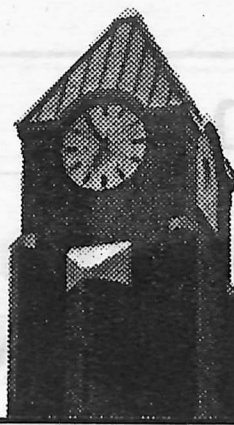


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DANA COLLEGE



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## Senior Homecoming candidates await coronation

**CHRISTINA NUTTER**  
*Reporter*

The 1997 Homecoming court will be presented and crowned next Thursday evening after the Dana volleyball game at approximately 9:30 p.m.

R.J. Gall is a marketing, management and organizational business major and comes from Howells, Neb. He is a member of the football team.

Matt Haufle, a music and religion major from Red Oak, Iowa, is president of Chorale and a member of VOICES. He was an orientation team leader this fall, is a DJ for the radio station and is also involved in theater and campus ministry.

Rodney Ronk, an organizational communication and broadcast major, is from Emerson, Iowa. He is the student senate president, a DJ for KDCV and a student manager for the football team. He is also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Soren Schmidt is a music education major from Escanaba, Mich. He is involved in Chorale, VOICES, concert band, jazz band and this fall's production of *HMS Pinafore*. He is president of the student chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

Mark Witt is a music education



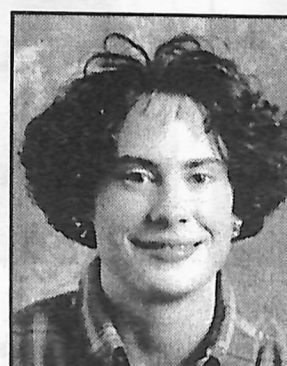
Angie Sparacino



Susan Weddingfeld



Elaine Rivard



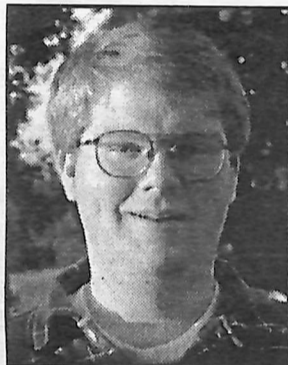
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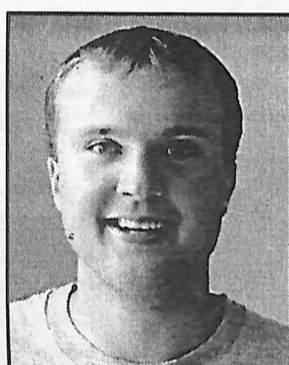
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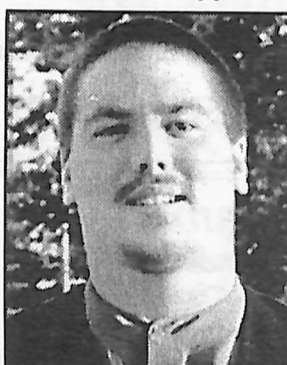
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major from Omaha. He is involved in Chorale, concert band, jazz band, Music Educators National Conference and campus ministry.

Jana Bentley, a social work major, is from Macedonia, Iowa. She is involved in the Student Activities Organization.

Carrie Knapp, a Lexington, Neb., native, is majoring in biology for secondary education with a coaching endorsement. She is active on

the soccer and basketball teams and is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Knapp is currently student teaching.

Elaine Rivard is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in accounting and finance and minoring in communications. She is a senior resident assistant and her hometown is Sandstone, Minn. She is involved in soccer, theater, band, campus ministry and student sen-

ate. Angie Sparacino comes from Houston, Texas. She is majoring in English for secondary education with a coaching endorsement. She is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national champion in the marathon and is a member of the cross country and track teams. She is also a swim coach for the Blair YMCA.

Susan Weddingfeld, a social sciences for secondary education major

*Photos by Amy Benedict and Carrie Larkins*

with a coaching endorsement, is from Panora, Iowa. She plays for the volleyball and basketball teams and is a counselor for Space TREK Institute. Weddingfeld will soon be student teaching at Bryan High School in Omaha.

## Applications being accepted for honors program

**LAURA HIEBENTHAL**  
*Copy Editor*

This fall marks the beginning of the second year of the Dana College Honors Program.

According to Dr. Delvin Hutton, director of the honors program, this program is an opportunity for students to enhance their education through a variety of extra intellectual and cultural activities.

To qualify for the honors program, a student must meet certain requirements. A student must have: a minimum high school grade point aver-

age of 3.5, a minimum composite ACT/SAT score of 26/1170, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a personal interview with the honors program advisory council, and a minimum grade of B+ in Foundations for Lifelong Learning.

Applications from sophomores and juniors are being accepted until Sept. 26. Freshmen can apply during second semester after completion of Foundations for Lifelong Learning. The latest point any student can apply is the beginning of their junior year.

Students who are accepted into the

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## Changes at KDCV as new programming begins

**JENNIFER BURGER**  
*Graphics Editor*

Now is the time to get involved with KDCV, Dana's radio station.

"We have shifts available and they're open to anyone who wants to participate," said Vern Wirka, operations director at KDCV. "We had 30 interested students sign up at the organizational meeting, which is more than in previous years," he added. There is also new programming to entertain listeners during the 7 to 10 p.m. slot.

"In the prime-time hours we're trying to move into all Top 40 mu-

sic. We're reserving the other time slots for more varied programming and DJ's personal choice," said Matt Kutzli, chief operator of the station.

"We have a variety of programming including a show featuring all Broadway music and some Christian programming on Sunday," Kutzli added.

Also in the works are shows featuring international students creating their own original programming reflecting their culture and a program focusing on religious themes on Sunday.

"Participating in a campus radio station gives students the opportunity to learn about broadcasting and how to put a show together, plus it gives them an understanding of how

the medium works," said Wirka.

"I'm involved with KDCV because it gives me something to do," said Kutzli. "I get to practice my technical skills and do a lot of electronic work. I don't know of any other job on campus that offers that, plus the freedom to choose my own hours."

"I like working for KDCV because I get experience working with a team of students with interests similar to mine," said Angela Hamburger, public service director. "In my position I get to work closely with various aspects of production. I've learned a lot about the equipment and I've had a chance to examine a lot of public service announcements that I like."

## If you could spend the day with anyone, who would it be and why?

Photos and questions by Nikki Kinsey



"It used to be Mother Teresa, but now that's not going to work."

—Theresa Novak



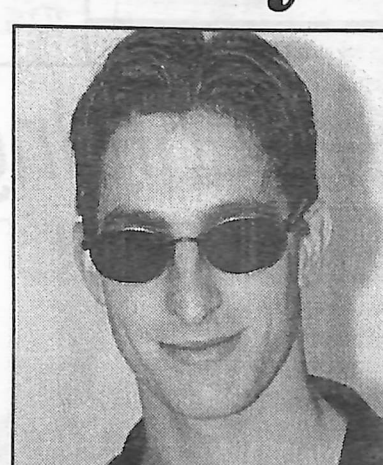
"Walt Disney, to see the kind of guy he was and to see the creation of Mickey Mouse."

—Cheryl Karl



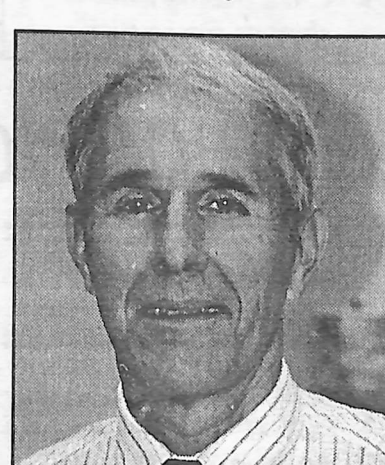
"Ivana Trup because she could pay for the clothes I buy when we go shopping."

—Brandy Hansen



"Andy Garcia because he's my idol. I want to be like him when I become a movie star."

—Travis Feuerborn



"President Jimmy Carter because of the way he chose to live his life after the presidency."

—Dan Travaille

### Campus Events

#### FRIDAY

TBA 9:30 p.m. Volleyball, Nebraska Wesleyan Tiger Bowl, Tekamah

#### SATURDAY

10 a.m. Cross Country, Lincoln  
2 p.m. DeSoto Refuge and SCEBS driving range  
6 p.m. Football, Peru State  
TBA Volleyball, Nebraska Wesleyan

#### SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship  
8 p.m. FCA meeting, Linden Room

#### TUESDAY

9 a.m. Friday Professional Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
4 p.m. Women's Soccer, Doane  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Concordia

#### WEDNESDAY

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bookfair, CC  
10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

#### THURSDAY

4 p.m. Women's Soccer  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Northwestern

### Honors Program

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honors program will be recognized as "Morton Scholars," named after Dr. Richard E. Morton, who served as president of Dana College and Trinity Seminary from 1944 to 1956.

After acceptance into the honors program, students must meet certain requirements to graduate as Morton Scholars. By graduation they will have participated in one honors section of the Liberal Arts Reading Program, a cross-cultural experience and one honors colloquium per semester. They will have completed one honors course during Interim, six hours of designated honors courses from "The Challenge to Expand" section of the general education program and 40 hours of community service. In addition, they will have presented a senior thesis or project and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Dr. Hutton said the first Morton Scholars could graduate this spring

and will be recognized during the graduation ceremony. It has not been decided how this year's graduates will be recognized, but in the future Hutton said he would like to see the honor students wear medallions, possibly designed by the art department.

Each semester honor students must attend at least one of three colloquia. These colloquia, said Hutton, are to provide a social, off-campus activity that will broaden students' experiences. Last year's activities included trips to the Joslyn Art Museum, the opera *Faust* and the John G. Neihardt Spring Conference in Bancroft, Nebr.

Hutton said the honors program had its first colloquium on Saturday when students viewed the "Turner Watercolors" exhibit at the Joslyn Art Museum. In October they will attend a concert at St. Cecilia Cathedral featuring the Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum. The third colloquium will be in No-

vember when they will visit DeSoto Wildlife Refuge to view the migration of waterfowl. Hutton also said next semester they are planning to attend the opera *Madama Butterfly*.

In the future Hutton hopes the honor students can take more extensive trips to places like Minneapolis or Kansas City to view art museums and theaters.

Christina Nutter, a sophomore honors student, said she likes the colloquia because they are opportunities to do more interesting activities, like going to the Joslyn Art Museums. Another benefit of the honors program, she said, is that honors students can register for three additional credit hours per semester and not have to pay additional tuition.

"I think the honors program is a positive experience," she said.

If any student has questions about the honors program, they can contact Hutton for more information.

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## Homecoming Festivities

### Wednesday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Book fair, CC  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Noon Hour Drawing, CC  
9 p.m. Comedian Vic Henley, CC

### Friday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Noon Hour Drawing, CC  
8:30 p.m. President's Knighting, MFAC

### Thursday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Noon Hour Drawing, CC  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup  
9:30 p.m. Coronation, Borup  
9 p.m.-12 a.m. Carnival Night, CC

### Saturday

12:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup  
2 p.m. Football  
3 p.m. Golf Cart Parade  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dance, Borup

## Two Dana students spend summer helping to reconnect Dana with area Lutheran churches

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

Bridging the gap between Lutheran churches and Dana College became a reality this past summer. Two Dana students, Deneen Schriver and Lindsay Bruning, accomplished this goal under the supervision of Barry Anderson, director of public relations.

Initially the idea of getting Dana reacquainted with Lutheran churches came from former campus pastor Mike Ostrom. Pastor Ostrom approached Schriver and Bruning last spring with the idea. After getting the funding approved for the project Schriver and Bruning began the job

one week after the end of the spring semester. They traveled to Lutheran churches to meet personally with pastors and to let them know more about Dana College. If no one at the church could meet with them, they left a brochure about what Dana has to offer to churches.

"We traveled to about 100 churches within a 150 mile radius of Blair. Three days a week we were on the road and we spent Mondays and Fridays in the office," said Bruning.

"We told pastors about the special music and the speakers we have to offer. We gave them more options for things to do with youth groups, like bring them to Dana for lock-ins or special performances. We also wanted them to know that the college

is available for special retreats for different groups," Schriver said. Another reason for all of this travel-

"This will expand the growth of Dana students as well as help the churches."

—Barry Anderson

ing is that the Lutheran student population at Dana has dropped from less than one-half in the 1960s to less than one-third this year, according to

Anderson.

"Diversity is definitely a goal at Dana but we still need to rebuild our connection to the church," commented Anderson.

As far as the actual traveling and meeting with people, Schriver and Bruning both agreed that it was a learning experience for them in many ways.

"The first couple of weeks I was really nervous about talking with people I had never met before, but it got a lot easier after that," said Bruning.

Schriver thought that it helped her map skills and planning skills.

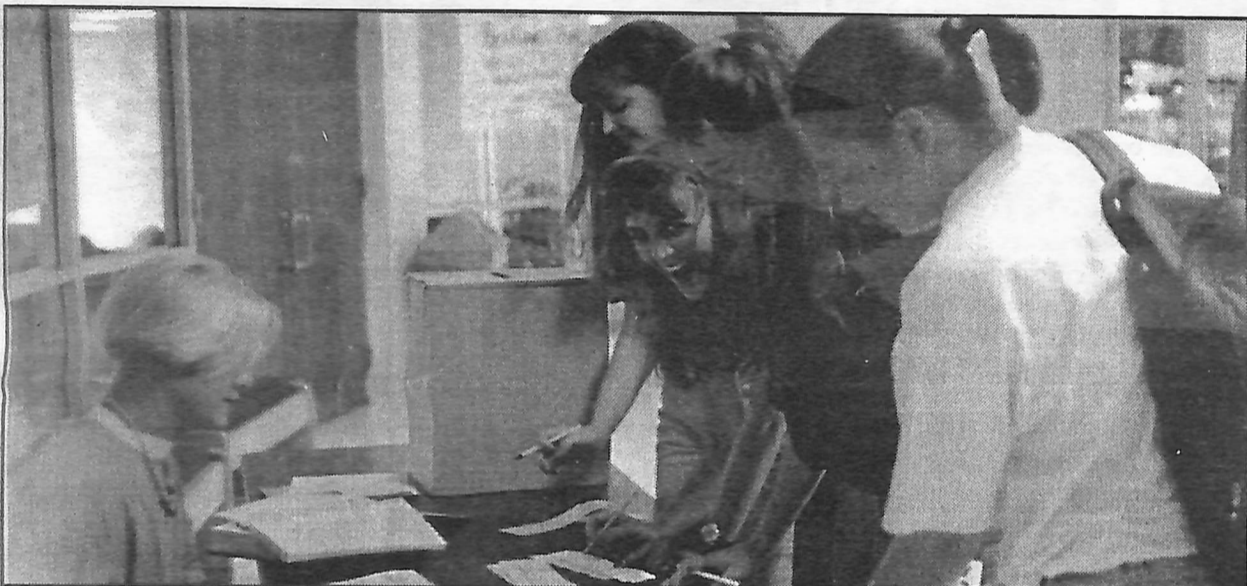
"It also helped me to learn to take things in stride," she said.

To follow up the project this sum-

mer people from Dana, such as special musical groups and speakers, as well as the campus ministry group, will be going around to churches to give special performances and to help with church services.

"This will expand the growth of Dana students as well as help the churches," said Anderson. "It has already helped Deneen and Lindsay to build confidence and professionalism. They are more self-motivated and more ready for a professional career."

"I think it really made a big difference to the churches and to Dana," said Schriver. "Pastors in smaller churches were flattered that we traveled to meet with them and talk to them face to face. It was a really terrific experience."



Students Elishia Petersen, Nicole Johnson, Sandi Frey and Rachel Lochner vote for Homecoming candidates Tuesday while sophomore student senate representative Thomas Blase mans the ballot box. Homecoming king and queen will be announced during the pep rally Thursday night immediately following the volleyball game. (Photo by Amy Benedict)

## New event credit requirement causes confusion among students

STASI BERRY AND  
LAURA HIEBENTHAL

This is a new year for Dana students and they are being introduced to some revisions that were made to the portfolio review requirement. The portfolio review is required at Dana in part because the college is mandated by an accrediting body, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, to assess students.

Dana College has a number of options in how it can assess students. Among those options are such things as having students pay an additional fee to cover the cost of a nationalized undergraduate record exam similar to the ACT or SAT exams.

"One of the problems is that there is no standardized undergraduate exam recognized by employers," said Dr. John Mark Nielsen. Having a portfolio class is an alternative that the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will accept.

"The faculty also felt that keeping a portfolio might help students in preparing resumes later on," said Nielsen, "and the portfolio review would allow students to practice interviewing skills." The portfolio review is one of the requirements for

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all students to graduate.

"Portfolio is a place where students make connections between disciplines and make a case for themselves," said Professor Starla Stensaas.

Most students are aware that they need to take the Liberal Arts Reading Program. Many students, however, do not know that event credit

has been moved from LARP to the portfolio class.

In the course of revising LARP there were many faculty who felt requiring event credit for LARP did not work well. The faculty decided in the spring of 1996 that the event credit might fit better with portfolio because it helped to show how each student has grown throughout their college career. At that time the faculty also chose to require five event credits each semester. One of the five events is to be an off-campus experience.

However, because of an oversight in the publishing of the new college catalog, the event credit did not show up in print as a requirement for all students. Consequently Dr. Paul Formo, vice president of academic affairs, has proposed a moratorium on this requirement until the next catalog is published in two years. Upon acceptance of this proposed moratorium by the faculty, students will not need to fill the event requirement until the new catalog is published. The decision may be made at the October meeting of the faculty.

## Students have one week for room changes

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

It is an opportunity that only comes around once during a semester. An opportunity you may need to take advantage of before it is to late. If you need to change resident rooms or halls on campus, Sept. 22-28 is the only time you are allowed to move.

The first step in changing rooms is to talk to the hall director of the building you live in. JoAnn Stute is the hall director of Mickelsen and Blair Halls and Trent Pikula is the hall director of Argo, Rasmussen, and Holling Halls.

According to Stute, the most popular reason for changing rooms is individuals with double rooms wanting to move into single rooms. Another reason students might choose to move is because of roommate problems.

In senior resident assistant Elaine Rivard's experience, roommate conflict is a common reason for moving. "Usually people have a new best friend and they think they will co-exist better with the new friend instead of the roommate but this doesn't always work well," said Rivard. "However, remember just because you get along with someone on a friend basis doesn't mean you can live with them. So you should really weigh the options."

However, Stute said that if roommate conflicts are the reason, the roommates are advised to talk to

the resident assistant on their floor to participate in roommate resolution. Also, both occupants of the room must feel comfortable with the move.

At Dana all first-year students are required to have a roommate. Therefore if a first-year student or student paying for a double room ends up living alone, the college uses a consolidation process. This is a procedure the college uses to pair up roommates.

After talking to your hall director, he or she will give you a room change request form. After getting this form, you only have 48 hours to check out of your old room and check into your new room. If students fail to follow this procedure they may be fined a minimum of \$25 or be forced to move back into their old room.

After moving, students must turn in the room change request form to their hall director. The hall director then turns it in to the student development office and they make sure new addresses and telephone numbers are given to the information booth, business office, financial aid office, and other offices on campus.

You may be wondering why you are not allowed to move earlier in the semester or anytime during the year. Stute said this is so students give new roommates and rooms a chance before deciding to move.

"We need the first few weeks of school to determine who is here and who is not. This determines which rooms are empty," said Stute. "We make sure people get settled and acclimated before we let people move."

## Lady Vikes sweep Midland but follow with loss to Simpson

**AMY BENEDICT**  
Editor in Chief

The Lady Vikings picked up their first win of the season Sept. 10 against Midland Lutheran 3-0 but fell to the Simpson Storm 7-2.

In the match against Midland Amanda Stoffel, a freshman from Omaha, put the Vikings in the lead in the first half after an assist by Emily Nessen, a sophomore from Woodbridge, Va. The goal for Stoffel was her third of the season after being the only scorer in Dana's opener against York.

Just before the halftime Nessen and senior Carrie Knapp took turns moving the ball closer to the Midland goal. Knapp shot the ball into the net to end the first half 2-0.

During the second half of play, Blair native Rachel Herman picked up her first goal of the season, scoring Dana's only goal in the half. Nessen earned an assist on the play. Nessen now holds a Dana record for having assists on all three of the Dana goals.

Sara Duff, Sidsel Raskmark, and Knapp all took turns protecting

Dana's goal, giving Midland no chance to score.

Overall Midland kept busy protecting their goal as Stoffel had 13 shots on goal, Herman had seven, Knapp had six, and freshman Molly Fuxa had

Simpson Storm took home a win 7-2 against the Dana Vikings, leaving them with a 1-2 season record.

The scoring started early for the Simpson team, scoring twice in the first 12 minutes of the match. But Dana came back with a goal at the 22-minute mark by Fuxa, who got her first goal of the season after an assist from Knapp.

Simpson led the match at halftime 4-2. However, early in the second half Knapp scored on an assist from Fuxa.

Although Simpson added three more goals, Dana never gave up. Knapp led the stats with six shots and Stoffel had three.

Goalkeepers Sara Duff and Sidsel Raskmark each had four saves for the Vikings.

Senior Elaine Rivard said the team knew the game was going to be tough going in because Simpson has had a six year program.

"Our goal going into the game was to score one but keep them at six," said Rivard. "As a team we exceeded our goal by scoring two, so in that respect it was a success."

The Lady Vikes open Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference play Sunday at Hastings.

"As a team we exceeded our goal by scoring two, so in that respect it was a success."

—Elaine Rivard

five.

"The team played well and we were excited to have a win," said Nessen. "We have a good team and are more skilled than last year. We look forward to more success this season."

"The win has enhanced our confidence in ourselves and our team," said sophomore Chris Moberg from Woodland, Calif.

In Dana's home opener Tuesday at the Blair Youth Sports Complex, the



Students Cort Lovato, Nate Olsen, Colin Lykke, Thomas Blase, and Mark Knudsen take a study break on a warm sunny day to play a game of hackey sack in the Oval. (Photo by Amy Benedict)

## Cross country opener shows promise

**JILL DEWALD**  
Sports Editor

Dana's cross country team opened the season Saturday and began what looks to be a strong year. However, York and Dana were the only teams competing at the Dana Invitational.

"Neither the men nor the women were challenged," said coach Jay Birmingham. Dana took the top five spots in both the men's and women's races with Ben Sandy and Angie Sparacino taking both first places.

Times were slowed by the overnight rain which soaked the course. Both Sandy and Sparacino were three minutes off the course record due to the wet conditions and lack of competition. Sandy ran the course in 29:05 and Sparacino won the women's race in a time of 21:37.

Even though times were slow, the Dana men had the best five-man pack in school history with just 54 seconds separating Sandy

and fifth place Matt Poulter. That beat the Vikes' 1:03 pack time which earned them a fourth place finish at last year's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic national championships.

Junior Amanda Buttry finished second for Dana in 21:44, seven seconds behind Sparacino. Sophomore Jen Williams was third in 22:11 and Tiffani Nielsen, running in her first collegiate race, took fourth in 23 minutes flat. Fifth place went to senior Anna Hovde, giving the Vikes the top five sweep.

For the Dana men senior Max Grady finished 19 seconds behind Sandy for second. Third place was taken by rookie Justin Christensen who finished in 29:42. Freshman Aaron Scholte was fourth in 29:42 and Poulter followed in 29:59 for fifth.

"We are really excited for our next meet at UNL," said Birmingham. "I expect terrific results. We look good and we'll have the chance to compete against about 20 other colleges."

## Lady Vikes look to improve at Nebraska Wesleyan Classic

**REED O'HANLEN**  
Reporter

The Lady Vikings are 1-13 after losses to Briar Cliff, Iowa, and the Bellevue Bruins.

Against Briar Cliff Dana started out with a 3-0 lead in game one but Briar Cliff turned the tables and ended up with a 15-10 victory in game one.

Dana trailed in game two 13-0 before losing 15-3. Dana had little offense in game three, losing 15-12. Highlights for the Lady Vikings in-

cluded freshman Annette Williams who was the most consistent hitter with 11 kills and only three errors in 22 attempts. Freshman Michaela Kibbon had eight kills and senior Andrea Spreen had five. Kibbon led the defense with 11 digs.

The Bruins of Bellevue College had too much firepower for the Lady Vikings in a match at Borup Coliseum Wednesday night. The Bruins swept Dana 15-2, 15-8 and 15-3.

The Vikings will be in action this weekend as they play in the Nebraska Wesleyan Classic in Lincoln.

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