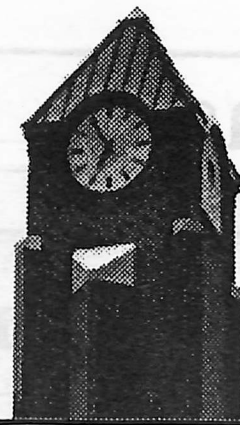


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Wide range of events mark Homecoming festivities

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Copy Editor

Carnival night. Volleyball. Comedian. Knighting ceremony. Football. Golf cart parade. Dance. Coronation. Soccer.

With so many events taking place during Homecoming '97 few students could complain of boredom and most students gave Homecoming activities favorable reviews.

Sophomore Mandy Bassinger, freshman Brook Chelmo and junior Janelle Kahl all agreed that comedian Vic Henley was good and that they enjoyed his performance.

"He was funny," said Bassinger. "He was hilarious at times."

Many students took advantage of the chance to win free prizes by signing up for the noon hour drawings. Sophomore Allison Ruhde especially

enjoyed the drawings "because I won lots of cool stuff."

The president's knighting ceremony was an event unique to this year's Homecoming. Chelmo, junior Jenny Patience and freshman Dan Matz all liked the ceremony.

"It was awesome to see the two countries [Denmark and the United States] come together like that," said Patience, who performed with the chorale during the ceremony. "Singing both national anthems back-to-back was really neat," she said.

"The knighting ceremony gave Homecoming a formal touch that was kind of nice," said Chelmo. "I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Matz liked the ceremony because "we sang the Danish national anthem and I'm studying Danish right now." He and Chelmo also enjoyed the authentic Danish desserts that were served after the ceremony.

Sophomore Jason Heft, a chorale

member, said he enjoyed the gathering between current chorale members and chorale alumni.

"I liked getting to see the alumni come back and to see how much they enjoyed the music," he said.

Junior Sandy Paasch also enjoyed seeing the returning alumni at the sporting events on Saturday.

"A lot of alumni came back. It was neat to see them and to hear about what they are doing now," she said.

The golf cart parade took place at half time of the football game and seemed to be a popular event. Senior Dottie Whitehill said the parade "was a riot." Ruhde enjoyed decorating the golf carts while junior Shane Koepke enjoyed the opportunity to drive one through the parade route.

Freshman Ben Edelman also enjoyed the football game but added he thought that "the football team got robbed."



Homecoming King Matt Haufle and Queen Angie Sparacino reigned over Homecoming festivities after being crowned on Sept. 25. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Honor bestowed on Dana president from distant neighbor

JACLYN SMITH
Reporter

A focal point of the Homecoming weekend was the appointment of Dr. Myrvin Christopherson as Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog.

The Order of the Dannebrog is said to have been instituted by Denmark's

King Valdemar the Victorious in the year 1219. In 1671 King Christian V granted this honor for the first time and only nobility could receive this distinction. However in 1808 King Christian VI decided that any subject could receive the decoration. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II decided to bestow knighthood upon Christopherson.

A special meal was served prior to

the knighting ceremony in the Lauritzen Theater. Professor Michael Anderson played the trumpet to usher in the audience. The Dana College Chorale entered and took their seats on the stage. Dr. Richard Palmer, chorale director, then invited everyone to sing along with the chorale in the national anthems of Denmark and the United States.

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Annual carnival night wins big with students

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

The campus center was transformed into a carnival Thursday night. Dana students played games, enjoyed refreshments, had antique photographs taken and won over 46 prizes compliments of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the Homecoming committee.

Tom Urban said, "The old time photos were my favorite. I enjoyed parading around in dresses. I think I might have scared some people."

Carnival night has been a tradition of Homecoming at Dana for the past six years. Kevin Schaudt, dean of student life, felt that this year was one of the best.

"There was better planning and a good turnout," said Schaudt. He estimated that about 200 students participated in carnival night this year.

JoAnn Stute, hall director for

Blair and Mickelson Halls, felt that having the extra draw of the antique photos helped contribute to the success of the evening.

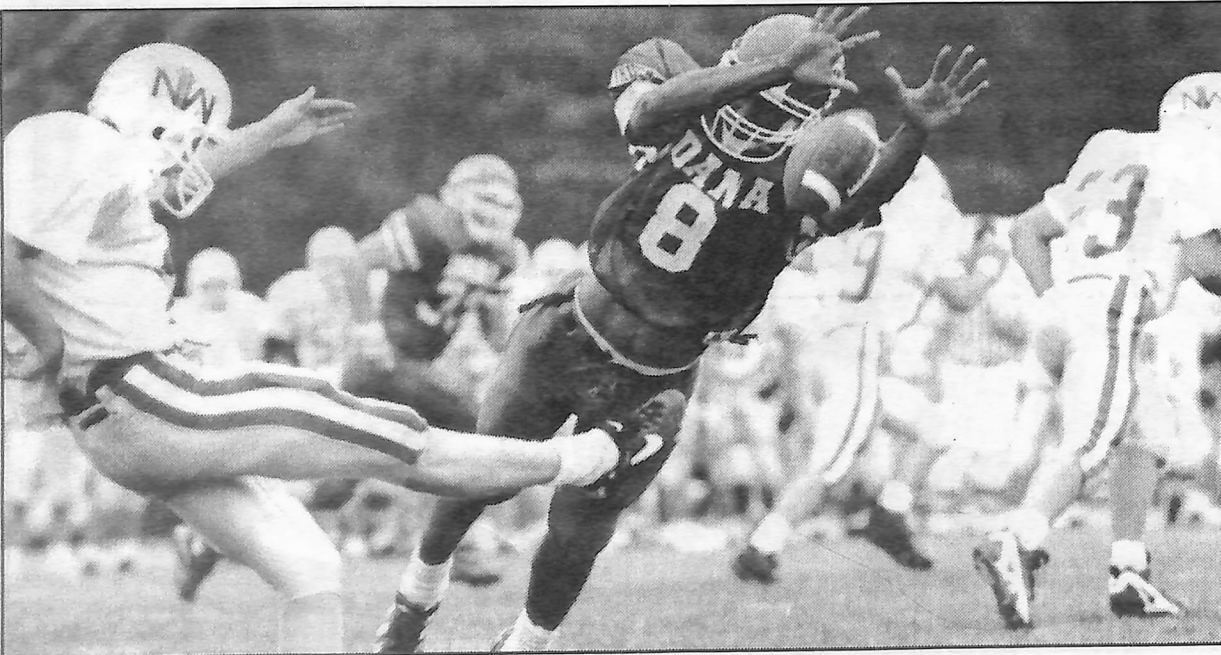
"Getting all of the resident assistants involved also helped a lot," she said.

According to Schaudt, free food also attracted students. "I had to make two trips to the grocery store during the night to get more refreshments," he said.

At midnight a drawing was held with tickets students had won playing the games. Forty-six prizes worth over \$200 were given away and participants had to be present to win. Prizes ranged from a case of pop to a lava lamp.

Jaclyn Smith, senior resident assistant in Argo Hall, thought that carnival night was a big success because most of the resident assistants donated at least five hours of their time to make it a good night.

RHA will also host Vegas night, which is similar to carnival night, during Winterfest.



In Dana's Homecoming game against Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, Joel Carter takes a flying leap, narrowly missing blocking a punt. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

Campus Events

FRIDAY

- 11 a.m. First Friday Freebie, CC
- 6 p.m. TGIF, Campus Ministry Office
- 7 p.m. First Friday Jam
- 7 p.m. Movie Night, Linden Room
- 7:30 p.m. Musical
- TBA Volleyball, Dakota Wesleyan

SATURDAY

- 1 p.m. Soccer, Blair
- 1:30 p.m. Football, Buena Vista
- 7:30 p.m. Musical
- TBA Volleyball, Dakota Wesleyan
- TBA Cross Country, Hastings

SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. Worship
- 2:15 p.m. Adopt-A-Grandparent, CC
- 7:30 p.m. Musical
- 8 p.m. FCA Meeting, Linden Room

TUESDAY

- 9 a.m. Faculty Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Blair World of Entertainment
- 7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup

WEDNESDAY

- 4 p.m. Women's Soccer, Blair
- 10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Chapel
- 5 p.m. Fall Break begins

The Little Rock Nine serve as a reminder to end discrimination

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

President Clinton welcomed the "Little Rock Nine" back to Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday to commemorate the 40 year anniversary of the day they marched into the all-white school. Even though the day brought celebration and healing for the nine students as well as the nation as a whole, the United States has a long way to go to overcome discrimination.

Many of our parents and professors remember the incident well but how many students really know of the impact that day made on the nation? After taunting jeers 40 years ago, the nine returned to warm welcomes and

cheering. The pain they have suffered throughout their lives has inspired many to attempt to overcome the racial barrier that is still present in our lives today.

I find it difficult to understand how people could ever treat other people as badly as minorities have been treated in the past. It has not only occurred in the United States, but as we all know, it has happened everywhere around the world. We think that we care about what's happening in the world but we are only really concerned with our individual selves. Genocides take place daily and although we may hear about it on the news or read about it in the newspaper, most of us don't pay much attention. If it doesn't affect us directly, it's not our problem.

This isn't only the case in other

countries. Every day in our own country, even in our own cities and towns, people are being discriminated against, whether it is because of color, religion, sex or disability. This happens on a personal level as well as on a corporate level.

It's impossible to make every person in this world fair. We can't make everyone like everyone else. But we need to keep trying in our everyday lives to make this world a kinder place. We don't need to stop wars to do it, a smile or a helping hand is all it takes to make the world a better place.

As for the "Little Rock Nine," their accomplishments should be remembered and carried on forever. We can all take a lesson from these brave souls and do our part to break through the barrier of discrimination.

H.M.S. Pinafore playing at a theater near you

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Reporter

H.M.S. Pinafore is currently playing at Dana's Lauritzen Theater, showcasing talent from old and new faces.

The opening scene brings a chorus of robust sailors aboard the *H.M.S. Pinafore*, a ship in the English navy. David Bossman, Mark Haufler, Trent Kerger, Shane Koepke, Kaj Nielsen and Kyle Thorberg entertain the audience with their song and dance while supporting their shipmate, A.D. Ward, in his pursuit of the captain's

daughter.

However, the captain, Matthew Haufler, has a different idea. An English nobleman, Matt Worley, has just arrived to court his daughter, Beth King. The nobleman's relatives, Anne Curran, Brandy Hansen, Jenny Lemmerman, Rachel Lochner, Rachel Lynch, Deborah Nelson, Jenny Patience, Jennifer Schaaf, Gina Schoening, Theresa Soby, Tara Stark and Dottie Whitehill escort him and delight the audience with their voices.

As the couple and crew attempt to evade the nobleman's plans, Soren Schmidt tips the captain to his daughter's true love. Then the trouble really begins.

Song and dance, laughter and tears accompany the sailor and captain's daughter as they attempt to find true love. Ending with an ironic twist due to Liza Moberg, all characters learn the true meaning of nobility.

This production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* was delightful. Once again the Dana College theater and music departments have brought us a great night of entertainment. A talented cast was brought together by equally talented directors. And it couldn't have been done without the backstage help who built a beautiful set.

After opening Wednesday evening *H.M.S. Pinafore* will be performed Friday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

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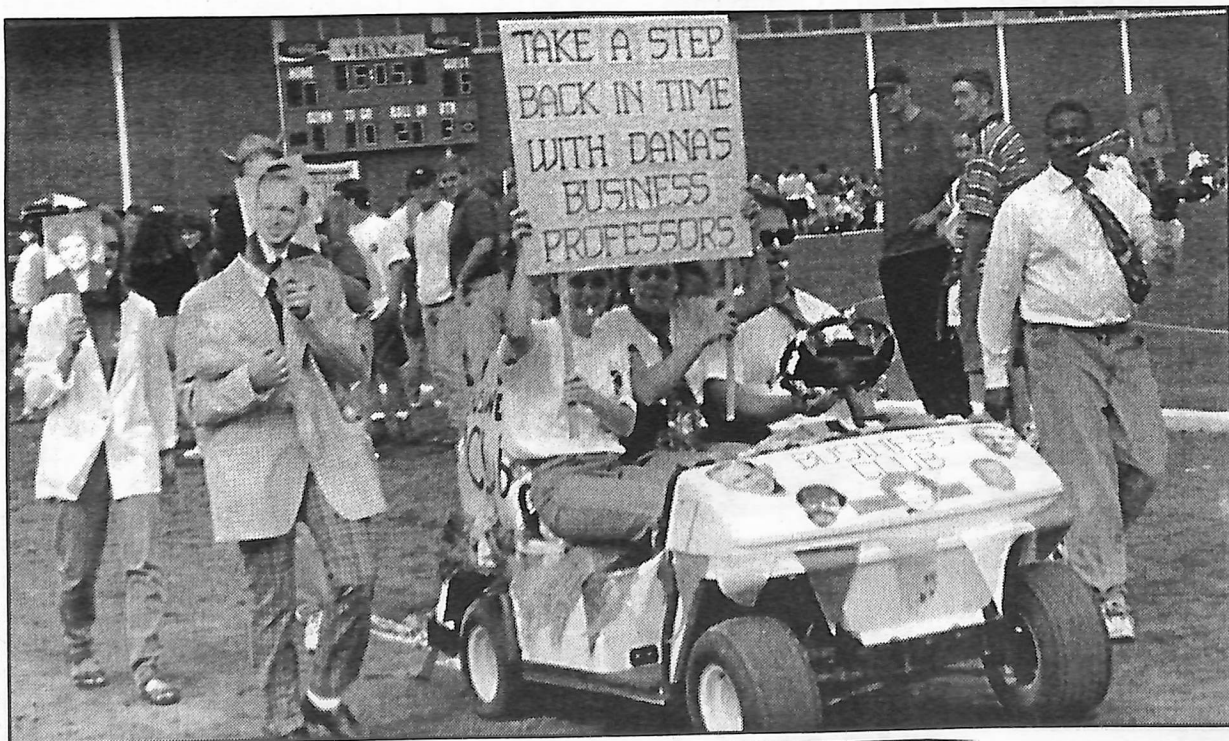
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The Business Club shows off their decorating ability during the Homecoming golf cart parade. Paul Stark drives the cart while other members pose as business professors. (Photo by Laurie Grasso)

Features

Windows '95: a new addition to campus computers

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

A new feature installed on the computers at Dana is intended to help, not hinder, students. Many students returned to find the computers on campus upgraded to Windows '95. This was done to keep students' computer access up-to-date; however, some are having a difficult time adjusting to the state-of-the-art program.

Kat Montira, software training coordinator, feels students are adjusting to the new system fairly well.

"I'm glad we did a split though and left some of the computers regular. That gives students a chance to warm up to the new system instead of start-

ing from scratch," said Montira.

Freshmen and other new students do not have as much trouble as those accustomed to the old system. During new student orientation all the system training was done on the machines equipped with Windows '95.

"I have not really tried to use the new system yet. I just use Word Perfect on the old machines because I'm more used to it," said Sara Digre.

"If the new system worked well it would be great. My information systems class uses the new software every Friday and every time three or four of the computers aren't working," said James Walsh.

Workshops are being offered to help students adjust to the new system.

"So far student attendance has been minimal. I have a lot of requests for

individual help however," said Montira.

It is important for students to adjust to the new program because it will soon be on all the computers on campus.

"Our plan is to upgrade all the computers next summer in preparation for next year," said Montira.

The next workshop session will be held on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be using Pegasus Mail for Windows. On Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. a workshop on using Beginning Word Perfect for Windows will be held. If there is student interest other workshops can be planned.

The Windows '95 software was acquired through a grant from Microsoft. Dr. Jeff Solheim was instrumental in getting the grant approved.

Knighting

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The audience was officially welcomed by Don Jorgensen, chairman of the Dana Board of Regents. The new campus pastor, Joanne Richmond, shared a prayer which conveyed Christopherson's dedication to Dana College.

The first speaker of the evening, Mogens Bay, informed the audience that he had been told he could talk as long as he wanted. Bay is the chief executive officer of the Omaha based irrigation-equipment company Valmont and a Dana Board of Regents member. Bay stated he brought only a few notes about what he planned to say and promptly revealed nearly five pieces of paper from the pockets of his suit jacket. The audience responded with a laugh. Bay read letters of congratulations to Christopherson from Victor Borge, Danish comedian and musician; Bruce Lauritzen, Honorary Consul of Denmark for the State of Nebraska; and E. Benjamin Nelson, governor of Nebraska. Governor Nelson's letter congratulated the Christophersons as Sir Myrv and Lady Anne.

K.E. Tygesen, Danish Ambassador to the United States, began his speech in good humor by noting that the Christophersons will not need to be addressed with the titles sir and lady. He then related the history concerning the Order of the Dannenbrog, the order of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and good news for Danish studies at Dana. The Ministry of Education in Denmark will contribute partial funding for the teaching of Danish for the next three academic years. After much humor in reference to the official titles, Tygesen's speech climaxed when Christopherson was formally named Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog. Christopherson graciously accepted the honor.

Christopherson maintained that he had dreaded this event a great deal. For him Homecoming and Board of Regents meetings were about all he felt he could handle. He thanked his family for being supportive in his efforts. He took time to mention that though his wife Anne is not Danish, she is a fine Scandinavian woman who worthy of the title Lady Anne in

his eyes. Christopherson said he does not care to be called "sir" and he excused the need for people to bow when passing him. He also sarcastically pointed out he had two hands with rings available for kissing.

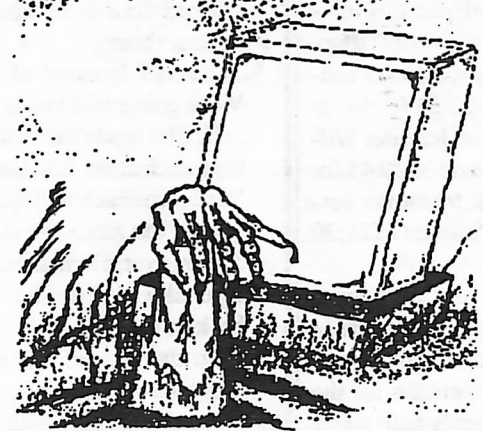
On a more serious note Christopherson vowed to diligently seek to be worthy of knighthood. His speech also included a memory about the knighting of a former Dana president. The previously knighted president had received a plaque from the student body which displayed the quote, "Once a king always a king, but once a knight is enough!"

After widespread applause Christopherson stepped away from the podium. To conclude the ceremony the audience sang "Hail Dana" and a prayer was offered by Pastor Richmond. A Danish chef from Chicago, Claus Olsen, had prepared many authentic Danish desserts. The audience was invited to try at least one in the foyers of the Madsen Fine Arts Center. As people headed to the doors Anderson played another trumpet fanfare.



Perry Mostek concentrates and aims for a hole-in-one while Jarod Burns and Kylie Knobbe watch at the Resident Hall Association's annual Carnival Night on Sept. 25. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

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Striding toward victory

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

On Saturday the men's cross country team captured sixth place and the women's team took 24th place at the University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn.

Thirty-six teams competed in the men's college division on the 8,000-meter course. The Vikings, who are ranked fourth in the nation, tallied 158 points. Central Missouri State won the meet with 79 points.

Senior Ben Sandy led the Vikings with an eighth place finish. He completed the course in 25 minutes and 54 seconds. Sophomore Scott Stanley placed 20th in a time of 26:22. Junior Bob Spangler was the next Viking to cross the finish line, placing 24th in 26:29. Freshman Justin Christensen and junior Matt Poulter completed the top five scoring runners, finishing in 26:45 for 34th and 27:29 for 84th, respectively.

The women's race featured 40 teams on the 5,000-meter course. North Dakota State won the team title with 97 points. Dana earned 594 points.

Senior Angie Sparacino was Dana's top finisher, placing 25th in 19:11. Junior Amanda Buttry finished in 83rd place with a time of 19:56. Freshman Tiffani Nielson was Dana's No. 3 runner, finishing in 20:21 for 146th place. Sophomore Jennifer Williams ran the course in 20:45 for 187th place and freshman Jessica Chambers finished in 21:30 to place 261st.

Both Sandy and Sparacino have been Dana's top runners in all three meets this season.

The next competition for the men's and women's teams will be on Saturday when they compete in the Hastings Invitational at Hastings.



Ladies' soccer gets physical as Audri Brisson fights her way to the ball in Saturday's Homecoming game against York. (Photo by Amy Benedict)

Dana soccer team defends its home field

AMY BENEDICT
Editor in Chief

The Dana women's soccer team defeated York 4-1 in Saturday's Homecoming match-up. The victory was the first time the Lady Vikes have stopped York in their past four games against them.

Rachel Herman of Blair got the Vikes going with two goals in the first half. She made the first goal early in the match at the 5:51 time mark. Then York came back and scored their only goal of the game to even the score 1-1. However, Herman scored again on a penalty kick at 30:07 to put Dana back in the lead.

In the second half two first-year players kept the score rising. Molly Fuxa from McCook Lake, S.D., cashed in on a rebounded shot off the cross bar to head in a goal at the 64:16 mark. At the 79:40 mark Amanda Stoffel scored a goal to insure the vic-

tory of 4-1.

Goalie Sara Duff of Omaha protected Dana's lead by facing 29 shots by York and allowing only one goal. Dana had 16 shots on goal; Fuxa had five, Stoffel had three and senior Carrie Knapp of Lexington had three.

Tuesday the soccer team took on Doane in an away game, losing 5-1. Knapp had the only goal for Dana that occurred when a Doane player's pass deflected off Knapp and went in the goal for Dana.

The team took to the field in Orange City, Iowa, to play Northwestern Friday night losing 5-2. The Vikings scored their only two goals in the first half, leading the Red Raiders at half time. The goals were scored by Herman and sophomore Michelle Schriver of Albion. Northwestern put on the heat in the second half, out shooting Dana to get the win.

The Vikings are 2-5 overall and 0-2 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference.

passing that could be better. We have improved a lot and are beginning to play together as a team."

The Viking are 1-20 overall and 0-4 Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference. The team will travel to Mitchell, S.D., for the Dakota Wesleyan Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

Football team misses win by a few inches

JAMES PETERSON
Reporter

It is often said that success in sports is often achieved or denied by a matter of inches, that one or two plays or decisions can be the difference between winning or losing. That was the case during the Homecoming football game Saturday at Viking Field.

With less than a foot between them and the winning touchdown, the football team ran out of time, losing 12-7. The Vikings narrowly missed upsetting the 18th ranked and defending conference champion Red Raiders of Northwestern, Iowa.

In the first half both teams gained many yards on offense only to see their drives stopped at crucial times due to penalties, costly turnovers or defensive sacks of the quarterback. Dana finally broke through to score when quarterback Michael Babbitt found Jason Mitchell on an inside slant that went 84 yards for the score. With a Joel Krominga extra point Dana led 7-0 midway through the second quarter.

Northwestern had ample opportunities to score, often finding themselves inside the Dana 20-yard line. But twice cornerback Matt Kern picked off the Northwestern quarterback's passes to stop Red Raider scoring attempts. Senior Grant Dose also stopped a Red Raider march by picking off his second pass of the season.

Northwestern finally got on the scoreboard inside the final minute of the first half. However senior Tony Weers prevented the Red Raiders from tying the score by blocking the extra point attempt and preserving Dana's lead.

The second half was similar to the first with both teams moving the ball but having their drives stopped. Northwestern took the lead on a draw play with 49 seconds to go in the third quarter. Nathan Massen took it in from 11 yards out to make it 12-7. Trying to regain that extra point that

was blocked by Weers, the Red Raiders went for two. They were denied by the Dana defense, meaning a touchdown could win it for the Vikings.

With 1:13 to play junior strong safety Biff Schofield made an open field tackle on a fake punt by Northwestern, giving the Vikings the ball back on their own 42-yard line.

With only one time out left, Dana started the drive with a screen pass to Mitchell that gained 23 yards and a first down on the Red Raider 35-yard line. Following three straight incomplete passes Babbitt found Brent Jensen down the sideline. He made the grab while falling out-of-bounds, bringing the Vikings within four yards of the winning score. An offside penalty brought the ball to the two-yard line where Marlon Pierre tried to power it into the end zone. The Red Raider defense was in no hurry to get up and the referee stopped the clock with 15 seconds to go in the game. Pierre tried again on second and inches but was again denied the touchdown. The officials gave no signal and the final six seconds drifted away along with Dana's hopes to gain their first win of the season.

Babbitt finished the day with 13-33 passing for 279 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Mitchell had seven catches for 144 yards and one touchdown as well as four carries for 38 yards on the ground. Brent Jensen caught three balls for 80 yards. James Nelson contributed as well gaining 49 yards on two catches. Pierre was the leading rusher on the ground with 49 yards on 18 carries.

Four of the top five tacklers were defensive backs. Safeties Schofield and Ben Tams had 14 and 11 stops, respectively.

Dana, now 0-3, will travel to Storm Lake, Iowa, this weekend to take on the Buena Vista Beavers in non-conference action on Saturday. The action will be live on KDCV JAM 91 as well as simulcast on DVTV Channel 5. Pre-game begins at 1:20 p.m. and kick-off is at 1:30 p.m.

Dana's volleyball team suffers a Homecoming loss

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

Nationally ranked Hastings defeated Dana in Saturday's Homecoming volleyball match. The Broncos stopped the Vikings in three games 15-6, 15-3 and 15-10.

Senior Susan Weddingfeld led the team with eight kills and first-year player Michaela Kibbon had seven kills. Junior Tara Tiefenthaler racked up 27 assists and 16 digs.

"I thought our level of play was better but we continue to make little mistakes that hurt us," said sophomore Lisa Decker. "On Saturday the middle did a good job; it was the serving and

The Hermes will not be printed next week due to fall break