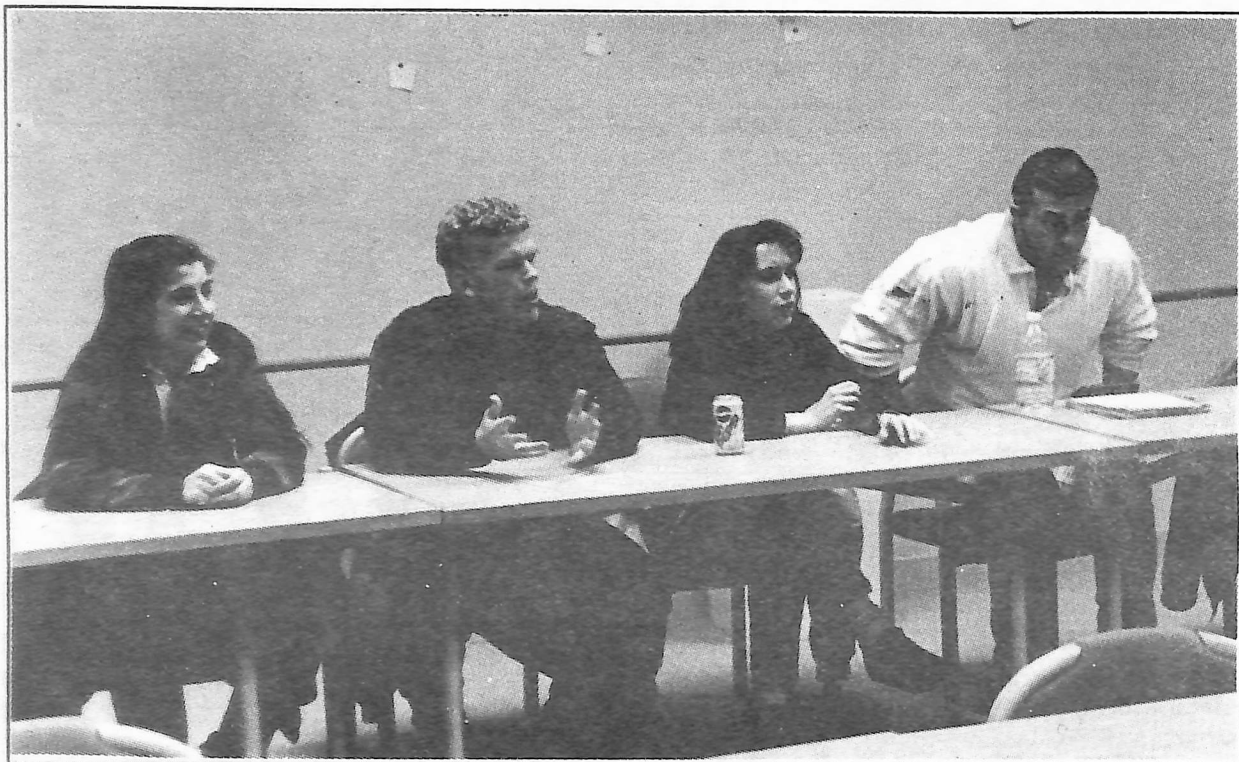


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An open forum for the student senate executive candidates for next year was held Tuesday in *The Forum*. Sarah Packard (left to right), Nate Larsen, Sandy Smith and Dave Holcomb are four of the 10 candidates. Packard was elected secretary and Smith was named vice-president. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)

Student Senate executive staff candidates elected for next year

VIVIAN YANG REPORTER

Student senate executive staff candidates for the 1995-96 school year were chosen Wednesday by the Dana College student body. The presidential candidates were narrowed down to two and that election will be held Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the campus center.

The student body narrowed their presidential candidates to Chad Foust and Derrick Weyand.

Foust (junior; biology major) is known by many students for his involvement in theater, KDCV and the Academic Affairs Committee. Foust considers the senate president as the best position for him. "Before I can see any changes in the senate, I must see changes in my mind," Foust said at an open forum for the senate candidates Tuesday night. "I will always put students' benefits before mine."

Weyand (sophomore; social science major) is the head coach of the women's soccer team. Considering himself an outspoken person, Weyand said he would like to speak out for students in the senate. "I think the senate is a little conservative now," Weyand said at the senate forum. "I hope to see it as an open and liberal organization in the future."

Winning the vice-presidential position was Sandy Smith. She beat out David Christopher Holcomb and Nate Larsen.

Smith (sophomore; English as secondary education major) received the Campus Leadership Award last year. She is a current member of the Alumni Council, FCA and the student senate. Smith is interested in changing the format of the senate, to include two students from each class and one student from each organization on campus. "We can bring more ideas from different groups into the student senate," said Smith at the open forum. "and be more able to help students."

Sarah Packard won the secre-

tary election. She beat out Amy Johnson. Packard (sophomore; biology and Spanish major, chemistry minor) is a member of ARS Medica, FCA and the Spanish Club. "I think it is important to make students involved in the senate and make them feel happy to be there."

The only candidate to run for treasurer was Darren Tooley (junior; accounting, finance and management major). Tooley is a current member of the student senate. "The senate is now made up of many individuals. It is important to have all senators get together as one group," said Tooley at the open forum. "We won't be an organization until everyone keeps the senate in mind."

Survival guide editor needed

The Dana College Media Advisory Board has announced the opening of the position of editor for the Dana Survival Guide. Applications can be picked up in the switchboard and need to be returned to professor Darrell Dibben.

Most of the work by the editor will be done during the summer months, so this position will be ideal for a student who will be in or around the Blair area over the summer. The position includes a \$500 stipend.

The editor's duties are to prepare the guide for printing. Dibben will be the supervisor. Deb Lange will organize the calendar and student development will organize the student handbook.

Dana College student inventory survey results released

JANET REISDORFF
REPORTER

Are Dana students different from other students across the country? The results of a Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) conclude that Dana students are not significantly different in terms of their satisfaction and the values they hold.

The Campus Life Committee (CLC), which is made up of Dana faculty and select students, issued the SSI. The purpose of the inventory was to learn the level of student satisfaction as well as the importance of specific school attributes to students.

The survey was conducted last November through the use of all full-time students enrolled during the 1994 fall semester. The method used to select participation in the survey was through a random sample of these students.

The names of all 582 full-time students were sorted alphabetically according to the first letter of their middle name. They were then sorted again according to the date they were entered into the data base and then printed.

Starting with their first name, every fourth student on the list was selected; this produced a list of 145 names. This list was then reduced to 140 by eliminating every 28th name on the list.

Fourteen members of the CLC were given 10 students to contact. From the group of 140, a total of 116 forms were returned. Dan Travaille, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said, "I feel the people who participated represent the students as a whole very well." These participants represented 82.9 percent of the random sample and 19.9 percent of all full-time students.

The responses given by Dana College students were compared with responses from students at other private four-year colleges and universities who also completed the SSI. The other institutions, known as the National Group, included schools such as Clarkson College, Northwestern College and Mount Marty College.

Students were asked a series of questions concerning college life in 11 different categories. These questions addressed the student's personal satisfaction in the areas of academics, individual attention,

campus climate, support services, campus life, security, recruitment and financial aid, registration and service excellence along with the importance they hold for each student.

In the areas of importance, the results were identical for both Dana and the National Group. Instructional effectiveness was rated the highest in importance the lowest of importance to students was campus life.

As for satisfaction, there were no major differences in the levels between the two groups. The highest satisfaction rating from Dana students was in campus support services. This includes the library, computer and bookstore services. The National Group rating of highest satisfaction was in student centeredness.

Campus life received the lowest rating from Dana. This covers intramural activities, campus organizations, residence hall life and food service areas. The national group's lowest satisfaction rating was in safety and security which ranked fourth lowest on Dana's chart.

The highest performance gap between the level of importance and the level of satisfaction for Dana was in recruitment and financial aid. This means the students noted this area as fairly important, but rated it with a low level of satisfaction.

The smallest performance gap occurred in campus support services. This is the only area in which the average satisfaction score was significantly different than that of the National Group. This indicated that Dana students are more satisfied with the support services they receive than students of other institutions.

Travaille stated, "We here at Dana have used our own surveys in the past. The uniqueness and reason we choose this new survey was that it not only asks for the students' satisfaction level, but also the level of importance it holds for them." The overall results suggest that Dana students are not very different from other institutions in the inventory.

The CLC will hold their next meeting March 14th. They will then present their thoughts and ideas and provide any suggestions they may have in reference to the inventory results.



Artwork from Dana students will be on display in The Forum

DENISE DAUBENDIEK
REPORTER

Artwork from three Dana students will be on display in the Forum March 3-7. Featured artists are Kimberly Beck, Austin Brown and Jennifer Johnson.

According to Beck, Forum associate Stephanie Carlson asked each of them to have an individual exhibit in the Forum. They each did not have enough material, however, to fill the space with their own work.

"The three of us are friends. When we were asked, we just combined our best work," says Johnson.

The show has no definite theme. Several different types of art will be presented including painting, photography, graphing, pottery and printmaking.

They decided which of their own works they would display. Each exhibit that hangs in the show must be matted. A thick card is

placed around the work almost like a frame. The artists plan the layout and then begin to place the art work.

"Maybe I'll put a sculpture in there," Brown says, who will also display graphics, paintings and ceramics. He is a junior and is majoring in graphic arts. "I chose my best work over the three years I've been at Dana."

"My work will be mostly photography since that is my main interest," states Johnson. She is a junior majoring in graphic design and print communication.

"I think we each chose what we thought was our best material, what we liked best," says Beck. "It's kind of a collected works show." Beck is a junior art major.

After Beck, Brown and Johnson agreed to collaborate their works into one show, Johnson designed the flyers to inform the public of the exhibit.

The artists' opening will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. They will be in the Forum and refreshments will be served.



During the performance of comedian Katsy Chappell, students (left to right) Liz Humphrey, Reyna Schramm, Carly Hembry and Diane Katzdorn enjoy free refreshments and nachos. Katzdorn is holding Schramm's baby Jasmine. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)



Vote for Chad Foust for Student Senate President Monday!

(The *Hermes* supports neither presidential candidate.)

The annual student senate bookathon will be held Sunday through Tuesday. It will be held in Pioneer Memorial, room 207 from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Members of the student senate will be calling all current parents to raise funds for the library. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Ruth Henneman in the development office.



"Should college athletes be paid?"

Today, March 3 -- Noon

Bring your lunch into DCC conference room #117 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.

Next week:

"The Rutgers situation: addressing affirmative action"

The Forum Debate Series



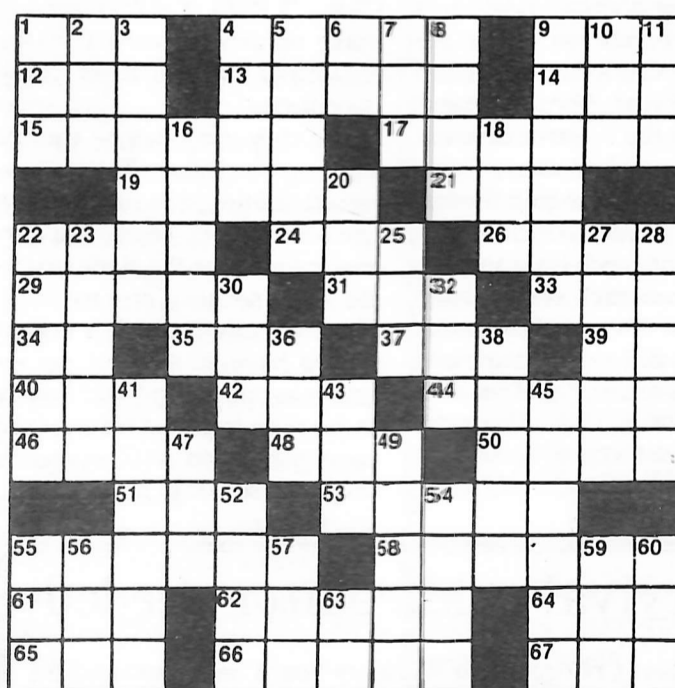
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- Temperature measurement
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- Watchful
- Beaver construction
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- Sodium symbol
- Sesame plant
- Night mammal
- Prosecutor (abbr.)
- Attempt
- Note

- This day
- Calif. fog
- Tic — Toe
- Cans
- Lair
- Ring-shaped roll
- Vinegar
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- Girl (slang)

- 2,000 lbs.
- High rocky point
- Editors (abbr.)
- Make happy
- The night before

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- Rebel (slang)
- Age
- Come down upon
- Musical group
- Ire
- Rood (abbr.)
- Strange
- Want
- Coarse cloth
- Chemistry suffix
- Born
- Unable to move
- Mold
- Banish
- Slacks
- Warning
- Talk endlessly
- Automobile
- Servers
- Can
- Floor covering
- Turned on lamp
- Indian pole
- Fluctuating singing voice (pl.)
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- Purchase
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- Direction (abbr.)
- Southern state (abbr.)

The answers will be published in the March 10 issue of the *Hermes*

Dana softball team has a new coach and high expectations for season

ROBERT BOYD, JR.
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Fans will see a different face managing the dugout for the Vikings this Dana College softball season. Kelly Prokupek will face the challenge of living up to the success each softball team has brought to the Dana campus.

Prokupek will take over the reins from Steve Kissel, who is the most successful softball coach in Dana history. Last season, he coached the Vikings to a 48-18 record, a Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) championship and a birth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships.

Although Prokupek knows she has big shoes to fill, the pressure she receives is not from others. "I feel some pressure, but only from myself. No one here has really put any pressure on me yet."

Prokupek's hometown is West Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from Creighton University in 1993 where she was an NCAA Division I (second team) All-American softball player.

Prokupek is confident that this year's team will continue the recent success of the Vikings' soft-

ball program. "This team is good but we did lose a lot of players in the off season especially pitchers," Prokupek said.

The Vikings' only returning starting pitcher is senior Heather Olsen. Last year Olsen was named to the All-NIAC and All-District 11 teams. She was the NIAC Pitcher-of-the-Year two seasons ago.

Olsen had a 20-6 record with an earned run average (ERA) of 1.22 last season. She has the best career record (35-12) and career ERA (1.10) in Dana softball history.

"We are very thin at pitching but we do have Heather, who is one of the best pitchers in our region," said Prokupek.

The loss of NIAC Pitcher-of-the-Year Susie Chavez and Carly Hembry will hurt the Vikings' pitching staff. Prokupek has been forced to use players who do not have any college pitching experience. Sophomore Melinda Almand and junior Karen Bertram will see action on the pitchers mound this season.

Another player Prokupek hopes will have another great season is junior catcher Karri Roberts. Roberts was named to the All-NIAC and All-District 11 teams and re-

ceived an honorable mention to the All-American team last season. She was also invited to the United States Olympic Trials a season ago along with Prokupek.

Roberts had a batting average of .381 with 29 runs batted in (RBI) last season.

"Karri can be a dominating player and is one of the best players in our area," said Prokupek.

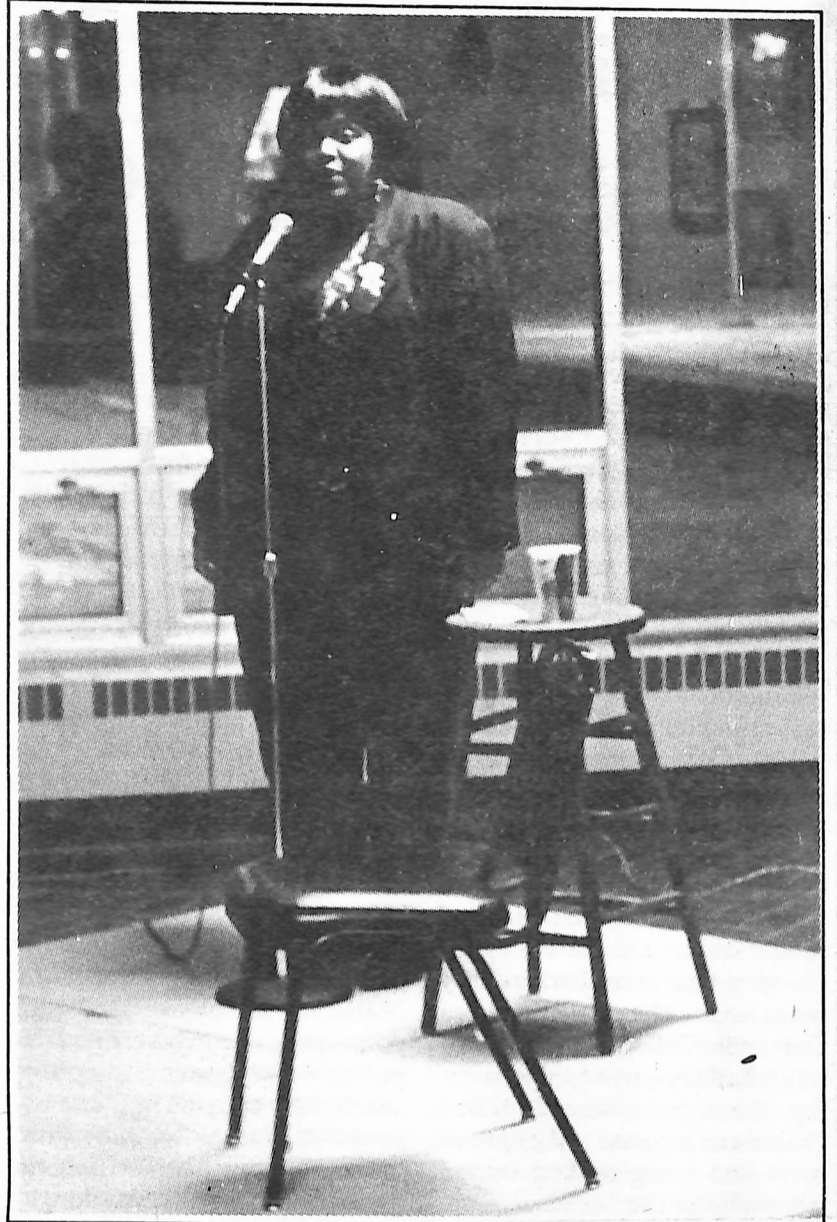
Shifting from right to center field will be sophomore Amy Croughwell. She batted .242 with 17 RBIs a year ago. Playing along side Croughwell in the outfield will be sophomore Heather Kelley, who transferred from Creighton.

Playing the hot corner (third base) will be Almand, who started last season in right field. Almand batted .242 on 32 hits and 15 RBIs.

Bertram is another former outfielder who is expected to shift to shortstop this season. Bertram will also provide pitching depth.

Junior Jennifer Loach will be the Vikings designated player after hitting .365 a year ago and can play the outfield as well.

With the talented team Prokupek has, she has set high goals for this season. "I think we have a good shot at winning the NIAC and have a good chance to make nationals again."



Comedian Katsy Chappell performed in the Dragon's Head Tuesday night. Students received free drinks and nachos for attending. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)



Karen Bertram (left) and Diana DaValle practice a hitting drill while coach Kelly Prokupek watches. The Dana softball team will open their season against Peru State Wednesday at Zimmerman Field. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)

CAMPUS EVENTS

March 3-9

F	RIDAY Noon	The Forum Debate Series
S	ATURDAY Noon	Baseball at Ft. Collins, CO
S	UNDAY 1 p.m.	Baseball at Ft. Collins, CO Dana's Day at the Recycling Center
M	ONDAY 10 p.m.	Camp Service, Gathering Place
T	UESDAY 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Faculty Business meeting, The Forum Service of the Word, Trinity Chapel
W	EDNESDAY 8 a.m. 2 p.m. 10 p.m.	Bloodmobile on Campus Used Book Sale in The Forum Softball at Peru State Holden Vespers, Trinity Chapel
T	HURSDAY 9 a.m.	LARP; Mutant Message Downunder (I) pp. 1-98

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Babbitt, Coursey, and Jackson receive all-conference honors

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Viking men's basketball team had its ups and downs this year to finish just short of the .500 mark with a 15-16 overall record. The team was 6-0 at home before 1995. With a final record of 10-4 at home compared to 4-11 on the road the Dana crowd was a definite advantage.

With a 5-7 conference record the Vikings were allowed to host the first round of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) tournament. There they met the Red Raiders of Northwestern College. Dana picked up its third win of the four bouts between the two teams. The win against the Red Raiders advanced the Vikings to the semi-final round where they met with the Bulldogs of Concordia College.

The Bulldogs, in addition to being the regular-season NIAC champ and top seed in the tournament and being ranked second nationally in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II, dominated the semi-final challenge Friday night. Concordia finished the Vikings' season with a 99-85 victory.

Senior Rob Coursey (Papillion/Shreveport, La.) finished as the number seven all-time scorer at Dana with 1,322 career points, moving past Ken Kemmish (1,311 points, 1962-66) on the career scoring ladder. Coursey played in 95 games over three seasons after transferring to Dana from Bossier City Junior College La. He averaged nearly 14 points a game for his career and was a first-team All-NIAC selection as a junior and an honorable mention all-conference player this year.

Senior Jason Jackson (Clarinda, Iowa) put out 129 assists this season, the fifth-highest single season total ever at Dana, and had 245 assists in a two-season career with the Vikings after two years at Southeast Community College in Beatrice. Jackson averaged 11.5 points per game in his career (725 points in 63 games), shooting nearly 50% from the field and almost 78% from the free throw line.

Sophomore Nathan Babbitt (Emerson, Iowa) was the Vikings' top scorer this season, averaging 18.7 points per game, and is a member of the first-team All-NIAC. Babbitt led Dana in three-point field goals with 70 but was

at his best on offense when he went to the bucket with an array of dunks, layups and short jumpers. In January, he broke a 29-year old single-game record with 42 points in a win at Northwestern. Babbitt also broke the school record for steals with 123.

Sophomore Shawn Fasbender (Omaha) was named honorable mention all-conference for his excellent front line shooting. Fasbender shot 60.5% from the field and as Dana's top rebounder he averaged 7.6 rebounds a game for 71 total offensive rebounds. Sophomore John Ruff (Papillion) turned in a solid season as the Vikings' backup point guard with 57 assists, nearly five points a game, and a career-high 19 points against Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Juniors Mark Andrews (Monterey, Calif.) and Oliver Wallace (Tulsa, Okla.) both contributed to the rebounding success of the Vikings.

Coach Jensen ends his second full season with a 31-33 overall record. There is plenty of optimism and early anticipation for the 1995/96 season.

Baseball team is optimistic about the upcoming season

SCOTT SHANNON
REPORTER

Can this be the year the Vikings bring home a winning season? The expectations are high and filled with anticipation to start winning again and be a competitive force in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC). Head coach Paul Davis (Creighton '85) and assistant coach Randy Feezell (Oklahoma '72) bring a fresh outlook for this year and hope to turn things around for the Vikings.

The players feel the new coaches are giving a valiant effort and care about the team. They say the coaches have brought in many new ideas and teaching techniques to help the ballclub succeed in their first year. The team is returning five starters and losing four. There are three returning pitchers and four new ones. Pitching will be the key to the Vikings season. If it can hold up then so will the hopes of being in contention for the conference title.

Davis says, "Up and down the

lineup we will be solid offensively, and hopefully the defense will be able to win many games for the team." The bench also has to be solid for the Vikings to win, with Davis rotating 10 to 12 players in and out of the lineup. "The bench is always a major factor that hardly ever gets looked at and it can win or lose a ballgame" says Davis.

Here is the roster for the 1995 Vikings baseball team.

•Seniors: Lawrence Bradley (outfield/pitcher), Kelly Danker (outfield/first base), and Pat Forck (pitcher).

•Juniors: Chris Chance (pitcher/designated hitter), Mike Haddock (first base/outfield), Cliff Kay (outfield), Matt Rega (shortstop/pitcher), Jason Shannon (shortstop/outfield), Mike Tupa (pitcher/catcher), Jeff Dyrda (catcher/first base), and Dustin Wolfe (pitcher/outfield).

•Sophomores: Shawn Fasbender (pitcher), Lee Heimes (second base/outfield), Tommy Pelzer (third base/outfield), Marty

Santoni (pitcher/outfield), Jerome Williams (catcher/third base), and Clint Williams (pitcher).

•Freshmen: Larry Dant (pitcher), Darby Jones (pitcher), and Jeremy Stuecklin (second base).

The Vikings are not a veteran team, but it is not a real young one either. Most of the members have played together for at least one year. "I am looking for leadership from the older players and some contribution by the newer players" said Davis.

This weekend the Vikings begin their 1995 season in a big clash against the Air Force Academy (a Division One school) at Ft. Collins, Colo.

Sporting new uniforms, expect to also see an entirely new team with Haddock and Danker switching on and off at designated hitter and first base, Stuecklin at second base, Rega at shortstop (Shannon at short when Rega is pitching), Pelzer at third base. Shannon, Wolfe, Kay will see duties in left field and center field while Bradley and J. Williams are at right field.

Vikings are 13-13 to end the 1994-95 season

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Viking women's basketball team headed to Hastings College to meet the Broncos for the third time this season. This time, however, was the first round of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) tournament for both teams. The Broncos were 2-0 in the series against the Vikings with wins by two and three points.

The third time did not turn out to be Dana's charm as the Vikings watched their 31-30 half time lead diminish. Exchanging the lead with the Broncos throughout the second half, the Vikings lost the contest in the last five minutes to end the game with a final score of 65-56.

For the second straight year, senior Heidi Grappendorf (Chariton, Iowa) has been named All-NIAC. Grappendorf scored 30 points at Hastings in her final game for Dana. She ended a stellar career as the fourth-leading scorer in school history with 1,200 points. She came up just shy of passing Ronda Fritz (1,208 points, 1982-86) and current Dana Coach Kris Grappendorf, her older sister who scored 1,233 points from 1989-93. The younger Grappendorf finished her career as Dana's career leader for free throw percentage (.737), free throws attempted (475) and free throws made (350). She nudged Dana's most prolific three-point shooter ever, Katie Corbitt (1988-92), in career three-point accuracy at .3493 to .3490 for Corbitt, who still ranks ahead of Grappendorf for three-point attempts and made three-pointers in a career. Grappendorf's 521 points this season ranks second all-time to 582 by Corbitt in the 1991/92 season.

Grappendorf played in 90 games for Dana after joining the team midway through the 91/92 campaign and holds the single-game scoring record for the Vikings with 42 points against Dakota Wesleyan in the 1993/94 season. This year, she was in double figures in 24 of 26 games and scored 20 or more points 14 times and 30 or more twice, including a season-high 32 against Mount Marty, S.D.

Sophomore forward Nichol Bueinning (Parkston, S.D.) received honorable mention for the All-NIAC team for a second time. Bueinning averaged 12.2 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Bueinning is Dana's career blocked shot leader after just two seasons as she had 29 rejections this year to run her career total to 72. She ranks fifth in career rebounds (472) at Dana and fourth in career offensive rebounds (194).

Freshmen Susan Weddingfeld (Panora, Iowa) averaged 8.3 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, and Jennifer Dierks (Camanche, Iowa) played in all 26 Dana games this year and started in 12, averaging 5.5 points and 4.5 rebounds a game.

Junior Nicole Stromgren (Osage, Kan.) and freshman Carrie Knapp (Lexington) took turns at guard to combine an average almost five points a game and average over three assists a game. Junior Brenda Mechels (Burns, Wyo.) led the NIAC in three-point shooting percentage for part of the season and finished with a team-high percentage of .337. Mechels finished second in the conference for three-point field goal percentage.

Seniors Melanie Hild and Jen Neumeister concluded their collegiate careers, with Hild tying with Bueinning for fifth place on Dana's career rebounding chart with 472 boards. She ranks sixth in career offensive rebounds with 185.

Rookie coach Kris Grappendorf helped to turn the previous year's record of 6-21 to a 13-13 record.

DANA BASKETBALL NEBRASKA IOWA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (NIAC) LEADERS

Heidi Grappendorf- first in scoring, third in three-point field goal percentage, fourth in free throw percentage, eighth in assists

Nichol Bueinning-fourth in rebounding, sixth in field goal percentage, tenth in scoring

Brenda Mechels- second in three-point field goal percentage

Shawn Fasbender-fourth in field goal percentage, fifth in rebounding

Nathan Babbitt-fifth in scoring, tenth in assists

Jason Jackson-seventh in assists

Mark Andrews-eighth in field goal percentage

Rob Coursey- ninth in assists