

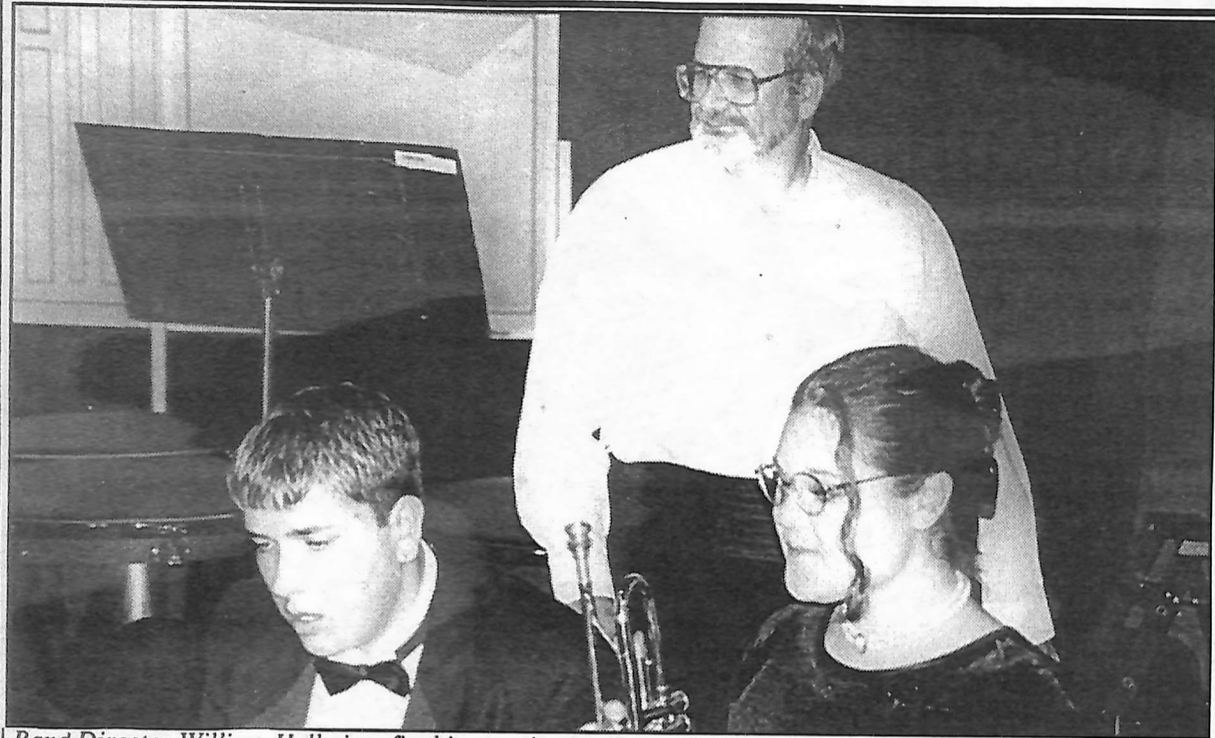
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Band Director William Hall gives final instructions to trumpet players Casey Herley and Dawn Combs before the first concert of the year Tuesday night. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Band tours, gives concerts

JANELLE KAHL
Features Editor

The Dana College Band is pumped for the upcoming year. They began their performance schedule with pep band at the Homecoming football game. This week marked their first concert in Madsen Fine Arts Center where a crowd turned out to listen.

They played pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Richard Strauss, Carl Maria Von Weber and Elliot Del Borgo.

"The band has received many compliments on its performances and I think the concert this week was terrific," said Hall.

The band looks forward to three more concerts this year where they will program a mixture of music from various historical periods and composers. The concerts are Dec. 6 and 7 for Sights and Sounds, March 30 and May 11.

The band is also taking part in some touring opportunities this year. According to Hall, last week they performed for middle school and high school band students at Riverside High School in Oakland, Iowa. A

tour is also planned for the spring. Senior, Shane Koepke said, "I enjoy band because it gives me the chance to be a leader of my section and challenges me to grow musically." Christina Nutter, junior, commented, "I have always enjoyed music and playing it is even better than just listening."

Hall added, "We hope to continue our musical progress throughout the year and add some new band members. We need clarinets, but also have room for other instruments. Students could join now and play for Sights and Sounds or wait until next semester."

SAO held annual Halloween event

BECKY DUNELL
Reporter

Trick or treat, Smell my feet, Give them something good to eat! Halloween came one week early for six Dana students who went Trick or Treating for Others on Saturday.

For almost two hours, members of the Social Awareness Organization

(SAO) were on the prowl in Blair to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for local food pantries. The trick or treaters were able to collect over 140 food items and about 20 toiletry items. Some Blair residents also gave money to benefit the needy.

After splitting into two groups, SAO members were able to hit twice as many homes and to collect twice as much. Deneen Schriver, the committee chair for this year, was happy

that it went so well. "Last year the weather did not cooperate with us, so we had to postpone it a week. But this year the weather was wonderful which helped a lot!"

Trick or Treating for Others is one event that SAO does every year. In the past, they have also collected clothing for the needy in Blair, but this year the auxiliary was unable to accept clothing due to overstocked storage areas.

Seven students to explore Germany during interim

SAMREEN SALIM
Reporter

It's a great challenge to be away from home and travel in new culture and new language," said Dr. Sybille Bartels, German professor, when asked about the 1999 interim trip to Germany.

Summing up the cross cultural ex-

perience Bartels remarked, "Study abroad is an intense language experience that teaches us many things about ourselves and others."

This interim course will introduce students to contemporary German life and cultural history. Students will tour Munich and Berlin with excursions to the Alps, Salzburg, Dachau, Wittenberg and Potsdam where they will visit castles, cathedrals, memorials and museums.

There are seven students going on this trip and many have different rea-

"I'm going to Germany to learn about a whole new culture, to have fun and to see cool places."

--Jessica Gall, freshman

Cast selected for next theater production

T.J. KERGER
Reporter

"Pippin" barely finished its run when the theater department auditioned for its next show. Rehearsal is already well under way for David Mamet's "The Water Engine." Dr. Paul Schneider, head of the theater department and director of the show, describes it as a classic melodrama set in 1934. Schneider said that the story explores aspects of urban American mythology that lead to fear and suspicion of big business and government.

Charles Lang, played by David Bossman, is a young factory worker who invents an engine that runs on

water. The lawyer Morton Gross, played by Chris Sorensen, and Mr. Oberman, a businessman played by Jake Adolphson, attempt coercing Lang out of the rights to his engine. When that fails, they resort to threats on his life.

The cast also includes Tara Stark as Lang's sister, Rita; Matt Haufle as Mr. Wallace, a candy store owner; Chris Bertschinger as his son, Bernie; Todd Maxwell as Dave Murray, a reporter; Nate Calhoun as Barker; Melanie Hinze as the Secretary; and Leora Jaeckel as "The Chainletter." Scott Kurz of the Bridgett Saint Bridgett Theater Company will again be technical director.

The show plays from Nov. 18 to 22 at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Trip to London planned

Literature to be brought to life through tours, productions

MELANIE HINZE
Reporter

Six Dana students and one professor will be making a journey to London's literary scene for interim.

Their journey will begin by touring Westminster Abbey, the Royal Chapels, the Crown Jewels exhibit, the British Museum, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral.

The trip will be primarily focused on English literature and theater. Visits to the Shakespeare Center, Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage and the Holy Trinity Church will bring to life some of the authors of London's history.

While exploring the literary world, the group will also learn much about theater by touring and watching numerous theatrical per-

formances. Leora Jaeckel said, "Because I plan to be an English and theater professor, this trip is perfect for me."

To emphasize theater, the group will be touring the historic theater district, including the Royal Drury Lane Theater, the Shakespeare Globe Theater and the National Theater.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen will lead the excursion. This is his first trip to London in which the focus is theater. "Personally, I am excited to see the newly recreated Globe Theater and adjoining museum," Nielsen stated. "Having students with several different English majors will help to make the visits to significant locations more interesting for the group." He also hopes that the glimpse into the past of theater and literature will be exciting for all the members traveling. Jaeckel said, "Traveling with John Mark will be an adventure in itself!"

sons for traveling. Sophomore Andrea Bjergaard said, "My ancestors came from Germany, and I want to know about my background".

Freshman Jessica Gall said, "I'm going to Germany to learn about a whole new culture, to have fun and to see cool places".

Junior Hitomi Yoda thinks that traveling in Germany will help her learn more about the language than she could from the text. She said, "I have

studied German one and half years but never got the chance to use my language skills."

Bartels said that students often gain a lot of self-confidence from traveling abroad, and this trip is no exception

Anybody who is interested can still join Bartels and her group for this interim. Bartels and her students are leaving for Germany on Jan. 8 and returning on Jan. 22.



Haunted houses open in the Omaha area

CASEINA COLE
Reporter

Are you looking for something scary to do this Halloween? Do you have extra time on your hands? If you answered "yes" to both questions, check out the Omaha area haunted houses.

If you think the masks usually used in haunted houses are fake, check out The Edge of Darkness. None of the ghouls at The Edge of Darkness wear masks; instead makeup is used compliments of makeup artist Mike Torres. The makeup makes the ghouls seem more real and is well

worth the price of admission, even if the tour is short.

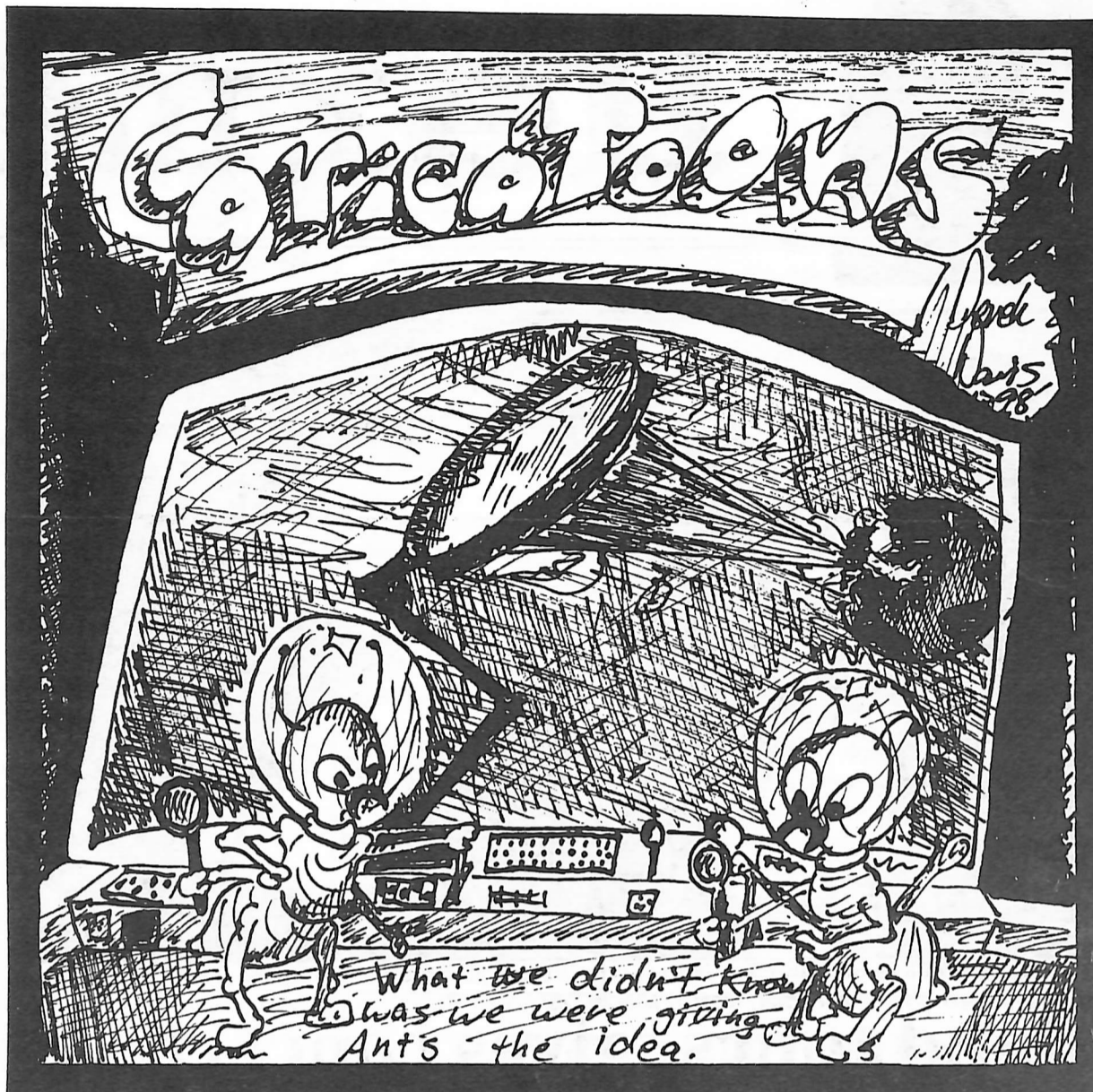
But if the weather looks like snow, you better remember to bring a warm coat and some gloves because you are in for a long wait outside. The wait seems even longer when you factor in the lack of entertainment. No ghouls wonder among the crowd, and there isn't a sponsored block party.

If you are interested in the block party atmosphere, I recommend The Fright Zone. Even though the line outside may seem long at first, it moves much faster than the line at The Edge of Darkness. The ghouls, local radio station sponsors and food vendors manage to keep even those in the back of the line entertained.

The Fright Zone also offers a gift shop outside for those of you who like taking home scary mementoes. The tour through the house is longer than the one through The Edge of Darkness. Some of the effects are the same in both houses, but overall, The Fright Zone was worth the extra buck.

The Edge of Darkness is located on the corner of 61st Avenue and Grover Street. Admission is \$7 per person with benefits going to the Jimmy Wilson Jr. Memorial Foundation.

The Fright Zone is located at 1711 California St. Admission is \$8, which benefits the Omaha Food Bank. A \$2 admission discount is offered on Sundays with the donation of a canned food item.



Praise for "Beloved"

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Although I have yet to read the book, I went, somewhat reluctantly, to see *Beloved*.

I was expecting some sort of wishy-washy, weakly-written love story. Although love is certainly one of *Beloved's* main themes, I soon found out this movie is a powerfully written story centering around the emotions of one of the main characters, Sethe. The setting is an Ohio farmhouse in the mid-1800s. Sethe is an ex-slave who escaped her cruel masters while she was nine months pregnant with her fourth child.

Sethe has extremely strong emotions and steadfast determination, both of which she is extremely proud of. She loves and hates with such passion that it is difficult for her to see alternatives to situations. The characters in the story, especially Sethe, learn to be able to depend on one another and act independently of one

another at the same time.

Although this movie is somewhat disturbing and, in my opinion, downright scary, the themes depicted are definitely thought-provoking. So, after you get done reading *Beloved* for LARP, I would recommend that you make a point to catch this flick.

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Swing dancing back in style

BRIAN FRAHM
Reporter

Is the 40's and 50's big band music swing back in style? Downtown Omaha's newly opened nightclub called The Stork Club thinks it is. Jumping and jiving is a growing trend entertaining every generation.

Manager of The Stork Club, Wendy Piconak, said that anyone from the ages 18 to 80 has gone there to dance. Piconak said that owner Deb Kirshman saw swing dancing on the West Coast and was inspired by its popularity.

The atmosphere of this club tries

to swing people into the mood of what it would be like in a 40's nightclub. The servers are dressed in formal attire with males tucking their ties into the middle of their button down shirts and females wearing black dresses. The lounge and cigar bar also bring a historic essence to the club.

Dancing and smoking are not all that can be done at The Stork Club. It is also a full service cafe with live music certain nights. A frequent performer on Monday nights is local artist, Omaha Big Band.

Dana students might think that they would fit in at a swing dance club like a square peg in a round hole. Actually, many college students are buying and dancing to music by Big Bad

Voodoo Daddy, Brian Sezter Orchestra and other new age swing bands. Both bands will or have played in Omaha.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy played in Sokol Hall this summer, and a few Dana students attended. "They put on a great show and had a great stage presence," said senior Max Riffner. Brian Sezter Orchestra is scheduled to play at Sokol Hall on Nov. 30.

Students or teachers who don't know how to dance to swing can attend lessons at The Stork Club every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. Lessons are free, but donations are asked for the hard working instructors. The Stork Club is located at 10th and Mason in Omaha.



Freshman Vivian Chan samples some of the exotic cuisine offered during the new International Students Club movie night. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

International students share their cultures

TRACI AHRENDT
Reporter

Are you looking for something to do on Tuesday nights at 9:30? If so you can get involved with the International Students Club. "The club is open to anyone who is interested in experiencing other cultures," said club chairperson Samreen Salim.

Student Senate recently approved the budget for the international club. This was the event that club member Vivian Chan "couldn't wait for." Salim is excited for the opportunity to share her experiences and her knowledge with others. She wants to get everyone involved. Philip Raleigh and Salim can be contacted with any questions pertaining to the club.

The club is trying to get the town of Blair involved in the international experience. The club members will be going to Blair High School to speak with students and faculty about their home countries. They will also discuss the trip that each student made to America and why they came.

Many activities will be offered to Dana students to help share the international experience. "We had a successful movie night where we showed movies from different countries," said Salim.

The club will be hosting an international festival on Nov. 10 at Dana. Twelve countries will be represented. Each country will have a display and offer food samples. Salim explained the reason for the festival as being "one way to help students experience other countries."

Business club offers a chance to get involved

DEENA KNAPP
Business Manager

Professor Fran Mallory, advisor of the Business Club, said, "I don't think students realize the importance of participating in organizations such as the Business Club. Students gain important leadership skills by being involved with campus activities."

The Business Club has been in existence for approximately seven years. Presently, the executive staff is made up of Sandi Frey, Elishia Petersen and Cascina Cole. According to Frey, there hasn't been an official meeting time set this semester because of lack in membership.

In the past, the club has hosted several career panels made up of Dana graduates. Mock interviews involving various Blair employers have

been another popular event hosted by the Business Club.

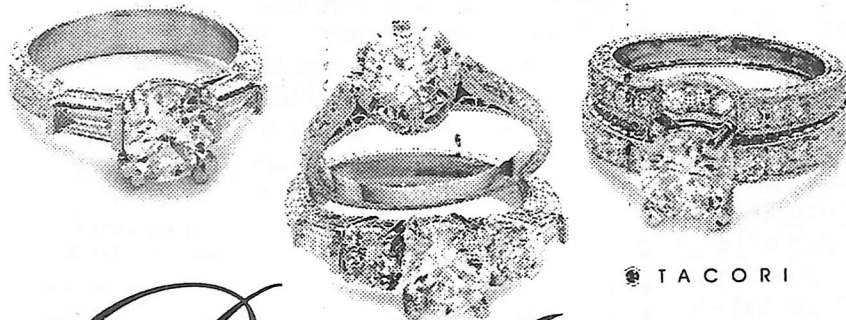
This year the club has been busy with various events, especially during October. A volleyball tournament on Oct. 13 was canceled due to weather and lack of participants. On Oct. 24, the club helped with campus recycling. The Business Club then played bingo at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair on Oct. 28.

The next event hosted by the Business Club is game night on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Dragon's Head. There will be card games, darts, pool, board games and air hockey available in addition to free refreshments. The club will also be electing new officers at that time.

"Students don't need to be business majors to be involved with the Business Club. All Dana students are encouraged to attend game night," said Cole.



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Soccer team still kicking

MINDY STREITENBERGER
Reporter

The regular season has come to an end but the girls' soccer team is still kicking.

Tuesday the girls' soccer team traveled to Orange City, Iowa. Renee Boman started the action by scoring the first goal. Jenny Wilcox scored second and Amy Carlson scored third. Northwestern College scored once in the first half.

Leading 3-1 after the first half, Amanda Stoffel scored the final point for Dana in the second half. The final score was 4-2. "They are passing the ball and playing well now" said coach Todd Wick. "I like the improvement I have seen."

Lyndsay Hiykel said, "It was great to play and get in on the action." Wick said, "Everyone got in playing time during this game and did really well."



Freshman Remy Stoffel guides the ball away from her opponent during the soccer team's Homecoming match against Northwestern College Oct. 10. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Coming home with another victory the girls were proud. "This was a revenge game," said Wick. After losing to Northwestern College on Homecoming, this was a victory the girls wanted. "I'm glad we beat them this time," said Hiykel.

The girls' soccer team will be traveling to Doane on Monday to start in conference playoffs. "We've come a long way this year, and we are looking forward to doing good in conference," said Danielle Soby. The game starts at 2 p.m.

Football team falls to Doane in second half

TARA FURSTENAU
Reporter

The Viking football team suffered a disappointing loss on Saturday as they fell to Doane in Crete.

The Tigers came out strong, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter. Dana answered in the second quarter. A seven yard carry by Donnell Fletcher and a pass completed from Bryan Soukup to Jason Meggison knotted things up at 14 each. A field goal by Joel Krominga put the Vikings ahead 17-14 going into the second half.

According to head coach Jim Krueger, the team just let down in the second half. Krueger said that they had opportunities to make plays on both sides of the ball but failed to capitalize on them. Dana gave up three touchdowns and failed to score in the second half. The final score was 35-17.

Jeret Pospeshil, who contributed to the team's offensive as well as defensive efforts with a 15 yard pass reception and one tackle, felt that the team had some tough breaks and that overall the team has just been a few plays short of having a winning season.

Leading the way offensively for Dana were Justin Dannelly, who rushed for 88 yards, and Fletcher who added 34 yards. Quarterback Soukup completed 19 passes for a total of 262 yards.

The defense was dominated by Biff Schofield, Justin Haberman and Chad Hansen, who had a combined total of 35 tackles, Schofield with 14, Haberman with 11 and Hansen with 10.

Hansen stated that the team has put forth a great effort. However, he feels they play well in the first half and then let down in the second half or visa versa.

The Vikings will face Nebraska Wesleyan on Oct. 31 at home.

Volleyball team battles Hastings tonight

BROOKE THOMSEN
Reporter

The Dana Viking volleyball team suffered two more losses last week, at home and away.

Friday evening the Vikings battled Northwestern (Iowa) College in Borup Coliseum. Dana was defeated in three sets with scores of 5-15, 5-15, 7-15.

Tuesday evening the Vikings were defeated in three more straight sets, 10-15, 8-15, 10-15, against Concordia College in Seward.

Coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong said

that the girls were playing better in their last game against Concordia. However, she said their fundamental skills still are not all there.

In the Concordia game, the Vikings missed 16 serves. And Strong has seen the girls hit balls out of the court or into the net with no interference from opposing blockers.

Strong felt that mistakes like these and a lack of communication have been some of the team's weakest points. She believes that these kind of mistakes should not be made and that the team could easily improve in these areas.

Although the team is still trying to strengthen their skills, Strong felt that

the girls did improve in the Concordia match. She noticed that their passing was stronger and that the girls were splitting their attacks more often.

Strong is hoping for the Concordia game to be just a glimpse of the season's peak. She felt that the girls were beginning to compete more aggressively in the last game. She stated, "If we peak it will be at the end of the season. This is where it counts."

The Vikings are getting closer to conference and regional competition. Their season performance will only affect their projected seat in the conference tournament. Their next season game will be tonight in Hastings.

Cross country teams run their "best meet"

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Referring to the cross country teams' performances at Saturday's Mount Marty Invitational, coach Jay Birmingham said, "This was our best meet yet."

Dana's Scott Stanley won the meet, breaking a course record with a time of 25:47. Dana's top five runners in this meet, Stanley, Justin Christensen, Bob Spangler, Derek Fey and Aaron Schlote placed first, third, fourth, fifth and eighth respectively. There was a pack time of only 55 seconds between Dana's first and fifth runners.

The Viking men won the meet by an impressive margin. The second-place team, Graceland College, trailed Dana by 55 points. When the

scores were tallied, Dana had 21 points and Graceland had 75.

"Everyone had their best race of the season," said Birmingham, "for both the men and the women."

Dana's women ran well to place fourth out of the 12 teams at the meet. Dana's top two finishers were Tiffani Nielsen, who took sixth place, and Jennifer Williams, who claimed 13th. According to Birmingham, the women had several accomplishments.

"Sarah Klein and Kate Zadina ran their best races so far this season, placing 23rd and 59th respectively," he said. "At this meet, the women beat all three of the teams who came in ahead of them at the Dana Invitational."

Dana's runners are ready to run at Hastings College this Saturday. The race is set to start at 7:30 a.m.

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