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A Greeting

from President Philipp



Dear Friends,

As our current students continue their studies here at your college this fall, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who participated in events during this past year celebrating Dana's 125th anniversary.

We began the anniversary year in March with a visit from the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark in conjunction with Dana's first Sustainable Enterprise Conference. There were also two events this fall that honored our Danish and Lutheran heritage and served as fitting bookends to our celebration.

The first event was held on Sept. 13 at Argo Cemetery, just northwest of Blair. Our history with Argo began Sept. 11-14, 1884, with a special meeting held at St. Johannes Lutheran Church at Argo, a small rural congregation served by Rev. A.M. Andersen. At this meeting, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association in America was organized. For this new church to grow, it would need a seminary. Rev. Andersen began Trinity Seminary that fall in his home.

One hundred twenty-five years later, Trinity Seminary and Dana College alumni and friends gathered in celebration of our founding at the site where it all began. It was a beautiful sunny fall day with more than 80 people present. A nice service was held, including prayer and scripture readings in Danish led by Rev. Frederik Jensen '50.

The second event, held on Nov. 1, was a joint service and celebration with First Lutheran Church in Blair, a congregation that was also started by Rev. Andersen 125 years ago. The Dana Chorale and First Lutheran Choir performed together, serving as a reminder that we are partners in ministry and faith rooted in the Lutheran tradition we both share.

While we celebrate Dana's 125 years and honor our past, we are focused on the institution's progress and the task at hand of ensuring Dana's strength in the future. Enrollment and retention numbers are improving and our leadership core is strong. We are marketing Dana more aggressively than ever before through billboard, radio, web and television campaigns. Dana remains committed to the liberal arts, and our faculty continues to develop curriculum that will attract and prepare students for today's job market.

Each of you knows the important role that Dana has had in your own development, and it is this gift which we are compelled to preserve. Now more than ever, we need your help to make that happen. Dana's growth and future depends on it.

I believe that all alumni and friends of Dana can play a vital role in their own way. We need you to consider Dana as a place to send your children and grandchildren. We need you to refer prospective students to Dana and lift up Dana to prospective students and their families in your classrooms, churches, businesses and civic organizations. Consider our students for internships where you work. Think about joining the Alumni Council, Parent Council or Booster Club. We also need your participation in the Dana College Students First Campaign, our current \$20 million fundraising initiative for the annual fund, scholarship support and endowment growth.

How will you participate in defining Dana's next 125 years? I encourage you to think deeply about this and look forward to our partnership and discussions in the days ahead.

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

Janet S. Philipp
President

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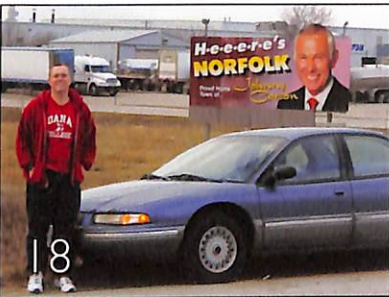
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Dr. Milt Heinrich, chair of the Dana College art department, was one of three judges for the Artsplash art show held in Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 4-6.

Dr. Iain Anderson, associate professor and chair of the history department, was the featured speaker at the Washington County Historical Association's W-CHAT on Oct. 28. His talk explored the role of the Danish Brotherhood in America in helping Danish immigrants adapt to life in the United States during the early twentieth century. Anderson is currently part of an international research group examining narratives of identity among Scandinavian migrants to the United States.

From Nov. 18 - 20, **Dana College music students** attended the 2009 Nebraska Educators Conference in Lincoln, Neb. This conference offers students in the music department an opportunity to grow professionally.

Dr. Peggy Holloway, associate professor of music, attended the National Conference of the College Music Society in Portland, Ore., Oct. 21 - 25. As president of the Great Plains Region of the Society, Holloway participated in governance events and served on a panel discussion of the 2009 common topic, "Music in a Changing Society." Holloway also presented the paper "Made in America: Two Women Protagonists and Establishment of American Musical Modernism," which featured her research on composer Marion Bauer and former Nebraska music educator Hazel Kinsella.

Dr. Holloway also served as an adjudicator for the preliminary round and the competitive finals of the Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Annual Meeting and Student Auditions at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. **Clare Cowing**, Dana accompanist, served as the accompanist for all of the Blair singers during the event.

Haussermann '69 Honored at Tree Planting Ceremony

For her years of service to Dana College and to recognize her retirement, Professor Emeritus Carol Haussermann was honored on Oct. 31 by former students and faculty. In her honor, a plaque was set up and a tree planted in front of Borup Coliseum.

Those in attendance and who helped organize the event were Ron '74 and Nancy (Harris) '74 Beaman, Eloise Hiemke '74, Laurie (Byriel) '74 Nelson, Patti (Smith) '75 Fitch, and Kim (Gosch '91) Ryan. President Janet Philipp was there to congratulate Haussermann, and former colleagues and friends Sybille Bartels and Lori Nielsen '77 were also in attendance.

Haussermann graduated from Dana College in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree and a teaching certificate. She began teaching physical education at Dana the same year she graduated and was one of the women to pioneer women's athletics in the area. She earned her master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1971 all the while teaching and coaching. During her teaching career, she developed the athletic training and sports management concentrations. She retired in 2007 after 40 years of teaching.



From left: Ron Beaman, '74, Kim (Gosch) Ryan '91, Nancy (Harris) Beaman '74, Carol Haussermann '69, Laurie (Byriel) Nelson '74, Patti (Smith) Fitch '75

Campus News

Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion, attended the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, from Nov. 6-10. As co-chair of the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture group, he oversaw the development of the sessions related to Religion and Film, and he also presented a paper entitled *Taoism and Utopianism in Ursula LeGuin's Lathe of Heaven* and *Philip Dick's Man in the High Castle*. Lyden was honored with the 2008 Spiritus Award for outstanding writing in the field of Religion and Film, which was presented to him by Dr. Robert K. Johnston of Fuller Theological Seminary on behalf of the City of the Angels Film Festival. Johnston's remarks about Lyden included the following:

"The Spiritus Award honors critical work that celebrates enduring human values while calling attention to the sacred and transcendent in cinema... From his position as professor of religion at Dana College, John Lyden has written the seminal 2003 text "Film as Religion: Myths, Morals, and Rituals" for NYU Press. His work has helped bridge the perceived chasm between religion and culture by placing cinema amidst our shared mythologies. In his writings, John has argued for academics to take religion seriously by elevating an often overlooked or debased art form—motion pictures. John Lyden has also edited the comprehensive and essential Routledge Companion to Religion and Film, published earlier this year. He assembled a remarkably diverse team of scholars across borders, religions, and disciplines. John insured that the Routledge Companion covered both western and global cinema, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and New Religious Movements. It offers multiple ways into Religion and Film, from cultural theory, gender studies, audience oriented research to psychoanalysis. It covers robust themes like ethics, iconography, redemption, apocalyptic, and horror. Lyden also models integrative scholarship—and leadership by chairing our Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group here at the American

Academy of Religion. We are pleased to present the Spiritus Award to John Lyden, in recognition of his scholarship, humanity, and collegiality which inspires us all."



Dr. Robert K. Johnston presents Lyden with his award

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER NAMED TO BRIGHT FUTURES FOUNDATION BOARD

Dana College Development Officer Janis Enenbach has been named to the Bright Futures Foundation, Avenue Scholars Advisory Board. The foundation's mission is to provide an arena of success for Omaha area students of talent and need by offering comprehensive support from high school through community college or university graduation and to enhance their lives and careers. For more information, see www.bffoundation.com.

H.O.P.E. RETURNS TO CAMPUS

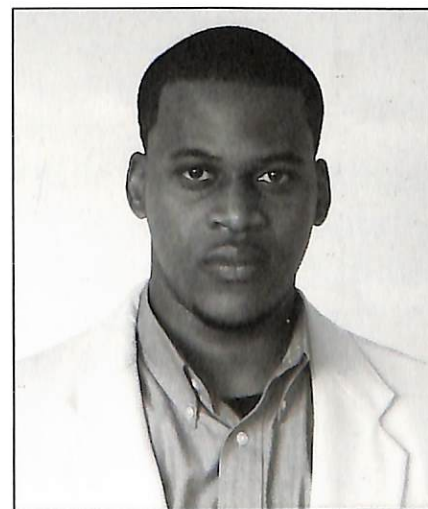
This fall, Dana students have reestablished H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Expand), a student organization focused on multicultural awareness on campus and in the community. The group, named for a previous campus organization, strives to promote and celebrate diversity on campus; explore, learn and teach social and cultural awareness; organize functions and activities on campus in order to increase knowledge and understanding of diverse groups; and collaborate with other groups, as well as individuals, to exchange information and strengthen and build our campus community and city. The president of H.O.P.E., Phillip Lewis, is a social work major from Denver, Colo. Other officers include: Gabriela Romero of Denver, Colo., Rhonda Montoya of Las Vegas, N. M., and Kindra Sanchez of Pueblo, Colo. Professor Jan Potter serves as sponsor of group, which has planned a number of events for this year. Currently, the group is hosting a poster design contest for high school and Dana students. For more information on H.O.P.E., visit www.dana.edu/hope.

TOWN HALL MEETING HELD ON CAMPUS

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry held an open Town Hall Meeting on Oct. 9 in The Forum on Dana's campus. This was an opportunity to ask the Congressman about health care or any other issue for the Blair community.

"CONFESSIONS OF A NIGHTINGALE" THEATRE PRODUCTION A SUCCESS

Dana's second show of the theatre season was the one-man production "Confessions of a Nightingale," which ran Nov. 20-22 in the Lauritzen Theater. The play, performed by Luther Simon, was his culminating project at Dana College. It was primarily a student-led and produced production with assistance from Dana College Theatre Director Dr. Paul Schneider. Schneider said, "Luther Simon's one-man show about the life of Tennessee Williams—'Confessions of a Nightingale'—was the latest in a long line of one-person shows performed by extremely talented seniors at Dana College. Mr. Simon's portrayal of an aging Tennessee Williams both entertained audiences and introduced them to the complex passionate life of this great American playwright."



Simon

Build the Bridge

A survey for alumni

Through a new initiative of the Alumni Council, Dana College alumni are being solicited for ways they give back to their alma mater and reconnect with the Dana College of today.

Dubbed the "Build the Bridge" campaign, this effort is not about fundraising, but rather heightening that connection between both prospective and current students and Dana graduates.

"Bridge building" tasks may include calling prospective students who are interested in your career field, serving as a mentor to a current student or manning a Dana College table at a college fair in your community.

Take a few minutes to fill out a brief online survey at www.dana.edu/alumni about your experiences as a Dana student, your career and your willingness to be involved.

If you have any questions or cannot access the survey online, please contact Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, director of alumni affairs and special events, at 402.426.7385 or creed@dana.edu.

Thank you to all alumni who have already submitted your survey through email or the WeeklyD!

2010 ARIZONA LUNCHEON

Alumni and friends of Dana are invited to join President Janet and Rev. Frank Philipp at the annual Arizona Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010. The luncheon will be held at the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 S. Power Road, Mesa, AZ and will begin at 11:45 a.m. A luncheon mailing will be sent early in January 2010. If you are not receiving our mailing, have a different winter address or know of Arizona residents or visitors who might like to attend, please contact Chrystal LeGrand, director of annual giving and alumni engagement, clegrand@dana.edu or 402.426.7208.

NEW FACE ON CAMPUS



Paul Dorman joins Dana as the new director of campus security and hall director for Rasmussen Hall. He received his bachelor of science degree in sport and recreation

management from the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) in May 2005. While attending school at UMC,

he worked as a resident advisor for four years and then as an admissions counselor for two years. He has trained and organized paraprofessional staff in responding to medical, mental health, domestic, and personal safety emergencies, as well as responded to those types. He was also a residence area coordinator/intramurals coordinator at Upper Iowa University for two years.

ALUMNI FAMILY DAY AT DANA BASKETBALL

Take a break from those winter blues and bring your clan out to Alumni Family Fun Night at Dana Basketball on Saturday, Jan. 23. Enjoy free admission for your entire family to the Dana versus Dordt women's and men's doubleheader.

Plus:

- Free games and gifts for the kids
- Alumni halftime shooting contests
- Register for your chance to win a NEW car from Sid Dillon Chevrolet Pontiac in Blair
- Free alumni ice cream social between games
- And more!

Watch your mail and email for more information.

DANA SPIRIT HOSTS CHEER CLINIC FOR GIRLS GROUP

The cheer clinic that the Dana dance and cheer team put on for a group of girls from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute was featured on the *Omaha World-Herald's* website. These girls with special needs were given the opportunity to learn about cheering. They also performed during halftime at a football game and were honorary Dana cheerleaders for the day.



“No Impact Man” to Keynote Dana’s 2nd Annual Sustainable Enterprise Conference

The 2010 Sustainable Enterprise Conference will be held on Dana’s campus on March 31. This year’s conference will feature nationally known author, writer, blogger, consultant and engaged citizen, Colin Beavan, Ph.D.

As the news stories go, Colin Beavan is billed as “a liberal schlub who got tired of listening to himself complain about the world without ever actually doing anything about it...” Thus, in November 2006, Beavan launched a year-long project in which he, his wife, his two-year-old daughter and his four-year-old dog went off the grid and attempted to live in the middle of New York City with as little environmental impact as possible.

The point of the project was to experiment with ways of living that might both improve quality of life and be less harmful to the planet. It also provided a narrative vehicle by which to attract broad public attention to the range of pressing environmental crises including: food system sustainability, climate change, water scarcity, and materials and energy resource depletion.

Beavan was named one of MSN’s Ten Most Influential Men of 2007 and was named an Eco-Illuminator in *Elle Magazine’s* 2008 Green Awards. His blog, *NoImpactMan.com*, was named one of the world’s top 15 environmental websites by *Time Magazine*. He was named a 2008 Eco-Star by New York City’s Lower East Side Ecology Center.

He is director of the No Impact Project, a visiting scholar at NYU, an advisor to the University’s Sustainability Task Force, and sits on the board of directors of New York City’s Transportation Alternatives and on the advisory council of Just Food.

Details of the 2010 Sustainable Enterprise Conference will be available online in January at www.dana.edu/energy. This is sure to be an even bigger event than last year’s inaugural session. Don’t miss this valuable opportunity to learn about making positive impacts in the environment and in our lives.

If you own or work for an environmentally conscious company and would like to exhibit at this year’s conference, contact Janis Enenbach at 402.426.7237 or enenbach.janis@dana.edu.



The Beavan family in New York City

Corrections to the Fall 2009 edition

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the Honor Roll of Donors as printed in the last *Dana Review*. We apologize for the error.

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Correction:

Frank Taylor, whose obituary appeared in the last issue of the *Dana Review*, was a full-time professor at Dana College for four years, 1997-2001, not part-time.

DANA COLLEGE
Sustainable Enterprise
CONFERENCE



**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
HOMECOMING**



**THREE INCHES OF SNOW COVERED THE GROUND
AT HOMECOMING THIS YEAR.
BUT NOTHING COULD RUIN THE MOOD OF THIS WEEKEND!**

Stephanie Connell of Harlan, Iowa, and TJ Douglas from Omaha, Neb., were crowned 2009 Homecoming Queen and King.



A *Legendary* EVENT

The Homecoming of Dana's 125th anniversary year was a weekend for remembering—and it was a weekend to be remembered.



Jim Olsen '62, professor emeritus of art and Dr. Milt Heinrich, chair of the art department, were honored for their years of service during the art reunion. Ann (Myers '98) Towey was also recognized for establishing and funding the Artonomics Fund since graduating from Dana.



HOMECOMING

WHERE LEGENDS ARE MADE

2009

Above: The Dana College Chorale sings in the annual Homecoming concert

Dana alumni and friends sing the alma mater at the 125th Anniversary Brunch

Christensen Receives Dana College's Highest Alumni Award

Dr. Dale Christensen '53 was honored as Dana College's Distinguished Alumnus during an Alumni Awards Banquet on the evening of Oct. 9 as part of 2009 Homecoming festivities.

Honorees are chosen for their achievements after leaving Dana College. In Christensen's case, his dedication and expertise within the health care industry, as well as his active community leadership roles, were the determining factors.

Following graduation from Dana in 1953, Christensen attended the University of Iowa College of Medicine. In September 1958 he joined the McCrary-Rost Clinic physicians group in Lake City, Iowa, as a family physician. Stewart Memorial Community Hospital and the McCrary-Rost Clinic both expanded their physical facilities and clinical services under his leadership. He retired from practice in 1993, only to return in 1997 for a year to help out one of the branch clinics.

Practicing medicine has not been the only focus of Dale Christensen's life. He has belonged to the American Academy of Family Physicians since 1962 and has served as a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice since 1974. He was past



Vaughn Christensen '53 presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Dale Christensen. They are joined by President Philipp.

member and board chairman of Stewart Memorial Community Hospital, President and Medical Director of McCrary-Rost Clinic, Medical Director of Community Hospice, served on the Home Health Care Advisory Board and was a charter member of the Iowa Board of Physicians Assistants Examiners. In 1989, Christensen was chosen as Iowa Family Physician of the Year.

Christensen has and continues to remain very active in the community. He chaired the Lake City Library Capital Campaign, is a member of the Lake City Foundation

Board, is a past chairman and member of the Board of Directors of Lake City Economic Development Corporation. He is also an active member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, singing in the choir (a talent he honed during his time at Dana) and past president and vice president of the church council.

Christensen and his wife Arlene (Miller '56) have four grown children, Janeen, Jon, Lisa and Larry, and 12 grandchildren.

Collins Named Dana College 2009 Outstanding Young Alumnus

Anthony Collins '95 was honored with one of Dana College's highest alumni honors Oct. 9 where the college bestowed upon him the title of "Outstanding Young Alumnus," at a special awards ceremony held as part of Homecoming festivities.

Honorees are chosen for their achievements after leaving Dana College and must have graduated in the last 15 years. Collins' outstanding performance as a vibrant community leader was a decisive factor in his selection.



Tony Collins (center) receives the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from President Philipp and former men's basketball coach Dave Jensen.

Since his graduation from Dana College in 1995 with degrees in marketing and management, Collins has been making positive changes in the lives of Omaha youth. Collins saw a need in his hometown and has set out to fill it. His Nothing But Net Foundation, founded in 2000, provides afterschool and summer activities meant to keep kids off the street and out of trouble.

Collins also piloted the "It's OK to Play After Dark" program to address violence by providing a safe haven for youth. He launched the "Get Up, Get Fit, Have Fun Extravaganza" to combat childhood obesity.

While at the same time building on the organization he launched, Collins is also responsible for developing and rolling out community policing initiatives through Omaha Weed & Seed, a U.S. Department of Justice program.

Before entering the nonprofit realm, Collins ran Simmons Restaurant in Omaha and was a logistics train dispatcher at Union Pacific.

Collins is a graduate of Leadership Omaha Class 28 where he was chosen as "Most Likely to Make a Difference." He also participated in the Nonprofit Executive Institute and Leadership for Life Programs. He was named one of Midland Business Journal's 40 Under 40 in 2008.

Collins and his wife, Patique, have two children, Triston and Kendall.



Two Former Vikings inducted into Dana Athletic Hall of Fame

Janet (Mitchell '91) Prins



Janet (Mitchell '91) Prins of Hartley, Iowa received Dana College's highest alumni honor for athletics Oct. 10 when the college named her to its

Athletic Hall of Fame at a special awards breakfast held as part of Homecoming festivities.

Honorees are nominated for their excellence in athletics while attending Dana. In Prins' case, her achievements on the softball field stood out.

Though it has been 18 years since Janet (Mitchell '91) Prins has faced a pitcher at the plate on Zimmerman Field, you can still find her name in nearly every batting category in the Viking record books. The four-time first-team All-Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection sported a .381 batting average in her Dana career, still fifth among Vikings all-time. Her senior season she took her play up another notch, tallying a .436 batting average.

Prins' consistent play earned her All-District selections all four years of her career, twice on the second team and twice on the first team. She excelled in the classroom as well, earning Academic Ass-American status in both her junior and senior seasons and earning her bachelor of science degree in physical education/health with honors, cum laude.

Prins has spent her professional career passing her athletic knowledge on to others, teaching elementary and middle school physical education in the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (Iowa) Community Schools since graduation. She has also had a number of stints in

coaching, serving as assistant softball coach for one season and middle school track coach since 2004.

She has been named to "Who's Who Among American Teachers" and received the Teacher of the Year Award in May 2006 in Hartley, Iowa. Prins is also involved in her community. She volunteers her time three days a week to work with a developmentally disabled boy to help him overcome his physical challenges. She has also served on the Pastor-Parish Relation Committee at her church since 2005.

Prins was joined at the ceremony by her husband, Arlin, and her many siblings and other family members, including twin sister and fellow Dana graduate Julie Mitchell '91.

Michael Herbert '77



Michael Herbert '77 of Doylestown, Penn. received Dana College's highest alumni honor for athletics Oct. 10 when the college named him to its Athletic Hall

of Fame at a special awards breakfast held as part of Homecoming festivities. Honorees are nominated for their excellence in athletics while attending Dana. In Herbert's case, his achievements on the football field stood out.

As a four-year starter at middle/outside linebacker for the Vikings in the 1970s, Herbert is still among the top five in the Dana record book for tackles, unassisted tackles and assisted tackles in a season and for a career. His mark of 549 career tackles is still number one in the records, 115 more than the second place spot.

Herbert earned All-Nebraska-Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors all four years, was a three-time honorable mention All-District player, was honorable mention All-Lutheran All-American his senior year and was a three-time defensive team Most Valuable Player.



OnlineConnection

The world of social media is changing how people interact, communicate, and even do business. Dana is connected. Dana alumni are connected. Are you?

Do you “tweet”?

Did you “update your status” today? How many “followers” do you have? How about “fans” or “friends”?

The world of social networking and social media has quickly changed our vocabulary and how we communicate. Websites, such as Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube, have propelled all of us into the world of viral networking and marketing. Your favorite brands have had websites for years, but now most have followed that up with Facebook and MySpace pages and Twitter accounts.

For Dana alumna Megan Hunt '08, aka Princess Lasertron, her business has always lived, and now thrives, on the Internet through her website, blogs and other social networking devices. Megan began blogging when the practice was still in its infancy in the mid-1990s — she was still in middle school.

“As an adult at Dana College, I studied Intercultural Communication and German while working in my off hours to build and promote Princess Lasertron as a business and a brand. When I graduated in 2008, I already had a solid business foundation, loyal blog readers, and a sizable client portfolio,” she said.

Hunt started Princess Lasertron in 2005, creating custom bouquets out of felt, vintage buttons, and other ephemera. Since its early beginnings, Princess Lasertron has grown to a three-person company that serves over 150 brides each year. Its line has expanded from simple hairpieces and brooches to bouquets and do-it-yourself craft kits. Hunt also plans to launch her first line of couture dresses in Spring 2010.

“The extremely fast growth in social media development over the last five years has made it so easy for small business owners like me to zero in on their target clients,” she said. “I can buy low-cost advertisements on popular bridal websites or collaborate with other well-known bloggers to get free publicity by doing a giveaway or writing a guest post. For me, blogging started out as a hobby in the mid-1990s, but I think that experience is what set me up to utilize tech resources and social media in my business today.”

“ Any success I have is thanks to the connections and marketing I have done through the Internet and social media. ”

—Megan Hunt '08

“After I bought my first advertisement on a well-trafficked website—which was definitely a financial risk at the time—my business increased by 800 percent. I can use Twitter and Facebook to virally spread information about new products and blog posts, reaching thousands of customers and readers,” she said. “I don’t use a phone, I don’t have a brick-and-mortar office, I don’t use mail correspondence—any success I have is thanks to the connections and marketing I have done through the Internet and social media.”



Hunt markets products like this button bouquet through online blogs and social media networks such as Facebook and Twitter.



Her button arrangements are becoming a popular substitute for floral bouquets at weddings.



Megan Hunt '08



Science and the Internet

Bill Yates '74, a retired university professor and physician trained in family medicine and psychology, has found success of a different kind through Twitter and blogging.

"I started on Twitter primarily because some professional golfers on the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour were posting," Yates said. "From just following the golf posts, I moved on to be more active. As I became more familiar with it, I moved to integrate Twitter into my professional interests."

"I use Twitter in a somewhat unusual way," he said. "I use it primarily as a journal reading log. When I read a scientific abstract or paper I find interesting, I post a tweet with a link to the study. Even if no one reads any of my posts, I can search my posts to locate any topic (and the link back) I have posted about."

But as it turns out, these posts are interesting to others besides Yates. Many, many others. Although he only started "tweeting" (updating on Twitter) in April of this year, he already has over 10,000 followers on his Twitter stream (@WRY999), the highest number of followers in the world for the category "neuroscience" as ranked by *wefollow.com*.

“When I read a scientific abstract or paper I find interesting, I post a tweet with a link to the study.”
—Bill Yates '74

"I built my follower count primarily following people who looked interesting and who would be likely to follow back," Yates said. "After several months of using Twitter, I realized I should start a blog to discuss in more detail some of the issues posted about on Twitter. Plus you can drive people to your blog by posting on Twitter about your blog posts. Some say that a Twitter post is the beginning of a blog and a blog is a beginning of a book."

Social media and the Internet are changing the traditional office and work environment. Not only are social networking

champions not confined to regular office hours, they are not even chained to their computer. "Tweeting" and "Facebooking" can even be done from "smart" cell phones.

"Running a business from home, using web-based marketing strategies, and reaching clients through a blog is a fantasy of mine come true, but it comes with unique challenges," Hunt said. "It is a different reality than a lot of people imagine. I love the mobility of my work—I can do it anywhere. I love to stay up late, have afternoons free for meetings and inspiration-gathering trips to my favorite shops, and set my own hours, but sometimes people don't realize that for me, that means ALL hours. I have never worked so endlessly and passionately in my life."

And maintaining a following on your blog or Twitter means you need to post and post often. "There is a lot of pressure to maintain an active presence online—continually posting original content on my blog, for example," Hunt said.

For Yates, it is a daily regime. "I read professionally about an hour a day. I spend about 10 minutes a day posting my readings on Twitter," he said. "I post twice a week on my blog. That adds an additional 60 to 90 minutes per week."

For Hunt, it is a constant part of her routine: "I use it all day—when I am not at my desktop computer, I am connected through my iPod Touch to Twitter, e-mail, Facebook, and my website."

"The game has changed," Hunt said. "Any business owner would be foolish to ignore the growing influence of the Internet in their marketing strategy. You have an unprecedented chance to engage your clients and broadcast your message. Many people are unwilling to accept that social media is changing the business world—and our whole society—and embracing that truth might be the difference between "making a living" and "living your passion."

"The open-source, wild-west nature of social media technology provides endless possibilities for businesses. I have friends who develop iPhone applications that are solving problems small business owners never knew they had and friends who develop software that makes nontraditional business dreams a reality for people like me. I think that the biggest lesson to take from social media is to stay adaptable—the business plan you write today may need to be scrapped two years from now, and you have to be open to that change."

Huh?

A **glossary** of Internet terms for the **NOT** so savvy

Blog

A blog, a contraction of the term “web log,” is a type of website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Entries are commonly displayed in reverse-chronological order. “Blog” can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain or add content to a blog. Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject; others function as more personal online diaries.

Facebook

Facebook is a global social networking website where users can add friends and send them messages and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Founded by Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg in 2004, it has more than 300 million active users worldwide.

LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a business-oriented social networking site. Launched in 2003, it is mainly used for professional networking.

MySpace

MySpace was the first widely popular social networking website, but was surpassed by Facebook in terms of unique visitors in 2006. Throughout the course of 2007 and 2008, MySpace redesigned many of the features of its site in both layout and in function in order to compete with Facebook.

Twitter

Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as tweets. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the author's profile page and delivered to the author's subscribers who are known as followers. Senders can restrict delivery to those in their circle of friends or, by default, allow open access.

YouTube

YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload and share videos. The site includes a wide variety of user-generated video content, including movie clips, TV clips and music videos, as well as amateur content such as video blogging and short original videos.

Definitions gleaned from information on Wikipedia, a free, web-based collaborative encyclopedia. Almost all of its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the site.

Tweeting about...Jesus?

Using social media and the Internet may not be too much of a stretch for the business world, but what about churches? How can churches use this new technology to spread the gospel and reach out to its parishioners?



Ellis

Alumnus Cliff Ellis '04 works in the Biblical Living Department for a church in Seattle, Wash., that is using technology to its fullest. The website for Mars Hill Church, a multi-site, nondenominational Christian church, is full of videos, blogs, Twitter feeds, options for RSS feeds, etc.

Ellis's job also is embedded in the use of technology. "Using The City, our online social network, I help people get

connected to a community group in their neighborhood and work through our membership process," he said.

According to Mars Hill and its website, the church is just using the tools available to them: "The Internet has become the new front door for churches... Technology gives the church an opportunity to provide gospel content and relational connection to more people than ever before."

"It all boils down to redeeming the available resources and utilizing them to glorify God and point people to Him," Ellis said.

"Being a multi-site church, we use technology to broadcast sermons to various campuses, capture sermon and worship content to share it online, and organize and communicate our members via Twitter and Facebook," he said. Mars Hill even has developed an iPhone application, which is free on iTunes, to allow people to listen to sermons, watch sermon video, download worship music, read the church's blog, etc.

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—Cliff Ellis '04


"In techno-savvy place like Seattle, this has been well received," Ellis said. "I don't have specific numbers, but I do know that web traffic and downloads are extremely high. There are thousands of people who follow Pastor Mark and the other pastors as well as specific campuses via Twitter and Facebook.

"It's difficult to assess how this has specifically impacted our church growth, but at one point we were named one of the 50 fastest growing churches in the U.S. However, we continually remind ourselves that regardless of how we use technology, God is in control and he determines whether or not our church thrives or struggles."

Rev. Kip Tyler '80, senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha, also sees churches implementing the Internet and social media as a logical progression in using technology to spread the gospel. "The formation of the Lutheran Church was aided by a new social mass media called the printing press," he said. "The precedent was set for Lutherans from our beginning to get the word out and discuss the issues. I see Facebook as just one more step in that journey."

Tyler uses Facebook regularly in communicating to members of his congregation. "Facebook has provided an opportunity for me as a pastor to stay in touch with young adults from our congregation who have left the Omaha area, to touch base with other pastors and seminary classmates to discuss major trends in American Lutheranism, to wish happy birthday to parishioners, to make invitations to church events and worship services, to have private conversations with members and even to use the chat feature to "make hospital calls" with members in the hospital in addition to personally visiting them. Though it doesn't beat face-to-face contact, it does provide ministry opportunities that might not have been possible in the recent past," he said.

Rev. Sheryl Kester-Beyer '83, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Aurora, Neb., says her church recently modified its use of Facebook based on experience. "We have recently recreated a Messiah Lutheran "fan page." I had originally created a Messiah "group," but unless people deliberately went to the group page, they didn't see what had I posted," she said. "The Fan page allows me to post a Scripture verse for the day, daily prayer, pictures, etc. and it shows right up on the wall of those who have become fans."

Of course, Facebook is also a great way to communicate with younger members of the congregation. "I also use Facebook to email my youth group every week and also to stay in touch with people on regular basis," Kester-Beyer said. "It's how I found out that several of my young families had been hit by H1N1 and it allowed me to let them know that they were in my prayers. I think it helps people to feel more connected to me as their pastor and also with the church." 



Tyler



Are YOU Following the Viking?

Many factors play into the decision of a 17-or-18-year old trying to determine which college will best suit them. Each and every day, these students are bombarded with messages from colleges and universities vying for their attention and eventual enrollment. The goal of Dana's admissions department is to set our school apart.

Enter Victor.

Since the introduction of Dana's fuzzy new recruitment tool...er, mascot... this fall, Victor E. Viking has been making his rounds—not only in the athletic department, but in the classroom, the community and even on Facebook. Yes, Victor E. has his own Facebook profile – 215 friends and counting.

With the clear success of Victor on campus, the choice to select him as our new face of Dana (furry as it may be) was simple. Students like Victor. Parents like Victor. Even faculty like Victor. Prospective students will also like Victor...and from what we're seeing, they already do.

The "Follow the Viking" campaign officially launched in October 2009, sending a fun, distinctive message to some 8,000 potential Dana College students. By using a mixture of both traditional and social media components, high school seniors are being introduced to Victor even before they set foot on campus. He has quickly become a walking, (non)talking billboard – promoting Dana in print, online and everywhere he goes.

The messaging for this campaign is simple: *Follow the Viking to become a Viking*. Through print mailings, email campaigns, Facebook and Twitter, prospects are invited to figure out just who this intriguing creature is—and more precisely—what he's got to do with them. With quick, concise messaging, students are directed to a website (www.followtheviking.com) which takes them to a page explaining how to become a Dana student:

1. Apply online
2. Send in your ACT scores/transcripts
3. Schedule a campus visit

That's it. It's really as simple as 1-2-3. And once students arrive on campus for their tour, they are greeted with a "Follow the Viking" T-shirt, a gift certificate to the Dana College bookstore and a room poster. Not a bad impression if you're in the market for a school.

Of course there's much more to Dana College than a clever tagline and cute, oversize, bearded face, but the point is to get that 17-year-old's attention. And Victor is good at getting attention. In fact, with his new celebrity status, don't be surprised if you see him popping up in some rather unexpected places.

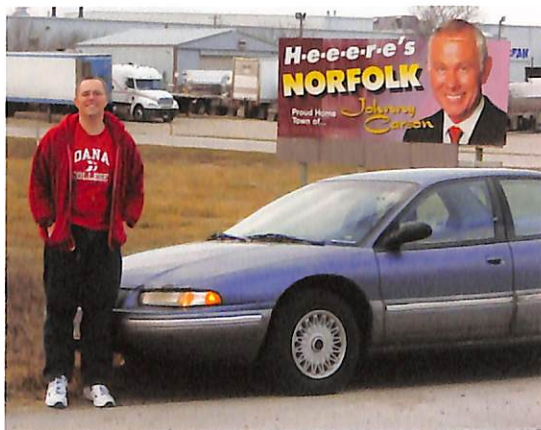




Cash for Clunkers

Rev. Justin Wiese is a pastor. And an amateur movie producer and actor on the side, thanks to his old bucket.

By Kalani Simpson '93



Wiese shows off his "clunker" in front of the Johnny Carson sign in Norfolk.

It is no easy task to stand out among the video offerings on the web site of *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien*. Conan is known for offering madcap characters, zaniness galore. William Shatner makes frequent, bizarre appearances, and "Conan" was the launching pad for Triumph the Insult Comic Dog. It takes a little something, to stand out in this crowd. But for a brief flash last summer, a Dana grad was piling up tonightshowwithconanobrien.com hits with the likes of Andy Richter and A-list guests.

2003 graduate Justin Wiese's video was the sixth-most watched in the "Conan, Please Blow Up My Car" contest. You can imagine the response. But amidst all the madness, Wiese's cheerful, folksy video kept getting hits. He would eventually amass 647 online reviews.

All because a mild-mannered Midwestern pastor was hoping to trade in his bucket of bolts.

Most anyone who knew Wiese at Dana would have no problem envisioning him becoming a pastor, which of course he has. Wiese serves at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Madison, Neb., and is also interim pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Stanton. You all saw it coming.

But did you see him still driving the same car?

Yes, the old Concorde is still with him, despite his best efforts. Efforts seen and appreciated by who knows how many Internet viewers. (OK, at least 647.)

OK, the story: First, he likes the old girl. It was his first car, and when he got it – in high school – a 1995 model was still relatively new. There are a lot of memories in that car, a lot of miles, a lot of his life. It took him through high school, to Dana, and then on to Wartburg Theological Seminary. Then to Norfolk, Neb., to a new life with his bride, Jillian (Scheerhoorn '03). Also, he likes not having a car payment. It's been a good car.

Except that now, it's – to put it plainly – kind of a piece of junk. Stuff is falling apart. There are rattles. He's replacing parts like crazy. The trunk never worked. He still has his old Dana parking sticker on the back bumper – and he's a little worried of what might happen if he peeled it off.

Justin was excited about the government's "Cash for Clunkers" program, but there was one catch. His Chrysler – which has more than 175,000 miles on it – missed the miles-per-gallon requirements by a single mile. Per gallon.

Well, that was that. But then one weekend, Jillian went out of town to visit family. So Justin did what any husband did when his wife goes out of town ...

Assemble the guys for a poker party?

Catch up on household projects (or not)?

Leave his underwear on the floor if he darn well pleases?

No, we're talking about the obvious answer.

That's right, he got the camcorder out and filmed a funny video.

The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien was running a contest entitled "Conan, Please Blow-Up My Car." The gist was that Conan would blow up your car. Oh, and the winner would also receive a trip to Los Angeles for the blowing up, and a 2010 Lexus. Justin, who had a) a piece-of-junk car; b) a fine sense of humor, and; c) a knack for winning contests, leapt into action.

"It took an afternoon and an evening, basically one day to do it," he said.

The results are, to this reviewer, stunning. See for yourself at <http://www.tonightshowwithconanobrien.com/video/clips/what-a-clunker/1143181/>.

It opens – in hopes of milking the *Tonight Show* connection – with a shot of Norfolk's "Proud Home Town of Johnny Carson" billboard. As Scorsese could tell you, this can be a tricky shot, artistically.

"I set my camcorder on a tripod in the middle of a highway median and hoped a car didn't swerve into it," Wiese said.

And from there, he was off. He'd been driving his "bucket of bolts" since his junior year of high school, he began.

That's over 12 years!

It needs to go! The tires are shot. It's starting to rust and fall apart.

At this point, he demonstrates the trim falling off.

It's eaten up all sorts of parts under the hood. One transmission, three water pumps, four starters and all of the electrical wiring!

Justin drives through Norfolk, popping his shirt in search of relief from the heat.

The air conditioning breathed its last three summers ago.

He demonstrates having to bang on the trunk in order to get it open. Dust, unfortunately, has no such problem, he said. The trunk's seal has been broken since he's owned the car.

The floor mats are going bald, like me!

Justin holds his hair back with one hand, holds a floor mat with the other. Helpful captions on the screen tell us which ("Me") is which ("Floor Mat").

“ I set my camcorder on a tripod in the middle of a highway median and hoped a car didn't swerve into it. ”

During the second week of owning this car I took a sharp right turn, and a roll of coins sitting on the dash slid down into the steering column, and one got stuck. There's been a rattle down there ever since. There's only two ways to get that coin out. We could tear apart and reassemble the whole steering column ... or we could blow this clunker up once and for all!

In closing, Justin implores the tall, red-headed one: *Do it for Johnny!*

(Wasn't that a line from "The Outsiders"?)

It was great, in a Lutheran-pastor-does-an-infomercial kind of way. Entertaining. Charming. Fun. Its 647 online ratings gave it a total of four out of five stars.

Comments run the gamut. From "Your video rocks," to "This guy sure could use a new car," to "The only funny thing was the comparison regarding your bald head. Now that was funny." It was a command performance.

Unfortunately, it did not – technically – win.

The day after finding out Conan would not blow up his car, Justin replaced a slew of light bulbs, and has since put on new tires. He's resigned to heading into his 13th year in the flight of the Concorde. It's a clunker, but it was a gift, and it still is. He won't forget that, even as it falls apart.

"Most of things in my life I've received out of God's grace," he said.

Pastors don't make much money in the best of times, and his is a really small congregation. But they're making it work. Justin is doing what he'd always wanted to do. Jillian is teaching in Norfolk. They're doing well.

"God hasn't let us down yet," Justin said.

So he's still driving the same car. Hey – no car payment. And he's sure to come up with another fun idea. In the meantime, maybe it just wasn't time to part ways yet.

"It's been all over the place," Wiese said of the old girl. "Seen a lot of miles.

"A lot of dashboard thinking time I guess."

The Stuff of Miracles

By Kalani Simpson '93

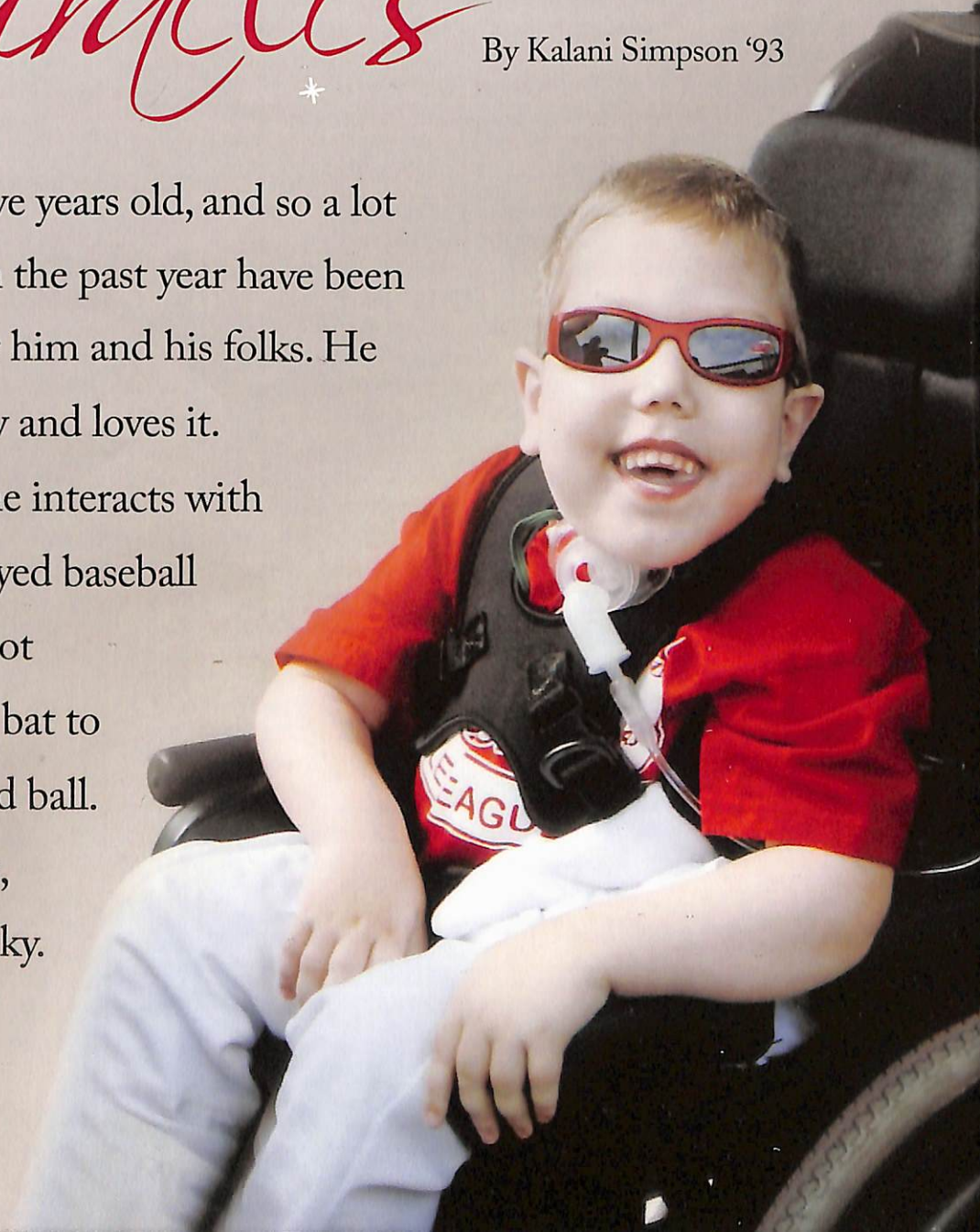
Zane Williams is five years old, and so a lot of the things he's done in the past year have been marvelous revelations for him and his folks. He goes to kindergarten now and loves it.

It's great to see the way he interacts with all the other kids. He played baseball

this year; he went from not knowing how to swing a bat to being able to hit a pitched ball.

And he even rides horses, sometimes, when he's lucky.

He's a cowboy, the way all young boys are.



You can imagine the pride his parents, Brett '97 and Jennifer (Allemang '95) Williams feel. Heck, if you have kids, you know the feeling yourself. You see your kid hit a baseball for the first time, and your heart soars. You see the delight in their eyes as they head out for their first day of school. Brett and Jennifer feel this pride and joy the way all parents do.

But Zane has done other things, too, this year. He's walking now, with his walker. He can go a whole 150 feet before he tires, Jennifer says, and the sound in her voice is that of a warm, sunny day. His verbal speaking (Zane knows some 600-800 sign-language signs) is so much more fluent now. His handwriting is as good as most any five-year-old.

He just keeps going.

"All of his therapists," Jennifer says. "They don't want to push him too much till he gets frustrated, but they're always surprised."

Zane Williams just keeps moving ahead.

Zane has spina bifida, which means there is an opening in his back bone, and when he was born it caused pulling of the brain stem, too. He has little function from the waist down, and often uses a wheelchair. He has a "trache," thanks to a lazy vocal chord. He has a G-button, a port which feeds food directly into his stomach. He wears braces from his upper waist all the way down to his feet. His upper-body strength was affected, too.

Today, he throws a baseball overhand.

Today, all of his hard work has resulted in his walking for 150 feet.

"That was one of the huge milestones," Jennifer says.

"It's awesome to see the little miracles popping in and out."

They knew from the first ultrasound that their son would have spina bifida. But they didn't know the extent of what that would be. There can be a wide range of symptoms. The rock musician John Cougar Mellencamp has it, and he boasts in song about being "a real good dancer." But Zane got one of the tougher cases.

He had more than 30 surgeries in his first two years.

"It was like a whirlwind," Jennifer says. Decompression of the brain stem. Eye surgery. Getting his G-button redone. Everything. Again and again. And then again.

"I mean, you learn a lot," Jennifer says. "You learn the value of life. And don't take anything for granted."

They don't. And Zane just keeps going. Baseball was great. It was an extraordinary league – the Miracle League, for kids with disabilities – on a rubberized field at Seymour Smith Park in Omaha.

"That was amazing," Jennifer says. "He really just came out of his shell socially. I think it made him feel like he was normal."

Kindergarten has been great. With their situation, "it's kind of hard to have play dates," Jennifer says, so Zane has spent a lot of time with adults. It was time to start school – and he's a really smart kid.

Horseback riding has been great. Actually, it's horse therapy. "It's amazing," Jennifer says. "He loves it. He always looks forward to it." It's one of the things that has helped his progress most. There's something about

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the movement of it. Something about the animals, something about the way the horses and the kids connect.

Zane has some cowboy in him, the way all little boys do.

It's been a wonderful year.

Of course, that doesn't mean things are suddenly easy.

"Right when you think there's time to relax something else comes up," Jennifer says.

At this writing, Zane was scheduled for another surgery in another couple weeks. And his bone density was negative – he'd need calcium via IV. That would be another overnight stay in the hospital.

They have special facilities, and need them. There is therapy, nonstop. Gotta keep working on speech. Zane can walk 150 feet now? Good. Keep walking. Keep working. And Zane does. Wow, the kid does.

His parents do, too.

There are days Jennifer feels like a nurse, and a doctor. They must be exhausted. They must need a break.

But then, don't all parents think they're exhausted? Don't they all think they need a break? Don't all parents worry? Don't they all celebrate – hearts bursting – at triumphs big and small?

Jennifer laughs. It's all relative, isn't it? No, they're just feeling the same things all

parents feel. "Zane's our only kid, so we don't know any different," she says. "This is the norm for us."

Thankfully, Medicaid picks up most of what their regular insurance leaves off. Of course, Zane needs 24-hour, round-the-clock nursing care, and insurance only pays for 16 (eight hours to sleep, eight hours to work). That means a date night could cost \$25-\$35 an hour.

And the horse therapy. Horse therapy comes out of pocket.

There will be a new wheelchair next year. (You thought car seats were expensive.)

But that's life. People have been helpful, and generous. And things aren't ever easy, and may never be. But they are very, very good.

This son of theirs. He's so ...

"Oh my gosh," Jennifer says. "He has the most incredible personality. He's the most positive kid in the world. Always wearing a smile. Because his main way of communicating is signing, so he's very expressive."

Who knows where he got that smile from. With parents known not only for big hearts, but for their humor, too.

Brett was well known for spinning tall tales around the Dana cafeteria table. Jennifer's voicemail starts with a playful, "Hey, you incredible you!"

They've settled in Elkhorn, Neb. She taught for a few years, and finally turned a hobby into a career, becoming a personal trainer at Lifetime Fitness Omaha and Elkhorn Common Ground.

Her clients are the best, she says. They know something could come up at any time.

"If my phone rings, they look at me like, 'You'd better answer that.'"

Brett teaches fifth grade in the Blair Community Schools. He's known for his creativity, always looking for new ways to connect with students.

Jennifer says the nurses rave about the way her husband is about their son's care.

"We share the load," she says.

And their son, Zane Williams. He is five now. He goes to kindergarten at Fire Ridge Elementary in Elkhorn, Neb. He's smart, and loves learning, and being with the other kids. He plays baseball. And he even rides horses, sometimes, when he's lucky. He's a cowboy, the way all young boys are.

He just keeps going forward.

Says his mother, "He's a very determined little boy."





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Victor Borge at Dana

By Ann (Harms '54) George

Victor Borge had played two benefit concerts for Dana College — in 1976 and 1989 — when then President Myrvin Christopherson '61; his wife, Anne, special projects coordinator; and Phil Pagel '56, vice president for institutional advancement, visited him, in 1993, at his home in Greenwich, Conn.

At the end of Borge's 1989 performance, Dr. Christopherson had named him a "Great Dane of Dana College," a designation that honored the achievements and contributions of distinguished Danes and Danish-Americans. Instead of a plaque, recipients were given a replica of a Viking helmet — and Borge immediately put his on.

He was in his music room rehearsing for a concert in his native Denmark when the Dana visitors arrived, and he greeted them at his grand piano wearing the helmet. When Christopherson said they were honored that he would wear it especially for them, Borge replied, "I never practice without it."

The three had a gift for Borge, a painting titled "Rescue of the Danish Jews," by Dana art professor Milt Heinrich. He'd painted it after attending a conference with the same name held at Dana in 1990. "Borge was genuinely pleased to accept the painting and said it would be given a place of prominence in his study," Pagel says. He remembers the visit that followed as "one of the most enjoyable hours of my life — we had a ball."

This warm relationship, which included a shared Danish heritage, had developed over more than two decades.

When Pagel was director of public relations (his first position at Dana), he proposed that the college give honorary doctor of music degrees to this country's best-known "Great Danes," Borge and the heroic tenor Lauritz Melchior; with the stipulation that they visit the campus to receive them. In 1968 the faculty and regents approved the degrees for both men, and Melchior, who was retired, received his honorary doctorate that spring at Commencement. (A Metropolitan Opera star for many years, Melchior had given a concert at Dana in 1950, and one afternoon in 1965 he entertained the touring Dana Choir at his Beverly Hills home, "The Viking," and was guest soloist that evening when the choir sang in Inglewood.)

With Borge it took longer. Although he was receptive when Pagel wrote to him, he had a full performance schedule, and finding a time for a campus visit was difficult. Years of letters and contact "by whatever means I could," followed, Pagel says.

Then in 1975 Borge called him at home, saying he'd just arrived in Des Moines, Iowa, for a concert. He invited Pagel to see the show as his guest and to have a late supper with him afterwards to talk about the possibility of a Dana appearance. "Naturally, I went," Pagel says.

More phone calls and letters followed this meeting, and they agreed on a date in the fall of 1976 — Sunday, October 17, a Homecoming weekend — when Borge would receive his honorary doctorate and give a benefit concert, with the proceeds used to establish the Victor Borge Scholarship Fund. Scholarships from this fund would assist Danish students wanting to study at Dana, Dana students wanting to study in Denmark, and students who demonstrated special abilities and/or financial need.

A large audience, estimated at 3,000, attended the concert, which Borge called "Something Special for Dana," in the college's Borup Coliseum.

"The thing that struck me about that first appearance here was Borge's genuine interest in Dana and what kind of work we were doing," Pagel says, "and he gladly attended a luncheon in the Presidents Room for the regents, administration and faculty senate." His introduction to Dana also included a performance

by the college's Folk Dancers in traditional Danish costumes, a campus tour with then President Earl Mezoff, and a visit to the library and its Danish Heritage Room.

“ I couldn't get there in time to help put out the fire, but I would like to return...to help with the rebuilding of Old Main. ”

After this concert, Pagel says, “our relationship continued and became more personal; we exchanged letters and greetings, he called occasionally when on tour in this area, and in every way kept the door open for future possibilities.”

Then on August 25, 1988, Old Main burned, and Borge sent a letter: “I couldn't get there in time to help put out the fire,” he wrote, “but I would like to return at a point to help with the rebuilding of Old Main.”

Dana was happy to accept his offer, and on October 25, 1989, a Wednesday evening, Borge played in Omaha to a full house in Joslyn Art Museum's Witherspoon Hall. He'd said that he would donate his fees to the college if it could sell \$50,000 in tickets. It met that goal, and \$50,000 was added to funds for the Old Main replacement.

Borge invited Pagel and the Christophersons to join him and his son, Ron, his stage manager, for breakfast in Omaha the next morning. “We had a rollicking good time,” Pagel recalls. After breakfast, he drove the two Borges to the airport. “Mr. B. — he preferred to be called that — shook my hand warmly and said to be sure and stay in touch, and if my travels ever brought me to Greenwich, to be sure and stop in,” Pagel says. “I took it as an open invitation.”

After this, “our friendship continued and strengthened,” Pagel says, “with more letters, occasional postcards and miscellaneous greetings from both the U.S. and Denmark.” Then he received

a note from Borge's personal assistant, “suggesting that if we had thought about the possibility of another Borge benefit, it might be smart if we discussed it with Borge and finalized a date. And that's how we decided that Myrv, Anne, and I should make a personal visit to his home in Greenwich.”

In the course of their conversation that day, Borge agreed to return to Dana for a third benefit concert if the college could raise \$100,000 to support student scholarships. Thanks to generous patrons, the college raised \$175,000, with \$100,000 benefiting the Borge Scholarship Fund and \$75,000, the general scholarship fund.

This time Borge again performed on the campus, on November 14, 1994, a Monday evening, in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center, but the event wasn't announced publicly. Instead, the concert patrons and their guests were invited to a performance called “An Evening with Victor Borge” that was especially for them.

In the afternoon before the concert Pagel showed Borge the college's new building (since then named the Margre Henningson Durham Center) that replaced Old Main. When Pagel drove Borge and son Ron to their Omaha hotel after the concert, Borge told him that this would probably be his last visit, but he asked him to stay in touch and to keep him informed about what was happening at Dana.

Asked what he remembers most about Borge, Pagel says, “I'm sure it was his genuineness. He loved to make people laugh and he loved to poke fun at the seriousness surrounding classical music. He was most happy when he was on the stage, and to him, all of life was his stage.”



Borge Centennial Exhibit at Dana

Victor Borge was born in Copenhagen on January 3, 1909, and to commemorate this centennial, the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, in conjunction with the Borge family, prepared a traveling kiosk with photos and video clips portraying Borge's professional and private life. The display was at Dana in December for the college's Sights and Sounds of Christmas.

Borge was eight years old when he made his concert debut in Copenhagen. Recognized as a prodigy, he was given a scholarship to study piano at the Copenhagen Music Conservatory. Then as a teenager he studied piano in Vienna and Berlin. Early in his career he integrated humor into his performances, and by the 1930s he had become one of Denmark's leading performers. Because he was Jewish and because he directed satirical barbs at Hitler and the Nazis, he was threatened by members of a local Nazi organization. Although he was frightened, in a defiant response he worked up and performed even more anti-Nazi sketches. In 1940 he was performing in Sweden when Germany invaded Denmark, and he escaped to the U.S. from Finland on the last passenger ship to leave northern Europe during World War II.

He arrived in this country almost penniless. Unable to speak English, he learned it by going to movies. In 1941, a year after his arrival, he became a regular on Bing Crosby's Kraft Music Hall radio show, and by 1945 he had his own program on NBC Radio. In 1953 he opened on Broadway with his “Comedy in Music.” It had a three-year run, a record for a one-man show. That success led to acclaimed performances and many honors over the years in this country, in Denmark and the other Scandinavian countries, and around the world.

In 1999 Borge was honored by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, an award that's considered the artistic equivalent of the Presidential and Congressional Medals of Honor.

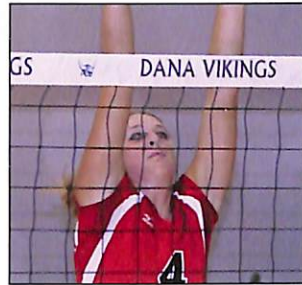
He had just returned from a three-week stay in Copenhagen when he died at home on December 23, 2000, a few days before his 92nd birthday.

Left: Camilla Larsson Knapp '96, a Borge Scholarship recipient, presented Borge with a Dana baseball cap during his 1994 campus visit.

VIKING ATHLETICS



This fall was a season to remember, from winning seasons to renewed enthusiasm encouraged by the new Spirit Squad and mascot. Read more about Dana athletics in our Fall Sports Recap.



FALL RECAP

VOLLEYBALL

Viking volleyball experienced a resurgence this season as they recorded a 22-14 overall record and went 9-7 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play. This was the best season for Dana College volleyball since 1993. They advanced to the quarterfinals of the GPAC tournament for the second straight season.

This was a season of firsts for the program. The Vikings defeated Briar Cliff for the first time in program history. They also defeated a nationally-rated team, 24th rated Nebraska Wesleyan, for the first time. Dana also snapped a 15-year losing streak to Concordia University.

Kali Brayfield (SR, Elkhorn, Neb.) led the team with 328 kills, 46 aces, and 191 blocks. **Megan Higgins** (JR, Council Bluffs, Iowa) had 315 kills and 110 blocks on the season. Libero **Erin Shanahan** (JR, Omaha, Neb.) had 23 aces and 585 digs and was named GPAC Libero of the Week. Setter **Stephanie Connell** (JR, Harlan, Iowa) led the team with 544 assists and added 28 aces.

Brayfield ended her playing career for the Vikings atop the career charts for kills (1174) and career points (1671.5). She also finished second in block assists and total blocks for a career. Shanahan and Brayfield earned second team all-GPAC honors. Higgins was named to the honorable mention team.

Connell, **Nicole Venditte** (SR, Omaha, Neb.), and **April Fitch** (JR, Creighton, Neb.) earned Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards for their efforts in the classroom this season.

Head coach **Rayna Cain** and husband, Brett, welcomed their first daughter, Sydnie, to the volleyball family late in the season.



FOOTBALL

The Dana College football team finished the 2009 season with a 0-11 record and was 0-10 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Despite the team's record, **Mark Schlueter** (JR, Omaha, Neb.) had a season to remember. Schlueter caught 70 passes for 933 yards and four touchdowns. He eclipsed the career mark of 2558 yards set by Brent Leefer from 1989-1992. Schlueter is atop the career yardage and catch categories, along with the season record of catches in a year with 112.

Ben Mezak (FR, Sugarland, Texas) led the Viking defense with 55 solo tackles and 47 tackle assists. Mezak also had a team-high three interceptions. **Nate Weathers** (SR, Omaha, Neb.) was second on the



team with 53 tackles, including four sacks and four recovered fumbles.

Schlueter earned first team All-GPAC honors as a slot receiver this year. **TJ Douglas** (JR, Omaha, Neb.), **George Drinnin** (SR, Omaha, Neb.), **Mezak, Andy Schneider** (SO, Omaha, Neb.), and **Weathers** earned honorable mention all-GPAC honors.

Mike Finley (JR, Omaha, Neb.), **Chris Hicks** (JR, Bellevue, Neb.), and **Shae Scalise** (JR, O'Neill, Neb.) earned Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards for their efforts in the classroom this season.

Weathers was also a semifinalist for the illustrious V. Campbell Trophy presented by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

The football team was awarded the Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award for their community service work.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Viking women's soccer team finished 10-8-1 overall and 6-6 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play. Dana advanced to the conference quarterfinals before being eliminated.

Michelle Mullen (JR, Omaha, Neb.) led the team with seven goals and 15 assists. Mullen ranks in the top ten nationally for assists this season. **Jamie Queen** (FR, Omaha, Neb.) was tied for the team lead with seven goals. **Kindra Sanchez** (SO, Pueblo, Colo.) tallied six goals and two assists. **Sheila Mullen** (JR, Omaha, Neb.) added four goals and eight assists.

Samantha Flowers (SR, Council Bluffs, Iowa) went 7-4-1 in goal with six shutouts

before being moved to the field. **Bree Gruhn-McLaughlin** (FR, Plattsmouth, Neb.) went 3-4 with one shut-out and 41 saves.

Michelle Mullen earned her third straight first team all-GPAC selection. Sheila Mullen and Queen were named to the honorable mention team.

Brittany Naseman (JR, Colorado Springs, Colo.), Sheila Mullen, and Flowers earned Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards for their efforts in the classroom this season.

The women's soccer team was awarded the Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award for their community service work with Girl's Inc. this fall.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team finished just short of their goal of returning to the NAIA Men's National Tournament. The Vikings finished with an 11-6-2 overall record and was 7-4-1 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play.

Thor Brown (SR, Heber City, Utah) and **John Podraza** (JR, Elkhorn, Neb.) were the top two goal scorers for Dana College this season. Brown had a team-high eight goals and three assists. Podraza was close behind with seven goals and three assists. **Jared Wilmert** (SO, Omaha, Neb.) added three goals and three assists from his outside midfield position.

Dana had three goalkeepers earn victories this season. **Kurtis Kraatz** (SR, Midway, Utah) led the team with a 5-3-1 record with two shutouts and 39 saves. **Chris Allen** (SR, Kansas City, Mo.) went 4-3-1 with three shutouts and 30 saves. **Josh Hawkins** (SO, Norfolk, Neb.) went 2-0 with 11 saves.

Brown and **Ariko Kaziboni** (JR, Omaha, Neb.) earned second team all-GPAC honors. Kraatz, Podraza, and **Luke Zabawa** (FR, Omaha, Neb.) were tabbed to the honorable mention squad.

TROTTER REACHES 1,000 POINTS IN DANA BASKETBALL CAREER

Senior **Tricia Trotter** (Treyvor, Iowa) scored her 1,000th point on November 6 in a game against Iowa Wesleyan University.

"I am so proud of and happy for Tricia," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Shane Larson. "She is the type of player any coach would be excited to have on their team, hard-working, talented, coachable and very much a team player. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Tricia the past two years. Her achievement is a testament to her work ethic and dedication throughout her career here at Dana College."



CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country teams at Dana had a strong fall season. The men's team finished fourth at the GPAC Meet in Fremont, Neb.. The women finished in tenth place at the conference meet.

The women's team was led by a pair of runners all season. **Christina Hanson** (SO, Spirit Lake, Iowa) finished 31st in the GPAC meet and had two top 25 finishes. **Rachel Ness** (SR, Seward, Neb.) finished her cross country career with a 48th place finish at conference.

The Viking men made a brief appearance in the national ratings for the first time in several years. They also sent two runners to the NAIA National Meet in Vancouver, Wash. **Andrew Palmblade** (SR, Hastings, Neb.) and **Kipp Schuler** (JR, Haviland, Kan.) were Dana's two individual qualifiers. Schuler came in 17th place in the conference meet and Palmblade finished 19th. Schuler finished in the top half at the national meet with a 119th place finish in a time of 26:40. Palmblade placed 220th out of 323 runners with a time of 27:35.



Kipp Schuler (left) and Andrew Palmblade competed in the NAIA National Cross Country meet in Vancouver, Washington.

Cross country also had seven Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes: **Christine Bailey** (SR, Omaha, Neb.), **Kevin Bane** (SR, Oakland, Iowa), **Chris Creal** (JR, Omaha, Neb.), **Chelsea Fibranz** (SR, McPherson, Kan.), **Cory Logsdon** (SR, Ft. Calhoun, Neb.), **Rachel Ness** (SR, Seward, Neb.), and **Rebecca Rehberg** (SR, Livonia, Mich.).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf has made a resurgence at Dana College this season with two new players leading the charge. Freshman **Alex Curry** (Shenandoah, Iowa) and junior **Sam Pingel** (Fort Dodge, Iowa) led the Viking golfers in all nine meets this fall.

This season Dana finished in the top four in seven of the nine meets they participated in. Dana brought home a runner-up finish in the Dana College Open and third place finishes in the Sioux Falls, Iowa Western, Dakota Wesleyan, and GPAC II meets.

Curry brought home second place finishes in the second GPAC Qualifier and the Dana College meets. Pingel brought home a second place finish in the Northwestern Fall Invite.

The Vikings finished the fall portion of the season in fourth place in the GPAC Qualifiers. Curry currently sits in a three-way tie for sixth place as an individual in the GPAC meet. Dana will play a short spring season, which will include the final two GPAC Qualifiers.

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team made an appearance on the Dana campus for the first time since the early 1990s. The team featured seven players who played in seven meets this fall.

Chris Oki (SR, Hillsboro, Ore.), **Dillon Saltzman** (JR, Seward, Neb.), and **Justin Dworak** (JR, Kearney, Neb.) each led the Vikings into the clubhouse at least once this season. The team's best performance was a third-place finish at the Hastings Invitational.

After two rounds of GPAC Qualifiers, the Vikings sit in ninth place and are only five strokes behind Dordt College. Dana will play four more tournaments, plus the final two GPAC Qualifiers this spring.

SPIRIT SQUAD

The fall sports season marked the debut of the Viking spirit squad and mascot Victor E. Viking. This season featured over 25 spirit squad members who performed for almost every fall sports team as well as making numerous event appearances.

Members of the Spirit Squad were featured in the *Omaha World-Herald* for a tailor-made cheer clinic for a group of girls served by the recreational therapy department of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute.

MASTNY HIRED AS HEAD MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BOWLING COACH



Mastny

Dana College Athletic Director Bill Danenhauer announced the hiring of **J.J. Mastny** as the Head Men's and Women's Bowling Coach. Dana will

add men's and women's bowling as a varsity sport beginning in 2010-2011 academic year.

"We're very excited to start bowling here at Dana College," said Danenhauer. "J.J. Mastny comes to us from University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks and has a strong background in running a top-notch program. I look forward to working with Coach Mastny as he builds and grows our men's and women's teams."

Mastny coached the UNO men's bowling team to three consecutive post-season appearances (2007, 2008, 2009) and national rankings in 2008 and 2009. During his three-year tenure, the team tallied 15 top-five finishes, including six tournament titles.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the Dana family," says Mastny. "Collegiate bowling is surging in popularity, so the athletic department couldn't have picked a better time to add it to their sports offered. I'm looking forward to the challenge of building a great program from the ground up."

Dana will be using the Blair Bowling Center as their home venue starting in the 2010-2011 school year.





Allen Wagner running the final mile at the Olympic Trials in New York City in 2007.

Going the Distance

Dana alumnus finishes 17th in NYC Marathon

Many of us might catch a glimpse of the annual New York City Marathon in its national telecast, but Dana alumnus Allen Wagner lived it.

The 2003 graduate competed in his first NYC Marathon on Nov. 1, and recorded a personal-best marathon time of 2 hours, 17 minutes and 49 seconds, good for a 17th place finish (10th American) and only 8 ½ minutes behind the winner. For those runners out there, that is an average of 5 minutes and 16 seconds per mile throughout the 26.2-mile race.

“The race was really tough for me because the weather was very windy and I hurt my Achilles a couple days before the race,” Wagner said. “At about 18 miles I had to stop and use the facilities. I was in a lot of pain towards the end but when I got towards the finish I started to think about my beloved fiancé, Sarah, and all I could do was smile the last couple miles. She kept me going.”

Even though this was his first year competing in the NYC Marathon, it was not the first time Wagner competed on the course. He ran there in the Olympic Trials in November 2007. He finished 25th in that event in 2:18:25. Coming into the race, he was ranked 100th.

Wagner says he began running when he was nine, but it was his time on the cross country team at Dana College that fueled his passion for the sport. “I really fell in love with running though after I met my college coach at Dana,” he said. “Professor (Jay) Birmingham gave me so much passion and all my teammates at Dana were like my family. I carry those memories with me every time I run.”

The world-class runner was not always at the front of the pack. When he joined the cross country team at his high school in Hawaii, he got beat by everyone on the first day, including members of the women’s team. “The next day I did a workout around the baseball field and the football team was practicing on the infield,” Wagner said. “All I had on was “Payless” shoes, and they didn’t feel good, so I took them off and ran barefoot. It felt so good. I was running with the best runner and we kept getting faster and faster. I stayed with him the whole way and everyone was shocked.”

Now, Wagner says he runs about 100 miles each week while in training, including a long run and two hard workouts. “I raced quite a lot this year but I figure that I will race less next year to prepare for the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon the first week of October,” he said.

Wagner’s passion for running extends into his every-day life as well. He works at a running store in Albuquerque, N.M., called Heart and Sole Sports. “I also live with a couple of great runners and they keep me going everyday. I really feel that after 40 I will be done with professional marathoning and explore other avenues in my life.”

Wagner shares that he is engaged to be married to Sarah Skinner on March 6 in Kona, Hawaii. “I met her in 2004 in Hawaii and she’s been my whole life. I love her with all my heart.”



A Note

from the Advancement Office

Students First

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DANA COLLEGE

Every day I am touched by the generosity, commitment and love that alumni have for Dana. Graduates are deeply impacted by their experience here, and I appreciate their passion and willingness to share their stories about their time at Dana as well as opinions about Dana's direction and future. I know the extended Dana family's "heart does cling to thee."

This generosity has been evident by all those who have made gifts and pledges to the Dana College Students First Campaign. Thank you to everyone who has already made a campaign commitment! The momentum for the campaign is growing and alumni are responding positively to our requests every day. The campaign has a five-year goal of \$20 million. This includes \$12.5 million in cash and \$7.5 million in planned gifts.

We need you to join this groundswell of support. We're asking everyone to participate as they are able, and it will take thousands of you saying yes to ensure that this campaign is successful.

There are a variety of ways to support Dana and the Students First Campaign. As we approach the end of 2009, here are some specific giving ideas to consider:

Gifts of Cash

Whether you send a check or use your credit card, your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. You can make your gift online by visiting:

<https://www2.dana.edu/gifts/online.html>

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Even in today's economy, it may be possible to give gifts of appreciated securities (shares of individual stocks, bonds, mutual funds) that have increased in value. If you give appreciated securities to Dana College, not only do you receive an income tax deduction for your gift, but you also avoid the capital gains tax if you sell the securities yourself. When you give stock to Dana, we sell it tax-free and receive the full value of the gift. If you own stock that has gone down in value, you may be able to sell the stock,

make a gift from the cash proceeds to Dana, and apply the realized loss on your 2009 tax return. Please be sure to check with your financial advisor before making any securities gifts or transactions to see which strategies are best for you.

The easiest way to make a gift of stock is to have your broker transfer it electronically. Dana College has an account at Edward Jones in Blair, NE. (1463 Washington Street, Blair, NE 402.426.9888.)

Give the following information to your broker and request a transfer:

DTC#: 0057 ACCOUNT#: 6870704415
to: Dana College, Blair, NE
Dana's Federal Tax ID # is **47-0376526**

Gifts from Retirement Plans

A gift from your retirement plan can be a tax-advantaged way to give. Distributions from retirement plans are often taxable to you and your family. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision allows taxpayers 70 ½ years of age or older to make tax-free distributions in 2009 from the traditional and Roth IRAs directly to Dana College. An owner of a traditional or Roth IRA may instruct the IRA plan administrator to make distributions directly to qualified charities. While the annual minimum distribution for persons 70½ and older has been suspended for 2009, you may make up to \$100,000 in tax-free distributions to as many qualified charities as you wish. This gift opportunity is for traditional and Roth IRAs only, and may not be used to fund a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or any other life income plan.

Life Income Agreements

Life income agreements, like charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities, combine a planned gift to Dana College with income to you or loved ones. These are excellent planned

giving alternatives that not only benefit Dana and other charities, but also include income and tax benefits for you or your family. We encourage you to check with your own professional advisors before making a gift.

Gift of Life Insurance

The easiest way to make a gift of life insurance is to include a percentage (5%, 10%, 25% or more) to Dana as a part of the primary beneficiary designation. This is referred to as a "Life Share" gift and is fully revocable. Ask your representative for help. Substantial gifts can also be made by a new policy or existing policy that is no longer needed. The owner can transfer the policy, making Dana the owner and irrevocable beneficiary. In that event, premiums paid by the donor to continue coverage are tax deductible for itemizers.

Gifts from Your Will or Living Trust

Consider a bequest from your will or other estate-planning vehicle. A bequest is an excellent way to "leave your legacy" to Dana College as a statement of lifelong, comprehensive Christian stewardship. If you already have a will, a simple codicil is all that is required to make a bequest. If you don't have a will, we strongly encourage you to have one written, and please consider a bequest to Dana when you do so.

The Dana College Advancement Team is here to assist you in planning your gift to Dana College and the Students First Campaign. We look forward to visiting with you in the future and are thankful for all your support of Dana and our students.

Jeremy J. Bouman

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Vice President of Institutional Advancement

09 *Aubrey Bray '09* and *Hunter Samuels '09* were married Sept. 26, 2009, in Blair. *Ali Mueller '09* is teaching elementary special education at Fort Calhoun (Neb.) Schools. *Megan Parker '09* is a math teacher in Woodbine, Iowa. She is also coaching junior varsity volleyball and junior high girls' basketball. *Clayton Timm '09* and *Rachel Beacom '08* were married Aug. 2, 2008, in Omaha. The couple lives in Blair. *Tatiana Treu '09* is a sixth and seventh grade special education teacher in Schuyler, Neb. *Pam Williams '09* is teaching fifth-seventh grades at Rock County Schools in Bassett, Neb.

08 *Jared Kitzelman '08* and Elizabeth Hughes were married Oct. 17, 2009, in Elkhorn, Neb. Jared is employed by Sid Dillon Chevrolet in Fremont. *Scott Leisy '08* is teaching K-12 physical education at Thedford (Neb.) Schools.

07 *Jarod Owens '07* and Katie Bohling were married July 18, 2009, in Blair. Jarod teaches and coaches at Plattsmouth (Neb.) Community Schools. *Chris Reinke '07* and Abby Cook were married Aug. 8, 2009, in Omaha. Chris is an accounts receivable coordinator at Trans/Mid-America in Omaha. *Nichole Streitenberger '07* is teaching sixth grade and is an eighth grade assistant volleyball coach in Gretna, Neb.

06 *Marisa Bretschneider '06* and Anthony Gulizia were married Oct. 3, 2009, in Omaha. Marisa is working at The Athlete Training Center in Omaha as a physical therapist. *Bernardo Cueto '06* passed the Wisconsin Bar Exam and is now a licensed attorney in the state of Wisconsin. He is a law clerk for the LaCrosse County Circuit Court in LaCrosse. Former Dana College wrestler *Ben Henderson '06* won the interim WEC Lightweight title at WEC 45 in San Antonio, Texas. He defeated Donald Cerrone by unanimous decision, 48-47. Henderson will look to unify the title Jan. 10 against the injured champion, Jamie Varner. Henderson, a two-time NAIA collegiate wrestling All-American,

has WEC wins over Shane Roller and Anthony Njokuani and has an eight-fight winning streak. *Matt Hodgson '06* and Kristy Pelan were married July 18, 2009, in Omaha. Matt is an English teacher at Westside High School in Omaha. *Krystal Jones '06* and Mark Pimentel were married July 14, 2007. They welcomed identical twin girls, Bree and Kai, on July 9, 2008. Krystal is pursuing a degree in kinesiology at California State University-Stanislaus. The family lives in Merced, Calif. *Angel (Moore) Thomas '06* is teaching art at Otte Middle School and Blair (Neb.) High School. *Christina Ulmer '06* and *Joel Brewer '06* were married Aug. 9, 2008.

The couple had their first child, Brooklyn Maria, on June 5, 2009. The family lives in Ridgeland, Wis.

05 *Jeffrey Davis '05* and Tiffany Rust were married June 24, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nev. Jeffrey works at State Farm Insurance in auto claims. The couple lives in Lincoln. *Kyle Hatch '05* and *Lisa Vrana '05* were married June 12, 2009, in Lincoln, Neb. The couple is at home in Omaha. *Theresa (Garrison '05) Jacobson* received her master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary. *Joe Sweeney '05* was featured in a newspaper article in the *Naperville (Ill.) Sun* about an upcoming contest between high school football teams Oswego, where he is assistant coach, and Waubonsie Valley, his alma mater where he was the quarterback.

04 *Damien Dempsay '04* and Danielle Shepler were married Oct. 10, 2009, in Omaha. Damien is a transportation coordinator at Uta Halee Girls Village. Shawn and *Jennifer (Gocheour '04) Kelly* welcomed their first child, Kathryn Irene, on Dec. 1, 2008. The family lives in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

03 *Maureen Gubbels '03* and Chris Epping were married Dec. 5, 2009, in Kearney, Neb. Maureen is employed by Methodist Hospital in Omaha as an RN geriatric clinic coordinator. *Ryan Milner '03* and *Sarah Thomas '02* were married Sept. 12, 2009. Ryan is an instructor coach at

Chadron (Neb.) State College. Sarah is coordinator of the Physical Activity Center and instructor at Chadron State.

02 *Jason Dannelly '02*, founder of the Victory Sports Network, attended a broadcasting class taught by Prof. Vern Wirka on Oct. 13. Victory Sports Network was founded in 2002 to focus on NAIA college sports. Dannelly is called upon by a variety of media outlets for his NAIA expertise; he is also a play-by-play voice for a variety of college sports. *Adam Martin '02* is teaching 6-12 vocal music at Central City (Neb.) Public Schools.

01 Seth and *Molly (Fuxa '01) Krivohlavek* are the parents of a son, Kellen John, who was born Sept. 16, 2008. Molly writes: "He came into the world with a weight of 4 pounds, 13 ounces and a length of 19.5 inches. After a 10-day stint in the NICU, he came home with a clean bill of health and has been on the go ever since."

00 *Kevin Kern '00* and Becky Griffis were married May 30, 2009, in Telluride, Colo. Kevin is employed as a trooper with the Nebraska State Patrol.

99 *Holly Anderson '99* and Ramon Perez were married Aug. 28, 2009, in Kingston, Mass. Holly works for Cross Country TravelCorps. The couple lives in Wakefield, Mass.

98 *Michelle (France '98) Brady* is a school social worker with Millard (Neb.) Public Schools. *Taffy (Forsen '98) Jones* is teaching K-3 special education in the Blair (Neb.) primary schools. *Chana (Bammerlin '98) Orton* of Mills, Neb., won "Best of Show" at the 2009 Association of Nebraska Arts Clubs (ANAC) art show held in Kearney for her pencil drawing of "Caitlin's Shadow." The juror's comments included, "This piece just stopped me in my tracks. I just loved the expression on the faces. The whole piece was superbly rendered. Wonderful values, lights and shadows." Chana also received a Certificate

of Excellence for her colored pencil rendering of "Capturing Cosmos." These two awards qualify her for the Signature Member Award requiring five or more awards at Certificates of Excellence level or above. **Lynette Riemersma '98** is the director of the Zone, an after-school program for middle and high school students sponsored by the YWCA of Adams County, Neb. **Soren Schmidt '98** is university chaplain at Finlandia University in Hancock, Mich., and will begin teaching "University Singers" in the spring semester. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in May with a master's degree in education administration.

96 Gwen and **Tami '96 Lewis-Abrendt** are the parents of a son, Henry Francis, who was born June 22, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long. The family lives in Lincoln, Neb.



93 Omaha Police Officer **Antwone Finch '93** was included in an article in the *Omaha World-Herald* about a "Fun in the Park" event designed to curb inner-city violence. **Bryan Scheer '93** is an orthopedic surgeon at the Box Butte General Hospital Multi-Specialty Clinic in Alliance, Neb.

84 **Gina (Wilson '84) Scheffler** is teaching a new program in the Audubon (Iowa) Schools, "School Within A School," where she leads the AHS Student Success Center. She is also teaching eighth grade exploratory art.

83 **Dr. Michael Martin '83** was selected as the outstanding professor of the year in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Beginning this fall, he began work at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania where he directs the minor in professional community and is a member of the Department of English faculty. His dissertation on Bonhoeffer was published by German publisher VDM Verlag this past year. **Bob Schmoll '83** is the vice president for finance and operations at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

82 **Scott Buchanan '82** is the district curriculum director for the Momence, Ill., school district.

John Ragan '82 is the pastor of Siloah Lutheran Church in rural Graceville, Minn. In January 2008, he also became the interim pastor of the Zion-Eidskog Lutheran parish in Ortonville, Minn. In March 2009, the three congregations voted to form a new three-point parish and called John to serve as the parish pastor. He was installed in April and recently moved to the parsonage in Ortonville.

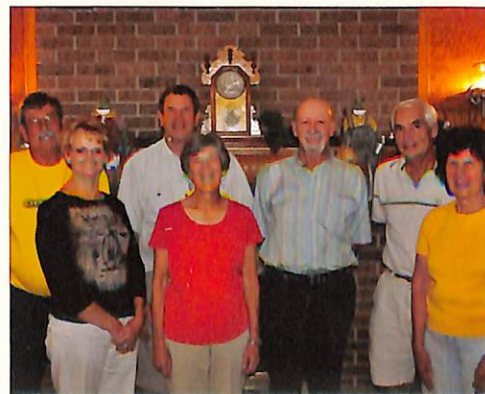
80 **Steve Albertsen '80** has been named to the list of the best programming talent in the radio industry by "Radio Ink" magazine. He is the operations manager of KFGE-FM, KBBK-FM, KLNC-FM and KLIN-AM in Lincoln. **Steve Hanson '80** is the head golf professional at Lopez Legacy Country Club in The Villages, Fla. **Mike Henriksen '80** was named Sportscaster of the Year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. He has hosted "Sports Max" since 2006 and is part of the South Dakota Public Broadcasting team that broadcasts state athletic events each year. **Julie Paulson '80** is teaching 7-12 science at Elba (Neb.) Public School. **Alan Pedersen '80** is the Vice President, Attorney - Credit Administration for First National Bank of Omaha.

78 **Malinda (Wallman '78) Jepsen** is principal consultant at Sogeti in Omaha. **Monique (Bentzinger '78) Poldberg** was one of 25 educators from across the

nation who was chosen to participate in a four-week summer institute at Salem (Mass.) State College entitled, "Picturing Early America: People, Places and Events 1770-1870." The institute consisted of a series of lectures, discussions and on-site studies of visual resources in coordination with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Picturing America program, which promotes the study of American art in elementary, middle and high schools. Monique is currently teaching second grade at Butterfield Elementary School in Lake Elsinore, Calif., is co-director of Arts LINC, a federally funded Arts and Literacy Research grant (Arts and Literacy Integrated in Nebraska and California), and enrolled in a PhD program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

65 **Vivian (Jenkins '65) Nelsen** was appointed to a three-year term on the Boys Town National Board. Nelsen is the President and CEO of Inter-Race Institute of Minneapolis, Minn.

64 A mini-reunion of the mid-1960s Men's North Dorm was held at the home of Lou and **Bernie '64 Kionka** in Arvada, Colo. Attending were (from left) **Rick '66** and **Erma (Hough '68) Peterson**, **Dave Carlson '68** and Mary Carlson, **Brian Rich '64** and **Bernie '64 Kionka** and Lou Kionka.



61 In September, sisters **Mary (Adams '61) Teten** of Talmage, Neb., **Donna (Adams '63) Reimers** of Griswold, Iowa, and **Corinne (Adams '66) Robinson** of Minneapolis, Minn., visited many Civil War and Revolutionary War

sites in eastern Pennsylvania. Here they are pictured at the site of Washington's crossing of the Delaware.

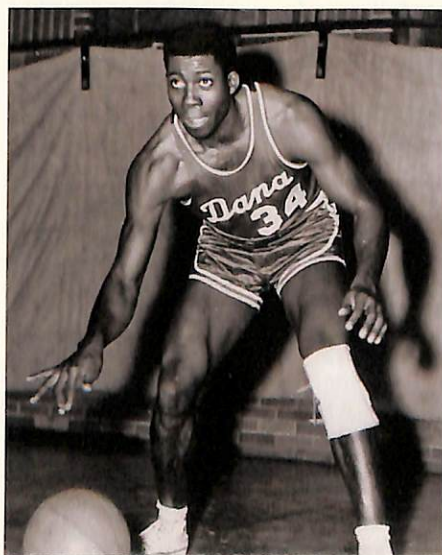


Paula (Westfall '69) Vasby of Cambridge, Wis., died Nov. 11, 2009, at the age of 62 after a battle with brain cancer. She worked for Prange's Department Store in Madison, and later Bank of Cambridge before joining Vasby Farms Inc. Survivors include her husband, Phil '69; and three children.

Larry Wright '60 of Crowley, Texas, died July 8, 2009, at the age of 71. He worked in social services and was a veteran of the United States Army where he served as a personnel psychology specialist. Survivors include his wife, Meredith, and two children.

Norma (Nelson '58) Stone of Blair died Nov. 20, 2009, at the age of 75. After her children were grown, she started a small shop, The Stepping Stone, where she sold art supplies and hand-crafted items. The business grew into a picture-framing business that included art classes. She later was an independent distributor for Sunrider products. Survivors include her husband, Professor Emeritus of Biology Larrie Stone '57, and three children, Steven '79, David '81, and Sherrie (Stone '84) Gordon, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Marion Hudson '56 of Omaha died Dec. 8, 2009, at the age of 76. Survivors include his wife, Ella, and six children. A complete story and obituary on Hudson will appear in the next issue of the *Dana Review*.



Sam "Socko" Kachichian '50 of Racine, Wis., died Aug. 12, 2009, at the age of 82. Survivors include his wife, Helen.

Myron Christensen '45 of Lincoln, Neb., died Sept. 13, 2009, at the age of 91. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He farmed, owned an International Harvester implement business, was elected as Burt County (Neb.) Clerk, and ended his career as the postmaster at Oakland, Neb. Survivors include two daughters and a son.

Rhoda (Hansen '43) Daggett of LaCrosse, Wis., died Nov. 10, 2009, at the age of 90. She owned and operated the Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store with her husband, Lee, in Viroqua, Wis., from 1969-1985. Survivors include two sons, Roger '67 and Keith; and a sister, Deloris (Hansen '47) Bengtson.

Elmer F. Hansen '41 of Santa Monica, Calif., died Oct. 13, 2009, at the age of 91. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He spent his career as an insurance agent. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte, a daughter, and a sister, Deloris (Hansen '47) Bengtson.

Carl Frost '38 of East Lansing, Mich., died June 20, 2009, at the age of 94. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II as Air Intelligence Officer and Air Sea Rescue Squadron Executive Officer. He was an instructor at M.I.T. from 1947-1949. He became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University in 1949, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1980. Survivors include five children and a brother, Thomas '46.

Friends

Mabel Smith of Logan, Iowa, died Sept. 22, 2009, at the age of 90. She worked as a housekeeper at Dana College throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Survivors include a daughter, Glenda Trecek, who works in the Financial Services Office at Dana.

56 Martha (Jacobsen '56) and Mark '56 Allen of Blair competed in the Nebraska State Hand Cornhusking Contest in October. Martha won the women's open by husking 259.88 pounds of corn in twenty minutes. She won the same title in 2008. Mark did equally well by winning the senior men division. He husked 294.06 pounds of corn in twenty minutes.

53 Paul Jersild D'53 T'59 is the author of a book recently published by Fortress Press entitled "The Nature of Our Humanity: Ethical Issues in Genetics and Biotechnology." The book brings a Christian perspective to such topics as biological evolution, Intelligent Design and creationism, scientific materialism and reductionist views of human nature. In the second part of the book, Jersild turns to ethical issues such as the prospect of genetic enhancements to fashion an "ideal" human being and efforts to extend indefinitely the human life span. In this connection he also addresses the controversy over embryonic stem cell research.

Deaths

Jesse J. Taylor '03 of Colorado Springs, Colo., died unexpectedly on Nov. 8, 2009, at the age of 28. He worked for T. Rowe Price Mutual Fund Company. Survivors include his wife, Becca; his son, Ethan Taylor Sanford; four brothers; his parents and grandparents.

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Upcoming events



January 18

Alumni Inspiration Breakfast

We are seeking nominations from Dana alumni for the second annual Dana College Alumni Inspiration Award. This award will be presented to the Dana College faculty or staff person who most inspired his/her students to serve others. The person nominated may be living or deceased, current or past. The winner of the first award in 2009 was Dr. Richard Jorgensen, professor emeritus of history. To make your nomination, please submit a letter by email to creed@dana.edu or postal mail to: Dana College, Carrie Reed, Director of Alumni Affairs and Special Events, 2848 College Drive, Blair, NE 68008.

January 23

Alumni Family Day at Dana Basketball

February 20

Arizona Luncheon

February 25

Dana After Hours: Council Bluffs

March 11

Dana After Hours: Omaha

March 31

Sustainable Enterprise Conference

April 8

Dana After Hours: Lincoln

April 23-25

President's Circle Weekend

May 6

Dana After Hours: Denver, CO

May 20

Dana After Hours: Omaha

May 22

Baccalaureate and Commencement

