and so on as far back as it can be traced.

The genealogical tree that can be built in my particular case is pretty remarkable—it contains the names of many of the outstanding mathematicians who spent the past 350 years building our modern mathematical system. And this means a lot to me. As I walk through the Dana Hall of Science on the way to class, I feel the influence of all those amazing mathematicians who came before me and I have the strong desire to keep the lineage intact by transmitting that influence to my own students. Who could pass up such an opportunity?

Mark Sand



DANA SCIENCE ALUMNI

Dana science students meet with real-world success

Science is a growing field at Dana College, and the success of its graduates goes back decades. The professors' names may have changed, but the experience students have in the classroom has not.

Students still work hands-on in the labs. Students still have a high rate of acceptance into professional schools. They get good jobs. They are respected by their peers. And that professor's door is still open when a student hits a crossroads about where their career may take them...

MIKE AND MERI JO SOE

Every alumnus who studied the sciences at Dana seems to have a story that involves Dr. Larrie Stone '57, professor emeritus of biology. But Mike '85 and Meri Jo (Meier '87) Soe's Dr. Stone story may top them all.

Oh, officially it was friend Jon Bansen '85 that introduced them. Yes, in the scorebook he gets credit for the assist., but also ...

"We were both in the science department and kind of met through classes," Mike said.

"He was my lab teaching assistant," Meri Jo said.

"Dr. Stone was our professor, and he would assign the upperclassmen to do things," Meri Jo said. He assigned Mike to Meri Jo, and that was it. It actually happened in real life. She blinded him with science.

It was over. It was destiny. As soon as they started seeing each other, they could already tell. "Yeah," Mike said, "we pretty much knew."

"After a couple of weeks," Meri Jo said, "we were pretty sure." They still are. They're a longtime husband-wife team.

They live in Fremont, Neb., where Mike is a radiologist at the Fremont Area Medical Center. The hospital's web site says his interests are "All facets of diagnostic imaging and musculoskeletal radiology."

For years, Meri Jo worked in the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute Human Genetics Laboratories as a cytogenetics technologist. What does that mean?

She studied chromosomes. She did work with the cancer chromosome.

Mind-bending work. How does one get involved in such a thing?

Meri Jo was doing her senior science project at Dana, and Dr. Stone encouraged her to go to the university and look into the lab.

So there they were. A doctor. A scientist. A husband-wife team. Imagine the conversation around that kitchen table. "It was kind of nice to have that common interest," Mike said. "Both of us having that background helps if we come home and talk about it," he said.

Mike has another story of his time at Dana. He and his cousin were the same age, and they both wanted to study medicine. Mike went to Dana; his cousin went to a bigger school. As freshmen they both slacked a little bit and lost their legs, as freshmen tend to do. At mid-terms, Dr. Stone sat Mike down, asked him if he still wanted to be a doctor. He did. Dr. Stone told him he needed to get it together, to make a commitment. Mike said he took it to heart.

Meanwhile, his cousin got an anonymous letter from the bigger school, "basically suggesting that he change majors." Mike wonders how many promising kids have slipped through those kinds of cracks. "I think it makes a difference for a lot of people," Mike said.



Mike Soe

Meri Jo said Dana's lessons helped her when she stepped away from science. When they moved to Fremont she left the lab. She's now the coordinator for children's education for their church.

"I don't regret the time I had. I still love science," she said. "But I enjoy what I do now as well. A well-rounded education helps."



That's what's good about a liberal arts education, Meri Jo said. You can love learning for learning's sake; you can be interested in other things. You can go on to do other things. When you declare your major you don't give up the rest of the world.

The husband-wife team still loves to talk science when it can. "It's an interesting, rapidly changing field," Mike said.

"So many new things are coming out," Meri Jo said.

But the kitchen table we're envisioning has changed. These days the conversation is more likely to be centered around

CORY WILSON

Cory Wilson '90 still remembers the advice he was given, when he was enrolling as a freshman at Dana College more than two decades ago. He can still recite it by heart: "Humanities," they said. "Pay attention to the Humanities classes. You're going to think it's boring and not relevant, but it really is."

That guidance turned out to be prescient, as the years went on, Wilson said. Even for a guy who took science classes. Even now, in his line of work. Even for a doctor, the medical director of the Emergency Department, the guy who works in the ER.

Especially for a doctor. "In medicine we all have a science background," Wilson said, "but there's an art to it too."

There's something to be said for being well rounded, for understanding people; for having studied the history of Western civilization, as he puts it "the history of ideas." Wilson feels like he's a better doctor for having a liberal arts education. Amazing. The stuff they told him during freshman orientation turned out to be true.

He majored in Biology and Spanish. He came to Dana because he was looking for a small school. He remembers part of the pitch being that a higher percentage of Dana grads get into the University of Nebraska Medical Center's medical school than do those who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (Over the past five years, 89 percent of Dana's science graduates who have pursued graduate or professional school have been admitted to the school of their choice.) He said he learned a lot from Dr. Larrie Stone '57.

He worked in a lab for a year after graduation, in molecular biology. Then, med school at the University of Colorado. "When I went to medical school I felt totally prepared for what I encountered there," he said.

Of course, nothing prepares one for residency, not even the history of ideas. Wilson remembers one particular stretch of fatigue when it dawned on him that all those noble thoughts of helping people were great – but being a doctor was not as glamorous as it had previously seemed.

He got through it. He was married; they moved to a small town in the Washington rainforest, the Pacific Northwest. He was in family practice, another in the long line of Dana doctors.

what's going on with their three kids: Megan, 17, Melissa, 14, and Matthew, 11. Which also can be a rapidly changing field.

All those years ago Dr. Stone assigned Mike to work with Meri Jo, and they just knew. Now this.

Meri Jo jokes that she's not completely out of the field. She does help with homework. And then she laughed: "As if they think I know anything," she said.

No, no parent ever does. Not even a cytogenetics technologist. Not even a husband-wife science super team.

It was family, oddly enough, that got him out of family practice. He took emergency medicine jobs, first in Council Bluffs, Iowa, then in Blair, to move closer to family. Not just extended family. The one in his house, too.

Family practice was tough. "I learned a lot," Wilson said. But there were always more hours; he was always on call.

In the emergency room, "When I'm at work I work hard. When I'm done I don't have a pager." He can go home, and be home. Until that next 24-hour shift.

Some days he can stroll in, have some coffee and read the paper. Other days it's crazy from the get-go. But it's great. "It does get your adrenaline pumping," Wilson said.

"Under his guidance," said Memorial Community Hospital President and CEO Sally Harvey, "the department has prospered."

Harvey said MCH's emergency department hits 100 percent of its Quality Indicators and has the lowest wait time (an MCH ad says it's an average of six minutes) in the Omaha area with Dr. Wilson at the helm.

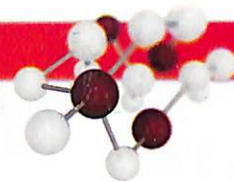
The hospital is growing. His department is growing. It's headed toward becoming a state-designated Trauma Center – Harvey said that's under Wilson's direction. The hospital is undergoing a \$24.5 million renovation and building project. MCH has Wilson working with the architects to help plan the emergency department. It's an exciting time.

But life is good. Wilson likes his job. He enjoys being back in Blair, being a part of the community. He has his wife, Michal, and two kids, Caleb, 10, and Joshua, 8.

And he still has his love of learning, his liberal arts education. Which is good. Because after all these years, those lessons still apply, even now. Especially now.

"People always think that once you're a doctor you've got it made," Wilson said. "But there are always things you are trying to learn. Things in medicine are always changing, and we're just trying to stay on top of it."





HANNAH HECKART



It was in the mountains of Jamaica that Hannah Heckart '06 diagnosed her first Triple-A (that's abdominal aortic aneurysm to the rest of us). It was there, in March 2007, that she performed one of her first surgeries – sutures and everything – removing some skin tags for a young boy who had been shunned for being different. The boy's mother was sure the surgery would change his life.

You don't forget stuff like that. You go to medical school to do stuff like that. She can't wait to go back.

Heckart is a second-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She's passing all her classes; she's even done some clinical rotations. But when she spoke in February, she was most excited about going back into those mountains.

Some students take spring breaks. Heckart was headed back for a week in March for another medical mission to Jamaica with UNMC's Student Alliance for Global Health (SAGH).

"It'll be great to go back and see how some of the kids we worked with (last year) have progressed," she said. "Some of the people we saw, that's the only medical attention they get all year."

In Jamaica, Heckart said she saw firsthand in the village of Sherwood, you're either rich or you're poor. And the people in the mountains, many of whom live in one-room houses, without plumbing, often belong to the latter group. SAGH calls it a third-world culture.

"It is a town of 140 people," faculty advisor Dr. John Andresen (another Dana graduate, Class of '78) said in an e-mail. "And we saw 70 of them." Half the town.

The medical work they did there was mostly routine – well-baby checks, inhalers, ankle braces and the like. And this is gratifying enough, Heckart said. But then you find a Triple-A. Then there is that little boy. Now that's having a great time on spring break.

Heckart played softball at Dana for three years until she hurt her back. Then she helped coach the pitchers on the junior varsity team.

She majored in biology. "We have a wonderful biology department," Heckart said. "It's a very personalized program. It's very helpful when you're trying to get into a graduate program."

Heckart was trying to decide where to take her career. She'd become a Certified Nurses Aide while taking advantage of a program her high school offered at a local community college. She'd worked for a year as a nurse before attending Dana.

But it was a talk with then Dana Chemistry Professor Dr. Therese Michels, now Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Bellevue University, which helped Heckart make a decision to go to medical school.

Michels taught Heckart in class, and they did a research project together. Heckart was at a crossroads when she knocked on Michels' door.

She left that meeting with a new sense of purpose, Heckart said. "She thought I should strive to go for the highest I could go," she said. Whatever she wanted to do, do it all the way.

Said Michels: "I can assess the students pretty well when I watch them in class and in lab whether they have the perseverance and tenacity make it in medical school. I could see it in Hannah. I don't know if she saw it in herself at that time."

Andresen saw it in the mountains of Jamaica.

The young boy's mother saw it when she begged the Americans to perform surgery on her son.

Heckart sees it now. When she spoke, she couldn't wait to get back to those mountains. You could hear the excitement in her voice.

In her second year of med school, Hannah Heckart is a success story. But Michels said making med school is not what makes Heckart a success.

Sometimes a success story is pushing yourself as far as you can go. "Often, there's a fear of trying for fear of failure," Michels said. She doesn't believe in that, not in studying science. "As a scientist, we specialize in failure. It's called the Scientific Method," she said.

In Hannah Heckart, her hypothesis proved to be true.

As for Heckart, she continues to strive. She's passing all of her classes. She's done some clinical rotations. But most of all she was excited about spring break. Most of all, she remembers that young boy. With those skin tags no one would touch him or talk to him.

"That little boy," she said, "it was like we gave him the right to be in his village."

It was one of her first surgeries. "It was a really easy stitch job," she said. But of course, it was much more than that.





GOING GREEN AT DANA

Dana seeks to be a part of the buzz

Green energy is the new buzz word of late. Washington County has become a center of green energy industry, and Dana College is looking to both participate in and capitalize on this local growth.

A Green Energy task force was started on campus last fall to explore and recommend collaborations and programs addressing green energy and environmental science.

Although the group is still in its infancy, they have several plans to make an environmental impact on campus. They hope to start a student club with a green energy focus. In the past, Dana students have led groups such as the Environmental Awareness Organization (EAO), which helped with projects such as recycling in the 1990s.

The task force is exploring the possibility of a green energy-focused summer camp on campus, perhaps as early as this year.

Efforts are underway to explore connections with some of the green energy industries in the community, such as Cargill and Northstar Wind Towers. Connections could include

partnerships as well as student internships.

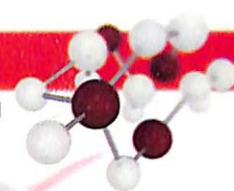
The group will also examine how Dana College could do better in its "green" efforts. "If we are going to be educators in this field, we need to walk the walk and talk the talk," said Prof. Pam Baltzer, assistant professor of chemistry and chair of the task force.

Walk-throughs of each campus building will assess what is being done with recycling and what more can be done. Lighting is being swapped out to more energy-efficient methods where possible. Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) has offered to help out with education and ideas for energy saving.

Environmental awareness is something that goes way back for Baltzer, who was president of her ecology club as a ninth grader. "I went to college and wanted to save the whales and clean the air," she said.

She is excited to see green energy have a bit of resurgence among youth today. "It's an effort they are willing to contribute to," Baltzer said.





DANA'S SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Dana Biology students receive hands-on training

Breeding mice. Studying the behavioral habits of honey bees. Determining genotypes of fruit flies. Analyzing how eyes move when reading. Building muscles out of clay. Monitoring the ecosystem of a prairie.

Dana College biology students do the bulk of their learning researching and collecting data from living things, not from reading about how to do it in a textbook. "Basically every single class they take here, they are going to do some type of research project," said Dr. Carla Delucchi, professor of biology and chair of the department. "The emphasis is on actually doing things that someone may ask you to do."

The researched-based nature of the Dana College biology department gives its majors an advantage when applying to professional school or getting a job. From freshman level biology courses all the way through to the senior research project, all students are gathering and analyzing data and presenting their findings.

At most other colleges and universities, only the top students are given the opportunity to complete a senior research project. "It takes more time, but all students have an equal experience," Delucchi said.

Seniors chose their own project, usually relating to their planned career. They present their findings in both oral and written form.

"When they go into their interviews [for careers or professional school], they have something to talk about that is their own," added Dr. Karen Murch-Shafer, associate professor of biology.

And our graduates are successful. Over the past five years, more than 89 percent of Dana College chemistry and biology majors who have applied to professional or graduate school have been accepted. (See the story on second-year medical student Hannah Heckart '06, page 17.)

The hands-on nature of Dana's biology classes also gives its students an advantage. One of the newest additions to the curriculum are Anatomy in Clay models. Students construct muscles, organs, arteries, nerves, etc. out of clay on 29-inch tall models of the human skeleton.

"You build the body from the inside out instead of dissecting from the outside in," Murch-Shafer said. Research has shown that using Anatomy in Clay models is more beneficial for

learning anatomy than traditional dissection methods alone. Students in her Human Anatomy and Physiology class still use dissection to learn, but this kinesthetic method is bringing excitement to the classroom.

Students also use Biopac, a data acquisition system that collects electrical signals from the body via electrodes connected to the skin. This data is then fed into a computer and can be used to analyze brain waves, how muscles move, how eyes move and other experiments on fellow students. "Students hook themselves up, collect the data and determine what this means," Murch-Shafer said.

Because of the small classes and the relationships Dana professors have with their students, Dana's biology students can create a somewhat individualized education. For instance, senior biology and German major Joseph "Tony" Palmer of Dennison, Ohio, has taken directed study courses in spiders, entomology and advanced entomology from Delucchi to help fulfill his interest in studying entomology in graduate school.

Palmer was the driving force behind bringing an observation bee hive to the Dana College campus last year. When Palmer accompanied Dana alumnus Ted Bansen '89 to purchase a set-up for bee hives on Bansen's farm, Palmer knew he found something that the biology department could use for not only student research projects but outreach efforts as well. The hive was purchased and installed over the summer with the help of a grant from biology graduate Jane Mundschenk '80.

Palmer's work with the hive gave him an "in" for a job as Butterfly and Insect Keeper at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

Junior biology major Beth Richmond of Chariton, Iowa, has volunteered as the caretaker for the creatures who live in the biology department. That experience was a direct tie for a full-time internship for her at the Henry Doorly Zoo last summer, which led to a full time job this summer at the zoo's Safari Park.

Murch-Shafer agrees that biology at Dana can be a personalized experience. "I tell students if there is something you want to do, let's find a way to do it," she said.

Some of these value-added experiences are funded by the Science Equipment Fund, a special fund made up primarily with donations by Dana science alumni. To make a donation to the Science Equipment Fund, contact the Dana College Institutional Advancement Office at 402-426-7333.





OMAHA BEEF

Dana Alumni Heat Up the Omaha Beef

The Omaha Beef announced the signing of four former Dana College football players to their 2008 team. The *Dana Review* and Sports Information Department sat down with Chuck Wright '04, Ricky Lebeda '07, Travis Hines '06, and Javon Bell '08 to discuss their participation in professional football.



DANA REVIEW: What made you want to continue your career playing indoor football?

RICKY LEBEDA: I love the game of football. I really enjoy the competition, camaraderie and excitement the game brings. I feel like football, in general, brings many positive characteristics into my life. I feel privileged to have the talent to be able to compete at the professional level.

JAVON BELL: I love the game. It is way too much fun. It is really basic for me; I have a passion for the game.

DR: What's it like playing for the Omaha Beef?

CHUCK WRIGHT: Playing for the Beef has truly been a blessing. I have had the opportunity to work with some great individuals. Playing professional football is every players' dream and I have been very lucky to be able to continue my playing career.

TRAVIS HINES: It is very fun, really fun to be honest. The Beef take care of us. We get to do community events, autograph sessions, and all of the things associated with playing pro ball.

DR: What's the difference between playing indoor and outdoor football in your opinion?

RL: For me the biggest difference is the width of the field goal poles. Outside they are 12-feet wide and indoor they are nine-feet wide. The width makes a heck of a difference, especially on the long ones. The field size, style of play, speed of the game, and the crowd are all big factors. The crowd sits within inches of the field.

CW: I can sum it up all in one word...the WALL! The game itself moves much faster than the outdoor game. It's high scoring and very fast. You can have players in motion toward the line of scrimmage. And yes...when you hit the wall, it hurts...a lot!

JB: The field size is a lot smaller. The indoor game is so precise. In indoor you need to know what you have to do before it even happens. There are so many great athletes in indoor, it's crazy. It is great competition.

TH: It is a faster game. We have to be ready for anything. If you're not, it blows by you. The walls are a big thing as well. I haven't been hit into them yet, but you notice them!

DR: Have you had other professional try-outs?

RL: I tried out for the AAFL in Tennessee after graduation, but I didn't get drafted.

CW: I have had the opportunity to travel and try out for other teams, but with the birth of my son, football has taken a backseat. I have also played indoor football for the Iowa Black Hawks who are based in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

JB: I was on the practice squad last year for the Sioux Falls Storm. I also had attended a pro day at the University of Miami and looked into the CFL.

TH: I have had try-outs with a couple Arena League teams and an Arena Two team. The AFL teams were the Tampa Bay Storm and the Orlando Predators. The AF2 team was the Fort Meyers Firecats.

DR: Which game do you prefer, indoor or outdoor?

CW: Indoor football is a very mental game and is the one I prefer the most.

TH: I love both games. Outdoor lets me see the whole field. Inside, I get to use my speed and have the opportunities to make big plays.

DR: Do you have interaction with any of your former Dana teammates?

CW: I try and stay in contact with many of my old teammates. I always enjoy hearing how they are doing and what they are up to. I have even had the chance to play with some of my college teammates on the professional level.

TH: I hang out and talk a lot with Javon (Bell). He is a great guy to hang out with and be a teammate with. I was at Dana from 2002-2004, so I had the chance to play with all of them.

DR: How did you get involved with indoor football?

RL: I got a call from Javon one day saying that I should come and try out, because the Beef were looking for a kicker. So Coach Steve Warren and I talked, then I started to work out with the team, which led to me trying out. Then I got the call saying I made the team. I was so excited!

CW: Back in 2004, I got a call from a former teammate, Kurt Ferguson '02, about a new team forming in Council Bluffs. I really wasn't sure if I wanted to play, but Kurt convinced

me to come and try-out. I made the team and earned the starting job with the Iowa Black Hawks and the rest, they say, is history.

JB: Out of college, I was recruited by several indoor teams, but I wanted to try the NFL. When that fell through, I called Sioux Falls and they brought me in. Now the Beef has given me a real chance to play. I hope that this can lead me into another shot at outdoor.

TH: One of the current players, Rico Jones, is from Florida. He told me about the try-outs. In fact, I attended the last few practices last year. I met the coaches and they kept in contact with me.

Lebeda is already making his mark for the Beef. The kicker hit a 57-yard field goal in the season opener, which is tied for fourth all-time in UFL history.

The Beef have been a fixture in indoor professional football since 1999. The Beef play their games on Saturdays in the spring and summer. Omaha plays their home games at the Civic Auditorium. You can check out their schedule on line at www.beeffootball.com.

Join us for Dana College Alumni Night at the Beef on Saturday, May 3. Game time is 7 p.m. Tickets reserved in advance are only \$6. For more information, visit www.dana.edu/alumni/beef.

DANA DANCERS JOIN OMAHA PRIME

Two members of this season's Dana College dance team have earned spots on the Omaha Prime Dance team. The Prime Dancers are the dance team that supports the Omaha Beef, members of the United Indoor Football league. The Beef played their inaugural season in 1999 and have been a mainstay in indoor football since that time.



Ashley Christoffersen (left) and Cashell Montez worked their way through grueling try-outs and made the squad. Christoffersen is an elementary education and Spanish major at Dana College. She is a senior from Blair, Neb. She was a member of the Blair High School dance team and took lessons through the Judy Howard studio.

Montez is a chemistry and biology major at Dana. She was a member of the Blair High School dance team for four years.

She is a freshman, also from Blair. She has been dancing for over 15 years and has taken lessons from the Judy Howard studio.

"Dancing for the Prime is nothing like I have done before," said Montez. "The practices are three times a week, plus rehearsals and public appearances on top of that."

The two found their way to the Prime through different avenues. Montez found out about the try-outs in the Blair newspaper. Christoffersen was invited to the try-outs from a friend who was trying out.

"I think the experience dancing for the Prime will help bring in new techniques and new dance ideas," said Christoffersen. "Our practices go for two hours, three times a week, so it's pretty intense."

Montez echoed the sentiment, "The Prime Dancers takes a lot of time, but is definitely worth the experience."

The Prime Dance team performs throughout the season and makes several public appearances, which is something all dance team members are asked to be a part of. Omaha Beef play their home games on Saturday evenings at the Civic Auditorium. You can check out their schedule online at www.beeffootball.com.





VIKINGS ATHLETICS

Dana College athletes excel in their sports

VIKINGS NAMED TO ALL-NEBRASKA TEAMS

The Dana College Sports Information Department is proud to announce seven Viking athletes were named to the first team of the *Omaha World Herald's* All-Nebraska team.

Marcus Sladek (JR, Omaha, Neb.), **Mark Schlueter** (FR, Omaha, Neb.), and **Trevor Ketelsen** (JR, Bloomfield, Neb.) represented Dana football. Sladek completed 56.5 percent of his passes this season for 2454 yards and nine touchdowns. He was named to the Great Plains Athletic Conference Honorable Mention team.

Schlueter had one of the best freshman seasons in Viking history and earned first-team all-GPAC honors. He caught 79 balls for 956 yards and three touchdowns.

Ketelsen was the top tackler for the Vikings this fall. He racked up 55 solo tackles and had two interceptions. Ketelsen also earned honorable mention all-GPAC accolades.

Corbin Lukasiewicz (JR, Omaha, Neb.) and **Ryan Farr** (JR, Converse, Texas) earned first-team all-Nebraska honors in

men's soccer. Both players were named to the second team all-GPAC. Lukasiewicz was the top scorer for the Vikings with eight goals and six assists. Farr was the Vikings' top defender and a 2006 All-American. Farr dished out three assists from his defensive position.

Michelle Mullen (FR, Omaha, Neb.) earned first-team all-Nebraska honors in women's soccer. Mullen played both midfield and forward for the Vikings last fall. She had four goals and a team-high nine assists. Mullen was also tabbed as a second-team all-GPAC performer.

Cory Logsdon (SO, Fort Calhoun, Neb.) was the lone Viking cross country runner to make the NAIA National Meet. Logsdon finished in 89th place in the national meet with a time of 26:10.4.

The seven fall athletes marked the largest number of Viking athletes named to the all-Nebraska first team since the inception of the teams.

VIKINGS SHOW WELL AT NATIONAL MEET

The Dana College indoor track team sent five underclassmen to the 43rd Annual Men's and 28th Annual Women's National Meet in Johnson City, Tenn., in March. The Viking contingent consisted of the men's distance medley team and the women's team sent a representative in the shot put.

The Viking distance medley team placed 19th with a time of 10:50.24. The team was comprised of **Josh McConico** (FR,

Bonner Springs, Kan.), **Cory Logsdon** (SO, Fort Calhoun, Neb.), **Andrew Palmblade** (SO, Hastings, Neb.), and **Dan Stachlin** (FR, Omaha, Neb.).

"They did not run their best time in the meet," said Head Track Coach Allen Friesen. "They could have been nervous in their first national meet appearance. It was a good experience for the group. They were disappointed with their showing, but



now know what it takes to compete on the highest level.”

The lone representative on the women’s side was **Megan Higgins** (FR, Council Bluffs, Iowa) in the shot put. Higgins finished in 13th place in the meet with a throw of 40 feet 2.75 inches.

“Megan just missed qualifying for the finals,” said Friesen.

“She didn’t throw her personal best, but she was consistent throughout the meet. She was only one of two freshmen in the meet made up mostly of juniors and seniors. She held her own and knows what it takes to get back there next year.”

The national indoor meet was held on the campus of Eastern Tennessee State University.

VIKINGS PLACE FIVE ALL-AMERICANS

Dana College sent 12 wrestlers to the 51st Annual NAIA wrestling championships in Sioux City, Iowa, and came out with five All-Americans.

Leading the way for the Vikings were two runner-up finishes. **Burke Barnes** (SR, Lake Stevens, Wash.) earned his second straight second-place finish at 133 pounds. **Wade Jordan** (SR, Coulee City, Wash.) brought home a runner-up finish for the Vikings at weight heavy.

Ryan Tuzon (SO, Maui, Hawaii) defeated Aaron Palacios of William Penn, 16-9, to open up the 165-pound weight class. Tuzon had only one loss on the weekend (to the eventual national champion) before taking home a third-place medal. **Jason Bilinski** (SR, Pitts Grove, N.J.) finished in fourth place at 157 pounds. **Tony Ponce** (SR, Derby, Kan.) was the final All-American for the Vikings in the 174-weight class, placing sixth.

Dana placed fifth overall in the team standings with 91.5 points. Lindenwood University won its second straight team title with 130 points. The Vikings were the highest scoring GPAC school in the National Tournament. This is the fourth straight year Dana has placed in the top five in the team-scoring race.

Three Dana College wrestlers were recognized as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes. **Wade Jordan** (SR, Coulee City, Wash.), **Dan Pray** (SR, St. George, Kan.), and **Hunter Samuels** (SR, Tonganoxie, Kan.) earned the top academic recognition of the NAIA.

Individuals must have at least a junior academic standing and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. This is the third straight season where the Dana College wrestling team placed at least three members on the Scholar-Athlete team.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS EARN GPAC HONORS

Amy Nichol (SR, Des Moines, Iowa) earned second-team Great Plains Athletic Conference All-Conference women’s basketball honors. Nichol led the Vikings with 93 steals and averaged 6.8 rebounds per game this season. She also averaged 2.2 assists per game and 11.6 points per game.

Nichol is a four-time member of the GPAC all-conference teams and is in the top five in most offensive categories in Viking basketball history.

Eric Maassen (JR, Hancock, Iowa) and **Doug Huston** (JR, Olathe, Kan.) were named to the GPAC Men’s Basketball

All-Conference team.

Maassen, a junior center, garnered second-team honors. He was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Vikings this season. Maassen averaged 15.2 points per game and pulled down 6.3 rebounds. He also had a team-high 35 blocked shots on the season.

Huston, a junior guard, earned honorable mention honors this year. He was the Vikings’ top assist man, averaging four assists per game during the season. Huston also averaged eight points per game and had 37 steals.

DANA COLLEGE INTRODUCES NEW ATHLETIC LOGO



The Dana College Vikings have found their identity. Starting this spring, Dana College athletics has an image of its own.

“Without a single Dana athletic icon, it has been a struggle to brand Dana College athletics,” said Carrie L. Reed, director of college relations and marketing. “Each sport has used their own Viking or typographic image, and these images seem to change as coaches change.”

The new Dana College athletic logo features a Viking helmet and typographic treatment of “DC” and “Vikings.” It was designed by Steven Hughes, art director for the college. “I looked to design a combination iconic and typographic identity that can be utilized in a variety of combinations depending on the media it will be used on,” Hughes said. “Our goal was to develop an icon that is non-gender specific and communicates an impression of dignity, confidence, strength, and competitive intimidation.”

Teams are already incorporating the new logo in their plans for uniforms and practice jerseys starting next fall. The Dana College Bookstore will also carry apparel items with the new image.



Minutes of the Student Organization
of
Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

On Monday January 21, 1924 Dr. Hansen called a meeting of all the students to discuss the question of a "Student Body" or a "Student Organization"

A BRIEF HISTORY of Student Government

Student government of a sort came early to the Dana College campus. In 1886, two years after Dana's predecessor, Trinity Seminary, was founded and the year seminary students moved into a new building that was later called Old Main, the seminarians – their number was small – had "a student body organization . . . apparently in some form. . .," William E. Christensen writes in his *Saga of the Tower*, the 75-year history of Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

Later, in 1896, Trinity students adopted a constitution for a student organization that, Christensen writes, "elected student body officers, served as a religious group, and also had some of the features of a literary group."

But by 1899 other organizations had taken over those functions, Peter L. Petersen writes in his centennial history, *A Place Called Dana*, and they "brought about the demise of the first student body organization."

Then in early 1924 students, by adopting a document titled "Constitution of the Student Organization of Dana College and Trinity Seminary," introduced a form of student government that, with inevitable changes, continues today.

The possibility of forming a student government organization must have been discussed among students, faculty and administrators for more than a year before the constitution was written. The college archive includes letters, all of them from late January 1923, to Prof. T.M. Hansen, who taught at Trinity and who became president of Dana and Trinity in 1925. Hansen had written to administrators at several Lutheran colleges, asking them about their forms of student government.

Their replies varied. They described honor systems, boarding clubs, and social, literary, athletic and forensic activities governed by students, as well as monthly forums where students could air their concerns — but none of the colleges had an actual student government organization.

Discussion among faculty and administrators on campus

resulted in an undated, five-page report, which is also in the college archive, by a "Committee on Recommendation to the Faculty." The report includes a proposed constitution concerned mostly with student enforcement of an honor system and plans for a student court. (There's no record of faculty action on — or reaction to — this proposal.)

The constitution that was adopted in February 1924 bears little resemblance to the committee's proposed constitution or to the descriptions in the replies to T.M. Hansen's inquiries.

The process of forming a student government began on Jan. 21, 1924, when Dana President C.X. Hansen called a meeting of Dana and Trinity students. (The handwritten minutes of this meeting are the first of many minutes of student government meetings — through Apr. 28, 1938 — in a notebook that's also in the college archive; the constitution is on the first seven pages.) "He remarked," the temporary secretary writes, "about the value of such an organization at a school like Dana when questions arise that must be settled by the students themselves and which could be done more easily if they were organized."

She writes that after students had named a temporary chairman, they voted to form a student organization and elected a committee of five to draw up a constitution within the next two weeks.

On February 6, Christian Justesen, the committee chairman, reported on the proposed constitution. "It was moved," the minutes report, "that the constitution be posted in the library until the following Monday when it could be discussed point-by-point." Students subsequently voted to adopt it.

Like many constitutions, much of this one deals with routine matters, such as election of officers and their duties. But there are a few things in it — or not in it — that draw our attention today. For example, besides electing a president, secretary, and treasurer, students were to elect "a first Vice-President (a man)" and "a second Vice-President (a lady)." Officers were

to serve for the calendar year — i.e., for the second semester of one year and the first semester of the next. And there was no provision for a Student Council or Student Senate.

Only one specific duty was named, that the organization would be responsible for the *Hermes*. (The *Hermes* started as a literary magazine in 1918 with student essays in English and Danish and was published occasionally. Over time it began to include campus and alumni news, and when student government became responsible for its publication, it became a monthly newspaper, then a semimonthly, and eventually a weekly. Staff members were elected at the same time as student government officers.)

cooperate with him in seeing that the rules of the school were not broken.” Students voted “that a school calendar be made” and “that the President of the Student Body find out how much power the Student Body has.” They also asked “that we be only six at each table in the dining room,” complained to the School Board (today’s Regents) about Saturday classes and voted to buy a Victrola for \$175 and records for \$10.

— During the spring of 1925, students voted to buy flowers for sick students; to name the school’s yearbook, which was published by the senior class, the *Danian*; and to support plans for a new gymnasium (the building was dedicated in 1928 as “Alumni Memorial Auditorium”).



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Justesen Kaldahl Christensen Hansen Lund Gray
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The student government president for 1924 was Christian Justesen, a seminarian and World War I veteran who had chaired the constitution committee. His successor in 1925 was Magnus Christensen, a Dana junior who wrote the words to “Hail Dana.”

What responsibilities did the new organization take on? The first article of its constitution states that “The purpose of this organization shall be to foster a spirit of cooperation in the activities of the school, and to consider jointly those matters of mutual concern as they present themselves.” Here’s a sampling of actions and concerns from the minutes of meetings held during the spring and fall semesters of 1924 and ’25:

— In the spring of 1924, students voted to sponsor the annual student banquet, to support a concert by the violin instructor at Dana and his string quartet, to get “gummed pennants for our bags and suitcases” and to charge each student 10 cents for an all-student picnic.

— That fall, the secretary records that “Rev. T.M. Hansen [he was also dean of men] spoke to the men, asking them to

— The next fall they voted to sponsor a contest for a school song. (Christensen’s “Hail Dana” was chosen in April 1926.)

Eighty-four years have passed since President Hansen convened students to discuss forming a student government. Changes in the constitution over the years have reflected changes in society and on campus. Among those changes: When Trinity moved to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1956, a move made in preparation for the 1960 merger of several Lutheran synods, the constitution was no longer the “Constitution of the Student Organization of Dana College and Trinity Seminary.” Elections have been held in the spring for the next academic year since the late 1930s, and the Student Senate has been a part of student government for many years. And the position of second vice-president for “a lady” disappeared long ago. Instead, several women have served as student government presidents, and there have been times when all four officers were women.

Certainly the organization’s responsibilities and concerns have also changed with time, but after more than eight decades, student government at Dana continues as an essential part of campus life.





VIKING IN IRAQ

Serving on a different kind of team



I am currently a Staff Sergeant in the Army, where I am a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant. I have been to Iraq three times now and am getting ready to go back for a fourth time.

I originally joined the Army shortly after graduating from Dana. I received my BA in History for Secondary Education and decided that I did not want to be a teacher at that time. 9/11 happened during my senior year, and I decided that I could do more for my country and signed up.

Some people said that "I was crazy" for joining the army and Special Forces, but the skills I learned in the Dana classrooms to be a teacher, and the teamwork skills from being on the

Viking football team transferred over quite easily. I still get to teach, but we call it instructing, and my students usually don't speak any English. The bonds that have been created with teammates are the same as well, except for the win/lose to life or death situations being different.

I definitely miss the friends I made at Dana, and am able to keep in contact with some of them from time to time. I am still trying to get my old football jersey from Coach D.

Scott Hendrickson '02

You can contact Scott at sjh2003@comcast.net.

Andrew Gratz '07 and Holly Dickinson were married June 16, 2007. The couple lives in Canyon, Texas, where Andrew is employed with the Texas Department of Corrections.

Craig Trampe '07 is the assistant wrestling coach at Ravenna (Neb.) High School where he also teaches business and computer classes and is the sponsor for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Amy Fullenkamp '06 and **Jason Isaacson '06** were married Jan. 19, 2008. Amy is an area manager for National Research Corporation in Lincoln, Neb. Jason teaches in the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Schools. The couple lives in Bellevue, Neb.

Brynn Lastovica '06 created the artwork for the cover of the Fall 2007 *HAPS (Human Anatomy and Physiology Society) Educator*. Inside the cover of the magazine, Brynn writes, "At Dana College I took several courses taught by [HAPS member] Dr. [Karen] Murch-Shafer. I have spent the year following graduation gaining experience working with patients in physical therapy inpatient and outpatient settings. In addition, I am helping a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon start a research project. In the fall I will be attending medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I have enjoyed drawing since I was a child and I continued to develop my artistic talents through high school. Unable to further pursue my artistic education, I now draw as a hobby and form of relaxation."

Braxton Fecht '05 has a new job as a service banker at First National Bank of North Platte, Neb.

Rebekah Kehm '05 was awarded the Junior Sailor of the Year honor for 2007. She is a tower supervisor for the U.S. Navy. She also holds a Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service, Good Conduct Medal and an honor for Meritorious Service. She is stationed in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Eric Meurer '05 is a federal correctional officer in Herlong, Calif.



PHOTO LEFT: Erin (Rozelle '04) and Cheston Field '03 are the parents of a son, Isaac Jaggar, who was born Jan. 9, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. The family lives in Blair, Neb.

Ross Jensen '04 currently works as a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His wife, **Mary (Miller '02)** works as a shipping assistant at Election Systems and Software in Omaha. They live in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with their two children, Hannah, 4, and Christian, 2.

Lars Madsen '04 is currently employed as a compliance audit specialist with First National Bank of Nebraska. Lars resides in Omaha.

Class of 2003 — Join us for your 5-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Toni Ahrendt '03 graduated in December 2007 with a master's degree in social work and a master's degree in public administration. She lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Adam and **Stephanie (Collins '03) Harder** are the parents of a son, Collin Jeffrey, who was born Oct. 27, 2007. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. The family resides in Avoca, Iowa.

Jesse Taylor '03 is a senior investment specialist with T. Rowe Price. He lives with his wife, Becca, and son, Ethan, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

John Tripp '03, an Omaha South High Magnet science teacher, received the 2007 Educator Award from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. This award "recognizes teachers in grades K-12 who have made an outstanding contribution toward advancing the knowledge and appreciation of plants among their students." Tripp has developed creative ways to teach science concepts using the South High Magnet Habitat Garden. He uses hands-on learning experiences in the garden and motivates students to learn and become involved, even volunteering to help care for the garden after school, on weekends and holidays.



PHOTO ABOVE: Former Holling Hall residents (from left) Nichole Streitenberger '07, Rachel (Herman '01) Dannelly, Ashley (Denney '01) Dougherty, Wendy Weaver '01, Lyndsay Hiykel '01 and Mindy Streitenberger '01 gathered for a photo on the occasion of Ashley's wedding in July 2007.

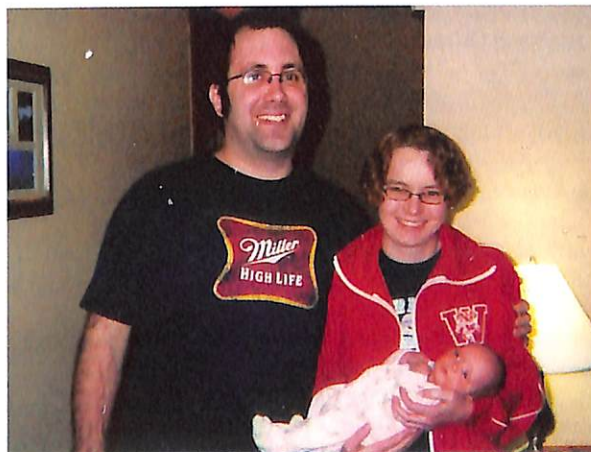


PHOTO ABOVE: David '01 and Dottie (Whitehill '98) Bossman are the parents of a daughter, Claire Noel, who was born Dec. 15, 2007. The family lives in Bellevue, Neb.,

where both David and Dottie teach English in Bellevue Public Schools. David is working on his master's degree in English at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Dottie has completed her thesis for a master's in education, also at UNO.



PHOTO ABOVE: **Andrew '01 and Melanie (Hinze '02) Lyons** and their son, Brady, visit Bill and **Elizabeth (Garber '03) Cunard** and their son, Liam. Brady was born June 11, 2007, and Liam was born Jan. 11, 2007. Both families live in Omaha



PHOTO ABOVE: **Kevin Stull '01 and Renee Boman '02** were married on July 7, 2007, in Columbus, Neb. Best man was **Eric Parrack '00**. Groomsmen included **Kurt Ferguson '01** and **Alex Gum '02**. **Jason Dannelly '02** was an usher. The couple resides in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Clint Fichter '00 has been named the first city manager in Avoca, Iowa. In this position he implements city policy, oversees the day-to-day operations of the city and develop plans to achieve the goals of the city's elected officials.

Anne (Curran '00) Frey owns her own mobile DJ/karaoke business in Orlando, Fla., called Liquid Karaoke.

Deneen (Schriver '99) Kelly earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Colorado at Denver in August 2007. She lives in Aurora, Colo., where she is a social worker for the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services.

Mark Taht '99 and Evelin Heinaste were married Aug. 25, 2007, in Tartu, Estonia.

Class of 1998 — Join us for your 10-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Harry and **Kristin (Mathiesen '98) Crouse** of Blair, Neb., are the parents of a son, Ryder Dale, who was born Jan. 7, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ½ ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. His sister, Bradie, is 4.



PHOTO ABOVE: **Stacy (King) '98 and Chase '97 Roller** had their third son, August Chase (AC) on April 3, 2007. He joins big brothers, Drake, age 8, and Cale, age 5. Stacy is now the social worker at Heritage House Retirement Community in Atlantic, Iowa. Chase is a probation/parole offer for the State of Iowa, covering Cass and Audubon counties. This year he also accepted the position of assistant wrestling coach for the Atlantic High School Trojans.

Justin Smith '98 was named the Siouxland Football Coach of the Year by the *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal*. Smith and his football teams of 2006 and 2007 at Wakefield (Neb.) High School have a 26-game winning streak, the longest currently by any high school in Nebraska. Justin's 10-year win-loss record at Wakefield is 63-34.

Sandra Jedlicka '97 married Eric Vanness on Nov. 17, 2007, in Columbus, Neb. Sandra is employed as a consultant pharmacist with Omnicare of Nebraska.



PHOTO ABOVE: Matthew and **Kara (Koehler '96) Johnson** of Omaha, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Faith Alexis, who was born Sept. 6, 2006. She joins sister Paige, age 5, and brother Cole, age 3. Kara is a stay-at-home mom.

Jeff and **Kristin (Knight '96) McCormick** are the parents of a son, Tyler Andrew, who was born Jan. 6, 2008, and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. He joins a big brother, Ethan, age 4 ½. Kristin is currently working in the office at St. Luke's childcare in Omaha. The family lives in Bennington, Neb.

Karl Hermanson '95 is pursuing his theater career in a master's degree program in theater arts at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He began the program in the fall of 2007 after working for several seasons with the Shakespeare Festival in Boise, Idaho. He and his wife, Paige,



have two children, Quinn, age 9, and Ena, age 4.

Jill (Drake '95) Shadwick and her family have recently moved from Louisville, Ky., to Des Moines, Iowa, for her husband's career. Jill has been a stay-at-home mom with daughter Sophie, but has returned to work at Des Moines Area Community College working with their student activities program.

Class of 1993 — Join us for your 15-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Jennifer Davenport '93 is a financial manager at First Data in Omaha. She and her daughter, Sierra, age 7, live in Omaha.

Ann Duncan-Gibbs '93 was featured in an article in the *Daily Northwestern*, the student newspaper of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Ann is a librarian in the preservation department at the university library. She was involved in an event organized by the university's Women's Center for people at NU to show each other their hidden creative talents. Ann is a quilter.

Catherine C. (Clements '93) Nun and her daughter, Lindsey, 11, have recently moved to Falls Church, Va., where Catherine started a new job as the marketing manager for JSA, Inc., an architectural firm in Washington, D.C.

Class of 1988 — Join us for your 20-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Alex Skovgaard '85 was promoted to president and chief operating officer of Midlands Newspapers. He had served as circulation director for the *Omaha World-Herald* since 2001. He started his newspaper career in 1984 and has since served in several management positions at the *World-Herald*, *Kearney Hub*, *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Stockton Record*.

Class of 1983 — Join us for your 25-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Dr. Chauncey Wilkins '83 received the Physician Excellence in Diabetes Care award from UniNet. He is a physician in Blair, Neb.

Class of 1978 — Join us for your 30-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

John Petersen '78 teaches physical education/health at Emerson Elementary in the Columbus (Neb.) Public Schools. He also coaches football and basketball.



PHOTO ABOVE: **Diane (Larsen '75) Madsen** owns a private piano studio in Middleton, Wis. In November, she co-chaired the Madison Area Piano Teachers Association's "Piano Play Together." The theme of the event was "A Musical Journey Around the World" and featured 200 area piano students performing piano ensemble literature that represented different countries and areas of the world. To represent Australia, Diane arranged a piano duet to the folk tune of "Waltzing Matilda." Pictured are two of her students who performed the duet with six other students in the monster concert.

Class of 1973 — Join us for your 35-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Carol (Thompson '73) Scott won the Leagreta Spears Career Achievement Award from the Iowa School Social Workers Association. Carol has served as secretary, board member and president of ISSWA. She has planned several conferences, including the Midwest 10-State Conference. She has been an outspoken advocate for school social workers in Iowa, the Midwest and on the national level. She works for Prairie Lake AEA in Storm Lake, Iowa, and resides in Hinton, Iowa.

Eileen (Taake '69) Simonsen and her husband, Jens, have retired from their administrative and teaching jobs in Glenwood, Iowa, and have relocated to Oakdale, Neb.

Bob Whitney '69 of New London, Minn., owner of Whitney Music in Willmar, Minn., recently was awarded the 2007 Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council Prairie Disciple Award. The award is a yearly recognition of an individual whose activities have aided in the development and promotion of arts in southwest Minnesota.

Class of 1968 — Join us for your 40-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.



PHOTO LEFT: **Jim '68 and Annette (Beech Sorensen '69) Holtam** spent a "wonderful Dana day on the hill" last fall with their grandchildren, Macy and Maccoy, children of Nicky and Ryan Holtam '98.

Bob '64 and Darlene (Haecker '67) Rademacher have retired and moved to Lincoln, Neb. Bob is serving as a visitation pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. He previously served at a two-point parish in Kennard and Orum, Neb.

Class of 1963 — Join us for your 45-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Jean (Gebhart '63) Kotrba retired in March 2007 from campus ministry at Pacific Lutheran University after 25 years. She writes, "enjoying being fully retired — traveling a lot! This year to Kauai, Hawaii; Mazatlan, Mexico; Sun City, Ariz.; Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Road trip from Washington



to Nebraska." She and her husband, Douglas, are at home in Tacoma, Wash.

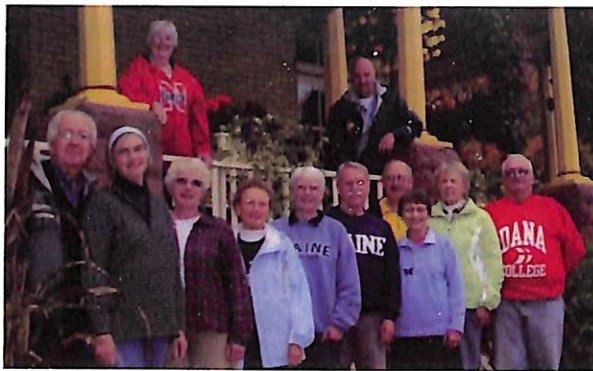


PHOTO ABOVE: **Members of the Dana College class of 1961** and their spouses who gathered in Bayfield, Wis., in October 2007 were (back row) Ellen (Andrews) Fisher and her husband Bob; (front row) Don and Norma (Parde) Heeren, JoAnn (Larsen) Otto, Arlyce (Fuchs) Olsen, Doris (Siersbeck) and Luther Kloth, Tom and Arla (Siems) Mayhew and Rosie (Peterson) and Ken Glover. The group began a round robin letter in 1961 and have kept it going ever since. They toured Iowa and attended their 45th class reunion in 2006.

Class of 1958 — Join us for your 50-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

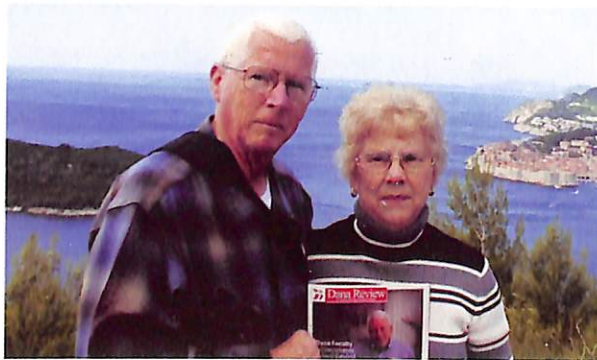


PHOTO ABOVE: **Phyllis (Bollesen '55) Matthews** and her brother **Rev. Melius Bollesen D'52 T'56** recently took a 16-day Mediterranean cruise on the Norwegian Jew. They visited Turkey, Greece, Croatia, Italy and Spain. This photo was taken overlooking the city of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Phyllis lives in Omaha and Melius lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Class of 1953 — Join us for your 55-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Class of 1948 — Join us for your 60-year reunion at this year's Homecoming. Mark your calendar now for Oct. 3-5, 2008.

Anne (Dige '43) Ledet writes: "Seven of us who attended Dana in 1940-41 formed a round robin letter in 1943 when we were scattered around the world during World War II. At that time, **Muriel (Ditlevson '44) Enos** was a "Wave," a Navy nurse in the Philippines; **Roma (Sandvold '44) Phillipps** was an Army "Wac" stateside; **Marge (Coyle '44) Ellvinger** was a Navy "Wave" out of San Diego; and **Ruth (Hansen '44) Peterson, Ramona (Lackey '44) Divine** and **Marie (Nielsen '44) Welch** were all married and living stateside. Anne was on a civil service assignment with the

Army Engineers in Anchorage, Alaska. After 66 years of a round robin letter contact and several reunions, four of us are still here. Ruth, Marge, Marie and Anne are alive and able to remain in contact! Amazing!"

DEATHS

Margaret "Peg" Crannell '89 died Nov. 30, 2007, at the age of 57 in Tekamah, Neb. She taught Spanish at Blair High School for 15 years and previously taught English at Elkhorn (Neb.) High School. Survivors include her husband, Jon, and three daughters, including Kelli (Crannell '92) Paulson.

Margaret Hale '64 died Dec. 23, 2007, at the age of 100 in Lyons, Neb. She retired from teaching in 1977 and did in-home care for two elderly persons. Survivors include two children.

Juane (Skow '61) Nielsen died Dec. 4, 2007, at the age of 68 in Minden, Neb. She taught fourth grade in Fremont, Neb., before marrying and working the family farm with her husband. Survivors include her husband, Elliott '61, and three children, including Deanne (Nielsen '84) Appel and David '87.

Mary Jane (Freeman '57) Jackson died Dec. 22, 2007, at the age of 75 in Herman, Neb. She was a substitute teacher, helped her husband manage the Herman Jiffy Mart and later went to work at the Herman Post Office. Survivors include her husband, Cameron, a daughter and a son.

Kenneth H. Christensen '54 died Feb. 2, 2008, at the age of 75 in Ventura, Calif. The U.S. Army veteran worked as an insurance executive for more than 30 years, retiring in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, and three children.

Don Poh '50 died Jan. 31, 2008, at the age of 81 in Green Bay, Wis. He served in World War II as a sonar technician, 2nd class in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated Don Poh Music, Inc. for more than 50 years, retiring in 2004. He also was founding conductor of the Green Bay Youth Orchestra and involved in other areas of the arts in Green Bay. Don was a generous donor to Dana's performing arts (see story page 12). Survivors include his wife, Judy, and two daughters.

Grace Plude '46 died Dec. 7, 2007, at the age of 90 in Racine, Wis. She worked as a staff nurse at the Kenosha Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Racine, Wis., and served as a school nurse at Dana. She also served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps in World War II and achieved the rank of captain. She was director of the Public Health Nursing Association in Des Moines, Iowa, and director of the Associated Visiting Nurse Services Inc. for 13 years in White Plains, N.Y.

Norman J. Johnson '43 died Aug. 31, 2007, at the age of 86 in Andover, Minn. He was a World War II veteran and retired personnel director. Survivors include his wife, Mille (Hansen '47), and two children, Marta (Johnson '78) Weller and husband Dennis '76; and Jolene Kent.

Rev. Robert O. Berthelsen D '42 T '49 died on December 1, 2007, at the age of 86 in Lincoln, Neb. He was ordained July 3, 1949 and was called to serve as Pastor at St. John's Lutheran, Oregon, WI and Brooklyn Lutheran, Brooklyn,

WI. His second call was as Pastor of Kingo Lutheran in Milwaukee. In 1962, Pastor Berthelsen was called to serve Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He then served as Pastor of Church of Hope in Broomfield, CO. He served as an Assistant to the Bishop with the Central District. In 1983 he was named Distinguished Alumnus of Dana College. Survivors include his wife, Audrey (Betker '45), son Jim '75 and daughter Deb (Berthelsen '80) Aldag.

George Petersen '40 died Dec. 5, 2007, at the age of 90

in Eugene, Ore. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the South Pacific during World War II with the 2nd Aircraft Assembly Squadron. He served as a professor of military science and tactics at the University of Maryland. He taught for three years at Cottage Grove High School and for 26 years at South Eugene High School as business education department chairman. He also taught classes in education at the University of Oregon. Survivors include his wife, LaVonne, and two sons.



NEW SCULPTURE BY DANA ALUMNUS

Art provides visual stimulation to hospital playrooms

A new work of art at Children's Hospital in Omaha transforms a dream of many years into reality. The sculpture, designed by 1970 Dana College graduate John Prouty, was unveiled during a special reception on Feb. 6.

The concept for an artistic piece began several years ago, shortly after Children's Hospital moved to its new building in September 2000. An open space spanning two patient playrooms provided a perfect place for a visual showpiece.

"The playrooms are such a popular place for our patients, but we felt that we needed something more, particularly for special needs children who could benefit from added visual stimulation," said Janet Eskridge, healing environment specialist at Children's Hospital.

With support from Omaha developer Jay and Kim Noddle, the dream of Eskridge and others at Children's Hospital, to "provide more for the children" came to life. Artist John Prouty answered the call, creating a network of steel rectangles and squares, roughly 8 feet by 2 feet, laid out to resemble a tree. Inside each outline appears a leaf-lined branch. The sculpture is suspended from the ceiling and hangs over the hospital's 5th floor playroom. It is also visible from a large window along a wall in the 6th floor activity room.

The steel sculpture is magnetic, and Prouty intended his creation to be a template where children's artwork could be displayed.

The art displays will fit in with the child-friendly environment and atmosphere for which Children's Hospital is known. "This project is for children," explained Prouty. "The tree



shape symbolizes growth and to me, healing comes from growth. Plus, the honesty of children's art needs to be shared so we can all grow."

When unveiled, the sculpture was adorned with its first display - carefully folded origami cranes created by former students in the Title 1 sixth grade class from Loup County (Neb.) Public Schools.

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Upcoming Events

ALUMNI EVENTS:

May 3, 2008: Dana alumni at Omaha Beef

For more information, visit www.dana.edu/alumni/beef

May 22, 2008: Dana Afterhours, Legends, 6910 N 102nd Circle

For more information, visit www.dana.edu/alumni/afterhours

September 16-26, 2008: A Pilgrimage Through the Land of Luther

For more information, visit www.dana.edu/wittenberg

October 3-5, 2008: Homecoming

For more information, contact Carrie Reed, Alumni Affairs, 402-426-7385.

CAMPUS EVENTS:

April 25-27, 2008: Presidents Circle Weekend

For more information, contact Chrystal LeGrand, 402-426-7208.

May 4, 2008: Dana College Chorale at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha

May 10, 2008: Dana College Chorale at First Lutheran Church, Blair, 6:30 p.m.

May 10-11, 2008: Dana College Chorale Home Concert, 2:00 p.m.

May 17, 2008: Commencement, 10:30 a.m.

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