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## Dana loses active, dedicated student; classmates, faculty mourn

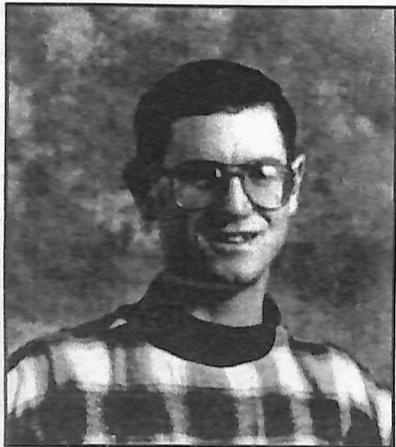
DEENA KNAPP  
Business Manager

A familiar face is missing at Dana as a new year begins. While waiting for a bone marrow transplant, James R. Peterson died on May 30, 1998.

"He took education seriously and at the same time he was having fun and enjoying life. I'm missing him, especially these first few weeks of school," said Mary McComb, chair of the communication department.

A Dana College sophomore hailing from Viborg, S.D., Peterson was majoring in broadcast media with minors in history and political science. Peterson was a very active member of the Dana community, participating in the *Hermes*, DVTV, KDCV radio and Fellowship of Christian

Athletes. At the awards banquet this past spring, he received two Golden Leaf Awards for excellence in sports



James Peterson, a Dana sophomore, died this summer while waiting for a bone marrow transplant.

media broadcasting.

Dana College is establishing a scholarship in memory of Peterson. Hoping to award this scholarship within the next year or two, the college is encouraging alumni, students, and faculty to contribute to the scholarship fund. Inquiries about how to donate should be directed to the Development Office or McComb.

Michael Anderson, assistant professor of music, wrote these parting words, "To me, James epitomized the perfect student at Dana. He was extremely positive all the time, responsible, with an outstanding work ethic. He got involved and worked hard to contribute to our community. His course work was very good and he came to us with excellent writing skills. He was ALWAYS friendly and ready to help others."

A memorial service is being planned for sometime this fall.

## Student Senate

Start of '98-'99 school year brings new members, loss of faculty advisor

JENNIFER BURGER  
Editor-in-Chief

President Matt Kern called the first meeting of the Student Senate to order at 7:10 p.m. on Wednesday.

Secretary Becca Plowman then took roll call. Kern asked each member to give the other Senate members a little information about themselves, so the group could start to get to know one another.

Faculty advisor Ruth Henneman then took the floor to announce she has taken a job at Creighton Medical School and will not be able to serve as the Senate's advisor after

Oct. 5. The Senate took nominations for possible replacement faculty or staff members.

Kern announced that the next Senate meeting on Sept. 23 would be the budget meeting. This is the time for all campus clubs and organizations to submit budgets for the Senate's approval. In order for the Senate to approve a club or organization's budget, the group must plan to perform a community service project and sponsor an activity that is open to all students.

Rachel Hospodka, the recycling committee chair, asked for help with recycling tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. Anyone interested is welcome to join in the recycling efforts.

## Orientation aids new students' start at Dana

Dinners, meetings, games, lectures all part of first-year students' Welcome Week and Orientation to Dana campus life

BROOKE THOMSEN  
Reporter

August 27 was a day to move belongings, say long good-byes and exchange nervous greetings as New Student Orientation and Welcome Week began. For four days new arrivals were entertained by orientation leaders and speakers.

Dana upperclassmen and faculty eased new students into college life with icebreaking and informative activities. The schedule included an opening dinner, team meetings, bingo night, visits to faculty homes, olympics, a scavenger hunt, a hoedown, lectures about campus life, student senate elections, a barbecue at President Christopherson's home and a commencement ceremony.

Rachel Hospodka, second year orientation leader, pointed out some differences from last year's program. "I think that some good things we had in the past would have been missed by upperclassmen like freshmen follies and

opening entertainment," she said. There also weren't as many team meetings. Hospodka said, "I think people were more relaxed because there were more optional activities. It made the numbers smaller but the people who were there wanted to be so they had a lot of fun."

Many new students had a posi-

laid back. You learned to get over shyness. I think it was important for everyone to get with their groups and take an active role so that it was more fun for all."

Freshman Matt Maltby explained how coming to a new place made him nervous, but orientation made a good transition. He said orientation helped everyone lighten up.

Toni Ahrendt and Renee Hesseltine, freshmen, laughed about their fears of meeting each other as roommates. "Originally I was apprehensive about the room situation. That was the scariest part of the whole thing," said Ahrendt.

Orientation ended and Dana life began with a Sunday night commencement. President Christopherson and orientation leaders officially opened the campus doors for new students with a speech, slide show, and presentation of a t-shirt rolled like a diploma.

"I think people had a chance to get to know each other and had a good time," Hospodka said.

*"At first I was scared about making a good first impression, but everything was so casual and laid back. You learned to get over shyness."*

--Jillian Scheerhoorn

tive feeling about orientation. Freshman Jillian Scheerhoorn said, "At first I was scared about making a good first impression, but everything was so casual and



A festive hat adorns John Brummer while he digs in at the cafeteria's Carnival Night. Carnival Night was one of many activities planned during Welcome Week in an attempt to help students adjust to life at college. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

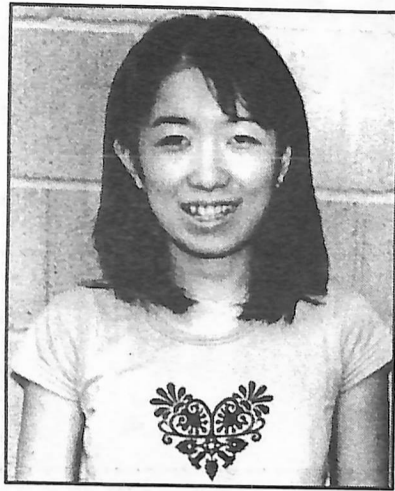
## What has been your biggest challenge so far?

Photos and Questions by Leslie Schroeter



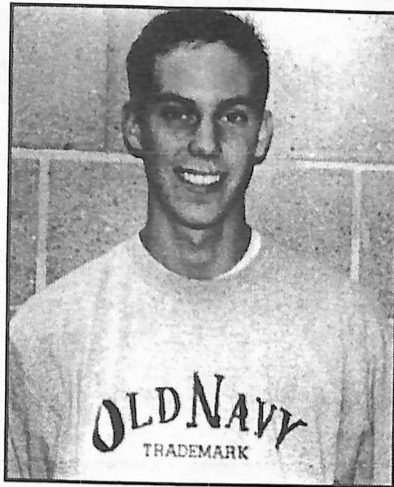
"My biggest challenge is budgeting my time to get everything done. Whether it be homework or extra-curricular activities, I never seem to have enough time."

--Jessica Gall, freshman



"My biggest challenge is studying a different language and making lots of friends."

--Hitomi Yoda, transfer student



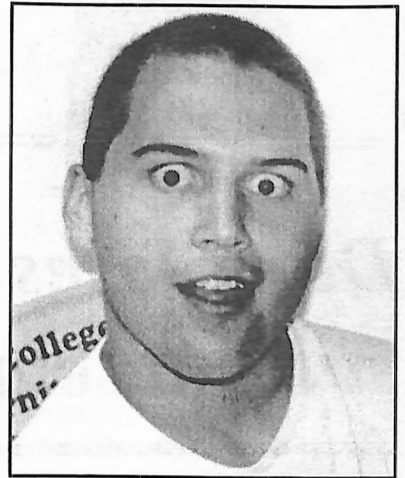
"The hardest part of my freshman year so far has been living with the same people I go to school with. I can't leave school at school anymore."

--Curtis Isaacson, freshman



"It is especially hard for me to manage my time."

--Teia Blair, freshman



"The most difficult part of college life is trying to fall asleep without my mommy tucking me into bed after reading me a bed-time story."

--Derrick Patterson, freshman

## Campus Events

### FRIDAY

TBA Volleyball at Hastings

### SATURDAY

10 a.m. Cross Country, Viking Field  
 12:45 p.m. I-MAX at the ZOO, leave from C.C.  
 1 p.m. Football at Huron University  
 TBA Volleyball at Hastings

### SUNDAY

10 p.m. Chapel

### MONDAY

5 p.m. Women's Soccer, Viking Field  
 7:30 p.m. Self Defense, Linden Room  
 9 p.m. Cheerleading Tryouts, Borup

### TUESDAY

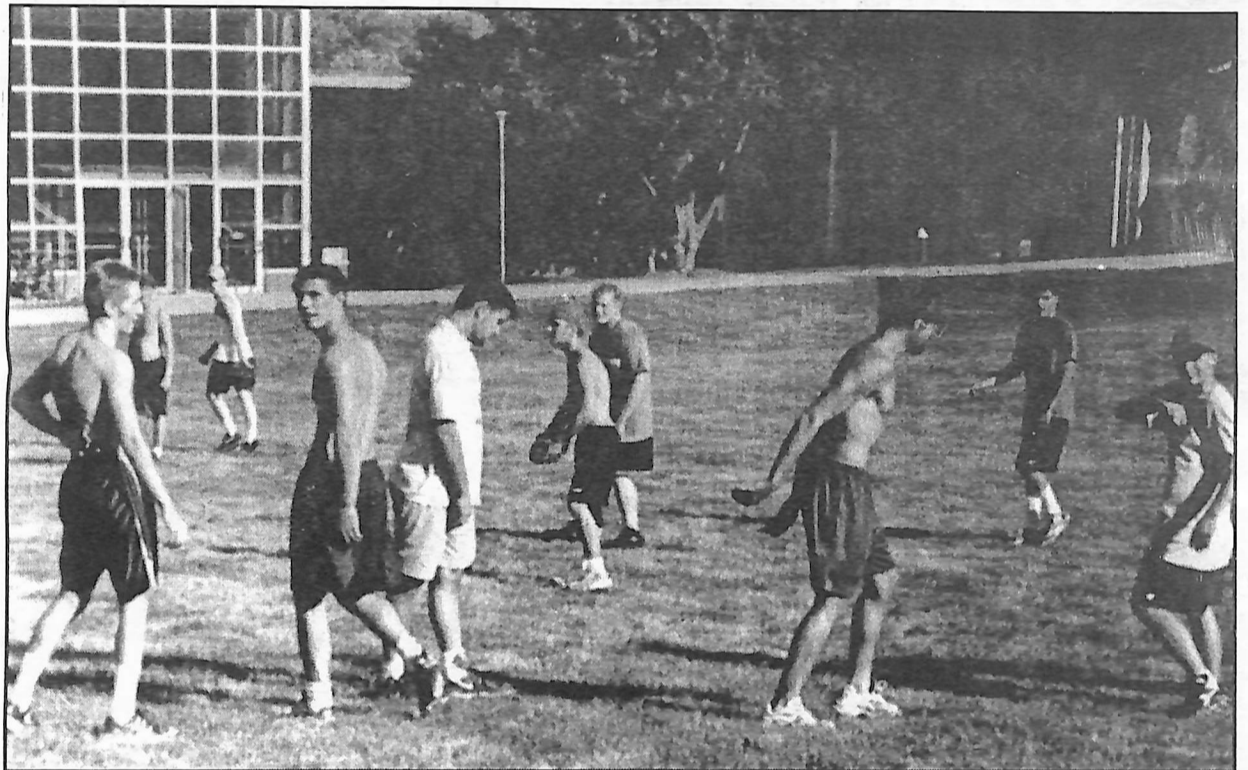
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
 6:45 p.m. FCA Kickoff at Coach Jensen's  
 7 p.m. Volleyball at Bellevue

### WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. Dana Fair, Campus Center  
 10 p.m. Chapel

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel  
 4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer, Viking Field



Dana students take advantage of the warm afternoon on Tuesday with a game of football in the Oval. Pick-up games are a common sight as students savor the remaining pleasant days of autumn. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

### FCA cook-out Tuesday, Sept. 15

meet in C.C. @ 6:45 pm  
to go to Coach Jensen's  
for food and fun!

- Queen Size Mattress Set - Quilted top. Retail \$839.00, will sell for \$195.00
- King Size Mattress Set - Quilted top. Retail \$999.00, will sell for \$275.00
- Full Size Mattress Set - Quilted top. Retail \$639.00, will sell for \$165.00

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## Jenny Lemmerman crowned Miss Nebraska 1998

JANELLE KAHL  
Feature Editor

Jenny Lemmerman is Dana's first Miss Nebraska and will be competing for the title of Miss America 1998.

Lemmerman, a junior from West Point, received the title of Miss Nebraska 1998 on June 13 in North Platte. She was chosen from a field of 18 after competing in the areas of talent, physical fitness, interview and on-stage personality.

As Miss Nebraska, Lemmerman's platform is underage drinking.

Throughout the next year she will promote the C.A.N. program, a Community Action Network designed to reach out to young people through the community. Businesses, individuals and civic groups help youth make wise and informed choices regarding alcohol use by offering positive alternatives to "at risk" behavior.

Lemmerman will now represent the state of Nebraska in the Miss America Pageant. The 78th Annual Pageant will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., and telecast Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

The theme of this year's telecast is individuality. It will reflect on the evolution of Miss America while



Jenny Lemmerman, a Dana junior, was crowned Miss Nebraska 1998. She will compete at the Miss America Pageant Sept. 19. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

emphasizing the individuality of each contestant. For the first time ever in Miss America Pageant history, the traditional "Parade of States" opening number will feature each contestant's individuality. Each of the 51 contestants will appear on stage wearing clothing they have personally selected to express who they are, rather than the costumes selected by the producers as in previous years.

Another new addition to the pageant is the up close and personal segment. Producers of the pageant would like the audience to feel like they really know the contestants as individuals by the end of the evening. They will try to achieve this with

video clips from each contestant's hometown, school, family, and friends.

Dana is supporting Lemmerman wholeheartedly. The evening of the pageant, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m., student activities will host a social in the Dragon's Head to cheer her on.

Several Dana students have opinions on why Lemmerman is a good candidate for Miss America. Senior Matt Haufler said, "She is an all-around, talented and lovely person with a great personality." Tara Stark, senior, commented, "Jenny brings to the pageant what it needs, someone who is real, sticks to her beliefs and has a good heart."

## New Learning Center hours unveiled

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Photography Editor

As a new academic year begins at Dana, Lori Nielsen, Learning Center Director, reminds students of the services that the Learning Center has to offer.

The Learning Center is located in the Dana Life Library. It offers a quiet place to study, computers, printers and tutoring services. Nielsen also has a wide selection of supplemental handouts to aid in paper writing, test taking, notetaking and time management. Students can also get handouts to help prepare for PPST tests.

Along with tutoring services, this year the supplemental instruction (SI) program has been expanded. SI is a program in which a student who has taken a class and has been rec-

ommended by the professor sits through the class a second time and leads study sessions twice a week. SI sessions are available this semester for college algebra, general chemistry, introduction to religion, and introduction to computer programming.

Nielsen says that if a tutor is not available for a class that a student needs help in she will find a tutor. Nielsen is also available to read papers and help students with learning disabilities.

The Learning Center has new hours this semester. Monday through Thursday it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to daytime hours it is also open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Nielsen said, "I want students to be aware that approximately thirty percent of students tutored in the Learning Center make the Dean's List."

## Tutors' Schedule Fall 1998

**Basic Math**  
Sun. 8-10 pm  
Mon. 7-10 pm  
Tue. 10-11 am  
Tue. 7-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am  
Thu. 7-10 pm

**Algebra**  
Sun. 8-10pm  
Mon. 7-10 pm  
Tue. 8-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am  
Thu. 9-10 pm

**Precalculus, Discrete Math, & Calculus II**  
Sun. 8-10 pm  
Mon. 9-10 pm

**Spanish (all levels)**  
Sun. 8-10 pm  
Mon. 9-10 pm

**U.S. History**  
Tue. 8-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am

**American Lit. II**  
Tue. 8-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am

**Intro to Religion**  
Tue. 8-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am

**Intro to the Bible**  
Mon. 7-9 pm  
Tue. 10-11 am  
Tue. 7-8 pm  
Thu. 7-10 pm

**Interpersonal Comm.**  
Tue. 10-11 am  
Tue. 7-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am  
Thu. 7-9 pm

**Biology 105**  
Mon. 7-9 pm  
Thu. 9-10 pm

**General Chemistry**  
Mon. 7-9 pm  
Thu. 9-10 pm

**English Lit. I**  
Tue. 10-11 am  
Tue. 7-8 pm  
Thu. 7-9 pm

**Organic Chemistry & Accounting I**  
By appointment

**Writing assistance**  
Mon, Wed, Fri. 11 am-noon  
Mon., Fri. 1-4 pm  
Tue. 10-11 am, 1-4 pm, 7-10 pm  
Thu. 10-11 am, 1-4 pm, 7-9 pm

## New professors join Dana faculty

DANA COOPER  
Graphics Editor

As students start classes this fall, they are greeted by many new faces, both beside them and teaching them. The new professors bring their experience and varied interests to the Dana community.

Dr. Betty Harmsen, a new member of the math department, taught high school for several years as well as classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for six years. After her youngest daughter started college, she earned her doctorate in mathematics at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She makes her home in Omaha with her husband. Dana's close proximity to Omaha appealed to Harmsen along with its warmth and friendliness. Harmsen is interested in music, and likes to play the man-

dolin and violin as well as write songs.

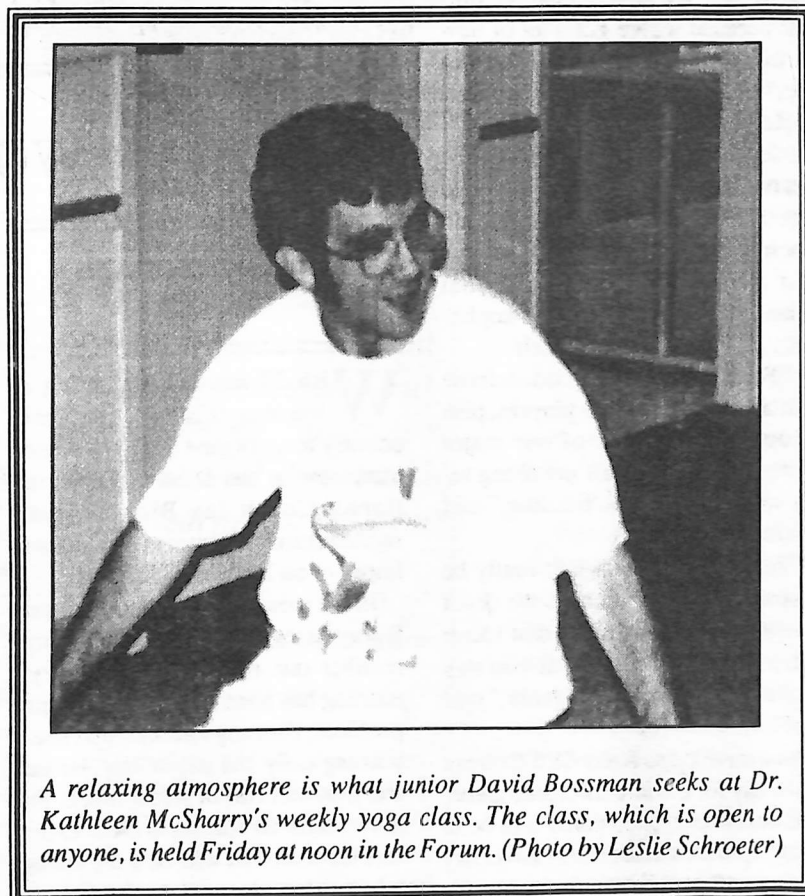
Graphic design is now visual com-

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munication design with the new professor in the art department, Robyn Lewis. Lewis has worked in several countries and with numerous media, such as film, television, and publications in her 25 years of professional experience. Dana appealed to Lewis

because it offered her the freedom to use her experiences and apply them to the way she teaches. Attending trade shows, reading science, and recycling common objects into art are all interests of Lewis.

Dr. James Smith comes to the Dana business department with a master's in business administration from the University of North Dakota, a master's in public administration from the University of West Florida, a doctorate in public administration from Alabama, and over 21 years experience in the Air Force. Smith encountered Dana by teaching in the weekend college program. The atmosphere and quality of students is what prompted him to teach here full time. An avid owl and pen collector, Smith also enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, reading non-fiction and business literature, and spending time with his family.



A relaxing atmosphere is what junior David Bossman seeks at Dr. Kathleen McSharry's weekly yoga class. The class, which is open to anyone, is held Friday at noon in the Forum. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

## Dana defeats York 3-2 in first game of the season

JENNIFER BURGER  
Editor-in-Chief

Dana's women's soccer team beat the heat as well as its opponents in the season opening game against York on Sept. 3. The Dana women won 3-2 in hot and humid weather.

Nicole Lage, Remy Stoffel, and Lindy Heavrin scored the three goals of the game. Amanda Stoffel and Rachel Herman assisted them.

Lage suffered an injury during the game and head coach Todd Wick says she will probably miss the rest of the season.

Dana dropped its home opener against Graceland College on Sept. 5 despite, what Wick calls the outstanding defensive play of Noel Tesar and goalkeeper Jenny Wilcox.

The team is looking forward to improvement during its season. Under the direction of Wick and assistant

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*--Amanda Stoffel*

coach Maryann Anderson, the team hopes this season will be one of growth.

"I feel like we're going to do well this season. We have a positive outlook because we've got a lot of new recruits who have played soccer before," said team co-captain Amanda Stoffel.

"I feel like I've learned a lot in the past two weeks. I think I've improved over 100 percent. We have a good coach who emphasizes skills. He's also really competitive and that makes us want to win," said sophomore player Lyndsay Hiykel.

"We have a really good defense with a lot of aggressive players, plus a good offense. One of our major strengths is that we all get along really well. There's team bonding," said Stoffel.

"We're going to have to really be in shape this year because we don't have a lot of players, so we don't have many subs. We have to be able to stay on the field for the whole game," said Stoffel.

Dana traveled to Briar Cliff College yesterday for a non-conference game. The next conference game will be at home against Concordia University on Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.

## Football team victorious in season opener against Dakota Wesleyan

Vikings break a 7-7 tie to run away with an overtime win

WENDY TROFF  
Sports Editor

The football team enjoyed a 13-10 victory at their season opener on Saturday, Sept. 5 against non-conference foe Dakota Wesleyan. According to head coach Jim Krueger, the team worked together to make the game a memorable opener to the '98 season.

"I thought overall there was great determination and perseverance to play under the extreme temperature conditions," Krueger commented. "I admire the way every-

one stayed focused and kept mental concentration."

Among the highlights of this game are the 14 tackles made by Biff

*"The team is an extremely dedicated and committed group."*

*--Coach Krueger*

Scotfield, making him the leading tackler for the Vikings.

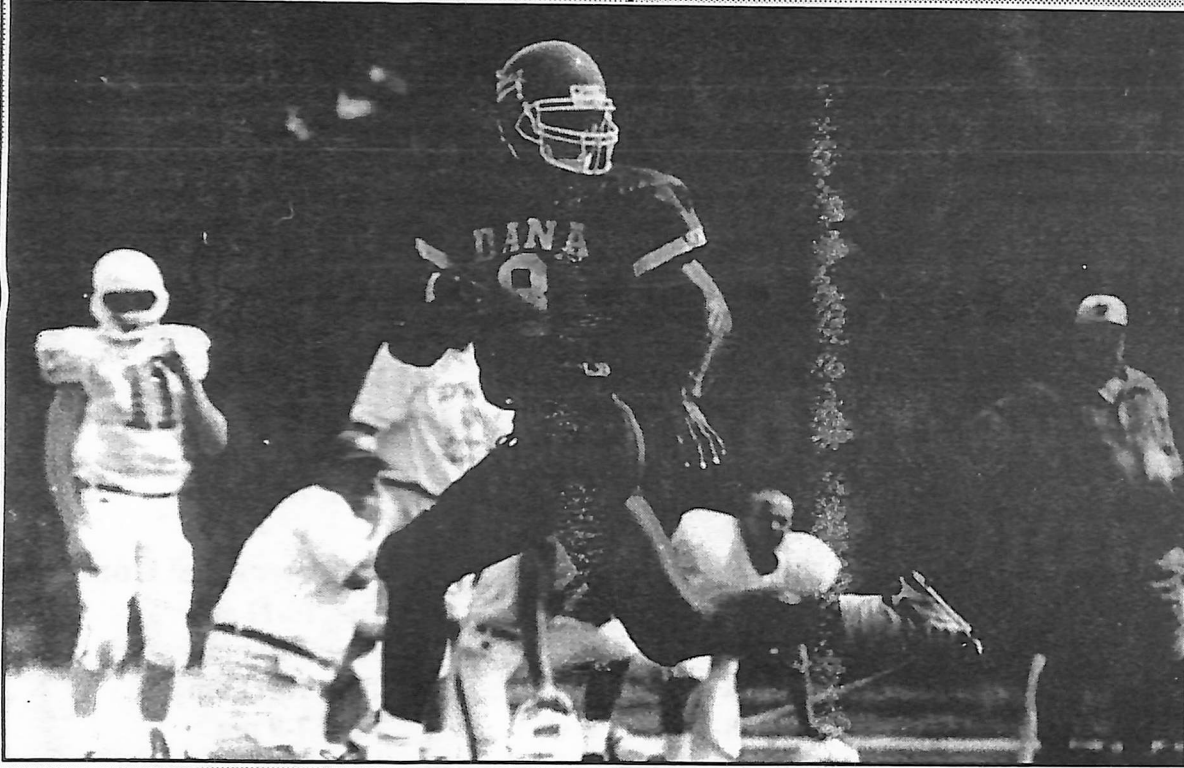
While the temperature soared toward the hundred-degree mark, there were some impressive accom-

plishments made.

"A memorable event in the game was when Bryan Soukup threw a 97-yard pass reception to Joel Carter, breaking a school record," said second-year player Trey Scholl. "When we went into overtime, everyone really stuck together. Everyone cheered each other on."

According to Krueger, the team has shown a high level of commitment throughout training.

"The team is an extremely dedicated and committed group. I thought we had an excellent pre-season camp. I thought they'd done an outstanding job preparing for the season."



*Runaway Viking! Wide Receiver Joel Carter, a fourth year player, dashes to receive a pass in Saturday's game against Dakota Wesleyan. During this game, Carter also received a 97-yard pass from Quarterback Bryan Soukup, breaking a school record. (Photo by Kate Maguire)*

## Twenty-two runners return for 1998 season

LAURA HIEBENTHAL  
Reporter

With 27 runners competing as Vikings this fall, the cross country team begins the 1998 season tomorrow at the Dana Open Invitational. Coach Jay Birmingham's squad returns 22 runners and looks to improve on last year's finishes.

On the women's side, senior Mandy Buttry is expected to be the team's number one runner. While Buttry's training has been hampered by a knee problem, Birmingham said that she is training daily and improving. He said she may not run in a few meets that are on difficult courses in order to protect the knee but will be a top runner when she does compete.

Birmingham said that three other returning runners, sophomore Tiffani Nielsen, junior Jennifer Williams and sophomore Jessica Chambers, will make up the heart of the women's team. Those three runners and Buttry are four of last year's top five runners. Two other top returners are juniors Emily Nessen and Sarah Klein.

While the women added no freshmen to the team this year, sophomore Kate Zadina will be running for the Vikings and will add to the team's depth according to Birmingham.

On the men's side, junior Scott Stanley is the top returner after finishing 35th at nationals last year. Seniors Matt Poulter, Evan Bees, Ken Nikolas, Bob Spangler and Neal Smith will comprise the core of the men's team.

"The senior nucleus is perhaps the strongest we've ever been," said Birmingham.

Junior Chad Grosse, who returns to the Vikings after a year off, and sophomores Jason Brindle, Aaron Schlotte and Justin Christensen will also add to the team's depth. Birmingham said this year's team is 12 to 14 runners deep.

Two freshmen runners, Derek Fey and Allen Wagner, could also have a large impact on the team this year according to Birmingham.

"Both appear to have a shot at having major roles on the team," he said.

As for team goals, last year the women's team finished 24th overall and qualified two runners for the national race. Birmingham said that he believes the women have a good

## Volleyball team starts season 0-2

CHRISTINA NUTTER  
Copy Editor

The Dana volleyball season hasn't begun as the team hoped it would.

The Vikings played Buena Vista College Sept. 2, and the game proved to be a challenge. The final score of 0-15, 16-14, 4-15 and 6-15 disappointed the team, said head coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong.

"They know that they're better players than they showed on that floor," she said. The team had individual mistakes as well as breaks in communication. "It was a different team than I've seen in practice," said Strong. One highlight was passing. "Our passing was probably better than it has been in a very, very long time," said Strong.

The Viking's second game was Sept. 8 at Peru State College. The team lost 5-15, 13-15, 5-15.

Looking at the season ahead of them, the team plans to emphasize defense. Strong said they need to extend the rallies and wear their opponent down to make their best shot. "We don't have many heavy hitters," said Strong.

Six new members, five of which are freshmen, were added to the team, totalling 13 active players. "It's tough getting to know each other," said Strong, "but good athletes progress faster and that's what we have."

Positive senior leadership by Rachel Heitmann of Victor, Iowa, and Tara Tiefenthaler of Butte has helped the team stay focused, Strong said. "We have lots of potential and room for improvement," she said. After last season Strong said she believes both she and the team need some wins. "We don't dwell on losses, but it causes us to reevaluate," she said.

chance of improving on that finish and that he would like to see the whole team qualify for the national race.

Both teams hope to have members earn All-American honors, a title earned with a finish in the top 30 at the national meet.

Last year the men finished seventh at nationals and Birmingham believes the team can be a top ten finisher again this year. The men's team goals are to improve on last year's placing and to shorten their pack time, the interval between the first and fifth Dana finishers.

The Dana Open Invitational begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Viking Field. The women's race will be held first with the men's competition beginning after its completion.