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Abroad: Ann Nelson's Son is in Kathmandu

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Staff Writer

"Matt is interested and passionate in his work."

Ann Nelson has an unusual son, and she's not afraid to talk about it. Matt Nelson is currently heading a research project on legal reform in the Middle East. He is now working as a consultant for the Asia Foundation, which develops grants for Asian countries funded by the Asian Development bank.

Nelson has spent four out of the past six years abroad, mainly in southeastern Asia in countries such as India, Pakistan and Nepal. Nelson's first trip to Asia was during his junior year of college when he traveled to Sri Lanka. "He was debating on going to Europe but decided that working in southeast Asia would allow him to interact with people from a completely different culture," [Ann] Nelson said.

Matt received his undergraduate degree in political science from Bowdoin College in Maine. Currently, Matt is working towards his PhD in the same field from Columbia

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Meningitis Hits Lincoln

Jeff Mangus
Staff Writer

Meningitis, an unusual and severe illness, has reared its dangerous head in Lincoln.

News reports last night included the information that three or four students from the Lincoln area had come down with it. It has also been mentioned on national television once in the last week. A recent episode of ER portrayed meningitis cases.

The students in Lincoln were possibly exposed from an infected student playing football.

Meningitis is very rare: only 3 cases per 100,000 students who live on campus. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. Because it appears to be simple influenza, it can develop to dangerous levels in victims before being properly diagnosed and treated by a doctor. Many infected people complain of headache, fever, stiff neck, extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light. Some

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Women's Soccer Enters Regionals 21-0

Lindsey Fox
Staff Writer

The Dana women's soccer team is not done yet after defeating Hastings 2-1 on Friday.

The overtime win gave the Vikings the conference championship and allowed them to host the regional tournament.

This is the first time Dana College has qualified for a regional tournament. According to the Vikings' coach, every single member of the team contributed to this huge accomplishment.

"The defense is the strongest they have ever been, along with the midfield and strikers. There is not one player whether they are in the starting lineup or not that I don't have confidence in out there," said head coach Todd Wick. "I have so much talent on this squad it's hard when it

comes down to deciding who is going to play and where."

Last Friday's game was a nail biter the whole way through. From the start, it appeared the results would come down to who was going to fight the hardest.

Michelle Glanz scored the first goal for the Vikings, but it was matched with a goal from Hastings. The 1-1 tie held throughout regulation, forcing an overtime.

The Dana girls, after already playing 90 hard minutes of soccer, had an additional 10 minutes to try to defeat Hastings. When no one scored in the overtime period, another 10 minutes was played. This time, Tanya Dugan ripped one right past the Broncos' goalie and secured the victory for Dana.

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Senior Renee Boman outleaps Hastings people. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Omaha Symphony Will Perform At Dana

Todd Maxwell
Staff Writer

Dana College will host a concert by the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra and the Omaha Symphonic Chorus, under the direction of Victor Yampolsky. The performance will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, in the Lauritsen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Featured on the concert will be Mozart's Symphony No. 33 in B Flat and Bartok's Divertimento. The second half of the program will feature the Omaha Symphonic Chorus performing Haydn's Mass in B Flat Major.

Franz Joseph Haydn's Mass in B Flat Major, "Teresienmesse," is the fourth mass in a series of six and unique in its instrumentation. It was written with no oboes or horns, making it a distinct piece in Haydn's repertoire.



known for his key role in developing Classical period music during the 18th century.

Bartok's Devertimento was completed in 1939, near the end of his career. This playful and rhythmic work was written in just 15 days and is one of his most often performed works.

Mozart's Symphony No. 33, though beautifully crafted, is considered one of his lesser-known works. The piece originally comprised only three movements, but after Mozart moved to Vienna, he improved his musical style and began to write more sophisticated four movement symphonies. The Symphony No. 33 most commonly heard today contains four movements.

The Omaha Symphony was

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Senate Debates Pool Hours

Ginger Krueger
Staff Writer

A change in Dana's pool hours may be in the works, according to discussion held at the last Student Senate meeting.

The suggested time is from 8-10 p.m. with registered lifeguards from campus on duty. The YMCA is being contacted, since the pool is largely under its control.

The Senate also learned that the movie which was filmed last spring on campus, "Full Ride," will have some scenes re-shot. Mary Sutherland may be contacting students to be extras.

In other Senate actions, a request for \$35 for a pizza party for the winners of the floor-decorating contest held by the Residence Life Office was granted and approved with a majority vote.

There have been some complaints about the process of requesting checks. The Budget Committee will examine this, as well as revising the Budget Handbook for next semester.

President Cheston Field

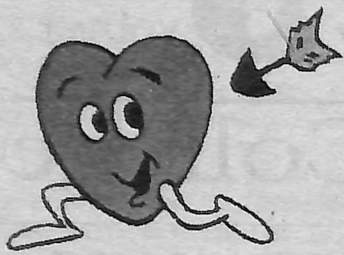
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Dana College residence halls will be closing over Thanksgiving break from Wednesday morning, November 21st until noon on Sunday, November 25th. The buildings will be locked down, so that no students will have access.

Students seeking an exception to this policy and desiring to stay in their own residence hall need to pick up an exemption form in the Student Life Office no later than November 15th, 2001. Cost will be \$15 per night over break. Any questions? Call Micke Olson at x7250.

FEATURES



Dear Cupid

Dear Cupid,

I was so excited when I left for school. It was like this was my chance to start over. No one would know about all the embarrassing things I did through high school, and I hoped I'd finally get a boyfriend. But here I am, halfway through the semester, and no one even looks at me. How can I get a boyfriend?

Wallflower

Dear Wallflower,

Why are you so anxious for a boyfriend in the first place? If you're just a college freshman, you have plenty of time for love to find you. A good relationship is one that's hard to find, so don't be so down just because a few months have passed. You have plenty of time. Remember to keep a cool head and don't leap at the first chance you get. And if you want guys to notice you, I've found good hygiene and nice clothes usually do the trick for the initial attraction, if not for the deeper meaning.

Dear Cupid,

My boyfriend and I have been together for about a year. I love him to death and he is my absolute world. I'm starting to feel like our relationship is a routine. I feel like we have lost some of the romance and passion. How do I bring our fire back?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

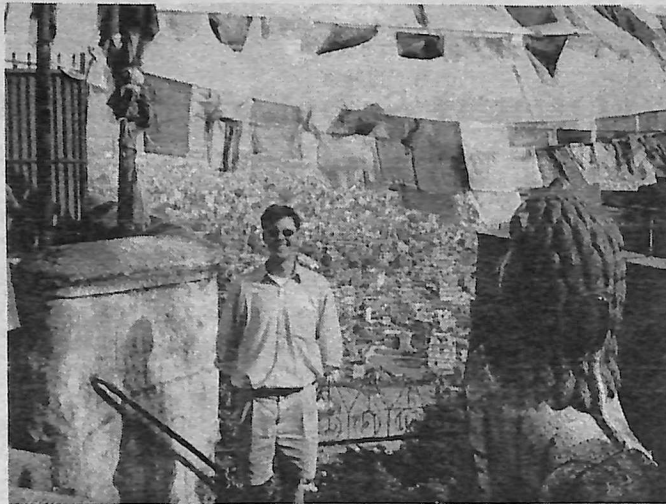
You're at a critical stage in the relationship. Around this time, when boredom sinks in, the couple starts looking for romance OUTSIDE of each other. If the relationship is a good one, the couple will get out of this rut and continue...if the romance wasn't meant to be, the couple will go their separate ways. If you feel that you and your boyfriend are well matched, and have a lot of things in common, then you're closer to the safe zone. Re-evaluate your daily routine: do you tell each other how strong your love is? Do you even say, "I love you" with feeling? Surprise your boyfriend by doing something he enjoys. Do something wild! He'll most likely return the favor.

Please feel free to write Cupid with relationship questions at:
dearcupid@mail.com

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University in New York City, NY.

Nelson was in Islamabad until two weeks after the terrorist attacks in September, but has since been moved to the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu for obvious reasons.



Matt Nelson, posing as a tourist, stands on a temple in Nepal. Photo courtesy of Ann Nelson.

According to Ann, the Pakistanians are divided in opinion of the current conflict. Many Northern Pakistanis are from the same tribes as some of the Taliban.

Technology has allowed the Nelsons to communicate quite often,

considering the distance. The two frequently exchange e-mails and talk on the phone every two or three months. Ann says that the distance creates a small delay in the conversation, which can make it difficult at times. But, she said, "It's good to hear from him."

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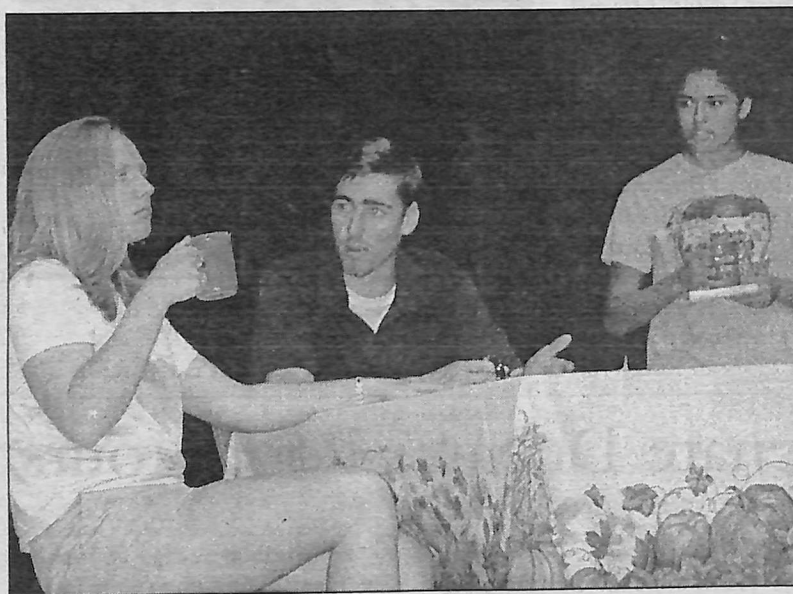
people develop a purplish red rash of small dots (petechiae) on their limbs.

If not treated early, it can lead to disabilities like amputation and even death. College students, particularly freshmen, have a sixfold increased risk of getting the disease than the general population. This is related in part to living conditions, especially those associated with dormitory rooms.

A vaccine is available. It is not routinely stocked in Dana's Health Services, but it can be requested. In the spring, Patti Nielsen (Dana's nurse) will send a letter outlining the dangers of meningitis to parents, along with putting up posters, handing out brochures, etc. about the vaccine. Last year it cost 70 dollars. There are currently no estimates for this year's price.

Nielsen will also provide a sign-up list for the vaccine in the spring.

Students Produce One Act Plays



Dana's One Act Plays will open Nov. 15th in MFAC. The pictured rehearsal includes Mara Bartlett, Nathan Bates, and Priscilla Carreras from Mary Sutherland's play.

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formed in 1921 out of several parent groups. The Symphony has seen the baton passed many times and has even disbanded twice, during the Great Depression and the Second World War. The Omaha Symphonic Chorus was established in the early sixties while the Symphony was under the direction of Joseph Levine.

Victor Yampolsky is the Omaha Symphony's current musical director. The Russian-born violinist was an assistant conductor of the Moscow Philharmonic before emigrating to America in 1973. Yampolsky also serves as music director for the Peninsula Music Festival in Wisconsin, and he is a professor of music and Director of Orchestras at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Tickets to this performance can be purchased at Dana College, Washington County Bank, and Huntel System, Inc., for \$8 (adults) and \$5 (students).

The Omaha Symphony Orchestra's performance at Dana is made possible with support from the Kiewit Foundation; the Nebraska Arts Council; the National Endowment for the Arts; Washington County Bank; the Enterprise; Great Plains Communications, Inc.; Hansen Agency, Inc.; Mid-America Computer Corp.; Cargill, Inc.; Concrete Equipment Company; and Two Rivers State Bank.

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thanked Senators for helping with the Haunted House. The Halloween project went extremely well.

The Dana women's soccer team thanked the Senate for the tickets it provided for the Vikings' recent match.

The next Student Senate meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2001.

Viking Film Society November (Classics)

- Tuesday the 13th: "High Noon"
- Thursday the 15th: "Rear Window"
- Sunday the 25th: "Amadeus" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (starts @ 7pm)
- Tuesday the 27th: "The Godfather"
- Thursday the 29th: "Raging Bull"
- Monday, Dec. 3rd: "Doctor Zhivago"

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Let us know what you think!

The Hermes Staff

OPINION

I Understand, But I Don't Understand...

Bryant Johnson
Staff Writer

Some things that go on up here—meaning Dana College and the Midwest—I understand but don't understand.

One thing is people falling in love in college so early. Let me remind you I understand but I don't understand. I understand people get older and there comes a time when people want to change their ways, but why so early in college? I don't understand when freshmen, sophomores, and even juniors in college try to get engaged or married. They still have four or five more years of their lives to live as young adults.

Down south, people getting engaged and married before they finish college or before they are 25 isn't very popular or common. Maybe that's why it's hard for me to understand. Like they say, different strokes for different folks.

Another thing that I don't understand is people spreading each other's business around campus. Let me remind you once again I understand but I don't understand. I understand that you think you can tell your friend and the word won't get out. But what I don't

understand is that people tell things on a small campus and, when ears are open, everybody knows your business, even the professors and coaches.

Down south, you probably end up badly hurt or maybe dead. Down there, we believe in keeping your enemies close and watching your friends.

Finally, I don't understand people having dirty cars. Now let me remind you one more time: I understand but I don't understand. I understand that it snows in winter and water freezes, so it's hard to wash your car. But what I don't understand is how people can ride around in the summer and spring with dirty cars.

In Georgia, it rains a lot. When I say a lot, I mean nearly the whole summer, half of winter, and a small part of spring. And those people keep their cars washed. They wash their cars every Friday or Saturday.

I think the reason I don't understand is because of where I'm from.

I think it is a good experience for me to come to school out here, so I can compare the different life styles. I can also tell people back home how things are out here, and tell people here how things are down there.

Wesleyan U. Speaker Contends All Humans Are Bisexual

By Anna Talman
The Wesleyan Argus (Wesleyan U.)
11/01/2001

(U-WIRE) MIDDLETOWN, Conn. - "I'm happy to know that sex is still of such interest," said former Wesleyan University faculty member and renowned author Elisabeth Young-Buehl, opening her Oct. 25 lecture on human sexuality.

"For those of you here with a date, (or even two dates), I'm afraid there's no easy answer," she said in response to the question her lecture attempted to answer: "Are Humans by Nature Bisexual?"

Young-Buehl continued to joke about sex and its place in American society throughout the lecture before the overflowing Russell House crowd.

The lecture focused on the wide spectrum of human sexual behavior and desire. "The complexity and variability of human sexuality," as Young-Buehl called it, became a central tenet of her theories.

Young-Buehl took the audience on a brief tour of thought on bisexuality, beginning with the sexologists at the turn of the 20th century, then going to Freud's thoughts on the matter, to Kinsey and the post-Freud era, and ending with the 1960s and the Gay Liberation Movement.

Young-Buehl spoke of the biological, psychological and "object choice" fac-

ets of sexuality and gender identity.

"You cannot judge a book by its cover," she said, referring to the continuum of genitalia present among the human species and the complexity of trying to establish biological sex.

"[Biological sex] is a unique conjunction, changing over a lifetime, of biological characteristics," she said.

She spoke of gender identity and object choice (the gender/sex of the partner a particular individual selects) in a similar manner, saying both consist of complex factors.

"All of these factors converge," Young-Buehl said, to form sexuality.

The answer to the question in the lecture's title is yes, she said. All humans choose both same and opposite sexual objects (or objects which take on characteristics typically associated with both sexes), but most individuals repress these ideas in the unconscious.

"Biologically and psychologically, all are bisexual ... we are all a mixture of masculine and feminine characteristics," Young-Buehl said.

Young-Buehl is the author of several non-fiction books, including "Freud on Women," "Global Cultures," "Cherishment," and "The Anatomy of Prejudices," which won the prize for Best Book in Psychology in 1996.

Getting By: Being Broke in College Presents Challenges

Lynsie Cetto
Staff Writer

If you were to look in my purse right now, you would find \$1.41 in change. There's a grand total of \$19.20 in my checking account.

I am a college student working three on-campus jobs, and there are eleven days left before payday.

When I left for college, I was psyched—I had spent all of my summer's earnings on clothes, cool dorm furnishings, and had some left for fun stuff once I arrived on campus. I quickly realized that the luxury of opening the refrigerator and finding something to eat was simply not a reality in school. I foolishly spent my first paycheck on my new tattoo and some "necessary" dorm stuff.

A few weeks after school started, I realized why the upperclassmen had cool clothes but didn't sport the all the newest accessory trends. The reason was simple: their money was spent more wisely on bills, and food. The first tuition bill hit my friends hard, and even though I had already covered my tuition payments, I could feel their pain.

Tuition is only part of the issue, because students who have scholarships and loans that cover tuition still struggle with balancing food, hygiene items and bills. "It is really hard to work enough hours to pay for all of my bills," said Rebekah Kehm.

When college students go shopping they are not looking for those awesome new shoes that they saw on TV last week. Chances are they are looking for

the dollar store bargains and thinking about where they can get a cheaper Easy Mac.

Before college, my high school friends and I were too stuck up to shop at places like the Dollar General or Thrift Stores. I quickly made these places common stops once I got into the swing of college life. Sometimes I am still amazed at the bargains I can get at these places. Recently, I bought a box of fruit snacks at No Frills then went to Dollar General to find the snacks were only a dollar. I had wasted my \$1.13 of my cash.

Unfortunately, most college kids' refrigerators are as empty as their wallets.

"It's hard as a freshman to budget your money. You're used to your parents buying your food and stuff," Jerri Zehnder reflected.

Most of us are forced to skip runs to fast food joints and hit the cafeteria, which could almost be worse for our health.

I am not saying college kids don't ever go buy new clothes or just go out. I am simply saying we appreciate it a lot more now.

"When I get to go shopping for new

"It is really hard to work enough hours to pay for all of my bills."

Rebekah Kehm

clothes or something fun, I get really excited," Lindsey Fox said.

The reason it is so exciting is because it means that on those rare occasions when you finally do get to purchase fun extras, chances are good that you have been eyeing and secretly coveting that item for a while. Once that item fits in your budget, you are elated.

"In high school, you have a job so you can buy new clothes and go out with your friends, but in college you have a job to pay bills and buy shampoo," Fox said.

Budgeting your every dime becomes crucial, especially when your loans don't go through or you can't pay the bills.

"I'm surprised that the bill collectors haven't come after me yet!" said Kehm.

Sometimes, students are forced to take out mini loans just to pay for bills and food. Yet, all in all, college life is still full of fun, and there are plenty of cheap outings for college kids and their friends.

For instance, the Blair Movie Theater only charges four dollars to see a flick. Campus activities sponsored by the Student Life Office often involve outings and activities for reduced cost or no cost.

"We try to plan things students will want to attend, and have fun doing," said Anthony Metcalf.

Or if you are heading to Omaha, you can go to the family fun center and engage in an all out arcade war with your friends.

Things like Walmart scavenger hunts and playing catch in the oval don't cost a thing. Whatever you do, bring a bunch of friends and a camera. Sure, the film costs but those memories are going to be priceless.

The best part about being broke in college is the creative and unique things you and your friends do for fun.

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SPORTS

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The Vikings had played the championship game like it was going to be their last and came out on top after two tough overtimes.

"That was the toughest game I have ever experienced in my entire life," Renee Boman said. "When the game went on to overtime, I thought I was going to die. Coach told us to play the hardest 90 minutes of solid soccer we had in us, so we did. Then we had to turn around and give 20 more minutes. It was definitely worth it, but man, was I exhausted."

"We play everyone on the team because we all are that good and have confidence in one another," said Jeannie Mayotte. "I guarantee no one else went and conditioned and worked as hard as we did this season. We deserve to be number one."

The women's varsity team is now 21-0, with a few more games left.

Next week, the Vikings will face Kansas Wesleyan for the first game of regionals. They are off to a good start in the tournament considering the Vikings already demolished Wesleyan 8-0 when they played them previously this year.

"It is so exciting to say we have made it this far," said Dugan. "No matter what happens next week, I think everyone on our team feels pretty darn proud of themselves and each other."

The Dana girls have practiced for at least two and one-half hours everyday for the last three months. Sometimes they go much longer, if Wick feels it to be necessary.

"I work them hard for a reason," said coach Wick. "Now, hopefully, they will understand why. Hard work pays off. I know after practice they go home and moan and complain because of the tremendously hard workouts I make them do."

"But, if you want to be a winner, you have to practice like one."



Freshman Michelle Glanz boots a ball past a frantic Hastings keeper. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Cross Country Women and Men Each Take 9th

Jeff Mangus
Staff Writer

Three Dana College runners earned NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes honors in the fall of 2001, but injuries and illness kept the Vikings, coached by Jay Birmingham, from their usual level of cross country success. The Vikings placed 9th in the NAIA Regional meet on both the men's and women's sides, which kept both from advancing to the national meet in Wisconsin. Stephanie Collins, Alicia Widtfeldt, and John Tripp qualified for the athletic-academic award sponsored by the NAIA Coaches Association, bringing to 14 the number of Dana cross country runners honored since 1996.

Collins, a junior from Shelby, Iowa, led the Viking women throughout the season despite a chronic lung ailment which hampered many of her races. She posted a best time of 18:43 for the 5,000 meter distance at the Briar Cliff Invitational. "It was a good year," she said, reviewing the season. "We just didn't have enough people. For two of the meets, we barely had enough women to score for us [five people score]. There was some sickness going around, too."

Widtfeldt, a Blair native and also a junior, ran a personal best of 20:26 at Briar Cliff. She is a business major. Tripp, a senior from Omaha, majors in biology. His best time

was 27:04, also at Briar Cliff. "We [the men's team] did pretty well this season," he said, "considering that a lot of people were sick at different times of the year. We're used to having a bigger team, too, so I think it was a good season."

Marc Bierbaum, a senior from Lewis, Iowa, led the Viking men most of the season. Bierbaum notched three top-seven performances and ran 26:50 at the Mount Marty Invitational. Allen Wagner, a junior from Hawaii, was hobbled all season by a knee injury. Nevertheless, Wagner was Dana's top finisher at the NAIA Regional Meet in 24th place. His best time of the season was 27:19 over 8,000 meters.

Junior Ryan Milner (Council Bluffs) and freshman Ryan Carlson (Minden, NE) were consistently among Dana's top five with respective Personal Records (PRs) of 27:15 and 28:27. Charlie Kaup, a junior from Grand Island, NE and freshman Matt Bloomingdale from Omaha were both among the top five men for Dana. Also competing in 2001 were Shane Jackman (Seward), Jeff Mangus (Wellington, CO) and Brent Reno (Omaha).

The Viking men won twice, claiming the trophy at the Briar Cliff Invitational over five other teams, and winning the four-team Dana Open. The Viking women were also victorious at the Dana Open. They were fourth at the Sioux Falls Invitational and their most successful outing was a ninth-place finish in the 20-team NAIA Regional Meet in Lincoln.

Valerie (Petey) Sparacino, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, was greatly improved in 2001 and was second woman for Dana seven times with a personal best of 21:01. Sophomores Katie Robinson (Riverton, WY), Chenel Sanders (Omaha), and Rachel Mostek (Newman Grove, NE) were regular scorers for the Vikings. Kelli Kramer (Blair) was the lone freshman for the Viking women and twice figured in team scoring. Robinson said she thought the women's team did well this season. "We became a closer, stronger team as the season progressed," she said.

Junior Derek Fey, a standout in past years, was unable to compete this year due to knee problems, and sophomore Ian Latella also sat out most of the season after undergoing chemical treatment for cancer found this summer. Both had been strong runners and vital components of past Dana teams, and were sorely missed this season.

The team's "Outstanding Runner" awards were earned this season by Bierbaum and Collins. The "Most Improved" awards went to Sanders and Bloomingdale.

Bloomingdale said he was happy with his freshman season at Dana. "There's a great tradition here at Dana," he said. "Coach (Birmingham) has built a strong team, and I think we'll be very successful next year. Injuries were problem for us this year. As long as we stay healthy, we'll do well next year."

Viking Football Loses in Triple Overtime 37-34

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Vikings put an end to a season of ups and downs last Saturday after barely losing to the Dakota Wesleyan Tigers, 37-34 in triple-overtime.

"It was a game with a very wild finish," head coach Jim Krueger said. "I'm very proud of the players for continuing to battle the whole game."

The first half started slowly for the Vikings, with the Tigers nailing a 30-yard field goal with 3:09 left in the first quarter. The Tigers scored again in the beginning of the second quarter to take the lead 10-0.

The Vikings finally struck with a crowd-pleasing, 87-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Chuck Wright to freshman receiver Jackie McCall. The Vikings looked to score again but fumbled on the 1-yard line to set up a Tiger 1-yard touchdown run.

The Vikings took the lead going in to the locker room at half-time 21-17 after sophomore Zane Christensen scored on a 3-yard touchdown run and Wright ran in for a 2-yard touchdown.

The second half was almost identical to the first in the fact that the Tigers scored twice in the third quarter to take the lead, 27-21. The Vikings scored their first points of the second quarter when sophomore receiver Doug Bargman caught a 10-yard pass from Wright. The kick failed, leaving the score tied, 27-27.

After the Tigers scored on a 75-yard touchdown pass, Wright scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak to tie the game 34-34 with :48 left in the game.

Neither team could take the lead in the remaining time, so the game was decided in overtime. The Tigers started off with the ball in overtime but failed to convert for points. The Vikings fumbled the ball, giving it back to the Tigers, who attempted a field goal. But the Viking defense came up big and blocked the attempt.

The Tigers then returned the favor and blocked Dana's field goal attempt and their offense took the field. The Vikings were finally defeated after Tiger kicker Caleb Walters hit a 34-yard field goal to end the game.

Overall, the Vikings were 3-7 but had a somewhat promising year, according to Krueger.

"We're coming on," Krueger said. "There are signs there. In a game like that (Dakota Wesleyan) you see signs that the football team is building up. I'm very pleased with the effort and the way we played. It is great for the sake of the program. We had to challenge to win."

The Vikings are in the toughest-rated NAIA conference, which can boast that six of the nine teams in the conference were ranked in the top 25 at one point in the season. There is a yearly average of four players who have a legitimate shot of playing professionally after the NAIA. Although the Vikings had a losing record, their stats have something else to say. The Vikings led the league in passing yards and passing average per game. Wright led the league in total offense.

Senior receiver Kevin Stull led the league with 71 receptions and broke Brent Leefer's nine-year-old record of 145 career receptions with 161 catches.

McCall will finish third in the league in receptions with 60. Not only was the offense setting records and leading the league, the defense came up big many times during the course of the year, and it shows in the stats.

Junior linebacker Luke Smith is leading the league with 136 total tackles, while sophomore Cliff Ellis is the league leader with nine sacks. The Vikings will return all players but nine seniors, including Stull.

"In a football coach's world, you are already thinking and planning about next year's team on the Monday after the game," Krueger said. The coaching staff will be contacting prospective players at least once every 10-14 days. "If you don't contact them (the recruits) often enough, they think that you're not interested."



Freshman Jackie McCall wrestles down a catch. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

The Vikings are looking to bring in around 35 athletes to supplement next year's team. They have had over 50 visits alone during home football games. Although the Vikings don't have any commitments, many have

shown a strong interest.

The Vikings will have approximately 65 players returning to the team next year. They want to have a roster anywhere from 90-100 players.

Sports Around Town This Week...

Women's Soccer: 11/9 Tabor College here in Blair at 1:30 p.m. If they win, they'll play in Blair Saturday 11/10 at 1:30 in the Regional Championship; they'll play the winner of Hastings/St. Mary semifinal game, also here in Blair. Bring your student I.D. to get in to the game.

Wrestling: 11/10 Harold Nichols' Open in Fort Dodge, Iowa. UNO Open on 11/17.