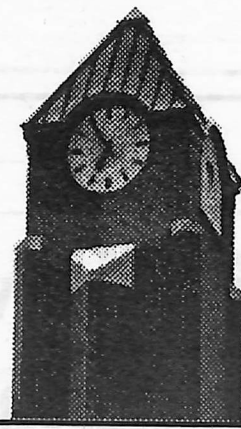


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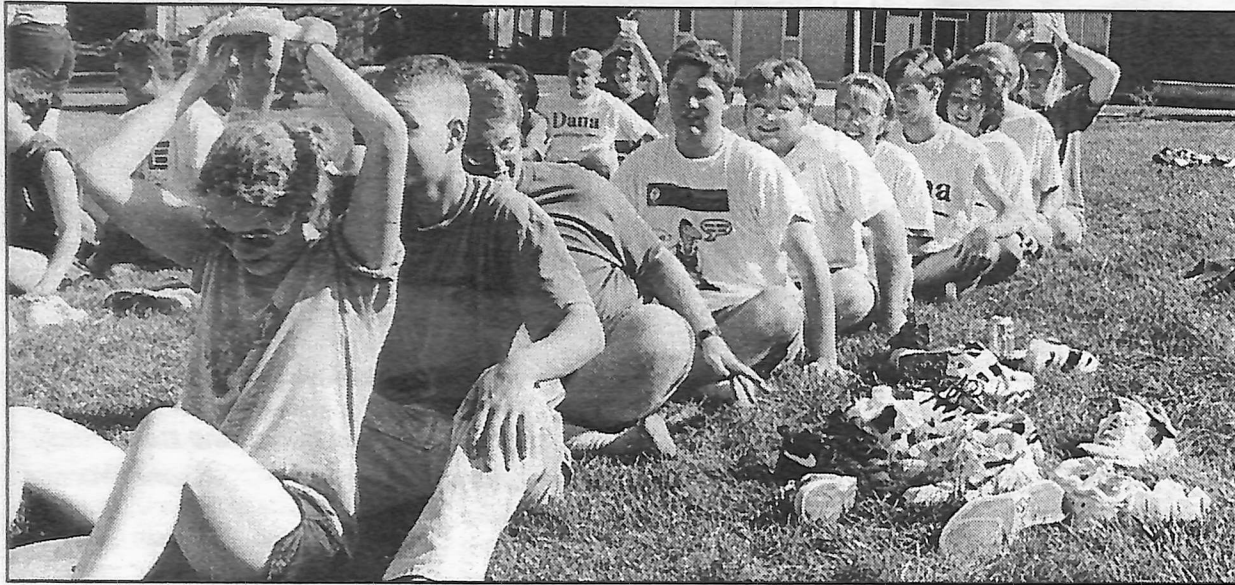
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Dottie Whitehill passes a sponge to Todd McCrery in the Orientation Olympic's game of Water Sponge Relay. Fellow team members Matt Haufler, C.T. Holz, Brett Putnam, Heather Plowman, Adam Talmon, Wendy Weaver, Sarah Johnson, and Cheryl Pattie cheer and await to participate. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Settling into the college life

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

The beginning of a new fall semester means the arrival of many new faces on campus. The Class of 2001 arrived for orientation on Thursday, Aug. 21. Under the super hero theme "Viking Power: Activate," orientation helped the new students get settled, meet people, and learn about college life.

Barbara Moore, director of orientation, said, "The main goal of orientation is to get them to feel comfortable at Dana." This was done through

a number of activities ranging from informative sessions to social events. Moore felt orientation went well. "I was pleased," she said. "I think the freshmen participated more than in past years."

The freshmen participated in traditional events such as the opening banquet, the new advisor luncheon, the Olympics, and a square dance. Moore said one addition to the schedule was a session by Betsy Chase, a speaker on date rape from the YWCA in Omaha. Another new event was a group excursion to Omaha where students could either visit the Old Market or go cosmic bowling.

Freshman Danielle Soby of Omaha said her favorite part of orientation was meeting many people. "We were all shy at first," she said, "but by the end we had all opened up to each other." Jen Schaaf, a freshman from Scobey, Mont., also liked meeting new people. "I learned about college life and I met a lot of people," she said. Both Soby and Schaaf said their favorite event was freshmen follies. During follies each orientation team presented a humorous skit over their orientation experiences.

Moore also wanted to express her thanks to the orientation leaders for their time and hard work.

Construction in the works greets students returning to campus

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

Dana students were welcomed this year with many things, but the one thing students noticed immediately was the construction by the campus center.

Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs, explained that the construction on campus this fall is an "unfunded mandate." The college was required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to either eliminate or reline all of their underground fuel holding tanks by December 1998.

"We wanted to get the work done this summer," Schmoll said.

The school contracted Shirley Environmental of Lincoln for the project. Work on the tanks began

in June and was slated to be completed by July. However, the crew ran into some problems with the state fire marshal and the project

"It's money we would much rather be spending on something like computers."

—Bob Schmoll

took more time and money than was originally planned.

"Instead of costing around \$50,000, it cost about \$75,000 to \$80,000," said Schmoll.

Where does that money come from?

"It just comes out of our general budget. It's money we would much

rather be spending on something like computers," commented Schmoll.

Along with the required work being done on campus, other smaller construction projects have and will take place. New concrete work has been done in several areas, along with general construction and maintenance work in the buildings. The football field has been re-sodded and now has a better playing surface, Schmoll said.

A new parking lot is also in the planning stages at this time. The lot will be located east of the sand volleyball court near the other student parking lot and will hold 75 to 100 cars. Contracts are being sought for the construction of the lot as well as for lighting. Schmoll hopes to have the lot completed by the end of this month.

Sparacino, Dana's national champion

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

Angie Sparacino knew she would be the women's national champion in the marathon halfway through the race. She was in fourth place with 13 miles to go. With nine miles left, she remembers reassuring coach Jay Birmingham "Don't worry, coach. I'll catch her." She did. When the dust settled Sparacino finished the race of 26.2 miles with a time of 2:57:18, good enough to be Dana's first national champion.

"I remember talking to coach and he was telling me that the leader was a minute and a half ahead of me. I knew she was within catching distance," said Sparacino.

"After I finished I was so excited that I didn't even feel tired, even though I had just run 26 miles. When I saw Anna (Hoyde) and Mandy (Buttry) come across the finish line, both as All-Americans, I got really, really excited," said Sparacino. "It was great to see that all our hard work had paid off."

"When we lined up for that race, I knew that we were all well-



Champion Angie Sparacino

trained. We just had to stay focused and take the miles one at a time," said Sparacino.

"I think our team will surprise a lot of people this season in cross-country," she said. "I know I'm the fittest I've ever been and after our success last spring I think we all have a lot of confidence in ourselves individually and as a team."

Coach Birmingham said, "Angie is a hard-working, intelligent runner with a good attitude. It was great to see all her hard work pay off."

Experience and academic excellence times three

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Reporter

Dana College opened its 1997-98 academic year with three new full-time faculty. Sandi Mitchell will serve as instructor of physical education and head women's basketball coach. Dr. William Hall has been hired as assistant professor of music and director of bands. Dorothy Willis is the new library director.

Mitchell comes from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, where she served as first assistant basketball coach for two years. She spent the 1994-1995 season as first assistant coach at East Central University in Ada, Okla. Last spring, Mitchell received her master's degree in kinesiology at the University of Lamar. Her bachelor's degree is in school health, physical education and recreation from East Central University.

Mitchell's goals include maintaining a high academic standard on the team and achieving a top conference rating within three years. She is pleased with the team's performance so far, stating "I'm fortunate to have inherited such dedicated players."

Hall brings added experience to the music department. He completed his doctorate of philosophy in music education this fall at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. He received a master's degree in trombone performance from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in music education from Ohio State University. Prior to arriving at Dana, Hall taught instrumental music in public schools from 1967 to 1974 and 1985 to 1994. He has performed professionally on trombone with the United States Army

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What will you always remember from freshman orientation?

Photos and questions by
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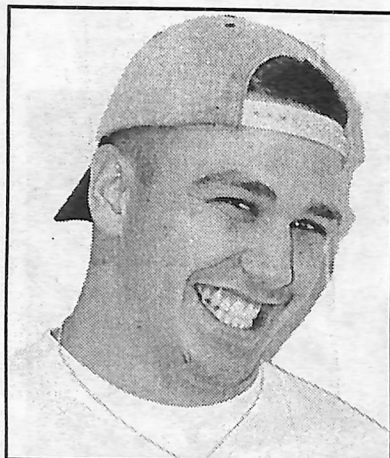
"Probably meeting my roommate and getting to know her."

—Brooke Thompson



"The follies were really fun."

—Danielle Soby



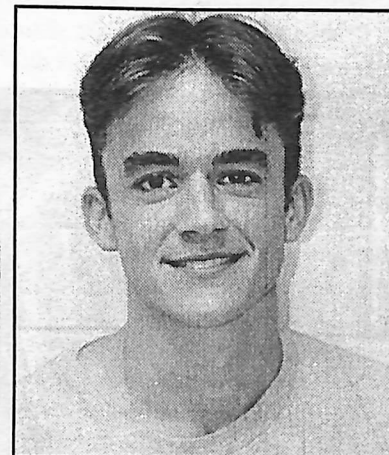
"The good food and the friendly people."

—Charlie Holcomb



"Running for student senate."

—Jessica Scoopmire



"Chad Foust, the storyteller"

—Shane Warner

Recycling up for grabs

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

Recycling is a major part of our society today. Looking at the recycling containers in my hall alone, I can see that a lot more is getting recycled than thrown away. This means less trash in our environment and more things being reused. Personally, I have been a dedicated recycler for several years and I am more than pleased that Dana has recycling bins in every building. It's as easy to throw things in a recycling bin as it is to throw it in the trash.

Along with the convenience of recycling, however, comes the inconvenience of collecting it. Unlike the trash, which is collected periodically, recyclables need to be taken to a recycling center.

Recycling at Dana began with the Social Awareness Organization. Last semester, the Student Senate took over the pick up for its community

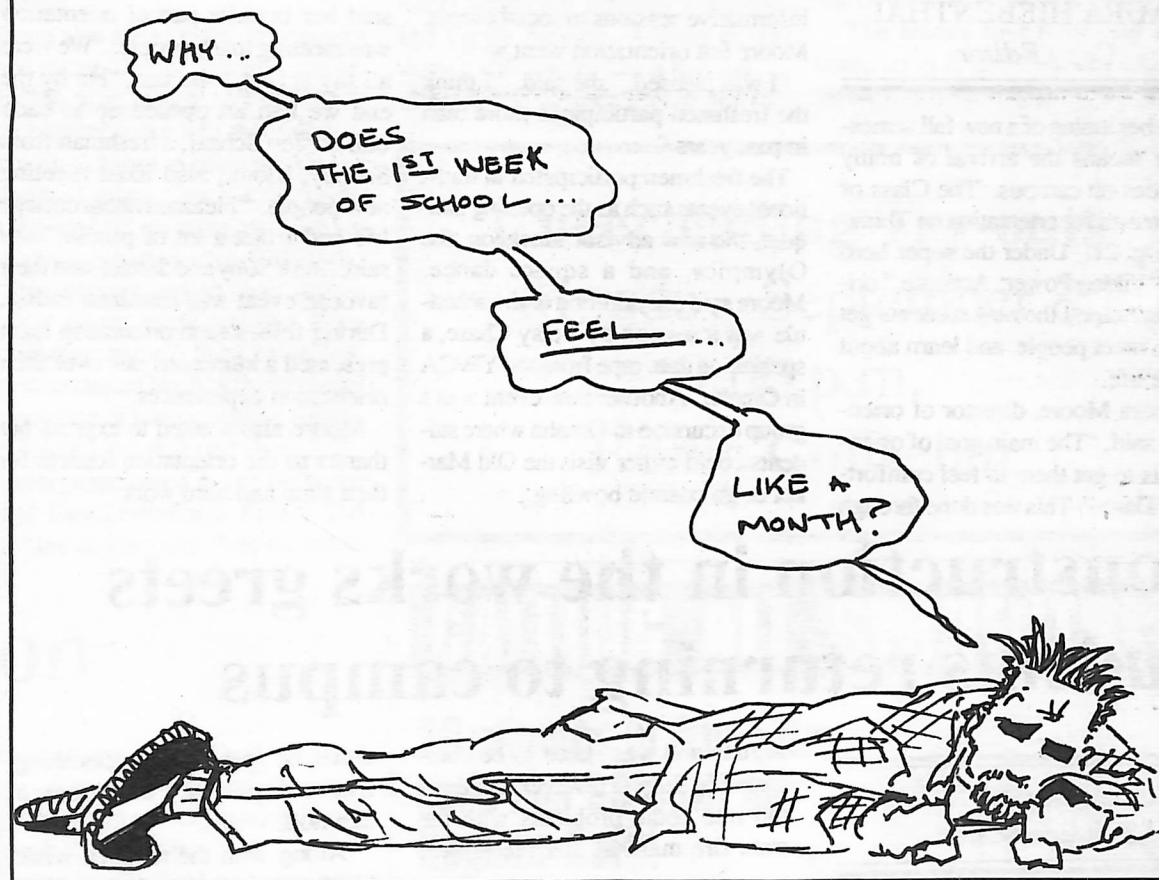
service project. Now it is assumed that the senate will continue the pick up. However, as was pointed out by Elaine Rivard, senior senate member, every organization that receives money from the senate could use recycling for their community service project. The organizations could take turns in picking up the recyclables and probably only have to work one weekend a semester. This seems like the best way to get a variety of different people involved in the recycling project. It would also ease the worries of senate members, who are usually involved in more than just Student Senate.

In the meantime, Dr. Richard Jorgensen has single-handedly been collecting all the recyclables on campus every week. Jorgensen's dedication to the college and recycling enables us to recycle conveniently. I believe convenience is the key to keeping students participating in recycling.

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Testing the waters of freedom freshman experience anxiety, anticipation

SHAWN ISAACS
Reporter

The freshman experience is different for everyone. Remember the fond farewell to your parents, the anticipation of meeting your roommate for the first time, and the nervousness you felt going to your first class.

"My biggest fear was that I knew I was going to miss all my friends back

home, and I just hoped that I would be able to make new ones here," stated freshman Jodi Skalak.

Along with the anxiety and anticipation comes a new responsibility: your first taste of freedom. No one to tell you when to go to bed, to get to class, or to do your homework.

Many times one can get lost in the balancing act between studies and social life. Few will dispute the importance of late-night study sessions, football games in the oval, or

the new friendships you make. Five years after graduation from college, only the chemistry majors will remember how to titrate .02 molar HCl, but it is the all-night movie marathons with your friends that will stick with you.

Realizing this, the best thing you can do is to get some sleep, go to class, do the homework, and then test the waters of freedom. Your first responsibility is to yourself and to your education.

Features

Student teachers invisible on campus

AMY BENEDICT
Editor in chief

There are 10 seniors that one might never see on campus. However, they are in school 40 hours a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each day study subjects such as social studies, language, math, science, reading, and spelling. So who are these eager students? They are Dana's future educators, more commonly known as student teachers.

To receive state teaching certification, education majors must complete a minimum of 10 weeks student teaching before they graduate. If a student is both an education and special education major, he or she must complete 20 weeks of teaching. Dana education majors choose two or three different schools and classrooms where they would like to teach. This year the student teachers are in many different school districts, as far away as Logan, Iowa, and Lincoln or as near as Blair and Omaha.

According to Dorothy Olson, pro-

fessor of education, the road to student teaching starts early. As freshmen and sophomores, education majors begin teacher assisting and observing teachers at local elementary schools and high schools. Also, to enroll in several Dana education classes which are required to graduate, education majors must pass the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or Content Mastery Examinations for Educators (CMEE) put out by the Nebraska Board of Education.

Finally, when Dana education majors are prepared, they ease into teaching on their own.

"Student teaching is crucial," said Olson. She said student teaching gives future educators the clearest picture into teaching because the student is in the classroom the entire day. This way the student teachers see all the subjects taught, how discipline is used, and how students' energy and interests change in one day. Also, since student teachers are in the school for 10 weeks, they get a glimpse into parent teacher conferences, in-ser-

vice meetings, and how teaching staffs work together.

Julie Holmes, who is currently student teaching second graders in Tekamah, agrees with Olson on the importance of student teaching. "For me, it boosts my self-esteem and

"While teacher assisting we were just there to help, but now we get to take part in everything. You get to see it all and really get to know the kids."

—Nicole Miller

gives me an opportunity to try different teaching methods and find what works."

For Nicole Miller, a student teacher in Mondamin, Iowa, student teaching has given her an opportunity to get involved in teaching. "While teacher assisting we were just there to help, but now we get to take a part in ev-

erything. You get to see it all and really get to know the kids."

"Student teaching gives you experience in the field to see if teaching is what you really want to do," said Brenda Rumery, who is currently student teaching in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Olson said student teaching gives Dana students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in their education methods classes. Throughout their education classes they made games, bulletin boards, picture files, poetry books, and kept portfolios of teaching ideas and activities. All of their hard work can now be used in an actual teaching environment.

The student teachers observe for the first few weeks of student teaching and then are eased into teaching the class one subject at a time until they teach the whole day for their last three weeks. While they teach the kids, the full-time teacher observes the Dana student teacher and gives advice and pointers.

Holmes explained that within her education classes she taught lessons to her peers to get experience teaching but that it is a lot different in front of young kids. "I am more at ease with teaching kids. They don't judge you like your peers do. They look up to you because you are like their role model. I like that part," said Holmes.

"Student teaching was a shock at first because there was a lot more planning than I thought there would be," said Miller. "It is hectic but a lot of fun."

Although student teachers work 40 hours a week, they are still required to attend evening seminars and discussions once a month. This is in addition to their duties in a classroom. Some areas discussed at the meetings are resumes, school law and state teacher certification, job hunting and interviewing. This also gives Dana's future educators time to get together and discuss problems or funny stories that have occurred in their classrooms.

New professors continued from page 1

Field Band and the United States Army Band.

Coming to Dana allows Hall to fulfill many of his career goals, such as to teach in a music education program and to conduct a concert band. Hall plans to develop the size and instrumentation of the concert band as well as build the music education program.

Willis is pleased to follow Ruth Rasmussen, who retired after 27 years at Dana, as the new library director. She completed her master's degree in librarianship from the University of Denver and has a bachelor of arts degree in education from Peru State College. Willis served as the dean of instructional support at Clarkson College in Omaha since 1994. She also

served as the director of instructional support services and director of library services at the college since 1990.

Willis is excited to work in the liberal arts environment.

"Dana is in excellent shape as far as electronic information," she said. She plans to continue developing the networking system.

Young staff invades, invigorates KDCV

RODNEY RONK
Reporter

With another sports season approaching, KDCV 91.1 FM, Dana's campus radio station, is gearing up for another year of extensive Viking sports coverage. This fall KDCV will cover all Dana football games and as many volleyball and

soccer contests as possible.

Mike Klug and James Peterson, two of the station's veteran announcers, hope to further the role of KDCV in the Dana community by not only announcing games, but by also adding coaches' shows and more in-depth player interviews.

Klug and Peterson said that despite few returners to KDCV sports, they are excited to have a new, young staff to work with and

hope that the new students can step up and fill the roles of graduates Joel Jorgensen and Scott Shannon.

KDCV sports will be on the air this Saturday night at Dana's first football game as the Vikings take on Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, S. D. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. with the Viking pre-game show starting at 6:50 p.m.

Campus Events September 5, 1997

FRIDAY

11 a.m. First Friday Freebie
6 p.m. Mini-golf in Omaha, meet in CC

SATURDAY

7 p.m. Scavenger Hunt, CC
7 p.m. Football, Dakota Wesleyan
TBA Volleyball, Central College

SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship
1 p.m. Student Senate Retreat, Chapel
6 p.m. FCA Kickoff, meet in CC

MONDAY

9 p.m. Last day to return fall semester books
Cheerleading Try-outs, Borup

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Campus Life Committee
9 a.m. Faculty Affairs Committee
10:30 a.m. Chapel
7 p.m. Budget Concerns Committee, Linden Room
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Buena Vista
8:30 p.m. Night Games

WEDNESDAY

4 p.m. Women's soccer, Midland
7 p.m. Student Senate meeting, Forum
10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY

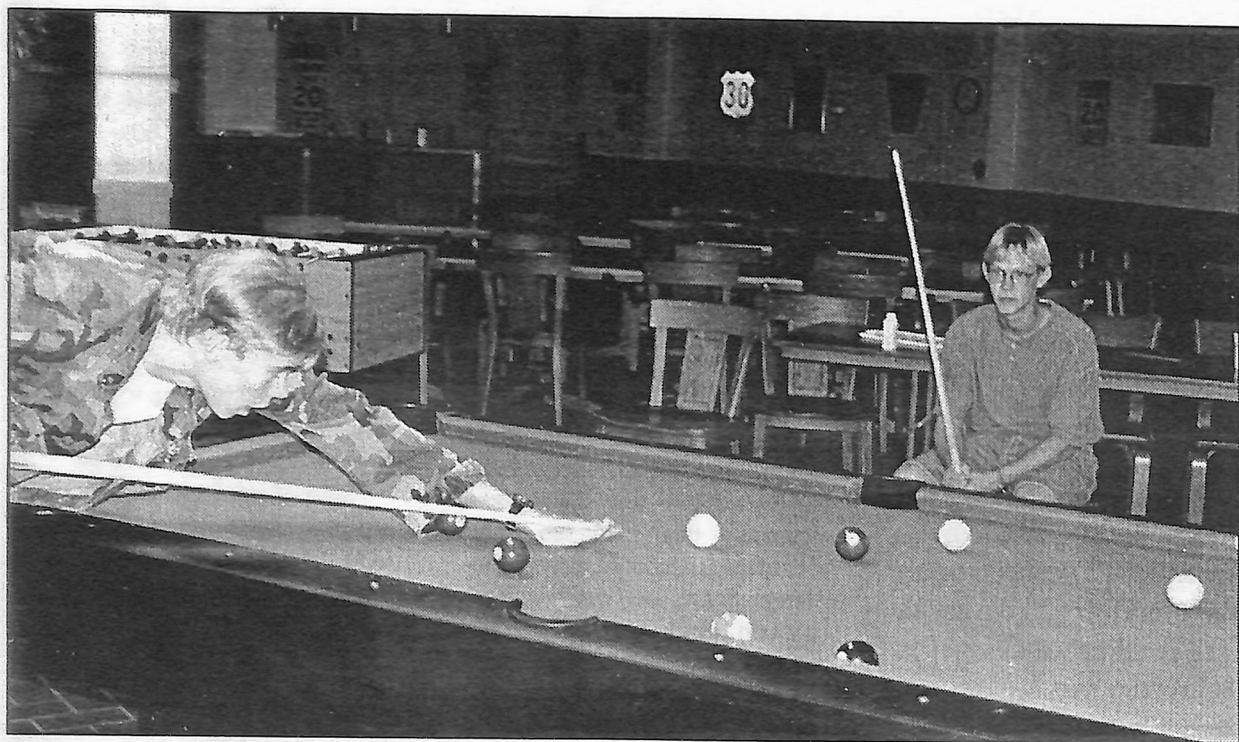
10:30 a.m. Chapel

Are you a freshman or a sophomore seeking admission to the teacher education program?

Register to take the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) by Sept. 16, 1997

Registration packets are available in DCC 302
The test date is October 18, 1997 at Dana College.

\$75.00 for all tests
\$60.00 for two tests
\$45.00 for one test



Colin Lykke takes some time out to play pool in the Dragon's Head while Brook Chelmo looks on and gets ready to take his shot. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Cross country team ready to go the distance

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

With all but two letter-winners returning from last season, the cross country team is hoping to have another strong year.

On the women's side, the team will build on a foundation of seven returning letter-winners.

"The women's team will be the strongest in Dana's history and could contend for a berth in the national championship race," said coach Jay Birmingham.

Anna Hovde and Angie Sparacino, both seniors, and junior Mandy Buttry return to cross country after their successes in the marathon at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championships. Sparacino became Dana's first national champion by winning the event, and Hovde and Buttry earned All-American honors by finishing fourth and sixth, respectively.

Junior Amy Carlson returns for another season, as well as sophomores Razy Sparacino, Jennifer Williams, and Emily Nessen. A total of 12 women will run for Dana this fall.

Last season the men's team won the

Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship and finished fourth at the NAIA championship. With six of the seven top runners returning, the team will make a run at the national championship. Senior Ben Sandy, the two-time defending NIAC cross country champion, will lead the team. He is also a two-time All-American in cross country and the conference champion in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs.

The team's strength continues in senior Max Grady, junior Neal Smith, and sophomore Scott Stanley, who all finished in the top ten at the conference meet last season. Birmingham said that newcomers Ben Gailey, Justin Christensen, and Aaron Schlote will join veterans Ryan Jacobsen, John Henningsen, Evan Bees, and Dan Formo to give the team great depth.

"The team has set a goal of placing higher than last year's fourth at nationals, an attainable but extremely challenging goal," said Birmingham. "The focus for both the women and the men, mentally and physically, must be Nov. 15 in Kenosha, Wis., site of the NAIA championships."

The team's first meet and only home meet is the Dana Invitational on Sept. 13, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Volleyball team looks to improve

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

The Dana Viking volleyball team looks for improvement and progress as they begin the season under second-year head coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong. Last year the Vikes went 12-32 overall and 1-11 in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC).

The Vikings welcome back two senior starters, Andrea Spreen and Susan Weddingfeld, and two other letter-winners. Spreen will be a four-year starter at the outside hitter position. She has been one of Dana's top attackers and servers in each of her three collegiate seasons. She was second in kills last season with 245 and led the team in ace serves with 56.

Weddingfeld is Dana's all-time

leader in career solo blocks with 219, including 85 last year. She had a team-high .224 attack percentage and

...Vikings hope to improve last year's 1-11 season in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference...

followed Spreen in kills with 219.

Terra Schmidt is the third senior and letter-winner. She played 105 games last year and will be a key component for this year's team.

The fourth returning letter-winner is junior Kelli Redmond. She was Dana's No. 2 setter last year, playing in 80 games, and was also a defen-

sive specialist. Other returnees are outside hitters Lisa Decker and Rachel Heitmann, setter Tara Tiefenthaler, middle hitter Amber Weber and defensive specialist Roni Peterson.

Dana also added eight newcomers to the roster. Junior college transfer, Kim Watkins, and seven true first-year players come into this fall season with a chance to boost the Viking volleyball team. Coach Krofcheck-Strong will be counting on pushing Dana's record above the .500 mark.

The Vikings opened their season with a home game against Peru Wednesday night. Peru came into the game ranked No. 9 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and defeated Dana 0-3.

Dana participated in the Bellevue Labor Day Invitational Friday and Saturday and dropped their record to 0-5.

Kicking off a new season

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team is prepared to improve their second season of varsity play. Head coach Jennifer Haralson began the season with a mid-August camp to prepare the team for the 1997 season.

The Vikings have eight returning letter winners and seven were starters for last year's team that went 1-12. Dana went 1-4 in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) and finished fifth in the league.

Senior Carrie Knapp will lead the Vikings with her all-conference performance and versatile playing style. Knapp is listed as a forward but will be seen on attack, at midfield and also goalkeeper. Last year, Knapp led the Vikings in scoring with three goals and a team high four assists for 10

points. She also had 28 saves in goal last fall.

Rachel Herman and Emily Nessen

...Senior Carrie Knapp will lead the Vikings with her all-conference performance and versatile playing style...

also return for their second year. Both had three goals last season to share team honors with Knapp. Herman also has a wide range of playing positions and will be seen on offense, at midfield and on defense. Nessen, who will be competing in both cross country and soccer this fall, had three goals in seven games last year.

The most experience in goal will

come from senior Sara Duff. She had 45 saves in just five games after joining the Viking soccer squad halfway through the '96 season.

Junior Janelle Kahl will also be a top contributor for the women's soccer team. Kahl scored two goals in nine games last year. She will play on defense and at midfield this season.

Other returning starters are senior Elaine Rivard, junior Michelle Spiegel and sophomore Chris Moberg.

Newcomers Amanda Stoffel, midfielder, and Noel Tesar, defender, will increase the Viking roster. With the addition of several latecomers, the team has 18 players.

The women's soccer team started its season Thursday at York in a non-conference match. Dana's home opener is Sept. 16 against Simpson, Iowa.

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Monday, September 8
9:00 p.m.
Borup Coliseum

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