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## Program expanded to meet international students' needs

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Graphics Editor

Changes in Dana's English as a Second Language program are intended to bring in more international students in the next few years. The ESL program will be expanded for next year with a new director, new classes and a new teacher.

The program is geared to help any student at Dana who does not speak English as his or her first language. Dr. Paul Formo, vice president for academic affairs, believes programs like this are important "because of the growing number of people in the United States who do not speak English as a first language."

The revamped program is intended to help students improve their English language skills before starting into full-time college work. These students will earn credit for ESL classes that will count toward their foreign language requirement for graduation. The ESL program is a full-time English study program for students who need practice with the lan-

guage before starting to work on their major field of study. Students who do not speak English as their native language must get a score of at least 500 on the Test of English for Foreign Language (TOEFL) before they can enroll as a student at Dana. Students who need the extra instruction in English in order to earn a score of 500 on the TOEFL will be in the ESL program their first semester of college. The program consists of 12 credits that will be completed before the students move on to other areas of study at Dana. Next year there will be four courses offered that cover the basic areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Formo thinks the program is valuable because students will be immersed in the language before they go into a discipline.

With the new additions, Formo said that the improved version of the ESL program will meet the demands of international students who want to earn their degrees at Dana.

"The ESL program is more than courses. The students will be involved in campus activities. For the rest of us it will be an opportunity to learn and interact with people from other cultures," said Formo.

Dorte Staermose, instructor for the ESL program this year, says that one of the benefits of the program is the small classes. "We're able to get to know each other more than students in other classes. We talk about specific problems," she said.

The changes to the program are in effect because Formo noticed that the international students needed more than Dana was providing for them.

"Dana is a good place for international students to come to school and these new improvements allow us to bring more international students to the campus," said Formo. "We want to increase our enrollment of international students."

The college is currently searching for a director to head the ESL program. The instructor for the ESL program this year, Staermose, has announced that she will not be back next year so the college will also need a new teacher.

"We hope to have a director, a teacher and one other person to act as support staff and work closely with the student development office," said Formo.

## Six seniors star in Dana's "Rehearsal"

LESLIE SCHROETER  
Feature Editor

What is a director to do when he doesn't get the rights to his show? Dr. Paul Schneider, artistic director of what was supposed to be the Dana College theater department's production of "Grease," had an idea of what to do one day while shaving. How about a show that simulates the last two weeks of a rehearsal for a Broadway review?

Audiences for the five-day performance starting April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater will be seeing just that. The actors and actresses play themselves and Schneider is making his debut on the Dana College stage, also playing himself.

The show includes 24 singers, dancers and actors and is choreographed by Julian Adair, owner of the Adair Dance Academy in Omaha. She has 50 shows to her credit and is a professional dancer. Schneider said he feels that one area that the theater department has been lacking in is choreography. He said that Adair makes a fabulous addition to the

show. Schneider's fiancée, Connie Lee, also choreographed for the musical and will appear in the musical as a sort of "dance captain."

Schneider said that doing this musical is better than doing "Grease" this year because he gets to showcase six seniors who have all been integral parts of the theater department for the last five years.

One of these seniors, Dottie Whitehill, says that she is enjoying this musical because of the focus on more modern Broadway showtunes. "Rehearsal" will include 29 showtunes from musicals including "Grease," "Hair," "Pippin," "Ragtime," "Rent" and "Sunset Boulevard."

The idea to do a Broadway review originally came from junior A.D. Ward, who is the musical director of "Rehearsal." The show will debut the song "Dreamers" from a musical that Ward is currently writing. That musical is set to take stage next April.

"This is a Broadway review about what you do when you don't get the rights to 'Grease,'" said Schneider.

The show runs from April 22 through April 26. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater.

## FOCUS focuses on giving students a positive, chemical free environment

CHRISTINA NUTTER  
Reporter

FOCUS, a program for students who have completed a substance abuse treatment program, will be offered at Dana next fall.

This program is intended to provide a positive environment for students who have been substance-free for a minimum of six months and demonstrate potential for college-level work.

David Hoppe, program director, started this program to help students who have been chemically dependent and have not wanted to enter college. Having experience with students in half-way houses, Hoppe said he realized the need for a transition. Many students relapse upon entering college.

If a student entering the FOCUS

program as a freshman remained at Dana for four years, chances of relapse are very small as he or she would have been chemically free for at least 4.5 years. "We can turn their lives around," Hoppe said.

The program will include chemical-free, zero tolerance housing, weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, weekly individual counseling and bi-monthly personal skills workshops. Students will also be encouraged to take advantage of the Learning Center and personal academic advising.

In order to be accepted into the program, students must provide evidence of having successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program and have been chemically-free for a minimum of six months. Letters of recommendation and a personal statement of motivation are required. Academic ability must rate at or above 50 percent nationally.

Students accepted to the FOCUS program must make a preliminary commitment to abide by the requirements. They must maintain a minimum grade point average, fulfill a class attendance requirement, participate in counseling and workshops and identify personal goals.

Students are being recruited nationally for the FOCUS program. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted for next fall.

A common protest to this program is the question why a school would actively recruit formerly chemically-dependent students. Hoppe said, "I would rather work with someone who realizes they have a problem and is willing to do something about it."

Hoppe said he hopes the community environment will provide a positive peer influence, not only among members of the program but also to other students on campus.



Chana Bammerlin and Jeremy Jones work on the Arbor Day invitations that they created for Dana's annual Arbor Day Celebration with the help of Starla Stensaas and Anne Christopherson. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

## AAL helps families with college students

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AAL, a fraternal benefit society owned by 1.7 million Lutherans, offers scholarships for AAL members who attend any accredited university or Bible institute; an accredited vocational or technical school; or a two-year associate degree program. AAL also offers an associate's or bachelor's degree completion scholarship for AAL members who are age 25 or older.

AAL Member Credit Union, an AAL affiliate, offers low-interest government loans to students and their parents to help pay the costs of attending post-secondary schools. Only members of AAL are eligible to join the credit union.

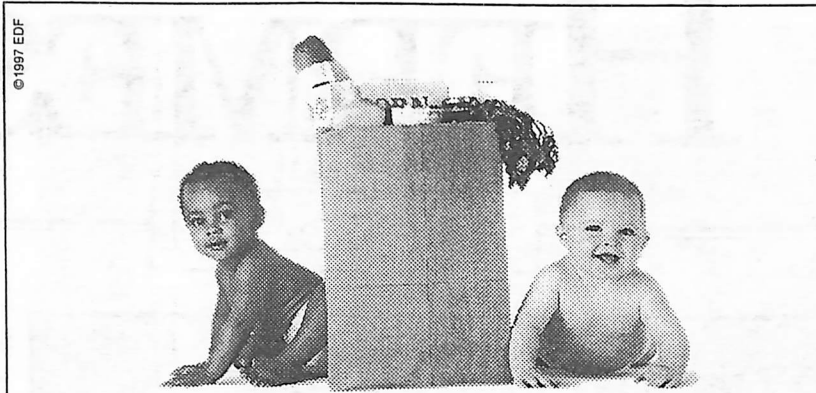
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taxes.

AAL offers Lutherans and their family members life insurance and disability income insurance so if death or disability strikes, the coverage will help ensure sufficient funds for a child's higher education.

AAL has developed informative materials for young people as they consider future education and career plans. These materials were developed exclusively for AAL members as a complimentary benefit of membership. "Knowing Where You're Going...Life After High School" is a book that contains information to help teens sort through educational and career opportunities. It is accompanied by a CD-ROM that helps match skills and interests to specific career options. "Movin' Out & Movin' On" is a booklet with practical advice for young adults living on their own for the first time. It is accompanied by a packet of household emergency tools.

For more information, contact a local AAL representative. To find the name and phone number of the nearest AAL representative, call 1-800-225-5225, extension 5913 or visit the AAL Web site at [www.aal.org](http://www.aal.org).



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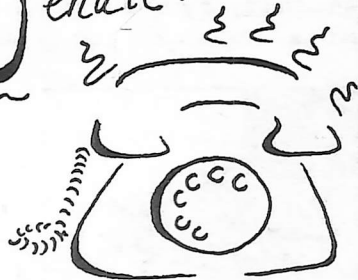
### Learning Center tutors' schedule changes

Several changes have been made in the Learning Center tutors' schedule since the beginning of the semester. Therefore, please access the online tutors' schedule for the most up-to-date information about Learning Center tutors. Select "campus information" from the main menu and then select the Learning Center tutors' schedule option. Please print these schedules if you need to replace the paper copies you picked up in the Learning Center or contact Lori Nielsen, director, for more information at 426-7334 or [LNielsen@acad2.dana.edu](mailto:LNielsen@acad2.dana.edu).

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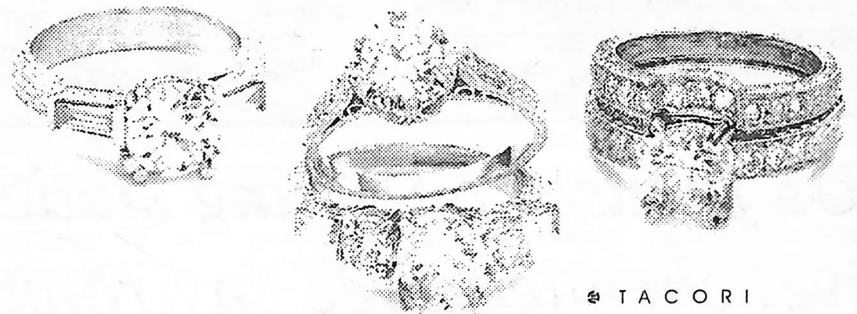
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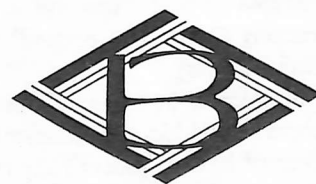
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# Features

## Members, coaches of Dana soccer team volunteer in Omaha

JILL DEWALD  
Sports Editor

On Saturday, April 4, 10 members of Dana's soccer team and two coaches volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. The team spent the day constructing two homes at 25th and Maple Streets in Omaha.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization which has a local chapter in Omaha. Habitat provides low-income housing for thousands of families throughout the country. People who purchase houses from Habitat are not able to own their own homes through other means. Habitat sells houses to viable applicants with low or no-interest loans. The buyers also have lower house payments.

According to Ted Arndt, interim women's head soccer coach, Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization that does its work for God's glory. Arndt said he organized the community service project for the team after being in contact with the local chapter in Omaha.

Arndt said Habitat volunteers work every Tuesday and Saturday. He said Habitat encourages colleges to form

work groups to come and volunteer. He added that most of the work is unskilled labor and requires little experience. "It is a learning opportunity about construction, about yourself and about those you are working with," he said.

Student assistant coach Ryan Holtam said that an average house takes three to four months to construct. He said the homes they were working on may take six months to complete due to the wet spring.

The women's soccer team participated in the construction of two houses located across the street from each other. They began work on the two houses at 9 a.m. The volunteers worked for six hours removing tree stumps, fence posts and various debris. They also measured, cut and attached siding to the houses.

"Digging up the roots was hard work but everything else was really fun," said sophomore team member Melissa Bliemeister.

Sophomore Michelle Schriver said, "We did a lot of different things. We even shoveled cement blocks out of the ground."

"I like to volunteer," said Schriver. "I knew that Habitat needed the help. I had a free Saturday so I thought

what the heck."

"It was a great opportunity to give something back to the community," said Bliemeister. "It made you feel good about yourself, knowing you were doing something for others who may not be as fortunate as you are. So many people have supported me in so many ways that I want to give something back even if I don't know them personally."

Schriver said, "It was amazing to see the difference we made. When we first got there the place looked like crap, but with a lot of cleaning up it began to look like a safe and clean neighborhood."

"I really had a great time," said Holtam. "It personally made me feel good to give my time and effort to someone else."

"The Lord blessed us with great warm weather," said Arndt. "Some of the girls rolled up their sleeves to work on their tans--or sunburns."

"I hope the soccer team will be involved in other similar activities in the future," said Arndt. "COMPASS, a cross cultural ministry in North Omaha, has invited the team to visit. The goal is to build up the team and develop leadership among team members."



Members of the Dana soccer team, seniors Sara Duff and Ryan Holtam and sophomore Melissa Bliemeister, volunteer their time to help with construction on a home in Omaha. Members and coaches of the team volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. (Photo courtesy of Ted Arndt)

## National STD Month, information on talking to your caregiver

April is National Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month and this year the American Social Health Association (ASHA) is urging people to break the silence about one of the most common, yet least discussed STD, human papillomavirus (HPV).

During April, ASHA will offer a free brochure, "A Practical Guide for the Tongue-Tied: How to Talk with Your Health Care Provider about HPV and Other STDs" to help open the lines of communication about HPV, a disease that infects an estimated 24-40 million people. The free brochure can be requested during April through a toll-free number, 1-800-677-4100.

Genital HPV is considered by health experts to be one of the two most common STDs, along with genital herpes. Some types of HPV can cause genital warts and others can cause cervical cancer.

"Because HPV is extremely common and often symptomless, education is essential for early detection and treatment," said Linda Alexander, ASHA president and chief executive officer. "That is why we are dedicating this year's National STD Awareness Month to enhancing awareness of HPV."

The free brochure is designed to encourage people to talk with their health care providers about the risk

for HPV and other STDs and to help them feel more comfortable initiating this discussion. "Many people find it embarrassing to talk about STDs, even with a health care professional, and many health care providers don't broach the subject," Alexander said. "We want to help remove that barrier."

The brochure will give suggestions including how to start a conversation about STDs with a health professional, what information to provide and what questions to ask.

ASHA surveys highlight the issue of poor communication about STDs between patients and health professionals. According to a 1995 study of women college students, more than half of sexually active women surveyed said they were somewhat embarrassed about asking a health professional about STDs. In a 1995 Gallup Organization study commissioned by ASHA, 54 percent of adults and 35 percent of teens said health care providers spend "no time at all" discussing STDs with them.

Raising awareness about HPV and other STDs is especially important for young adults and teenagers, Alexander said. "People under 25 acquire two-thirds of the new STD infections in the U.S. annually and those ages 18-28 have the highest estimated rates of HPV."

Genital HPV is in the same family

of viruses that cause warts on the hands and feet. Some types of genital HPV can cause warts around the genitals or anus, while other types are closely connected with cervical cancer.

Genital warts can vary widely in size and may be detectable only through a microscope. They are usually painless, but they can cause itching, pain or bleeding. Although there is no cure for HPV, treatments are available to remove visible warts or eliminate symptoms.

Studies have shown that almost all women with cervical cancer have HPV, but only a small percentage of women with HPV develop cervical cancer. Annual Pap smears are crucial to detect precancerous or cancerous changes in the cervical cells at early treatable stages.

Founded in 1914, ASHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to stopping STDs. The organization has sponsored National STD Awareness Months since 1992 to focus public attention on STDs and encourage open discussion about the infections.

For free information about STDs, call the CDC National STD Hotline at 1-800-227-8922. To purchase HPV publications, call the ASHA Resource Center at 1-800-230-6039.

National STD Awareness Month in 1998 is supported by a grant from 3M Pharmaceuticals.

## Campus Events

### FRIDAY

TBA  
7 p.m.

Softball, Lincoln  
Scavenger Hunt, CC

### SATURDAY

TBA  
11 a.m.  
Noon

Track, Doane  
Shrine Circus, CC  
Baseball, Blair

### SUNDAY

1 p.m.  
2 p.m.

Baseball, Hastings  
Senior Recital, Chapel

### MONDAY

Course Registration

### TUESDAY

10:30 a.m.  
4 p.m.  
7 p.m.

Course Registration  
Chapel  
Softball, Bellevue  
Pitch Tournament, Dragon's Head

### WEDNESDAY

2 p.m.  
3 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
10 p.m.

Course Registration  
Baseball, Blair  
Movie, Dragon's Head  
Musical, Lauritzen Theater, MFAC  
Chapel

### THURSDAY

10:30 a.m.  
7-10 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Course Registration  
Chapel  
Thursday Night TV Party, Dragon's Head  
Musical, Lauritzen Theater, MFAC

## Outdoor track starts on the right foot with a "fine performance"

LAURA HIEBENTHAL  
Copy Editor

Eight members of the Dana track team placed at the Northwest Missouri State University Invitational on April 4, the team's first outdoor meet of the season.

"It was a great first meet," said coach Jay Birmingham. "In a 22-team meet, having eight placers was a fine performance."

The men totaled 28 points and were led by sophomore Scott Stanley who brought home a first place finish in the 1,500-meter run. His winning time of 3 minutes, 59.83 seconds was also a personal best. Stanley also competed in the 800, taking seventh place in a personal best time of 1:56.35.

In the men's 10,000-meter run, Dana had two runners place. Junior Matt Poulter placed fifth in 32:42 and was followed by senior Ben Sandy in sixth in 32:46.

Freshman Justin Christensen earned

a fourth place finish in the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 9:51.14.

In field events, junior Chris Wulf placed fifth in the high jump, clearing 6-4.

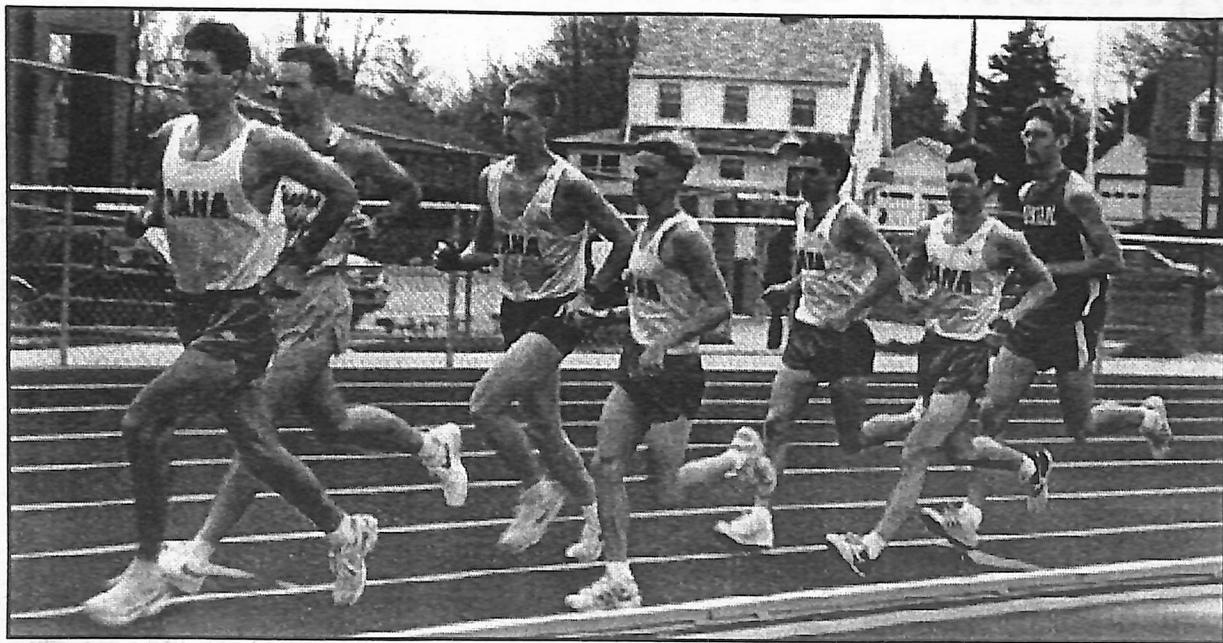
On the women's side, the team scored 14 points and was led by senior Angie Sparacino. Competing for the first time in the 10,000, she took second place and broke the school record. She finished the race in 38:23, breaking the old record of 40:16 held by Sandy Smith.

"I know I ran my hardest and still have room for improvement before our conference meet where I will compete in my second 10K," said Sparacino. "Placing second was a great reward and breaking the school record was an extra booster."

The other placer for the women's team was senior Andrea Spreen. She earned third place in the javelin throw with a toss of 124-10.

Sparacino said she was also pleased with the team's performance.

"With 22 Division 1 and 2 schools present at the meet, I think Dana did awesome," she said. "We have



Practice pays off for runners Jason Brindle, Aaron Schlote, Bob Spangler, Ben Sandy and Matt Poulter as they compete in the 10,000-meter run at the Northwest Missouri State University Invite. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

trained very hard and consistently for the past few weeks between our indoor and outdoor season, so we were well prepared. Hard work pays off."

Last weekend the track team traveled to the Dordt Invitational where they had to compete with the weather in addition to other athletes. At times wind gusts of up to 25 miles per hour hampered the meet.

Dana's only first place finish came from sophomore Scott Heiss who won the javelin with a mark of 171-8. He also competed in the long

jump and placed sixth.

Spreen was a three-time scorer at the meet, taking second in the javelin with a throw of 128 feet, her best of the season. She also earned fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot put.

Bringing home a silver medal, freshman Aaron Schlote finished the 5,000-meter run in a time of 16:09.54.

Sophomore Amber Weber broke her own school record in the triple jump, covering 33-5 for sixth place. She also tied for second place in the

high jump.

Other placers at the Dordt Invitational were: Stanley, third in the 1,500 and fourth in the 800; senior Ryan Jacobsen, fourth in the 400; freshman Wray Wright, fifth in the 100 and sixth in the 200; sophomore Sarah Klein, fifth in the 1,500; freshman Tiffani Nielsen, fifth in the 3,000; freshman Brooke Thomsen, fifth in the high jump; senior Lynette Riemersma, sixth in the discus; and the 1,600 relay team (Stanley, Christensen, Jacobsen, senior Max Grady), sixth place.

## Viking softball team starts NIAC season 3-0

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Sports Editor

The Lady Vikes softball team took charge of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference season with two victories at Doane College on Saturday, April 4.

In the first game, the teams went head-to-head in a 2-2 tie after seven innings of play. Senior Keri Hall scored the first Viking run in the second inning. Sophomore Lisa Shefland picked up the RBI with a single on two outs, tying the score with Doane 1-1. Freshman Jessica Scoopmire's single in the fifth drove in senior Taffy Forsen to give the Vikings a 2-1 lead. Doane tied with Dana in the bottom of the fifth.

The next four innings went scoreless.

The international tie-break rule gives each team a leadoff runner on second base and three outs to advance her home.

Sophomore Jessi Thomsen took her place at second base and advanced to third on Shefland's sacrifice bunt. Thomsen then scored on Scoopmire's grounder to second.

Dana held Doane in the bottom of the tenth to claim the 3-2 victory.

Freshman Jenna Moffet pitched the final six innings for the win.

Tara Furstenau pitched four innings, yielding two hits and one run. Thomsen led the Vikings with two doubles.

The second game held equal excitement with the Vikings gaining another 3-2 win.

Dana entered the final inning down 2-0. Forsen led off the seventh with a single and was sent home by Thomsen's triple. Shefland then drove Thomsen home on a double. Dana grabbed the lead when freshman Sarah Graham hit a single, bringing Shefland home to claim the doubleheader sweep against the Tigers.

Sophomore Jennifer Schneider picked up a complete game win, allowing only two hits and zero earned runs. Thomsen again led the Vikes at the plate with three hits including her seventh inning triple.

Wednesday the Vikings traveled to Midland to continue NIAC play.

Dana claimed a 5-3 win over the Warriors in the first game of the doubleheader. Furstenau earned the win.

Scoopmire led the offense with three hits and two RBIs.

The second game was stopped due to rain in the second inning of play. The game is set to resume this weekend following the NIAC round robin tournament in Lincoln.

Dana's season record now stands at 7-8 overall and 3-0 in the NIAC.

## Baseball team claims seven victories

AMY BENEDICT  
Editor in chief

The Dana College baseball team has been racking up wins the last few weeks by splitting a doubleheader against Midland, picking up three wins in a four-game series against Doane College, sweeping a doubleheader against Briar Cliff and winning against Northwestern by the ten-run rule.

Dana hosted Doane College on April 4 and picked up their first wins on their home field. Dana won the opener 4-0 and took the second game 10-5. The next day they traveled to Crete to face the Tigers on their home turf, splitting a doubleheader. Doane took the first game 6-3 but Dana won the second 8-7.

In the first game of the four-game series Larry Dant of Walnut, Iowa, pitched all seven innings for the Vikings, holding Doane to only five hits and no runs for a shutout. The pitching performance earned Dant the honor of Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference pitcher of the week. He also earned the Great Plains Region Pitcher of the Week award. The regional award is comprised of five different National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics conferences in the region. Dana waited until the bottom of the fourth for their heavy hitting when they produced five hits and scored four runs. Aaron Woodard of

Omaha started the inning with a single and then Rich Martell of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., singled him in. Later Kris Nakasone of Pearl City, Hawaii, hit a double bringing in both Brian Ferguson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Martell. Nakasone crossed the plate later when Jacob White of Alameda, Calif., got an RBI. The inning ended with Dana leading and later taking the game 4-0.

In the second game of the series, Dana chose the fifth inning to make some noise with their bats, getting five runs during the inning. White was nominated NIAC player of the week for his hitting performance in the game getting a home run, triple, three runs scored and four RBIs. Corey Johnson of Blair was the winning pitcher.

In the next day's doubleheader, Dana scored in both the third and sixth innings to win 6-3. White got his second home run of the season and Martell hit his third. Tommy Cox of Lihue, Hawaii, also picked up two hits. Woodard was the winning pitcher.

Doane came back in the fourth game with a quick 8-1 lead and held out for a final 8-7 victory. Tim Podraza of Carter Lake, Iowa, and Ryan Enright of Kincardine, Ontario, each had three hits during the game.

In the first match-up against Midland on April 6, the Vikings' errors allowed 25 Midland batters a chance at the plate in the first three innings. Therefore, Midland took an early 10-

0 lead over the Vikes. In the top of the fourth inning Enright got a run on the board for Dana with a solo home run. White scored the last run of the game for Dana on a sacrifice fly hit by Nakasone. Midland came back again in the bottom of the fourth and added three more runs to score. The game ended after the ten-run rule was called with the score 13-2.

In the second game of the day, scoring slowed down for Midland. After three innings Dana had scored a run and held the Warriors to two. In the top of the fourth Dana added two more runs to the game. Woodard started the inning with a single. Next up to the plate was Podraza who hit a double and moved Woodard to third. Jeremy Stuecklin of Omaha brought in both base runners on a single to center field. Later in the seventh White singled home Nakasone. Woodard was the winning pitcher on the mound for the Vikings with the 4-2 win. Stuecklin led Dana in batting, finishing the game with three hits and three RBIs.

On April 10, Dana defeated Northwestern College in Iowa 14-3, ending the game early due to the ten-run rule. Martell was named the NIAC player of the week for his batting performance of hitting for the cycle: a single, double, triple and home run during the game.

On April 13, the Vikings swept Briar Cliff in a doubleheader, bringing their record to 12-8 on the season.