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DANA COLLEGE



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## Living a life dream at Dana

LAURA HIEBENTHAL  
Copy Editor

The dream of being a pastor at a Lutheran college is becoming a reality for Pastor Joanne S. Richmond. Monday was the first day of her ministry as Dana's new campus pastor.

Richmond is an Illinois native but comes to Dana most recently from

Houghton, Mich. She spent four years as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministries at Michigan Technological University.

She said her desire to work in campus ministry started when she was a college student at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. Her desire to become a campus pastor started to grow during that time.

Now that she has arrived at Dana, she said her first goal is to become

familiar with what is happening in the Dana community and to see what role the campus pastor plays.

There is a major difference between working at a state university and a private Lutheran college like Dana, she said.

"At a state university an issue is the separation between the church and the state," she said. She believes, though, that at a college like Dana the church should be at the

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## Organizations fill their black books with recycling dates

LAURA HIEBENTHAL  
Copy Editor

The student senate recycling committee held an organizational meeting on Sept. 17. During the meeting campus organizations had the opportunity to sign up for weekends during which they would be responsible for recycling duties.

Senate representatives Lindsay Bruning and Sara Crawford said most weekends are covered but a few Saturdays remain.

The organizations that have already signed up for recycling duties are: SAO, AIM, FCA, campus ministry, the business club and the cross country team. Student senate will cover some dates as well.

"We are grateful to all the organizations that signed up," said Crawford. If any other organizations would still like to sign up they are invited to do so, said Bruning.

Both Bruning and Crawford

stressed that if any individual is interested in helping with the recycling they can come on any Saturday. Students do not have to be in-



involved with the organization that is recycling that day. Recycling collection begins at 9 a.m. in the campus center.

Bruning mentioned that even if students cannot help with the Saturday collection, they can still help the recycling effort in other ways. She said one way is to simply empty

out pop cans before placing them in recycling bins. Sorting white paper from colored paper and not putting trash in the recycling containers are other ways to help, she said.

Recycling can't be a success without everyone's help," said Crawford. "It is a group effort."

Bruning added, "The more people helping means the less the burden is on everyone."

Crawford said that if students show support for recycling, the senate committee could expand the recycling program. Other materials beside pop cans and paper could be collected, such as cardboard, plastic, glass bottles and tin cans.

Money earned from recycled pop cans is available and could possibly be used for buying recycling bins and containers.

"The money is there," said Crawford. "Recycling could be expanded if students show an interest in recycling and help with collection on the weekends," said Crawford.

## Senate purchases new computers for every hall

HOLLY ANDERSON  
Reporter

Six new Pentium 200 MMX computers are headed our way thanks to the student senate. In a Wednesday night meeting the senate unanimously approved funding to add one new computer to the library and one to each of the dorms.

Kat Montira, computer lab supervisor and instructor, and Duane Heffelfinger, director of computer services, attended the meeting. At Heffelfinger's suggestion the student senate also agreed to upgrade one machine in each of the dorms. Heffelfinger added that upgrading will mean quicker service for the students.

Rodney Ronk, student senate president, was careful to remind voters that this was a large amount of money. After the motion for improvements was passed, Ronk stated, "The \$13,657 is a lot to spend, but it's a great improvement for the student body." The new computers were ordered and according to Heffelfinger will be available by Nov. 1.



Joanne S. Richmond began her duties Monday as Dana's new campus pastor. She is eager to get to know the Dana community and get settled. Homecoming worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

## New parking lot eases frustrations and congestion

RODNEY RONK  
Reporter

Good news for those Dana students and visitors that have trouble finding a place to park. A new parking lot is currently under construction and should be complete within a few weeks, according to Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs. The new area is located east of the main student parking lot near the basketball and sand volleyball courts and can be accessed from the back parking lot.

"Lighting will be installed within the week and the sidewalk leading to the main lot will be finished shortly there after," said Schmoll. He added that the main goal for the new lot is to "help ease congestion during busy times of the year as well as give the campus more space as the need for parking grows."

Students and visitors are not the only ones benefiting from more parking room, said Rev. Bill

Hartwell, director of campus security. He is pleased to see the addition and remarked "it will help the situation as a whole. Since security parks cars during events on campus, we now have a place to put people that is close."

Hartwell also went on to remind students that with the new lot it becomes even more important to follow the campus parking guidelines. This includes no parking on Dana Drive from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., having a visitor's parking permit (available at the information booth until 10 p.m. or from any on-duty security guard) in every non-student car and making sure that every Dana student, living on or off campus, has a proper parking permit.

Students seem generally pleased with the new parking addition. Freshman Wray Wright, from Sioux City, Iowa, said that "it's good to know I will have a close place to park my car because the back lot has been filling up fast."

Finally, the new parking lot will be free for students to use as soon as construction is completed.

## Campus Events

### FRIDAY

8 a.m. Board of Regents Meeting  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Noon hour drawing, CC  
 4 p.m. Women's soccer, Northwestern, IA  
 8:30 p.m. President's knighting, MFAC

### SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Cross country meet, St. Paul, Minn.  
 10 a.m. Women's soccer, Blair  
 12:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup  
 2 p.m. Football vs. Northwestern  
 3 p.m. Golf Cart Parade, halftime of FB game

### SUNDAY

10 a.m. Worship Service, Trinity Chapel  
 8 p.m. FCA meeting, Linden Room

### TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Musical, MFAC  
 10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel  
 4 p.m. Women's soccer, Concordia  
 7:30 p.m. Musical, MFAC

## Only you can make the campus a better place; get involved

AMY BENEDICT  
 Editor in Chief

As Homecoming creeps up on me I find myself struggling to accomplish everything that needs to be done. The daytime seems too short as do the hours I find to sleep. I put all of my "stuff to do" on a list and mark off items as I go, just to feel as though I got something done. I feel that studying is smashed between the extra stuff Dana offers to get involved in. Although stressed is a natural state for me, I wouldn't give up any of this extra stuff for a moment.

I remember coming to Dana as a freshman and the admissions counselors stressed how easy it is to get involved on campus. However, I chose not to get attached to anything my first year. Not getting attached to anything left me feeling that Dana wasn't the place for me. So I searched for another college but after finding no alternative I liked better, I returned for another year. My sophomore year is when I realized how valuable getting involved in the Dana community can be. It opened me up to meeting more people, gave me a break from the day-to-day stress of classes, gave me valuable leadership and communication

skills, and padded my resume for when I graduate.

This is why I find it so difficult to understand how students can go to college here for four years and never be a member of a club or volunteer to help with activities on campus. With the college being

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comprised of such a small population of students, how can you not volunteer or get involved? Dana has so many opportunities that they get overlooked because there is not enough involvement. I don't understand what the point is of going to an institute and leaving no mark. After graduation, few will remember who was in their world history class but they will remember who worked in the radio station with them. To only experience Dana's academic side is a waste of tuition.

For the last two years I have been so disgusted at students' laziness toward get involved. It seems the

same people get involved in everything and others in nothing. Almost every organization and activity that I know of could use more assistance and members. For instance the Dana television station is trying to get people involved so they can have television programming produced and directed here on campus. Why not volunteer your time and learn more about the television broadcast field? Also, American International and Minorities Organization (AIM) is always recruiting members. What's the harm in learning about cultural awareness and getting to know new people? Residence Hall Association, which used to be a separate organization, puts on annual activities for students. But because of a lack of volunteers RHA is now conducted through Dana's resident assistants. Last year even student senate had to change their bylaws because there wasn't enough student interest or people willing to fill all the open senate seats. The opportunities waiting for students to take advantage of are countless.

It's up to you to make Dana and yourself better. What are you waiting for? To make Dana and your own college experience the best it can be, take the time to contribute to the Dana community. You will find rewards you never knew existed.

## New Pastor — Continued from page 1

center. The mission of her work, she said, is to ask what place God has in everything at Dana.

"And I know the answer is that God is here in our midst," she said.

One challenge she sees in working at the college level is making campus ministry a priority for students. One of her responsibilities is to work with the campus ministry organization. She says that she wants to work with the goals the group has

already set for the year and integrate some of her own ideas into them.

She has yet to decide if she will make any major changes to the weekly chapel services held on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

"The current format appears to work," she said.

Richmond has just moved into a farmhouse situated on three acres of land outside of Blair. She lives with her dog Mouse and her cat Micki.

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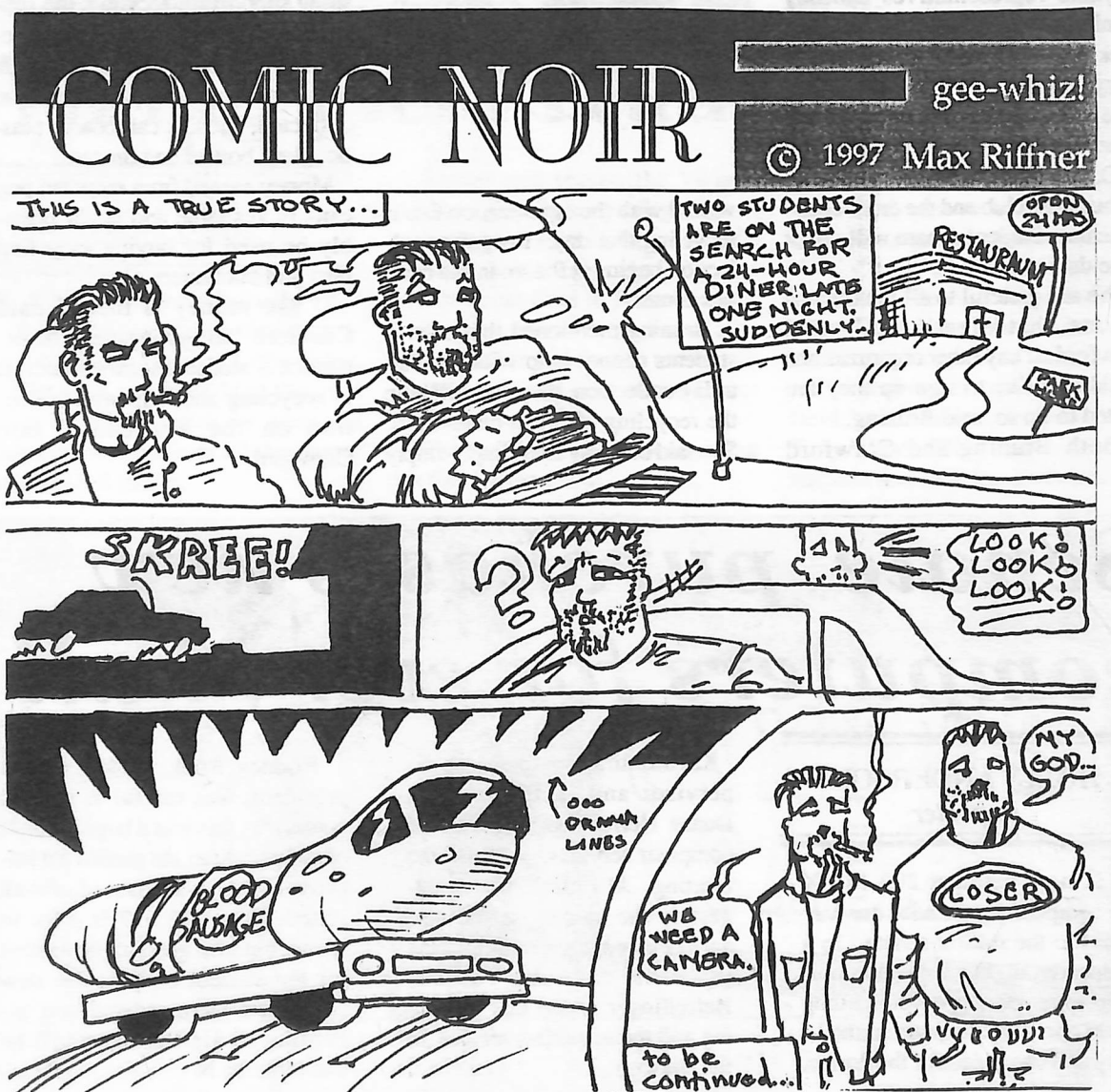
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## Non-trationals face additional difficulties

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

Being a full-time college student can be a challenge for people who have nothing other to do than attend classes. Some people hold part time or work study jobs in addition to their class loads and others play sports or are involved in other campus activities. Still other students belong to a different category: the non-traditional category. Students who fit into this category include international students as well as students who graduated from high school and waited a few years to further their education. These students may have worked to save money to come to college or they may have started a family already.

According to three non-traditional students at Dana the challenge of attending college full time while trying to support a family is difficult.

Kelly Medlin, a senior transfer student, is a single parent raising a 10-year-old daughter.

"It took me 10 years to realize that I wanted to go back to school, but at least I did it," said Medlin. She attended Metro Community College in Omaha and graduated with a 3.9 grade point average. It was then that

she decided she could do more.

"I knew that I needed more education to support my family," she said.

Medlin's major is elementary education and her ultimate goal is to open her own day care facility and teach preschool.

The hardest thing for Medlin about being a non-traditional student is managing her time. While working three part time jobs and a work study job, she finds it difficult to find time to study the way she wants to.

"Grades are really important to me," said Medlin.

Shane Morris, a sophomore at Dana, also finds it difficult to juggle a family (he has a wife and three children), job and classes. He is also a member of the Dana Viking football team.

"I decided to go to Dana because I have two brothers that already go here. It's easier with them around because I have them to take care of my kids if I need them to," said Morris.

Besides time constraints Morris finds attending Dana difficult because he feels some programs are geared more toward students coming straight out of high school.

"It seems like they're trying to keep you from getting bored by keeping you busy. I'm already busy

enough," he said.

Morris is looking forward to graduating with majors in math and computer science and then getting into the work force so he can better support his family.

Reinhardt Ochs, a junior business administration and broadcast communication major, has had his share of worrying about his family. For the past two years that he has attended Dana, his family has been back home in Namibia, South Africa. This summer, however, Ochs's family moved to Blair to be with him. Even though having his family here takes up more of his time, Ochs says that it is a lot better because he doesn't have to worry as much about them. He is also pleased to have his three children in the Blair school system.

"I came to Dana because my sister came here and graduated in 1992. Attending a small college is to my benefit because I can get the attention that I need," said Ochs.

Last year Ochs worked in the Dana mail room and in food service. This schedule became too demanding, though, after his family moved here. He now works at Pamida 20 hours a week but has his Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays free for his family.

Ochs hopes to stay in the United States long enough to attend graduate school and earn a master's degree.

## First meet for forensics team

NIKKI SHIELDS  
Reporter

The Dana College forensics team competed for the first time this year in the Concordia Casual Forensics Meet at Concordia College on Saturday.

There are 11 students on the forensics team this year. The members are: Jake Adolphson, Stasi Berry, Sarah Chessmore, Ben Davison, Matt Kutzli, Chris Luebbe, Christina Nutter, Jesse Otto, Brett Putnam, Jaclyn Smith and Chris Sobbing. Smith placed fifth in poetry interpretation, Sobbing placed sixth in poetry interpretation, Otto placed second in

after-dinner speaking and Adolphson placed third in after-dinner speaking. When asked about his performance on Saturday Sobbing said, "I think that if we would have eaten breakfast we could have done better."

Chessmore wasn't able to attend the meet on Saturday but she said, "I think we have a lot of potential. We're going to go far and surprise a lot of people with the talent that we have."

Kevin Schaudt coaches the team along with JoAnn Stute, the assistant coach.

"The team is very new, very young," says Schaudt. "Our primary focus is to learn new things, have some fun and represent Dana well."

## Campus ministry rejuvenates at annual retreat

JENNIFER BURGER  
Graphics Editor

Dana's campus ministry organization left for its annual fall retreat on Friday. Their destination was Camp Calvin Crest, just south of Fremont. During the retreat the group engaged in Bible studies, music, food, and good fellowship, said Laura Hiebenthal, campus ministry retreat chair.

"I went on the retreat because I go every year and it's a great way to get to know the new members of our group," said junior Becca Plowman. "I think it's a rejuvenating way to start the year."

"It's a great way to have a lot of fun and to get off campus. I made a lot of new friends," said sophomore Allison Ruhde.

"I was asked to go on the retreat by Gerd Bents [campus ministry president]," said Dr. Christine Schnieders, who attended as a faculty sponsor. "I

happened to be free that weekend and I remembered being intrigued by it last year."

The activities that were planned for the group went over well.

"There were so many good things that we did, but I guess the best was sitting around the campfire on Saturday night, singing songs and praising God," said Ruhde.

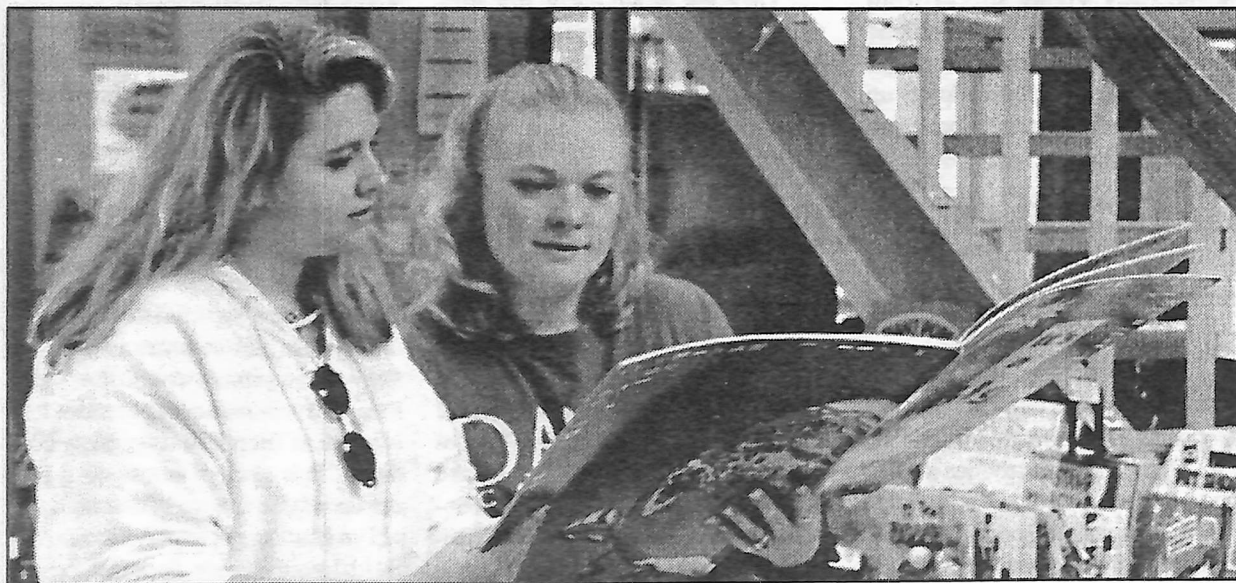
Others enjoyed activities that weren't featured on the itinerary.

"The best part of the trip was when a bunch of us gathered around this outhouse and had our picture taken," said Plowman.

Most enjoyed the fellowship. "For me, the best part was witnessing the spirit of the group, singing and supporting one another," said Schnieders.

"I enjoyed seeing the great group of freshmen we have this year and seeing how strong our campus ministry group will be," said Plowman.

"The retreat was an opportunity for me to do some self-analysis and reflection on my life," said Schnieders.



Students Krystal Mahaney and Deb Nelson spend some time checking out the books for sale Wednesday at the book fair in the campus center. The fair lasted throughout the afternoon and helped kick off Homecoming activities. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

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## Viking volleyball continues to struggle

MELANIE LUBBERS  
Reporter

The volleyball team had an unsuccessful weekend at the Nebraska Wesleyan Classic Tournament in Lincoln. They lost three straight to Central College, Iowa, Coe College, Iowa and Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. First-year middle hitter Michaela Kibbon was the leading hitter with 23 kills. Sophomore Lisa Decker added 13 kills for the tournament.

## Dana falls short at Applejack Bowl

REED O'HANLEN  
Reporter

A second-half rally by the Vikings fell short as Dana was defeated 25-7 by Peru State Saturday night. The Applejack Bowl trophy seemed to be in reach for Dana when the Vikings scored on a 15-yard play to open the second half, pulling within five points of the Bobcats. Two plays later Dana's Grant Dose intercepted a Bobcat pass and Dana had a chance to take the lead. But Dana was flagged for a holding penalty and then was un-

able to move the ball. Peru State scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Dana was paced by quarterback Mike Babbitt who completed 10 of 26 passes for 103 yards and added 26 yards on the ground. Running back Marlon Pierre accounted for 99 yards rushing and 21 yards in pass receptions. He was named Dana's most valuable player. The game was played before 2,500 fans at Pioneer Field in Nebraska City.

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## Seniors lead Vikings to victory

JILL DEWALD  
Sports Editor

In Lincoln on Saturday the Dana men's cross country team took first place at the Nebraska Woody Greeno Invitational. The team got off to a slow start as much of the team was trapped in the pack until they found room to move after the first mile of the nearly five-mile (8,000 meters) race.

Senior Ben Sandy led the team as Dana's top finisher. Sandy took ninth place with a time of 26:16. Max Grady, Scott Stanley and Bob Spangler finished 23rd, 24th and 28th respectively in the field of 197 runners. Grady completed the run in 26:48.4 with Stanley a fraction of a second behind with a time of 26:48.7. Spangler was timed in 26:52.

Freshman Aaron Schlote was Dana's fifth and final scoring run-

ner with a time of 27:20.

The Vikings scored 70 team points to take the win while runner-up Concordia had 82 points.

The Dana women came home with 10th place out of 16 teams. Senior Angie Sparacino was the first woman to cross the finish line for Dana. She was timed in 19:09 for 5,000 meters and finished 25th in a field of 218.

Junior Amanda Buttry placed 48th for the Vikings with a time of 19:39. Sophomore Jennifer Williams was 76th in 20:17 and first-year runner Tiffani Nielsen finished 97th in 20:42. The Vikings fifth and final scorer was rookie Jessica Chambers in 147th place. She was timed in 21:49.

The University of Nebraska-Omaha won the women's college division title with 78 points followed by Concordia with 106.

This weekend the Viking runners go to St. Paul, Minn., to compete in the University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational.

## Student activities supports Viking teams

MANDY BUTTRY  
Reporter

When the men's and women's cross country teams compete at the national qualifying meet on Oct. 18 at Doane College, student activities will be providing transportation to Crete so students can support the teams. The vans will leave at 8 a.m.

The cross country teams are hoping to run on the road to success this season. Both the men's and women's teams won the Dana Invitational with perfect scores over York. Last weekend they competed at the University of Nebraska Woody Greeno Invitational.

The men's team has two returning All-Americans, Ben Sandy and Matt Poulter, along with other teammates who have also competed at the national level. The men's team placed fourth last year at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national cross country meet in Kenosha, Wis. Coach Jay Birmingham received NAIA coach of the year honors.

The women's team hopes to be competitive at the national level as well. All-Americans Angie Sparacino, Anna Hovde and Mandy Buttry and other returning letter winners comprise the foundation of the team. The women's team has never qualified for the national cross country meet but hopes to change that on

Oct. 18.

In order to qualify for the national meet both the men's and women's teams must either win the national qualifying meet at Doane or be nationally ranked. The teams would greatly appreciate any support from faculty and students as they compete on Oct. 18.

Student activities has many other events planned in the future. They include: a movie night on Oct. 3, a pool tournament on Oct. 4, a trip to the Family Fun Center on Oct. 10, flag football on Oct. 11, a spoons tournament on Oct. 17, and the van ride to the cross country meet and to cosmic bowling on Oct. 18.

## Women's soccer team defeated by Hastings in conference play

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in chief

The Lady Viking soccer team opened Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference play Sunday against Hastings. They hoped to keep up with the first division team but came

up short 3-0.

The Vikings were stopped at eight shots on goal during the entire match while Hastings kept Dana's goalkeepers busy with 32 shots on goal.

"They got down early, got frustrated and couldn't recover," said student assistant coach Ryan Holtam. "Even though they didn't get a win there were some good plays.

Hastings showed Dana's weaknesses and that will allow us to work on them in practice."

The loss drops the soccer team to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in NIAC play. The Vikes play Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa on Friday before arriving home to host York in the Homecoming match Saturday morning.

## Viking Field ready for play

JILL DEWALD  
Sports Editor

Viking Field is ready for the 1997 Homecoming activities according to Athletic Director Kathy Foley.

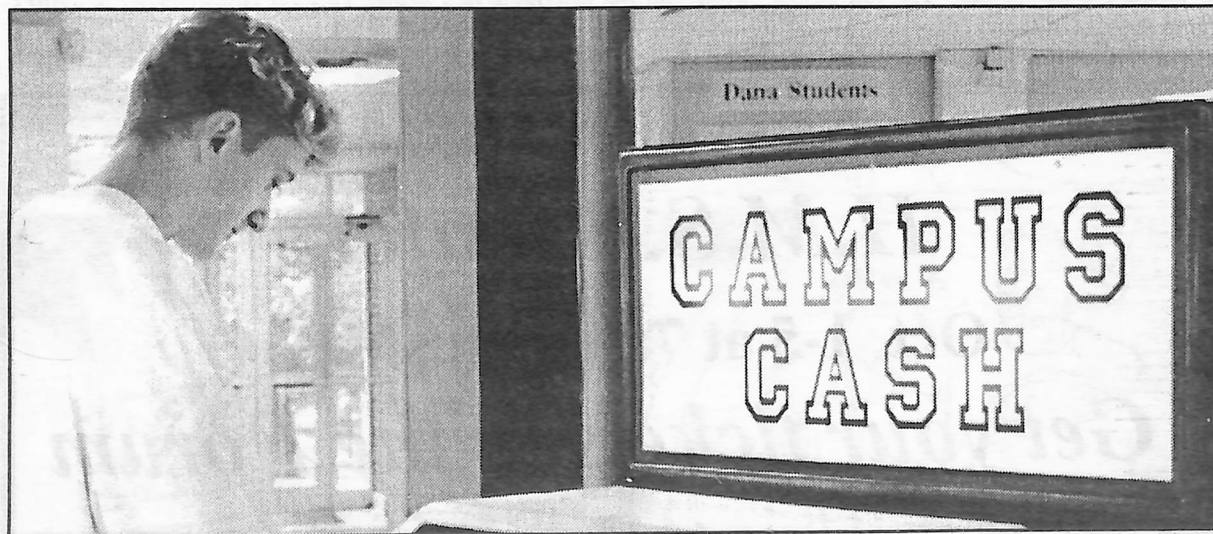
The field was re-sodded this past summer to help repair the wear and tear that occurred from all the soccer and football traffic.

Earlier this season the Vikings opted to play their opening football scrimmage at Fort Calhoun and the women's soccer team also relocated to a different field in Blair. This decision gave the sod more time to take root to better handle the traffic, according to Sports Information Director Paul Clark.

"The sod isn't 100 percent yet but it's fine for the game," he said.

"We spent a significant amount of money this past summer getting the field to its present condition," said Foley. "It will take a lot of tender loving care to keep it in its present condition. It is always an ongoing process not to be ignored," she said.

"I'm glad we get to play on our own field," said senior football player Tony Weers. "Blair High has a nice stadium and field but it's not ours."



Sophomore Mark Lepper uses the cash machine in the campus center which is a new addition this year supplied by Washington County Bank. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)