

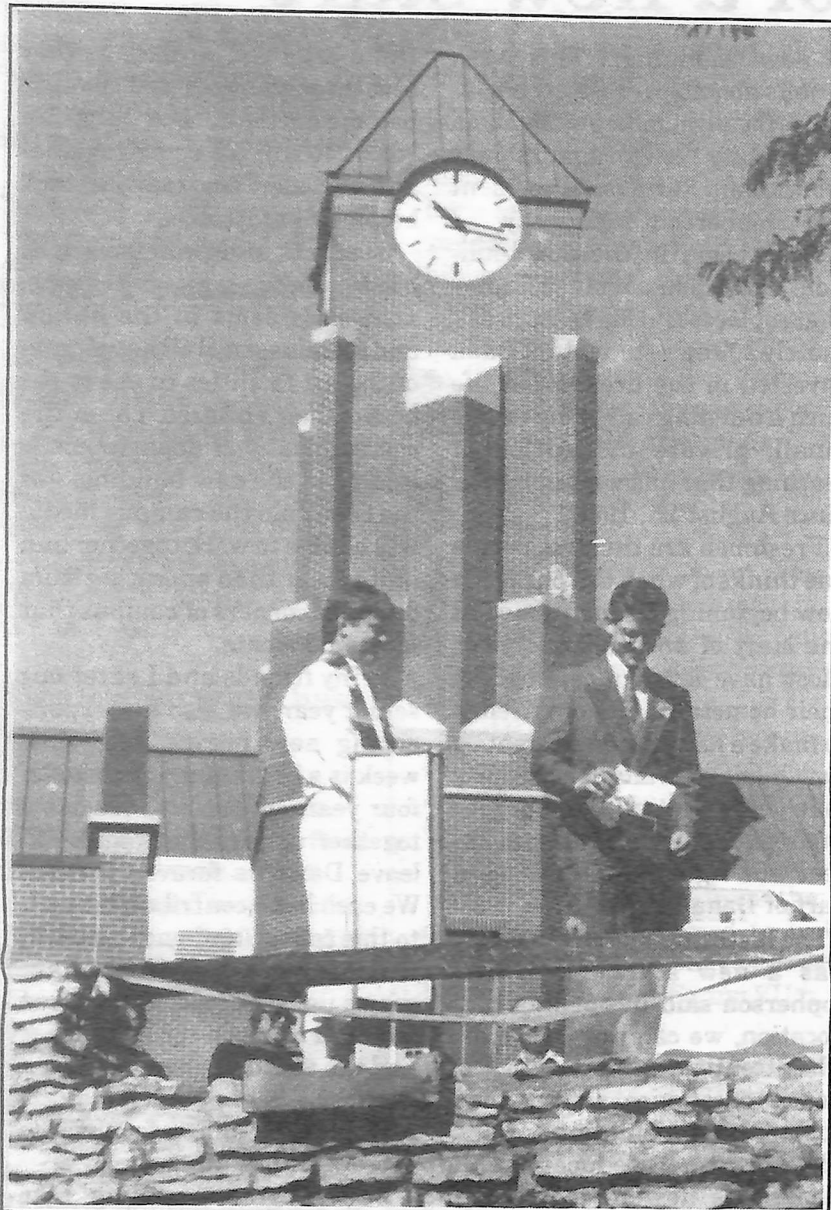
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Carrie L. Larkins

Pastor Michael Ostrom watches as Student Body President Kyle Herzog places a picture of the Dana Women's Club quilt in the cornerstone of the new classroom complex. Several symbolic items will be sealed in the stone to be reopened in 100 years.

Student Senate held workshop to set goals

CARRIE L. LARKINS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"The workshop definitely created some enthusiasm in senate to start the new year," said Kelly Wesemann, Student Senate vice president.

Problem solving, goal setting and organization were the focus of the session set up by Kevin Schaudt, director of residence life.

The meeting allowed the senators to get to know each other in a semi-informal setting. According to Wesemann, this was an opportunity for the new upper-classmen senators and freshmen to get involved right away.

Newly elected freshman senators participating were Fafani Goecke, Michael Hanson, Sara Howieson, Sarah Packard, Sandy Smith and Derrick Weyand.

Goals the senators set during the evening were to adhere to parliamentary procedure, get more senators actively involved in activities, and to build dedication among senators, according to Wesemann.

"Setting goals right away will help us have direction throughout the year," said Wesemann. "The key will be to evaluate our progress during the year and retain the enthusiasm of the workshop."

New building provides focal point, identity for Dana

CARRIE L. LARKINS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Once more a light shines from the tower on Dana hill," said Dana President Myrvin Christopherson regarding the completion of classroom/office complex that replaces Old Main. Old Main, a 102-year-old classroom building on Dana's campus, was destroyed in an electrical fire, August 25, 1988. "Faculty and staff that have been displaced for five years have a home again," Christopherson said.

The complex includes 34 offices, 14 classrooms, areas for the campus media, a chapel and The Forum. According to Christopherson, Dana now has state-of-the-art facilities equal to or better than most area high schools and universities, especially in communication and computers.

It is expected The Forum will become a central gathering place in the new building. Christopherson hopes the new Forum will become a "magnet" for all the disciplines of the liberal arts. It is located on the first floor of the building. Exhibits, discussions and programs will be held there to appeal to all of the disciplines.

"Certainly not least important

is the new chapel," Christopherson said. For the first time in Dana's 110-year history, a space has been built for the express purpose of worship. "It is the most important feature of Dana as a college of the church," Christopherson said. The Dana community can gather in Trinity Chapel to celebrate their Christian heritage and future.

Enrollment is up at Dana in 1993. According to Christopherson, new student deposits are up 28 percent. He doesn't attribute this fact solely to the new building, however.

"I believe if we do our work together well more people will

hear about us and choose to be a part of the community. The building is a complement," Christopherson said. "I don't think buildings make a college but they do sometimes assist in giving a message about the college."

The classroom complex was paid for completely by gifts to the college, according to Christopherson. "It says we have a whale of a lot of friends. It is a joy to me to see the response of the community. It says to me that they believe in this place.

"I think it gives us a whole new lease on life," Christopherson said. "It allows us to get on with other things."

Promotions, new faculty recognized

Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, announced five promotions and 14 new faculty members Wednesday at Opening Convocation.

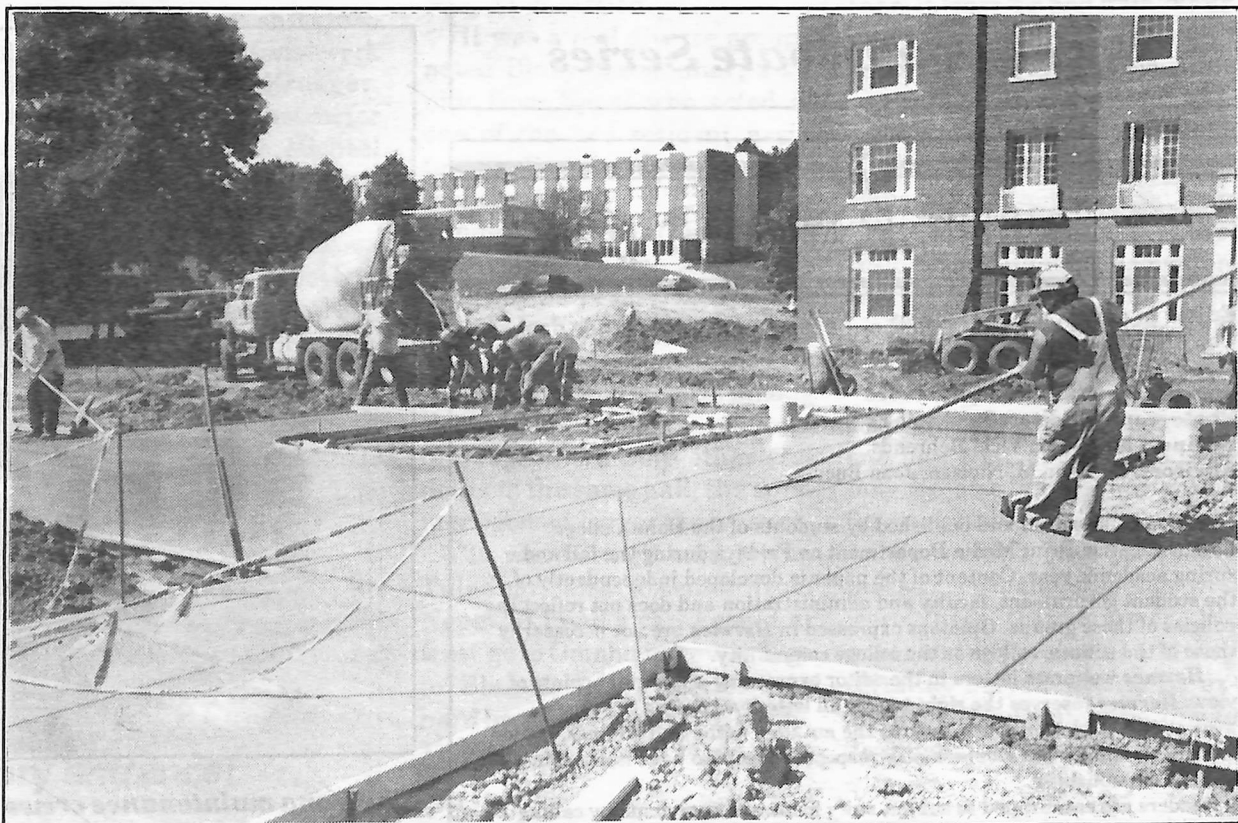
Dr. John M. Nielsen, professor of English, Dr. Richard Palmer, professor of music, and Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of teacher education and psychology, were promoted from associate profes-

sors to full professors.

Richard Potter, associate professor of social work and sociology, was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor.

Diana Brown, assistant professor in French and Spanish, was promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

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Lisa Welch

Slowly but surely the landscaping continues around the classroom complex. Periodic rain has delayed the completion of the project.



NAFTA appears not to be so nifty

SHAWN OSBAHR
EDITORIALIST

In a capitalistic society one would think that free trade would be an ideal situation, especially with countries that desire our products. But in 1993, the United States is not in a normal situation. Our economy remains sluggish, the unemployment rate lingers at slightly uncomfortable levels, and our deficit is growing by leaps and bounds.

With this dreary situation at hand, we have been introduced to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). What exactly will happen to the U.S. economy and job situation with the passing of NAFTA is speculative and has supporters and opponents at each others' throats.

Is NAFTA good or bad for the United States? Probably the best way to analyze this is to first look at our current situation. On the average, Mexican tariffs on U.S. goods are 2.5 times as high as U.S. tariffs on Mexican goods.

Now we need to take a look at the difference between the standard of living and the wage rates. As everyone knows the standard of living in Mexico is far below

that of the United States. Why? Because the type of worker in the United States who makes \$10 an hour would only make 50 cents an hour in Mexico. They can't afford to buy new cars and televisions and stereos. Neither may our common worker if NAFTA gets passed.

What NAFTA will do is gradually reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This is not a one-sided issue. It appears to

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be evenly opposed by Democrats as well as Republicans. Both House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and House Majority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich, are opposed to NAFTA as well as conservative Republican Patrick Buchanan.

This reduction of tariffs is in the interest of United States companies seeking to relocate to Mexico rather than just export. Supporters of NAFTA seem to think that this is in the benefit of both the United States and Mexico.

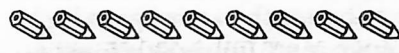
I agree with the Mexico part,

but that is as far as it goes. This will provide many new jobs for the Mexican workers. Meanwhile back in the United States many of our jobs have just been exported beneath the southern border.

NAFTA will not only take away our jobs, but it will also affect our deficit problem. We are currently at a trade surplus with Mexico. The products we are manufacturing here in the United States could very easily be made in Mexico and there goes our exporting business.

If lowering tariffs is so good for the home country, why doesn't Japan lower its extremely high tariffs on U.S. goods? Because it wants to keep Japan attractive to the Japanese investor. Japan is looking after its own interest first as should we.

The only reason that we should try to improve the Mexican economy is to keep out illegal immigrants. The United States needs to look after itself first. It may sound selfish and unfair to do so, but tell that to the first unemployed steel worker if NAFTA goes through.



HERMES asks for letters to the editor

The HERMES welcomes letters to the editor on any topic. Letters must be signed and should be limited to 200 words. HERMES reserves the right to edit letters according to space availability.

Send your letters through campus mail, Box 1086 by Wednesday to appear in the next issue!



Piece by piece

by Carrie L. Larkins

Taking advantage of a new start

A new beginning... This week brings about several new beginnings for all members of the Dana community. "A light again shines from Dana hill," as President Christopherson would say, as classes begin in the multi-million dollar classroom complex that replaces Old Main. Approximately 200 new students at Dana invested in the dream and life such a building can bring to this small, private institution of learning that has waited in flux since August 25, 1988.

Freshmen are the first people one thinks of when the phrase "a new beginning" is mentioned at the start of an academic year. Most have left the comforts of their hometown and old friends to make a new start and create a new home at Dana for the next four years. Not all will stay for their entire undergraduate career but right now they are a part of Dana's celebration.

The institution itself obviously has a new start. As Christopherson said in opening convocation, we can now move on. The attention can return to academic excellence rather than constructing a building.

The new general education curriculum is now in full swing. This year the last students on the "old system" will graduate. Dana can only go onward and upward from here. Liberal arts will lead the way.

Faculty and staff that were displaced by the fire have moved into their new home. Many still

feel a little out of place as they sort through boxes and boxes to become settled. But in a few weeks it will all come together and the new environment will become comfortable.

Students and professors who have had to deal with makeshift classrooms in the library and Rasmussen Hall have state-of-the-art facilities to use to the best of their abilities. The entire communications department is located in the new building. For the first time the campus media will be able to work together as a unit rather than operating from different corners of campus that few could locate.

As my friends and I enter our senior year, we also are experiencing new beginnings. This week is a beginning of an end of four years of our life. We came together as strangers and will leave Dana as forever friends. We each have contributed much to this college and each other in different ways. Together we have grown up, set goals, and shared fear and concern for each other and the world we live in. Now it is time to begin to move on, to look beyond this safe place to careers and families.

Beginnings are exciting. Like Glenda told Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, "It's always good to start at the beginning." Okay, Dana. You have the best beginning imaginable before you in facilities, faculty, staff and students. Set your goals high and push toward success.



"Scholarships: Payment or Privilege?"

The Forum will be kicking off this season's series of debates on Friday, September 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This series will be a weekly, informal discussion of various current topics, ranging from on-campus issues to worldwide concerns.

Bring your lunch into The Forum and discuss the issue of the week with your peers, professors and staff members. Stay for any or all of the one-and-a-half hour session. The topic for September 10 (above) is applicable to many students in many disciplines.

The Forum Debate Series

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Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments by calling (402) 426-7328, or via *Hermes*, Dana College, Box 1086, Blair NE 68008. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday to be printed in the weekly issue.



Lisa Welch

The Dana maintenance crews were very involved in getting the classroom complex ready for the fall. Shahin Chowdhury, Don Sorenson, Kevin Westring, Bob Schmoll, Joe Gossett, Steve Sorensen and Tom Jackson (front) are pictured with the piano they transferred from Pioneer Memorial to Trinity Chapel.

The Forum prepares for new beginning in new location

The Forum is beginning a new era. Being in the new and stately classroom center is the immediately obvious newness, but the functions, events and atmosphere will truly transport The Forum into a new era.

The Forum will function as many things, among them an

informal meeting place for students, faculty and staff. Come in before, between or after classes. The coffeepot is always on. Plan to study, have a discussion or study group in The Forum.

In this society of "multi's" it is important the The Forum focus on serving the entire college community. An advisory board has been formed to generate ideas, support and connections for exhibits, programs, speeches, debates and symposiums.

Jeanmarie A. Nielsen serves as the Director of The Forum and divides her days between The Forum and also as an instructor of music/voice in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Esther Gunderson is the administrative assistant in The Forum. She will also assist in the Campus Ministry office. You will recognize her as the former switchboard operator.

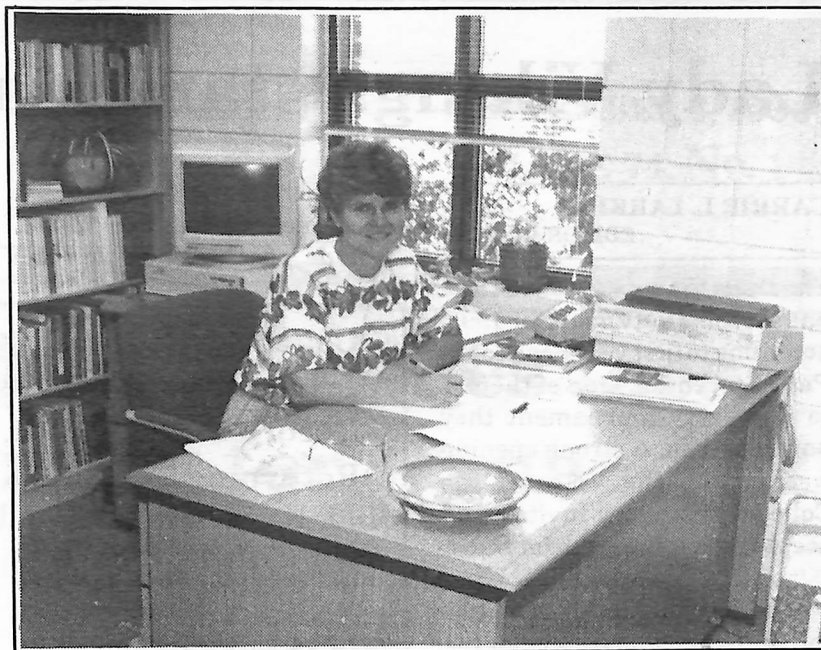
Karl Hermanson is the technical director, responsible for hanging all exhibits and overseeing the arrangement of The Forum.

A volunteer program is underway. Several people from the community have agreed to be present in The Forum for a few hours each day. The Forum VIP's

will bring experiences from their careers and lifetimes to share with the Dana community. Students are encouraged to be a part of the VIP's as well. An informational gathering will take place soon. Watch bulletin boards for time and place.

The first exhibit will be open for viewing on Tuesday. It is entitled "In the Eye of the Beholder: An Invitational Exhibit from Private Collections." Members of the Dana College faculty and staff have submitted items from their own personal collections. The items range from collectibles to personal hobbies to rare and unusual one-of-a-kind objects. Come in and see this eclectic exhibit.

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language defines "forum" as "an assembly for the discussion of public matters or current questions." The Forum is to be a place for the exchange of ideas. This may sound lofty at first but the "exchange of ideas" can take many forms. It will be an exciting challenge to discover the many facets of exchanging ideas as a community of learning and the liberal arts.



Lisa Welch

Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate professor of German and director of international studies and English Language Institute, settles into her new office. Bartels is one of many faculty and staff that was displaced by the Old Main fire.

SHORTLY...

Applications for RHA officers due

Applications for RHA officers are due at the switchboard in the campus center by 10 a.m. TODAY!

Elections will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Health Services has new location

Health Services has moved. See Patti Nielsen, R.N. at Argo Hall, first floor. Her hours are 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 10 a.m. -1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Auditions for fall plays scheduled

Plan now to audition for the Dana College Theater Department fall lineup of four productions.

The shows will include the funny and delightful *Madwoman of Chaillot* by Jean Giraudoux, *An Implausible Claus* for Sights and Sounds of Christmas, a reader's theater play to be performed at the Jewish Community Center in Omaha, and a fourth play to be named at a later date.

Auditions will last about fifteen minutes during one of the following time periods: Tuesday, 3:30-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Auditions will be held in the Black Box Theater in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

It is open to all students. No preparation is necessary.

Telemarketing jobs available in Admissions Office

Are you interested in telemarketing? Stop by Admissions, PM201, for more information. Today is the final day to schedule an interview.

Promotions

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Dr. Scott Morgan was recognized as the new assistant professor of chemistry. Morgan received his bachelor of science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Both his doctorate and master's were obtained in organic chemistry from Ohio State University. In the year prior to accepting the position at Dana Morgan was a postdoctoral research associate at Yale University.

Forno was introduced as Dana's new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. He received his bachelor of arts in music from Luther College and his master's and doctorate from the University of Iowa. From 1985 until June 1993 Forno was a professor and dean of the Conservatory of Music at

Capital University.

The following part-time faculty were introduced: Curt Bohn, physical education instructor and assistant football coach; Alvin Finderson, multicultural education coordinator; Rev. Daphne Hamborg, weekend college religion instructor; Johanne Hass, Danish instructor; Frances L. Hendrickson, Spanish instructor; Wanda Howard, social work instructor; James Krueger, physical education instructor and head football coach; Michael Lynch, art instructor; Matt Plowman, history instructor; Patti Stevenson, physical education instructor and head volleyball coach; Cathy Sanders, math instructor; Mary Ann Shepard, weekend college American government instructor.

Rasmussen Hall fulfills need for summer housing

JON RADEMACHER
REPORTER

For the first time in almost five years, students were able to call Rasmussen Hall home this past summer.

According to Barbara Moore, administrative assistant in Student Development, the college decided to open Rasmussen for summer housing because they felt a need existed for it.

The demand was generated first by the international students who have no place to go in the summer and also students working on campus who needed a place to live for months classes weren't in session.

"It was a real diverse group," noted Binay Manandhar, a senior from Nepal who acted as one of the two resident assistants in Rasmussen for the summer months.

Indeed, students from as near as Missouri Valley, Iowa, to as far away as Texas, Canada and Bangladesh shared the same roof following graduation in May.

The general consensus among the student residents was that, although there were other students in the same hall, the summer seemed longer than usual.

"It was boring!" said Nabin Tuladhar, also a senior from Nepal. "If I had a car, I could at least go to Omaha but even to go to Blair to buy groceries was hard because I had to find a ride. There was nothing to do, just

work, eat, cook, sleep, watch TV ... that's it. I don't think I did anything productive."

The fact that Rasmussen hadn't been used for student housing in almost five years brought with it special circumstances. "I was really happy that they opened Ras for the summer," commented R.J. Redden, a sophomore from Missouri Valley, "but the spider in my air conditioner didn't exactly thrill me! And the bugs...I just didn't like the bugs. I wasn't comfortable with the bugs ... did I mention the bugs?!"

"The one washer and dryer for the whole hall didn't cut it either. It wasn't a bad living experience at all but I think there are some bugs they can work out for next year. Pun intended!"

The summer wasn't without its benefits, though. Melanie Papstein, a sophomore from Spencer, who served as the other resident assistant in Rasmussen, said, "I got to know a lot of the girls who were on my floor, ones I never knew that well."

Moore felt that the Rasmussen "experiment" was a successful one and that summer housing may become an annual option for students.

"We couldn't have been more pleased with the students who were there this summer. We never had any problems and they certainly served well to be examples that we might be able to do it again next year."

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Lady Vikings start season with tourney championship

CARRIE L. LARKINS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Dana Viking volleyball team has set some lofty goals for 1993, according to first year head coach Patti Stevenson. One of them is to win every tournament they participate in. A strong opening weekend by the Vikes at the College of St. Mary Invitational keeps that goal in reach for Dana.

The Vikings came home with the championship trophy for the second year in a row by defeating Grand View in five games (15-17, 15-3, 4-15, 15-4, 15-11) in the championship match.

Grand View was the only team

to defeat Dana earlier in the tournament (8-15, 15-9, 12-15). "One person didn't win the

tournament for us," Stevenson said. "Every single player on our team gave us the momentum at

one time." For example, Melanie Hild came up with key blocks. Stephenie Wilson and Tommi Belgum had incredible digs, said Stevenson.

recorded 10 ace serves each. Stevenson has confidence in this year's squad. Team goals for the Vikings include finishing in the top three in the conference.

↪ **Coaches:** Patti Stevenson, 1st year, assistant coach for Vikes 1990-1992; Kris Miller, ass't.
↪ **Record in 1992:** 23-24, 3-9 NIAC
↪ **Returning Starters:** 6 of 6; Keri Haas, Melanie Hild, Katie Krueger, Shelli Wiebelhaus, Stephenie Wilson, Angie Heise

↪ **Strengths:** Floor defense & ability for a quick offense; better passing team; two freshmen backrow specialists; Krueger has two years experience

VIKING VOLLEYBALL

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Stacy Haas, a transfer from UNO, led Dana at the net with 82 kills. Stevenson believes her 4.56 kills per game average is one of the top in the conference. In the championship game against Grand View, Haas recorded 22 kills.

According to Stevenson this is going to require knocking off one of the three traditional NIAC powerhouses, Doane, Northwestern or Hastings. "If we're committed to getting better every day, it's a goal we can accomplish," Stevenson said.

Shelli Wiebelhaus, an All-NIAC and All-District 11 first-teamer, led the Vikings in total blocks with 12. She also slammed 48 kills in the six matches. Wiebelhaus tallied 17 kills in the final game.

Another goal for the Vikings is to keep their defense as strong but also start to make things happen on offense, according to Stevenson.

Wilson, an honorable mention All-NIAC and All-District player in her first year at Dana, powered the Vikes defensively with 70 digs in the tourney.

She hopes to see her team take more chances and be on the attack rather than waiting for things to happen.

This weekend the Vikings face another tough tournament, said Stevenson, including Briar Cliff, Dordt, Dakota Wesleyan and Sioux Falls.

Krueger prepares young Vikings for tough schedule

KRIS FLACK REPORTER

After a disappointing season in 1992, the Dana Vikings know that coming back this year will take more than a little luck. Two-a-day practices are over and the team believes they finally have the help they need to have a winning season.

"It's out to be a challenging year. Six out of 10 of the teams we play are ranked in the NAIA top 20 pre-season poll," new head coach Jim Krueger said. "That makes for a tough schedule." He also thinks that people will have to notice a lot of new faces because of the low number of returning players this year.

Krueger looks for the offensive line to make a strong showing. Seniors Nat Hill and Chris Begay both started last year and should help create "one of the more dominating offensive lines in the league." New power comes from first-year player Paul Gardner from Plattsmouth at center and Darren Osbahr, a second semester transfer in 1992.

Tyler Renken will be playing

tight end. Renken noted, "Our first real test will be this Saturday. I think we're going to shock some people!"

Some other strong offensive players include: Mike Haddock at fullback, Jeff Kemp and Matt Bachman at running back and transfer Jeff Lutt will also bring added strength to the backfield.

At wide receiver, watch for Wade Daggett, Louie Hart and Richard Williams. Williams is returning from a knee injury in 1992.

Defensively, Bruce Kearney will be at strong safety with transfer Todd Maschino at defensive back. Another transfer from Santa Ana, Cal., is Peter Colthirst. Mike Tupa, nickleback for the Vikings last season, will be playing right corner.

Senior Joey Deanda leads a "solid group of linebackers (that) show promise for the Vikings in '93," said Krueger. As returners Jason Kemp and red-shirt John Monaghan, along with newcomers, Eric Schultz, Travis Henk and Greg Parde, add additional strength.

Defensive line standouts include: tackles Andrew Weibal, Eric Walkingstick as veterans, and Shane Rowland, Jose Lima and Dave Holcomb (who is coming off a shoulder injury) as newcomers; strong ends Jim Cummings, Andrew Myers and UNO transfer Jeff Jones.

Myers commented, "This season, everyone is playing the game with their hearts. It's a young team that plays as a unit instead of thinking of individual gain. The freshmen are stepping in and helping pull everyone together as a team. I think we're pretty good this year."

Three quarterbacks showed great quality in early practices, according to Krueger. They are returner John Spatz, and new players Jack Riggins and Justin Smith.

The team also has three kickers and two punters who will improve the kicking game. The kickers are Derrick Weyland, Gerson Katoko and Dave Henneman. The punting team consists of Chad Harkins and Jeff Jones.

Lastly, Krueger stressed his strong core of first-year players. "It's going to be a challenge with only three home games," he said about the new season. "It's tough when you're on the road."

The Vikings first home game will be October 2 for Homecoming weekend. Krueger noted, "We'll be road warriors for September not seeing the home field." The team plays Dakota Wesleyan, who were ranked eighth in the country in the pre-season poll, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Mitchell, SD.

↪ **Head Coach:** Jim Krueger, 1st year, assistant coach for Vikes from 1988-92

↪ **Record in 1992:** 2-8, 0-6 NIAC

↪ **Returning Starters:** *Offense:* Nat Hill, Tyler Renken, Chris Begay, Mike Haddock.

Defense: Jim Cummings, Andy Myers, Eric Walkingstick, Chris Hollibaugh, Joey Deanda.

VIKING FOOTBALL

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Specialists: Hollibaugh, Chad Harkins.

↪ **Strengths:** Offensive line; strong first year players.

CAMPUS EVENTS

September 3-9

FRIDAY
Volleyball, Coca Cola Classic, Sioux Falls, S.D.
4 p.m. Cross country team meeting, PM212

SATURDAY
Library closed
Volleyball, Coca Cola Classic, Sioux Falls, S.D.
7:30 p.m. Football at Dakota Wesleyan, Mitchell, S.D.

SUNDAY
Library closed

MONDAY
Labor Day, no classes. Offices closed.
7 p.m. Library reopens

TUESDAY
10 a.m. Chapel
3:30 p.m. Fall play auditions, Black Box
7 p.m. Fall play auditions, Black Box
7 p.m. KDCV staff meeting, NEW224

WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Student Senate
10 p.m. Evening prayer service, chapel

THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. York at Neligh