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Men's Cross Country National Bound

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

For the fifth straight year, Dana College's men have earned a spot on the starting line at the NAIA National Cross Country Championships, November 20, in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dana placed first in the National Qualifier Saturday in Fremont, Nebraska, edging Hastings 46-49 and beating four other teams. The race was combined with the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference meet which was won by Nebraska Wesleyan.

In women's action, Dana produced its best team race of the season with a 53-second pack time but placed only 5th in the NIAC and 4th in the National Qualifier. Winner Concordia, Wesleyan, Hastings and Doane are all nationally ranked this season.

"It was a fine season for our women who all return in 2000," coach Jay Birmingham said. "In addition to PRs from Widtfeldt and Chambers, three others came within a few seconds of their best times on much easier courses."

Dana's All-American Scott Stanley shattered the 8,000 meter course record at Valley View golf course with his best time of the season, 25:14, but earned only the silver medal. The race was won by Concordia's Seifert, his third NIAC title, in 24:35. The old record was 25:51.

Dana's Justin Christensen placed 5th in 26:16 and Aaron Schlote was 8th in 26:53 for the Vikings.

Jason Brindle (19th in 27:54) and John Tripp (31st in 28:54) completed the Dana scoring. Marc Bierbaum (33rd in 29:02) and Ryan Milner (37th in 29:29) were Dana's final qualifiers for Nationals. Also racing for Dana were Charlie Kaup

(30:37), John Henningsen (31:29) and Dallas DeBeck (32:12).

The young Dana women's team was led by freshman Stephanie Collins, 27th in 20:32. Running personal bests over the tough 5,000 meter course were freshman Alicia Widtfeldt, 28th in 20:39, and junior Jessica Chambers who placed 30th in 20:41.

First-year cross country runner Natalie Flynn was next in 21:15, followed by freshman Heather Legler in 21:25. Kate Zadina (22:50) and Amber Carstens (26:56) also competed for the Vikings.

"We had a scare from Hastings in the men's race," said Birmingham. "Our first three placed high but the one-minute gaps to our fourth and fifth men allowed a much weaker team to come close. If we can close ranks at Kenosha, we could place much higher than we are currently rated (21st)."

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-Coach Jay Birmingham

Our goal is to be in the top 10 in the nation definitely. We want to keep the Dana cross country tradition alive

-Junior Aaron Schlote

Statements of Charges for Spring to Begin Early

By: Lisa Decker
Co-Business Manager

The Business Office will be sending out statement of charges for the spring 2000 semester on November 22. These statements must be signed and returned to the business office before December 16 to avoid the \$25 late fee.

In the past, statements of charges were not sent out until January when students returned from Christmas break. This has posed two major problems for students.

New Changes in Billing Procedures

- ☛ Bills sent out November 22
- ☛ Bills must be sent in by December 16 to avoid a late fee
- ☛ The late fee is \$25

First, most parents were not able to see charges before they had to be returned to the business office. Second, students that did not participate in interim would not receive their statement of charges before the deadline and would be charged the late fee.

By moving up the sending of charges and the deadline for signing, the business office hopes to enable parents to see the statements, and for students who are not participating in interim not to incur the late fee they have in years past.

Just another Day on Campus

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

The wrestling team's motto "Never Quit" couldn't describe the team's manager any better. Freshman Pat Hinrichs displays the slogan on the back of his wrestling sweatshirt with pride.

Hinrichs comes to Dana from Prophetstown, Ill. He is unique to the Dana community in that he is the first physically handicapped person who has attended Dana in years.

Hinrichs is the wrestling manager and also will be involved in the yearbook.

Hinrichs lives in a handicapped room in between Blair and Mickelson hall, and

comments that Dana is prepared to handle a handicapped person.

"Dana is, pretty much [equipped]," Hinrichs said. "People come up and help me, come up behind me and help me with everything."

Hinrichs became handicapped at the age of 10 after being diagnosed with a spinal tumor. As a result of the tumor, he was paralyzed from the waist down. Two years before the spinal tumor, Hinrichs had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. He can walk with the aid of a walker.

One must wonder how Hinrichs has the strength to make it up the hill to the Campus Center everyday.

"It's not real hard, and I get a lot of help from a lot of guys," Hinrichs said.

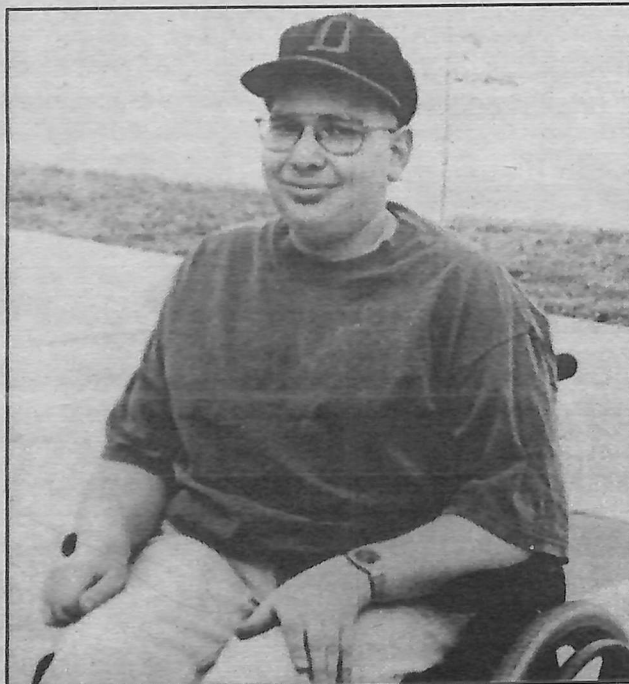


Photo taken by Hitomi Yoda

Intramural Volleyball Wednesday results

-The faculty vs. We have Sarah Thomas

Not even Kathleen McSharry could stop the likes of Jason Mitchell and star hitter Sarah Thomas. The faculty fell to We have Sarah Thomas, but not after a stunning combination of blocks from history professor, Dr. Richard Jorgensen over Mitchell.

-Who cares we have Eggers vs. Sexy Britches

This one was over in two sets. Sexy Britches disposed of Who cares we have Eggers quickly. James Walsh quoted, "The victory certainly wasn't because of me."

-Who cares we suck vs.

Sober up

It looked like Who cares we suck had the match won, but with a 12-2 lead in the third set the team decided to roll over and die. Sober up came back from the 10 point deficit with the 100+ m.p.h. serve of Lisa Shefland.

-Adolphson vs. 21 and over

This match came down to the wire every set. Adolphson squeaked out of the match with a victory after three sets having to be settled with the win by 2 rule.

Columnist ponders 'the Good Life'

Conclusion: Taco Bell good; Nebraska weather bad

MAKE THE TRIP

Last Friday a few of my friends and I went to watch a movie at Oakview 24. After the movie, we decided that the large popcorn and large Coke weren't enough to satisfy our huge appetites.

We decided that a Taco Bell run was in order. Upon review, we decided to quench our desires at the 122nd and Center location.

When arriving, we saw a familiar face in Dana sophomore Jason Dannelly. After politely nodding and saying hello, I proceeded to order. After completing the usual "I'd like a #10, hold the lettuce with an extra hard shell taco" order, I turned to talk to Dannelly.

After speaking for what seemed to be a couple of seconds, I turned around expecting to find a cup to get my Mountain Dew in. However, I stood in amazement as I not only found the cup sitting there, but also four of the most beautiful hard shell tacos, hold the lettuce I've ever seen.

I waited for my other friends to order. I watched in astonishment. One after another the orders took less than 10 seconds to be completed. Dannelly came through the line and ordered what seemed to be eight tacos and before he even could turn around they were already done.

If you're looking for some fast service (not to mention the best meal ever invented), check out the Taco Bell at 122nd and Center St. You won't be disappointed.

back from Disney World. That doesn't happen in Nebraska. Does it?

Oh yes it does, and it did happen.

The Hawaiians thought they never left

never lived through a winter here, but my guess is they haven't. My reply to that wisdom is this: in January, when you are complaining about how cold it is, I will show you this article.

Let me tell those of you foreign to the Nebraska life the way that Nebraska weather works. There are record high temperatures today, freezing rain showers tomorrow. Be prepared. Oh yes, be very prepared. The predictions are already coming in. By the end of November, Nebraska is supposed to get dumped on with a snow storm.

It reminds me of the prelude to the movie *Godzilla 1985* (I highly recommend watching this movie). Before the opening credits to the movie, there's a deer calmly eating grass. It's just looking around, minding its own business. After bending down to eat some more grass, Godzilla's foot comes down as fast as lightning and crushes poor Bambi to pieces.

That is about as good an analogy to Nebraska's weather you can get. One day everything is peaceful, the next you're crushed into pieces from the cold. It may be late this year, but I put my credit card debt down that this winter will be the worst winter Nebraska has seen in awhile.



“Semper reformandum
(Always reforming)”

DEREK FEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

CALM BEFORE THE STORM

When waking up in the morning on Nov. 7, students were greeted with record high temperatures. Isn't that nice? The birds were chirping, the grass was still green and students were wearing shorts and tee-shirts. Ah, it's like summer never ended, it just took a couple weeks off.

Where would you guess this story took place? This isn't Nebraska, is it? Eighty-two degrees in November sounds like maybe a story someone tells after coming

home (except for that little detail that there are cows here, and a beach is over 700 miles away). It was happy time all over again. Break out the sandals, the shades and the sun tan lotion. It was almost too warm.

As I stood in the lunchline I heard faculty complaining that they wished the weather wasn't so nice. I heard one say, 'it's supposed to be cold by now, why is it still 70 degrees.'

I don't know if the faculty member has

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Ghosts at Dana: Strange Things are Happening

By: Wendy Weaver
Staff writer

As Dana students, faculty and staff, you may have heard many ghost stories about Dana. You may have even encountered your own "supernatural experience." But, whatever you may have seen or heard, it is up to you to decide whether or not you believe it.

Many people have said that Elkhorn Hall is haunted. A lot of indescribable things have happened over there. Freshman Sheena Taylor heard of a ghost in Elkhorn. He was a past football player who supposedly hung himself in his dorm room with his wool football jersey. This might be an answer as to why, over the past years, during the summer weird things have happened to students. One senior girl said, "It was weird, things would tend to happen within three rooms, and if something was going on in one room then the other two were normal." Over the past summers some of the events that would take place would be: objects turning on by themselves, cold areas within a warm room, and even things getting broken. She ended by saying, "There's something

definitely going on over there!"

Elkhorn is not the only hall that is supposedly haunted. There is a room in Argo where strange things happen. The girl that lives there now, said that her TV flickers on and off and when she wakes up sometimes the door is open.

A similar story takes us over to Holling Hall, freshman Jenny Filipowicz, commented on her room (401) being haunted. She said that there have been many nights when she hears someone talking. She'll get up to see who's there and she finds no one around. Juniors Megan Olson and Mindy Streitenberger lived in room 403 last year; they said that one night they were both woken up by a knocking on the wall. At that time no one lived in room 401, so they opened the door

to see if anyone was in there. They didn't find anyone, only an ice cold room in the middle of April.

MFAC ranks highly on the supernatural activity scale. There have been numerous encounters of indescribable happenings to many different students. They all seem to happen in or around the theatre. Senior TJ Kerger commented on some stories that have happened to people that he knows. There have been two similar stories about people that have been working on a set for a play that have fallen asleep on the couches

in the cast room. They have woken up to see either a little boy dressed in 1920's clothing or a guy dressed in all black that both ran up the stairs.

Another incidence was about someone practicing a musical piece in one of the

rooms. This person heard a woman singing in a very high soprano voice to a piano. This person walked around the building checking every room that they knew had a piano. They never found anyone.

The last story Kerger commented about was of a guy practicing his trumpet on stage. He looked up into the house (audience seating) and saw a shadow at the very top right hand corner. The shadow moved very quickly across the back of the house within a few seconds.

Although several stories have circulated campus over the years, Professor Ragan disagrees. Ragan, of the Business Department, said that the stories aren't true, it has just been a stories from students over the years doing harmless pranks. In fact one that he can recall was about fifteen years ago. There used to be a fish pond on the side of the Dana Classroom Center, (which used to be Old Main), and some students brought in an out house and sat it by the pond for a joke.

Think of this what you will, but Dana may have some of it's own "Unsolved Mysteries." Whether you believe it or not, someday something indescribable might happen to you.

Ghost Stories at Dana College

- > Story of a ghost in Elkhorn Hall, which comes only in the summer
- > Stories of ghosts in MFAC, especially in the theater

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Football Team Ends Season with Two Game Winning Streak

By: Tom Urban
Sports Editor

The Dana Viking football squad wrapped up their 1999 season on Saturday in a game with the Concordia Bulldogs. Dana was looking to close out the season with two consecutive wins, and they were able to get the job done, winning 40-28.

The Vikings brought a 3-6 (1-4 NIAC) record into the game, coming off of a seven point victory against Nebraska Wesleyan. Concordia came into the contest at 5-3 (3-2 NIAC) on the year.

The Bulldogs got out of the gate early, and put the first points of the day on the board, scoring on a short touchdown run.

But, Dana would answer right back.

Senior Bryan Soukup hooked up with fellow seniors Joel Carter and Jason Mitchell on touchdown passes of 11 and 15 yards respectively, as the Vikings built the lead.

"If we would have played like that all season, it would have been a different story," Soukup said.

After Concordia tied the game on a 7-yard touchdown pass, freshman Robert Milliken split the uprights on a 39-yard field goal attempt to put Dana in front 17-14 at halftime.

Concordia pulled ahead briefly in the third quarter, but Dana answered right

back on an 85-yard kickoff return by Mitchell. Freshman Chevas Lamoya then took his turn in the scoring column. Lamoya's first touchdown came after one of the most impressive 40-yard runs Dana has seen in a long time.

Lamoya received Soukup's pitch and looked as if he was stuck for a five-yard loss. However, he broke the tackle, and dodged five more tackles for the 40-yard score. Lamoya then would add a four-yard touchdown later in the quarter to bring the score to 37-28.

Milliken would connect on another field goal late in the game, and Dana cruised to a 40-28 victory.

The seniors led the way for the Vikings in their final college football game. Soukup passed for 184 yards on 21 completions. Mitchell and Carter each had one touchdown reception, and senior Justin Haberman led the Vikings defense with 10 tackles.

"It's always nice to go out with a win," Soukup said. "I know I felt bad for the seniors last year who had to go out with a loss."

With the Victory, Dana ended its 1999 season with two consecutive wins and a record of 4-6 (2-4 NIAC). This is a two game improvement over the Viking's 1998 record.

Soccer Team Season Comes to an End Dana team comes away with its best record ever

By: Jason Dannelly
Sports Staff

Long games, a longer season, and an even longer time until next season, Dana's run at the NIAC championship ended short of the title last Friday.

Dana College took to battle at Viking Field on November 1 playing the number six seed in the NAIC conference tourney, Concordia University. In the two previous meetings Dana had lost close games in either overtime or in down to the wire battles, but this was a new day and a new game.

Sophomore Renee Boman scored in the first half of the game to give Dana a 1-0 lead. Her goal was assisted by freshman Jenny Filipowicz. Concordia then tied things up and took the game into overtime after a scoreless second half of play.

In overtime sophomore Jenny Wilcox nailed the winning goal to give Dana the

victory. Wilcox's goal was assisted by freshman Katie Schneklath. Dana's win put them at 14-4 for the season. With the win the lady Vikes advance on in the conference tourney to play number two seed Hastings College.

Hastings had given Dana problems in the regular season, but the lady Vikes were riding a five game winning streak all the way to Hastings, Nebr. The first half proved that Dana came to play, as the score was knotted up 0-0.

However, in the second half Dana couldn't find the net and Hastings exploded for five, wrapping up the victory 5-0. The lady Vikes finish the season 14-5.

Dana is ready for next year, after losing only three seniors, Melissa Bliemister, Amanda Stoffel and Emily Nesson. Can you say "Future NIAC Champions"?

Next edition of the Hermes:

Look for the four-page preview of Dana's wrestling, men's and women's basketball and indoor track teams

The edition will include last week's games and a look ahead toward the 1999-2000 seasons.

Here are some dates to watch out for:

Men's Basketball:

⇒ Dana tournament

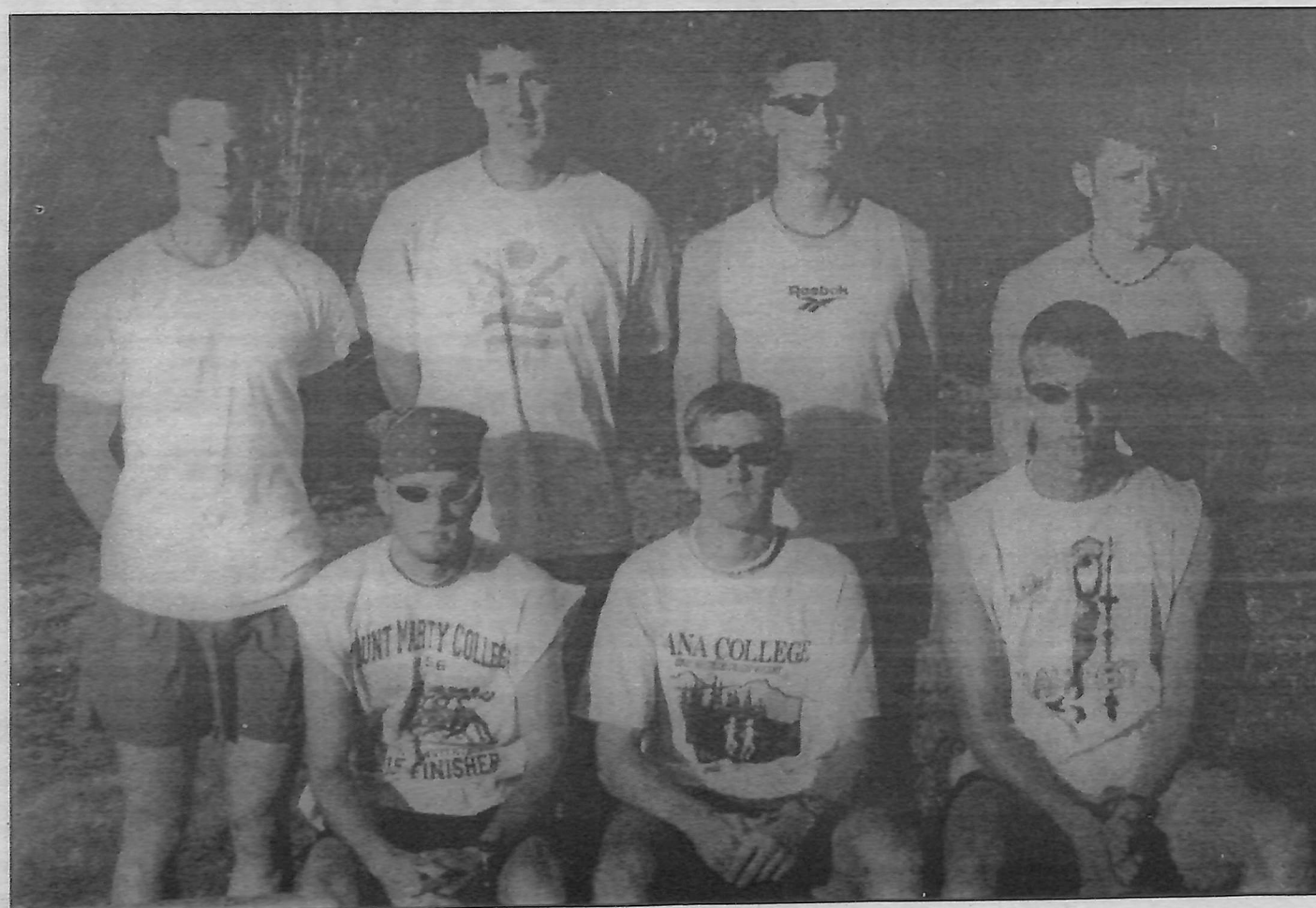
- Friday and Saturday games; Dana plays Presentation College tonight at 6 p.m. and tomorrow at either 3 or 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball:

⇒ Dana tournament

- Friday and Saturday games; Dana plays Presentation College tonight at 8 p.m. and tomorrow at either 1 or 5 p.m.

Your National Bound Viking Runners



Dana's All Out Mile Run

All Dana students are invited and encouraged to attend the Dana Cross country all-out mile run this Tuesday.

The men's team will be traveling to nationals for the fifth straight year and are in need of your support.

At 3:30 Tuesday promptly, the Dana team in preparation for the National meet will run their final workout: the All Out Mile.

The team would like to see as many students as possible at James Dr. (take College Dr. east to 19th st. Go straight at lights and zig zag north past the park. Straight ahead is the street where the run takes place.)

Many runners plan on breaking 4:20 in the mile run Tuesday, so come see it!!