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Dana students protest English-Only proposal

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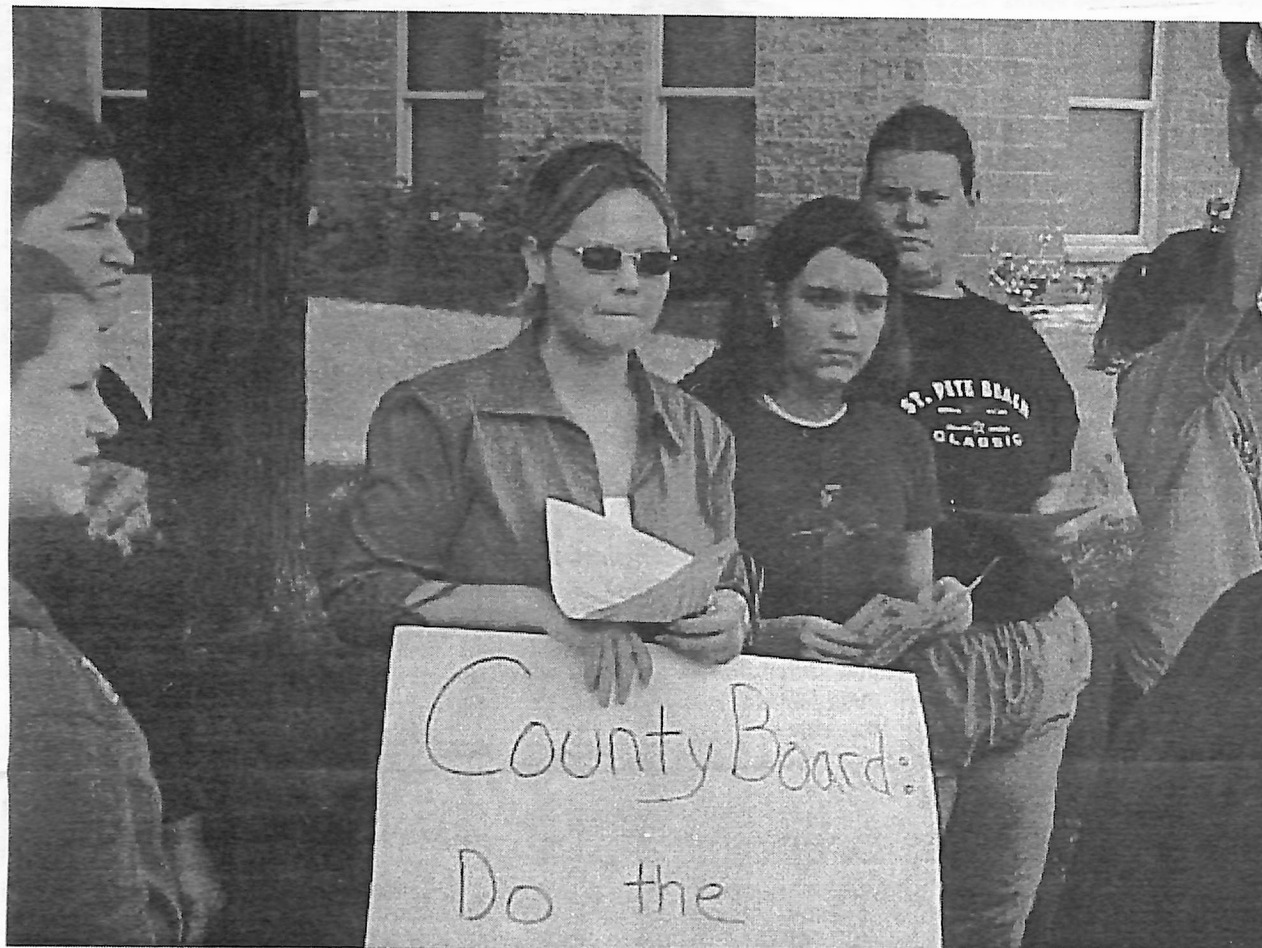
Theresa Peterson and Elizabeth Fimbres are barely three weeks into the Dana year, and they already know the meaning of victory over authority.

But not against the Dana administration: the fight was a little larger.

Peterson and Fimbres have recently been involved in petitioning and campaigning against a proposal to make English the official language of Washington County. The proposal was created by a coalition of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Amvets members. Blair citizen Dennis McCormick, a member of the VFW, and Max West, the president of Washington County Amvets, headed the proposal.

Fimbres and Peterson took a petition against the proposal door to door in the county, and collected 43 signatures by the first meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors. The bill was tabled for a second meeting because there was opposition, said Fimbres, adding that she and Peterson were then able to get an additional 60 signatures on the petition. The second meeting was August 27 and the proposal was heard at 1:30 p.m., after a 12:30 p.m. rally against the proposal in front of the courthouse.

The rally outside the courthouse was headed by Ed Leahy, who knew Fimbres and Peterson because he had previously worked with them in separate internships; Fimbres with the Immigrant Rights Network, and Peterson with Chicano Aware-



Protesting one language only: Dana students, including sophomore Karie Lenzen, joined faculty and representatives of several organizations on August 27 to try to stop a proposal which would limit the recognized languages in Washington County government to English. The proposal was denied 6-0 in a vote. Photo by Justin Wiese.

ness. Dana students and teachers were present, along with members of the Social Concerns Committee, the ACLU and the Mexican-American Commission. When the proposal was finally heard, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to take *no action*.

"The unanimous vote was a change from the original; the first time, you could tell the Board was all for it," said Fimbres. But, she said, "A lot of the proposal language was inappropriate, so

McCormick and West will revise and resubmit it. They just photocopied the proposal from Dodge County, where it passed without even being discussed, and submitted it here."

Peterson said they were unsure when the proposal might resurface. "It may already have been heard again," she said, "and we wouldn't even know. They don't advertise very much."

Fimbres added that she thought the proposal was ridiculous. "This

proposal tells people, 'You are not good enough. Your language is not good enough. The only thing you can do is work at these minimum-wage jobs.' This has never been a country of one language! But my mother-in-law was taken from the reservation and placed in Catholic school, where she was beaten for not using English. You have to realize that

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Palm: BHAM nights freshen student experience

Christen Neben
Staff Writer

There's some new blood in the Student Life office this year.

New Director of Student Life Lisha Palm says she has a few unique ideas to bring the campus together such as Blair, Holling, Argo and Mickelsen (BHAM!) nights and many other creative ideas for the staff.

Palm came to Dana College this year from Waldorf College where she worked with the Activities Department. Palm enjoys helping student with leadership skills and working with them to help come up with exciting new ideas for activities on campus.

Palm says she looks forward to student involvement. "I love to utilize the talents of many students and think the Department of student activities can

offer a variety of valuable experiences."

This year the Student Activities Department decided to introduce BHAM nights. Students from every dorm floor will come up with a different idea for an activity to host.

"It is a great opportunity for students to plan a campus-wide activity that they know they would enjoy," Palm said.

There have been many ideas coming in to get approved. Here's a sneak preview of a few of them: Mr. Dana, a swim party with Jaws playing off to the side, and a lip sing contest.



Dana's Student Life coordinators: Mackenzie Krause, Shannon Ford-Jefferson, Chuck Wright with Director Lisha Palm. Photo by Lysie Cetto

An easy place to find information on these upcoming activities is the Student Activities board in the Campus Center.

Of course, students can always come in and offer their help directly to Palm herself, too.

FEATURES

Professor Iain Anderson: soccer, jazz, history combine

Rene Nicolay
Feature Editor

Once upon a time, Iain Anderson was going to go into management.

Working for a utility company in England, it didn't seem he'd become a teacher. Then, he spent a year in Evansville, Indiana on a scholarship, and ended up getting his Master's in the United States. While there, he enjoyed history so much that he changed majors and became a teacher.

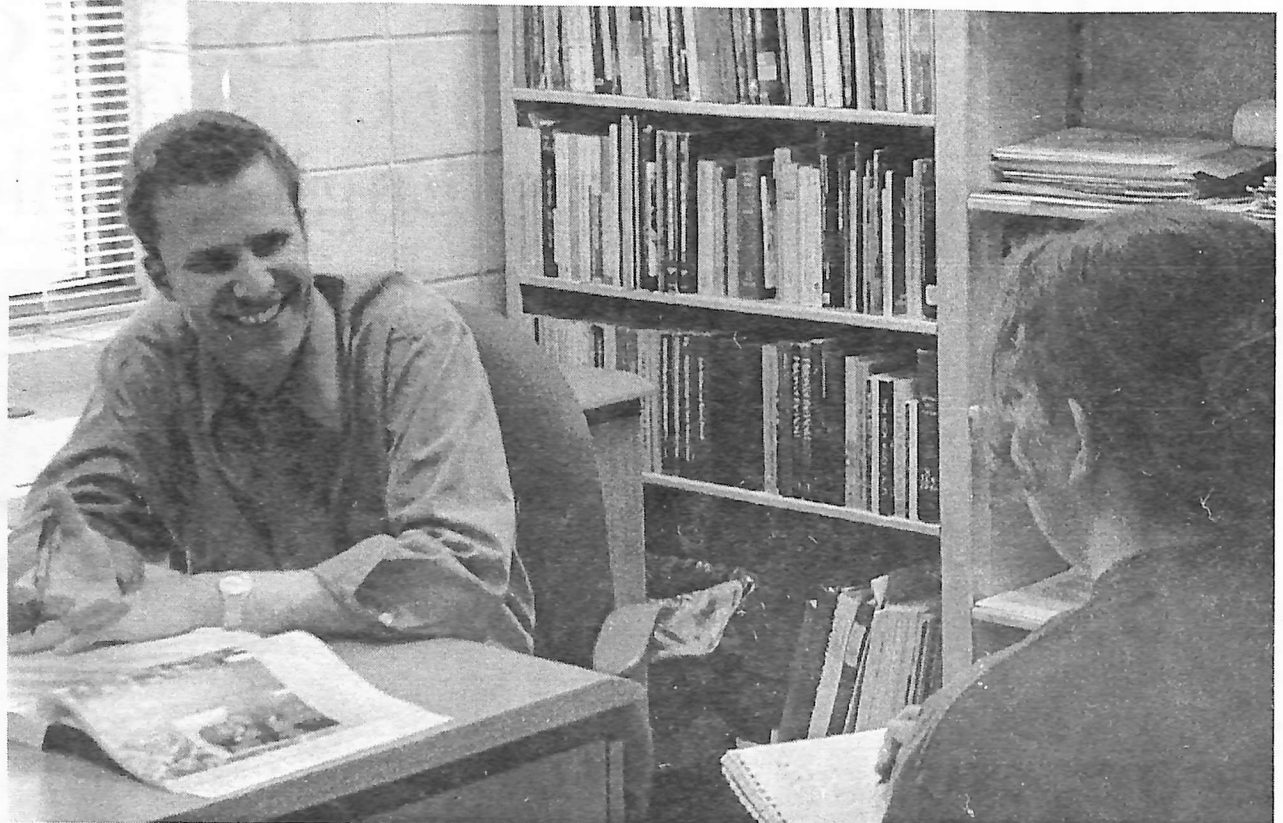
Anderson, 35, is one of the younger teachers at Dana. He doesn't really fit the stereotypical mold of the history teacher - he plays soccer. ("I have to," he jokes. "I'm English!")

Anderson also has an affinity for jazz music. He loves jazz and American culture so much that he offers a class on it. He's also writing a book about it.

Teaching runs in the family, it seems, for his wife Caroline is an art history teacher at UNO.

"Much more interesting than just regular history," Anderson quips, grinning.

Anderson strives to make "regular history" interesting for his students, however. Besides the traditional way to think about history, he challenges his students to think in non-



New history professor: Iain Anderson, from Omaha, expresses interest in approaching history in fresh new ways. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

traditional ways. His class discusses politics, presidents, and wars, but also other things that affect history; gender, for example.

"A historian should be able to

create narratives that make sense of the past," Anderson muses. He wants his students to walk out of his class as amateur historians.

"We, as professors, equip our

students with the knowledge to exercise our citizenship in the U.S. and outside. Hopefully, we give them the tools to make sense of the world, and to be productive and well-informed."

Blade II, Signs create rockin' visual experience

What To Rent...

Blade II

Guillermo del Toro directs Wesley Snipes, who again dons the black leather, garlic, and silver weapons in the action-packed sequel to Blade. Snipes, who plays a day-walking vampire, teams up with a task force of vampires trained to carry out one task. Hunt and destroy Blade. Why? a new hybrid of vampires that feed on both vampires and humans has been genetically created and has the ability to destroy both races.

The story could be better, and attempts at tension between characters, and an underlying romance, are only sub-par. These can be overlooked, though. The film had wonderfully choreographed ac-

tion sequences that included classic fight scenes, paired with everything from slow motion, matrix-like, and even a little WWF-styled action. Coupled this with stunning visual effects. (If you rent the DVD, there are additional scenes with director's commentary, and a documentary on how the film was made.)

Over all, Blade 2 was highly entertaining, and accomplished something that's rarely seen. A good comic book-based movie.



What To See...

Signs

Writer and Director M. Night Shyamalan creates a film that surpasses his last two ("The Sixth Sense," and "Unbreakable") in ev-

ery way.

Mel Gibson plays Graham Hess, a father, brother, and widower disgruntled with God. Hess wakes up one morning to discover a five-hundred-foot design in the middle of his corn field. On top of that, the visitors behind these designs haven't left yet.

This film was as suspenseful as I've seen in a while, with excellent performances from both Gibson and Joaquin Phoenix. Backed by rich backgrounds and amazing attention to detail, and excellent visual effects, this will be the best thriller around for some time to come. I hope you find the edge of your seat comfortable.



by: Mayan "Federico" Realner

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immigrants *do* realize the importance of English; they enroll in schools and learn it!"

Why are English-only proposals beginning to surface? Fimbres said she thought it was a backlash from 9/11. "People like McCormick are thinking that they need to be patriotic, that they need to protect the core of America," she said, but this is not the way to do it. America was founded on diversity, and English-only proposals seek to erase diversity in the long-term.

Peterson and Fimbres also said the support of faculty and students was critical in fighting the proposal. "We'd like to thank all of you who helped us."

Dear Dating Goddesses

I've been dating my boyfriend for a year now, and we're going to separate colleges. I'm not very good at this long distance relationship thing, and last night I made out with some guy at a party. Should I be honest and tell my boyfriend or not?

-Busy Lips

Dear Lips,

Absolutely not. If it was an accident, why worry someone you care for over silly trivial matters? You know what they say: what he doesn't know won't hurt him. In fact, I've heard a very interesting theory about this. Have you ever heard of the zip code effect? Well, let me explain. When you and your significant other happen to be in separate zip codes, anything can happen. It's an expansion of the old out-of-sight, out-of-mind saying. So don't worry about the shoulda-woulda-coulda and go on with your life.

-Feel free to submit your dating questions to the Hermes office.

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OPINION

Top Ten Tips from the Not-So-Wise

by Lysie Cetto

I know that all you freshmen out there think you have this whole college thing under control.

Well, there are a few mistakes most freshmen are bound to make (I did some of these when I was a freshman), and a few tried-and-true tactics that will help make your year go smoothly. Here are some tips:

#1. Drink with tact. Most people like to go out and have fun from time to time, but some people (not just freshmen) feel the need to be overly obnoxious or aggressive. To avoid hearing stories about how stupid you were last night, use a little tact.

#2. Respect your roommate. This is the person with whom you have to live in a 12 x 12 room until the end of the year. If you wouldn't want them to do it to your stuff, don't do it to theirs.

#3. Avoid making yourself look like you should be in kindergarten. Don't color on walls, floors, doors, etc., or just randomly break things. If you act like a four-year-old, people will treat you like one.

#4. Don't, under any circumstance, take an open drink from anyone or fall asleep at a party. Girls have

to worry more than guys do, but it can happen to *you*. (The "buddy system" helps out a lot here.)

#5. Don't tell even your best friend something if you don't want the whole school to find out. (I learned this the hard way, which leads me to the next tip...)

#6. Take whatever everyone is talking about and then figure out only 5-7% of that is true. If you want to know who did what, just ask that person.

#7. Late night trips to *No Frills* will

always help give you some perspective on whatever the current issue is.

#8. Just assume ALL college-age individuals are "players." Guys and girls alike should really get to know someone before they fall for them; chances are it might not be so serious for the other person.

#9. If it looks like it isn't edible, *don't eat it*. Don't assume things are safe.

#10. Have fun: that's what college is all about, after all.



Some Dana athletes receive varying respect

Little did Aretha Franklin know how much of an impact her 1967 sensational hit "Respect" would make in the future. It's a shame that the athletic department and the Dana community as a whole have yet to hear the song. I'll be sure to send everyone a copy or request it on 91.1 The Jam.

Believe it, fellow Dananites, there's a cloud hanging over our beautiful campus and it's filled with raindrops that sprinkle no respect over our property. There are certain athletic teams that are getting respect that isn't yet deserved, and others that experience the exact opposite situation.

Personally, I think that the Dana football team is going to be revitalized this season. The past few years have been sub-par and after talking with a few of the players, they seem very confident for the upcoming season. That's a good thing. In the past five years I've attended Dana, I've run across a large group of football players that could care less how they did. It's refreshing to hear players being optimistic.

But Dana has teams and individuals that have already accomplished worthy goals. The women's soccer team went undefeated last season. Although they didn't fare very well in the regional tournament, the team did win conference. The wrestling team has won consecu-

tive regional tournaments and has sent numerous wrestlers to the national meet. The men's cross country team has gone to nationals six out of the past seven years. The team has placed seventh, sixth, fifth and fourth during that streak.

Dana has numerous teams that aren't respected. Much of the disrespect revolves around the way our society is set up. Football is among the most respected sports in colleges around the country, no matter how bad the team is. The less popular sports usually don't get respect from their respective college communities, no matter how good the team is. To most people, this reasoning seems backwards, and it should.

So how can this change? It would require a revamping of our entire societal structure. The argument college football programs make is that they should be respected because their teams bring in the most money.

While this is basically true in NCAA Division I, it's not the case for NAIA. In very few cases does a football team in the NAIA actually bring in more money than it spends.

I would argue that the smaller sports that don't bring in any money (and spend much less), create less of a deficit on the athletic department's budget than football teams.

Another argument used to explain

the large amount of respect football teams get is from the numbers. Football, and this is true for Dana also, brings in a large amount of students to a college. There's no denying the fact that about 1/6 of the Dana population is made up of football players.

However, one must look at the other important statistic when talking about numbers: retention.

While sports with smaller numbers can't bring in 80 students a year, most of them graduate all of their players. I know that the cross country team has graduated 100% of its runners (with the exception of two who later got degrees elsewhere) since Jay Birmingham came to campus. If I'm a college administrator I'd be more inclined to look at retention numbers, than how many freshman and transfer students a program brings in.

Respect is something that is earned. I'm not talking about switching the roles around. No team should be disrespected, even if they don't achieve high goals. But some teams have earned respect, and have yet to receive it. Everyone, from the top of the Dana community down to the students themselves, needs to value all the achievements from all Dana students.

by: Derek Fey

My perspective: Why I love books

by: Lisa Schreiber

"Books are quiet. They do not dissolve into wavy lines or snowstorm effects. They do not pause for commercials."
~ Anonymous

Some people collect stamps. Some collect coins. Other collectors might seek out Star Trek memorabilia, plates, sea shells, baskets, old cars, etc. I collect books. In fact, one of the most dangerous (to my pocketbook) places for me to be is in a bookstore. I can find almost any reason to buy a book. Because it is on sale. Because I need it for a class or a research project. Because I may need it as a reference some day. Because it may go out of print. Just because...it's there.

I think I got my love for books when I was a child. At a young age I had my own public library card, and would use it to check out more books than I could read before they were due back. And like any exasperating kid at the store I would pester my Mom to buy me candy or a toy, although the answer was always a resounding "No!" But, I did figure out that she would buy my younger brother and me books and magazines. So on our weekly trip grocery shopping, you could always find the two of us perusing the magazine rack for reading material. Our favorite was *Creepy* magazine. I am amazed now that our mother let us read it, given the heavy violence, gore, and general scariness of the content.

With the emergence of the electronic age, a great deal of our reading materials — books, magazines, journal articles, newspapers — can now be found online. Call me old fashioned, but I still prefer the hard copy version of the text over the electronic version. I like the portability that books afford me; I have read waiting to get my car fixed, on a plane, at the beach, while walking on a treadmill, riding in a car, in the bathtub, and even in a dark tent by flashlight. There is also something about going into the "stacks" at a library while working on a research project, locating a huge section of relevant books, sitting on the floor, and pulling books off the shelf one by one to see what riches (or not) they hold. Even more interesting is exploring the older parts of large libraries that contain books written in the 1800s and before. I am amazed that over one hundred years ago, another library patron held that very same text in her hands. The book's presence is a testament to its staying power, whereas you cannot be sure that a web site will be there the next time you want to return.

I also appreciate the depth of the content, and the time and effort that goes into publishing books. I just do not trust web sites as much. Perhaps it is because I imagine the web author, sitting unkempt in a dark basement, making up outrageous and self-serving facts to post online.

Will I ever stop loving books? I doubt it. But I do wonder, with the digital age overtaking the print age, if I'll be able to buy books 20 years from now.

SPORTS

Dana men and women claim second in home cross country season opener

Christen Neben
Staff Writer

Despite grueling weather conditions reminiscent of gas-fired furnaces, the Dana men and women cross country teams persevered in their first races of the season.

Dana's teams placed second in both sections, led by senior Derek Fey and senior Allan Wagner on the men's team and Stephanie Collins on the women's.

The team scores for the men were fairly close: Buena Vista College first with 37, Dana close behind with 44, Briar Cliff a hair behind Dana with 46, and finally York College with 102. Stephanie Collins raced to second place in the women's section just

behind former Dana runner Natalie Flynn Christensen, who ran for the College of Saint Mary's. Briar Cliff's women were first with 29, Dana's women had 42, and York's team finished with 50.

College of Saint Mary's and Buena Vista both had partial women's teams but were not counted in the overall team scoring.

Fey said he believed the race was successful: "It was a rather warm day out today. I went out a little too hard at first, but it felt good after the second hill."

On the women's side, Collins thought "the girls ran really tough under the hot conditions." She went on to say that the team looks like they will have a promising season.



All-American senior Stephanie Collins screamed to second place behind previous teammate standout Natalie Christensen, who now races for the College of Saint Mary. Photo by Sarah Cavanah.



All-American Derek Fey won the men's section Saturday in 27 minutes. Photo by Sarah Cavanah.

The next home meet will be the Dana Homecoming in October.

One week from this Saturday, on September 21, the Dana teams will be traveling to the Nebraska Invite in Lincoln.

Concordia, Midland Lutheran defeat women's volleyball teams

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking womens' volleyball team started off the year on a bad note, losing to Concordia College on Wednesday and Midland Lutheran College a week ago on Wednesday in three games.

The ladies return six players with experience from last year, but that was not enough to overcome the mistakes that were made on the court.

They lost the first set 30-17, the second set

30-20 and the third set 30-22. The ladies dropped their first set against Midland Lutheran 30-17 and the next two 30-13.

Head coach Laurel Derry is hoping to improve on their seven-win performance last year.

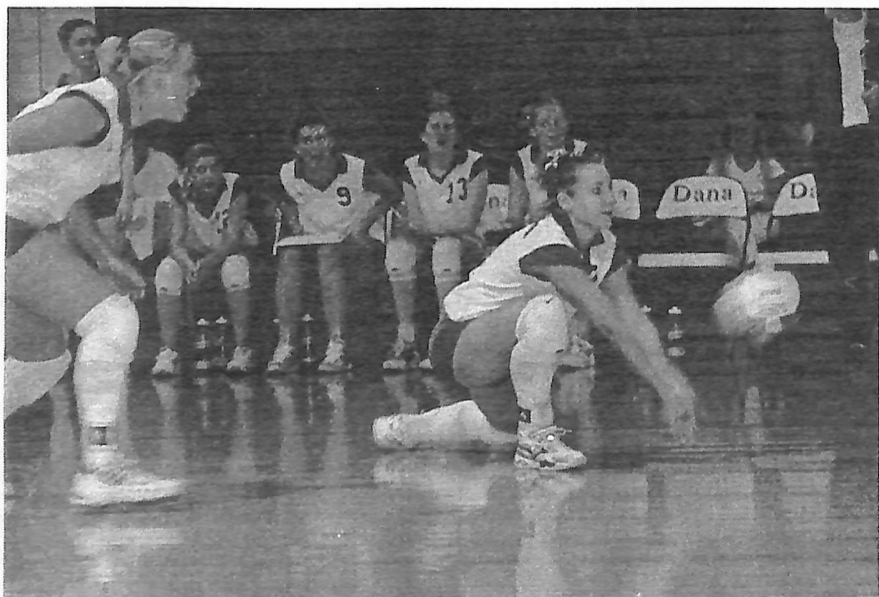
"We may take some lumps early in the season," Derry said. "We have a lot of athleticism on the floor and we have high hopes for improving on the last two seasons."

Among the returnees looking to lead the Vikings are senior Erin Williams, the Monis twins, juniors Mili and Momi, juniors Marci Smidt and Anne Sontag, and sophomore Sharae Bishop.

The Vikings will also look for help from sophomores Tina Hackett and Rebecca Bryant, and freshmen Danielle Marchand, Megan Baumert, Erika Moog, Amber Sprecher and Kate Vech.

The Vikings play seven more home games this year. Their next game is away next Friday at Sioux Falls.

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.



The Viking volleyball team suffered grievous losses to rivals last week. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

Dana football wins season opener

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking football team won its first game last Saturday, 28-6, over Carleton College of Northfield, Minnesota.

Junior Chevas Lamoya carried the ball 17 times for 130 yards, leading the Vikings to victory with three touchdowns, his longest from 50 yards out.

"Lamoya ran the ball great," head coach Jim Krueger said. "The offensive line blocked very well for him all day and deserve a lot of props."

Junior quarterback Chuck Wright was 10-22 with 114 yards and one touchdown to senior wide receiver Dave Abbott. Wright threw one interception on the day, which led to Carleton's lone score of the game.

Newly appointed junior fullback Andrew Iva carried the ball six times for 35 yards. The Vikings totaled 308 yards on the day, holding Carleton College to 165.

Senior linebacker Luke Smith led the defense with five unassisted tackles and seven assisted tackles, while junior tackle Arona Malu had four unassisted tackles as well as three for a loss.

Senior Alex Gum and Smith had interceptions for the Vikings, while Malu recovered one of two Carleton fumbles.

"It was a good game, but we are still getting better," Krueger said. "This is a better team than in years past, and it should show."

The Vikings will play Dakota Wesleyan at 7:00 p.m. in South Dakota tomorrow.