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*No Anne, I'm fine!* Dr. Paul Schneider (Paula Cultice), Myrvin Christopherson (James Plasek), Anne Christopherson (Holly Halsell), Rita McManigal (Joel Jorgensen) and Dorothy Olsen (Anne Bodenstedt) play Faculty Feud at the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day held in the cafeteria Thursday morning. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)

## Student Senate discusses wish list; new leadership program presented

JANET M. REISDORFF  
PAGE EDITOR

Free photocopies from the library is a possibility for next year. This was one of several ideas discussed Wednesday from a wish list of items Student Senate will purchase with extra funds for the 1995-96 year.

Other ideas listed on a prioritized basis were: 1) a fan for the exerciseroom in Borup Coliseum; 2) an abaddon connected to the photocopiers in the library (This would allow students to pay \$2 for an access code at the beginning of the year and receive 100 free photocopies); 3) a computer programmed with WordPerfect for Omaha Village residents; 4) a refrigerator for Rasmussen Hall; 5) another computer scanner; 6) a change machine for quarters in each of the dorms.

The current treasurer's report shows Student Senate has \$5223 to purchase some of the items on this wish list. The Business Office may pay half the amount for the copier abaddon. Senate member Paula Cultice said an old refrigerator in storage may be used for Rasmussen if it can be fixed. Flags for the graduating international students representing each of their native countries will also be financed by Student Senate.

A budget was approved for the

Homecoming Committee chaired by Kevin Schaudt. The theme next year will be "Memories in the Making." Highlights will include a musician, magician and carnival night. The Picture Man will be available for both the dance and the football game.

Schaudt also introduced a plan to implement more leadership into the students called "The Dana Student Leadership Program". This two-day event would focus on providing students with information regarding the fundamentals of leadership and successful leaders. This workshop will begin Tuesday, August 22nd, when students will be able to move into their residence halls and eventually assist in different components of the new student orientation program.

Incorporated with this program are leadership training sessions open to all Dana students throughout the fall and spring semesters. Leadership retreats are available for campus organizations in order to have the opportunity to accomplish long range planning, group unity and to focus on the organization's purpose. These retreats could be held at Dana or away from campus.

Recognition for student contributions to Dana in addition to the Campus Leadership Awards will

also be available. Student Leader-of-the-Month will recognize students for their involvement and contribution to a student group or campus project. Organization-of-the-Month and Organization-of-the-Year will also be presented to honor groups which are moving forces on campus, inspire other members and contributed to the spirit of the community.

Senate President Chad Foust reported on old business concerning the bike lockers proposed at the last meeting. Ideas were brought up of putting the bikes in storage areas, but there was still a question of keys and room availability. After Foust had a discussion with Bob Schmoll, the bike locker proposal was discontinued due to the cost and the idea that it would not affect a majority of the students.

The Student Senate Cabinet held a work session to review and assess the plans for the upcoming year. Some of the new programs they will try to implement include: a bonfire/spirit rally Friday night after the volleyball game; expanded communication with the campus community (*Hermes* information board); and Senate t-shirts. Each of the committees will be sponsoring an activity for Parent's Day, New Student Orientation, Presidential Scholarship Day and Homecoming.

## Students and Faculty recognized at annual Honors Banquet

Recognition of academic excellence and leadership was the setting for the honors program held last night. Students and faculty were honored for their achievements academically and for their work in and out of the classroom.

Each student who achieved a 3.5 grade point average was recognized as an honor scholar. The following departments honored these students for their academic excellence in their field: art - Chana Bammerlin and Stephanie Carlson; business - Josephat Mwatotele, Libby Hansen, Naomi Dugan and Stacey Dodge; biology - Jim Plasek; chemistry - Valerie Bensen; English - Dottie Whitehill, Nicole Havens and Tami Ahrendt; senior religion - Judi Yeates; social work - Dawn Bernzen, Sara Hildreth, Amy Beebout and Reginald Gilbert.

For the English department, Dr. John M. Nielsen presented the Ben Krantz scholarship to Marnie Jensen. Nielsen also awarded both the Joseph Langland Awards for poetry and prose to junior Rhonda Redden.

There were ten campus leadership awards presented. The students were nominated by faculty and fellow students for their efforts and achievements at Dana: Jill Drake; Ann Neumeister; Sara Hildreth; Timothy Marsden; Jim Plasek; Roisin Bell; Jennifer Zahnnow; Naomi Dugan; Libby Hansen and Stephanie Wilson.

Professor of the Year honors went to Nielsen, department head of English. Special awards were also presented to professors Arvin Hernes and Darrell Dibben for time and teaching abilities contributed to the school before each of their retirements this year.

Nebraska Collegiate Press Association Golden Leaf Awards were given to Matt Leaf, Jason Shannon and Rich Ullarich for broadcast journalism. Jeff Rademacher, Jill Drake and Jennifer Johnson received awards for print photography. Robert

Boyd Jr., Carrie Larkins and Shawn Osbahr were awarded for their work in print layout.

Representing KDCV, professor Darrell Dibben presented the radio award of outstanding freshman to Dan Olson. Awards were also given to Jeff Rademacher (award of merit and outstanding overall contribution) and Matthew Leaf (senior recognition).

The fourth annual Dana Investment Challenge winners and their respective awards were: Lee Heimes, \$500, first place; Ben Sweers, \$250, second place; Erika Stork, \$150, third place; Melissa Keldsen, \$100, fourth place; and Neal Anthony \$50 fifth place.

Members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society include: Karen Bertram, Vanessa Brunssen, Denise Daubendiek, Jeffrey Bryan, Katherine Eller, Chad Foust, Cathy Ferrone, Libby Hansen, Donna Hladky, Dana Holz, Rene Knievel, Mary LeFave, Jennifer Morgan, Joel Morgan, Janet Pattee, James Plasek, Ingrid Westhoff, Trista Witt, Rhonda Lane, Nathan Larsen, Kelly Paper, Jeff Rademacher, Rhonda Redden, Valerie Toelle, Heather Witte and Judith Yeates.

A special award was given to Sarah Packard from the Spanish Department. Packard was given the first American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese award from Professor Francis Hendrickson.

Hendrickson also recognized those accepted into the Alpha Mu Gamma National Foreign Language Society. Ms. Nancy Penna awarded students who were nominated into the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Representing HunTel Systems was Mr. Hugh Hunt. Hunt presented the 1995 Golden Apple Teaching Awards to professors Delvin Hutton and Roger Olson. The Honors Program concluded with a benediction prayer by Pastor Mike Ostrom. President Myrvin Christopherson led in the singing of "Hail Dana."



## Letter to the Editor

As the school year winds down there seems to be a lot of tension in the air among students. Most of us are worrying about final projects, papers and the inevitable finals. Some of us are in a bad mood at times and cranky, but that does not account for the way the students are being treated by the employees of Dana College, whether they be faculty or staff. The topics of this letter have been on our minds for at least the last semester, but we never took action because we were trying to look towards the brighter side, that things would actually get done and be better. But now it is very obvious that it is not going to happen.

After talking to many students on campus, most seem to be sick and tired of the way we, the paying "customers" of this school, are being treated. We are all adults here and if it weren't for us this school would not exist, because we are the school.

When something goes wrong on campus who are the first people blamed? THE STUDENTS! We think it is time the employees of the school take some responsibility. If the hall directors did their jobs correctly things would go smoother within the halls. If the RA's actually did their jobs when they are supposed to be on duty at night many of the problems would be automatically eliminated; such as the alcohol and vandalism that occur in the dorms late at night. RA's are supposed to do rounds every hour and check the wing doors to make sure they are locked,

but instead they sit in their rooms with their friends all night, never to emerge (unless it is to go to the rest room). In the building we live, this has not happened for months and there have been countless acts of vandalism and theft. It also seems as if they want us to do their job for them; for instance, by putting up signs that ask us to keep the wing door locked at all times after 11 p.m. They seem to only do their job when it is convenient for them and then they go all out as if they are trying to catch us by standing outside our doors listening for certain voices. When a student complains about the way an RA is doing his/her job or treating the student(s), the Student Development Office needs to take those complaints seriously, no matter what the subject matter - whether it be racism, harassment or just being plain rude. The students then start to wonder just why the same people are rehired year after year. We start to feel that no matter what we say we are not going to be listened to, so why report anything? Once higher authorities realize that there is a problem with RA's who have been given responsibilities of a hall they need to re-evaluate why the person was hired and if they should keep the job.

Then there are the people who work in maintenance. They seem to always be working, but there is very little that we can see being done on campus. For example, the heat in the dorms has not been turned off yet. It has not been that cold where we need the heat on for many weeks now. There also seem to be many students who are getting sick because it is too hot and stuffy in the dorm rooms both day and night. Now some of you might say, "Open your win-

dows," but we cannot open the windows in Rasmussen Hall because there are no screens, which is something else that maintenance has been successful avoiding all year. The students living in Rasmussen Hall were promised screens would be put up in the next few weeks when they signed in at the beginning of the year. This is now been made into a summer job.

Most offices seem not to care about what the students say. For example, the cafeteria people treat us so well during the meals and serve us food that is to be eaten with plastic utensils and even paper plates and bowls. They try to squeeze students trying to eat Sunday brunch into a small part of the dining room while the rest of the cafeteria is set up to elegantly serve some other people.

At least they could warn us that we will be herded into the Dragon's Head to eat or maybe they could use their brains and reorganize the schedule to fit both the students and the other party for lunch in the dining room. I know that as odd as it may seem there are students who look forward to eating brunch on the weekends where it is buffet style and they actually have a wider selection of food to choose from.

Basically the bottom line of this letter is that it is far past time that the students were treated with respect. As adults, we believe if we are shown some respect there is a very good chance that the vandalism and theft on campus would dramatically go down.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ritter  
Leticia Ordonez  
Lupita Ordonez

## Old LARP tradition should be forgotten

EMILY KEMPCKE  
REPORTER

Have you ever heard the saying, "Old habits die hard"? I'm beginning to think it's true - especially at Dana. Take LARP, the Liberal Arts Reading Program, for example. LARP has been in existence for many years. In my opinion, this is one habit Dana should let die.

LARP is a class required for all students. LARP is offered every semester and students are required to take four semesters of LARP before they graduate. They receive one hour of credit for each semester they finish. According to the spring 1994/1995 syllabus, the objective of LARP is "to help participants sharpen their skills in critical thinking and oral and written communication as well as enhance their understanding and appreciation of a liberal arts education." Requirements of LARP include attending all class sessions, reading the assigned texts, preparing for the small group discussions, taking quizzes and actively participating in the discussion, attending three liberal arts events and writing one reflection paper. To me, it seems like a lot of work for one credit.

However, the current system is better and more lenient

than it was 10 years ago. Until the fall of 1986, students were required to take LARP every semester and only received 1/2 credit each semester. LARP classes met once a week, every week of the semester. Prior to the switch, no visual texts, such as plays or movies, were used as material. Only books were used.

The above factors lead me to believe that we do have it easier than students of the past. I still

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find LARP, however, to be nothing more than a pain in my side. It's obvious that some discussion leaders are not comfortable or inclined to teach a class outside their area of expertise. As a student, I object to being forced to take the same class for four different semesters. I'm having a difficult time squeezing in all my requirements in a four-year time period, and LARP does not help the situation.

If the faculty feels LARP is a vital part of the Dana College curriculum, then I suggest making it a one semester, three credit hour course. This would allow students to take LARP once and get it out of the way, freeing up more students to complete their major field of study.

LARP is a tradition whose time is past, a habit that needs to be broken. A class shouldn't be required simply because it always has been.

### Leadership Training Workshop

"Leadership in Action" is the theme of the workshop scheduled for August 22-23. The purpose of the workshop is to provide students with the ability to assist their organization and their own leadership abilities. Participants will be allowed to move in early. Meals, materials and a t-shirt will be provided. If you are interested contact Kevin Schaudt at 426-7253

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And the survey says... John Lyden (Austin Brown), Myrvin Christopherson (James Plasek) and Carol Haussermann (Rodney Ronk) answer a survey question during the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day skit presented Thursday. (Photo by Robert Boyd, Jr.)

## Brothers earn respect through hard work

JANET REISDORFF  
PAGE EDITOR

Competitive, yet down to earth. This is how people describe brothers Michael and Nathan Babbitt. Their hard work has helped them gain respect from their peers for their actions on as well as off the basketball court.

Michael and Nathan have lived their whole lives on a farm near the small town of Emerson, Iowa. As Rodney Ronk, Dana sophomore and fellow Emerson High School graduate summarized, "They are very real and friendly people who are well known and respected in our little Iowa town."

Michael is a first-year student who is still undecided on a major. Friends characterize him as a very friendly and dedicated person. "He is real socialable and works hard at everything he does, especially in athletics," said first-year student Bill Stoffel. Dana student Aaron Pritchett describes him as someone always looking to go out and have a good time, "Whether he is right or wrong, however, he is always ready to argue about something," Pritchett said. "He loves to debate."

Michael said he likes to spend his spare time lifting weights, playing sports and sleeping. As he sits in his room with a basketball game on television, he says his initial interest in basketball began with his family. "I used to go to a lot of games when I was a kid. I loved to watch basketball and was inspired by the Lakers in the early 1980s."

Nathan is a sophomore elementary education major and he chose this field because of the fact he likes kids.

Sophomore Jeff Buman stated, "When he is recess monitor during his teacher assisting, the kids can get him to dunk for them on the court in his suit and tie."

Besides sports, his pastimes include being with friends and girlfriend and sleeping.

Fellow Dana basketball player Jason Jackson stated, "One characteristic which stands out in my mind about Nathan is his awesome jumping ability." Ronk com-



**On and off the court.** Dana basketball teammates and brothers Nathan (left) and Michael Babbitt are highly competitive even when they are off the basketball court. (Photo by Kayleen Wilson)

mented that Nathan slam dunked the basketball all the time in high school, having up to five dunks in one game.

Junior basketball player Mark Andrews says Nathan possesses a lot of determination, "He stands on his own and always speaks what is on his mind."

The competition between the brothers is sometimes obvious to others. Pritchett stated, "They are always competing. In high school they used to always yell at each other across the court." Andrews said one can often hear them kidding each other during basketball practice as well.

Both Babbitts agree that there is a rivalry between them. Michael said, "We are extremely competitive especially when we are playing each other in basketball."

"Winning is their number one thing," Ronk said. "Even if it was a game of marbles. They want to win at anything they do."

Family ties are of importance to these brothers. "The Babbitts are really involved with their families and they like to do things together," Jackson commented.

Their mother, Julie, is a teacher, and their father, Vaughn, is a farmer and an assistant basketball coach at Emerson High School. He used to play basketball for Dana. Their younger brother, Jared, is a basketball enthusiast, too, and can often be seen at Dana's home basketball games.

They both responded positively

to having a brother on the same campus.

"We do have to share a car, but it is still nice having him here because I always have someone to hang out with," said Micheal.

"It is an advantage having Michael here," said Nathan. "If I ever need to know about something or know what is going on back home, he can tell me."

Nathan said he chose to come to Dana because of the friendly people and it's nice atmosphere. Michael said he was attracted to Dana because he was able to play two sports, basketball and football. Both Babbitts earned all-state honors for both basketball and football in high school. Nathan has earned all-american honors at Dana and scored a school record 42 points in one basketball game this year.

Head Dana basketball coach Dave Jensen stated, "I am very happy to have them both on our team. They each contribute very well in different ways."

Michael will be playing football next year for Dana and Nathan might play football too, but contended that he has not talked to anyone about that yet.

They both commented on being close to each other and enjoy being on the same campus. "Michael does have a strong influence on me and it is definitely for the better," Nathan said. Jackson contended, "They really like to work hard and together they make a good team."

## Carruba signs with Arena Football team

Have you heard of the Arena Football League (AFL) or the so-called 50-yard indoor war? You can watch the league on ESPN over the summer and you might see former Dana quarterback Mike Carruba playing.

Carruba is one of three quarterbacks on the opening-day roster of the Connecticut Coyotes of the AFL. He joins former teammate Manny Johnson in the professional ranks. Johnson signed with the

Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League.

Carruba played at Dana from 1989 to 1992 and ranks among the leaders in virtually every passing category in the Viking record book. He passed for 5,093 yards in his career, including 2,379 in 1992 when he set the single-game school record for passing yards with 437 against the Midland Lutheran Warriors. The Hamilton,

Ontario, Canada, native was second-team all-conference as a junior and senior and ranked fifth nationally in individual passing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II for the '92 season.

The Hartford-based Connecticut franchise is in its first year of competition in the AFL. The Coyotes were scheduled to open their season tonight.

## Alpha Mu Gamma inducts 12 new members

BRANDY IDLER  
REPORTER

The Alpha Mu Gamma, or National Honor Foreign Language Society inducted 12 new members Thursday.

To be eligible for the honor, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and earn A's in two semesters of a language.

Diana Brown is in charge of the program at Dana. She said, "There has always been a small group each year inducted into Alpha Mu Gamma. This year we have one young man being inducted for two languages."

The young man she spoke of is Neal Anthony. He was honored for his work in both German and Greek.

Kristina Martens was inducted for her skills in French. Joel Morgan was also inducted for his work in Greek.

The German section has four

students honored. Anthony, Masafumi Hosoda, Danielle Larson and Johan Windmuller. "I feel it is a really big honor to be awarded for my academic work in German," said first year student Danielle Larson.

Spanish had the most inductees with seven. These students include Matt Anderson, Rosin Bell, Erin Rasmussen, Christina Hall, Angela Probasco, Michelle France and Jennifer Moores.

"It is quite an honor. I did not even know I was getting it," said first year student Matt Anderson.

Hall felt much the same way Anderson did.

"It is definitely something that looks good on a resume. It is great to see all my hard work paid off," said Hall.

Anyone willing to spend the time it takes to get the grades needed to succeed can be a member of Alpha Mu Gamma.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

May 12-18

<b>F</b>	<b>RIDAY</b> 1 p.m.	Baseball at Hastings
<b>S</b>	<b>ATURDAY</b> 1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Baseball, Hastings at Blair Kevin Westring's senior voice recital, Trinity Chapel
<b>S</b>	<b>UNDAY</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>ONDAY</b> 10 p.m.	Dead Day; No classes Now the Feast and Celebration, Trinity Chapel
<b>T</b>	<b>UESDAY</b> FINALS	
<b>W</b>	<b>EDNESDAY</b> FINALS	
<b>T</b>	<b>HURSDAY</b> FINALS	



## Vikings compete at NIAC Track and Field meet; Smith and Sandy to run in Nationals marathon

**GINA JACOBS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

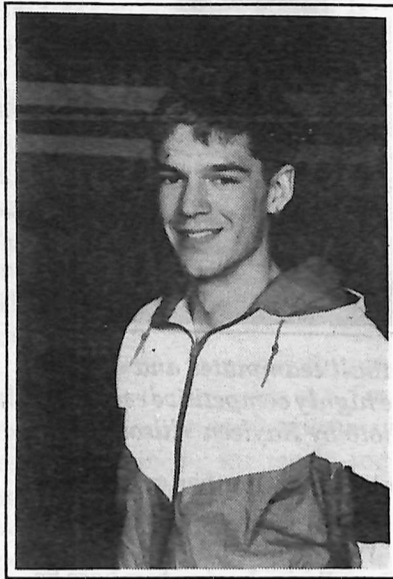
Dana had one individual champion to highlight its performance at the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) Track and Field Championships in Lincoln last Saturday. The Dana women finished in seventh place with their 17-point team score and the Dana men scored a point to put them in seventh place at the meet. This was the first time since 1981 that the Vikings have sent teams to the NIAC meet.

Nebraska Wesleyan won the men's title and Doane took the women's crown at Wesleyan's Woody Greeno Track. The meet was moved to Lincoln from Fremont by a vote of conference coaches last week due to construction work going on at Fremont's Memorial Field.

Freshman Andrea Spreen of



Sandy Smith



Ben Sandy

Elkader, Iowa, took first place in the women's javelin with a throw of 122'2", which is a new school record. She was ranked third in the NIAC for the event coming into the meet. She unleashed the

best throw in the league this year on her second attempt during preliminaries. It stood up through the finals as the first place throw. Spreen also placed sixth in the discus throw with her toss of

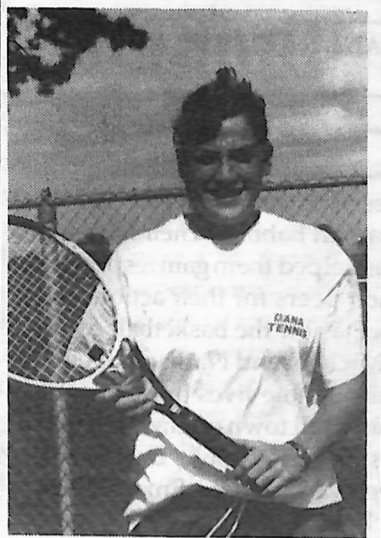
115'2."

Sophomore Sandy Smith of Superior placed third in the 10,000-meter run which was the first event of the day. Smith finished her 24-lap race in a time of 40:22.6 beating the fourth place finisher by 39 seconds. Smith's time is a personal best as well as a Dana record in this event.

Dana's only team point on the men's side came from freshman Ryan Jacobsen in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Jacobsen, from Elk Horn, Iowa, won his heat in a time of 58:32 and held on for a sixth place overall finish in the event.

Smith and freshman Ben Sandy of New Castle, Wyo., will be heading the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) Track and Field Championships later this month in Azusa, Calif. The pair will be competing in the national marathon, which will be the first marathon for the both of them.

### Grappendorf on her way to national meet



Heidi Grappendorf

Heidi Grappendorf is doing what no other female tennis player at Dana College has ever done; she will be competing in the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tennis Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Grappendorf will leave for the meet after graduation next Sunday.

## Dana softball team ends the year at the NIAC post-season tournament

**ROBERT BOYD, JR.**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Shocked. Surprised. Disappointed. That's how Dana players and fans felt after the Vikings were eliminated from the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) post-season softball tournament after their first two games.

Dana went into the tournament confident. They won 11 straight games against NIAC foes and won 11 out of their last 15 regular season games.

Confidence turned into disappointment as the Vikings were shut out by Northwestern 9-0 and were beaten by Doane 8-2 to take an early exit from the playoffs.

### Northwestern 9, Dana 0

Looking at the starting pitchers in Dana's game against Northwestern, you would think that there would be a tremendous pitching dual. Heather Olsen started for Dana while Northwestern sent ace Amy Risius to the mound. Both were in the top five in the NIAC in wins, ERA and strikeouts.

As anticipated as this match-up was, it didn't live up to its billing. Olsen's pitches were rocked all over the ballpark by Northwestern batters. Olsen gave up nine runs, six earned, on eight hits in

4.2 innings.

Olsen's counterpart lived up to her side of the match-up. Risius dominated Viking hitters. She allowed only two hits in five innings of shut out softball. The hits were off the bats of second baseman Kristy Jesse and designated hitter Jennifer Loach.

### Doane 8, Dana 2

Dana had beaten Doane 32 of its last 33 meetings, including three wins this season, but Doane surprisingly got on top of Dana early and never looked back.

Starter Karen Bertram suffered the same fate as Olsen. The Tigers scored eight runs off Bertram in 2.1 innings. She allowed nine hits while striking out one and walking one.

Olsen came in from the bullpen to stop the Tiger onslaught, but Dana was unable to rally. The Vikings scored two runs in the fifth on RBI singles from center fielder Diana DaValle and Loach. Tiger pitching shut out Dana the rest of the game.

### Season wrap-up

Despite the Vikings dismal performance in the playoffs, Dana kept an impressive streak alive as they have never finished lower than second place in the final conference standings. This year they were tied for second in the NIAC race with Northwestern, both finishing a half game behind

Hastings. Dana finished with a 19-26 overall record.

Head coach Kelly Prokupek will look forward to next year as her two star offensive performers, who received conference honors, will return next year. Karri Roberts and Loach have been selected as All-NIAC first team by conference coaches.

Roberts flirted with a Dana school record for batting average this year. She ended up with a .403 average with a home run and 22 RBIs. Next year she should set many new school records and take her place as one of Dana's softball greats.

Four other Lady Vikings earned honors on the NIAC second team; which included Olsen, Melinda Almand, Melinda Martinez and Amy Croughwell.

Each one of those players will be back next year except Olsen. She finished her brilliant career at Dana in the loss to Doane in the tournament.

Olsen set many records in her three year career at Dana. This year she set many school records, including: strike outs in a game (16), strike outs in a season (153), career strike outs (451), career appearances (74), career starts (68), career complete games (65), career wins (47), career shut outs (16) and career innings (443). She finishes with a career ERA of 1.50.

The Hermes, we would like to congratulate all the Dana Vikings athletes. Good luck to Sandy Smith, Ben Sandy and Heidi Grappendorf when they compete at nationals later this month!!!



## Baseball team fourth in conference heading into weekend play with Broncos

**GINA JACOBS**  
SPORTS EDITOR

As of May 7, the Vikings baseball team is ranked fourth in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) with an 8-8 conference record that ties them with Midland Lutheran College. Dana is 19-27 overall after their 16-9 loss to the Bluejays of Creighton University Wednesday night at the Creighton University Sports Complex in Omaha.

Dana is third in the NIAC in team batting average (.286) and fifth in team ERA (7.27).

For individual statistics, junior Dustin Wolfe is second in the conference with his batting average of .400 and number of stolen bases per game, .59 (26). Senior Kelly Danker is fourth in the NIAC in RBIs per game with .81 (35) and he is tied with senior Mike Haddock for sixth place in home runs per game with .14 (8 and 6). Haddock is also tied for sixth place

with two players from Northwestern College for triples per game with .05 (3).

Junior Scott Shannon is fourth in the conference for stolen bases per game with .49 (20) and eighth in runs scored per game with .78 (32). Junior Matt Rega is in fifth place for stolen bases per game with .42 (19), senior Lawrence Bradley is in ninth place with .24 (10) and sophomore Cliff Kay is in tenth with .23 (9).

Those in the conference individual pitching statistics are sophomores Clint Williams and Shawn Fasbender. Williams is ranked eighth in the NIAC for ERA per innings pitched with 3.77/28.67 and Fasbender is .500 (3-3) for winning percentage.

The Vikings close the season with two games at Hastings tonight and another double header against the Broncos tomorrow at Veteran's Field. Tomorrow's game starts at 1 p.m.