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Being a volunteer more than pastime for Gerth

HEATHER OLSEN

Reporter

What do you do with your much needed time off? Watch television? Play ball? Hang out with your friends? How would you like to spend your time off with a room full of very energetic three- to five-year-olds? That's what Heidi Gerth, a junior from Winona, Minn. does. Gerth volunteers at Welcome T. Bryant Head Start in inner city Omaha.

Welcome T. Bryant Head Start is a preschool for low-income families with an enrollment of 210 kids. Two days a week, Gerth, along with 30-35 other employees, mostly women, work with young children preparing them for the challenges of elementary school. Preparation tasks include teaching the kids skills like: tying their shoes, putting concepts together, learning colors, sharing with other kids, discipline and respect.

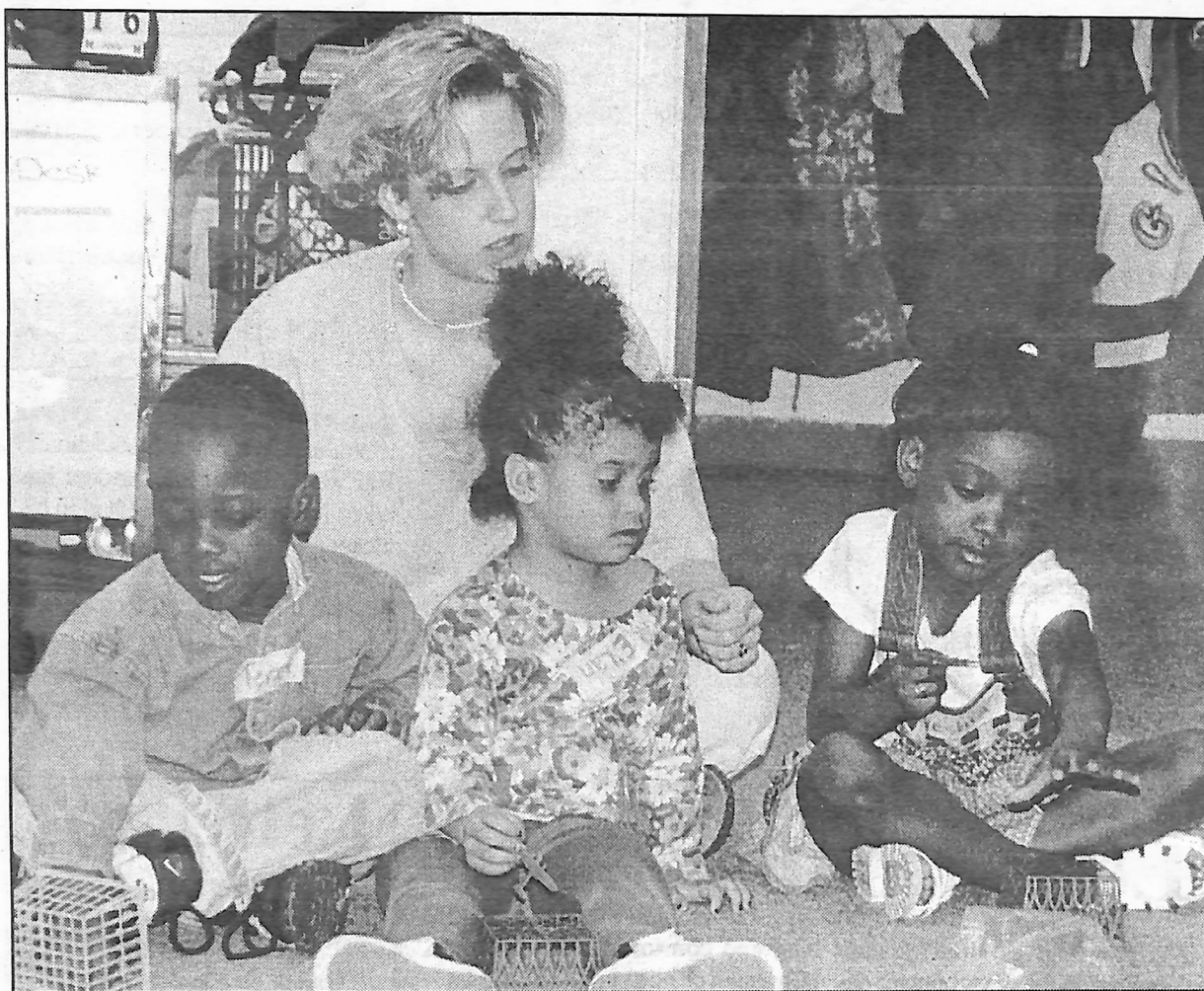
Gerth started volunteering at Head

Start during Interim when she and two other students, Cassie Green and Sara Hildreth, enrolled in a course called Serving or Being Served: Considering Gender, Race and Class, which was taught by Professor Starla Stensaas.

Since Gerth would like to work with kids as a career goal, this was a good starting point for her. She has also stated that the hands-on experience has been very valuable for her, "It's a unique learning experience, not the type you can get from a textbook."

Although she hopes the kids will learn something from her, she is sure she has learned something from these kids. "These kids are so genuine, non-judgmental, and so accepting of each other; black or white, it doesn't matter for them. We, as adults, could learn something from them," she said.

"These little three and five year olds sucked the energy right out of me," continues Gerth, "but have also inspired me to continue to work with children because they are so precious and instrumental to society."



Heidi Gerth enriches her life by helping preschool children by volunteering at the Welcome T. Bryant Head Start in Omaha. Gerth began her work at Head Start as part of the Interim class Serving and Being Served taught by Professor Starla Stensaas. (Photo by Heather Olsen)

Seniors looking forward to new challenges after graduation

JENNIFER JOHNSON

Graphic Editor

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and along with that comes graduation for the senior class. We will be leaving the world of classes, exams and papers behind and will enter a world of interviews, internships and jobs. Hopes and fears are present for many as the members of the class prepare to scatter into different directions.

Karen Bertram, who will soon be working as an accountant at Acceptance Insurance Company on Omaha, says that she will miss "my friends, my caring professors and Mary, the librarian. I'll also miss playing intramurals and softball. And I will miss the awesome fellowship between the Christians on campus."

One of the newest employees of Henry Doorly Zoo is Chad Foust, who will be working in the aquarium. He is looking forward to "getting on with my life, moving on to the real world and bigger and better things."

Mark Andrews echoed this feeling saying he was ready for "a new chapter in my life." Andrews will be starting an internship after graduation.

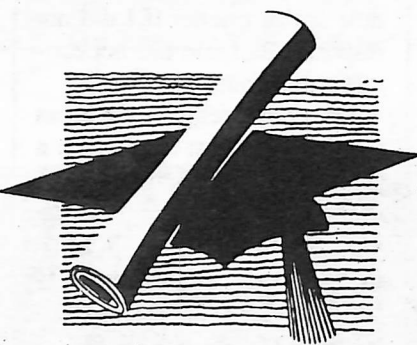
Gina Jacobs will be moving to Pensacola, Florida, where she will teach English Literature. She says that she will miss her friends.

Paula Cultice says that she will also miss her friends. She is getting married the day before graduation and will then look for a job. She says she is looking forward to "getting out of Blair and not having any more papers due." She isn't looking forward to "having to find a place to live, finding somewhere to work, and having to support ourselves now."

Having people know her by name is one thing that Denise Daudendiek will miss. On August 1, she will start at Midland Lutheran College as an admissions counselor. She is looking forward to "no more homework, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks."

Jeff Rademacher will be moving to Columbus, Ohio, and has mixed emotions about graduation. "I'll get to watch T.V. for once and I'll have some spending money instead of being poor." But he says that graduation does have its drawbacks. "I'll miss not being able to read all those great e-mail messages that I get everyday."

Money is also a graduation plus for Erik Einertson, who is looking for a



job in either Chicago or South Dakota. Though, like Rademacher, he also sees a drawback. "Leaving school to start something new, its kind of scary."

Brandy Broughton says she is looking forward to "not having to go to classes and do homework; and being able to have money to spend and to pay off loans."

After moving back to Council Bluffs, Kim Beck says "I will pursue to color combination of red and purple and work toward world peace." She, along with Brent Johnson say that they are looking forward to no more LARP or Senior Seminar.

Johnson will work for the summer either for Park and Recreation or for a construction company. He will also look for a job teaching next fall.

Good luck to the Class of 1996.

Maus chosen as Leader of the Month

May's Leader of the Month is Mary Maus. Maus is a senior elementary and special education major from Lindenhurst, N.Y.

Maus is a resident assistant in Argo hall as well as being involved in the Residence Hall Association.

She is working on her second degree and holds two off-campus jobs in addition to her activities on campus.

Her nominator said she is very well respected on her floor in Argo. "While she is only required to do eight programs per semester as an R.A., Mary impliments anywhere from 15-20 programs per semester for her floor and building. This is in addition to any activity that she works on as an RHA member."

"Mary is motivated and very responsible. She has never let me down. I know without a shadow of a doubt that any task or responsibility I assign to her will be done in an excellent fashion."



Mary Maus

For her honor, Maus will receive a certificate of award from the Dana College Student Senate.

The Leader of the Month is an award given to recognize students for their achievement and contributions to Dana awarded monthly though the Senate leadership committee.

The Way It Is

by Frit and Ronk

- * Angela Sturm, can you please remind food service again to change their clocks one hour forward, or is it one hour back?
- * When will Soren Schmidt and the Schmidheads be VH1's artist of the month? Possibly after the world tour.
- * Need tickets for this weekends big concert at MFAC? Call Frit Tixx for premium tickets, we have all price ranges.
- * Ryan Luebbe, where did you get your car? H.P. Smith Ford?
- * Congratulations should go out to the Dana softball team for winning the NIAC regular season championship. Also as proud season ticket holders, we wish the team luck in the post season tournament.
- * This week's sign that the Apocalypse is upon us: Frit gets invited to this year's Honors Program on Thursday.
- * "May Day, May Day, May Day." No, we don't need help, we're just celebrating our favorite Russian holiday.
- * There has been a huge crackdown on crime here on campus after the arrival of Sergeant Pat Moweiney.
- * SCOLA: The favorite station of Homer Simpson because of all the Mexican sitcoms.
- * If you seem to be having trouble

- answering the McDonald's Disney Trivia game cards, just contact the campus Disney expert, Karen Bertram.
- * Ronk has passed this week's health and safety inspections in Blair Hall, so all the girls on campus have nothing to worry about.
- * Since it is near the end of the year, people have been cleaning out their rooms and bringing stuff back home. But we wonder if the Gardner has taken home all the hos he had in his closet.
- * Listen to the Frit and Ronk Show Thursday's midnight - 2 a.m. on KDCV 91.1 FM, Paul "I don't know much, but I know I love you" Clark will thank you.

Letter to the editor

As representatives of the "dissenting opinion" in the recent prayer debate in Senate, we would like the student body to have an accurate, unbiased and professional portrayal of the incident at the April 17 meeting, which was not the case in Jon Burleson's article.

There was no contest by the opposing senators that Dana was indeed a Christian school, with the realization that it is also a school that actively recruits students of all denominations and encourages the exploration of all personal faiths and beliefs.

The proposal that prayer would provide "guidance and truth in the same manner as those proposing and supporting prayer. There are a number of organizations that provide an outlet for the examination and practice of the Christian faith at a personal level. We need to balance these organizations with those that are inviting and comfortable to everyone, Christian or not.

Burleson's story presented only one side to this issue and even ventured so far as to support it (see paragraph seven). He needs to realize that media is not a forum for self-expression, but structures to present facts (editorials go on page two). Media is also responsible for gathering the facts through accurate contact, which does not include mass e-mail interviewing. Which leads us to our final point...

It is highly unprofessional to hold students up for humiliation by listing them as unwilling to offer response. In the future, in order to maintain the standard the *Hermes* has worked hard to establish, we would like the content of stories to be more objective and reliable.

Roisin Bell
Elaine Rivard

Letter to the editor

I would like to respond to the article titled, "Dana's Student Senate doesn't have a prayer" by Jon Burleson. First of all, Burleson did not attend the Senate meeting where this debate took place. His entire article was based on second-hand information. The article said that I was contacted and I did not return a response. I did not know that I would be represented in the article in that manner if I did not respond. Burleson did not contact me individually.

Prayer and religion are areas that I feel are best handled on a personal basis. Therefore, I do not feel the need to assert my faith through group prayer. A group prayer could provide focus in meetings, but a vision statement could serve that purpose just as well. Also, a vision statement would be inclusive to people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds.

There are students on this campus that believe in religions other than Christianity or they may find their inspiration and guidance through a means other than a higher power. Thus, prayer in Senate meetings would not truly represent all students. I think it is very narcissistic for people to think that their belief system is the only way and to force that set of beliefs on others. Mandatory prayer in Senate would interfere with the freedoms granted me in the *Bill of Rights*. Though Dana is a private school, I assumed that I would retain those rights when I signed the application to come here.

Mary Jo Greenwood

In Living Color

by Janet M. Reisdorff

Yeah! One more week of classes, finals, and then we're out! Just stating this fact brings to mind several things: Relief. To have summer finally here and to also be done with the endless classwork. Stress. There is only a little over a week to get all this classwork done yet. Sad. These are the last days I will see some of the seniors before they graduate and move on. Nervous. I'm still unemployed for the summer.

At the start, I distinctly remember being very nervous to do this job last fall. Now some 25 issues later, is my last issue of the *Hermes* as editor. While the newspaper has experienced is fair share of trials and tribulations, the staff has had an overall successful year.

A few things that made this year memorable for the *Hermes* staff: the infamous Minneapolis conference (and getting stuck on a bus to nowhere at 2 a.m.), the most adventurous trip to the media awards in Lincoln (I STILL haven't received my Honorable Mention certificate), constant computer problems (they were like the plague) and of course all the gossip sessions (the real news).

We've managed to improve the

newspaper, too, as well as get people riled up at times over its content. It was a great learning experience and none the less, one that took up a great deal of my and other people's time so a few thank you's are in order.

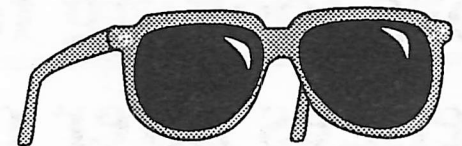
To the seniors, Denise, Erik, Erin, Jeff and Jennifer. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. We've put up with a lot. I hope you learned some valuable things and can now say that it was all worth it. You'll all be missed, best of luck!

Big 'ole thanks to Chris, Emily, Frit and Ronk, Max and Sandy. You put the all the other intricate pieces together and we couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to Professor Joan Bucy for her wonderful counsel and the weekly popcorn. Last of all to Dr. John Mark Nielsen for, most importantly, signing for our checks.

One last huge thanks to my significant other, Jeff, for tolerating it all despite the fact that he still doesn't really like the media.

Good luck to next year's staff and I can only hope they have as good of time at it as we did. I am signing off for this year anyway, so folks, that's the news and I am outta here!



The Way I See It

By Erik Einertson

I got a message from Zil, it seems that Papa Smurf has taken care of the situation, she is no longer a fugitive from the law, how about a hand up and a big cheer.

With time running out on the year I guess I should have a tear in my eye as I prepare to enter that post-graduation place in the sky but frankly darling, I don't give a #\$\$%\$.

Is this graduating class going to set a new record for unemployment or what? Everybody I have talked to seems to be looking for a cardboard box and a street corner. I don't know, maybe Micky D's is hiring.

I was reading a magazine and I found that Omaha is pretty tough on its barbers. If you are a barber the law says you can't shave chest hair or eat onions between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. I would rather have a law against guys on crack, wouldn't you?

I understand that some rednecks from Mickelson hall decided to racially harass Rev. Bill. The students were behind a window so they could not be identified. Whether you like the man or not what type of loser

hides when they scream stuff like that? The only word I can think of to describe them is "Nobody." They will spend their life knowing that they are worthless and gutless. Have a good life!

You know, earlier this year I caught a lot of grief from people because they didn't like what I had to say. The funny thing is that I have no originality. Everything I said from Pioneer Memorial to Sights and Sounds of Christmas was stuff I heard from other students.

It seems that most of the students here would rather whine than stand up for anything other than the Nebraska Cornhuskers. If people would take some action maybe some of you could really change something, not only here but in the world. Even the organizations and groups seem to be introverted. Maybe people here aren't interested in doing anything with themselves except get drunk on weekends. I know there are some people who are trying but get cut off by people afraid of change at every turn. I guess we will have to see.

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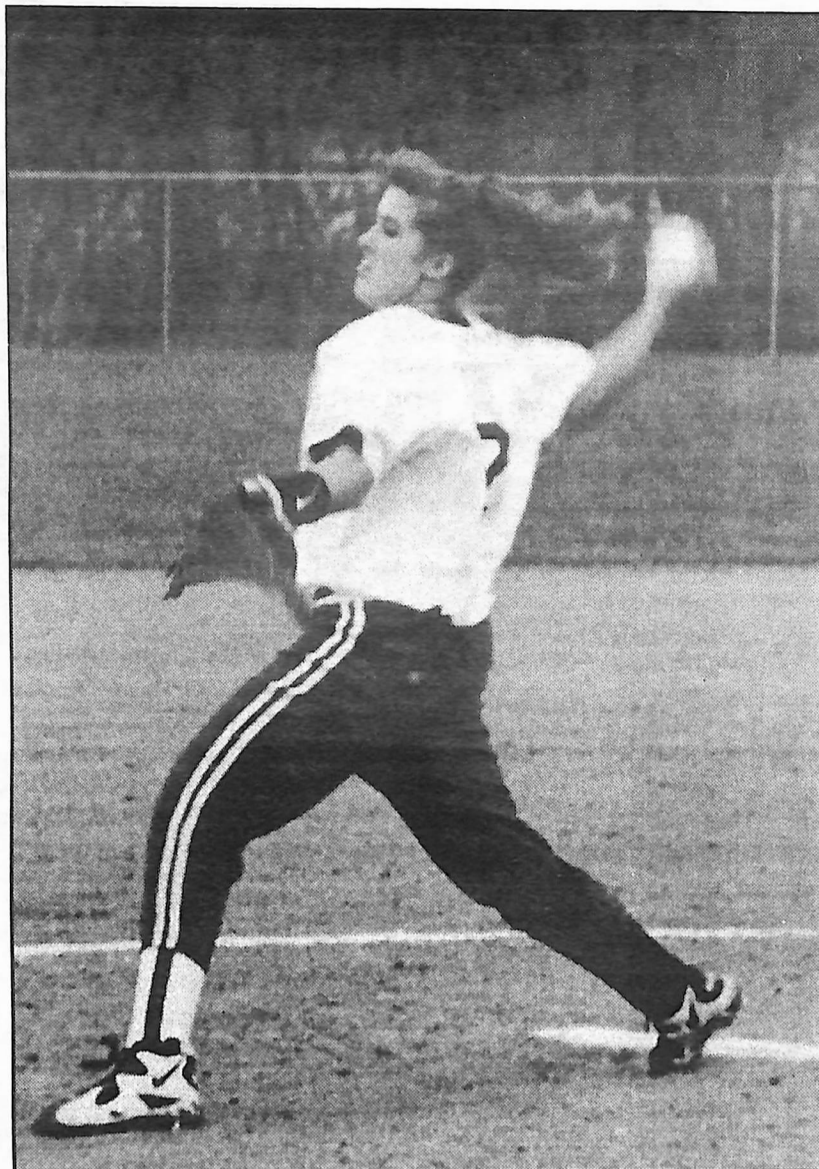
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KDCV-FM's Soren Schmidt (right) and Shane Koepke also known as Zoner and Woodrow, entertained the dining masses outside the Campus Center Thursday. (photo by Jeff Rademacher)



Dana's Michelle Mundt delivers a pitch during the NIAC Championships at Zimmerman Field Tuesday. (photo by Shane Koepke)

Weekend Activities

TODAY

11:30-1:30 p.m. - Noon hour drawings in Campus Center

3-7 p.m. - Bouncy Boxing, Sumo Wrestling and Dunk Tank in front of Campus Center

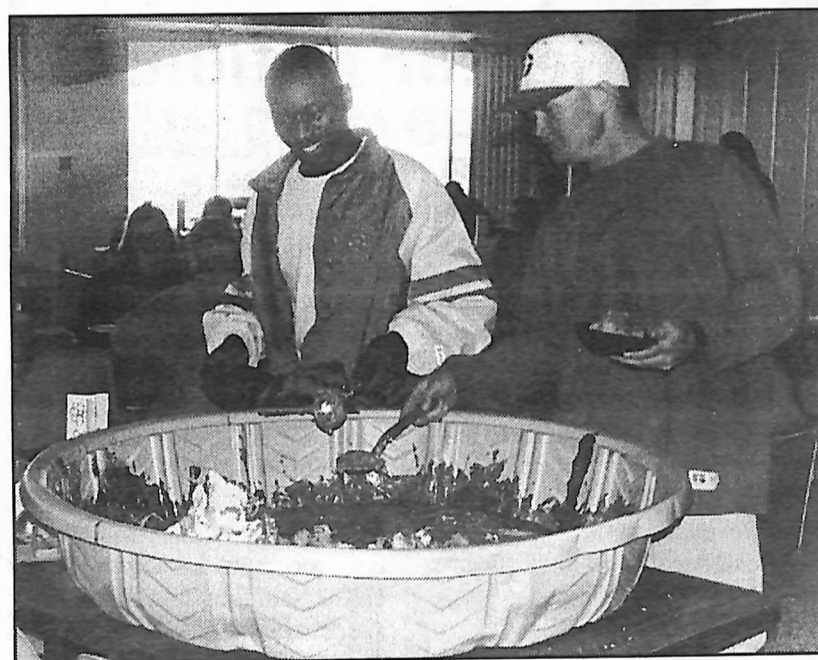
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Spring Fling Dance, Borup

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Sand Volleyball Tournament, volleyball pit



Sara Duff and Denecia Siemers partake in candlemaking Wednesday night in the Dragon's Head. Tie-dying and making beaded necklaces were also part of the event called Culture Shock! sponsored by Student Activities. (photo by Janet M. Reisdorff)



Benjamin Bundi and Cliff Kay dish out portions of a gigantic sundae made Wednesday night in the Campus Center. The sundae was sponsored by the Dana Alumni Council. (photo by Janet M. Reisdorff)

Spring FEVER!

Lady Vikings share NIAC crown with Northwestern

CHRIS CHANCE

Sports Editor

The Vikings split a crucial doubleheader against the Raiders. Northwestern took the win in game one, with a score of 4-1. In game two, the Vikes became co-champions with the Raiders with a score of 7-1.

Dana watched a 12 game winning streak snap as Northwestern pounded out six hits in four runs, only three were earned.

Senior Michelle Mundt pitched all seven innings as she took the loss. Melinda Martinez was 2 for 2 with Dana's only RBI.

In game two, the Lady Vikes came out with a bang by scoring three runs in the first inning. They continued their scoring with two runs a piece in the third and fourth inning. Karen Bertram was 2 for 3 with a walk, a double and had two RBIs. Mundt pitched all seven innings of the second game, and picked up the win.



Dana's Lisa Cady lines a pitch at the NIAC Championships Tuesday at Zimmerman field. (photo by Shane Koepke)

Last Tuesday night's game was the final home appearance for Dana's six seniors. Mundt, Karri Roberts, Martinez, Bertram and Jennifer Loach, who was out all season with a knee injury.

Diana DaValle was the second Dana player this year to be named the National Association for Inter-

collegiate Athletics and Great Plains Regional Player of the week. DaValle hit .542 with six sacrifices during Dana's 7-0 winning streak last week.

The Lady Vikings will be the number one seed for the NIAC post-season tournament, which start today due to rain yesterday.

Vikings lead NIAC with 12-2 record

SANDY SMITH

Sports Editor

After this weeks play Dana's baseball team is 26-15 on the season and still leading the conference with a 12-2 conference record. The Vikings lost to Wayne State, split a doubleheader with Rockhurst and lost to Bellevue.

Wednesday on a windy afternoon Dana dropped an 18-17 decision to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Wayne State Wildcats. In the top of the 10th inning, Dana was in position to win with a 17-14 lead. However, in the bottom of the 10th the Wildcats scored four runs to get the win. The runs came from two walks, a hit batsman and three singles.

Matt Rega led the hitting for Dana against the Wildcats, as he had five hits, including two home runs, a double and five RBIs. He went 5-for-7 at the plate which ties a Dana school record. Rega was also the losing pitcher in relief.

Saturday the Vikings split a doubleheader with Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Association Rockhurst Mo. The Vikings won the second game, 7-4, after losing the opener, 16-6.

In game one, Rockhurst took advantage of Dana's pitching for 19 hits and handed starter Mike Tupa (7-1) his first loss of the season.

Rega's three-run homer in the second inning highlighted the second game. K.C. Tupa was the winning pitcher and Clint Williams got the save.

Saturday Mike Gerson set a new school record for single-season RBIs as he drove in his 58th run of the season in the second game. The old record of 57 RBIs in a single season was set back in 1981 by John Schnaible

Sunday the doubleheader scheduled against Mount Marty was rained out.

Tuesday night the defending National Association Intercollegiate Athletics national champion Bellevue beat Dana, 8-4 at Zorinsky Park in West Omaha. Unusually, all of the runs in this game were scored on home runs. Adam Hurt and Mike Gerson both hit two-run homers in the fourth inning.

The Vikings continue action this weekend against rival Northwestern Iowa in a four-game set this weekend with two games in Orange City, Iowa Friday and two at Blair on Sunday.

Sandy places third, qualifies for nationals

JENNIFER SCHOONOVER

Reporter

Dana's Ben Sandy participated in the Drake Relays Saturday and placed third overall in the 13.1-mile men's half-marathon in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sandy's time of 1 hour, 10 minutes and 46 seconds broke the Dana school record, automatically qualifying him for the National Association Intercollegiate Athletics national marathon in Atlanta this month.

Sandy ran in the men's age 24-and-under division at Drake and

was the #1 college runner to cross the finish line.

Sandy is Dana's first track athlete to compete at the Drake Relays in 40 years. Marion Hudson was Dana's last track athlete to participate in the Drake Relays. Hudson participated in the high jump in 1956 and won the javelin throw at Drake in 1954.

The entire Dana men's and women's track teams will return to competition tomorrow for the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Association Outdoor Championships hosted by Midland Lutheran College in Fremont.

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- 9 - 1 a.m. Spring Fling Dance, Borup

Saturday

- TBA Softball at NIAC Post Season Tournament
- TBA Track at NIAC Outdoor Championships, Fremont
- Noon Baseball vs. Northwestern College, Here

Sunday

- 12:30 p.m. Athletic Awards Banquet, C.C.
- 1 p.m. Sand volleyball tournament, volleyball pit

Tuesday

- 6 p.m. Baseball at Mount Marty College, Yankton, S.D.

Wednesday

- TBA Softball at NAIA Regionals, Hastings

Thursday

- 9 a.m. Faculty/staff appreciation day, cafeteria
- 8 p.m. Honors Program, MFAC



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