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# Dana College Hermes

## GRADUATION PREPARATION IN FULL SWING

By: Leslie Schroeter  
Hermes Reporter

Graduating seniors at Dana College have many options and activities for the next week. Festivities and activities started on Wednesday with the semi-formal senior dinner sponsored by the Office of the President and Institutional Advancement. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual senior dinner and it featured the president of the alumni council, Coach Jay

Birmingham, and Thomas Hansen as speakers. Giving the convocation was senior Rachel Hospodka, and giving the welcome was the 1999-2000 president of the student senate senior Mark Knudsen.

During finals week, graduating seniors have the option of attending the Baccalaureate service in Trinity Chapel beginning at 7:30. All graduating seniors, faculty, friends, and family are invited to attend. No robes will

be worn at this year's Baccalaureate.

Next Friday, graduating seniors and guests are invited to attend a senior recognition dinner sponsored by the Office of the President. Graduating Dana students and spouses will be guests of the college; parents and other guest may attend with a \$10 ticket available the night of the dinner.

Saturday, May 21 is the day all graduating seniors have been looking forward to. A change from

previous years, graduation will not be held on Sunday this year. Graduating seniors will meet at 12:30 on the sidewalk across from Pioneer Memorial to begin the cross-campus procession. In case of rain, students will meet in Borup Room 214. Senior speakers at graduation will include valedictorians Leora Jaeckel, Rachel, Hospodka, Stephanie Lassek, and elected senior speaker Jenny Lemmerman.

## Job Placement Not A Problem At Dana

By: Lisa Decker  
Editor-in-Chief

With graduation fast approaching, many seniors will soon be facing the real world head on. If things go as they have in the past, this year's graduates will have little trouble finding jobs, as Dana has a history of high job placement.

For the past five years, Dana graduates have averaged 99.4% placement rates for full-time or part-time employment or continued studies. Percentages range from 82-91% over the past five years for those who have sought and have full-time employment in their major field.

In 1999, 98% of graduates were employed or continuing their studies. In a break down of the majors, 100% of graphic design majors, 76% of business majors, 100% of communication majors, 100% of math and science majors, 100% of social work majors, 83% of liberal arts majors and % of education majors were employed or continuing their studies.

Name	Occupation	Employer
Matt Kern	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher & Football/Basketball Coach	Wisner-Pilger Schools, NE
Jane Jackson	HS Special Ed Teacher	Fort Calhoun, NE
Tim Stednitz	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher	Cody Elementary Millard Public Schools, NE
Carol Floth	Spanish Teacher	Elkhorn, NE
Cody Franzen	Math Teacher	King Science Center, OPS, NE
Jennifer Oden	HS English Teacher	Murray, IA
KC Tupa	HS English Teacher	Fort Calhoun, NE
Gina Flood	Human Resource Intern	Cargill, Blair, NE
John Henninsen	Animal Ecology Student	Iowa State
Cheryl Karl	Occupational Therapy Student	Creighton University
Nicole Shields	Ed Program Specialist	Eastern NE Human Services Alpha School
Robert Spangler	Teen/Gym Specialist & Night Director	Boys&Girls Club Carter Lake IA
Bobby Howell	Physical Ed Teacher	Omaha Public Schools, NE
Christina Nutter	Equine Specialist	Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Ashland, NE
Chad Greguras	Vehicle Operator	State of Nebraska
Eric Parrack	Department Manager	Menards, Council Bluffs, IA
Leslie Schroeter	English Teacher	Boys Town High School, NE
Gina Ronk	School-age Youth Coordinator	Good Shepherd, Blair, NE
Lisa Decker	Executive Trainee	Von Maur, Omaha, NE
Jessica Mock	Case Manager	Harrison County, Logan, IA
Elizabeth Snedigar	Occupational Therapy Student	Univ. of Indianapolis, IN
Kelly Medlin	Elementary Teacher	Omaha Public Schools, NE
Amber Weber	Pharmacy Student	U N M C

Many of this year's graduates have their future plans solidified, where as many others

have yet to decide what road to take. No matter what path is pursued, Dana College wishes the graduates

of 2000 the best of luck, and is confident of their future success.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sat. 13:</b>	9:00 PM The Rumbles
<b>Sun. 14:</b>	10:30 AM Brunch on the Hill 8:00 PM Tae Bo
<b>Mon. 15:</b>	Book Buy Back
<b>Tues. 16:</b>	8:00 PM Tae Bo 10:00 PM Late Night Breakfast Book Buy Back
<b>Wed. 17:</b>	10:00 PM Chapel Book Buy Back
<b>Thurs. 18:</b>	7:00 PM Baccalaureate Service 8:00 PM: Tae Bo Book Buy Back
<b>Fri. 19:</b>	7:00 PM: Senior Recognition Dinner
<b>Sat. 20:</b>	1:00 PM: Commencement Service 9:00 PM: Residence Halls Close

## Finals Schedule

Time of Final	Class Time
<b>Monday:</b>	
8:00 AM	11:00 - 12:20 TTH
12:00	11:00 - 11:50 MWF
3:15 PM	8:00 - 8:50 MWF
<b>Tuesday:</b>	
8:00 AM	2:00 - 2:50 MWF
12:00	10:00 - 10:50 MWF
3:15 PM	12:30 - 1:50 TTH
<b>Wednesday:</b>	
8:00 AM	1:00 - 1:50 MWF
12:00	12:00 - 12:50 MWF
3:15 PM	2:00 - 3:20 TTH
<b>Thursday:</b>	
8:00 AM	3:00 - 3:50 MWF 7:30/8:00 - 8:50 TTH
12:00	9:00 - 9:50 MWF

**Good Luck on  
Finals and  
Have a Great  
Summer!**

# 1999-2000 Student Senate Has Many Accomplishments

By: Gina Flood  
Student Senate Secretary  
1999-2000

The 1999-2000 Student Senate wrapped up the year at their last meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. During the past year, Senate has continued with the traditions set forth in past years, but they also started a few traditions of their own, in addition to dealing with student concerns and participating in various community service projects.

Senate started off the school year with a Wiener Feed in front of the campus center. The next major event was the annual Halloween party held for children in the community. The kids enjoyed a fun filled evening including a haunted house, games, and trick-or-treating. Another Senate tradition is the Computerathon held in the spring to raise money for technological improvements on campus. This year senate members raised over \$6,000 and contributed another \$5,000 to purchase three new projectors to be used for computer and video presentations.

Community service has always been a big part of a Senate member's job. This year, Senate added a new standing committee to their bylaws called the Blair Relations Committee. This committee organized activities, such as setting up for the community craft show, painting of downtown business

windows for Christmas, and visiting the elderly in Crowell Home. The purpose of this committee is to improve relations between the Blair community and Dana.

Throughout the year, Student Senate funded several improvements on campus including additional exercise equipment in the fitness room, soap dispensers and air fresheners in the dorms, and cigarette containers located outside of buildings.

Senate also sponsored several events throughout the past year. In February, Senate paid for a large portion of the cost of the Winterfest Dinner & Dance to lower the ticket cost for students. One of the highlights of the year was a Senate sponsored trip to Worlds of Fun. Almost 90 students attended this event organized by Jeremy Havekost, a Student Senate member. Another Senate/Athletic Department sponsored activity coming up this weekend is a Rumbles Concert. By sponsoring this event, Senate made it possible for students to attend at no charge.

Senate capped off the year with a \$5,000 contribution to the Legacy Campaign. Looking back on the year, President Mark Knudsen recognized the achievements of this year's Senate, and thanked all members for the time and effort they contributed to make this a great year. Through all of their accomplishments, the 1999-2000 Student Senate has left a legacy of their own at Dana.

## Hail Fair Dana!

By: Lisa Decker  
Editor-in-Chief

As my time as a Dana student draws to a close, I look back on my years at Dana with a smile. You see, I have gained so much more than just an education here, in fact I think the greatest lessons I have learned regarding life took place outside of the classroom.

I first came to Dana four years ago in order to attend a small school that was close to where my sister went, to gain a good education in business and to play volleyball, oh, and because the campus was pretty. Once here I discovered no matter how close my school was to my sister's, we still didn't see each other any more often, that in order to play college sports you truly have to love the game and that Dana was even smaller than I was originally told.

While here, I have had the opportunity to be involved in more activities than I dreamed of. Besides volleyball, I have been fortunate enough to help recruit students as a Dana Diplomat, initiate changes as a Student Senator, been a cast member of this springs school play and most recently taken on the responsibility of Editor-in-Chief of the Hermes.

With all of these activities came recognitions, honors and a lot of extra stress that I could have easily avoided. So why did I participate in so many activities? Because no matter how much I loved Dana, there were

changes that I wanted to see made and if I didn't try to make them then who would.

With this statement I would like to challenge the Dana community to become involved. If you are graduating this year, do not let your walk across the stage be your last visit to campus. Continue to attend events at Dana, volunteer your time, recruit students and, if you are able, donate money. If you will still be at Dana, get involved in activities and organizations, speak positively about the college, volunteer for the community of Blair and if you want something changed, do something about it rather than just complain.

We have all seen the results of the lack of involvement earlier this spring when the Hermes was temporarily discontinued. I commend and thank everyone who joined me in getting the Hermes back on its feet. I also wish Cheryl Pattie and next years Hermes staff the best of luck. The situation with the Hermes proved that without participation, things fall apart, it happened once; it can happen again, please don't let it. Do something you've never done before even if it is only once, or only as a resume filler, every person counts!

As I head into the dreaded real world, I am apprehensive to leave the comfort zone of Dana, yet am confident that I have the skills and the drive to succeed. As a final note, I would like to thank all of my friends, professors and staff of Dana College for the support you have given me and for the four years I will never forget.

# Worlds of Fun Big Success



Photo by Jeremy Havekost

By: Cheryl Pattie  
Feature Editor

Last Saturday's Worlds of Fun Trip was a huge success. The day started early, with busses leaving at 8:00 am. Most students didn't seem to mind the close to four-hour ride because the charter busses offered a comfortable exchange to the Dana vans. Once at the park students were free to go their own way.

One of the big draws was the Mamba Rollercoaster. The long ride to the top, and the first drop was all that was needed to keep many students coming back for more.

Luckily, Mother Nature cooperated and the weather was perfect. While some agreed a little more sun would have been nice, the few lingering clouds and slight breeze kept everyone cool. Many students also agreed that it was a great idea to take the trip so early in the semester because there weren't many

people at the park.

The idea of the trip originated with Senior Jeremy Havekost. As one of Dana College's Student Activities Program Coordinators Havekost had quite a bit of experience programming large events. The students who attended the all day trip agreed that Havekost did a great job in planning, and organizing a trip for 90 students. Along with the help of Student Senate, Havekost was able to get enough money to book charter busses, buy tickets into the park, and pay for a picnic dinner while at the park.

On behalf of the rest of the students who went to Worlds of Fun I would like to thank Student Senate for helping to fund the trip, Student Activities for allowing us to make a day out of it, and most of all I would like to thank Jeremy Havekost, who without his ideas and planning, none of this would have been possible.



Photo by Jeremy Havekost



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# What to Know About Apartments

By: Becky Dunnell  
Copy Editor

Moving off campus next year? Ready to have all the freedom in the world buy living in an apartment? But have you done everything there is to do in preparation of moving to your own apartment?

Well the first few steps of moving into an apartment won't be addressed here, so let's just assume that you have been lucky enough to find a reasonably priced apartment and wonderful roommates. Now the fun begins, you have to move. Plus, you most likely have to dig up some furniture to use, at least for the time being.

Moving into an apartment takes some time. Since there is a certain time that your lease begins, you can not start moving in until after that time. This can take anywhere from a day to two weeks, it just depends on how much time and effort you are willing to put out. Lisa Decker stated, "[It] took a day or two to move stuff down but longer to organize." Remember that

organizing your things is a part of the moving process. Another student is taking their time for moving; Danielle Mozeika said, "I will move in after Dana graduation and I am starting to move in now, so about two weeks." By spreading out her move in, Mozeika is able to reduce her stress levels some during finals week.

Moving into an apartment will not be like moving into a residence hall. Your bed and desk will not be provided by your landlord. These are some of the basics that you have to think about before moving. Where will all the furniture you need come from? Will you have some items provided or not?

Some apartments provide you with a refrigerator, oven, washer and dryer; others do not. Be prepared either way by visiting with your new landlord to find out what will be there when you move in. Mark Knudsen had to buy "an oven, and a table" for the apartment that he moved into. Buying an oven is a major thing, so make sure that you are ready and able to take on that sort of responsibility.

Mark Lepper said, "I'll need

to buy a bed and a couch and a chair and all sorts of things. I'm really not looking forward that that." Lepper is looking most into buying a sofa because, "They fit more people than a chair, you can use them as a bed, and it's somewhere to sit and watch TV."

Furniture shopping does not have to be a hassle, and, although it is nice to buy new furniture, it is usually less expensive to shop at thrift stores and discount stores. Other furniture you may just have to bring from your parent's house. This is sometimes nice because it is furniture you are used to and comfortable with.

There are other items to keep in mind when moving into an apartment. You will need more than just furniture to get by. Mozeika has had to buy "dishes [and] clocks" for her apartment. Decker has also had to buy "kitchen stuff and decorations."

For a better idea of what you might need when you move into your own apartment (or house), see the sidebar checklist. Look over the list with your roommate(s) and get ready for a great time in your new place!

## Rasmussen Open for 2000-2001

By: Cheryl Pattie  
Feature Editor

As many students now know Rasmussen Hall will be open during the next school year. It had originally been closed due to a drop in enrollment, and because it could be used as housing for groups visiting Dana. But because projected numbers for incoming students is near 300, for fall of 2000, Rasmussen will be needed to house the new students.

Because the decision to open Rasmussen came so late in the semester, the Student Life office had to work fast to find Resident Assistants for the building. The 2000-2001 RA's, in Rasmussen, are: Jessica Chambers, Senior RA; Jessica Gall, third floor; Mike Stessman, second floor; Joe Pennucci, third floor; and Renee Hesseltine, Focus floor. Shawn Cook will be the Hall Director for Rasmussen Hall. To fill the spots vacated by RA's who moved from their original buildings over to Rasmussen three new RA's were hired to fill their spots: Trisha Nicholson, third Blair; Lindsey Sparks, third Argo; and Kari Kristensen, fourth Holling.

There are spots available for returning students if they are interested in moving to Rasmussen Hall. If you are interested stop by the Student Life office and talk to either Shawn Cook or JoAnn Stute.

### Associate Professor of Biology Hired For Fall

—Dana Campus Bulletin—

Dr. Troy Ladine, currently an Associate Professor of Biology at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Biology at Dana beginning this fall. Dr. Ladine received his Ph.D. from the University of Memphis (TN), his MA from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, and his BS from Bartlesville Wesleyan College, Oklahoma.

## Apartment Checklist

\*\*List taken from CollegeDepot.com

Sofa (sofa bed preferably)	Bottle Opener	Desk
Chairs	Corkscrew	Laundry hamper
Side Tables	Cutlery Tray	Hangers
Lamps	Silverware	Shower curtain and liner
Area Rugs	Toaster/Oven	Soap dish
Entertainment Center or TV stand	Microwave	Toothbrush holder
TV/VCR	Blender	Rinse cup
Stereo/Speakers	Coffee pot (and plenty of filters)	Towels & Robe
CD or Tape Rack & CDs/Tapes	Chopping board	Bath mat
Window Wear (blinds or curtains)	Measuring cups/spoons	Makeup bag
Fan and/or Electric Heater	Dish towels	Hand mirror
Phone & Answering Machine	Oven mitts	Hair dryer
Pictures or Posters, Decorations	Broom	Curling iron (if necessary)
Kitchen Table and Chairs	Mop and bucket	Medicines (Tylenol, cold medicine, etc..)
Pots, Pans & Baking pans	Sponges and rags	Toilet brush
Mixing Bowls	Spray cleaners	Toilet plunger
Cups, Glasses & Mugs	Disinfectant cleaners	Door hooks (for towels and robes)
Plates and bowls	Bleach	Plants and holders (hooks for hanging plants)
Colander	Garbage cans (plenty of garbage bags)	Vacuum (plus extra bags)
Pitcher	Fridge magnets	Iron/ironing board
Salt & Pepper shakers	Bed/Mattress	Tool kit (hammer, screwdrivers, etc...)
Plastic storage containers	Sheets	Hooks (picture, ceiling, etc...)
Ice cube trays	Comforter or Duvet	Crates/storage
Cooking Utensils (Spoons, knives, etc.)	Extra blankets	
Can Opener	Pillows (don't forget extras)	
	Dressers	
	Shelf units	

## Summer On-Campus Housing

By: Cheryl Pattie  
Feature Editor

There is a new incentive for those students who live and work on campus during the summer. Now instead of working and paying for your room, those students who work 40 hours a week and will be returning to Dana in the fall don't have to pay for their double rooms. There is a catch though. While the summer residents don't have to pay for their rooms, they do have to pay taxes on what their room would cost, because the cost of the housing is considered compensation. For most who live on campus during the summers this is just fine with them. Now instead of missing a large sum from their monthly paycheck they

receive their entire check, and don't have to worry about coming up with rent for the summer.

There are still places available for students to live, and work on campus, if they are interested. Students living on campus will be housed on fourth Rasmussen., and there are several spots still open. Talk to JoAnn Stute or Jason Davis if you are interested in living on campus. For those students interested in working on campus, jobs are available at most offices. For more information talk with the head of the office, or department, with which you are interested working for, talk to the Business Office, or stop by the Information Desk. If you have questions or concerns about the double room for free contact the Business Office.

## ZERO TOLERANCE FOCUS PROGRAM TAKES OFF

By: Renee Hesseltine  
Hermes Reporter

As many students may or may not know, Dana has created a new program on campus. This is the FOCUS Program. The FOCUS Program is for students who have completed a substance abuse treatment program and are committed to earning a degree.

This program is unique to colleges across the nation. Dana is only the fourth college in the U.S. to provide such a program. The other three programs are at Texas Tech, Rutgers University in

New Jersey, and Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

David Hoppe, founder of FOCUS, has been busy "getting the word out" about the program. In December of 1999, the FOCUS Program received a \$30,000 grant for the next three years from the Cooper Foundation in Lincoln, NE. This has enabled Hoppe to send out mailings and present the program this summer at the National Association of Alcoholic and Drug Abuse Counselors in Denver.

While the program was introduced for the first time this past school year, Hoppe considers the start to be in August 2000. He says, "We didn't have enough students this year. The program did not have the peer support that it needs." He hopes to have 15-20 students participating next year.

One aspect to the FOCUS Program is the offering of separate, zero tolerance housing. Next year, the fourth floor of Rasmussen Hall will be home to students participating in the program. Hoppe explained the purpose of the separate floor is to offer peer support. These students will know that the person next door is not having a party. Hoppe hopes that in the future, students in the FOCUS Program and those not can live together with zero tolerance policies and be able to support each other.

Another aspect to the FOCUS Program is weekly on-campus 12-step meetings. Dana already has a weekly, on-campus Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting, and these will continue with the addition of two Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. These meetings are open to all Dana students.

If you are interested in further information, contact David Hoppe.

## Technological Improvements to be Made Over Summer

By: Mark Knudsen  
Hermes Reporter

Next year, Dana College will see significant improvements to the in dorm computer service. Two dorms, Holling and Mickelson will be directly wired to the Dana College server. What does this mean? There will be faster connections and downloading times for students who own their own computers and live in one of these dorms.

Earlier this year, Duey Heffelfinger contacted the Student Senate and asked which of the residence halls would be best to wire first. After some consideration, the Student Senate agreed that Holling and Mickelson would be the best two dorms to start with. In the future, the plan is to have all of the dorms wired.

"I think it is a good idea because it adds something to Dana that most schools do not have, and it will allow students to move through the World Wide Web quickly as compared to the slow pace now." Said senior Thomas Blase.

If students have any questions, they should contact computer services at extension 7289.

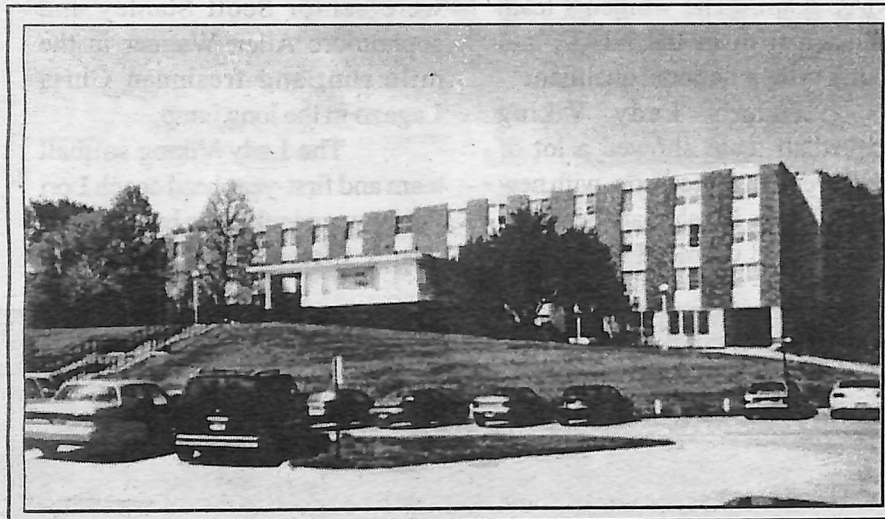


Photo by Lisa Decker



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# 1999-2000 Sports Wrap-Up

By: Tom Urban  
Sports Editor

This has been a long and busy season for the Dana College athletic department. The new athletic facilities are currently being worked on, and with some new coaches coming in, and some old coaches going out, it is a time of transition here at Dana. It has also been a busy year for the Dana College athletes. All but one of the 12 sports at Dana has completed their 1999-2000 campaign. Here is a brief review of each of the teams.

The Dana College football team got off to a good start this season, with a victory over Dakota Wesleyan in their first game. However, a four-game losing streak in the middle of the season was too much for the Vikings to overcome. They would finish the year with two consecutive victories, and a record of 4-6. Freshman running back Chaves Lamoya was the bright spot for Dana this season, as he rushed for over 900 yards throughout the season.

Under the direction of new head coach Jody Rehberg, the Lady Viking volleyball squad made significant strides this season, improving in nearly every facet of the game from last year. An overall record of 6-23 does not properly reflect the improvement of this year's team. Four Dana players earned the honor of NAIA Scholar-Athlete All-

Americans. They were seniors Lisa Decker and Amber Weber, along with juniors Michaela Kibbon and DaLean Butterfield.

The Lady Viking soccer team had its most successful season ever this year, finishing 14-5, and 3-3 in the NIAC. Dana also made it to the second round of the NIAC Post-season Tournament after an exciting triple-overtime victory over Concordia. Freshman goalkeeper Denise Klug was named First Team All-Conference, while sophomores Jenny Wilcox and Renee Boman along with senior Amanda Stoffel were named to the All-Conference Second Team. Molly Fuxa, Remy Stoffel, and Noel Tesar received honorable mention recognition. Also, Coach Todd Wick was named Co-Coach of the year, sharing honors with Dale Behrens of Hastings.

The Dana Cross Country squad had another successful year in 1999. The men's team made it to the national tournament, after winning their national qualifier. For his efforts, senior Scott Stanley earned All-American honors for his season. He, along with juniors Justin Christensen and Aaron Schlote, was also named to the All-NIAC team. The women's team finished fifth in the NIAC, and fourth in their national qualifier.

Dana's Lady Viking basketball team showed a lot of improvement this season, with new coach Doug Fessler at the helm. They picked up more victories in

the 1999-2000 season than they had in quite some time. Their overall record was 11-18, 2-10 in conference. Elizabeth Snedigar led the team this year, averaging 15.4 points per game, along with 8.3 rebounds.

In Coach Dave Jensen's final season at Dana, the men's basketball team put together a respectable 13-16 record, including a 10-3 record at home. Junior Michael Johnson led the team with 13.6 points per game, as well as 6.6 rebounds. Derek Hack and Dwight Nelson also had major contributions to this year's squad. For his efforts, Johnson was named to the All-Conference team.

The Viking wrestling squad was a team in transition this year, as Coach Steve Costanzo came to Dana. The Vikings were 2-6-1 in duals this year, and freshmen Ben Wilcox and Tom Wissman led the team with 22 and 20 wins respectively. Senior Steve Jenny and junior Riley Tonkin were both named Academic All-Americans.

Three members of the Viking men's indoor track team qualified for the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships this year. They were senior Scott Stanley and sophomore Allen Wagner in the mile run, and freshman Chris Lagazo in the long jump.

The Lady Viking softball team and first-year head coach Lori Foster were looking to build on last year's success, and bring home

another NIAC title in the 2000 season. The Vikings got off to a quick start this season, and played steady ball for the entire year. They went into the NIAC tournament seeded fourth, and came home with third place, after losing to Hastings in the semifinals. Their overall record for the season was 27-28-1. Amy Jorgensen led the Vikings with a .359 batting average, while Jen Schneider led the pitching staff with 15 wins and an ERA of 3.09.

Several Dana runners qualified for the national tournament in outdoor track this spring. Junior Jason Brindle will compete in the marathon in his second trip to nationals. On the women's side, Freshmen Stephanie Collins and Alicia Widtfeldt will compete in the half-marathon at the national tournament along with sophomore teammate Natalie Flynn.

Finally, the Viking baseball team struggled through a difficult season in 2000. Under new coach Damon Day, Dana's group of predominately underclassmen struggled out of the gate. They would pick up a couple of wins throughout the season, but their final record was 8-40, 6-14 in conference play. Senior Ryan Enright led the Vikings with 38 RBI and a batting average of .352. Jason Houston batted .316 and stole 37 bases. Nate Gutridge led the Dana pitching staff with an ERA of 5.88, while Craig Wetterberg led the team in wins with three.

## Renovation to Sports Facilities Continues

By: Dave Delort  
Hermes Reporter

Some of you may have noticed some new construction going on here on campus. Borup Coliseum is being added on to, as well as new work to the football field, track, and practice field. You better move your car too cause next year the existing parking lot will be the site for *New Borup!*

Currently, as we speak, workers are working on the South part of campus, trying to redo the track to make it all weather and multi-purpose. The track is supposed to be completed by mid July; however, they are pushed back because a few problems have been found underneath the

old track (that is torn up). Some parts along where the "present-track" lies is some unstable earth that needs to be stabilized in order to make the new track permanent.

Getting back to the overall plan, the area around the football field will consist of a full, all weather athletic track with five lanes. It will have long-jump/triple jump pits, a high-jump area, and a pole-volt lane. As everyone who visits Dana, from other schools, know, we don't have VISITING BLEACHERS on the east side of the football field; well now we will. There will be moderate additions done to the home stands and a brand new set of bleachers

will be added to the other visiting side of the football field (the east side). Where the practice field lies is the site of shot-put and discus throw areas, as well as the javeline throw area.

New Borup will be relatively mirrored after the old one. Speaking of Borup, the present one in case you haven't guessed, the weight room is planned to be located at the west end of the basketball court. The stands at the end of the court will be removed and a permanent wall will be added to separate the court and the weight room. Dr. Krause says that it'll give more room for athletes to work, as well as new equipment.

These are the plans for the new look to Dana College. Those of you seniors who won't be back, as a student, will miss out on the messy construction, when finalized, the New Borup and track, and the large in coming class for the 2000-2001 school year. Most of all we'll miss you all and best of luck in the future. To all returning students, get ready for what should amount to a spectacular athletic school year with the additions on the south end of campus. And for those teams in the GPAC (the old NIAC), WATCH OUT, Dana will turn some heads in the near future...

# Wagner Upset Winner In NIAC 1500

Christensen, Maltby Place High for Vikings

By: Jay Birmingham  
Head Track Coach

Allen Wagner (2<sup>nd</sup> yr., Kailua-Kona, HI) was fourth-ranked in the 1500 meter run going into last Saturday's NIAC track and field Championships at Hastings College. With a personal best of 3:59, he was facing NAIA indoor mile champion Brandon Seifert of Concordia with a converted time of 3:49, NAIA indoor 800 meter champion Matt Byington of Wesleyan who had beaten him with a 3:58, and Jonathan Brims of Hastings who boasted a 3:57. The race unfolded as expected, with Byington and Seifert bashing the first lap under 60 seconds with Brims in tow. Wagner was four seconds back in 63.

At 800 meters, Wagner had closed the gap to 25 meters but still looked hopelessly behind. Brims was struggling and coming back. Wagner kept accelerating and with 300 meters remaining, was 10 meters behind. The two leaders kept bashing each other as Wagner closed. Coming off the final turn, Wagner slipped past Seifert and closed on Byington, whom he passed with 50 meters to go. Holding form, Wagner breasted the tape to win in 3:51.13 over Byington's 3:51.23 and Seifert in 3:51.53. It was the fastest 1500 in the NIAC since 1982.

Wagner's victory was the only one for Dana College but it was big. He broke the school record of 3:54.04 held by Scott Stanley and enabled the under-manned Vikings to defeat Midland in the team chase. Wagner added a fifth place finish in the 5,000 meters (15:39.29) to score half of Dana's 24 points. Stanley was out of the meet due to a foot injury. He was expected to contend in the 10,000 meters.

Justin Christensen (3<sup>rd</sup> yr., Schuyler) won silver in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:39.23. Matt Maltby (Ralston) had a breakthrough day in the shot put, registering 48'7-1/2" to break a 31-year old Dana mark set by Gary Rietsma in 1969. Maltby's heave earned fourth place points.

Stephanie Collins (1<sup>st</sup> yr.,

Shelby, IA) led for 500 meters in the women's 800 but drifted back to fifth place in 2:23.32. Alicia Widtfeldt (1<sup>st</sup> yr., Blair) ran a fine competitive effort in the 10,000 meters which netted sixth place in 43:09. Veteran high jumper Amber Weber (4<sup>th</sup> yr., Neligh) cleared 5'2" for sixth place. Teammate Brooke Thomsen (3<sup>rd</sup> yr., Superior) cleared the same height but had one more miss.

Other outstanding performances for Dana College included personal bests by John Henningsen in the 1500, a PR discus throw by Maltby, and a season's best in the 4x100 relay which included Chris Lagazo, Brandon Elwood, Robert Milliken, and Mitchell Deering. Natasha Wilks posted her best time of the year in the 100 as did Natalie Flynn in the 5000.

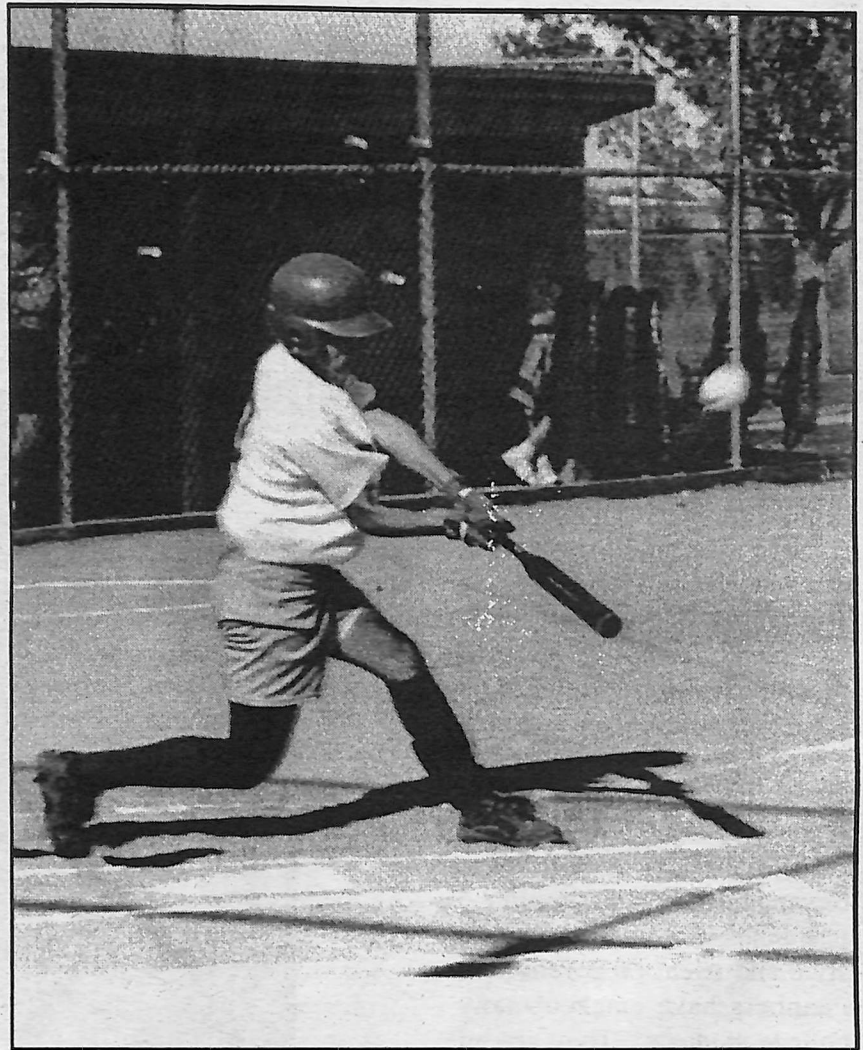


Photo by Brooke Thomsen

Freshman Jennifer Filipowicz swings in hopes of a home run at NIAC Tournament.

## Softball Team Takes Third In NIAC Tourney

By: Tom Urban  
Sports Editor

The Lady Viking softball team took part in the NIAC post-season tournament last Thursday and Friday. Dana came into the tournament as the defending champions, and they were looking to win it again. The team that wins the NIAC tournament receives an automatic berth in the NAIA Region IV tournament.

Dana's regular season NIAC record of 7-9 was good enough for the fourth seed in the tournament. In the first round, the Lady Vikings took on the third seeded Concordia Bulldogs. Dana came into the game strong, and overpowered the Bulldogs for the entire game. Offensively, Dana had several key hits and scored 10 runs. With the help of strong pitching and defense, that was enough runs to hold off Concordia, and Dana advanced with a 10-3 victory.

With the win, the

Lady Vikes advanced to face the host school, Hastings, which had upset Doane earlier in the day. The fifth seeded Broncos had the advantage of the home crowd, but Dana was not to be intimidated by that. Much like the previous game, Dana jumped out to an early lead, as the offense was strong for the entire game. Another strong performance by the Dana pitching staff led to another comfortable victory, 11-3.

Having advanced to the third round in the winner's bracket, Dana was matched up with the first seed, Northwestern. The Red Raiders came into the game with a 40-7 record, and they were ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the National NAIA Softball poll. The strength of the Raiders was apparent from the start of the contest. The pitching of Northwestern was able to finally silence the offensive production of the Lady Vikings. In addition to that, Northwestern was able to get some timely hitting, and they pulled away

with a 5-0 victory to advance to the championship game.

With their loss, the Lady Vikings moved to the loser's bracket. Their first opponent in the loser's bracket was Hastings College, the team that Dana had defeated just 18 hours before. The winner of this game was to move on to face Northwestern in the championship game. The Broncos were able to hold down the Viking offense, unlike the day before. At the same time, Dana's pitching was not able to keep the Bronco bats as silent as before. In a hard fought, low-scoring game, Hastings was able to prevail 4-2 and they moved on to face the Red Raiders. As this was Dana's second loss of the tournament, they were eliminated, and finished in third place. Northwestern would go on to defeat Hastings 5-1 to win the NIAC championship. With two victories and two defeats in the tournament, Dana finished the season with a record of 27-28-1.

## Hidden Music

By: Erik Hoffman  
Hermes Reporter

April 14, 2000 Hermes Issue had an article on local music. Surprisingly, Dana's own Christian band called Sevenfold was not mentioned. If you have not heard or heard of Sevenfold, they are a Dana band consisting of sophomore Curt Isaacson, senior Brian Jones, junior Adam Martin, and sophomore Jill Wellensiek. The name sevenfold is biblically based and it takes its reference from Matthew 18:21. This hidden talent is no longer hidden to churches around the Midwest. In the past three or four months, Sevenfold has gained great recognition.

However, Sevenfold's music should be heard outside the churches. The style and talent of Sevenfold's members have amazed many college students. They are an acoustic band and have combined a variety of styles to form their own. Tom Sharman, Sevenfold's producer of Tesco Productions, states that the band shows "a very interesting blend." Sevenfold has a sound that has been compared to that of Jars of Clay. The

beginning of Sevenfold's success within the church, took place on January 18, 2000 when they released their first CD. The group recorded nine songs. "The band was very well rehearsed and very prepared," Sharman says. Some songs used additional people besides the main four. Tekemah's,

Mike Johnson played bass for the CD. Jillian Scheerhoorn played the oboe and Jeremy Stoll played the cello. Putting the CD together was very enjoyable for everyone. Sharmen feels that "Sevenfold is one of the best acoustic albums we have ever put together here at Tesco." Sevenfold really

started to click with themselves and felt together as a band after their Midwest tour over spring break. This tour included the states Colorado, Iowa, and Nebraska. The band loaded up in one "very nice" van for an eight-day tour. They played a total of nine shows at different churches. "This was a good time to really gel as a group," Isaacson comments. Martin and Isaacson both agree that Gibbon, NE was their favorite show to play while on the tour. They said that they had such a variety of people there. The range of ages shows how well liked Sevenfold's music is. Sevenfold is an excellent band, however, they are more that notes and harmony. Sevenfold has a purpose unlike many young bands. Martin shares that the purpose of Sevenfold is to "share God's love and what he has done for us...and have fun doing it." What we try to do is "present the Gospel in an everyday style. We want to break down the doors and take God's word outside the Church," Isaacson says. The next time you see a poster that has the name Sevenfold in big letters. Don't ignore it. Go to the concert. Try it out and see if you like it. Sevenfold is always welcomes everyone.



Photo by: Erik Hoffman

Brian Jones: drums/percussion, Jill Wellensiek: vocals/percussion, Curt Isaacson: vocals/guitar/piano/percussion, Adam Martin: vocals/guitar/cello/percussion

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Cast of "The Delivery Boy" (back) Mark Knudsen, Allison Botkin, Todd Maxwell (front) Rachel Lynch, T.J. Kerger, and Jenny Lemmerman

# Dana College Theater Year-In-Review

By: Jessica Gall  
Hermes Reporter

The Dana College Theater program has had an amazing run this spring semester, but it didn't start out that great. The fall semester began with the aborted musical "Personals." The cast of "Personals," including Chris Sorenson, Jenny Lemmerman, Tony Ward, Mary Sutherland, and Rachel Lynch began practicing the small show in mid-September with the opening planned in mid-October. After only a few rehearsals the cast, in an anonymous vote, decided not to do the show. The cast cited problems with the script as reasons for not continuing. Dr. Paul Schneider and the theater department did not let that get them down. In November, they began rehearsals for the Sights and Sounds Christmas show called "The Delivery Boy" written and directed by Dr. Paul Schneider. The show starred T.J. Kerger, Jenny Lemmerman, Mark Knudsen, Allison Botkin, Todd Maxwell, and Rachel Lynch. Performances were seen by people of all ages and were well received by the hundreds of Sights and Sounds visitors.

In January began a large project that would see the first three-act play production at Dana for the new millenium. Omaha

actress and second-time director at Dana, Connie Lee cast "Crimes of the Heart" in December and began the six week long rehearsal in January. The small cast starred Jenny Lemmerman, Lisa Decker, and Mary Sutherland as the three principal parts; Jessica Gall, Jake Adolphson, and Jeremy Stoll rounded out the supporting cast.

The last, major production at Dana was a wonderful tribute to the cartoonist Charles Schultz. The musical "Charlie Brown" began rehearsal in March and opened in mid-April. The cast included Chris Sorenson, Mary Sutherland, Nathan Bates, Mark Sukraw, Tiffany Shellberg, Rachel Lynch, and Chris Bertschinger. This humorous and well-sung musical entertained large crowds of old and young alike, keeping the audience laughing till the very end.

The Dana College theater department ended their year this week with student directed shows. T.J. Kerger, Jake Adolphson, and Allison Rhude directed their own productions with only a few weeks of preparation. They did a great job and it was a good end to a great theater year. We know that next year the theater department will strive to top the success of this year's shows. Break a Leg!!!



Photo by Brooke Thomsen

Cast of "Crimes of the Heart" Connie Lee, Director, Jeremy Stoll, Jessica Gall, Jake Adolphson, Mary Sutherland, Jenny Lemmerman, and Lisa Decker.



Photo by Brooke Thomsen

Cast of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" Nathan Bates, Rachel Lynch, Chris Sorenson, Tiffany Shellberg, Mark Sukraw, and Mary Sutherland. Not Pictured, Chris Bertschinger.

# Dana College Band Prepares for Summer Tour

By: Kari Kristensen  
Hermes Reporter

School may be over for most Dana students after graduation, but on Monday May 22 the Dana College concert band will load a charter bus and go on tour.

Professor William Hall directs the Dana College concert band and throughout the year professor Hall and the concert band have prepared many wonderful pieces to take on tour. The band will be playing pieces by well-known artist, such as

Clifton Williams and Johann Sebastian Bach.

The band will also perform an ensemble with Mrs. Michelle Hall. Mrs. Hall will also be directing a woodwind ensemble.

The concert band will be stopping in various cities throughout the Midwest. The first performance will be in Ankey, IA on May 22. Various other stops will include Davenport, IA, Columbus, MO, St. Louis, MO and Kansas City, MO. The band is looking forward to the trip and all of the fun memories to come.



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## Legacy Campaign Well Underway

Michael Jones: Vice President,  
Institutional Advancement  
Thomas Hansen: Director of  
Development

This year, President Myrvin Christopherson and the Institutional Advancement team initiated the public phase of the \$40 million Legacy Campaign. This five-year fund-raising effort will focus on four pressing priorities – scholarships, facilities, endowment, and planned gifts. At present time, Dana has received

more than \$14.3 million in cash gifts and pledges and \$14 million in planned gifts.

“Dana College is very grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support we have received from our alumni and friends, according to Michael Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. We are seeking funds to complete the fund-raising of the \$5 million Borup Coliseum renovation and addition project. However, we have a great deal of work ahead of us in the next several years to

provide funds for scholarship support for our students as well as preparing for the financial future of Dana College.”

Expanding scholarship support, improving campus facilities, and building the endowment are among the important goals of Dana’s strategic plan for the future. An overview of the priorities of the campaign are outlined in the shaded sidebar.

### Campaign Priorities

**-Expanding Scholarship  
support -  
\$6,500,000**

Through the campaign, Dana is raising more than \$1.5 million annually to provide scholarship support that will enable deserving students to obtain an outstanding broad, liberal arts education and a lifelong love for learning.

**-Improving Campus  
facilities-  
\$7,500,000**

Updated campus facilities help Dana remain competitive and provide an attractive setting for living and learning. With the financial assistance of alumni and friends throughout the country, the college will in the near future renovate Borup Coliseum, add a new gymnasium, as well as creating new classrooms and lab space. New workout rooms for free weights and cardiovascular fitness and a new track will be tremendous assets to the entire Dana community. Other improvements include selected renovations and refurbishing of the E.C. Hunt Campus Center, C.A. Dana Hall of Science, and the residence halls.

**-Building Endowment  
Resources -  
\$6,000,000**

An important goal of the campaign is to build and increase Dana’s endowment. An endowment distributes annually the interest income to help support many areas like library needs, technology improvements, faculty positions, programs and the ever increasing need for scholarships for our students.

**- Planned Gifts -  
\$20,000,000**

Planned gifts are gifts that come to Dana College after a donor dies. Our goal is to invite alumni and friends to include Dana College in their will/trust, or make the college a beneficiary of an insurance policy. To date, more than \$14 million of the \$20 million campaign goal has been quantified as planned gifts for Dana’s future.

## Dana Admissions Changes Focus and Sees Big Results

By: Denise Work  
Admissions Counselor

Plan on seeing many new faces on campus next fall. The focus in admissions this year has been on a larger freshman class and long-term growth for Dana College.

Dana’s application and deposit numbers are up considerably from recent years. Although a student may apply to many different colleges, a deposit signifies a student’s intent to attend Dana. Once a student has sent in the \$100 deposit, they are given a housing assignment and are allowed to register for their first-year classes.

Currently, there are 132 freshman deposits and eight transfer deposits. Last year at this time, there were 83 freshman deposits and six transfer deposits. Dana has deposits from 14 states, including Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, Texas, South and North Dakota, Maine, Colorado, Arizona, Hawaii, Oregon and California.

Incoming freshman registered for classes on campus May 2 and 3. Over 40 incoming freshman have already selected their courses for the 2000-01 academic year either on campus or by phone.

Heather Schweig, admissions counselor, notes a change in staff morale. “With Daurine (Petersen) as our acting director, the office has been

more united and working towards a common goal. This year, when one of us succeeds, we all feel as though we’ve accomplished something. Every deposit has been a team effort.”

Aside from the work of the admissions staff, the higher numbers can be attributed to the work of Dana’s consultant, Bill Turner, and a greater focus on recruiting in the athletic department. The largest freshman class in five years is anticipated.

Three dates remain for the new students to register for classes. They will be able to meet with advisors on campus May 23, June 22 and August 3. Incoming students from further away will be able to register over the phone.

Deposited new students have also begun to receive their housing assignments. They are encouraged to contact their roommate, get to know each other and make plans for their residence hall room.

Over the summer, counselors will also begin working on new students for the fall of 2001. Incoming high school seniors have already been receiving mail from Dana. It is planned that many of those same students will receive a personal phone call from a student or admissions counselor by the end of the summer.

Senior Preview will be held July 20-21. This event gives incoming high school

seniors a chance to spend the night on campus. Evening activities will include volleyball, Bingo and an ice cream social. The following day will consist of a tour, financial aid presentation and opportunities to meet with professors, coaches, and current Dana students. Last summer over 100 students and parents attended this event.

Jake Adolfsen, Scott Stanley and Justin Wiese will be assisting in mailings and giving campus tours this summer. Jodi Skalak and Allison Ruhde will be phoning incoming seniors. Marc Bierbaum will continue to give tours throughout the summer as well.

Returning staff members for 2000-01 are Daurine Petersen, Pam Shelton, Sara Smith, Denise Work, Judy Mathiesen and Judith Connealy. Schweig will be leaving Dana College to complete her master’s degree in English. During the summer, Dana will be hiring a new admissions counselor for the territory of northern Nebraska and the western United States.

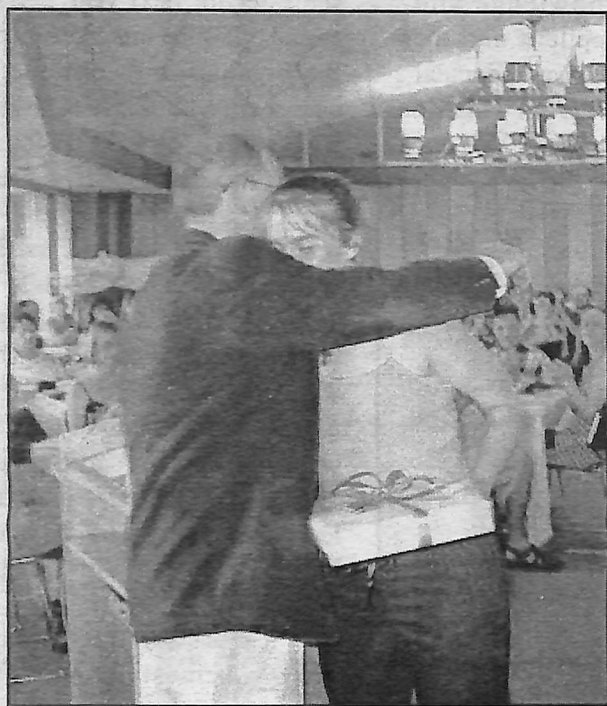
The search for Vice President of Enrollment continues through the summer. Candidates will be interviewed and it is hoped that a new vice president will be in place before fall.

Admissions will also be hiring student workers next fall to give tours, help with mailings and data entry, and phone prospective students.

# STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL HONORS DESSERT

By: Abby Jones  
Hermes Reporter

The annual Honors Dessert was held on Thursday evening in the Hunt Campus Center. Though the air conditioning was notably lacking, a large crowd of students, parents and faculty filled the dining area for the evening of



performing their instrumental trio as the guests arrived and found their places. Then President Christopherson welcomed the guests, and Dean Paul Formo gave the invocation – and five minutes for eating dessert – before the ceremony got underway.

Among the honors presented were the Academic Departmental

Beth Gruner. Elizabeth Snedigar and John Henningsen tied for top honors in the Biology department and were both named Outstanding Seniors. The Outstanding Business Student awards went to Vincent Shen and Lisa Decker. Sophomore Eric Lee was named the Top General Chemistry Student, and he received a Merck Index to catch up on the few things Dr. Michels wasn't able to cover in class this year. Senior Heather (Stewart) Kuhl was honored by the Analytical Division of the American Chemical Society for her success in Analytical Chemistry, while Amber Weber was named the Outstanding Senior Chemistry Major. In the English department, Mary Sutherland was given the Luella K. Nielsen Award for being an outstanding freshman English major, and Leslie Schroeter and Christina Nutter tied for Outstanding Junior or Senior English Major. Music department honors went to Rachel Hospodka, winner of the Alan Brandis Music Award; Betsie Walles, who received the Music Education Award; and Tony Ward, who was



Photo by: Natalie Horning  
Sophomore, Eric Lee, receiving top General Chemistry Student Award.

recognized for Excellence in Academics and Music Performance.

Several special awards were also given at the dessert. The Ben Krantz Memorial Award went to freshman Crystal Cordes. Senior Ryan Enright received the Joseph Langland Award for poetry, and junior Trenton Kerger received the Sower Award for Drama. Nebraska Collegiate Media Association Golden Leaf Awards went to Max Riffner, Derek Davis, Tyler Cooper, Jason Dannelly, and Ben Wilcox. The 1999-2000 Danian also won a Golden Leaf award, and honorable mention for best photography. Sophomore

Jason Dannelly was honored with the James Peterson Memorial Award for his work in communications and for co-curricular activities.

Many other students were also recognized for other honors, including Alpha Chi (National Honor Society), Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign Language Honor Society), Delta Mu Delta (Business Honor Society), the Morton Scholars Program, and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. It was an especially exciting day for the Business department, because they had held the first inductions for their new chapter of Delta Mu Delta earlier that afternoon.

Before the evening ended, Assistant Dean and Registrar Nancy Penna delivered the benediction, and Desiree Anderson provided piano accompaniment for "Hail Dana."

Congratulations to all of the students who were honored, and many thanks to the faculty and staff who put the evening together.

awards. Students Desiree Anderson, Jillian Scheerhoorn, and Susan Steinke provided music for the evening,

Awards in Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, and Music. The Outstanding Student in Art award went to senior

## Dana Students Honor Faculty and Staff

By: Toni Ahrendt  
Hermes Reporter

Faculty and Staff Appreciation was held on Tuesday May 9 in MFAC. The program was filled with various presentations, and yes, a little humor as always.

Gil Ragan, Fran Mallory, and Mary Jo Kubie were honored as this year's retirees, having over sixty years of experience between them all, with Ragan having an impressive 40 years of service to Dana College.

The new award this year was presented to the staff of the year. This year's recipient was Sandy Sonderup, who we all know from

the info booth. Sandy was stunned and thanked everyone for the award.

There was also a presentation of Professor of the year. This year there were two. There was a tie after the student election and this year's winners were Frank Taylor, of the Sociology Department, and David Hoppe, of the Psychology Department. Both were very happy about their win. Taylor said that he, "Went expecting to be roasted, but it was a pleasant surprise and I appreciate the honor."

The program ended with a top ten list of what makes the Dana Difference.

## Top 10 Things That Make Up The Dana Difference

10. Where else can you go to college and get your very own cat
9. Where else can you find a history professor who doesn't mind rolling up his sleeves and doing his part to save the earth
8. Where else can a discussion on the economic situation of New Mexico turn into a centered debate on the mysteries of Roswell
7. Where else but Dana can your bookstore also serve as your Danish heritage center
6. Where else can you get the mixed aroma of beautiful flowers, fresh cut grass, and the distinct scent of Cargill
5. Where else but Dana can your hall director give you advice on housing during the day, and instruct you on the art of swing dancing at night
4. Where else but Dana can you beat your professors in a spelling bee
3. Where else can your psychology professor double as your evening counselor for your struggles with your transexuality
2. Where else can you experience the art of aerobic dance with your very own football coach
1. Where else but Dana can you see athletes who fear a women 2

# Public Relations Class Completes All-America City Award

By: Jenny Lemmerman  
Hermes Reporter

The Public Relations class at Dana College has been hard at work this spring semester. Lisa Decker, John Henningsen, Tom Urban, Kelli Arth, Son Trent, Jenny Lemmerman and Wendi Weaver took on a large project that was a wonderful hands-on experience that will definitely benefit them in their future areas of work.

James Lundy, Communication Professor at Dana College, made connections with the city hoping to spur a project that would benefit both the Public Relations class and the city of Blair. Brenda Taylor, City Clerk, mentioned their current project, which was submitting an application for the All-America City Award. They didn't have the time and resources to meet the deadline of the project themselves, so they asked if the students could help them out.

The All-America City Award is given to any city of any size for its citizen's outstanding initiation and motivation to better their community. This year there were 72 applicants, and 30 cities were chosen as finalists for the award. The finalists will travel to Louisville, Kentucky in early June to compete in the final stages of the competition. At this level, the winners of the All-America City Award will be chosen.

After discussing the project itself, the Public Relations class decided to take on the daunting task of completing the application. They immediately began the short, but intense quest for research. This was Blair's first application, and they were under a six-week deadline.

The application consisted of basic information and demographics of the community itself, but the most important aspect of the application was that of three citizen-initiated projects that the community had recently taken on. The Public Relations students researched their community and identified 1) the downtown beautification process, 2) the new recycling center and 3) the construction of the new

YMCA as Blair's top community oriented projects to date.

The students met with Rod Storm, City Administrator, and Brenda Taylor to discuss their ideas and to establish a plan of action. Storm commented, "We really appreciate the positive attitudes and professionalism that the group brought with them. The time and work they put into the application was amazing." Taylor agreed by saying, "We're really grateful for what Dana did. We

Public Relations class stated, "I think we really stepped up to the challenge of this project, especially with the pressure of the deadline. We worked well together as a group and with the community. It was a team effort."

The students broke down into separate groups taking on different duties. They then pooled their knowledge and resources to compile it into the final project, which was the actual application itself. Even with the

best that we could under the time frame. We are very proud of what we accomplished. We knew that putting an application together in 6 weeks compared to other cities that do it in 6 months was a stretch! We certainly have a solid base though, and we're looking forward to expanding on the work the students did this semester for next year." Storm added, "It'll be interesting to get the organization's critique and comments back, so we know what we need to work on for next year. Overall, I think it was really a successful project, and I'm really pleased with all the hard work everyone put into it."

The city is looking forward to working with more Dana students in the future. Taylor also mentioned the possibility of hiring Dana students for part time jobs. "Not only will the students be learning for their class, but they'll be able to earn a little extra money too!"

The class is now wrapping up the semester with other community oriented projects. One group organized by Jason Dannelly and Scott Stanley are helping spice up the Blair web page. Another group organized by James Walsh and CT Holtz are working on a brochure for the city of Blair. The relationship between Blair and Dana College will undoubtedly carry into the future.

Professor Lundy ended by saying, "I'm pleased, and it was definitely a job well done. I'm extremely proud of the students. I hope this strengthens the bond between the city and college. I would encourage other instructors and departments to consider similar projects. It certainly was highly beneficial and a wonderful learning experience for all of us!"



Photo by: Carmen Polk

All-America Group Members: John Henningsen, Tom Urban, Shon Trent, Wendy Weaver, Lisa Decker, Jenny Lemmerman, Kelly Arth.

appreciate their willingness and dedication on a project that was basically last minute for them. We commend their maturity and hard work!"

Storm, Taylor, and the students set up a meeting with Mayor Mick Mines as well as other members of the community. Representatives from churches, the YMCA, the recycling center, and other various organizations came to the student-run meeting. The Public Relations class presented their ideas and extensive plan of action through a detailed presentation.

The community was impressed and offered their time and resources to help the students complete the application in the short amount of time they had. Lisa Decker, member of the

pressing time constraint, the Dana College students pulled together with the city of Blair to finalize a town project that should certainly make the city proud.

Unfortunately, the class received word on April 11, 2000 that they did not make the cut as finalists. However, they are far from disappointed! Decker stated, "It was great to work with the community! Even though we had a very tight time constraint, I feel that it was a wonderful experience. We finished the project on time, and the final product along with our strengthened relationship with the city is great!"

Storm and Taylor are also pleased with the outcome even though Blair did not place as a finalist. Taylor said, "We did the

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