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# HERMIES

DANA COLLEGE



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## New Senate executive officers elected

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

Student Senate met on Wednesday with new executive members being announced.

1997-98 elected Student Senate officers are: Rodney Ronk, president, Sara Crawford, vice president, Denecia Siemers, treasurer, and Carla Jo Krance, secretary. All officers were elected by the students at large except for secretary which was a late singular application and therefore by default admitted to office. These officers' first meeting will be April 2.

A schedule of recycling commitments by Senate members was handed out and discussed. The Senate will be clearing recyclables on-campus on some Thursdays and Sat-

urdays. This is because the organization Impact, who started the campaign, has dissolved due to lack of support from students.

Some concerns were brought up that the responsibility of recycling could be overwhelming. Also, where recycling would be for next year because an organization no longer was in charge of it completely. Senate just began handling recycling this semester as their community service project.

The Senate had final approving on budgets for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Helping Our People Expand, and Music Educators National Conference trip.

The Senate approved standing rules concerning Homecoming and Winterfest candidates. The only cause

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Allison Ruhde giving blood Tuesday in Argo Hall. This year's drive collected a total 73 units of blood. (photo by Heather Olsen)

## Morton scholars make history at Dana

JENNIFER BURGER  
Reporter

The first members of the Dana College Honors Program were inducted on Monday, Feb. 24. The evening began with a special dinner served in the President's Room to 11 of the 15 inductees who were present and to the faculty members who helped organize the program.

After dinner, President Myrvin Christopherson addressed the group and spoke about the significance of being a Morton Scholar.

Upon graduation, the students that successfully complete the requirements of the Honors Program will be recognized at the graduation ceremony as "Morton Scholars." The group takes its name from Richard E. Morton who was president of Dana from 1946 until 1956. He is remembered for his efforts to secure national

accreditation for the college.

Also during the meeting an Advisory Council was chosen. Christina Nutter, Kevin Ronnenkamp, and Jaelyn Smith were elected to fill the positions. They will serve along with faculty members Dr. Delvin Hutton, Dr. Susan Hoffman, Dr. Paul Formo, and Dr. Paul Schneider on the council that meets to discuss proposals for requirements and benefits for the

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## Shakespeare on Dana stage

JOY PUDENZ  
Feature Editor

William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" is being presented this weekend by the Dana College Theater Department. Last night marked the opening performance in Lauritzen Theater. Other performances are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The comedy details two relationships and the joys, sorrows, games, and humors that the individuals are faced with. Tony Ward, Benedick, and Liza Moberg, Beatrice, take on major roles as a couple reluctant to admit their true feelings for each other. Jenny Lemmerman, Hero, and Matt Worley, Claudio, also play major roles as they struggle with the feelings associated with a pre-arranged marriage.

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## Dana student arrested in connection with robbery

A Dana College student, Chris McCain of Gothenburg, was arrested Feb. 25, 1997 on a Washington County warrant in connection with a break-in at the Dana College Bookstore May 15, 1996 according to the Blair Pilot Tribune.

According to information in the application for the arrest warrant, the break-in occurred sometime between 4:30 p.m. on May 14, 1996 and 7 a.m. on May 15, 1996. During the robbery \$4,706 was stolen by cutting open a bookstore safe using a sawzall. A cellular phone and jacket were also reported stolen from the library.

According to that arrest warrant application, the burglar gained entrance to the bookstore by entering a tunnel in the Dana Library sometime after the library closed and entered

the bookstore through the ceiling. The burglar then exited the library and was allegedly picked up by McCain.

McCain reportedly did not actually break into the bookstore, but is charged with renting the saw which was used in the burglary and picking up the other person who was also a Dana student.

McCain was charged with aiding and abetting a burglary, a Class III felony, and aiding the consummation of a felony, a Class IV felony.

McCain is currently out of Washington County Jail on bond and scheduled to appear in Wahsington County Court for arraignment March 26 at 9 a.m.

No charges have been filed against the other Dana student allegedly involved in the incident because he has since died.



Soren Schmidt, Elaine Rivard, Denecia Siemers speak at the open forum Monday night in the Linden Room. Elections for Senate executive members were held Wednesday with the results being, Rodney Ronk, president, Sara Crawford, vice president, Denecia Siemers, treasurer, and Carla Jo Krance, secretary by default. (photo by Heather Olsen)

## Beware; PDA patrol is watching you

AMY BENEDICT  
EDITORIAL

I understand spring is in the air. The birds will soon be singing as the weather warms and all of nature sings back in its sweet repose. Cupid has pointed his arrow and many are in love. However, in my opinion, the whole campus doesn't need to see this.

What I am referring to is public displays of affection, commonly coined as PDA. This topic is touchy as people have different measurements on what is allowable in public and what should be kept behind closed doors.

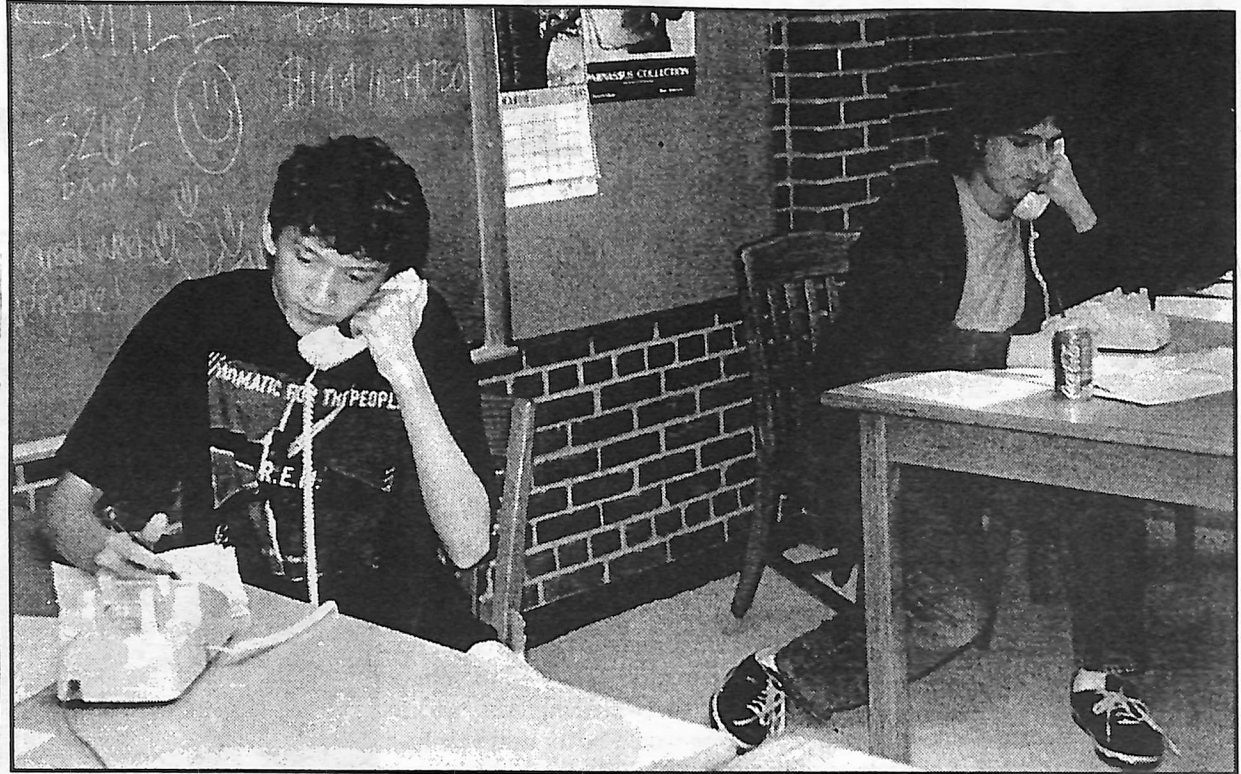
As a little guide to all you offenders of PDA, I ask you, "Would you do that in front of your mother?" In many cases that I have had to endure to view, I certainly hope not.

A quick glance around campus points out who is coupled with who. An allowable arm wrapped around a shoulder or waist or walking here and there with hands clasped is understandable. How-

ever, draping oneself around the others neck allowing your body to dangle as though you aren't able to stand-up on your own or "hanging all over" another person is not acceptable. I have disgustingly viewed this several times while couples are standing in the cafeteria line.

Kissing is a whole other matter. A quick peck is a surprising way to show affection. However, if this "quick peck" in public lasts for longer than one could hold their breath under water, in my opinion, it should be outlawed. It should be punishable by this same law if any tongue can be seen during any kiss. Word to the wise, if in public, while "smacking lips," keep your tongue in your own mouth. Again, I have viewed this in Dana College lounges and would rather not again.

Finally, watch where you put your hands! If you feel the need to caress, fondle, or cuddle your partner, get a hotel room. One should always beware that eyes are watching and these eyes may not be keen on seeing your PDA.



Freshmen Mark Lepper and Jake Adolphson call Dana student parents to raise money for the 1997 Book-a-Thon sponsored by Student Senate. The Book-a-Thon raised approximately \$7200 to use towards the purchase of new books for the library. (photo by Janet Reisdorff)

## Jay Beech scheduled to perform

Jay Beech, a song writer and performer, will perform on March 10, 1997 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

As a soloist and with his band and trio, Beech has performed and led worship all over the country. His contemporary hymns are sung at bible camps and in congregations throughout the United States. He is best known for his composition and work as a song leader.

Beech's songs consider issues of peace and justice, personal relationships, and the human condition all within the framework of the life of faith. He uses a combination of musical quality and variety along with theological integrity.

Beech's work is published by Augsburg Fortress and his songs have been included in many of the educational materials of the ELCA. He and his family are members of the Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer, Minn.

The performance is sponsored by Campus Ministry.



Jay Beech

## Senate

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changes from previous years are that previous Homecoming King and Queen's are ineligible as Homecoming candidates. Also, Winterfest candidates will only be nominated by an organization that the candidate is an active participant of and must nominate only one person of each gender. Also, a candidate cannot be a previous Winterfest and/or Homecoming King or Queen.

Finally, the Senate ended with discussing their attendance policy for members. Many Senators voiced

concern that members were able to miss several meetings without any reprimand. At the present time the Senators are only allowed five excused and three unexcused absences per semester. It was brought up that some Senators had not been at any meetings this semester. Also, that a total of eight absences would make it acceptable to only come to Senate once or twice per semester. The Senate will discuss this further at their next meeting on March 19 which may cause a policy change.

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## Scholars

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students involved in the program and to plan the monthly colloquia. The immediate concerns of the council are to plan colloquia and decide on guidelines for the required community service component of the Honors Program.

Nutter said, "I'm not sure about the opportunities that are available for colloquia, but I have a lot of possible ideas. I think going to the ballet or opera would be good. We could maybe take in some of the activities at the Lied Center in Lincoln, like the concerts. I once saw a rock opera there called "Tommy" and it was really good."

"I think it's great that there is an Honors Program at Dana. It gives me the opportunity to be a charter member of an Honors Club. It provides good experience and it looks good on a resume," commented Ronnenkamp.

## Shakespeare

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The play was produced and directed by Paul Schneider until his sudden illness. At that time, assistant director Tami Ahrendt and Duane Ibsen took over the direction of the play. Despite the unexpected change in directors, the cast members feel that everything is falling into place well and is moving along as scheduled.

According to Dottie Whitehill, who plays the part of Ursula, "we are really excited about the performances, they should be great. It (Much Ado About Nothing) is a really fun, entertaining play, and it's not that difficult to understand even though it is a Shakespeare

play." Lemmerman has similar feelings. "The play is full of energy, there is plenty of running around, silly characters, and alot of fun," she said.

However, Lemmerman believes that the play holds much more for the audience than a good laugh. "We have beautiful, time period costumes which really contribute to the whole overall effect of the show. But, most of the show is based on our acting ability with a simple set. Shakespeare's plays depend so much on good acting, which I feel we do well," said Lemmerman.

## Mock interviews help students with job search

JANET REISDORFF  
Graphic Editor

For some, the reality of having to find a job is approaching quickly. The job hunting season has already begun and where there is possible employment, there is usually an interview involved. In order to polish up on job interview skills, students had the chance to take part in mock interviews Tuesday sponsored by the Dana Business Club.

The mock interviews are designed to provide students with the chance to experience a real interview in a nearly identical setting. Students dress in business suits, complete resumes and prepare to answer the interviewer's questions as well as ask some of their own.

Practice and preparation are the keys to success in interviews, according to Dr. Robert Moussettis. "Practice will make you perfect, just like in sports, only interviewing is something you will do for a lifetime," said Moussettis. "Success takes place in the first two minutes of the interview. The interviewer decides consciously or unconsciously whether or not they are interested."

Tricia TeSelle found the interviews to be a good experience for her as she is preparing to find a job in the near future. "I thought it would be a good experience for me as I look for an internship or summer job," said TeSelle, "I was

asked about my strengths and weaknesses, what was my greatest accomplishment, where I want to be in five years, it was very beneficial."

Freshman Lisa Decker decided to get a head start on her interview skills. Decker said the mock interview really helped her prepare as well. "He (Mahlendorf) gave me some pointers and hints to improve my resume," said Decker, "he encouraged me to come in prepared and said one good answer can answer a lot of questions."

One aspect Moussettis said is crucial is to separate yourself from the crowd. "When you go into an interview, have something to make yourself different or you don't stand a chance," said Moussettis, "let them know why they should hire you."

Business Club co-presidents Leshara Means and Mark Nielsen chaired the mock interviews activity. This is the third year that the Business Club has offered the mock interviews and has had increased student participation each year.

Interviewers for this year's mock interviews were Mike Mahlendorf, president of Washington County Bank, Sandy Ellis, controller at Mid America Computer Corporation and Dr. Robert Moussettis, Instructor of Business at Dana.

Because the average person changes their job six to eight times in a lifetime, job interviewing skills can be crucial. As Moussettis said, "The only way to overcome the nervousness is by practicing."

## Disabilities Awareness Week brings attention to plights of the disabled

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

Lori Nielsen and the Social Awareness Organization (SAO) sponsored Disabilities Awareness Week Feb. 24- Feb. 27 by holding events to help strengthen student and faculty understanding of the disabled.

The first event was on Feb. 24 and was a viewing of the video "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" The movie stars Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio and is about a family dealing with disabilities. This event was well attended with approximately 30 students participating in the movie and discussion.

"I think because it was a popular movie that people had heard of, it went over well," said Michelle France, junior, SAO president.

On Feb. 26, Lori Nielsen and SAO members held a disabilities awareness workshop where various activities simulated what it is like to have a hearing loss, visual impairment, and learning and physical disabilities.

"I wish we could have gotten more professors to have gone to the workshop. It taught about accommodations that more professors should have been there to hear," said Jenni-

fer Moores, junior, SAO member. "Learning about the different accommodations that can be made for the disabled to help them was very important," said Moores.

The last event for the awareness week was a disabilities awareness panel that contained students, faculty, and the public who shared their experiences of their own disabilities. The panelists spoke about how their own disabilities can be barriers and how it is possible to overcome these barriers and lead a well-rounded life.

Nielsen, learning center coordinator, said she thought the panel was very educational. "It showed the similarities between disabled people."

Brenda Eckhoff, a junior special education major, attended the discussion panel and thought it was a great learning experience. "I thought it was a good experience to hear a person's own point of view on coping with his or her disability."

Nielsen came up with the idea to host a Disabilities Awareness Week because she didn't think Dana previously had any events like it in the past and felt it was important to learn more about disabilities. "We need to know more and be more aware," said Nielsen.

Next, Nielsen asked SAO to help

sponsor the events to connect it with a well known organization on campus. SAO members, Dr. Schnieders, and Nielsen brainstormed for event ideas and got idea assistance from an organization called AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disabilities.)

Deneen Schriver, a sophomore SAO member, felt that the week was very beneficial. "We take for granted our skills and don't always think about people who don't have it as easy."

Nielsen said she hoped that Disabilities Awareness Week could become an annual event at Dana. "People with disabilities are a group that are misunderstood and stereotyped and we encounter disabled people everyday whether we know it or not."

"Hopefully next year we can get a whole week of events and make them bigger and better," said France.

This encouragement for events next year could be from the attendance turnout this year. Every event had at least 15 students or faculty in attendance which pleased both Nielsen and SAO.

"The participation was really good," said France. "We were surprised."

## Students- Would you like to win FREE meals at the Toll House?

It's simple. Just send the *Hermes* your answer to the "Question of the Week". If your name is drawn you could win a lunch or supper gift certificate to the Toll House.

Answers will be accepted through E-mail (acad2/HERMES) or through campus mail Box 514. All responses must be received by Wednesday at 5 p.m. to be eligible for the weekly give away. All responses will be put in a drawing for a gift certificate. Winners will be published in the following issue of the *Hermes*.

### Question of the week:

"If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why?"

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## CELEBRATING WOMEN: PAST AND PRESENT March, 1997

**Friday:**  
Noon, Brown Bag Lunch: "Lady Susan," in Forum

**Tuesday:**  
7 p.m. "Coming Together in Beijing" in Trinity Chapel

**Wednesday:**  
9 p.m. "Take Back the Night March" in Trinity Chapel

10 p.m. "Vespers Service" in Trinity Chapel

LARP credit available for all events

## Campus Events

March 7-13

### FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. "Much Ado About Nothing," Lauritzen Theater

7:30 p.m. Tye-Dying, Campus Center

### SATURDAY

2 p.m. Baseball at Tabor, Hillsboro, Kan.  
7:30 p.m. "Much Ado About Nothing," Lauritzen Theater  
10:30 p.m. Cosmic Bowling, Campus Center

### SUNDAY

11 a.m. Chapel  
5:45 p.m. Campus Ministry Meeting, President's Room  
7:30 p.m. "Much Ado About Nothing," Lauritzen Theater

### MONDAY

7 p.m. Jay Beech Concert, Chapel

### TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel  
4:30 p.m. Softball vs Northwest Missouri State, Zimmerman Field

### WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. Pitch Tourney, Campus Center

## Indoor track team competes at national meet in Lincoln

JENNIFER SCHOONOVER  
Reporter

The Dana Vikings competed at the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships held in Lincoln last weekend.

The Vikings had nine men and two women participating at the national meet at the Devaney Sports Center, and Ben Sandy accomplished the best individual effort for Dana. Sandy slipped into the finals of the men's 3,000-meter run, with an 8:44.84 time on Friday to claim the 12th slot in Saturday's finals.

Sandy tried to keep the pace with a field dominated by Kenyan runners, but the Dana standout remained in the 10th place spot for

the entire race. He also improved his time by over five seconds from the previous day with a time of 8:39.77 on Saturday.

The Viking men also competed in the finals of the distance medley relay (DMR) and finished with third place in its section and 11th overall with a time of 10:23.76. Jason Mitchell raced to an unofficial split time of 48.9 seconds on his 400-meter leg of the DMR, which came after a 49.3 split as the anchor leg for the Vikings' 4x400 relay team for a Saturday afternoon preliminary heat in that event. Dana set a school record in the 4x4 with a time of 3:27 flat.

The meet started with both Mitchell and Dan Formo being disqualified from their individual events on Friday. Mitchell ran in

the men's 400 and Formo in the 600-neither were in contention to move into the finals based on their unofficial times.

For the Viking women, Amanda Buttry and Andrea Spreen both made their second straight appearance at nationals. Spreen threw 41-5 1/4 in the 20-pound weight throw preliminaries, but did not go into the finals. Buttry ran a solid 2:23.33 in the preliminaries of the women's 800 meters.

Max Grady finished with fourth place in his section of the men's 800 on Friday, with his time of 1:57.26. Grady received seventh in the finals of the 800 one year ago.

Will Hardin, a first-year long jumper, gave a best effort of 21-6 3/4 at nationals.

## Vikings favored to capture conference title

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Reporter

"One pitch at a time, one game at a time," commented Mike Gerson, senior captain of the Dana baseball team. That is the team's motto and it helps the team to focus on the present instead of getting "ahead of the game."

This year's baseball team consists of 27 players, five of which are returning starters.

The team began practicing officially during the last week of January, working on conditioning and skills. The team has not been as lucky with the weather this year, however. Rain and cold temperatures have prevented the team from using the outdoor field to play intramural games which they have previously been able to do during the month of February.

Coach Paul Davis is looking for a successful season this year. Com-

ing off of a 32-19 season with a 17-3 record in the conference, he thinks this is a very realistic goal. The team captured first place in the conference last year and was picked to do so again this year by a pre-season coach's poll.

Davis said that they lost some key players last year at graduation, but have returning and new talent on the team. The three senior captains are Mike Gerson, Lee Heimes, and Shawn Fasbender, who had an injury last year and missed approximately 80 percent of the season. Davis also looks for good playing by newcomers Craig Wetterberg and Brad Moorhous and returning pitcher junior Larry Dant.

"We might have some ups and downs at the beginning of the season. We play a tough schedule but our guys have made improvements," commented Davis.

The Vikings' season starts today when they travel to Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

## Softball team gears up for season

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Reporter

"We can use all the fans we can get," commented head softball coach Kelly Prokupek. The softball team begins its season on Tuesday at Dana when the team takes on Northwest Missouri State.

Coming off of a 25-25 record last season with a 15-3 conference record, the team hopes to surprise a lot of people this year with their improved

performance. They were picked to finish the coming season with a tie for fourth place in the conference in a pre-season coach's poll, but Prokupek has high hopes for her team and hopes to finish either first or second.

Practice for the Lady Vikes began on the first day of spring semester classes during the last week of January. Practicing has consisted mainly of using and honing their softball skills in the gym since the weather has not been cooperative for outside

play yet this year.

The team consists of 15 girls, nine of which are returning players. Prokupek looks for leadership from her two returning seniors Melinda Almand and Heather Kelley. Other key players include sophomore Amy Klusmeier and freshman pitcher Jen Schneider.

Freshman Rachel Carter commented, "Our mission as a team is to win the conference and I think it's possible if we can avoid injuries, keep working hard, and work as a team."

## Vikings end season in fall to Concordia

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER  
Reporter

The NIAC Conference Basketball Tournament remained short this year for the Lady Vikes. After only trailing by five at halftime, the Bulldogs increased their lead during the second half to end Dana's season with a loss of 73-62.

Freshman Kim Wilken, who made the Honorable Mention list for the season, ended her first year on a great

note with 18 points while shooting 62 percent from the field. She was also the second leading scorer for this season. Junior Susan Weddingfeld finished with 15 points for the night.

She also ended the season as third highest scorer and rebounder for the Lady Vikings. Junior Jennifer Dierks ended the season with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Dierks topped the charts with 201 points and averaged 6.9 rebounds for the season. She was also named

on the Honorable Mention list.

The lone senior, Nichol Buenning, was the third Lady Vike to be named to the Honorable Mention list. She ended up being the second leading rebounder behind Dierks. She ended her career here at Dana averaging 9.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game for her last year. She has received at least Honorable Mention recognition from the conference ever since she started at Dana. The Lady Vikes ended their 1996-97 season with an 8-21 record.

## Viking wrestlers to compete at nationals

The Viking wrestlers hope to finish in the top 10 at the NAIA national wrestling tournament held March 8-10 in Jamestown, N.D. Qualifiers from Dana include: (118) Chad Greguras, (118-126) Jeremy Rine, (126) Steve Jenny, (167) Andy Hensley, and (177) Justin Smith. The two at-large qualifiers are (158) Shawn Isaacs and (HWT) Mike Bisig. Ryan Barrett also qualified but

will not compete at the tournament due to a season-ending injury.

Senior All-American Andy Hensley has the chance to reach both the 100 career win plateau and be the first Dana Viking to place three times at the national meet. "The team has improved a great deal since the beginning of the season and we are expecting to do well at the national meet," said Hensley.


### Learning Center

Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - Thursday  
7 - 11 p.m.

Location: Just inside the library

Come in to study, use the computers, consult with a tutor. Copies of the tutors schedule are available in the Learning Center and on the computer network under the heading "Campus Information."

Contact Lori Nielsen, Director, for more information (ext. 7334 or via E-mail.)



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