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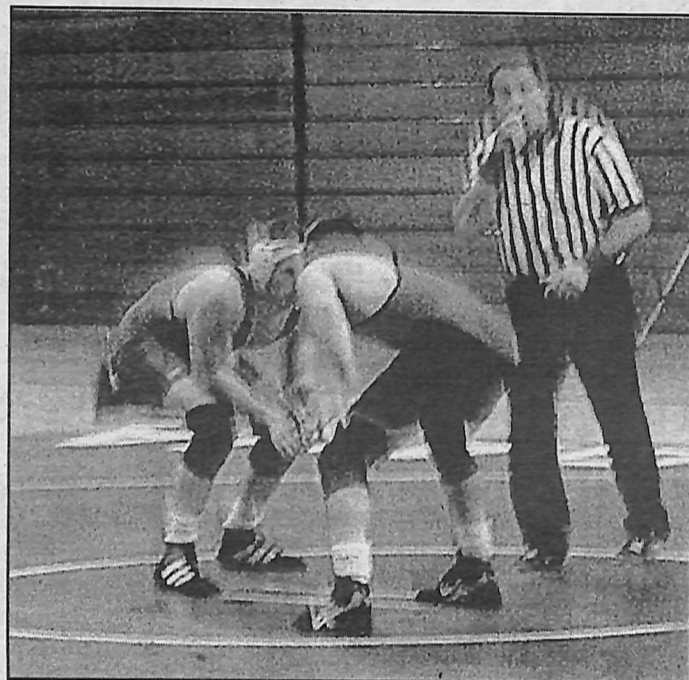
The Dana Wrestling team competed in the 12 team Carleton College Invitational this past weekend in Northfield, Minn. The Vikings had a respectable showing, picking up 95 points and placing third overall, behind Augsburg College and St. Olaf College.

Two Viking grapplers picked up overall victories in their respective weight classes. In the 125 pound weight class, Jake Herre defeated Justin Portenier of Dakota Wesleyan by way of a pin just under three minutes into the match. Later on, in the heavyweight division, Tom

Wissman defeated Clint Long of Mt. St. Clare 5-2.

In the 174 pound class, Riley Tonkin placed second, falling to St. Olaf's John Holm 11-2 in the championship round. Also placing second for the Vikings was Ben Wilcox in the 141 pound division. He lost a closely contested final to Rasheed Harris of the University of St. Thomas by a tally of 8-7. Perry Mostek placed third in the 197 pound class, while Darold Foster took home a sixth place finish in the 157 pound division.

Earlier this week, the Vikings traveled to Orange City, Ia. to participate in the Tri-State Tournament. Results of this tournament will be published in the next edition of the Hermes.



A Dana wrestler competes in the dual against Northwestern held at Dana. Dana placed third last week out of 12 teams.

Photo taken by Ryan Milner

Just a Few Mistakes

The Hermes would like to apologize to the following Presidential Scholarship candidates who did not get their name printed in last week's edition.

Theresa Peterson of Gretna and Jami White from Omaha competed last Sunday in the scholarship essay and interview.

Also in last week's edition, Kevin Brennan was falsely named as "Jason" in his letter to the editor.

If there is a problem with a name being omitted or with false information in a story please write via email or campus mail. This way the Hermes can take all necessary actions in getting things right.

Also, if you have any story ideas please contact the Hermes via email or campus mail.

The Hermes appreciates your patience in dealing with these corrections.

Dana students place well in art competition

By: Lisa Decker
Co-Business Manager

Seven Dana students qualified to have artwork displayed in the 17th annual NATA statewide undergraduate art exhibition.

Seventy-seven students submitted 211 works in the competition. Of these, 30 works by 25 artists were chosen to be in the exhibition. Students having artwork in the show from Dana were Marc Bierbaum, Megan Cosgrove, Lisa Decker, Eric Friedericks, Natalie Horning, Melissa Jurgensen and Brooke Thomsen.

Best of show went to Kristine Bachman of Concordia College. Second

Best of Show was Jacqueline Kluver, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Kris Crane of Wayne State College received the Student NATA Member Award. Honorable Mentions were given to Bierbaum of Dana and Carol Smolsky of UNO.

The competition was open to all undergraduate art students enrolled in colleges and universities in Nebraska. Ronald Bernier, the Director of the Sioux City Art Center, judged the competition.

Wayne State College is hosting the exhibition. Works are on display in the Nordstrand Visual Arts Gallery Department of Art through February 25, 2000.

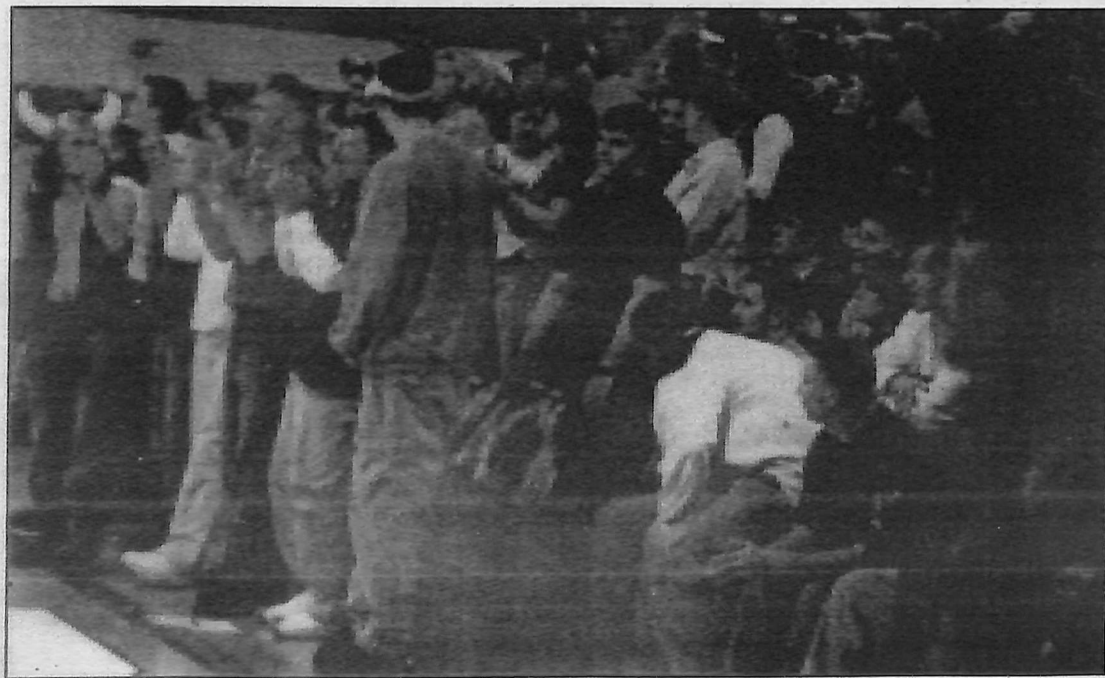


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STAND UP!! Dana students pack into Borup Coliseum to watch the men's basketball team play conference rival Midland Lutheran College. The Vikings won 93-84, avenging a loss earlier in the season when the Vikings took Midland to overtime.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| February 21 | Prospective R.A.s
Campus Center
9 p.m. |
| February 24 | Laser tag in
Omaha |
| February 29 | Leap year
Movie Night
Linden Room |
| March 28 | 311 Concert
Pershing Auditorium
Lincoln, NE
(not free...\$21.50) |
| June 3 | Editor's 21st birthday
Omaha
(\$10 Gift required) |

Why are we here? Professor Challenges students to think

By: William M. Hall
Asst Professor of Music Education

"Why are we here?" read the cover of the book I was holding. "The great challenge for the future of Lutheran higher education is to keep the questions of faith and learning alive on our campuses." "Learning AND faith," I mused. I was hooked, and as I replaced the small volume on the shelf of the Lutheran college bookstore, I made a mental note to acquire a copy.

My daughter beat me to it. Knowing my love for thought-provoking reading, she presented me with a copy of Ernest L. Simmons' Lutheran Higher Education: An Introduction for Faculty (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1998). Love that girl!

Among the topics Simmons discussed in his 84 pages of text, one seemed foundational for our academic community—that is the open discussion of Faith. Simmons referred to Yale law professor Stephen L. Carter's recent book *The Culture of Disbelief* (New York: Basic Books,

1993) and said, "For him [Carter] religion seems to be marginalized as a private affair by the intellectual establishment, thereby undercutting a traditional basis for public morality. In such a 'culture of disbelief,' Carter argues that God is treated as a 'hobby' and anyone who attempts to take religion seriously in public life is treated as a fanatic." (p. 8).

"Wow," I thought, "I surely relate to that statement." I remembered the embarrassed silence that fell over Viking Field last homecoming when the Fellowship of Christian Athletes golf cart float passed by during the half-time parade. The announcer fell silent and people looked away while waiting for the float to move on. At the time I thought, "This is amazing behavior at a church college," for FCA's placard merely proclaimed the first Bible verse I had learned in Lutheran Sunday School, John 3:16.

Has the Dana community succumbed to the peer pressure of the "intellectual establishment" and relegated discussions of Faith to the venue of the "unenlightened?" Have we assigned such discussions to the safe havens of the required Shared Experience courses, Chapel, and the yearly Staley lectures? If not, where and when does such interchange occur?

It has been far too many years since I lived in the dorms and talked with friends into the small hours of the morning about the important issues of life. "Bull sessions" we called them then. What burning issues flame the passion of student conversations these days? While among my faculty colleagues, I know of no such discussions.

Yet, as Simmons said, "In a culture in which public discourse, especially about matters of religion, is not encouraged or even welcome, colleges of the church

may offer one of the most effective venues for such deliberations. Our society desperately needs informed and reasonable discussion of religious beliefs, and our students bring that same need with them when they come to our campuses.

"To carry on such open reflection on religion is clearly one of the most important contributions Christian colleges and universities can make the church's mission of enlightened understanding of the faith and educational service to society." (p. 9).

Why are we here? Surely it is to help each other integrate the core issues of life, including our faith, with the preparation for vocation, that is, service to the earthly kingdom which arises out of our response to God's love. This is the charge passed onto our generation by the founders of Trinity Seminary and Dana College.

Taking Things for Granted: A Mistake; Stealing Microwaves: Are you Kidding Me?

The off-campus housing policy will have to wait until next week. There are a few more issues that need to be addressed before the off-campus policy (a.k.a. the joke policy) is torn into pieces.

Although winning an easy battle against the joke policy will come, it's time to tackle a different issue.

It can come in the form of a smile. Maybe it's waiting that extra two seconds to hold the door open for someone. It's the professor who extends a deadline noticing students are burned out. It's President and Anne Christopherson wishing the cross country team good luck at a breakfast the morning they left for nationals.

It's the friends who extend their shoulder for you to cry on after close friends have been taken away from this world (thanks again Butterball, Dvorak, Collins, Nat Dog and all others involved). It's lending a helping hand when another is too busy to handle the work.

It's in the form of the professors who want their kids to succeed. It's in the coaches who not only want you to succeed in their sports, but those that care more about you succeeding in school and in life. It's the Birminghams, the Stones, the McSharrys, the Nielsens (all four of you on campus), the Admissions office, the Krauses, the Christophersons, the Formos, the Sonderups, the bookstore ladies and the list goes on and on. . .

It's all those people who invest their time

to make you feel welcome, encourage you to do your best, care about you and help you, that this column is devoted to.

Quite possibly the worst crime that can be committed in this life is to take these people for granted. For these people are instruments of God. These people work His work here on earth, the same work that Jesus succeeded in doing two thousand years ago. Don't take them for granted, ever.

You can be one of these people. In fact, most of you are one of these people.

college isn't a time to grow up.

Ninety-nine percent of the students at Dana strive to be the best they can be in hopes that they will achieve their thought out goals. College is a time to learn, grow up and at the same time have fun. The definition of having fun is very vague, and, in fact, does differ from student to student.

However, as much as students love to hear that the definition of having fun is left up for them to decide, there is a standard that can't be crossed. It's

If it was done for the point of having fun, the line has been crossed. If not for fun and just for the fact that the person needed a microwave, that is one of the lamest things I've ever heard. First of all, you'll get real far in life if all you do when you need something is steal it. Second, your luck is running out. Word has passed around, and you will be found soon.

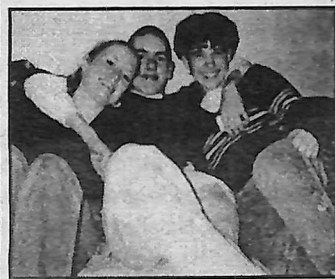
It's a very sad time indeed. And the way to solve the problem is to have more people like the ones mentioned in the first part of this column. You can be one of them. Most of you are. So if you are one of those who serve God (or one who would like to), strive to create ripe apples out of the rotten.

Pay respects to the teams

In this section I'd like to congratulate the men's and women's basketball teams, and the wrestling team on their success (track, I'm waiting to see how many All-Americans we have before I go congratulating anyone)...

Coaches Doug Fessler, Dave Jensen and Steve Costanzo have done superb jobs this season in their respective sports.

Thanks to all those involved in getting an outdoor track to Dana...if only we could be up to par with the conference and get an indoor track.



“Yeah, that's me, the guy wearing the funny pants around campus”

Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

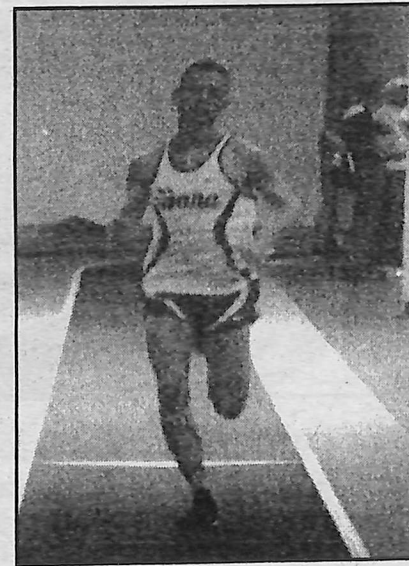
Most of you, without even knowing it, are performing God's work. However, there are a few who aren't.

Why the Bad Apples?

It seems to me that every time I think students are making progress toward becoming adults, someone decides

unsaid and yet understood among all.

An example of crossing the line: stealing a microwave from Mickelson's kitchen. Just have one question, what's the point? Didn't we all learn in kindergarten that stealing wasn't a smart thing?



Sophomores Natalie Flynn and Allen Wagner compete at Dordt. (More on pg. 4)

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Learning Center Begins New Semester; More Tutorials

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

When students want to seek extra help in their course studies, the learning center is the place to go. Lori Nielsen, learning center director, overlooks the operations of the center and also helps students with writing skills, among other things.

The learning center recorded 252 tutorials for the 1999 fall semester. That was 18 tutorials less from the previous year.

Nine tutors helped out last semester, and assisted students in 20 different courses. Study sessions were conducted by three students. Senior Melissa Goldax lead an Introduction to Religion study session and senior Amber Weber directed a general chemistry session. Junior Megan Cosgrove held the Art History study session.

This semester the learning center is fielding five tutors ranging in 20 different subjects.

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	THURSDAYS
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7-8pm Toni	7-8pm Hilary	7-8pm Jennifer
8-9pm Jennifer	8-9pm Hilary	8-9pm Jennifer
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Dana Sports Schedules

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Women's Basketball - Last home game: tomorrow against Concordia

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Men's Basketball Loses to Ranked Chargers of Briar Cliff Bounce Back for Victory Against Conference Rivals

MENS B-BALL FACTS

- Dana lost earlier in the season at Midland in overtime, 86-82
- Freshman Derek Hack and transfer Dwight Nelson are second and third in the conference in field goal percentage

By: Tom Urban
Sports Editor

Trying to end the regular season on a winning note, the Viking men's basketball team hosted Briar Cliff on Saturday at Borup Coliseum. The Vikings came into the non-conference game with a record of 12-13, while the 13th ranked Chargers brought a 21-7 record to the table.

The first half was very tightly contested, as neither team was shooting the ball too well from the field. On the strength of four three-pointers, Briar Cliff took a 31-27 lead into the break.

However, the Vikings shot the ball poorly to start the second half and never recovered. As Dana was shooting a paltry 36%, the Chargers were pulling away while connecting with 53% of their shots. In the end, it all added up to a 74-59 victory for Briar Cliff.

The Vikings were led by junior Michael Johnson, who picked up a double/double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Dwight Nelson added 13 points, and Luke Connell collected six rebounds and five assists.

Dana finished the home portion of the regular season on Wednesday in a meeting with the Midland Lutheran Warriors. The Vikings final regular season game will be tomorrow against Concordia. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Seward.

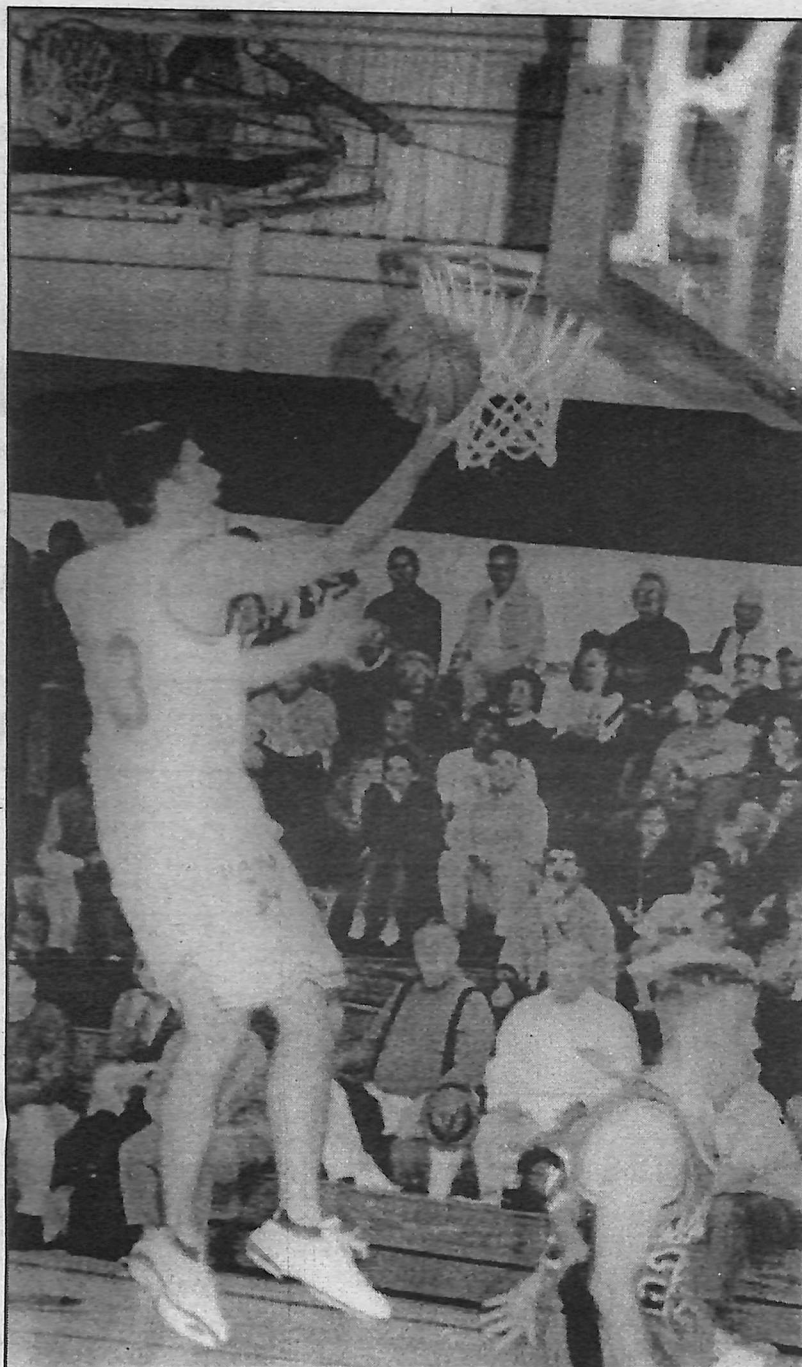


Photo taken by Ryan Milner
Freshman Jeff Tesmer makes a flashy move to the hoop against a lost Midland player. Dana defeated conference rival Midland College 93-84.

Records Fall as Track Team Travels to Dordt

By: Jay Birmingham
Head Track coach

Allen Wagner and Scott Stanley posted convincing wins in the middle distance races at the Dordt/NIAC Invitational Saturday in Sioux Center, IA. Wagner led from 400 meters to the finish in the 1500, gapping the field by four seconds with a time of 4:07.22. Stanley played his best card in the last 100 meters of the 800, unleashing a big kick to a 1:57.24 victory.

Aaron Schlote led teammates to a dominant performance in the 5000 meters. Schlote recorded a time of 16:18.05 for second, Justin Christensen was third in 16:24, and Derek Fey placed fifth in 16:38. Dana redshirt Garry Clark, running unattached, was fourth in 16:31.

Stephanie Collins, a freshman from Shelby, IA, helped account for three school records. She ran 1:44.62 for third place in the 600 meter run, anchored the record-setting 4 x 800 meter relay to a time of 10:40.01, good for second place, and notched the fastest time of the quartet that lowered the record in the 4 x 200 meter relay (1:59.61). Collins added a 2:28.38 in the open 800 meter race to place fourth.

Natalie Flynn placed fifth in the 3000 meter run with a time of 11:53.2 with teammate Jessica Chambers close behind in 11:54.8. Both joined Collins on the 4 x 800 record setting team along with Heather Legler. Amber Weber cleared 4'10" for fourth place in the high jump and joined Collins, Amber Carstens, and Sarah Thomas in the 4 x 200.

Other scoring places were earned by Matt Maltby in the shot put, Josh Law in the high jump, and Robert Milliken in the long jump. Justin Christensen set a new standard in the 200 meter hurdles with a 29.69 clocking. Charlie Kaup set a 600 meter record with a time of 1:32.30. Mitchell Deering, Milliken, Shon Trent, and Justin Dannelly combined for a 1:39.25 in a record-setting 4 x 200 meter relay for the men.

Next competition for Dana is Saturday at the Devaney Center in Lincoln for the NIAC Invitational.

Baseball Team Begins Season in Colorado Springs

Dana's baseball team is opening the season away from home, traveling to Colorado Springs, for three games this weekend, Feb. 18-20. The Vikings will be challenging Air Force Academy in a non-conference series. The meeting is the first between the two teams.

Dana's record last year was 24-20-1. This will be the first test for new head coach Damon Day. Day was hired last summer after the resignation of Paul Davis.

SPORTS OPINION

By: Jason Dannelly
Sports Staff

Where am I? Have I gone blind? I used to think I was at Dana College: home of rustic locker rooms, marginal athletics, and 10 x 12 dorm rooms. But lately, things have changed, and, I say, "Thank God." When I was recruited to come here I had three basic reasons for choosing Dana:

1. Football
2. Radio
3. My parents kept hinting that they didn't want to have to travel to two different places to watch football (my brother attends Dana).

So I chose Dana. Athletic facilities didn't matter to me, and that was a good thing. But now I look around and things don't look the same. The changes have been everywhere. An athletic director that actually speaks to the students and can give you an answer when you ask him a question instead of the run-around we've been through in past years. Locker rooms that don't require complete sterilization of your feet after showering. And soon to come: An outdoor track and visitor

football stands! Right now I'm happier than Kevin Stull lifeguarding a pool full of C.B. thugs. Where are we?

The athletic programs are changing, too. Women's basketball winning a conference game, women's soccer has a winning record, the wrestling team has qualified seven out of nine grapplers on the team, and the list goes on and on. Every program at Dana has made steps forward to make us competitive year round.

Talking to some of my radio colleagues about Dana athletics they used to think we were the doormat of the conference for every sport, except cross-country. But the other day one said to me, "Jeez; what the heck have you guys been doing different?"

This comment made me think (which doesn't happen often). What have we done different? The only thing I could come up with was one simple answer: We care. People actually seem to care now if they win or lose. Athletes at Dana want to compete, and we don't hear the excuse, "Oh, well we're Dana." Who do we credit for the change, I think the coaches we have brought in. Guys like Coach Jim Krueger have been trying for years to change things around, and now,

with the coaching additions we have had in the past year, we finally have people working toward a common goal. Much in part to the addition of Dr. James Krause, too.

So to everyone in Dana Land, Uncle Chipper has some advice. Support the local athletes when they compete and when they are not. This means that when you see an athlete, totally drained, but yet has the common decency to come to your class, give them a break. They represent our college to the media and the sports world and do a lot more public relations by getting people to come here than you, the professor. Sorry.

But athletes, don't get lazy out there. Go to class, get your head on straight, work your college ****es off to become a better athlete and strive to get better every day. No matter how bad your team may play in a game, never say that you suck, or that Dana sucks, because, ultimately, there is only one person that can make a huge difference in the 360 degree turn the athletics are about to make, and that person is you. Get off your ***, and do something. Feel free to disagree.