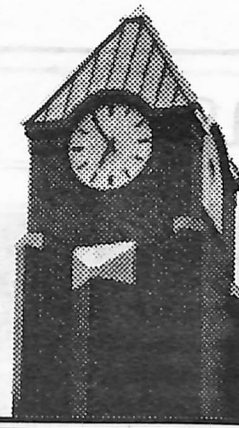


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# HERMIES

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## Dana Student Activities Board, Schaudt receive awards at conference

HOLLY ANDERSON  
Reporter

Kathy Murray, the Nebraska Association for Campus Activities regional coordinator, presented the Dana Student Activities Board with two awards at a Nov. 13 conference in Denver, Colo. An Outstanding Standing Series award was presented for the Spring Fling series and the Non-Poster Publicity Campaign was given for Dana's "Hog Wild" Homecoming t-shirts.

Dana was competing against other schools in the Heart of America Region. This region includes approximately 80 member schools from Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Paulette Alderink, director of student activities, was unsure how many schools actually submitted entries.

Student activities usually spends between \$14,000 and \$15,000 a year to fund events for Dana students. Alderink said they usually offer between 80 and 100 events varying

from comedians to bowling to movies. She reminds students that almost all events are free.

The money student activities spends is funded through student body dues. Additional funding is also given for special events such as



Homecoming, Winterfest and Spring Fling by petitioning the student senate.

Alderink said that participation in events has been exceptional. She said attendance has steadily increased through the years and the average at-

tendance is about 30 to 35 people. The maximum attendance was 230 and the smallest number was four.

According to Alderink, this is believed to be the first award of its kind for Dana. She said the students that contributed to the award include members of the Spring Fling committee, student senate and student activities student program coordinators.

Kevin Schaudt, dean for student life, was awarded the Sarah Boatman Award for outstanding leadership at the same conference. The award is given to those who have shown exceptional dedication and service to the region and for those who have provided direction and vision to the NACA on both a regional and national level. The Sarah Boatman Award is named after the woman who founded the region and is a very coveted award among student activities professionals.

Anyone interested in seeing the plaque for the series program or the certificate for the publicity award can see them on the student senate board in the campus center.

## Student senate wraps up first semester loose ends

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

Student Senate President Rodney Ronk expressed his appreciation to this year's student senate in a letter he read during their last meeting of the semester.

Ronk said that the senate has made many improvements for the students so far this year and he encouraged them to keep working for more improvements as the spring semester approaches. He said the senate needs to continue working to keep students involved and interested so this year's senate does not turn into an organization that is only known as one that allocates funds.

In other business senior senator Paul Stark met with Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs, to discuss a possible change in meal plans. Stark reported that re-

imbursement of meal plan money is available for those who will be student teaching, traveling or working at an internship over Interim.

Vice president Sara Crawford reported that beginning second semester there would be more recycling bins and signs around campus to further encourage the recycling effort on campus.

Treasurer Denecia Siemers said that Dean of Student Life Kevin Schaudt met with Dr. Paul Formo, dean of the college, about moving the Argo lounge. Any plans for that will be put off until next semester. Junior representative Nikki Kinsey will be circulating a survey in Argo to find out exactly what the residents want for a lounge area.

The senate also recruited volunteers to distribute Energy Packs to students on Monday and asked for volunteers to help decorate for Sights and Sounds of Christmas.

## Thompson creates mural that intertwines chemistry, biology and the spiritual

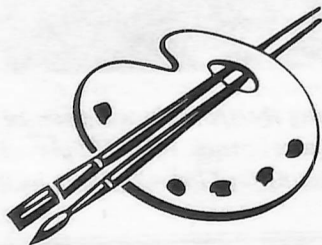
LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

Sitting on a stool covered with dry paint and clay, Moses Thompson, a senior art major, points out the meaning of his mural which will be placed in the Dana Hall of Science. He explains he wanted to create something which represented both chemistry and biology. After doing some research, he decided he could represent both and still incorporate his own spiritual beliefs into the painting.

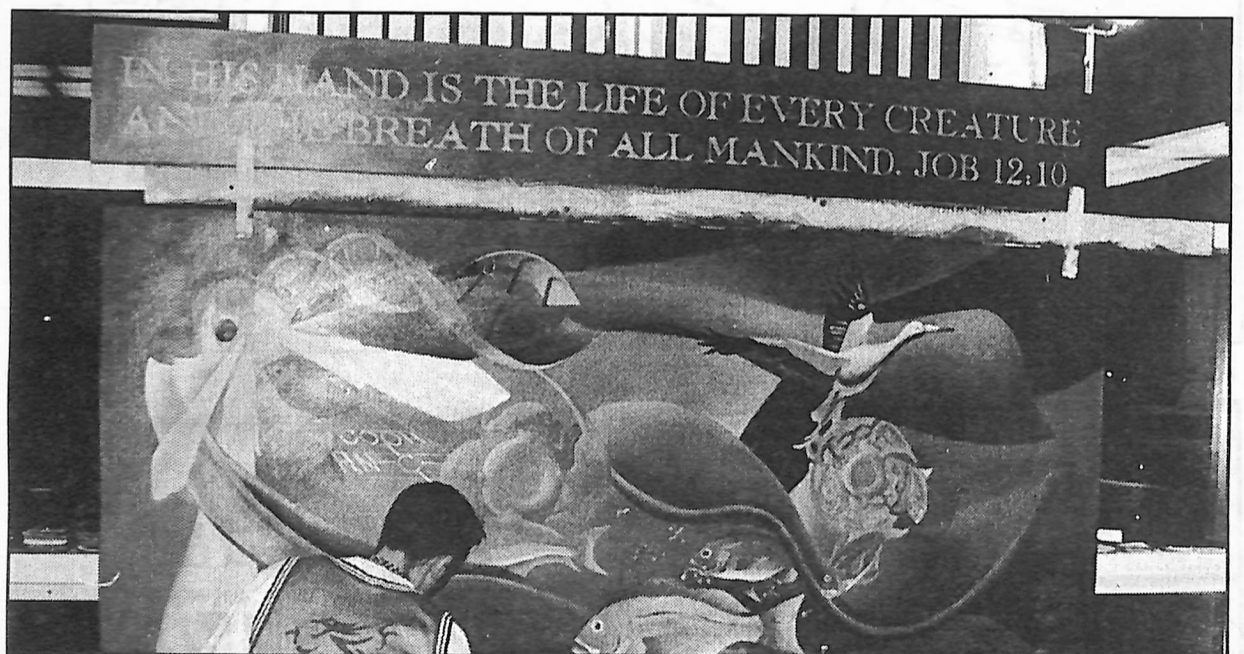
Thompson said that he feels many scientists seem to discount God and the creation story. He said that God and science are not separate and should not be treated as such.

"I wanted to depict an image of creation with God as the source of life," said Thompson. "Science is a testament to God."

The mural is Thompson's senior art project. Before proceeding with the painting, he had to present a formal proposal to the science department and President Christopherson. It then had to be approved by the faculty. The first



formal presentation of the painting will occur during Sights and Sounds of Christmas on Saturday and Sunday. It will then be framed and hung in the Hall of



Moses Thompson puts the finishing touches on his senior art project. The mural, which combines science and religion, will be displayed in the Dana Hall of Science. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Science.

Thompson also created the Dana Christmas card this year. It will be sent out to donors, alumni and prospective students. He made the design by a woodcut, which he then rubbed into stamps to make the card.

Although art has always been a hobby for him, Thompson has not always been an art major. He changed his major last year from

math education.

"I've taken art classes throughout college but I didn't think I could make a career out of it. I'm not really interested in graphic design and that's where the jobs seem to be," he said.

After talking with art professors at Dana, however, Thompson decided that he could major in art and possibly find a job in the field after graduating this May.

"I've done a lot of commissioned work already and I've been able to make some money from that," he said. Although he has been working with an interior designer, he doesn't know what he will be doing after graduation.

I would like to do mission work and travel for awhile before I settle down," said Thompson.



Erin Bova, Mary Jo Kubie, Ben Edelman, Andrea Bjergaard and Cheryl Karl make original Danish ornaments to decorate the tree in Argo Hall. The tree will welcome visitors during Sights and Sounds. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

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

**G**reetings!  
Since we are closing in on the end of another semester I thought I would take the time to share a few feelings on how the semester has gone for your student senate.

I am happy with the way our 1997-98 student senate has progressed but of course we still have much work to do. Our main strength so far this year has been properly allocating your student body dues. You have seen what could be called our biggest success, the purchase of the new computers for the residence halls.

We do not doubt the importance of spending your money wisely, but we can serve you in ways we as a senate have yet to act on. Such possible areas could be to try to improve certain student polices that you would like to see addressed or any student services that can be made better through your input.

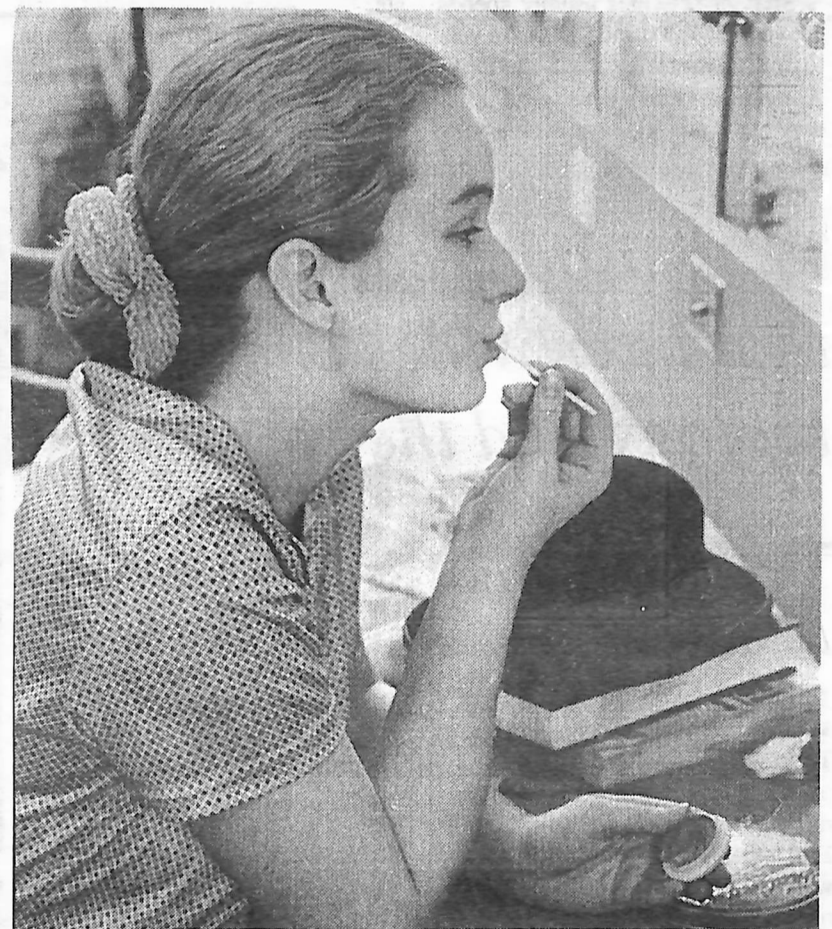
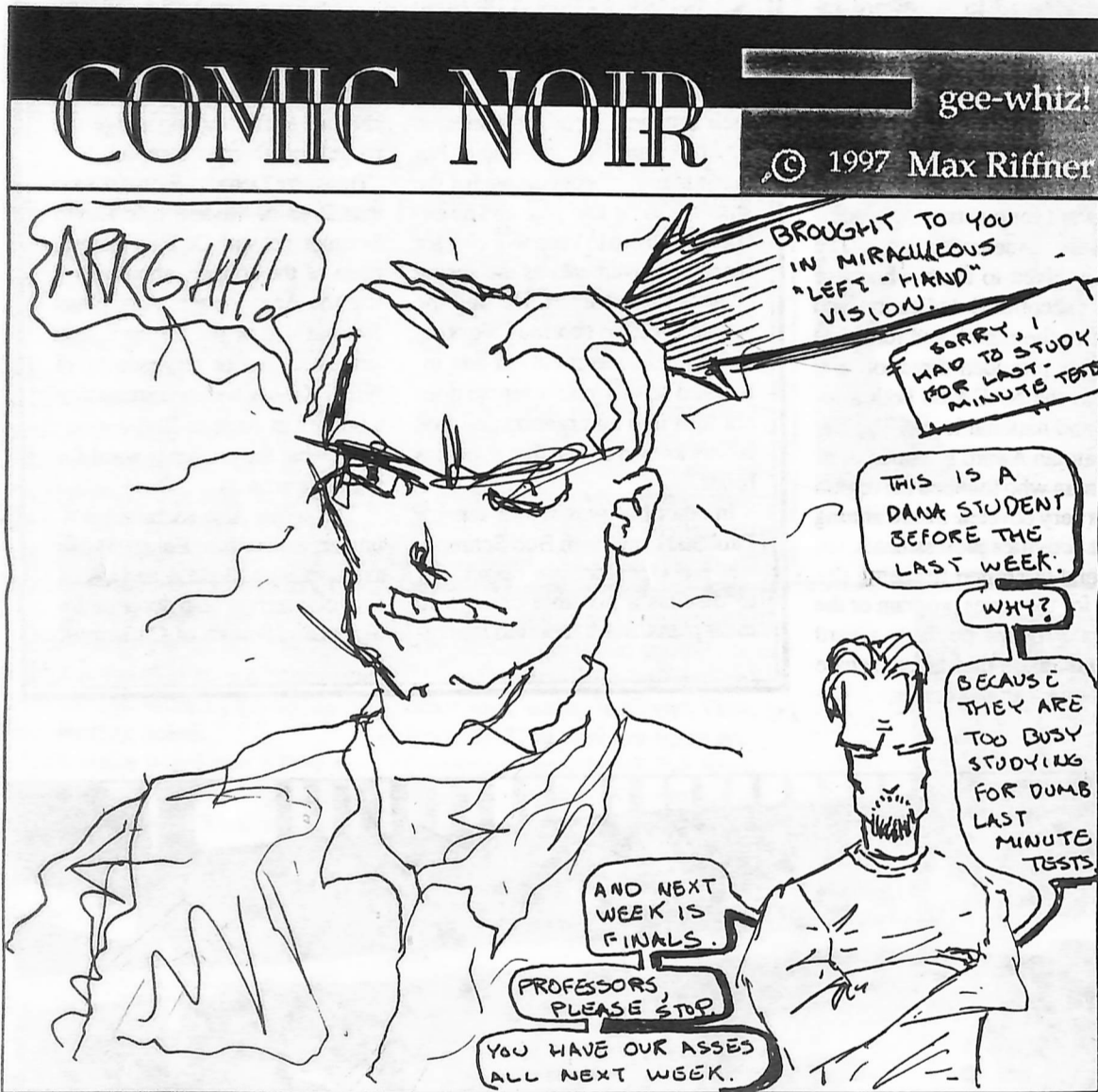
As individuals and as a full senate we have talked about many things we can do. Before we finalize any ideas or projects, the senate needs to determine whether you, as a student body, want us to act on these ideas or drop them because they are not feasible ideas. I am proud of the senate; their

hard work has brought us to where we are today. It is now time for us as a group to find new ways to help continue to improve this campus.

Honestly, I do not doubt our capability as a group to get things accomplished but we need more input from the student body. Our greatest challenge has been, and may always be, capturing the WHOLE student body's attention and interest in what we do. Without your input we as a senate stand in danger of becoming an organization on campus that simply distributes funds, an organization that is there just so Dana can say it has a student senate.

In closing, I have no fear that we will rest on what we have already done this year but as a senate and as a student body we need to take ownership of this campus. Your student senate is here to try to help you but change cannot happen with just a few voices being heard. It is our hope as a senate for our fellow students to look upon us as people that got the job done.

Thank you and have a good Christmas,  
Rodney Ronk



Knowing the spotlight will soon be on her, Dottie Whitehill puckers as she adds more lipstick. Whitehill played the part of the boy in Dana's production of "Waiting for Godot." (Photo by Brooke Thompsen)

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## Two Dana students give back to Lutheran communities

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

Two Dana students are doing their part for the Lutheran community. Senior psychology major Jennifer Zahnow and junior social work and psychology major Gerd Bents are assistant pastors in local Lutheran churches.

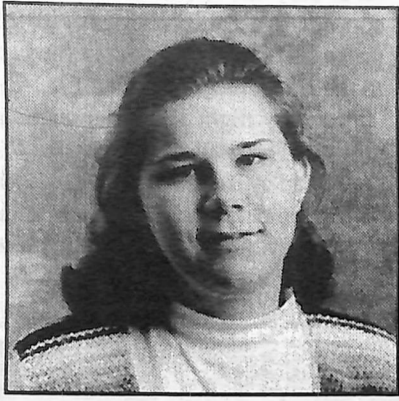
Zahnow has been an assistant at First Lutheran Church in Blair for a little over a year. She assists with church services, communion and baptisms. She also serves on a committee in the church and substitute teaches for Sunday School.

Zahnow also has worked in her hometown church as an assistant.

"I've always wanted to be involved in Lutheran churches," she said. "My experiences have taught me about how the church works."

This past summer Zahnow worked as an intern pastor, doing almost everything that a regular pastor does. She made hospital visits, learned about the administrative side of the church and obtained ideas to use in her own congregation.

After graduating from Dana this spring, Zahnow plans to attend seminary school next fall.



Jennifer Zahnow

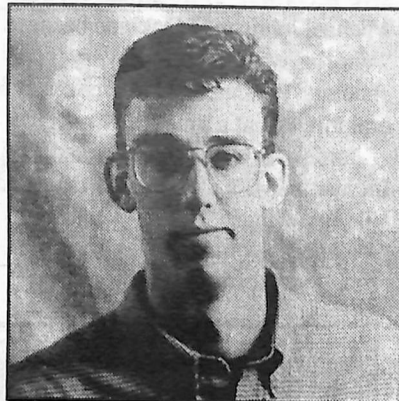
"I've known that I wanted to attend seminary since high school," said Zahnow.

Zahnow is also involved in campus ministry at Dana. She sets up the chapel for all chapel services.

Bents began assisting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tekamah in August. For the past two years the position belonged to Dana student Sara Hildreth. When she graduated she suggested that Bents look into it.

"I went and talked to them and they told me the position was mine if I wanted it," said Bents.

This is the first time that Bents has been an assistant at a church. He serves as the youth leader and works



Gerd Bents

with students from third grade through high school. Bents helps with communion and gives a children's sermon every week.

"I enjoy the chance to work with children and families," said Bents.

Bents feels that this position gives him a chance to get off campus and to work with a community other than the college community.

"I've always wanted to be a part of a church and impact other people's lives," he said.

Bents said that he goes to the church two or three times a week and always looks forward to it.

"I feel this is a good opportunity to give back to the church," said Bents.

## Campus Events

### FRIDAY

11 a.m.-1 p.m. First Friday Freebie, CC  
8 p.m.-10 p.m. Bingo Night, Dragon's Head  
7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Clinton, Iowa  
TBA Men's Basketball, Peru State

### SATURDAY

9 a.m. Wrestling, Ft. Hays State, Kan.  
TBA Men's Basketball, Peru State  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Christmas Open House, Forum  
7:30 p.m. Sights and Sounds of Christmas Concert, Borup

### SUNDAY

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sights and Sounds of Christmas  
9:30 a.m. Ecumenical Worship Service, Borup

### MONDAY

Preparation Day--NO CLASSES

### TUESDAY

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Free Massages, CC  
10 p.m. Late Night Breakfast, Cafeteria

### WEDNESDAY

10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer

## Danish club reorganizes

RODNEY RONK  
Reporter

Interested in meeting different people, being involved in a group on campus or learning more about the Danish culture? Well, there is good news; the Danish club has recently reorganized at Dana College.

With about 17 to 20 members so far, president Kaj Nielsen is impressed with the amount of interest in the club.

"Having a Danish club goes hand in hand with Dana College," said Nielsen. "Considering our heritage, it was surprising that it hasn't been a continuous thing."

Nielsen added that he wants to help teach people more about the Danish way of life.

"It is a very interesting culture," he said. "Denmark is where my ancestors are from. In fact I lived there for a year when I was a little kid."

Also impressed with the interest in the club is the group's faculty advisor Dorte Staermose, Danish professor. Being from Denmark, she wants to help the group as much as possible and she looks at herself as a resource for all to use.

"Between myself and the several

students from Denmark here at Dana, we can be of great help to anyone that wants to know more about the Danish way of life, as well as having fun getting to meet students at the same time," said Staermose.

Staermose will use her knowledge during the Sights and Sounds of Christmas when the club will be presenting Julestuen, an example of what Christmas is like in Denmark. The group will be putting on three shows that day, as well as possibly having some Danish food.

"I'm very excited to take part and it will be something I will remember for a long time," said Staermose.

Danish club vice president Jacob White was another excited group member.

"This one of the first groups I've been involved with on campus and it's been great so far, I hope others will join us," said White.

White added that although he does not have any Danish heritage, by studying the language and being in the club he is "feeling a little more Danish every day."

The Danish club is meeting regularly and for more information contact Nielsen at 426-7614.

## Social work majors volunteer time and services to crisis center

LAURA HIEBENTHAL  
Copy Editor

Christmas may be the season of giving, but two junior social work majors have found that giving one's time can be done in any season.

In the last year juniors Sara Crawford and Lindsay Bruning have volunteered their time at the Blair Crisis Center by babysitting children whose mothers attend a support group meeting.

This volunteer work began in May when Bruning decided to volunteer at a social agency in the area.

"I thought it would be a good experience to put on a resume," she said. "I went through the yellow pages and saw the crisis center's name. I didn't know a single thing about it so I called and asked some questions."

Bruning learned that the center needed someone to provide childcare for mothers who were starting a support group. She then began babysitting five children at the McDonald's Playland once a week while their mothers attended the support group meetings.

"It was stressful at times but we had fun," said Bruning. She said she enjoyed watching the children as they

learned to play together.

"The kids were from different families and didn't know each other at all," she said. "At first the siblings stayed in their own little groups and just eye-balled the other children. Then after a while it was as if they said, 'Oh heck, let's just play to-

*"I love kids. Kids have so much energy and they give me energy by just being around them."*

—Sara Crawford

gether."

With the start of the fall semester, however, Bruning was unable to continue babysitting because of her schedule. She mentioned the position to Crawford.

"I love kids," said Crawford. "Kids have so much energy and they give me energy by just being around them."

Crawford took over the babysitting position and continues to watch the children for about two hours once a week. The kids range from one-year olds to elementary school-age children. She said one week she watched

seven children all under the age of seven. They meet in a gymnasium and spend the time playing games like tag and duck, duck, goose.

In addition to having fun with the children, Crawford and Bruning said they felt satisfaction in knowing they were helping the children's mothers. Crawford said most of the mothers are single parents who could not attend the support meetings if childcare was not available. Bruning said it is important for the mothers to have this time set aside each week where they can talk to other single parents and talk about the events of their lives.

During the summer Bruning also helped the crisis center by working in their office. She said the office had an abundance of educational information that needed to be organized and sorted before it could be used.

"It was nice to be useful," said Bruning. "I didn't have the counseling skills but I could help by putting together a filing cabinet because I'm good at organizing."

While Crawford continues to volunteer at the crisis center, Bruning said she definitely hopes to do more volunteer work in the future.

"It is one of those things where it is hard to get started," she said, "but once you start and see how much people appreciate it, it is worth it."

## Men's basketball team competes for championship at Dordt Invite

**RODNEY RONK**  
Reporter

Recent action has seen the Dana men's basketball team go two and two over its last four games.

When asked about the recent games played and his team's hopes for the future, senior forward Vince Grey of Bronx, N.Y., said, "We haven't played up to our full potential but we have managed to beat some very good teams." Junior guard Bryant

Marchese of Phoenix, Ariz., agreed. "Once we get in a groove we should be ready to make some noise come conference time," he said.

The Vikings traveled to Iowa Wesleyan on Nov. 25 for the first of three games over Thanksgiving break. Numerous turnovers slowed the Viking attack as Dana fell 92-68. Grey was the top scorer with 12 points and senior forward-center Michael Babbitt of Emerson, Iowa, chipped in with 11.

The first game of the Dordt Invita-

tional Tournament saw Dana use stingy defense to win 58-47. The Vikings held Viterbo to only 47 points, the lowest score allowed by Dana in over 44 years. The record is impressive according to freshman forward Michael Johnson of Oakland because "Viterbo was a team of very good shooters. We shut them down for several minutes at a time."

Junior forward Tony Jackson of Indianola, Miss., led the way for the Vikings with a 17-point, 3-steal performance.

The win over V-Hawks placed Dana in the championship game to square off against the tourney's home team. Despite being up by eight at halftime, the Vikings could not hold on as they lost to Dordt 72-60. Jackson again led the Vikings with 15 points and 5 rebounds and was named to the all-tourney team.

Tuesday night Dana overcame a sluggish first-half start and a late 10-point lead by Bellevue to take the win 77-73. Student assistant coach Rick Hodge was proud of the team. "Not

everything was going well for us but the guys executed late to set up a big run to pull it out," he said.

High scorers for Dana were forwards Grey and Johnson, each with 17. Commenting on his 17-point, 14-rebound performance, Grey said, "I came out slow the first-half and felt I had to step up and do something to help us win."

The victory put Dana's overall record at 4-4 and the next action for the team is tonight at the Peru State Tournament.

## Lady Vikes lose in Thanksgiving tourney

**JILL DEWALD**  
Sports Editor

Thanksgiving break provided a three-game losing streak for the Lady Vikes in non-conference play.

On Nov. 26 the women lost at Peru State 88-73. The team then traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo., to participate in the Pikes Peak Challenge on Friday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Nov. 29. Colorado University at Colorado Springs defeated Dana 66-61 Friday and Southern Colorado took the Vikes down 77-67 on Saturday.

Friday the ladies put up a fight, trailing by one in the first half 29-30. They continued to hold the score tight until the last minutes, giving up the five winning points.

Sophomore guard Kim Wilken was Dana's top scorer with 14 points. Senior center Susan Weddingfeld and sophomore guard Sarah Klein both had 11. Forward Melanie Lubbers grabbed 12 rebounds. Weddingfeld also had double-figure rebounds with

10. Dana dominated in rebounds against CU-Colorado 50 to 35.

Saturday against Southern Colorado, Dana also held strong at the half, trailing by a basket 34-32. The Thunderwolves pulled away in the second half for a ten-point lead with four players scoring 14 points or more.

Dana also had four team members in double figures. Jennifer Dierks, senior forward, scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Weddingfeld sank 15 points for the Vikings and Klein added 12. First-year guard Mandy Axmann scored 10. Klein had seven assists and five steals to complement her dozen points.

On Tuesday Dana suffered another loss, losing to Grand View, Iowa, 83-71 in their last home pre-Christmas game. Junior Jodi Bradley led scoring with 16 points. Klein and Wilken followed with 10.

Dana's record dropped to 3-6 as they prepare to play Mount St. Claire in Clinton, Iowa, on Friday night.



Kim Watkins, a junior volleyball player from Desoto, Texas, receives the Most Inspirational Player award from assistant volleyball coach Stephanie Wilson Sunday at the annual fall athletic banquet. (Photo by Andrea Spreen)

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