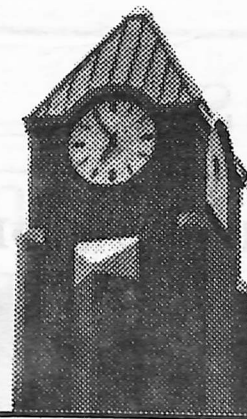


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DANA COLLEGE



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## Fourth in the nation!



The men's cross country team after winning the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference Championship Nov. 2. Members include Bob Spangler, Jason Brindle, Ryan Jacobson, Matt Poulter, Ben Sandy, Chad Grosse, Scott Stanley, Neil Smith, Max Grady and Coach Jay Birmingham. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

## Love and women's rights are issues in Ibsen's play

SHAWN ISAACS  
Reporter

In real life, relationships sometimes go crazy. You feel like you don't know what to do, where to go, or what to say. This feeling of lost love is portrayed in Henrik Ibsen's classic, "A Doll's House."

Director Cathy Wells is back again. This time she features Liza Moberg, playing Nora Helmer, and Aaron Mattson, playing her husband, Torvald. Moberg stated, "Nora is just a woman who drives herself crazy doing things to help save the marriage."

Other cast members include: Nicole Havens as Mrs. Linde, Nora's

old friend, Jake Adolphson as Krogstad, the down-and-out former attorney, Sonny Larsen as Dr. Rank, the dying family friend, and Heather Randolph as the servant, Anne Marie.

Wells rejects the notion that Ibsen's play is simply a treatise on women's rights. Instead she notes, Ibsen "stresses the irrelevant and often destructive laws and traditions of society, while complicating the picture with the egotism and shortsightedness of individuals."

The play will be run Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 and 7:30 in the Lauritzen Theater located in the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

## DOCS try to find a niche

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER  
Reporter

Do you live off-campus and are interested in being involved in an organization but don't have much time? Maybe DOCS (Dana Organization of Commuting Students) is for you. DOCS is a support group that explores special concerns and cares that commuting students have regarding cam-

pus life. In the past, many off-campus students were actively involved in this organization. However, DOCS is struggling for that same kind of support this year.

Darcy Twedt, a commuting student, is working with Barbara Moore of Student Development to try to get DOCS started up again. DOCS struck her interest when she was given a survey at the beginning

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## Student Senate finishes business for 1996

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

Student Senate met for the last meeting of the semester on Nov. 20. The Senators heard from different committees, a student with a concern, Dan Travaille, Vice President of Student Development, and passed budget requests.

To begin the meeting, Ryan Luebbe, treasurer, reported that Senate has \$4,236.36 left in their budget this semester. The Senate voted to allow up to \$3,000 to be paid for the printing and designing fees for the Viking Directory. Also, it was passed to pay a \$50 bill from the Nebraska Justice Center for the use of their mediators during an open forum with Senate and other campus organizations.

It was announced that elections would be held to fill the vacancy of two senior Senate positions the second week of February. The positions

were previously filled by David Holcomb and Sarah Peterson.

The student services committee reported that they previously met with the directors of food service on the continuing effort to deal with student complaints. However, due to the students' opportunity to write down complaints in the cafeteria, the Senate felt most complaints were being addressed. The food service directors ask that students with complaints, that can be taken care of immediately like a cold sandwich or undercooked food, should contact the directors without delay.

Derrick Weyand addressed the Senate on finding a better schedule for the weight room to be open. Weyand feels the times the facility is open is "not feasible for students." He explained the times are scattered and teams can reserve the weight room for those "open" times therefore, making it closed to the campus. Insurance concerns were discussed and the need

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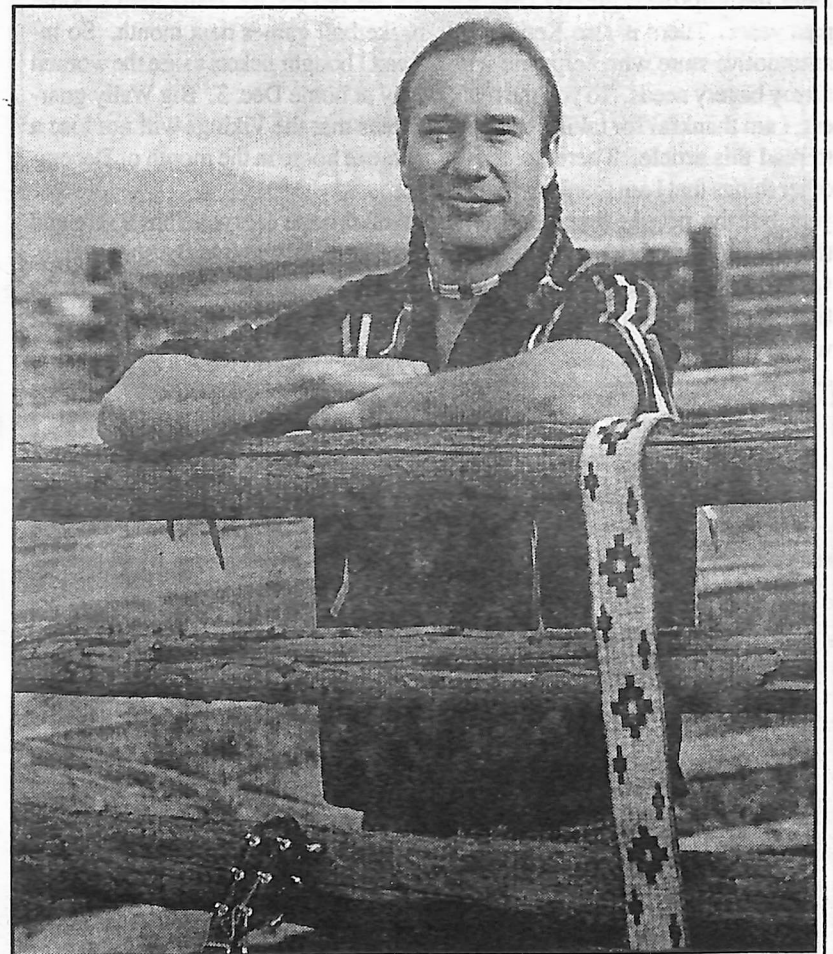
## Folk singer performs tonight

JANELLE KAHL  
Reporter

Native American folk singer Jack Gladstone is a balladeer, a storyteller, and a cultural ambassador, all wrapped in one. Gladstone's Blackfeet roots come from his people's reservation in Northwestern Mont., where he's been playing the guitar, writing songs and singing since he was nine years old. He began performing and recording as a career 10 years ago and has just recorded his fourth album, *Noble Heart*.

Many of Gladstone's songs focus on people, especially members of his family. "Speak to Me, Grandma" is a eulogy to his late grandmother, the source of Gladstone's oral tradition. Gladstone values storytelling because he sees it as a way to remember family heritage and traditions.

"I help bridge the gap of understanding that exists between Native Americans and the mainstream culture," says Gladstone. Through his songs and music, Gladstone tries to get his audiences to take new perspectives and empathize with people from other times and different cultures. Gladstone will be appearing tonight at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel. LARP credit is available.



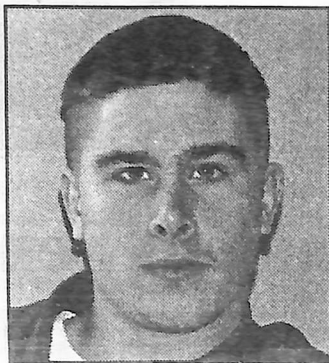
JACK GLADSTONE

## What should be done with the Dragon's Head?

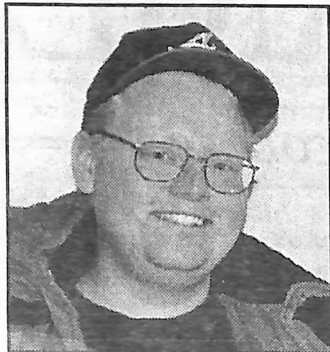
Photos and questions by Heather Olsen



"I would like to see some food served in the Dragon's Head."  
Christopher Cundiff, Junior



"It should be a place to go to get some food if you miss dinner."  
Timothy Hansen, Freshman



"I'd like to see a small open grill after 6 or 7 p.m. on weeknights and weekends."  
Thomas Hawkins, Freshman



"It could be a coffee or snack shop where you can go to do homework or just hang out."  
Jennifer Pfungsten, Senior



"I would like to see the Dragon's Head serve food, because I live off-campus and have to drive home if I want something to eat."  
Amy Schreurs, Freshman

## Views from the Penalty Box By Big Wally

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I just want to share with you what I am thankful for. First to Frit and Ronk for giving up their space in the *Hermes* for me. Also to all the crazy basketball fans this past weekend who cheered on both the men's and women's teams as they both kept the hardware where it belongs. I am thankful for all the talented actors and crew in the theater department for putting on great shows. This department has improved greatly over the past years. There is also Kent at the automotive store who helps me with all my battery needs. To you the readers, I am thankful for taking the time to read this article. There are many other things that I am thankful for this year but the people that I am most thankful for are those who help me with ideas and background information, for if it weren't for you, there would be no article.

The Big Wally Power Thrust of the Week goes out to the Dana maintenance staff. Finally, after two years, they took the possessed hand drier out of third floor Blair Hall. The residents had enough of the hand drier turning on and staying on for no reason at all. I hear there is a great deal on basketball tickets in December. The price must have been great since I called the ticket office and they said they did not have any tickets. Paul Clark says there are no tickets for Dana men's home basketball games next month. So instead I bought tickets to see the women play at home Dec. 3. Big Wally guarantees that the Vikings will not lose a game at home in the month of December. Well, I hope everyone has a safe and fun Thanksgiving. Make sure you remember who you are thankful for on this holiday break. See you next month.

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- I invite you to join me and other
- volunteers on Sunday, November
- 24, from 2-4:30 p.m. for "Hang-
- ing of the Garland and Tree Deco-
- rating of the Dana Campus." I
- will set up four to five locations
- on campus where we will be
- working both inside and outside.
- All materials and decorating items
- will be available. Please meet at
- the Dragon's Head in the Campus
- Center for instructions.
- At 4:30 p.m. please drop by the
- Dragon's Head and have some
- pumpkin bread or pie with beverage as an expression of my thanks
- and appreciation.
- Come and catch the Christmas
- spirit with Dana students, faculty
- and staff. This may also give you
- an opportunity to get to know
- someone better from our campus
- community.
- Anne C. Christopherson
- Sights and Sounds Coordinator

## DOCS

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of the semester. She responded to it and said she was willing to be part of it. She e-mailed some students and found out that many were interested.

Twedt, along with Moore, are working on another in-depth survey to find out what students from DOCS really want. They will first start with the basics: monthly meetings, fundraisers, and maybe even an Omaha study group. This will allow them to get to know people. "They will create an image that will be something for all commuting students, young or old, whether they live in Blair or elsewhere," said Twedt. As interest in DOCS is shown, the more the organization can do. Twedt ends by saying, "I've been personally wanting commuting students to have something good to feel about, and I believe DOCS is just that!"

In the past, DOCS has sponsored many different kinds of activities for Dana. They have awarded a scholarship each year to a student over the age of 25 with financial need.

They also have hosted a Saturday luncheon for students of Weekend College. By doing this, they tried to promote awareness and communication between students of regular day school and weekend school. They also have hosted many other various fundraisers like bake sales, rummage sales, senior luncheon, and the Old Main luncheon.

For commuting students, DOCS is a convenient organization to belong to. They hold monthly meetings over the noon hour in the Dragon's Head to try to make it convenient for everyone.

Unless you are an officer, you are not expected to attend every meeting, just whenever you can.

## Procrastination causes stress for students as semester ends

JOY PUDENZ  
Features Editor

A girl runs down the hall screaming at the top of her lungs. "stress, stress, I can't take it anymore!" While this may be an exaggeration, many students are feeling the added frustration and stress of procrastination as the end of the semester nears.

With only eight full days of classes left (not counting finals week), many students are just starting final projects, presentations, and papers.

Jill Dewald, a sophomore organizational communications major, has procrastinated her final project for Interviewing class. Students in Professor Mary McComb's Interviewing

class are required to compose a five page paper on an hour long interview and interviewing techniques for the final project.

However, McComb feels that she has given students ample time to complete the project.

"I try to make it possible for people to do their work ahead of time. Granted, there are people who work better under the gun. But, at least I know I've given them the choice to do it ahead of time if they want," said McComb.

At the beginning of the semester, McComb gave each student a detailed worksheet with all the project requirements. In addition, she required each student to meet various deadlines throughout the semester to assure that students were devoting some time to their projects.

"I have made all of the pre-final preparatory deadlines, but most of the time it was just minutes before it was due. I just always find other things to do with my time," said Dewald.

Now that the end of the semester is drawing near, Dewald is beginning to feel the pressures of her procrastination. "I probably should have started my project earlier, but sometimes I feel like I do my best work under pressure," said Dewald.

McComb feels that many students need stimulation in order to help finish, or start, final projects. "Some people need the stimulation of 'Yikes, my project is due tomorrow' to get their work done- it helps provide stimulation."

## Thanksgiving break changes schedules

EMILY KEMPCKE  
Copy Editor

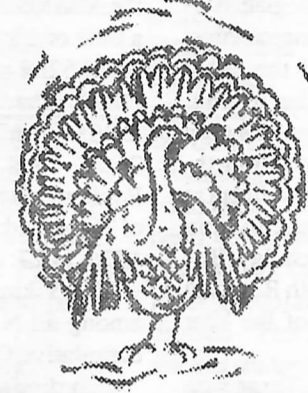
Looking forward to Thanksgiving break? Most students are. However, before students get to enjoy their brief vacation, they first must endure back-to-back Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes. On Tuesday, Nov. 26, students will follow a regular Friday schedule and regularly scheduled Tuesday classes will not meet. While a change in the class schedule was necessary, some students are not impressed. Senior Leshara Means commented, "I'm going to have to rearrange my schedule because I usually work Tuesday mornings."

According to Nancy Penna, Registrar at Dana, when looking at the fall 1996 academic calendar, it was evident that classes that met on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday were getting

shorted due to various vacations. There was also an abundance of Tuesday and Thursday classes. Since Thanksgiving week is shortened anyway due to the holiday, it made sense to balance classes out during that time. With this adjustment, both Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes and Tuesday, Thursday classes have an equal number of scheduled periods.

Some students are upset about this change since most of their classes fall on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. "I don't see a real need to change the class schedule because one day really won't make that big of a difference," said freshman Ryan Enright.

This is the first time that Dana has ever tried to incorporate this type of schedule into the school year and the administration is anxious to hear what both faculty and students think about it after it is over.



## Security phones status is questioned

JILL DEWALD  
Reporter

Are the security phones working yet? Why not? When will they be working?

Bob Schmoll the vice president for business affairs, said the phones were worked on Thursday and should be running by today. He added that there is a possibility that all the problems will not get worked out. At that time, they will have to call in a professional to solve it.

According to Schmoll, the phones quit working early in the semester during a lightning storm. The reason students haven't been able to use the phones since is because Schmoll is the only one authorized to program the phones. The process is lengthy and required a great deal of time, he added.

Head of security, Rev. William Hartwell, explained that the phones provide students contact with 911, security and on-campus lines. With the blue poles not working, security

has compensated for their temporary absence. Rev. Hartwell said security has created another full time position. He has doubled up shifts over their busiest times which is Wednesday through Saturday evenings. They have also purchased another cellular phone. Security can now be reached at 533-3343 or 533-3956.

"Security is only as effective as the students want it be," added Rev. Hartwell as he stressed the importance of students using the phones and security's services.

## Senate

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to have someone in the weight room while it is open. However, Weyand believes that getting a student to work in the room should not be a problem. Angela Sparacino, junior Senate representative, will discuss the concern with Kathy Foley, Athletic Director, but asks that Weyand figure out what times would better suit him and fellow students.

Travaille discussed the housing policy changes that are being evaluated to hear feedback from the Senators. The concern of age deadline and commuting distance criteria were discussed and ways to make the policies clearer in content. Overall,

the Senate believed the changes would have a positive effect.

Two budgets were passed that will come out of the Senate's next semester budget. The Resident Hall Association will receive \$525 for their annual Lil' Siblings Weekend on Feb. 22, 1997. The budgeted money will cover such costs as ice cream, sundae toppings, movies, cereal, prizes and supplies for a kiddie carnival.

A Winterfest budget was also passed, which will be held February 5-9, 1997. \$5,443.05 was the cost assessed for the five day event. The funds will cover costs for prizes, Vegas Night, give-aways, coronation, the dance, and T-shirts.

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## Campus Events

November 22-28

### FRIDAY

TBA Women's Basketball, Fremont  
7 p.m. Jack Gladstone, speaker, Chapel  
7:30 p.m. "A Doll's House," Lauritzen Theatre

### SATURDAY

TBA Women's Basketball, Fremont  
9:00 a.m. Wrestling at UNO  
7:30 p.m. "A Doll's House," Lauritzen Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at Bellevue  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Butterball Dance, Dragon's Head

### SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship, Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Athletic Banquet, Campus Center  
2 p.m. "A Doll's House," Lauritzen Theatre  
2-4:30 p.m. "Hanging of the Garland and Tree Decorating of the Dana Campus," Dragon's Head  
7 p.m. Intramural Kickball Contest, Borup  
7:30 p.m. "A Doll's House," Lauritzen Theatre

### TUESDAY

MWF class schedule in effect

7 p.m. Women's Basketball at York

### WEDNESDAY

NO CLASS- Thanksgiving Break

10 a.m. Halls Close

5 p.m. Women's Basketball at Briar Cliff

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball at Sioux Falls

### THURSDAY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Vikings finish fourth in nation; Birmingham Coach of the Year

**GREG KELLOGG**  
Reporter

Last Saturday, the Dana Viking cross country team traveled to Kenosha, Wis. for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships. The Vikings entered the event ranked No. 14 in the nation. When the race was over, not only did the Vikings have a fourth-place trophy and the best finish at a national tournament by any Dana team, but Coach Jay Birmingham received both Regional and National Coach of the Year honors.

Lubbock Christian, Texas won the 8,000 meter event for the sixth year-in-a-row with 30 team points. Life, Ga. finished second with 79 points, while Pacific Lutheran, Wash. was third with 185 points. Dana finished with a team score of 221.

All-American Ben Sandy led the Viking runners by finishing 27th with a time of 25:21. Sandy also finished 27th in last year's national championship. As a result, Sandy earned his second All-American honor for cross coun-

try, and became the first three-time All-American in Dana history. Sandy, along with women's team member Anna Hovde, was also named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-American at the national meet.

Max Grady finished second for the Vikings and 41st overall, with a time of 25:53. Scott Stanley finished 52nd overall with a time of 26:02. Chad Grosse finished 57th in 26:05, while Neal Smith finished 26:24, good for 91st place. Matt Poulter finished 104th with a time of 26:34, and Bob Spangler finished 177th in 27:11.

The Vikings also finished 10th among all NAIA men's teams for cumulative GPA at 3.18.

According to Coach Birmingham, the key factor to Dana's success was the team's balance.

"Ben Sandy is our All-American and we could not have done this without him, but it was the two through five guys that really put us where we are," Birmingham said. "There were a lot of teams with great depth running today and we had better balance than a lot of them."

All seven Vikings runners who competed in the national event will return in 1997.

## Vikings continue winning streak

**CHRIS CHANCE**  
Sports Editor

The Dana Vikings used free throws, one of their weaknesses, to overcome Grand View, Iowa by a score of 86-79 in overtime. The victory gave the Vikings a four game winning streak to improve their record to 4-1.

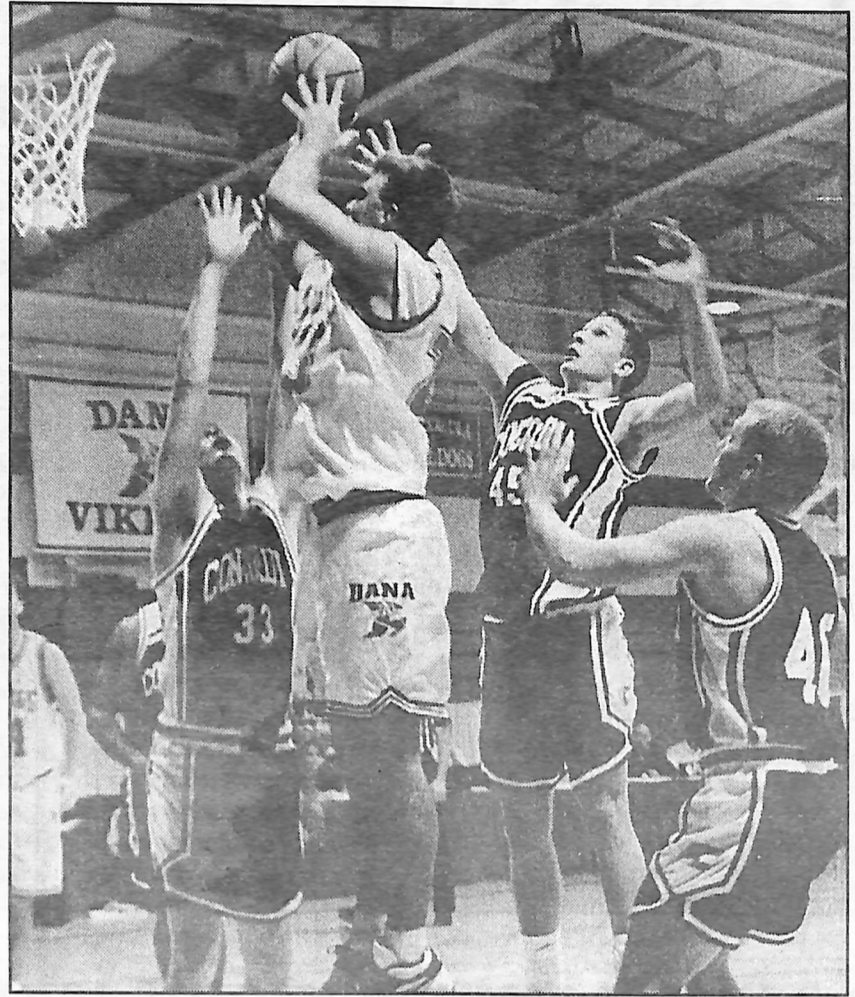
Dana fell behind in this thriller at halftime by three points, 36-33. The Vikes battled in the second half to tie the game at end of regulation at 71-71. Dana outscored Grand View 15-8 in the extra period as Bret Marchese nailed three straight three-point field goals.

Marchese led the team with 23 points, Shawn Fasbender 16, Tyson Bodlak 15, Michael Babbitt 12 and Jeff Mulder 10.

The Vikes won their own invitational with a pair of lopsided victories. The Vikings beat Concordia-St. Paul, MN. 91-69. The Vikings started out slowly, but used a full court press to go into halftime with a 47-37 lead. In the second half, the Vikings wore down Concordia to win the game.

Nathan Babbitt led all scorers with 19 points, M. Babbitt 17, Bodlak 15. Mulder pulled down a team high 13 rebounds.

In the championship game, the Vikings pounded Huron, SD. 80-56. From the tip-off, the Vikings' offensive machine was in full force. The Vikings shot out to a 43-28 halftime



Nathan Babbitt goes up for a shot against Concordia, St. Paul Mn. The Vikes won the game 91-69. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

lead and didn't look back. Bret Marchese scored a team high 23 points, Mulder added 15, and Fasbender had 12 and pulled down 11 rebounds, respectively.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Vikings picked up their first win by pounding

Bellevue 87-76. Dana led at halftime 45-40. In the second half, the Vikes used their torrid press to lead by as many as 16 points in the second half. Fasbender had 25 points and nine rebounds. Bret Marchese had 15 points and a career high 12 assists.



Nichol Buenning drives to the hole against Iowa Wesleyan. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

## Women win Dana Invitational

**CLINT WILLIAMS**  
Reporter

The Vikings lost an overtime shocker on Tuesday night, but not before capturing a title to tip off the 1996-97 campaign.

Dana built an early lead in each of their two wins as they claimed the championship of the Dana Classic women's basketball tournament.

The Vikings beat Iowa Wesleyan, 85-75, Friday night and then stung Marycrest (Iowa), 67-60, on Saturday to win their own tournament and start the 1996-97 season at 2-0.

Dana led Iowa Wesleyan, 38-26, at halftime and their lead on Marycrest was 35-23 at the break. It appeared as though Dana would dominate, but that was not the case in the second half of both games.

Against Iowa Wesleyan, Dana jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the opening minutes and had its first double-figures lead at 23-12 when Nichol Buenning sank a jumper with 8:36 left in the half. Sarah Klein hit two free throws with :04 on the clock to give the Vikes a 38-26 lead at the half.

Kim Wilken, a freshmen from Treynor, Iowa, sparked Dana with her outside shooting to start the second half. She nailed a three-pointer to give the Vikings a 45-32 lead and then buried another to make it 50-36. Dana's biggest lead was 51-36 with 15:36 to play in the contest.

Iowa Wesleyan came raging back into the game with a 21-6 run over the next

six-plus minutes to tie the game at 57 with 9:09 remaining.

Just when it seemed the Vikings had run out of gas, Wilken ignited Dana when she drained back-to-back three pointers to boost the Vikings' lead to 72-64. Jodi Bradley gave Dana a 79-66 lead with 1:45 to play when she made two clutch free throws that capped a 13-2 run for the Vikes.

Dana cruised to a 10 point victory and advanced to the championship game.

Wilken finished with a team-high 22 points on the night, including six-of-seven from three-point-range. That is the second-best single-game performance for three-point shooting percentage (minimum five attempts) in school history.

Bradley scored 21 points and dished out seven assists while pulling down three rebounds. She also nailed 13-of-14 shots from the free throw line.

Jennifer Dierks was six-for-six from the field with 12 points and six rebounds. Klein also hit double figures with 10 points and Susan Weddingfeld added nine to help the Vikings.

Buenning led all rebounders with nine while Weddingfeld topped the steal charts with six swipes.

Dana avenged a championship loss to Marycrest in the 1995 Dana Classic with a 67-60 victory over the Eagles in the 1996 finals.

After leading by 12 points at the break Saturday night, Dana was stunned by a 27-7 Marycrest run. This run gave the Eagles a 51-44 lead with 9:36 to play.

Viking head coach Kris Grappendorf called a time-out and it paid off. Dana came back with a run of its own that put the Eagles away. The Vikings scored 17 straight points and built a 10-point lead.

The Vikings played well down the stretch to secure the seven-point championship victory.

Bradley led all Dana scorers with 21 points and also had six assists. Dierks had 17 points and added seven boards to lead all Dana rebounders.

Klein had eight points while Weddingfeld and Buenning each added six points to contribute to the Viking offense.

Wilken shot 58.3 percent from three-point-range for the tournament and averaged 13.5 points. Klein was 10-of-10 from the charity stripe in the tourney.

Bradley was named honorary captain of the all-tournament team. She averaged 21 points and 6.5 assists in the two games. She was also 18-of-23 from the free throw line.

Dierks was also named to the all-tourney team. She averaged 14.5 points per game and shot an amazing 72.2 percent from the floor.

Dana traveled to Westmar University on Tuesday night. Westmar shocked Dana with a 62-60 win in overtime. Dana is only the second team to lose to Westmar over the past two seasons.

The 2-1 Vikings will attempt to start another winning streak this weekend when they travel to Fremont to play in the Midland College Classic.