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HOPE Club promotes cultural diversity

Rene Nicolay
Feature Editor

Of all the clubs on campus, one in particular has high hopes for increased cultural diversity at Dana College.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Expand) has united minority students for eight years running. Offering the opportunity for harmony among all Dana students, H.O.P.E. has great expectations for this school year. "I joined because I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to educate and inform people of the minorities on campus," said Shannon Ford-Jefferson, the secretary

for H.O.P.E. "Yes, Dana is a relatively small college, but out of 577 students, only 30 or 35 are black."

The club allows students the possibility to get together and get an understanding of what it is to be the minority. "You have to unify yourself among your own people before you can unify yourself among other people," Shannon said.

The club roster is predominantly black ("Actually, it's all black right now," Shannon laughed), but just because H.O.P.E. is geared towards international

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Dajuan Draper claims beauty title in recent Mr. Dana contest

Katrina Woldseth
Staff Writer

Step aside, Miss America, Dajuan Draper is here to stay. A night filled with poetry, evening wear, baking flour and

the occasional serenade ended in the coronation of Dana's very first beauty king. Clad in a long pink wig and glittering golden evening gown, Draper, a freshman, was crowned Mr. Dana by his

younger sister Marquita, who was also the master of ceremonies.

"I was very shocked," said Draper's sister, "but he did a great job and I'm glad he won." Dajuan snagged the coveted title after capturing the hearts of the audience with an original love poem and nailing his onstage question.

When asked which cereal best represented him, Draper responded, "The cheap brand, because you get more bang for your buck!" Wit and charm: what more could we ask of our new Mr. Dana?

Dajuan was not the only man to step off the stage a winner. Chris Humphries (first runner-up) and Matt Wise (second runner-up) were recognized and rewarded with rousing applause, and of course, sparkling feather boa sashes. A few lucky audience members also left MFAC a little richer with prizes such as snacks, movies and CD players after successfully answering trivia questions about life at Dana.

Eight contestants were showcased in the pageant, which was hosted by the girls of second-floor Holling. They battled it out for the crown in the Dana Wear, Talent,

Evening Wear and Impromptu Question competitions. The large audience was treated to everything from Dana's own Pillsbury Doughboy riding a clown bike to a Sponge Bob Square pants dance routine.

A few lucky guests (Shannon Ford-Jefferson and Stephanie Collins) were even called to the stage for a special performance under the spotlight. By the end of the night attendants had seen all the creativity, sincerity and spectacular fashion statements the contestants had to offer.

Freshman Mike Scribner thoroughly enjoyed the pageant, especially impressed by "Dajuan's formal wear." Fellow student Brett Keitges had to agree. Becky Hultgren, Draper's escort and owner of the \$350 gown he made famous, confessed to spending more than four hours on Sunday helping Dajuan prepare for the competition.

"I just had a feeling he would win once I pulled out my dress!" A humble Dajuan was not quite so confident. "I was kind of shocked because I didn't think I was going to win... I don't know if it was the entrance on my poem or the dress that did it." Take it from the crowd, Dajuan, it was the dress.



Dressed: freshman Dajuan Draper, right, won hands down. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Dana actors in 'Book of Days' tell dark stories, and enjoy cheese

Jeremy Stoll
Staff Writer

Death. Deceit. Infidelity. Cheese.

The first show of Dana College Theatre's 2002-2003 season, Lanford Wilson's "Book of Days," began practicing and ended performing in just under a month.

Directed by Dr. Paul Schneider, the play was chosen for its "intellectual content and for the challenge that it would present to the student actors."

With only five weeks to put the show together, there was a concern of how the intense practice schedule might affect the actual production.

Dr. Schneider assured members of the cast that "there was some concern in the beginning, but I am delighted with the amount of work the students have put into it, and with the show itself."

"Book of Days" opened to a smaller audience on Thursday night with limited success.

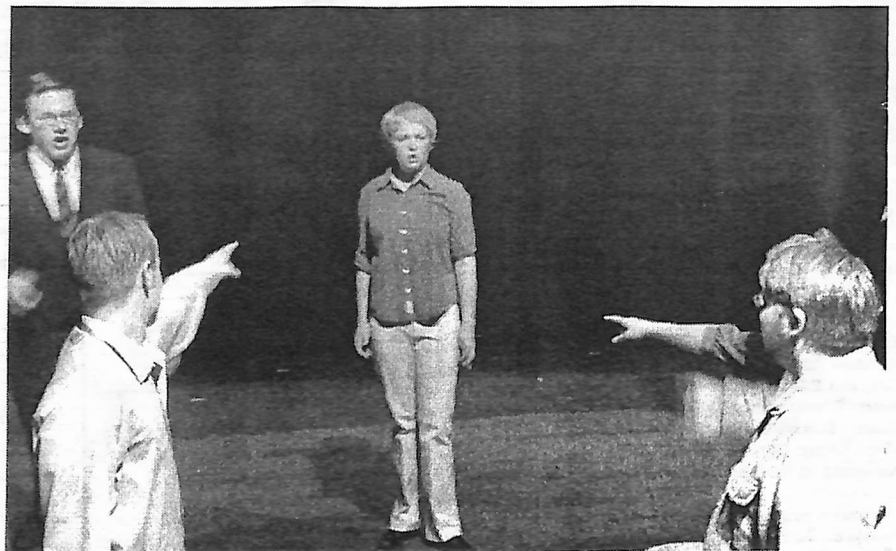
Todd Maxwell, who played Reverend Bobby Groves, admitted, "There were still some problems to iron out." However, Friday and Saturday nights it picked up steam and was able to hold its own among other Dana productions as a quality show. Aside from a few blunders, such as line-fumbling and pistols flying out of holsters, the entire weekend run seems to have ended

on a high note.

The show starred Mara Bartlett as Ruth Hoch, a very honest and curious young woman. Nate Bates played Len Hoch, a cheese connoisseur and husband to Ruth. Christina Ulman played Martha Hoch, the brilliant mother of Len Hoch and a throwback to Woodstock, peace, and love.

Dan Hansen was cast in the role of Walt Bates, the owner of the town cheese plant. His wife, Sharon Bates, was

played by Emily Neve. James Bates, a young politician, and the son of Walt and Sharon was played by Jeremy Stoll. Tabetha Holman played James' unfortunate wife, Louann. Ginger, the town floozy with a heart

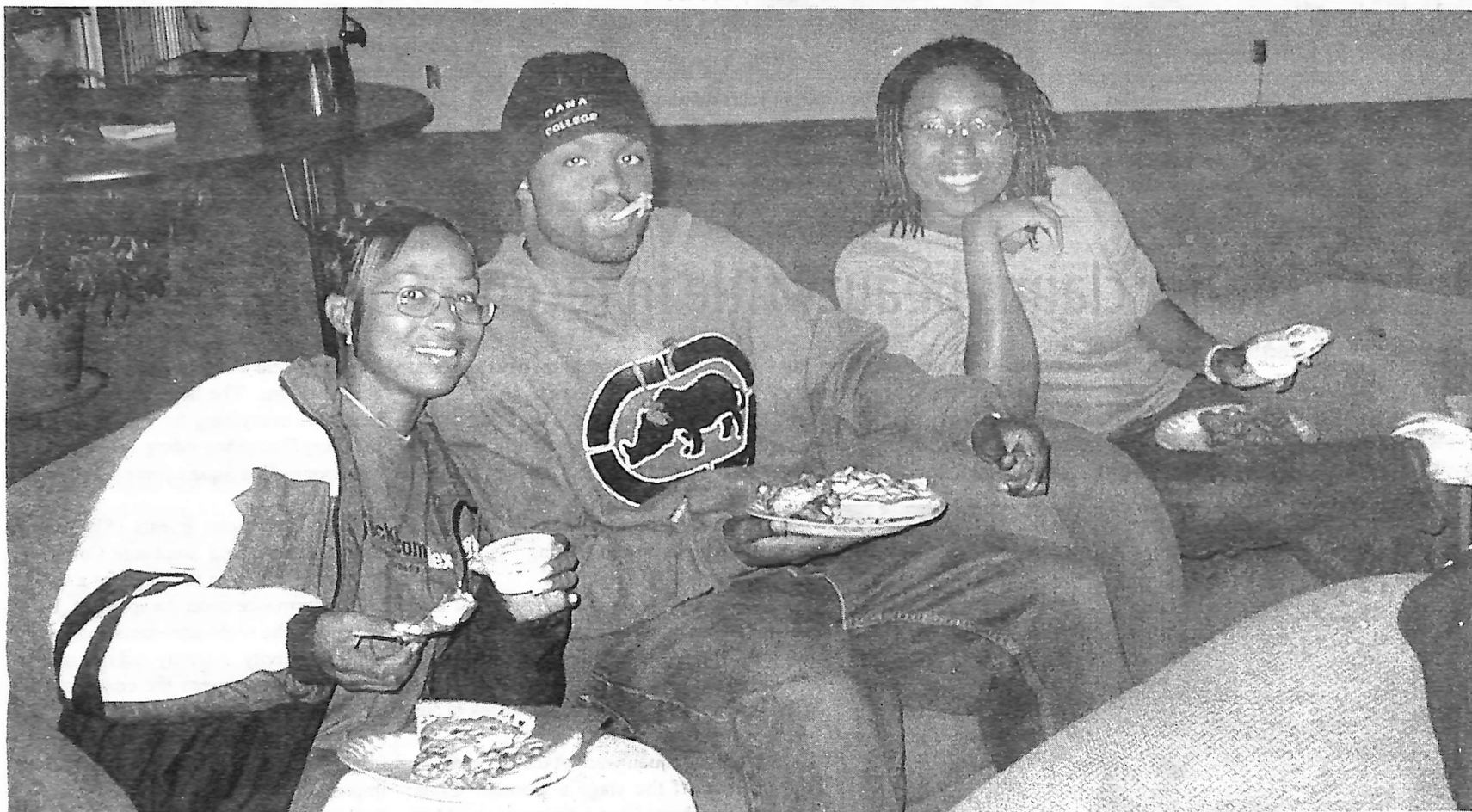


Junior Mara Bartlett, playing Ruth, during "Book of Days." Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

of gold, was played by Katrina Woldseth. Boyd Middleton, played by Eric Grant-Leanna, was a prominent Hollywood movie director with a tainted past. Play Review Cont'd on Page 2

Movie nights, open discussion: HOPE club encourages unity

Members of the club meet every Wednesday night to discuss cultural diversity in the world and learn about less well known minorities, as well as to plan activities including culturally relevant movies and 'Open Mike Nights' for students



Partying: juniors Chenel Sanders, Mitchell Deering, and sophomore Shannon Ford-Jefferson consume pizza during HOPE's latest event. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Bingo Night: Wonderful Fun



Junior Chenel Sanders, senior Stephanie Collins, and other students enjoyed the crazy wildness of a Dana College bingo night. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

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and minority students, don't make the mistake of believing the club off-limits to non-minority students. The club is open to anyone who wants to spread unity among all people on campus.

H.O.P.E. meets once a month on Wednesday night.

"We need to correspond with the football players' schedules," Shannon explains. "About 98% of our members are football players. The minorities, at least the black ones, are recruited for their football expertise." Every month, H.O.P.E. hosts a movie night to help spread the message of unity. Each movie shown has a powerful message that any ethnicity can learn and puts minorities in a more posi-

tive light than usual. "Black people aren't just looked at in a negative light," clarified Shannon. "On the news, you often see black people looked at in a very negative sense, but there are so many positives. You hear about your Martin Luther Kings and your Sojourner Truths, but you don't hear about your Madame C.J. Walkers. We only talk about a few black people, when there are tons."

In addition to the movies, H.O.P.E. puts on an "Open Mike Night" where students can share poetry, rap, sing, dance, or do comedy. Look for it on Oct. 7 or 10.

"You have to motivate your brother to do good things, and help them do good things," said Shannon. "No matter what color you are."

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nally, Joe Blackstedt played Earl, a local bumpkin with a particularly evil mean streak.

Most audience members seemed to agree that the acting in the performance was excellent. Some students were divided on the quality of the original writing, but most agreed that the Dana performance was quite enjoyable.

"Book of Days" is clearly an experimental play, and one that is bound to affect the audience in different ways.

Certainly, the entire

cast came together last weekend to tell a chillingly funny story of death, deceit, and the rotten core of the Dublin Cheese Plant.

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Three fish dinners provide students warm, delicious meal to supplement Dana school spirit and also athletic prowess

Keepin' it Reel:

by: Shannon Ford-Jefferson

Allow me to "reel" you in, this episode is so hot I think we might need to call the fire trucks to cool you off. I'm working on these three fish dinners, pick the one that best serves your appetite. Enjoy!

Rare Well: A guy tells a girl that he is not ready for a relationship, nor is looking to talk to anyone. Shortly thereafter, he is talking to a girl and considers to make her more than "just a friend."

Bait: I'd call that a LIAR, but for questioning's sake, we'll call him confused.

Reel it in: Fellas, and ladies included, if you are confronted by someone of the opposite sex who may take an interest in you, and your feelings are not mutual; please say so! Nothing makes a person feel worse than knowing that you could not tell them that you were not ready for a relationship, but you were more than ready for someone else. If you want to gain respect, and salvage a possibly grand friendship between the two of you, learn to speak from truth, not from B.S.!

Medium Well: The school is too "censored." People act as if saying what

is really on a person's mind or doing something outside of the norm is really harmful. This should feel like a school for students, not just faculty and staff. Not just rules and regulations but also fun and activities. Not just with grades and syllabi but also with late night chow fests over *The Bachelor* or *Friends* and performances never to be forgotten.

Bait: Lack of youthfulness and compromise. Live a little.

Reel it in: We lack school spirit? So what. Wrong answer! The answer should deliver another question: So what are we going to do about it? Decorate the sidewalk, put picket signs in the yard showcasing your activity. Don't just talk about it - Do something! "Courage comes from the man who is willing to put his actions into motion, with the possibility of having no followers." If we want to reach that level of understanding, we must learn to compromise. We're too busy measuring things that are not as important to true meaning of why we are here... What have we learned? Who cares what you can memorize, or what you can arrange... what you have learned should be the concern. College is an experience, not just an education. It should feel like an experiment where you have given consent (to the contents which are mapped out in front of you) and not where you are misguided and

allowed to do only what is pleasing to certain individuals. Please yourself, if nobody else. Live in this experience as if the day is almost over and another may never come. Indeed, you will find your way, choose the one less traveled.

Well Done: Athletes are recruited to come here (with promises that are far greater than the eye). They are talked up, being made to think that they are going to shine on the field, and at most they are only shining on the sidelines... from exposure to the sun. Now, they are told that they will start and that they will be given diamonds and pearls (figuratively speaking) but it makes them feel like "Kings." Then they are tossed aside by previous players who could actually shine from the sidelines and let the little stars shine bright for a change.

Bait: May be a case of false advertisement.

Reel it in: Many of the players want to return home, because their talents are not being publicized, they are being injured during practice from busting their butts and the only rewards they receive are pats on the back. Job well done! We brought you guys all the way from the palm trees and beaches, to the middle of nowhere with no guarantees for tomorrow. You just want that golden opportunity to score one touchdown or

make one field goal, or just play longer than the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter. Now you can shine! I applaud you guys who stand on that field and shine from the sidelines - I salute you for your hard work and dedication, some more than others. Whatever the future has for you on that field, may it be abundant and just. I believe that each one of you is an intricate part of the team, and those who play less or none at all: hold your head high and remember...there are people amongst the crowd cheering for you too.

Author's Note: These are true stories identified by students on campus. Names are left out for the sake of confidentiality purposes.

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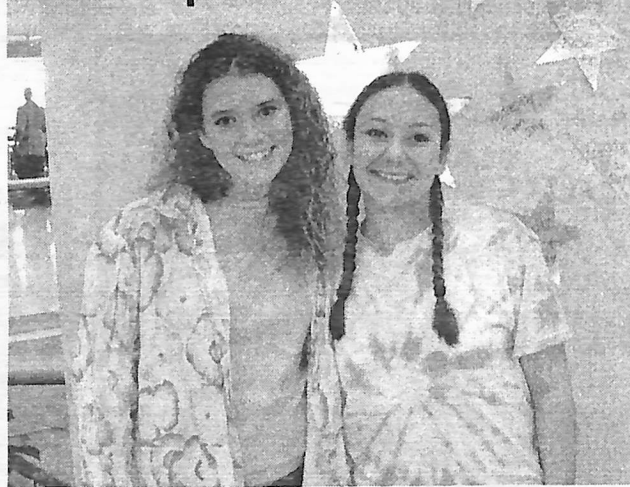
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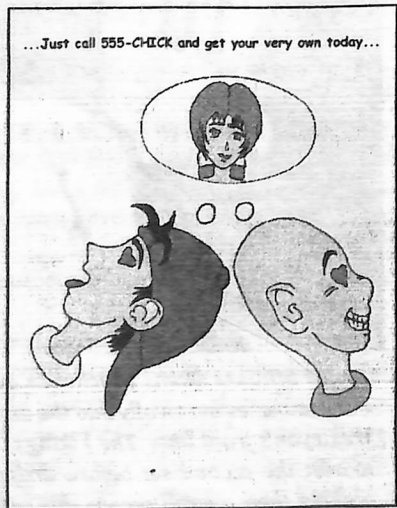
Red Carpet Week: Retro and Backwards



Homecoming Week: Sophomore Jess Holz poses with a crazy shirt as part of "retro day," while junior Anthony Metcalf spent "backwards day" being, well, backwards. Photos by Lisha Palm.

J&L's Dorm Life

By: Chris A. Johnson



Viking women thump Concordian heads in soccer match, 8-2

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking women's soccer team traveled to Concordia University Tuesday night, coming home with a big conference win.

The ladies outscored Concordia 8-2, their second biggest win so far this season.

Junior Julie Miller led the charge for the Vikings with three goals and one assist, while freshman Stephanie Miller was right on her heels with two goals and one assist.

Freshman Amy Fullenkamp, junior Tanya Dugan and sophomore Michelle Glanz also added goals for the Vikings. Dugan and junior Natalie Siefers scored assists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Melisa Respeliens allowed only one goal in 75 minutes of play. Sophomore keeper Kylie Bair came in the game with 15 minutes left and also only allowed one goal.

The Viking women are now 4-0 in the conference and 8-1 overall. The ladies play Tabor College here at 5:00 p.m. today.



Concordia came up short against the Vikings Tuesday. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

Tigers deprive Dana football team of win, glory and fame, 17-7

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking football team was beaten thoroughly last Saturday by the Doane College Tigers, 17-7.

Doane dominated the game, keeping the ball for 38 minutes and totaling up 434 total yards to Dana's 22 minutes of possession and a mere 189 yards of total offense.

The Vikings were bright in some

areas, committing only four penalties to the Tigers' 10, and they also had seven sacks on the day for a total yardage loss of 54. The Vikings were 4 of 16 on third down, while Doane was 9 of 16.

Quarterback Chuck Wright completed 7 of 26 passes for a total of 76 yards, throwing only one interception.

Freshman quarterback Dan Irwin did start the game for the Vikings, but was taken out after completing 4 of 8

passes for only seven yards and throwing an interception. David Abbott led all receivers on the day, bringing in five catches for 39 yards.

Chevas Lamoya led the rushing charge for the Vikings, averaging 5.1 yards a carry on eight attempts, totaling 41 yards on the day. Kicker Cory Ray missed two field goal attempts on the day, one from 50 yards and the other from 33 yards.

Luke Smith led the defensive charge with a tremendous game, recording 12 solo tackles and 12 assisted tackles (including one sack). Cliff Ellis recorded 3.5 sacks for a total loss of 31 yards. The Vikings play host to Hastings College tomorrow in an inter-conference rivalry at 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming festivities will take place throughout the game and during halftime.

N. Wesleyan defeats lady Vikes in volleyball best-of-five match

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking women's volleyball team played host to Nebraska Wesleyan Wednesday night in Borup Coliseum,

losing the best-of-five series in four games, dropping their overall record to 0-7.

The Vikings dropped the first game 30-16, but came back strong to win the second game 30-24.

Nebraska Wesleyan proved to be too strong for the ladies, outscoring them 30-27 and 25-20 in the last two games.

Marcie Smidt led the power hitting for the Vikings with 13 kills and only four errors. Erin Williams was second with 15 kills and 13 errors.

Momilani Monis led the team in digs with 27, while Williams was second with 10.

Sharae Bishop and Megan Baumert each led the team in served aces with three.

The Vikings had a team total of three blocks to Nebraska Wesleyan's nine, but they did have 40 more scoring attempts.

The Vikings head to the St. Ambrose tournament today and tomorrow.


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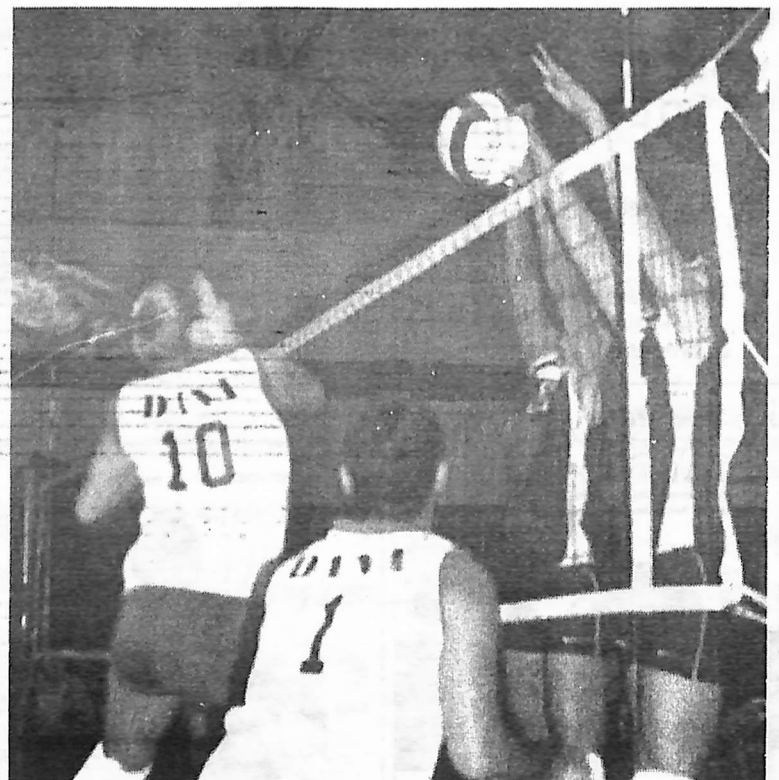
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Junior Mililani Monis watches in awe as her compatriot freshman Kate Veeh launches heroically into the air to prevent a nasty kill from Nebraska Wesleyan's front line. The Vikings lost the first set 30-16, but recovered to win the second set before dropping both the third and the fourth, making their overall record this season 0-7. Photo by Lysie Cetto.