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## NEW FACES, EVENTS, AND SOME MUD



Making a mess: two Dana students dive into a game of mud volleyball.

### The 2001-02 School Year Begins

by Todd Maxwell  
and Rene Nicolay

With the new school year comes changes, some more prominent than others. From the new look of the student center to a new provost, Dana College isn't holding back.

Freshmen aren't the only new faces on campus this year. The Dana faculty has some new faces this fall as well. Most notable is Dr. Brian Viets, the new provost. He officially joined Dana College on Sept. 1, although students had the chance to meet him earlier. Viets spoke at Dana's opening convocation on Aug. 28 where he addressed the seeming paradox of his being an evolutionist at a Lutheran college. During the convocation, students were also introduced to some of the other new faculty members.

Dana hired five additional full time faculty this fall: Patti Gubbels, assistant professor of education, Lars Jensen, instructor of business and economics, Laura LaMarr, instructor of sociology, Diane Mann, assistant professor of special education, Michael Olsen, director of residence life, and "Buz" Wehrman, library director. Dana also adds to its ranks several part time faculty members, including Max McElwain, the new faculty advisor to the Hermes.

Already during the first week of classes at Dana this year, several auditions have been held for the Dana College Chorale, the Dana Concert Band and for the fall play, *A Clearing in the Woods*. For returning students, auditions mean a chance to get back to those things they love. For new students, they have a chance to break in.

"Auditions [for the fall play] were very competitive," said sophomore, Mara Bartlett. "The newcomers bring a lot of talent this year, but the veterans to the stage bring lots of talent, also." Auditions for the play were held Tuesday evening, August 28. Callbacks were the following evening and a cast list was posted the 30<sup>th</sup>. "It's going to be a good cast and a good show," said Bartlett, "It should be fun."

Freshman Kori Williamsen felt good about her auditions for both the Dana College Chorale and Band. "The auditions were a bit nerve-racking," she admits, "but the professors [Richard Palmer and William Hall] were very laid back and made it comfortable."

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### Cosmic Bowling in Omaha

by Marta Niziolek

Bowling among the stars is rather popular.

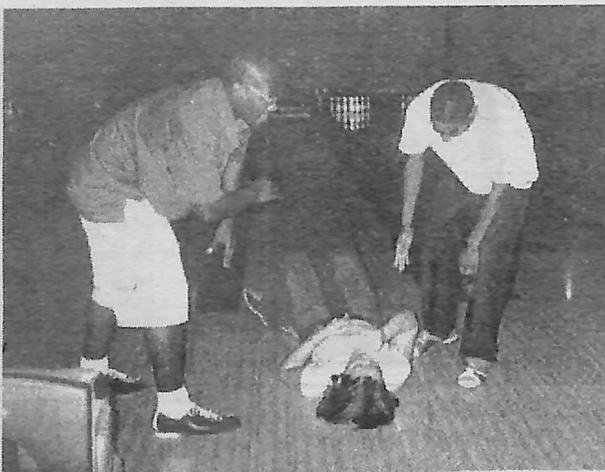
Cosmic bowling, as it's called, suckered three vans full of Dana students to Mockingbird Lanes in Omaha on the evening of Friday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. The activity was sponsored by Student Activities, and the bowling alley drew delighted remarks from some students. Senior Shon "Rambo" Trent admired the setup. "I like the up-to-date screens in this place," he said.

Although the bowling alley itself may have received high scores, individual performance varied. Comments on Friday included, "It's these Velcro shoes, man," "Something is wrong with my thumb," "I thought this was golf," "I broke a nail," "Bad lane, too much oil," and even, "I didn't do the pre-throw dance steps right."

There are many ways to throw a bowling ball, although most people would agree the hardwood floors are for the bowling balls, not bowlers. It may have been the black light and crazy music of cosmic bowling that produced the spectacular phenomena of fallen bowlers.

The atmosphere seemed to bring students into a trance. A number of

Dana students steadied themselves, concentrated, threw the ball, and fell sprawling on the floor. Perhaps they were trying to "become one with the pins." This confusion of time and space explains why the event is called "cosmic" bowling, as opposed to the normal, painless kind. When asked how the hardwood felt, sophomore Anthony



Two up, one down: Dana students enjoy cosmic bowling.

Metcalf responded, "It's hard, kind of like cement."

The trip was not hard on students' wallets, since the cost is picked up by Student Activities. Students are provided with a safe and inexpensive way to have fun and meet other Dana students. Trent commented, "My team, we all got to know each other."

Upcoming activities include miniature golf this evening, which is also sponsored by Student Activities.

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

Sunday is Brunch on the Hill. Invite your friends and family to come join you for a feast in the cafeteria from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Adults and children must pay to enter. Of course, if you have a meal plan and an ID card, it's free.

Don't forget your ID when you go to the cafeteria, or you'll have to pay or go away hungry. Dana is no longer accepting social security numbers. Begging won't work either, so don't even try.

Dana discounts are available to students courtesy of Blair merchants. Check out the businesses around town: mention you are a student and you'd like any Dana discount they offer. Some restaurants offer between 10 and 20% discounts! (Remember, you'll need your ID card to prove you're a student.)

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# FEATURES

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Willamsen also said that she was proud to be joining the Chorale because of its strong reputation and that she looks forward to the upcoming trips and tours.

The fall season appears to be off to a good start for Dana's performing arts. New and returning students alike are bringing their talents to the stage. Although curtain call may still be weeks, even months away, the performers have already started in with rehearsals and practices have started.

Even football has some fresh, new elements this year. The last two years have seen an increase in freshmen football players, approximately forty more. "They're a very talented class," Krueger said. "They have great talent."

The biggest change in the football department is the eight new coaches. In previous years, Coach Jim Krueger was the lone football coach, aided only with part-time coaches. This year, Krueger has the help of both offensive and defensive coordinators. The new coaches are as follows: Bill Danenhauer, offensive coordinator; Eric Jenson, defensive coordinator; Tom Armstrong, offensive line coach; Terry Patton, defensive line coach; Jeff Buck, running backs coach; Justin Habermann, inside linebackers coach; Scott Hendrickson, outside linebackers coach; and Dave Henneman is the coach for WR's, special teams, and punters/kickers.

Jim Krueger appreciates the fact that he now has people to delegate tasks to. "The new coaching staff is a luxury because I can turn duties over to them."

The addition of a new elevator, and food service remodeling promise to bring quite a change. Instead of the traditional serving line the new cafeteria will feature five different stations with different food options at each one. One station will serve traditional foods, like casseroles,

meat and potatoes. Another will feature a pasta-server, yet another will feature other Italian dishes such as pizza and calzons. There will also be a station for sandwiches, hot and cold, and a sauté and stir-fry station. A salad and soup bar will also be available and, of course, the ever-popular desert bar gets a make over as well. While we are still waiting to see this new culinary wonder, it promises to be completed later this month.

Security is cracking down this year. Burns Security is the new security system that started over the summer. Previously the security guards were hired within Dana, without as much training. Burns's guards have uniforms, and have been trained to appropriately confront misbehaving students. While not trained to make arrests, security guards can and have written parking tickets. All students need to be advised to carry their keys and student IDs at all times. During the summer, some local teenagers had gotten into the computer labs, claiming to be students who lost their IDs. As a result, guards will ask students to show their cards as proof.

The hustle of Orientation couldn't have been as organized without the Resident Assistants (or R.A.'s). The R.A.'s are trained for a week and a half on campus, learning the procedures and how to deal with certain situations. Shawn Cook, the trainer for the RA's, says it has been quiet so far. "I'm looking forward to a good year."

Cook also organized the mud volleyball game, which took place Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, by Rasmussen. "We did it last year, it's a good event," says Cook. The students organized their own teams and signed up, then proceeded to get covered in mud. Cook thinks that mud volleyball may make another appearance in the spring.

At the bookstore at the Campus Center, Nancy Beaman has reorganized the books for student convenience.

Currently, school books are arranged by course number instead of subject matter. The bookstore carries general books, for students who enjoy recreational reading. Before Homecoming, Beaman hopes to have a full floor display room, as soon as the lights are up. Currently, the bookstore is exploring new tea and juice products made by Coca-Cola, and Nancy Beaman "hopes that everybody comes back and visits us so they can see what's new."

The new school year will produce many changes and activities as the college tries to expand and grow as a community. With every new year, more things are added or changed, and Dana College will most likely continue this trend to better the college experience for all.



President Christopherson admires the scenery.



Enthusiastic RAs gather during freshman orientation.

## DANA STATISTICS

by Rene Nicolay

### DID YOU KNOW:

There are fewer students on campus this year? Full-time students for fall semester number only 555 this year, while last fall Dana had 568 full-time students.

Last year, the number of students decreased during the spring semester? Examples of spring fever, maybe?

There are less part-time students this fall semester than last year during the fall? A year ago, there were 15 part-time students. This fall, there are 10.

(Statistics obtained from Janice Rasmussen, Registrar's Office.)

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

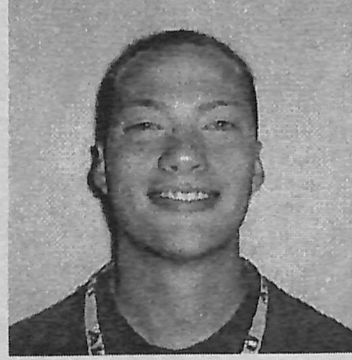


Michelle Wever  
Omaha, NE  
Social Work Major  
Year: Sophomore  
Sport: Softball  
Hall: Mickelson

Likes...

To do with friends?  
"Most times it's legal."

About Dana?  
"Friends."



Rasmus Nord Jorgenson  
Aalborg, Denmark  
English Major  
Year: Senior  
Sport: None  
Hall: Holling

Likes...

To do with friends?  
"A good party and a cold beer."

Interests:  
"I'm interested in literature, fishing, and people, especially crazy Americans."



Brett Arehart  
Neligh, NE  
Athletic Training Major  
Year: Freshman  
Sport: Wrestling  
Hall: Rasmussen

Likes...

To do with friends?  
"I like to hang out with friends, listen to music."

About Dana?  
"Cool teachers and I like the people."



Jenny Eccles  
Council Bluffs, IA  
Elementary Education Major  
Year: Freshman  
Sport: None  
Hall: Mickelson

Likes...

To do with friends?  
"I enjoy dancing."

Interests:  
"I'm interested in sports, especially soccer."

# OPINION

## Evil Vending Machines and Trouble with Laundry

by Marshall Marquardt

First of all, I would like to say that Dana has a beautiful campus and offers a variety of activities for students seeking to become involved. In that aspect, Dana is a better school by far than any school I have seen. Dana strives to get people involved and make the activities as fun as possible for the participants.

On the other hand, there are just a few things that I have a problem with here. First off, when I go to wash my clothes, I can only fit about five items in the washer, therefore spending an extra \$0.75 to do another load of laundry. That really doesn't seem like that much, but if you have to do that only one time a week, it would cost you a little over \$25. This amount coupled with the extra \$17 you are going to spend using an extra drying machine, (because you have to use two dryers or else the one dryer didn't fully dry your clothes the first time) is money that should be used for something else. Seriously, \$40 is a big deal to most college students.

Along with the laundry problem, there is the vending machines. There has not been one bottle of water in the vending machines since I have been on campus. If they aren't going to stock the water, why the heck put the water push-button on the machine? The last two times I've gone to the candy machine, it has given me back incorrect change. I bought a \$0.60 candy bar using a one dollar bill and received \$0.05 change back. Another time I bought some chips using a dollar bill and only received \$0.10. It isn't that it's that big of a deal, but those quarters that I lost could have gone toward laundry.

Another thing that bothers me is all the fees that we have to pay. For example, the cable costs are outrageous. \$75 dollars for basic cable isn't that bad, but when the four movie channels add up to \$124 dollars, that makes me sick. The wireless computer idea is a great one, don't get me wrong, but I think that the costs should be included in our tuition. It almost seems like they are punishing people who have a computer in their dorm room.

All in all, Dana is a great school to be a part of and Blair is a great community as well, but with all the extra costs that have to be paid for and worried about, it makes being a student harder than I ever imagined and my wallet thinner as well.

## CD REVIEW: SuperChic[k]

by Todd Maxwell



"Turn up the car radio," commands the chorus

Superchic[k]'s debut album *Karaoke Superstar* receiving rave reviews

from the title track of this driving girl-power pop-punk band's debut album, *Karaoke Superstars*. I find many reasons to comply. I had trouble keeping my finger off the repeat button after hearing just the opening track, "Barlow Girls." As heard on MTV's *The Real World*, and *The X Games*, their happy-go-lucky sound and empowering, non-conformist lyrics bounce through the disc's 14 optimistic tracks as these two girls and their six-piece backup boy band confront pop-culture with words as colorful as their silver, orange and blue jewel insert. Additionally, their music has a wonderful formula, with head-bobbing beats, infectiously funky bass, grungy garage guitar, and tastefully timed DJ scratches topped off with syrupy sweet vocals. This disc also has a nifty little feature rarely seen on full-length albums: three remixes of tracks heard earlier on the disc. (One is cleverly dubbed "Dropped Chevy Mix.") All in all, this candy-coated girl-power parade leaves you feeling good, and often with a couple tunes stuck in your head.

## Weekly Horoscopes

### Week of September 10th

#### Aries Horoscope

Stay on the course you have set for yourself but you must be very careful not to overdo anything for the next year. Overdoing can get you into trouble. Listen to your partner or best friend in the next two weeks. They have some very good plans or ideas. This week their ideas sound like daydreams to you but it all could come true later.

#### Taurus Horoscope

Money may be little tight this month but that eases up in October when new opportunities present themselves. Clear the decks this week because you have a busy month coming up starting next week. Any problems you encountered two weeks ago will get cleared away by midweek to your satisfaction. You are closing one door in your life so another can open.

#### Gemini Horoscope

This week you are closing off one part of your life and starting a new cycle for yourself. Sometime within the next year you must start saving money if you expect to purchase a home or business. Your ideas seem like dreams to people this week but you may surprise everyone later by bringing them to reality. Extra money is easier to come by now.

#### Cancer Horoscope

A new opportunity could be confusing to you at first but once you settle into it you find you can handle it if you go slow at first. Also there is someone standing by who will help you learn the ropes. This is a good time to buy some new clothes as you should find what you need or want. Go over any contracts or papers you have to sign and look for hidden clauses.

#### Leo Horoscope

Extra money is coming in now and you need some of it to go shopping for new clothes. This is an excellent time to do it especially if you want to coordinate to what you already have. An opportunity may be presented to you by a friend this week. You may not want to trust what you hear but you should give it a chance and it all could work out very well for you.

#### Virgo Horoscope

Any problem that presented itself about two weeks ago is now highlighted and can be solved to your satisfaction. Put on your thinking cap - it is time to earn some extra money throughout writing, typing or as an agent for another person. By October you should be into a whole new cycle with an excellent chance of earning some big money.

#### Libra Horoscope

This week if you give everything and everyone a second chance and you may be surprised at the outcome. All is not as it seems on the outside - dig deeper. You need to study any contracts or papers that need your signature. There may be hidden clauses. This is a good time for a computer course as you would learn very easily. New goals are within your reach.

#### Scorpio Horoscope

As one door closes on you, another door opens. All you have to do is reach out for what you want. A new opportunity is offered but it may confuse you at first. However it would not take you long to learn what you need. Money is a little tight this month but next month is much better. You have been spending a little too freely lately.

#### Sagittarius Horoscope

You have closed one door in your life but another is there for you to open. Money is coming in now but you need to save it because some expenses are coming up that you may not have considered. This week you can begin to relax since the planet Mars leaves your sign next Sunday and the errands you needed to do for the past month are all done.

#### Capricorn Horoscope

You will need to clear the decks this week so you can get ready for a very busy month ahead. Be sure your transportation is serviced now because you will need it for the next few weeks. Go over papers and contracts carefully and watch for hidden clauses that could cost you later. Things may be a bit confusing this week but you can fix it later.

#### Aquarius Horoscope

Everyone thinks you are just daydreaming with your plans and ideas but you know better. You know you can bring your dreams to reality sometime within the next two years. So go ahead and dream big! Extra money is becoming a little easier to find and two months from now will be even easier. Read the small print on anything that needs your signature.

#### Pisces Horoscope

The full moon now is a good time to solve any family problems or disputes that came about in the past two weeks. Your partner is willing to go along with you. An opportunity handed to you now seems a bit confusing but someone is there to help you grasp the essentials so do not hesitate to take it. One door is closing but another is opening for you.

Horoscopes from <http://www.rreartoom.com/index.html>

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# SPORTS

## DANA FOOTBALL TRIUMPHS OVER CROWN

by Marshall Marquardt

The Dana Vikings hired eight new coaches for the 2001 season in hopes of improving from a 1-9 record last year. In the Vikes' non-conference season opener against the Crown College Crusaders, the new help paid off. The Vikes succeeded, crushing the Crusaders 43-19 at Viking Field Saturday afternoon.

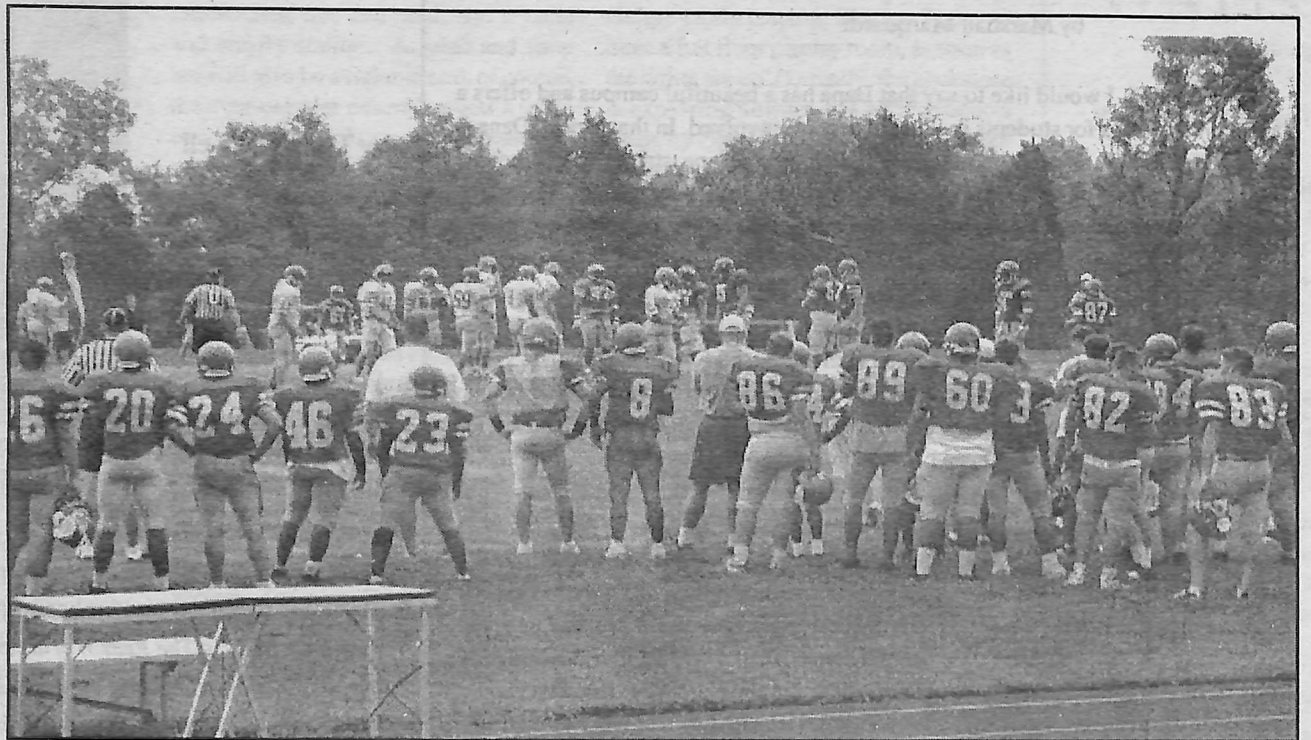
The pre-season GPAC coaches' poll put the Vikings in dead last with 12 points, but from the look of things, the Vikes are well on their way to bettering last year's performance.

The game started off poorly for the Vikings, who turned the ball over on their first three possessions. An interception on the second play of the game cost the Vikes six points, but shortly afterwards, they got their offense moving.

Sophomore defensive end Darrell Harvey put the Vikes back in the game with an interception which he ran back 10 yards for a touchdown. They never looked back. On their next possession, sophomore quarterback Kio Coffie found senior wide receiver Kevin Stull in the end-zone for six points. The Vikes held the Crusaders on defense and finished the first quarter ahead 12-6.

"I think the team did a great job fighting through adversity and coming back after being down six points on their home field," head coach Jim Krueger said.

In the second quarter, the defense once again held and the Vikings put two touchdowns on the board. Coffie found running room and hustled in for a 10 yard touchdown. After the Viking defense held the



Players on the Dana football team, ready and eager to get out on the field and play.

Crusaders, Coffie then hit freshman wide receiver Jackie McCall for a 9 yard touchdown. Freshman kicker Kyle Walter finished the scoring drive with the extra point. The Vikings led at half-time, 27-6.

"To be able to compete week in and week out, you have to have a physically tough defense," Krueger said.

The Vikings hit the field after half-time ready to play. Walter hit a 24 yard field goal to put the Vikes up by 24 points after the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was busy for both teams, combing for 26 points. Sophomore quarterback Chuck Wright hit

Stull on a 22 yard strike in the end-zone for Stull's second touchdown of the game. The Vikings capped off their scoring when freshman running back Aaron Rhodes scampered 21 yards for a touchdown. Walter followed it up with the extra point.

The Crusaders tried to make a run for it putting in two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but fell short.

"We got the ball moving offensively when we had to," Krueger said, "which makes a big difference in whether you win or lose a game."

The Vikings have a relatively young team consisting of 36 freshman, 24

sophomores, 21 juniors and 8 seniors, but showed a lot of experience on the field.

Junior linebacker Luke Smith led the Vikings with six tackles, followed by junior linebacker Clint Winey, who had five and a half tackles. Sophomore defensive end Cliff Ellis led the team with one and a half sacks.

Wright was 9-17 throwing for 137 yards, while Coffie was 6-9 throwing for 105 yards.

Stull led the wide-receivers with 80 yards, while freshman Willie Shelton was right behind him with 72 yards.

### Derry Looks for Big Contributions from Seniors as the Vikings start the season 0-4

by Matt Hanna

In only her second year at Dana College, head coach Laurel Derry is seeing steps in the right direction.

Coach Derry is looking past the slow 0-4 start (including three losses at the Northwestern Tournament) this past weekend, and seeing a lot of potential for this year and the future. The Vikings are led by three seniors: outside hitter Sarah Thomas, setter Anne Laughery, and an injured Megan Ahrens. The extent of Ahrens' knee injury should be known sometime this week. Another injury to outside hitter Erin Williams has hurt the Vikings as they expect big things from her over the course of her career. According to Derry, the Vikings showed up for practice in great shape this fall. The coach noted that their work in the off season has made the first couple weeks of practice much easier.

Improvement is the name of the game for the Dana volleyball team so far this year. "I've seen improvements every time we've played so far," Derry said. While pleased with the improvements thus far this year, consistency is still an issue.

The Vikings will have to work hard to compete in possibly the toughest small college conference in the U.S. consistency. Conference foe Dordt is

ranked sixth in the national preseason poll and GPAC foe Concordia opened up the season ranked 20th nationally. The Vikings have lacked consistency so far this year, but hope that problem will be solved when they find the right combination of players on the floor.

Derry noted exceptional play from several of her athletes. In addition to the injured Williams and Ahrens, several key players have emerged. Seniors Thomas and Laughery as well as sophomore outside hitter Ann Sontag, sophomore middle hitter Marci Schmidt, Sarah Thomas, rightside hitter Sherri Friend, twins Mili and Momi Monis. J.J. Padilla will also see a lot of floor time both on j.v. and varsity.

The Vikings played Bellvue University this past Wednesday evening at Borup Coliseum. They fell to the Bruins in straight sets: 30-14, 30-9, and 30-10. They will travel to Midland on Friday evening for their first GPAC game of the year. Games are scheduled to begin at 6:15.

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Dana women's soccer team (now 2-0) won against Ottawa College (KS) Wednesday afternoon with a 7-1 victory. The Lady Vikings will host Kansas Wesleyan University Saturday Sept. 8 at 1:00pm. Go Vikes!

### Rule Changes Affect Volleyball

No, it's not the Olympics. A couple of rule changes have made a huge difference in the way college volleyball is being played from Division I to NAIA schools across the nation. This year rally scoring and the let serve will be a part of college volleyball. A let serve is a serve that hits the net, but lands in bounds on the opponent's side of the net. In rally scoring, either team can score regardless of which side possesses the serve. The first 4 games in a best-of-5 series are played to 30 points versus 15, but games still must be won by 2 points. The fifth game, if necessary, is only played to 15 and still must be won by two points.

Until this year, any serve that hit the net automatically resulted in a side out. Why the rule changes? Rally scoring was intended to shorten matches, but because games are played to 30 points a huge difference hasn't occurred. The let serve is for the most part luck. Because there is so little margin for error, the let service can't really be practiced and is so rare it won't dramatically affect the scoring.

#### NEXT: NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

by Jason Dannelly

The football rivalry resumes on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) member Nebraska Wesleyan will face Dana College in conference play in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Dana Vikings take to the road for the first time this season to face the Prairie Wolves. Last week, Dana defeated Crown 43-19, while Nebraska Wesleyan defeated Upper Iowa 21-6.

Wesleyan holds the edge in the all-time series, 6-35, but during the past five seasons, the games have been battles. Dana won the 1999 contest 21-14 before losing last year's game 21-17, as Nebraska Wesleyan scored on their last offensive drive.

Dana will look for production from their sophomore quarterback duo of Kio Coffie and Chuck Wright. Freshman newcomers to the wide receiver core, Jackie McCall and Willie Shelton, help to complement senior Kevin Stull in the Viking passing attack. Stull gained five receptions toward the Dana all-time receptions record, leaving him only fifty away from the lead. The Viking defense gave up 169 yards last week and is led by all-conference selection senior Kurt Ferguson from Abraham Lincoln, and junior transfer linebackers Clint Winey (Iowa Central) and Luke Smith (UNI).

This week marks the first week of conference play for the Great Plains Athletic Conference.