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Winterfest royalty coronation tonight

BECKY DUNNELL
Reporter

People say "Your Highness" when speaking to royalty, but will these words become common at Dana after Winterfest?

Dana has already crowned a king and queen this year during Homecoming, but who will be crowned Winterfest King and Queen?

Throughout the last week, students had the opportunity to vote for the 10 Winterfest candidates. Anyone who was a junior or senior with a 2.5 grade point average, not a previous king or queen and not on probation could be voted onto the Winterfest Court. If you recognize some of the names, do not be alarmed; four of the 10 candidates were also on Homecoming Court.

The five candidates for Winterfest King are: Justin Dannelly, junior; Brian Jones, junior; Matt Kern, se-

nior; Mark Lepper, junior; and Bill Schofield, senior. The five candidates for Winterfest Queen are: Gina Flood, junior; Rachel Hospodka, junior; Jenny Lemmerman, junior; Becca Plowman, senior; and Deneen Schriver, senior.

After the candidates' names were posted in the Campus Center, candidates had very different reactions to being nominated. Schriver, a social work major, stated, "After being an RA for two years, it's nice to still have enough friends to get nominated to court." Lepper, an interdisciplinary major, said, "As soon as I saw the names on the wall, that Sesame Street song, 'One of These Things is Not Like the Others,' popped into my head."

On Thursday everyone expressed their right to vote when they cast their ballot for the title of Winterfest King and Queen. The king and queen will be crowned Friday night during the Winterfest dinner-dance at Mr. C's in Omaha.



With the indoor track season in full swing, freshman Kelly Kuiken competes in the mile run at the University of South Dakota Invitational in Vermillion, S.D. Kuiken ran a personal record in the event, finishing in 6 minutes, 34.96 seconds. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

Former Dana students to stand trial

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

At a Jan. 20 Washington County Court hearing, two former Dana students were ordered to stand trial for felony charges of manufacturing and dispensing the controlled substance known as gamma-hydroxybutyrate or GHB.

According to county attorney Ed Talbot, the county judge ruled that prosecutors had enough evidence for Kevin Brennan of Omaha and Nathan Olsen of Lacey, Wash., to stand trial.

During the court hearing, police officers testified that the drug charges came about after a Blair High School student had overdosed on GHB on Dec. 8.

While the student recovered, Brennan and Olsen, who were Dana students at the time, were identified as the source of the drug. Officers then searched the students' dorm rooms and found GHB in Olsen's room.

The two could face up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$25,000 fine if convicted of the felony charges. Talbot said no trial date has been set at this time.

Two Nebraskans honored at opening convocation

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Copy Editor

Dana College awarded honorary doctorate degrees to two distinguished Nebraskans on Jan. 28.

E. Benjamin Nelson, former governor of the State of Nebraska, and Harold Cooperman, founder and president of No Frills Supermarket, were chosen for the honors.

Cooperman received an honorary doctorate of business. Born in Poland, Cooperman immigrated to the United States in 1923 and settled in Omaha. Upon returning from active service in World War II with the U.S. Navy, Cooperman opened grocery stores in four communities.

In 1980, he opened No Frills Supermarket, which has expanded to include nine stores in southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa. Cooperman expressed appreciation toward both the college and the nation in his acceptance speech, saying,

"Dana College, thanks a million. And God bless America."

Nelson was awarded an honorary doctorate of law. Having completed his eighth year as governor of the State of Nebraska early in January, he has returned to practicing law. A native of McCook, Nelson has received four honorary degrees, including doctor of law degrees from Creighton University and Peru State College and a doctor of humane letters from College of St. Mary.

During Nelson's keynote address, he emphasized personal determination and preparation in order to succeed. He also issued a challenge for excellence over a lifetime of education.

"People have no control over winning or losing," he said, "but we do have control over giving our best."

Nelson and Cooperman are the 37th and 38th persons since 1959 to receive honorary doctorates from Dana College. The presentations were made during Opening Convocation in Lauritzen Theater.

Student Senate springs into action for new semester

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

Student Senate kicked off second semester with a meeting on Jan. 27.

The Senate first welcomed Vincent Shen, the new representative for the senior class. He replaces Sandi Frey, who completed her Dana courses during interim.

The only vote of the meeting was on a possible donation to the James Peterson Scholarship Fund. Peterson attended Dana for two years before his death in May, and his family established this fund in his memory. The Senators voted unanimously to donate \$500.

The Senate also decided to add one requirement for campus organiza-

tions requesting Senate funding. Groups must now participate in campus recycling on at least one Saturday morning per semester in order to receive money from Senate.

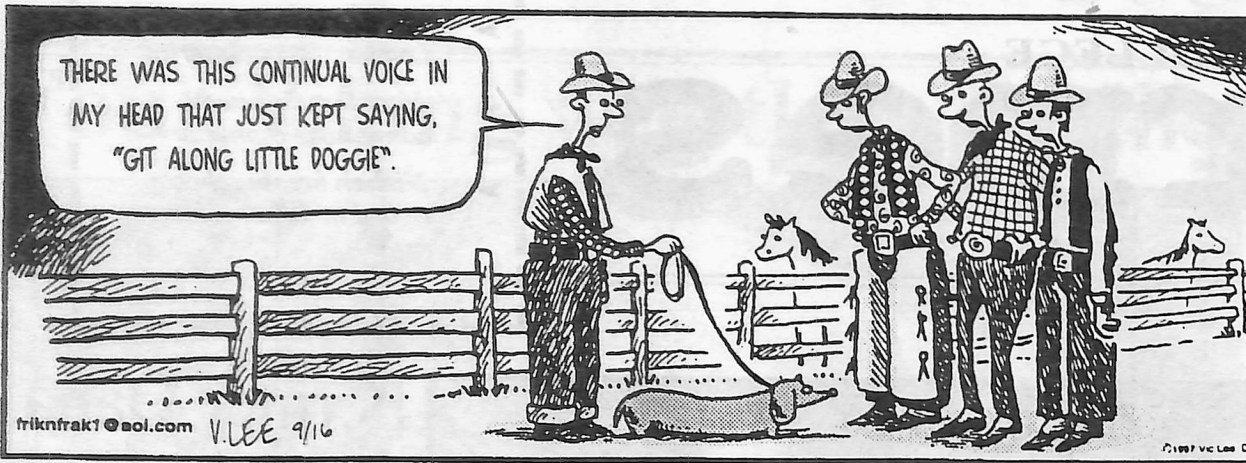
In student concerns, Becca Plowman said a student approached her and requested Senate investigate the idea that work study checks be distributed twice a month instead of the current single monthly payment. Other student concerns included the dirt pile in the parking lot, a broken water spigot in the cafeteria, and problems with mice in Argo Hall. Senate President Matt Kern said he would look into these concerns.

Kevin Schaudt, dean of students, presented copies of the Student Organization Handbook to the Senate. He explained that this book will be a guide for campus organizations because it includes information and in-

structions on topics such as how to reserve meeting space on campus and how to prepare a budget. It also includes information about the role and responsibilities of advisors.

Schaudt said this book should help groups become more organized and answer many of their questions. Organizations will register by filling out portions of the handbook. That information will then be used to generate an organization guide for all students so they can be more aware about what groups exist on campus and how to contact their leaders.

The Senate's informal budget meeting will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Linden Room. The budget concerns committee will meet with representatives of campus organizations to review their budgets. The full Senate will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Forum to vote on each budget.



Consider this an invitation from the *Hermes* staff!

Our goal as a staff is to produce a newspaper that is informative and useful for the Dana community. And in order to do this, we always welcome contributions from students and staff.

As you may have noticed today, our opinion page holds very few opinions. The *Hermes* is a place to express thoughts, ideas and opinions on a limitless number of topics, whether world issues or campus events.

We would love to have more editorials and letters to the editor submitted each week so that we can be sure to cover the topics that are important to our readers. Just remember that letters to the editor must include the author's name. In the past we have not been able to run some

thoughtful and well-written letters because the authors did not sign them.

We also welcome any type of review, whether it deals with movies, plays, books, music, art exhibits or any other sort of entertainment you have an opinion on.

We do reserve the right to edit submissions according to space availability. Letters can be sent to the *Hermes* through campus mail at box 1252 or delivered to the newspaper office in DCC 220. If you are interested in writing an editorial, please contact a member of the *Hermes* staff; the office phone number is ext. 7328.

We also invite the Dana community to submit any story ideas or information about events that are occurring on campus. With a small staff, there

are events or story ideas that we did not cover simply because we were not aware of them. Again, please call the office, send us an e-mail at hermes@acad2.dana.edu or talk to a staff member about any ideas or suggestions.

And finally, we are always happy to have more writers join our staff. If you have ever wanted to try your hand at writing an article or even wondered how, the *Hermes* is a great opportunity to try.

Just talk to a staff member or come to our meetings at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. During our meetings we generate story ideas and hand out assignments. The meetings are open to everyone, so please come share your contributions!

This Week @ Dana

Friday

Noon Hour Drawing, CC

Winterfest

7 p.m. social

7:30 p.m. dinner

9 p.m. dance

9:30 p.m. coronation

Track & Field Husker Invitational, TBA

Saturday

Dinner Hour Drawing

8 p.m. comedian Joel Zimmer, cafeteria

Sunday

10 p.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Monday

7 p.m. Student Senate budget meeting, Linden Room

Tuesday

10 a.m. van leaves for Midwest Career Expo

10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

7 p.m. Black History Month speaker, Bobby Loud, Linden Room

Wednesday

Student Teaching Applications due

10 p.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Thursday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

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Dana students use Interim to experience London

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

The theater and rich history of London drew Dr. John Mark Nielsen and a group of Dana students there during the January interim. The group spent 10 days sight-seeing and experiencing London and the outlying towns of York, Canterbury, Stratford and Oxford.

Nielsen decided to lead a group on a trip to London because of the role the city has played in shaping the American experience. Sophomore Dan Kennedy said he chose to go to London rather than taking one of the other trips because of the familiarity of the language. "I don't speak a foreign language and I like to visit other countries; London seemed like a good choice," he said. Sophomore Leora Jaeckel chose this trip "because every time the opportunity arises to travel, it seems too expensive. And this trip also fit into what I have planned for my life. I plan to be an English professor and work in the theater. London had what I wanted."

Nielsen set specific goals for the students. "I wanted to expose them to a city in which so much has oc-

curred which explains American and English history. I also wanted them to explore the theater, see live productions and go backstage. No one does Shakespeare like the English. I also wanted them to develop confidence in finding their way around. They used many forms of public transportation."

Kennedy said his main goal for himself during the trip was to learn his way around and enjoy himself. Jaeckel stated, "I wanted to get a good

"I want to go back and live there."

-Dan Kennedy

sense of life in England now. I also wanted to see good shows and the setting that so many great writers lived in."

The group members each have their own ideas about what was the best part of the trip. "One of the best parts was seeing all the productions, but it's hard to narrow it down to one. We got to see all kinds of shows, different theaters, and how the plays came together," said Jaeckel.



While on their 10-day interim trip to explore the history and theater of England, Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Dan Kennedy, Heather Plowman, Leora Jaeckel, Leslie Schroeter, Desiree Anderson and Bobbie Day pause for a picture in front of a sundial in London. (Photo courtesy of Leslie Schroeter)

"The best part was the night I went clubbing with my cousin who is studying in London. I didn't get back to the hotel until 5 a.m.," said Kennedy.

"The most satisfying part for me was to watch the students responding to the theater. One of the best parts

of the trip was also one of the worst parts. We were watching *Richard III* played by the Royal Shakespeare Company in the Globe theater on opening night when the lights went down. A man in a tuxedo came out and told the audience they were going to have to cancel the show. It was

unbelievable," said Nielsen.

"The only bad part of the trip was the plane ride," said Kennedy. "It was long, the movie was bad and I couldn't sleep." Did that dampen the spirits of the travelers? No way. "I want to go back and live there," he said.

Dana alumna joins admissions

MEGAN OLSON
Reporter

When Denise Work showed up at the Career Service's office this summer to update her resume, she didn't think she would be working at Dana as the new admissions counselor.

Work wasn't even looking for a job when Mary Jo Kubie told her to go talk to Deb Balzer in admissions. "I was wearing sweatpants and an oversized sweatshirt during my interview with Deb," she said. The two talked for an hour and a half that night, discussing concerns and hopes for the new semester.

Work is a 1996 Dana graduate with majors in English, print communications and German. After being an admissions counselor at Midland College in Fremont for two years, she decided to make Dana her home once again.

When asked what made her want to come back to Dana, she said she thought it would be more fun because she was a student here and could relate to the Dana community.

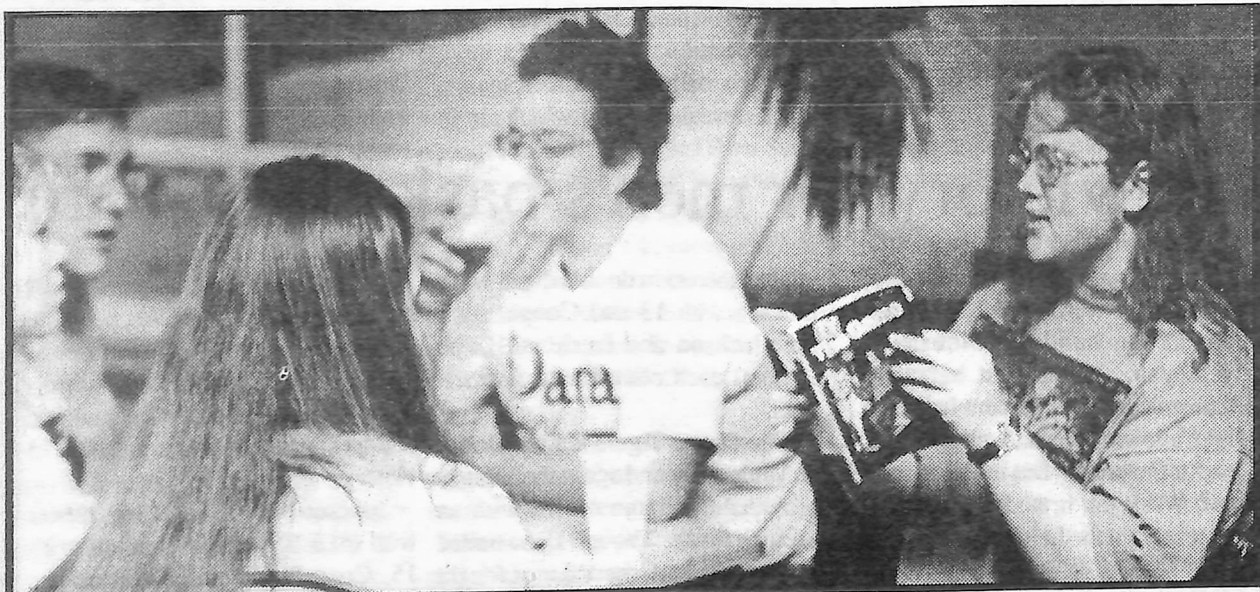
Work said she never thought about transferring from Dana as a student. She enjoyed her classes and her professors. "But I never thought I would be working here," she admitted.

"The thing I like most about Dana is being able to work in such a close environment with the students," Work

said. She can see them and get to know them better, rather than just passing them somewhere on campus and saying hello.

The hardest thing about coming back to Dana for Work is having to interact with the administration as a professional. "I see professors on campus whom I feel like I didn't work to my full potential for and ones that I skipped class on," she said. "Now I have to show them that I am a professional and no longer a college student."

Work wanted a job where she could interact with people, and she found one at Dana admissions. "I was more shy in college. Being an admissions counselor has definitely made me be more outgoing."



During RHA game night on Jan. 12, Jackie Smith explains the rules and reads the questions to participants in the TV Guide Game. (Photo by Lindsay Bamesberger)



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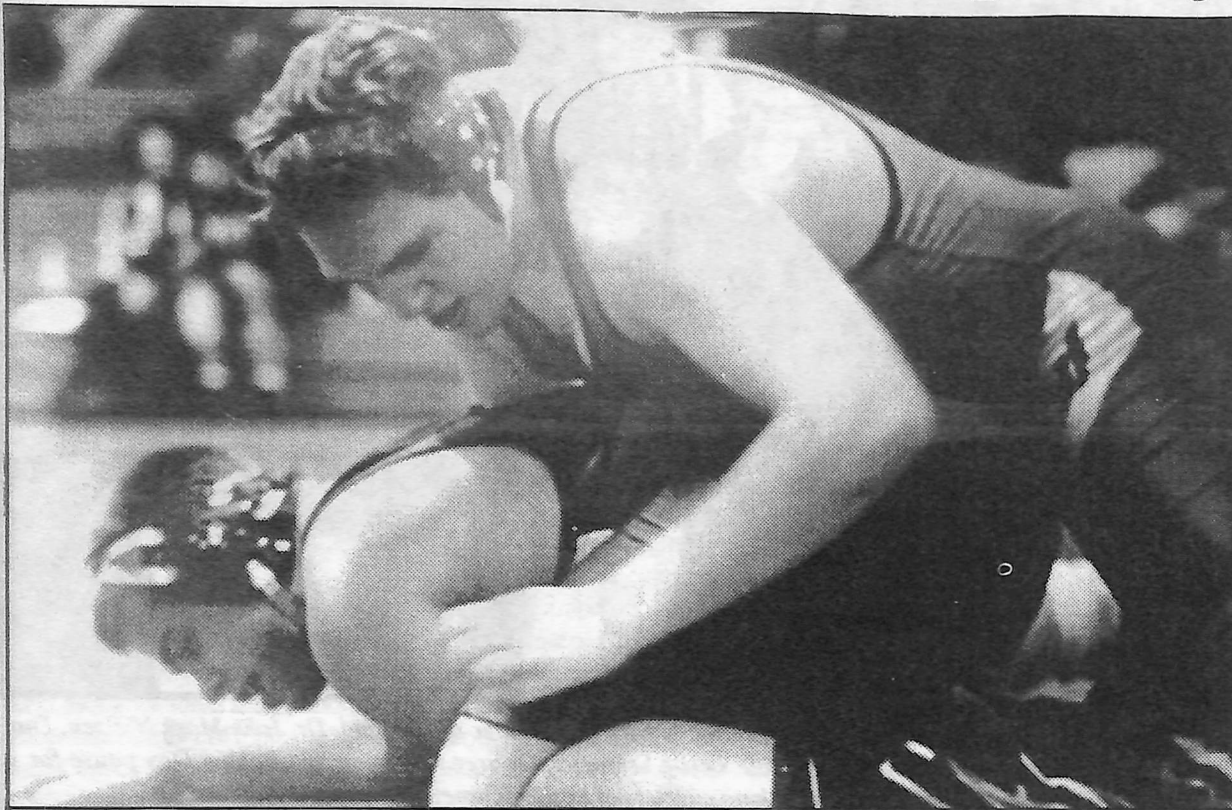
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Four Viking wrestlers qualify for national meet



Freshman Jason Carroll struggles with his opponent in the heavyweight division of the Dana Invitational on Jan. 16. Four Viking wrestlers have qualified for nationals this season. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

BROOKE THOMSEN
Reporter

Four Dana wrestlers have fought their way toward national qualification in the past two weeks.

Perry Mostek and Darold Foster were the first to make the list at the Central College Invitational in Pella, Iowa. Mostek finished second in the 197-pound division. Foster pulled to the top of the 156-pound division.

Northwestern (Iowa) College set the stage on Jan. 30, for two Dana wrestlers to add their names to the brackets.

Dax Doran, heavyweight, worked to second place. He nearly found his way to first until the last few seconds of the match where his opponent broke out of Doran's hold. Doran is ranked fifth in his weight class. Placing third to qualify in the 197-pound bracket was Ryan Barrett.

Other exciting action in the Northwestern Invitational included Foster's

first place win. Coach Ron Beaman said Darold looks dominant and crushed some ranked competitors in finals.

Foster finished the meet with a 10-2 record. Foster had not competed since the University of Nebraska at Omaha Invitational due to injuries. Also at Northwestern, Mark Smith placed fourth in the 133-pound bracket.

According to Beaman, injuries have hurt the team in dual competition. The team's dual record is 1-1 with three duals left against Buena Vista College, Briar Cliff College and Northwestern.

Chad Greguras has been taken out of competition because of injuries, according to Beaman. Steve Jenny is just starting the season after recovering from mono.

Jenny said, "We still have a lot of injuries we're battling, but we're coming back strong."

Coach Beaman is looking for the team to finish in the top ten at nationals.

Runners experience personal bests at Dakotadome

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

The Viking track teams experienced several highlights at Saturday's University of South Dakota Invitational in Vermillion, S.D. Among the top performances were Aaron Schlote's third place finish in the 3000 meters and Tiffani Nielsen's 10:52.74 finish in the 3000 meter run, which shattered a Dana record.

Schlote led four teammates to personal best times against the 35 competitors in the men's 3000 meter race. Schlote finished with a time of 8:59.80. Bob Spangler placed fifth with a time of 9:03.57 and Derek Fey was seventh with a time of 9:07.38. Jason Brindle and Marc Bierbaum also had personal bests, finishing with times of 9:28.24 and 10:14 respectively.

Nielsen's record-breaking time

earned her an eighth place finish, while Jessica Chambers finished in 12:09.84. Natalie Flynn ran her first race for Dana, the 800 meter run, in 2:37.44, while Kelly Kuiken ran the mile in 6:34.96.

"Our kids are in the early days of preparation for track," said coach Jay Birmingham. "With no indoor facilities to train in, some of our performances were remarkable."

Among the teams' performances were Scott Stanley's fourth place finish in the mile with a time of 4:23.72, which is his best of the season. Allen Wagner had a personal best win in the second heat of the mile with a time of 4:32.25. In the 800 meter run, Wagner finished in 2:02.34, followed closely by teammate John Tripp 2:04.91.

The runners will compete next at the Husker Invitational held today in Lincoln, followed by a return trip to Vermillion on Saturday for the University of South Dakota Open.

Viking women adjusting to system

DEREK FEY
Reporter

A combination of inconsistency, lack of depth and a tough conference schedule have made this year's women's basketball season a bumpy one. And the 5-17 record shows it.

"Part of our problem has been consistency," coach Judy Vaughn said. "A lot of it is mental. We are playing teams that have benches a mile long. I don't care how good of shape you're going to be in, when they're bringing people in and out and in and out, you just can't hang with them."

The Vikings' most recent defeat came Wednesday from Doane College, ranked eighth in the NAIA, according to last week's ratings. The Vikings got out played, with the final score ending up 72-56.

"It's just been a tough season for us," Vaughn said. "We lost a few early games and if we would have won them the mentality would have been different."

The Vikings hosted Nebraska Wesleyan Jan. 30, only to be beaten 64-46. Wesleyan made twice as many field goals in the first half, although by halftime the Vikings were only down by seven, thanks to a 15-17 effort at the free throw line.

"We played with Wesleyan the whole time," Vaughn said, "but we just couldn't get over the hump."

The game's leading scorer came from Elizabeth Snedigar, a junior from Clarinda, Iowa, who scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Hastings College visited Dana for a conference showdown Jan. 27. The Broncos took advantage of a 30 percent shooting drought from the Vikings to win 64-46.

Junior Sarah Klein, from Sioux City, Iowa, led Dana scoring with 12 points and junior Tricia Nicholson, from Oklahoma City, Okla., led the game in rebounds with nine, coupled with nine points off the bench.

Though the Vikings' record may not look good on paper, it's not for a lack of competition. The Vikings have played six nationally ranked teams, as of last week, three of which are in

the top 10 and five of which are in the conference.

"It's a rough conference season," Vaughn said. "We want to be respectable and hopefully we can learn from this and build so we don't make the same mistakes."

Though the season has been rough, Vaughn knows the difficulties of a first year at a college.

"We're in a rough situation right now," Vaughn said. "It just takes a while to get used to a system. I hope that they [the players] know that I haven't given up on them and I don't want them to give up on themselves."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Vikings as they travel tomorrow to Northwestern, ranked 16th in the NAIA last week, for a 3 p.m. contest. The Vikings then travel to Peru State on Thursday and then come back to host Midland Lutheran for the last home game Friday.

"If we could pull off a conference win or two in the remaining games," Vaughn said, "maybe that will give us something to get us through the off-season and get started back in the right direction."

Three close games end in one victory for men's basketball team

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

Three home games in the last week resulted in three close games, two losses and one victory for the men's basketball team.

On Jan. 27 the Vikings took on Hastings College and narrowly defeated the Broncos 83-80. Though Dana was down 49-40 at the half, the Vikings came back with a strong second half and outscored the Bron-

cos 43-31. With only 12 seconds remaining and Dana up by one, senior K.C. Tupa nailed two free throws to help clinch the victory.

Four players scored in double digits, led by senior Tony Jackson with 22 points. Junior Ruel Cooper and sophomore Michael Johnson contributed 17 each. Sophomore Jim Koontz tallied 14.

The high rebounders of the game were Johnson with seven and Cooper with six. Cooper also had a career-high nine assists.

In their next game on Jan. 30, the

Vikings played another close one, but this time were dealt a 73-71 defeat at the hands of Nebraska Wesleyan. In the first half, the Plainsmen shot 39 percent from the field, allowing Dana to take a 34-27 lead at the break. But in the second half, Wesleyan heated up to hit 59 percent from the field and outscored Dana 46-37.

Johnson had a double-double for the Vikings, scoring 18 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Dana did, however, rebound the Plainsmen 42 to 34.

Other scorers in double digits were Jackson with 13 and Cooper with 10. Jackson and freshman Luke Connell each contributed five assists.

The Doane Tigers visited Borup on Wednesday and again the Vikings provided the home crowd with an exciting finish. Though Dana trailed by 19 at the half, the Vikings fought back to within five, 78-73, with 36.2 seconds remaining.

After a Dana foul to stop the clock, the Tigers missed two free throws and Cooper grabbed the rebound.

The Vikings pushed the ball upcourt and Connell took it in for a layup, bringing the score to within three at 21.6 seconds to go. With the Vikings forced to foul again, the Tigers made one free throw to secure the 79-75 victory.

Johnson was the leading scorer with 20 followed by Connell with 15. Connell also added nine assists on the night.

The 8-14 Vikings are in action tomorrow when they take on Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, at 7:30 p.m.