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Alcohol alternatives, awareness activities

JULIE MOORE
Reporter

For the first time in several years, the number of people dying from alcohol-related accidents went up, along with the number of youths drinking. Throughout the week many organizations around campus participated in activities that showed Dana students the negative effects of alcohol and demonstrated alternatives to drinking.

This week began with surveys in the campus center asking different questions about driving under the influence charges.

"The surveys originated at a seminar that the residence life staff at-

tended," said JoAnn Stute, hall director. "I think people learned a lot and got an idea of some of the things that are going on concerning drinking and driving."

Monday was also the beginning of a statistic demonstration. The Social Awareness Organization researched alcohol-related accidents and discovered that eight youths die each day due to these accidents. Eight 'dead' people dressed in black marked with a statistic sign. Each person represented an alcohol-related death.

"Statistic days went well. A lot of people were asking questions about the number of people killed in accidents per day. It provoked a lot of

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Next on stage for theater department

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

The Dana College Theater Department will unveil its next production, "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett, Wednesday, Nov. 19. The show will run through Nov. 23. The cast includes A.D. Ward, David Bossman, Dottie Whitehill, D. Matt Worley, and Matt Haufle.

"Waiting for Godot" has been described by director Dr. Paul Schneider as "one of the certifiable masterpieces of 20th century drama."

"I'm eager to see how the Dana audience responds to it because it has never been done here before," said Schneider.

"It's a challenging play but with the cast we have and the time we have to prepare, it should be a good show," said Bossman. "It's funny and I think the audience will find it enjoyable."

"I decided to do this play because we have the people in the program now who are talented enough to do it," said Schneider. "I also really wanted to direct it."

The performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater and there is no charge for admission.

Area kids spend a day at our home on the hill

REED O'HANLEN
Reporter

A full day of activities greeted the 60 children who participated in Dana's Kids on the Hill Day on Saturday. The fun included sports clinics, swimming, tours, entertainment and lunch in the Dragon's Head.

The football and volleyball sports clinics were especially popular as the children had the opportunity to show

off their newly acquired skills in exhibition games.

The highlight of the day for many participants was watching Dana play Doane in the football game at Viking Field. At halftime of the game the children were featured in a frisbee throwing contest on the field and prizes were awarded in three age groups.

During the day parents of the kids were invited to take advantage of special merchandise discounts in the Dana Bookstore.

Two year suspension on all event credit requirements

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

The proposed moratorium on event credit was passed by the faculty during their Oct. 7 meeting.

This moratorium placed a two year suspension on event credit as a graduation requirement. Event credit, which is part of the liberal arts portfolio, will not be required for any student this academic year

or next year.

The moratorium was necessary because event credit was not adequately described in the college catalog that was printed this year.

"It is difficult to enforce a graduation requirement for which there is no clear statement in an official publication," wrote Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs, in an e-mail sent to all faculty. "We have decided to administratively place a moratorium on event credit for this

year until we have time to decide what the best course of action will be for the future."

During the moratorium, the portfolio committee will be considering possible changes to the event credit requirement. They are considering holding student forums to discuss students' perspective on event credit.

Event credit will be included as a graduation requirement in the college catalog for 1999-2001.

Senate strengthens fitness room

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

The student senate voted unanimously to allocate \$2,000 to the athletic department for the purchase of a universal weight machine in its regular meeting Wednesday night. Purchasing a used model instead of a new model saved about \$2,000 to \$4,000. The machine is located in the fitness room in Borup Coliseum.

Other business included approving the budget for the Halloween community service project in which the senate will host children from the community. The event will be held Thursday evening in the Pioneer Memorial chapel. There will be a haunted house, games and trick-or-treating in the dorms. Sign-up sheets will be located on each floor for people to volunteer to host trick-or-treaters.

The student services committee met

with Theresa Mikes, Marriot food service director. She is looking for suggestions and new recipes, especially for desserts. There is also a CD player located in the cafeteria and students are encouraged to bring CDs to play. She also wanted to remind students that the cafeteria is open all day and is a good place to grab a snack or drink and study.

Athletic Director Kathy Foley suggested the possibility of funding a "spirit club" to help improve the atmosphere at home sporting events.

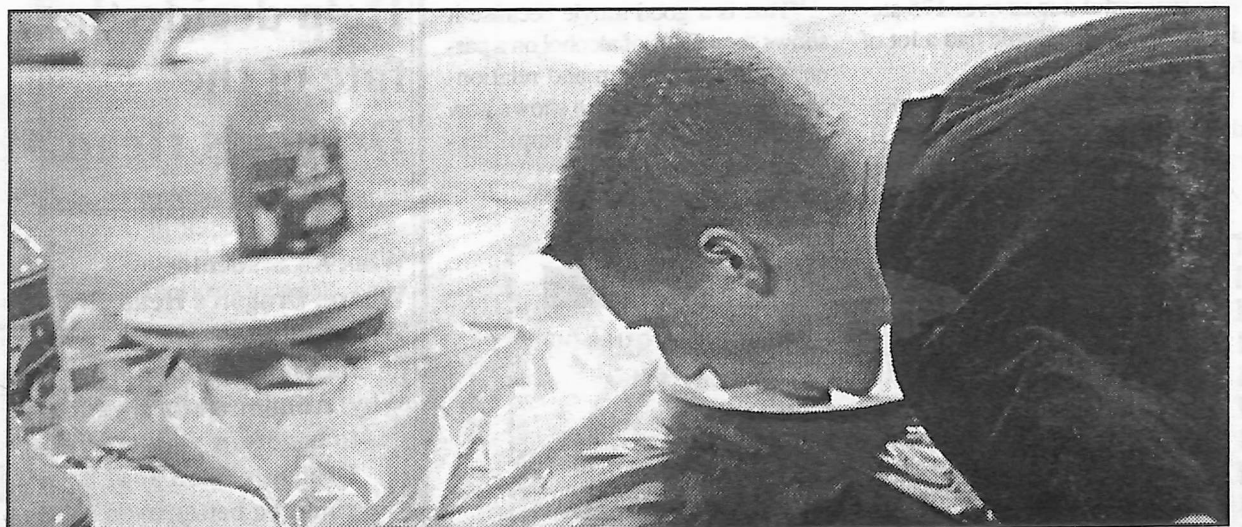
"We have a problem with conduct at home sporting events," said Foley. "The idea of a spirit club is being revived in many high schools and I think it would be a good idea here." No motions were made concerning this issue.

Sophomore representative Rachel Hospodka and vice president Sara Crawford reported for the academic affairs committee. A new grading policy is being proposed to the faculty at their next meeting. The pro-

posal includes adding minuses to the grading system. This would mean that A+ and A would be worth 4.0, an A- would be worth 3.7 and a B+ would be worth 3.3. Right now a B+ is worth 3.5. Some members expressed concerns about the policy.

Senior representative Dottie Whitehill said, "It's hard to know what to expect since we don't know how different members of the faculty will use the system." Students are encouraged to express concerns and opinions to faculty members, the dean of academic affairs or student senate representatives.

President Rodney Ronk ended the meeting by reminding members of the reception in Borup that they will be hosting on Parent's Day between the football and volleyball games. He also said that meetings will be held at 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Dragon's Head to decide on future uses for the room. All students are encouraged to attend these meetings to share their ideas.



Showing his talents at applesauce snarf, Jeremy Havekost licks up the competition at Residence Hall Association's annual Applerama. (Photo by Laurie Grasso)

Campus Events

FRIDAY

7:30 National Danish Gymnastics, Borup

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Women's Soccer, Hastings
 2 p.m. Football, Nebraska Wesleyan
 4 p.m. Pumpkin Painting Contest, Dragon's Head
 7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Doane

SUNDAY

11 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back
 Worship
 2 p.m. Men's Soccer, Blair

MONDAY

8 p.m. FCA Meeting, Forum

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Wayne State

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel

In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Hello! Once again it has been a busy week for the student senate. Many ideas and problems have been discussed and a key purchase has been made to help improve life for the student body.

Many concerns have been expressed to the senate and I would like to try to address two of them now. A question was asked about the possibility of tuning the pianos in all of the dorms. Unfortunately this would be difficult and probably not cost effective. The drastic temperature changes in the dorms makes it impossible to keep a piano in tune.

There has also been a question asked about changing the mealtime hours on the weekends. The student services committee, chaired by Amy Benedict, brought up the possibility of changing the weekend hours in their monthly meeting with the food service director. At this time it is not an option due to the fact food service is short of people on the weekends and this is the only time it is possible

for the them to "catch up" from the past week.

I hope this answers the questions on these topics. Please keep the questions and concerns coming. It is a great way for the student senate to try to help the people of Dana. Without people speaking out for change nothing will happen. As students at Dana College we are lucky to have many people open to hear what we have to say.

The key purchase approved at the last senate meeting was a universal weight machine (\$2,000 of your student body dues at work) to go in the fitness room in Borup. The machine has already been delivered and is available for any student to use during the posted fitness room hours (7 a.m.-10 p.m.).

Finally, another topic of discussion on campus has been what to do with the Dragon's Head. The college's administration would like to know what students think about this and will listen to any ideas students may have.

All students interested in sharing

ideas regarding the Dragon's Head are invited to attend one of the open forums that will be held next week. At 9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday there will be "idea-gathering" sessions. The purpose is to hear what students have to say about the Dragon's Head and what they feel this area should provide. Anyone who has as an idea but cannot attend either of the two sessions is encouraged to share their thoughts with Paulette Alderink, director of student activities, either in person or via e-mail.

Remember, feel free to voice your concerns to the student senate. We are eager to help in any way possible to help improve the student life at Dana College. I would like to hear from anyone that has a comment, idea or concern to share. My phone number is 7537 or feel free to write me via e-mail at RRONK. I will respond to any question and with permission it will be discussed in this column.

Until next week,
Rodney Ronk

Students unpacking their bags, staying at Dana on weekends

SHAWN ISAACS
Reporter

Even as recently as two years ago Dana was called a "suitcase" college. Some students stayed on the weekends because of their participation in athletics, the theater department or because of a Monday test.

Few, if any, hung around on the weekends. Students would go home to be with family or friends. Even the students who were happy with Dana would say that there was nothing fun to do on the weekends, so why stay?

Things over the last two years have changed dramatically. There are now activities that people stay on campus for. Paulette Alderink, director for student activities, gives her staff the credit.

"Ryan Holtam, Janelle Kahl and Mandy Buttry have done a great job of planning and getting the word out," said Alderink.

Alderink also noted that some of the credit goes to the freshman class. "The freshman class is very social and involved. They make up the

majority of those attending the activities," said Alderink.

The fact that there are now activities going on every weekend was her final reason for the increase in attendance at weekend activities. This is opposite of what it was like a couple of years ago when there were very few activities on the weekends.

The increased participation in weekend activities provides an outlet for many students.

"As the sense of community continues to grow Dana will be able to offer better opportunities for everyone," said Alderink.

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thought," said junior Nina Papousek.

Tuesday night was Applerama sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. This was a carnival-type night filled with games such as bobbing for apples and the applesauce snarf. Food such as bakery cookies and freshly made caramel apples was served.

"The original purpose of Applerama was to promote people doing something healthy without alcohol while bringing awareness about drinking," said Stute. "It was very successful due to over 175 students attending. People had a lot of fun.

Mocktails were served on Wednesday. This was a bar serving non-alcoholic beer and virgin drinks set up

in the campus center.

"This is a good alternative to drinking because you can't get drunk. Besides, alcohol is bad for you anyway," said freshman Tom Urban.

In the evening on Wednesday, a police officer also came and talked to Dana students about the laws in Nebraska concerning alcohol.

Thursday SAO sponsored the movie "When a Man Loves a Woman" and invited the campus to join them. They held a discussion following the movie.

"This is a good movie because it shows the effects of alcohol on a parent-child relationship and relationships in general. It also shows how the alcoholic struggles to stop drinking," Papousek said.

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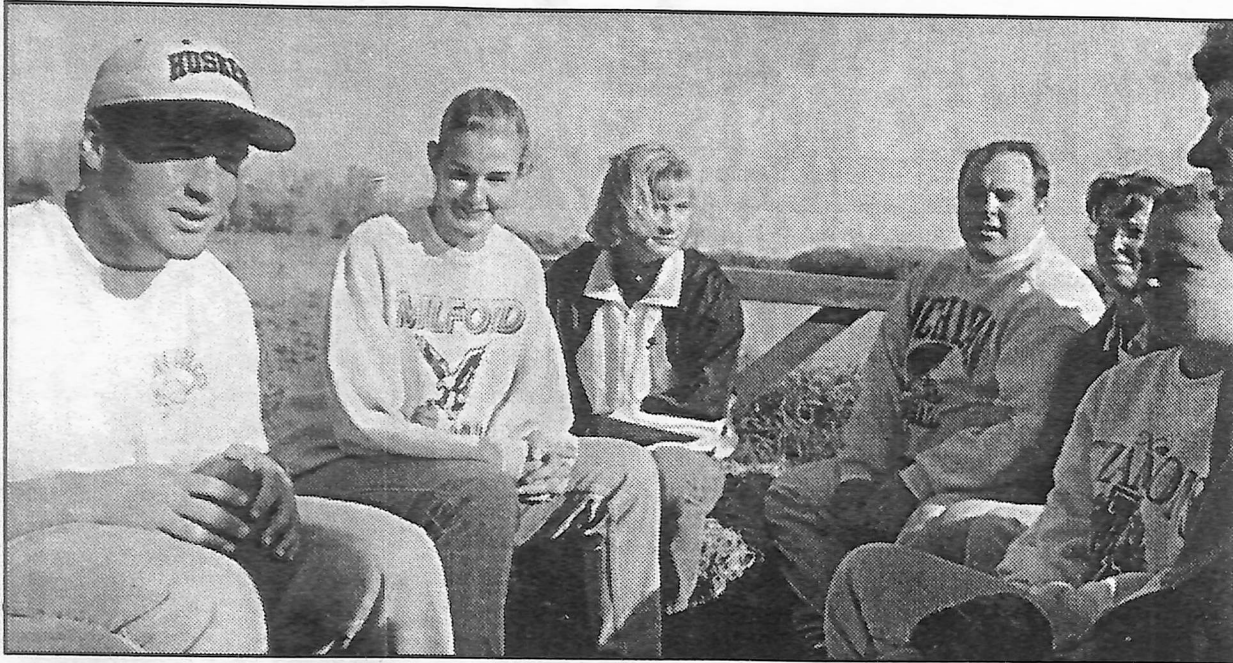
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Fellowship of Christian Athletes members Brian Jones, Laura Hiebenthal, Brock Cooper, Dana Strege, Nina Papousek and Ben Edelman got in the spirit of the season at FCA's annual hayrack ride Sunday afternoon. (Photo by Lindsay Bruning)

Above and beyond: business major Tara Stark to give vocal recital

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

Junior business major Tara Stark is preparing a soprano vocal recital. Although she is not a music major, she still wanted to find out what it was like to prepare for and give a recital.

Music has always been a big part of Stark's life. In junior high and high school she was very involved in vocal music, participating in two musicals, several honor choirs and swing choir. She was also selected for Nebraska All-State choir her junior and senior years in high school and performed solos in her church. Stark decided that she wanted to continue her involvement in vocal music one day when she and her mom were touring another college.

"We stopped in to see a girl giving a recital and I thought to myself, 'I can do that,'" said Stark.

During her years at Dana, Stark has

been involved in the Dana College Chorale, VOICES, Santa Lucia and four musicals. She has taken voice lessons all three years she has been at Dana, which led her to the decision to hold a recital.

"I've watched other people give recitals and decided that I wanted to give one. It is a confidence builder for me and I want to show others that I have the confidence to get up in front of an audience to perform," she said.

Along with all of the activities Stark is involved in, why does she continue to take the time to take lessons?

"I've always been the type of person to be involved in everything. I enjoy challenges. That's what I like about Dana. You can be involved in a lot of different things and you don't have to be the best at everything to be involved," she said.

Jeanmarie Nielsen, Stark's vocal instructor said: "It is fairly rare for someone who's not a music major to go through the work of putting on a

recital. I guided her through the process of selecting her program, learning and then memorizing each piece."

David Bossman, a sophomore English secondary education major, attended high school with Stark. He said that she was always involved in everything.

"We were swing choir partners. She always went above and beyond what was required. It's not surprising that she is pushing herself to do a recital," he said.

Stark has selected two Italian songs, three German songs, and some songs written from a child's point of view to perform on Sunday.

"I enjoy taking voice lessons and I'm looking forward to the recital because I have been able to choose songs that I want to sing and that are written in the style that sounds the best for me," said Stark.

The recital will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel and is open to the public.

Danish gymnasts invade Borup

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

Colorful costumes, flying bodies and blaring music will accompany the National Danish Gymnastics Team as they perform in Borup Coliseum tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The young team, comprised of 16 men and 15 women, will display modern rhythmic gymnastics, artis-

tic vaulting and tumbling. They will also perform traditional Danish folk dances in original costumes.

Most members of the team have taken time away from their studies and careers to participate in this world tour to promote gymnastics as a way to stay physically fit. Another purpose of the tour is to create awareness of the Danish gymnastics tradition.

This 10-month world tour began in August 1997. The tour will take the team to countries such as Spain,

France, Switzerland, South America, Singapore, Malaysia, and India before arriving home in Denmark in May.

Tickets for the show will be available at the door for the general public. Admission is free for Dana students.

The gymnasts arrived on campus Thursday evening and will stay in Elkhorn Hall through Sunday. The team was busy Friday appearing on live radio shows in Omaha.

Students offered chance to explore cathedrals in Europe

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Reporter

This Interim Dana students have the opportunity to visit many of Europe's great cathedrals.

Michael Anderson and Jeanmarie Nielsen are organizing the three week trip to Germany, France and England.

The group will first arrive in Germany and will spend time in Cologne, Aachen, Munich and Salzburg. They will visit the imperial spa of Charlemagne, the fortress where the movie *The Sound of Music* was filmed and St. Michael's Cathedral. The Gothic cathedral of St. Peter and St. Mary, a Romanesque cathedral and a Bavarian castles tour are also included in the visit.

The next stop is Paris, "The City of Lights." The group will visit Chartres, a medieval market town, and Rheims. Several nearby cathedrals will be toured, including Notre Dame and Sainte-Chapelle.

After crossing from France to England, the group will land in Dover. There they will tour the historic Canterbury. Arriving in London, the group will visit Westminster Abbey, then tour Salisbury, Stonehenge and Winchester by bus. Several cathedrals are on the itinerary. The group will also visit the three grandest colleges in England, Cambridge, King's Trinity and St. John's.

The travel time is approximately three weeks. The group leaves Omaha on Jan. 5 and returns Jan. 23.

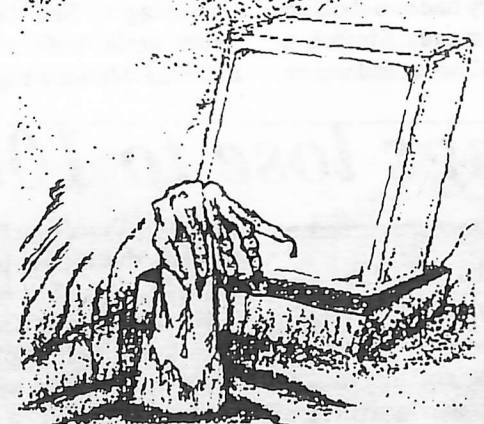
Nielsen said that students will gain a comprehensive look at history, art, music, culture, religion and philosophy by studying Gothic cathedrals. "The contrast between youthful America and Europe is intriguing," Nielsen states. "[Standing] in a massive building built 900 years ago is a much different perspective than we have here."

The course will include a number of readings that complement the sites visited. Students will keep a daily journal. A final oral or written presentation will be made in small groups upon completion of the course.

The cost for this trip is estimated to range from \$2,800 to \$3,300, depending on the number of students participating. This amount includes transportation, lodging, at least one meal per day, an occasional group meal and admission to all required events. Financial aid is available.

Several students have shown interest and are planning on participating but there is still room left for more. Anderson and Nielsen hope to have a group of 12 to 15 students. A web page is available for anyone interested. The page includes a detailed itinerary and travel costs. The address is www.dana.edu/~manderso/interim98.html.

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Cross country teams take second, fourth at conference

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

Saturday the Viking cross country runners competed in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference Championship in Crete. The men came in second and the women, placing their highest ever in the conference championship meet, fourth.

Scott Stanley, of Malvern, Iowa, led the men's team placing fourth with a time of 26 minutes 49 seconds. Max Grady, a senior from Dunlap, Iowa, placed seventh, running the race in 27:08. Schuyler native Justin Christensen came through in 11th place with a time of 27:29 followed by junior Bob Spangler of Grant with a time of 27:29.9. Neal Smith was Dana's fifth and final scoring runner coming in at 27:54 and finishing 19th. Matt Poulter of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was close behind finishing 20th with a time of 27:57.

Ben Sandy of Newcastle, Wyo., who is the two-time defending NIAC conference champion, finished the meet limping in 41st place due

to an inflamed sore knee.

"Ben is undergoing therapy for his ailment and shifting his mental focus to the future," said cross country team head coach Jay Birmingham. "He is a true All-American; he will bounce back."

The finishes for Stanley and Grady were their second straight top-ten finishes at the conference meet. Last fall Dana hosted the conference meet and Stanley placed sixth and Grady ninth.

Other men's finishers for Dana included Evan Bees, Ken Nikolas, Ryan Jacobsen, Aaron Schlote, Ben Gailey, John Henningsen and Marc Bierbaum.

Birmingham said the men's team was disappointed with their second place finish but he felt the men had a fine race. "We begin peaking this week. Nationals is our focus, not conference," said Birmingham.

Dana's women's team scored their highest placement ever in the NIAC conference meet with four women placing in the top 22.

Amanda Buttry, of Shenandoah, Iowa, led the Dana women finishing 12th with a time of 19:59. Angie Sparacino, Houston, Texas, was next for the Vikings with a time of 20:17, giving her a 16th place finish. First-year runner Tiffani Nielsen of Neola,

Iowa, came in 18th with a time of 20:23. Sophomore Jennifer Williams, a Blair native, came in with a time of 20:17, which was good for 22nd place. Coming in 36th was Anna Hovde, of Gillette, Wyo., with a time of 21:25.

Other Dana women placing in the meet included: Jessica Chambers, Sarah Klein, Emily Nessen, Razy Sparacino and Amy Carlson.

"Our women ran their best race yet. We were a solid 4th, the best Dana women's team ever," said Birmingham. "We are pointing for the national qualifier."

Saturday's meet decided conference placement but the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national qualifying meet will be held Nov. 1 in Crete.

Birmingham said both teams are currently preparing for nationals by reducing volume and increasing the intensity of their training. The team is using a series of time trials at short distances as the focus of their practices.

"The women's strength is the knowledge that we are closing the gap on Doane, a perennial top team. The men's strength is team unity and a desire to build our tradition."

Women's soccer team shut-out again

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

Two away games resulted in two losses for the Viking women's soccer team.

On Saturday the team traveled to Lamoni, Iowa, to take on Graceland in a non-conference match. Graceland claimed the victory 3-0.

The Vikings only had two shots on goal, one by Amanda Stoffel, a sophomore from Omaha, and one by

Rachel Herman, a sophomore from Blair.

Junior Sara Duff played in goal the entire game against Graceland. She faced 29 shots, had 19 saves and allowed three goals.

"We played really well considering we only had 11 players and no substitutes," said Janelle Kahl, a junior from Seward. "Our defense was good. We worked together really well."

Hoping to find their offensive forces again, the team traveled to Bellevue Monday night. The Vi-

kings, however, were shut out 16-0. Dana has been shut out in five of its last six games.

"We need the defense and offense to work together to get some more offensive plays going," said Kahl. Several players are battling injuries right now, she said, making it more difficult to do that.

The Vikings are now 4-10 overall and 2-4 in Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference play. The Vikings will be in action at 1 p.m. Saturday as they take on Hastings at Viking Field.

Vikings lose to 10th rated Doane

WINNI DUBOIS
Reporter

Saturday Doane's offense rushed to the center of the Dana defense and gained its sixth win of the season 34-21. The undefeated Tigers are ranked 10th in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Dana made some adjustments because some key players were injured. Quarterback Michael Babbitt did not play due to a head injury suffered in a previous game. Junior Joel

Krominga, Dana's kicker, started as the quarterback and split time with sophomore Jason Mitchell.

The first pass from Krominga was a screen to Mitchell who ran 56 yards for a touchdown. It was Mitchell's fourth touchdown of the season. Doane responded by scoring a touchdown and took the lead 7-6 just 5:35 into the first quarter.

Doane then scored a touchdown before halftime. They covered 62 yards in four plays and scored with 37 seconds left in the half.

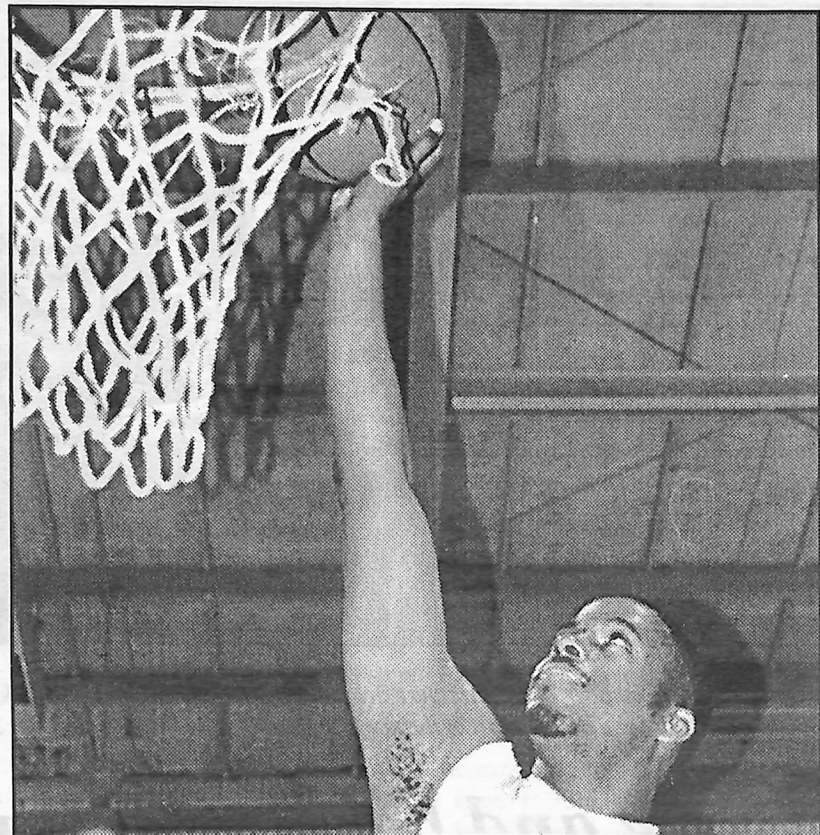
Dana scored two more touchdowns. One was made by senior R.J. Gall and

the last touchdown was made by senior Marlon Pierre on a 61-yard run.

The Vikings had 345 yards of total offense, 178 rushing and 167 passing with 23 first downs. Dana's average for total offense is 254.8 yards. The rushing offense average is 105.8 yards and 149.0 for passing offense.

On the defensive side their average for total defense is 325.0 yards. Average rushing defense is 135.8 yards and their passing defense average is 189.2 yards.

The Vikings are preparing for a game on Saturday against Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln at 2 p.m.



In preparation for the upcoming basketball season, Will Mays goes up for a dunk. The Vikings are picked for seventh place in a pre-season poll of Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference men's basketball coaches. Dana opens its season Nov. 7 at Sioux Falls S.D. and then plays the Cougars again in its home opener on Nov. 12. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Dana softball finishes fall play 4-2

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

The women's softball team finished their short fall season with a 4-2 record after a late start. After two canceled games due to wet conditions, the team began their season Oct. 2 with a doubleheader at Midland Lutheran in Fremont.

Dana split the doubleheader winning one game and losing one game.

The Vikings saw action the following Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Doane Tournament. They lost the first game to Peru State 3-2 but went on to win the next three games to win the tournament.

Hastings took a beating in the next

game losing to Dana 10-1. Nebraska Wesleyan fell 9-7 to the Vikings and in the final game of the day Doane suffered a 5-2 loss to Dana.

The tournament ended in a three way tie for first place. Dana claimed the tourney championship by maintaining the lowest amount of opposing runs, scoring 27 offensive runs in comparison to 12 runs by their opponents.

Softball coach Kris Graulich said, "Our losses come mostly from this being the first time playing as a whole new group. The girls are so intense and dedicated. You can just tell they really want to go out and win the conference this spring."

The women's softball team opens its spring season here against College of Saint Mary's on March 10, 1998.

Volleyball team falls to Hastings

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

Improved efforts by the Dana volleyball team failed to defeat Hastings' powerful attack Friday in Hastings. The Vikings lost in three games to the Broncos in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference play. Hastings is ranked 11th in the NAIA and won 15-8, 15-3 and 15-9.

The Vikings had a good balance in their attack Friday night but

struggled in consistency. Sophomore Lisa Decker led the team with seven kills. First-year hitter Erin Eggers and senior Andrea Spreen each contributed six. First-year player Michaela Kibbon also had five kills and three blocks for the Vikes. She was 14-for-16 on service receptions and led Dana in digs with seven. Junior setter Tara Tiefenthaler had 27 assists.

The loss brings their record to 1-31 and 0-7 in the NIAC. The Vikings take on Doane Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Borup Coliseum.