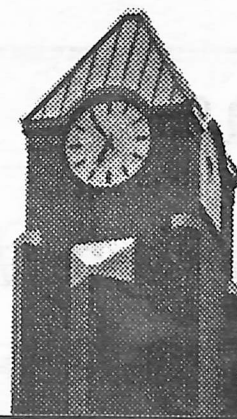


WHAT'S INSIDE?

- > Older adults benefit from in-depth learning experience
- > Athletes respond to why they love the game
- > Wrestlers open season
- > NIAC all-conference teams announced

HERMIES

DANA COLLEGE



Vol. 78 No. 11
November 21, 1997

Cheerleaders call it quits for the year

JANELLE KAHL
Reporter

Dana's cheerleaders are fed up with school spirit. As of now the 1997-98 cheerleading squad has resigned, said coach Carla Jo Krance. For the most part, the cheerleaders are frustrated with the lack of support they receive from fans at athletic events. They are not mad about the situation, just discouraged, said Krance.

"None of the fans have spirit or respect," said former cheerleader

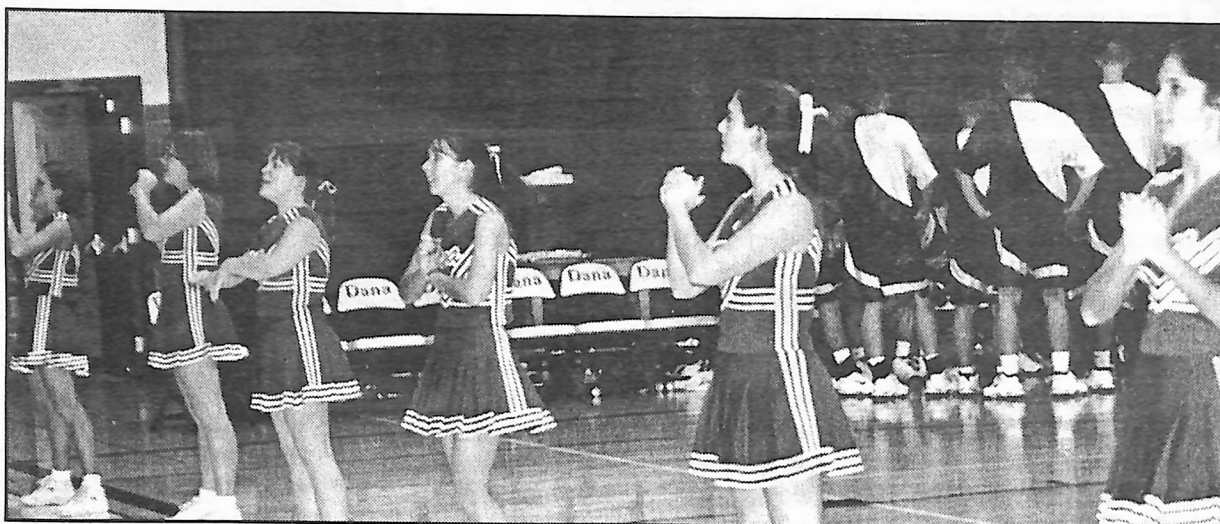
Darlene Valquier. "We try hard to get the fans involved but they just sit there and make comments.

"It is really frustrating when we spend time practicing and then get no support," she said.

Athletic director Kathy Foley recognizes this problem and feels the majority of the cheering at Dana is negative toward the other team. She said there is a lot of picking on the other teams and making fun of the referees.

"Basically, we need to learn to cheer for our team in a positive way," said Foley.

Recently Foley has considered the



Cheerleaders Stacie Saracio, Megan Olson, Kristi Clement, Amy Roth, Lyndsay Hiykel and Wendy Troff performed for the last time Nov. 19. The cheerleaders have resigned due to a lack of support from the crowd. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

idea of implementing a spirit club and possibly purchasing a mascot to improve school spirit. However, forming these types of activities will take effort and have to be

something that students are willing to get involved in. Foley is not sure that these things will happen if students are not even willing to support cheerleaders. She con-

cluded by saying that supportive fans are very important and that she will make the best effort she can to change the way students support the athletic teams at Dana.

Schneider realizes five-year dream

NIKKI SHIELDS
Reporter

The play "I'll Be Home For Christmas," written and directed by Dr. Paul Schneider, will be performed for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 7. There will be performances at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., each lasting about 40 minutes.

The play is about a middle-aged couple whose marriage

becomes increasingly rocky before the Christmas holiday. As the play unfolds, the couple's marriage benefits from the miracle of Christmas.

"The play celebrates the miracle of Christmas in the 1990s," said Schneider.

Schneider started writing the play around August. Since then it has gone through four major rewrites and has been changed in minor ways every time it has been practiced.

Schneider said he had been wanting to write it for the past five years because every script he looked at

for Sights and Sounds seemed inadequate to him. He said that is when he knew he had to write the play.

"I knew what kind of play Dana needed. It was tailored to be performed at Sights and Sounds," said Schneider.

There are five Dana students performing in the play. Jenny Lemmerman portrays the wife, Soren Schmidt acts as the husband, Beth King is the grandmother, Allison Ruhde is the daughter and Mark Knudsen is the son.

Student senate looks for suggestions

MELANIE LUBBERS
Reporter

The Dana College Student Senate had their bi-monthly meeting Wednesday in the Forum.

President Rodney Ronk called the meeting to order. The first item of business was approving the minutes of their last meeting and several corrections were made before the group came to an agreement. Following the minutes Denecia Siemers gave the treasurer's report of \$5,965.46.

The senate was then joined by Kevin Schaudt, dean for student life. He shared the news of two recent awards won by Dana College. One award was for best programming for last year's Spring Fling.

The other was for Dana's "Hog Wild" Homecoming t-shirts. He expressed thanks to the senate and wanted to let them know that the funds they allocate for such projects are put to good use. He also hoped that such funding would continue in the future.

Ronk continued the meeting by reading two thank you notes given to the senate by President and Mrs. Christopherson for recent good work the senate has performed on campus.

Next on the senate's agenda were the committee reports. No reports were given by the communication, budget and policy committees; however, the student services committee reported on how the vending machine in Rasmussen Hall has not been properly refunding

change. Student services chairperson Amy Benedict also talked about issues concerning the cafeteria.

Other issues the senate discussed but made no decisions on were: turning the current student senate office in Argo Hall into a television lounge for the dorm's residents, improvements for the Dragon's Head and possible changes in the current meal plans.

Ronk asked for volunteers to distribute this semester's energy packs and to help with the Sights and Sounds of Christmas. Volunteers were found for both projects and the meeting concluded with the Senate approving funding for Residence Hall Association's Lil' Siblings Weekend.

The next meeting of the student senate will be Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Forum. The public is welcome.

Christmas celebration; mixture of traditional and contemporary

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

It is that time of year again for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas, Dana's annual day-long celebration of Scandinavian customs and foods. With the help of faculty, staff and students, this year's celebration has traditional festivities combined with new original events.

Anne Christopherson, special events coordinator, said there were several changes in this year's agenda and planning of Sights and Sounds.

"I felt it was important to change the format a little so people know its fresh each year," said Christopherson.

The logo of this year's Sights and Sounds was created by senior art major Moses Thompson of Mesa, Ariz. The emblem created by Thompson is a traditional Danish heart ornament hanging from a pine branch. The insignia is pictured on the concert tickets, meal tickets and brochures that were sent out to thousands of people. Also, it will be on banners that will be displayed around the Blair community. Christopherson is hoping the emblem will have people associating the Danish heart with Dana College.

Some of the new events scheduled this year include Swedish weavers, wood carvings, a Christmas storyteller and Julestuen. The Swedish weavers is a session featuring the

Omaha Weavers and Spinners Guild demonstrating their talents. People will be able to see the members working and view finished pieces.

Professor Bernie Matthies will be presenting his wooden figures and Christmas ornaments that he has made in the past 20 years of working with wood and the European tradition of wood carving.

Julestuen, an old-fashioned Danish Christmas, will be presented by visiting Danish instructor Dorte Staermose with the help of some Dana Danish students. Guests of Julestuen will learn a traditional carol and take home some holiday recipes common in Denmark.

The storytelling will be performed by Professor Emeritus John W. Nielsen. He will share customary Danish secular and religious stories and poems for an audience in the Forum.

Christopherson said the new events added this year are nice representations of Dana faculty who have committed to sharing their talents with people who come for the day's celebration.

Another change in this year's schedule is that Dana's concert band and chorale will perform in separate concerts in different locations. The concert band will perform at the Lauritzen Theater at 11 a.m. to open the day's events and then at 3 p.m. The chorale will perform at Borup Coliseum at 4:30 p.m. with

Continued on page 3

In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Hello! I hope everyone has had a good week and is ready to have a relaxing Thanksgiving break. Rather than answer questions or report on the latest happenings of the student senate, I would like to take this time to express a few of my concerns.

I was very upset to hear that one of the new computers that the senate purchased has been vandalized in Holling Hall. A button on the mouse has been broken, as well as the door to the zip drive. The cost to repair the damage will be over \$225 and if it does get fixed, it will not be soon.

It angers me that someone out there has no respect for someone else's property. This new computer is not the property of one particular individual; it is everyone's to use since it was purchased with your student body dues.

The vandalism hurts us all. Not only does it take away from a resource for students to use, but the cost to repair the machine will probably be passed on to us, the students.

Lack of respect is also a problem for some of us when we eat in the cafeteria. I understand it is probably just a few people giving a bad name to a

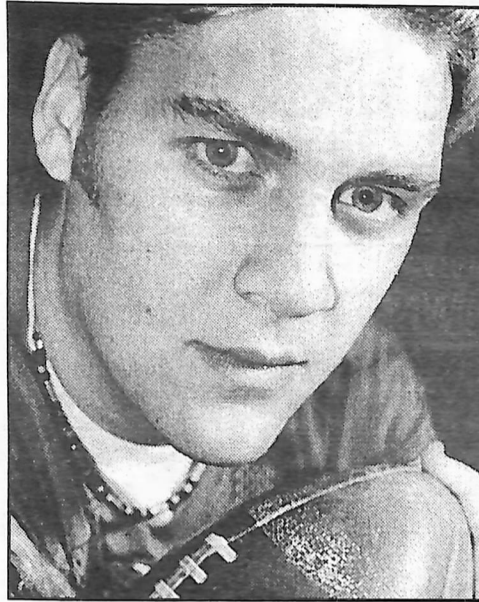
whole group of people, but these troublemakers need to understand that when they make childish messes it hurts the environment for everyone. It also means that someone else has to clean up the mess.

Remember the next time that you do something "because I pay a lot of money to go to school here," think of the people you are affecting and how lame an excuse that really is. A little bit of respect for one another goes a long way. I have not lost my faith in my fellow students of Dana College but I wanted to speak to the few individuals who do not respect us or anyone else.

My opinion may not represent that of the student senate or any other group I am involved with, simply put, it is how your student body president is feeling on the topic of respect.

As usually, please contact me with any ideas, comments or concerns you may have about student life at Dana College. Have a good break and I look forward to talking to all of you soon.

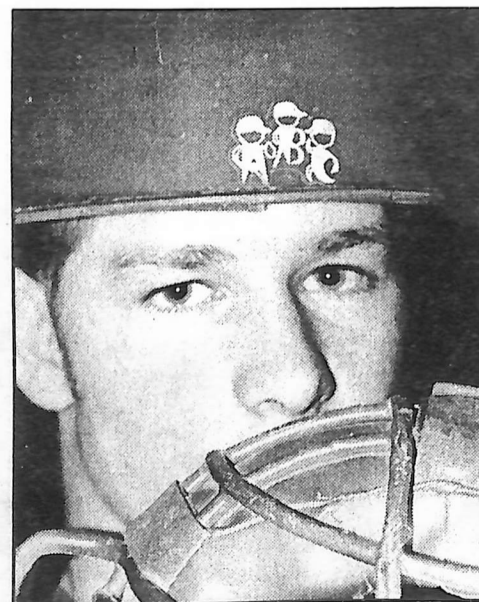
See you in two weeks,
Rodney Ronk



Marshall Smith
Football (offensive tackle)
"The love of the game comes from many individual battles and wars that have been won. The love of playing the game is just that...playing the game."



Larry Dant
Baseball (pitcher)
"A player who isn't mentally stable at the plate, in the field or on the mound doesn't figure to achieve much success. Baseball goes far beyond a physically competitive sport and it is that aspect of the game that I love."



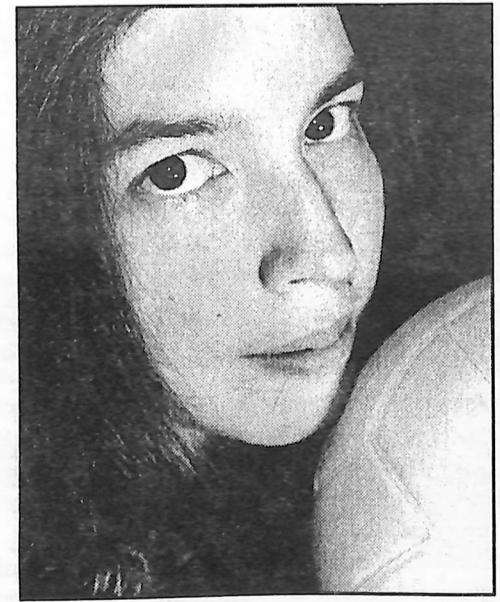
Bobby Howell
Baseball (catcher)
"I think that the thrill of competition is what I love about baseball. It's also a great feeling to be part of a team."

What is it about your sport that makes you love to play?

Photos and question by
Nikki Kinsey



Will Mays
Basketball (guard)
"What really drives me to play basketball is the competition and the fun that it brings. I have been playing ball since I was seven years old and it had always been a goal of mine to play in college."



Rachel Heitmann
Volleyball (outside hitter)
"It's definitely the challenge of the game. It's having to work very hard at something in order to make it look easy... because it's not."

Campus Events

FRIDAY

- 6 p.m. Campus Ministry TGIF, meet in Gathering Place
- 6 p.m. Women's Basketball, Midland
- 7 p.m. Laser Tag, vans leave CC
- 7:30 p.m. "Waiting For Godot," Lauritzen Theater

SATURDAY

- 9 a.m. Wrestling, UNO
- 1 p.m. Women's Basketball, Midland
- 7 p.m. Name That Tune, Dragon's Head
- 7:30 p.m. "Waiting for Godot," Lauritzen

SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Athletic Banquet, CC
- 1 p.m. Business Club Movie, Linden Room
- 7:30 p.m. "Waiting for Godot," Lauritzen Theater

MONDAY

- 7:30 p.m. FCA, Speaker John Knicely, Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Borup

TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. Friday Class Schedule Observed
- Men's Basketball, Iowa Wesleyan

WEDNESDAY

Thanksgiving Break

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Break

Sights and Sounds continued from page 1

brass and percussion accompaniment. Dana students who want to attend the chorale concert need to pick up their complimentary ticket at the college relations office in Pioneer Memorial prior to Dec. 7.

There are several reasons why the two concerts will now be performed at separate times and places. First, it will give students an opportunity to play more of a part in the festivities. Second, Dana students who perform in both the concert band and chorale will now have more time between the events to prepare. Also, in the past when the concerts were done in succession, the concert was stopped to take down the stage and to reset it for each group.

"In the past we had to totally change the stage in the middle of the concert," said Christopherson. Removing the equipment seemed to break up the concert.

Dr. Richard Palmer, chorale director, said he was unsure how the scheduling change will work out.

"Right now I am in a wait-and-see mode," said Palmer. "Whether it proves to be beneficial, time will tell."

According to Christopherson, stra-

tegic planning goes into coordinating the events and their locations each year to maximize the number of seats so many can enjoy the events. The day-long celebration brings 4,000 to 5,000 guests to Dana.

A favorite tradition of Sights and Sounds is the Scandinavian Smorgasbord prepared by Marriot food service. Chefs from Marriot will be on campus to help with the event. The authentic menu was put together by a Danish chef and guests are invited to help themselves. Dana students who are on a meal plan are invited to enjoy the smorgasbord for no additional charge but must register in advance in the dining hall for one of the specific serving times.

Dana students are also asked not to park on Dana Drive from midnight on Saturday, Dec. 6 to Monday, Dec. 8 at 6 a.m. All cars will be towed at the owner's expense.

Sights and Sounds has been taking place for over 30 years and takes hundreds of people to make it happen.

"I am overly impressed by how many people are willing to help," said Christopherson. "It is a gift we share with people."

Elderhostel program presents array of events for seniors

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

Nearly 20 non-traditional students invaded campus this past week. You may have seen them in the cafeteria line or wandering the halls of the Dana Classroom Center. These people are participating in the Elderhostel program held on the Dana campus in November and June.

The Elderhostel program is designed to benefit older people who are interested in an in-depth learning experience. Dana has participated in this international program since 1987.

This year's program is six days long

and features three classes for the seniors to take. This year's classes are "Waterfowl Watch '97" led by Dr.

"We started the class by looking at Walt Disney's version of 'The Little Mermaid' and then reading the original..."

—Dr. John Mark Nielsen

Carla Delucchi, associate professor of Biology, "Hans Christian Andersen and his Fairy Tales" led by Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English, and "Quilting with Brenda" led by Brenda Groelz.

"To me it is so exciting to be involved with people who are interested in life-long learning and to see how it plays out in their lives," said Ruth Sather, director of the Elderhostel program.

"In my class we're looking at Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales and exploring how they are rooted in oral tradition," said Nielsen. "We're also looking at how these tales illustrate Hans Christian Andersen as an artist. We started the class by looking at Walt Disney's version of 'The Little Mermaid' and then reading the original fairy tale and noting the radical differences between the two, especially in how the elderly are presented."

Come listen to the FCA Speaker
Channel 6 News Anchor

John Knicely
in the Forum
Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS INC.

Dr. Donald R. Vap and
Dr. John D. Engel

- *Extractions
- *Wisdom teeth removal
- *Dental Implants
- *TMJ...Diagnosis and Treatment
- *I.V. Anesthesia Available

17th & Lincoln in Blair

Wednesday and Friday appointments available
For appointment call: 1-402-5858- Blair or
1-800-325-3522- Omaha

HERMES

DANA COLLEGE

Editor in chief: Amy Benedict
Copy Editor: Laura Hiebenthal
Feature Editor: Leslie Schroeter
Sports Editor: Jill Dewald
Photographic Editor: Nikki Kinsey
Graphics Editor: Jennifer Burger
Business Manager: Joy Pudenz
Advisors: Dr. John M. Nielsen, Joan Bucy

Hermes is written and published by students of the Dana College Communication-Print Media Department on Fridays during the fall and spring academic year. Content of the paper is developed independently of the student government, faculty and administration and does not reflect the policies of those groups. Opinions expressed in Hermes are not necessarily those of the editors, college or the college community.

Hermes welcomes letters to the editor expressing all original points of view. Hermes reserves the right to edit all letters according to space availability. All letters must include the author's name and address. Under certain circumstances Hermes may respect requests to have names omitted at time of publishing.

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments by calling (402) 426-7328, or via Hermes, Dana College, Box 1252, Blair NE 68008. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday to be printed in the weekly issue.



Ring
in
the
season
with a WAGE
increase

We offer paid training, flexible full- and part-time positions (day, afternoon, evening, graveyard and weekend only shifts), \$100 employee referral bonus, and a great benefits package including tuition reimbursement, 401(k) savings plan, and health and dental insurance.

Qualifications:
Clear, distinct speaking voice, ability to type 15 wpm and good spelling skills.

Additional CSR Qualifications:
Prior customer service experience. PC experience is a plus.

Sunday Hours!
Noon — 3 p.m.
Monday-Friday,
8 a.m. — 6 p.m.

For More
Detailed Information
Call 573-2999

Human Resources
3311 N. 93rd Street
Omaha • 571-3200



TeleServices Corporation

♦ Temporary Base Wage Increase Effective 11/17 through at least 1/31/98
* Temporary shift differential for hours worked between Midnight-7:00 a.m.
Please bring two pieces of identification with you when applying (for I-9 eligibility).

Telemarketing
Representatives
\$8.25 + 1.00*
graveyard shifts—
(special projects only)

Per hour plus incentives. Process incoming telephone orders for Fortune 500 and other large companies—no selling required.

Customer Service
Representatives
\$8.25

Per hour plus incentives. Use your strong decision making skills to provide service for one of our clients—one of the largest utilities companies in the country. You will be handling billing related questions for this client.

Inbound
Marketing Sales
Representatives
\$8.50*

Per hour plus incentives. You will receive specialized training on specific products. We will rely on you to use this product knowledge to convert inquiries from incoming callers into sales when applicable.

Men finish seventh at nationals

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

Six inches of fresh snow in Kenosha, Wis., did not slow Dana's runners last week at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Cross Country Championships. The men's team scored the second-highest team finish in school history, while the two women runners representing Dana placed within the top 94.

The men's team placed all seven runners in the top 93 out of 336 competitors. Scott Stanley paced the Vikings finishing the race in 35th place. Other Dana runners and their places were Max Grady, 52nd; Ben Sandy, 55th; Neal Smith, 60th; Bob Spangler, 79th; Justin Christensen, 80th; and Evan Bees, 93rd.

Dana had two individual qualifiers to compete in the NAIA championship in Kenosha. Mandy Buttry was the first Dana woman across the finish line in 37th place. Teammate Angie Sparacino placed 94th. The women's team ended the season rated 24th nationally and narrowly missed competing as a team at Nationals.

"The athletes ran very tough under challenging conditions," said coach Jay Birmingham. "Our five man pack time was 45 seconds, exceptional when a course is slow. Stanley, Smith and Spangler moved up dozens of places compared to last year."

Birmingham felt Bees and Buttry ran fine races for their first appearances at cross country national competition.

Make your reservations now for the Dana College Chorale concert during Sights and Sounds. Pick up your complimentary ticket at the public relations office in Pioneer Memorial.

Men's basketball team claims first at Dana Invite

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

The Vikings won the Dana Invitational by defeating Kansas Wesleyan and Peru State this past weekend.

Friday night the Vikings faced Kansas Wesleyan in the first round of the tournament winning 83-61. It was Dana's first home game and freshman Michael Johnson led the team in scoring with 18 points. Tony Jackson scored 14 and Jeff Mulder added 11. Jackson and Johnson led the team

in rebounds with eight each. Senior transfer Vince Grey snagged seven rebounds to contribute to the win.

Saturday night the Vikings battled with Peru State for the championship. By halftime Dana claimed a 10 point lead over Peru 47-37. Dana kept their lead to win the game 84-63.

Grey played an impressive game racking up 31 points for the team. Johnson and Mulder followed with 12 each. Mulder also grabbed 13 rebounds.

With a 2-2 record, the team travels Mount Pleasant, Iowa, to play Iowa Wesleyan on Tuesday.

Wrestlers hope for another exciting year

REED O'HANLON
Reporter

What do we do for an encore? The Dana wrestling team will attempt to answer that question when they open their 1997-98 season at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Open on Saturday. Last year's team finished 14th at the national meet, the best ranking ever for a Dana Viking squad.

Head coach Ron Beaman and his staff, assistant coach Jason Branigan and student coaches Andy Hensley and Shawn Isaacs, have been working with a talented freshman class which has joined a solid core of returning veterans.

Although there are no seniors on the squad, there are a number of underclassmen with experience. The veterans include sophomore Steve Jenny who wrestles in the 134-pound weight class and hopes to improve on his seventh place finish at last year's national meet.

"We're a young squad with some inexperience but we look for good things from our newcomers," said Coach Branigan. "We have a very good chance at a few national placers, provided we stay healthy and continue to improve."

Freshmen grapplers include Bubba Stork, a three-time high school gold medal winner, John Brummer, who finished third at his high school state meet, and a number of other high school medal winners.

"We are young but we have more balance than in recent years," said Isaacs. "Our team goals include winning the dual meet in Las Vegas, Nev., where we will try to place in the top 10."

As coach Branigan noted, "A strong work ethic and a positive attitude should provide for an exciting season!"

Loyal fans will have the opportunity to see the team in action after four away meets when the Vikings host the Dana Duals on Jan. 16 and the Dana Invitational on Jan. 17.



Jeff Mulder goes up for a shot, running over three defensive players from the Sioux Falls team. The Dana men will be in action Nov. 25 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, against Iowa Wesleyan. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

Nebraska-Iowa Athletic All-Conference Honors

Football

First team: Ben Tams, defensive back
Jason Mitchell, wide receiver
Jeremy Jones, defensive end
Jason Sanders, offensive lineman

Second team: Grant Dose, linebacker
Jim Rosterman, defensive end
Marlon Pierre, running back
Marshall Smith, offensive lineman

Honorable Mention:
Tony Weers, defensive lineman
Biff Schofield, defensive back
Bret Erixon, defensive lineman
Brent Jenson, wide receiver

Soccer

First team: Rachel Herman, midfielder/forward



Joel Krominga signals a touchdown in the game against Dakota State. The game went to double overtime and Dana won 12-9. (Photo by Kale Maguire)

COUPON

Buy one footlong sub and get one of equal or lesser value FREE!*

*with purchase of a medium drink
The Place



Where Fresh is the Taste.™
Good at Blair location only.