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Canidates for Winterfest royalty await to be crowned

JANET REISDORFF
Graphic Editor

Winterfest is here and the celebration will be topped off with several activities Saturday night. These activities include a men's and women's basketball game, a dance in Borup Coliseum and coronation of Winterfest royalty between the basketball games.

Members of this year's Winterfest court were elected by the Dana student body last week and are as follows:

Jana Bentley is a junior and the daughter of Bruce and Ruby Bentley of Macedonia, Iowa. She is a social work major and involved in the Social Awareness Organization and does community service. Bentley's future plans are to enter a master's program following graduation from Dana.

Jennifer Dierks is the daughter of Deb Dierks of Clinton, Iowa. She is a junior social work major and while at Dana has been a member of the women's basketball team and the Athletic Advisory Board. Her future plans are to graduate and move to a warmer climate.

Heidi Gerth is a senior from Winona, Minn. She is the daughter of Kathy and Henry Gerth and is a graphic design and fine arts major. While at Dana she has been involved in Student Senate, the Residence Hall Association, concert band, theatre, been a



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Jennifer Dierks



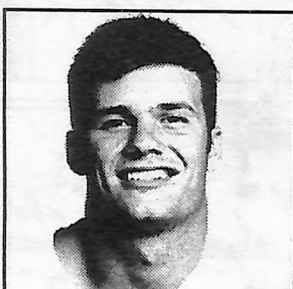
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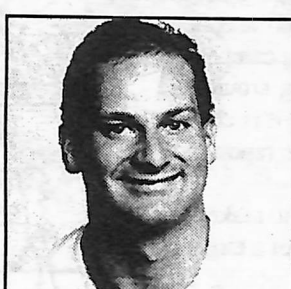
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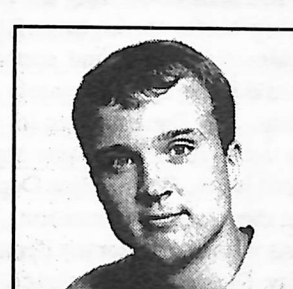
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resident assistant, Student Activities, the national association for campus activities and was a Dana diplomat. Gerth's future plans are to graduate in May and find a job in graphic design working with a children's organization or for a children's publication.

Carrie Knapp is the daughter of Don and Penny Knapp of Lexington. She is a junior biology and secondary education major with a mi-

nor in environmental studies. She is a member of the women's basketball and soccer teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and athlete's bible study. Knapp's future plans are to attend graduate school in the area of physical therapy or to teach high school biology.

Stacie Sarasio is the daughter of Bob and Jackie Sarasio of Martensdale, Iowa. She is a junior

social work major and while at Dana has been involved in cheerleading, Social Awareness Organization and does community service. Sarasio's future plans are to acquire her master's degree in social work and go on to become a licensed clinical social worker.

Michael Babbitt is a junior History and Organizational Communication major from Emerson, Iowa. He is the son of Vaughn and

Julie Babbitt. At Dana Babbitt has been a member of the football and basketball teams. His future plans are to graduate and live in a warm climate.

RJ Gall is the son of Bob and Rose Gall of Howells. Gall is a junior majoring in Business Management. He is currently a member of the football team.

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Students charged late fees for registration wonder why

EMILY KEMPCKE
Editorial

When registering for classes, students generally know that they will be charged for tuition, room and board, a meal plan, and other related college expenses. However, some students were surprised to learn that they could be charged a late registration fee.

Students who registered after the assigned registration times were charged an additional \$25. This affected 49 students at Dana. While the Business Office did state specifically when the registration times were, some students feel they were treated unfairly.

Seniors Jeff Buman, Heather Olsen, and Janet Reisdorff were three students who were recently charged a \$25 late fee. Olsen and Reisdorff were both doing internships during interim and

were not on-campus to register. "I was working during the registration times. I realize that there were evening hours, but a lot of the time I worked nights also," said Olsen. Another concern students brought up was that the registration times



were listed in the interim booklet. However, if students chose not to participate in interim, the booklet probably got tossed aside. "Because I was not on-campus at all during interim, I had no way of knowing when to register," said Buman.

While the 49 students who registered late feel they were charged unfairly, a business office spokesman maintains that the registration times were clearly posted for students. Registration times were printed in the interim booklet and also on the registration forms sent via campus mail on Jan. 16.

Also, six students made arrangements with the Business Office to register before Christmas break because they knew they would not be around during interim. The business office staff offered two evening registrations this year instead of just one evening registration time. Because of this factor, the business office felt they needed to be even more stern in assessing the late fee.

Regardless of who's wrong or right, Dana College just made an extra \$1,225 off of students who simply overlooked registration times. Wonder where that money's going to go?

Student Senate prepares for budget meeting

AMY BENEDICT
Editor in Chief

Student Senate met Feb. 5, 1997 for the first time for the spring semester. The Senate heard from committee chairs and prepared themselves for the Feb. 19 budget meeting.

The Senate decided to change their budget allocation guidelines so organizations may ask for special permission to have their "weekend activity" on any day of the week. This was decided after the Senate gave themselves permission last semester to hold their "weekend activity" on a Monday.

Assisting Impact, Dana College's recycling organization who volunteers to empty recycling containers and take Dana College's recyclables to the plant, will be Student Senate's community service project. The Senate will help with the Spring Fling picnic and Energy Packs for their student activity.

Ruth Henneman addressed the Sen-

ate on the Book-A-Thon which will be held on March 2-4. The Book-A-Thon is when Dana College's student's parents are called and asked to donate funds to purchase new library books. The Senate members were asked to participate and help call parents.

Within the next few weeks, electric typewriters will be purchased by Senate and put into the library for students use. The funds were allocated by Senate last semester for the purchases.

The Senate allowed funds in cooperation with Special Events Committee and Student Activities to bring a nationally known date rape speaker to campus. The speaker will be at Dana on Feb. 25.

The standing rules for Winterfest and Homecoming court elections will be evaluated and discussed at the next meeting. These rules have not necessarily been consistent in the last few years and need to be changed.

There are two new senior Senate members elected for second semester, Jeremy Rademacher and Soren Schmidt.

Vandalism and theft reported at Dana

LESLIE SCHROETER
Reporter

On Jan. 23 three reports of vandalism and theft were reported in the Dana student parking lot. The incidents occurred from approximately 4-4:30 p.m. Windows of the three cars involved were broken to gain entry and stolen items included a car stereo face plate, cassette deck and various other items. Charged with the crimes are male youth from Blair. According to Rev. Bill Hartwell, head of Dana security, they had been vandalizing and committing thefts throughout Blair, Washington County, and northeast Nebraska for approximately six months. The Dana parking lot was their last target, as they were apprehended by the Blair Police Department shortly after the incident. The arrests were made after the Dana Security Department reported the crimes to the police department.

Hartwell said that although these crimes were committed by non-stu-

dents and non-residents of the college, most of the crimes committed on-campus are committed by residents of the college. Security does the best job that it can by patrolling all parts of the college, including all of the buildings, parking lots, baseball and softball fields, and Omaha Village.

"Security is only as good as students want it to be," said Hartwell. Often times, security officers find cars unlocked and windows cracked. These cars are easy targets for criminals.

Another step that the security officers take is discouraging people that are not residents of the college from driving around on campus. If someone is just driving around the campus for no reason, it is considered trespassing and is reported to the Blair police.

There is no sure way to make sure that your property is not a target of criminal actions, but locking cars and making sure windows are secure is a way to discourage criminals.



Where does all your money go?

JENNIFER BURGER
Reporter

If you have ever examined one of the yellow bills delivered to your mailbox from the school, you may have noticed some strange sounding fees.

"A lot of institutions are including the fees with the tuition, but we're still keeping them separate," said Bob Schmoll.

Things like a general fee, student body dues, and matriculation fees are confusing.

General fees are paid by both full and part-time stu-

dents. Full-time students pay \$300 per year and part-time students pay \$40 per year. The general fee covers laboratory fees, health services, post office box rental, and swimming pool fees among other things.

Student body dues are collected from both full and part-time students. Full-time students pay \$150 per year and weekend college and part-time students pay \$20 per year.

The student body dues are handed over to Student Senate. "Student Senate uses the money for things for students like the new vacuum cleaners in every hall," said Nicole Havens, vice

president of the Student Senate. First-year students pay more fees than other students. An application fee of \$15 is charged to all students while applying for admission.

A matriculation fee is paid when a student registers for the first time and is \$15. Schmoll said, "The matriculation fee is used for processing the students' registration."

An orientation fee of \$50 is tacked on to all the first-year students' bills.

Although students may think that a lot of the fees are unnecessary, they are needed to keep the school running.

Winterfest

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Paul Gardner is a senior biology major from Plattsmouth. He is the son of Paul and Linda Gardner. Gardner is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the football team, was a resident assistant, Residence Hall Association, the Dana honors program and a member of the Alpha Chi Honor society. Next year he wishes to enter physical therapy school as he reaches his goal of being a physical therapist. Somewhere down the road he said he looks forward to having a family.

Damian Pollack is the son of Constance Pollack of Omaha. He is a business management organizational behavior and marketing major. While at Dana he has participated in musicals and theatre productions. He is a member of the Dana chorale, business

club, the affirmative action committee and Helping Our People Expand. Pollack hopes to attain a management or marketing position in a large, successful corporation.

Rodney Ronk is the son of Larry and Carolyn Ronk of Emerson, Iowa. He is a senior majoring in organizational communications and broadcasting. He has participated in KDCV, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, involved in intramurals, is a resident assistant and manager for the football team. Ronk said he wants to live life with vigor and have no regrets about anything.

The men's basketball game begins at 5:30 p.m. in Borup Coliseum. Following that game will be the coronation and then the women's basketball game at 7:30 p.m.

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Program Coordinators Wanted!

The Office of Student Activities is looking for two individuals to serve as Program Coordinators (PCs) for the 1997-98 school year. PCs participate in all aspects of student activities programming. This paid position offers leadership opportunities, skill development, training and experiences. For an application or more information, visit the Office of Student Activities or call .7268. Applications are due by Feb. 27, 1997

Black History Month February 10-13

Monday	7 p.m. Trinity Chapel, John Beasley
Tuesday	4 p.m. Forum David Jones
Wednesday	4 p.m. Forum Dr. Everett Reynolds
Thursday	4 p.m. Forum Robert L. Armstrong

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Dana students make their way around Spain and Germany over Interim

JENNIFER BURGER
Reporter

The prospect of a frigid Nebraska winter may have prompted a few students to take trips over interim.

There were three students who ventured to Germany over interim in January, Dana Strege, Nicole Havens, and Danielle Larson, as well as two supervisors, Ruth Rasmussen and Sybille Bartels. With such a small group, it was possible for the students to explore the various cities on their own. "Asking for directions was interesting. Luckily a lot of people spoke English. In some of the restaurants and smaller shops we used the basic phrases we had learned and a lot of gesturing and pointing," said Strege.

The weather in Germany was similar to the Midwest. "Right before we left I watched the news and the forecaster said Germany was experiencing its coldest winter in 50 years. The temperature was around zero degrees nearly every day," said freshman Dana Strege, who spent the January interim in Germany.

Some unusual experiences flavored the trip like going to a dance club in Prague and meeting the Australian National Ski Team.

The best part of the trip, I thought, were the historical sites we visited. King Ludwig's castle, the Charles Bridge in Prague, Mozart's birthplace, and the Glockenspiel in Munich were all incredible sights," said Strege.

"One of the coolest things we saw was an electric car dealership. There were four or five cars displayed out



Taking a rest to pose for a picture in Spain are from left to right: Dottie Whitehill, Chestnut Pearl, Nozumo Takada, Matthew Anderson, Jennifer Moores, Michele France, Mike Gersen, Heidi Larson, Rachel Hospodka, Audra Kobs, Prof. Diana Brown, Kelly Mundhenke and Kim Wingad.

front. They were each about half the size of a Geo Metro," said Strege.

Another group of students spent their interim in a slightly warmer part of the world, Spain. Twelve students and one sponsor went on this trip.

The temperature was warm, usually in the 30s or 40s. When we were on the Costa del Sol, it was warmer, like 50s or 60s," said freshman Rachel Hospodka.

Most of the trip consisted of guided bus tours. That was the only form of transportation used once the group was in Spain, besides taxis

within the cities.

"Once we were on a really high, narrow road in the mountains that was really close to the edge. Some of us got scared when we saw about 10 to 15 cars at the bottom. We were afraid we were going to fall off," said Hospodka.

One of the highlights of the trip, according to Hospodka, was the great Pizza Hut search. "We had just experienced a couple days of yucky food and were ready for some American cuisine and that is when we searched the town of Seville for a Pizza Hut. We took buses and walked all over

town. When we finally found one, we took group pictures outside of the building," said Hospodka.

The group was also exposed to various elements of Spanish culture including Flamenco Dancing, Spanish cuisine, and the local people. "We didn't have as much contact with the ordinary citizens as I thought we would because we were on buses so much. We did speak the language in restaurants, stores, and in the hotels. There were tons of vendors in most places, and we could speak with them," said Hospodka.

Orientation leaders being sought for 1997-98

The planning of New Student Orientation for the fall of 1997 has begun. The intent this year is to have all aspects of the program ready before May 2. A strong emphasis is being placed on avoiding last-minute preparations.

The first step involves the selection of student leaders. Plans for next year, as was done this year, are to rely 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 the 1997-98 year 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 also be some summer responsibilities for leaders, primarily in contacting the incoming students that 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, for the three to four days of Orientation, and 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 organizations, etc., for selecting Team Leaders. Anyone 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 1997 fall semester,
- * is willing to continue contact with his/her team members
- * wants to make a difference but
- * is not on disciplinary or academic probation should consider being an Orientation Team Leader.

Applicants should prepare a brief (about one page) written application, stating why they wish to be a Team Leader 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 Friday, Feb. 14. Interviews will be conducted with the prospective candidates.

Those selected will be notified by campus mail by March 1.

Does Dana uphold their mission statement?

JANELLE KAHL
Reporter

What are the expectations of students as they choose to come to Dana, a small liberal arts Lutheran College? For many, ranking high in these expectations is Christian influence. Lindsay Bruning, sophomore social work major, said, "I expected more religion and discussions about faith and Christianity in the classroom."

Jennifer Willers, senior humanities major, said, "I thought there would be more of a unity among the students on this campus because of the Christian influence."

For other students, the fact that Dana is a Lutheran college had no influence on their decision to attend. Some said they came here simply to get an education.

The Dana College Catalog lists

the goals and missions of the college. One of these states: "To help students find meaning and purpose in their lives by examining the Christian faith, articulating their understanding of it, and integrating this understanding into all of life."

Is this mission being accomplished at Dana? Dr. Delvin Hutton, professor of religion, feels that challenging the student with faith is a positive goal but the problem is finding the appropriate place. It may be the classroom, the chapel or other campus activities.

According to campus pastor, Michael Ostrom, "I definitely think it would be helpful for us to explore ways of proclaiming the Word and bearing witness in the classroom and discussing faith and values in how we go about studying and preparing ourselves for work."

Ostrom also feels that although our main purpose at Dana is to educate, faith should be presented in the class-

room to some extent because faith is what is most valuable and true about life. "However, it is important that it is presented in such a way that students don't feel pressured," Ostrom said.

In discussing this same issue Hutton mentioned that we need to be sensitive to the fact that not everyone has the same beliefs and we can't impose our values. We have to make it general enough to encompass everyone.

However, several students agree that the required religion classes at Dana are too academic. Ostrom commented, "Often students fear intellectual work. They think that by entering into it they will be letting go of their heartfelt devotion. It's not faithful to look at faith as purely academic or purely emotional, it needs to come from both sides. This requires a little surrender from the teacher and the student."

There is also concern among students about the general education re-

ligion requirements at Dana, not everyone has a Christian background and the material presented may be too overwhelming. According to Hutton, the religion department at Dana realizes that they need to be more intentional in offering classes in which basic Christian teachings are taught. They used to assume that Dana students usually came from a Christian background and had been exposed to the Christian faith in their home or community. This has changed and it may become necessary to introduce that to students. The Religion department has thought of changing the general education requirements to Introduction to Christianity, which would be a basic introduction to the beliefs of the Christian community.

Ostrom feels that as an ultimate goal, students ought to come away from Dana knowing who Christians are and what Christianity is.

Vikings pull out squeaker against rival Midland

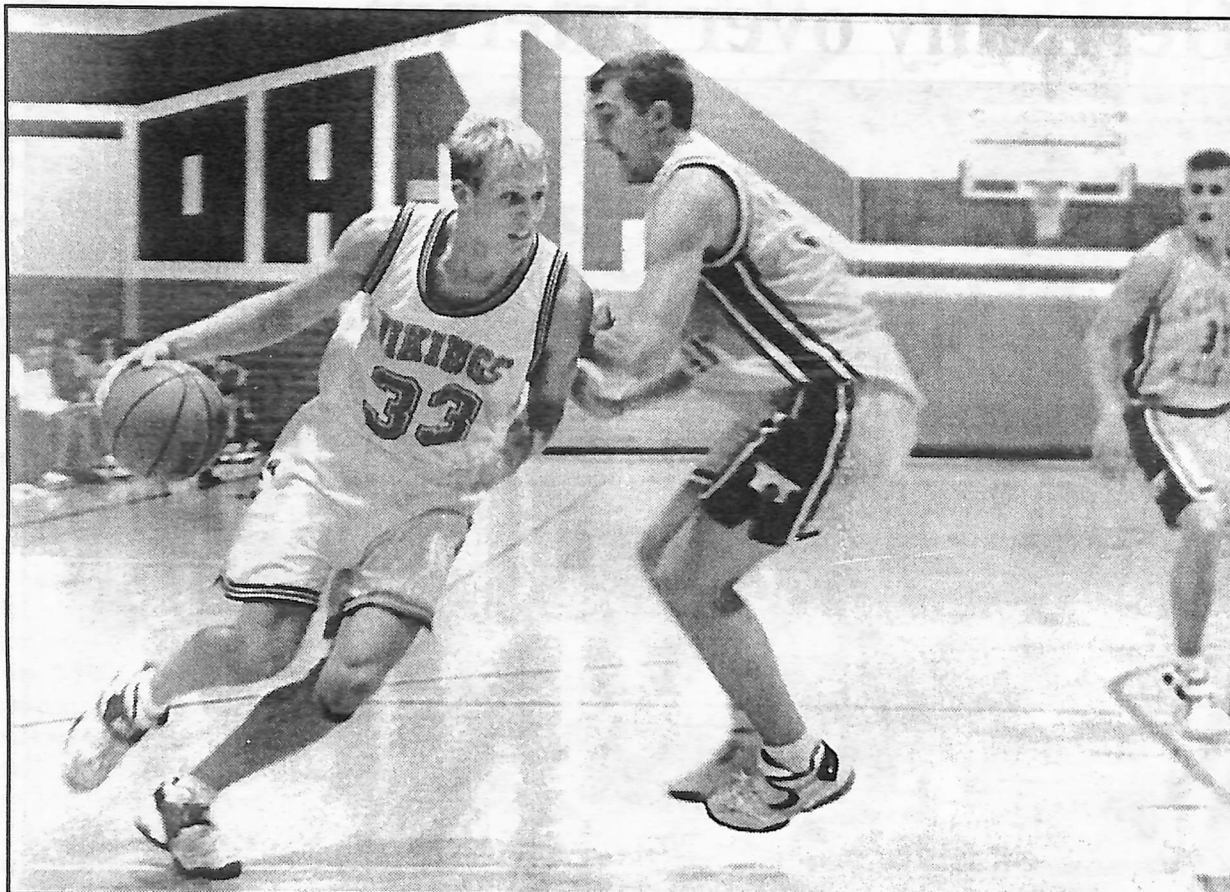
CHRIS CHANCE
Sports Editor

The Dana College Vikings outscored rival Midland Lutheran College Wednesday night with a final score of 93-91. With the win, the Vikings improved its record to 12-14 overall and 3-5 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

In the first half, the Vikings struggled on offense, fell behind in double digits and were down by 15 at the halfway point. With 13:24 left in the second half, the Vikings were down by as many as 16 and cut the margin to 10 with 10 minutes to go.

The Vikings finally took a one point lead with 2:09 left with a Nathan Babbitt three pointer. With 1:33 left, the game was tied for the fifth time of the night until the Vikings pulled away with 30 seconds left to go when Nathan Babbitt hit another three pointer to give the Vikings a two point margin.

Nathan Babbitt clenched the victory with two free-throws at the end of the game. The Vikings shot 62 percent from the charity



Shawn Fasbender looks to go baseline in last Saturday night's game against Nebraska Wesleyan. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

stripe which made the difference in the ball game.

Nathan Babbitt led the Vikings with 29 points overall and Jeff Mulder

added 22. Also contributing for the Vikes were Michael Babbitt with 15 points and Shawn Fasbender with 12, respectively. Fasbender pulled

down 13 rebounds while Nathan and Michael Babbitt added six boards each. The Vikings used pressure defense

to turn on the offense as they jumped to an early lead against Grand View Monday night.

The Vikes took an early 35-10 lead and led 53-27 at halftime. Grand View was able to tighten the score though, and the final was 94-81.

Fasbender led all scorers with 22 points and Nathan Babbitt chipped in 20. Tyson Bodlak went 6-8 in three-point field goals and added 18 points in the first half alone. Michael Babbitt pulled down 10 rebounds while Mulder added six.

Last Saturday, the Vikings hosted Nebraska Wesleyan but fell short of the victory 87-70. With the win, Nebraska Wesleyan was able to keep its NIAC record perfect. At one point, the Vikes led 41-39, but the Plainsmen used a 13-0 run to put it back in their favor.

Nathan Babbitt led the team with 19 points and Fasbender added 17. Michael Babbitt had 10 boards and Fasbender had six for the night.

The Vikings host Northwestern on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Borup Coliseum as part of the Winterfest festivities.

Lady Vikings fall to Concordia Bulldogs Tuesday night

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER
Reporter

The Lady Vikes fell short of their ninth victory of the season last Tuesday night against the 17th ranked Bulldogs of Concordia. This loss dropped the Vikings to 1-4 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) and 8-12 overall.

Dana's 50 percent shooting from the floor could not top Concordia's 63.5 percent accuracy. However, the Lady Vikes did hold on to the rebound column by grabbing 30, compared to Concordia's 29.

Sophomore Jodi Bradley, leading scorer for the Lady Vikes thus far this season, led all scorers with 20 points. Following closely was junior Jennifer Dierks with 18 points. Freshman Kim Wilken came up

with 13 for the game.

Dierks topped the rebound charts with 10 while senior Nichol Bueening pulled down six for the evening. Junior Carrie Knapp led in the assist column with seven while Dierks had four steals and two blocked shots.

Tomorrow night the women take on Hastings at 7:30 p.m. in Borup Coliseum following the men's game against Northwestern.

Free movies tonight!

7 p.m. "Phenomenon"
9 p.m. "The Rock"
11 p.m. "Bulletproof"

Campus Center

- ◆ Trivia
- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Snacks

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Campus Events

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FRIDAY

8-11 p.m. Bingo night, Campus Center
7:30 p.m. Student Recital, Lauritzen Theater

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. Women's basketball vs Hastings, Borup
7:30 p.m. Winterfest coronation, Borup
Men's basketball vs Northwestern, Borup
10-2 p.m. Dance, Borup

SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship service, Chapel
5:45 p.m. Campus Ministry Meeting, President's Room

MONDAY

6 p.m. Campus Ministry meeting, Chapel
7 p.m. John Beasley, Chapel

TUESDAY

4 p.m. David Jones, Forum
7:30 p.m. Women's basketball at Midland
10:30 a.m. Chapel services, chapel

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday
4 p.m. Dr. Everett Reynolds, Forum
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball at Briar Cliff

THURSDAY

4 p.m. Robert L. Armstrong, Forum