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yearly events

Each year there are events that demand our attention for weeks. Such events take over our lives in planning, preparation, and rehearsals. Homecoming, Sights and Sounds, Winterfest, and theater productions seemed to turn our lives upside down at times. There were other events that came along to honor those who went the extra mile both in and out of the classroom. No matter what event came into our lives, we were ready and waiting to face the challenge. Always remember that the events you planned for or participated in shaped the year and history.



Homecoming '96

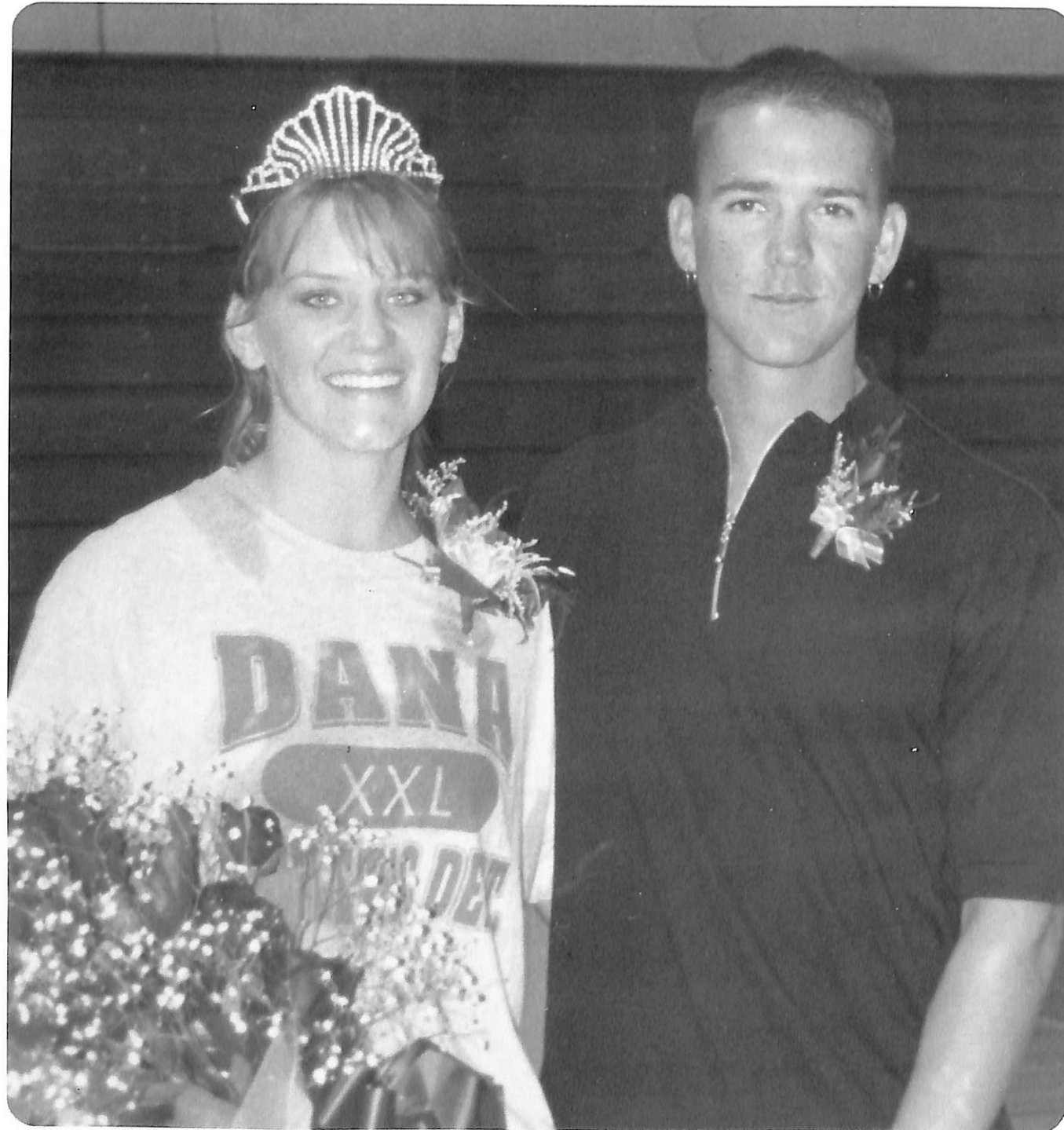
Discover the Magic

The Dana College campus bustled with activity during Homecoming Weekend, October 4-6. Events began Friday night when the volleyball team played Northwestern in front of a capacity crowd in Borup Coliseum. Following the game, seniors Mike Gerson and Diane Crawford were crowned king and queen.

Saturday's activities started with the first annual golf cart parade. Campus organizations had the chance to decorate golf carts and then drive their parade "floats" around the oval

where judges, students, and alumni watched. Among the people participating in the activities was United States Senator Paul Simmon of Illinois, a former Dana student. At a special reception, he was honored for his service to Dana College and to the United States Senate.

Saturday afternoon the Viking football team battled to a 19-13 victory over Buena Vista. Activities concluded that night with the annual Homecoming dance.



Following the volleyball game, seniors Diane Crawford and Mike Gerson were crowned Homecoming queen and king.



The Dana Intramural team displays their entry for the golf cart parade.

Kites took to the air in the oval prior to Saturday morning's activities.



Lisa Decker and Roni Peterson show their Homecoming spirit as part of the volleyball team's golf cart parade "float."

Senator Paul Simon stops to shake hands with...himself???

The fall musical, performed by the Chorale, was Godspell by Stephen Schwartz. Godspell, directed by Dan P. Hays and produced by Dr. Paul Schneider, is based on the gospel of Matthew. Playing lead roles were A.D. Ward, as Jesus, and Tim Marsden as John the Baptist/Judas. The fall play was A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen. A Doll's House, directed by Cathy Wells and produced by Dr. Schneider, is the



story of Nora Helmer and her husband Torvald, played by Liza Moberg and Aaron Mattson. Other performers were Nicole Havens as Christine Linde, Jake Adolphson as Mr. Krogstad, Sonny Larsen as Dr. Rank, and Heather Randolph as Anne-Marie.

Countless other students and faculty helped the productions with audio, lighting, sets, and other off-stage tasks.



Crashing to the rocks in the parable of the seeds are Matt Haufle and Soren Schmidt. Rock and Roll, Hootchie-Kootchie! Nicole Havens, also known as Christine Linde, poses with Tony Weers after a performance of A Doll's House.



The Godspell cast is lookin' fine in their "rag-a-muffin" costumes.

The spring play production was William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. The play was directed by Dr. Paul Schneider and starred a cast of 19 students, featuring Soren Schmidt, Sonny Larsen, A.D. Ward, Liza Moberg, and Jenny Lemmerman. The cast dedicated this play to Dr. Schneider, who became ill in the weeks preceding the performance. During his absence, Dwayne Ibsen handled the directing duties.



Conrade (David Bossman), Borachio (Mike Stevens), and Don John (Chris Sorensen) devise their plan to prevent Claudio and Hero's wedding.

In Much Ado About Nothing, Benedick (A.D. Ward) approaches Beatrice (Liza Moberg) during the masked ball.

The theatre department presented Guys and Dolls as its spring musical. The performance was directed by senior Tim Marsden and choreographed by Jennifer Patience. Lead roles were played by Marsden, Kim Wingad, Beth King, and A.D. Ward.

Both productions would not have been possible without the hard work of the stage and technical crews, musicians, and many other students and faculty.



The mission band proudly proclaims their message during Guys and Dolls.

In the opening number of Guys and Dolls, the gamblers hope to strike it rich in a game of craps.



Sights & Sounds

Gaedig Jul! Merry Christmas!

On December 8, the Sights and Sounds of Christmas transformed the campus with Christmas trees, red bows, and plenty of greenery. The day began when students and visitors gathered in Borup to proclaim and celebrate the miracle of Christmas--"For unto us a child is born!" A variety of activities filled the afternoon. Participants could enter a Danish home and learn about Danish customs. For instance, trees are decorated by parents and hidden from children until Christmas Day.

The sounds of Christmas filled the campus all

day, provided by several performing groups: the vocal quartet "Forte," the Concert Band, the Chorale, and the Santa Lucia singers, who re-enacted the Scandinavian Festival of Lights. "This concert is a lot of fun. Everyone enjoys performing at Sights and Sounds," said band director Dr. Michael Gill. A drama, "The Gift of the Magi," was also presented. It portrayed two lovers who gave their most important possessions for each other at Christmas. And finally, the famous smorgasboard, loaded with delicacies, was served to over 1,600 people throughout the day.



The Chorale performs the finale of the Sounds of Christmas concert.



Linsey Donnelly and Gina Schoening make Danish ornaments at one of the many Sights and Sounds events.

President Christopherson helps decorate the campus in preparation for Sights and Sounds.



The Santa Lucia singers perform Scandinavian hymns and carols.

The band plays its selection of Christmas medleys under the direction of Dr. Gill.



Dana went "hogwild" during Winterfest. Festivities began with Vegas Night on Wednesday, where students competed for prizes of pop, food and various other gifts. Fun Flicks took over the Campus Center on Thursday, giving students a chance to make their own music videos. Friday brought a fun-filled night of Bingo and more prizes. On Saturday students filled Borup to watch the women's basketball team take on Hastings and the men's team play Northwest-

ern. Between games the crowd was presented with the Winterfest court. Candidates for queen were Jana Bentley, Jennifer Dierks, Heidi Gerth, Carrie Knapp and Stacie Sarasio. King candidates included Michael Babbitt, R.J. Gall, Paul Gardner, Damian Pollack, and Rodney Ronk. Dr. and Mrs. Formo crowned Damian Pollack king and Heidi Gerth queen. Activities concluded that night with the annual Winterfest dance.



The 1997 Winterfest queen and king: Heidi Gerth and Damian Pollack.

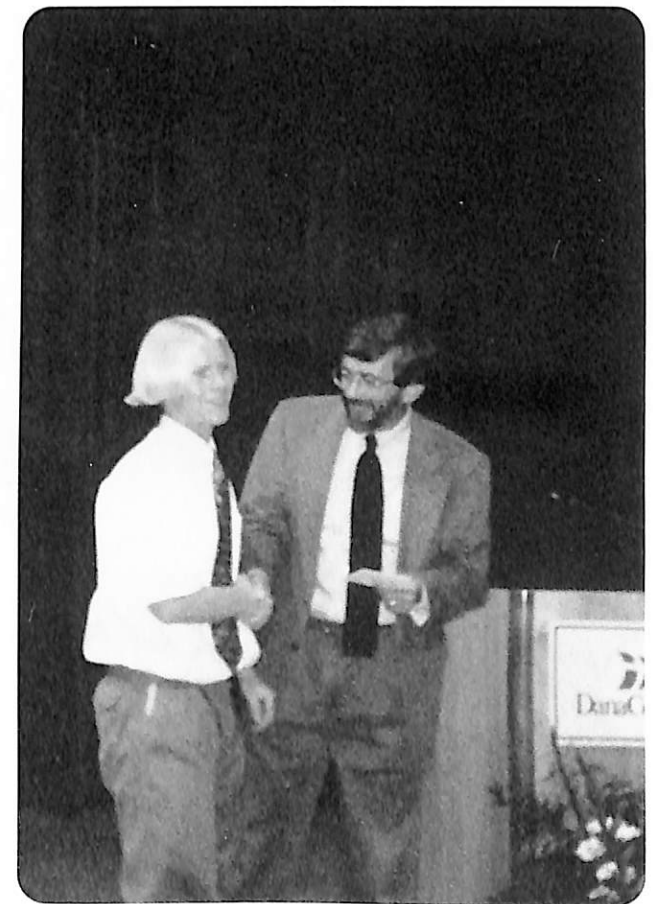
The following awards were given at Honors Night:
Art: Heather Olsen
Biology: Sarah Packard, Julie Seeba
Business: Rhonda Dierking, Shawn Fasbender, Janet Reisdorff, Nancy Kemmish, Lars Jensen
Chemistry: Josh Jaeger, Julie Seeba
English: Leslie Schroeter, Dottie Whitehill
Math: Ben Olson
Music: Michael Hanson, Tim Marsden, Sarah Kobs
Social Work: Meadow Rouse

Ben Krantz Memorial: Thomas Blase
Joseph Langland Awards: Valerie Bensen, Paul Gardner
Golden Leaf Awards: Jennifer Zahnow, Nicole Havens, Joy Pudenz, Laura Silbernack, Shawn Isaacs, Janet Reisdorff, Amy Benedict, Heather Olsen, Joel Jorgensen, Mike Klug
Campus Leadership Awards: Elaine Rivard, Tim Marsden, Nicole Havens, Roisin Bell, Michelle France, Paul Gardner
Golden Apple Award: Dr. Dorothy Olson
Professor of the Year: Dr. Kathleen McSharry

New Alpha Mu Gamma inductees pose for a group photo.



Student body president Rodney Ronk presents honor cords to seniors for their outstanding academic achievements.



Dr. John Mark Nielsen presents Thomas Blase with the Ben Krantz Memorial Award.

Fall Athletic Banquet

Cross Country

- Most Valuable Female Runner
Angie Sparacino
- Outstanding Teammate
Anna Hovde
- Most Valuable Male Runner
Ben Sandy
- Outstanding Teammate
Bob Spangler

Football

- Special Teams Award
Jim Rosterman
- Most Inspirational Player
Bret Erixson
- Most Valuable Player
Will Collins

Soccer

- Most Valuable Player
Rachel Herman
- Most Inspirational Player
Emily Nessen

Volleyball

- Most Inspirational Players
Tafida Forsen
Jennifer Pfungsten
- Most Valuable Player
Chestnut Pearl



Most valuable soccer player: Rachel Herman.



Most valuable volleyball player: Chestnut Pearl. Most valuable football player: Will Collins.

Softball

- Most Valuable Player
Jessica Thomsen
- Most Inspirational Player
Keri Hall

Track

- Outstanding Female Runner
Angie Sparacino
- Outstanding Female Field Athlete
Amber Weber
- Outstanding Male Runner
Ben Sandy
- Outstanding Male Field Athlete
William Hardin

Baseball

Awards not announced at press time

Men's Basketball

- Most Valuable Player
Nathan Babbitt
- Most Inspirational Player
Shawn Fasbender

Women's Basketball

- Most Valuable Player
Jennifer Dierks
- Most Inspirational Player
Nichol Buenning

Wrestling

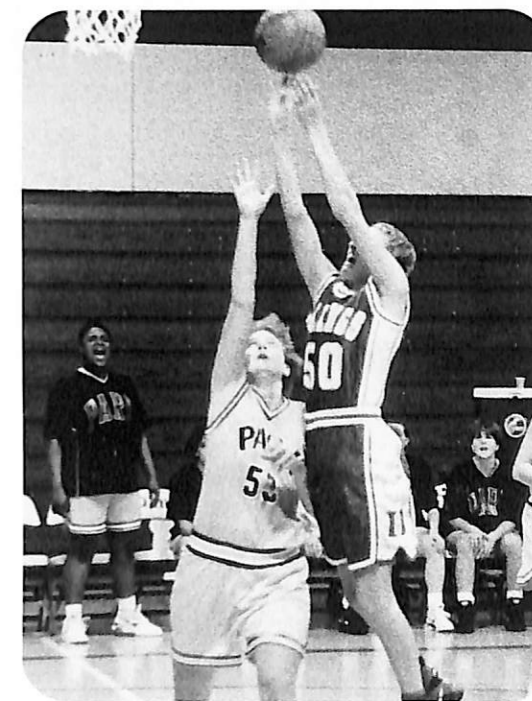
- Outstanding Wrestler
Andy Hensley

Most inspirational men's basketball player: Shawn Fasbender.



Outstanding male runner: Ben Sandy.

Most inspirational women's basketball player: Nichol Buenning.



Spring Athletic Banquet

makin' strides **organizations**

WOW! What a busy place. Have you ever seen so many people heading out to recycle or off to Texas for spring break to paint buildings at a church camp? Well, if you haven't, you missed out. Everyone was out to make a difference in the lives of others on and off campus. There were many organizations and individuals who helped create a better place to live and learn.

As we shared our time with others we also received many unspoken rewards. Sharing our time with others became more than just taking a Friday night and singing to the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, it gave each of us a sense of purpose and taught us that life is a gift. No matter what organization we were part of, we all gave our time and efforts in stride!



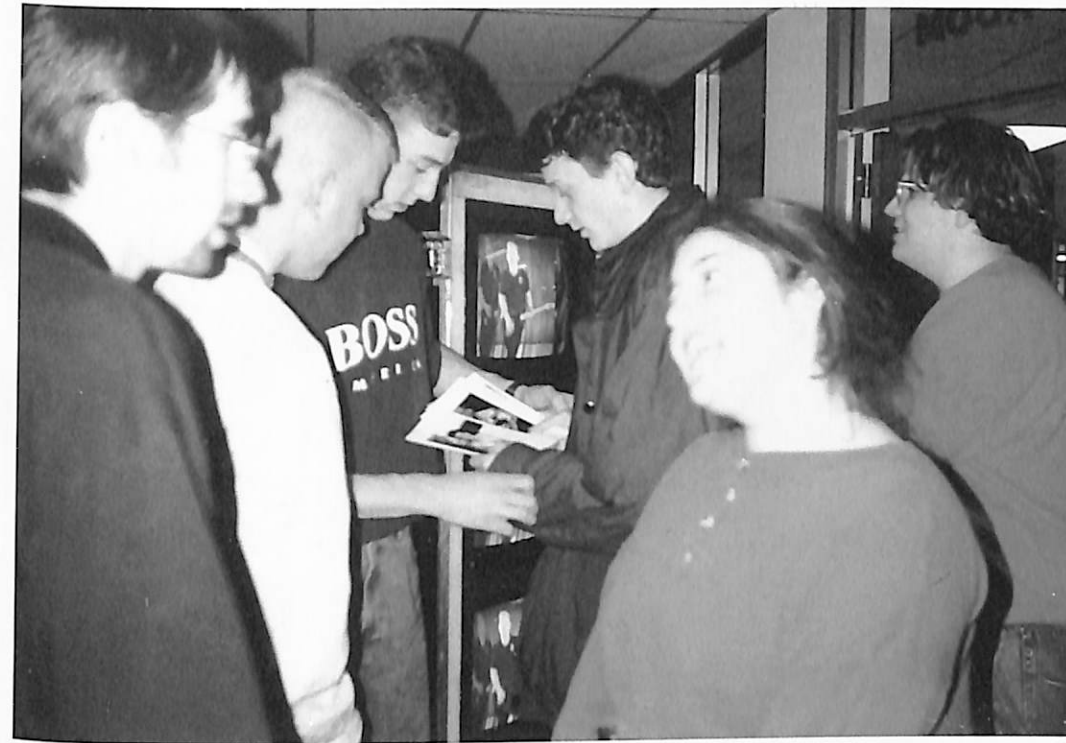
Student Activities

Student Activities provided for another year full of fun events. Director Paulette Alderink and Student Program Coordinators Heidi Gerth and Ryan Holtam worked hard to provide fun, creative events for everyone. Comedy Sportz, Creative Dating, and Blizzard of Bucks headlined the fall schedule. Favorite events such as cosmic bowling, scavenger hunts, ice skating, and movies kept students entertained week after week.

Interim and spring saw performers such as the Nathalie Cote Band, along with novelty programs like the Omega Experience and Fun Flicks. Trips to museums, theaters, and zoos, and on-campus events like card tournaments, free massages, drawings and trivia contests filled out the schedule.

Student Activities provided over 60 activities this year. From art museums to eating contests, there was something for everyone.

Paulette Alderink referees "Name That Tune" for contestants Cathy Wolf and Kolette Haskell.



Looks like everyone is excited about making their own videos at Fun Flicks.

"I enjoy this group because I can be a part of keeping students on campus with the activities we plan."

--Ryan Holtam

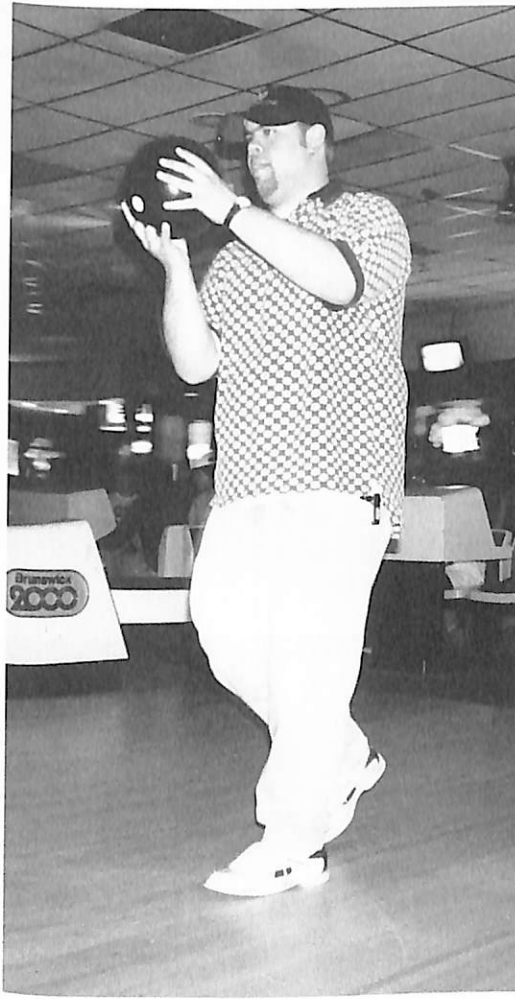


The Student Activities staff: Paulette Alderink, Heidi Gerth, and Ryan Holtam.

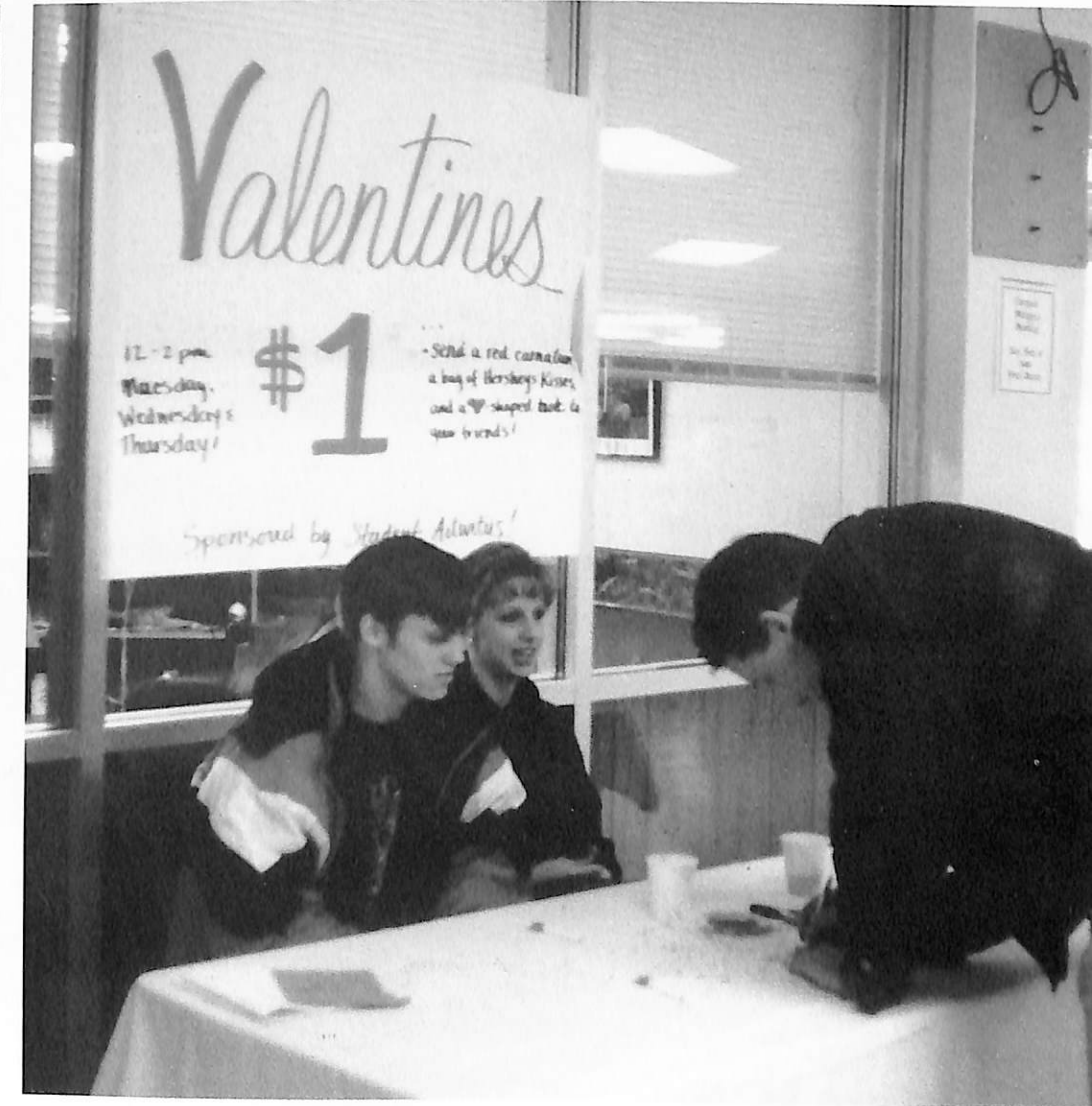


John Chandler is the big winner at Blizzard of Bucks.

The gang looks like they're having a great time cosmic bowling.



Todd Ashby holds perfect form in hope of a strike.



Students sign up to buy Valentines for their friends and "significant others."

Concert Band

Band Officers: Soren Schmidt, Mark Witt, Leslie Schroeter, Kolette Haskell.



The concert band had a great year under the direction of Dr. Michael Gill. Through many hours of practice and dedication, the band prepared for concerts in October, April, May, and, of course, for the annual concert during the Sights and Sounds of Christmas in December. The Christmas concert was actually performed twice, both times for large audiences. Senior band member Jennifer Willers said, "I am really impressed by the band's improvement in quality and skill over the last four years."



The band performs their spring concert in the Lauritzen Theatre.

"I am really impressed by the band's improvement in quality and skill over the last four years."

--Jennifer Willers



Band members practice intensely in preparation for a concert.

Chorale

Chorale began the year with over a dozen new members and a vision to do new things. One new activity was performing the fall musical, Godspell, which was a huge success. Next the ensemble had to leap into preparations for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas. The first project of second semester was Andrew Carter's "Benedicite" which was performed in St. Cecilia's Cathedral. In the midst of their preparations, members also helped organize the annual Melchior contest for prospective high school seniors. Next the group prepared for concerts in April and May. The concerts were at the College of Saint Mary in Omaha and also at Dana. Through the hard work, the learning, the stresses and the triumphs of a great year, the group became close and developed a sense of community.



Front: A.D. Ward, Mercedes Buller, Beth McCabe, Kristen Hansen, Matt Haufle, Jenny Lemmerman, Joel Krominga, April Woolman, David Bossman, Sarah Bohling, Judy Collicot. Second: Rachel Lochner, Shane Koepke, Tara Stark, Gina Schoening, Lindsay Bruning, Soren Schmidt, Sarah Kobs, Dottie Whitehill, Mark Witt, Rachel Brotherton, Damian Pollack, David Bryan, Kolette Haskell, Dr. Richard Palmer. Back: Tim Marsden, Kim Wingad, Gerd Bents, Brock Cooper, Jenny Patience, Tiffany Menard, Heidi Torgerson, D. Matt Worley. Not pictured: Rachel Lynch, Beth King.

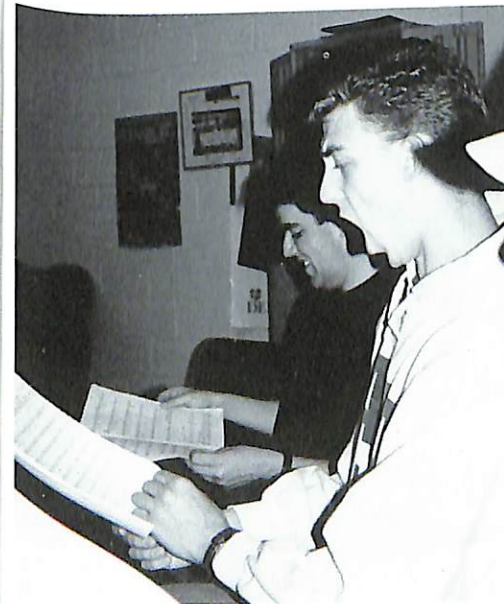
"This ensemble has helped me to grow both as an individual and as an integral member of a group."

---Matt Haufle



Gerd Bents can't believe Dr. Palmer expects him to sing this difficult music, but Tim Marsden looks confident.

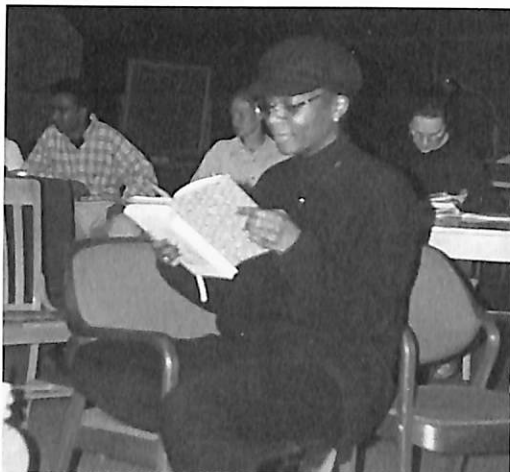
Damian Pollack, Matt Worley, and David Bossman try to out-sing each other during "Badgers and Hedgehogs."



Helping Our People Expand

H.O.P.E. focused on leadership development, campus-wide unity, ethnic and racial pride, international and minority student affairs, and cultural diversity. The group promoted cultural acceptance and understanding with events like Black History Month and Cultural Diversity Week. They offered other culturally-diverse events, like Japanese Food Night, to educate event participants about various cultures. Other activities the group sponsored included a talent show and a poetry cafe. Reginald Gilbert served as president and the faculty advisor was Don Fanon Chaney-Thomas.

Monica DeBride checks out the poems in a book during the poetry cafe.



Eiko Machida helps herself to some coffee before the poetry cafe.



At the H.O.P.E. talent show Matt Nardy, Kevin Brennan, Nathan Olsen, and Mike Haddock entertain the crowd with a song.



Mary Jo Greenwood sings during the talent show.

"Diversity week was our best activity. It was great to get so many different people involved!"

--Kristi Conkling



Kim Stanley, Eiko Machida, and Nozomu Takada enjoy the cuisine at Japanese Food Night.

Social Awareness Organization

SAO was active this year both on and off campus. In the fall SAO recognized AIDS Awareness Week with several events such as free HIV testing and the making of an AIDS quilt. In October members went trick-or-treating for others and gathered food, clothing, and toys for local pantries and shelters. In December they held a glove drive for the Blair Clothes Pantry. During second semester SAO co-sponsored many activities for Disabilities Awareness Week. Throughout the entire year members also played Bingo with residents at Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

These and other activities helped SAO reach toward their goal of increasing awareness of social problems and promoting sensitivity toward issues prevalent in today's society.



Front: Sara Hildreth, Deneen Schriver, Sara Crawford. Second: Michelle France, Nina Papousek, Jessica Clark, Christina Gerken, Mary Jo Greenwood. Third: Kristi Conkling, Monica DeBride, Chris Billesbach, Brenda Eckhoff, Sara Bohling. Not pictured: Jennifer Moores.

"Trick-or-treating for others was a good opportunity to serve Blair. In our costumes no one knew who we were which made it more fun!"

--Deneen Schriver



A scary-looking group of SAO members went trick-or-treating for others in October.

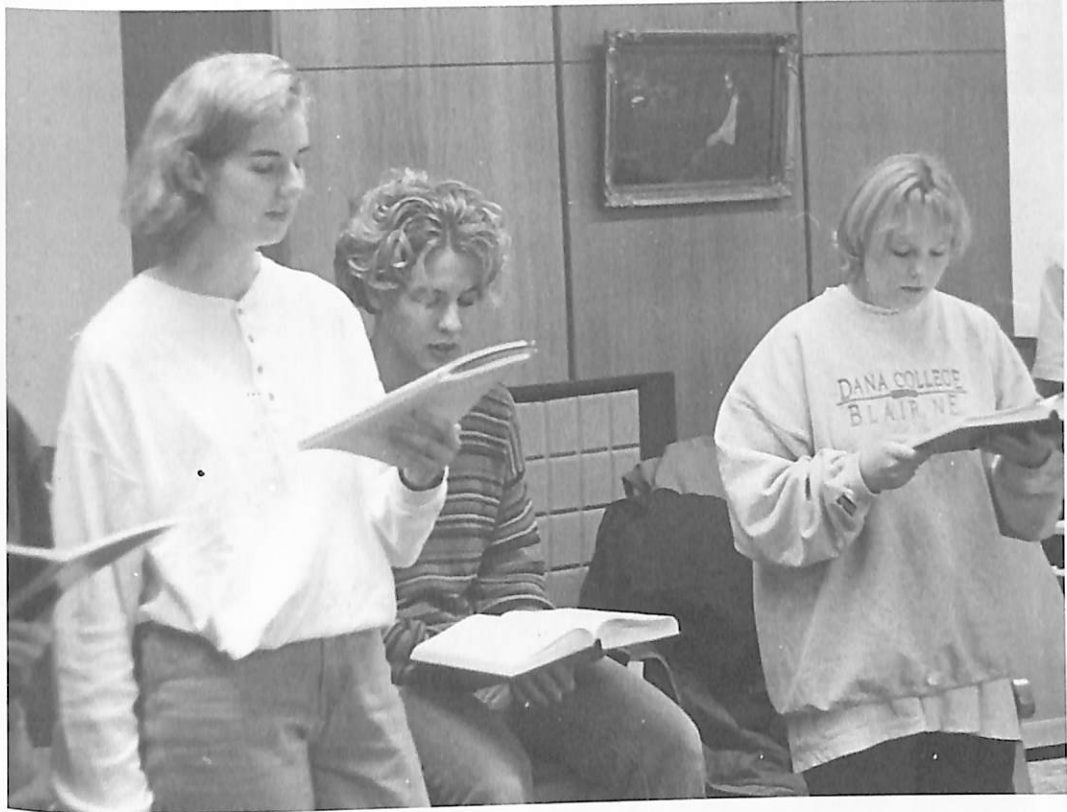
Michelle France presents the Dana AIDS quilt made during AIDS Awareness Week.

Campus Ministry

You probably saw all the signs advertising their meetings, but Campus Ministry was much more than that. The year began with a retreat at Camp Calvin Crest. The group then started their weekly activity, TGIF. For TGIF, students sang hymns at Good Shepherd Nursing Home every Friday evening. In March they hosted a lock-in for area youth; it was a tremendous success with over 70 high schoolers attending. The group also sponsored two concerts, Dry Bones and Captive Free. During spring break, 20 students spent a week in Texas volunteering at a camp.

Headed by Pastor Mike Ostrom, the group sought to create a community of faith for students. Officers and committee chairs included: Gerd Bents, Fafani Goecke, Lindsay Bruning, Janelle Kahl, Becca Plowman, and Laura Hiebenthal.

Sonny and friends polish off the Gatorade after climbing the steep bluff at Camp Chrysalis.



TGIF! Every Friday students journeyed to Good Shepherd Nursing home to sing for the residents.

"It was cool to meet the high schoolers and stay up with them all night. Who needs to sleep?!"
 --Mark Lepper



Campus Ministry members have a discussion during one of their meetings in the President's Room.

Becca Plowman and Janelle Kahl help move in equipment for the Captive Free concert.

Campus Ministry actors and actresses entertain Blair High students at the lock-in with a skit, "The Body Shop."



The one and only time you will ever see Joel Krominga cleaning a bathroom--in Texas!



Naomi (Matt Hauflle) and Chi-Chi (Shane Koepke) show off the finale of the synchronized swimming routine. This pool in Texas was painted by spring break volunteers.

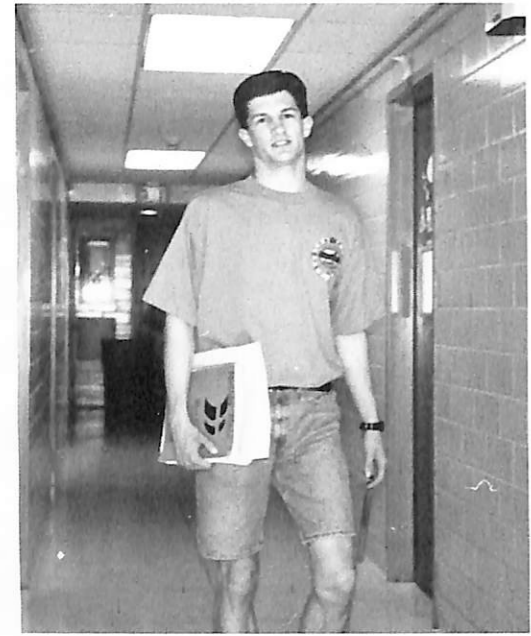
Resident Assistants

"Being an R. A. has been a good opportunity for me to get involved on campus and to meet new people," said Sara Crawford. Resident Assistants' involvement on campus included the responsibility of making the dorms a safe and fun place for students. R.A. training began in August before other students arrived. Then during the year, duties included enforcing rules, promoting interaction of floor residents, being on duty, and listening to student concerns. R.A.s were willing to help their floor residents and fellow students in any way they could.

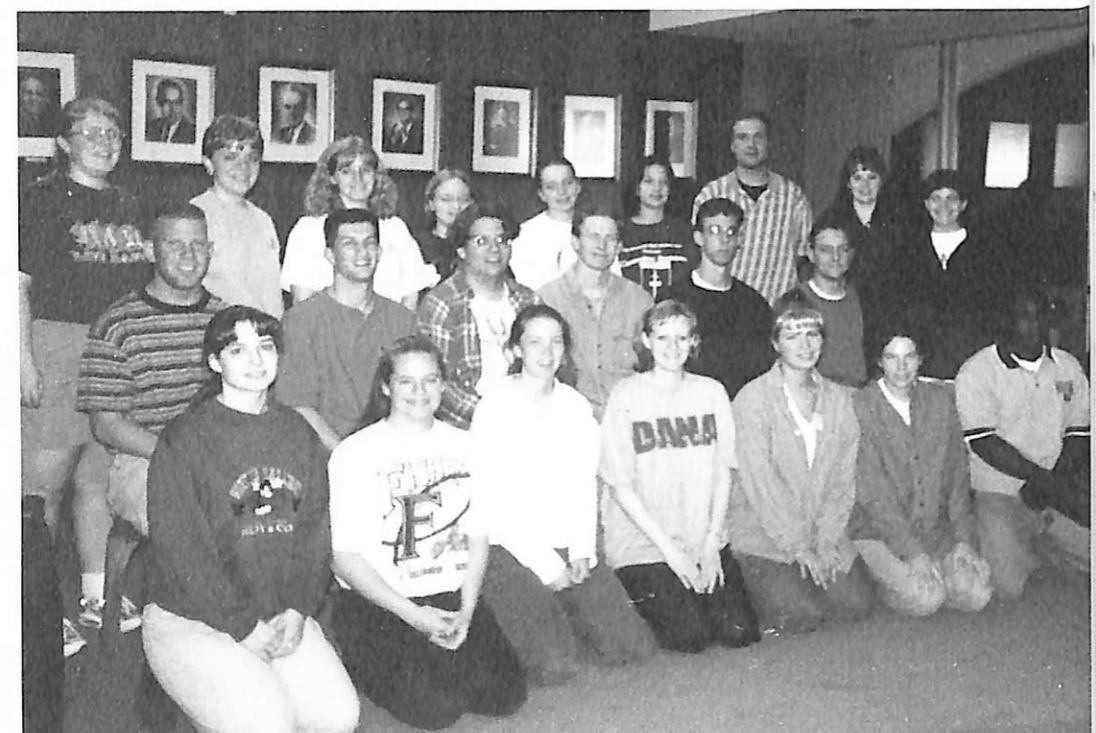
The best part of R.A. training: all the mocktails you can drink!



Roisin Bell and Julie Seeba have a good time at the R.A. training luau.



Matt Worley looks thrilled to be making yet another round at night in Holling.



Taking a break from their training, the R.A.s enjoy some good food at the luau.
 The 1996-97 R.A.s: Elishia Petersen, Sara Duff, Elaine Rivard, Julie Seeba, Kim Wingad, Amy Klusmeier, Reggie Gilbert. Middle: Ryan Holtam, Matt Worley, Shane Koepke, Jeremy Rademacher, Gerd Bents, Matthew Oestmann. Back: Jackie Smith, Kyla Clay, Sara Crawford, Nina Papousek, Roisin Bell, Michelle Hurt, Rodney Ronk, Amy Benedict, Carla Jo Krance.

"I like the social aspect of being an R.A. I've met so many more people and made many new friends this year."
 --Nina Papousek

Residence Hall Association

This year the Residence Hall Association sponsored many activities for students and worked to address any concerns of the dorm residents. Activities they hosted included Carnival Night during Homecoming, Vegas Night during Winterfest, and Lil' Sibling Weekend in February. During that weekend, students were invited to bring their younger brothers or sisters to spend some time with them on campus. The little siblings had the opportunity to watch movies, make ice cream sundaes, watch cartoons, go swimming and attend a carnival. This year RHA worked with Student Senate to purchase new vacuum cleaners for each dorm. They also budgeted any all-hall socials, such as the Halloween Dance that was held in Argo.



During Vegas Night Kyla Clay, Jackie Smith, Jeremy Havekost, Amy Klusmeier, and Matt Worley hope to strike it rich.

"Lil' Sibling Weekend was one of our most successful activities; it was a lot of fun."
 --Jackie Smith



Julie Seeba and Roisin Bell look confident in their abilities to set up the audio equipment for an RHA activity.

Nina Papousek and her brother enjoy breakfast together during Lil' Sibling Weekend.

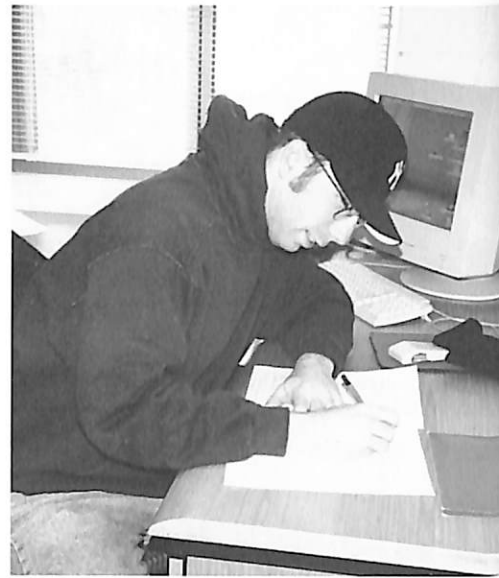
Hermes

Putting together the Hermes each week was a challenging learning experience full of hard work and fun times. The production of the newspaper brought writers moments of anxiety, stress, relief, laughter and joy. The dedicated staff was comprised of page editors, a graphic editor, a photography editor, a business manager, editorialists, a cartoonist and over 20 reporters throughout the year. The newspaper covered hard news topics, feature stories, and editorials, showing how interesting the Dana community can be.

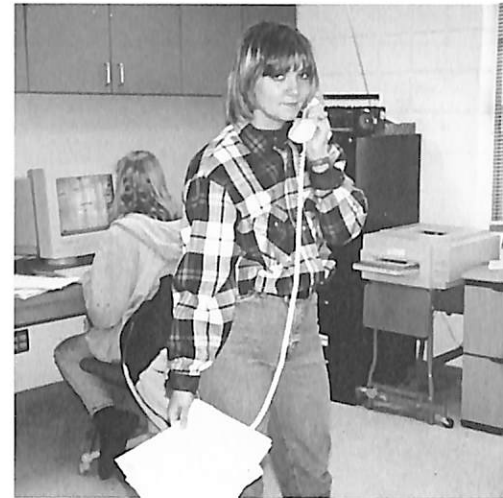
Joy Pudenz works on the computer where the Hermes is produced.



Sports editor Chris Chance edits a story written for the newspaper.



Front: Jennifer Schoonover, Shawn Isaacs, Carla Jo Krance, Amy Benedict, Janet Reisdorff. Back: Leslie Schroeter, Jennifer Burger, Joy Pudenz, Emily Kempcke, Heather Olsen.



Emily Kempcke conducts a phone interview for a Hermes story.

"The year has been interesting and full of good events to cover. It's been fun working with a new staff."

--Amy Benedict

26 Amy Benedict enters a Hermes story into the computer.



Student Education Association

SEA is a branch of the Student Education Association of Nebraska and of the National Education Association. It was another extraordinary year for the group, led by executive officers Fafani Goecke, president, Amy Johnson, vice-president, Carla Jo Krance, treasurer, Becca Plowman, secretary, and Danielle Larson, public relations. Dorthy Olson was the faculty advisor.

SEA kicked off the year in September with a meeting focused on "What is SEA?" The meeting included games, snacks, and ideas for education majors. Other meetings during the year included panels of teachers, principals, and student teachers to help inform and prepare future teachers for all the aspects of education. It was a fun year of learning new ideas and experiences.



Front: Carrie Copenharve, Carla Jo Krance, Fafani Goecke, Jennifer Zahnow, Michael Hanson, Amy Johnson. Middle: Kim McGregor, Matt Rega, Tim Marsden, Rachel Brotherton, Karla Meyer, Kristi Mentink, Advisor Dorothy Olson. Back: Julie Holmes, Nicole Miller, Danielle Larson, Becca Plowman, Terra Schmidt, Jennifer Williams, Kris Dozler, Mike Klug, Brenda Eckhoff, Chana Bammerlin.

"The student teacher panel was a chance to hear from Dana's student teachers and to learn from their experiences."

--Brenda Eckhoff



SEA officers: Fafani Goecke, Becca Plowman, Amy Johnson, Danielle Larson, Carla Jo Krance, and advisor Dorothy Olson.

Karla Meyer, Kristi Mentink, and Amy Johnson talk about their student teaching experiences during the student teacher panel.



KDCV

Are you ever angry because there's nothing on the radio? Have you ever tried KDCV-91.1? KDCV is the student-run radio station. Any student is eligible to be a DJ and join the ranks of Frit and Ronk, among others.

So before you say there's nothing on the radio, make sure you check out KDCV. You can listen to an array of music from Christian to classical, from eighties to alternative. There's something for everyone on KDCV!



KDCV executive staff: Jake Adolphson, Leshara Means, Janelle Kahl. Not pictured: Joel Jorgensen, Mike Klug. Janelle Kahl broadcasts her weekly radio show from the KDCV studio.

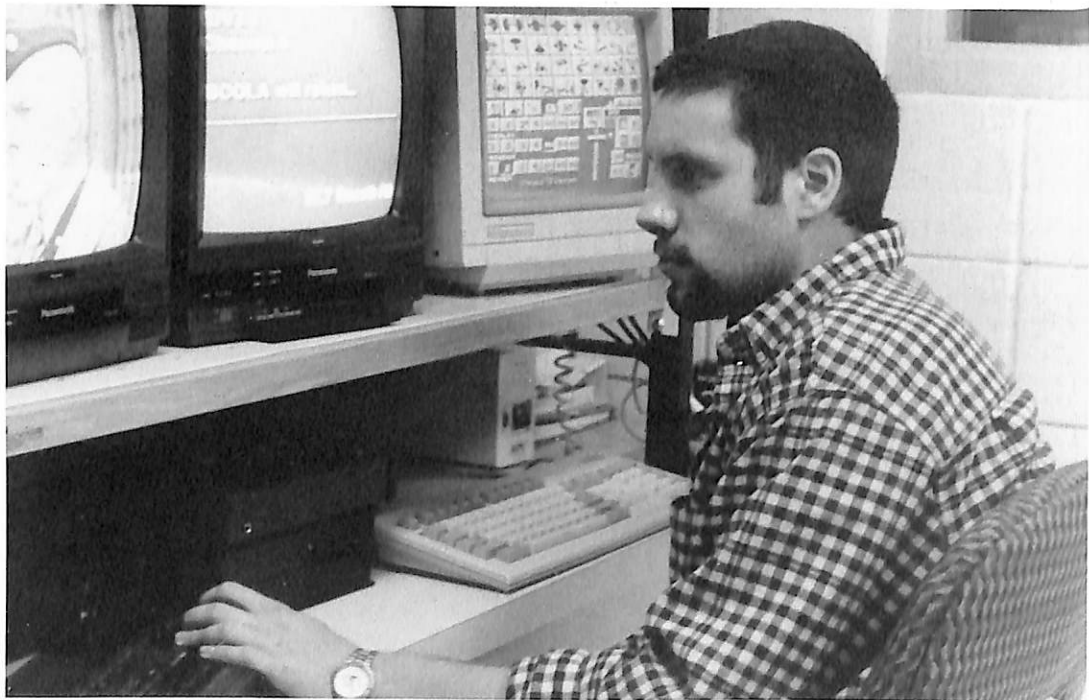


Did you know that Dana has its own television station? DVTV broadcasts out of the Dana Classroom Center and can be seen on cable channel 5. The DVTV studio is equipped to broadcast student programming or programs from a satellite feed. This year the station aspired to have more involvement from interested students. Max Riffner was the student leader, and Mary McComb and Chris Mommsen were the faculty advisors.

"We own all the equipment to have good programming on DVTV; we just need more participation from students."

--James Peterson

DVTV



Max Riffner demonstrates his television programming expertise in the DVTV studio.

Danian



Danian Executive Staff: Jennifer Zahnnow, Shane Koepke, Lindsay Bruning, Laura Hiebenthal. Working in the print communications office, Laura Hiebenthal edits a page of the yearbook.

With many new ideas in mind and the goal of improvement in view, the Danian staff spent many hours working to produce this yearbook. Staff included: Jennifer Zahnnow, editor, Lindsay Bruning, layout editor, Laura Hiebenthal, copy editor, and Shane Koepke, photography editor. Contributing writers included: James Peterson, Rachel Heitmann, Janelle Kahl, Angie Sparacino, Melissa Goldax, Amy Benedict, Mark Lepper, Allison Ruhde, Jill Dewald, Gina Ronk, Janet Reisdorff, Amy Klusmeier, Dottie Whitehill, Dana Sabiya, Sandy Paasch, and advisor Paulette Alderink.



Sower



Sower Executive Staff: Heather Olsen, Advisor Dr. Kathleen McSharry, Nicole Havens.

The Sower is an annual publication of poems, prose, short stories, photography and graphic art written or created by students. Students Nicole Havens and Heather Olsen served as literary editor and graphic art editor, respectively. Dr. Kathleen McSharry was the faculty advisor. Several other students comprised the editorial staff.

"Working on the Sower has been a good experience, and I am excited to be working as an editor this year."

--Nicole Havens

Ever need help writing a paper or studying for a test? The tutors in the Learning Center were available to help students throughout the year. The tutors attended monthly training meetings to sharpen their tutoring and communication skills. Then they helped students in subjects ranging from English to Biology to Calculus. The tutors had a busy year and were glad to help students in any way they could.

Learning Center Tutors



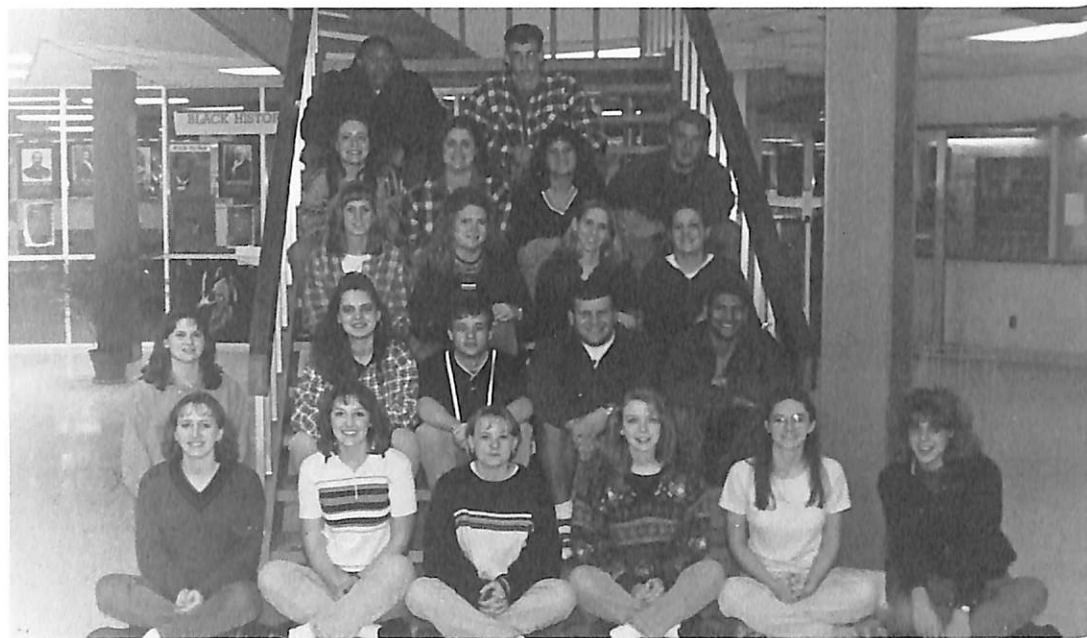
Front: Jon Galis, Rhonda Dierking, Sara Duff. Back: Matt Anderson, Angie Bentjen, Kerry Miller.

"A lot of students come to us when they don't know where to start, so we help people reformulate their ideas."

--Rhonda Dierking

The Dana Diplomats are an important part of the admissions team. Throughout the year, Diplomats performed various tasks such as giving tours, hosting prospective students, and helping with bulk mailings to future students. They also hosted several Discover Dana Days and assisted with the Presidential Scholarship Competition in February.

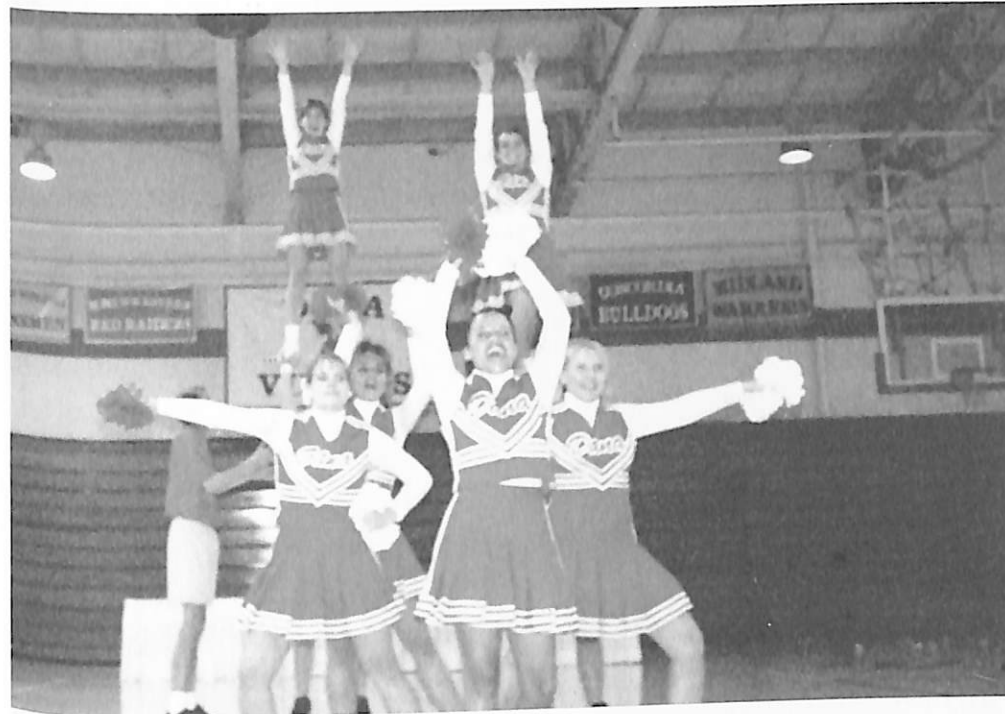
Diplomats



Front: Lindsay Bruning, Lisa Decker, Deneen Schriver, Tara Stark, Mercedes Buller, Julie Holmes. Second: Denecia Siemers, Diane Katzdorn, Mike Hemmingsen, Rob Wheeler, Joel Carter. Third: Nicole Miller, Christina Nutter, Joy Pudenz, Tiffany Menard. Fourth: Rachel Lochner, Deena Knapp, Beth McCabe, Joel Krominga. Back: William Parker, Gerd Bents. Not Pictured: Chris Billesbach, Brock Cooper, Monica DeBride, Rhonda Dierking, Ryan Holtam, Chris Kellner, Matt Kern, Kelly Kumm, Jenny Lemmerman, Kristin Mathiesen, Damian Pollack, Jamie Rodenburg, Bryan Soukup, Mike Stevens, Matt Worley, Angie Bentjen, Ryan Luebbe, Dan Wheeler, Sara Crawford, Fafani Goecke, Elaine Rivard.



Elaine Rivard shows off the Campus Center during a campus tour.



Kris Dozler and Jill Dewald reach for the rafters as the cheerleading squad demonstrates their tireless school spirit.

Cheerleaders

The cheerleading squad brought forth several new members this year. Members included Brandy Starks, Stacie Sarasio, Traci Ahrendt, Becky Shockey, Jill Dewald, Kris Dozler, Tricia TeSelle, Paul Stark, Mark Lepper, and Jerome Williams. The squad did not have a set captain this year, instead each individual had special duties.

The squad demonstrated its talent with new chants, routines, and stunts. They spent many hours practicing before performing at home football games in the fall, and at both men's and women's basketball games during the winter. They worked especially hard for their Homecoming and Winterfest performances, spending over 40 hours in preparation for Homecoming alone.

"We worked very hard in preparation and it was great to see all our hard work pay off when we performed."

--Jill Dewald



Kris Dozler and Traci Ahrendt get the crowd pumped up with a cheer.

Brandy Starks and Tricia TeSelle show their school spirit during a timeout of a women's basketball game.



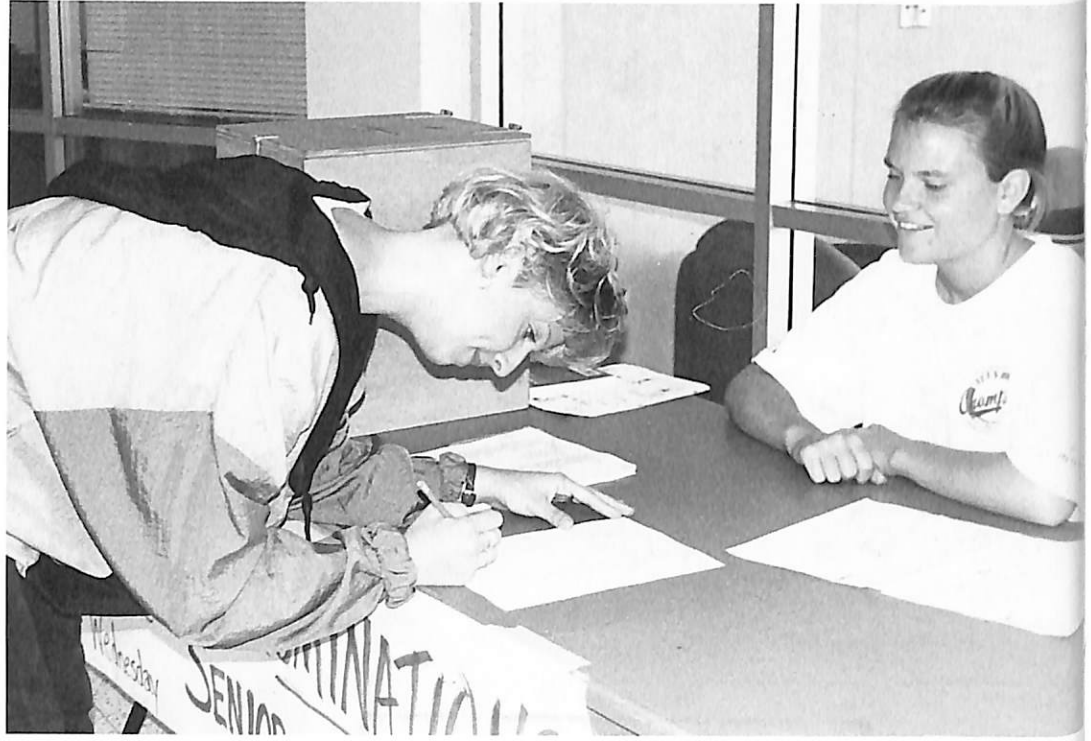
Student Senate

Under the theme "Fully Equipped with all the Right Tools," Student Senate worked toward campus improvements.

Some of Senate's many activities included recycling at the Blair recycling center, hosting a Halloween party for area children, serving on the greeting committees for Freshmen Orientation, Parent's Day, and the Presidential Scholarship Competition. Senate adopted campus recycling as their ongoing community service project for the spring semester. Senate also sponsored the Leader of the Month program, faculty/staff appreciation day, and the Professor of the Year award.

Senate funds were used to purchase a new treadmill for the fitness room, free photocopies for students, new vacuums for the dorms, honor cords for graduation, a microwave, and new typewriters for the library.

Senator Amy Carlson makes sure that the election runs smoothly as Heidi Gerth takes her turn at the nomination ballot.



The annual Senate Book-a-thon was lots of fun for Mark Lepper and Jake Adolphson.

"Senate is a great opportunity to work with different personalities and practice team-building skills while representing the college."

--Hannah Whalen

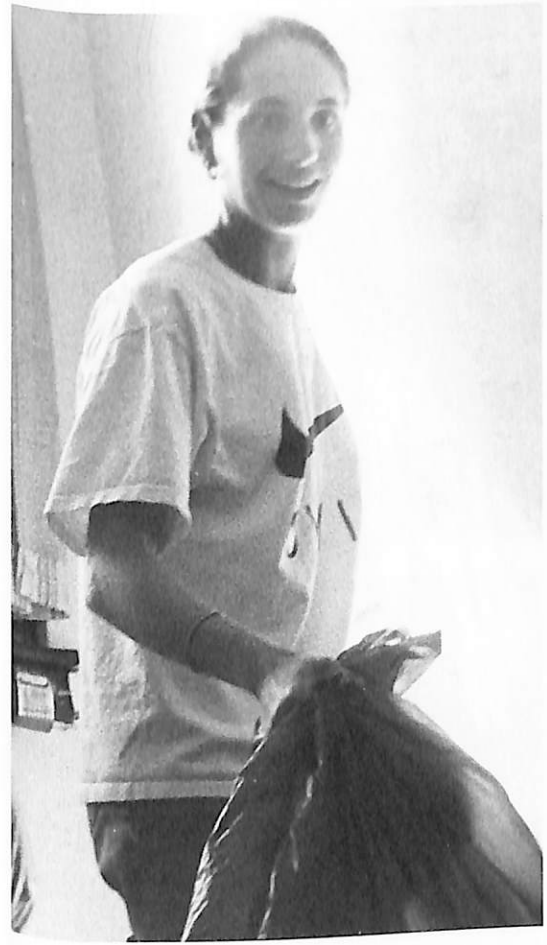


Front: Elaine Rivard, President Janet Reisdorff, Hannah Whalen, Lindsay Bruning, Mike Stevens. Second: Sarah Peterson, Roisin Bell, Sara Crawford, Vice President Nicole Havens, Linsey Donnelly, Treasurer Ryan Luebbe. Third: D. Matt Worley, Dan Olsen, Mary Jo Greenwood, Heidi Torgerson, Deneceia Siemers, Angie Sparacino, Mandy Buttry. Back: Will Parker, Jake Adolphson, Matt Cox, Shane Koepke, Sarah Packard, D.C. Holcomb, Amy Carlson, Secretary Marnie Jensen, Joel Jorgensen, Thomas Blase.



Taking advantage of the give-away drawing is Jeremy Havekost, as Jake Adolphson makes sure that he only signs up once!

Marnie Jensen is the proud driver of the Student Senate golf cart in the Homecoming parade.



Angie Sparacino helps save the world by doing her part with campus recycling.



Dan Olsen and friend have a bobbin' good time at the Student Senate Halloween party.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Every Monday night students gathered in the Forum for weekly FCA meetings. The goal of FCA was to encourage growth in Christian faith and to integrate that faith into the college experience. To accomplish this, weekly meetings included videos, speakers, games, small and large group discussions, Bible studies, and music. FCA hosted other activities outside of their weekly meetings, such as a hayrack ride, a dance, and a campfire. In April the group held a retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling, and in May they observed National Day of Prayer with two prayer and praise gatherings in the Oval.

James Gutierrez, Dave Henneman, and Shannon Rager display their fruity friends.



Corey Hackett and Paul Gardner are voluntary participants in this messy game!

"FCA has really helped me grow in my Christian faith and FCA reflects positively on the Dana community."

--Shannon Rager

Brian Jones demonstrates that eating pudding without a spoon isn't so easy!

Chris Bubak speaks at one of FCA's weekly meetings.

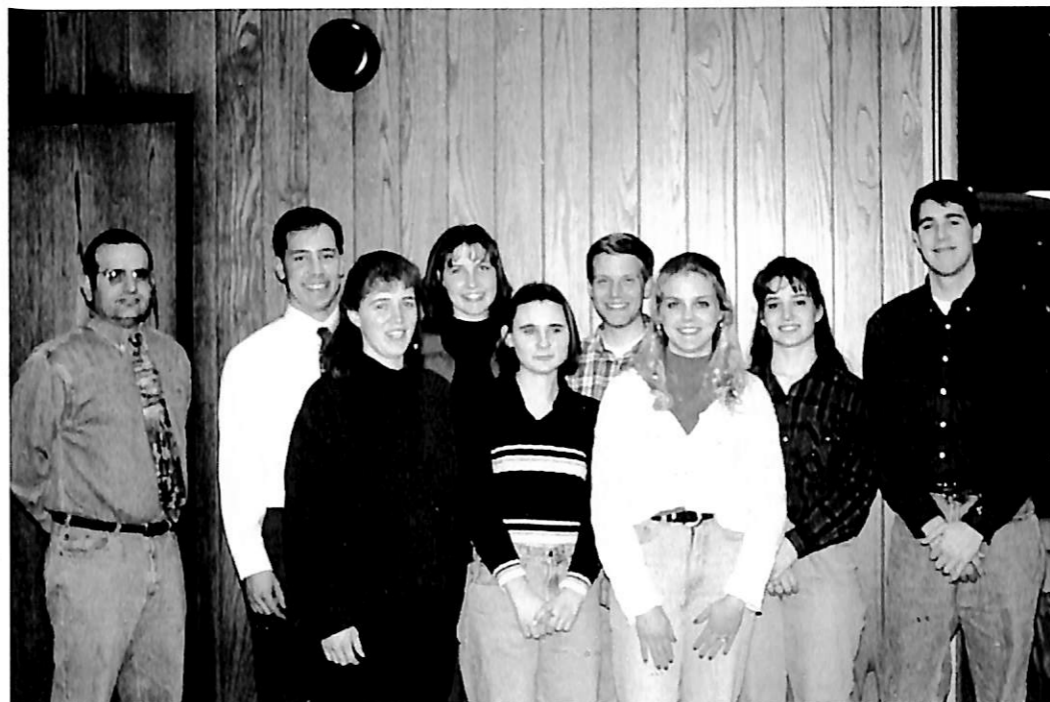


Business Club

The mission of the Business Club was to expose students to what the job market is going to be like after they graduate from Dana. To accomplish this, the club held mock interviews, toured the Federal Reserve, and held a business panel where they asked questions of area business men and women. Member Paul Stark said, "The activities provided through the Business Club give me practical experiences to help me in my future job search."

"Anyone can participate in the mock interviews--it's great practice for the real thing."

--Sandi Frey



Front: Sandi Frey, Caseina Cole, Janet Reisdorff. Back: Advisor Robert Moussetis, Paul Stark, LaShara Means, Mark Nielsen, Elishia Petersen, Mark Gustafson.

Forensics

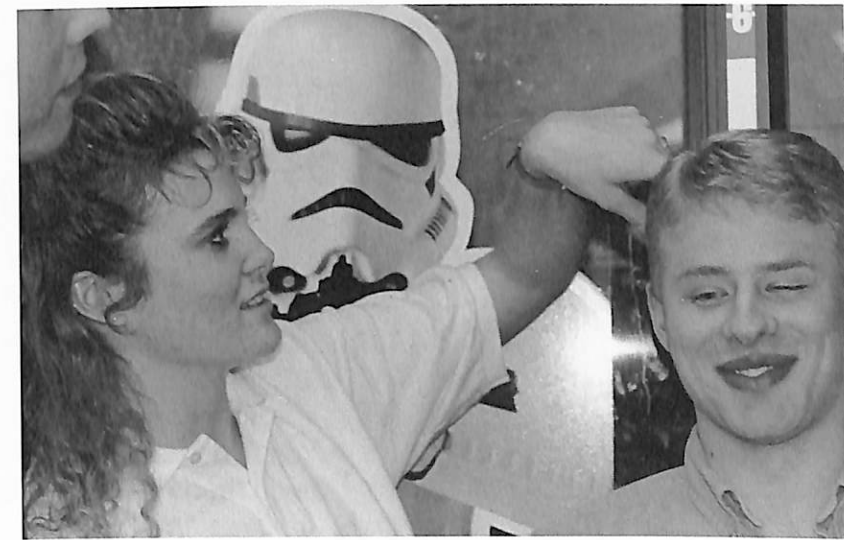
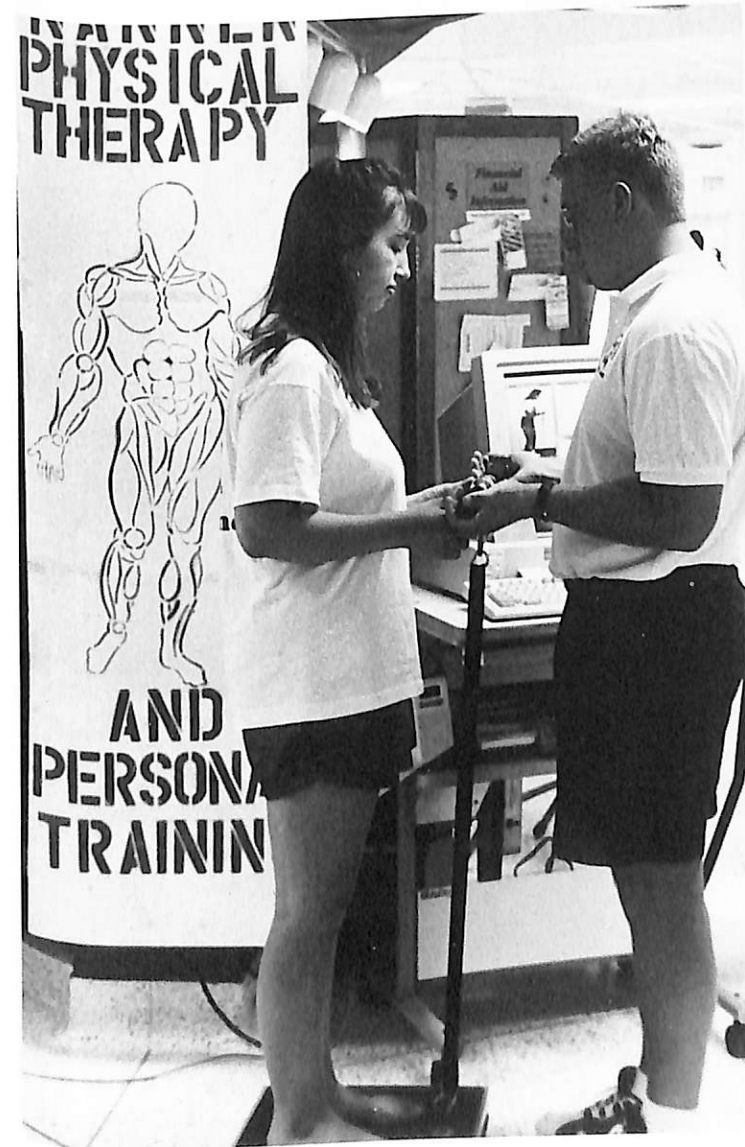
In its second year, the Forensics team competed in four speech meets. Members met weekly to perfect their skills in various categories like informative, poetry, prose, program of oral interpretation, and duet interpretation. Jackie Smith placed at three of the meets which were held at Concordia, Wayne State, Midland, and Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Faculty advisors were Sieg Krueger, first semester, and Kevin Schaudt, second semester.



Front: Brian Frahm, Roni Peterson, Allison Ruhde. Back: Advisor Sieg Krueger, Rachel Lynch, Matt Kutzli, Jackie Smith. Not pictured: America McCune, Bob Parsons.



Matt Kutzli practices his speech in preparation for a speech competition.

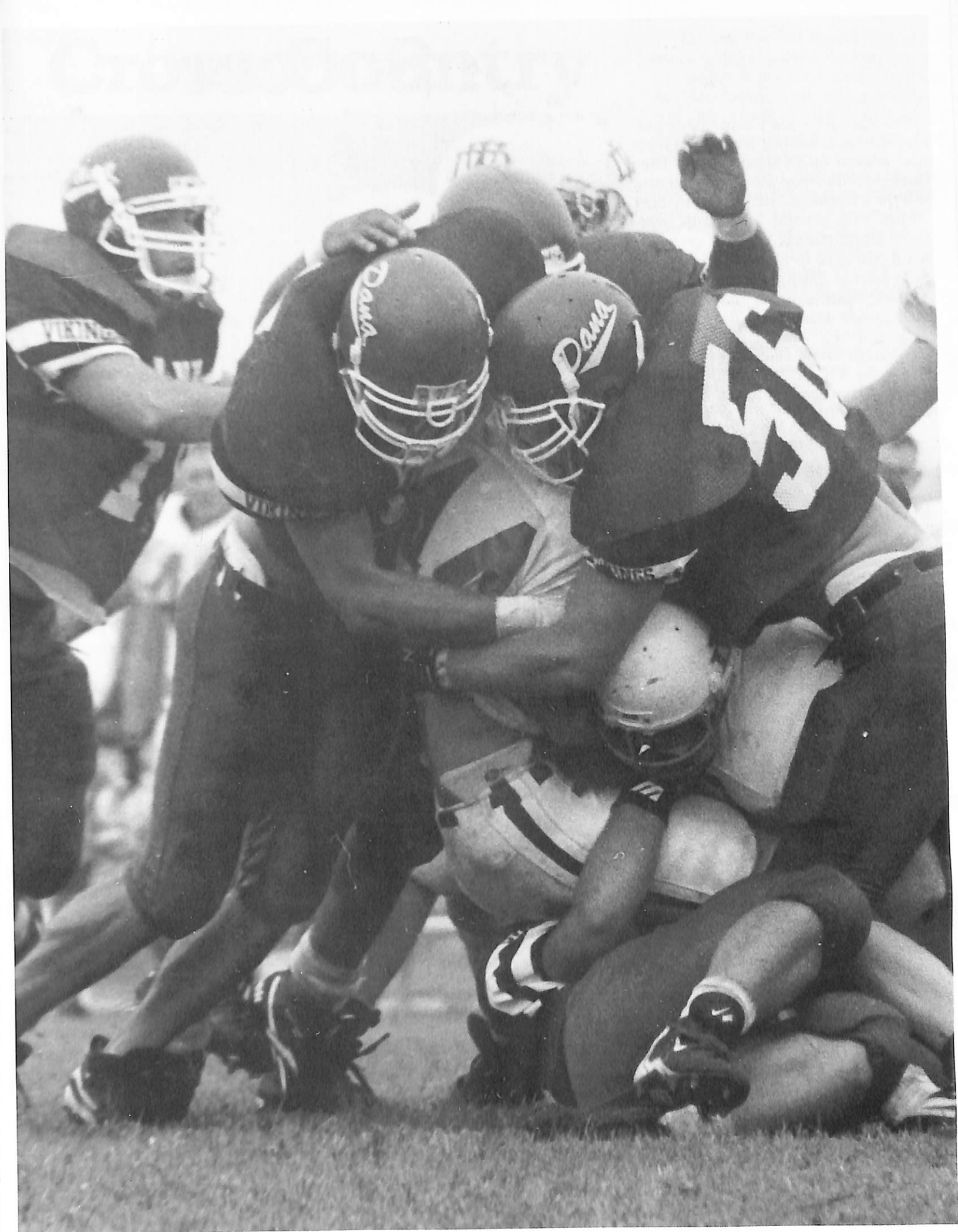


makin' points

sports

Look at all those cars in the parking lot! During athletic events many people came out to cheer on their favorite team. Each sport seemed to have its ups and downs, but the game wasn't over until the final points were scored.

The seasons came and went with many joys and sorrows, but the spirit of each athlete was kept alive by their will to be the best. It didn't matter what the outcome was, it was how the game was played. However, making points for the team was exciting for both the players and the supporters. Points were not only made on the gym floor--many players showed what it took to succeed in the classroom as well.



Soccer

The women's soccer team made history this year as they completed their first season as a varsity sport. They finished the season with a 1-12 record, but the team competed closely in most games with several going into overtime. Despite some tough losses, the team managed to finish the season in good spirits. Both players and Coach Jennifer Haralson felt that although their record didn't show it, they had a great season. Junior Carrie Knapp was named to the all-conference team. This was a year for building and growing, but look out for the Lady Vikings in 1997!



Bravely taking on her opponent, Amy Carlson fights for possession of the ball.

Scoreboard

Dana	Opponent	
1	York	3
2	Northwestern	1
2	York	4
1	Concordia	4
2	Doane	4
2	Northwestern	4
0	Bellevue	5
1	Hastings	4
2	Doane	5
0	Hastings	4
0	Nebraska Wesleyan	14
1	Concordia	3
0	Nebraska Wesleyan	33



After a swift kick by Elaine Rivard, Carrie Knapp prepares to defend.

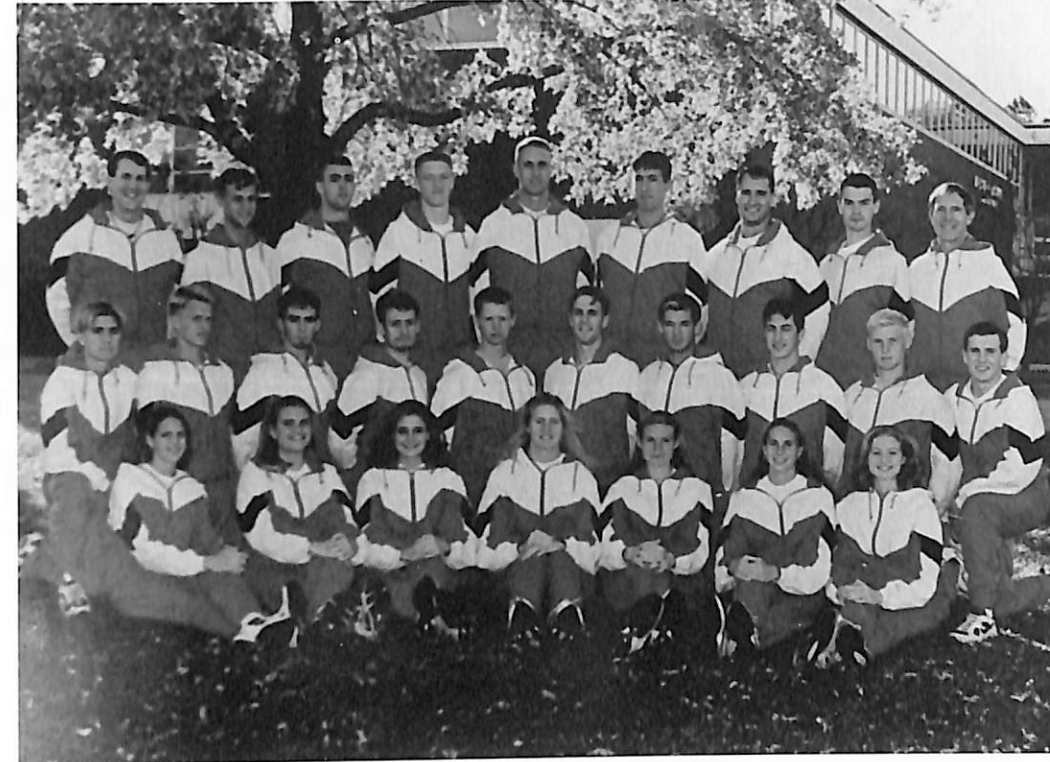


Rachel Herman demonstrates perfect form.



Front: Elaine Rivard, Michelle Spiegel, Joy Pudenz, Chris Moberg, Carrie Knapp, Sandra Jedlicka, Melanie Scurlock. Back: Alison Shults, Emily Nessen, Nicole Parrack, Rachel Herman, Coach Jennifer Haralson, Amy Carlson, Janelle Kahl, Annette Quandt.

Cross Country



Front: Razy Sparacino, Amy Carlson, Mandy Buttry, Anna Hovde, Emily Nessen, Angie Sparacino, Jennifer Williams. Middle: Evan Bees, Bob Spangler, Ken Nikolas, Neal Smith, John Henningsen, Ryan Jacobsen, Ben Sandy, Matt Poulter, Chad Grosse, Scott Stanley. Back: Coach Nathan Wigdahl, Dan Formo, Scott Heiss, Jeremy Havekost, Jason Brindle, Matt Cox, Lars Jensen, Coach Jay Birmingham.

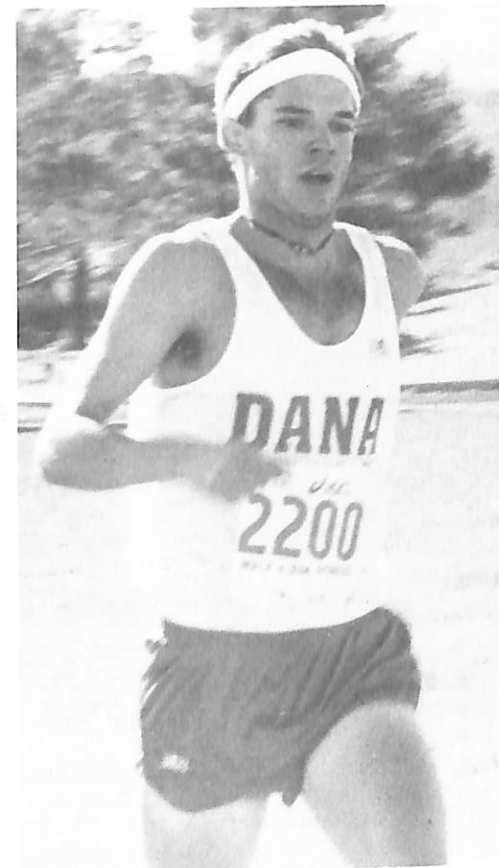
During the '96 season the cross country team gained the respect and recognition it deserved. Under coaches Jay Birmingham and Nathan Wigdahl, both the women's and men's teams created a centergism of energy that helped them achieve success.

Seven women competed this year and the team finished fourth at the NIAC conference meet. The men's team had 16 runners who all contributed to a first place finish in the NIAC conference meet and fourth place finish at the NAA National Championships in Kenosha, Wis.

Throughout the season Anna Hovde and Angie Sparacino led the women's team while Ben Sandy and Chad Grosse led the men to victory. Both teams competed at the Minnesota Invitational in St. Paul, Minn. The women's team finished 25th and the men's team took fourth as Sandy and Grosse placed in the top 25.

Sandy was named an All-American and an Academic All-American. Hovde also earned Academic All-American honors. Sandy and Grosse were named to the all-conference team. Coach Birmingham was honored as the National Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Through hard work, time, and dedication, the cross country team rose to a higher level of performance. Realizing that this year was time to "Dare and Endure," they reached their goals and aspire to improve next year.



Determination is written all over Ben Sandy's face as he runs toward the finish.



Razy Sparacino gives 100% effort as she competes.



Jason Brindle in action.

Football

Volleyball

The '96 football campaign was filled with ups and downs. Expectations were high with 17 returning starters, but after dropping four of the first five games by an average of six points, the season looked dim. However, Coach Jim Kreuger and his staff turned the troops around by winning their next three games after a 1-4 start. The team had a small chance of winning a share of the conference title, but lost their final game to Hastings to finish 4-5 overall and 3-3 in NIAC play.

One strength of the team was the defense. All-American Will Collins led the NIAC in tackles and was named the conference's number one player. Joining him on the all-conference first-team were Ben Tams, Jeff Jones, and Derrick Weyand. Justin Smith, John Olson, Jeremy Jones, and Darren Osbahr were named to second-team. Achieving honorable mention were Bret Erixon, R.J. Gall and Marshall Smith.

With another completed season under their belts, this young team looks to be a tough foe in the future.



A Viking blocker leads the way for quarterback Bryan Soukup as he carries the ball.

Scoreboard

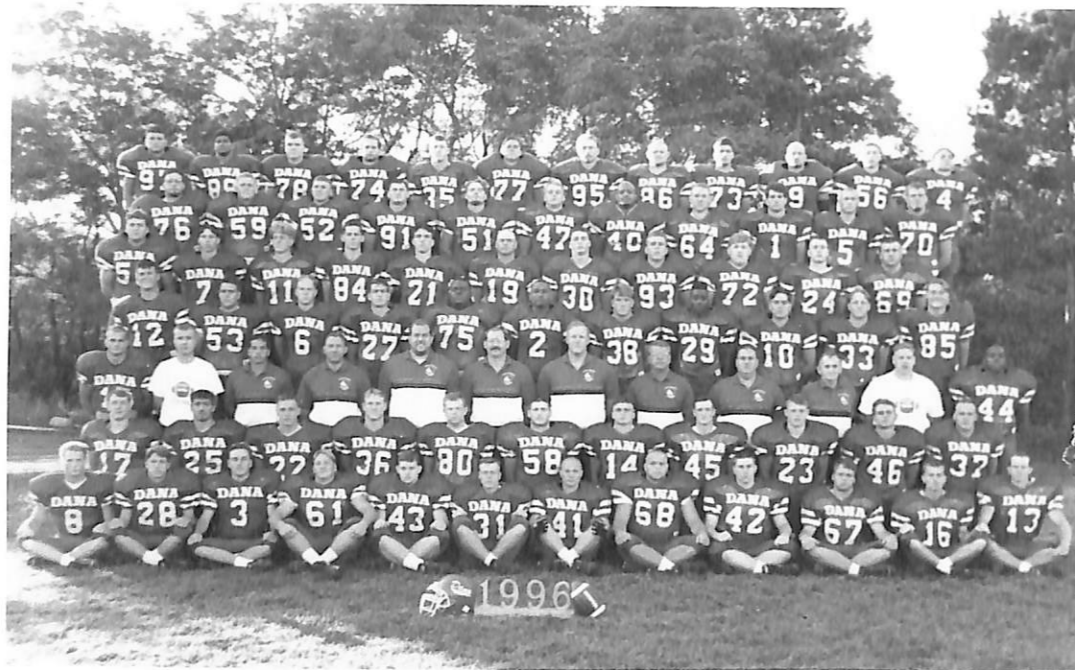
Dana	Opponent	
28	Dakota Wesleyan SD	41
10	Peru State	17
13	Northwestern IA	19
19	Buena Vista IA	13
19	Midland	20
13	Doane	11
23	Nebraska Wesleyan	11
40	Concordia	20
14	Hastings	23



Ready, set, hike! The offensive line is ready for action.



With a touchdown in mind and football in hand, Chad Hansen runs upfield.



Front: Z. Carle, J. Shafer, S. McClurkin, J. Barta, J. Phillips, D. Jones, S. Crouch, T. Weers, T. Hansen, B. Jones, M. Smith, D. Weyand. Second: J. Krominga, B. Eichelberger, M. Smith, T. Wood, T. Davison, B. Stevens, C. Hackett, J. Dannelly, S. Heimes, K. Kumm, G. Dose. Third: B. Soukup, Student Manager R. Ronk, Coach C. Stern, Coach R. Korbelik, Coach B. Williams, Coach J. Krueger, Coach N. Hill, Coach L. Brown, Coach D. Bengier, Coach J. Simpson, Student Manager D. Henneman, C. Harvey. Fourth: M. Babbitt, K. Swanson, R. Kuhl, D. Wheeler, T. Peterson, B. Perry, C. Kunch, W. Hardin, J. Smith, B. Tams, R. Gall. Fifth: M. Smith, K. Tupa, M. Knudsen, B. Jensen, J. Mitchell, J. Nelsen, C. Hansen, C. Drees, M. Rader, M. Kern, R. Wheeler. Sixth: M. Fulton, D. Osbahr, J. Sanders, J. Jones, G. Parde, L. Sorensen, W. Collins, E. Parrack, J. Morris, B. Schofield, R. Camden. Back: J. Jones, J. Carter, K. Ronnenkamp, P. Gardner, J. Rosterman, C. Kellner, S. Morris, T. Eitzmann, C. Franzen, J. Olson, B. Erixon, P. Morris.



Front: Andrea Spreen, Kelli Redmond, Misti Fowler, Lisa Decker. Middle: Diane Crawford, Rachel Heitmann, Roni Peterson, Chestnut Pearl, Tara Tiefenthaler. Back: Terra Schmidt, Jodi Hook, Coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong, Susan Weddingfeld, Jennifer Pflingsten, Amber Weber.

The Vikings entered the season with high hopes for success. A new coach, Julie Krofcheck-Strong, took over the program, and the team returned 11 players, including five starters from last year's squad.

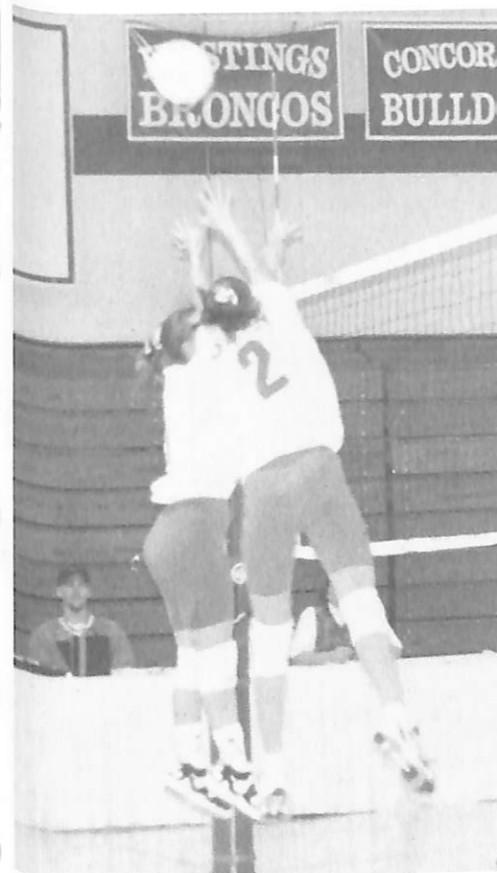
Through a season filled with highs and lows, the team compiled a 12-23 record, and finished sixth in NIAC competition with a 1-11 record. The record, however, was not indicative of the efforts and achievements of the team; they fought hard, played tough, and learned throughout the season.

Seniors Jodi Hook and Diane Crawford and juniors Andrea Spreen and Susan Weddingfeld earned honorable mention conference honors. Senior Chestnut Pearl was selected for second team conference honors. The team voted seniors Taffy Forsen and Jennifer Pflingsten as Most Inspirational Players and chose Pearl as the Most Valuable Player.

Nine players will return for next season, but the five seniors will be missed for their leadership, dedication, commitment, and laughter.

Scoreboard

Dana	Opponent	
3	Grand View IA	2
3	Avila MO	2
0	Bellevue	3
0	Peru State	3
3	Sterling KS	1
1	Peru State	3
1	Sterling KS	3
3	York	1
1	Concordia	3
0	College of St. Mary	3
1	Midland	3
0	Nebraska Wesleyan	3
0	Concordia	2
2	Bethal KS	0
2	Mid-Amer. Naz. KS	0
2	KS Newman	0
2	Sterling KS	1
0	Doane	3
3	York	2
0	Northwestern IA	3
1	Hastings	3
3	St. Mary's MN	0
0	Hastings	3
1	Mt. Marty SD	3
3	Coe IA	1
1	Concordia	3
3	Midland	1
0	Bellevue	3
1	Simpson IA	3
0	Nebraska Wesleyan	3
1	Doane	3
1	Buena Vista IA	3
0	Northwestern IA	3
0	Hastings	3
2	Concordia	3



A tough Viking block once again stops the opponent.



Chalk up yet another kill for Chestnut Pearl.

Women's Basketball

Men's Basketball

The Lady Vikings started their season on the right note by winning the Dana Classic Championship. As the year progressed, however, youth and inexperience made the season a rebuilding year. After 7 wins in 14 games, the team went 1-14, finishing 8-21. Dana did prove to be competitive, though, losing close games to experienced teams and nine games to nationally ranked opponents.

Three Vikings earned honorable mention all-conference honors: Nichol Buenning, Jennifer Dierks, and Kim Wilken. Buenning finished her career as Dana's all-time leading rebounder and second all-time leading scorer.

The experienced gained this year will benefit next year's team, and according to Coach Kris Grappendorf, "The future is bright."

Jennifer Dierks looks for a teammate for the open pass.



Scoreboard

Dana	Opponent	
85	Iowa Wesleyan	75
67	Marycrest IA	60
60	Westmar IA	62
53	Mount Mercy IA	57
59	Graceland IA	75
70	York	54
72	Briar Cliff IA	84
82	Westmar IA	60
71	Peru State	70
63	Mount Marty SD	57
51	Black Hills State SD	77
61	South Dakota Tech	87
62	Grand View IA	71
83	Nebraska Wesleyan	58
70	Hastings	82
53	Midland	58
70	Northwestern IA	71
62	Briar Cliff IA	85
80	York	38
80	Concordia	89
57	Doane	85
69	Nebraska Wesleyan	76
60	Hastings	93
57	Midland	67
71	Northwestern IA	74
69	Peru State	73
60	Doane	74
72	Concordia	74
62	Concordia	73

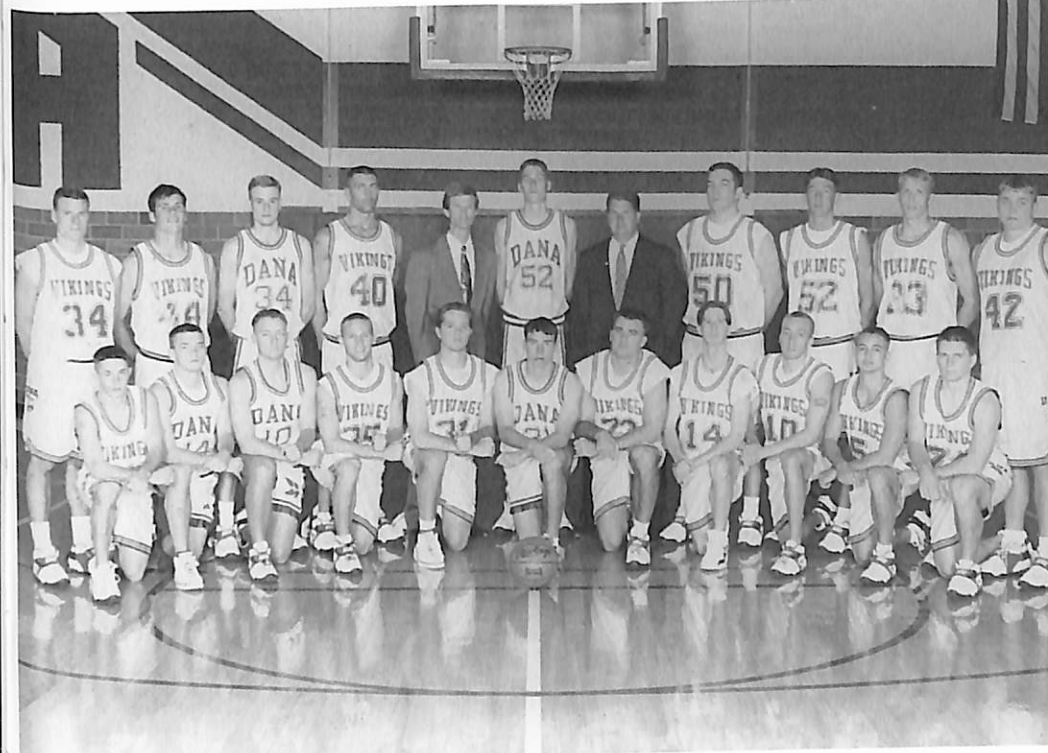


Nichol Buenning leads the fast break down the court.

Sarah Klein demonstrates good dribbling form.



Front: Carrie Knapp, Sarah Klein, Shiloh Veal, Jodi Bradley, Jennifer Gillman, Dawn Taylor. Middle: Kim Wilken, Sidsel Raskmark, Nichol Buenning, Nicole Parrack, Mandy Bassinger. Back: Susan Weddingfeld, Tori Talbitzer, Coach Kris Grappendorf, Coach Katie Corbitt, Elizabeth Snedigar, Jennifer Dierks.



Front: William Stoffel, Brian McGovern, Matthew Oestmann, Bryant Marchese, Chris Cundiff, K.C. Tupa, Nathan Babbitt, Matt Coursey, Bret Marchese, Courtney Lovato, Tyson Bodlak. Back: Richard Hodge, Michael Babbitt, Chris Wulf, Jeff Mulder, Coach Dave Jensen, Greg Sealock, Coach Shaun Brothers, James Walsh, Bryan Behrens, Shawn Fasbender, Reed Mayberry.

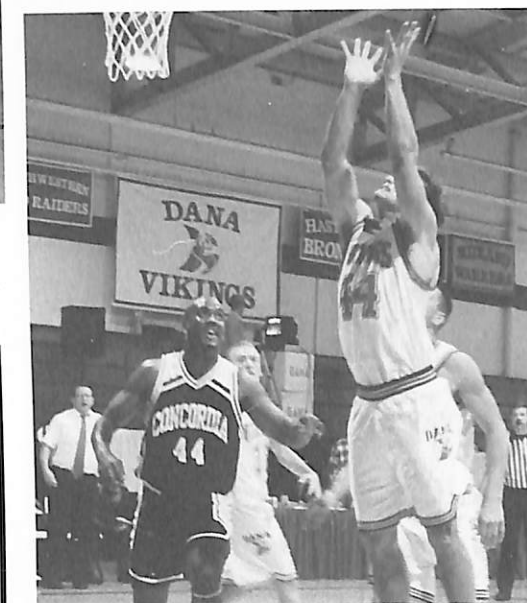
Scoreboard

Dana	Opponent	
59	Sioux Falls SD	86
87	Bellevue	76
91	Concordia-St. Paul SD	69
80	Huron SD	56
86	Grand View IA	79
67	Mount Marty SD	75
84	Bellevue	56
72	Sioux Falls SD	75
70	Buena Vista IA	72
81	Bellevue	78
75	Peru State	77
76	Morningside IA	107
79	Huron SD	58
62	Dakota Wesleyan SD	65
67	Embry-Riddle FL	80
85	Berea KY	94
83	Nebraska Wesleyan	88
83	Midland	96
83	Briar Cliff IA	81
73	Hastings	85
104	Doane	78
83	Northwestern	87
75	Concordia	64
70	Nebraska Wesleyan	87
94	Grand View IA	81
93	Midland	91
89	Northwestern IA	98
83	Briar Cliff IA	86
73	Hastings	91
62	Doane	80
88	Concordia	98
99	Concordia	101

The Vikings finished the season 12-20, but even though the team didn't win as many games as expected, Coach Dave Jensen and senior Nathan Babbitt agreed it was one of the most fun seasons they've had. Jensen said having a group of very coachable players made his season enjoyable. Babbitt said playing with his brother and scoring his 2,000th point were highlights for him.

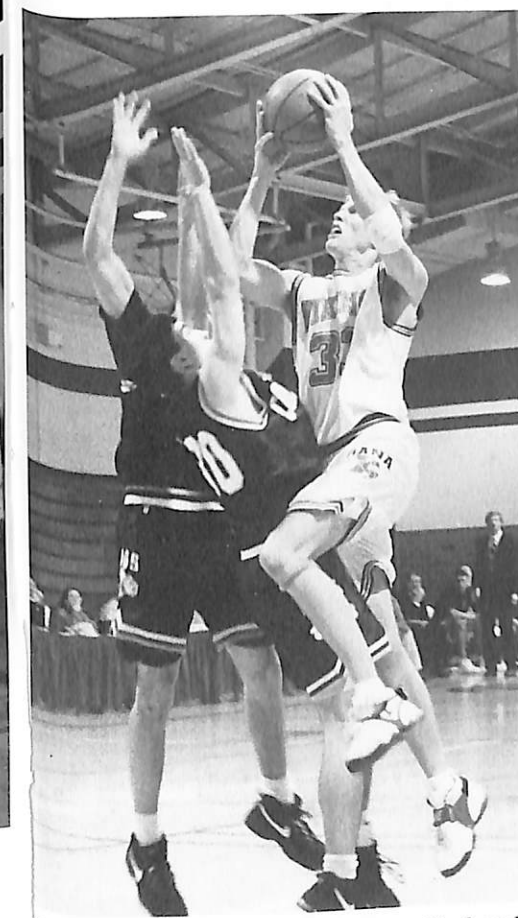
The Vikings were a competitive team, though, losing many close games. Team highlights included winning the Dana Invite, beating Concordia in Seward, and the victory over Doane.

Named to one of the all-conference teams were Shawn Fasbender, Nathan Babbitt and Michael Babbitt. Fasbender and Nathan Babbitt were also honorable mention all-Americans.



Michael Babbitt stretches for the rebound.

Grabbing the ball with authority is Nathan Babbitt.



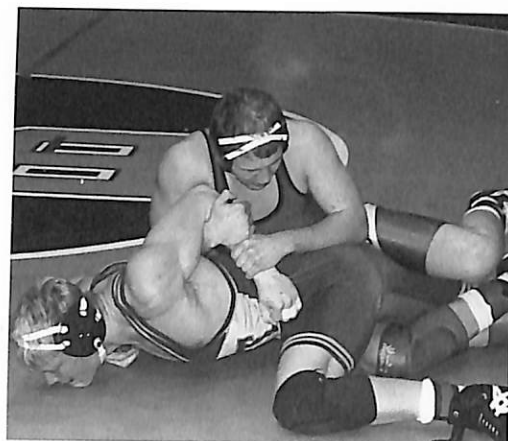
Even two defenders can't stop Shawn Fasbender from taking it to the hoop.



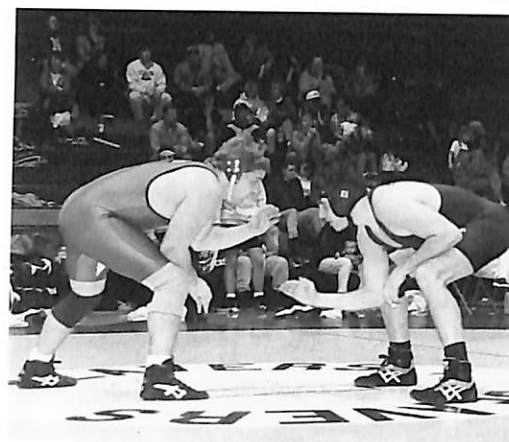
Wrestling

Seven wrestlers advanced to the NAIA National Championships in Jamestown, S.D. Representing Dana were Chad Greguras, Jeremy Rine, Steven Jenny, Shawn Isaacs, Andy Hensley, Justin Smith, and Mike Bisig. Ryan Barrett also qualified but was unable to compete due to injury. Hensley went 3-1 at the championships to claim second place. He earned All-American honors and finished his career at Dana with over 100 wins. Jenny brought home 7th place.

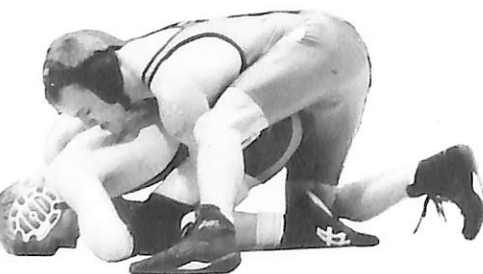
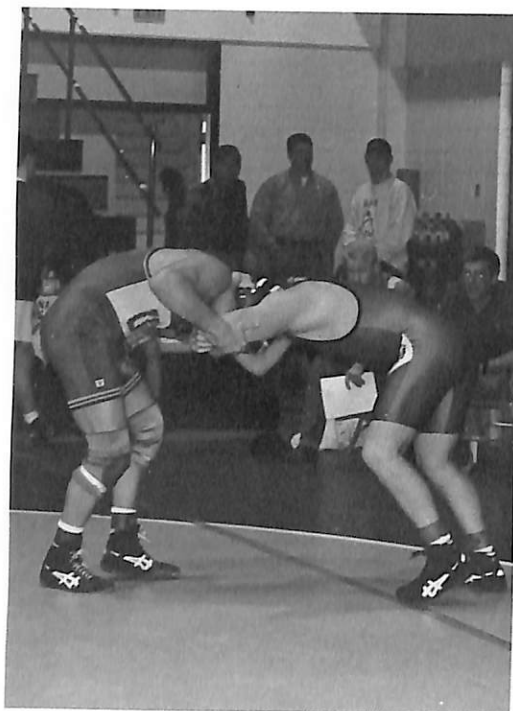
The team, under Coach Ron Beaman, finished the year 3-6 in duals and in 14th place at nationals.



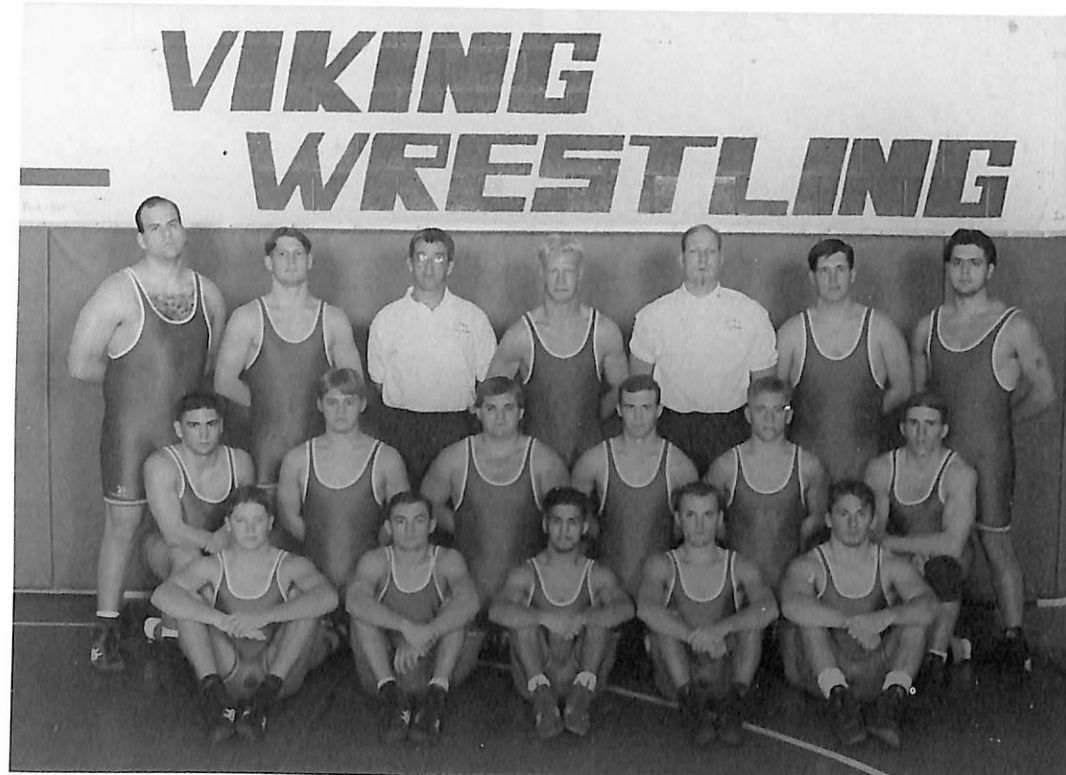
Ben Thompson looks like he's got control of his opponent.
Nathan Cone prepares to take down his opponent.



Scoreboard		
Dana	Opponent	
20	Northwestern IA	33
15	Dakota Wesleyan	29
12	Westmar IA	33
19	Westmar IA	25
31	Wis. River Falls	16
34	St. Thomas MN	14
56	Carleton MN	0
6	St. John MN	41
16	Northwestern IA	29



A Viking wrestler goes head-to-head with his opponent.
Chad Greguras goes for the pin.



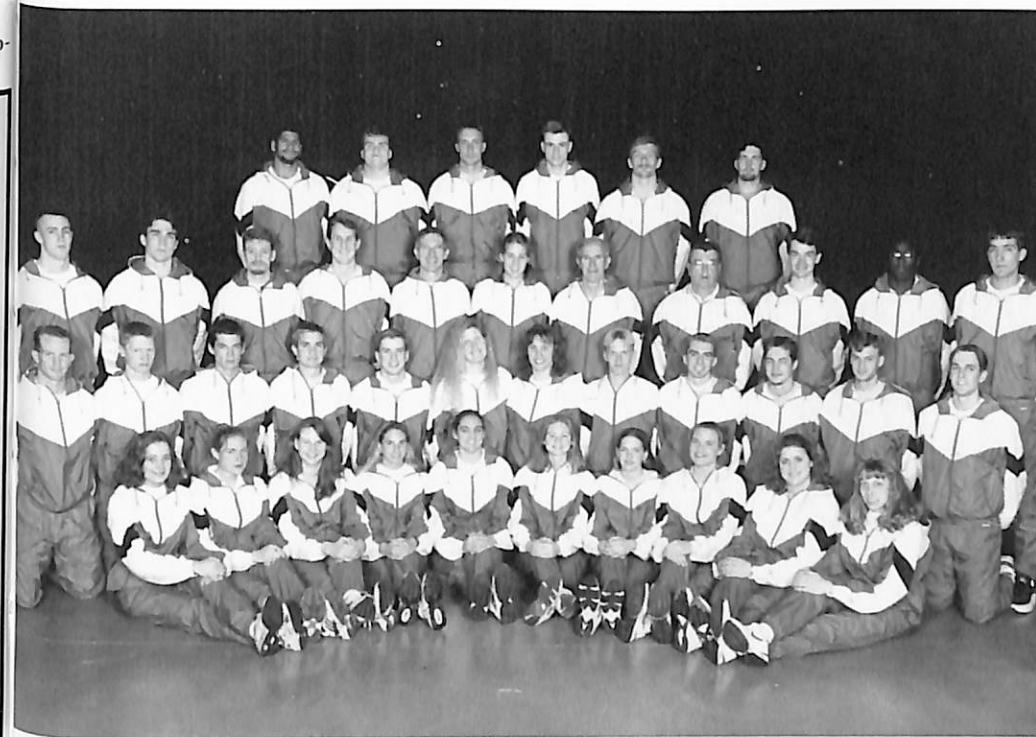
Front: Jeff Hume, Jeremy Rine, James Gutierrez, Chad Greguras, Shawn Isaacs. Middle: Darold Foster, Clint Fichter, Nathan Cone, Josh Jaeger, Steven Jenny, Justin Smith. Back: Michael Bisig, Andy Hensley, Coach Ron Beaman, Ryan Barrett, Coach Jason Branigan, Ben Lefeber, Dennis Bacon. Not pictured: Ben Thompson.

Track

A talented squad of 36 athletes competed in a record breaking year for the Vikings. The team broke 36 indoor records, and nine athletes competed at indoor nationals in Lincoln. The team continued its success during the outdoor season, setting 32 records.

Highlights included a men's third place finish at the NIAC championships. Three Vikings earned event titles at the meet: Max Grady won the 1500, Andrea Spreen won the javelin throw, and Ben Sandy won the 5000 and 10,000 meter runs.

Eleven Vikings qualified for the NAIA National Meet in Georgia: Grady, Spreen, Sandy, Jason Mitchell, Will Hardin, Lynette Riemersma, Bob Spangler, Amanda Buttry, Anna Hovde, and Angie Sparacino. Results of the national meet were unavailable at time of publication.



Front: Mandy Buttry, Emily Nessen, Andrea Spreen, Angie Sparacino, Sarah Klein, Jennifer Williams, Razy Sparacino, Amy Carlson, Deena Knapp, Amber Weber. Second: Derrick Weyand, John Henningsen, Ben Sandy, Evan Bees, Scott Stanley, Anna Hovde, Lynette Riemersma, Bob Spangler, Ken Nikolas, Matt Poulter, Dan Formo, Ryan Jacobsen. Third: Scott Heiss, Jason Mitchell, Neal Smith, Coach Nathan Wigdahl, Coach Jay Birmingham, Nichol Buenning, Coach Dan Travaille, Coach Larry Brown, Lars Jensen, William Hardin, Jason Brindle. Back: Joel Carter, Kevin Ronnenkamp, Max Grady, Chris Wulf, Shane Morris, Cody Franzen.



Clearing the high jump bar with ease is Chris Wulf.



Matt Poulter leaps over the water while competing in the steeplechase.



Kevin Ronnenkamp puts every ounce of effort into the shot put.
Sarah Klein runs hard for the finish.

This young softball squad was on a mission to play above and beyond pre-season expectations. They finished the year 19-19, falling one win short of advancing to regionals.

The team had a rocky start, losing to many ranked teams. Then they suffered a devastating blow when Melinda Almand and Rachel Carter were lost to injuries. Almand's return helped to spark Dana's conference run and put the team on a winning track. Highlights included sweeping Hastings and finishing second in the conference with a 14-4 record.

Senior Heather Kelley said, "I ended my career with a positive feeling. We had a fun and successful season."

Players named to the all-conference team included: Almand and Jennifer Schneider, first team; Lisa Cady, Lisa Shefland, Tara Furstenu, Jessi Thomsen, and Heather Kelley, second team; Taffy Forsen and Amy Klusmeier, honorable mention.

Softball



During a close play at the bag, Taffy Forsen slides safely into third.

Scoreboard

Team	Scores
NW Missouri State	1-4, 6-5
College of St. Mary	0-4, 2-7
Morningside IA	0-9, 9-13
Phillips KS	2-4, 2-0
St. Mary's TX	0-17, 2-4
Northwood TX	4-3
SE Oklahoma State	3-5
Hastings	2-1, 12-2
Morningside IA	0-5, 1-6
Nebraska Wesleyan	5-3, 2-0
Doane	3-2
Concordia	10-6
Midland	6-5
Hastings	4-3
Northwestern IA	3-13
Nebraska Wesleyan	8-0
Northwestern IA	4-5, 5-13
Concordia	3-8, 11-5
Doane	2-1, 5-3
Midland	7-1, 13-7
UNO	1-9, 1-11
Nebraska Wesleyan	8-0
Hastings	10-9
Northwestern IA	0-3
Concordia	3-6



Front: Heather Kelley, Keri Hall, Lisa Shefland, Chris Moberg. Middle: Tara Furstenu, Jennifer Schneider, Melinda Almand, Sara Duff, Jesse Thomsen, Amy Klusmeier. Back: Rachel Carter, Lisa Cady, Coach Kelly Prokupek, Taffy Forsen, Melanie Mowinkel.



Demonstrating the perfect batting stance, Amy Klusmeier takes aim a pitch.

Baseball

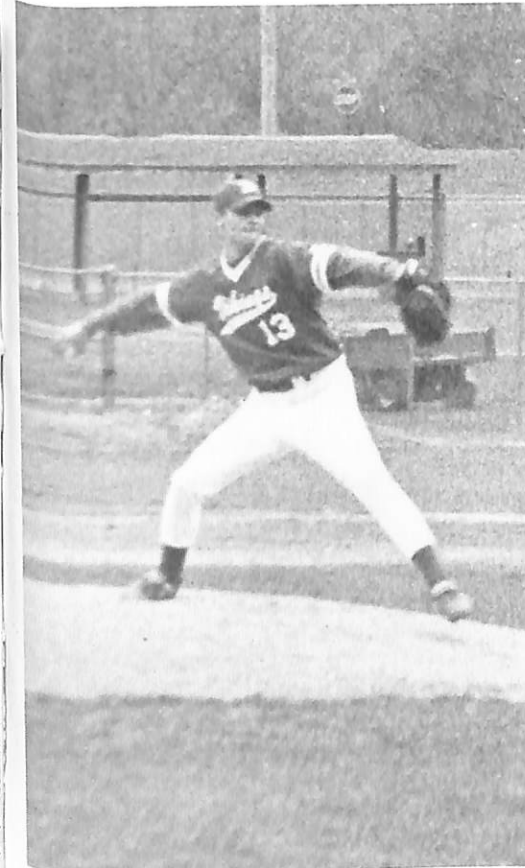
In a season full of postponed and cancelled games due to weather, the baseball team fell just short of a trip to regionals. A strong run at the conference tourney resulted in two championship games against Midland, but a second place finish. The team ended the year with a 22-23 record.

Senior Chris Chance said the season had ups and downs, but the team gave its best effort toward the conference championship. Senior Matt Lewis said this season was the most fun because the players "were the greatest bunch of guys to play with."

Five players made the all-conference first team: Shawn Fasbender, Mike Gerson, Lee Heimes, Jacob White, and Corey Johnson. John Chandler, Rich Martell, and Sam Brueklender were named to the honorable mention team.



Front: Rich Martell, Chris Togneri, Brad Moorhous, Bobby Howell, Greg Kellogg, Marty Santoni, Kevin Kern, Matt Lewis, K.C. Tupa, Ryan Boozikee. Middle: Justin Dutcher, Clint Williams, Lee Heimes, Brian Ferguson, Ryan Enright, Mike Gerson, Jeremy Stuecklin, Chris Chance, Corey Johnson, Sam Brueklender. Back: Coach Paul Davis, John Chandler, Matt Kern, Larry Dant, Shawn Fasbender, Craig Wetterberg, Jacob White, Tony Eitzmann, Scott Heimes, Assistant Coach Randy Fezell.



Pitcher Craig Wetterberg fires a strike toward the plate.

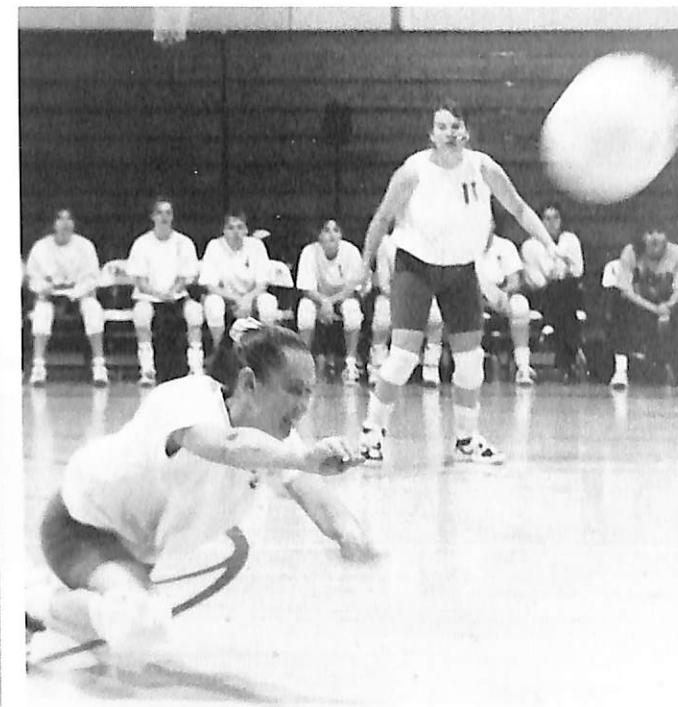
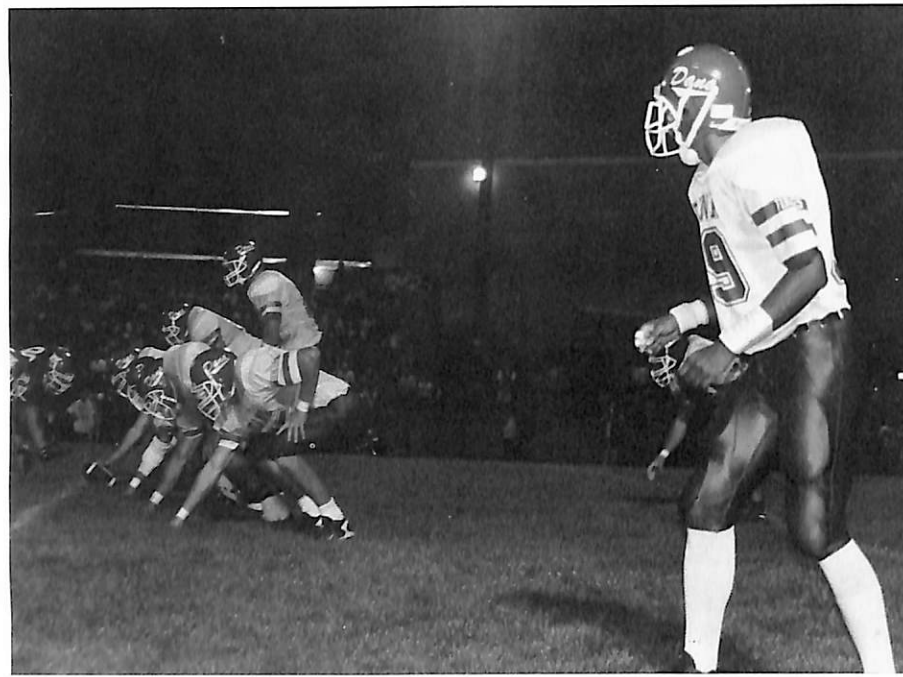
Scoreboard

Team	Scores
Bethany KS	2-8
Tabor KS	20-5, 17-8
Friends KS	9-7, 8-4
Hastings	3-5, 1-11
Hastings	8-4, 5-0
Wayne State	6-18
Ottawa KS	9-10, 5-15
Rockhurst	3-7, 3-4
Oklahoma Baptist	10-13
Oklahoma City	5-9
Oklahoma Christian	2-11
NW Oklahoma State	10-7
Kansas Wesleyan	13-1, 13-0
Northwestern IA	9-7, 12-0
Creighton	6-12
Doane	4-10
Northwestern IA	1-6, 13-14
Nebraska Wesleyan	9-7, 8-17
Briar Cliff	3-9, 7-8
Bellevue	1-5
Midland	8-3, 3-4
Midland	3-8, 15-5
Peru State	8-7
Concordia	11-1, 6-0
Doane	11-8, 7-3
Hastings	16-12
Midland	2-6
Hastings	11-10
Midland	6-4, 10-14



Lee Heimes rounds third on his way to home plate.

Marty Santoni takes his stance and awaits the pitch.



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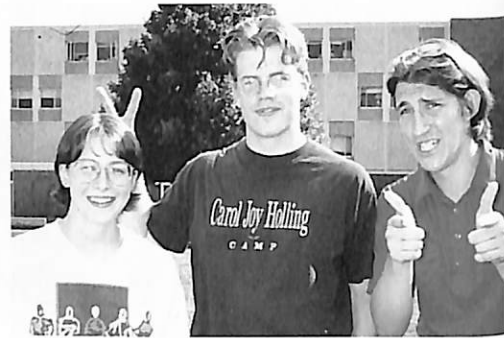
Each face brings its own individual dreams, joys, sorrows, and fears to this campus. As a campus we share in each other's lives, Through our sharing we create many new friendships and strengthen the old friendships we have formed over the years together. Take time to remember the jokes, games, pranking, countless nights of card playing, watching movies, and stories that have affected your life.

As you step out into the world let these pages be a reminder of the friendships you have made and those individuals who have made an impact in your life and your dreams. Always take the friendships you have with you and dare to dream the impossible dreams.



ORIENTATION

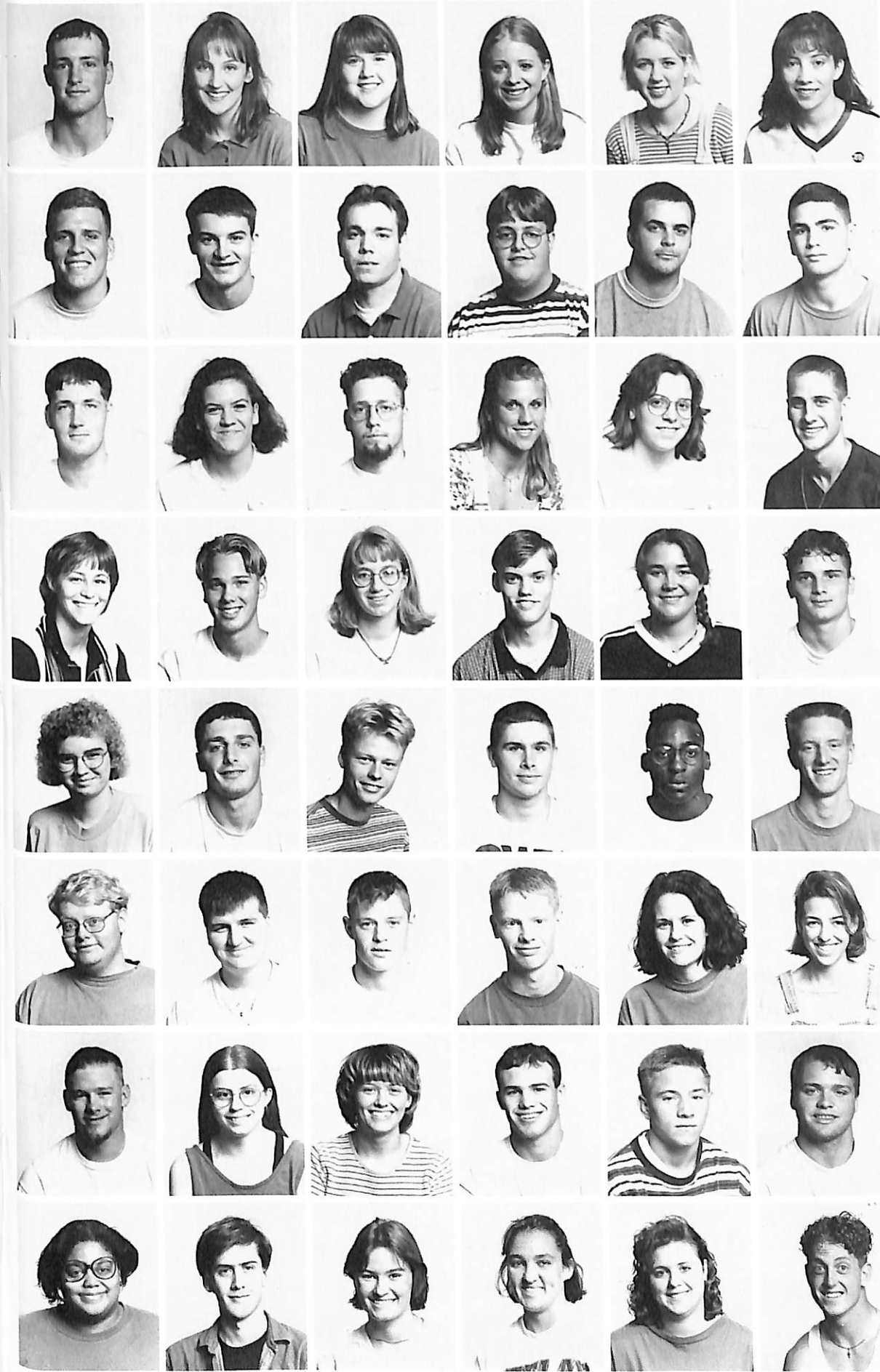
Freshmen Allison Ruhde, Matthew Kutzli, and Jake Adolphson try to look prepared for the "Journey into the Viking Jungle!!!"



Michael Stevens and America McCune get close during the Orientation Olympics.

Orientation Leaders: Front: Lindsay Bruning, Sandy Paasch, Jennifer Moores, Jennifer Zahnaw, Becca Plowman, Deneen Schriver, Michelle France, Hannah Whalen, Rachel Lochner. Middle: Sandi Frey, Nikki Kinsey, Angie Bentjen, Kristel Conrad, Mark Witt, Nicole Havens, Kristin Baumann, Betsie Walles, Kerry Miller. Back: Bob Spangler, Mandy Buttry, Sonny Larsen, Chris Billesbach, Laura Hiebenthal, Soren Schmidt, Lynette Riemersma, Brian Frahm.

Freshmen



Justin Dannelly
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Sara Digre
Melissa Dolezal
Linsey Donnelly
Kristine Dozler

Cory Drees
Justin Dutcher
Robby Egan
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Ryan Fisher
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Cody Franzen
Shelley Frink
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Rachel Hospodka

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Brian Jones

Ledora Jones
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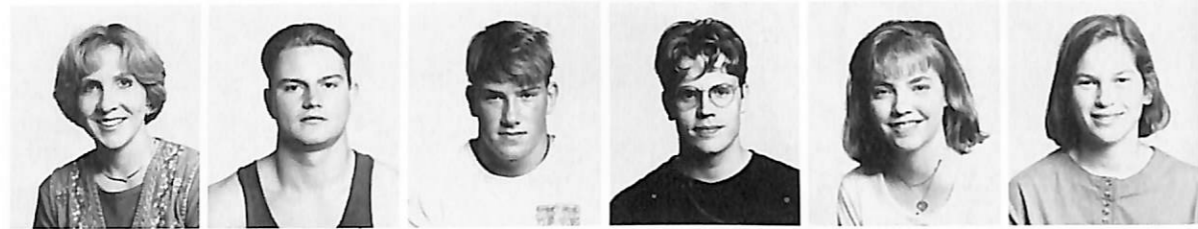
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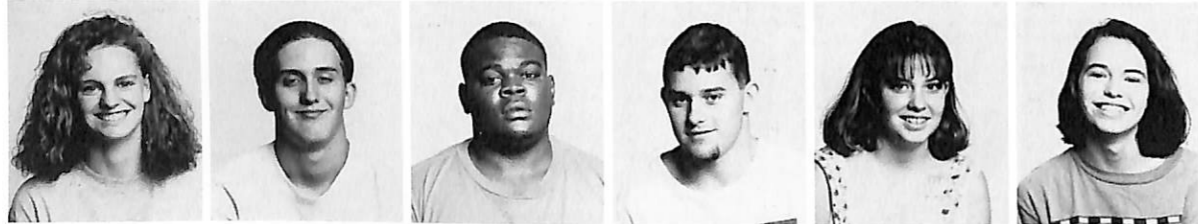
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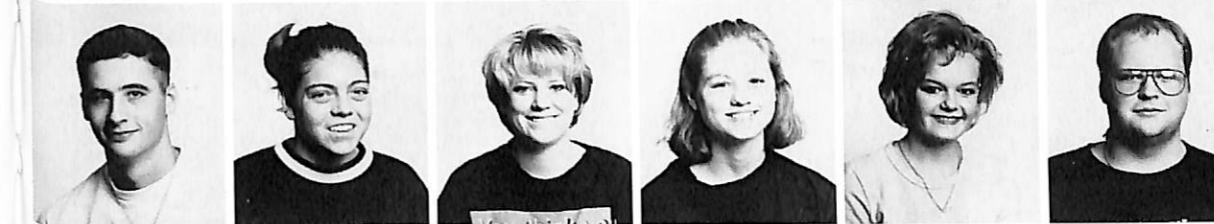
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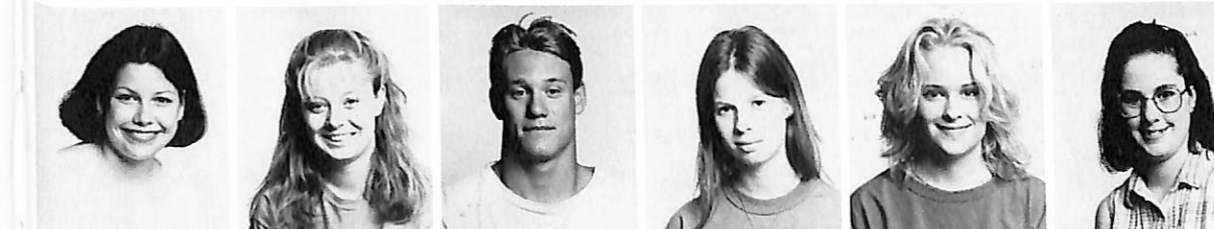
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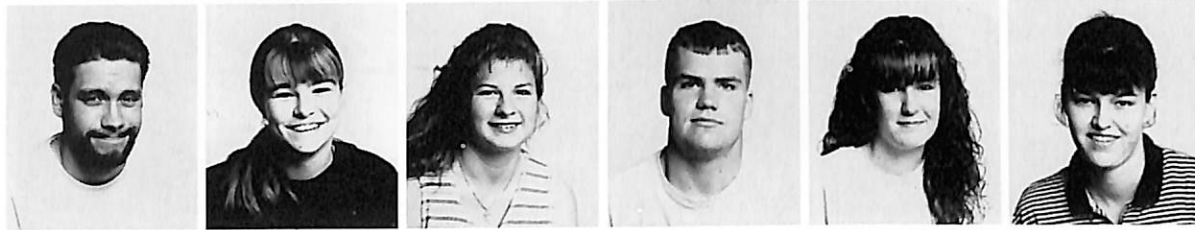


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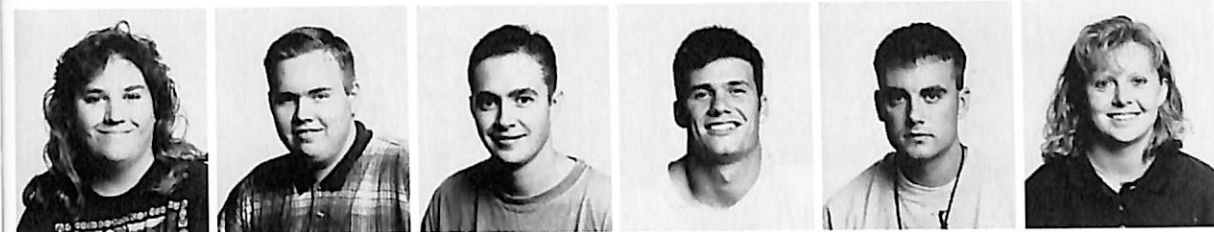
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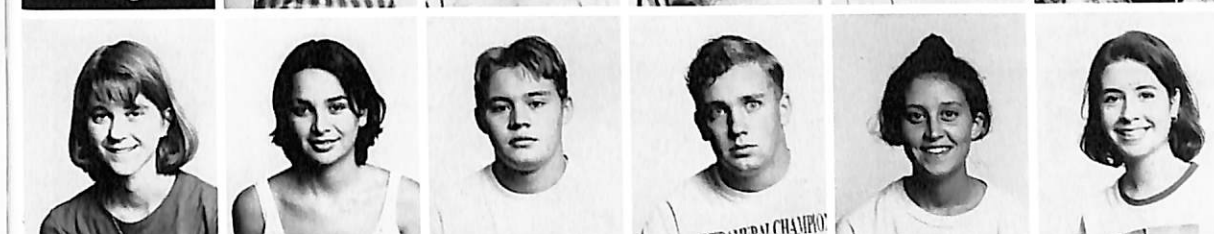
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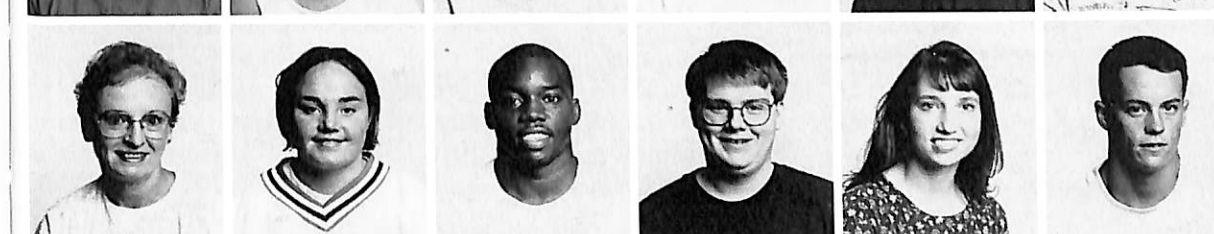
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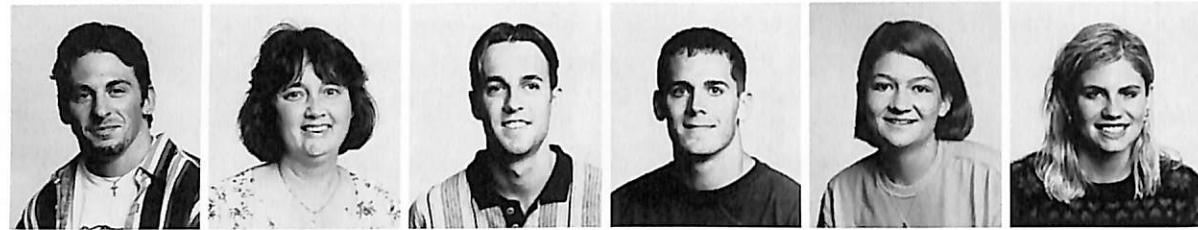


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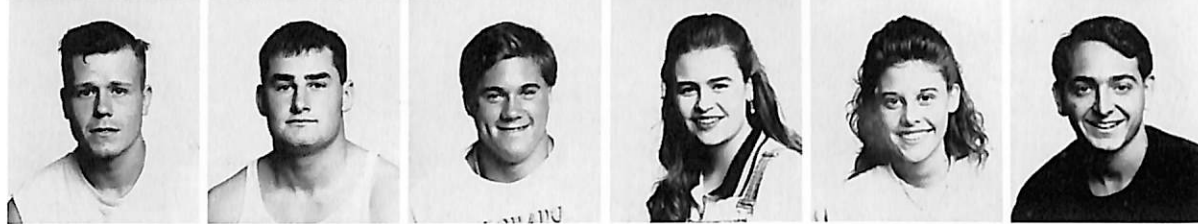


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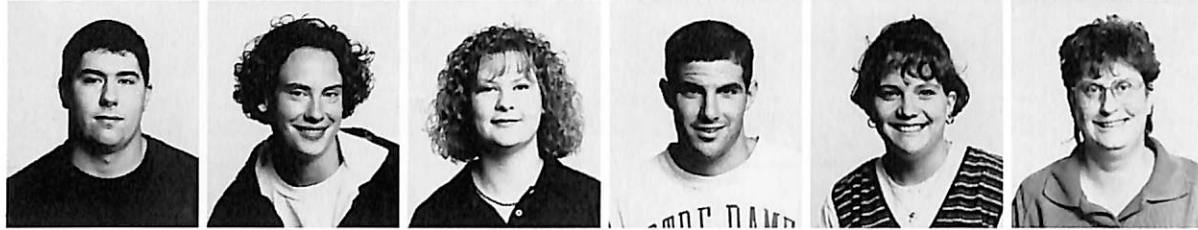
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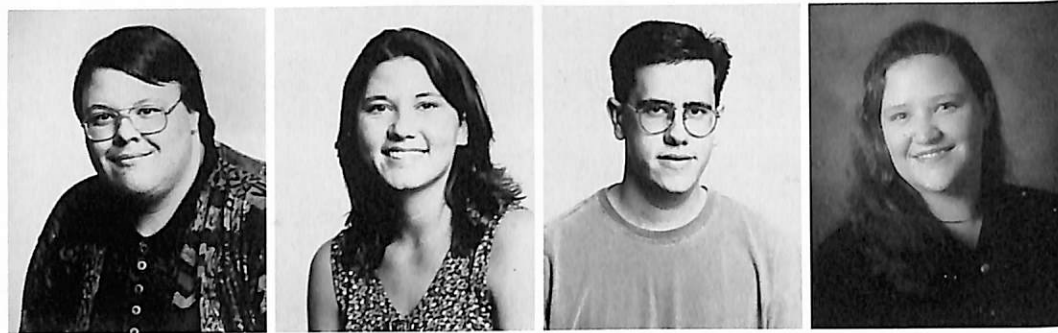


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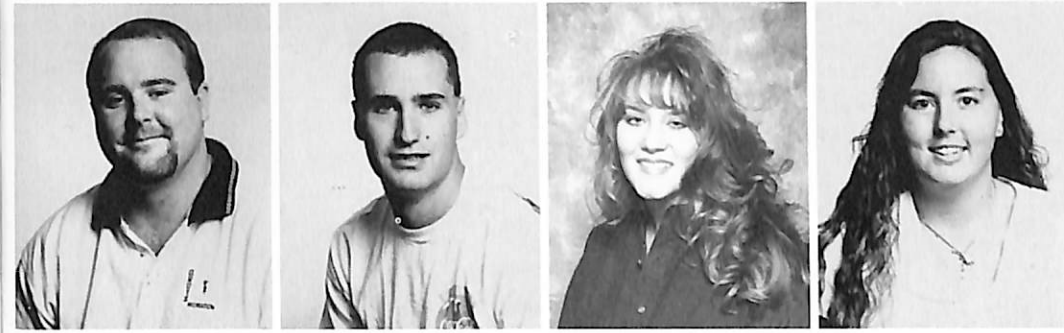
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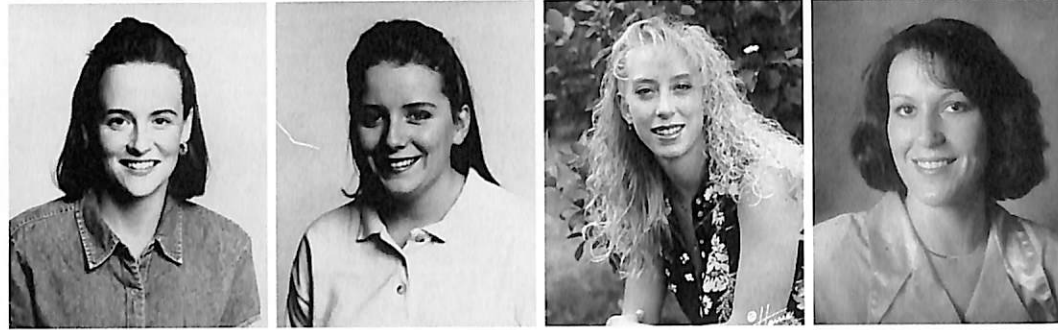
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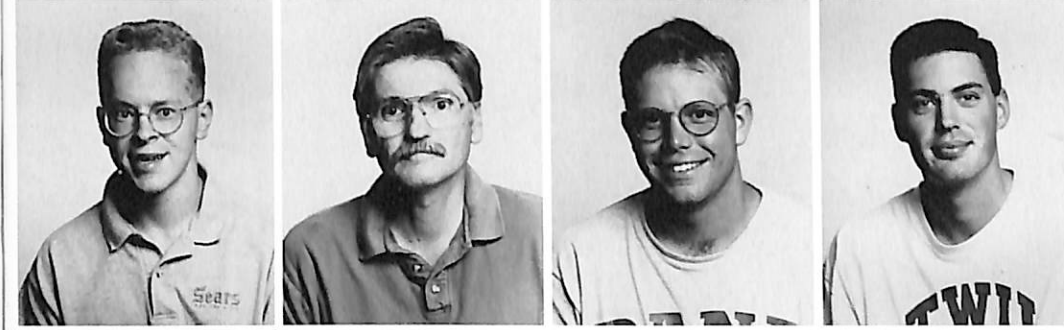
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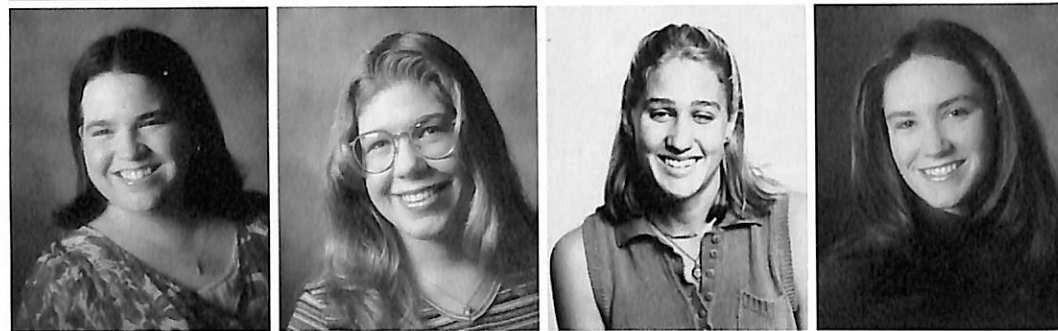
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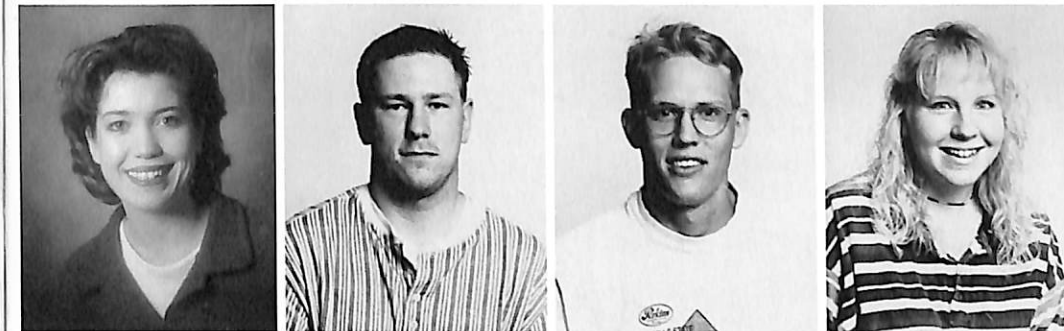
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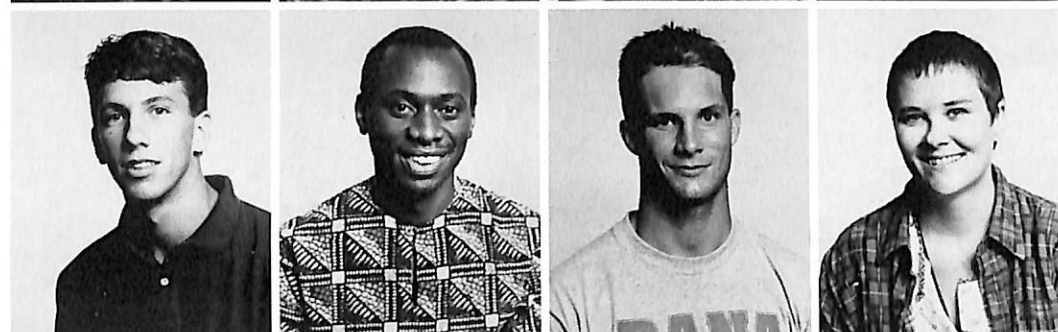
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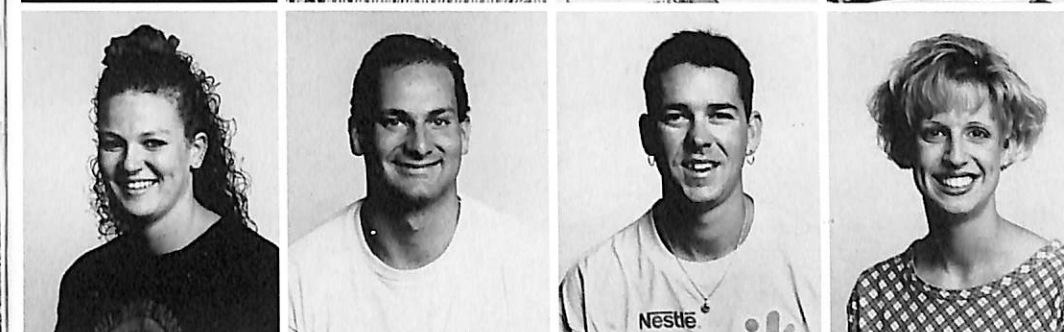
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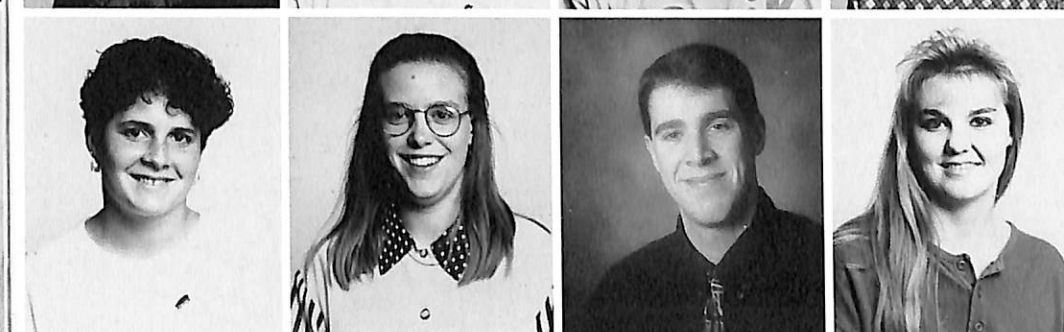
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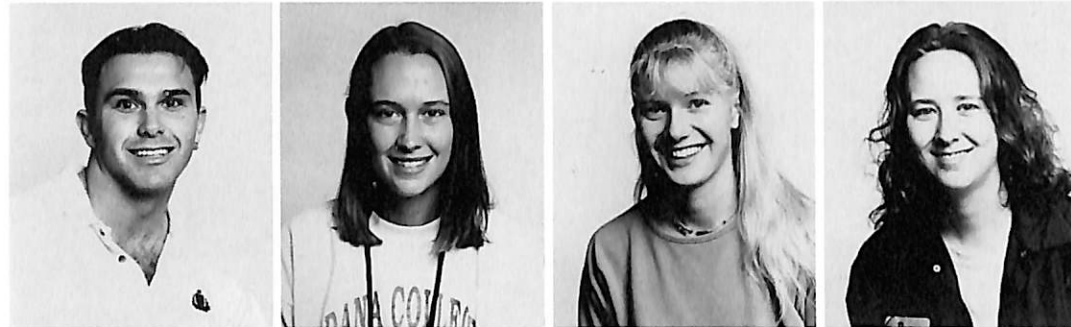
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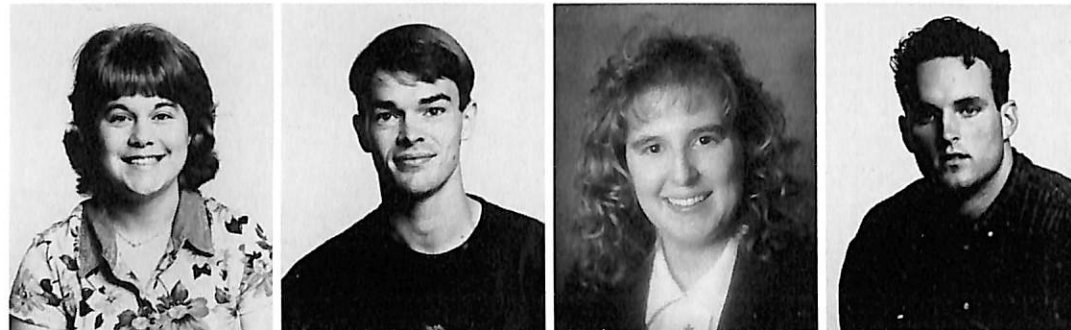
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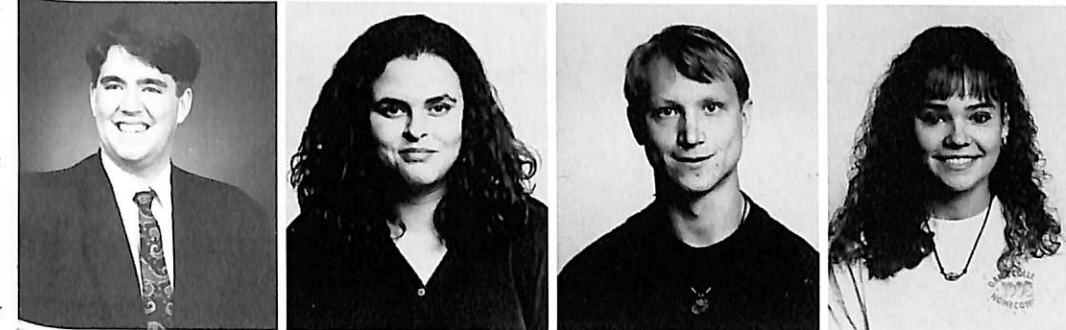
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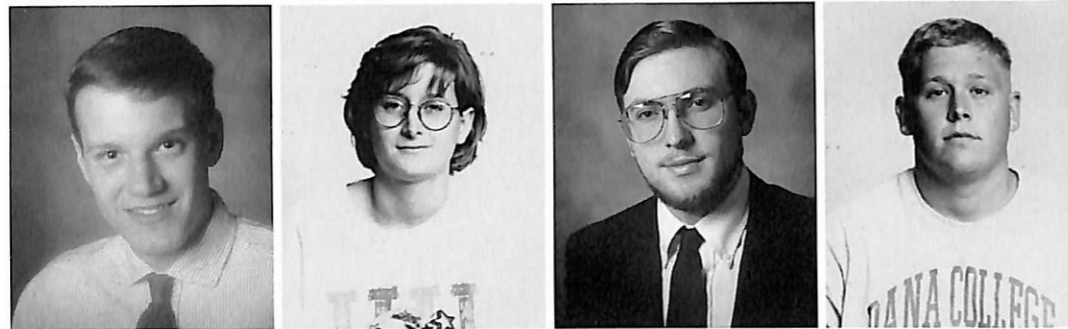
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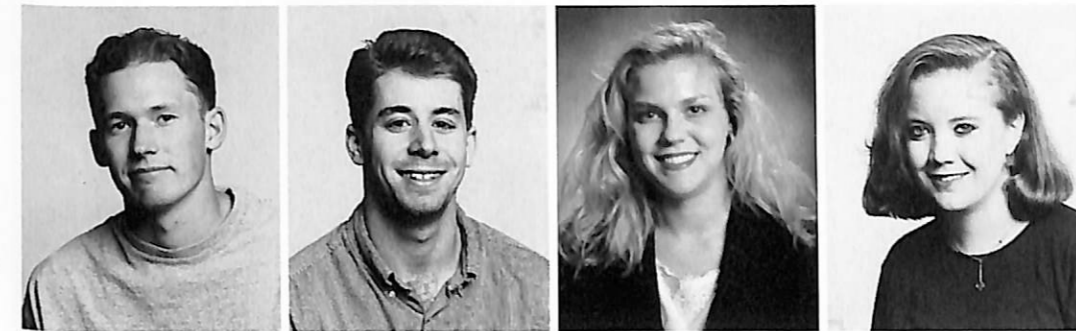
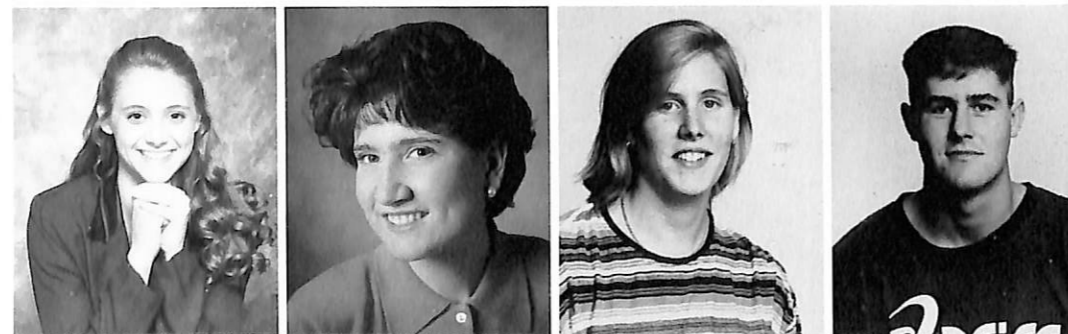
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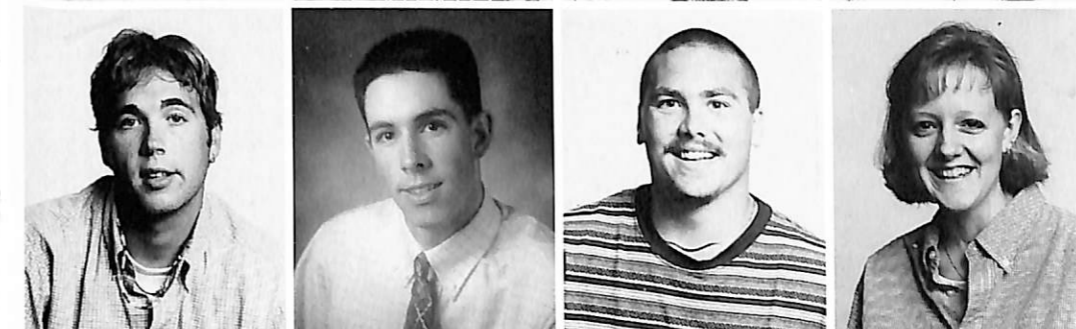
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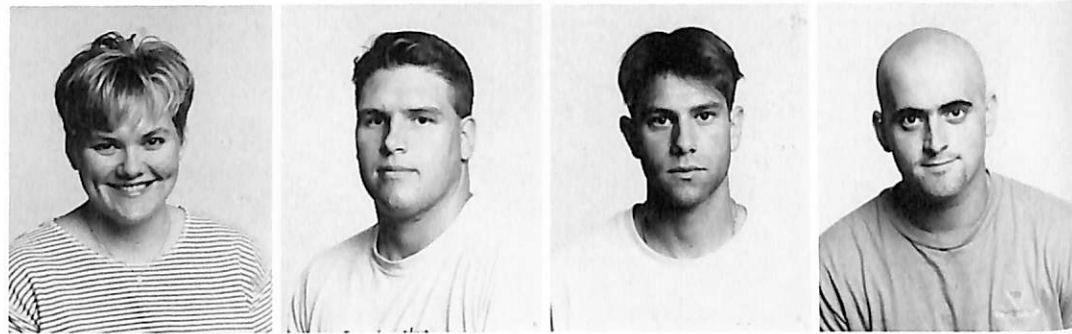


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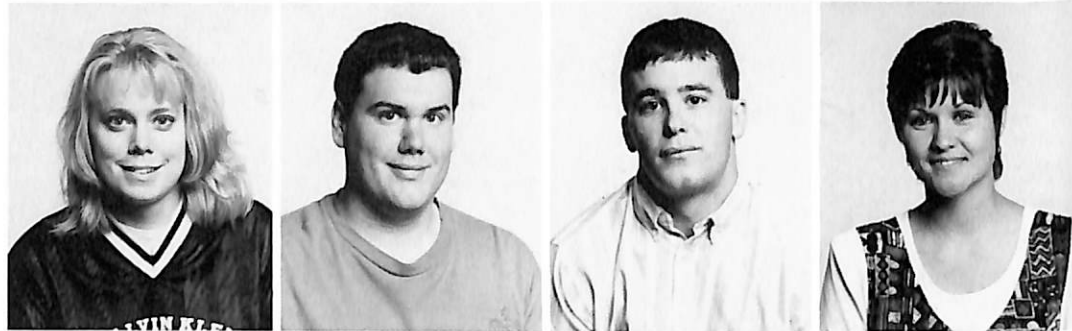


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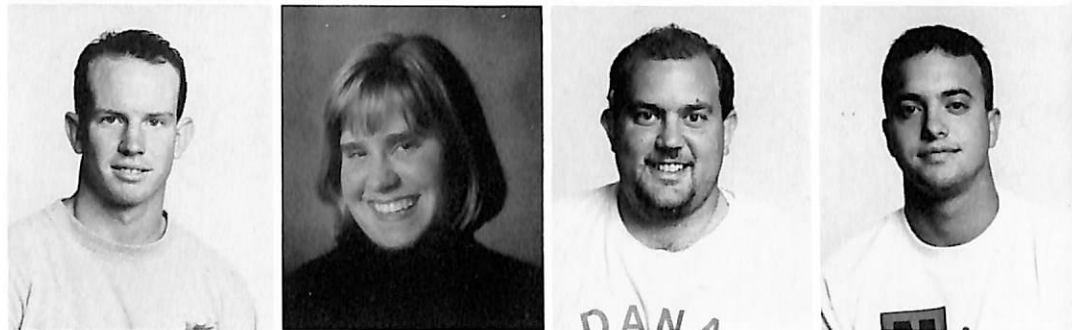
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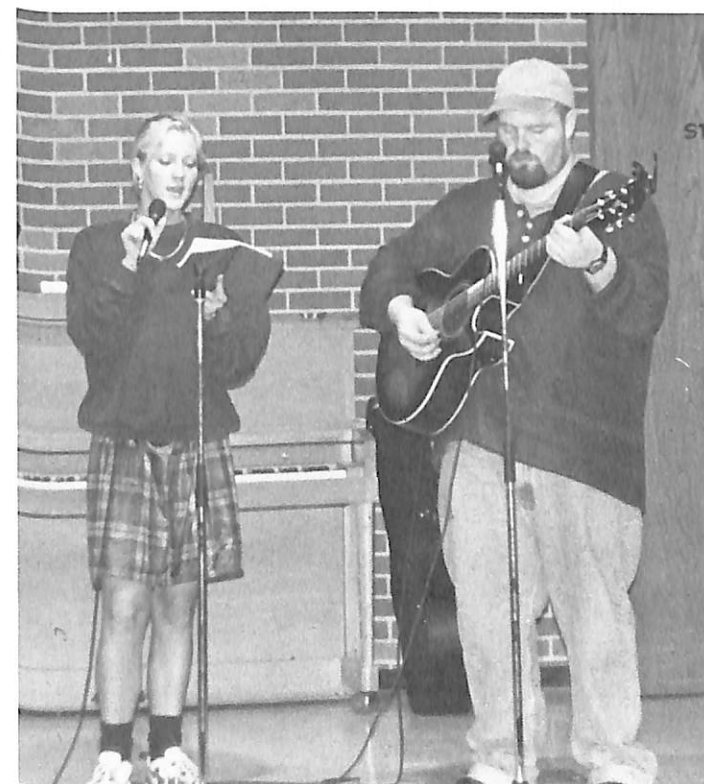
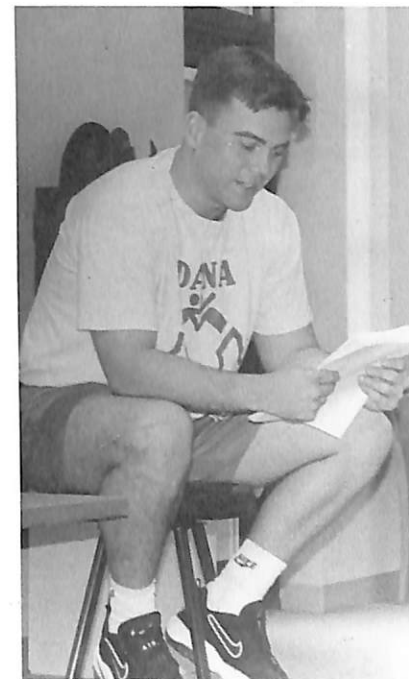
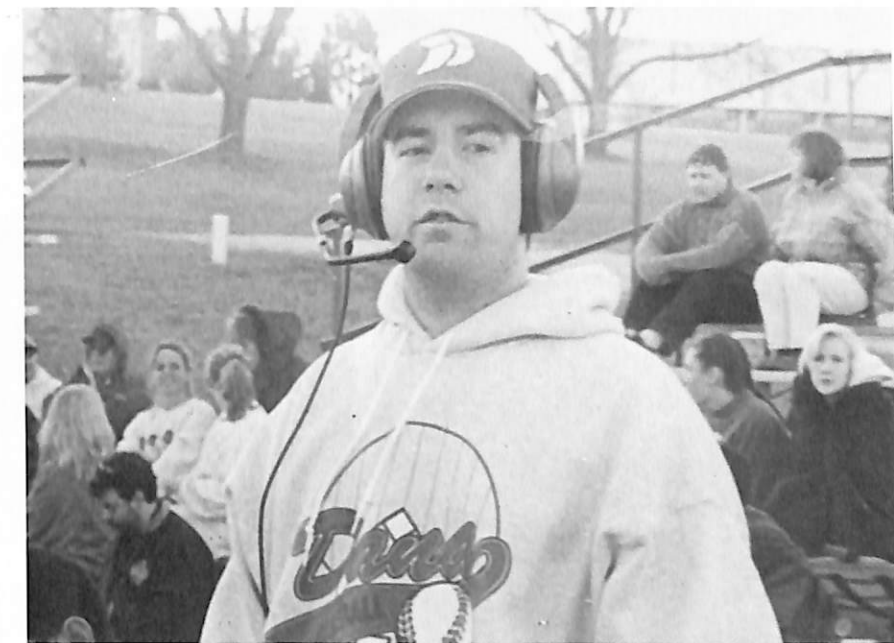


Jona Williams
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Not Pictured:

- Michael Bisig
- John Chandler
- Catherine Fletcher
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- Ann Hansen
- Nathanial Hill
- Bret Marchese
- Kathryn Montira
- Angela Rodenburg



Graduation

On Sunday, May 18, the traditional line of professors and graduating seniors snaked its way across campus from Pioneer Memorial to Borup Collesium. The Class of 1997 included 121 graduates and of those seniors four were named valedictorian: Roisin Bell, Lars Jensen, Janet Pattee, and Julie Seeba. The class elected Shawn Fasbender as the class speaker. Also during the ceremony Dr. Delvin Hutton was granted status as Professor Emeritus of Greek and Religion, and the annual College-Community Service award was given to John R. O'Hanlon. Following the ceremony, graduates, guests and visitors began the graduation celebration at the Kaffebord, an informal reception in the Campus Center.

The seniors anxiously wait for their turn to approach the stage and get those diplomas.



Heid Gerth, Todd Ashby, and Kim Wingad mingle after the graduation ceremony.



The commencement closes with the singing of Alma Mater "Hail Dana".



Valedictorian Roisin Bell as a proud member of the Class of 1997.



Two other valedictorians are Janet Pattee and Lars Jensen. Shawn Fasbender gave the class message.



Dawn Bernzen looks toward the stage with much excitement.



Julie Seeba tries to figure out how this honor cord thing works.

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