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2001: A Special Thanksgiving

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In the wake of the September 11 attacks, Thanksgiving has more meaning this year than it has in the past. That's why it is important, as Americans, to see how our "melting pot" society turned into Thanksgiving.

As many may know, the first Thanksgiving in America took place in the early 17th century between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans in colonial New England.

Thanksgiving, however, has been celebrated around the world for quite some time. Western Europeans were the first to hold festivals celebrating a successful harvest. In the British Isles, this festival was held on August 1st to celebrate the end of wheat harvest.

Later, the English Puritans adopted the idea of a day to give thanks during times of crisis or immediately following tragic events that had occurred. Puritan Thanksgivings were very religious as well, assigning the entire day to thank God.

The first North American Thanksgiving took place in 1621, when members of the Wampanoag tribe greeted the English Pilgrims upon their arrival to present day Plymouth, Massachusetts. The feast was an act of goodwill from the Wampanoag tribe to the arriving Pilgrims.

In 1623, a period of drought occurred, threatening the harvest and thus the lives of all the colonists. During this time a day was reserved for prayer and fasting and rain fell during these prayers. Thus, they named the Thanksgiving, in honor of the gift God had given them.

Eventually, state governments followed the traditions of the Puritans, assigning thanksgiving days to venerate public events. In 1777, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first national day of Thanksgiving after the Americans won the Battle of Saratoga during the American Revolution. President George Washington announced that another national observance of Thanksgiving would be held in 1789, in honor of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States.

New York was the first state to observe Thanksgiving annually in 1817. Soon other states followed, celebrating Thanksgiving during the month of

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Professor and Pilot: Dana's David Miller

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Red, white and blue, our nation's colors, still stand proudly despite the challenges and pain of the recent months.

This Veterans Day, the nation showed respect for our past and for the people who have preserved the foundations of America for our generation. All over the country, veterans recounted their tales and dug out old stories from their inner souls to encourage and strengthen our nation's convictions as we enter this new war—the war on terrorism.

There are tales to be told and stories to be heard here at Dana College. One story belongs to David Miller, assistant professor of business administration, a pilot during the Cold War era and in the Vietnam War.

During elementary school, Miller began dreaming of becoming a pilot. He made model airplanes and dreamed of the days when he would fly the real thing. An opportunity to fly presented itself in 1958, when Miller took the Aviation Cadet test and was admitted into the aviation-training program.

During the late-1950s Cold War with the Soviet Union, Miller was stationed in Tucson, Arizona, as a part of Strategic Air Command.

"We (air divisions) had certain targets, and we each had different ones," Miller explained. He never had to act on his target because the Soviet Union knew the United States had strategically placed targets and the capabilities to bomb them.

Soon enough, though, Miller got plenty of action.

During Vietnam, the Air Force had enough pilots to rotate them, so Miller flew one year, from 1968-1969. Flying a UH1 gunship



Vietnam-era Prof. Miller. Photo courtesy of David Miller.

(or helicopter) equipped with 14 rockets and 9000 rounds, he made regular runs within Cambodia, dropping special teams

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Student Activities Sponsors Laser Tag Trip

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Student Activities once again planned a fun night on the town. This time the group headed to Omaha to play

Laser Tag.

The usual cost of this activity is approximately \$10, but Thursday night 13 Dana students played for free, thanks to Student Activities.



From left: Natasha Wilks, Shannon Ford-Jefferson, and Chenel Sanders prepare to do battle. Photo by Marcie Smidt.

"I had a lot of fun, especially since it was something I have never done before," said sophomore Marcie Smidt. Dana's Student Activities office plans many events, almost always for free or at a reduced cost, throughout the year. This

year's very successful homecoming week was a direct result of the combined efforts of the Student Activities office, alumni groups, and others.

"Homecoming week took a lot of effort, but it ran smoothly, and was well attended by alumni and current Dana students," Activities Director Shawn Cook remarked.

Laser Tag, although a much smaller event than Homecoming, was also a success. Everyone said they had fun.

"Even though we were a small group, it was a great chance for people to interact with people they normally wouldn't. We had a lot of fun," Cook said.

Thursday's highlights included competitive team vs. team play, and a shoot-everyone-and-run war.

These fun activities help to build

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Anatomy of the Best Soccer Season Ever

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(Melissa Respeliers was a freshman goalie for the Dana Viking women's soccer team that recently completed an undefeated, conference-championship season.)

Coach Wick was standing on the sidelines watching me. The ball once again found its way past me and hit the net. I looked up to see Michelle Glanz celebrating with her teammates, our city rivals, for about the millionth time that game.

Finally the game was over, and I walked over to Coach Wick with my head down.

"Are you sure you still want me to play for Dana?" I was so embarrassed.

He laughed at me and handed me the papers, and I signed there with my teammates cheering for me. Little did I know what I was getting myself into.

I had a short summer. Softball got over two weeks before I had to

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Right now, there are very few Dana students remaining on campus for any or all of Thanksgiving break. A reminder to all students to be out of their residence halls by noon on Wednesday, November 21 and you can't return until after noon on Sunday, November 25. The halls will be locked down with a different lock system for 96 hours and no one will have access except for students staying over break. Campus Security will be in charge over break and they will not allow students into their rooms. Security can be reached at 533-3343.

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report to Blair for preseason training. I was scared, to say the least.

Coach handed the team a paper showing our workouts for the weeks to come.

Three practices a day? You have got to be kidding me. Those two weeks were the hardest two weeks of conditioning, lifting and practicing I have ever experienced.

The first day we were all on the field as a team, I was completely amazed. I thought to myself, every single girl on this team can shoot, pass and dribble better than anyone I have ever seen.

In high school, there are those certain girls on the team whom you just don't want to pass the ball to. That was the first difference between high school and college soccer that I noticed. I was completely comfortable with anyone having the ball.

The second difference I noticed came the first time anyone shot on me in goal. These girls can shoot hard! I feel like a cannon is being fired at me. It's hard to convince yourself to step in front of a ball that is moving that fast.

I felt like a beginner on a field with professionals. I soon realized the reason why they were all so talented: our coaching staff is phenomenal. We worked harder than any team in the conference. Our hard work paid off and we all improved greatly.

The beginning of our season went by fast. Every game that passed I remember thinking, what kind of team is it going to take to beat us? We seemed to be dominating every game we played in. Wins started piling up and people started to take notice.

Attention quickly turned to the game on October 4 against Hastings.

Since women's soccer was established at Dana in 1996, Dana had never beaten Hastings. We had worked too hard this year to let them do it to us again. Hastings went down 3-1. For the first time, they were not the winners.

We knew it was a big deal, but not until the next day did we find out that the win had clinched the conference championship for us.

After that win, the season seemed almost over. The next six games went by fast and before we knew it, the conference tournament was approaching. After a first round bye, and then going on to best Dordt 5-1, we again found ourselves matched up against Hastings. After two overtime periods, we finally came out on top, 2-1, thanks to one of those hard shots I fear every day in practice.

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Yampolsky Conducts Symphony

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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.

The Omaha Symphony has been in existence for over 80 years. The Symphony formed in 1921 out of several parent groups. 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 is a professor



The Omaha Symphony. Photo courtesy of Dana College Relations Office.

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., and are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students.

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of 8 to 10 jungle fighters inside of enemy lines.

The goal of these secret missions was to drop and retrieve teams inside the enemy lines without the enemy ever discovering the Americans. The teams gathered intelligence and became good fighters.

One day, things did not run so smoothly. The American teams were unknowingly dropped in the middle of an enemy camp.

"It was like stirring a hornet's nest," Miller said. "There was a lot of them (enemies)." Miller and the rest received a call for help and returned to rescue the teams after 15 minutes.

Upon return, Miller and his group fired on the enemy and received a sharp response. Miller's aircraft was hit.

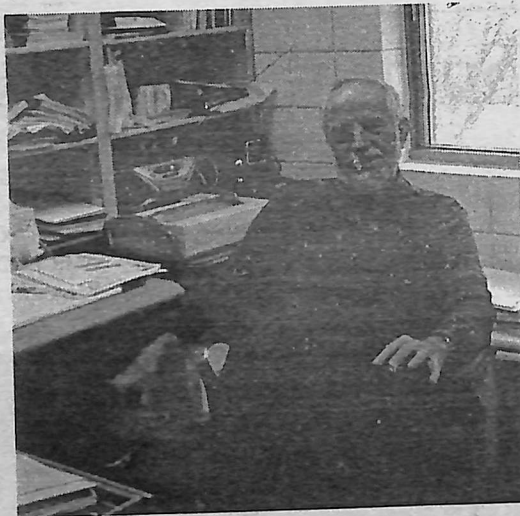
"I was able to get altitude sufficiently, so when the engine finally quit, I was able to put it down in a jungle clearing a few miles from the North Vietnamese," Miller recalled.

An accompanying American aircraft was able to reach Miller before the enemy did, and the future Dana professor survived the ordeal.

Miller said he wasn't really scared, because his "job was to fly a plane, take off and land it, and take care of the people in your (his) command."

"It was an experience—I did the job and came home," he said.

Miller claimed that he learned valuable decision-making skills and real-life experience that has helped him as a



Professor Miller reclining in his office chair at Dana. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

teacher. "Teaching is just not reading a book, it's mixing that knowledge with experience and making that experience relevant to life," he said.

He also thinks that serving in the Air Force has changed his values.

"You appreciate what you have in America when you visit other countries. People live on dirt floors, without running water, with leaders who don't care," Miller said.

"You learn to appreciate what you have at home, like our Constitution," said the Dana professor, one of the honorable men and women who helped preserve American ideals.



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November but, not necessarily on the same day.

During the Civil War, activist Sarah Joespha Hale, led a movement to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day. After the end of the war, Congress established Thanksgiving a national holiday. Many Southern states rejected the holiday, seeing it as an attempt to force Yankee customs upon the South. Nevertheless, the emphasis of family togetherness placed during the holiday appealed to all Americans.

Over the years many traditions have become associated with Thanksgiving Day.

As football became popular to Americans during the late 1920's and early 1930's, some National Football League teams began the tradition of playing football on Thanksgiving Day. The Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys traditionally play a nationally televised game on Thanksgiving, making football an annual tradition.

The day after Thanksgiving quickly became known as the first day of the Christmas shopping season. Department stores such as Macy's in New York and Gimbel's in Philadelphia actually began hosting their Thanksgiving Day parades in order to promote shopping. In fact, by 1934, with its huge balloons and extravagant floats, not to mention the first appearance of Santa Claus in over 10 months, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade attracted more than one million people annually.

Thanksgiving 2001 holds special meaning this year. As we enjoy this unseasonably warm weather and stuff our bellies full of turkey, stuffing, and potatoes, and enjoy time with family and friends, let us not forget the tragedy that took place on September 11. Take a moment to reflect, and remember those who have lost family and friends, and be especially thankful and grateful this Thanksgiving Day.

Viking Film Society November (Classics)

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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The Hermes Staff

OPINION

New York: Plane Crash Induces Speculation

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It's happening again. Well, hopefully not. I'm sure everyone has heard about the latest plane crash in New York.

The first thing everyone wonders after September 11 is, "Was it a terrorist attack?" Right now, it's too early to tell, but that hardly stops the speculation.

Honestly, I hope that this was some fluke in the mechanism of the plane. It frightens me to think what our leaders would do if somehow another terrorist was allowed into the American system. It seemed that the decision to go to war with Afghanistan came too suddenly this fall.

We, as a people, were enraged and horrified by the bombing of the World Trade Centers and felt the need to retaliate immediately.

I personally felt that the retaliation came much too soon. Unless Washington had evidence that has not been disclosed to the general public

(which I hope they have), were we even sure that terrorists in Afghanistan were responsible?

In my opinion, we should be absolutely sure who was responsible before blowing up countries. Even if it had taken time to become sure, that would have only allowed more time for the terrorists (if they were really responsible) to relax and think that they had gotten away with this mass destruction. They might have let down their guard and made a serious slip somewhere.

I pray to God that this was only a mechanical malfunction and not another siege on America. I feel sorry for the remaining family members of those on this fatal flight, but perhaps some good can come out of it. This should serve as a reminder to all of us that there is a war going on and that again, at any moment, it can hit all too close to home.

Just because we live in the United States of America does not mean that we are automatically immune from attack.

Thanksgiving Brings Together Dysfunctional Families

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Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time when families should get together in a spirit of sharing and joy to be near their loved ones and to count their blessings.

Thanksgiving is really a time when families get together to explore all the dysfunctional aspects of their relationships.

The traditional Thanksgiving begins long before the annual dinner of turkey and cranberries. It begins before the mini-van even leaves the driveway on the long journey over the river and through the woods, to Grandmother's house, of course.

The goal, to get an unruly sixth-grader, a chronically slow tenth-grader, and a dazed college senior (that's me) into the vehicle, plus parents and any random relatives that happened to spend the night. Add to that all of the compact discs, canned beverages, electronic devices, reading materials, and dried fruit necessary to withstand the grueling road trip ahead. Only 90 minutes behind schedule, the van backs out of the driveway.

Fast-forward through two-and-a-half hours of "Are we there yet?" "Mom, he's touching me!" and "I need to go to the bathroom!" all courtesy of little sister.

Grandma's house: we have arrived. Just in time to gather around the table with all of our aunts, uncles and cousins to join the feast. A brief skirmish ensues as the family determines whose responsibility it is to say grace. Somebody, finally, takes the task.

"Come, Lord Jesus, be our

guest..." And they're off. Heaping bowls of mashed potatoes, glazed yams, green bean casserole, and cranberries orbit the table while bread rolls fly across the room. In turn, Grandma apologizes for the inadequacy of every dish as it passes before her. Then the turkey. "A bit overdone and too dry..." No one is listening to Grandma, no offense. But the bird is nearly half gone before the words leave her mouth.

According to Grandpa, no one is allowed to leave the table before they've had at least three helpings of everything, including the bull that goes with the meal.

Now it's time to recuperate in front of the TV before Grandma brings out seven varieties of pie and another round of apologies.

We now are all too stuffed to move. Grandpa now has a captive audience to share his record collection with. Yay. Nothing aids digestion like a little twangy, old-style country and some polka to top it off. I'm going to be sick.

Finally, the time comes when we've all had just a little too much of each other and it's time to go home. Lots of fond farewells and hugs are shared as one by one, everyone heads out the door. I am looking forward to falling asleep on the ride home.

Maybe it was not a Thanksgiving that will go down in history as one of the most memorable ever, but when it comes to tradition, this is as close as my family gets.

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CD Review: Sevenfold

Todd Maxwell

Sevenfold
Sevenfold
(Tesco Productions)
1999

In an attempt to shift this review article to a more local direction, I am focusing on some artists with Dana connections. This week, I start with Sevenfold and their 1999 self-titled release.

Sevenfold is a Christian praise band that combines acoustic rock and folk sounds with close vocal harmonies. Their style is easy yet energetic, soothing and uplifting. Sevenfold's simple arrangements are both beautiful and charming.

Their accompaniment is just as

melodic as their vocal lines, which they team with intelligent and introspective lyrics.

The band has experienced some changes since this disc was cut, but they remain musically the same. Catch them playing when you can.



Homeless for a few nights: a group of Dana students from the Small Group Communications class put on a homeless awareness week that included sleeping outside in drafty cardboard boxes for two nights. Their enormous yellow posters advertising the week invaded campus for a while. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

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community and help students relax.

"You can meet a lot of people by attending," sophomore Anthony Metcalf said, "and the events are a lot of fun."

Upcoming events include free ice skating this Friday, many more movies nights, and other activities yet to be

announced. "Late night breakfast" on Dec. 11 and Dana Days are creeping around the corner soon, so watch your halls for posters and keep your eyes peeled for notices in the campus center.

These events can be cheap fun dates, or just a way to kick back with some friends. So mark your calendars and be prepared to have tons of fun.

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SPORTS

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We now had over 20 wins going into the regional tournament.



Senior Renee Bowman goes for the ball. Photo by Kjaer Kierkegaard.

Word got around campus that we were the number-one seed, and that we were hosting the tournament.

People I had never talked to were congratulating me. My door is

covered with decorations and good luck signs. People were clapping when we soccer players walked into the cafeteria.

The regional championship game was everything we expected.

There were fans everywhere, and we were so pumped up. We went into the game and gave it all we had.

It wasn't enough, though, and we would go down fighting. College of St. Mary went on to the national tournament with the 3-0 win and we hung up our cleats until next year.

It was disappointing to know how close we were to nationals, but we walked off the field with our heads up.

We had to be proud of what we had accomplished. Undefeated regular seasons are rare.

Being the only undefeated team left in the nation is even more rare. We



The Viking women with the Regional Runner-up Plaque. They finished 22-1 overall. Photo by Kjaer Kierkegaard.

could never have accomplished these goals without every single player on our team. Everyone contributed in some way, whether it was cheering from the sideline or firing a shot past the opponents' keeper. Every player was key in our 22 wins.

Our captains led us and were always pushing us to be our best, and our coaches molded us into the players that we are. They sacrificed time away from their families and jobs, trusting us that we would work hard for them and not make their time wasted.

We practiced in the rain, then we used buckets and trash cans to scoop

the water off the field the next day. We practiced in the extreme cold and extreme hot. We even practiced when it was dark and we couldn't see where the ball was. Every minute of practice was spent making us better, and the effort was worth it.

Most people will look back onto our season and see a great season, the best in school history. Ask a soccer player to look back onto our season, and the first thing we will think of will be the loss to St. Mary. It was still a great experience, and an even better way to start college. I wouldn't trade a second of this season for anything.

Sixteenth-Ranked Bruins Drop Vikings 83-71

Lindsey Fox
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The Dana Viking basketball men led the 16th-rated Bruins by 10 points before losing 83-71 Tuesday night at Bellevue University.

In a physical game that saw the Bruins penalized for dunking during warm-ups, Viking starter Jeff Tesmer went to the bench in the first half with an ankle injury.

Dana was led by Luke Connell, with 17 points, and Jon Mauro, who added 15. The Vikings started out fast, pumped by captain Mauro's one of two free throw attempts to open the game. These were courtesy of the technical foul called on

the aggressive Bruins for dunking in warm-ups.

"This was definitely one of the more uglier games we have played," said head coach Chris Fear. "Our team was a bit different than Bellevue's team. We try to play with fundamentals and skill and the Bruins didn't really have either of the two.

"It's the worst feeling in the world to go down to a team that plays as dirty as they did. But who knows— maybe the boys will realize some of them need to be a little tougher."

The Vikings were up by about ten until the first half was almost over. "It was really weird, we just seemed to kind of

fall apart," fan Kelly Heller remarked. "The boys started off with all this energy and then it just disappeared."

Leading the team last night was starting point guard Connell, who went three for six behind the three-point line and was four for four in free throws.

"I think if our team would have got fouled more, we might have been able to pull that game off," Connell said. "Instead, we were doing all the fouling, which really didn't help our situation any."

Another leader was Mauro, who has been making huge contributions to the Vikings the past three games. "I just try to lead my team to the big 'V.'

That's what we all want," said Mauro, who has scored at least 15 points in each of those games.

"None of us really care who is the leading scorer or who has the most rebounds.

"It's just that right now some of us are trying to step it up a few notches so we can get that first win."

The statistics suggested a closer game than 83-71 against the Bruins, whose leading scorer, Bion Flint, had 20 points.

"It's still early in the season," said assistant coach Aaron Whinkle. "The boys will come around, just give them a little more time."

Viking Wrestlers Look to Repeat in Tough Central Region

Matt Hanna
Staff Writer

"Be the best, beat the best" is the philosophy of head coach Steve Costanzo and his Dana wrestling squad.

That same philosophy carried the Vikings to their first Central Region title in school history and a school-record 11 national qualifiers during the 2000-2001 season.

This season, Dana will look to some of its returning wrestlers for leadership and experience.

In addition to veterans such as Central Region Champion and NAIA All-American Pete Isham, Central Region Champion Wynn Fangmeier, and NAIA All-American Ed Schmitt, the Vikes have

brought in one of the top 15 non-Division I recruiting classes in the country. Several of these transfers and freshman will have the opportunity to contribute this season.

The SDSU Open was highlighted by nine medalists, including runner-up finishes from Pete Isham (141) and Sam Molendrez (149).

Other medalists included Leister Bowling (5th), Keith Clausen (3rd), Justin Williams (5th), Ed Schmitt (3rd), Art Castillo (4th), Tyler Hodges (6th), and Wynn Fangmeier (6th).

Costanzo was very pleased with his squad's performance and specifically with the competitiveness of the freshman.

"If they can get through it (the first two years), they'll be fine," Costanzo

noted in regard to freshman as they make the transition from high school to college.

An emphasis on challenging his athletes is made by Costanzo. Specifically— during the first semester— his squad will face not only some of the top teams in NAIA, but meet with some of the top five Division I schools.

The Vikings will be challenged constantly during their next three tournaments when they travel to the Harold Nichols Open this Saturday, the UNO Open on Nov. 17, and the Las Vegas Invitational from November 31 to December 1.

Costanzo noted that the Harold Nichols Open this Saturday will be tougher than the SDSU Open was last week.

But, of course, to be the best, you have to wrestle the best.

Sports Viking Events This Week...

Men's Basketball: 11/17 at William Penn College in Oskaloosa Iowa 7:30 p.m. Later 11/28 Midland College 7:30 p.m. here in Blair.

Women's Basketball: 11/17 Haskell 3 p.m. here in Blair. Later 11/20 at York 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling: 11/17 UNO Open in Omaha all day.