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Millennium trip to Egypt in the early planning stages

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Copy Editor

An Interim 2000 excursion to Egypt is currently in the planning stages.

James Olsen, associate professor of art and faculty sponsor of the trip, said he chose Egypt as an Interim destination for several reasons. He said he enjoys taking students to places

that are off the beaten path for most Americans, and while western Europe is a common destination, the Middle East is not.

Also, the low cost of living in Egypt offsets the additional cost of getting there, Olsen said. As an art history professor, Olsen said he enjoys the rich historical legacies available. And the climate is more appealing in that area. January is ideal travel time in Egypt. "It's shirt-sleeve weather," he said.

This excursion will be Olsen's third trip to Egypt. He studied there in the summer of 1985 and took an Interim travel group there in 1993. The 1998 Interim trip Olsen sponsored was scheduled to spend a week in Egypt, but that segment was rescheduled after several tourist scares.

"I've never started planning this early," said Olsen. Many students, alumni and emeritus professors have already expressed interest. Olsen said he has received inquiries from about

20 students and knows of at least six nonstudents who plan on attending.

Olsen said the travel agent is currently working on an itinerary for the excursion, but he hopes to use the full three-week period. He said he hopes to spend a week in Cairo, though perhaps not all at once, with day trips to the plain of Giza, Cheop's Pyramid—one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Sphinx and the Western Desert.

He hopes to spend time in Luxor

where they will visit the Valley of the Queens and the Valley of the Kings where the royal tombs of King Tut and Ramses are located. Olsen said that farther up the Nile River, the group will tour ancient temples and stone quarries at Aswan.

Olsen said he hopes to travel south through Egypt by overnight train with sleeper units and north by way of a two- to three-day Nile cruise.

Olsen said he plans to spend time in Alexandria, viewing the ancient Roman sites, including the amphitheater and catacombs. And if time allows, Olsen said he wants to travel to St. Catherine's at the foot of Mt. Sinai on the Sinai Peninsula.

Cultural differences in the Middle East are abundant. Egypt proclaims to be a democracy, but really isn't, Olsen said. Rubber-stamp elections and restricted press are just a few differences. The military is constantly present, but their attendance is more a comfort than a threat, Olsen said.

Encountering people from a non-Western culture is an important part of the trip. Olsen said the Egyptian attitude toward Americans is very hospitable.

The anticipated cost for the trip is \$3,500. This will include air and surface transportation, lodging, admission to the historic sites and museums, and breakfast and dinner daily. Various types of financial aid are available to students for Interim travel.

Bloodmobile collects 66 donations during annual visit

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

When the American Red Cross Bloodmobile left campus on March 11, the blood supply was 66 pints larger thanks to the Dana community.

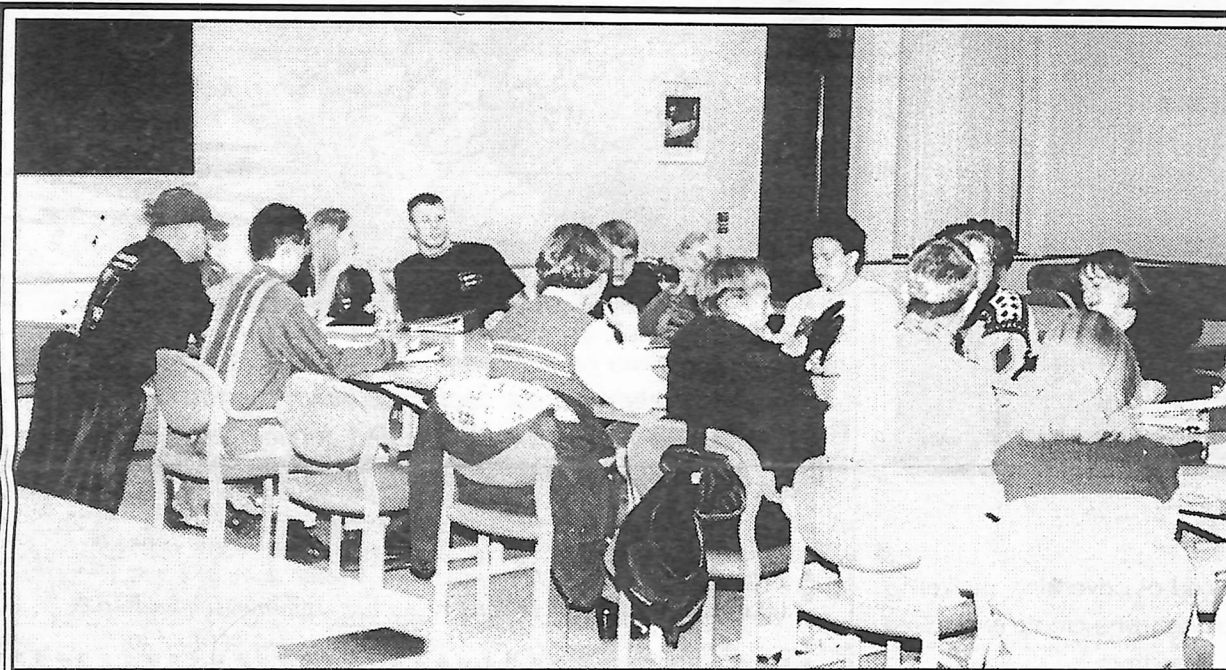
"Overall, the Bloodmobile was a big success," said Patti Nielsen, campus nurse. She said the efforts of the Bloodmobile committee and student volunteers were great and that the Red Cross was impressed with how smoothly the day went.

"We did fall short of our goal of 80 by collecting 66 pints of blood," said Nielsen. "The frustrating part for everyone was that 105 to 110 people signed up to give blood but either decided not to donate, were sick at the last minute or were deferred for other reasons such as recent tattoos and body piercings."

"I think the Bloodmobile went all right," said Kelly O'Brien, one of the committee members. "I know that we didn't hit our goal amount of 80 units of blood, but for those that were able to remember to come and give, I think it went really well."

Residents of fourth floor Mickelsen had the highest percentage of donors out of all the residence hall floors and will receive a free pizza party.

"I think it is important that people realize how appreciated that their donated blood is," said O'Brien. "I also think more people should make a goal to come in and actually donate."



Student Senate discusses campus concerns during one of their regular meetings in the Forum. The current Senate has one more meeting before next year's Senate takes over. Applications for next year's senators are still being accepted in the information booth until Monday. (Photo by Justin Christensen)

Students flock to Dana for OM tourney

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

The campus was alive Saturday as hundreds of students from elementary, junior high and senior high schools flocked to Dana to compete in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Tournament.

The youngsters participated in a variety of long-term problem-solving activities including Over the Mountain, EnviroMental Challenge, O, My Faire Shakespeare, RatiOMetric Structure, CustOMer Service and Saving Our IncOMe. Each team competes in one of these categories, as well as solves a spontaneous (brainstorming) problem.

Senior Deena Knapp was this year's regional tournament director, a job which began last September and is now winding down.

She said, "The tournament was great due to the volunteers from Dana and the OM community. There are always surprises, but I tried to

deal with them as they happened while maintaining the spirit of the event. I focused on making the tournament beneficial for the kids."

Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of psychology and teacher education, said, "OM is a program that stimulates creative and critical thinking skills in children. They work on their projects most of the year, so every week they are stretching their imaginations. OM also helps children learn to work together. The parents are involved, so connections are made between educators, children and the parents."

According to the OM Association, Inc., "OM's mission is to foster the development of creative thinking and problem-solving skills. OM teaches that great minds don't necessarily think alike...creative solutions come from teamwork, cooperation and risk-taking."

The top teams in each long-term problem division were awarded for their creativity at the end of the day during the awards ceremony. Knapp said, "The awards ceremony was the most memorable part of the day for

me. Watching the excitement of the kids at seeing who won made me realize that I had contributed to their lives by organizing the event. It made me feel good that Dana could provide a place for them to have the opportunity to compete."

According to the OM Association, Inc., some OMers have been able to profit from their unique ideas. "Sev-

eral OM teams have applied for patents for their projects. A Texas-based team developed the 'boardwalk,' a portable, less expensive version of a chair that helps a person with mobility limitations rise from a sitting to a standing position."

The students involved in this program are learning skills they can draw on later in life.



Volunteers Megan Ahrens, Cassie Green and Allison Ruhde help direct traffic during the OM tournament on Saturday. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

From the *Hermes*...

Believe it or not, now is the time to start thinking about next year. Many positions on campus are already being filled for the fall, including print media opportunities. Starting on Monday, applications for the position of editor-in-chief of the *Hermes* will be available.

The editor's responsibilities include overseeing the entire production of the newspaper each week. The editor must be able to provide leadership and guidance while working closely with other staff members. It is a paid position.

A full job description and applications can be picked up at the information booth in the campus center. Applications can be returned through campus mail to box 1252 and are due at noon on April 9.

After the selection of the editor-in-chief, applications and job descriptions will be available for other paid *Hermes* positions: copy editor, graphic editor, sports editor, features editor, photography editor and business manager.

Please consider becoming involved in the *Hermes*!

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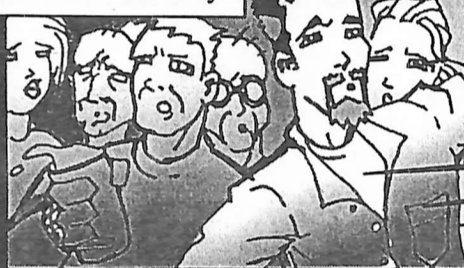
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Tuesday, March 30
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Presentation at 1 p.m. (Forum)
Informal talk at 2 p.m. (Forum)

Thursday, April 1
Ms. Diane Johnson
Presentation at 1 p.m. (Forum)
Informal talk at 10 a.m. (Gathering Place)

There will be no *Hermes* next week due to Easter Break. The *Hermes* staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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Business professor practices what she teaches

DANA COOPER
Graphics Editor

Setting an entrepreneurial example for her students, Fran Mallory, assistant professor of business here at Dana, took an idea and some determination and turned it into Clara's Closet, a successful business based in Elkhorn.

Clara's Closet provides a unique party alternative for birthdays and special occasions, offering dress-up parties, etiquette lessons and tea parties for children ages four and up. When asked about her motivation, Mallory responded that she had always wanted to start her own business and Clara's Closet was her way of fulfilling that dream.

Mallory came up with the idea for the business after her granddaughter had a birthday party similar to this in Kansas City, where the company brought the dress-up clothes to the client's home. Mallory and her sister, Mary Stalp, who also helped start Clara's Closet, thought

a company like this could do well in this area. They both enjoy sewing and knew they could make or alter the dresses themselves.

One of the obstacles they had to overcome in owning their own business was finding insurance. During their original search, they couldn't find anyone who would insure children's costume rental. When they started looking under general costume rental, they found an insurer.

Despite the challenges, it was worth it, Mallory expressed, saying, "There is a feeling that you have when you own your own business, a sense of accomplishment. It is hard to describe."

A piece of advice that Mallory had for someone thinking of starting their own business was to take Professor Ragan's Interim class. She also stressed the importance of making a business plan and looking at the costs before starting.

It is also important to keep in mind that it usually takes three to five years to get a business going, during which time a lot of hard work and persistence is required.



During a birthday party on Saturday at Clara's Closet, Professor Fran Mallory helps Jeni put on her make-up as Sydeny picks out perfume. (Photo by Dana Cooper)

A Birthday Party at Clara's Closet

As the children arrived for the party, they were ushered into a room filled with 130 dresses, as well as furs, boas, gloves and jewelry. The six girls spent 45 minutes trying everything on and picking out their favorite ensemble.

From there, they moved into the make-up room where they applied make-up, painted their nails and spritzed on some perfume. At this point, the birthday girl had the option of picking out a wedding dress as her special outfit. The girls all took turns accompanying the "bride" down the hallway as the mothers snapped pictures.

From there they went into the craft room to make picture frames and wide-brimmed hats. A mock tea party followed with each of the young ladies getting a turn to practice the proper way to serve tea.

After changing back into their own clothes, the presents were opened and the birthday cake served.

New county recycling center opens

JENNY LEMMERMAN
Reporter

Dana students, organizations and Blair residents have taken on the responsibility of recycling not only here on campus, but throughout the community of Blair. Recently, a new facility has been established to make recycling quicker, easier and more efficient.

On Feb. 25, the Washington County Recycling Center opened at its new location of 3rd and Colfax streets. The 80-foot by 80-foot building allows for the recycling of newspapers, office paper, magazines, paper board (cereal boxes), #1 and #2 plastics, tin cans, glass (clear, green and brown), aluminum foil and aluminum cans.

"One of the reasons we had to make the move is because of the over pass on Highway 30; the road took part of our original area, so we needed to relocate," stated LeMara Eicke, president of the Washington County Recycling Association.

They also needed more room to store things, for larger equipment and simply for a roof over their heads. They previously had been working

outside continuously battling the elements.

Funds for the new development were provided by a grant from the Waste Reduction Recycling Incentive Grant through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The new building consists of different recycling stations, restrooms and a small office.

Every Saturday a new group of volunteers meet to work from 8 a.m. to noon. Everyone who works at the recycling center is a volunteer. "It takes about 20 people to make the process comfortable," Eicke said. "We've had good local support."

"In the winter time it used to be more difficult since we were outdoors, but with the new building, we've noticed more interest in volunteering." Many civic, church and youth groups have come to help, along with the core group of volunteers that work every Saturday.

However, this isn't a job for certain groups only. "If an individual wants to volunteer, all they need to do is show up and we'll put them to work. We never turn down volunteers. Everyone who comes usually leaves with a sense of accomplishment and they always learn a lot during their

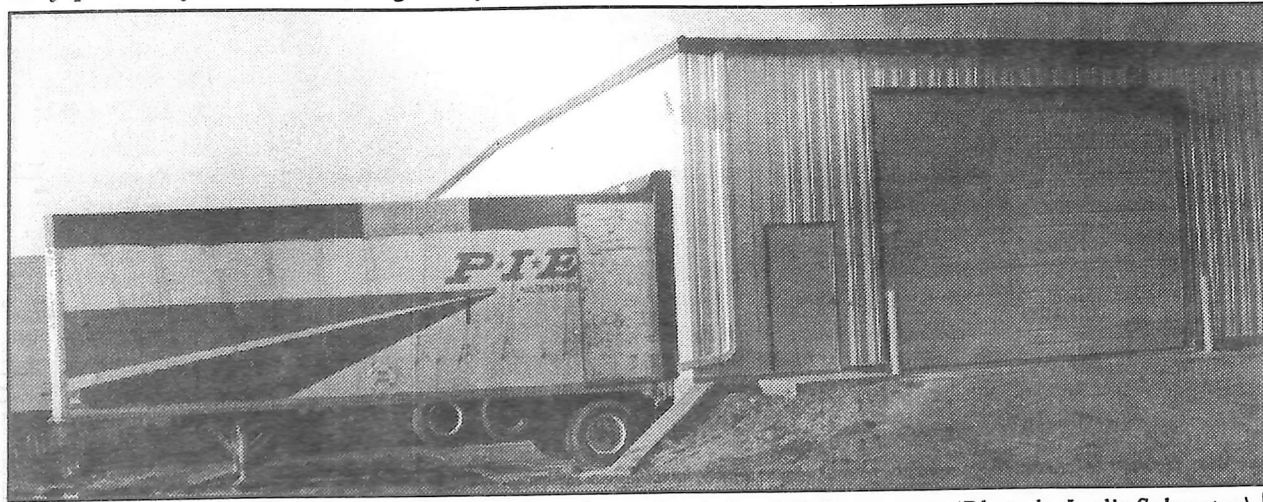
couple hours of work!" Eicke said.

Here's how the new center works. The building allows for a double lane of traffic. As the vehicles enter, a group of volunteers take the materials to designated areas for sorting, processing and packaging. The driver doesn't even have to get out of the car. Six to eight vehicles are let in at a time and it usually takes 10 to 15 minutes per vehicle.

"It depends how much [material] they have, but there's never much of a back up. It does, however, get pretty busy sometimes," Eicke shared. Two Saturdays ago, for example, 237 vehicles went through. On average, they have 230-240 on most Saturdays; some weekends, of course, are busier than others.

The recycling center processes 330-340 tons of different kinds of materials within a year's time. "We've been doing this for nine years and in those years we've processed way over six million pounds [over 3,000 tons] of materials," Eicke said. The volunteers plan to keep working hard in the years ahead.

Eicke added, "We've still got a few bugs to work out, but we're happy to keep learning new things every time!"



A tractor trailer waits by the new recycling center located at 3rd and Colfax streets. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

This Week @ Dana

Friday

TBA Softball at Hastings College Tourney
7 p.m. Easter Egg Decorating Party, CC

Saturday

Discover Dana Day
TBA Softball at Hastings College Tourney
9 a.m. Recycling, meet in CC
12 p.m. Baseball, Peterson Field

Sunday

1 p.m. Baseball, Midland Lutheran, Fremont
7 p.m. SEA Student Teacher Panel, DCC 316

Monday

Student Senator Applications due, Info. Booth

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel
5 p.m. Softball, Zimmerman Field
7:30 p.m. Band Concert, Lauritzen Theater
8 p.m. FCA, Forum

Wednesday

10 p.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Thursday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel
4:30 p.m. Baseball, Concordia University, Seward

Recyclers Needed!!

The Washington County Recycling Center needs volunteers from Dana on April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon. If interested, please contact Anne Christopherson.

Florida trip yields 4-7 softball record

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Dana's softball team gained experience in working together while getting the opportunity to compete in Florida against teams from different parts of the country during spring break. The Vikings then returned to play a home game against York College on Tuesday.

In the team's March 15 game against Blackhawk College, junior Jen Schneider was the losing pitcher, and Meaghan Shea had a double. The team ended the game with a 9-1 loss.

The next day, the Vikings faced Lambuth University (Tenn.). Schneider was the losing pitcher while senior Lisa Cady was 3-for-3 at the plate. Despite the team's efforts, they lost the game 9-0. In the second game against Lambuth on March 16, Cady was the losing pitcher. She and sophomore Sarah Graham had the only hits for the Vikings.

On March 18, the Lady Vikes competed against Three Rivers Community College (Mo.) for a 5-3 win. Highlights for the game included Schneider as the winning pitcher, Cady with a double and two home runs, and Graham with a hit.

Also on March 18, the Vikings faced a team from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dana trailed 1-0 heading into the top of the fourth

and gave up six runs. While Schneider was the losing pitcher, Cady, Graham and junior Jessi Thomsen were each 1-for-2 at the plate.

Dana played Huntington College (Ind.) on March 19. The team suffered a 3-1 loss and Cady was the losing pitcher. Also on that day, a two-run single by Graham brought a 2-0 victory over Brevard College (N.C.) Schneider pitched a one-hitter while striking out nine batters in the contest. The Vikings finished the day with a 4-3 loss to New York Institute of Technology in tournament play. Schneider was the losing pitcher for this game, while Thomsen

had two runs.

"We had a good break," said Coach Kathy Foley. "We got in a lot of games and I found out some things about the team."

In Tuesday's contest against York, freshman Lyndsy Walsh had a home run, Graham and Shea had doubles, and Schneider was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits and striking out seven batters. The day ended with a score of 8-1, favoring Dana.

The softball team was slated to play a home game Wednesday evening against Dakota State (S.D.). Today and tomorrow the team will participate in the Hastings Tourney at Hastings College.



Senior Amy Klusmeier takes off from first during Dana's 2-0 victory over North Carolina's Brevard College. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Cady)

Vikings play nine games in Florida

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

While most students were taking it easy over spring break, the baseball team travelled to Panama City, Fla., to compete against teams from across the country.

On March 14, the Vikings played the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. In the first game over break, junior Jason Houston and junior Ryan Enright each had two runs while senior Rich Martell, junior Joe Pennucci, freshman Kyle Murata, junior Justin Dutcher and senior Matt Kern each had one run. Pennucci and Murata had two hits apiece, while Houston, Enright, junior Joe Pope, Martell, sophomore Tommy Cox, Dutcher and Kern each had one hit. The winning pitcher was sophomore Aaron Woodard and the Vikings defeated their opponent 9-0.

The next day, the Vikings faced Carthage College (Wis.) in a game that ended with two runs each for Enright, Pope and Dutcher, while Houston, junior Bobby Howell, Woodard, Murata, Cox and Kern had one run apiece. Houston had two hits, as did teammates Enright, Martell and Cox. Dutcher had three hits. In the end, the game was tied 12-12.

Also on March 15, Dana played the University of Wisconsin at Platteville for the second time in two days. This

time around, Pope scored two runs, while Houston, Enright, Martell, senior K.C. Tupa, Murata and Cox had one apiece. Cox had two hits, while Houston, Pope, Martell and Kern had one apiece. The Vikings beat the University of Wisconsin for the second time with a score of 8-6. Winning pitcher was junior Sam Breuklander.

The Vikings' March 16 game against Concord College (W.Va.) went to Concord with a score of 4-3. Dutcher scored two runs for the Vikings, while Tupa had one. Houston had two hits, and Enright and Dutcher had one hit apiece. Senior Tony Eitzmann was the losing pitcher.

University of Mobile (Ala.) was the Vikings' second foe on March 16. Dana's only run belonged to Martell, while he, Woodard, Murata and Howell each had one hit. Junior Ryane Doi was the losing pitcher, and the Vikings fell to Mobile 12-1.

March 17 brought a more successful game for the Vikings. Houston and Breuklander had two runs apiece against Concord College (W.Va.) while teammates Enright, Pope, Martell, Murata and Kern each had one. Two hits each went to Dutcher and Houston, while Pope, Martell and Breuklander each had one hit. Martell was the winning pitcher and the score ended up 9-6.

Kalamazoo College (Mich.) was Dana's opponent for the March 18 game. Martell had two runs, while

Houston, Pope, Breuklander, Cox, Dutcher and Kern each had one. Houston, Enright, Martell and Dutcher earned two hits apiece, and Pope, Murata, Cox and Kern each earned one. Woodard was the winning pitcher, and the Vikings finished their day with another victory, this time 9-1.

The Viking team played Carthage College for the second time that week on March 19. Although the earlier game had been tied, this time the tables were turned in favor of Carthage. Murata had two runs, while Houston, Pope, Cox and Woodard each had one. Martell and Dutcher gave the team two hits, while Houston and Cox each contributed one. Junior Corey Johnson was the losing pitcher and the Vikings fell to Carthage 17-6.

Dana played its last game in Florida against Wayne State College on March 19. Pope led the team in runs with three, while Houston and Enright each had two. Martell and Doi had one run apiece. Pope, Martell, Pennucci and Kern each had two hits, while teammates Enright and Dutcher each contributed one.

The Vikings had a home game against Buena Vista University (Iowa) slated for Tuesday, but it was canceled with no definite make-up date planned. Home games against Bellevue University and Midland Lutheran College are scheduled for Thursday and Saturday respectively.

Dana wrestlers take 19th place at NAIA nationals

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Dana's qualifiers for the NAIA national meet cut their spring break short in order to compete in the 42nd annual NAIA Wrestling Championships. The championships were held March 19 and 20 in St. Charles, Mo., at Lindenwood University.

Freshman Nathan Hoeft competed for the Vikings in the 133-pound division. He was defeated in the championship bracket by Kevin Case of Cumberland College (Ky.) by fall in 5:12. Hoeft went on to defeat Embry-Riddle College's (Ariz.) Tony Loscalzo by a 16-6 decision in the first round of the consolation bracket. In the second round, Hoeft fell to Justin Thurmin of Southern Oregon State College by a 10-7 decision.

Junior Steve Jenny, a competitor in the 149-pound class, was defeated by Derek Weigel of Mary College (N.D.) by a 10-6 decision in the preliminary round of the championship bracket. In the first round of the consolation bracket, Jenny competed against Jeremy Biddle of Missouri Valley College (Mo.) In this round, Jenny lost by disqualification.

Senior Ryan Barrett was defeated in the preliminary round of the 174-pound championship bracket by Montana State - Northern University's Nate Laslovich by a 4-3 decision. Barrett went on to be defeated by a technical fall (5:12)

by Matt Deck of Embry-Riddle College (Ariz.) in the first round of the consolation bracket.

Junior Perry Mostek experienced mixed successes. In the first round of the championship bracket, Mostek defeated Anderson College's (S.C.) Travis Gilbert by a 3-2 decision. Mostek, who wrestles in the 174-pound weight class, was defeated by a 4-3 decision in his championship bracket quarter finals match by Brian Sclislo of Findlay College (Ohio). In the third round of the consolation bracket, Mostek defeated Huron College's (S.D.) Kevin Lasagna by a decision of 11-8. In the consolation bracket quarter finals, Brad Gray of Southern Oregon State College defeated Mostek by a 7-3 decision. Southern Oregon State College's Jamie Haddon defeated Mostek by a 6-0 decision in the seventh place match.

Sophomore Dax Doran won his match in the preliminary round of the championship bracket against Cumberland College's (Ky.) Dustin Bentz by a fall in 2:36. In the championship bracket quarter finals, Doran was defeated by Shaun Meeks of Anderson College (S.C.) by a 5-4 decision. Doran was defeated in the third round of the consolation bracket by Al Bilins of Missouri Valley College (Mo.) by a 9-2 decision.

The Vikings earned 19th place overall with 9.5 points. Montana State-Northern University won the meet and their second consecutive title with 151.5 points.

Correction:

The *Hermes* would like to apologize for the error that occurred during the printing of the last issue. In the Q & A section, the pictures of Elizabeth Lange and Erin Eggers were inadvertently switched.

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