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Roberts selected to participate in U.S. Olympic Team Trials

KRIS FLACK REPORTER

Sophomore Karri Roberts, a catcher on the Dana softball team, has been selected to participate in the USA Level I Olympic Team Trials. Cindy M. Bristol, Director of National Teams & Coaching Development for the Amateur Softball Association (ASA)/USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Committee, sent Roberts a letter April 8, informing her of her status in the selection process.

Roberts received an application form in the mail, completed it and mailed it back to the ASA. She should be hearing from them soon to find out the exact location she will be trying out. The trials will be held one of the last three Saturdays in June at one of the ten Level I tryout sites throughout the country.

"Tryouts will probably be in Colorado, I hope," commented Roberts, who is from Littleton,

Colo.

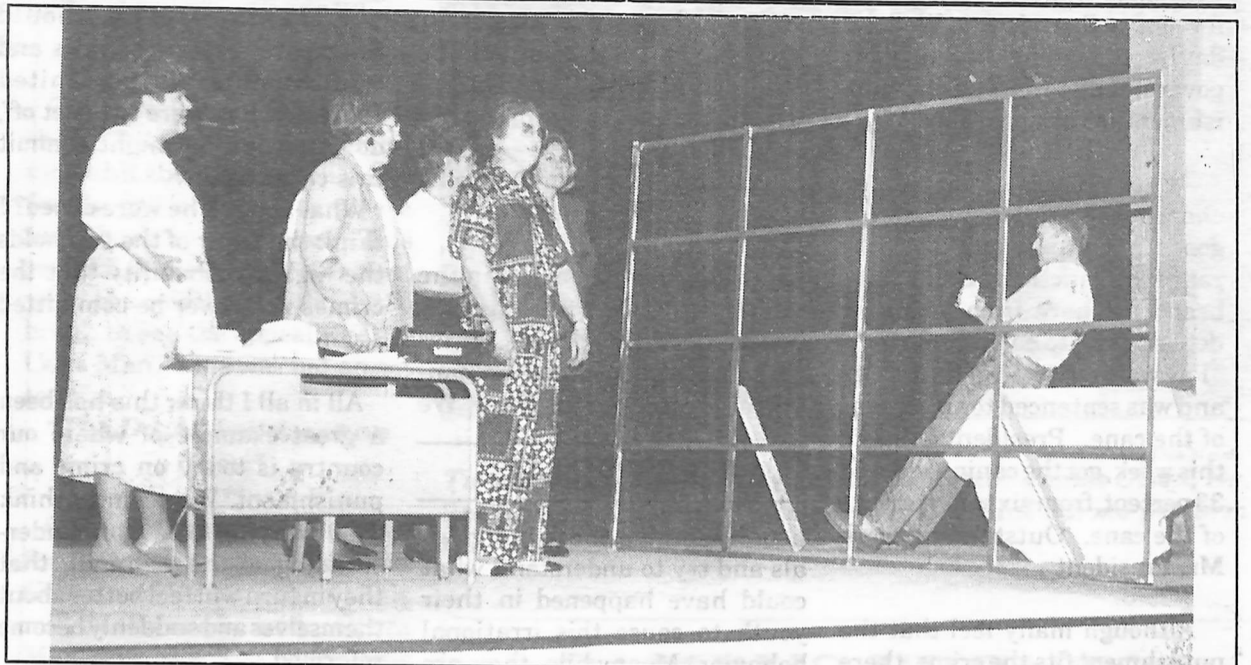
There will be three levels of tryouts involving 500 people. Many will be cut after the first level. The next levels will go on to the Pan Am Games. Participants that make it through all three levels will go to the Olympic Games in 1996.

Those trying out will do a series of activities including a mile run, sit-ups and distance throws from home to second since she is a catcher.

"I'm just excited that I'm getting the chance to try for the Olympics," said Roberts.

So far this season, Roberts is batting .392, has three home runs and 27 RBIs. She has also scored 42 runs, has 58 hits, five doubles and has stolen four bases.

She is currently the sixth leading hitter in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 11. She is also fifth in home runs with three, and ninth in total runs scored.



Lisa Welch

Sandy Sonderup, Sandra Wigdahl, Judy Schmoll, Ester Gunderson, Amy Lyons and Dr. Richard Jorgensen (*The Diet Coke Man*) perform "9 to 5" at the Faculty Follies Tuesday.

Campus Ministry will sponsor "Service for the Healing of the World"

CARRIE L. LARKINS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"We who are in college don't have the gifts to go over to places like Bosnia so prayer is a way for us to help in the problems of the world," said Dana Holz, chapel services coordinator for Campus Ministry.

Dana College will have the opportunity to come together to pray in a "Service for the Healing of the World" Wednesday evening at 9 p.m. on the Korshoj

Terrace in front of the Dana Classroom Center. The event is sponsored by Campus Ministry.

The candlelight Easter vigil will be an ecumenical service based in Christianity. Songs from different cultures will be accompanied by guitar.

Holz plans to get several other campus organizations involved such as the Social Awareness Organization (SAO), Helping Our People Expand (HOPE), the International Students' Organization (ISO), the Buddhist Cultural Organization (BCO), Muslim Students' Organization and Student Senate.

Campus Ministry would like the service to bring the campus together as a community beyond racial and cultural tensions. Holz

also hopes it will serve as a stress reliever right before finals week.

In case of bad weather, the service will be held in Trinity Chapel.

Also this week Campus Ministry is sponsoring two special morning services. Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. the regular service will include a special faculty and staff appreciation. The liturgical choir will sing.

Thursday at 10:30 a.m. a "commissioning of the seniors" will be held. The graduating seniors who have been active in Campus Ministry will be given a hand-embroidered service towel with the verse John 10:13 on it. With the gift the seniors will be commissioned to go out into the world as servants of God.

Winners announced for building world's largest sub sandwich

The winners of the world's largest submarine sandwich contest were announced.

First place went to Slappin' The Salami, a team of five people who made seven sandwiches in 15 minutes. They won a pizza party at Pizza Hut.

The second place finishers were the Resident Hall Assistants, a

team of eight people who created 13 sandwiches in 15 minutes. They won free refreshments for a meeting or an event.

Third place went to Campus Ministry, a group of 11 people who made 13 sandwiches in 15 minutes. They won a gift certificate from the book store for supplies for their organization.

1994-95 Hermes executive staff positions available

The *Hermes* is now accepting applications for the following paid positions: sports editor, news editor, photographic editor and advertising/business manager for 1994-95.

Applications forms are available in the information booth in the campus center and in the *Hermes* office. They must be returned to Robert Boyd (box 53 or box 1086) by May 16 at 4 p.m.



Carrie L. Larkins

Freshman Chris McCain tries out *Virtuality*, the virtual reality games held in the Campus Center Thursday. SAB sponsored the event.

Virtual reality video games held in Campus Center

"You actually became part of the computer image and were able to have control of the game," said Student Activities Board co-director Ann Neumeister about *Virtuality*, the virtual reality games held in the Campus Center Thursday.

Dana students and faculty were able to take the role of a fighter pilot or a video game character seemingly within the game. Partners could compete against one another in a game of survival. "How you moved your body was actually how you moved on the screen," Neumeister said.

"It was a lot of fun. It gave students a chance to experience something they would not always have the opportunity to do."

According to Neumeister, the SAB sponsored event may return to campus next spring.



Caning punishment is appropriate

SHAWN OSBAHR
EDITORIALIST

President Clinton got his first foreign policy victory Wednesday by persuading the Singapore government to lessen the punishment for Michael Fay.

Fay, 18, was arrested on charges of possessing stolen goods and car vandalism. The range of sanctions could have been anywhere from a fine, to deportation, to caning.

Fay was convicted of the crimes and was sentenced to six strokes of the cane. President Clinton, this week, got the caning reduced 33 percent, from six to four cracks of the cane. Outstanding work Mr. President.

Although many feel that the punishment fits the crime, there are some that are crying foul. Why? Because the caning might hurt. Well, that's the whole point of the punishment.

It's the same principle behind spanking children for misbehaving. The whole point is to give the individual incentive to never do what he or she did again.

It's the same bleeding hearts that oppose spanking that are against this caning. When I was a youth, I can remember getting spanked for many of the things that I did wrong.

I can tell you for sure that I was very hesitant to even think about doing the same thing again.

When the punishment is far worse than the benefit of the crime, there is little to no incentive to commit the crime. My father's spankings gave me all the reasons I can think of to be good.

Part of the problem lies in the fact that this is in a foreign country. Here in the United States we have advanced beyond caning for crimes such as these. We

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usually forgive these individuals and try to understand what could have happened in their youth to cause this irrational behavior. Meanwhile, they are out on the streets repeating the offense.

When going to a foreign country, you have to abide by their laws. If you don't, you must be prepared to accept the consequences. We expect the same when people visit our country.

Now the next question, does the punishment fit the crime? What if Clinton would have been successful in getting the caning changed to say, deportation?

Think about the message this would send to Singapore and to

Fay. The government of Singapore will get the impression that we do not respect their laws and judicial system.

Therefore, why should Singapore respect the laws and punishments of the United States. If Fay were to be let off, do you think he might commit this crime again?

What about if he were caned? I think the latter of the two holds the higher probability that the crimes will never be committed again.

All in all I think this has been a great example of where our country is today on crime and punishment. We seem to think that by trying to be more understanding of the criminal, that they in turn will feel better about themselves and suddenly become reformed.

Unfortunately, this only creates a larger problem because the criminal element is taking advantage of this leniency.

The advantages of committing most crimes are far greater than the punishments. And, the more people we have feeling sympathetic for these criminals, the worse it is going to get.

Piece by piece

by Carrie L. Larkins

Writing the perfect card

Sunday is Mother's Day. Even though I finally consider myself "grown up" my mom will still only be getting a card because I am one of those starving college students. I decided it would be more practical to just go home to see my mom for Mother's Day rather than buy her an expensive gift and then ask her for money next week.

When I was little, Dad would buy the Mother's Day card for Mom from me and my brothers. We would just sign it. Sometimes Dad would buy her chocolates from us also. I know all those things meant a lot to Mom but it wasn't really from us.

As I have gotten older, Mother's Day has become more significant for me as a daughter. Since I've been in college, especially the last couple years or so, my mom and I have gotten a lot closer. I guess that goes along with growing up.

Choosing the best card (because I am the best card-giver ever) is important. I hate those

sing-song rhyming verses. My mom isn't one for lots of flowers and frills. That pretty much eliminates most of the Mother's Day cards unless you resort to "For My Mommy" cards with a big puppy on the front.

Maybe this year I should write my own. Even though "Hallmark has the ways to say you care," I don't think they can appropriately explain to my mom everything I'm feeling as I am about to graduate. I want to thank her for everything her and Dad have done to allow me to go to school at Dana, the extra hours, sacrifices and loans. I want to thank her for her friendship these last few years. She has always been there to give me confidence as only a mom can. Finally I want to tell her I will miss her and although we never say it, I love her.

Remember your mom this Mother's Day. Don't worry about buying the expensive gifts. Simply go see her or call her and be sure to tell her that you love her.

Letters to the editor

Workaholics enjoyed Follies

To the students,
We had a great time at the Follies Tuesday night. We hope you did too! We would like to thank Jon Rademacher for making our tape and all those that worked behind the scenes to help make the evening a success—Mira Stultz, Kevin Schaudt, Austin Brown, Becky Porter and Dr. Palmer. Thanks also to Mark Anderson for participating in our skit. And we certainly must acknowledge the talents of Dr. Jorgensen for without him, that Coke break just would not have been the same! Thanks to everyone who came to watch. You're the reason all the work goes into the production and you made it all worthwhile.

The "9 to 5" Workaholics Student disappointed in Dana tradition

Dear Editor:
I drove quite a distance for an evening class last night [Tuesday] only to find out class would be held at 9 p.m. due to the "Follies". What an embarrassment for Dana.
Raunchy, distasteful jokes may be entertainment for some. I found it quite contorted. The butt

of many of the jokes were female and minority once again.

It's often in our moment when we "let down" that we see what we are truly made of. This perpetuation of sick humor does nothing to elevate the soul. What I experienced was sad to see. I understand this is a tradition at this school.

Marilyn Anderson
Omaha

Aemer responds to letter

Dear Editor:
I am sorry that I did not respond sooner to the letter to the editor in the March 25 issue of the *Hermes* by Jeff Rademacher. I was not aware of it until it was called to my attention by a letter from Dr. J. M. Nielsen, which I didn't pick up until April 28.

I do want to thank the *Hermes* editorial staff for printing the pieces by Aemer. Naturally I was disappointed to learn that they were not appreciated.

First I would like to describe Aemer. He is a creature of my imagination; nevertheless, as time has passed, he has taken on a personality of his own.

He is an uneducated person from a sub-culture group, a little eccentric; he reads and listens well, but his vocabulary is lim-

ited. His pronunciation has been determined by his childhood environment.

He doesn't write, and for that reason it bothered him that he was presented as an editorialist in the *Hermes*. Editorialists are writers. He speaks, and I write what I hear.

He has a hard time with words of more than two syllables. As a result he has the difficulty of stating some complex problems with his limited vocabulary.

In spite of it all, he has common sense and does come up with some significant insights. He frequents the Dana campus and tries to size up the institution.

He is a conscientious person seeking to analyze himself and also the problems he deals with. He is obviously self-critical; and, as he struggles with problems, he personalizes them.

Most of the problems which he discusses have no easy answers, and he recognizes that fact. Sometimes he does present an issue that he thinks has an easy answer, but that makes him think of a related problem that he has and is struggling with.

What has Aemer been trying to say? I will try to present briefly some of the problems that he has ferreted out.

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? "Political Correctness: How Far Do We Go?"

Today--12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch into The Forum and discuss the issue of the week with your peers, professors and staff members. Stay for any or all of the one-and-a-half hour session.

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SHORTLY...

Music department holding last recital of the year

On Wednesday the last music recital program will be held for the 1993-94 school year. It will be at 3:10 p.m. in the Neve Room. Event credit will be given.

Svetlana Rodionava coming to Dana Monday

On Monday Svetlana Rodionava a Russian pianist will perform at Dana. She will be playing works by Schumann and Rachmaninov in her American debut.

Her performance will be in the Neve Room of MFAC at 7:30 p.m. Event credit will be given.

Alpha Mu Gamma inducts new members Thursday

Alpha Mu Gamma, a Foreign Language honor society will induct new members on Thursday in the President's Room at 4 p.m.

To be eligible for the society, a student must have a G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and must have completed two semesters of a foreign language. Everyone is invited to attend.

Positions for Intramural Coordinators open

Intramurals has two positions for Intermural coordinators. To apply students must have attended Dana for two semesters and have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5. Applications are available from Coach Foley and are due May 13.

Campus Nurse supplies helpful hints

Campus nurse Patti Nielsen, R.N. would like to remind college students to avoid sunburn by using sunscreen during coming warm days. If a burn occurs, use hydrocortisone cream 1% on affected areas.

Allergy sufferers are encouraged to come to Health Services for medications such as Dimetapp or Advil Cold and Sinus, both good for allergy symptoms.

Approximately 430 visits were made to Health Services in Argo Hall so far this year.

Faculty Follies gets great reviews

LISA WELCH
REPORTER

Once every four years the faculty performs skits for the students. This is a tradition which has been taking place for approximately forty years. The program began as the faculty marched onto the stage to the beat of, "The Saints Go Marching In."

Dana's Class Acts

Ratings

**** A class above the rest.

**** A crowd pleaser.

*** Three cheers for creativity.

** Better luck next time

REVIEW

"Frontier Mortician"

A satirical dialogue of obstacles which must be overcome to join Pie Alamode and Arnie R. Square in holy matrimony.

"Sparetire Light Opera Company"

The highlight of this act was the quartet's thoughts on why college students don't need to study.

"Broomhilde"

The robust figure and strutting appearance of Broomhilde kept the crowd in hysterics. Her ability to play off the reactions of the crowd was extraordinary.

"Political Correctness"

A comical story about a couple going to a campground in Florida and a unique discussion of the facilities available.

"Snow White & Seven Dwarfs"

A traditional rendition of the story with an interesting twist to the character of Snow White.

"9 to 5"

The classiest act of the whole show. "Nine to Five," a popular movie hit about workaholics who finally get a chance to give a little back to their boss. This remake also included a new twist with the addition of the 11:30 break to see the appealing Diet Coke Man. This was not an act to miss.

"The David Letterwoman Show"

Good response from the crowd for special guests Mahatma Ghandi and a discussion of his mid-death crisis, and Opera Man, with the "Top ten reasons why I couldn't get my paper done on time." Lastly, Guedo Sardochi spoke on his philosophies to help Dana.

"Next Slide Please"

You had to be there to enjoy the inciteful comments of this slide show.

"Who's On First"

A rendition of the Abbott and Costello version of who's on first.

"Faculty Larp Class"

This was all unique Larp class, these individuals had some very interesting career goals.

"Masters of Ceremony"

A round of applause to these two individuals who kept the crowd laughing between acts.

The event closed with the traditional singing of "Hail Dana," an appropriate closing for the 1994 Faculty Follies.

Letters

From page two

1. What does it mean that Dana is a liberal arts college?

2. What is the significance of Dana's being a Christian college or at least a church related college?

3. Then what does it mean to be a Christian? He keeps struggling with this question. He gets mixed signals here. He hears many dogmatic easy answers, but detects that these are oversimplifications.

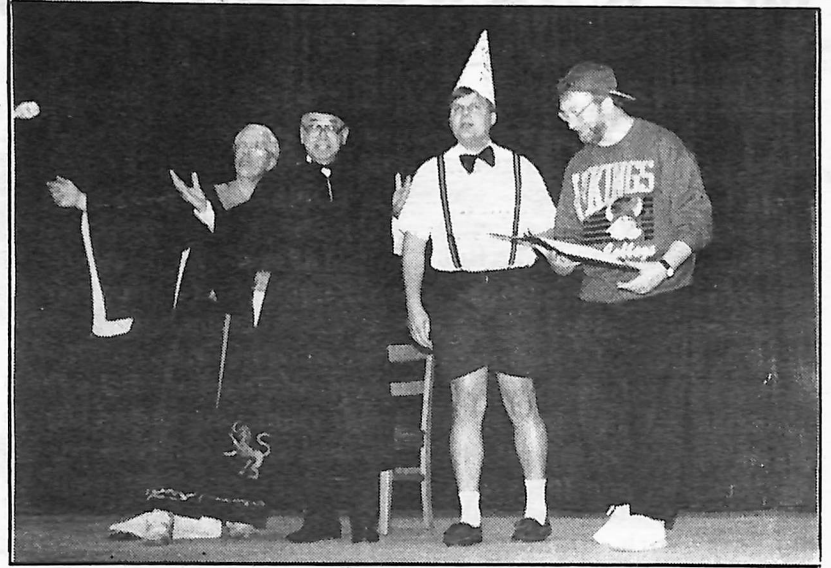
4. He also thinks about political issues like NAFTA and health care. He reads some easy party-line answers, but he recognizes there is more than one side to these issues. He reads that the government is inept in every-

thing that it does and playfully suggests that private enterprise should run the country.

5. He did show in one piece that he had strong convictions about littering. He concluded that people who litter lack consideration for other people. But that made him think that he too was not as considerate of others as he should be.

With all these issues he really, in his own simple way, presents a challenge to us to question easy answers. Yet he regards it as important to have some genuine convictions as shown by his continuing struggle in deciding whether to become a Christian.

Aemer's amanuensis



Tuesday night at Faculty Follies Professor James Olsen, Dr. Del Hutton, Ducey Heffelfinger and Dr. Paul Formo perform the "Sparetire Light Opera Company"

CAMPUS EVENTS May 6-12

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FRIDAY

12 noon Forum Debate series, "Political Correctness: How far do we go?"

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ATURDAY

1 p.m. Baseball at Hastings

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UNDAY

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ONDAY

7:30 p.m. Svetlana Rodionova, Russian Concert Pianist, Neve Room, MFAC
10 p.m. Holy Communion Service, Trinity Chapel

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UESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Dana College Concert Band, Home Concert, Lauritzen Theater

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EDNESDAY

3:10 p.m. Music Recital, Neve Room, MFAC
4 p.m. Alpha Mu Gamma Induction, Presidents Room
7:30 Alpha Chi Honors Society Induction, Presidents Room
10 p.m. Holden Vespers, Trinity Chapel

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HURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel
8 p.m. Honors Program, CC

MRS. DOUBTFIRE

SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER

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TRI STAR

Get your story ideas or letters to the editor into the *Hermes* by Wednesday because next week's issue will be the last issue of the school year!

Last Quarter Theater of the school year!!
Opening Feature
So I Married An Axe Murderer
8 p.m. DHA



Vikings stay alive in NIAC playoff race with a sweep of Concordia

ROBERT BOYD
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dana baseball team kept their slim playoff hopes alive Tuesday as they swept a doubleheader with the Concordia Bulldogs at Seward.

Dana, 15-23 overall and 9-11 in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC), swept the Bulldogs 15-9 and 8-2. The Vikings still have a shot to make the NAIA District 11 playoffs but would have to sweep doubleheaders with Doane and Hastings to get in. The Doane game was played yesterday but details were not available at press time.

Dana 15, Concordia 9

Starting pitcher Matt Rega (3-3) got a ton of run support to win his third consecutive decision in the opener. The Vikings jumped out early and led 13-3 through five and a half innings. Concordia scored three off Rega in the sixth and seventh before he finished them off.

Rega went the distance and gave up seven earned runs off 12 hits. He fanned three and walked seven. On the season, Rega has a

6.59 ERA in 28.2 innings of work.

Scott Mitchell and Tommy Pelzer led the Viking hit parade. Mitchell went two for five with three RBIs and two doubles. Pelzer had two hits and three RBIs. Gregg Yanta, Raga and Jeff Reiter had two hits each.

Dana 8, Concordia 2

In the nightcap, the Vikings got a strong pitching performance from Yanta who pitched a complete game to pick up his first win of the season.

He surrendered two earned runs on nine hits. He struck out a Viking season high eleven batters and walked three.

The game was tied at 1-1 until the third inning when the Vikings put three runs on the scoreboard. They added two more in the fourth and sixth innings to put the game away.

Reiter led the Viking attack with three RBIs and a double. Kelly Danker went one for two with a triple and a RBI. He also had a walk and a run scored.

VIKING BASEBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting Average		Wins	
Matt Rega	.342	Dustin Wolfe	8
Gregg Yanta	.322	Matt Rega	3
Kelly Danker	.318	Chris Ulven	2
Runs Batted In (RBI)		Earned Run Average	
Kelly Danker	20	Dustin Wolfe	4.66
Matt Rega	18	Chris Ulven	5.74
Jeff Reiter	18	Matt Rega	6.59
Runs Scored		Strike Outs	
Matt Rega	31	Dustin Wolfe	45
Kelly Danker	23	Chris Ulven	30
Scott Mitchell	23	Gregg Yanta	19

Softball team prepares for NAIA District 11 playoffs

NEAL ANTHONY
SPORTS REPORTER

After a scheduled doubleheader at Wayne State was cancelled due to a wet playing field Monday, the Lady Vikes are preparing themselves for the six-team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 11 softball tournament this weekend in Lincoln.

The 20th ranked Vikings, 41-15 overall, have completed their regular season and are the top seed in the two-day, double-elimination tournament.

With a first place seed, the Lady Vikings have a first-round bye and will play the winner of the fourth seeded Doane and fifth seeded Nebraska Wesleyan game at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening. Should the Lady Vikes win Friday, they will play at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If they lose on Friday, they will play at 8 p.m. that same evening.

Also fielding teams in the double-elimination tournament are College of St. Mary, Peru State and Hastings. They are seeded second, third and sixth, respectively.

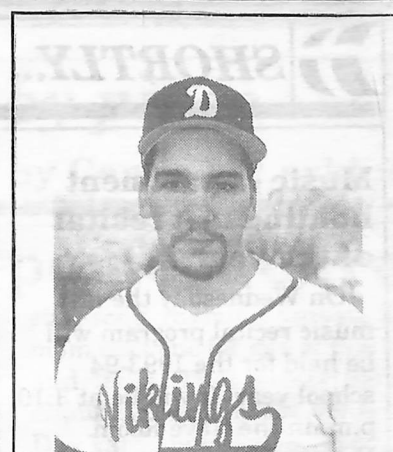
VIKING SOFTBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting Average		Wins	
Courtney Leyba	.428	Susie Chavez	15
Karri Roberts	.392	Heather Olsen	15
Sonia Farwell	.364	Carly Hembry	6
Jennifer Loach	.362	Sabrina Gardner	2
Laura Morrison	.353	Earned Run Average	
Runs Batted In (RBI)		Suzie Chavez	1.02
Courtney Leyba	53	Heather Olsen	1.31
Michelle Wheatley	37	Sabrina Gardner	2.58
Karri Roberts	27	Carly Hembry	3.34
Jennifer Loach	26	Strike Outs	
Runs Scored		Heather Olsen	124
Michelle Wheatley	46	Susie Chavez	95
Karri Roberts	42	Carly Hembry	35
Courtney Leyba	35	Sabrina Gardner	3
Sonia Farwell	32		



Dana Sports Information

Michelle Wheatley



Dana Sports Information

Gregg Yanta

Wheatley, Yanta earn District 11 Players-of-the-Week honors

Michelle Wheatley was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 11 Softball Player-of-the-Week for her play in a doubleheader sweep of Teikyo Westmar last week.

Wheatley, a senior from Longmont, Colo., went five for seven in the twin bill with nine RBIs, four runs scored, a double and a grand slam home run. Dana won the first game of the twin bill 41-2 which set team records for runs in an inning (19), game (42) and doubleheader (52).

On the season, Wheatley is

batting .328 with three home runs, 37 RBIs, three stolen bases and 46 runs scored.

Gregg Yanta was named the NAIA District 11 Baseball Player-of-the-Week for his performance in a Viking sweep of rival Midland last week.

Yanta, a senior shortstop from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., went five for seven in the sweep. He also hit a home run and drove in two RBIs while scoring three runs including the game winner.

Yanta is batting .322 on the season. He also has a home run, 16 RBIs and 20 runs scored.

1994 NAIA District 11 Softball Tournament Lincoln, May 6-7

Lancaster Youth Softball Complex

FRIDAY

- 5 p.m. Game 1 (4) Doane vs. (5) Nebraska Wesleyan
- Game 2 (3) Peru State vs. (6) Hastings
- 6:30 Game 3 (1) Dana vs. Winner of game 1
- Game 4 (2) Coll. of St. Mary vs. Winner G-2
- 8 Game 5 Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 6
- Game 6 Loser game 2 vs. Loser game 4

SATURDAY

- 9 a.m. Game 7 Winner game 5 vs. Winner game 6
- 10:30 Game 8 Winner game 3 vs. Winner game 4
- Noon Game 9 Loser game 8 vs. Winner game 7
- 1:30 Game 10 Winner game 8 vs. Winner game 9 (1st Championship Game)
- 3 p.m. Game 11 Winner game 10 vs. Loser game 10 (2nd Championship Game-if necessary)

Directions to the district tournament site for students wishing to make the road trip and cheer on the Vikings are as follows:

- Take I-80 to Highway 77 (56th Street) Lincoln Exit
- Go left on Highway 77 to Cornhusker Highway
- Go right on Cornhusker to Superior Street
- Go right on Superior to 48th Street
- Go right on 48th Street...softball complex is approximately 1/2 mile north of Superior on the right-hand side.

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From the Cheap Seats

By Robert Boyd Jr.

Phoenix 1994 NBA Champs

Michael Jordan isn't around to lead the Chicago Bulls to their fourth consecutive NBA championship. So who will be the 1994 NBA champions?

With out Michael in the Eastern conference, it looks like New York or Atlanta have a good shot at making it to the NBA Championship.

Atlanta has a good team but they're too inconsistent. The Knicks have a great coach in Pat Riley and he should get New York into the Finals.

The Western Conference is a little harder to judge. Seattle, Phoenix and Houston look like the best teams.

Phoenix has to be my choice from the West. They have the experience and the talent to go all the way.

In the Finals, I give the nod to Phoenix. New York plays great defense but doesn't have the shooters to keep up with the Suns. Phoenix has too much weapons for anyone. Injuries held them back in the regular season, but nothing will hold them back in the Play-offs. Phoenix in six games.