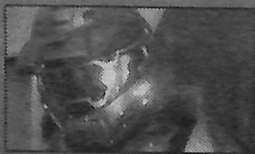


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# Turkey Receives Presidential Pardon

**Kathy Wells**  
Editor

Recently the President spared two American lives, two turkeys named Biscuits and Gravy. The two turkeys battle it out with some fierce competition. This is an election year and biscuits had to earn his spot at the White House," said President Bush at the ceremony on Wednesday.

People were able to vote on the White House website, [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) for the names of the turkeys to be saved. Biscuits and Gravy just edged out Patience and Fortitude. "It was a close race.

You might say it was neck-and-neck. When all the voters were in -- all the votes were in, Biscuits and his running mate, Gravy, prevailed over the ticket of Patience and Fortitude," said Bush.

There were about 527 organizations who got in on this election including Barnyard Animals for Truth. There was even a spoof on Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Fahrenheit 375 at 10 Minutes Per Pound*.

With their Presidential Pardon in beak, they will reside in Frying Pan Park a petting zoo located in Virginia.

The President also took the opportunity to thank the military.



President goes nose to beak with pardoned turkey. [www.cnews.com](http://www.cnews.com)

## Talkin' Turkey Facts

\* Benjamin Franklin was displeased when the bald eagle was chosen over his proposed "original native" turkey as a national symbol. He said the turkey is a more respectable bird and a true original native of America.

\* Until 1863, Thanksgiving day had not been celebrated annually since the first feast in 1621. This changed in 1863 when Sarah Josepha Hale encouraged Abraham Lincoln to set aside the last Thursday in November "as a day for national thanksgiving and prayer."

\* Turkey eggs are pale creamy tan with brown speckles, and twice as large as chicken eggs. They hatch in 28 days. A baby turkey is called a poult and is tan and brown.

\* Domesticated turkeys (farm raised) cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at up to 55 miles per hour. Wild turkeys are also fast on the ground, running at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour.

\* A large group of turkeys is called a flock.

\* Only male turkeys (toms) gobble; females (hens) make a clicking noise. The gobble is a seasonal call during the Spring and Fall. Hens are attracted for mating when a tom gobbles. Wild toms love to gobble when they hear loud sounds or settle in for the night.

\* Turkeys have great hearing, a poor sense of smell, but an excellent sense of taste. They can also see

in color, and have excellent visual acuity and a wide field of vision (about 270 degrees), which makes sneaking up on them difficult.

\* Turkeys are fed mainly a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal mixed with a supplement of vitamins and minerals. On average, it takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 30-pound tom turkey.

\* Mature turkeys have 3,500 or so feathers at maturity.

\* The Guinness Book of Records states that the largest dressed weight (cooked, with dressing) recorded for a turkey is 39.09 kg (86 lb.) on December 12, 1989.

[www.woodbridgechips.com](http://www.woodbridgechips.com)



The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The drive will be held at St. Francis Borgia Church in Blair located on 20<sup>th</sup> and Davis Streets. Kelli Sonderup and Cheryl Clements are co-coordinators. They released a statement about the need of the blood, "The winter months and holiday times bring a special challenge to us as we struggle to meet the demands of the patients we serve in your community and throughout other communities in the Midwest."

Appointments can be made by calling 426-4501, although walk-ins are welcome. They would also like to encourage any first time donors. All donors will receive a Red Cross blood donor -shirt.

# Features

## Upcoming Events

Open Swim  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at  
7:00 P.M.

Student Senate  
meeting open  
to students  
Sunday,  
November 21.  
7:00 P.M. in the  
Forum.

Monday Night  
Football Party  
Monday,  
November 22 at  
8:00 P.M. in the  
Linden Room.  
Fun...Food...  
Football...

Gallup Informa-  
tion Session  
November 30th  
at 5:30-7:30  
P.M. in Omaha  
@ the Gallup  
Campus. RSVP.

Thanksgiving  
Break! Campus  
closes  
Wednesday at  
10:00 A.M.



## Halo 2 Reviewed

Kevin Lorkovic  
Staff Writer

"Ladies and gentlemen, it's Halo time."

Those words rang in the air as the clock struck midnight and turned into Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. I was at the mall in Council Bluffs, Iowa in line with over 300 other people. No way could I have predicted that this many people would turn out just to pick up a game at midnight. When I drew my number, 68, I knew this may take awhile. After waiting for 50 minutes, I was at the front of the line. I went in, got my game, and finally was walking out of the mall.

When I got back to Blair, it was 1:15. The normal 35 minute drive was cut short by driving up to 100mph on the way back, but it was worth it. I got to play Halo 2 before most other Halo 2 players out there, but was it worth it? Was Halo 2 really the game everyone thought it was going to be? Yes, it was.

Halo 2 is everything I thought it would be and more. I will review 4 different areas and grade them on a scale of 1-10. Graphically, this game sets a new bar. Every area, every weapon, and every character is oozing with detail. Everything is polished and top-notch (9.5 - always

room for improvement, yet still beautiful).

The sound is also outstanding. I hooked up my Dolby 5.1 surround sound from my computer speakers and it was glorious. Grenades, guns, and voices are all the best I have heard in a video-game yet (10).

Gameplay is also excellent. This game again sets the standard for first person shooters (FPS's) to come. Only GoldenEye on Nintendo 64 and Counter-Strike in P.C. are the only other FPS's I can even try to compare to the quality game play of Halo 2 (10).

Multiplayer. This may be the real reason so many of us bought this game. Multiplayer is again, the best of the best. Every level, every detail and be messed with giving you total control of the game. Again, only GoldenEye and Counter-Strike can be compared to how revolutionary multiplayer is (10).

Overall Halo 2 is the best game out on any system right now period. It will be played for years to come, just like Halo 1 was before it. If you haven't picked a copy up yet, then what are you waiting for? I highly recommend buying this game, and when you do, look for me (MasterChief) online or over LAN and we can all play in awe of the best game made to date.

When are we going to get our first snow?

"December 1."  
Joy Augustine  
Freshman



"November 24."  
Mike Burton  
Sophomore

"Within the next 2 weeks."  
Christi Burkey  
Junior



"Too soon."  
Leigh Hornbuckle  
Senior

# Opinion



Dana High is becoming intolerable. There is a severe lack of maturity on campus and whether or not you realize it, it is driving people away from Dana. People are transferring, primarily because of the irresponsibility around here. We have a record freshmen class of over 200 students. I know it makes up just under a third of the total Dana enrollment. However, being a freshman or an underclassman is not a free ticket to make Dana College a jungle-gym of disregard. **Seriously kids, Grow up.**

Whenever I took my tour of Dana College with Diplomat Matt Bloomingdale, I asked about the social focuses around campus. I was wondering if people were really political around here, or if Dana had large amount of student emphasis regarding religious topics, the economy, global disputes, or other causes. His response was that the level of student involvement in just about anything, ultimately depends on the students. Some years have had more involvement and student enthusiasm in some areas than others. I could have figured that out. But at the time, I didn't really think

that far ahead. I was simply getting a taste for what life at Dana was like. It never occurred to me, that I would be an advocate for change. I always imagined that along the way, there would be a cause on campus that I would like, and then I would take part in it. However, I have since noticed that I tend to be much more inclined to stir up controversy whenever I notice there are people who are innocently being affected by injustices.

No, I'm not going to take this opportunity to list off the Dana College 'Axis of Evil'. I'm not going to say that everyone should grab a torch and head off to fight the 'evil-doers'. I will however bring up a bunch of things that you may agree with. On the other hand, you may think I'm overstepping my boundaries. That being said, here comes the pandemonium.

First things first, this 'alcohol policy' is ridiculous. According to the rulebook, Dana College is a dry campus. *We all know that it's not.* You've been guilty of violating this one, and so have I. However, in this case, I am arguing that there are varying degrees of guilty. I am guilty because

## The Pundit

*"Leave we all this worldly mirth"*



I have partaken in alcoholic consumption on campus, and will do so in the future. I'm also 24 (*this week*), married, and well aware of my personal limits. Others are also guilty because they also drink on campus. We've seen these people come to class drunk or hung-over. We've seen the after effects of their imbibing around our dorms. With one of the biggest freshmen classes, it's not unreasonable to say most of the alcoholic consumption around here is done by those who are underage. I'm guilty because I'm breaking school policy and state law. I'm not saying that I'm better than they are. What I'm saying, is that the policy needs to change. Alcoholic consumption needs to be

allowed on campus and strictly enforced, *or*, it needs to remain disallowed on campus and strictly enforced. More than likely you know where I'm going with this; **alcoholic consumption needs to be strictly enforced.**

I've also heard tell, of controversies regarding RAs, dorm security, and the like. Some RAs don't crack down on those who are breaking rules or infringing on the rights of others. Some RAs crack down consistently, following the letter of the law. The controversy comes into play here, when no-one heeds their discipline or listens to anything they say.

The common denominator here is personal maturity. We should be mature enough to know that if we're underage, on

a dry campus, drinking is not an option. We should be mature enough to know that if we are admonished by someone who is in a position of leadership over us, we should heed it. We should be mature enough to know that if we are respected by others, we should perform our duties and live our lives according to such responsibility. Maybe I should be mature enough to accept that I'm simply not allowed to drink here. Maybe drinking in moderation is as mature as I can be right now. But suffice it to say, all of us; you, me, them, everybody... needs to grow up.

Honestly people, we're in college. The time for half-measures and talk is over.

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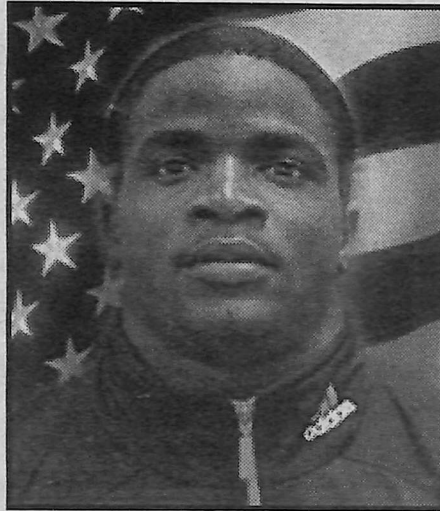
## Wrestling season up and going

Kathy Wells  
Editor

The Dana wrestlers are off to a good start this season. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams at the Central Missouri State University Wrestling Open. There representatives from impressive schools such as Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, and Missouri University. There were approximately 400 participants there.

Standouts at the meet were Sophomore Terrence Almond and Junior Blair Alderman. Each one won fifth place, Almond in the 149-weight category and 197.

At their Nov. 13 meet against Bacone College the Vikings had a decisive win with a score of 40-



Sophomore Terrence Almond

9. The Vikings had some key wins that day Sophomore George Roath defeated the 2003 All-American Josh Sorum.

They will be in action on Saturday against Augustana College in Blair at 6 P.M.



Here is your chance to show your holiday spirit! Get a group of friends or organization involved. Sign up to decorate a tree for **CASH & PRIZES!**

*Each participant will receive a prize.*

### Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

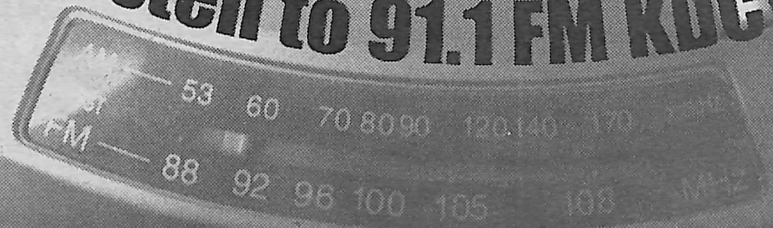


1st Place	\$125 Cash
2nd Place	\$50 Pizza Party
3rd Place	\$25 Dairy Queen Certificates

Trees will be displayed during  
Sighs & Sounds Weekend.  
November 2nd-5th

More details and sign up in Student Activities Office!

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## Upcoming Sporting Events

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 20 Vs. Concordia in Seward @ 4:00 P.M.  
Nov. 23 Vs. Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln @ 8:00 P.M.  
Nov. 26 Columbia College Tourney in Columbia, MO @ TBA  
Nov. 27 Columbia College Tourney in Columbia, MO @ TBA  
Dec. 1 Vs. Hastings College in Blair @ 8:00 P.M.

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 20 Vs. Concordia in Seward @ 2:00 P.M.  
Nov. 23 Vs. Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln @ 5:30 P.M.  
Dec. 1 Vs. Hastings College in Blair @ 6:00 P.M.

### Wrestling

Nov. 19 Augustana College in Blair @ 6:00 P.M.  
Nov. 20 UNO Open in Omaha @ 9:00 A.M.  
Dec. 2 Embry-Riddle, Montana State -N in Prescott, AZ @ 1:00 P.M.

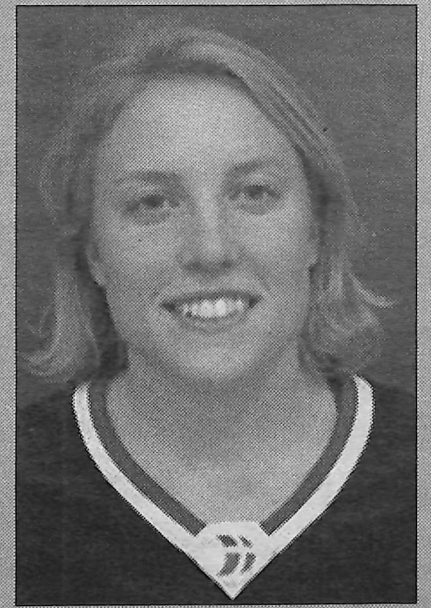
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