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His Majesty Kigeli V, King of Rwanda, (left) gives a speech in DHA. The secretary of Rwanda, Boniface Benzinga, translates for the king. (Photo by Kayleen Wilson)

King of Rwanda visits Dana College

BIPLOB CHOWDHURY
PAGE EDITOR

His Majesty Kigeli V, King of Rwanda, visited Dana College Thursday as a part of his tour in the U.S. While at Dana, King Kigeli attended a special dinner in the evening with many important members of the Dana community. Among the other attendants were the secretary of the King, the academic dean, faculty and staff members, members of the H.O.P.E. organization and journalists from the Blair Enterprise. At the dinner, the King discussed

many aspects of Rwanda. Later in the evening he presented a lecture with a question and answer period in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium.

In his speech, the King described Rwanda in terms of its size, population, culture and main sources of income. The King said the country was colonized first by Germany and then Belgium. In 1959, his older brother, the late King Mutara III, was preparing to come to the United Nations to request that the General Assembly secure his country's independence. He died mysteriously while receiving an injection from a Belgian doctor.

King Kigeli succeeded his brother on the throne contrary to the will of the Belgian government, which wanted to declare a republic against the will of the Rwandese people. From that time the Belgian authorities began to help the opposition party openly, which requested independence as a republic. Thus began a period of violence marked by murders and house burnings. In 1961, because of these events, he went to meet the Secretary General of the UN and briefed him of the worsening situation. During his absence the Belgium government seized the opportunity to ban the King's return. That is how he became an exile.

The UN recommended that Belgium, the Trust Power, fulfill the following conditions before granting independence to Rwanda: (1) repatriate all refugees, (2) allow the King's return to Rwanda, and (3) release all political prisoners.

None of these provisions were respected by Belgium and at the

end of 1961 Belgium proclaimed a republic and gave independence the following year on July 1. This was done at a time when there were about two million Rwandese refugees residing outside the country. This is the origin of all problems which face Rwanda today.

Since independence the King had been writing to many organizations to find a solution for a peaceful repatriation of the refugees. The Rwandese government, however, never have given a positive response and instead announced that Rwanda is too small to accommodate the refugees. It was in the face of such a negative response that the refugee youths decided to enter Rwanda by force beginning in September 1990. Over the past years many people have been killed or massacred.

The King has come to America to seek help from the American government and the UN. Harmony and peace can then only be achieved. Gradually all the refugees can be repatriated and the Rwandese then can form a government of their own choosing through popular election.

The King emphasized that he is making no claim to impose himself upon Rwanda as king; this would be the people's decision. His call is for peace among all Rwandese wherever they are, a policy of peaceful repatriation and full respect for human rights and democracy.

In the end the King said "We don't need another colonial power! I appeal to bankers, I appeal to entrepreneurs, I appeal to educators, to all men and women of right reason to help me to help my nation."

Foust elected student senate president

ROBERT BOYD, JR.
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"I would like to bring more energy into the student senate. I would also like to improve the senate's image on campus," stated newly-elected Student Senate President Chad Foust, who has already expressed ideas on how to improve the senate for next year.

Foust edged Derrick Weyand in Monday's presidential campaign race. The race was a heated topic all over campus as students voiced their opinions on e-mail or by tearing down campaign signs.

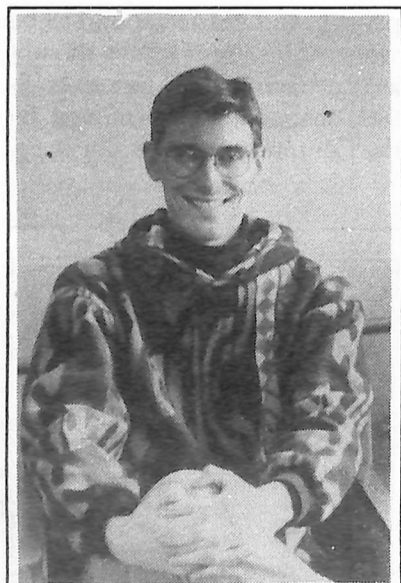
Foust admits the campaign was unusually controversial this year. "The campaign got a little out of hand. It wasn't the candidates but the people associated with the candidates who got out of hand by something they would say or do."

Foust, a junior biology major from Bellwood, Neb., has never been part of the student senate until he enters his new position next year. When asked why he wanted to become next year's student senate president, Foust stated, "Being president is the best way to give back to the school and the students."

Foust is known around the Dana campus for his involvement in theater, KDCV and the Academic Affairs Committee. He

has been part of many Dana theater productions including "Little Shop of Horrors," "The Good Doctor," "Mad Woman of Chaillot," and is currently rehearsing for the play "The Tempest."

In his spare time, he loves to read and hang out with his friends. With his biology degree, Foust hopes to land a job in marine ecology, which is the protection of oceanic systems, specifically coral



Chad Foust, next year's student senate president. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson)

reefs. His dream is to be a stand-up comedian.

When asked about changes and improvements he would like to see on campus, Foust stated he would like for Dana to become less of a "suitcase" college, which

means students go home over the weekends because there is nothing to do on campus.

"I would like to see more social activities to try to make Dana less of a 'suitcase' college," said Foust. "The campus needs more dances than just Homecoming and Winterfest and senate has to appreciate the students' ideas."

When asked about the communication between students and the senate, Foust said the student senate, especially the president, needs to be more open to student ideas. "Students need to bring their ideas to me. I hope there will be more cooperation between senate and other organizations next year."

"Students need to know we are trying to make changes but changes will not happen overnight because of the channels the senate has to go through," stated Foust.

Another student concern Foust was confronted with was 24-hour visitation. "I would like to see visitation extended but it would be impossible to make visitation 24-hours."

Foust says he's honored to be the student senate president for next year. "I am honored to be in this position and to serve Dana College, which has given so much to me in the past."



Dana staff member Tom Munger (right) donates blood in the blood drive held in Argo Hall Wednesday. 93 people donated blood. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson)



Letter to the Editor

I am writing to address the signs that were part of the Derrick Weyand campaign for student body president. In my opinion, they were tasteless and degrading. Although I am not in opposition of the "COED NAKED" apparel, as a possible candidate for the president, I think Mr. Weyand should think through what he is representing.

Why should I cast a vote for an individual who openly makes degrading statements about female genitalia and it's functions? I would rather know that the student body president is someone who respects me as a person, a woman, and an important part of this college. Instead I've been made to feel that I represent a function...that I am nearly

anatomy. Yep, makes me want to vote for Mr. Weyand.

Though I don't know Mr. Weyand as a person, I am certain that if his presidency were to be a reflection of his campaign, I fear for the state of this campus. His job as president is to represent the student body as a whole, not just the stereotypical college party crowd.

I consider you, Mr. Weyand, to consider all persons before making another attempt at campaigning.

An offended student,
Tami Ahrendt

FREE CDS!

Every week KDCV-FM receives music that doesn't fit its current format. These CDs usually end up in boxes in the storage room. On Monday, we'll offer these CDs to anyone who wishes to take them. Look for boxes of free CDs in the campus center, courtesy of The Renegade!



Answers to last week's crossword puzzle.



"The Rutgers Situation: addressing affirmative action" Today, March 10 -- Noon

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 Forum Debate Series

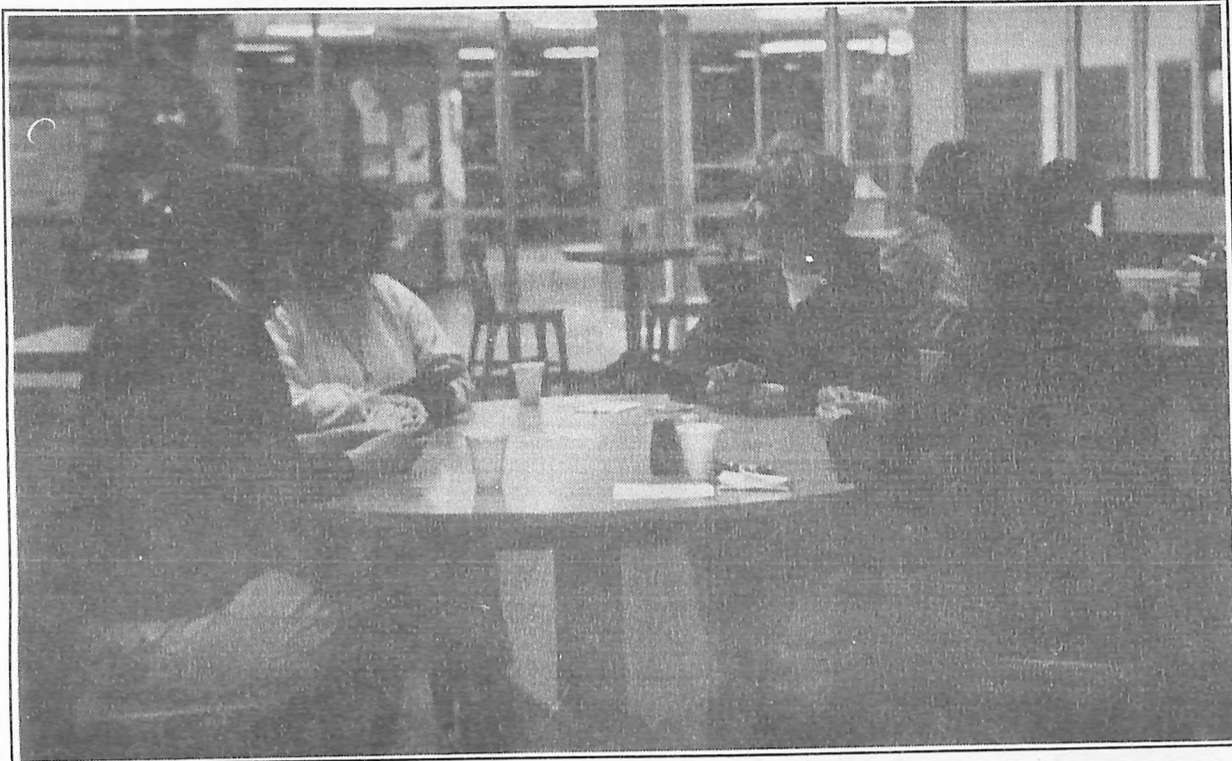
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Ann Neumeister (left to right), Jill Drake, Lupita Ordonez, Heidi Gerth and Leticia Ordonez enjoy the spades card game tournament in the Dragon's Head. (Photo by Tonya Reagle)

Letter to the Editor

A portion of Dana College's policy regarding harassment reads as follows:

"Harassment is defined as creating a hostile, abusive, coercive or intimidating environment; any act of domination or humiliation; and/or demeaning or degrading one's character, i.e., racial, sexual, ethnic, religious, etc.."

This policy does not prohibit individuals from disagreeing with one another. Expression of opposing views is not only acceptable, it is encouraged, particularly when done within the framework of critical thinking.

But there is a distinct difference between "disagreeing" and "harassing" someone because of their personal views. Definition of the e-mail term flaming-

"violent verbal expressions of disapproval" provides somewhat of a guideline. In addition, specific responses to another person's message that include such statements as, "I don't ever want to hear that again," or "You better stop saying that, or else" clearly go beyond the point of disagreement. Statements such as those are intended to be intimidating and do create a hostile environment. Referring to individuals through the use of "slurs," be they racially, sexually, or religiously-oriented, is also regarded as harassment. In simple terms, they are a violation of college policy.

Specific guidelines on "acceptable" and "unacceptable" use of the college's e-mail system are posted. Individuals found to be violating those guidelines are subject to having their accounts either suspended or removed by the Computer Services Office.

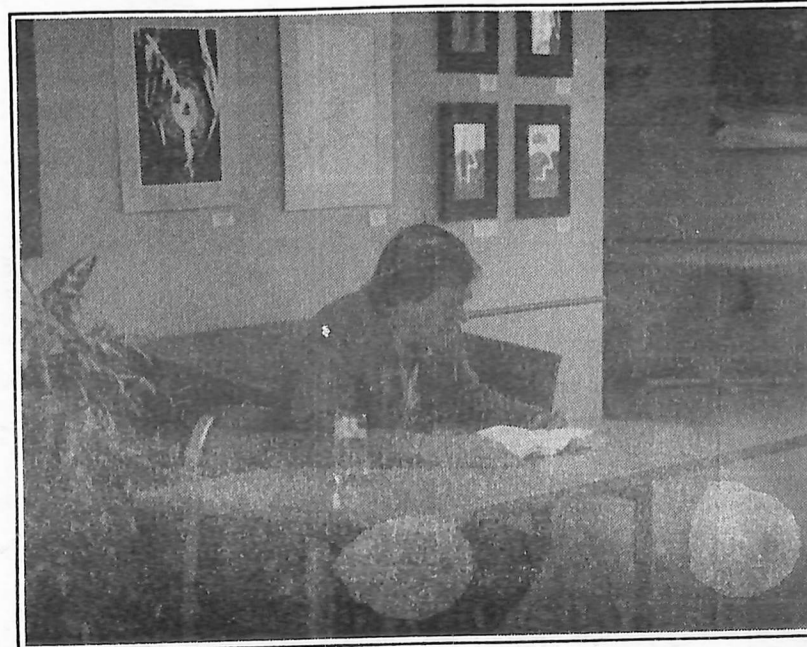
In addition, incidents in which individuals feel as though they are being harassed via e-mail should be reported to the Student Development Office. All reports submitted will be investigated, and disciplinary action taken in those cases where it is determined that harassment has taken place. Individuals who encounter any situations of harassment, whether they be verbal, written, or physical, and contact, are encouraged to report such incidents. Dana College is committed to maintaining an environment in which all individuals can feel free from abuse, intimidation, humiliation, etc., but it cannot take action until violations are reported.

Dan Travaille
Student Development

Thank you to those who supported me in Monday's election.

Chad Foust

The Media Advisory Board has announced the opening of the positions of *Hermes* editor, KDCV program director, Danian editor, DTVV program director. Applications can be picked up at the information booth and need to be returned to Professor Darrell Dibben by March 31.



Author Richard Dooling reads from his novel *White Man's Grave* in The Forum Thursday. (Photo by Kayleen Wilson)

Hanson knows keys to fight adversity

JANET REISDORFF
REPORTER

"A music fanatic, by far," is how Dana sophomore Michael Hanson describes himself. For this music fan, being first chair trumpet in Dana's concert band is quite an accomplishment, considering he is legally blind.

Hanson is a music education major from Missouri Valley, Iowa. He was born three months premature which resulted in his vision being permanently impaired. This has not prevented him, however, from playing the trumpet and accomplishing his dream of getting a college degree and eventually pursuing a teaching career.

Hanson's interest in music began as a senior in high school when he took private lessons from instrumental director Michael Anderson. The experience he had gained from these lessons influenced Hanson to major in music. "Mike is a very determined young man. He has a strong work ethic and takes care of business," said Anderson.

"Mike is a very determined young man. He has a strong work ethic and takes care of business," says Anderson. He states that Hanson's overall attitude is quite positive. "He has contributed to the music department by his example and through the fact that he is committed."

He is a member of the Dana Concert Band, the Dana Jazz Band, and Dana Chorale and Trumpet Ensembles, but his performances have spanned much further. He has participated in several high school honor bands and clinics and performed in Phoenix, Ariz., and Dallas, Texas, for both the Fiesta and Cotton Bowls.

Hanson says he looks up to many professional musicians for the contributions they have made to the music world. One of his idols is trumpet player and big band conductor Maynard Ferguson. He had a chance to visit with Ferguson last fall. "My dream of all dreams though, would be to play with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra," he said. "There is a 70-year-old man who plays principal trumpet there and I idolize him for that."



Michael Hanson

He spends an average of 23 hours a week practicing his trumpet. Other pastimes include board games, playing cards, spending time on the computer and listening to music in his room.

Hanson says there is not any type of music he does not like. "I listen to classical and jazz the most, but I would have to say my favorite type of music is definitely rock."

Friends describe Hanson as being just like everyone else. Roommate Jeff Buman said "Mike doesn't let his handicap get him down at all. He can joke around just as much as anyone." Sophomore Leshara Means describes him as a person who always has a positive attitude. "Even if you are having a bad day, he is there with a smile and is willing to cheer you up."

Much of this music fascination can be seen and heard through his large collaboration of stereo equipment. "Whoa, can't you just feel that right in the old heart?" he asks as he cranks up the volume on his stereo. "Music is all about feelings and emotions and that is why I like to play it loud, in order to feel the music, not to just listen," Hanson said.

Hanson is completely blind in his left eye and has about one-

fourth of normal vision in his right. He knows the basics of braille, but uses a type of binocular in the classroom to read the board.

Besides not being able to see things normally, he says there are a few other disadvantages to being visually impaired. "It is especially tough when there is a party or a concert going on and not being able to go by myself," he said.

This summer Hanson plans to live on campus and learn more about the trumpet. He is also going to the International Trumpet Guild Conference in Indiana, attend two brass camps, and added he will celebrate his 21st birthday.

Being visually impaired does have a few small advantages, Hanson said. He can challenge anyone to question him about his clean driving record. "I also know at least I will never have to worry about being subpoenaed as an eye witness," he says with a big grin on his face.

He says he really enjoys being at Dana. What he likes most is the homey feeling he gets from it. He said, "At Dana there is always someone there to look out for you. You are never alone and there is always someone there who cares."

Argo celebrates 30th year as women's dormitory

BRANDY IDLER
REPORTER

Argo Hall is celebrating its 30th year as a women's dormitory and its 72nd year as a dorm.

This hall was built in 1922 and was used as a dining hall. Now, however, the dorm is being used as an all-girls dorm.

"Argo has a rich sense of history. Sometimes at night I can hear the girls of the past that used to live here. It is part of the past as well as the future," said Kim Zulfer.

Others like Argo because it is old. RJ Redden said, "I like Argo because it is an old building and is not a normal sterile dorm atmosphere like Holling Hall. This place is homey."

Homey is a word a lot of Argo residents use to describe Argo. "Argo is comfy, homey and people are involved," said Amy Beebout, senior resident assistant.

Argo is a place where lasting friendships are built and a place where there are many people to take the place of the families that were left behind.

Libby Hansen said, "Argo feels like a family and people care about each other and get involved with each other. In other dorms the people are more like individual college students and don't seem seem as close."

Argo is also known for its big rooms. "The rooms are big and I like the the wooden floors. It is also quieter and not as obnoxious," said Krista Moore.

After 30 years, Argo holds in the walls and the floors many stories and is awaiting for those stories yet to be.

Orientation team leader positions open for next year

The planning of new student orientation for the fall of 1995 has begun. The intent this year is to have all aspects of the program ready before May 1. A strong emphasis is being placed on avoiding last-minute preparations.

The first step involves the selection of student leaders. In past years, orientation teams have been directed by a combination of faculty/staff and students leaders. Plans for next year, are to rely more heavily on student leadership. But this is most likely to happen only if a sufficient number of qualified students can be found to fill the orientation team leader positions.

The responsibilities of the orientation team leaders for 1995-96 will begin soon. Those serving as team leaders will be heavily involved in organizing the orientation program. Team leaders will be required to attend both planning and training sessions throughout the spring. There will be some summer responsibilities for leaders, primarily in contacting the incoming students who are part of their team.

The general qualities being sought in orientation team leaders include caring, selflessness and a genuine interest in wanting to make a difference. Student leaders must genuinely care about the students in their group and be willing to demonstrate that care on a personal level. Leaders must also be willing to give of themselves wholeheartedly, not just for the 3-5 days of orientation, but for

several months both before and after orientation.

There are no pre-established requirements regarding year in school, gender, prior involvement in orientation, membership in certain organization, etc, for selecting team leaders. Everyone who

** cares about helping students get a good start to their college experience,

** is willing to commit him/herself to a spring planning/training program,

** can devote 3-5 days just before the start of the 1995 fall semester, ** is willing to continue contact with his/her team members throughout the fall, and wants to make a difference should consider being an orientation team leader.

Applicants should prepare a brief (about one page) written application stating why they wish to be team leaders and identifying the personal qualifications they feel they would bring to the position. Applicants must also solicit a brief supporting statement from a member of Dana's faculty, staff or administration. All applications should be sent through campus mail to ORIENTATION, Box 1254. The deadline is March 17. Applications will be reviewed during spring break.

Those selected will be notified by campus mail upon their return from spring break.

Editor's note: This article was released from the Student Development Office.

CAMPUS EVENTS

March 10-16

F	RIDAY Noon	The Forum Debate Series
S	ATURDAY 1 p.m.	Baseball, U. Nebr.-Omaha at Blair
S	UNDAY 1 p.m.	Baseball at Rockhurst, MO
M	ONDAY 3 p.m. 10 p.m.	Multi-culture event, The Forum Now the Feast and Celebration, Trinity Chapel
T	UESDAY 10:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	Vigil of Easter, Trinity Chapel Baseball, York at Blair
W	EDNESDAY 3:10 p.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m.	Music Department Recital, MFAC Baseball, at Bellevue Holden Vespers, Trinity Chapel
T	HURSDAY 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Campus Coffee Morning Praise, Trinity Chapel



Five Viking basketball players receive NIAC honors

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

Both Dana's women and men's basketball teams improved this year. Along with that there were five total players awarded for their outstanding performance.

Grappendorf's Finale

This season was senior Heidi Grappendorf's (Chariton, Iowa) final year as a Dana basketball player. She has gone out with a bang. Not only has she been named to the All-Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) team, Grappendorf has broken a few school records also. She ended her career at Dana as the fourth leading scorer in school history and first in free throw percentage, free throws attempted, and free throws made. She ranks first at Dana in three-point accuracy and second in three-point attempts and three-points made. Grappendorf ranks second all-time in total career points and holds the record for the most points scored in a single game. This year, she was in double figures in 24 of 26 games and scored 20 or more points 14 times and 30 or more twice.

Blocking Buening

Sophomore Nichol Buening (Parkston, S.D.) received honorable mention for the second

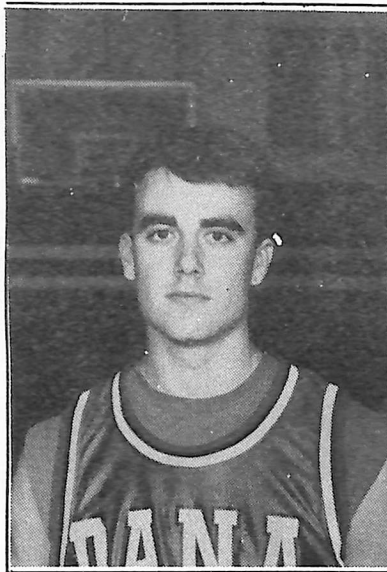


Heidi Grappendorf

straight year. Buening is Dana's career blocked shot leader after just two seasons with 72 for her career. Buening ranks fifth in career rebounds. She averaged 8.5 rebounds a game this season.

Babbitt = Score

Sophomore Nathan Babbitt (Emerson, Iowa) was selected for the All-NIAC team also. Babbitt was the Viking's top scorer this season. He led Dana in three-point field goals and performed an array of dunks, layups and short jumpers. He broke a 29-year old single-game total points record and set the school record for steals.



Nathan Babbitt

Coursey's Court

Senior Rob Coursey (Shreveport, La.) finished as the No. 7 all-time scorer for Dana. He averaged 14 points a game. Coursey was a first team All-NIAC selection last year and is an honorable mention all-conference player this year. He is leaving Dana after playing in 95 games over three seasons with the Vikings.

Fasbender On Line

Sophomore Shawn Fasbender (Omaha) was named honorable mention all-conference for his impressive line shooting. He averaged 7.6 rebounds a game and had 71 total offensive rebounds for the season.

VIKING BASEBALL STATISTICS THROUGH THREE GAMES

NAME	HR	RBI	AVG	OB%
Matt Rega	0	1	.167	.167
Lee Heimes	0	0	.000	.000
Chris Chance	0	2	1.000	1.000
Pat Forck	0	0	.000	.500
Mike Tupa	0	0	1.000	1.000
Jerome Williams	0	0	.000	.000
Scott Shannon	0	0	.200	.273
Tommy Pelzer	0	1	.222	.222
Jeremy Stuecklin	0	1	.143	.143
Jeff Dyrda	0	0	.000	.000
Cliff Kay	0	0	.167	.500
Lawrence Bradley	0	0	.000	.250
Kelly Danker	1	2	.400	.400
Mike Haddock	1	2	.143	.250
Dustin Wolfe	0	0	.400	.400

Baseball team swept in three by the Falcons

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Viking baseball team headed to Fort Collins, Colo., for its first matchup of the season. The Air Force Academy swept a three-game series from Dana.

Dana played tough throughout the weekend as the Division I Air Force won the two games played on Saturday. The Vikings lost by scores of 11-4 and 13-4, both seven inning games. The Falcons decisively defeated Dana 16-1 in the third game played on Sunday.

On Saturday, junior Mike Had-

dock hit a two-run homer and senior Kelly Danker also homered and had two runs batted in (RBI). Junior Chris Chance had a two-run double and sophomore Tommy Pelzer doubled home a run in a four-run seventh inning in the second game Saturday. Junior Matt Rega knocked in sophomore Dustin Wolfe with Dana's only run on Sunday.

The Vikings, 0-3, are scheduled to host the University of Nebraska at Omaha Saturday in a single game at Westgate Park beginning at 1 p.m.

Six Vikings going to national tournament

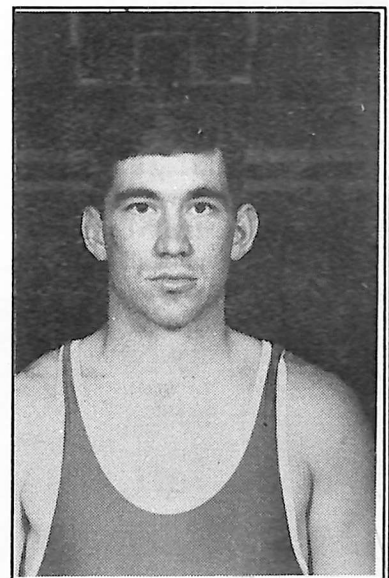
DANNY MATTERN
SPORTS EDITOR

Brent Johnson, a junior from Denison, Iowa, has just been named Academic All-American for the 1994-95 wrestling season. He received this honor by qualifying for the national tournament, to be held this weekend in Jamestown, N.D., and for having an accumulative grade point average of 3.69.

Along with Johnson, who is wrestling at 142 pounds, five other Dana wrestlers have qualified for the national tournament. Sophomore Andy Hensley of Massena, Iowa, will attempt to become Dana's fourth All-American wrestler placing in the top six of his bracket (167 pounds).

Also going to nationals are sophomores D.J. Walton (126) from Crescent, Iowa, Chase Roller (275) from Oakland, Iowa, T.C. Aguilar (150) from Grand Island and senior Chad Caskey (134) from Carson, Iowa.

Dana's two wild card entries



Brent Johnson

in the national tournament are senior Shawn Bluml (158) from Carson, Iowa, and sophomore Justin Smith (177) from Hamburg, Iowa.

Dana, Nebraska's only NAIA wrestling team, placed 22nd in the team standings at last year's NAIA national meet in Butte, Mont.

Viking tracksters end indoor season at the NIAC Meet

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dana track team completed its indoor season at the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) meet Saturday in Lincoln. The Viking men and women's teams did not score in the meet that saw Nebraska Wesleyan University and Doane College take home championships.

Freshman Andrea Spreen missed a spot in the shot put finals by 1/2 inch as she turned in a personal record of 36-71/4. Freshman Lynette Rymersma also had a personal best in the shot put

with a toss of 32-8 1/2.

Sophomore Sandy Smith ran the mile in 5:53.77 for the Dana women. Freshman Angie Sparacino competed in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:39.64 and freshman Amberley Ridgley timed in 42.65 for the 300-yard dash.

For the Dana men, freshman Ryan Jacobsen advanced to the semi-finals of the 60-yard dash. His preliminary time of 6.81 seconds was good for third place in his heat. He timed in at 6.88 in the semi-final race, which was not good enough to advance him to the finals. Jacobsen also competed in the long jump but his top effort

of 19 feet 10 inches was not good enough to make the finals.

Junior Shannon LeFave ran the mile for Dana and freshman Matt Cox finished the 600-yard run in 1:29.30.

Freshman Ben Sandy has already qualified for nationals. He will run the marathon at the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships.

The Dana track team will open its outdoor season March 25 at the Hastings Invitational or April 1 at the Northwest Missouri State University Invitational in Maryville, Mo.