

Welcome back returning students, and welcome to all incoming freshmen

Welcome Edition

Hermes Dana College

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Orientation provides relief

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-Chief

August 26, 1999 will mark the beginning of a new chapter in approximately 190 lives. New faces, new professors and new roommates await all incoming freshman. This transition is sometimes tough to make, but for all students with anxieties, New Student Orientation helps ease the concern.

For four days freshmen will be involved in activities to help familiarize them with campus life and what it takes to be a student at Dana College.

Freshmen who have already moved on campus to play sports have a slight advantage of getting to know Dana before school starts. However, even those freshmen that have lived on campus two weeks before school starts don't know everything there is to know about Dana.

"Some fears are, if I will find all my classes, will everyone like me," freshman Katie Schneekloch said.

Freshman Teal Horky has already noticed differences between Dana and her high school experience.

"The people, like the volleyball players, are a lot different," Horky said. "Their attitudes and personalities are totally different. It's a good change."

Beginning today, all the freshmen will be in the same boat, traveling down the stream of the unknown together. To help freshmen down the path, today all freshmen will move onto campus, hold the first team meetings, attend a financial aid presentation, eat the first meal on campus at the welcome banquet and finish the day off with a helpful presentation about living on

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1	Kyle Thorberg Jessica Cosgrove	7567 7515
2	Kaj Nielsen Christina Nutter	7614 7629
3	Desiree Anderson Jillian Scheerhoorn	7432 7414
4	Jill Wellensiek Allison Botkin	7767 7658
5	Roni Peterson Jennifer Tekesky	7530 7764
6	Ben Edelman Vivian Chan	7616 7525
7	Chris Sorensen Jake Adolphson	7645 7646
8	Brian Anderson Ben Schacht	7639 7648
9	Dan Kennedy Melissa Dolezal	7544 7532
10	Renee Hesseltine Mark Haufle	7433 7647

academic resource information, placement testing, meetings with faculty advisors, team meetings and a presentation on becoming involved. The second night of orientation ends with a bingo party.

Orientation also connects freshmen with the roommates they will live with for the year. For some people, meeting their roommates is a bit of a dramatic experience.

"I'm not too worried because I have talked with her many times and she seems very nice," freshman Schneekloch said. "But I guess I'll find out."

Remember to wake up in time on the third day of orientation (Saturday) because the Dana Vikings are scrimmaging at 9:30. Saturday's activities also include a campaign rally for Student Senate, a presentation by Career Services, a presentation entitled "Safety on Campus" and a LARP (Liberal Arts Reading Program) presentation. Dinner will be held at the homes of faculty/staff members and following the dinner is a karaoke dance (a new edition this year).

"We have a balance of social activities, we have a balance of community building activities and we provide a lot of academic related activities," Schaudt said.

The final day of New Student Orientation includes worship, brunch, Dana Olympics, election of freshman Student Senators, a picnic at President Christopherson's house, team meetings and the new student commencement provides freshmen with a final sendoff into college life.

"The students will have enough knowledge, so that they can start their academic year on a successful note and be well prepared," Schaudt said.

campus and a form of entertainment.

"The main purpose of new student orientation," Dean of Students Kevin Schaudt said, "is that they become comfortable in their new environment, that they become acclimated to Dana College and that they form new relationships."

Friday will include computer lab orientation,

Resident Assistants train for upcoming year

R.A.s en route to completing extensive training

By: Derek Fey
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While most students last week were finishing up their summer jobs, taking a break from work or simply lounging around at home, the 1999-2000 Residence Assistants (R.A.s) were busy preparing for the upcoming year.

The R.A.s are in the process

of completing an extensive training program. The training ends the day freshmen arrive on campus.

"Most of the things we're doing they're trying to prepare us for things that happen," said junior Joe Pennucci, who is striving to become a first year R.A.

The future R.A.s participated in various activities, such as: preparing the floor for students to move in, practicing fire drills, many meetings, a scavenger hunt and conflict/roommate resolution skills.

One of the questions students may have is what would drive someone to watch

over college kids, sometimes until 3 a.m.?

"I like the leadership part of it. I feel like I lead by example," Pennucci said. "If people follow my lead, usually I'm not doing anything wrong. I don't jump off any bridges or anything crazy like that."

Obviously something attracts students to become R.A.s, just look at senior Jeremy Havekost. Havekost is back for his second year as an R.A. and doesn't think twice about doing it.

"I like having the responsibility," Havekost said. "It's fun to help the new people around, they look up to you."

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Argo	Jessica Langley	201	7401
	Kate Zadina	306	7415
	Jodi Skalak	406	7428
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	Ben Davison	308	7541
Holling	Brian Jones	409	7559
	Cheryl Pattie	207	7606
	Joe Pennucci	257	7615
	Theresa Soby	306	7628
	Bill Potts	356	7641
Mickelson	Melanie Hinze	406	7655
	Charles Kollie	457	7669
	Jeremy Havekost	218	7714
	Jim Koontz	318	7737
	Allison Ruhde	421	7762
	Jessica Chambers	404	7750

Hermes embraces Freshman class with open arms

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome, welcome, welcome. I would like to take time to welcome all the freshmen and transfer students coming into Dana.

I designed this paper especially for all of you who are a little anxious about this upcoming year. Don't worry, after a few days, all will be fine. Just hang in there and you'll do alright. If you are really down and confused, just remember

these dates: 12 days to Labor Day break, 51 days to Fall break, 91 days to Thanksgiving break, 114 days to Winter break, 210 days to Spring break and 237 days to the end of the year (that includes week-ends). Keep those dates in mind.

I wasn't much of your "participator," in fact, I don't remember attending half of my orientation. I didn't meet as many people as I had hoped, and I really did regret missing out on most of my orientation.

I'm encouraging all of you

new students to get as involved in orientation and school as possible. You won't regret the friends you make. I know that I regret missing out on orientation. Besides, what else are you going to do during orientation?

Schedule for Welcome Week

August 26 - September 2, 1999

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 p.m.

Bingo Party
Refreshments and Exciting Prizes

Cafeteria

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 p.m.

Karaoke Dance

Campus Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 p.m.

New Student Commencement

MFAC

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Floor Meetings

Residence Halls

9:00 p.m.

Comedian Pat McCurdy
Free Drinks and Munchies

Cafeteria

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 a.m.

Opening Convocation
Guest Speaker: Dr. Laurie Stone, Professor Emeritus

MFAC

7:00 p.m. -

Academic Expo

Campus Center

9:00 p.m. Learn more about Dana College and the academic programs available
Refreshments and Prizes Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Blair Fair
Meet local merchants, look for P-T jobs
sign up for cable, and more

Campus Center

9:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Campus Center

10:00 p.m.

Holden Vespers Service

Trinity Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Poster Sale

Campus Center

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Trinity Chapel

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Barbeque
MUST HAVE A MEAL PLAN

Cafeteria

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Opening Games, Matches & Meets

CROSS COUNTRY

Dana Open
September 11

FOOTBALL

@ Dakota Wesleyan
Mitchell, SD September 4

SOCCER

Northwestern
August 28

VOLLEYBALL

Bellevue
August 31

Dana College Vandalism Could Total \$500,000

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Omaha World-Herald writer

Vandals who broke into a science building at Dana College in Blair, Neb., caused an estimated \$500,000 in water damage by yanking the chain off an emergency shower station and allowing water to flow through the building.

Blair police and campus security are investigating the vandalism, which college officials believe occurred between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday.

The vandalized shower, outside a chemistry lab on the top floor of the four-story C.S. Dana Hall of Science, ran overnight Thursday and early Friday morning at a rate of about a gallon per minute, said Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs at the college.

There are no drains or overflow indicators for the building's emergency wash-off showers, he said, so water that flowed most of the night seeped through floors and ceilings, down stairwells and out the building's floor joints.

Schmoll said water saturated ceiling tiles, which broke and fell onto computer equipment and laboratory instruments. The science hall also had damage to its plaster walls.

A jogger spotted water coming from the building early Friday and notified authorities, Schmoll said.

Faculty, staff, students and officials at the 500-student campus responded - including Dana President Myrvin Christopherson and his wife, Anne - to mop up and clean debris from the building.

Schmoll said all of the building's ceiling tiles were damaged, in addition to many computers, lab instruments, books, research materials and faculty offices.

College officials say they hope the building will be ready when students arrive for the Aug. 30 start of classes.

The college has hired a company to dry out the building and will hire another firm to help with the cleanup.

The science hall, built in 1963, is not equipped with drains for the wash-off showers, Schmoll said, because the showers were designed for a quick rinse in case of contact with a hazardous chemical.

Schmoll said the college probably will install new shower heads equipped with overflow detectors that would shut off water after a certain point.

Schmoll said vandalism occurs rarely at Dana.

"I can't recall the last vandalism," he said. "It was so minor."

The college is offering an unspecified reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in connection with the vandalism. Anyone with information can contact the Blair Police Department, (402) 426-4747.

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New Area Hall Directors: young and busy

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-Chief

Dana had to fill a void after both Area Hall Directors JoAnn Stute and Trent Pikula left their positions last spring. Stute, who just last week gave birth to a son, is going to remain at Dana as the director of conferences and events.

One of the new Area Hall Directors hired is Jason Davis. Davis also was hired as the Coordinator of Intramurals and Club Sports.

"Everyone seems to be really nice," Davis said.

Davis received his bachelor's degree in business administration and natural science from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. Davis also was a Residence Hall Director at Midland before arriving.

"It's definitely a smaller college, which I'm looking forward to," Davis said. "It's going to be a change of pace from Midland. There's a lot more work to be done here."

Dana does not discriminate



Derek Fey/Editor-in-chief

"I come from Midland, being a rival school, so there's a lot of potential stirring up there

Jason Davis
Area Hall Director

when hiring faculty, but Davis knows that coming from Midland could not have helped him in getting hired.

"I come from Midland, being a rival school," Davis said, "so there's a lot potential stirring up there."

Area Hall Director Duties

- ⇒ paperwork
- ⇒ administrative responsibilities
- ⇒ work with Sr. R.A.s
- ⇒ leadership responsibilities with R.A.s
- ⇒ conduct issues
- ⇒ role modeling
- ⇒ making sure students have the best possible experiences out of class
- ⇒ keeping resident halls together



Derek Fey/Editor-in-chief

"I really don't have a whole lot of experience in residential life, but I'm learning very quickly

Shawn Cook
Area Hall Director

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-Chief

Freshmen are not the only individuals that may feel lost during the first couple weeks of school. Dana added Shawn Cook as an Area Hall Director and a coordinator of Student

Activities.

Cook received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Colo. He served as the Social Events Programmer at the University of Southern Colorado before coming to Dana.

Cook discovered the opening at Dana from a friend he met at various conferences, Dean of Students Kevin Schaudt. After the interview, Cook made his decision to come to Dana.

"I really don't have a lot of experience in residential life, but I'm learning very quickly," Cook said.

Having both responsibilities of a hall director and the coordinator of Student Activities is a demanding task.

"It's going to be a challenge," Cook said. "I'm really busy so far. It's coming along though."

This past week Cook has been busy preparing the Resident Assistants for the school year.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS

- ☛ Meal times:
Mon.-Fri.
7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sat. and Sunday
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.
- ☛ Register your car at Information Booth
- ☛ Last day to return books for refund: September 13
- ☛ Security begins ticketing cars without parking permits: Tuesday, Sept. 7
- ☛ Off-campus residents may pick survival guides in Student Life Office
- ☛ Campus Chapel
Tuesday: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m.
- ☛ New Dorm Regulation:
No toasters
- ☛ Carry your keys at all times
- ☛ Doors in the Residence Halls close at 9:00 p.m.
- ☛ The Hermes editor is in fact single. Hey just a reminder...

Meet the President

This is an interview with the President of Dana College, Myrvin Christopherson

Q How long have you been President of Dana College?

A It seems like forever. This is my 14th year, I came here in July of '86. I graduated from Dana in 1961, so I started here as a student 42 years ago.

Q How has your recent heart condition affected you? (President Christopherson was taken to the hospital mid-July for a 95% blockage of the right coronary artery and 25% blockage of the left coronary artery)

A I suspect it gives you a little bit of a wake up call. It's something that reminds you that we're not here indefinitely and that it's

probably a good idea to maybe prize what you have, in terms of body and spirit.

Q Are there any special moments that stick out in your memory over your past 13 years?

A I'm always reminded that 11 years ago on August 25, 1988, our main classroom building and office building, Old Main, burned. That was the day before students were to arrive. It was a very traumatic event for Dana. The wonderful thing is that the community rallied and we were able to build the Dana Classroom Center, which provided us with a much better facility and a very attractive facility.

Athletic Department Under Construction

CONSTRUCTION

ZONE:

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-Chief

Many returning athletes and students will not only recognize the construction underway to improve Borup Coliseum, but also will notice the construction that has been done to the athletic department as a whole.

Leaving Dana's athletic department were Kathy Foley, athletic director and head softball coach; Julie Krofcheck-Strong, head volleyball coach; Judy Vaughn, head women's basketball coach; and Paul Davis, head baseball coach. Head wrestling coach Ron Beaman retired after coaching at Dana since 1980. Beaman is now starting a career as a licensed massage therapist.

Joining the athletic department are four new coaches and a new athletic director.

■ Athletic Director

Name: Dr. James Krause

Before Dana: Krause was the athletic director at Benedictine University in Illinois, and more recently served as the general manager for the Huntsville Fire (a professional indoor soccer team).

"All the time that I spent dealing with agents and athletes as a pro gm, is probably more hours that I have to spend here doing the things I do,"

Krause said.

Degree: Received doctorate in administration and supervision from Berne University in N.H., master's in education from Elmira College in New York and bachelor's in physical education from Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY

The past vs. Dana: "Where we were dealing with one team of 25 athletes and a couple of coaches, here I'm dealing with nine teams, a couple of coaches in each sport," Krause said. "Dealing with a lot more responsibilities than when I was a general manager."

Inspiration Quote: "I want everybody to understand, athletes, coaches, administration, everybody, that I consider winning to be important. We're not going to win at all costs, but winning is going to be a priority."

■ Volleyball

Name: Jody Rehberg

Before Dana: Rehberg was the Junior College Coordinator at Red River College in Winnipeg, Canada.

"There's a lot more of a rah-rah spirit here, which is good," Rehberg said. "The athletes in a sense pay more attention to playing the sports here than from where we're from."

Degree: Received master's degree in physical education and

sports psychology from the University of Manitoba, and bachelor's degree in physical education also from the University of Manitoba.

The past vs. Dana: "I've been mostly at large schools," Rehberg said. "That's going to be a big difference. I think it's going to be a nice one. Kind of like going back to high school."

Inspiration Quote: "I don't do fancy stuff, and I'm not a real rah-rah person. I'm in the game because I love the game. I expect the players to give whatever they've got."

■ Women's Basketball

Name: Doug Fessler

Before Dana: Fessler was the assistant women's basketball coach and women's golf coach at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo.

"I don't like to lose," Fessler said. "I haven't been in a losing program, and I don't plan to be. My teams have been at Central Methodist 86-26 in the last three years, three national tournaments and the final four last year."

Degree: Received master's degree in education and sports management from the University of Missouri and bachelor's degree in business management from Central Missouri



Dr. James Krause
Athletic Director



Jody Rehberg
Head Volleyball Coach



Damon Day
Head Baseball Coach

State University

The past vs. Dana: "They just haven't had as much all around success here as we've had at Central," Fessler said, "but that's what we intend to change here. That's why I came."

Inspiration Quote: "In order to fulfill personal satisfaction, I always say leave everything on the court. Be friends off the court, but once you cross that line, it's strictly business."

■ Baseball

Name: Damon Day

Before Dana: Day coached at Benedictine University in Illinois, and more recently, Day was an assistant baseball coach at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis.

"I felt I was ready," Day said. "I don't think you're ever ready to take over a program, but I think the situation arose where I think I stepped into a good situation here."

Degree: Received bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Benedictine. He is

working on completing a Masters of Education degree

The past vs. Dana: "I've always coached at a small school, as well as I went to a small school," Day said, "so I don't think it really differs except for the fact that we do have a little bit of scholarship money."

Inspiration Quote: "Believe in Dana baseball. Believe in the program. Believe in the coaches. Believe in the administration. Believe in the school. Believe in your teammates. I dare my kids to dream."

■ Wrestling

Name: Jess Randall

Before Dana: Randall is coming off a 16-year stint with the Marine Corps. While in the Marines, Randall coached a high school team in Japan. He also is an officer with the Omaha Police Department.

Degree: Received bachelor's degree in Biology from UNOmaha.

The past vs. Dana: "It's smaller, it's more of a family school, that's one of the reasons I really



Jess Randall
Head Wrestling Coach



Doug Fessler
Head Women's Basketball Coach

like it," Randall said. "Besides that, college is college."

Inspiration Quote: "I am a firm believer in that everyone leads by example. It doesn't matter what kind of organization you're in, the Marine Corps or here with the wrestling team. It's based on pure leadership, and that's the key. I think if you lead by example, your kids will pick up on that."

All-American Plaques return to Dana

Highlights: Senior Bob Spangler and sophomore Derek Fey run to All-American status in the marathon

School records: Junior Justin "J-Dog" Christensen sets school mark in steeple chase and senior Scott Stanley breaks school record in 1,500 meters

The Vikings traveled to Palm Beach County for the NAIA National Championships, which were run May 24-26. Of the seven competitors, five of them turned in top 10 efforts, with a sixth finishing in the top 20.

Highlighting the trip was freshman marathoner Derek Fey. He completed the 26.2-mile endurance test in 2:36:30 to finish fifth. Right on his heels in sixth place (2:37:44) was

senior Bob Spangler, who was running his third NAIA Marathon. For their top six efforts, both Fey and Spangler also returned as All-Americans.

"Fey and Spangler ran terrific marathons under hot, humid conditions," coach Jay Birmingham said. "Their All-American placings were earned with sub-6:00 minute mile clockings."

After setting a new school standard in the 3,000 meter steeplechase in the preliminaries, junior Justin Christensen shaved nearly 13 seconds off that mark by navigating his way around the 35 barriers and waterjumps in 9:16.69. He just missed All-American status, finishing seventh.

Rounding out the list of top ten national placers was senior Scott Stanley, who ran ninth in the 1,500 meters in 3:54.04, a clocking that

trimmed more than one second off his own Viking standard in the event.

"Christensen and Stanley each had two Dana record-breaking races in West Palm Beach and both placed among the top five American competitors. They've truly reached national class," Birmingham said.

Junior Tiffani Nielsen, the lone Dana woman to qualify, ran tenth in the 5,000 meters in 18:54.06. Although that clocking was off her school record pace, she finished 14 spots ahead of her 24th place national ranking prior to the race.

Also competing for Dana was junior Aaron Schlote, who ran 17th in the marathon at 2:52:48. Sophomore Allen Wagner ran eighth place in his preliminary race of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:01.66.

Graham catches All-American

After winning the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference softball tournament the 1999 Dana Softball team ended a successful season.

However, the end of the season did not conclude with losses in the regional tournament. Their were still honors to be had.

One of the honors went to junior Sarah Graham, who played designated hitter for the Vikings. Graham was awarded All-American status for the 1999 season.

Graham's season became notable after what has now been noted as the "Graham slam," in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat Hastings.

Thomsen (NIAC player of the year) also received post-season honors as she was named to the All-American second team. Thomsen couldn't be stopped on the basepaths, as she stole 34 out of 35 bases during the course of the season.