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## U.S. Left in Disbelief After Terrorist Attack

### Explosions at World Trade Center, Pentagon shock nation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The country is still in shock after explosions in Washington and New York leveled both World Trade Center towers and a section of the Pentagon. Two reportedly hijacked planes crashed into the skyscrapers, at least one of which was an American Airlines plane en route from Boston to Los Angeles.

Shortly after 10 a.m., another large plane, believed to be a Boeing 767, crashed 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Around 10:20 a.m., the Associated Press reported a car bomb explosion outside the State Department. An explosion at the Capitol followed shortly thereafter.

Major buildings in cities across the nation were evacuated at that time. In Chicago, police evacuated the Sears Towers and in St. Louis visitors were asked to leave the St. Louis Arch.

The government halted air travel nationwide after the first plane crashed into the towers in New York. Access to many of the nation's airports has been restricted since the bombings.

In Washington, all government buildings were evacuated and traffic was jammed in a mass exodus to leave the city. Washington's underground subway system stopped admitting passengers at some stations because of overcrowding. Hundreds of thousands of workers commute to the nation's capital each day.

Classes were cancelled at universities in the District of Columbia and as far away as the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., more than an hour away from Washington.

Just a few blocks from the White House, students at George Washington University were evacuated from the student union building and told to return to their residence halls or the university gymnasium.

Train service out of Washington was cancelled around 11:30.

All international flights inbound to the United States were diverted to points outside the country.

By Rene Nicolay

On a clear, pleasant morning, no one ever expected the nation's greatest tragedy to occur.

Tuesday morning, America watched in horror as the World Trade Center's two towers collapsed after being hit twice by hijacked airplanes. The terror continued as another plane slammed into the Pentagon, and still another plane hit Pittsburgh. A total of 266 people were on the four hijacked jetliners. The death toll continues to rise even now, as 4,763 people are missing in the New York City rubble, according to New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The impact of the massacre affected the whole nation, even our Dana community.

"When I heard about the high security at Offit Air Force Base, I began to be afraid, because there is an air force base about 6 miles from my hometown, and I know a great deal of people who either work there or live near there," said Kara Moen, a student. "My best friend's mother is on call for the Commission Core and I have numerous other relatives and friends who may be greatly affected by this event. Basically what I am feeling is fear for the people I care about, and also a great deal of sorrow for all the innocent people whose lives will never be the same."

Curt Isaacson has been affected as well. "My father is a fireman and was crushed to hear the report that so many courageous uniformed men and women died in the towers' collapse. Tears do not easily flow from this large man's eyes, yet they could not hide his pain. His department gathered last night and walked about the community gathering



Attack on the Twin Towers. Rescue operations are still underway. AP Photo.

money in fire boots to send in memory of those who have fallen. My mother was frantic...fear and confusion...She found peace in prayer and hope in seeing the President of the United States fly low over our house."

The campus ministry was eager to help grieving people. A candle vigil was held Wednesday, while worried students and staff prayed for the victims. Open chapel services were held, while psychology professor, David Hoppe, gave comfort and solace. A special service was also held Wednesday by Andrea Ng'weshemi to pray for guidance.

Not only does the tragedy affect the emotional state of the Dana Community,

but also possibly the financial state. Across the nation, gas prices reached incredible heights within hours of the attacks as people panicked. Some stations in Kansas hit as high as five dollars by early Tuesday evening.

Even Nebraska wasn't completely unaffected, as some gas stations increased to three and four dollars per gallon. 30 cars waited in line at the entrance at the Sam's Club Gas Station in Omaha, with an

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## Student Senate Elected

by Ginger Krueger

Every other Sunday evening, important things are happening. This is the time that Dana's Student Senate meets.

Under the leadership of President Cheston Field, the Senate passes budgets for all student groups here on campus along with sponsoring such events as activities during Homecoming week, Winterfest, Spring Fling, and other happenings throughout the rest of the year.

However, the main function of the Student Senate is to listen to student concerns and to do something about them.

As a part of the Senate, there are also specialized committees that work with the food service staff, and the Blair Chamber of Commerce, among others. Changes in campus policy are also handled by these committees.

The members of this year's Student Senate are as follows: President Cheston Field; Vice President Erik Hoffman; Treasurer Stephanie Collins and; Secretary Toni Ahrendt. Senior

Class Representatives are: Jason Carroll, Shon Trent, Mary Sutherland, and Mike Stessman. Junior Class Representative are Lindsey Sparks, Kjaer Kirkegaard, Chuck Wright, Erin Sorensen. Sophomore Class Representatives are Anthony Metcalf, Erin Rozelle, Marcie Smidt, and Heather Wonders.

Last week, the Dana Student Senate conducted a school-wide election for the vacated spot of Student Senate Secretary and the freshmen voted for class representatives. The final results have been tallied, Toni Ahrendt, junior, was voted Student Senate Secretary. The four Freshmen Class Representatives are Tyler Brown, Shannon Ford-Jefferson, Jess Holz and Trisha Lear.

The new Senate met for the first time on Sunday, September 9 and passed the homecoming budget. The next meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the agenda has budget meetings for small groups around campus on it.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Are you concerned about the terrorist attacks on America? Have you lost friends or loved ones in the tragedy? If you need help coping with this incident, you're not alone. If you want confidential counseling on campus you can contact campus counselors Prof. David Hoppe at 7343 or Diane Nickeson-Ray at 7323 or go to the counseling office in Pioneer Memorial Hall upstairs in room 315.

If you're worrying about classes, consider dropping by the Learning Center and learning a few things from the tutors that work there each week. They're eager to help you, from writing essays to studying for tests, and sometimes they have free snacks like cookies. Cookies are hard to pass up, but good advice will get you through school in excellent shape.

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# FEATURES

## America Under Terrorist Attack

**U.S. citizens eager for retaliation; experts theorize on possible suspects**

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WASHINGTON - A sweeping percentage of Americans would support military action against terrorist groups suspected in Tuesday's deadly attacks, a Washington Post-ABC News Poll reported Wednesday.

Close to 95 percent of adults interviewed in a random telephone survey were adamant that the United States should swiftly retaliate.

Whether the numbers represented the heightened emotions of the day or the solid beliefs of Americans, the government said it would not delay in finding the suspects.

"The United States of America will use all our resources to conquer this enemy," President Bush said Wednesday morning. "We will rally the world."

The President called the attacks "acts of war."

It is still unclear how the government plans to respond, but the heightened U.S. military presence here and around the world may be an indication, experts said.

"There would be something to be said for Congress declaring war or by statute offering war," said Peter Raven-Hansen, a George Washington University law professor.

Raven-Hansen said if Congress would authorize war against a particular nation, it might compel them to yield to U.S. demands.

"It might even induce some of them to collaborate surreptitiously in handing over terrorists," he said. "It would clearly be sending the message that from now on supporting terrorists passively or even giving them sanctuary in their country would be the same as if you committed a terrorist act."

Working on intelligence reports, the U.S. government is looking to the possibility that Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden is connected to the attacks. He was implicated previously in the 1993



Part of the collapsed roof on the Pentagon, as firefighters douse flames. AP Photo.

bombing of the World Trade Center.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said on television Tuesday that he received word of U.S. electronically intercepted reports from bin Laden representatives who said they had hit two targets.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that a Palestinian journalist close to bin Laden said the fugitive "thanked Almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard the news."

An aide to bin Laden reportedly said he considers the terror in the United States "punishment from Allah."

The Pentagon and World Trade Center attacks could only have come from an international group, Raven-Hansen added.

The government is looking at other groups including Hezbollah, a Lebanese guerrilla force.

"The only thing we can say about who did this is that no known domestic militia groups have the means to accomplish this," he said. "The scope of the operation and sophistication is only a match with him and a few other groups we know of."

Strategists said a possible retaliation might be an attack on Afghanistan,

home of the Taliban regime.

"When you're dealing with a primitive theocracy like Afghanistan, they don't have much infrastructure," he said. "If we kill the Taliban political leadership, we're sending a chilling message."

The Taliban's foreign minister spoke out against Tuesday's attacks.

"We have tried our best in the past and we are willing in the future to assure the United States, in any kind of way we can, that Osama is not involved in these kinds of activities," Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil said.

Because of the scope of Tuesday's attacks and the team efforts used to execute them, Raven-Hansen said bin Laden "would have received assistance from one of the state intelligence operatives, possibly Iraq or Iran."

President Bush made clear in his speech Tuesday night the United States would make "no distinction" between terrorists and nations that harbor them.

In its continuing search to find clues, the government and FBI said they received close to 700 tips by Wednesday afternoon and were issuing search warrants for e-mail addresses possibly used in connection.

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estimated 100 total cars waiting to fill up. However, the boost is temporary, according to MSNBC, and "was made by some oil companies to discourage panic buying that would unnaturally deplete supplies."

With panicky customers scrounging to get gas, you would think the grocery stores would be equally affected. Nevertheless, Jeff Shmelka, the manager of the No Frills Supermarket, isn't worried. "We had people ask us if we were going to increase our prices, but we aren't going to," he says. During the afternoon of the attack, No Frills received its usual amount of customers.

As far as the financial impact of the attack goes, it seems likely the market may sink lower, according to professor Lars Jensen. "The economy was already in a low spot, and foreign trading in

London and Tokyo shows that this attack will have international impact." He added that it's possible there will be bullish growth later, depending on the actions the United States takes.

Certainly the destruction of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, one of the largest bond agencies in existence (it took up fifty floors of the former World Trade Center), will have some effect on the economy. "It's hard to make a prediction," he said. "Furthermore, I can't say it's worrying me right now; I'm thinking about the lives lost."

Professor Laura LaMarr, a sociology teacher here at Dana, thought previous United States foreign policy may have had something to do with the attack. "Our Middle Eastern relations are extremely complicated and not always humane. We are seen, in some parts of the world, as imperialistic, selfish, and overly powerful. There is history,

American foreign policy, and other controversy behind the hatred. This is not to say that the attack was warranted or excusable as it is a despicable act of terror." LaMarr added that Americans should realize our foreign policy has not always been appreciated in other parts of the world, and has sometimes been seen as purely manipulative and greedy.

It seems likely, to this reporter, that Tuesday's assault on the American confidence won't go unpunished. The image of the World Trade Center dissolving to fire and debris is a powerful one that many American citizens will carry with them. The attack on America is not a morning any of us are likely to forget. Now, we can only band together and do what we can to help the increasing number of victims. How can you help? Donate blood to the American Red Cross in Omaha to help the thousands of victims in need.

## Dear Cupid,

Hello! I'm Cupid, your advisor on love, sex, and dating! Have a question about love you just can't ask your friends? Embarrassed about a personal question about sex? Just e-mail your question at [dearcupid@mail.com](mailto:dearcupid@mail.com). Your question will be answered here. Letters can be signed anonymously if you want, and I promise not to reveal your e-mail address. No question is too tough for me!

Dear Cupid,

My friend "Josh" recently had his heart broken over his ex, "Michelle," who cheated on him with one of his brothers. His ex is one of my friends. Lately, I've been feeling more than just friendship for Josh. He told me that he felt the same way about me, but that he was afraid he'd hurt Michelle. Should I tell him to get over her, that she wouldn't care if we went out or not?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Until you become psychic, you'll never really know whether Josh's ex would care or not. While the prospect of revenge might sound a bit appealing to you after what Michelle did to Josh, it really wouldn't solve anything to rub your relationship in her face. Give Josh some more time to get over the sting of rejection before making demands of him. If your feelings for him are strong, you'll wait.

Dear Cupid,

When I came to college, I took my girlfriend with me. She didn't want to go to college then, so she said she didn't mind. While I go to school and work at nights, she works during the day and helps keep our apartment nice. Now, she says she wants to go to college too...in another state. I'm not sure if I want her to do this or not. It would put a strain on our relationship, and I'm afraid we'd split up. What should I do?

Confused Student

Dear Confused Student,

First off, you don't have any say in your girlfriend's future; only she can make the final decision. While your insecurities are logical, you need to put things in perspective: How far away is this school? Can you visit her often or not? You also need to ask yourself that if you told your girlfriend, "No," and she stays - later on, would she grow to resent you for ruining her dream? Is that the type of relationship you want? Stand aside and let the girl that left her home for you pursue her own dream: if you are truly meant to be, she'll come back.

# OPINION

## Danny Almonte

It's official. Every sport at every level is corrupt. Little League baseball (of all things) banned a father and coach last week. Wow, looks like it's just another cold day in July.

How old are you? Didn't take too long to figure that out, did it? Remember when we were about half our current size and when someone asked us how old we were, we instantly replied with a proud 6-1/2 years old. We all knew exactly when our next birthday was. We knew exactly how many more years it was before we could drive. We knew exactly how many more years of little league baseball we could still play.

Did superstar Danny Almonte know he was 14 playing with 12-year-olds? I can't say yes, but you'd think flags might start to be raised looking at the one kid with hair on his face. The hair on Danny Almont's face is obviously not the point. What is the point?

Little league baseball...I have great memories of my days as an invincible little leaguer. I felt like Greg Maddux with command over my fastball (by fastball I am referring to the type of pitch, not the actual velocity), and was convinced that my swing looked about like Ken Griffey Jr.'s (the truth is it compared much better to someone swinging a sledgehammer at a hummingbird). This summer I had the opportunity to coach 12-year-old pee-wee baseball. I had the opportunity to relive what baseball, particularly Little League baseball, is all about. While my team wasn't exactly full of major league prospects (by that I mean it was a bunch of goofy 12-year-olds with noodle arms, constant brain lapses, and not a care in

the world), I did learn that winning, while important, doesn't compare with the journey. This summer I spent hours hitting ground balls, fly ball, teaching and re-viewing fielding technique, bunting, base running, and the list goes on and on.

If you were to talk to my team today about three would be able to tell you anything that they learned about baseball, but every one of them could tell you our team motto (It's time to put the women and children to bed and go looking for some dinner." We stole it from *The Program*). While starting was okay, it was a much greater honor to lead the team in the pre-game motto. At first it really frustrated me, but then I had to remember for whom baseball exists. Baseball is NOT for the parents, it's NOT for the coaches, it's for the kids.

As I remember my younger years as a little leaguer, I don't remember that much from the games. I do remember a teammate finding a quarter while sitting down in the outfield. I remember how unconquerable that 200-foot outfield fence seemed, and I remember the camaraderie and the relationships I developed with teammates and coaches. I also remember that I never owned baseball pants nor did most the kids on my team. Sweatpants and old jeans were not only extremely fashionable, but economical as well.

While coaching this year, I made kids run laps for sitting in the outfield. Running didn't bother them. Of course they weren't exactly on their way to breaking the 4-minute mile, or even the 14-minute mile for that matter. In fact, a couple of them just enjoyed the attention. Before a game I recall looking over my scorebook when BAM BAM BAM—several explosions went off. Yes, that was my right fielder. Yes, his back pocket was full of fireworks, and yes, he lit them off during pre-game warm-ups. I assume he was warmed up so he decided to blow off the fireworks he happened to have in his back pocket. I barked at him to bring me the fireworks and take a lap. I couldn't help but look down at my scorecard and smile. Was he warmed up? Probably not. Was he mentally prepared? Definitely not. Could he have cared less? No, I really don't think he could have, but I hope he learned a few things baseball, or otherwise. I hope he learned a

## School Schedule

Do you need to polish up your resume writing skills? Nothing attracts potential employers like a well-constructed, thoughtful resume. In order to help students succeed when they enter the "real" world of full-time jobs, Career Services is holding a Resume Seminar in the Linden Room on Sunday night from 6-8.

Do you need help with some of your classes? Don't fret! The Learning Center tutors are ready to help you. They are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for your convenience. Or stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings and Tuesday or Thursday afternoons to meet with Lori Nielsen, Learning Center director. You can also call her at 7334. Appointments are not necessary, and there is also an option to meet with tutors at other times than the ones listed.

## Copy Editor Needed

The *Hermes* needs a Copy Editor! If you are interested please send an email to the *Hermes* at [hermes@acad2.dana.edu](mailto:hermes@acad2.dana.edu).

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## CD REVIEW: P.O.D.

### P.O.D. Satellite

[Atlantic Records]  
Sept. 11



Wait no longer, the much-anticipated follow up to P.O.D's 1999 disc *Elements*

of *Southtown* has finally hit shelves.

The second major-label release by these religious-minded San Diego rockers proves to be edgier and grittier than the first. Rap-core, metal and reggae dominate most of the album, combining to create a variety of sounds. Of course, it's all hard.

Angry rhythms move against stirring melodies. Raucous screams meet with biting harmonies. Powerful and introspective lyrics explode with

percussive strength. The overall effect is an in-your-face take on spirituality, but without the bitter aftertaste. The haunting "Youth of the Nation" features a children's choir and delivers stark message about school violence. The quartet softens up a bit on "Thinking About Forever," a touching ode to a departed mother. An amazing and surprising album, *Satellite* lives up to the high expectations.

Todd Maxwell

little bit of self-control. I hope he learned that the team comes first. I hope he learned to keep his head up when things don't go his way.

I hope he learned that perseverance and hard work are rewarded. I hope he learned not to wrap his fingers around the bat barrel when he bunts, but most of all, I hope he had the time of his life.

Back to the Mini-Bombers of the Bronx: what on earth was the father thinking? I can understand that he wanted his son to have a better life, but once again, Dana students, we're back to character. Will Danny Almonte become a major league pitcher someday?

Maybe, but there is a good chance he won't. If his father truly wants to help Danny he should be enrolled in school

getting an e-d-u-c-a-t-i-o-n.

Kudos to Little League President and CEO Stephen D. Keener for banning both father Felipe de Jesus Almonte and coach Rolando Paulino for life from Little League baseball. I can't help but feel terrible not only for the entire New York squad, but for Oceanside, CA and the many other teams New York eliminated on its way to the championship game.

Oh yeah, Danny Almonte; I don't know if there is anyone who is more of a victim than Danny. Does he know how old he is?

Maybe, but his father is still responsible for his 12...I mean 14-year-old...son.

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# SPORTS

## TWO WINS, TWO LOSSES: SPORTS UPDATE

### Dana College Cross Country Open

by Marta Niziolek

The women's and men's cross country teams both placed first in the Dana College Open on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Coach Jay Birmingham commented that he was very pleased with Saturday's performance.

"We had had some tough workouts, so I thought the team would be tired," Birmingham said.

The conditions on Saturday were muddy, but both teams pulled through. The women's race results are as follows: 2. Stephanie Collins (20:39); 8. Petey Sparacino (23:16); 10. Katie Robinson (24:04); 12. Rachel Mostek (25:20); 15. Chenel Sanders (25:56); 23. Kelli Kramer (31:30). As a team they placed Dana in first with a team score of 32. The Dana women's team was followed by York with a score of 42, College of Saint Mary with a score of 50.

The men's cross country individual results are as follows: 3. Ryan Milner (28:31); 5. Marc Bierbaum (28:43); 7. John Tripp (29:33); 8. Allen Wagner (29:35); 10. Ryan Carlson (30:06); 15. Charlie Kaup (31:01); 18. Shane Jackman (31:19); 19. Matt Bloomingdale (31:32); 20. Jeff Mangus (36:16); 21. Brent Reno (36:23). The men's team also placed Dana College first in the Open with a team score of 28.

The Dana Men's team was followed by Buena Vista University with a score of 53, and York College with a score of 56.

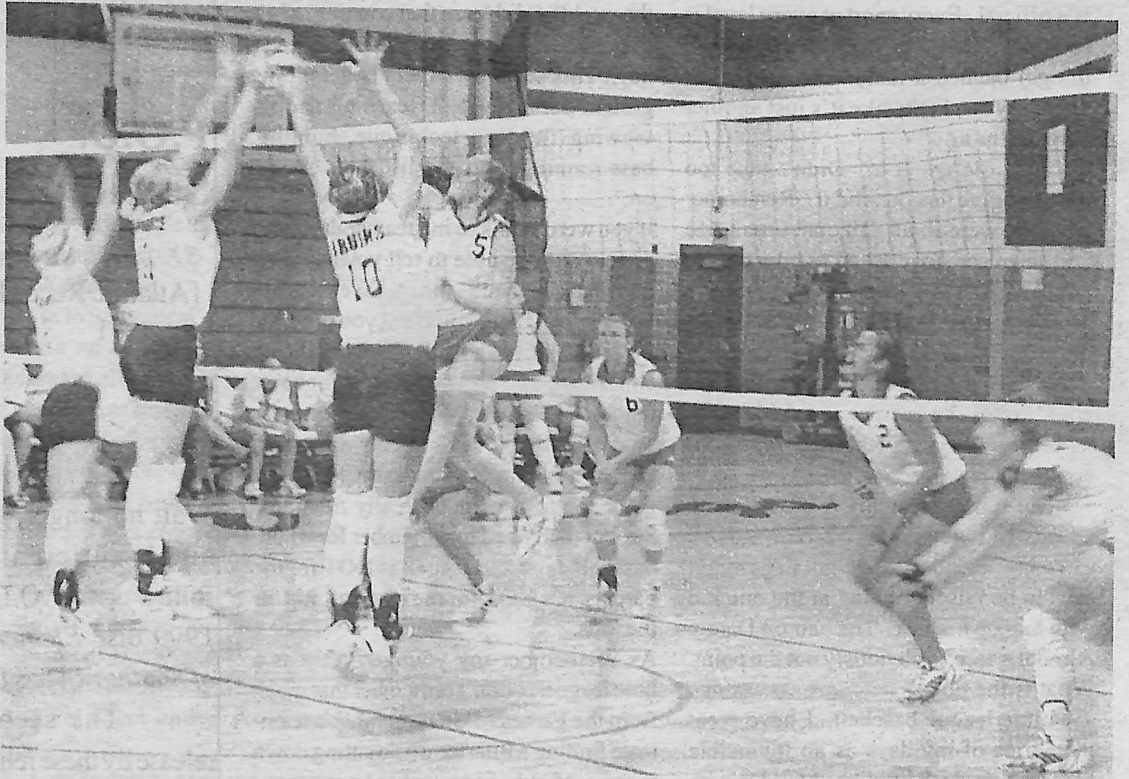
Next up for the cross country team is the Nebraska Invitational, which will have more than 30 teams for both the men and the women. It will take place at Pioneer's Park in Lincoln, NE on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning. The course will also collect GPAC teams for the conference meet later in the season on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Sports Schedule

Saturday--the cross country team will journey to Lincoln to run in the Nebraska Invitational, beginning at 10:00 in the morning.

Saturday--from noon until 2 p.m. the Heisman Trophy will be on display in Borup Coliseum. Then go and support the Viking football team when they take on the Doane Tigers at Viking Field at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday--men's soccer will play Nebraska Wesleyan at 4:00 p.m. down on the soccer field. Take a little jog down the hill or just take in a breath of fresh air and watch them play. If you're ready for a drive, you can go cheer on the Viking Volleyball team at Mt. Marty College. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.



Dana tries to volley the ball back over the net during a tight match. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard

**Remember:** NFL games, NASCAR races, and a number of other sporting events have been postponed due to the Twin Towers tragedy. This includes the University of Nebraska at Lincoln football game against Rice in Lincoln. They will play on Sept. 20. However, the Iowa-Iowa State game will take place.

### Volleyball Action

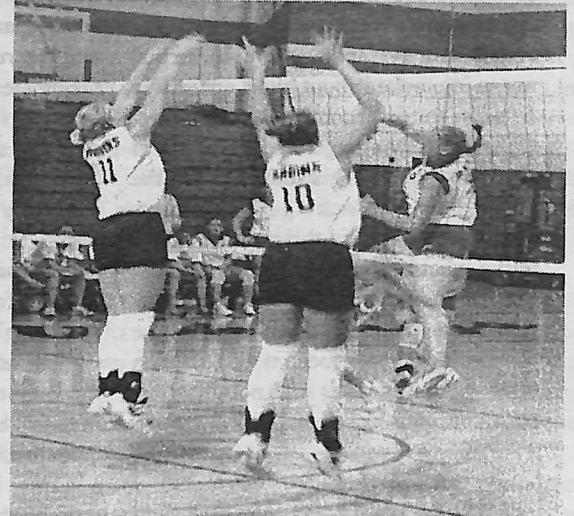
By Damon Day, Sports Information Director

The Dana College Volleyball team lost a very tough match Wednesday night to conference rival Dakota Wesleyan University 3-2. Dana won Game # 1 by a score of 30-18. In game # 2 Dakota Wesleyan would roar back to defeat Dana 30-20. In Game # 3 Dakota Wesleyan would take a 2-1 advantage in the match with a 30-24 victory. Facing defeat in Game # 4 Dana would scratch and claw their way to a 30-25 victory. In the 5th and deciding game Dakota Wesleyan would outlast Dana 15-10.

### Dugan Scores in Overtime Win

By Damon Day, Sports Information Director

The Dana College Women's Soccer team defeats Doane College 2-1 in overtime. In a game that was statistically dominated by Dana the Lady Vikings needed more than regulation time to fight off the Tigers. Dana had 22 shots on goal compared to Doane Colleges 4, but Doane made their shots count. Renee Bowman scored the Lady Vikings first goal 13:41 into the first half. The Tigers would come back and tie the game with a goal in of their own in the first half. After a scoreless second half, Tanya Dugan took matters into her own hands. Dugan would steal a pass at midfield and run the length of the field scoring the game winner with 9:34 expired in overtime.



Another Dana defender tries to score a point. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard

### NEXT: Doane College

by Jason Dannelly

The Dana College Vikings will return home this Saturday to host the Doane Tigers. Dana will hope to get the same offensive production they did earlier against Nebraska Wesleyan (445 yds) and hope to tighten up the defense, which gave up 463 total yards against the Prairie Wolves. Doane leads the all-time series 6-35-1 after last year's 43-3 win in Crete.

The Vikings have not beaten the Tigers since 1996, when Dana squeaked out a 13-11 win. The Viking offense will look to its wide receiver core of Jackie McCall and Kevin Stull for a spark this week. Freshman McCall will try to top last week's performance of 9 catches for 221 yards and 2 touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Chuck Wright will anchor the offense at quarterback.

The Viking defense will rally around two-year, all-conference strong safety Kurt Ferguson and former Nebraska walk-on linebacker Luke Smith. The Viking defense has given up 71 points this season, while the offense has scored 69.

Doane defeated Midland Lutheran College 23-10 last week in GPAC play. The Doane offense is led by running back Jeff Fellon, who was a GPAC player of the week in the season opener. Fellon is averaging 95 yards rushing and is third in the GPAC in that category. Dana is 1-1 and Doane is 2-0.