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Scholarship competition brings prospective students to campus

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

If you see many unfamiliar faces on campus this weekend, don't be alarmed; these people will be participating in the many events scheduled for the eleventh annual Presidential and Melchior Scholarship Competitions.

The admissions office is expecting approximately 100 prospective students and their families to be in attendance for this day-long event. According to admissions counselor Daurine Petersen, activities for these guests will begin at 8 a.m. and will end at approximately 5:30 p.m.

In hopes of earning a scholarship award ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition, prospective students will be asked to write an essay, which will be evaluated by Dana's English pro-

fessors, and participate in an interview.

The qualifications for participation in the Presidential Scholarship Competition are a minimum high school GPA of 3.25 or a minimum ACT score of 25. According to Petersen, one major purpose of the competition is to attract students who have high scholastic standards.

"Our purpose is to bring some good academic students to Dana and give them the opportunity to compete for scholarships that range up to full tuition," said Petersen.

In addition to the competition itself, the students will be given the opportunity to attend a 9:30 a.m. chapel service, receive a tour of the Dana campus, attend an afternoon activity fair held in the campus center and meet with professors in their academic area. Parents will be encouraged to attend the morning or afternoon sessions geared toward answering par-

ents' questions about Dana and about college life in general.

Aside from competing in the Presidential Scholarship Competition, students who are musically inclined may participate in the Melchior Voice Competition.

"The Melchior Competition pertains to students who wish to compete for vocal music scholarships," said Petersen. "About 20 to 30 students are expected to participate for awards ranging in amounts up to \$3,000."

According to Petersen, much preparation time and energy are invested in these competitions, but there are certainly rewards for everyone involved.

"This is probably the most important day of the year for the admissions office, and we put a lot of work into it. But we really enjoy it and we think the students enjoy it too," said Petersen.

New organization handbook to help groups register

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The Student Organization Handbook was produced by the Student Life office as a guide for all student organizations to use in becoming a recognized group.

The handbook includes information on becoming a student organization, fulfilling requirements, using campus facilities and designing budgets. It also includes information and paperwork for an annual registration of student organizations.

Current student organizations have received the handbook and should complete the necessary registration paperwork as soon as possible.

Registration is necessary in order to become a recognized student organization and to petition for funds.

The information, including the organization's constitution and offic-

ers, will be kept on file. Next fall, organizational leaders will be contacted to update information.

Registration will allow the Student Life office to compile a master list of organizations, which would help students, staff and prospective students know what organizations are available and who to contact.

Kevin Schaudt, dean of students, said a major goal of the handbook is to better organize the variety of student groups on campus.

At the beginning of the school year, many group members don't know what is expected of them and therefore don't fulfill the requirements. Schaudt said he attempted to include all necessary information in the handbook.

Schaudt said he also hopes the master list will enable student organizations to collaborate with other student groups. "Our most successful events tend to be when groups work together," Schaudt said.

DVTV plans upcoming events and looks for student involvement

JENNY LEMMERMAN
Reporter

Broadcast communications is growing here at Dana College. You may be familiar with Dana's radio station KDCV, especially this year since there has been an incredible amount of interest and participation.

One area you may not be as familiar with is DVTV, Dana's television station. While flipping through television channels, you might be passing up Channel 5. It seems that SCOLA (an international broadcast) is usually on the air. However, this semester new ideas and plans for improvement are being put into action.

Vern Wirka, head of DVTV and KDCV, said he is excited about upcoming events. One fairly new project in particular is the station's focus at this time. DVTV will be airing a live teleconference entitled "Exploring the Bible with Others," produced by the National Bible Association in partnership with the United Methodist Teleconference Network. Wirka said, "We will be one of eighty down link sites for this program." The teleconference will air Feb. 27

from noon to 4 p.m. DVTV will also air the taped version of the program at later dates as well.

Wirka wants all Dana students to know that they are welcome to become part of the DVTV team. He said it is open to all students on campus regardless of major. Wirka stated, "It's a learning experience that provides hands-on basics." TV participation is a one credit course; however, ways of grading have changed a bit. "This year TV and radio participation classes are given a letter grade rather than pass/fail," Wirka said.

DVTV allows students to work on their own ideas and areas of interests. They are also able to gain an overall understanding of the equipment and television process. Wirka said, "I encourage people to come with ideas, interests and things they'd like to do. I'd like to see us take advantage of our new facility and programming abilities. We'd like to start some new programs such as filmed presentations, interviews and shows."

If you're interested in taking part in DVTV, contact Wirka by e-mail or campus office extension 7349. Students who may be of help are Tyler Cooper, student manager, and Jenny Lemmerman.



During halftime of the men's basketball game on Feb. 10, the men's cross country team waits to be presented with the Sears Trophy for winning the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference championship. Pictured are Justin Christensen, Matt Poulter, Bob Spangler, Derek Fey, coach Jay Birmingham, Scott Stanley, Jason Brindle, Neal Smith, Evan Bees and Marc Bierbaum. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Crash kills two Dana students' siblings

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

Two Blair High seniors, both with sisters who are Dana College students, were killed in a car accident on Sunday.

In information taken from the Omaha World-Herald, Amy Herman, 17, and Monica Cole, also 17, died when their Chevrolet Lumina col-

lided with a pickup truck five miles south of Blair on Nebraska Highway 133.

Herman's sister is Dana sophomore Rachel Herman, and Cole's sister is senior Caseina Cole.

Two other passengers in the car were injured. Brandy Lynch, 17, also a Blair High senior, and Katelyn Pederson, 8, the Hermans' stepsister, were hospitalized. The driver of the pickup, Wendy Flatt, 24, of Omaha, was killed. On Tuesday Pederson

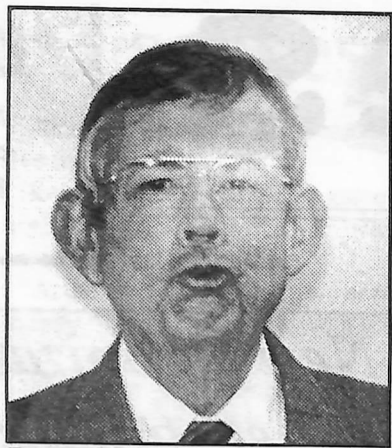
was released from University Hospital in Omaha while Lynch was listed in critical condition.

Flatt was headed north toward Blair and Cole's car was traveling south when the vehicles collided nearly head-on at 3:45 p.m. Officials said both cars strayed over the center line. No one in either vehicle was wearing a seat belt.

Funeral masses were held at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Blair on Wednesday and Thursday.

How did you celebrate Valentine's Day?

Question and photos by Leslie Schroeter



"I gave my wife a butterfly necklace because she loves butterflies. She gave me a card with three-dimensional frog lips, but I don't remember what it said."
--Professor Sieg Krueger



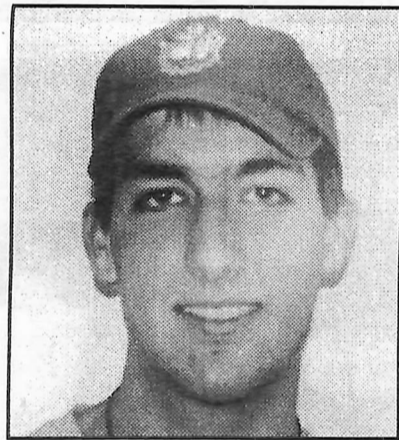
"Jason and I went to Fazoli's and stuffed ourselves with breadsticks. Then we came back to Dana and had a Blockbuster night."
--Tiffani Nielsen



"I surprised my wife with yellow roses because they're her favorite. She had no idea it was coming."
--Art Labs



"I hate Valentine's Day. It's too commercialized."
--Bobbie Day



"Lisa cooked a romantic dinner for the two of us."
--Jason Brindle

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Panel 3: The man says, "we will perform experiments on this little one."

Panel 4: A man screams, "AAAAAAA"

Panel 5: A man says, "I knew they would be back soon, so I decided to fight back."

Panel 6: A man screams, "ARGH! Our ears! we cannot cope! we'll be back small boy!"

TO BE CONTINUED!

Campus recycling needs to become an entire Dana community effort

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

When my alarm clock sounded on Saturday morning, I knew I had two options: stay in bed or get up and help with recycling. I must admit the first sounded a lot better than the second.

Knowing from previous experience that recycling is not hard and that it takes only an hour or two, I decided to get up. And as I spent the morning sorting paper and pop bottles, I wondered why the recycling program has always struggled to recruit more volunteers.

It seems we have all let the program become a one-person effort by Dr. Jorgensen when it should be an entire community effort. After all, nearly all of us contribute to the amount of materials that needs to be transported to the recycling center, so why shouldn't we all be responsible to take care of it? Why should all of those recyclables just sit around or end up in the landfill because mem-

bers of the community aren't willing to invest a few hours on a Saturday morning? What happens when the people picking up our slack can't do it anymore?

I'll be the first to admit that I should help recycle more often; I'm as much to blame as anyone else. However, everyone should recycle at least once. Everyone needs to see how the amount of recycling removed from DCC could nearly fill a pickup alone. After recycling just once, everyone would think twice before throwing that banana peel in the recycling container or tossing that junk mail in the barrel marked for white paper.

Student Senate now requires all organizations that receive Senate funds to help one Saturday per semester. While it's a great idea, it is not going to work without any support. For example, earlier in the week about 10 Campus Ministry members said they would be there on Saturday. Yet how many of those showed? Three. This is not just a Campus Ministry problem; this happens to nearly every organization. A few people can get a good portion of the recycling done

over the course of the morning, but adding even a few more could cover the entire campus in an hour or two.

Perhaps Dana should add a community service component that requires students to help with recycling as part of graduation requirements. Apparently we all need some incentive to recycle and maybe putting graduation on the line would do it. With Dana's size, every student would need to recycle only once or twice a year. It would save the few dedicated recyclers from having to carry the recycling burden alone all of the time.

On Saturday morning I may not have started out with the best attitude about recycling, but as the morning passed I realized the satisfaction I felt from helping was even better than another hour of Saturday morning snoozing. Everyone should at least give it a try.

In closing, Dr. Jorgensen deserves a special thank you for the endless hours he has invested in recycling. His dedication, selfless giving and commitment to an important cause provides an example the entire Dana community should learn to follow.

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Dana professor receives award

BROOKE THOMSEN
Reporter

The Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association honored one of Dana's communication professors, Sieghard Krueger, with the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. They presented this award on Feb. 6 at a forensics tournament in Norfolk.

According to Krueger, he was nominated for this award by the current forensics coach, Kevin Schaudt, and honored by current collegiate forensics coaches for his longevity and outstanding contributions to the association.

Krueger said he began coaching forensics at Dana in the early 1960s when he first taught here. He also coached the team after returning to Dana in 1979, coaching through the early 1980s. While at Dana, Krueger said he served two years as the state forensics association's executive secretary. Krueger coached his last two years of forensics in 1995 and 1996 before Schaudt began the job.

Dana's forensics team had fruitful years from 1982-1984. Krueger explained that during this time, nearly two vans full of Dana stu-



Professor Sieghard Krueger receives the Distinguished Service Award from a representative of the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association during a forensics meet on Feb. 6 in Norfolk. (Photo by Kevin Schaudt)

dents attended meets, four or five students earned positions at national competition and the team won over 100 trophies, some of which are displayed in Krueger's office.

Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs, was one of these students who qualified for nationals.

Krueger said that it was a real thrill to work with students and watch them develop a lifetime skill.

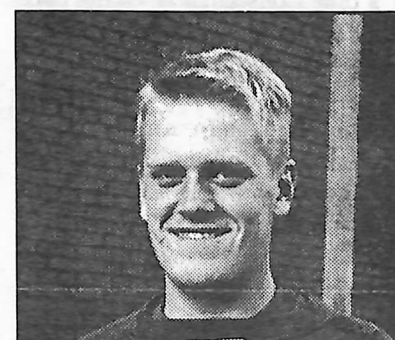
The award gave Krueger mixed emotions, ranging from happiness to honor. He said he did encourage and prod the students, but he was

humbled to know that without excellent students, colleagues and support these successes would not have been possible.

Jackie Smith, one of Dana's last forensics students coached under Krueger, explained that he was an overall great coach and person. She said that he was very encouraging and held high standards for his students, but at the same time he didn't keep the pressure high. Smith enjoyed his many adventurous stories and felt that his constructive criticism was worthy of an award.

Urban spends eight months learning, traveling in Denmark

TRAVIS KJAER
Reporter



At the end of school last year, Tom Urban traveled abroad for eight months to study business at the University of Southern Denmark and to experience the Danish culture. He lived in a town called Kolding, Denmark (estimated pop. 75,000), with his fiancée, Pernille Sorensen.

Urban had first heard about Denmark from H.C. Andersen's fairy tales "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Little Mermaid" as a child, but had only a blurred image of what the country was actually like. "I thought that it was small, homogenous and very liberal before going there. And after coming back, I find that it is a beautiful country with many wonderful people," said Urban.

He first spent the summer experiencing a new culture while learning the language at the same time. "The Danish language is very difficult to learn, but everyone helped me out on the basics while I was there," he said.

Dana Danish instructor Trine Thiessen said, "Tom has learned the culture and language more quickly from his experience than by only studying it in a classroom. He was in the actual setting of another culture everywhere he went."

Dr. Mary McComb, Urban's advisor, feels that he observed things in Denmark closely and has gained a better knowledge of its culture while developing a passion for the country.

President Myrvin Christopherson said he believes that you cannot learn things by only reading about them. Actually experiencing them, though, will enrich a person's life even more. He said, "International travel helps expand new horizons, motivates you to get involved with others, and gives you an appreciation of who you are and of your own culture."

While getting adjusted to the new place, Urban also traveled to Copenhagen, Paris and Germany. He spent time rooting for the Danish soccer team during the World Cup with many friends and visited the clubs

and hangout spots in Kolding. In the fall, he started his studies at the University of Southern Denmark (Syddansk Universitet) until late December. All of his classes were in English, except for his Danish class. He said that the school was very different than Dana. It had an enrollment of 15,000 students, and there was less interaction between faculty and students because of the class size.

But he feels that he learned more, because he had to take in the new culture and understand it while studying his schoolwork at the same time.

Although he took Danish in studying there, Urban feels he learned the language best by constantly applying himself and speaking it wherever he went. He said, "You should not be afraid to speak the language to others because it will only help your ability to understand it better, and to keep an open mind and try to see things from their point of view."

He said that when he goes back, he will bring along Mountain Dew because it's not available there. He said he will also take more pictures.

Urban feels that he has gained a different outlook on life and now sees things with a different point of view. He is glad that he had the opportunity to learn about a new culture and language that not a lot of people get the chance to experience. Urban said he cannot wait to go back to Denmark this summer because he feels that he has gained so much from his trip abroad and wants to learn more.

Anyone interested in studying abroad can contact Dr. Sybille Bartels in the Department of Languages and International Studies, or at her office ext. 7276. Urban would also talk to anyone who is interested in hearing about his Denmark experience.

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Senior guard scores 19 in last home game

DEREK FEY
Reporter

Borup Coliseum and Viking fans said goodbye last Saturday to senior guard Jodi Bradley.

Bradley finished her last home game in a Dana uniform against Midland Lutheran College, who beat the Vikings 64-59. But Bradley did not disappoint the crowd.

"Jodi had a good game, all and all," said coach Judy Vaughn. "She had 19 points and four rebounds, which is a good way for her to end her career."

Bradley is leading the team this season in assists (72) and is second on the team in field goal percentage, steals and average points per game.

Bradley also went 8-10 from the free throw line.

However, not even Bradley's game-high scoring performance was enough to beat the Warriors.

"At the crucial times when we need to make the wisest choices, we don't do it," Vaughn said.

Only five players scored for the Vikings, with juniors Kim Wilken and Elizabeth Snedigar joining Bradley in double figures, scoring 14 and 13 points, respectively.

"A couple of shots were taken that probably shouldn't have been," Vaughn said.

The Vikings made it to the free throw line nine more times than the Warriors. This was one of the first games this year the Vikings shot more

free throws than their opponents.

"It's something that really hasn't hurt us all year," Vaughn said.

"We had plenty of opportunities, we missed 11 free throws, and we lost by five points."

The Warriors capitalized on the Vikings' 22 turnovers by shooting 63 percent from the field in the second half.

"I felt the girls should feel good about how they performed," Vaughn said. "There's a lot of different things we can point to, but just one or two key little things and we would have had a win."

The Vikings traveled to Concordia College Tuesday for a conference game against the Bulldogs and lost 75-63.

The Vikings fell to 0-11 in the conference and 5-20 overall.

Sophomore Sarah Klein scored 12 points and led the team with five assists. Snedigar led the Vikings with 18 points, and Bradley also scored in double digits with 16 points.

The Bulldogs had four players in double figures, along with Amy Westbrook's 14 assists and five steals.

The Vikings were near perfect from the free throw line, shooting 13-15 in the game. However, the Bulldogs made it to the line 12 more times than the Vikings.

The Vikings traveled to Peru State College last night for a make-up game and will finish the regular season with a 3 p.m. game at Hastings College tomorrow.

Track talent shines in 5000-meter run

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

One race that seemed to bring out the best in several of Dana's runners during last Saturday's Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference Invitational track meet was the 5000-meter run.

For the men, Scott Stanley placed third in this event with a time of 15 minutes, 6.77 seconds, which qualified him for nationals. Aaron Schlote placed fourth overall with a time of 15:22.55. Both Stanley and Schlote ran personal bests. Bob Spangler ran a time of 15:54.72 to place seventh and Marc Bierbaum also ran a personal best with a time of 17:02.54.

Tiffani Nielsen and Jessica Chambers added to the successes in the women's 5000-meter run. Nielsen placed seventh with a personal best time of 19:04.34 and Chambers placed third in the unseeded section of the 5000 with a personal best 21:01.96.

Other runners recorded personal bests in the mile run. Jason Brindle finished in 4:33.94, and John

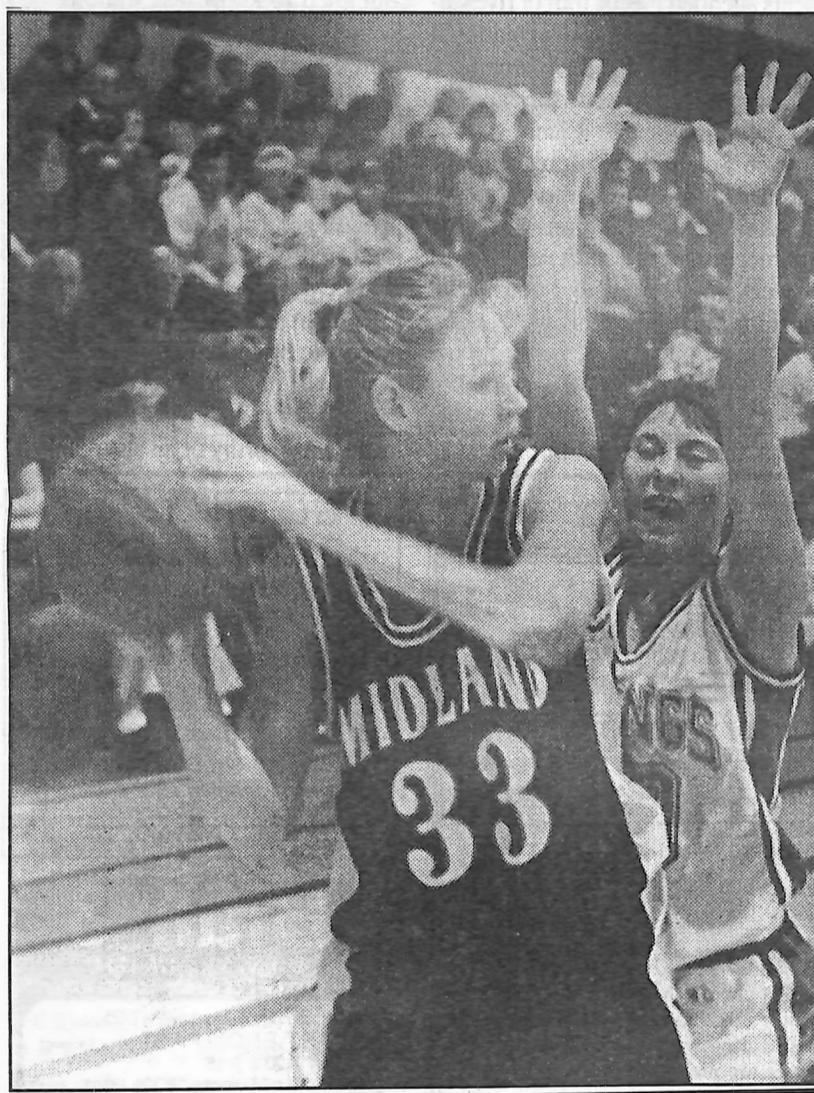
Henningsen ran the event in 5:00.54. Allen Wagner chipped nine seconds from his previous personal best with a time of 4:19.33 which earned him an eighth place finish overall.

"Allen is developing confidence with each race," said coach Jay Birmingham. "His tenacity and positive attitude are leading him to one success after another."

Justin Christensen and John Tripp both improved their times in the 1000-meter run. Christensen placed eighth with a time of 2:36.54 and Tripp took 11 seconds off his old mark to win his section with a time of 2:39.57.

Also competing for the Vikings were Amber Weber in the high jump with a mark of 4-11 1/2. Kevin Kern ran 57.19 in the 400 meters and 37.25 in the 300 meters. Rence Boman ran 63.1 in the 400 meters, while Natalie Flynn ran a solid 5:51.36 in the mile.

The NAIA National Championships are scheduled for Feb. 25-27 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln. The indoor track season will come to a close on March 6 with NIAC meet at Nebraska Wesleyan.



Dana defender Molly Fuxa works to stop the Midland player during the women's last home game of the season. The Vikings lost to the Warriors 64-59 on Saturday. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

Men's basketball team loses final home games

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

The last two home games of the year for the men's basketball team resulted in two Viking losses.

In a non-conference match-up on Feb. 10, Dana faced the Chargers from Briar Cliff College. While the Vikings lost 94-72, Coach Dave Jensen said that he was not displeased the team's performance.

"They have great athletes," said Jensen of Briar Cliff. He said the Chargers played very well and shot the three-pointer better than expected, pouring in 10 three-pointers com-

pared to Dana's three.

Though the Vikings were down 51-32 at half time, the second half scoring was nearly even at 43-40 in favor of Briar Cliff. Jensen said that if the Vikings had played the first half like they played in the second, it would have been a much closer game.

Sophomore Michael Johnson and senior Tony Jackson led the Viking offense. Johnson scored 20 points, and Jackson followed with 19. Both players were the high rebounders of the night with six each.

On Saturday the Midland College Warriors came to Borup and successfully avenged an overtime loss to the Vikings from earlier in the season. Jensen called both Midland-Dana

games great spectator games that went down to the wire. Saturday's game included 18 lead changes and 13 ties before a 89-81 Viking loss.

With 2:34 to play the Vikings found themselves down by eight, 81-73. Jackson and senior K.C. Tupa hit back-to-back three-pointers after a Midland free throw to pull the score within three. The teams exchanged free throws and Dana rebounded the ball with 12 seconds left. The Vikings' last shot, a game-tying three-point attempt, was blocked and the Warriors sealed the victory with two free throws and a 25-foot shot at the buzzer.

Jensen said that while the overall defense was good, Dana was not able

to stop Midland's post players. The Warriors' success in the paint was most costly to the Vikings, he said.

Jackson was Dana's leading scorer with 25 points. Johnson followed with 11, and senior Chris Wulf scored 12. Jensen said he thought Wulf had one of his best games in his last home-court appearance.

With a near-capacity crowd for the Midland game, Jensen said he really appreciated all the fans at the game and thanked the Superfan Club for their support this season.

Excluding Thursday's game against Concordia College, the Vikings are now 9-17. Next up for Dana is a conference game at Hastings College at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Wrestlers take sixth place in Minnesota

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

Two away meets resulted in a dual loss to Northwestern and a sixth place finish at the Carleton Wrestling Invitational for the Viking wrestling team.

On Feb. 10 Dana wrestlers headed to Orange City, Iowa, for a dual against Northwestern College. The Red Raiders defeated Dana 38-9.

Winners for the Vikings were junior Steven Jenny and sophomore Dax Doran. Jenny competed in the 157-pound weight class and won by a fall over Northwestern's Josh Anderson. Doran defeated Levi Markwardt in the 285-pound weight class by the score of 4-2.

At the Carleton Invitational in Northfield, Minn., on Saturday, the Vikings finished sixth out of 11 teams. Augsburg College won the meet with 149.5 points. Dana tallied 53.5 points.

Doran was the only Viking to reach a championship match but was defeated 9-2 by Clint Long of Mount St. Clare.

Working his way back after a defeat in the semifinals, Jenny advanced to the third-place match in the 149-pound division. He lost 6-4 to Mark Peterson of Augsburg.

In the 197-pound weight class, junior Perry Mostek lost in the quarterfinals but followed up with two wins to reach the third-place match. He fell to Kevin Lasagna from Huron University.

Other Viking finishes included sophomore John Brummer taking seventh in the 125-pound division, senior Ryan Barret finishing sixth at 174 and freshman Ryan Uhing placing seventh in the 184-pound division.

The Vikings will head back to Minnesota on Saturday for regionals and then face Briar Cliff for a dual meet on Wednesday.

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