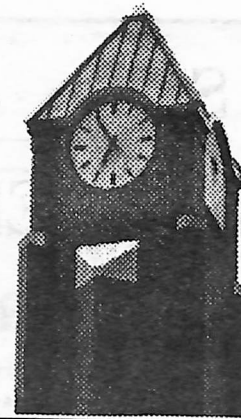


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# HERMIES

DANA COLLEGE



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## End of academic year gives reason to reflect on past news

**CHRISTINA NUTTER**  
Reporter

### September

- \* Sandi Mitchell, Dr. William Hall and Dorothy Willis joined the Dana faculty.
- \* Angie Sparacino became the women's NAIA national champion in the marathon with a time of 2:57:18. She is Dana's first national champion.
- \* Construction outside the Campus Center was finally finished.
- \* Student Senate took on the sole responsibility for recycling on campus.
- \* Pastor Joanne Richmond became Dana's new campus pastor.
- \* The new parking lot was finished.
- \* New computers were purchased for each hall.

### October

- \* Homecoming. Royalty were Matt Haufle and Angie Sparacino. The football team missed a win by a few inches when the time ran out.
- \* President Christopherson was appointed as Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog, the order of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.
- \* The musical "H.M.S. Pinafore" was performed in the Lauritzen Theater.
- \* Windows '95 was installed on campus computers.
- \* Event credit requirements were suspended for two years.
- \* A universal weight machine was added to the fitness room by Student Senate.
- \* The cross country teams finished second and fourth at conference.
- \* The softball team finished its fall season 4-2.

\* President Christopherson's office was remodeled.

### November

- \* Parent's Day. The volleyball team defeated Westmar College 15-3, 10-15, 15-8 and 15-10. The football team defeated Concordia, lifting their record to 3-5.
- \* Grape juice was temporarily removed from the cafeteria because of stains on the carpet.
- \* "Waiting for Godot" was performed by the theater department.
- \* The cheerleaders quit after getting fed up with school spirit.
- \* Moses Thompson finished his senior art project, a mural combining science and religion, to be hung in the science hall.

### December

- \* Sights and Sounds of Christmas. Dr. Paul Schneider directed his play "I'll Be Home For Christmas." The Chorale, concert band and Santa Lucia performed.

### January

- \* Rev. Bill Hartwell, director of security, retired. Security was no longer available 24 hours a day.
- \* Seven students and three adults toured cathedrals in Germany, France and England.
- \* Six students and four adults traveled to the Middle East, visiting Israel, Jordan and Greece.

### February

- \* Winterfest. Royalty were Ryan Holtam and Mandy Buttry.
- \* The Dragon's Head was remodeled. New games and a big screen television were added.
- \* The student-directed play "Lost in Yonkers" hit the Dana stage.
- \* Thompson's mural drew controversy.
- \* The men's basketball team defeated

### Midland.

### March

- \* The Student Senate raised nearly \$7,000 in donations for the computer services budget.
- \* Buttry led the track team by earning All-American honors at the NAIA indoor track championships.
- \* Foundations for Lifelong Learning is no longer required for incoming classes.
- \* Five musicians performed in the intercollegiate honor band.
- \* KDCV upgraded its equipment and lengthened broadcast hours.
- \* To maintain the budget, faculty salaries were frozen, staff was downsized and tuition increased.
- \* New executive staff members for Student Senate were elected.
- \* The softball team won three games over spring break.

### April

- \* The off-campus housing lottery drew complaints.
- \* "Rehearsal," a Broadway revue, replaced "Grease" on the Dana stage.
- \* Argo Hall officially became a non-smoking dorm.
- \* Three professors announced their retirement—Dorothy Olson, Roger Olson and Dr. Bernard Matthies.

### May

- \* Faculty Follies drew a crowd of students in the Lauritzen Theater.
- \* Morton Scholars gave their senior presentations.
- \* The baseball team finished its season 12-12 in the NIAC and 17-18 overall.
- \* The softball team ended its season 16-19 overall and 11-7 in NIAC play.
- \* Three track athletes won NIAC titles at the conference championship meet—Ben Sandy, Scott Stanley and Andrea Spreen.

## Students fill summer with jobs, fun and travel

**AMY BENEDICT**  
Editor in Chief

What do you have planned this summer? Sleep until noon? Work hard to make money to pay those Dana bills? Maybe you have exotic travel plans? Ugh! Summer school? Dana students on summer break have a wide range of activities waiting for them just after finals.

Jaclyn Smith will be busy at Dana even on summer break as she has landed a part-time position in the registrar's office and as a summer resident assistant in Elk Horn Hall. She will also be working at Pizza Hut. "I would like to find another job for weekends and evenings just to keep myself entertained," she said. Other than working her fingers to the bone, Smith is looking forward to her sister Sarah's visit during the summer and not having to study.

Max Riffner will be another student in the working world. He plans to work at a new internet company called GravityOne designing websites. "I have already had two years experience in web design and hopefully the company will pay for me to go get trained on Silicon Graphics Machines, where I might have the opportunity to get in touch with some of the Hollywood special effects design houses that use the same machines," said Riffner.

His summer plans include a vacation to see Carhenge. "I have had this unholy desire to see Carhenge for three years now," said Riffner. He also hopes to take a trip to Chicago during the summer Comic Cons to show his work around. "It has been my dream to be a comic book artist since I was five years old," he said.

Riffner hopes to find time to grill out on his porch and drink beer. "You know, a party-type thing," said Riffner. "I know it is a fairly simple thing to aspire to but I have simple needs."

Mandy Buttry will be returning home to Shenandoah, Iowa, and pick up where she left off last summer as assistant manager at the Shenandoah swimming pool. "I have been a lifeguard for many years and I love working outside," said Buttry.

Also on her summer agenda is teaching Bible school, swimming lessons and attending everyone's favorite summer gathering, weddings. Her travel plans include a trip to

Colorado in August to attend coach Jay Birmingham's cross country camp.

Gerd Bents is also returning where he left off last summer to his position of bartender at a golf course in Northern Wisconsin. "It's fun, it pays good, tips well and golf is cheap," said Bents.

Bents also plans to attend a wedding this summer, his own, in August. He also has other plans on his mind. "I plan to lay on the beach, make money to give to Dana, water ski, relax, enjoy life, be alone and learn to read," he said.

Some Dana students are traveling to work in another part of the United States. Annette Williams is going to Hampton Beach, N. H., for a summer missions project with Campus Crusade for Christ. "I'll be working with the local churches and the tourists there," she said.

She said she plans to keep busy at her summer job, along with 50 other college students, working within the outreach project on the beaches and in the churches. "Seeing God's work through us at Hampton Beach this summer is the most I can ask for," she said.

Laura Hiebenthal will be working at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colo., this summer. "I have always loved Rocky Mountain National Park, which is just outside of Estes, and have always wanted to spend an entire summer in the mountains," said Hiebenthal. "Plus, I will be working with high school kids and that is great experience for me as a secondary education major."

Hiebenthal feels she has much to look forward to this summer including having the opportunity to hike and camp in Rocky Mountain National Park. "I am also looking forward to meeting all types of people since the YMCA employs people from all over the U.S. and from other countries."

Jennifer Williams will be going to California to work at the Hard Rock Cafe and live with her cousin who is from Brea, a suburb of Los Angeles. "My cousin's friend can get me a job at Hard Rock and it sounds like a lot of fun," said Williams. "I am going to California to get away from Blair for awhile."

Other than taking a break from school she hopes to take life a little less seriously than usual, make money, run and enjoy life.

Whatever you have planned, work or travel, summer vacation is a break, so make sure you take one!

## Right step into the job market is to start looking and stop procrastinating

**JON BURLESON**  
Reporter

According to most reports this is a great time to be a college graduate. Low unemployment and a growing economy make it easier to find a job now than in recent years.

Maura Rurak wrote, in National Business Employment Weekly, "You might think finding a job will be easy—and you're probably right."

"Anyone looking hard [for a job],

isn't having a hard time," said Michael Babbitt.

Babbitt is a graduating senior with a degree in organizational communications. He said he was interested in a sales career and has pursued this career avenue.

"I haven't accepted anything yet," he said. "But I have two pretty good prospects to choose between."

Babbitt said it took him about one month of searching, career fairs and interviewing to narrow it down.

Another graduate-to-be, Damian Pollack, has also found it easy to find

gainful employment.

He said he has not decided if he was going to go for a management position with Burger King (his current employer) or go intern for Enterprise Car Rentals.

"They both start at about \$25,000 a year," he said. "Not too bad, but money isn't the only thing I'm looking for."

While it may be an open job market, the first step to a career is to start looking. But don't procrastinate too long. This could result in having to settle for less than you hoped for.



## Relieving stress of finals

JILL DEWALD  
Sports Editor

**S**tress\'stres\'n.-physical, chemical or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation 2. a state resulting from a stress 3. STRAIN, PRESSURE.

Papers, projects and deadlines bombard each student as the end of the semester nears. Stress causes feelings of anxiety. It may cause headaches or even lack of sleep.

During this crunch time Dana students begin to feel the buildup of an entire semester\'s worth of work. Some give tips on how to survive:

- "I don't really handle stress very well at all but I play racquetball sometimes or else I just set aside time to hangout, relax and not think about homework."—Tiffany Menard, junior
- "Visualization is a technique we are learning about in one of my

classes. It's like the movie "Happy Gilmore"; think of a happy place and go there. We've also been talking about deep breathing, meditation and body massage as relaxing tools."—Jason Magnuson, junior

- "Take study breaks. I usually watch T.V., play Play Station, listen to music or take a nap."—Jody Phillips, sophomore

- "I try to leave campus and go hang out with my friends. Sometimes I just need to get away from everything."—Jill Magnus, sophomore

- "I don't relieve stress very easily." Tim Podraza, sophomore

- "I either sit and do nothing or will get up and go for a walk."—Gina Flood, freshman

- "Going shopping and speaking lots of Japanese always makes me feel better even though I will still have so much homework."—Eiko Machida, junior

- "I love to go for a walk. I need time to leave and be by myself."—Kylie Knobbe, freshman

## Preparing your car for summer travel

JON BURLESON  
Reporter

**T**he end of the semester usually means the beginning of long road trips for several students.

If you are planning to drive a long way, you may want to check your vehicle's air filter and coolant supply. A dirty air filter can decrease the performance of your vehicle or cause it to stall. Insufficient coolant can cause your engine to over-heat.

It is a good idea to check these items every six months, but definitely before any trip.

A shop in town will replace your

filter, flush out and refill your radiator for \$55-60. You could do it yourself for the price of the materials, about \$10.

Your owner's manual will tell you what type of air filter your car uses. Air filters are generally located on top of your engine. If you have fuel injection the air filter housing may be attached to the engine's air intake by a duct. It may be located in front of your radiator, beside the engine or under a fender.

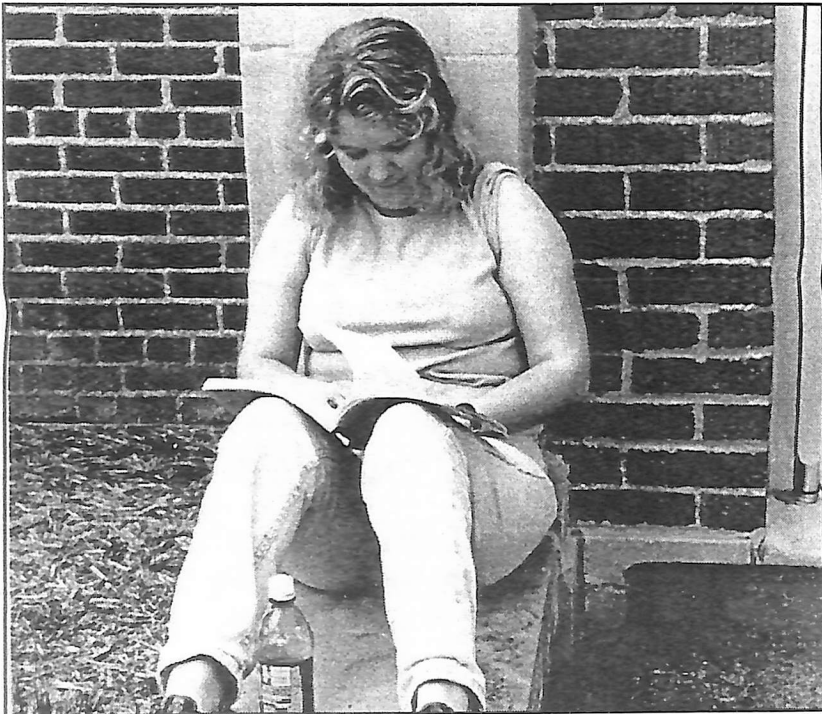
To see if the filter is clogged, take it out and shine a flashlight through it. If the light barely shows through, the filter is dirty and you need to replace it.

To check your coolant system, re-

move the cap on your radiator and look inside. A flashlight may be useful. If the liquid inside appears dirty you may want to flush your radiator. This process is time consuming but can save you money. Check with your car's manufacturer (local dealership) for specifics on doing this.

If you choose to flush your own radiator, remember that antifreeze is very poisonous. Always keep it in a securely closed container and clean up or hose away any spills. Its sweet taste is attractive to animals. Collect all the old, dirty antifreeze in a container and take it to a service station that accepts used automobile fluids.

## Students study, perform...



Junior Kathy Allmon takes in the sunshine and warm weather outside of Argo Hall while flipping through a homework assignment. Students have been enjoying the warm weather while preparing for upcoming finals week. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)



Dana students relieved their stress, used their creative talent and filled their tummies Tuesday evening when Student Activities hosted cookie decorating in the Dragon's Head. (Photo by Derek Otte)



Sophomore Jason Heft checks out a robe before the Voices noon performance in the chapel on Wednesday. This marks the last Voices performance for this semester. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)



Junior Chad Grosse explores the reproductive system of a female fetal pig in Life Science. Students dissected fetal pigs during lab to learn about respiratory, digestive and reproductive systems in mammals. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

...draw  
year to a  
close

## Twelve Dana runners prepare for national competition

**LAURA HIEBENTHAL**  
Copy Editor

The Dana track team completed its regular season competition on Saturday at the NAIA Mid-States Championships at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan.

Senior Andrea Spreen brought home Dana's only first place finish, winning the javelin throw with a toss of 125-8. She also earned a fourth place finish in the discus with a 122-foot throw.

Freshman Justin Christensen placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9 minutes, 35.81 seconds. His time qualified him for the NAIA national championships

and was four seconds faster than his previous personal best.

Freshman Brooke Thomsen competed in the high jump, clearing 4-10 and capturing sixth place.

Other Dana athletes turning in notable performances were senior Ryan Jacobsen, freshman Marc Bierbaum and senior Lynette Riemersma. Jacobsen had his best time of the year in the 400 hurdles, finishing in 55.75. Bierbaum ran a personal best time in the steeplechase and finished in 10:46.54, 18 seconds faster than his previous best. Riemersma threw the discus 104-9.

Coach Jay Birmingham said he was pleased with the track team's performance throughout the season.

"It was our most successful track season yet in terms of numbers of

people who scored in meets, personal bests and overall quality," said Birmingham. "Our younger athletes did exceptionally well—sophomores

*"Everyone we take to nationals has a solid chance to place in their event."  
—Jay Birmingham*

Scott Stanley and Sarah Klein along with freshmen Aaron Schlote, Justin Christensen, Amy Smith and Tiffani Nielsen."

Twelve Dana athletes will advance

to the NAIA national championships held May 21-23 in Tulsa, Okla. Senior Angie Sparacino will attempt to defend her national championship title in the marathon. Senior Anna Hovde, who finished fourth last year, and sophomore Jennifer Williams will also compete in the women's marathon. Dana will have six runners compete in the men's marathon. Senior Ben Sandy, who finished third last year, junior Matt Poulter, junior Bob Spangler, junior Evan Bees, sophomore Jason Brindle and freshman Aaron Schlote will all run the 26.2-mile race.

Three other Dana athletes will also compete at nationals. Stanley will compete in the 1,500-meter run, Christensen will run the 3,000 steeplechase and Spreen will compete

in the javelin. Last year Spreen placed eighth at nationals and is currently ranked 14th in the nation.

"Everyone we take to nationals has a solid chance to place in their event," said Birmingham. "Andrea Spreen, Ben Sandy, Angie Sparacino and Anna Hovde have all scored at nationals in the past. It is a thrill to see Dana College athletes on the victory stand."

The team will leave for Tulsa early Wednesday morning. Spreen, Stanley and Christensen will compete on Thursday and possibly on Saturday if they qualify for finals. The marathon begins at 6 a.m. on Saturday. The team will drive through Saturday night and into Sunday in order to get the seniors back in time for graduation that afternoon.



*When you look into each other's eyes, you can see forever.*



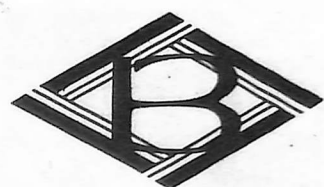
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### The 1998 NIAC all-league team

#### Pitcher of the Year

Corey Johnson

#### First Team

Pitcher Corey Johnson

#### Honorable Mention

Jacob White, Ryan Enright, Joe Pennucci, Tim Podraza

#### Post-season team awards

Most Outstanding Player	Corey Johnson
Most Outstanding Pitcher	Corey Johnson
Defensive MVP	Jacob White
Offensive MVP	Rich Martell
Best Base Runner	Jacob White
"Gamer" of the Year	Corey Johnson
Most Improved	Ryan Enright

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