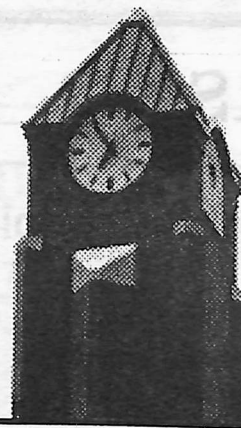


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Supplemental instruction provided by the Learning Center

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER
Reporter

Do you ever wonder what to study? Do you ever get frustrated after you spent three hours studying and then find out it was a waste because it was the wrong information?

Well, if you are presently enrolled in "Introduction to Religion" this semester then you are in luck. In the past, religion has been one of the more difficult classes that is required here at Dana. Now there is a new program called Supplemental Instruction that is here to help you, but only

if you use it.

Sophomore Angie Bentjen was asked by Associate Professor of Religion, Dr. John Lyden, to offer this class to the students. Director of the Learning Center, Lori Nielsen, also sits in on each of the classes and sessions, but in no way critiques Bentjen for the work that she does and/or the help that she gives.

What Bentjen does is comes to class everyday, takes notes, and reads the readings, just like the students do. However, she does not take the exams. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, she offers the help sessions for an hour each time. They go over anything

the students wish to: notes, readings, and helping the students prepare for the exams.

Bentjen commented, "I was very pleased with the interest that the students showed and considering it was the first week of classes, there was an impressive turnout at the sessions."

Many students wondered if this program will be a benefit. "Different people have commented and they have said that this has helped them understand things more clearly," said Bentjen.

"Hopefully in turn this will aid in test performances and overall semester grades."

YMCA and Dana working together

MICHAEL BABBITT
Reporter

Have you ever walked over to Borup and found a bunch of little kids running around in their swimsuits? These kids are not prospective first-year students, they are all part of the Blair YMCA program that shares use of Dana's recreational facilities.

According to Dana Athletic Director Kathy Foley, the Blair YMCA currently leases from Dana College the use of the swimming pool and the

racquetball courts. She said that the YMCA does have a small facility of their own in Blair.

"The YMCA has very limited space," Foley said. "They have a small gymnasium, about the size of our tile floor, and they have a fitness room with weight machines inside."

Bud Oliver, Executive Director of the Blair YMCA, said that the YMCA and Dana College work together very well. He said that the college rented the use of the facilities at a very reasonable rate. Oliver also pointed out that the staff at the YMCA consists of mostly Dana students. The coaches

of the swim team are Dana students Angie and Razy Sparacino.

Oliver said that the YMCA pays the pool staff at its own expense and students are able to use it during lap or open swim times.

Dana students have different views on the use of the shared facilities. Junior Brian Stevens thinks the facilities should be for student use only. "The school is making money by renting out the use of facilities that our tuition helps pay for," Stevens said.

Junior Marshall Smith had a different
See YMCA page 3



Winterfest royalty were crowned between the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday night. Queen was Heidi Gerth and king was Damian Pollack. (Photo by Janet Reisdorff)

Gambling, is it a problem at Dana?

SHAWN ISAACS
Reporter

In the tidal wave that has followed Boston College's suspension of 13 football players for illegal betting, as well as 20 additional students for bookmaking, there has arisen a heightened awareness of gambling problems at colleges and universities.

The problems at Boston College are not exceptional among universities. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, "BC is the norm." As stated in *The Observer*, Boston College's student newspaper, "The majority of bets placed at BC are of small amounts, usually around \$50 per bet." Meanwhile, the student bookies collect on average \$5,000 a week.

The multibillion-dollar gambling industry has enjoyed phenomenal growth in the '90's.

People wagered \$482 billion in 1994 on all forms of gambling, 85 percent of which took place in casinos in 27 states, most of them built in the past five years. It is estimated that by the year 2000, 95 percent of Americans will live in a state with a casino.

But gambling is not all roses. In 1989, 1.7 percent of Iowans had a history of compulsive gambling. After four years of riverboat casinos, the numbers had tripled, to 5.4 percent. Meanwhile, the towns nearby experienced an upsurge in crime, while the country as a whole experienced lower crime rates.

Is gambling a problem at Dana College? With the lure of thousands of keno places, a billion dollar lottery, and the myriad of riverboat casinos along the Missouri river, many would say yes. This and more will be discussed in next week's edition of the *Hermes*.



David Jones, Vice President of Human Resources at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, spoke in the Forum on Affirmative Action of Tuesday as part of Black History Month celebrated at Dana. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

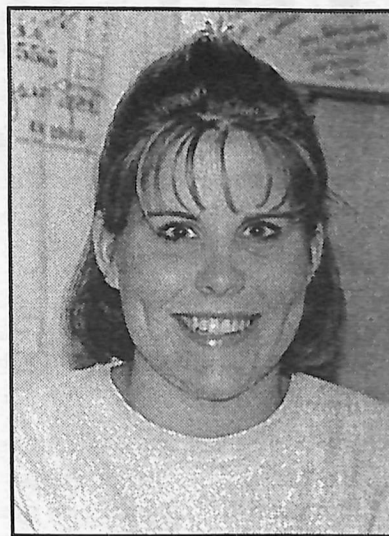
What was the most memorable gift you ever received for Valentine's day? *Photos and questions by Janet Reisdorff*



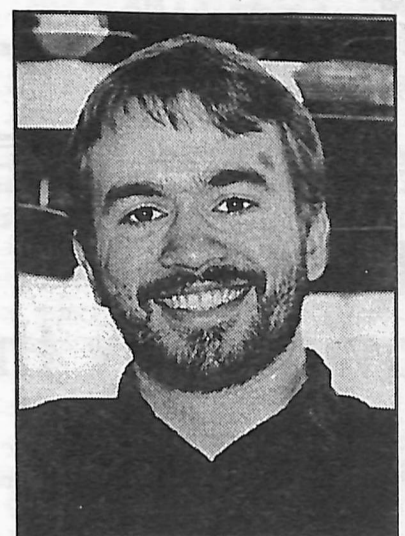
"Mike got me a belt. I thought, 'Why did he get me a belt?', but it was funny and unexpected."
Heather Kelley, senior
 Omaha



"A huge doughnut from my parents. It was a foot across and two inches thick. Doughnuts are my ultimate food!"
Michael Klug, junior
 Omaha



"I got a ping pong paddle. I wasn't real appreciative, but I couldn't help but laugh. I don't think Tony will ever make that mistake again!"
Joni Travis, sophomore
 Hamburg, Iowa



"When I was a freshman in high school I got a sucker from the French Club. It was from my ex-girlfriend telling me to choke on it!"
A.D. Ward, sophomore
 Omaha

Is a cafeteria monitor needed at Dana?

LESLIE SCHROETER
 EDITORIAL

One of the biggest complaints heard from students at Dana is about the food. I have also been guilty of this. To get something done about the food service, there is a route to take. As an employee of Marriot Food service here at Dana, I was appalled to see the mess that some students left in a certain section of the dining area on Monday, Feb. 10 during the dinner hours (from 5 to 7). Food was flung everywhere. Mashed potatoes were stuck to chairs, ice cream was left to melt on the carpet, trays and dishes were left in disarray, and various other food items were left on tables, chairs, and the floor.

One of the excuses I heard for this was that the manager would not listen to people's complaints. The manager provides comment cards with a place

for comments and complaints. She then responds to all pertinent comments and posts them for everyone to see. If anyone would want to have her personally respond, there is also a space for a name and a phone number.

I understand complaints about how much money it costs to be on the food service plan, I have them too. However, there is nothing to be gained from making a complete mess. Obviously the people that did this have no respect for their school. If they think that projecting their frustrations in this way is going to improve the food, they are wrong. Acts like this only anger and frustrate management and cost the company more money to pay employees to clean up. If people want to do something about the food service, they need to take the appropriate actions. We are not in elementary school anymore, but it looks like we still need a cafeteria monitor.



Some students left a mess after a meal in the cafeteria last Monday. Glasses and dirty napkins were left on the tables along with food over the chairs, tables and carpet.

Editorialist asks if it's fair to raise honor requirements for graduation

HEATHER OLSEN
 EDITORIAL

Have you been striving to maintain a 3.5 grade point average so you can graduate with honors? Well, beginning next fall you are going to have to try a little harder. Recently, there was a motion passed by the Academic Affairs Committee and approved by the faculty to raise the Latin Honor requirements from 3.5, 3.7 and 3.9 to 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 respectively. This means instead of maintaining a B+ average to receive the lowest possible honor, you must maintain at least an A average to receive a degree cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude.

But isn't a B+ average good enough? Of course it is. It is great! Here, at Dana, many students juggle a tough class load with extra curricular activities, jobs, etc. These people should receive Latin Honors for time management let alone for trying to maintain a B+ average.

Also, why does this new policy affect all students returning to Dana next year and not just incoming freshmen? What happened to the grandfather clause? Maybe there is a junior attending Dana right now with a 3.5 g.p.a. and no matter how hard the student tries his/her senior year the student cannot rise above a 3.6 g.p.a. Is it fair to leave out a student who has maintained a high g.p.a. over an entire academic career thinking that

he/she will graduate with honors, then learn he/she will not? No.

Do not punish students for achieving such a great accomplishment. Reward them! Do not think that the group of Latin Honor graduates has become oversized. Rejoice and be proud that so many students are doing so great! Be proud that you are the ones that have helped students reach that high academic level.

This past week, Black History Month was celebrated at Dana through a variety of activities and guest speakers. I hope you had a chance to examine and celebrate a cultural heritage that is perhaps different than your own. The more we learn about each other, the better we can learn to live together.

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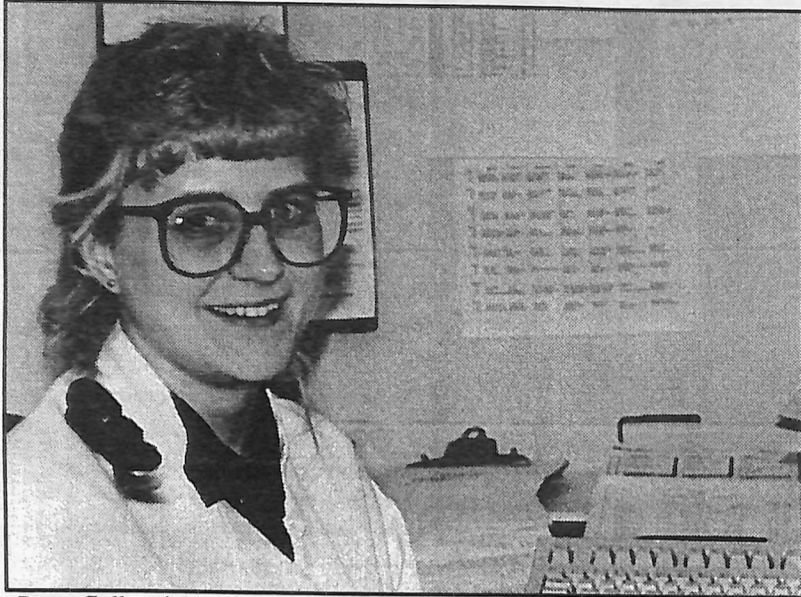
New food service operator looks to make improvements

LESLIE SCHROETER
Reporter

On Jan. 27, Terri Mikes, the new manager of Marriot Food Service at Dana, took over former manager Perry King's duties. Mikes is a native of Denver, Colo. and graduated from Regis University in Denver with a degree in mathematics.

She worked for five years with a zoo management company and for eight years with the Denver Broncos setting up concession and souvenir stands. She has been with the Marriot company for two and one half years, one year at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa and one and one half years at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Although she has been working with Marriot, her new job at Dana is different because she is directly dealing with the students. In her past jobs with Marriot, she has done mainly catering jobs.

Mikes has made some changes so far at Dana. She has gone to larger portion sizes, done a lot of work on menus, and even researched menus from other college food services for new ideas. She has started opening both sides of the line with identical



Dana College's new manager of Marriot Food Service, Terri Mikes. (photo by Heather Olsen)

items to get students through the line faster at busy times and moved the bagels and deli bar to keep congestion to a minimum. She has worked on keeping food at the correct temperatures and keeping everything cleaner. One of the challenges that Mikes faces is when the weather is bad and people can't necessarily get to work. "Professors can cancel a class, but we can't cancel a meal," commented Mikes.

Mikes has a lot of new ideas for food service at Dana. One of the things she

would like to do is to have "theme nights" where the dining area would be decorated to fit the type of food being served. One example of this would be 'barbecue night,' where the dining area would be decorated with western decorations and the food being served would be like that at a barbecue.

Mikes welcomes relevant comments and tries to respond to all of them to make food service better in any way she can.

Visitation policy faces scrutiny from students

AMY GERKEN
Reporter

Dana College, like many other colleges, does not have 24-hour visitation. In The Guide for Residence Hall Living, it states, "Students of one sex are permitted to be on the floor or in the room of a residence hall occupied by members of the opposite sex ONLY during visitation hours." At certain times, escorts must be present for the opposite sex to be on a certain floor. The current visitation hours are as follows:

Sunday through Thursday without escort.....11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with escort.....11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday without escort.....11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with escort.....11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Some students at Dana think that this policy is too restricted and should be changed. Senior Erin Roubicek said, "One of the reasons I moved off campus was because I had a serious boyfriend with whom I couldn't spend time with when I wanted to because of the visitation hours." Senior Mark Gustafson said, "Visitation should be 24 hours a day with no restrictions."

Just two years ago Dana expanded the visitation hours by one hour. What most don't know is that compared to a lot of other schools, such as Midland and Augustana, Dana has a more open and less restricted policy. Kevin Schaudt, Dean of Student Life,

said there are two reasons that he believes in this policy; privacy and safety. "Privacy involves mostly the community bathrooms and that no one wants to be seen going to the bathroom in their underwear at 3 in the morning," Schaudt said. He also mentioned, "You can't always be 100 percent safe, but with the visitation policy, strangers can be asked if they belong." Usually there are not too many problems with people not following the visitation hours, but many complaints come from residents whose roommates are breaking the policy.

So what would happen if the policy was changed? Many students feel that there would be too many other rules and a lot more complaints from residents. However, the majority wants to see 24 hour visitation go into effect. Sophomore Jill Dewald said "I don't think it would change that much because in some ways, it is already happening and things like that should be discussed openly with a roommate so problems don't arise."

Schaudt, along with the Residence Hall Association, have discussed what can be done to make visitation more feasible for everyone. Although it is unlikely that Dana will go to 24 hour visitation, there have been suggestions that are being looked into. For example, the department is thinking about remodeling the lounges, and creating a more comfortable place where people can stay up as late as they want without distracting others.



Matt Worley deals out a hand of poker to Tony Eitzmann, Linsey Donnelly, Michelle Spiegel, Amy Zimelman, and Joni Travis, during Resident Hall Association's annual Vegas Night. (photo by Shawn Isaacs)

Campus Events

February 14-20, 1997

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Valentine's Day
Women's basketball vs Northwestern, Borup

SATURDAY

10 a.m. Tri-State Wrestling Meet, Borup
3 p.m. Men's basketball at Hastings
7:30 p.m. Orion Chamber Ensemble, Lauritzen Theater

SUNDAY

Presidential and Melchoir Scholarship Competitions
6 p.m. Solutions '97 with "Nickel and Dime," Blair High School Auditorium
5 p.m. Men's Basketball, Borup coliseum

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Peru State, Borup

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Make-up day for Presidential Scholarship Competition
7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Doane, Borup
H.O.P.E. meeting, Gathering place

YMCA

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ent opinion. "I think it is great that we share the use of the pool with the YMCA," Smith said. "Dana students seldom use it anyway so somebody might as well."

Oliver said that YMCA has plans to build a new facility. "We have a long range plan to have a new facility in three to four years," Oliver said. "The new facility will include a pool, a gymnasium, racquetball courts, a weight room, and a locker room."

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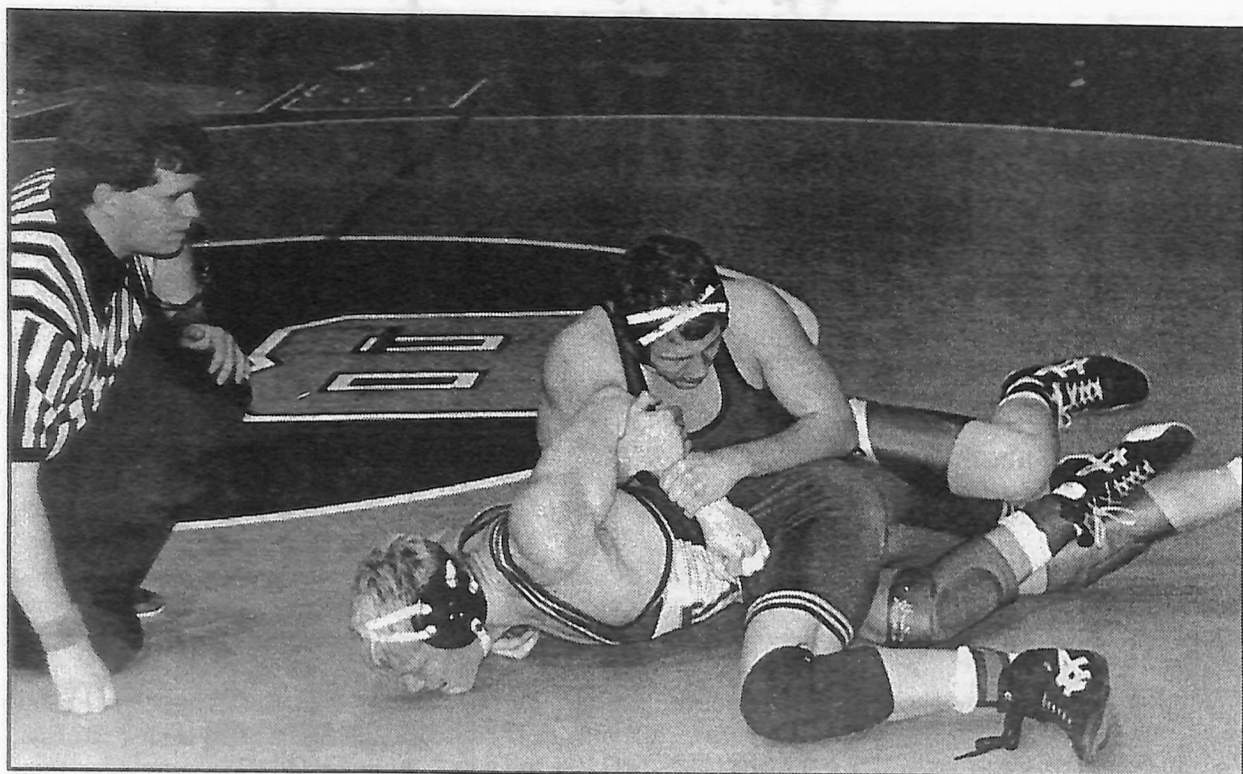
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Ben Thompson has the upper hand in the match against a Saint Thomas wrestler at the Buena Vista Duals last weekend (photo by Shawn Isaacs)

Men's Track place fourth in Nebraska Invite

JENNIFER SCHOONOVER
Reporter

The Dana Men's Distance Relay team showed some impressive achievements on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the University of Nebraska Frank Seigne Husker Invitational indoor meet in Lincoln. Four Dana team members, Chad Grosse, Jason Mitchell, Max Grady, and Ben Sandy, received fourth place in the men's distance medley relay at Nebraska, beating the old school record in this event by 16 seconds. The Dana men also came in 25 seconds under the qualifying standard for the NAIA nationals.

Dana's time of 10:10.06 placed fourth overall and fourth in the fastest of two heats. Three other NCAA Division I teams - Colorado, East Tennessee State, and Colorado State - were the only teams to beat Dana to the finish line. Colorado won the event with a time of 9:49.30.

The Dana Vikings finished ahead of Division I rivals from Pittsburgh, Nebraska, Maryland, and Wyoming. The men's team also beat Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) ri-

vals Concordia, with sixth place, and Nebraska Wesleyan receiving tenth place.

Grosse, a sophomore from Omaha Burke, started with an unofficial split time of 3:10.5 for the 1,200-meter event. Mitchell, a sophomore from Sidney, grabbed a 50.1 time for the second leg, 400 meters. Grady, a junior from Dunlap, Iowa ran a 1:57.6 for the 800-meter leg, the third out of four.

Sandy, the junior standout from Newcastle, Wyoming, ran the 1600-meter anchor leg with an unofficial split of 4:11.6. The previous school record of 10:27.42 was set last year at the Nebraska Invitational. The Vikings ran a 10:27.42 time, without Sandy at last year's NAIA nationals.

Thus far, the Viking's indoor track teams have competed at Iowa State University, University of South Dakota, University of Nebraska, and Doane. Dana's indoor track teams will compete this Friday at the NIAC Invitational, hosted by Nebraska Wesleyan. The meet will serve as a sneak preview for the NIAC Championships, which will be held on Feb. 22 at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Lady Vikes look to improve as they gear up for Northwestern

EMILY KEMPCKE
Reporter

The Dana College Lady Vikes came close to overcoming an 18-point deficit before falling to Midland Tuesday night, 67-57. The Vikings were down by 18 and trailed 41-29 at the half. They were able to cut the lead to four with one minute

left to play in the game, but Midland's Jodi Bykerk hit 6-of-6 from the free-throw line in the final minute to give Midland the win.

Freshman Kim Wilken led all scorers with 18 points and freshman Elizabeth Snedigar added 12. With the loss, Dana drops to 8-16 overall and 1-8 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

Last Saturday, the Vikings hosted Hastings at Borup Coliseum, but

once again fell short of the victory, 93-60. With 13 minutes left in the first half, the Vikes only trailed by six but by halftime Hastings had erupted and led 48-24. The visiting Broncos led by as many as 40 points in the second half.

Wilken scored 20 points for Dana and junior Susan Weddingfeld added 13. The Lady Vikes will try to improve their record tonight as they host Northwestern.

Krofcheck-Strong earns spot on pro volleyball team

CHRIS CHANCE
Sports Editor

Dana's Head Volleyball Coach, Julie Krofcheck-Strong, landed a spot on the Nebraska Tornados, the new professional volleyball league called the National Volleyball Association.

Krofcheck-Strong is in her first year at Dana. In college, she played at American River Junior College in California and Union College in Kentucky. Before coming to Dana, Krofcheck-Strong was an assistant coach at Northwest Missouri State and at Kansas State.

All of the Tornados' home matches

will be played at Burke High School in Omaha or in Lincoln. The National Volleyball Association (NVA) has teams with other league entries in Ames, Iowa, Phoenix, Ariz., Denver, Colo., and Salt Lake City, Utah. The regular season ends in mid-April, with four teams making the playoffs. League semi-finals are set for April 26 and the NVA Championship match is scheduled for May 10.

"I am very excited to be a role-model for other volleyball players and honored to be part of this team," said Krofcheck-Strong. Nebraska's team is coached by Joel McCartney, who is the Head Volleyball Coach at Bellevue.

Vikings fall to Briar Cliff in overtime

CHRIS CHANCE
Sports Editor

The Dana Vikings fell Wednesday night in overtime in a non-conference battle to Briar Cliff, 86-83. The game went back and forth through all the periods which included 15 ties and 16 different lead changes.

In the first half was mostly a defensive game as both teams struggled to shoot 50 percent from the field. The Vikings went

into halftime leading 33-31. In the second half, the Vikings were outscored 41-39 and were tied at 72 apiece at the end of regulation. Briar Cliff outscored the Vikings 14-11 in overtime to give Briar Cliff's Head Coach Ray Nacke his final win at home.

Shawn Fasbender and Nathan Babbitt each scored 20 points each, while Bryant Marchese chipped in 14 as the Vikings fall to 12-16.

Last Saturday night, Northwestern came to Borup Coliseum and swept Dana off the floor as the Vikings lost 98-89. In the first half,

the Vikings were down 46-28 at the break but Northwestern's 20 point lead seemed too much for the Vikings to overcome in the second half as the Vikings twice came within seven points. The Vikings bright spot of the game was that they outscored Northwestern 61-52 in the second half.

Nathan Babbitt led Dana scorers with 31 points. Fasbender had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Jeff Mulder added 15 points.

The Vikings will travel to Hastings College Saturday night.

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