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To maintain budget, tuition on the rise, salaries frozen, staff downsized

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

Dana Regents met on campus March 6 and approved the fiscal year 1998-99 budget which calls for an increase in tuition of 4.9 percent, a 3 percent increase in board and just over a 2.5 percent increase in room charges. When added up, a full-time student living with a roommate in a residence hall and on the silver meal plan will be charged \$15,838 for a Dana College education with all the extras.

According to President Myrvin Christopherson, the increase is the lowest it has been in years. "The total increase will be a little over 4 percent," said Christopherson. "It is the smallest increase we have had since I have been here."

He explained the college has no choice but to increase their rates. "The costs of doing business are always going up with the demands in technology."

In order to keep within its budget the college is holding or decreasing its budget in other areas. A freeze has been put on all faculty, staff and administration salaries. Also, some staff support positions will be cut before next year. "What we have been asked to do is live within our budget and find ways to consolidate offices and services," said Christopherson. He explained that the college will not be cutting any faculty and will be hiring new professors to fill vacant po-

sitions opened from retiring professors. Also, two new faculty positions will be filled for next year.

One of the few increases in the budget will be in student financial aid. "Overall, the budget in financial aid will be the largest rise in the budget," said Christopherson. "Approximately 40 percent of tuition gets returned in Dana College financial aid."

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--President Myrvin Christopherson

He explained that Nebraska does not have a good state tuition assistance program for college students so the responsibility to make college affordable falls on the college.

Another budget increase will be the addition of two new academic programs next year, a criminal justice emphasis in the sociology department and a computer science major within the math department. Christopherson is also hoping to create more labs in the science building and to upgrade technology on campus.

"We are not going to designate elimination of any programs," said Christopherson. "We are keeping all our services to students and keeping

our academic programs strong."

The Dana College budget is based on an estimation of how many full-time students will be enrolled at the end of the spring semester next year. Next year's budget was based on an estimation of 515 students paying tuition next year, for the entire year. "If we come in above this then we will look for ways to support other areas," said Christopherson.

As for past budgets, Christopherson said the college is in debt. "Of course, every institution is in debt," Christopherson said. He explained that the college is still paying for dorms built 40 years ago. Christopherson said most institutions carry large amounts of debt because they borrow on buildings and pay them back over the years. He explained Dana's debt is smaller than many other Lutheran institutions in the nation. "It is part of doing business," said Christopherson.

"Is Dana College in danger of closing? No, of course not," said Christopherson. "But do we have to live within our budget? Of course."

Looking ahead Christopherson's goal is to have 200 new students at Dana next year. "We need to grow modestly but do it while maintaining quality," he said. "We want to maintain our mission but be attentive to market demands and needs."

"We need to stay in our budget and offer what the public wants but at the same time, retain integrity and quality of a liberal arts education," said Christopherson.

Financial aid forms due soon for aid priority

JOY PUDENZ
Reporter

An important day is approaching for all Dana College students returning for the 1998-99 academic year. On April 1, 1998, students should have the Dana Application for Financial Aid for Current Students, Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Lutheran Student Grant (if applicable to the student) forms completed and turned in to the financial aid office in order to receive financial aid priority.

According to Amy Swain Lyons, director of financial aid, the processed results for the FAFSA are needed by April 1 for federal financial aid priority. In order for the processed FAFSA to reach Dana by April 1, the form should have been completed and mailed to the Federal Student Aid Programs office by Feb. 15. However, Lyons said students who did not complete their FAFSAs by Feb. 15 or have yet to complete them are not ineligible for federal aid, they just will not receive the same priority in awarding of federal funds as those whose processed results were completed by April 1. Lyons said because the form takes four to six weeks to process, students who have not completed the FAFSA should as soon as possible.

Lyons said early completion is especially important for students who receive work study, Perkins loans and supplemental state and federal grants. "Because those programs

(work study, Perkins, grants) are federally funded and we have a limited amount to award, they are awarded to students on a first come, first serve basis," she said.

Pam Shelton, assistant director of financial aid, reiterated Lyons' advice in an e-mail to all students, "Remember: the longer you wait to file your FAFSA form the less likely you may receive work study or Perkins loan!"

The FAFSA form determines federal eligibility but the Dana Application for Financial Aid for Current Students renews institutional scholarships said Lyons. Institutional scholarships cover any discipline in which Dana College awards a scholarship to a student based on their financial need, academic, athletic or fine arts abilities.

The financial aid office also recommends students complete the Lutheran Student Grant form, if applicable to them, by April 1. However, the form is not actually due until fall semester classes begin. The form needs to be signed by the student's pastor to assure membership in a Lutheran church. April 1 was chosen because it coincides with other financial aid deadlines.

Lyons wants students to know she is available to help them. "If a student has concerns about their financial aid package, renewal inquiries on current scholarships, eligibility for federal funds or anything at all, they need to come talk to me and we will review their package and try our best to make Dana College affordable for them," she said.



Student Senate President Rodney Ronk addresses the senate to bring the group to order. Executive staff members Sara Crawford, Carla Jo Krance and Denecia Siemers get settled to begin the meeting. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Senate assisting Argo residents with petition

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

President Rodney Ronk called Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting to order at 7 p.m. The group discussed the petition being passed around to residents of Argo Hall. The petition is designed to make it a smoke-free building. Seventy-five percent of the residents need to sign the petition for it to pass.

Freshman representative John Brummer brought a student concern about food service to the senate's attention. It has been requested that food service be offered on Sunday

nights after breaks.

In unfinished business, Ronk reported that the issue of parking on Nebraska Street is still in the works. The parking along Nebraska Street has posed a problem to drivers coming to and leaving the Dana campus via Nebraska Street.

The senate approved funding for plaques to display in the Dragon's Head and fitness room, recognizing the people and groups involved in raising money for those projects.

The senate also approved \$45 for the Danish Club budget with two stipulations, adding a community service project and submitting its constitution to the senate.

In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Hello and welcome back from spring break. I hope that everyone had as good of a break as I did, but unless you went to Fremont, Omaha or Emerson, Iowa, (all extremely exotic locations) I doubt that you did. Anyway, it's good to see that everyone made it back safely and had a good time with whatever kept them occupied this past week.

There has been a new development regarding the parking problem in front of the Kimberly Manor Apartments on Nebraska Street. At a recent meeting of the Blair City Council the Council voted 12-0 against a resolution to ban parking on that block of the street. Even though this appears to be a major setback, let me promise you this is

not the end of the issue and I hope that before the end of this school year I can bring you a bit of good news!

Not to be too negative, actually I'm quite happy about this, how about that Husker basketball team! They are living proof that not all of the best teams get into the NCAA basketball tournament. I haven't seen a bigger choke job by a sports team since, well, anytime the Husker football team played in an Orange Bowl in the 1980s.

Since last week was time off for a lot of us, it gave me time to think about the future as well as reflect on the past. I must admit I got somewhat scared and actually quite depressed thinking about all of the changes that will happen to me af-

ter graduation this coming May. I understand that everyone's time to move on and do something else comes eventually, but it seems to me that most of what life has been like for me the past few years: work, classes, football, friends, etc., will be done or at least dramatically different. I don't know if anyone else who is graduating this year is starting to feel the same way, but I guess it just amounts to another challenge that is soon to start for most of us. The one thing that troubles me most is the thought of getting sidetracked and forgetting all of my life's ambitions, but I guess we can't make our little dent in the world unless we take a chance every now and then.

Until next week,
Rodney

Dana concert band to present its spring concert March 31

The Dana College Concert Band will present its third program of the 1997-98 Concert Series on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center. A variety of musical styles and historic musical periods will be performed by the ensemble.

Featured soloist for the concert will be Dana faculty member Michael Anderson, assistant professor of trumpet, performing the Johan Neruda "Concerto in Eb." Anderson is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He performs frequently with the Omaha Brass Ensemble and is a former member of

both the Omaha and Lincoln Symphony Orchestras.

Neruda, a Czech-born composer, was a musician living in Vienna during the time of Mozart. His three movement trumpet concerto predates the famous trumpet concerti of Franz Josef Haydn and Johann Hummel.

The full Dana Concert Band will be featured on Alfred Reed's concert overture, "Hounds of Spring," based on verses from Algernon Charles Swinburne's poem "Atlanta in Caydon." The band will also perform Sir Malcolm Arnold's "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo," a three-movement suite with the typical British sound. The composition "Mazama"

by Jay Chattaway depicts the life of Northwest Native Americans before the volcano of Mount Mazama erupted creating Crater Lake.

The brass section of the band will perform Giovanni Gabrieli's "Canzon Noni Toni," an antiphonal brass choir composition first performed in St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy, during the late Renaissance. The band's woodwind section will be featured in "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure. In a lighter vein, the full band will play compositions by Leonard Bernstein and John Philip Sousa.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge. For more information, call Bill Hall, director, at 426-7902.



Orientation Leaders for the 1998-99 school year: BACK: Deena Knapp, Chris Sorensen, Mark Hausfle, Peter Barnett, Chris Billesbach, Jake Adolphson, Walter Willman, David Bossman, Christina Nutter. MIDDLE: Sara Crawford, Gina Schoening, Jackie Smith, John Brummer, Sandi Frey, Melissa Dolezal, Kaj Nielsen. FRONT: Nikki Kinsey, Sam Salim, Kyle Thorberg, Mark Knudsen, Rachel Hospodka, Tamako Matsumoto. (Photo by Theresa Novak)

Campus Events

FRIDAY

9 p.m. Elections for Student Senate Representatives
Cosmic Bowling, vans leave CC

SATURDAY

9 a.m. Recycling, Cross Country
9-10 p.m. Live Band, Dragon's Head

SUNDAY

11 a.m. Chapel
2 p.m. Chorale Concert, Omaha

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. Off-Campus Housing Lottery Registration
Speaker Dorrit Willumsen, Forum

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Off-Campus Housing Lottery Registration
Chapel

WEDNESDAY

10 p.m. Off-Campus Housing Lottery Registration
Chapel

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Off-Campus Housing Lottery Registration
Chapel

Off-campus housing lottery registration March 30-April 1
Pick up forms in student development office

Financial aid priority deadline April 1, 1998
You must have all financial aid forms for the 1998-1999 academic year completed by this date!

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Meet the new Student Senate executive staff for 1998-99

LESLIE SCHROETER
Feature Editor

The new executive staff for the Student Senate is ready to make changes and help students. Matt Kern was elected president, Rob Wheeler was elected vice president, Becca Plowman was elected secretary and Nikki Kinsey was elected treasurer. All will be seniors next year, but that's not the only thing that these four students have in common.

All four of the new staff members are natives of Nebraska. All four students also happen to be Dana Diplomats and all have plans to improve the Student Senate even more next year.

Kern, an elementary education and psychology major, participates in football and baseball. Some of his interests outside of school are playing cards, athletics and working with children. He said he would like to be a strong leader for the senate next year. "I want to help in any way I can," he said.

A chemistry and pre-pharmacy

major, Wheeler also participates in football as well as the housing committee and the student board of appeals. He also has a radio show, is an intern at Cargill and a pharmacy technician at Pamida. Outside of class and work, Wheeler enjoys interacting with people, athletics and rooting for Pittsburgh. His goals for the Student Senate next year are to use his leadership skills to be a voice of the campus.

Kinsey, a current junior representative of the senate, wishes to make more of a connection between the students and the senate. "I would like to get more involvement and input from the students," she said. Kinsey, a graphic design and art major, is the photography editor for both the Hermes and the Danian and the visual arts editor for the Sower. She enjoys photography and would like to pursue a career in photography after graduation.

Plowman said, "I'm involved in a lot of different campus activities, so I can reach a large number of people." An elementary education major with a English minor, Plow-

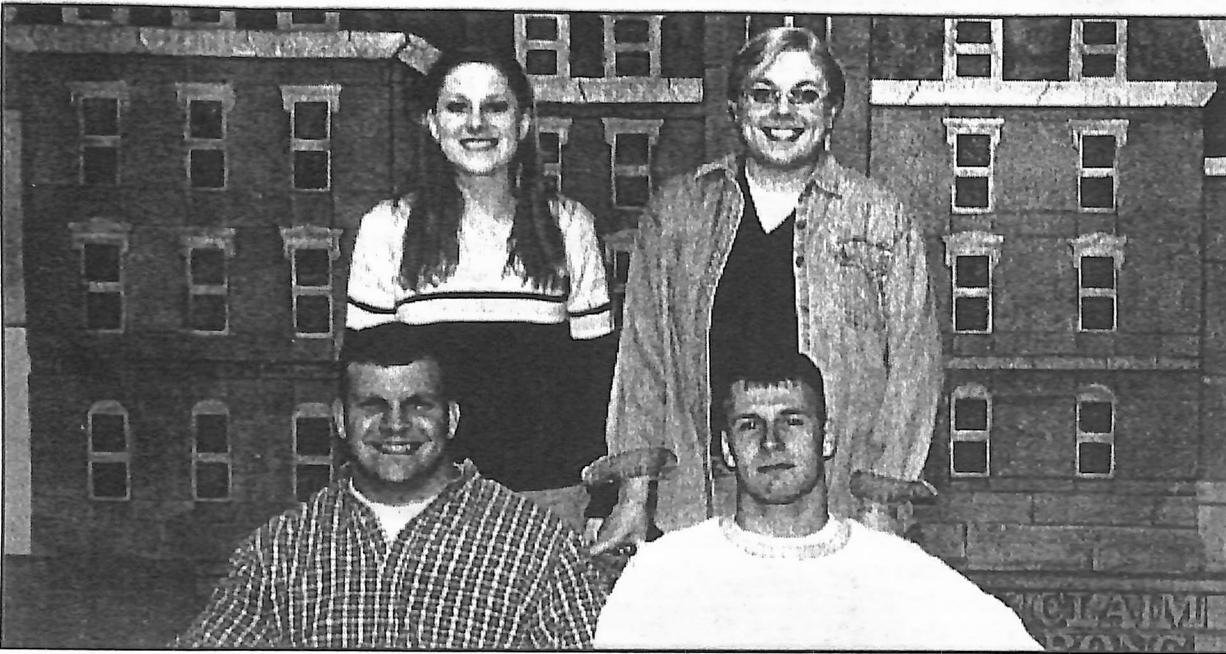
man is a Dana ambassador and was a freshman orientation leader. She is also involved in the musical this spring, VOICES and campus ministry. Plowman enjoys singing and traveling and is planning to tour with a

Lutheran band for a year after she graduates.

In addition to being the new president and vice president of the student senate, Kern and Wheeler are planning to host their own campus televi-

sion show next year, which will include among other things, discussions of Student Senate activities.

"We would use it partly to encourage student involvement and participation with the senate," said Kern.



New Student Senate executive staff: Becca Plowman, secretary, Nikki Kinsey, treasurer, Rob Wheeler, vice president, Matt Kern, president. (Photo by Theresa Novak)

Students check out employment options

JON BURLSON
Reporter

Summer employment opportunities seem to be plentiful this year. Anyone who attended the career fair on March 12 saw the almost 20 participants scouting and interviewing applicants.

A large and diversified selection was available with such businesses as Accountemps, Father Flanagan's Boys Home and the Great Plains Girl Scout Council looking for both full-time and part-time employees.

If these places did not interest you, Dana's career services office has a list of various employment possibilities. These are kept in the

office and are ready upon request. There are also listings and advertisements posted in the campus center. They are kept updated and change regularly.

For you 'netizens' out there, online job listings are available. Uncle Sam wants you to point and click at NSA.gov:8080/programs/employ/summer.html.

For those unenthusiastic job seekers, a site is available where you can place your own advertisement stating you are looking for a job and your qualifications at www.iloveac.com/ap-seo.shtml. This site is cruised by employers looking to fill a variety of jobs.

Some suggested preparations include a resume with a cover letter, proper attire and reliable transportation.

Two past alumni to join Dana Chorale in Omaha performance

The Dana College Chorale will be joined by two past presidents of the group in a showcase performance in Omaha on March 29.

The Chorale has been invited to perform in St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 North 40th Street, as part of the Cathedral Arts Project since 1995, the same artists' series which brought the Vienna Boys Choir to the Omaha-metro. The concert will begin at 2 p.m.

"I can't wait to hear college singers there," said Richard Palmer, conductor of the Chorale. "(The cathedral) is really an incredible place in which to sing."

Kevin Wass '93 and Trista (Witt '95) Cowart, both past presidents of the Dana College Chorale, will bring their instrumental expertise to the concert.

Wass will perform "The Tuba Con-

certo" by Edward Gregson at this "Celebrate Dana" event.

Following his graduation from Dana, Wass studied at Indiana University under the "granddaddy of all tuba players," Harvey Phillips. Wass is now a music educator in Omaha and is on the faculty of the Lutheran Music Program's national summer camps at Augustana College, Luther College and Valparaiso University.

Coward also started her professional career as a music educator in Omaha and now does the same in Fayetteville, Ark. She will be featured on flute in "Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise" by Albert Franz Doppler.

"This will give us an opportunity to toot our horn, quite literally, in the Omaha area," Palmer said.

"I can't describe the opportunity to be a part of a major artists' series," he said.

The concert will feature a variety of music including spirituals by Moses Hogan and sacred music. The concert finale will be John Rutter's "Gloria" with brass and percussion, the same piece which closed this year's Sights and Sounds of Christmas Concert.

"This going to be a roller coaster ride of a concert, lots of high and lows—extreme drama," said Palmer.

A reception sponsored by the Dana Alumni Association will be held following the concert in the Lay Apostolate Center of the cathedral in the lower level of the rectory.

On April 6, the Dana College Chorale and the Blair High School Concert Choir will perform at Dana as part of the Blair World of Entertainment Series. That concert is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Nordic and Pulitzer Prize-winning writers to visit Dana

Two award-winning writers will visit Dana College during the next few weeks.

Dorrit Willumsen, winner of the 1997 Nordic Prize for Literature, will be on campus March 29 through April 1. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W. D. Snodgrass will visit Dana April 7.

Willumsen will give a presentation entitled "A Conversation with Dorrit Willumsen" on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Forum in the Dana Classroom Center. She will focus on her own writing, modern Danish literature and how a writer views contemporary

Danish society and the issues it faces. Earlier in the day, she will be visiting the Danish classes.

Willumsen won the 1997 Nordic Prize for Literature for her novel-biography of the Danish author, journalist, theater director and essayist Herman Bang. "Dorrit Willumsen's novel about Herman Bang is a rejuvenation of the genre of biography," said the adjudicating committee which awarded the prize. "In clear and beautiful language, she raises the theme, the life of a modern artist, to the level on which the distinctive in-

dividual interests [the reader] and takes on general significance."

Since printing her first work in 1965, Willumsen has published novels, short stories, poetry and drama for radio, the stage and television. Other awards she has received include the Herman Bang Memorial Grant, the Danish Academy Grand Prize for Literature, The Critic's Prize, the Golden Laurels and the Soren Gyldendal Prize.

Her visit to Dana College is sponsored by the Nordic Council, a cooperative effort of the five Nordic coun-

tries. Snodgrass, winner of the 1960 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, will give a poetry reading April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

The poet has had a distinguished writing and academic career, receiving the Guggenheim Fellowship in 1972-73. He is a member of the Academy of American Poets and the author of over 30 volumes of poetry and translations. Significant works include "Heart's Needle" (1959), "The Fuehrer Bunker: A Cycle of Poems-

in-Progress" (1977), "The Midnight Carnival" (1988), "The Death of Cock Robin" (1989) and "The Fuehrer Bunker: The Complete Cycle" (1995).

Snodgrass has taught at Cornell University, University of Rochester, Wayne State University, Syracuse University, Old Dominion University and the University of Delaware.

Both Snodgrass' and Willumsen's presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English, at 402-426-7243.

Softball team picks up three wins

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

While many college students were relaxing over spring break, the Dana College softball team traveled to Pensacola, Fla., to gain game experience before the start of its regular season.

"Overall we played well," said softball coach Kris Graulich. "Most of our errors were due to the fact that we had no games under our belt. Some of the teams we played had already had eight games."

"I think we did well considering it was the first time we played outside this year," said junior Amy Klusmeier. "It was a learning experi-

ence, a chance for the team to learn how we play together."

The team played Midway College from Kentucky on March 15. It was a doubleheader with Dana losing the first game 2-7 and winning the second 4-3. Lisa Cady hit a home run and brought in three runners.

The next day the team competed against Cumberland College, also from Kentucky. Dana's team lost both games of the doubleheader, 0-9 and 5-6. The team rallied in the last inning of the second game scoring four runs, but it proved to be not enough. In the second game of the doubleheader Jessica Scoopmire had two hits, three RBIs and three stolen bases. Taffy Forsen had two hits and one RBI.

The women's last challenge of the

week was the team from Bluefield State College in West Virginia. The Dana women rose to the occasion and won both games of the doubleheader, 13-0 and 20-0. Tara Furstenau was the winning pitcher, striking out five and giving up only two hits. Pitcher Jenna Moffett finished the game with one strike out and gave up one hit.

"We need to keep working on fundamentals. It's important for us to get outside to practice at this point. I think if we were to meet any of these teams later in the season, the outcome would be different," said Graulich.

"I think we showed a lot of good qualities. There are areas we need to work on. We'll improve as the season progresses," said Keri Hall.

"It was a good trip. We bonded as a team," said Graulich.

Snow, rain stopped spring break baseball

JILL DEWALD
Sports Editor

The Viking baseball team headed south to Oklahoma for spring break in hope of greener grasses and drier playing fields. Like most teams in the area the Vikings have been kept off the field due to unseasonably bad weather.

Dana began their journey with a doubleheader sweep at Bethany College in Kansas. In the first game senior pitcher Larry Dant overwhelmed the Bethany hitters with his fastball that can reach speeds in the mid-nineties. Dant led the Vikings in the 8-0 shutout win going seven innings, recording nine strikeouts and giving up three hits and no walks. Brian Ferguson tallied two RBIs on two hits. Tony Eitzmann and Rich Martell picked up two hits each.

Corey Johnson took the mound for the second game and pitched five shutout innings. Sam Breuklander took over to claim his second save of the season and a 5-2 victory for the Vikings. Tim Podraza nailed a two-run home run in the second inning to give Dana an early lead. Ryan Boozikee and Kris Nakasone each added two hits for the Viking offense. Nakasone sacrificed in the fifth inning for the winning RBI.

The games against Bethany proved to be the final two for Dana during their spring break. Rain in Oklahoma kept the team in the hotel instead of on the field. Eight of Dana's 10 scheduled games were canceled during the Southern swing.

The Vikings ended their spring break trip with a 3-1 record.

The Vikings have resumed their indoor workouts and should be ready to go as soon as nature allows them to play ball.

Tiffani Nielsen, not the average athlete

JON BURLSON
Reporter

At first glance Tiffani Nielsen appears to be your average first-year student and track athlete. Few would guess that lurking under her cool, almost demure, exterior is the heart and soul of a grappler.

Nielsen, 18, is a graduate of Underwood High School in Iowa and a wrestler with USA Wrestling. She said she got started in wrestling at Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs where she trained and attended wrestling camps.

Programs for women's wrestling have expanded tremendously recently due to increased interest in women's athletics via Title IX and other endeavors. In fact, the USA Women's

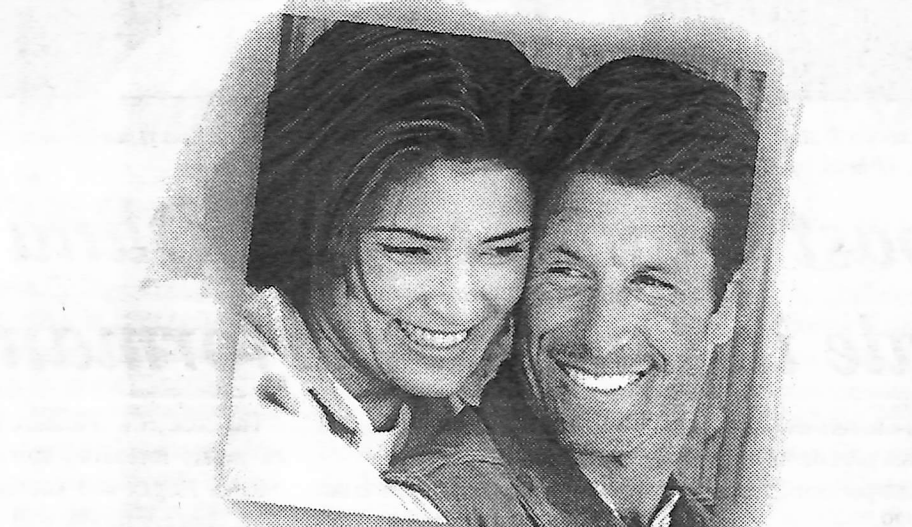
Wrestling Team, coached by Doug Reese of the University of Minnesota-Morris, wrestles internationally. Nielsen said she believes women's wrestling is far from a novelty sport and that it is here to stay.

"I see a big future for women's wrestling," she said. "I've seen it grow so much in the past couple of years."

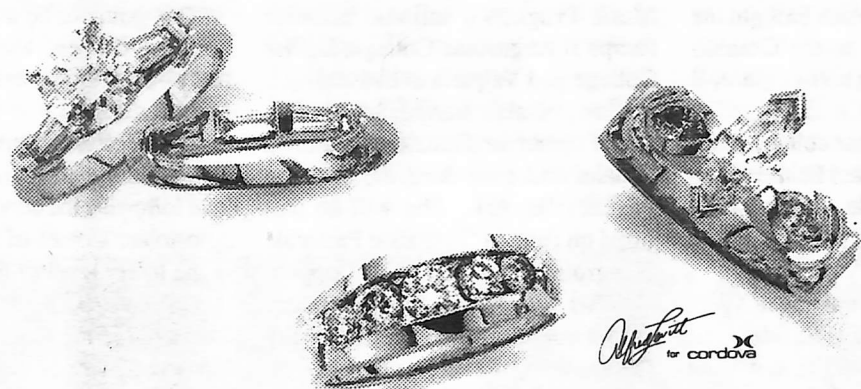
She may even be instrumental in helping to expand women's wrestling herself. Nielsen said Dana College wrestling coach Ron Beaman approached her with the possibility of organizing a women's team for Dana.

"I'm totally for it," said Beaman. "I think if promoted correctly it could be the up and coming sport."

He said a corresponding sport would benefit men's wrestling as well as provide more scholarship opportunities for women.



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Students to present disability activities

Three senior elementary education/special education majors will give a presentation, "Disability Awareness," on April 8 at 3 p.m. in the Forum. Julie Holmes, Nicole Miller and Brenda Rumery will identify characteristics of four types of disabilities and will discuss strategies and modifications for teaching students with each of the

disabilities: blindness, learning disabilities, dyslexia, and orthopedic impairment. The audience will participate in activities that will simulate each disability. Holmes, Miller and Rumery will give this same presentation at a conference, "Sharing Our Best," hosted by the Nebraska Developmental Disabilities System on April 22 in Beatrice.