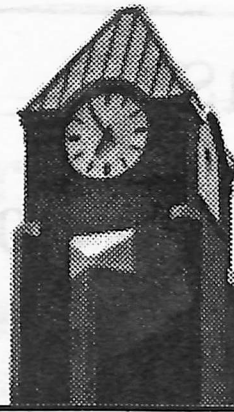


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A moment to reflect on the past year

MARY BRUNS
Reporter

"It was the best of times it was the worst of times." This quote from the famous literary work "Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens seems to fit when looking back at the 1996-1997 school year. It has been a time of new beginnings, and new challenges with life here at Dana. The incoming freshmen, the class of 2000, began their "Journey Into The Viking Jungle", with orientation. Many new faculty members followed their life's journey and began their careers at Dana. This includes Professor of Danish, Gitte Andresen, Professor of Special Education, Christine Schnieders, Dr. Carla Delucchi and Dr. Susan Hoffman, of the Science Department, Dr. Mary McComb, of the Communications Department and Dr. Robert Moussetis, of the Business Department.

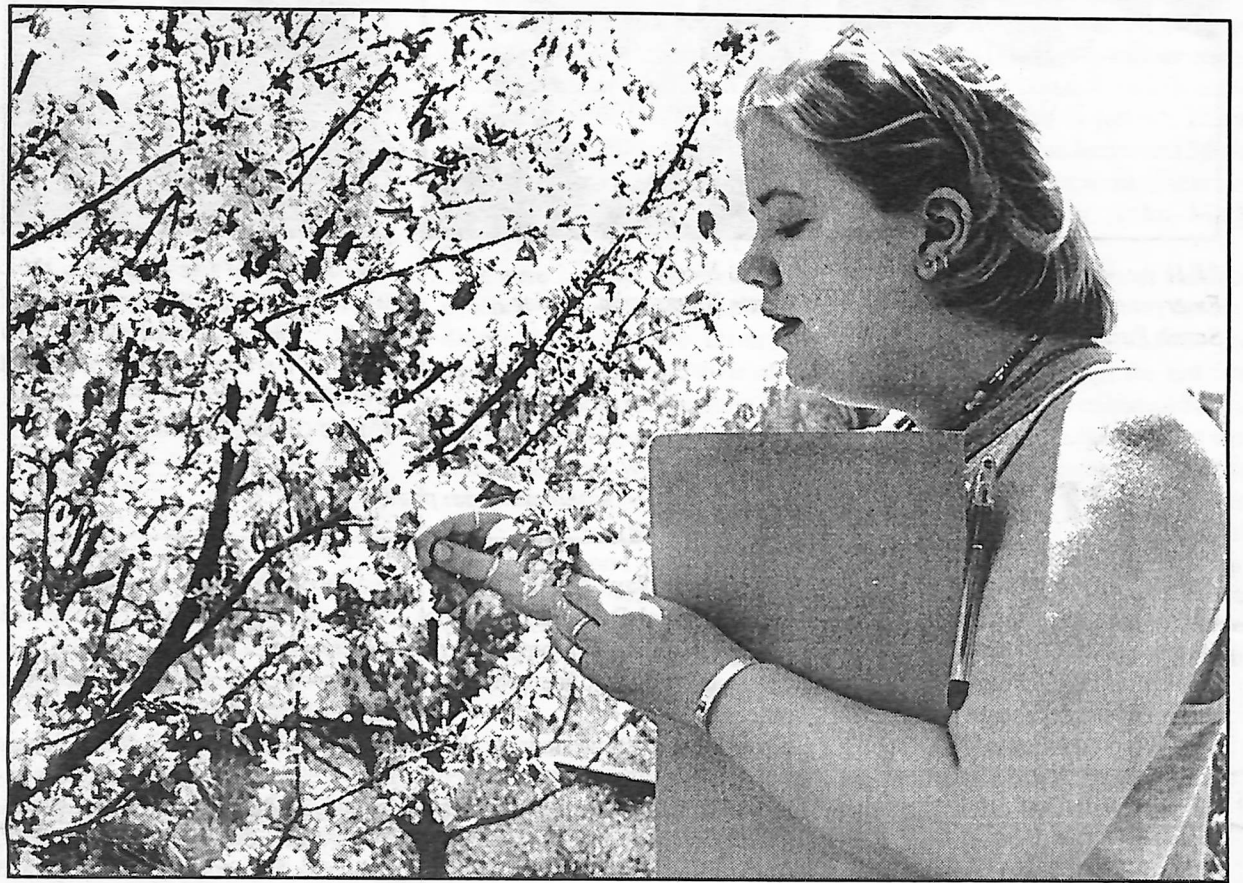
Dana also introduced a new Campus Information Director, Mary Mayo. With an exciting 2-1 win over Northwestern, the new women's soccer coach, Jennifer Haralson, started the team on a roll with their first season of competition. The Lady Vikes volleyball team took off with two wins opening their season with the Labor Day Invite and new head coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong.

When Homecoming rolled around, the 1996 Homecoming court included: Melinda Almand, Mercedes Buller, Diane Crawford, Sarah Kobs, Janet Reisdorff, Will Collins, Mike Gerson, Ryan Luebbe, Paul Gardner, Jr. and Rodney Ronk.

The first golf cart parade was held and ushered in many fun activities along with the "Discover the Magic" Homecoming theme. The Dana football team shared that magic with a 19-13 win over Buena Vista. Gerson and Crawford were crowned King and

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SPRING is in the air!



Junior Kelly Mundhenke on Monday taking in the recent signs of spring appearing on campus. (photo by Heather Olsen)

Valedictorians reveal the secrets to their success and await graduation

AMY GERKEN
Reporter

Every year around this time the valedictorian of the graduating class is announced. This year, not only will one person receive this honor, but four individuals. Roisin Bell, Lars Jensen, Janet Pattee and Julie Seeba will be recognized this year as having the highest academic standing in the Class of 1997.

Bell said that even though this has been a goal of hers, it doesn't actually become real to her until some-

one else says it. She will admit though that she had to work at maintaining a 4.0. "One of the hardest things was the self-discipline and dedication, I was always debating on whether I should study or go out with my friends," says Bell. After graduation, Bell plans on attending law school at the University of Wisconsin. She says that although she is proud of reaching her goals and becoming valedictorian, she won't have the same goals for law school. "The competition with myself kept me going, but I don't know if I'd do it all over again."

Jensen, originally from Denmark, transferred to Dana just two years ago. He was surprised at being one of this year's valedictorians, not because he didn't have the grades, but because of not being here the full four years. When Jensen told his family he was a valedictorian he had to explain to them what it was. "In Denmark they don't have anything like this," he said. Jensen will be staying in Blair this summer, working for Valmont Industries in Valley. He will be working in the International Divi-

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Students face finals then 40 hour weeks

JENNIFER BURGER
Reporter

As the end of the school year approaches, thoughts of summer activities excite many Dana students. Warm days spent on the beach, picnics in the park, and free time to pursue various hobbies are just a few of the pastimes students may anticipate over the three-month break from classes.

For many students the drudgery of

40 hour or more work weeks awaits when finals are over. "I'm probably going to do some detasseling this summer. I'm a crew chief, so it won't be that bad," said freshman Amy Zimelman of her summer plans.

"I don't know what I'm doing this summer yet. I might stay around here or go home. It all depends on where I can get a job," said Freshman Christina Nutter from Gibbon.

"I'm going to be a nanny for a couple I know in Minnesota. I'll probably spend a lot of time at one of the

10,000 lakes up there," said Alison Shults, from Bloomington, Minn.

"I'm staying with a family in Blair and tutoring their son. I'm also working at Dakotah in the mornings and Casey's at night. I should be really busy," said freshman Deena Knapp.

"I plan on working this summer as well as taking a class or two to get ahead," said freshman Leslie Schroeter, from Brayton, Iowa.

Whatever students are doing this summer, the change from the monotony of classes will be welcome.

McSharry named as Professor of the Year

Dr. Kathleen McSharry was elected the 1996-97 Professor of the Year. McSharry was presented with the award at Thursday morning's Faculty Staff Appreciation Day.

Members of the student body nominated five different instructors at Dana for the award including, Professor Jim Krueger, Professor Jan Potter, Professor Richard Potter and Dr. Chris Schnieders. Elections were then held on Monday.

McSharry received separate nominations from two Dana students. Each stated that she is always available when a student needs help. "She is a very intelligent person who stimulates her students to think rather than just lecture them," said one nominator, "She stimulates interest in students like me to go on reading more short stories and poetry in the future."

Another nominator cites McSharry as being friendly outside of class and has observed her greeting many



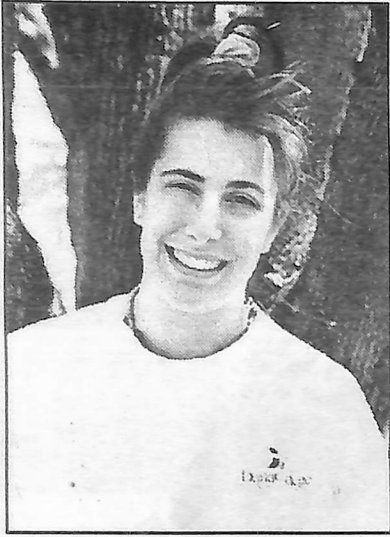
Dr. Kathleen McSharry

people out of class that she meets. "At the beginning of English Literature II I thought that I would never have an intelligent thought in that class, but she stimulates discussion and guides our thought process toward the topics covered on the quizzes."

McSharry will be receiving a plaque on behalf of the student body by Student Senate President Rodney Ronk for being elected.

What are you doing over the summer?

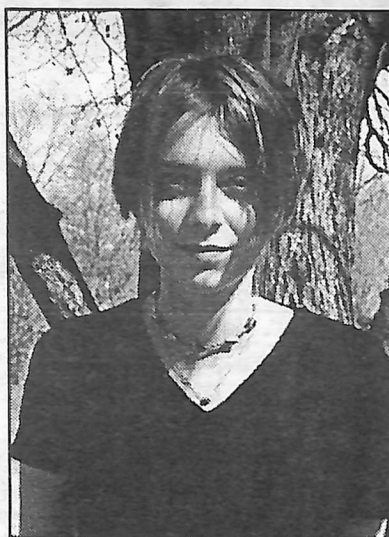
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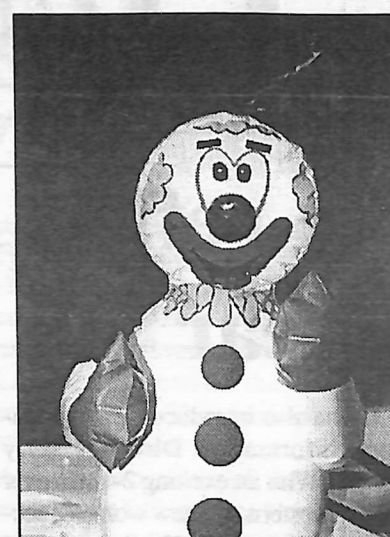
"I'll be working at an Animal Emergency Clinic in Des Moines."
Sarah Packard, Senior



"Work. Sleep. Party"
Lynette Riemersma, Junior



"Well, I would like to save a third world country from starvation and disease, but since that's out of my means, I'll probably just go home and work."
Cassie Green, Sophomore



"I'm running away to join the circus."
Binky



"I'm getting married."
Kari Jaeger, Senior

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Ameriti Senator Paul Simon, of Illinois, made an appearance at the Homecoming festivities.

Also during October, students in music and theater shared their talents with the production of "Godspell", while the Dana Vikings shut down the number one NIAC offense, beating Doane 13-11, in football.

In November, Dana wrapped up its fall sports season. The football team finished with a 4-5 record, and the volleyball team ended up sixth in the NIAC, 12-23 overall. The women's soccer team finished 1-12 overall, 1-4 in the NIAC, and eight cross country runners took a fourth place finish at Nationals.

As students looked forward to Thanksgiving break, winter sports were just beginning. The UNO Kaufman Open began the wrestling season, the men's basketball team beat Grandview, Iowa 86-79 in overtime, and the women's basketball team took success at the Dana Invitational. Also, Cathy Wells directed

the successful play, "A Doll's House", and the annual Parent's Day event was kicked off with a breakfast reception at President Christopherson's home.

Over Interim, some students chose to travel. A group of twelve students toured Spain, and three students travelled to Germany. The new semester began with a new Food Service Director, Terri Mikes. As Winterfest rolled around, the Winterfest court was chosen, including, Jana Bentley, Jennifer Dierks, Carrie Knapp, Stacie Sarasio, Michael Babbitt, R.J. Gall, Paul Gardner, Jr. and Rodney Ronk. Heidi Gerth was named Queen with Damian Pollack as King.

Also during February, the Affirmative Action Committee and H.O.P.E. sponsored various events to honor Black History month, speaker Katie Koestner shared her informative and touching presentation on date rape, around 20 brothers and sisters of Dana students attended the annual Lil Siblings Weekend, and it was an-

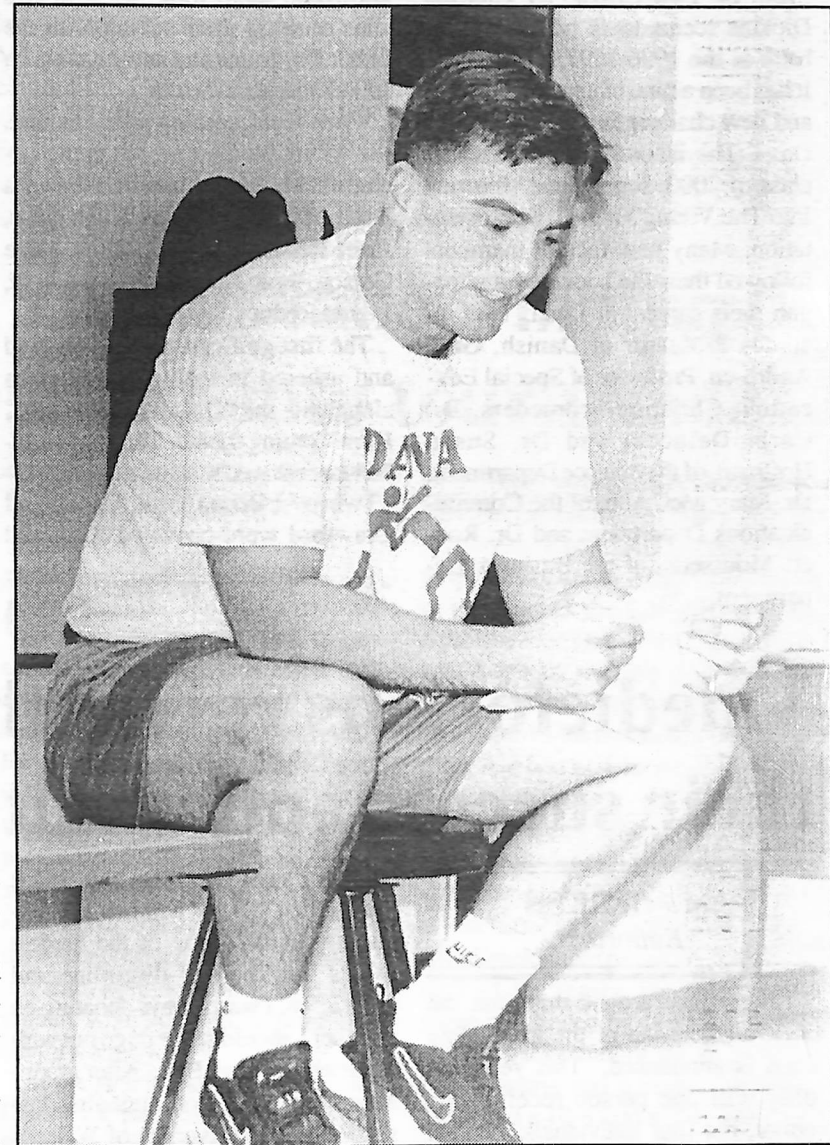
nounced that weekend college at Dana will be phased out due to lack of enrollment.

March came along with hopes of spring break ahead, and 1997-98 executive officers for Student Senate were elected. The new officers include, Rodney Ronk, as President, Sara Crawford, as Vice-President, Denecia Siemers, as Treasurer, and Carla Jo Krance, as Secretary. An Honors program of Morton Scholars was designed, including an Advisory Council for charter members of the Honor's club to work with faculty members and add student interest into discussions.

The Dana Theater Department performed the Shakespearian play, "Much Ado About Nothing", while students wished Dr. of English and Theater, Paul Schneider, the best as he was hospitalized with heart problems. Senior Tim Marsden followed in Dr. Schneider's footsteps as theatrical director of the successful musical, "Guys and Dolls".

Ruth Rasmussen announced her re-

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Justin Smith recites his creative writing story at the Writer's Recital, Tuesday in the Forum. (photo by Janet Reisdorff)

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sion, using his degrees in Business Administration and German.

Pattee describes her notification as a "pleasant surprise". Like Jensen, she was surprised because she only attended Dana part-time, and had finished during Interim. Currently, Pattee teaches vocal music and band in Walnut, Iowa. Pattee describes herself as a hard-worker, who just wanted to do the best that she could. She says, "I thought there were a lot more people who had a 4.0, I never realized I was that unique."

Seeba said she kind of knew, but it was nice to finally have it finalized last week. Seeba will graduate with a degree in chemistry and biology.

She plans to attend graduate school at the University of Iowa. Even though she didn't come to Dana with the goal of being valedictorian in mind, Seeba says about a year ago she realized it could really happen. "I put more pressure on myself because I was so close, it would have been more disappointing if I hadn't tried."

Even though this year's valedictorians have maintained a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) throughout their college career, not every year will the highest GPA be a 4.0. The GPA is an accumulation of the past semesters each student has attended Dana, excluding the current semes-

ter. It is also typical that there is more than one valedictorian. Last year, Dana had three and in previous years more than four.

The valedictorians have the opportunity to speak at the commencement ceremony and sit on the platform with the President and the Dean. Together, the four will be allowed 12 minutes total for their speech. Although, they all have the opportunity to speak during this time they are not required to. After the four met together on Monday, they decided Jensen and Bell will most likely be the ones to speak. Their speech will be given after the class speaker, Shawn Fasbender.

Students can effectively handle stressful times with three strategies

JENNY NIELSEN
Reporter

We, as college students, all know that this time of year is very stressful and we all want to pull our hair out. But did you know that there are a lot of things that can be done to make your life a lot easier? A few examples are: manage your time, do not procrastinate, and take good notes.

According to the University of Illinois Counseling Center, "managing your time successfully is the secret to accomplishing not only what you must...but also what you want." When you don't get done all of what you wanted to, then a person starts to feel confused and very frustrated. You need to know when you can work the best. Is it in the morning, afternoon, evening, or very early morning? Then you need to take advantage of it. It needs to be a time during the day that your energy level is at its highest and then do the most stressful things at that time. Here are some of the steps that may help you to manage your time a little better:

1. Figure out everything that you need to get done.
2. Set goals for yourself for each area of your life that you think is important.
3. Figure out the deadlines, such as: midterms, tests, dates that papers are due, finals week. Plan ahead and make sure these

things are placed into your schedule.

4. Once you have everything prioritized, go back and schedule an activity like exercising that will help you relieve stress.

Reinhardt Ochs stated, "Everyone definitely needs to make more time for their studies during finals, twice as much than you would have spent on any class during the semester. Cut down on hours from your employment. If you have a job, try to concentrate primarily on studies. Also, visit the Learning Center because working with others is better than working individually."

How can you help someone avoid procrastination? We all deal with many things that can cause procrastination. As Chad Hansen stated, "I feel that my friends and just the fact of studying makes me want to procrastinate." In order for you to understand or solve a procrastination problem, you must carefully understand the places where your homework is not getting done. First, determine whether the cause is poor time management and if so, then follow the steps listed above.

Some of the reasons why people procrastinate include: if something does not mean anything to you, it may be hard for you to get motivated to do it; if something does not interest you, then you may be unwilling to spend time doing it; if you are uncertain of what is expected of you, then it may be hard for you to get

started.

Some areas that may help you avoid procrastination include: always try to have a positive attitude; if you have a large paper and you have no interest at all in doing it, break it down into little pieces and do it page by page. Who says that you have to do it all at the same time? Be reasonable in the expectations that you expect from yourself.

Good notetaking is also a great thing to have this time of year because instead of going back and reading all those chapters over again, you could just go to your notes and get a lot quicker review.

Some important points to help you when taking notes include: take out the small words from sentences because that way you will be able to write down more information and you don't waste time; don't write down all the letters in all the words; after you write down the whole word so you know what it is, abbreviate it by writing only initials that you will be able to remember. Drop off the endings or last few letters of really long words, but keep enough that you will be able to remember the word. Finally, when notetaking use numbers and symbols instead of writing out the words.

By following the steps above, you might be amazed at how well finals might go. Maybe you can realize how organized you can be and then you will be able to relax a little more.

School year draws to an end; epidemic takes over seniors

JANET REISDORFF
Graphics Editor

A bad case of Senioritis has been plaguing some Dana students in the last few weeks. As final projects and the last few classes draw the school year to a close, graduating seniors are left both happy and nervous about the prospects of graduating on May 18.

While seniors have shared many of the same experiences at Dana, life will inevitably carry them in separate directions. Tom Munger stated he will be going to optometry school in Memphis. Further schooling is also in the picture for Kyla Clay, a biology major. While she has applied to some graduate schools, she will be working at the Blair Chiropractic Center for the summer and will be a Resident Assistant

on-campus.

John Chandler will also be facing more school in the fall, only his will be through the student teaching block he needs to finish as do many other education majors.

On the positive side, Diane Katzdorn says there will be, "no more papers or projects!" Katzdorn will

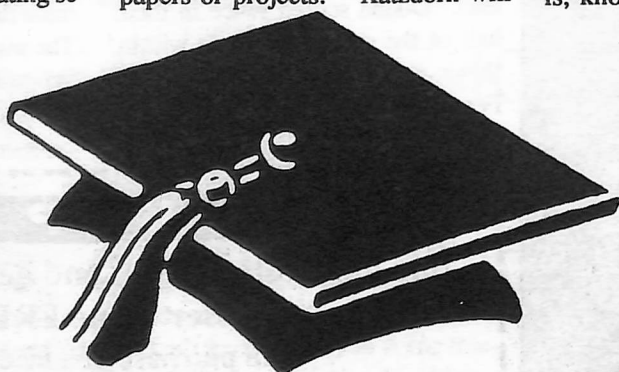
of hard work, it will be nice to have a summer break." Chandler stated the best part about graduating is, "I will finally be able to make some money."

"Knowing you get to take your education with you," was one of the best parts about graduating for Nate Cone. Clay agrees saying the best part is, "knowing that I am done and have no more classes."

While Cone will be getting married at the end of this month he says he will miss all of the relationships he has developed at Dana and all the professors he has come to know.

Munger has stated that he will miss all of the friends he has made here, "and Dr. Stone's biology classes."

As the countdown has now dwindled to nine days, most seniors are preparing themselves for the major shifts each of their lives will soon be taking while still trying to savor what college life they have left.



be working in Blair after graduation and says she will be looking for a better paying job. Munger, a biology major said the best part about graduating will be, "Having more free time this summer. After four years

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retirement after 30 years, and Director of Alumni Affairs, Ann George, also plans to retire after many years of dedicated service at Dana. In sports, eight wrestlers qualified for the NAIA Nationals in Jamestown, N.D. Andy Hensley finished the season a national finalist with a record of 101-42 and earned All-American honors for the second year in a row.

Spring ushered in a 4-1 winning streak for the Dana baseball team consisting of 27 players and five returning starters. The Dana softball team split with NWMSU in their home opener, with a promising team and two returning senior players.

When a snowstorm blustered in mid-April, many students wished they were back on the spring break beaches. The unpredictable weather didn't slow down the Dana track team, as they continued their success with six records for the men's team and one women's record at the Doane Relays, in Crete. Women's basketball coach Kris Grappendorf announced her resignation after three seasons as head coach, one year as assistant coach, and four years as an outstanding player.

Arbor Day brought a celebration of the Dana Scholars Program. This

event included a tree planting, reception, and buffet for students to meet with scholarship donors. Also, the dedication of a bell given to the college from Mayor Jorg Nenter of Bad Segeberg, Germany, to be placed where the old college welcome sign once was.

As the last days of April faded away, students look forward to their summer plans. Senior Mike Gerson will be travelling with the Athletes In Action program to various countries, junior Dottie Whitehill plans to study abroad in Ireland, Laura Meldrum, Marnie Jensen and Sonya Weber plan to bike across Denmark with sponsor Dr. John Mark Nielsen.

As students set up those summer plans and seniors scramble for employment after graduation, the month of May brings the last few weeks of school. The annual Spring Fling activities helped relieve students' stress and created fun options for enjoying the favorable weather.

As Dana says goodbye to the class of 1997, and the departure of campus Pastor Mike Ostrom, students look forward to a fun-filled summer break, and a new beginning of another school year.

Campus Events

May 9-18, 1997

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Flag Football, Oval

SATURDAY

7 p.m. Star Wars Trilogy, Linden Room

SUNDAY

Mother's Day

11 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

MONDAY

Last Day of Classes

TUESDAY

Finals

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Book Buy Back

3:30 p.m. Humanities Senior Seminars, Forum

10 p.m. Late Night Breakfast, Campus Center

WEDNESDAY

Finals

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Book Buy Back

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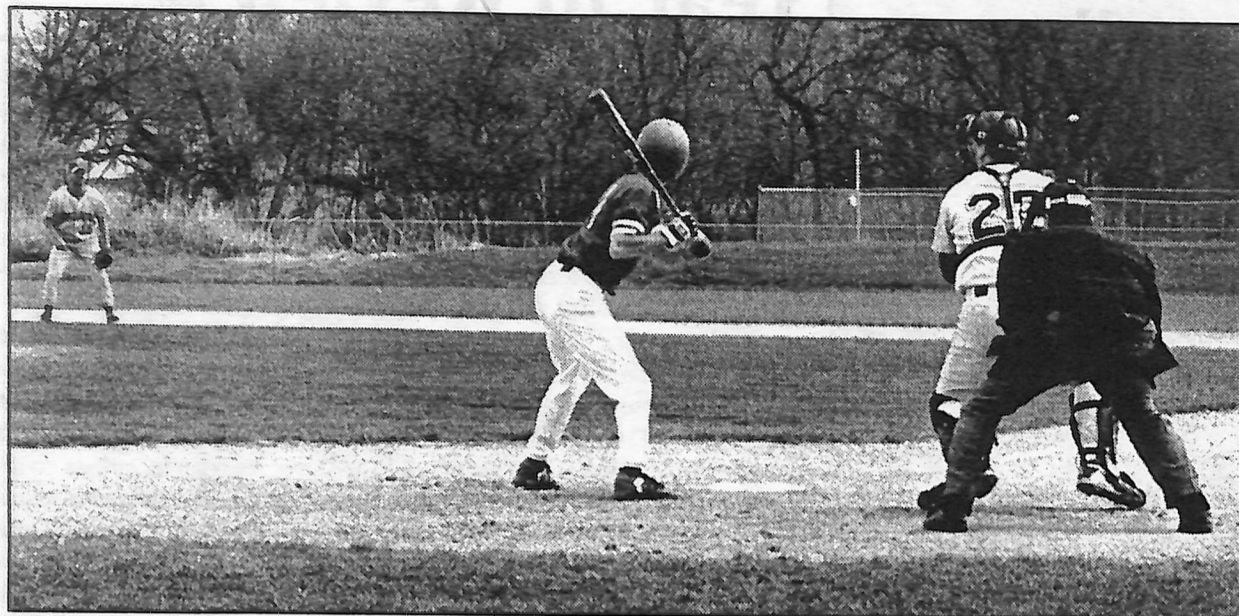
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SATURDAY

6:30 p.m. Senior Recognition Dinner, Cafeteria

SUNDAY

Baccalaureate and Commencement



Senior pinch-hitter Marty Santoni waits for the pitch. Santoni had the game winning RBI for the Vikings as they defeated Concordia in game one of their doubleheader. (photo by Emily Kempcke)

Six sports given special recognition at annual banquet

EMILY KEMPCKE
Copy Editor

The 1996/97 Winter and Spring Athletic Banquet was held in the Campus Center Sunday. Six different sports were recognized.

The invocation was given by senior Shawn Fasbender and athletic director Kathy Foley gave the welcome. Baseball coach Paul Davis paid special tribute to his nine seniors on the baseball team who will not be returning next season.

Dave Jensen, men's basketball coach, presented Nathan Babbitt with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award. The Most Inspirational Player Award was given to Shawn Fasbender. Jensen also recognized

the three seniors on the basketball team: Nathan Babbitt, Shawn Fasbender and Bret Marchese.

Kelly Prokupek gave an emotional tribute to her softball team that finished second in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) this year. She singled out seniors Melinda Almand and Heather Kelley for their contributions to the team. Freshman Jessi Thomsen was named MVP while sophomore Keri Hall was named most inspirational player. Prokupek also announced that first team all-conference members included Almand and freshman Jennifer Schneider. Second team All-Conference members were Tara Furstenau, Lisa Cady, Kelley, Lisa Shefland and Thomsen.

Coach Jay Birmingham recognized

his senior track members Sandy Smith and Lars Jensen. Angie Sparacino was named outstanding women's track member and Ben Sandy was named outstanding men's track member. Outstanding track and field awards were presented to freshmen Will Hardin and Amber Weber.

Kris Grappendorf honored the women's basketball team for their hard work the past season and paid a special tribute to the lone senior on the team, Nichol Buenning. Buenning was also named the most inspirational player. Junior Jen Dierks received the MVP award.

Ron Beaman recognized 15 wrestlers at the banquet. Senior Andy Hensley assisted Beaman with the award presentation and was also named MVP for the 1996/97 season.



David Bossman pitches to James Peterson as Kim Wingad catches at the Dana Jam softball tournament on Saturday. Peterson's team defeated Wingad's team 22-2. (photo by Janet Reisdorff)

Lady Vikes finish second in NIAC

LESLIE SCHROETER
Reporter

The Lady Vikes ended their post-season with losses to Northwestern and Concordia in the NIAC tournament in Hastings on Saturday. The Lady Vikes entered the tourney seeded second. They beat Nebraska Wesleyan 8-0 and Hastings 10-9 in their first two games of the tournament before falling 0-3 to Northwestern and 3-6 to Concordia. Outstanding players in the tournament were Jessi Thomsen, freshman catcher from Millard North, Taffy Forsen, junior outfielder from Herman, and Melinda Almand, senior designated player from Chino, Calif. Thomsen went 7-13 during the tournament, Forsen went 6-12 with six runs batted in and two doubles, and Almand went 4-10 at the plate with five runs

batted in and three doubles.

Coach Kelly Prokupek is pleased with the season and feels that it was "an enormous success." The team entered the season with only five upperclassmen and ten underclassmen. "We weren't a very experienced team," commented Prokupek.

The team was upset when they were picked to finish fourth in the tournament. That set the team on a mission to prove to the rest of the conference that they were still a top team in the conference.

"We kept alive our tradition of never having finished below second in the conference," said Prokupek.

For next year, Prokupek is looking for the team to be a tough one to beat in the conference. She is sad to lose outstanding seniors Melinda Almand and Heather Kelley but feels that the team will be "an awesome team in every area."

Vikings take winning streak into tournament

JAMES PETERSON
Reporter

On Monday, the Dana baseball team traveled to Crete to take on the Doane Tigers in what was supposed to be a make-up doubleheader, but ended up being a battle for the fourth and final playoff spot in the NIAC post-season conference tourney. With a 11-8 victory, completing a suspended game that started here in Blair on April 15th, and another win by the score of 6-3, the Vikings clinched that final playoff berth, keeping their dreams for a second straight NIAC conference crown a reality.

In the first game of the twinbill, Dana took the lead on a three-run fourth inning on a Jeremy Stuecklin single that scored two runs. Brad Moorhous would also score in the inning on a delayed double steal. In the fifth, Lee Heimes singled in Mike Gerson, and Dana would tack on two more later in the game to take a 6-1 lead. Doane scored twice in their half of the seventh to close within three runs, but catcher Brian Ferguson fired a throw down to sec-

ond that picked off a Doane baserunner, ending the contest.

The loss, along with the loss of the suspended game that Dana won prior to the start of the first game of the doubleheader, eliminated Doane from any hope of making the playoff. Dana then chose to not play the second game of the doubleheader, being the game had no bearing on the outcome of the season.

Larry Dant (3-5), pitched the complete game for the Vikings, striking out seven and allowing three runs on seven hits. In the suspended game, Sam Bruecklander picked up his fourth save of the season for Dana. The game was halted by darkness on the 15th in the bottom of the fifth, with Dana batting and a runner on first. Dana had a 10-8 lead at the time, but would tack on an insurance run in Monday's restart.

Dana, now 19-21 overall and 11-8 in the conference, played first seed Hastings on Thursday in Hastings at the conference tournament. The double-elimination tourney will continue through today and tomorrow. The winner of the tournament will advance to an NAIA regional tournament sometime next week.

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