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UNO Student Tries For Piercing Record

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(U-WIRE) OMAHA, Neb. - On Friday, 21-year-old Matt Brown of Omaha, Neb., received a few sharp sticks — 171, to be exact.

This was not his first piercing experience; previously, he has had as many as 31 holes and jewelry in his body. By the time of the event, he was down to a mere five piercings.

Brown has decided to achieve a new world record for the most piercings in a single sitting. A relatively new tattoo and piercing shop in the Old Market, Big Brain Productions, is the parlor that handled the honor of fulfilling Matt's task.

Apparently, the news of countless needles puncturing flesh spread quickly. Before Friday, Brown's quest had been mentioned in *Alternative Press* magazine, the *Omaha World-Herald* and on CNN. Due to the coverage, dozens flocked to Big Brain Productions to witness the action.

Brown's puncture jewelry probably is not what first comes to mind when one thinks about piercings. For the world record, he had 10 placed along his collarbone and the rest in both of his arms. His collarbone and arms were red, very puffy and swollen with marks like welts.

Currently, the Guinness World Record for body piercings is held by a Scottish woman with a total of 462, including 192 on her head; Brown does not hold a candle to her with only 176 piercings to date. He just wants to compete for the current single sitting entry. His only competition is Greg Thompson, who on Sept. 27 reportedly received 227 piercings during the Pledge of Allegiance Tour at the World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. Before either record attempt, the bar was previously set at 100.

Guinness has yet to assess Matt's bid for the book, so fans will have to wait and see where they place him.

Even though his parents do not like his piercings, his girlfriend is very proud. Her response? She'll have to remember not to touch his arms for a while.

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Sights and Sounds Hits Dana Campus

Todd Maxwell
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Dana. Have you noticed all the decorations, pine trees, garlands and red ribbons around campus?

This can only mean two things. Christmas is right around the corner, and it is almost time for Sights and Sounds of Christmas.

Here at Dana College, Sights and Sounds is an annual holiday tradition. This weekend, alumni, parents and surrounding community members — as well as some visitors from afar — will come to see the many events.

Some of the highlights include concerts by the Dana Chorale and Concert Band, a one-act Christmas play and, of course, the ever-popular Smorgasbord, a spread of traditional Scandinavian foods.

A full slate of events begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday and continues until 7 p.m. There will be Scandinavian folk dancers, the Danish tradition of Julestuen and a market featuring arts and crafts. Also, Dana's own Santa Lucia singers will present the Swedish

Festival of Lights.

Some other events include storytellers, music recitals, art exhibits and various merchandise and craft sales.

The Sights and Sounds button is required to attend all events except the Smorgasbord. Students can substitute a cafeteria meal for this special event. Additional Smorgasbord tickets are \$15.50 for adults and \$9.50 for children.

Students can pick up their pins from the information booth in the campus center. Buttons can be purchased for \$5 at all event doors during Sights and Sounds.



A Dana Tree, excitedly awaiting all the crowds of people that will come to Dana this year. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Dana Serenaded By Omaha Symphony

Todd Maxwell
Staff Writer

Dana students and members of the Blair community alike came to see the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra perform here on Dana's campus. On November 18, the Chamber Orchestra and the Omaha Symphonic Chorus performed under the direction of Victor Yampolsky on the MFAC stage.

The concert program began

with two performances by the Chamber Orchestra.

First, they played Mozart's Symphony No. 33 followed by Bartok's Divertimento for Strings.

After a brief intermission, the Symphonic Choir joined the Chamber Orchestra to present Haydn's Mass in B flat Major.

Haydn was an Austrian composer who is well known for his key role in developing Classical period music during the 18th century.

Franz Joseph Haydn's Mass in B Flat Major, "Teresienmesse," is the fourth mass in a series of six, and is unique in its instrumentation.

It was written with no oboes or horns, making it a distinct piece in Haydn's repertoire.

Bartok's Devertimento was completed in 1939, near the end of his career. This playful and rhythmic work was written

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Student Senate Petition Questions Legality of Firewall At Dana

Ginger Krueger
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A petition protesting the firewall on Dana's campus that prevents students from downloading music from the Internet was presented at the Student Senate meeting on November 18.

The legality of the firewall, which prevents a slower Internet connection by preventing students from "clogging" up the wires with music data, has been questioned. A representative from Computer Services will address the issue at the next meeting.

A request for \$2500 was presented by Dana College organizations HOPE, SAO, RHA, and ISO for a speaker on

racism. The request was approved and carried by a majority vote. Also, the Winterfest budget was presented for \$5302.78. This was accepted and carried with a majority vote.

Lindsey Sparks submitted a \$100 request for a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family in Blair. This motion passed with a majority vote.

Student Senators are needed to ring the bell in front of No Frills, Pamida and Super Foods during the Christmas season. Senators may pair up with each other.

The swimming pool hours on campus remain the same so far. Selected
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Heard of the annual Late Night Breakfast? Each year, the cafeteria hosts faculty, who serve (literally) a late night breakfast. It rocks, and helps relieve finals stress.

It'll take place this year on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 10 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Shawn Cook is looking for volunteers to help serve or clean. They start preparing the food around 8 p.m. and begin serving at 10. Clean-up follows until 11 p.m.

Email Shawn Cook if you'd like to help this year.

OPINION

The Forgotten Holiday: Americans Often (Ironically) Overlook Thanksgiving

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

After all the little kids get to dress up in their favorite power ranger suit and go beg for candy at Halloween, we move on to the more sophisticated holiday of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a holiday that should be remembered by everyone because it is a time for giving thanks. Whether someone is young or old, they have something to give thanks for. It does not matter if you live on the streets as a homeless person, you have something

to be thankful for, even if it is just being alive.

But the problem that people in America have is that they do not have any respect for Thanksgiving. After Halloween, many Americans begin putting up every Christmas decoration that they have. This shows a total lack of respect for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time when people come together as families to eat and be in each other's company. Christmas lights were not made for Thanksgiving—they were made for the joy of the Christmas season.

Often times people will begin putting up Christmas lights, trees and yard ornaments right after Halloween. This proves the fact that they are forgetting about the holiday just as important: Thanksgiving.

It is not a big deal to put lights up, because my family does and almost 68 percent of America does, but at least have some respect for our forefathers and wait until after Thanksgiving to put them up.

Christmas is a great time to celebrate, but it is only one day like every other holiday, so there really is no point

in getting ready for it two or even three months early. If you are going to put lights up, and there is no way that anyone is going to stop you, use colors that make sense. Red and green are often colors used and they look good.

Too often, people try to get to fancy with their decorations that make their house look like one giant light bulb that has no specific color. It really makes the other houses on the block look nice and yours look like a big bust.

Most of the time you don't realize the problem because you put up all the lights and put all the work in it, but believe me, everyone else sees them, from miles away.

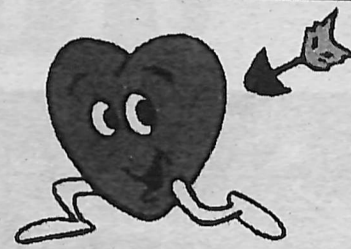
There are a few things that people need to know when putting up lights for the holiday season. One is to never put up lights too early, or people will think that you have forgotten your roots and Thanksgiving.

Two is the fact that you should never use so many lights that your neighbors are not going to be able to fall asleep because it looks like there is a spaceship sitting outside their window.

Three, if you are going to put up lights, make them appropriate colors for the holiday. If you are putting them up around Halloween, use orange lights, not blue.

Four, always remember to be careful when putting Christmas lights up on your rooftop. Three people injured themselves and one died last year in Des Moines alone last year after falling off a roof when attempting to place Christmas lights.

Christmas is a great holiday, and hopefully you will take some of these helpful hints and put them to good use when planning for the holiday. But please, don't forget about that holiday most often forgotten about, Thanksgiving.



Dear Cupid

Dear Cupid,
I wanted to warn everyone about this guy, and this seemed like the place to do it. "Paul" is a pig. He forced my friend to touch him after she specifically told him "NO." He uses girls like paper towels, throwing them away to get a new one all the time. "Paul" has hurt more than one friend of mine, and he still keeps at it. I tried to tell someone, but they won't believe me, because he hasn't done anything to me. Thanks.

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Little boys like the one you described up above need to be taught manners. Maybe they have their own insecurities and work through it by sexual harassing and using women, but that doesn't make it right. Keep telling people of the player tendencies of "Paul," and maybe he'll finally understand that women aren't there to be his personal and temporary plaything.

Dear Cupid,

My girlfriend and I are both seniors. We're independent adults, and we're thinking about marriage. We've gone out for 6 years, and I'm still a virgin. I know my girlfriend isn't a virgin, because she told me she wasn't and she knows a lot of things. Yet, I can't get her to have sex with me. Is it me? Am I that ugly? Does my breath smell?

Mr. Lonely

Dear Mr. Lonely,

It could be your hygiene. Do you brush your teeth regularly? Perhaps it's HER. Maybe she really is a virgin, and just acts like she's wise and knowing. These days, it isn't that hard to learn everything about sex. Another possibility is that she had a bad experience; rape, sexual harrasment, or embarrasment could've turned her off from sex. Just be kind and understanding if this is the case, and reassure her that you would never hurt her...and don't be like the jerk

Please feel free to write Cupid with relationship questions at:

dearcupid@mail.com

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Student Spotlight

by Lysie Cetto

How did you spend your Thanksgiving?



Shon Trent, Senior
"I stayed in Omaha, and helped out at a local church that gave out Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless. Other than that, I ate dinner at a friend's house, and watched Nebraska lose!"



Carla Knight, Sophomore
"I went to Colorado with my friend Cindy and spent Thanksgiving break hiking in the mountains and eating tons of food."



MacKenzie Bliven, Freshman
"I stayed in Omaha, had Thanksgiving dinner with my family and worked."



Kelly Krings, Sophomore
"Traveled to the big town of Creston, Nebraska, ate a ton of food and partied for a couple of days."

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SPORTS

Women's Basketball Falters Against Midland



Momi Monis, sophomore, shows off amazing jumping talent against Midland. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Matt Hanna
Staff Writer

The Viking women's basketball team dropped their GPAC opener on Tuesday, losing to rival Midland Lutheran by 41 points, 93-52.

Freshman Samanta Alapa led the Viking's scoring attack, putting 16 points in the basket, but the Vikings just couldn't seem to produce enough scoring opportunities to take down Midland, who has traditionally had a decent team.

"I thought that we played well," Alapa said, "but we were playing a tough team that has some pretty good players."

Before the Thanksgiving break, the Vikings traveled to York College. They were beaten there in a tough road game by a close score of 74-67.

Although the Vikings came together and nearly battled back from being 20 points down in the second half, the Vikings

were unable to eventually take the lead or the game.

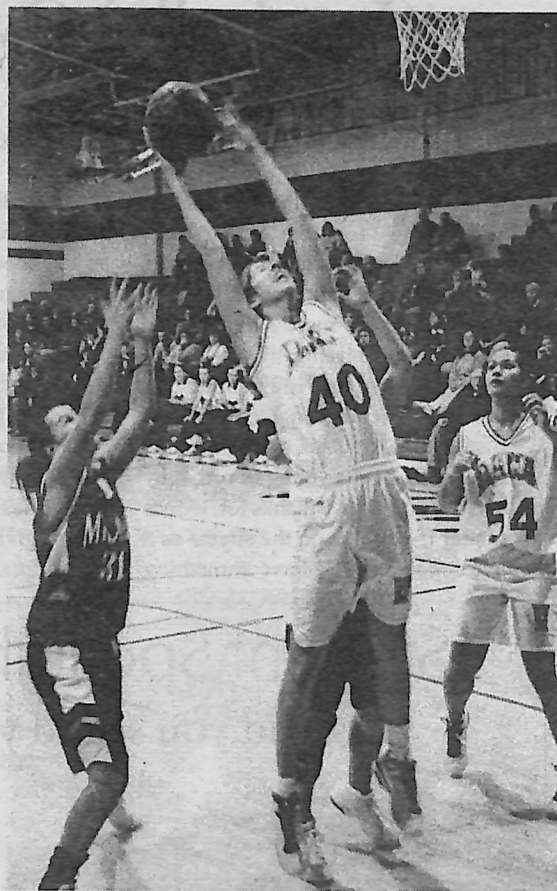
Sophomore Erin Stoffel led the Dana women in scoring against York with her 20 points.

Before York, the Dana women played the Haskell Indian Nations University and were defeated 68-52 on Saturday Nov. 17th. The leading scorer for Dana was freshman Brooke Epley with 16 points.

A previous game on Nov. 16th ended in a win over Central Christian College, 94-56. Junior Janine Jones, freshman Leslie Rostermundt and freshman Brooke Epley led the Vikings in scoring with 14 points apiece.

Next, the lady Vikings will travel to Orange City, Iowa to play Northwestern on Saturday, December 1st at 2 p.m.

Leslie Larson, freshman, outjumps Midland opponents as Momi Monis, sophomore, watches on Wednesday. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.



Men Smash Midland 100-86 in GPAC Win



Driving against the defense: the Dana men earned their first conference victory against Midland, 100-86, Wednesday. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Jon Carlo
Staff Writer

The Dana Vikings hosted highway 30 rival Midland Lutheran Wednesday and earned their first conference victory of the year, defeating the Warriors 100-86.

Dana jumped ahead early and never looked back. In the first half Dana hit 54 percent of two point shots taken and 7 of 14 three pointers. This was enough to overcome Midland's five of nine three-point shooting and go into the locker room with a 21-point lead at 56-35.

The Vikings were able to hold off a late Midland run as the Warriors cut the lead down to 11 with four minutes remaining in the game. As time wound down, the Vikings took advantage of many missed scoring opportu-

nities by Midland and held on to their 14-point lead.

Head coach Chris Fear was very pleased with the outcome of Dana's first conference game of the year.

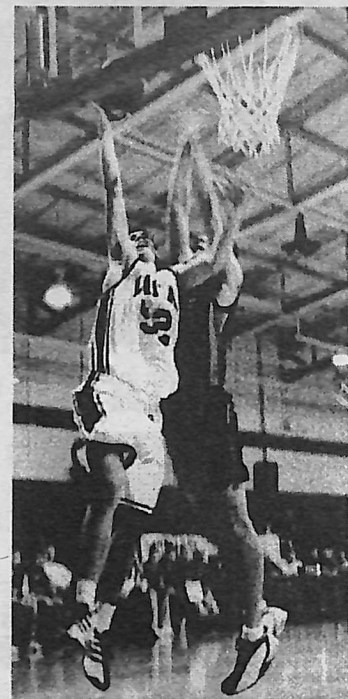
"It feels really good. We played really well," Fear said.

Junior guard Jon Mauro sparked the Viking offense, leading all scorers with 22 points when he hit 11 of 17 shots. Mauro was 2-5 behind the arc.

Junior forward Derek Hack dominated the glass, pulling down 17 boards to go along with his 14 points. Jeff Tesmer added 16 points and Luke Connell chipped in 10.

Luke Worth had 21 points and Adam Lamprecht added 19 to lead the Warriors.

The Vikings travel to Orange City, Iowa, to take on Northwestern on Saturday at 4 p.m.



Chris Carder, freshman, leaps over buildings to put the ball in the hoop. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard

Viking Wrestlers Triumph at UNO Wrestling Tournament

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

Recently, the Viking wrestling team placed three men in the top six in their weight classes.

That's not all: it was in the biggest one-day tournament in the nation held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on November 17th.

Junior Wynn Fangmeier led the way for the Vikings, placing second at 197 lbs. by wrestling to a 2-1 record. Sophomore Keith Clausen placed third at 165 lbs. After wrestling eight matches,

red-shirt freshman Leister Bowling placed sixth at 157 lbs., wrestling to a 3-3 record on the day.

Although wrestling to a 5-2 record on the day, junior Sam Melendrez came up one match short of the awards stand.

"I was very pleased with performances from Clausen, Fangmeier, Bowling and Melendrez," head coach Steve Costanzo said. "These guys demonstrated that they are some of the best around in their respective weights."

Although Dana is an NAIA college, the wrestling team wrestles schools from Divisions I, II and III. There were over 550 wrestlers who competed, including

wrestlers from schools such as the University of Minnesota, University of Iowa and the University of Nebraska.

"I was happy that we had the opportunity to again compete against the best. Our guys had the opportunity to wrestle guys from the 2001 NCAA Div. I national championship, the University of Minnesota, and NCAA Div. I powers Nebraska and Iowa," said Costanzo.

Other notable performances for the Vikings were made by freshman Brian Tsutsumi (3-2, 125 lbs.), and freshman Ben Henderson (3-2, 141 lbs.)

The Viking varsity line-up travels to Las Vegas to wrestle in the Las Vegas

Invitational today and tomorrow. Red-shirt wrestlers will be traveling to Fort Hays, Kansas, for an open wrestling tournament.

"We are ready to travel to Las Vegas for the toughest invite in the nation. It should be a lot of fun," Costanzo said.

Correction From Nov. 16th

The quotations that were attributed to Viking men's basketball coach Chris Fear in the November 16th Hermes were false. The Hermes staff regrets this error.

Sports Viking Events This Week...

Men's Basketball: 12/1 Midland Lutheran 7:30 p.m. here in Blair. Later 12/6 York 7:30 p.m. here in Blair.

Women's Basketball: 12/6 York 5:30 p.m. here in Blair.

Wrestling: 11/30-12/1 Las Vegas Invitational TBA in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later 12/1 Ft. Hays State Open all day in Hays, Kansas.