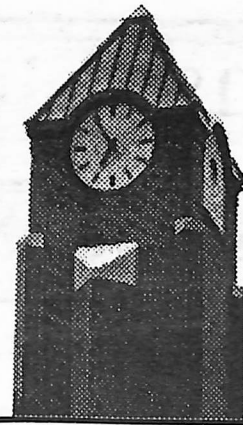


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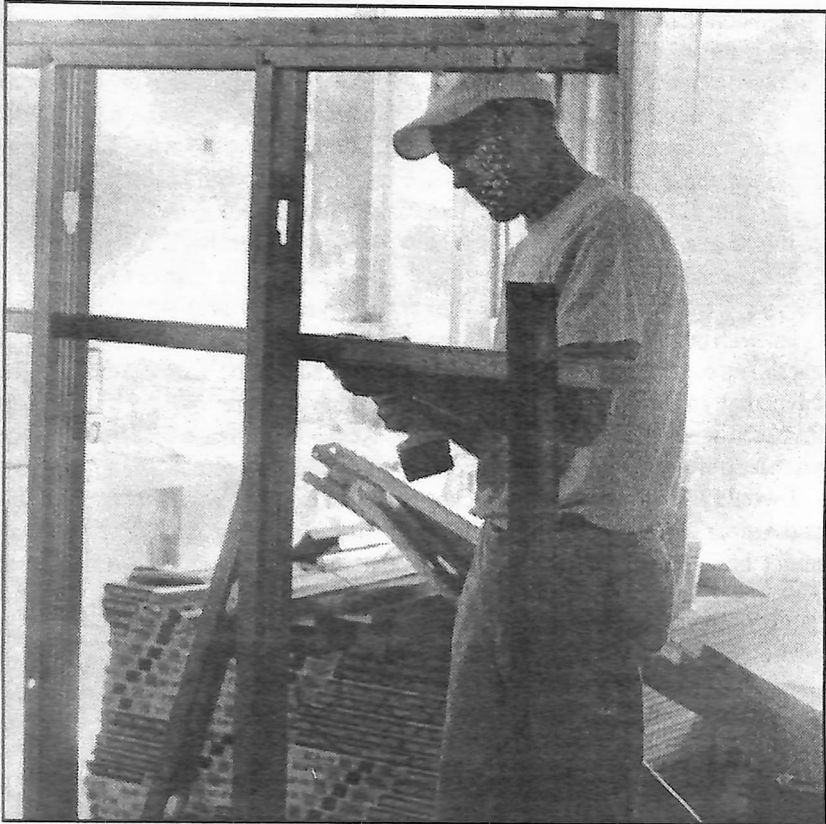
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Hard at work. John Wirsen from Weitz Company Inc. is part of the team working on President Christopherson's office. The project, a late birthday present, will be wrapped up in six to seven weeks. (Photo by Andrea Spreen)

## Late birthday gift: president's office gets a new face-lift

RODNEY RONK  
Reporter

If you have been in Pioneer Memorial lately, you have probably heard the sound of hammers, drills and saws at work. You might have wondered what is going on. The president's office is going through extensive remodeling, thanks to the generosity of faculty, staff, alumni and other friends of Dana College.

The idea to remodel the office came from Dr. Myrvyn Christopherson's birthday party last year when a fund was started to buy new office furniture for him. After enough money was raised the idea grew into total office remodeling.

When asked how he felt about the project, Christopherson said he was flattered that people cared enough

about him to do something like this but that he never really thought much about having it done.

"After it is complete it will be a nice place in which to greet visitors of Dana," he said. "They won't have to look at my messy office anymore."

Pioneer Memorial was built in 1948 and despite many presidents calling it home since that time, there has not been any major changes to the building. Christopherson remembered the president's office from when he was a student here at Dana and could not think how it has changed. He added, "I did get a new chair when I started in 1986."

After asking Carolyn Potter, administrative assistant to the president, how she felt about the project, she stated it will give a good first impression of Dana College.

"It was long overdue," she said. "It

will give him [Christopherson] plenty of space to work in which he didn't have before. I have worked with four presidents and at the most there only has been some slight redecorating."

The renovation should be complete in six to seven weeks because the construction crew working on this project is also working in Blair for HunteL at Mid-American Computing. Christopherson said sharing the construction crew was a way to help control costs because the crew was able to fit days to work at Dana into their schedule.

"It may take longer to finish but it will still be a quality job," he said.

After the work is finished, there will be a new office for Christopherson, a separate conference room for meetings and a new office for Potter. There are also plans for possibly remodeling the business office in the future.

## Men's club soccer sticking together for success

Jill DEWALD  
Sports Editor

Picture a ball flying through the air and bouncing off your teammate's head. Then it is kicked fiercely at your chest as your opponents chase after you full force. Twenty-one Dana men put themselves through this abuse for pure pleasure. It is otherwise known as club soccer.

The men's soccer club was reinvented in the fall of 1995 by senior Ryan Holtam.

"I had grown up with soccer and had been playing since first or second grade," said Holtam. "Once I got to college I couldn't stop just cold turkey." Holtam served as coach and organizer for the club. Since then he has turned the reins over to sophomore Mark Knudsen.

Knudsen, along with the assistance of co-organizer Kevin Brennen, has been able to organize nine games with other colleges including Midland Lutheran College, Wayne State University, Dordt College and Briar Cliff College. According to Knudsen the last couple of games have been canceled due to adverse weather and they will only play five or six of the scheduled games. Knudsen is also in the process of organizing a spring league and looks to set up 12-15

games.

The men play two games this weekend. Saturday they battle Dordt College at the Blair Youth Sports Complex directly following the women's soccer game. Sunday Midland Lutheran College travels to Blair to challenge the Vikings. Earlier in the season the men tied with Dordt and defeated Midland.

"We are looking at two prospective wins this weekend," said Knudsen. Dana's record is 1-1-1 with their only loss to Wayne State.

Team strengths are centered around their striking potential with key players Bill Stoffel and Holtam. The Vikings also have a solid defense and skilled goal keepers in Matt Anderson and freshman Riley Tonkin. Anderson, who had surgery on a broken finger, may move to a different position.

Not only is the team stacked with veteran players but also developed rookies.

"I never played in high school, but I learned from my friends," said sophomore Thomas Blase. "By playing with your friends you have good companionship and comradery so we play well as a team."

In the future the team is aiming for varsity status.

"I think the women's soccer team is going in the right direction," said Holtam. "We need to first stick together as a club to eventually achieve a varsity status."

## Annual Parents' Day welcomes families

MELANIE LUBBERS  
Reporter

There are many activities planned for this year's Parents' Day. Football, volleyball, soccer and other family activities fill the day for approximately 84 family members registered to attend.

The day begins with an open house at President and Mrs. Christopherson's home. At 11 a.m. a faculty presentation about Dana College's general education program will take place in the Forum.

To begin the afternoon a tailgate

barbeque will take place in Borup Coliseum and at Viking Field. This is hosted by President Christopherson and campus pastor Joanne Richmond. At 1 p.m. the women's soccer team will play Northwestern College at the Blair Youth Sports Complex. The football team takes on Concordia College at Viking Field.

Following the games a reception will be held poolside in Borup Coliseum. This event is sponsored by student senate. At 4:30 p.m. the volleyball team will play Westmar College. Before each of the sporting events all of the athletes' parents will be introduced.

According to Anne Christopherson,

special project coordinator, the theme suggests a different setting than in years past with the activities being centered around the barbeque tailgate party and poolside reception.

The evening events begin with a meal for parents and students in the cafeteria. Then at 7 p.m. comedian Frank Caliendo will perform in the Dragon's Head.

"I think it is exciting to bring families to our campus to connect them with our students," said Christopherson. "We have guests coming from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Florida, Mississippi and Montana."

Parents can register on Saturday.



Dana Sabiya questions first-year students Marc Bierbaum, Megan Cosgrove and Brandy Hansen about their Foundations project on Monday evening at the Foundations Fair in the Campus Center. (Photo by Andrea Spreen)

## Campus Events

### FRIDAY

4 p.m. Women's Soccer, Blair  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Halloween Dance, Argo Lobby

### SATURDAY

Parents' Day  
1 p.m. Women's Soccer, Blair  
1 p.m. Football, Viking Field  
4:30 p.m. Volleyball, Borup  
12:30 p.m. Cross Country, Sioux Falls, S.D.  
7 p.m. Comedian, Dragon's Head

### SUNDAY

11 a.m. Worship

### MONDAY

8 p.m. FCA Meeting, Forum

### TUESDAY

9 a.m. Faculty Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Orange City, Iowa

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Volleyball, Nebraska Wesleyan  
10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel

## In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Hello! Another wild and wacky week has passed here at Dana College and there are plenty of topics on campus to discuss. I am happy to report that since this column's inception three weeks ago, there have been a steady stream of questions asked and concerns and ideas shared.

A question was asked this past week about the possibility of putting a radio in the fitness room in Borup. Yes, a radio should be put in the fitness room if that will help create a better place to work out. One of senate's goals for the year is to improve that area of campus in any way we can. The idea of adding things such as a radio, a fan, etc., have been brought up in a senate meeting before but no action was taken. We did not know how to deal with the issue of theft. There should be a way to deter theft by securing the radio in the fitness room in some way and we will look into it. When a solution is found a radio will be in place for all to enjoy!

Another question was asked about

the possibility of increasing Dana's community involvement. That is a viable concern and it is good to hear from students who care about the relationship between Dana and Blair. I recently have had a conversation with Patty Plugge, the executive director of the Blair area chamber of commerce, and although nothing certain was said, she was very open to any ideas students may have on this subject. I will be speaking in greater detail with her soon, so please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have that can improve how we are involved with the city of Blair. With your help we can make a difference!

I would like to thank Lisa Decker and Amber Weber for these questions and I hope I answered them fully. Please keep the questions, concerns and ideas coming; without input from the student body your student senate is powerless to help improve life on campus. It is very important to us to help you and we want to know what can be made better!

Thank you to all who attended the

meetings on the Dragon's Head this past week; it was awesome to hear what you thought should be done. Thanks to your help the Dragon's Head will be made into an area for all students to enjoy in the near future. If you have any other ideas, feel free to share them with Paulette Alderink, Dan Travaille or myself.

Finally, remember it is Parents' Day on Saturday. Say thanks to the family (whoever they are) who cares about you. Without them I'm sure most of us would not be lucky enough to be at Dana College!

Remember, please feel free to voice your concerns to the student senate. We are eager to help improve the student life at Dana College in any way that we can. 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

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Dana students,

As a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team, I wanted to write to let you know what our group has been doing so far this year and most of all, where we are headed. As a leadership group we plan all of FCA's weekly meetings and special events. We feel that FCA has gotten off to a slow, rough start this year. We have struggled in several areas but we are geared up to turn things around for the rest of the year.

Our greatest struggle has been scheduling events for the weekly meetings, particularly speakers. We have had to plan several meetings at the last minute because people have not been able to commit to a speaking time. Because of this I think some of our meetings have been less than exciting or moving. However, we hope all of that is in the past. We have several incredible speakers and fun events scheduled for the rest of the semester. If you came to one of our meetings and simply weren't impressed (perhaps you were even bored), I strongly encourage you to check out our group again. Here are the events we have planned for the next few weeks:

Monday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Forum

\*discussion on DATING

Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

\*Soul Support concert

Monday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Forum

\*Speaker: Ric Roh

Monday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Forum

\*Speaker: Pastor Marek from First Lutheran Church

Monday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Forum

\*Speaker: John Knically, news anchor from Channel 6

If you have any ideas for speakers, videos, discussion topics or any comments for our group in general, feel free to share them with anyone on our leadership team; we would love to hear about what interests you. Once again, I would just encourage everyone—athletes and non-athletes alike—to give FCA a look or even a second look. Come see what we're about!

Sincerely,

Nicole Weers

FCA Leadership member



**Come to the Dragon's Head  
Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m. and  
watch comedian Frank Caliendo  
FREE ADMISSION**

## Two sets of twins join Dana family; share clothes, classes, dorm rooms, lifestyle, college experience

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor-in-Chief

They have been sharing living space since conception. They have lived in the same house, attended the same school, dressed the same through second grade, shared friends, interests and clothes. They now attend the same college and are roommates. Theresa and Danielle Soby and Megan and Jessica Cosgrove, all freshmen from Omaha, are twins who have been together forever and decided going to college was no reason to separate.

"I wouldn't want to go to a different school than my sister," said Danielle Soby.

"Me neither," said Theresa Soby.

The Soby twins both agreed when they looked for a college that they wanted to stay in Nebraska and that they wanted to stay together.

"I considered going to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln but Theresa didn't want to go there," said Danielle.

Theresa said they toured Dana together and she immediately fell in love with the campus and atmosphere, even though it was Danielle who wanted to go to Dana first.

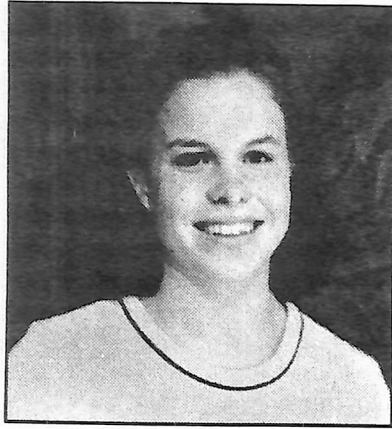
After deciding Dana was right for them, next came filling out housing applications. They agreed they wanted no other roommate than each other.

The choice was natural, easy and safe.

"I knew Theresa. I didn't know anyone else," said Danielle. Living together is the only way of life the

twins have known since they come from a family of 18 siblings including themselves.

"We never fight," said Danielle. "If we do it's for five seconds," added Theresa.



Theresa Soby



Danielle Soby



Megan Cosgrove



Jessica Cosgrove

Theresa laughed and explained that if Danielle lived in another hall she would have to run over to her room every morning to figure out what to wear since they share their clothes.

They both agree the arrangement has been working out well so far.

"Living together makes it seem more like home," said Theresa. "It keeps us down to earth."

After thinking for a while, the girls decided they could not think of any disadvantages to being together.

"I might get to know more people,"

said Theresa in a guessing tone.

When asked if they ever trick people, they explained that since they are fraternal twins and not identical they do not get away with switching places. They said they tried to switch for a day in junior high but their teachers caught on right away.

Jenna Moffett, a friend of Danielle and Theresa, said when she first met them she had no idea they were twins. She was on the same orientation team as the twins.

"It took me three days of orientation to put together that they were twins," said Moffett. However, now that she knows she said their personalities are very similar.

Danielle and Theresa share almost everything and like it that way. From clothes to friends to hobbies to living space the girls like to stick together and would not have it any other way.

Jessica and Megan Cosgrove's story is a bit different since they are identical twins. They too grew up sharing the same room, at least up until they were seniors in high school, due to their large family of seven children.

Jessica and Megan are alike in much more than their looks. They too share friends, interests, hobbies and talents. When looking for differences, they had to think hard. Only when it came down to personality traits could they find differences. Both girls have majors within the art department and have all the same classes but one this semester. They are even in the same Liberal Arts Reading Program discussion group.

Megan, who Jessica agrees is the most decisive of the duo, was the first to decide Dana was the place for her. Wanting to get the family financial aid

award, Megan helped talk Jessica into coming to Dana too.

The girls decided living together was the right plan for them.

"We knew we could get along because our habits are really similar and we are really compatible," said Megan. "We also feared getting bad roommates."

"So far we have gotten along quite well," said Jessica. "We're best friends."

"I was given a twin for a reason," said Megan. "We think of each other as one unit."

When asked if there are any disadvantages to being together at college they had different views.

"It could have been good to be apart," said Jessica.

Startled at her twin's answer, Megan asked, "why?"

"We will have to be apart someday," replied Jessica.

"We can always live across the street from each other or something," said Megan.

Since the Cosgrove twins are identical they have been partners in crime every April Fool's Day. In junior high they would switch places for the day to fool their teachers. For their junior prom in high school they discussed switching places and tricking their dates but did not think they would get away with it. However, when Jessica came downstairs to greet her date, Megan's date approached her thinking she was Megan. But now that Megan got her long hair cut short, people can tell them apart and tricking people does not work anymore.

Jessica and Megan are happy to be at Dana together.

## Education differences slow professor's return

HOLLY ANDERSON  
Reporter

The phrase "Visa: don't leave home without it" has new meaning for Dana professor Dorte Staermose.

Staermose returned to Blair on Oct. 1 after teaching in Denmark public schools for one year. Staermose encountered problems with immigration officials who would not accept her visa because they did not believe her Danish education was equivalent to that of an American bachelor's degree.

Staermose agreed that there are differences between her education and the education that American students get.

"The major difference is that my degree allows me to teach from kindergarten to 10th grade and here it is much more specific," she said.

Dana College was able to send her

papers to a Los Angeles company who could review her credentials. It was then that her degree was found to be equivalent to that of an American bachelor's degree and her visa was granted.

While she was in Denmark, Staermose taught religion, physical education, English and Danish to grades ranging from fourth to 10th.

Until Staermose could return, students and faculty had to cover the courses she taught. Students Laura Hiebenthal and Jennifer Burger met with students from her English as a second language course. Burger said the students were a lot of fun and Hiebenthal commented that the students really appreciated any help they could offer.

Staermose began teaching almost as soon as she stepped foot on Nebraska soil. Many of her courses deal with international students. Danish, English as a second language and special topics for international students are the courses she is teaching.



The glare from the snow proved to be too blinding for a witch on her broom as she crashed into an electric pole this past week in Blair at the intersection of 10th and Adams. (Photo by Laurie Grasso)

### What do you think about an honor code at Dana?

In the past few days students have been wondering about the so-called "honor code." The committee working on this issue, which is comprised of students and faculty, wants to hear students' opinions on a possible honor code for Dana.

Honor codes have been implemented at both large and small schools and many feel they are a success for both students and faculty alike. At this time an honor code would consist of signing a reminder to act with personal integrity in all aspects of life. This simplistic level will lead to higher levels of classroom integrity complete with sanctions.

Students can voice their opinions to any student senate members or faculty.

---Elaine Rivard  
Honor Code Committee

## Viking defense plays tough but Wesleyan slips through for the win

**LAURA HIEBENTHAL**  
Copy Editor

On a cold, rainy afternoon in Lincoln the Dana defense held Nebraska Wesleyan to 202 yards of total offense. It was not enough, however, and Wesleyan rolled to a 20-8 victory on Saturday.

Wesleyan began the scoring with 11:02 left in the first half. They used a 15-play, 86-yard scoring drive to take the lead 7-0.

Wesleyan's second score of the afternoon came after blocking a Dana punt. Viking punter Justin Dannelly recovered a bad snap and got the kick off but it was blocked by the Wesleyan defenders. Wesleyan's Tim McEwen picked up the loose ball and rushed 10 yards into the end zone, raising the score to 14-0.

The third Wesleyan touchdown

came on a 10-yard pass with 3:03 remaining in the third quarter. However, Dana took advantage of their extra point attempt. Senior Ben Tams blocked the kick, grabbed the ball and rushed into the end zone for Dana's first-ever defensive conversion since this rule was established several years ago. It was Tams' fourth blocked kick of the year and the conversion put Dana on the scoreboard trailing 20-2.

Dana's only touchdown came with 9:50 remaining in the game. Senior quarterback Michael Babbitt found senior Jason Mitchell open for a 15-yard touchdown pass. This touchdown catch was Mitchell's fifth of the year. He finished the game with six receptions for 71 yards.

Babbitt completed 12 of 26 passes for a total of 154 yards. The touchdown pass to Mitchell raised his season total to eight touchdown passes.

Senior running back Marlon Pierre rushed for 93 yards on 20 carries. The Dana offense covered 263 yards of

total offense including 109 yards rushing.

On the defensive side junior linebacker Brandon Perry led all tacklers with five solo tackles and four assists for a total of nine. Junior Cedrick Harvey followed with eight tackles and senior Grant Dose had seven.

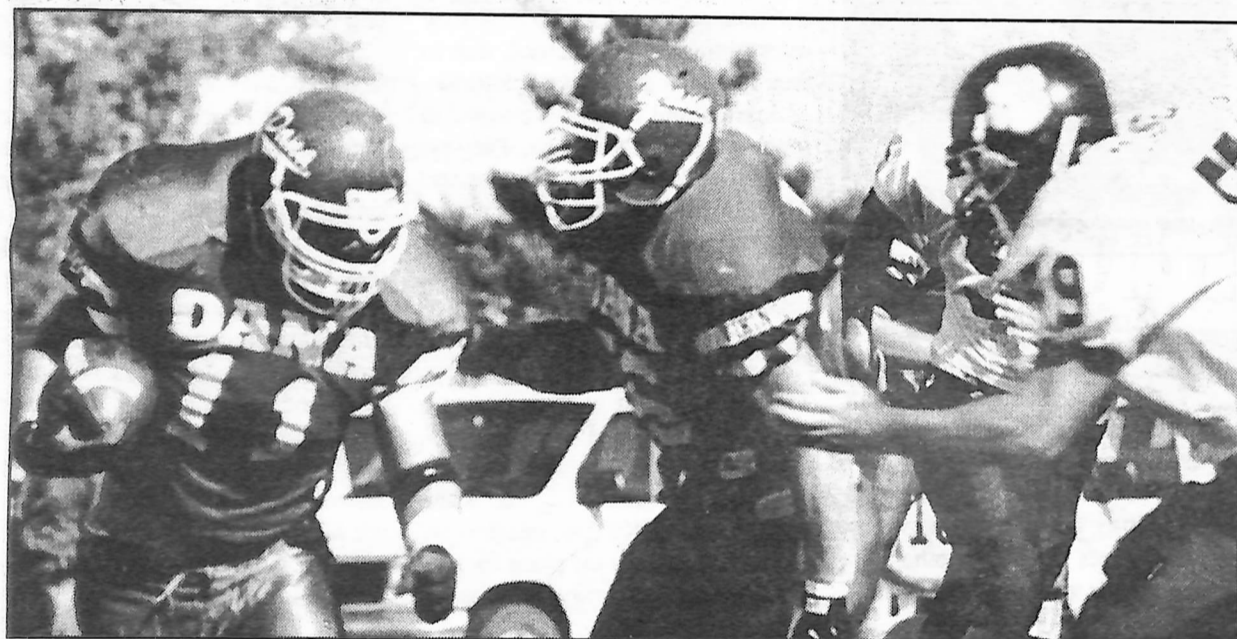
The Vikings sacked the Wesleyan quarterback two times, once by Perry and once by junior Biff Schofield. Sophomore Jim Rosterman had the Vikings' only interception.

Next on the schedule for the Vikings is Concordia College of Seward. Last season Dana defeated the Bulldogs 40-20 in Seward. This season Concordia is 1-7 overall and 0-4 in Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference action. Dana is 2-5 overall with a 1-3 record in NIAC play.

The game between the Vikings and the Bulldogs is Dana's last home game of the season. This Parents' Day matchup begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Viking Field.



Marlon Pierre throws his hands in the air indicating R.J. Gall found the end zone to give the Vikings six more points. (Photo by Kale Maguire)



Grant Dose moves the ball farther down the field to get the Vikings closer to scoring range. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

## Volleyball team suffers two losses

**AMY BENEDICT**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Lady Vikings were shut out by both Midland Lutheran College and Doane College in straight sets this past week.

On Thursday Dana traveled to Fremont to take on Midland Lutheran losing 15-7, 15-10 and 15-7. Andrea

Spreen of Elkader, Iowa, took charge for the Dana offense scoring eight kills with no errors on 14 attacks. Sophomore Lisa Decker of Huntley added to Dana's stats with five kills. Setter Tara Tiefenthaler from Butte led the Vikings in digs with 11 and she also collected 20 assists.

In the home game against Doane, Dana lost in straight sets 15-4, 15-8 and 15-7. Annette Williams, a first-year outside hitter from Ithaca, led the

attack for Dana with five kills. Susan Weddingfeld, a senior from Panora, Iowa, added four kills and three blocks.

Tiefenthaler put up 13 assists and had three ace serves. Decker, an outside hitter led defensively with 10 digs.

The Vikings will try to recover from their losses Saturday with a game against Westmar College, Iowa. The Vikings are currently 0-10 in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference and 1-35 overall.

## Women's soccer team falls to Mother Nature

**LAURA HIEBENTHAL**  
Copy Editor

The toughest opponent the Viking soccer team had to face in the last week was Mother Nature.

On Oct. 23 the Vikings' match against Central College, Iowa, was played during a driving thunderstorm. The match was stopped once because of lightning. Play was later resumed and at the end of regulation the score was 0-0. According to the rules of soccer overtime should have followed. But with more severe weather approaching the referees called the game. The team's record moved to 4-11-1.

On Saturday afternoon the Vi-

kings were scheduled to take on Hastings College at Viking Field. However, the match was canceled because of the rain and snow.

The Vikings were also scheduled to play Concordia College in Seward on Wednesday. Again, snowy and soggy field conditions caused the match to be postponed.

Including the 0-0 tie against Central, the Vikings have been shut out in six of their last seven games. They look to regain their offensive punch in today's home game against Briar Cliff College, Iowa. The match begins at 4 p.m. at Viking Field.

On Saturday the team will play its Parents' Day match against Northwestern College, Iowa. The game will be played at the Blair Youth Sports Complex at 1 p.m.

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