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Daycare and Meal Plans Hot Issues as Student Senate Starts Up

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On Wednesday, September 8, the Dana College student senate held its first meeting of the 1999-2000 academic school year.

This year's senate consists of 24 elected student body members. The executive staff is made up of seniors Mark Knudsen, President; Thomas Blase, Vice-President; Gina Flood, Secretary; and Wray Wright, Treasurer.

The remaining 20 include freshman representatives Beth Garber, Lindsey James, Rob Pilcher, and Mary Sutherland. Sophomore representatives are Toni Ahrendt, Jason Dannelly, Kelly Kuiken and Mark Sukraw. Junior representatives are Jessica

Chambers, Dan Kennedy, Jill Oestmann and Megan Olson. Senior representatives are Lisa Decker, Jeremy Havekost, James Walsh and Amber Weber.

Despite the fact that this was the first meeting, the senate was already faced with many student concerns. One concern that was voiced was the need for daycare facilities at Dana. It was noted that many students and professors with children could benefit from having daycare provided on campus.

However, many factors must be looked into before this could take place. One option being considered is the negotiation of student discounts at a current local daycare.

A second concern that was discussed was the need for a third

meal plan. Many students have voiced the need for a plan that would better accommodate off-campus students and those who do not make full use of their current meal plan. The student services committee will speak with food service and see if anything can be worked out.

Another item that sparked much discussion was the lack of availability of computers in the dorms due to additional students in each hall.

Additional concerns that were voiced included the need for more ashtrays around campus, library hours, the temperature of DCC and the need for a quarter machine on campus. These concerns are currently being looked into, and updates on student concerns will be made at

the next meeting.

One other item of business that was addressed was the need for a second senate sponsor. If any faculty member is interested, please contact a senate member as soon as possible.

This year's senate has set a goal to be more active and approachable both on campus and in the community. In order to reach this goal, the senate is taking many steps.

One step is the establishment of a new committee: Blair relations. The purpose of this committee is to improve relations between the college and the community and to encourage more interactions between the community and students.

Another activity that is being planned is a wiener feed. This

activity will be open to everyone, and will allow students to become acquainted with the senate, with other students and faculty.

The next senate meeting will be Sunday, September 19, at 7p.m. During this meeting budgets will be voted on.

Any organizations requesting money must have completed the necessary form in the Student Life Office, and have at least one member of the organization present at the meeting.

It should be noted that the senate voted to meet on Sunday's at 7 p.m. All students are encouraged to attend senate meetings and voice any concerns they may have. Students may also bring concerns to the attention of senate members prior to meetings.

Smoking in Dorms: Many students don't know Dana's smoking policy, yet issue has been a target for debate

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Living in the dorms provides students with many opportunities and challenges. On one hand, many new people are met and you can live next to your friends. On the other hand, one has to learn how to live in close quarters with over 20 other people and learn how to tolerate and respect many different values, opinions and habits. One issue that may cause difficulties is smoking.

Currently, Dana has one smoke free residence hall and the rest are tobacco free. Two years ago, Argo was designated as a smoke free hall. This came about for a

number of reasons, according to Kevin Schaudt, Dean of Students.

First, Argo has a lot of wood fixtures and also has poor ventilation. These two factors combined, created an added risk of fire with the allowance of smoking.

The residents of Argo also approached the Student Life Office about having the hall designated as smoke free. After a

survey was taken, over 80% of the residents were in favor of having Argo be smoke free, and the policy was put into place.

Toni Ahrendt, a sophomore resident of Argo, believes that the system runs well.

"Some students may not be happy when it gets cold [and they can't smoke inside], but overall it works," Ahrendt said.

The policy for the rest of the dorms that are tobacco free is that students may smoke in their rooms with their roommate's permission. This policy seems to be sufficient.

Junior Nicki Wilcke defends the smoking rule in the dorms, though she understands there could be problems.

"It works as long as floor members aren't too offended."

Wilcke also stated that even though she smokes, it annoys her when people smoke inside when it is nice outdoors.

While smoking is a habit that can present problems, students seem to be handling the issue quite well.

“Some students may not be happy when it gets cold, [and they can't smoke inside] but overall, it works

Toni Ahrendt
Sophomore



Photo taken by: photography editor Hitomi Yoda

ENJOYING THE SUN: (above) Dr. James Lundy decided to take his communications class for an outdoor study session last Thursday morning. This was just one example of the many outdoor activities students took part in during the week.



(above) Senior Christopher Sorenson, left, and sophomore Jamil Tealer, right, take a moment out of their time at the Dana Fair

Photo taken by Hitomi Yoda



(left) Students sit and watch as the football team plays their home opener

Photo taken by Brooke Thomsen



TOP 10

Signs Your New College Roommate is Nuts

- 10 WALKS AROUND CAMPUS WEARING NOTHING BUT A SPIRAL NOTEBOOK
- 9 HE ORDERS BIG MACS WITH EXTRA CONDOMS
- 8 WHENEVER YOU PUT UP A COLLEGE PENNANT, HE TAKES IT DOWN AND EATS IT
- 7 KEEPS REMINISCING ABOUT THE TIME HE WAS MARRIED TO LARRY KING FOR A SEMESTER
- 6 HIS PERSONAL WEB SITE: WWW.KILLMYROOMMATE.COM
- 5 HE KEEPS CUTTING THE EYES OUT OF YOUR HANSON POSTER
- 4 CLAIMS TO BE MAJORING IN SOMETHING CALLED "GETTIN' SOME"
- 3 HIS GPA'S LOWER THAN HIS BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL
- 2 HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SLEEP ON TOP, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE PUNK BEDS
- 1 HAS HIS S.A.T. SCORES TATTOOED ON HIS FOREHEAD

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Credit Cards: Been there, done that

Once upon a time there was a freshman named "Dumb*#%" (anonymity will be kept, so as not to show the true identity of this moron) who thought it would be a great idea to get a credit card.

"Dumb*#%" wanted to go to various cities around the Continental United States and knew the gateway to the cities was a credit card.

After spending \$500 on a trip to Orlando, Fla., "Dumb*#%" thought that the Discover Card wasn't enough. After a trip to Vegas the Discover and Visa weren't enough.

"Dumb*#%" told all his fourth floor Mickelsen buds that it wasn't a big deal. "Debt, come on, I'll pay it off this summer," Dumb*#% said.

Then after it became abundantly clear that the debt was becoming a problem, fourth floor heard the whining and crying. "I'm screwed," Dumb*#% would say day after day.

A year, and \$2200 later, "Dumb*#%" is writing an opinion article to all freshmen and all upperclassmen who think credit cards are the way to go.

My advice: don't do it! Ever heard the clichè, 'the best way to prevent unwanted pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases is abstinence'? My

own clichè is 'the best way to prevent credit card debt is abstinence' (not from sex of course, but from buying credit cards, I know where all your minds are).

Anyway, I am swimming in the pool of debt and I can't get up the ladder to get out. I just was able to get a loan, but that only means that I answer to a different debtor, who will make me die a slow, painful death if the payments aren't made.

I was happy that my \$2,200 debt was only \$100 above the college average, which makes me think I probably need to increase my credit limit so I can break some kind of all-time record for college morons.

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service offers five rules if you feel the need to get a credit card. Beware of peer pressure, guard against being nicked and dimed, pay your card off quickly, observe the 20 percent rule and control your cards.

The nickel and dime thing is that you need to watch out on using credit cards for small purchases. You can use a credit card just about anywhere.

The 20 percent rule is to keep your monthly debt payment below 20 percent of your

monthly income.

However, let me remind you of the sex clichè (since more than half of you are already thinking about it anyway) . . . you can try and protect yourself all you want. You can take all the precautions possible, but abstinence is key.

No matter how much you think the debt will not grow, it will. You may try and follow every rule possible, but the only true way to remain debt and worry free is to not get one.

But then again, I suppose it would be amusing to hear of another story about some other guy named "Dumb*#%."



"I'm stuck on the Westside and I ain't never comin' back"

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If you are thinking that credit cards are an easy way to get cool stuff . . . you're right. Then, after you get the cool stuff without paying immediately, the end of the month rolls around and the cool stuff isn't so cool anymore.

I found out the hard way, and I thought I was all alone in my somewhat non-intelligent decision to get a credit card. However, check these sad facts out: "most college students have credit cards and carry an average balance of \$2,100. The average annual interest rates are in the 18 percent range." (Consumer Credit Counseling Service)

Countdown to The End

For those of you who think the end of the world is on January 1, 2000 at 12:00 a.m. (I'm not one of you) have exactly 2,524 hours left

So make good use of your time because the end is near

Feature

Stuff to do: *The Old Market provides many activities for those of you planning your night on the town*

Exotic clothing, decorations, and people line the streets of Omaha's Old Market. Located in downtown Omaha, The Old Market offers something for everyone.

The most obvious attraction to the Old Market is the shops. They range from the cute little Christmas shop on the corner, to the dark, freaky record shop down the street.

If vintage is your style, then don't miss Retro or Shock. Retro is a two-level vintage store whereas Shock is an underground store, so you have to look for it. They both have a great variety of clothes; those that look old, and those that really are old. Both carry leather, vinyl, leopard, bowling shirts, and anything else you could possibly think of. They also have tons of stuff for your dorm, beaded curtains, lava lamps, and furniture galore. Shock offers a coffee bar, glasses from the fifties, wild room accessories, and lunchboxes. Retro has a great shoe display that frequently changes, and tons of sunglasses.

For those more alternative, check out Wild Things. This is a store you may have seen before. You can commonly find it in malls. It carries a variety of alternative clothing brands, many tropical print items, and sunglasses. They usually have hemp jewelry, hats and hackey sacs.

If trendy is more your thing, then head on down to Jackie Oh! It carries clothing and accessories right out of the latest fashion magazine. They have frequent sales and clearance items.

Next come the stores with the unusual. This covers a lot of the Old Market. Habitat carries things having to do with nature and animals, including toys, frames, fountains, and other room decorations. City Limits will take care of your needs of cards, journals, posters, and gifts. The import shops have items from Russia to the Middle East, clothes, gifts, toys, and more.

If you're hungry there is no better place to go. Restaurants are everywhere Vivace, V. Mertz, Destiny Café, Delice, Spaghetti Works, The Garden Café, The French Café, Godfather's Pizza, and Zio's Pizza. Two ice cream shops rival on the corner, both excellent. Depending on when you

go down, different street vendors have popcorn, roasted chestnuts (seasonal), and candy. The Farmer's Market is held on Saturdays through October where farmers come display their homegrown fruit and vegetables.

Horse-drawn carriage rides are great if you are looking for a romantic evening out. They range from ten dollars to one hundred dollars depending on where you want to go. One popular one is around Con Agra's Heartland of America Park (one block East of the Old Market).

Homer's, Drastic Plastic and The Antiquarium all provide great music, records, tapes and CD's. Bookstores provide out of print books and new authors, The Antiquarium is one such store. Antique stores are on almost every corner with clothes, furniture, dolls, bottles, books and more.

I could never sit and tell you all of the benefits of the Old Market, but it is definitely worth your time to go check it out. You can catch an outdoor concert, go on the slides (just off of Farnam street), people watch, go to an art gallery, shop, eat, and have fun.

Thanks go to The Reader, Omaha.com, Ticketmaster Online and S.L.A.M. Omaha.

• *Friday September 17-* Beebe @ Sokol Underground in Omaha

• *Saturday September 18-* Dragons of Myth and Lore @ Durham Western Heritage Museum in Omaha through December 1

o Huskers vs. Southern Mississippi

• *Friday September 24-* Light the Night Leukemia Walk @ Gene Leahy Mall in Omaha

• *Coming Up-Frogpond @* Ranch Bowl in Omaha Oct 2

• *Ben Folds Five @* Sokol Hall in Omaha Oct 4

• *An Evening with 311 (no opening act) @* Sokol Hall Oct 19

• *Days of the New @* Ranch Bowl Nov 8

The Old Market

By: Jessica Angus

Horse Carriage Rides
Spaghetti Works
Homers
Farmer's Market
Godfather's Pizza
Retro

Cheerleaders prepare for another year

By: Melissa Lewis
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On Thursday September 9, Dana College held its annual cheer-dance team tryouts. Six girls made the Vikings team. These people include freshmen Kayla Zellener, Lindsey James, and Melissa Scurloc; and sophomores, Allison Botkin and Mary Miller. Sarah Goodwin, a transfer junior, also made the six member cheer-dance squad.

The sponsor behind the girls is Jason Davis, who will be in charge of organizing practices, helping the team if there is a problem and many other jobs.

At tryouts Thursday, the girls had to perform a cheer, a chant, a minute and a half dance and a series of jumps. The six girls had two days to learn these techniques.

During the year, they will cheer at home football games, dance during half time at girls and boys basketball games and they are currently looking into cheering at wrestling home meets. They are not allowed to travel with the teams to away events due to a shortage of transportation. The homecoming football game will be their first game to cheer at.

Cheerleading is a year round sport. They practice between 6-12 hours per week. It takes a lot of patience and dedication to be a good cheerleader.

"Being a past athlete, I felt more relaxed when the crowd was loud and stood behind my team," Miller said.

So the next time you are at a Dana sporting event, let the cheerleaders motivate you to root on the team.

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Mary Miller
Sophomore Cheerleader ”

"Personals" Cast Now Set and Ready for Action

By: Jenny Lemmerman
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This fall, Dana's Theater Department has taken a different path from its previous productions. The selection for this season's show is titled "Personals." It's a story about finding that "special someone" through the personal ads, and is a quirky portrayal of the ever-dreaded dating scene.

Nathan Bates, Jeremy Bryan, Jenny Lemmerman, Rachel Lynch, Adam Martin, Gina Schoening, Theresa Soby, Chris Sorensen and Mary Sutherland have all been cast in significant roles in the production.

"It's got a great sense of humor about relationship! Dating is always on your mind. Society is obsessed with it...always!" said Dr. Schneider, Director of Personals.

Schneider went on to say how the show has a *Seinfeld* and *Friends* quality to it.

"I'm fascinated by this show's ability to be so absurd and so true to life all at once," said Tony Ward, musical director. "The music is fabulous! There's not one lemon in this show!"

Both directors hope that the audience will be able to relate to the show's characters.

"People in this show have their problems and idiosyncrasies, and it's okay," Ward said. "This is a show that hopefully everyone will relate to."

The show's opening date is Thursday, October 28 and it will run through Sunday, October 31. Please recognize the change from the usual opening night of Wednesday to Thursday, and note that there will be a matinee as well and an evening production on Sunday.

“ This is a show that hopefully everyone will relate to

Tony Ward
Musical Director ”

Wrestlers vs. Women's Basketball More than a Battle of the Sexes

By: Melissa Lewis
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Thursday September 9, Borup Coliseum became the setting for the battle of the sexes. There was nothing typical about this battle. The girl's basketball team took on the wrestling team for a game of basketball.

The coaches agreed to the match to challenge their team and make practice fun. Twenty wrestlers and 10 basketball girls participated in the game.

Senior Kim Wilken was the first to put the score on the board. At halftime the girls were up by six points. Everybody on both teams got the chance to play.

Leading shooters for the wrestlers were senior Steve Jenny, with fourteen points; and sophomores Clint Madison and Ben Wilcox, both with six points.

Bringing in the points for the basketball girls were seniors Kim Wilken and Liz Snediger. Leading defenders for the girls were freshmen Kori Montez and Janine Jones.

Senior Derell Foster, sophomore Ryan Uhing, and freshmen Rob Pilcher were leading defenders for the wrestlers.

"The girls gave us a run for our money," said Wilcox, captain of the wrestling team. "They shot a lot better than we did."

The above average shooting performance by the women, and their halftime lead gave the wrestlers a tough time. However, by the end of the second half, the wrestlers were the ones who came out on top.

The wrestling team ended up winning 41-28. Most victories are celebrated with a pat on the back, maybe a tear or a team celebration. However, there was something a little different about this victory.

The win ensured the wrestling team a date with pasta. Players from the women's basketball team are making the wrestlers a lasagne dinner.

On Top of the World Men's Cross Country Moves up to Fourth

The Dana College men's cross country team accomplished two objectives last Saturday. One of them was not even on their list of goals to achieve, at least, not this early in the season.

The Dana Open was held last Saturday, and both men's and women's teams showed up in a big way.

The Dana women competed against Simpson College (Indianola, Iowa) and College of Saint Mary (Omaha).

The women found a one-two punch in newcomers sophomore Natalie Flynn and freshman Stephanie Collins. Though both were running their first cross country races of their career, they did not disappoint.

Flynn, a transfer from Simpson and Blair native, found her groove two miles in to the race. Flynn cruised the 5,000 meters (3.1 miles) in 21:31 to bring in the gold.

Collins, from Shelby, Iowa, came in on Flynn's heels, running 21:48. Both Flynn and Collins led the race from start to finish.

"An excellent opening meet,"

Birmingham said.

Others racing for Dana were junior Jessica Chambers, who came in 23:12, freshman Heather Legler (Omaha Northwest), with 23:42, and senior Kate Zadina, who finished in 25:24.

The Dana women scored 35 points, just 10 points behind the champions from Simpson College. The team was without freshman Alicia Widtfeldt, who should be back this week for the Lincoln Invitational.

The men's team, preseason ranked fifth in the nation, ran a duel meet against Simpson. Simpson could only manage to put one runner in Dana's top five.

From the gun the race was already settled. Senior Scott Stanley, from Malvern, Iowa, put a 100 meter gap in between him and second place within the first mile.

Stanley finished more than two minutes ahead of second place, setting the new Dana Open standard at 26:37. The course record is 26:01 which was set in 1996 by Ben Sandy.

"Weather permitting, I expect the

course record to fall in October."

A pack of Dana runners finished within two seconds of each other. Junior Justin Christensen (Schuyler, Neb.) finished second in 28:38, running unattached was Allen Wagner, finishing in 28:38, and junior Aaron Schlote came in fourth with a time of 28:39.

Also finishing for Dana were senior Jason Brindle, who came in fifth in a time of 29:19, sophomore John Tripp finished eighth with a time of 30:23, junior Marc Bierbaum came in tenth at 30:59, senior John Henningsen finished 18th with a time of 33:46, freshman Ryan Milner placed 19th at 34:22, another freshman, Charlie Kaup, finished 22nd in 35:02 and freshman Dallas "J.R." DeBeck came in 35:30 at 23rd place.

Not running for the men was sophomore Derek Fey. Fey, an All-American in the marathon last May as a freshman, has been bothered by a knee injury. Fey plans on returning this week.

"With Widtfeldt and Fey back, we will be even stronger,"

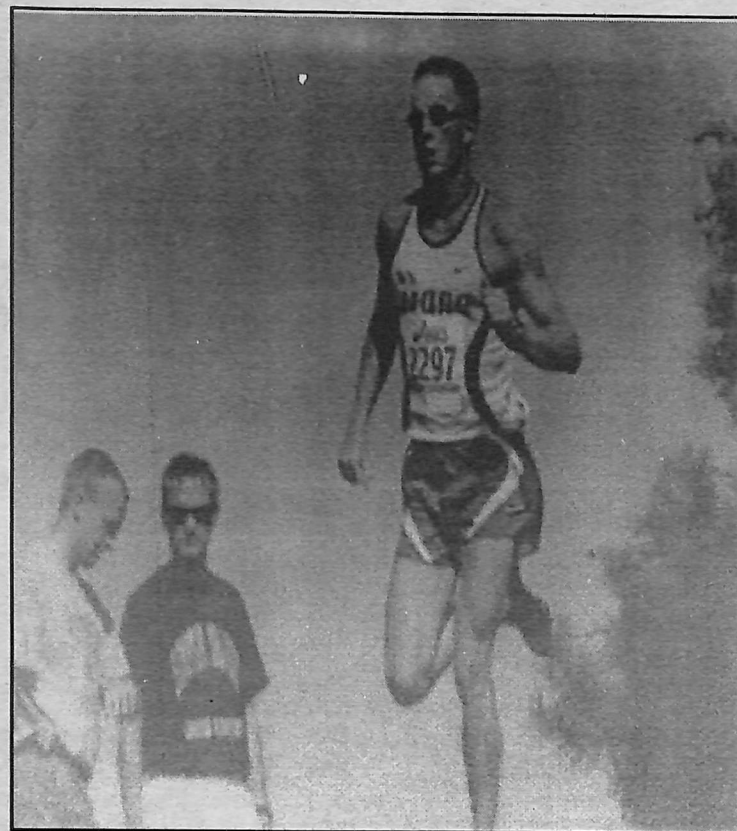


Photo taken by Brooke Thomsen

Senior Scott Stanley cruises to a new Dana Open record. The men's cross country team received a fourth place ranking in the NAIA last week.

Birmingham said.

The men finished with 16 points, just one point away from a clean sweep, and beat Simpson by 26 points.

The victory not only gave Dana confidence after last year's disappointing loss to Northwest

Missouri State, but it moved them up to fourth in the nation. The ranking is the highest the men have ever been ranked before the national meet in November.

The Dana squads take their shoes to the Lincoln Invitational this Saturday at Pioneers Park.

Dana Soccer Unstoppable

By: Jason Dannelly
Sports Staff

Experts say that winning is a disease that spreads to everyone if done often enough. If that's so, the lady Viking soccer team needs to be quarantined. The lady Vikes have compiled a 4-1 record over the last two weeks to bring their record to 5-1 on the season.

The lady Vikes winning ways started against Wartburg College in muddy, sloppy conditions with an 8-0 victory.

Nicole Lage broke into the scoring column this year with a hat trick (three goals) and three assists. This was a break out game for Lage since she sat out all of last year with a knee injury. But Lage wasn't the only soccer player to have a hat trick.

Jenny Wilcox also nailed net three times. The remainder of the scoring for

the Vikings came from Renee Boman and Katie Schneekloth who each had one goal. The goalkeeping duo of Denise Klug and Jenny Filipowicz combined for the second shutout of the season. The duo had a fairly easy day as Wartburg took three shots.

The Vikings couldn't celebrate too long because the next day they made the trip to Des Moines, competing against Grandview College.

Playing back to back days wasn't easy, but the Vikes rolled on to Easy Street with another win, 2-1. Wilcox scored her fourth goal of the season, as did Lage. Amanda Stoffel earned an assist on Lage's goal to help the winning effort. Grandview's only goal came late in the second half. Dana had 26 shots on goal and 14 corner kicks. Grandview had 12 shots on goal and only six corner kicks.

The soccer team will see action against Hastings this week.



Photo taken by Brooke Thomsen

Chevas Lemoya tries to get away from Huron defenders. The Vikings lost their home opener last Saturday to Huron University

Dana Football Loses Home Opener to Huron

By: Tom Urban
Sports Editor

The Dana Vikings football team opened up the home football season on Saturday in a contest with the nationally ranked Huron Screaming Eagles. The Vikings came into the contest with a 1-0 record after defeating the Tigers of Dakota Wesleyan in the season opener the week before. Huron brought a record of 0-1 into the game, after being upset by Concordia University previously.

The Screaming Eagles got off to a quick start on Saturday. After stopping the Vikings on their initial drive, Huron marched down the field and scored a

touchdown less than two minutes into the contest. Then, just five minutes later, they punched it into the endzone again, and the Vikings were down 14-0 before the first quarter was even half over. After another Huron touchdown made the score 21-0, Bryan Soukup connected with Joel Carter for an 18-yard touchdown pass, which made the score 21-6 after the first quarter.

Over the next two quarters, Huron continued to solve the defensive puzzle of the Vikings, and the score was 48-6 after the third quarter. In the final period, Dana was able to get one touchdown back on an 8-yard run by freshman Chevas Lamoya. In the end, it was the Eagles flying off with a 55-12 victory over Dana

in the home opener for the Vikings.

For the Vikings, Lamoya led the team in rushing with 84 yards on 17 carries. Soukup passed for 125 yards, and Jason Mitchell led the team in receiving with three catches for 77 yards. One bright spot on the defensive side of the ball for Dana was Cameron Cornist, who pulled down two interceptions on the afternoon.

Dana looks to rebound on Saturday against the Peru State Bobcats, in the annual Applejack Bowl in Nebraska City. As Dana is joining a new conference next season, this is the final Applejack Bowl the Vikings will take part in. Peru State is also looking to rebound in this matchup as they have began 0-2 for their season.

Rough Week for Volleyball Team

By: Tom Urban
Sports Editor

The Dana College Lady Vikings brought a .500 record into last weeks home contest with the Briar Cliff Chargers.

Dana looked good early on, but the Chargers were able to wear down the Lady Vikes. Dana had a commanding 13-5 lead in the second set, but Briar Cliff was able to battle back with ten straight points to win the set. Briar Cliff took the match in three sets, 15-7, 15-13, 15-10.

On Friday, Dana played host to the Cougars from the University of Sioux Falls at Borup Coliseum. The Cougars were a tough team, but Dana stuck with them throughout the first two sets, losing them both by only two points.

The stamina of USF proved to be too much for the Lady Vikings and they

dropped the match in three sets, 17-15, 16-14, and 15-6.

Most recently, Dana played host to the Concordia University Bulldogs. Dana brought a record of 2-4 into the contest, and the Bulldogs came in at 8-3.

The match was the first of the year for Dana in NIAC conference play. Concordia got off to a quick start, winning the opening two sets 15-4.

Dana battled back and fought hard in the third set, but was not able to overcome the quick start by Concordia. The final score, in three sets, was 15-4, 15-4, 15-13.

Currently, the Lady Vikings record is 2-5 (0-1 NIAC). Next up on the Vikings schedule, is a contest with arch rival Midland Lutheran College on Tuesday at 7:30 in Fremont.