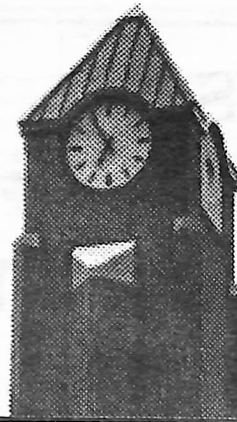


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DANA COLLEGE



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Honor Cords; division or esteem?

LESHARA MEANS
Reporter

For many seniors, graduation is approaching quickly. In order to participate in the graduation ceremonies, students must complete 128 credit hours and maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0. A portion of the seniors will achieve Latin honors based upon their academic grades. For example, a 3.5 GPA is required to receive cum laude status, a 3.7 is necessary to receive magna cum laude status, and a 3.9 is needed to achieve summa cum laude status.

According to Roisin Bell, a senior Student Senate representative, Student Senate recently allocated funds to purchase honor cords. The honor cords would be worn by the students at graduation that receive Latin honors. Bell commented that providing the honor cords is Senate's way of saying "good job!"

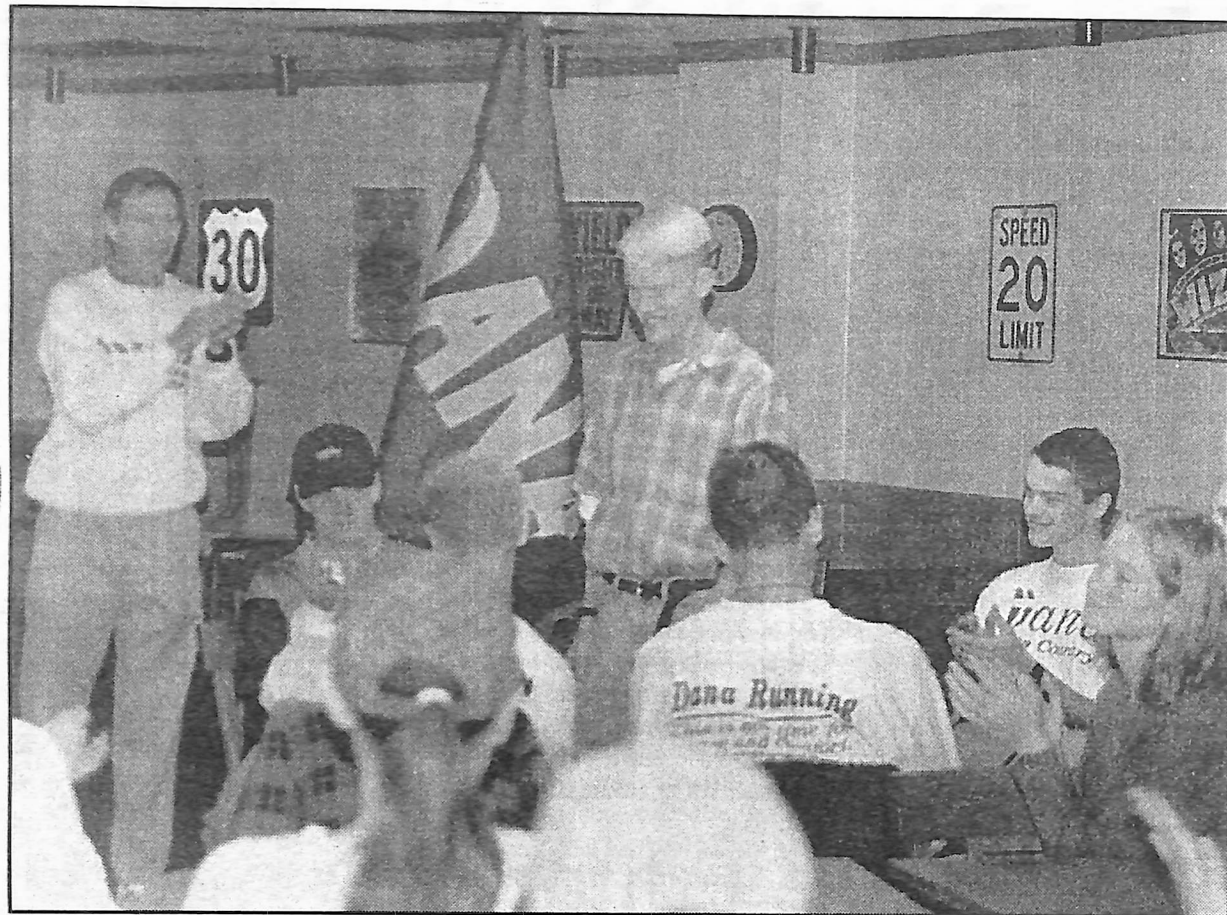
Dr. Delvin Hutton, a member of

the Academic Affairs Committee, said that the Dana faculty received the honor cords as an interesting idea. He also mentioned that there were no objections from the faculty in regards to the honor cords.

However, Hutton remarked that some of the faculty members are concerned that graduation ornaments, such as honor cords, will create division among the students. Emily Kempcke, a senior, feels that it is an accomplishment in itself to graduate from college. Kempcke doesn't feel it is necessary to single out specific academic organizations from the graduating class. Taffy Forsen, a senior, raises the question, "Why not offer honors to other activities?"

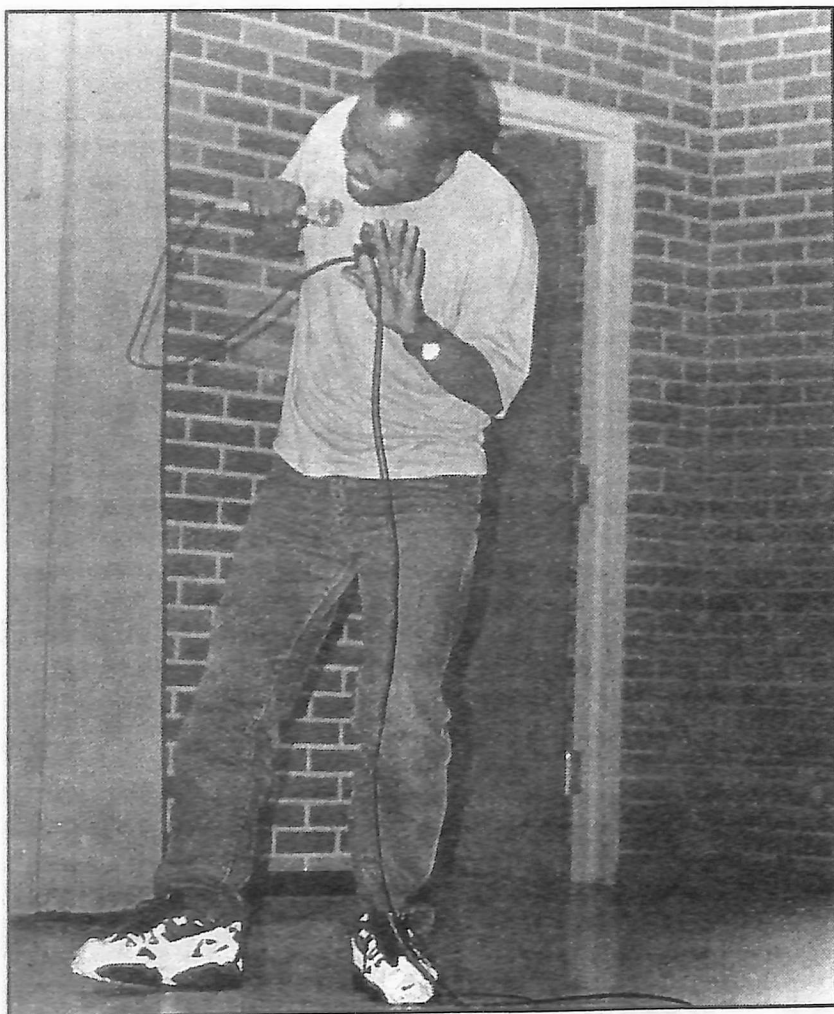
On the other hand, Ken Swanson, a senior, said the honor cord is a good idea, it signifies those who have worked hard academically.

At this time, it has not been determined whether or not the honor cords will be used during the graduation ceremonies.



Coach Jay Birmingham congratulates Bob Spangler on being one of eight runners to go to nationals. A pep rally was held for the cross country team in the Dragon's Head Wednesday night. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

Work it, shake it, move it!



Reinhard Ochs does his rendition of an African song at the talent show on Wednesday night sponsored by (HOPE) Helping our People Expand. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

Weighted down in policy change

DEREK OTTE
Reporter

What's up with the weight room? That is the question that has been floating around campus lately. There have been some changes in the weight room policy and most students are not aware of its availability.

"Our desire is to accommodate the students," says Kathy Foley. There are some new rules that are going into effect, but they will not limit the use of the weight room to the students. The weight room will be open to all Dana College students and staff members who are authorized users.

How does a student become an authorized user? To become an authorized weight room user, students first have to go through a 10-15 minute orientation that makes them familiar with the equipment and will show

them how to use the equipment safely. After that, all you have to do is sign a waiver that shows that you went through the orientation, then your name goes on an authorized user list. From there on, you may use the weight room at your convenience during the specified hours. Foley says that she is open to suggestions about the hours the facilities can be used. She plans to monitor the hours that the weight room is now open to see if there is a need to decrease or increase the hours available.

Sunday	7pm to 10pm
Monday	8:45am to 9:30am
Tuesday	8am to 11am
	1:30pm to 4:30pm
	7pm to 10pm
Wednesday	8:45am to 9:30am
	8pm to 10pm
Thursday	8am to 11am
	1:30pm to 4:30pm
	7pm to 10pm
Friday	8:45am to 9:30am

1pm to 3pm
Aside from the weight room facilities in Borup, the swimming pool and fitness room are also open for student use. The pool is staffed by YMCA lifeguards, and is open during the following hours. (Students may need to show a Dana I.D. card.)
Swimming pool hours available to the students:

Monday-Friday	6am to 7am (Lap Swimming)
	11:30am to 1pm (Lap Swimming)
Wednesday and Friday	7am to 9am (Open Swimming)
Saturday and Sunday	1pm to 5pm (Open Swimming)
Fitness room hours:	
Monday-Friday	8am to 10pm
Saturday	10am to 7pm
Sunday	Noon to 10pm

Learning through experience

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER
Reporter

This past Tuesday, two new Resident Assistants were appointed in Mickelsen Hall. These two sophomores are Michelle Hurt and Matt Oestmann.

The hall director of Mickelsen and Blair Halls, JoAnn Beck, said that the training these two will undergo will

simply be hands-on experience and by watching and learning from the other R.A.'s. Hurt is replacing Marnie Jensen on fourth floor Mickelsen. She is a sophomore secondary education major focusing in the area of math from Seward. Hurt said, "I wanted to be an R.A. because I enjoy being around the girls on my floor and I wanted to provide them with a positive experience and make them feel comfortable with their col-

lege life. I also wanted to get involved in things on campus. I thought this was a good way to."

Oestmann, a sophomore from Fort Calhoun, is going to be the new Resident Assistant on third floor Mickelsen. He is a biology/psychology major and a business minor. His reasoning for becoming an R.A. was so he could help students adjust to college by getting people involved in many different kinds of activities.

Views from the Penalty Box By Big Wally

Well, the weather sure got colder this week and I have my bags packed and ready! to go to Tennessee this weekend. What, I can't go to Tennessee this weekend? The budget doesn't allow it? Well I can always stay here and watch an exciting weekend of basketball while I "skate" over to Borup. I hope that before this weekend, someone can go beneath the bleachers on the press row side of Borup and dispose of that rotting mouse that has been there for a week now. The Big Wally Power Thrust of the Week should go to whoever risks life and death to go and find "Rotting Mickey" and find him a new home.

Congratulations should go out to JoAnn Beck this week. Just look on her left hand and find the opal. Attention Mickelsen resident assistants,

Royce should be moving in sometime soon. We can all agree that those two are a great couple.

I listened to the "Mel and Marty Show" on KDCV this last Sunday. I think that they should invite athletic director Kathy Foley to be a guest on their show. She could tell us how she runs things in the athletic department and how she is improving it. Also, she can take questions from listeners that call in. Hopefully, they can schedule it in the near future.

So long until next week and remember, in a free throw shooting contest it is how many you make out of 10 and not miss four, make six, then miss one, than make three, then miss one, then make one, and tell the judge that you made 10 to advance into the finals.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank our student body for the attendance and enthusiasm they have shown at our basketball games so far. The chants and cheering were great during the Bellevue game. Please keep it up and have fun

at our games. Our team greatly appreciates your support. We hope to see you at our tournament this weekend and against Mt. Marty on Nov. 21. We will not have another home game until Jan. 11.
Coach Jensen

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A reminder to be careful little tongue what you say!

HEATHER OLSEN
EDITORIAL

Senior executives at Texaco, Inc., one of the largest oil companies in the United States, were caught on tape using racial epithets. The conversation, which was recorded in August 1994, included executives referring to African-American employees as "black jelly beans."

Texaco is currently named in a lawsuit filed by six employees charging the company with discrimination. According to a Nov. 4 article in the New York Times, the employees filed the lawsuit in early 1994 saying that Texaco sys-

tematically discriminated against minority employees by promoting less experienced whites over African-Americans. The employees also charge that Texaco has fostered a racially hostile environment.

On the tape, the senior executives were also planning to destroy documents pertaining to the lawsuit. One of the executives was quoted as saying, "Let me shred this and any restricted version like it."

Texaco officials have said the "conduct will not be tolerated" and that the administration will take "appropriate disciplinary actions against the employees on the tape, which could include termination."

So what happened to the senior

executives? They were suspended with pay. With pay? They are getting paid for their ignorance; for their prejudices. What kind of society do we live in where people get paid for sputtering racial slurs? A very backwards and uneducated one.

On a lighter note, David Brinkley, longtime anchorperson for ABC, apologized to President Clinton Sunday for calling him a "bore" and referring to Clinton's speeches as "goddamn nonsense." Brinkley made these comments election night when he apparently thought he was off the air.

Just a reminder to all: think before you speak.



Matt Worley, Allison Ruhde, Jessica Clark, Lindsay Bruning and Jacob Worley take part in a game at game night held last Saturday in the Dragon's Head sponsored by Student Activities. (Photo by Kayleen Wilson)

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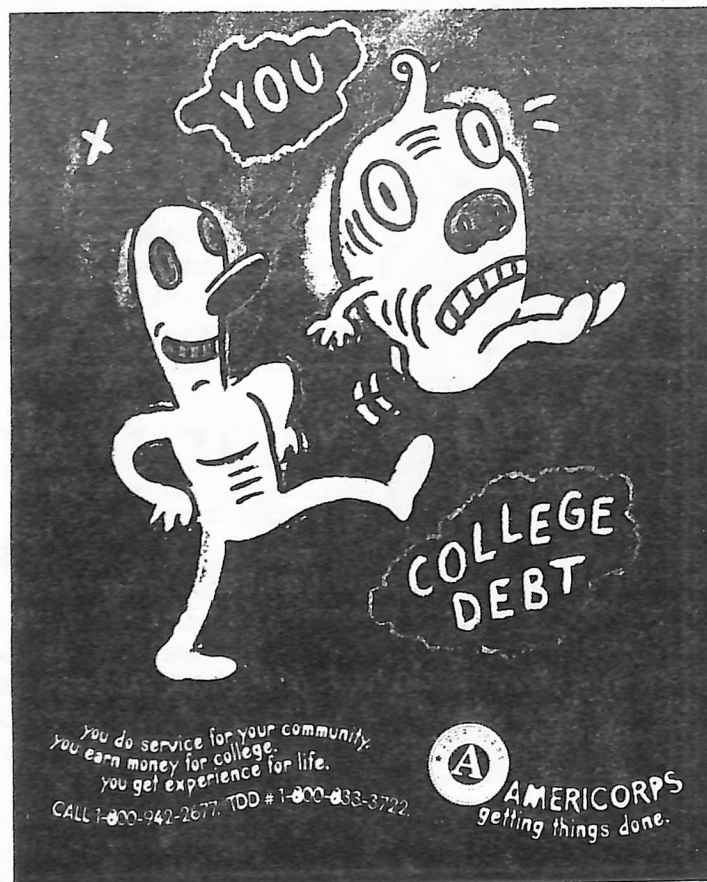
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Jack Gladstone Native American Performer
7 p.m. Friday 22nd Trinity Chapel

LARP Credit Available

Birmingham tells of trans-America run

LAURA SILBERNICK
Reporter

For attendees of Parents' Day, Dana's Jay Birmingham emptied his bag for all to see. Along with socks and supplies, the coach unpacked a story of inspiration and courage that unfolded over 2964 miles of our nation. In 1980, Birmingham set the Guinness record for the fastest unaccompanied trans-America run. He began in Los Angeles, needing to average 41 miles per day to beat the existing record. 71 days, 22 hours, and 59 minutes later, the journey runner arrived in New York City.

He was guest in dozens of homes, sharing his story with individuals and media along the way. To survive he relied on his backpack, scheduled mail-drops of supplies, and the kind support of persons across the country.

The run yielded an "unex-

pected by-product" for Birmingham. As he shared his challenges with more and more persons, he began to recognize his run as a motivator for others. He said he realized most people are thirsty for a challenge. He feels that for many, it is the desire for that challenge which may be greater than the accomplishment itself.

Birmingham's said his self-described "story of persistence" made him a better coach, parent and counselor. He came away with the ability to challenge, lend courage to and support others. Birmingham called these unexpected gifts the "legacy of the trans-America run." Of his accomplishment he said, "It boosted my confidence about 400 percent."

Birmingham is an instructor of physical education and head coach of track and cross country at Dana.



Entertainer depicts life of old cowboy hero, Will Rogers

MARY BRUNS
Reporter

If you've ever flipped through cable t.v. channels late at night, you may have seen old western movies with Roy Rogers and his trusty horse Trigger. Dana hosted another part of the Blair World of Entertainment series in Madson Fine Arts Center, on Nov. 12 that was based on another old cowboy hero, Will Rogers. This Rogers may not have had a white horse or sung "Happy Trails", but he did become a well-known media personality until the mid 1930's.

Rogers lived a life full of adventure and surprising success. He was born in 1879 in Oologah Indian Territory (now Okla.) with a trace of Cherokee heritage. Rogers often joked, "My forefathers didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat." While Rogers was in school, he was the typical class clown. He was intelligent and full of energy, but bounced from country school to various boarding schools. He later reflected on his days at Kemper Academy in Miss. as "not being able to tell the classroom apart from the guardhouse." After he

achieved 10th-grade status, Rogers ran away from the school setting and found a job in Texas working on the Ewing Ranch for \$30 a month. While on the Ewing's cattle drives, Rogers increased his cowboy style and picked up a lot of the modest humor and ways of the men who rode along the trails.

After he raised enough money, he set out to travel beyond just the Texas pastures. He wanted to see the "gauchos" of Argentina, but travelled around the world on his way there. In South Africa, a man named Texas Jack picked him up as a trick roper for his "Wild West" show. Rogers' roping talents went beyond just heading or heeling, he had a talent for balancing all sizes and shapes of loops, which led him to vaudeville shows in New York City. He added his modest cowboy humor with lines like, "Aww.. swinging a rope ain't so bad, as long as your neck ain't in it."

At 25, his talent and personality had led him to become a "poet lariat". He later married and his wife and family became the stability that helped keep him down to earth as his popularity increased. He began his own Vaudeville entertainment show with "The

Will Rogers Follies", and later began acting beyond the stage with various movie roles. Rogers felt acting came easily. As he put it, "An actor is just a fella who has a little bit more monkey in him than the next fella." Rogers' talents covered all aspects of the media, as he was also a journalist for the New York Daily Times, a radio personality, and a grass-roots philosopher. He was well respected for deep thoughts like, "I never met a man I didn't like", and "People are just a product of their times".

All this and more was portrayed by Lance Brown, an entertainer from Chicago who's been acting for over 20 years. Brown shares a deep respect for Rogers as he narrates Rogers' life along with impersonations. Brown is a storyteller at heart, and has performed for audiences from Alaska to Disney World; Ariz. to Maine. A large crowd attended Brown's performance, which was sponsored in part by Enterprise Publishing Company of Blair. Brown gave an entertaining dialog of the life and times of Will Rogers, adding in bits of wisdom and humor. He showed how Rogers was "a hero of the human spirit", underneath a tattered old cowboy hat.



Matthew Nardy, Kevin Brennan, Nate Olsen and Mike Haddock perform at the talent show held in Dana Hall Auditorium last Wednesday. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

"Anorexic/Bulimic: My Story"

Jenny (anonymous) from Omaha will give this talk on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Linden Room

These statements are frequently heard by people like Jenny:

1. I constantly think about eating, weight and body size.
2. I weigh myself several times a day.
3. I exercise too much or get very rigid about my exercise plan.
4. I believe food controls my life.
5. I have eating binges where I get to the point that I can't stop eating, even when I'm very full
6. I don't eat for days when stressed.

LARP credit is available

Campus Events

November 15, 1996

FRIDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Dana Invite, Borup
- 6:30 p.m. Ice Skating in Omaha, Campus Center
- 8:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Dana Classic

SATURDAY

- TBA Men's Basketball Invite, Borup
- TBA Women's Basketball Classic, Borup

SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. Chapel
- 1:15 p.m. Movie "Ransom" in Omaha, C.C.
- 5:45 p.m. Campus Ministry Meeting, Pres. Room
- 7 p.m. Three point shooting contest, Borup

MONDAY

- 7 p.m. "Anorexic/Bulimic: My Story," Linden Room

TUESDAY

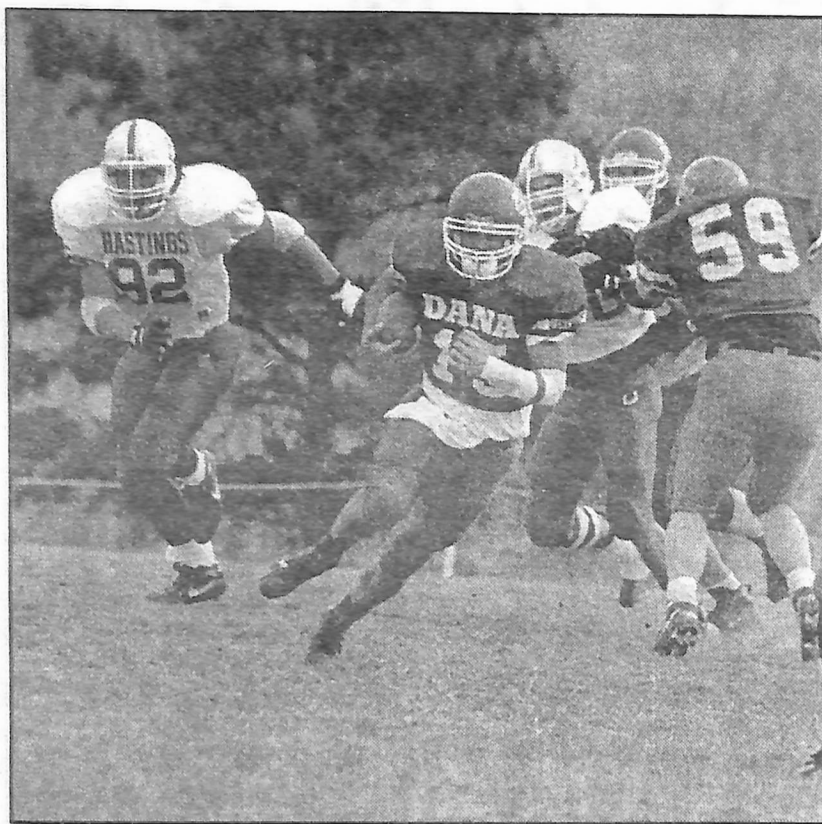
- 1 p.m. Federal Reserve Tour, C.C.
- 7 p.m. SEA meeting, DCC 316
- 7 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Westmar
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Grand View

WEDNESDAY

- 7:15 p.m. Youth for Christ Choir and Dana Voices, Chapel
- 7:45 p.m. Badminton Tourney, Borup

THURSDAY

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Mt. Marty, Borup
- 7:30 p.m. A Doll's House by Ibsen, Lauritzen Theater



Quarterback Bryan Soukup scrambles as he tries to avoid Hasting defenders Saturday as the Vikings lose 23-14. (Photo by Kayleen Wilson)

Vikings finish '96 campaign 4-5

CLINT WILLIAMS
Reporter

Dana College gained 226 total yards Saturday compared to 406 yards racked up by Hastings College as the Broncos defeated the Vikings 23-14 to close out the 1996 season.

The Viking defense has made big plays all year long and they came up big again on Saturday. With 7:19 remaining in the first quarter, Jim Rosterman recovered a Hastings fumble in the end zone to give the Vikings an early 6-0 lead. The point after attempt was no good.

The tide turned on the Vikings with 12:01 left in the first half when Hastings blocked a punt and returned it 14-yards for the touch-down. The extra point was good and the Broncos took a 7-6 lead.

A Kelly Weseman 16 yard run gave the Broncos a 14-6 lead at the halfway point.

In the second half, the Broncos continued their strong ground attack as they added a 25-yard field goal by Sean Stanchina and an eight yard scamper for a touchdown by Kory Bumgardner. The Broncos held a comfortable 23-6 lead with 5:00 remaining in the third quarter.

The Viking defense allowed Bumgardner and Weseman to both rush for over 100 yards. Only one other back had rushed for over 100 yards in a game against the Vikings and that was back in week one of the season.

The Vikings capped off a successful drive with 1:02 left in the third quarter when Michael Babbitt

connected on a one-yard scoring strike to R.J. Gall. Babbitt then hit Travis Davison in the end zone to complete the two point conversion attempt. Dana would trail by a score of 23-14 with one quarter to play.

The Dana defense held in the fourth quarter but the offense could not find a way to the end zone as Hastings went on to snap the Vikings' three game winning streak with a 23-14 victory.

Dana All-American linebacker William Collins, playing in his last collegiate game, did a Deon Sanders imitation as he also played in the offensive backfield. Collins picked up 77 yards on 13 carries to lead all Viking rushers. Collins also added 15 tackles on defense to help the Vikings.

Ben Tams led the Dana defense with 20 tackles from his free safety position, 12 of which were unassisted. Bret Erixon had 13 stops while Zach Carle and John Olsen both added 11 for the Vikings.

Babbitt threw for 98 yards with one touchdown and an interception. Shelton Crouch led Dana receivers with 30 yards on two receptions. Corey Hackett also caught two balls for a total of 16 yards.

The loss places the Vikings fifth in the conference standings with a 3-3 record. The Vikings could have clinched a tie for second place with a victory. Northwestern College (Iowa) went on to win the conference with a 5-1 record followed by Midland, Doane, and Hastings who all finished 4-2.

Dana finished the 1996 season with an overall record of 4-5.

Dedicated wrestlers look to have a great up-coming season

GREG KELLOGG
Reporter

The 1996-97 wrestling season is set to open and Coach Ron Beaman is confident in this year's Viking team. Beaman says that this year's team is one of the smallest teams that he has had, however, each member has the potential to do positive things for the team. He also adds that this is a dedicated group, and overall, the team is in better condition than teams of the past.

Wrestling this year at 118 pounds are James Gutierrez and Chad Greguras. Sophomore Jeremy Rine will wrestle at 126 pounds. According to Coach Beaman, Rine has made big improvements since his first year. Freshman Steven Jenny will wrestle in the 126-134 pound class. Jenny was a Nebraska State

Champion in high school. Jeff Hume will also wrestle in the 134 pound class after returning from an injury. Freshman Darold Foster will compete with Josh Jaeger, who was a State Champion in high school, for the 142 pound spot.

Shawn Isaacs and Aaron Groff will wrestle in the 150 pound class. Coach Beaman says that Isaacs has a lot of experience, which will be helpful to the team. Sophomore Ryan Barrett, who according to Coach Beaman, has also made a lot of improvements, will wrestle in the 158 pound class. Senior Nathan Cone will compete in the 167 pound class. Senior Andy Hensley will wrestle in the 167-177 pound class. Hensley has placed third and 8th at Nationals. Senior Justin Smith will begin the season in the 190 pound class, but Beaman says that Smith should be wrestling at 177 pounds later this season. Dennis Bacon and

Ben Lefeber will compete for the 190 pound spot. Beaman says that Bacon has been working hard and Lefeber has a lot of potential. Senior Mike Bisig will compete in the heavyweight division. Coach Beaman says that Bisig has been working hard, has gotten stronger, improved his technique, and should have his best year.

Coach Beaman says that this year's keys to success are starting off well at the 118 pound class, having everyone on the team contribute, and Bisig having a good year. Coach Beaman is also excited about having full-time assistant coach Jason Branigan help with the coaching duties. Branigan is a two-time State Champion and was recruited by the University of Nebraska.

The Vikings open the wrestling season Nov. 23 at UNO in the UNO Kaufman Open, which begins at 9a.m.

Lady Vikes finish season sixth in the NIAC

MICHAEL BABBITT
Reporter

Dana's volleyball team had its season ended Saturday at Seward after falling to Concordia College in the first round of the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference tournament.

The fifth-seeded Vikings leaped out to a 10-1 lead in the first game before the fourth-seeded Bulldogs scored 14 straight points to take the game.

Dana defeated the Bulldogs 16-14 in game two, but Concordia came back to win game three 15-4. Dana won game four 16-14 before losing in the fifth and final game 15-12.

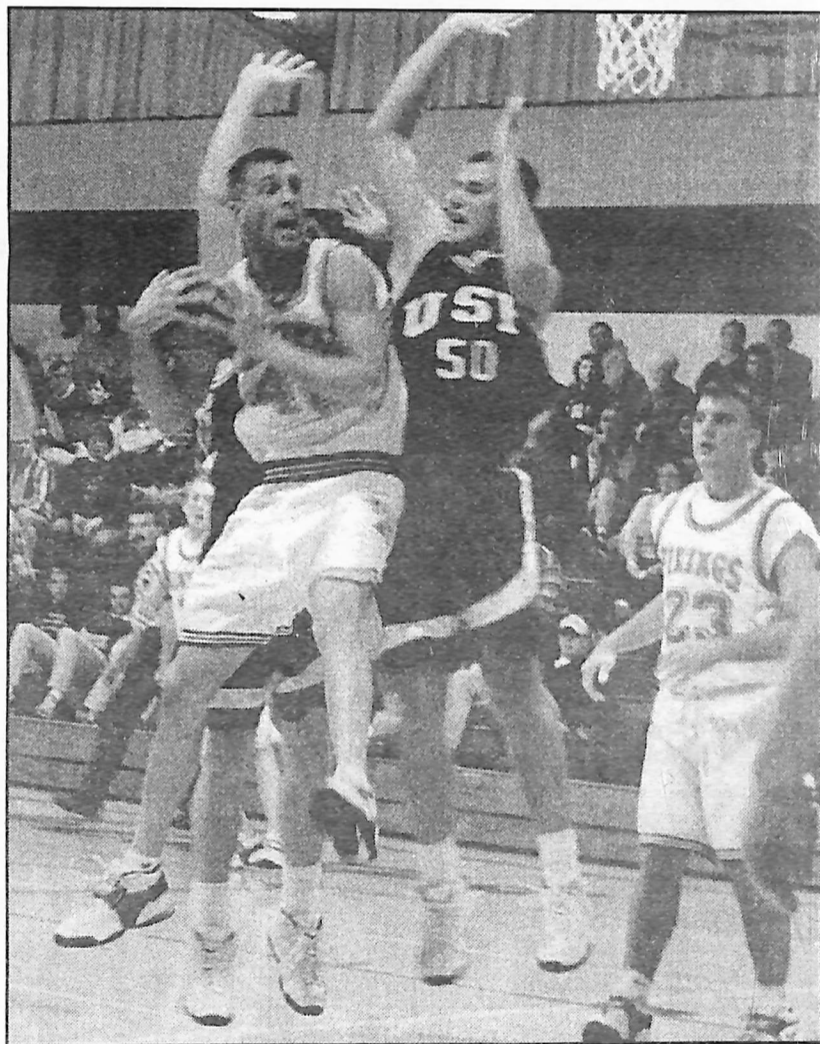
"We were unable to capitalize on their mistakes," setter Diane Crawford said.

"We were very intense and recognized what we needed to do, but we just couldn't score when we had to."

Crawford dished out 54 assists for the Vikings and Andrea Spreen led the team with 17 kills.

Chestnut Pearl and Jennifer Pfingsten added 15 kills apiece for Dana. Pearl led the Vikings with 24 digs and Pfingsten finished with eight blocks.

Dana finished the season with a 12-23 overall record and a sixth place finish in the NIAC.



Jeff Mulder pulls down a rebound in the Vikings' season opener. The Vikings lost the game 85-59. The Vikings defeated Bellevue University on Tues. to even their record. The Vikes won 87-76. The next home game is this weekend as the Vikings' host the Dana Invitational. Dana men play at 6:30. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

Badminton Tournament
Wednesday Nov. 20 7:45 p.m.
 Men's, Women's & Coed divisions
 Bring a team consisting of
 2 girls & 2 guys
 Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
 *3-Point contest Sunday at 7 p.m.