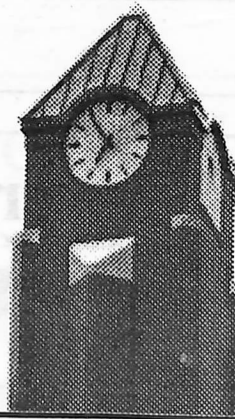


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Senora Diana Brown's Spanish class took advantage of the nice weather Tuesday afternoon on the Korshoj terrace. (photo by Heather Olsen)

## Senate passes budgets; talks on campus recycling

BIAMA SABIYA  
Reporter

Dana College's Student Senate met on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Some of the issues discussed were organizations and budgets, upcoming elections and campus recycling.

Budgets were approved for the following organizations: Social Awareness Organization (SAO), Helping Our People Expand (HOPE), Residence Hall Association (RHA), Student Senate, Business Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Student Activities, Campus Ministry, and Music Educators National Conference (MENC).

Members of the Senate were encouraged to sign up for re-election if they are interested in running for office next year. Over half of the members signed up and signs will be posted so that people will know that they may run for Senate next year. Applications for executive staff members are due Feb. 28 and an open forum will be held for those running in the Linden Room on Tuesday, March 4.

The Senate also discussed student concerns as food service and student notification of campus events. It was discussed while passing budgets that weekend activities should be encouraged by organizations and Sen-

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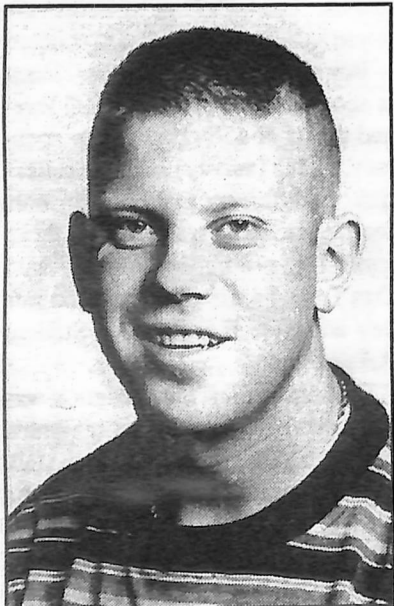
## Holtam named leader of month by Student Senate

J. Ryan Holtam was named Student Leader of the Month at the Student Senate meeting on Feb. 19.

Holtam is a junior from Fremont. At Dana, he is currently a resident assistant, a Student Activities programmer and on the men's soccer club team. Holtam has been a key member in organizing the men's soccer club and in scheduling games.

Holtam's nominator stated, "Most of Holtam's work is done behind the scenes and he doesn't always get recognition."

Besides being highly involved in activities at Dana, the nominator also said, "Ryan has an easy-going personality, is energetic and does his job to the fullest."



J. Ryan Holtam

## Cote scheduled to perform tonight

JANET REISDORFF  
Graphic Editor

A little taste of country will be hitting the campus as country music artist Nathalie Cote will perform tonight at Dana. Cote, who has previously performed along side of such famous names in country as Blackhawk and Tim McGraw, can be seen at 9 p.m. tonight in Borup Coliseum.

Cote, originally from Quebec City, Canada embarked on a professional path in 1991 with the formation of New England's "The Nathalie Cote Band". Soon after, her success earned her the rights to be the support act for such national artists as Willie Nelson, Pam Tillis and Lee Greenwood. It was during this period that Cote recorded her first compact disk five entitled: *Yankee Girl with a Country Heart*. The first single, "Somewhere in Texas", was widely received and spawned its own line dance.

After appearing in 1994 on TNN and a Nashville showcase, Cote teamed up with veteran producer Scott MacPherson. He is primarily known for his work with art-



Nathalie Cote

ists; The Desert Rose Band and Reba McEntire. The end result was her first full length CD entitled *Lonely Hearts Like Mine*. Cote's future plans are to have a six week fall tour of Ireland and

the United Kingdom where her records are critically acclaimed.

Only Dana students and their guests may attend the concert. Cote is being sponsored by Dana Student Activities.

## Speakers help Dana community celebrate Black History Month

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

February is Black History Month and Dana College commemorated the month by inviting a number of individuals to speak.

The speakers were invited by the Affirmative Action Committee and Helping Our People Expand (HOPE) with the help of funding from the Dana College Special Events Committee.

The Affirmative Action Committee started planning the week long celebration of black history last semester when they developed a list of several diverse people to possibly speak. After this the list narrowed according to availability and four speakers were invited.

Don Fanon Chaney-Thomas said the reason Dana College invites speakers to celebrate Black History Month is to broaden, enrich, and educate everyone on campus. "We celebrate the month to showcase what current trends are affecting black

Americans and to showcase the contributions of black Americans in history," said Chaney-Thomas.

"I thought it was a wonderful event," said William Parker, a freshman and HOPE member from Omaha. "It was a nice thing to see on Dana's campus through diversity."

According to Chaney-Thomas, the turnout was decent and respectable. However, he would have liked to see a larger crowd. "I need to find a way to get majority students and administration to support these programs," said Chaney-Thomas. "We need to broaden the appeal of programs like these."

"I thought the crowds were alright but I think if we plan bigger next year it will be better," said Parker.

The first speaker on Feb. 10, was John Beasley an actor and vocalist who spoke about Paul Robeson, who was an outspoken advocate for blacks during the 20's, 30's, and 40's.

On Feb. 11, David Jones, Vice President of Human Resources, at University of Nebraska Medical Center discussed Affirmative Action and

how it has developed through the years, who it benefits and its future.

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, Dr. Everett Reynolds, President of the Omaha Chapter of the NAACP, presented a speech entitled, "The Ism's of Racial Understanding!"

"Dr. Reynolds made a strong point about how America really needs to look at a person more holistically. Even though America embraces and supports a persons culture they at the same time may be rejecting their race," said Chaney-Thomas.

"Race-relations: How Far Have We Come?" was the topic on Feb. 13, by Robert L. Armstrong, President and CEO of the Omaha Housing Authority.

"Armstrong has had a history of racism and was able to articulate how far we have come since the 1940's. He gave a perspective of where we are as being accepted as a race," said Chaney-Thomas.

"I thought Armstrong was a powerful speaker because he made room

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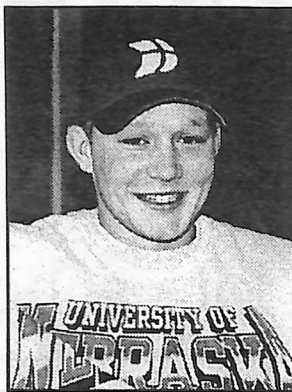
## If you could be president for one day, what would you do?



"I would invite all the playboy playmates on Air Force One and hold a private cabinet meeting."  
Joel Jorgensen, senior Blair



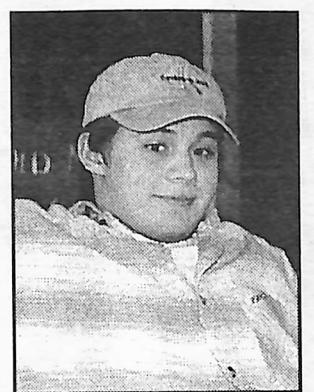
"I would start appointing more women to high positions in government, since we are better at handling multiple tasks."  
Katie Welstead, freshman Elkhorn



"I would tell the truth about everything that the government is trying to hide from us."  
Brian Ferguson, junior Carter Lake, Iowa



"I would have Air Force One fly me to Mexico to party."  
Clint Fichter, sophomore Sidney, Iowa



"I would balance the budget!"  
Darcy Twedt, sophomore Omaha

Questions and photos by Heather Olsen

## Student Senate

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ate will give special permission to hold an activity on a weekday only if there is a holiday or some other major activity being held.

New standing rules for the Homecoming and Winterfest elections were revised and proposed to the Senate.

They will be discussed at the next meeting. Senators also signed up for

the Book-a-thon and Faculty Staff Appreciation Day. Also discussed was the Senate's community service of campus recycling. This will be organized soon and done in conjunction with Impact, the campus environmental group.

The next meeting of the Senate will be March 5 in the Forum. All students are welcome to attend.

## Applications being sought for Senate Executive Staff

Applications are now available for those wishing to run for Student Senate Executive Staff. These positions include the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Those applying must be in full time attendance at Dana for at least the semester preceding election, have a 2.5 gpa, not be on academic or disciplinary probation and have at least a Junior standing by the fall semester following election.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 28 and an open forum will be held for all those running on March 3 in the Linden Room. Applications are available in the Information Booth in the Campus Center.

## Nationally recognized speaker to talk all about the silent crime

**DOTTIE WHITEHILL**  
Reporter

Date rape has been called the crime of silence because it is one that is simply not talked about. Those affected by it on campuses rarely have anywhere to go to express their feelings, no one to tell and few places to find support.

Katie Koestner gave this crime a face and a voice when she spoke out after she was assaulted by a fellow student at the College of William and Mary. She took her story nationwide by appearing on the Oprah Winfrey Show, NBC Nightly News, Larry King Live and many other programs.

Articles about her have appeared in countless publications across the nation, including the New York Times, Time Magazine and the Los Angeles

Tribune.

In 1993, she completed a docudrama with HBO entitled: "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." Koestner has spoken at over 250 colleges and high schools across the country. She is a trained peer-educator and sexual assault counselor. Koestner is coming to our campus next week to share her story. She will speak in Trinity Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Koestner has also asked to meet with a group of students and faculty who want to make a change on the campus regarding policies and attitudes about sexual assault. Koestner is recognized as an expert at helping schools to develop programs for support and prevention. This week President Christopherson named a task force

of faculty and students to meet with Koestner and continue to address the issue of sexual assault on this campus.

Dan Travaille, one member of this committee said, "The responsibility and the goal of this group is to review policies and procedures in sexual assault and to make improvements and changes." Nicole Havens, a student representative in the group was very hopeful about what the committee will accomplish on Dana's campus. "Although this is a sensitive issue, I believe it must be discussed openly before we can even begin to get to the heart of the issue— people—and through communication we can begin to make changes." The other members of the task force are Lou Ann Stednitz, Susan Hoffman, Richard Potter, Diane Nickeson-Ray and Joel Carter.

## Dana students reveal on survey how satisfied they are on campus

**CARLA JO KRANCE**  
Business Manager

Have you been one of the lucky 114 randomly selected students to participate in the student satisfaction inventory? Dana College is not the only college asking its students for their input. Colleges from all across the country participate in this survey. These colleges are then broken down into a smaller group and results are compared. A few of the colleges in Dana's group are Briar Cliff, Hastings, Northwestern and Buena Vista.

The survey asked for student's input regarding instructional effectiveness, academic advising, campus climate, safety and security, campus life,

and responsiveness to diverse populations. Dana College students surveyed answered that their top concern is instructional effectiveness. Dana is above the national statistical level and that is at a 99.9% rate for accuracy. "This (survey) is a true reflection of a difference that Dana students feel and are more satisfied than those at other educational institutions," said Dan Travaille, coordinator of the survey and Vice President for Student Affairs.

The area of most dissatisfaction was food service. Travaille commented that the surveys were taken in the fall, when Dana was undergoing the change of a new food service representative. Another area of concern is parking. Based on the results of the survey, this is not as important as

other concerns, such as academic advising or student centeredness.

The survey was given for the past three years, beginning in 1994. When that survey was assessed, Dana was above other colleges in one level of concern, and lower in four. In 1995, Dana was higher in two levels, and was not below other colleges in any area. This year, Dana was not lower than any college in any area, and higher than other colleges in 11 areas.

The survey was completed in about a 20 minute period, and was an accurate way to assess Dana's needs and concerns. As stated by Travaille, the survey showed that at Dana there is a "higher level of satisfaction than is found at other colleges."

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## Current housing policy faces change; under review by Cabinet

LESHARA MEANS  
Reporter

Changes in the current housing policy may be implemented in the fall 1997 semester.

According to Dan Travaille, Vice President of Student Development, the proposed policy for next fall contains two modifications that are significantly different from the current policy. The first is a requirement that all students (except students who are married, or single with a family) must live on-campus for a minimum of two-semester. This policy does include commuting students. Students whose homes are within a 30 mile radius of Dana College may live at their parents address, after residing on-campus for two semesters.

The age exemption required to live off-campus is under review to be lowered to the age of 21 or senior classification, whichever comes first. For example, a student desiring to live off-campus next fall must be 21 or a senior by Sep. 30. The spring semester requirement date falls on Feb. 28.

Travaille stated that there would no longer be a need to provide a housing lottery for students trying to live off-campus if this policy went into effect.

However, Travaille mentioned that the Campus Housing Board will continue to allow requests for waivers. There will be restricted times when the Campus Housing Board will hear petitions. Students must submit their petitions by these dates: Nov. 20, for the spring semester; March 15, for the fall semester; and July 15, for the fall or spring semester.

The Campus Housing Board consists of five members; one person from the Student Development Office, one faculty member, one staff member (not employed in the Student Development Office), and two students.

President Christopherson said the proposed policy is under review by his Cabinet members and hopes to implement some form of the policy by next fall. A decision will be reached within the next week or two, from the President and the President's Cabinet. President Christopherson also stated that after the Cabinet reviews this policy, it will then go on to be reviewed by the Board of Regents regarding the budget.

Travaille said that if this policy should go into effect for the next academic year, the incoming students will have to participate in the two-semester requirement. All current students are applicable to the age exemption (21

### Updates provided on housing policy

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Reporter

According to Travaille, the proposal was not formally presented to the Board of Regents at their last meeting held on Feb. 14. The committee felt that it was the wrong time of year to implement a change because recruiting is well under way and the literature for the college needs to be changed so it can reach all perspective students with the correct policy. The proposal will be formally presented to the Board of Regents at a later meeting and Travaille hopes that it will be implemented by the fall semester of 1998.

years of age or senior classification).

Some students have mixed feelings about the proposed policy. Heather Olsen, a senior commuting student said, "If I was an incoming student, I would think the two-semester requirement is unfair. I probably would not attend school at Dana."

## Improved databases make research easier

EMILY KEMPCKE  
Copy Editor

How many papers do you have due this semester? Whether you have three or four papers due or maybe just one, there are several new features available that can assist you in writing those papers.

There are now data bases available on the computers at Dana that can be accessed through students' e-mail accounts. The data bases contain information and articles that could be found on the infotrac program in the library. The advantages to using the data bases are that students can get information and articles from any computer on campus, not just from the infotrac program in the library. Also, this will allow students to save money because they will no longer need inter-library loans. Since the information can be printed out on the computer, students will also save money from photocopying.

To get into the data base, you simply log-on to a computer and go under the e-mail option. You then select "OCLC First Search", which is option number 4. Once you are in this menu, you can choose to research various subjects from art to medicine. Or, if you have a totally different subject you want to research, you can

search all text. You can choose what action you want performed (help, print, E-mail, forward, etc.) by typing the first letter of the action you want done. For example, if you want to e-mail, you would type the letter "e". Once you have the text you want, you E-mail that material to yourself using your full E-mail address. Within 10 seconds, a message appears on the screen that states that the article has been sent to your account. At that point, you can exit the program by typing "bye" and this will take you back to the main menu. The material you requested is now in your E-mail account and all you have to do is access it.

Another feature that is now available at the library is called "Issues and Controversies on File". This is similar to "Facts on File" which is found at the library. Issues and Controversies on File contain actual essays on a lot of different controversial issues and give both sides of the issues at hand. The articles in this book are generally about 10 pages long and also contain thorough bibliographies. There are also pictures and graphs included with the articles. This feature is on reserve in the library.

These are just two of the new features available at Dana to make research easier. Students are urged to take advantage of them.



Sophomore Tracie Zimmerman and her parents enjoy dessert Monday evening. A reception with dessert was held in honor of student's on the Dean's List for the fall semester. (photo by Kayleen Wilson)

## Campus Events

February 21-27, 1997

### FRIDAY

2 p.m. Lil' Sibling Weekend  
Women's basketball at York College

### SATURDAY

TBA Lil' Sibling Weekend  
7:30 p.m. NAIA Wrestling meet, Marshall, MO  
7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at Concordia  
Men's Basketball vs Concordia, Borup

### SUNDAY

11 a.m. Lil' Sibling Weekend  
Chapel

### MONDAY

7 p.m. Film Showing of "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," Linden Room

### TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Date Rape speaker, Katie Koestner, Chapel

### WEDNESDAY

4 p.m. Disabilities Awareness Workshop, Forum

### THURSDAY

7 p.m. Disabilities Awareness Panel, Linden Room

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for listeners to disagree with him and voice their own opinions. It was more like a dialogue," said Reginald Gilbert, a senior HOPE member from Angleton, Texas.

Planning has already started for next year's Black History Month celebration. Chaney-Thomas is hoping that by approaching speakers early, the event will have the most diverse and best speakers for 1998.

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## Vikings find the road a little bumpy

CHRIS CHANCE  
Sports Editor

The Dana Vikings traveled to Doane Wednesday night as the Tigers used hot shooting from behind the arc to come up with the 80-62 victory. Dana could not handle the Tiger's outside shooting as the Tigers made nine 3-pointers for the game.

Doane used a 51 percent shooting advantage in the first half to force 13 turnovers and raced out to 44-23 lead at the half. The Vikings came back strong in the second half and outscored Doane 39-36, but the Tiger's lead was too much to overcome.

Shawn Fasbender led all scorers with 17 points and nine rebounds. Bryant Marchese added 13 points while Chris Cundiff chipped in 11.

Last Saturday, the Vikings traveled to Hastings as the Vikings fell 91-73. Hastings came out in the first half and shot 54 percent and used pressure defense to lead the Vikings 55-31 at the halfway point. In the second half, the Vikings held Hastings to 43 percent from the field. The Vikings shot 46 percent and outscored the Broncos 42-36. Once again, the big first half lead was too much for the Dana Vikings to overcome.

Nathan Babbitt led all scorers with 23 points and had four assists. Fasbender recorded a double-double with 12 points and 11 boards.

Nathan Babbitt goes into Saturday night's game needing only seven points to become the second 2,000 point scorer in Dana history, joining Todd Hinkle (2,171 points, from 1983-87).

The Vikings host Concordia on Saturday night at Borup Coliseum.



Carrie Knapp looks to drive to the basket off of a pick by Jennifer Dierks Tuesday night against Peru State College (Photo by Emily Kempcke).

## Lady Vikes lose a close one to Northwestern last Friday

JAMES PETERSON  
Reporter

The Dana women's basketball team suffered another close loss against Northwestern, Iowa last Friday night by the score of 74-71, continuing a season of tough losses in close ball games. This brought the total to nine losses by 10 points or less, and their second to the Red Raiders, both by a total of four points.

Dana started off good as usual, jumping out to a 21-13 lead on a three-point play by Susan Weddingfeld with 11:25 to go in the first half, but Northwestern stormed

back to take a 44-38 half-time lead.

In the second half, the Raiders held as much as 11 point leads twice, before the Lady Vikings charged back into the game. Two free-throws by Sarah Klein got Dana within five with 5:33 left, and Jennifer Dierks scored with 3:43 left to make the score 69-65.

After Weddingfeld made both ends of a one-and-one opportunity, the Vikings trailed by just two with just over a minute to play. After stopping Northwestern, the Vikings had a turnover on a possession that could have tied it, and with :12 seconds left, the Raiders got one of two free-throws to make the score 74-71. Jodi Bradley missed a three-point attempt for

the Vikings, finishing Dana's hopes of a comeback.

Dierks was the top scorer with 18 to lead a balanced Viking attack. Weddingfeld tossed in 14 points, and to go along both Bradley and Kim Wilken finished with 13. Dierks was the leading rebounder, getting the rare double-double with 10 rebounds. Klein, who has been suffering from a foot injury, contributed to the cause with five assists and five steals.

The Vikings, now 8-18 and 1-9 in the NIAC, travel to Concordia on Saturday night. Mike Klug and James Peterson will be there to bring you the action on KDCV, with pregame at 7:15 p.m. and tip-off at 7:30.

## Disabilities Awareness Week Feb. 24-27

Monday, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?"  
7 p.m. Linden Room

A movie about a family dealing with disabilities. Short discussion following the movie.

Wednesday, Disabilities Awareness Workshop, 4 p.m. Forum

Various activities that simulate what it is like to have hearing loss, visual impairment and physical disabilities.

Thursday, Disabilities Awareness Panel  
7 p.m. Linden Room

Panelist will share experiences with their own disabilities or of those they know. They will discuss how disabilities can be barriers and how it is possible to overcome these barriers and lead a well-rounded life.

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## Recycling Day March 1

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