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Two-steppin. Angelo, a member of the New Nations Native American Youth Dancers, leads freshman Michelle France in a dance the Native Americans call the two-step. A story on the Native American dancers is on page three. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)

Students offer responses to survey

JANET REISDORFF
PAGE EDITOR

The perfect paradox is how sophomore Liz Humphrey describes the good and bad aspects of life at Dana. This type of mixed reaction was prevalent from other Dana students as well in the outcome of the Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) distributed last fall.

The (SSI) was issued by Campus Life Committee (CLC), combining responses from randomly selected Dana students concerning college life. These replies were then compared with those of other four-year colleges and universities across the United States. The survey not only focused on the issues students were satisfied with, but the areas which ranked high in importance as well.

Instructional effectiveness was ranked highest in terms of importance, as well as being a close second in the area of satisfaction. This section includes course content, faculty performance and the school's overall commitment to academic excellence.

Humphrey, who is an English major, said one of the best things about Dana is its size. "You can build a rapport with your professors here, and that can be very beneficial for references in the future."

At the same time, Humphrey states one of the things Dana has working against it is its size as well. A small campus could be the cause for the low response to the campus life area in terms of importance and satisfaction. Campus life covers various areas including residence life, weekend activities and food service.

In response to the food service's performance, freshman Mark Witt said he appreciates the theme nights they offer, but wishes they would spend more of that type of effort every day. "I think they need to have all the food selections available during all the service hours. There are too many instances, for example, where there will be no milk or the cereal will run out."

Even though there was a low overall response to the satisfaction of campus life, the significance it held for students was not high either. Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Travaille said, "How often do we hear students say there aren't any activities? The survey results reveal, however, that the level of importance ranks them 67th out of 71."

There are positive things being done, however, to increase the amount of activities for students on campus. Quarter Theater is a weekend activity sponsored by members of KDCV and Campus Ministry to offer students free entertainment.

Organizer Jeff Rademacher said, "Quarter Theater is an option for students to consider when they

make their plans for the weekend. It works for those who enjoy watching movies in more of a theater-type atmosphere as opposed to watching rented movies in a dorm room or lounge."

Students voiced their greatest satisfaction through the inventory with the student services Dana offers such as the computer labs, library and bookstore. Senior Matt Leaf said, "There are usually an ample amount of computers available, except when LARP and other papers are due." He said he has been pleased with the computer services which are offered. "It would be helpful though, if there was someone to help students out in the computer lab in the mornings," he said.

Last March the inventory results were presented to the faculty with some insights as to what areas with which students held the most concerns. Travaille is exhibiting an example of actions being taken as a result of the inventory. He stated he is about to impose a change as a result of the outcomes, "I intend to put together a program that seriously reviews the disciplinary procedures here at Dana." He said Student Services needs to use a much more theoretical base. "We are going to review how we conduct (disciplinary procedures) and what changes may be appropriate."

The survey was distributed at a cost of \$600. The overall conclusions of the survey did not distinguish Dana students as being significantly different than the other national schools, according to Travaille, but provides the faculty and staff with a general idea of student's reactions to the services they receive at Dana. The survey will be distributed again for the 1995-96 academic year.

Dana alumni signs with Tiger-Cats

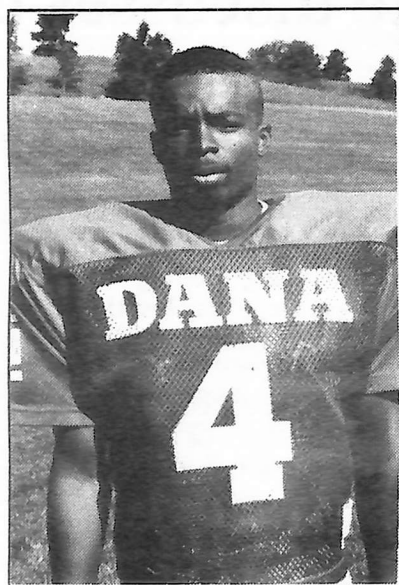
ROBERT BOYD, JR.
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League announced the signing of Dana alumni and former Viking wide receiver Manuel Johnson last Wednesday. Johnson attended Dana in 1991-92.

Johnson will enter the Tiger-Cats training camp this fall and will to earn a spot on the squad. Wayne Giardino, the Tiger-Cats Director of Player Personnel, likes Johnson's chances. "Manny Johnson has a good chance to compete for a spot on our roster at training camp. We worked him out here at Ivor Wynne, where Manny demonstrated good speed (4.5 in the 40-yard dash) and good moves. It is exciting to watch him run." Ivor Wynne is the stadium of the Tiger-Cats in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Current Viking football head coach Jim Krueger believes Johnson can make the CFL team. Krueger was an assistant under coach Leo McKillup when Johnson played for Dana.

"Manny has a good chance to make the team. He increased his



Manuel Johnson

speed and weighs around 195 pounds," said Krueger. "He has the speed to go deep and get open. That's what professional teams look for in a player."

A year ago Johnson played in Europe with the Football League of Europe (FLE). There he earned First Team All-FLE honors as a receiver/running back.

Johnson also had workouts with the Chicago Bears and the Carolina Panthers of the National Foot-

ball League, but was unable to earn a roster spot.

Johnson played two seasons in 1991-92 as a Viking and earned First Team Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference honors as a kick returner both years.

In 1991, Johnson had a 21.9 yard average on 31 kickoff returns which ranked him fourth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II in that category. He also had 24 catches for 395 yards and three touchdowns. He averaged 18.4 yards per punt return and ran one back for a touchdown.

In 1992, Johnson did better. He raised his kickoff return average to 22.1 yards on 28 returns. He also caught 33 passes for 477 yards and six touchdowns. He also averaged 13.7 yards on 12 punt returns.

Krueger remembered a play during Johnson's career at Dana. "Manny has tremendous speed. In a game against Benedictine, we sent him on a reverse. When he turned the corner, it seemed like the defense had him cornered, but he unbelievably got out of that and raced 80-yards for the winning touchdown."

Tom Hanks is
Forrest Gump

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Quarter Theater
Saturday
10:30 p.m. in DHA



Letter to the Editor

I'm completely irritated. There are several happenings on campus that arouse such feeling in me. I'm writing, however, to address one specifically - recycling.

There are people on campus who spend many hours a week in an effort to take care of our Mother Earth and try to lessen the unnecessary abundance of trash by re-using and recycling. I'm aware there are others who don't care, and may never. This apathy is disgusting and dangerous. If I could change it I would, but I can't, so I do what I can. Awareness is the beginning.

various areas throughout campus. In The Forum workroom, we have a blue barrel for paper, and boxes for plastic, glass, metal cans, newspapers, paper sacks and plastic bags. Outside the workroom door is a barrel for pop cans. Every day I find pop cans in the trash throughout the building. It would take only seconds to rinse your can and put it in the barrel. I don't understand why that is so seemingly difficult to those of you who refuse to do it!

Also, across from the mailboxes in the Campus Center are two boxes, each marked for newspapers and magazines, and a blue barrel for paper, flyers and enve-

lopes. There is no guessing game here, folks! They are all clearly marked. All the material has to be sorted before the recycling center will accept it, and it's much quicker and efficient if done at the time of disposal.

There appears to be the general attitude of "I don't have to do it, someone else will." Everyone's help is needed and it takes little energy if you do your part. Earth Day was not just April 22nd, it's every day. Whether you care or not, you could at least help by properly sorting and disposing of cans and use the blue barrels.

Stephanie A. Carlson

There are recycling bins in

Applications being sought for editor of the DANIAN

Members of the media advisory board met Thursday morning and discussed concerns over the need for an editor of the Danian for the 1995-96 academic year. Without fulfillment of the editor position, the prospects of a yearbook for next year cannot be realized.

The editor is responsible for layout, design work, photographs, story ideas and making deadlines. The applicant must have organizational skills and be willing to dedicate time to this project. There is a yearly

stipend of \$600 offered for this position.

Additionally, for those who want to aid in production of the Danian, there is one credit hour class offered each semester. This includes submission of stories, graphic designs or photographs for yearbook publication.

Applications are available at the information booth and can be submitted to the Danian via campus mail (Box 1084) by Friday, May 12.

GRADUATES!

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We are hiring...

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Letter to the Editor

In last week's Hermes, the question was asked, "Where was security?" during the time the speed bumps were stolen. I have a few answers that I would like to share with the Dana community.

Where was security? Ensuring the safety of Dana students, employees and property. Each night security checks all doors on campus to make sure they are properly secured. Every fire extinguisher and emergency light on campus is checked monthly for proper working condition.

Where was security? Patrol-

ling campus on foot and by car. All buildings are checked inside and out for unsafe conditions and unauthorized people. Parking lots are checked to make sure cars are not tampered with. Tickets are issued for violations of parking and traffic regulation.

Where was security? Providing security and crowd control for every home sporting event.

Where was security? Helping the hall directors and resident assistants enforce campus policies. For every disturbance on campus, whether in the dorms or outside, security must fill out an incident report documenting what

occurred. If the police are called in, even more paperwork is involved.

Where was security? Providing assistance to a student who had a reaction to medication, tracking down an international student who had an emergency call, giving jump starts to students with dead car batteries, and providing escorts late at night.

Security is providing the safest possible environment for all Dana students, faculty and staff.

Rev. Bill Hartwell
Director of Security



"Automatic death penalty for the Oklahoma City bombers?"

Today at noon

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.

The Forum Debate Series

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Student senate discusses bike lockers

SHANNON BOTT
REPORTER

One of the issues brought to last Wednesday's student senate meeting was a proposal for the senate to finance bike lockers for each dormitory on the Dana campus. There was a positive student response concerning this idea. This proposal would include a locker which would house two bikes each. There would be a locker stationed in front of every dormitory. The cost of this locker would be \$600. A \$50 fee would be assessed to renters on a first-come first-serve basis.

Senators discussed a few other options for this proposal. Finding another way to build the bike lockers at a lower cost may be done by having maintenance personnel build the lockers at a cheaper rate. Also, Senate Advisor Dr. Richard Jorgensen suggested contacting Bob Schmoll about funding the lockers as a service to the students, if there is enough demand for the lockers. The senate will be contacting maintenance and the

administration about this possibility.

Another issue discussed was the closing of the lower level of the library. It will be closed for the rest of the year according to Ruth Rassmussen, Library Director. The privilege was lost due to reports of pages being torn out of magazines.

The of what electrical appliances can and cannot be left plugged in over student breaks was raised. It was addressed by the Residence Hall Association (RHA). From now on students will be notified that the only things to remain plugged in over breaks are aquariums and refrigerators.

Budget requests were approved

for pizza certificates to RHA for the Dana JAM scheduled for May 4 and the sand volleyball tournament sponsored by the old student senate.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day was set for May 4, but may be rescheduled due to it being the same morning LARP papers are to be graded. Further updates on the date is pending.

Teacher of the Year election day is May 3 and ballots can be cast from 9 a.m until 3 p.m.

The new committee heads for student senate are: Sarah Peterson (Budget Concerns); Mary LeFave (Student Policy); Sara Howieson (Student Services); and Carla Jo Krance (Communications).

A special thanks to all of those who helped in the Campus Cleanup Tuesday morning.

Trent Pikula
Ruth Henneman
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College is a means of escape from gang life for Wallace

MARK ANDREWS
REPORTER

College can be many things. It can be a place to continue your education. It can be a place to help prepare you for the real world. College can be a place to meet new and interesting people from around the country. But to some, college can be something more important - college can be an escape from a self-defeating situation.

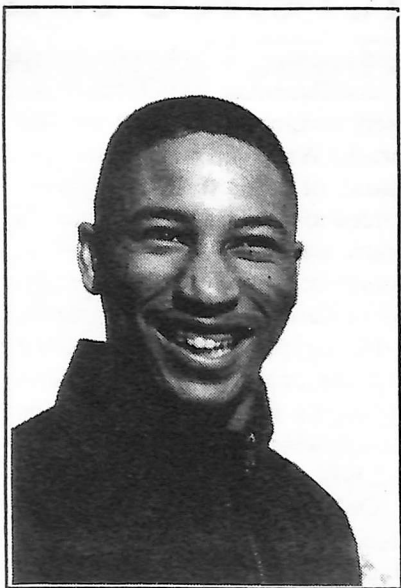
Oliver Wallace III was born July 17, 1973 in Tulsa, Okla., to Georgia Williams and Floyd Smith. He received the name of his grandfather, then followed his uncle as the third family member with that name. Wallace grew up in a suburb of Tulsa and describes his childhood as "challenging."

Wallace is a well-rounded individual. He enjoys working out, listening to music and watching movies. His dormitory room is adorned with posters of professional athletes, especially Michael Jordan. One can imagine Wallace's excitement when Jordan recently announced he was returning to professional basketball after a baseball tryout.

Wallace is a junior majoring in physical education and is attending Dana on a varsity basketball scholarship. Wallace says he is very fortunate to be able to continue his education at the college level. "I never really felt that I was college material until I was a senior in high school. "But when I realized my only other opportunity was to continue living in Tulsa, this provided some inspiration to make something of myself and not end up like most of my friends," said Wallace.

Growing up on the streets of Tulsa can provide many obstacles in a young man's life. Deciding whether or not to be in a gang was one of these obstacles for Wallace. "There was plenty of peer pressure to do the wrong thing," he explains. "Gang members around my neighborhood had money and power. At a young age you can find yourself admiring and wanting these things."

One thing Wallace had was fam-



Oliver Wallace III

ily support and a mother who was not going to let her only son fall into this trap. "My mother knew me very well and would always set me straight," he said. "She is the reason why I am in college now instead of on the streets."

Wallace recalled a situation he experienced early in high school which convinced him that he wanted no part of being in a gang. He calls this his turning point. Wallace explains, "The state fair was coming to town. This was a big deal in our neighborhood. The group of friends that I was rolling with were planning to go. The guys in my group decided to get a particular pair of shoes and a particular hat to display while they were at the fair. I couldn't afford to get these things and my mother wouldn't buy them for me, so I was left out. I didn't go to the fair. That night, the group I was rolling with met up with a group from another part of town. The two groups ended up fighting, and that was the beginning of the gang activity with my former group. After that night, they began to fight every day. I was no longer a part of that group."

"After that night I knew I had to find a goal, a direction to follow in life," Wallace states. "That's when I decided to turn to basketball and education for a way out." He graduated from high school, and the following year he attended Tulsa Community College. He then transferred to Allen County

Junior College, Kan., to try to achieve his goal to play college basketball. After one year at Allen County, Wallace received a scholarship to attend Dana.

How does he feel about being one of the few African-Americans on the Dana campus? "I had a mixed ethnic neighborhood to grow up in," said Wallace. "At a young age I was taught by my mother to accept and relate to different races of people. I am just very happy to have this opportunity."

This seems to be quite evident by Wallace's popularity on campus. It is like the television show "Cheers"- everyone knows his name. Rob Coursey, a basketball teammate and close friend says, "Looking at the beginning of our friendship, I could tell by his personality that he was going to be easy to get along with. There was just something that seemed to click between us."

Rachel Richardson, an off-campus friend, said, "I guess I found the way he presents himself very appealing. He is very calm and charismatic. His personality and uniqueness seem to provide an aura that many students can't resist."

Dave Henneman, a friend and dormitory mate explains, "Oliver is just a good-natured person. Boy, can he make you laugh."

So what is the future for Oliver Wallace III? "Well, right now I am concentrating and getting my degree from college and having fun seem to be my main goals. The armed forces seems to be interesting for after college, but at this moment I am just content to continue to overachieve."

What does he mean by overachieve? "Whenever I go home I am constantly reminded that I am the underdog. I wasn't supposed to make it this far. It feels good to go home and receive compliments from people close to me who are impressed at the success I have worked for and achieved. This provides me with inspiration to better myself and to continue to work hard for what I want."

Native American Dancers perform in Trinity Chapel

BRANDY IDLER
REPORTER

Members of the Omaha Indian Tribe performed in Trinity Chapel Wednesday. Many Dana students attended the performance and seemed to enjoy it, especially the group dance at the end.

"From what I saw, it was really neat. I did not know that kids did the dance, too. I have only seen adults do them. It was certainly something you don't see everyday," said senior Shannon LaFave.

Student Awareness Organization (SAO) strives to bring groups that are out of the ordinary and unique to the Dana Campus.

The dancers ranged in age from four to 12 years. They are all members of the Omaha Indian Community Church Youth Program and attend elementary schools in the Omaha region.

The New Nations Native American Youth Dancers have one main goal - to fight against drugs, alcohol and gangs in the Omaha area.

"I thought it was really neat learning about the different Native American dances and ritu-

als. It helps Native American kids to get off the streets and learn positive things about their culture," said freshman Brenda Eckhoff.

The group started dancing together in January 1994. They have danced for many different organizations including Red Cross, Offutt Air Force Base and various schools. They have also danced at many different Indian pow-wows.

The dancers wore traditional costumes made by their parents or grandparents. They had fans made of eagle, hawk and turkey feathers.

"We like to use eagle feathers the most, but even we (Native Americans) have to get permission from the national government to use them," said Virgil Little Cook, the head of the dancers.

A few of the dancers wore dresses with jingles on them for the Jingle Dress Dance. These are made into cones from chewing tobacco cans and then painted to go with the outfit.

The Dana students made a great turnout at the performance and many hope that SAO can bring them back again.

CAMPUS EVENTS April 28-May 4

F	RIDAY TBA Noon 5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Tennis, NIAC Tournament, Fremont The Forum Debate Series Baseball, Mount Marty, S.D., at Blair "The Tempest," Lauritzen Theater
S	ATURDAY TBA 1 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Tennis, NIAC Tournament, Fremont Baseball at Concordia, Seward "The Tempest," Lauritzen Theater
S	UNDAY TBA 1 p.m. 2 p.m.	Track Meet at Nebraska Wesleyan Baseball, Concordia at Blair Elmer Ellefson's Recital, Trinity Chapel
M	ONDAY 10 p.m.	Now the Feast and Celebration, Trinity Chapel
T	UESDAY 9 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Faculty Business Meeting, The Forum Joe Fustos Senior Voice Recital, Trinity Chapel
W	EDNESDAY 8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Elections for Professor of the Year, Campus Center
T	HURSDAY 8 a.m. 4 p.m.	Media Advisory Board Meeting Baseball at Northwestern

SPRING FLING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND RHA ARE SPONSORING:
FUN FLICKS FROM 3-9 P.M. IN THE DRAGON'S HEAD AND
ANTIQUÉ PHOTOS FROM 3:30-7:30 P.M. IN THE LINDEN ROOM
POP AND SUNGLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ALL AFTERNOON!

DanaJAM

B-B-Q in the oval, Thursday, May 4
-Softball and Volleyball Tournaments
-Grand prizes for the winning teams
-Team captains can sign up in the Campus Center
-Music, Games, Prizes, Food and Fun



Baseball team goes 2-2 against Nebraska Wesleyan

SCOTT SHANNON
REPORTER

Even with the rains falling down, the Dana Vikings baseball team managed to play six games. They led off with a sweep of Dordt College, 4-3 in the opener and 17-12 in the nightcap. Matt Rega picked up his fourth win of the year, pitching a strong 6 1/3 innings with Clint "City" Williams getting his third save of the year. Kelly Danker had two RBI's while Tommy Pelzer, Cliff Kay, and Rega all had one.

In the nightcap, the Vikings decided to bring out the lumber and do some serious hitting. Racking up 17 hits to go along with 17 runs, the Vikings put on a show that was almost outdone in the bottom of the seventh when the Defenders wouldn't go away. Mike Tupa (2-1) picked up the win in relief of Pat Forck, who made his second appearance of the season. The highlight of the game was Kay smashing a two-run shot in the fifth (his third home run). The Vikings scored five in that inning and sealed it from there.

The Vikings finally got back to conference play when the weather decided to cooperate. Playing another home game away from home, the Vikings swept Nebraska Wesleyan University in two one-run games. Dustin Wolfe picked up the win in the first game, allowing one earned run on six hits with two strikeouts and moves his conference record to 3-0. Improving on his MVP season and helping himself at the plate, he

went 3-for-3 with a double and a RBI. Rega went 2-for-3 and Lawrence Bradley scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh on a wild throw on the ground ball by Shawn Fasbender.

In the nightcap, the Vikings again had to rely on their last at-bat to pull off the victory. Williams picked up his second win of the season in relief, pitching the final two innings and allowing only one earned run. Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh, Wolfe singled and stole second and was then knocked in by Chris Chance. Then, trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the eighth, Mike Haddock hit a triple and scored when Pelzer's ground ball could not be handled. Jeff Dyrda and Wolfe singled, scoring the pinch-runner Bradley to win.

Dana dropped two the next day to Nebraska Wesleyan. Rega got the loss in the first game, his first in four starts, and Larry Dant lost in the second game. Rega went 2-for-3 and Pelzer went 2-for-3 with two runs and two doubles to lead the attack, which fell short.

In the nightcap, Haddock went 3-for-3 with two runs and a double to lead the offense. Pelzer and Wolfe picked up the only RBI's of the game. Battling back again the Vikings tied the game 3-3 in the top of the seventh. Dant, who got into trouble early in the game, kept the Vikings in the game. But Dana fell short in the bottom of the seventh when the Nebraska Wesleyan shortstop singled in the winning run for some payback against Dana.

Versatile Vikings in action tonight

PAUL CLARK
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

An historic state college baseball event will take place tonight as Dana hosts Mount Marty College in a single nine-inning game at Veteran's Field in Blair, beginning at 5 p.m.

Two Dana players, Tommy Pelzer and Scott Shannon, will attempt to become the first known pair of teammates to play all nine positions on the field in the same game. Pelzer is a sophomore from Bellevue East who is Dana's starting third baseman, while Shannon is a versatile junior from Omaha Central who plays infield and outfield for the Vikings. First-year Head coach Paul Davis says the pair have the ability to play anywhere on the field.

"This isn't something you would

do with players who couldn't pull it off," said Davis, who played collegiately at Creighton University in the early 1980's. "Pelzer has settled in at third for us this year but he was a utility player who saw action at several positions last year as a freshman.

Shannon has played several different positions already this year. Yes, we are doing this to bring some attention to our up-and-coming program and to the fine baseball played at this level throughout the state. But we play to win every time out, so this is not just a publicity stunt. Tommy and Scott are going to be expected to play their position well, wherever they're at. We will expect to win this game as well as do something creative and unique for our program and for college baseball in Nebraska."

Viking tennis teams heading to NIAC conference tournament

GINA JACOBS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Viking men and women's tennis teams remain winless entering the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference tournament to be played in Fremont today and tomorrow. The women's team came close to winning their first dual meeting when they hosted Midland Lutheran College Monday night. The Viking women came out with a 5-4 record, with winners being Heidi Grappendorf, Stacy Spencer, Nancy Coles, and the doubles, duo of Grappendorf

and Spencer.

Last Thursday, both teams traveled to Lincoln to take on Nebraska Wesleyan University. Because of rain, the teams were forced to play indoors. The men's team went 0-9 with the closest match being that of doubles team Mike Kahle and Danny Mattern, 4-10. Grappendorf again pulled out the only win for the Dana women's team in her singles match, which she won in two sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Only the women's team traveled to Hastings College on Tuesday, where rain once again forced the teams to face off indoors.

Grappendorf defeated Hastings' Kristin Kern in the match that would decide who would be seeded first and second for this weekend's NIAC tournament. Because of Grappendorf's conference record, she will get a bye in the first round in the tournament this weekend. The No. 1 singles champ from the NIAC automatically goes to the national meet in Oklahoma.

The Dana men's team went 0-9 against Midland Lutheran College on Monday night.

Tournament play begins at noon for the men and at 1:30 p.m. for the women today.

Great pitching inspires eight game winning streak for the softballers

ROBERT BOYD, JR.
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Behind tremendous pitching performances from Heather Olsen, the Dana College softball team won eight games over the weekend and surged into the heat of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) title race.

The Vikings went a perfect 6-0 in the NIAC round-robin tournament in Lincoln last Friday and Saturday and swept a double-header over Midland Lutheran Sunday in Fremont. In the tournament, the Vikings defeated Midland 3-2, Northwestern 2-0, Doane 7-6, Nebraska Wesleyan 9-3, Hastings 9-0 and Concordia 13-1. They swept the twin bill over Midland by the scores of 5-0 and 13-2.

The Vikings are now 12-4 in the conference, 17-20 overall, and trail Northwestern and Hastings by a half a game for the conference lead. The Vikings are trying to capture their eighth NIAC championship in the last 11 seasons.

They played a non-conference twin bill at Wayne State last night.

Olsen was named the NIAC Pitcher-of-the-Week and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Pitcher-of-the-Week for her performance over the weekend. She won five games and pitched shutouts over conference leaders Northwestern and Hastings. Olsen also set a school record with 16 strikeouts in the 2-0 shutout over Northwestern. She is now the first pitcher in school history to record over 400 career strikeouts.

On the season, Olsen has a 11-8 record with a conference leading 2.12 ERA. She has struck out 136 and walked 34.

Amy Croughwell also got recognition for her performance over the weekend as she was named the NIAC Player-of-the-Week. In the round-robin tournament, Croughwell batted .435 on 10 hits with eight RBIs and seven runs scored. On the season, she is bat-

ting .354 with 20 RBIs and 21 runs scored.

Karri Roberts is ranked in four of these seven NIAC offensive leader categories. She leads the conference in batting with a .447 average. She's third in runs scored (21), sixth in triples (2) and sixth in doubles (9).

Melinda Almand leads the Vikings with 25 RBIs. She is also third on the team with a .390 batting average on 39 hits. She's second on the squad and conference with a 2.22 ERA and has a 4-1 record. She has walked 32 and struck out 10 in her 34.2 innings of work.

Jennifer Loach is fourth in the conference in batting with a .426 batting average. She has 14 RBIs, two doubles and nine runs scored in only 54 at-bats.

The Vikings will play tonight against Doane at Zimmerman Field. Dana has the only win between the two this season. The Vikings will travel to Omaha to take on UNO Tuesday.

Dana tracksters steal the spotlight at the 26th annual Longest Day Road Races

SHANNON BOTT
REPORTER

The 26th annual Longest Day Road Race was held at Brookings, S.D. Three runners from Dana won races and two others finished as runners up.

The Longest Day Road Race is unlike the normal structured track meets the runners are used to. The shortest race in this competition is three miles in distance. "It was fun to do something different

for a change. The track can sometimes get boring," said Angie Sparacino.

Sandy Smith won the women's half-marathon and in doing so qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national marathon in May. Her time was 1:31:15.

Ben Sandy set a new course record in the men's half-marathon, winning in 1:14:18. He has already secured a spot in the men's marathon at the NAIA national

meet in May.

Neal Smith won the men's 10-kilometer race in a time of 35:57.

Anna Hovde came second in the women's 10-kilometer in 45:34 and Sparacino was second in the women's 5-kilometer run with a time of 22:05. Also, Shannon LeFave placed 23rd in the men's half marathon in 1:39:48.

Dana returns to intercollegiate action tomorrow at the Simpson College Invitational in Indianola, Iowa.