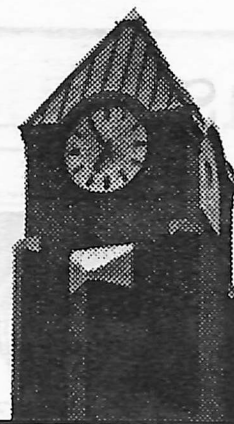


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DANA COLLEGE



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Senate distributes VendaCards, nerd books

MELANIE LUBBERS
Reporter

On Oct. 8 the student senate met to discuss various topics of student interest.

The meeting began with the welcoming of the newly elected senate member Paul Stark. Then the senate went on to the business at hand. They first approved \$950 dollars for a concert by River, a Christian music group. The event was sponsored by campus ministry and took place Monday.

The senate also changed several guidelines in the budgetary handbook. The budgetary handbook sets guidelines on how the senate can approve money to campus organizations. These changes will take place immediately.

President Rodney Ronk then ap-

pointed members to a committee to work with Anne Christopherson on a reception after the football game on Parents' Day, Nov. 1.

Next the senate approved \$60 to buy breakfast every Saturday morning for the campus organization that helps with recycling. A few other brief topics were discussed but no action was taken at this time.

Ronk made some final announcements, including that the VendaCards, good for \$2 in copies, were to be distributed this past weekend to all students. He also reminded everyone that the nerd books would be in during the first of the week and will be distributed to all full-time students.

After the meeting Ronk said that he felt "all went smoothly and the senate made some decisions that the students will definitely notice and hopefully appreciate."

The next meeting will be on Oct. 22.

Intramurals will soon be under way, new games to fit all skill levels

RODNEY RONK
Reporter

Intramurals at Dana are soon to get underway according to Amy Klusmeier, the student coordinator for the program.

"Right now many ideas are being tossed around and as soon as the time is right we will be offering many activities for students," she said. "With it still being warm outside the demand may not be there yet and we are waiting for the new intramurals faculty adviser, Kris Graulich, to get settled in."

Klusmeier hopes to attract a larger variety of students this year. "These activities are for everyone, no matter what skill level. A

wide range of games are being planned to try to fit the demand of our student body," she said.

Athletic Director Kathy Foley supports Klusmeier's thinking.

"Most of society does some sort of physical activity for fun; students at Dana are no different," she said. "Intramurals are a way to compete with and against friends. Soon I hope there can be some sort of campus rivalry created, floor against floor or even dorm against dorm."

Klusmeier added that a great number of games will be planned for this year, everything from the traditional favorite of five-on-five basketball to darts and volleyball.

Many students are pleased with how intramurals have been run in the past. Student Chris Wulf stated, "I love intramurals. It's great fun and I hope to get to play this year."

"Sports, no matter if it is basketball or pool, are a great way to relieve stress while satisfying that competitive urge."

-Amy Klusmeier

She added, "Sports, no matter if it is basketball or pool, are a great way to relieve stress while satisfying that competitive urge. Anyone can play and we hope to find a game for everyone."

Students can experience a Middle Eastern adventure

NIKKI SHIELDS
Reporter

Dana College is offering students the chance to travel Israel, Jordan and Egypt this year during Interim. The trip will last from Jan. 5 to Jan. 20 and will cost approximately \$3,000. It will be worth three elective credits and Professor James Olsen will be taking the group.

The trip starts off in Tiberias, Israel, one of Judaism's holy cities. From there it's off to Nazareth and Capernaum to view excavations and ruins of a fifth century synagogue. Next on the itinerary is Jerusalem for four nights where students will tour the tomb of King David, the room of the Last Supper, the Jewish Quarter, the Wailing Wall, the Dead Sea and Herod's mountain, one of the most well-known excavated sites in the world.

In Amman, the capital of Jordan, students will visit the second century Roman amphitheater and the Citadel, which contains the remains of the

Temple of Hercules. Next the group will proceed to Petra, which is carved entirely out of rock.

In Egypt students will first go to Cairo where they will visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue, the oldest in Egypt, the 12th century Citadel and the Mohammed Ali Mosque. Then they will travel outside the city limits to see one of the seven wonders of the world, the Pyramids of Giza. Next they will travel to the ancient capital of Memphis to view the 80-ton Alabaster Sphinx and the statue of Ramses II.

The group will take a five-day and four-night Nile cruise and visit the Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon, Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, Avenue of the Sphinxes, the Greco-Roman Temple of Kom Ombo and the Temple of Isis.

The group will transfer back to Cairo to have one last day to shop, sightsee or pursue individual interests.

Students will be required to keep a daily journal to record their experiences and reflections of the trip.

Afternoon spent with Crowell seniors

HOLLY ANDERSON
Reporter

Oct. 5 was the ideal day to discuss your goals and plans with a senior. Advice and encouragement were given in return. These seniors were not clad in Dana attire or planning their resumes, they were the seniors of Crowell Memorial Home. Six Dana students visited the home in an event sponsored by FCA and

student activities. At 2:30 p.m. the students serenaded Crowell residents after sharing snacks and conversation.

Paulette Alderink, director of student activities, said the afternoon was good because the students did a great job mingling and had little trouble with lags in conversation. Alderink believes the visit perks up the day for Crowell's residents.

"Residents enjoyed our visit and welcomed us back soon," said

Amanda Buttry. Buttry participated in the event with five other students.

According to Alderink the home is visited by a Dana group about once a semester. She said the home would like to see them more often but it is hard to get enough students to participate in community service.

Following the afternoon's activities at the home the Dana students gathered for pizza and discussed what they learned from this experience.



River, a Christian music group, entertained students Monday night in the Chapel wearing large Herbie Husker hats. The group stopped at Dana on its tour through the help of campus ministry. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)



Student looks at the negative effects of divorce on families

SHAWN ISAACS
Reporter

There are hundreds of problems that affect families today. Abuse, homelessness and neglect are just a few of the problems. But the most serious threat to the "family" today is divorce.

The union of marriage, "for better or for worse, till death do us part," is not the binding contract it was a few decades ago. Approximately half of all first-year marriages today end up in divorce. The number of unwed

mothers is on the rise. The institution of marriage has ceased to be the central figure in today's society. People get married and when it does not work out the way they thought it would, they end it. And just like that a marriage that was supposed to last forever, is tossed along the wayside. But what about "for better or for worse?"

There are many things that can be done to prevent divorce before it happens. Many couples go through some kind of marriage counseling before taking their vows.

"Counseling allows the couple to realize what they are getting into be-

fore the ceremony," said David Hoppe to this semester's senior seminar class.

Most of the marriages that are heading for divorce can be saved with some type of counseling. There are many types of counseling a couple can go to. Some go to a professional counselor while others go to their priest. Whatever mode of counseling a couple chooses to use it is important that a couple is aware of what it takes to make a marriage last. It is important to make sure that when they say "for better or for worse, till death do us part," that it has some value.

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- Thursday**
7 p.m. "When a Man Loves a Woman"
Linden Room

In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Greetings! First of all, for those of you who don't know me, I'm Rodney Ronk, a senior from Emerson, Iowa. I have the honor of serving as your student body president. That leads me to the purpose of this column and why I am writing this.

I want to keep the student body up-to-date as much as possible on what the student senate is working on, what we have achieved and what we are thinking about for the future. Another hope of mine in writing this column would be to discuss any major issues on campus. That would include any ideas, questions or problems you would like to see the senate address.

As many of you probably know, the senate has already achieved one of its main goals of the year! That was to add a new computer to each one of the residence halls' computer labs, plus speeding up the existing computer that has Widows '95. While these changes have not taken place yet, money has been allocated for the project (over \$13,000 of your student body dues at work). The changes will be completed within the next few weeks.

Also, if you haven't noticed yet (check your mailbox) you should have received a free copy card, good for \$2 worth of copies in the basement of the library, as well as a free copy of the 1997-98 Dana College Nerd Book.

The student senate is still seeking volunteers to help recycle on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Donuts and juice are served to all who participate and anyone interested in helping can contact Sara Crawford at 7606.

Remember, your student senate is here for you. If you have a concern feel free to voice it to a senate member; we are very eager to listen and to help improve student life at Dana College. We meet every other Wednesday (the next meeting is Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Forum) and the public is welcome to attend.

Finally, I would like to personally hear from anyone that has a comment, idea or concern to share. My phone number is 7537, or feel free to drop me a note via e-mail at RRonk. I will respond to any question and with permission I will discuss the topic in this column. Until next week,
Rodney Ronk

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Young writers rise early to attend Writer's Guild

WINNI DUBOIS
Reporter

While many of us were sleeping peacefully at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, young writers from surrounding areas got up early to attend the Writer's Guild conference held at Dana College.

The Writer's Guild was a day set aside for potential writers who were interested in learning about different styles and subjects.

"It was a great event," said Barry Anderson, director of public relations. "A number of people who were there have made their living as professional writers. Everyone else was at least published. I would definitely

recommend the workshop for other writers."

There were many prominent people attending the conference this year. Mike Kelly, a renowned columnist for the *Omaha World-Herald*, gave a presentation on the ups and downs of column writing. Diane Kinkle, the author of two successful books published on the Internet, talked about how people can make money on the Internet. William Reynolds, the author of the *Nebraska* detective novel series, spoke on being satisfied with one's writing. Ken Lincoln, the writer of three non-fiction books and a professor at UCLA for 25 years, talked about Nebraska roots in non-fiction. Mary Heng, an acclaimed free-lancer, talked about writing for small periodicals. Tom Collignon, publisher of

the *Nebraska Life Magazine*, tried to recruit writers for his magazine and talked about the benefits of writing for his magazine. Bill Ramsey, president of the public relations firm that has his name, spoke on "familyography," a term he used in his book *The Times I've Seen*. Dr. Warren Francke, a professor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, a former newspaper editor and a highly accredited writer, spoke about the opportunities in personal journalism.

There were many different writing styles represented at the conference. Dana writing students were encouraged to attend and were given reduced entrance rates. Overall, it was an opportunity to learn about different styles of writing and put them to use.

Students give up Homecoming to attend leadership conference

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

Four Dana students gave up their Homecoming activities to join about 80 other students from colleges around the nation at the Lutheran Youth Conference in Minneapolis. The conference was held Sept. 25-28. Sophomore Mark Lepper and freshmen John Brummer, Sarah Chessmore and Jessica Scoopmire rode with 10 students from Midland Lutheran College to the conference.

The extended weekend started off with a church service followed by a dinner. The rest of the weekend included a number of activities and seminars. A favorite of the Dana students was an activity called "Theater of the Oppressed," which was a role-playing activity in which students learned about interaction with minorities.

"I have gained a better understanding of how minorities would prefer

to be looked at," said Chessmore. "They want equality but they don't want others to ignore the fact that they are of a different nationality or color."

The students felt that they gained

"If I get into any kind of leadership position in college I'll be able to better understand and work with others."

-Sarah Chessmore

leadership skills by attending the conference.

"I have already shared a lot of what I have learned with friends," said Chessmore. "If I get into any kind of leadership position in college I'll be able to better understand and work with other students."

"We attended many discussions and learned a lot about how people work together and how to become good leaders," said Brummer.

The trip wasn't all business, however.

"The comedians were really fun. It was great that they added something more upbeat to the conference," said Scoopmire.

It was fun to share ideas and experiences with students from other colleges," said Lepper.

After the daily activities and seminars there was a little time for exploring the city.

"There wasn't a lot of time to spare, but some people went to the Mall of America," said Brummer.

The students feel that they can help Dana College by using the leadership skills they have learned.

"Everyone at the conference conducted themselves in a very mature manner," said Scoopmire. "Everyone knew why they were there and that they wanted to learn how to become better leaders."

Campus Events

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Hastings
9 p.m. Cosmic Bowling, meet in CC

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Cross Country spectator vans leave
9 a.m. Recycling, meet in CC
TBA Cross Country, Crete
1 p.m. Football, Viking Field
2 p.m. Women's Soccer
8 p.m. Spoons Tourney, Dragon's Head
Kids on the Hill Day
Discover Dana Day

SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Campus Ministry Highway Cleanup
2:15 p.m. FCA Hayrack Ride, meet in CC

MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer, Bellevue

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup
7:30 p.m. Dana Band Concert, Lauritzen Theater
9 p.m. Applerama, Mickelsen Hall

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mocktails, CC
10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

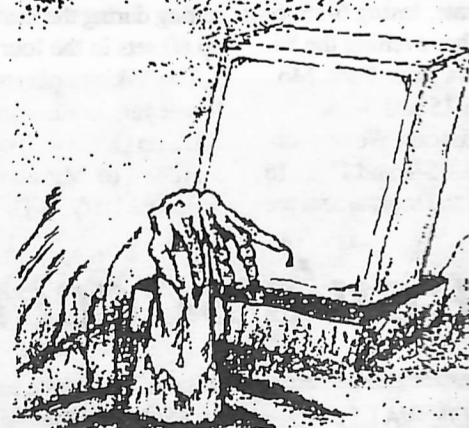
THURSDAY

6:45 p.m. Volleyball spectator vans leave CC
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Fremont



Carrie Knapp goes for the goal as Michelle Schriver rushes to help. Dana is currently 4-8 overall and 2-4 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference. (Photo by Amy Benedict)

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Babbitt leads Dana in victory over Midland Saturday

AMY BENEDICT AND
RODNEY RONK

Dana quarterback Michael Babbitt threw four touchdown passes and ran for another to help give the football team a 37-28 win over Midland College on a windy Saturday in Fremont.

The action started early for Dana in the first quarter as Babbitt, a senior from Emerson, Iowa, threw a 62-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Joel Carter of Fountain, Colo. Joel Krominga successfully added the extra point, giving Dana a 7-0 lead with just over six minutes played in the game.

Just three minutes later Dana struck again as Babbitt hit Shelton Crouch for a 15-yard touchdown pass. This gave Crouch, a senior from Marquette, his first career touchdown catch. Krominga again split the goal posts and grabbed the extra point for the team giving Dana a 14-0 edge.

Moments later Dana capitalized on a bad snap by Midland as they

tried to punt, scoring a safety and raising the score to 16-0.

In the second quarter the Vikings scored again as Babbitt connected with junior running back James Nelsen of Avoca, Iowa, for another six points. Krominga converted the extra point giving Dana a 23-0 lead with just under 14 minutes left in the half.

Midland rallied as they used the wind to their advantage to score 21 unanswered points. Dana punter Justin Dannelly failed to pin the Warriors deep in their own territory, giving Midland short distances from which to score. This closed the first half with Dana holding on to a 23-21 lead.

The third quarter brought more scoring from both sides as Midland chose to give Dana the football, taking the wind advantage. This was a turning point in the game as Dana drove 77 yards on the strength of 55 yards rushing from senior running back Marlon Pierre from New Orleans, La.

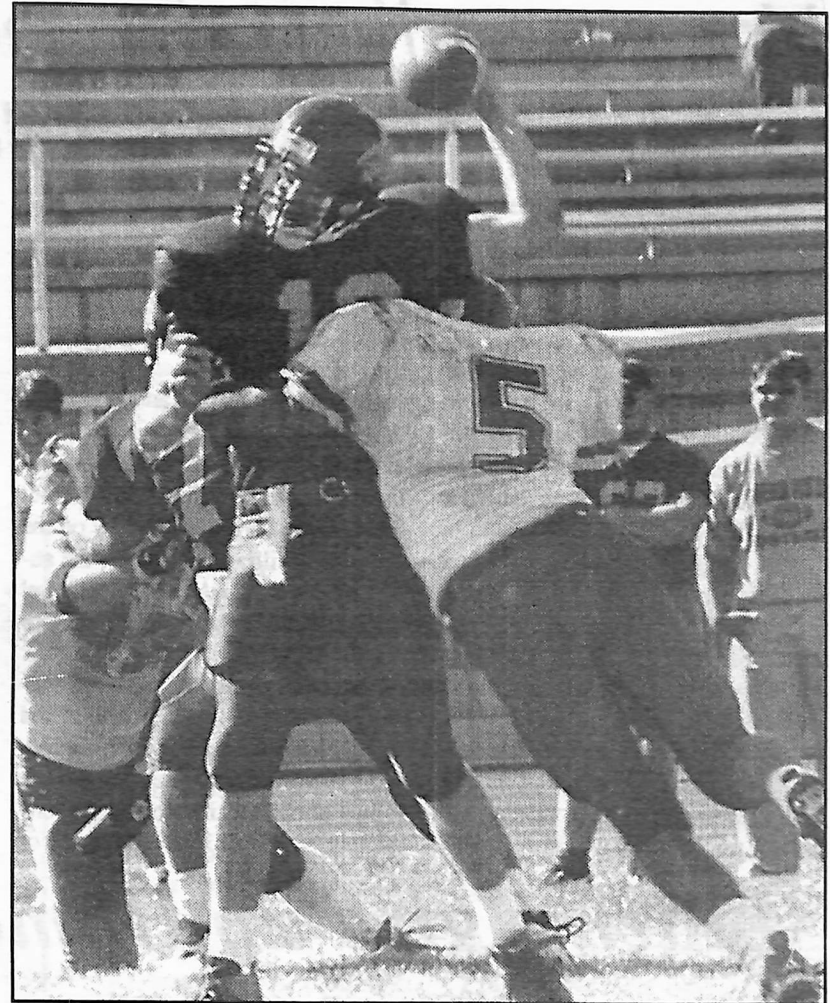
Babbitt capped the drive with a five yard touchdown run. Krominga again split the uprights to give Dana

a 30-21 lead. Midland later matched the touchdown making the score 30-28 late in the third quarter and they would not score again.

Babbitt, showing the skills that earned him Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference player of the week honors, finished the Vikings' offensive day with a 69-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Brent Jensen of Marquette. Krominga once again came through for the extra point. This gives Krominga a 11-11 mark on extra points for the year. This made the final score of the game Dana 37, Midland 28.

The Dana defense came through and limited the Warriors to 152 yards of total offense, well below Midland's average on the year. Defensive end Jim Rosterman of Blair led Dana with 10 tackles and one forced fumble.

The victory gives Dana a two-game winning streak and raises their record to 1-1 in the NIAC and 2-3 overall. The next game for Dana is Saturday at Viking Field as they take on the NIAC's top rated team, the Doane Tigers, for a share of the conference lead.



Sacked. Buena Vista's quarterback was caught holding the ball when a Dana defender tackled him. Biff Schofield was credited with the play. The Vikings went on to beat Buena Vista 31-24. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

Viking volleyball suffered weekend losses; record 1-30

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

The Dana volleyball team traveled to Maryville, Mo., during fall break for the Northwest Missouri State Invitational. The Vikings went 0-4 in matches against teams from Missouri and Texas.

The first day of the tournament, Oct. 10, the Vikings played Northwest Missouri State, losing 6-15, 6-15 and 13-15. That evening the Vikings faced a team from Park, Mo., and lost 15-17, 6-15 and 3-15.

On Saturday Missouri Western defeated Dana 15-2, 15-4 and 15-2. In their last game of the tournament the

Vikings lost to Midwestern State, Texas, 3-15, 3-15 and 7-15.

"We need to get more consistency and make better choices," said junior Rachel Heitmann.

Senior Andrea Spreen led Dana with 21 kills in the tournament. Senior Susan Weddingfeld had 18 kills and freshman Michaela Kibbon followed with 16. Weddingfeld had 21 blocks, including seven in the match against Park. Kibbon led the defense with 27 digs. Senior Tara Tiefenthaler led the setting during the tournament, putting up 60 sets in the four matches.

The Vikings played in the Dakota Wesleyan Invitational in Mitchell, S.D., on Oct. 3-4. They dropped four matches to Minnesota-Crookston, Mount Marty, S.D., Dakota State,

S.D., and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sophomore Lisa Decker led Dana with 30 kills in four matches, followed by freshman Erin Eggers with 25 kills. Tiefenthaler had 82 assists for the tournament.

A positive aspect of the tournament was the team's serving. Tiefenthaler had three aces in the match against Minnesota-Crookston, while Eggers served up five aces against Dakota State. In the match against Sioux Falls freshman Annette Williams had five aces and Spreen had three.

The Vikings fell to 1-30 on the season and 0-6 in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference. The next action for the Vikings will be tonight in a conference match at Hastings.

Reality hits cross country with second and third finishes

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

Dana's cross country teams chased Concordia at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Mid-States Championships in Overland Park, Kan. The men took second place and the women finished third. Concordia captured the win in both the men's and women's races. The meet was a preview of this weekend's Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference Championship in Crete.

"This meet was a good eye-opener to show us we are beatable," said sophomore Scott Stanley. "It helped us to get refocused for the conference meet on

Saturday."

Senior Ben Sandy surrendered his usual position at the front of the pack due to a sore knee, giving way to Stanley. Stanley was timed in 26 minutes 40 seconds to finish third on the 8,000 meter course.

Sandy came in eighth for the Vikings in 27:10. Senior Max Grady was next in 11th place with the time 27:19.

The women also saw a change in their leadership as top runner Angie Sparacino suffered from an off day. However, the women saw their best team performance of the season.

Junior Amanda Buttry led the Vikings coming in at 20:20 over 5,000 meters for 12th place. Freshman Tiffani Nielsen ran strong, finishing 16th in 20:31.

Women's soccer team rallies to win in overtime

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

Women's soccer snagged a last minute win Friday during fall break. The Vikings beat Midland Lutheran 3-2 in overtime in Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference play at Viking Field.

Late in the match Dana trailed

Midland 2-0 despite an overwhelming advantage in shots. Warrior Jamie Walton carried her team's lead with two goals in the first half.

Dana came alive with a goal on a corner shot by junior Janelle Kahl. Senior Carrie Knapp passed to the corner and Kahl came in from the weak side to kick the ball over a mass of players into the goal, bringing the score to 2-1.

Rachel Herman kicked the tying

goal with under three minutes left in regulation play. With another corner kick from Knapp, Herman sent the ball flying over Midland's diving goalie. Both teams remained scoreless in regulation, sending the game into overtime.

College women's soccer rules call for sudden death and Dana took advantage of the rule. Within five minutes Amanda Stoffel knocked in her eighth goal of the season, claim-

ing a loose ball and firing it in from 12 yards.

Stoffel, last week's NIAC player of the week, had 16 shots on goal. Knapp added 12 while Herman and sophomore Emily Nessen both had eight.

Goalie Sidsel Raskmark played the first half, allowing two goals while facing five shots. Junior Sara Duff played in goal during the second half and overtime and saved the

lone shot she faced.

The Vikings also swept Concordia 7-5 Thursday, Oct. 2, creating a new school record with seven goals. On Saturday, Oct. 4, the women battled No. 22 ranked Westmar in a non-conference match, losing 12-0. The Vikings struggled with Doane on Wednesday, Oct. 8, losing 4-0.

Dana is 4-7 overall this season and 2-3 in the NIAC.