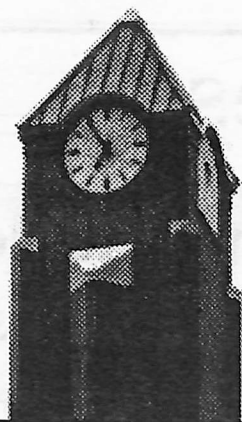


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## A bell tolls in an Arbor Day dedication for a new Dana welcome

JANET REISDORFF  
Reporter

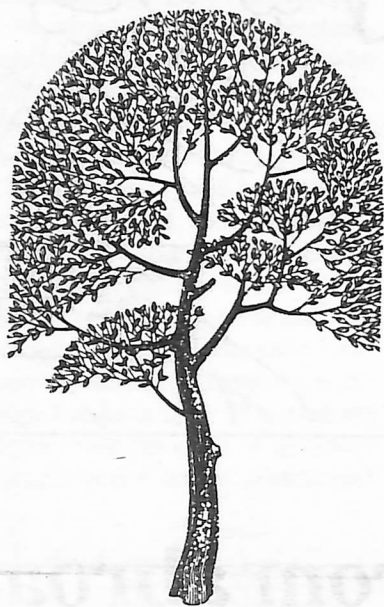
Today, Dana's campus will be planting new trees in celebration of Arbor Day. The Arbor Day Dana Scholars Celebration begins today at 4:30 p.m. with a tree planting ceremony in conjunction with a dinner recognizing Dana scholars and their donors.

The celebration begins with an outdoor reception on the Korshoj Terrace followed by a tree planting ceremony and bell dedication across from Pioneer Memorial along College Drive. The old welcome sign which was located along the Drive was removed to make room for a bell to be dedicated.

Ruth Henneman, Assistant Director of Development, said the bell was dedicated by mayor Jorg Nenter of Bad Segeberg, Germany during the Classroom Center dedication in 1993. "After he gave us the bell, we had nowhere to put it and now we do," said Henneman. "We haven't been able to put it up yet though because of the

rainy weather."

The old welcome sign was torn down April 15 by the Dana maintenance crew. Henneman said the Development Office could not find any



history on the sign. "The sign was getting quite dated and we feel it is time for a fresh new welcome," said Henneman.

After the dedication, participants

will have a chance to see a Student Internet Demonstration. Seniors Kerri Maas and Amy Croughwell will conduct the presentation in the Gardner Lecture Hall. There will also be a student art exhibit in the Madsen Fine Arts Center featuring artwork and demonstrations by Dana art students. Senior art student Kari Jaeger designed the invitations for the Arbor Day celebration.

A buffet-style dinner will then be served in the Campus Center cafeteria. "Here students will have a chance to meet with their donors," said Henneman. During the meal Dana students Gerd Bents, Nicole Havens and Jaelyn Smith will speak on behalf of the students thanking the donors for their gifts to the scholarship fund. After the dinner, participants are encouraged to attend the spring musical, "Guys and Dolls" in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

This is the second year Dana has hosted the Arbor Day Scholars Celebration. The event is sponsored by the Development Office and the Office of the President.



Liza Moberg and Sonny Larson perform at the Talent Show on Tuesday night in the Dana Hall Auditorium sponsored by Helping Our People Expand. (photo by Shawn Isaacs)

## New activities mark annual cultural diversity week

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Reporter

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week marked Dana College's yearly cultural diversity week sponsored by HOPE (Helping Our People Expand). In the past, activities to mark this event have included different speakers from off-campus, but this year, HOPE decided to try some different activities to generate more interest in the annual event.

The week started off Monday night with a poetry cafe which was held in the old chapel in Pioneer Memorial. Guests to the poetry cafe were greeted with dim lighting and mood music. Coffee, capuccino, hot chocolate, and snacks were

served while different people recited poetry. Several people brought their own work to share with the group.

A talent show was held on Tuesday night, with little participation. HOPE president Reggie Gilbert believed that the lack of participation was partly due to the musical *Guys and Dolls* which opened this week.

Wednesday night, a unique alternative to the cafeteria was offered with Japanese night. International students Elko Machida and Nozomu Takada, both from Japan, prepared a Japanese meal consisting of rice with a seasoned vegetable and meat stir-fry. The event was held in the Dragon's Head and guests were also treated to Japanese music playing in the background.

Sandra Jedlicka, guest of Japanese night, stated, "I like to attend

events like this to expand my horizons."

HOPE sponsors cultural diversity week every year. Gilbert said that he was worried that the participation wouldn't be very good, but the past couple of years the turnouts have been better.

HOPE treasurer Kim Stanley, however, was a little bit disappointed with the turnout this year.

"HOPE isn't just for minority and international students," she said. "It's to everyone's benefit to learn about different people and their cultures. HOPE's purpose is to educate everyone, not just minority and international students."

For the end of the year, HOPE plans to host a block party. Signs will be posted as to the date and time.

## Senate picking-up the recycling pick-up duties

MARY BRUNS  
Reporter

Over the last few years, Dana has made significant progress moving toward environmental awareness. Students have gradually become more responsible and aware of the "reduce, reuse, recycle" theory. This is evident by the number of receptacles for beverage cans or bottles, or places for recycling paper that are continuously filling up.

On Saturday mornings, while most students are sleeping in, or watching cartoons and munching on cereal, groups of volunteers are crossing the campus and picking up the abundance of recyclables found from building to building. These volunteers are select Student Senate members, working with Impact, the Environmental Awareness Organization, here at Dana.

At the beginning of the semester, Student Senate members were divided into four committees of five to six people. They volunteer their time, mostly on Saturday mornings, to pick up all the cans,

bottles, plastics, and paper collections, and transport them to the local recycling center, located at the edge of Blair. Student Senate member Elaine Rivard stated, "It is sometimes a time-consuming effort, but we do gain from it."

The recycling effort in the campus center and computer labs has been widely successful, according to Impact's evaluations. If students have unwanted paper, they seem to be responsible enough to get rid of it in a positive way, by recycling. Argo Hall leads the residence halls in recycling efforts, including plastic bottles, liters, and even fast food restaurant "to go" cups. With the money earned from materials recycled, each floor has received handy swing-door receptacles to add to the collection boxes that weekly await pick up.

So, the next time you gulp the last of your can of pop, or ditch the junk mail from your mailbox, look for a recycling receptacle. Volunteers are depending on your responsibility to do your part to make a difference for the campus and for the environment.

## Parking and traffic ticket board reviews appeals

The first parking/traffic appeal board was held on Tuesday, April 22 in the President's Room. Board members consisted of Bob Schmoll, Bonnie Petersen, and Elaine Rivard. Three students presented their appeal of parking tickets issued to them. One student was absent and had his written appeal reviewed. Two students had their appeals approved and two students had their appeals denied. This will be a board that meets once or twice yearly depending on the amount of tickets pending appeal.

## Campus Events

April 25-May 1, 1997

### FRIDAY

- 7:30 p.m. "Guys and Dolls," Lauritzen Theater
- 8:30 p.m. Movies at Supersaver, Campus Center

### SATURDAY

- 11 a.m. Henry Doorly Zoo, Campus Center
- Noon Baseball vs Midland, Peterson Field
- 7:30 p.m. "Guys and Dolls," Lauritzen Theater

### SUNDAY

- 11 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel
- 1 p.m. Baseball at Midland
- 7:30 p.m. "Guys and Dolls," Lauritzen Theater

### MONDAY

- 5 p.m. Softball vs Wayne State, Zimmerman Field

### TUESDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

### WEDNESDAY

- Spring Fling Begins
- 2 p.m. Baseball vs Peru State, Peterson Field
- 6 p.m. Giant Sundae, Campus Center
- 9 p.m. Comedian Mike Sullivan-Irwin, Dragon's Head

### THURSDAY

- Noon Noon Hour Drawing
- 7-9 p.m. Culture Shock, Campus Center

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"SOMETIMES," SAYS THE CARTOONIST.

## Students from abroad make plans for summer vacations

MELISSA BLIEMEISTER  
Reporter

Every student at Dana has to make plans for their summer vacation. Some choose to stay here and enroll in summer classes and/or get jobs, some go back home to work, some work at summer camps, and some go back to their home country.

Eiko Machida, an exchange student studying here from Japan, is doing two of these things. After taking six credits which she needs to graduate in the Spring of 1999, she will be going to Denmark to visit Sidsel Raskmark and Gitte Andreasen. Raskmark is an exchange student from Denmark and Andreasen is her Danish instructor here at Dana. After that, she says she is planning on going back to Japan. "Since I came here, I had decided not to go back to Japan during summer vacation because it was so hard to say good-bye to my family and friends and I don't want to have to say good-bye again. But, now I am so homesick that I think I will be going back home after Europe," she said.

Lars Jensen, an exchange student from Denmark who will be graduating in May, has secured a job with Valmont of Valley. There, he will be working in the international department. He will be there at least

for three months and from that point, they will evaluate his skills and that could lead to a more permanent job.

Reinhardt Ochs will be staying here in Blair over the summer because of the cost of flying back to see his family in Namibia, South Africa. He will be working with the maintenance department and also in the cafeteria. He will also be enrolled in summer classes.

Ingvar Hansen, another exchange student from Denmark, is going home after the semester to see friends and family and hopefully get a job. He and his family will be going to Greece for two weeks over the summer for a vacation. Until November, when he has to serve in the Air Force for five months which is mandatory in Denmark, he doesn't have any set plans.

Jensen commented that Dana has been a wonderful experience. He also said, "It has allowed me to gain a different perspective on many things." He has competed in cross country and track and he believes they have provided discipline as well as great teammates and friends. He also says, "Although I have only been here two years, I still feel a part of the Dana community. Since I will be working in the area, I want to come back often to visit friends and practice with the team."

Jensen said that as of now, he would like the semester to end, but he knows once graduation is here

he'll be sad about leaving. He admits, "I have thought long and hard about maybe staying another semester or two, but I know it's time to move on."

Machida said she also enjoyed her time here. She admits it was really hard for the first two or three months because she didn't know English very well, but she said that she has good friends here and they help her a lot. "I appreciate them and I'm coming back," she said. She also said that she is not sad about leaving because it's time to take a break and see different lives in different countries and to also keep her identity at home.

Hansen said he is really looking forward to going home because he has missed his friends and family but he said it will not be the same. He got used to the way he lived here and he thinks his friends will be different. "A lot of them have all done such different things compared to my experiences," he said. However, he will miss all of the great friends he has made since he came to Dana.

Raskmark, an exchange student from Denmark, is also going back home because she misses her friends and family. She says, "I have met a lot of people with great personalities, not to forget the members of the softball team." She said she is planning on coming back next fall but she doesn't know how long she will be here.

## Senior hopes to raise funds to help himself help others

JOY PUDENZ  
Reporter

"I'll be working with the poor and underprivileged, talking about Christianity, traveling abroad, and playing baseball. It should be exciting and rewarding," comments Mike Gerson, a senior baseball player from Alameda, Calif. Gerson has been given the chance to fulfill all these opportunities this summer through the Athletes In Action (AIA) baseball program.

AIA is the athletic branch of Campus Crusade for Christ International and strives to provide high-level sports competition, while sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The team consists of 22 college baseball players from all across the United States. Players are chosen based on their grade point average, recommendation from coaches, and playing ability. "This opportunity really excites me. I'll have a chance to experience diversity and various cultures, and this will help solidify my Spanish skills," said Gerson.

However, it will not be without hard work and determination that the opportunity can evolve into a reality for Gerson. Individuals on AIA baseball

teams are required to recruit their personal funds and a portion of the team's expenses. Fund raising has occupied a great deal of Gerson's time as he has sent out letters requesting donations.

The following are excerpts from a letter that was sent, with a pamphlet, to numerous friends, family members, and neighbors.

"This summer I have been chosen by Athletes in Action to play baseball in Atlanta, Costa Rica, Panama, and Nicaragua... This event will develop and augment myself as a whole person, with a greater understanding of other people and cultures; which is extremely important in today's society. It will challenge and encourage me to grow physically, morally, spiritually, emotionally, and socially into a citizen who will be able to function within society more successfully. With your help, this trip can become a reality.

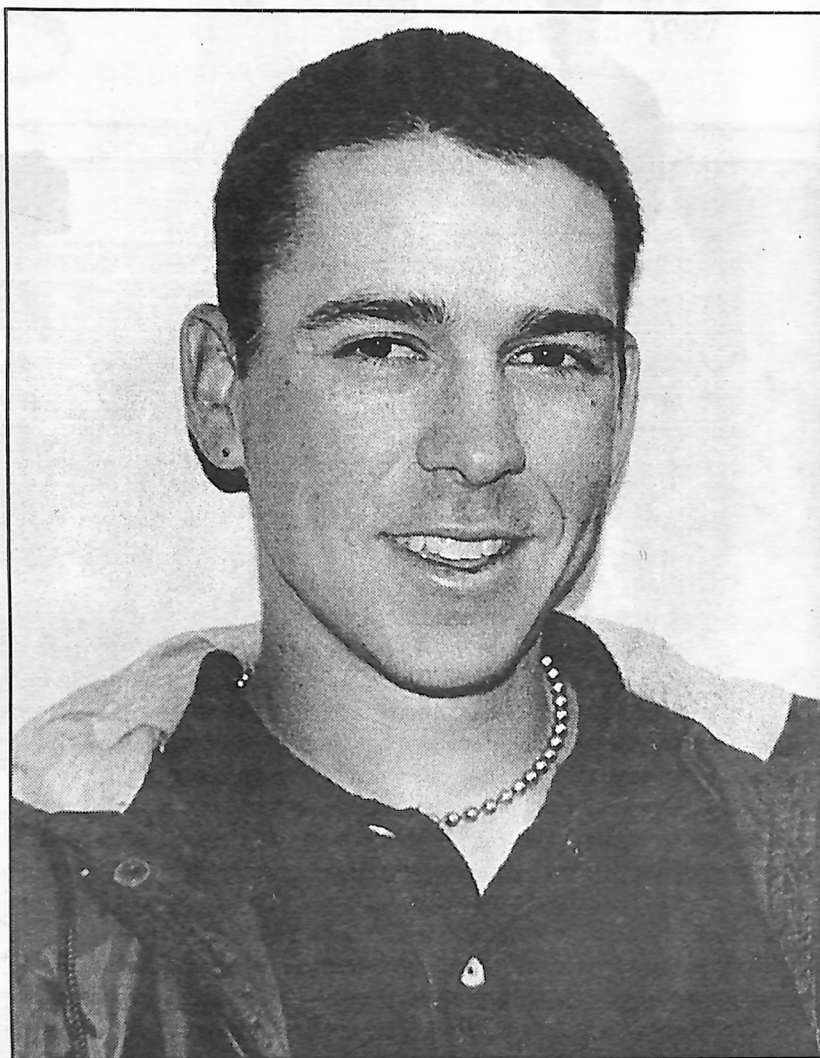
"This opportunity will be an experience of the mind, body and soul. A different language is a different vision and perspective of life. In two years I will be a Spanish and Philosophy teacher... The main function of teaching and learning a foreign language is to help students break down the walls of ignorance and ethnocentrism and to harmonize

as a human race. This opportunity will cement my Spanish, empower me to absorb and bask in cultural richness, and share a message of love through Jesus Christ...

"This adventure will be an experience of the body. Baseball is more than just a game; it is a parent, a hero, a challenge, an opponent, a teacher, a mirror, and a friend. When I play I give a hundred percent to the game and when on the field I treat it as life or death... It has built character, made me a leader, and taught me lessons about life and myself...

"This destiny will be an experience of the soul... I have been searching my whole life for some sort of purpose, direction, and stability. I have come to many road blocks and dead-ends, but have finally found a path of love and humanity. I am a new Christian and this opportunity will break down my beliefs, reconstructing and reinforcing them into solid pillars and foundations. With your assistance I will be able to spread Christ's message of love."

If you would like to help Gerson's cause, or if you have any questions about the Athletes in Action program, please feel free to contact Gerson at (402) 426-7540 or Dana College Box 168, Blair, NE 68008.



Mike Gerson

## Whitehill Ireland bound to fill dream and pursue education

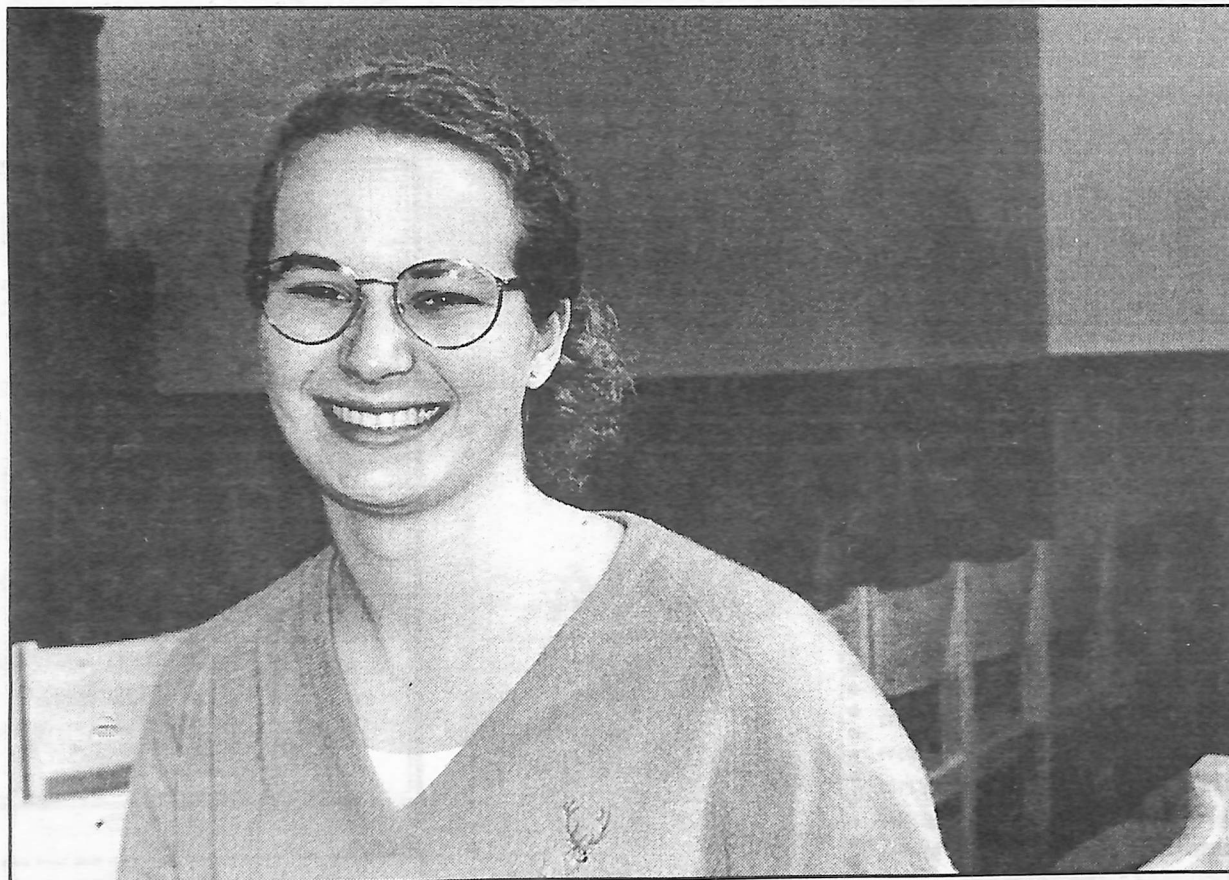
AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in Chief

How will you be spending your summer vacation? Working? In summer school? What if you could spend one month of your summer break in Europe viewing castles, monasteries, and parliament buildings? This is exactly how Dottie Whitehill, a junior from Council Bluffs, Iowa, will be spending part of her summer break while in a Syracuse University study abroad program in Ireland.

On July 1, Whitehill leaves for Dublin, Ireland where she will spend 17 days at Trinity College. From July 17-26, she will study at University College in Galway, Ireland.

Whitehill had always wanted to study abroad. She looked into studying in another country for a whole semester but felt that graduating in four years was important and didn't want to take the time off from Dana. Then Dr. John Mark Nielsen and Dr. Paul Schneider encouraged her to look into the different programs during the summer.

Whitehill explained that Dr. Schneider used to teach at Syracuse University in Syracuse,



Dottie Whitehill

N.Y. so she sent away for information on their study abroad program. When it came down to making a decision, she felt they offered the strongest program in what she was interested in. "It cost the most but offered the most," said Whitehill.

In Ireland, Whitehill's days will be spent studying drama and drama

history, reading plays, traveling around the area, and doing an independent study with a faculty member and a final research paper. Also, while in Galway, Whitehill will be attending the Galway Arts Festival where she will have the opportunity to meet actors and attend acting workshops with them.

"I love Irish drama and I've always wanted to go to Ireland," said Whitehill. She comments that her favorite dramatists and poets are Irish like Beckett, O'Casey, and Yeats.

While in Ireland, Whitehill will live in dorms with a group of American students. "It will give me

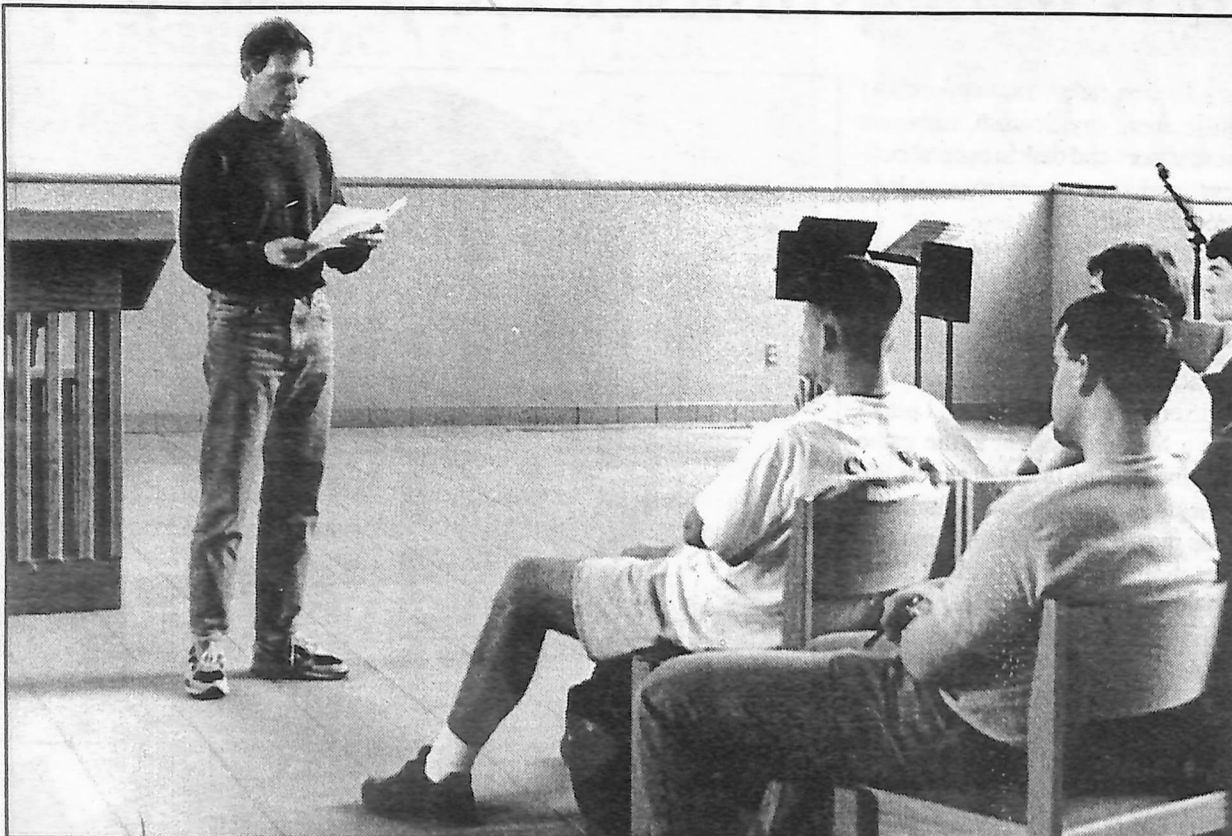
a good opportunity to meet people," said Whitehill. These other American students will also be participants in Syracuse's study abroad program.

Other than being in classes, Whitehill will be going to William Butler Yeats' residence, Dublin Castle, the Irish Parliament, Abbey Theatre, the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Isles, and Christ Church Cathedral, among many other tourists spots. "Lots of churches, monasteries, and castles," said Whitehill.

Whitehill is looking forward to spending time in a different culture and is relieved that the Irish speak English but just a different dialect. "I think it will be interesting to understand Irish speakers," said Whitehill. "I don't know much about the culture so I am excited to find out."

Traveling is what Whitehill enjoys to do and comments that she will take any opportunity to do so. "Every time I have the chance, I want to travel," said Whitehill.

Finally, don't be worried Whitehill will love Ireland too much and not want to return to Dana College after her summer in Europe because she said that being gone from the United States only makes her appreciate it more. "I love to travel but I really love to come home," said Whitehill.



Track coach Jay Birmingham speaks about his Olympic experiences in Trinity Chapel last Tuesday. (photo by Heather Olsen)

## Outdoor track finds success early in season

**JENNIFER SCHOONOVER**  
Reporter

The Dana Vikings participated in the 49th annual Doane Relays Saturday at Crete. Represented teams included Northwest Missouri State, Doane, Hastings, York, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Omaha. The Vikings set six men's records, and one women's record.

Ben Sandy and Will Hardin earned individual event championships, and Dana had a total of 19 placers on the men's team, and five on the women's side. No team scores were kept during the Relays.

Sandy, a junior from Newcastle,

Wyo. won the 800 meter run. Due to minor injuries, Sandy decided to train lighter last week and run the shorter distance event with his winning time of 1:56.61. Sandy's teammate, Max Grady, chased him across the finish line with second place in 1:58.33.

Hardin's growing progress won him the long jump event, with his best effort of 22' 3/4". This freshman from Neligh also placed fifth in the high jump, clearing 6'6". Chris Wulf, a sophomore from Blair, placed fourth in the high jump, clearing 6'6". Hardin and Wulf now share the Vikings' school record in this event.

Dana had three other men's runners-up. Neal Smith took second place in the 1,500 meter with his time of 4:03.69. Ryan Jacobsen was

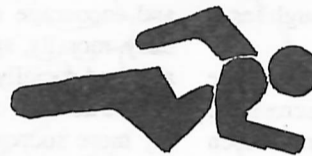
second in the 400 meter hurdles with 56.83 seconds, and Matt Poulter finished second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, with a time of 10:01.50.

Dana's Joel Carter placed third in the 200 meter dash with 22.78 seconds, and the 4x400 relay team of Jacobsen, Dan Formo, Grady, and Jason Mitchell. That quarter set a school record, timing in 3:24.41. Another record was set in the 4x100 as Carter, Scott Heiss, Hardin, and Mitchell clocked in 43.06 seconds, and finished with fourth place. Mitchell also set an individual school standard in the 400 meter, finishing with fourth place in 49.24 seconds.

For the Viking women, junior Andrea Spreen from Elkader, Iowa, placed in two different events. Spreen grabbed second in the javelin throw with 121-5, and placed seventh in the discuss with 127-3.

Amber Weber, a first-year athlete, set a new school standard in the triple jump with her effort of 32-3. Also placing for the Viking women were Angie Sparacino, Sarah Klein, and Amanda Buttry. Sparacino took fourth place in the women's 5,000 meter with a time of 19:45.99. Klein placed sixth in the 1,500 meter in 5:33.50, and Buttry was seventh in the 800 meter in 2:22.66.

Dana will travel to the Simpson, Iowa Invitational in Indianola, Iowa this coming weekend. Distance runner Sandy may be entered in the men's 10,000 meter run at the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines.



## Lady Vikes go 5-1 at conference round robin tournament

**EMILY KEMPCKE**  
Copy Editor

The Lady Vikings took a hard loss to Northwestern, Iowa Wednesday night and fell 5-4 and 13-5 in the doubleheader. Dana held a 4-1 lead going to the bottom of the sixth inning of the first game, but Northwestern was able to rally and win the game. Melinda Almand had two RBIs for Dana in a four-run fifth inning.

The Vikings had an early 1-

0 lead in game two, but the Raiders took control and won in five innings on the eight-run rule. Tara Furstenau (6-5) and Jen Schneider (4-9) took the pitching losses for Dana.

The Vikings played at the NIAC round robin this weekend and tied for first place. The Vikings went 5-1 at the round robin in Lincoln and has gone 17-1 in three years at the round robin under Coach Kelly Prokupek whose career coaching record against conference schools stands at 38-8.

Dana defeated Doane 3-2, Concordia 10-6, Midland Lutheran

6-5, Hastings, 4-3 and fell to Northwestern, Iowa 13-3.

Jessi Thomsen went 10-for-18 with two doubles and two triples and scored 10 runs for Dana at the round robin. Lisa Cady had eight RBIs and hit a two-run homer. Furstenau went 2-0 in round robin games while Schneider was 2-1 and Melanie Mowinkel was 1-0.

The Vikings, now 9-3 in the conference and 12-14 overall, traveled to Concordia Thursday evening. The results of that game were not available at the time the *Hermes* went to press.

## Vikings fall in doubleheader to Wesleyan

**JAMES PETERSON**  
Reporter

Last Saturday, the Dana baseball team managed to split a doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan at Paul Peterson field, winning the first game 9-7 and taking the loss in the second game by a score of 8-17. The crazy spring weather rained out a doubleheader on Sunday that was supposed to be down in Lincoln.

In the first game, Corey Johnson got the win, taking his record to a perfect 5-0. Sam Brueklender got the save as the fourth pitcher out of the bull-pen for the Vikings. First baseman Shawn Fasbender had three RBIs

in the game, and also managed to do some damage in the second game, pounding a double and a triple. However, Wesleyan proved too much, scoring 17 runs thanks to 16 hits on the afternoon.

On Wednesday of this week, the Vikings traveled to Sioux City to take on NAIA top-25 contender Briar Cliff, Iowa in a make-up doubleheader, losing both games by 9-3 and 8-7 scores. Mike Gerson went 2-3 with two doubles and four RBIs in the second game, and pinch-hitter Ryan Enright accounted for two of the three runs in the opener with a two-run single. Johnson (5-1) took his first loss of the season, and Larry Dant (2-4) was the losing pitcher in game two.

## Spring Fling and DANA JAM

April 30-May 3

- Wednesday, 5 p.m. Giant Sundae, Campus Center
- Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Culture Shock, Campus Center
- Friday, 2-8 p.m. Omega Experience
- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DANA JAM, campus courts
- 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dance, Borup Coliseum

## Organist/congregational worship coordinator

Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont is seeking a Congregational Worship Coordinator. Duties would include playing organ/keyboard for weekly and special church services, contributing to music planning and recruiting musicians for special music. Please send inquiries and resume to:

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