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# DANA COLLEGE HERMES

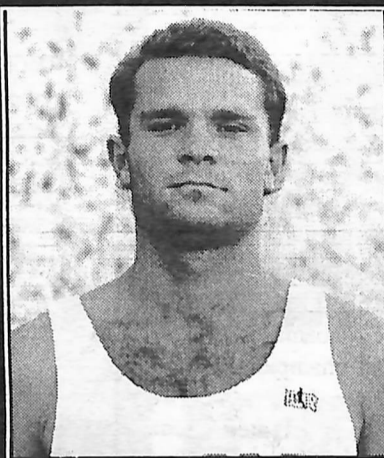
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## Campus mourns death of Dana student

David McElhaney, a junior from Colorado Springs, Colo. died Wednesday Jan. 3 from head injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. McElhaney was on his way back to Dana for Interim when the accident occurred near Lexington, Neb. He was under treatment at the hospital in Kearney for two days before his death.

McElhaney was a member of the cross country and track teams at Dana. He also was the recipient of the team's Leadership Award.

Funeral service were held Jan. 10 in Crowley, Colorado. Last Friday Dana's Campus Ministry together with members of the Dana Cross Country Team conducted a memorial service for McElhaney.



David McElhaney

## Teammate of McElhaney shares memories

*(Editors note: This letter was written by cross country team member Anna Hovde and sent to her mother. It contains memories she had of teammate Dave McElhaney, who died Jan. 3, as a result of a car crash.)*

"I think he (McElhaney) was the best part of the team because of the way he was such an inspiration, and a leader. I remember the first really hard workout we had, (mile repeats) and we had a team meeting before it. After coach finished talking, he asked if anyone else wanted to say anything. There was a real tense feeling in the air, because hard workouts are like a race and everyone was scared about having to feel like they had to race their teammates. Anyway, Dave got up and talked about why he came to Dana, and it was to be with us. He told us his one and only real goal was to go to nationals and become all-

American before he graduated. He also told us that it was the group of people at the camp in August that he really felt like part of the team. He felt like we were all more friends and kind of family more than anything. That is why he came to Dana, to be with us.

**"He said this, which I will always remember: 'The strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf.'"**

**Anna Hovde**

Then, coach brought out his huge picture of the top five Adams State runners (men) coming in one after

another at the National NCAA Championship cross country race, their first time running as an NCAA team. They got a perfect score of 15. There probably wasn't even a five-second spread between the number 1 and 5 runner. Then he said some things to make us all realize, that we were not out there to run and race one another, but to work together as a pack. he said this, which I will always remember: "The strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf." That set us off for the best year ever, with success and with each other.

Another thing Dave did, was one night, the night before I left to come home for Thanksgiving, I was supposed to run a hard work out with Sandy Smith, but she had to leave unexpectedly, so I was left having to work out alone in the dark. As I was

leaving the dorm to run to where I did the workout, I ran into Dave, and he asked where I was going and I told him I was going to do my hard workout. He was totally against me going alone and wanted to go with me, but he had to hit the road so he could get home. I could tell he was very stressed, or worried about me going alone, ...but we talked for awhile and then went our separate ways. About five minutes later, I was in the neighborhood where we do 1,000 meter workouts, and I was on my first 1,000 (I had to do eight), and this car was driving alongside of me. I looked over and it was Ken Nikolas, he said that Dave had asked him to come and stay with me during the workout and make sure I was okay. That is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me. It showed how much he truly cared."

## Forum features 500 years of religious art

An exhibition on view through Feb. 9 at Dana offers the chance to explore 500 years of printmaking by some of the greatest artists who ever lived. The 31 original etchings, engravings, woodcuts and lithographs are drawn from the 400 works that make up the Lutheran Brotherhood Collection of Religious Art in Minneapolis. Rep-

resented are such are artists as Rembrandt van Rijn, Jan Lievens, Albrecht Durer, Georges Rouault, Odilon Redon and Max Beckmann. The show is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Forum Gallery in the Dana Classroom Center.

## Mary Jo Greenwood chosen Student Leader of Month

Sophomore Mary Jo Greenwood has been selected by a Student Senate committee as Dana's leader of the month. Greenwood was cited for organizing AIDS Awareness week to further the education at Dana. She is also a resident assistant and a representative of Student Senate.

The Leader of the Month award will be an on-going project for Student Senate. It was organized to provide recognition for those students whose leadership benefits the Dana community. Winners will receive a certificate, and their names will be displayed on a plaque in the Campus Center.

Nominations are still being accepted for January. Forms can be picked up in the information booth or E-mailed to Sarah Packard.



Mary Jo Greenwood

## Interim Activities

- Saturday** Guitars and Cadillacs after hours, leaves 12:30 a.m. from Campus Center
- Sunday** Twister Tournament, prizes and refreshments, 1-3 p.m. Campus Center
- Monday** Dumb and Dumber, showing in DHA 9 p.m. with snacks and giveaways



## News Briefs

☛ Nominations for the 1996 Winterfest court are due by Jan. 22. Winterfest is being held Feb. 7-10. Each nominee must meet these requirements: 1) They must be of junior or senior status 2) They must have a minimum grade point average of 2.25.

Nomination forms may be picked up in the campus center at the information booth or sent to Sandy Smith through E-mail.

☛ Borup Coliseum is offering new activities for students to participate in:

- Aerobic Dance**, Mon.-Fri. 1:30-2:30 p.m. wrestling room
- Volleyball**, Mon.-Fri. 2-3:30 p.m. gym (east court)
- Basketball**, Mon.-Fri. 2-3:30 p.m. gym (west court)

☛ Dana is hosting the Scholastic Art Exhibit and Awards. This is a state-wide competition of junior and senior high school student's artwork. There are also Scholarship Portfolios that are entered for college scholarships, including Dana.

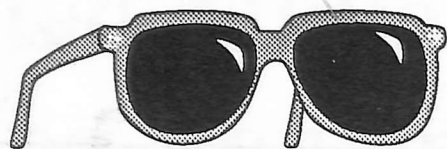
Judging begins this Friday and continues on Monday. The works that receive awards will be exhibited on campus Feb. 12-23; the junior high in MFAC and the senior high in the Forum. Students are invited to come and view the exhibits.

☛ The ski trip to Mount Crest which was to be held Thursday night but cancelled due to the weather, is rescheduled for Sunday the 21st. Transportation is provided and leaves the Campus Center at 4 p.m.

## Wanted: Your photos

The *Danian* is looking for student photos of campus events for the 1995-96 year-book.

Photos can be submitted at the *Danian* office DCC 219 or campus mail box 692. Write your name on the back of the photo and it will be returned.



## The Way I See It

By Erik Einertson

Well, on a night like tonight, even the boa constrictors are dying of the cold, so it's time to get down to the truth, like it or not.

This is to all the junior varsity basketball players who got shown NO RESPECT. You guys deserve better than to have a game canceled. The rumor is that it was canceled for a women's basketball team practice. If that is true, that is wrong and you guys deserve better than to be treated like post game garbage. Even the women's basketball team members thought that canceling your game for practice was wrong. Why does the school treat you like this, is it because your a men's team? I won't touch that one yet, but I hope that someone gets the school's priorities in order and gives you the credit and opportunity that you deserve.

Well, the Cornhuskers won their national championship, and I guess I have to congratulate them. I still despise them and became sickened

at the display of blind and stupid love when I read in the *Omaha World Herald* where one man thought seriously that the Cornhuskers could beat most of the teams in the NFL.

Despite my obvious feelings, they can take pride in knowing that this year they are the first REAL national champion since Alabama a few years back. Last years championship was mythical because there were two teams that were undefeated (Penn State would have probably won head to head) and the championship wasn't decided on the field.

This year was different. The championship was decided on the field where it belongs, not in some sports publicity office. There was no more question after the game, the Nebraska Cornhuskers proved themselves as the first true national champions in a few years and no appellate court can take that away no matter what the morals of the situation. I sure as heck am not jumping on a bandwagon filled with people who have little sense of reality, but this year their dreams came true.

## THE WAY IT IS

by Frit and Ronk

(Editors note: This is the first column in a new series to be written by Dana students Dave Henneman and Rodney Ronk)

- Let's all be grateful we aren't on the East Coast right now, because with the snow removal we have, we would all need sleds with dogs to mush to and from classes. But all we need here are a good pair of ice skates

- Ronk's favorite joke- A duck walks into a drugstore and says, "Give me some Chapstick, put it on my bill."

- Congratulations to the Ne-

braska football team for winning the national championship. Thank goodness the Huskers won the way they did, because if it was the other way around we would have to read in the *Omaha World-Herald* for the next four months of excuses on why they lost.

- Hint- Our intramural program should stop hiring basketball officials from the NIAC (Nebraska Iowa Athletics Conference), or is it that the NIAC should stop hiring our intramural basketball officials.

- It's good to see Mike Klug up and around, if you see him you

should wish him a good day.

- Hey Madonna, we are both willing to father your child. Just give us a call.

- We hope to see all you rowdy students Tuesday night when the men's basketball team takes on the no. 1 team in the conference - Concordia. Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Borup Coliseum.

- And of course you can't forget about the Frit and Ronk Show on the Paul Clark Radio Network, Thursdays from midnight to 2 a.m. on KDCV 91.1 FM, The Jam.



New students or returning students that currently don't have network accounts (for E-mail and Internet use) are invited to sign up for one. When your registration is complete, please stop by the computer lab office in DCC 223 or the computer services office in Pioneer Memorial to fill out a request form. Then, sign up for a 30 minute session about using your account and E-mail. Sign-up

forms are on the door of the computer lab office and all sessions are held in the lab in DCC 222. Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m.

Other dates/times may be scheduled if necessary. Please see me if you have any questions. Thanks!  
Kathy Montira

## High costs and high aid don't work together

### EDITORIAL

by Janet M. Reisdorff

Each of us will soon be receiving letters from President Christopherson. They won't be as nice as those handwritten birthday and Christmas cards we get each year, but the dreaded notification that our tuition will soon be rising.

Tuition setting season is once again

upon us. It is going to increase each year despite how students will continually groan over having to once again find ways of earning that extra money.

Annual tuition increases occur at almost every college across the United States so we at Dana are not alone. Average national cost of tuition and fees at private four year colleges has gone up 102 percent in the past 10 years according to U. S. News

and World Report. If a trend such as this continues, we could be paying three times as much as we are now to put our own children through college!

There are 19 other private four-year colleges in Nebraska. According to the 1995-96 Nebraska College Cost Survey, here is how Dana fares in comparison to them in cost: Twelve of those schools have tuition less than Dana's. Of these same schools, Dana charges the fourth highest room and board bill only behind three schools all located in Omaha. These statistics definitely don't put Dana in the most affordable category for students.

Last year's tuition increase at Dana was 6.57 percent, slightly above the 6 percent national average. Private colleges such as Dana feel pressure to compete with good public colleges in the area of costs. Prospective students may look at the \$9,730 tuition and get the initial "sticker shock". (Just like some of us still do when it comes time to pay the bill.) In order to entice these students, however, Dana (just as other schools) offers substantial financial aid.

Financial aid and grants increased 9.96 percent last year at Dana, in an effort to lessen the overall financial blow to students. This method of raising tuition in order to make up for the lost revenue given out in financial aid

is a great inconsistency. When schools do this flip-flop of funds they are substituting one inequity for another. Private schools can't compete with state supported education, but I don't feel that providing higher aid is necessarily the route to go. My reason is that there are people who will invariably rule out high tuition schools before even seeing how much they might receive in aid. Some are not eligible to receive financial aid and pass up the high tuition as well. The money is always there for students to borrow, but that puts students in a position of higher debt. High expenses can have students deciding whether to work towards experience in an internship for the summer or at a job which will get them the necessary money to pay for school. It is also a great disadvantage that the minimum wage rate many students work at has continually stayed right at \$4.25 for the last few years while tuition steadily climbs. How are students supposed to keep up?

Administrators may argue that it is difficult to keep tuition increases below the inflation rate (which was 2.7 percent in 1994) because of eternally expansive costs for books, technology and faculty salaries. True, but to counter this notion, the "Higher Education Price Index" which was cre-

ated to monitor the cost of running a college, has risen only an average three percent a year for the past three years. Judging by this statistic alone, schools don't seem to be balancing their budgets as efficiently as they should.

In light of the recent federal government shutdown, I believe Dana should also make itself a front-runner in private school budget reform. This kind of reform is being attempted at Ohio's Muskingum College. This small, private, liberal arts school dropped tuition for the 1996-97 school year by \$4000, a 29 percent decrease. The idea of the decrease is to slash Muskingum's aid budget, boost enrollment and attract more middle income students.

This new-wave tactic is a brave and positive attempt to ease the student's pocketbooks and increase the school's reputation as well. Reducing tuition and financial aid at the same time is the challenge I give to Dana. I believe it has the potential of increasing enrollment and revenue as well as giving Dana a reputation of providing quality education at a great value. If Dana can make the grade in balancing its budget, than it can positively alter the school's character and the quality of higher education it provides.

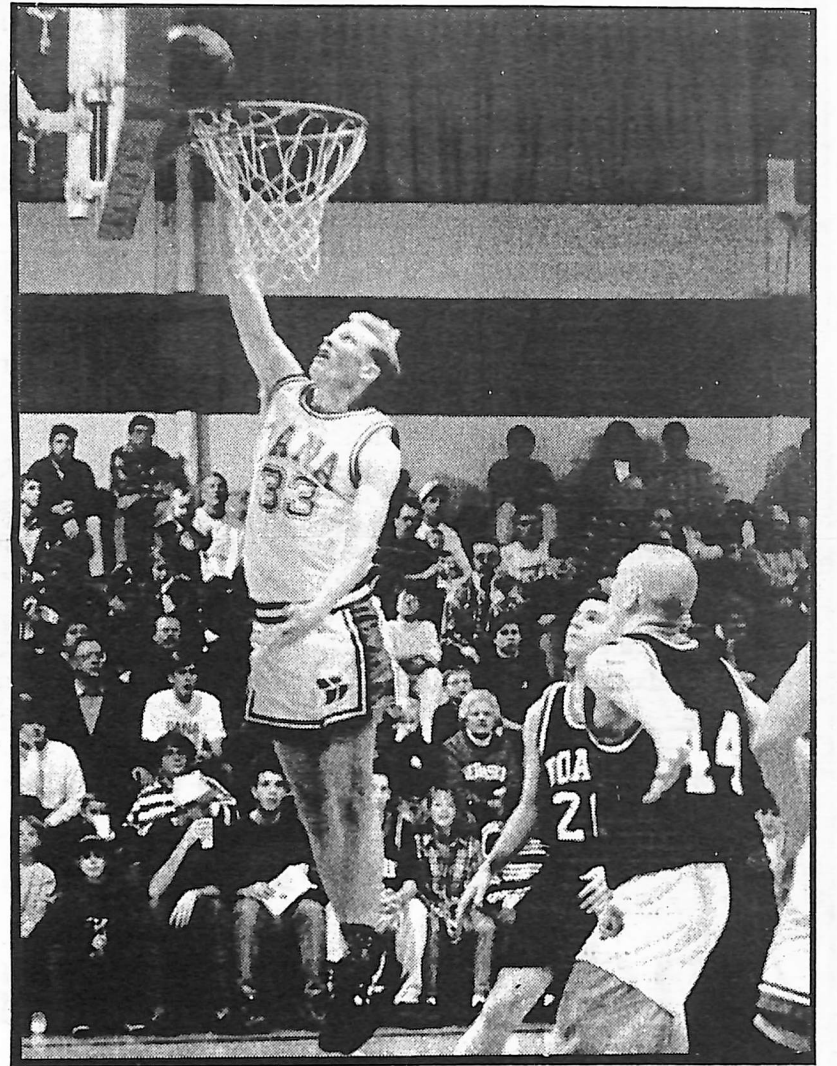
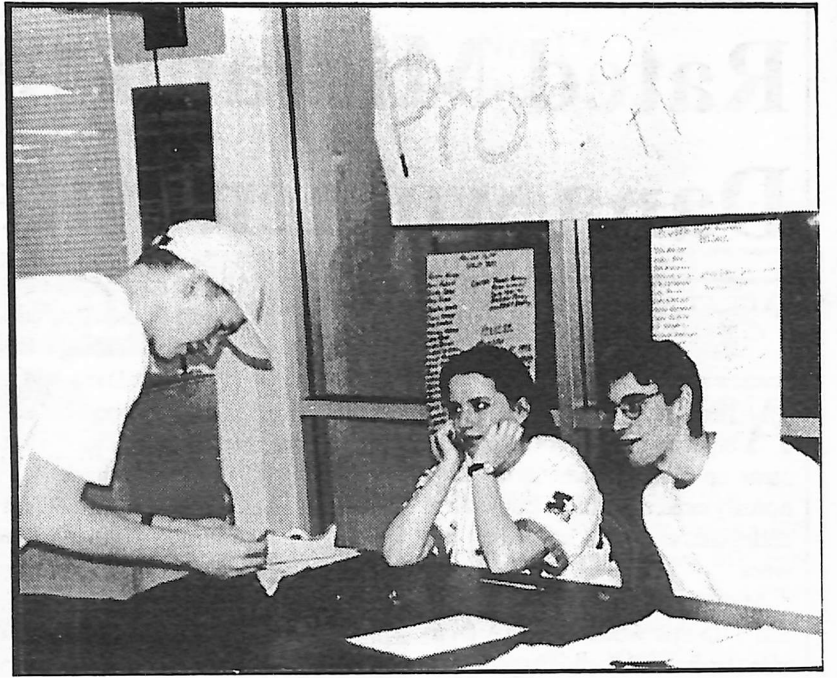
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## A glance at Dana in 1995

(Top left) Social Awareness Organization (SAO) collected items for the needy as part of the campus Halloween activities Oct. 29. Kaci Solt (left) and Sara Hildreth display a few of the over 1,000 items donated. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)

(Top right) Student body president Chad Foust and senate member Roisin Bell watch as Jeremy Rademacher enters his ballot for Professor of the Year. The award went to Dr. John Mark Nielsen. (Photo by Janet M. Reisdorff)

(Right center) Shawn Fasbender lays up a basket against two defenders in an 83-81 win over Doane last season. The men's basketball team finished 15-16 overall for the year. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)

(Bottom right) Members of the Dana College Chorale sang for the festival of Santa Lucia as part of the Sights and Sounds of Christmas held at Dana Dec. 2-3. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)

(Bottom left) Staff members of the Dana business department dressed as dwarfs in search of 'snow white' (Prof. Darrell Dibben, center) on the last day of classes before his retirement last year. Part of his going away present was a pair of red tights which he is shown here modeling. (Photo by Janet M. Reisdorff)



## Rated Midland team tags Dana women with loss

PAUL CLARK

Sports Information Director

After narrowly missing out on a big road win at Hastings, Dana came up short at home against nationally ranked Midland Lutheran in collegiate women's basketball last week.

Midland, ranked 17th last week and 14th this week in NAIA Division II, trimmed the Vikings, 73-63, Saturday night (1/13) at Borup Coliseum. That followed a heartbreaking 77-75 loss at Hastings last Wednesday (1/10).

Dana went almost four minutes without scoring against Midland but quickly erased a 6-0 deficit and led, 10-8, as Brenda Mechels (4th Yr, G,

Burns, WY) drilled a three-point field goal with 14:15 left in the first half. Midland responded by building a 10-point lead at 22-12, but Dana had a 7-0 spurt of its own, capped by another Mechels three-pointer, that made it 22-19 at the 8:30 mark.

Dana stayed within five at 32-27 on a pair of free throws from Nicole Stromgren (4th Yr, G, Osage City, KS) with 1:12 left in the first half, but Midland went on an 8-0 run in the final 54 seconds of the half to take a 40-27 half-time lead.

Midland controlled the opening minutes of the second half as well and led by 18 points on two occasions, the last at 49-31 with 16:15 left in the game. Dana whittled the lead to 12 on a Jodi Bradley (1st Yr, G, Fort Dodge, Ia/St. Edmund) three-point

play with just under 11 minutes to go that made it 54-42. After Midland got the lead back to 16 at 62-46, the Vikings mounted a final charge that closed the gap to nine at one point. Susan Weddingeld (2nd Yr, C, Panora, IA/Panorama) converted two free throws to make it 68-59 with 2:48 left in the game, but that was as close as Dana could get as the Lady Warriors stayed unbeaten in conference play.

Mechels led Dana scorers with 19 points and Bradley and Nichol Buenning (3rd Yr, F, Parkston, SD) each chipped in 15. Buenning had a team-high nine rebounds and blocked two shots. Carrie Knapp (2nd Yr, G, Lexington, NE) dished out six assists for the Vikings and Bradley had five steals.

## Dana's Collins is NAIA football All-American

PAUL CLARK

Sports Information Director

Junior linebacker William Collins has been selected as a first-team NAIA Division II football All-American as announced by the NAIA national office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wednesday afternoon. Collins has also been honored as an NAIA Division II All-American by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette, a small-college football publication based in Illinois.

Collins, a 6-2, 240-pound standout from A.C. Reynolds High School in Asheville, North Carolina, burst onto the scene in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) this year, his first at Dana after previously playing two years at the University of Minnesota. The transfer from Mississippi Valley State was a first-team All-NIAC selectin at linebacker and was rated as the top individual

player in the league by NIAC coaches.

His other individual honors included being named the NAIA Division II National Defensive Player-of-the-Week and Defensive MVP of the Applejack Bowl as Dana drubbed Peru State 42-16, in the annual classic at Nebraska City. Collins had 125 total tackles on the year, including 61 solo stops, which ranks as the ninth-best tackle count for a single season in school history. He had one quarterback sack, caused three fumbles and recovered one and had two interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown in Dana's 27-7 trouncing of Nebraska Wesleyan.

Collins is Dana's first first-team NAIA All-American in football since running back Bryan Muschall led the nation in rushing and was a first teamer in 1987. The Vikings have had three second-team selections since punter Troy Buss in 1989 and offensive lineman Kelly Ryan and defensive back Michael Allen in 1992.

## NIAC Men's basketball report

(Includes games played through January 13, 1996)

- Third overall in the NIAC conference
- Third in team offensive scoring average
- Fifth in team rebounds
- Fifth in team field goal percentage
- Fifth in team defensive scoring average
- Nathan Babbitt fifth in scoring average
- Shawn Fasbender fourth in rebounding average
- Bret Marchese second in average assists
- Jon Ruff ninth in three point field goal percentage
- Shawn Fasbender fifth in field goal percentage

Men's basketball conference action continues Saturday at Doane, Concordia at Dana on Tuesday and Thursday with York at Blair all games starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Vikings split duals; Andresen to nationals

PAUL CLARK

Sports Information Director

Dana split a pair of dual against area rivals in the past week and had one finalist earn a national tournament berth at its own Dana Invite Saturday (1/13) at Borup Coliseum.

The Vikings defeated Northwestern Iowa in a Friday night (1/12) dual at Borup, 25-20. Westmar, Iowa handed Dana a 29-13 dual loss at LeMars, Iowa, Tuesday night (1/16), dropping Dana to 1-3 in duals on the season. The Westmar dual was originally slated to be at Dana but was changed at Westmar's request. The Eagles will visit Dana for a dual on January 24 or January 26. The Vikings will wrestle in the William Penn, Iowa Duals Friday (1/19) in Oskaloosa, IA.

### Dana Invitational

Jeremy Andresen became Dana's second NAIA national qualifier of the season as he finished second at 190 pounds at the Dana Invitational. He

joins returning All-American Andy Hensley who qualified at the Fort Hays State, Kan. Open earlier this year. Hensley finished third at the Dana tournament at 177 pounds. He was upset in the semifinals, losing by fall to Northwestern's Scott Van Der Brink after leading 7-1. Hensley rebounded for a 6-1 win over Shannon Doering of Dakota Wesleyan, S.D. in the consolation final.

Jeff Hume also nabbed a third-place medal Saturday by defeating teammate Danny Mattern in the 134-pound consolation final. The two wrestled through four periods and finished in a 2-2 deadlock and Hume won the 30-second final overtime period by riding Mattern for the entire 30 seconds. In addition to Mattern, Dana got fourth-place efforts from Chad Greguras at 118, Shawn Issacs at 150 and Justin Smith at 190.

### Duals

Wins by Issacs at 150 and Mike Smith at 167 were key decisions in

Dana's dual win over Northwestern. Issacs trimmed Matt Vandervelde, 5-4, at 150 to extend Dana's lead to 18-4 and Smith scored an 11-4 win over Gary Eggleston at 167 to give the Vikings a 21-8 lead.

Greguras won by forfeit at 118 and Hume scored an 8-6 decision over Sam Gibson at 126. Rico Ventenilla picked up Dana's only win by fall of the dual, pinning Bryce Armstrong in 5:51 at 142 pounds. Hensley won by major decision at 177.

In the loss to Westmar, Ryan Barrett got Dana's only win by fall at 158 pounds, sticking Will Drewery in 6:53. That brought Dana back from a 13-3 deficit to within 13-9. After a Westmar major decision, Hensley picked up a major as well within 17-13, but the Eagles won the final two matches of the night by pin to get the victory.

Mattern had Dana's other win against Westmar, scoring a 7-3 decision over Jeremy Snow at 126 pounds.

## Campus Events

January 19, 1996

### Friday

Wrestling; William Penn Duals at Oskaloosa, Iowa

7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at Briar Cliff

### Saturday

Wrestling; Simpson Invitational, at Indianola, Iowa

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at Doane

12:30 a.m. Guitars and Cadillacs after hours, meet in campus center

### Sunday

1-3 p.m. Twister Tournament, campus center

4 p.m. Skiing at Mt. Crescent

### Monday

9 p.m. *Dumb and Dumber*, DHA

10 p.m. Now the Feast and Celebration, chapel

### Tuesday

Wrestling, Westmar University, LeMars, Iowa

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball; Concordia

### Wednesday

Interim courses end

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Book buy back

7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at Concordia

9 p.m. Colorado Ski Trip group departs

10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at York College

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at York College