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## Changes in LARP geared toward improvement

**DARCY TWEDT**  
Reporter

The Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) has undergone several changes this year. Changes have been made to the writing requirement, participation grade scale, and the semester grade percentages.

The changes to LARP were determined by the LARP Committee. The writing requirement changed from a 1-2 page paper prepared out of class to an in-class essay. Because of this change there will be no peer review requirement. The writing requirement was reduced to equal the amount of work that should be done for a one credit hour course. The change also reduces the ability for students to plagiarize and cheat. Junior Cheryl Karl agrees with this change. "I think it is better to write a paper in class,

since it is a one credit class," she said. Some students disagree with the change. Junior James Walsh stated, "I don't like the in-class essay because I like to be able to take my time and articulate my thoughts."

The participation grade scale changed from a scale of 1-10 to a scale of 1-5. This change was to promote consistency. Professor James Olsen, LARP coordinator stated, "With ten different grades, how does one discriminate from a ten to a seven? Such a wide range creates gray areas." The semester grade percentages changed in accordance with the changes in the writing requirement and the participation scale.

LARP has been a part of Dana's curriculum since 1956. Since then, the program has undergone a lot of changes. When LARP was originated it was a one-half credit requirement for all faculty and students every semester. Currently, one semester of LARP is required for each year a student attends Dana.

## LARP Committee selected for '98-'99 school year, book suggestions welcome

The Liberal Arts Reading Program (LARP) Committee, responsible for the selection of books and course requirements, has been selected for the 1998-1999 academic year. James Olsen, associate professor of art is the LARP coordinator. Olsen and Dr. Kathleen McSharry, assistant professor of English, serve as co-directors.

The other faculty members of the committee are: Jay Birmingham, instructor of physical education and head coach of track and cross country, Sharon Jensen, assistant library director, and Jeanmarie Nielsen, assistant professor of music. Six students have been invited to join the committee. If all of these students choose to join, students will outnumber faculty this year. All stu-

dents were extended an open invitation to join the LARP Committee. Interested students had to meet certain criteria. One criterion was the willingness to read books in addition to their semester classes. McSharry states that they like to have a balance of age and gender in the committee.

The LARP Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Heritage Room in the library at 9 a.m.. Students are welcome to attend these committee meetings or they can contact a committee member with any comments or suggestions they have. McSharry says that they are always looking for book suggestions any time of the year. Students can e-mail them to her.

Students and faculty on the committee work together to develop a

theme, read and review books for selection, and evaluate the course requirements. Sophomore Trent Kerger was on the LARP committee last year. Kerger states, "Students get the opportunity to attend a faculty meeting and to see professors interact." Kerger adds, "Students should join to be representatives of other students."

The committee also pays attention to feedback from course evaluations and past students. In the most recent survey of past students one person wrote: "It is a program I didn't necessarily appreciate at the time, but later grew to recognize as beneficial." The LARP Committee considers positive and negative feedback about the program for future changes.

## Parents flock to Dana, take part in special day

**ALLISON RUHDE**  
Reporter

Tomorrow the campus will be filled with parents of Dana students for the annual Parent's Day event.

Parent's Day is a designated day for parents to visit their son or daughter as well as visit Dana College. Kevin Schaudt, dean of student life, coordinates the activities for the day. Schaudt says this is an "official day geared toward parents to refamiliarize them with Dana." One reason for the many activities offered for the parents is to highlight student offerings, according to Schaudt.

The day includes many activities for the parents to get involved in, including the volleyball and football games in the afternoon, and a barbecue buffet in the cafeteria for lunch. Parent's Day has some new aspects to it this year. Many of the educational programs offered have been geared toward both the parents and the students. The educational program, "The Nile, Andes Mountains and Cathedrals—Traveling Abroad with Dana College," will be presented by faculty and students about the many trips available this year. Parent's Day has also been moved

up to an earlier date than in previous years due to weather problems in the past.

"Kids On the Hill" is available for parents who bring younger children with them. Activities will be provided for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. These activities

*Parent's Day is an "official day geared toward parents to refamiliarize them with Dana."*

*--Kevin Schaudt, dean of student life*

begin at 9:30 a.m. and take place in Borup Coliseum.

Many other activities are also available for parents. A reception sponsored by Student Senate will be held in Borup Coliseum after the football game. At 7 p.m. in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium, Student Activities is sponsoring Comedy Sportz, an improv comedy group. Both of these events are open to students as well as parents.

Although Parent's Day has been an annual event in the past, Schaudt hopes to plan another day like this in the spring.

## Lemmerman reflects on Miss America Pageant

**DEENA KNAPP**  
Business Manger

Although Jenny Lemmerman, Miss Nebraska 1998, was not chosen as one of the "Top 10" in the Miss America pageant, she ranked number 1 for several Dana students. Last Saturday night, several students gathered in the Dragon's Head to gaze at the big screen TV, hoping to catch a glimpse of Lemmerman in the pageant. Lemmerman was recently on campus and agreed to be interviewed about her experiences.

D. How does it feel to be back at Dana?

J. Good. I won't be on campus much this week, but next week I plan to be at Dana for a couple of days.

D. What is your status this year at Dana?

J. I am enrolled as a part-time student so I am able to live on campus and make Dana my "home-base." With the help of some professors, I am taking three credit hours each semester by keeping a journal that will tie in with public speaking and mass media. I hope to help out with the theater next semester also.

D. How does this year affect your graduation plans?

J. I will graduate in May of 2000. I



A group of students gathered in the Dragon's head Saturday night to watch the Miss America Pageant. Jenny Schaaf and Tina Hamilton root for their choice, Jenny Lemmerman. (Photo by Nicki McGinn)

was planning on graduating early anyway so this year just makes my college education a normal four years. I do plan on graduating from Dana. I could have gone somewhere else, but I have a lot going for me at Dana and I don't want to give that up.

D. What are some of your major re-

sponsibilities as Miss Nebraska?

J. My job is basically to be a public speaker. I will make appearances approximately 3 times a week at various schools, community organizations and church groups. I will speak about my platform which is under

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## What is your opinion of the release of the grand jury testimony in the President Clinton case?

Question and photos by  
Leslie Schroeter



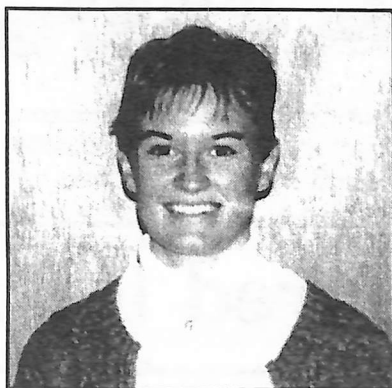
"I think that the media should focus more on important things like cartoons and less on Clinton's personal life."

--Dan Kennedy, sophomore



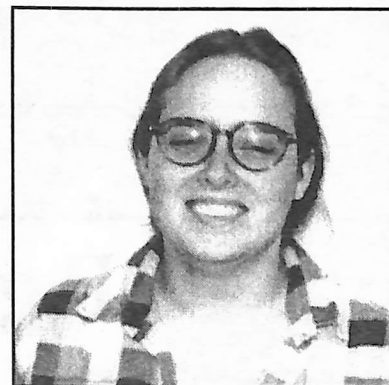
"The videotape isn't that valuable. President Clinton was evasive and didn't answer much, but I wouldn't want my private life on tape either."

--Holly Anderson, senior



"Other more important things need to be dealt with. We need to move on."

--Cheryl Karl, junior



"I think it is really a shame that a case like this has drawn public interest. There are so many issues deserving our attention that I feel sick when I see, hear, or read about the president's life."

--Kristin Mathis, senior



"Personally, the release of the grand jury tapes had no impact on my current thoughts in the Clinton case. It only added information that I had already imagined."

--Bobby Loud, senior admissions counselor



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## Chorale to perform in Hartington Saturday

T.J. KERGER  
Reporter

The Chorale kicks off this year with an benefit appearance at The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartington on Saturday at 2 p.m. This is the first in a series of such events scheduled throughout the year to raise funds for the group's 1999 tour of Denmark and Germany. The choir will perform a selection of spirituals and contemporary pieces, as well as two original choral works by the ensemble's director, Dr. Richard Palmer.

Other Chorale events this year include:  
 Sunday, Oct. 25 in Trinity Chapel  
 Tuesday, Nov. 3 at Anita, Iowa  
 Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Sights and Sounds of Christmas, Borup Coliseum  
 Sunday, Feb. 28 benefit appearance at The Church of the Master in Omaha  
 Sunday, March 7 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn  
 Wednesday, April 7 at The Blair World of Entertainment in Dana's Lauritzen Theater  
 Sunday, April 11 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha  
 Sunday, May 2 benefit appearance at St. Paul's Church in Millard  
 Sunday, May 9 at Trinity Chapel  
 Monday, May 10 at Trinity Chapel

## Lemmerman

age drinking and my program called C.A.N., community action network. I don't want to tell kids how to live their lives or to preach to them about right and wrong. I just want to focus on making good choices by relating my own personal experiences plus some basic facts.

D. Why did you start C.A.N.?  
 J. C.A.N. started in West Point. During my four years of high school, there were four students killed in car accidents. Two of those students were directly involved with alcohol. Four funerals in four years—that had a big effect on me and the community.

D. When is your first appearance?  
 J. This Saturday night I'm going to the Nebraska Fur Harvesters Convention in North Platte, Ne. They have donated a fur coat so I get to model it and have dinner with them. North Platte has donated so much to the Miss Nebraska organization. My host family lives in North Platte so I stay with them when I'm making appearances in the western part of the state. When I'm in the eastern part of Nebraska, I'll either be at home in West Point or here at Dana.

D. What was your hometown's reaction to the new Miss Nebraska?  
 J. They are both very supportive and really excited. They have been great. I received so many cards and flowers from them while at the pageant. I think it gives the community a positive spotlight.

D. And your parents' reaction?  
 J. They are very proud of me and the pageant gave them a great vacation. They know, and I know, that this is a great opportunity for me. With my major, I couldn't have had a better job at this point in my life. I couldn't ask for anything better because it gives me so much practice.  
 D. Moving on to the Miss America pageant, describe your schedule a little bit.

J. On Sept. 3, I left for Disney World for four days. We went to the Disney Crew Ship, the new Animal Kingdom, Eppicot Center, and of course, met Mickey Mouse. There were a lot of photo shoots for Michael W. Smith's video that you saw during the pageant show. It was a lot of fun. Then we flew to Atlantic City to pre-

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pare for the show and go through preliminary competitions. We were up most mornings by 7 and practiced the show tunes all day.

D. When were the preliminary competitions held?

J. The week before the live pageant we had competitions each night in different categories. For example, I had Swimsuit on Tuesday, Talent on Wednesday, and Evening Wear on Thursday. Tuesday morning I also had my interview. But not all the girls had the same competition on the same night.

D. What kind of questions did they ask you in your interview?

J. 90% of the interview was regarding my platform and the other 10% was about my majors and my talent. The questions themselves were not difficult, however, they asked a couple of questions at a time so it was difficult to try to answer the whole question.

D. What were some key highlights for you?

J. I loved Disney World. And we went to a Betty Bacharach Dinner which was a fund-raiser for a hospital. It was about \$400 a couple. I've never been to anything like this! We were all dressed in evening gowns, and there were ice sculptures and servers coming around asking you if you would like any hor'derves. We sat with Atlantic City's "big-wigs." I sat with the man who is the president of the Mirage. He is bringing a Mirage hotel to Atlantic City just like the one in Las Vegas. But a really big highlight was just getting to know

the girls from all the states. Everyone was so similar yet different in their own ways.

D. Did you get to meet any famous people?

J. Yes, I talked to Boomer Esiason a little. And said hello to Meredith from "The View." I met Michael W. Smith in passing, but got to talk to Kate Shindle, last year's Miss America, quite a bit. She is very "real" and down to earth.

D. Were there any disappointments?

J. There was a lot of hurry up and wait stuff especially with photo shoots, but of course with 51 girls there has to be. Another thing that bothered me was that a few of the girls were there solely to win, and their "phoniness" actually got them places. The system is a great system. What the Miss America organization is trying to do with platforms and public speaking is great, but it's sad to see the phoniness prevail. But at least three-fourths of the girls were genuine.

D. Did the contestants know who were in the top 10 before Saturday night's live show?

J. No, but someone leaks the top 10 to the girls' state press at 5 p.m. the night of the pageant. After that no one is allowed to listen to the radio, watch TV, read newspapers or talk on the phone. But yes, there was a good idea about who would make top 10. If a contestant won a preliminary competition, they were almost guaranteed to be in the top 10.

D. Were there any particular girls you became close to during the pageant?

## Education majors teach in the outdoor classroom

JANELLE KAHL  
Features Editor

Several Dana education majors experienced the great outdoors this week at Blair Middle School's Outdoor Education program.

According to senior Michelle Hurt the program is designed for 6th graders from Blair Middle School. The 6th graders spend one day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Camp Fontenelle. The camp ran Monday through Wednesday with a different group of students attending each day.

Dana education students helped out as counselors and in turn received class credit and some valuable experience. Kate Zadina, sophomore, said, "We helped with activities like rappelling, orienteering, nature walks and night

hikes."

According to Hurt, a valuable experience for the kids was an activity called Mission Impossible. The students were told they were being chased by cannibals and had to complete five stations in order to escape. The five stations used trust, cooperation, and strategy in group activities. Hurt said, "Activities like this teach kids teamwork because they have to work together and cooperate in order to complete the stations. It also gets the kids outdoors while learning, and having fun all at the same time."

After spending a day with the 6th graders at Camp Fontenelle, Zadina said, "I learned a lot more about the way kids work together on activities. I was surprised at the skills some kids had for their age. It was a good learning experience for me."

## New faces at Dana

DANA COOPER  
Graphics Editor

Two new members of the Dana faculty possess a wide range of interests and experiences. Both Dr. Ellie Furst and Dr. Frank Taylor enjoy the small size of Dana College and the opportunities that the size allows.

Furst is a rich addition to the education department. In the past Furst has worked as a behavioral counselor in the public school system, as a private therapist at Kids Inc., and as a teacher at the college level.

She feels that Dana's small size allows her to mentor students more effectively. Reading, music, and train travel are some of her interests. Furst also enjoys spending time with her dogs and at her cabin in the northwoods of Minnesota.

Taylor, the new sociology professor, has his doctorate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, eight years of experience in the Navy, and has tried both marriage and divorce. Dana's teaching philosophy and the fact that it is a teaching school drew him here, along with the ability to do group work during classes. Outside of academia, Taylor enjoys sailing and music.

J. I became close to Miss North Carolina who was the first runner-up and Miss Alaska who was in the top 10. I got to know Miss Delaware really well because the two of us stayed in the same hotel. And Miss Alabama, I became really really close to her. She sat next to me in the dressing room. But everyone was really nice and I think I got to talk to just about everyone.

D. What did you think of Miss Vir-

ginia, 1998's Miss America?

J. She wasn't my first choice, however, her platform is strong and her speaking skills are great. I was impressed at how well she did at the press conference immediately after the pageant.

D. Is there anything else you would like to add, Jenny?

J. I would like to thank everyone at Dana for their support and especially the Chorale for sending me flowers.

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## Volleyball team prepares for Parent's Day matchup against York College

**TIFFANI NIELSEN**  
Reporter

Dana's volleyball team has identified the problems that have corroded their success throughout the 1998 season, and now they are determined to face them.

"We didn't step up to the challenge," said head coach Julie Krofcheck-Strong when asked about last weekend's Viking Invitational Volleyball Tournament. "We beat Park [College] commandingly in our first set, but when they fired it up, we didn't rise to their challenge."

Consistently attacking the ball and poor serving, troubles that have been arising all season, led the Vikings to two losses in the tourney.

"It all comes down to fundamentals and mental toughness," said Strong. "If we build on these, we'll be more successful." The Vikings need to cut the number of unforced

errors in half, she said.

Missouri Valley College, the tourney champion, defeated Dana in their Friday opener, 13-15, 12-15, 8-15. The Vikings fought diligently through the first two sets but were unable to upgrade their intensity to finish the match ahead.

Three Vikings reached double digits in kills. Lisa Decker and Rachel Heitmann, both juniors at Dana, led the attack with 11 kills each. Michaela Kibbon, a sophomore, had 10. Decker was also ready on defense with 10 digs.

Dana came back strong for the win against Dakota Wesleyan University late Friday, 9-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-3.

Sophomore Erin Eggers led Dana with 11 kills. Kibbon had 11 digs.

The Lady Vikes then competed in two intense games on Saturday, defeating Bethany College, 15-12, 7-15, 15-7, 2-15, 15-8, and falling to Park College, 15-6, 15-10, 6-15, 9-15.

Decker was aggressive on the offense with 14 kills while Eggers hit

double digits both offensively and defensively with 11 kills and digs.

Junior setter Becky Stansbury had three ace serves against Park College, and Heitmann led the team with 14 kills.

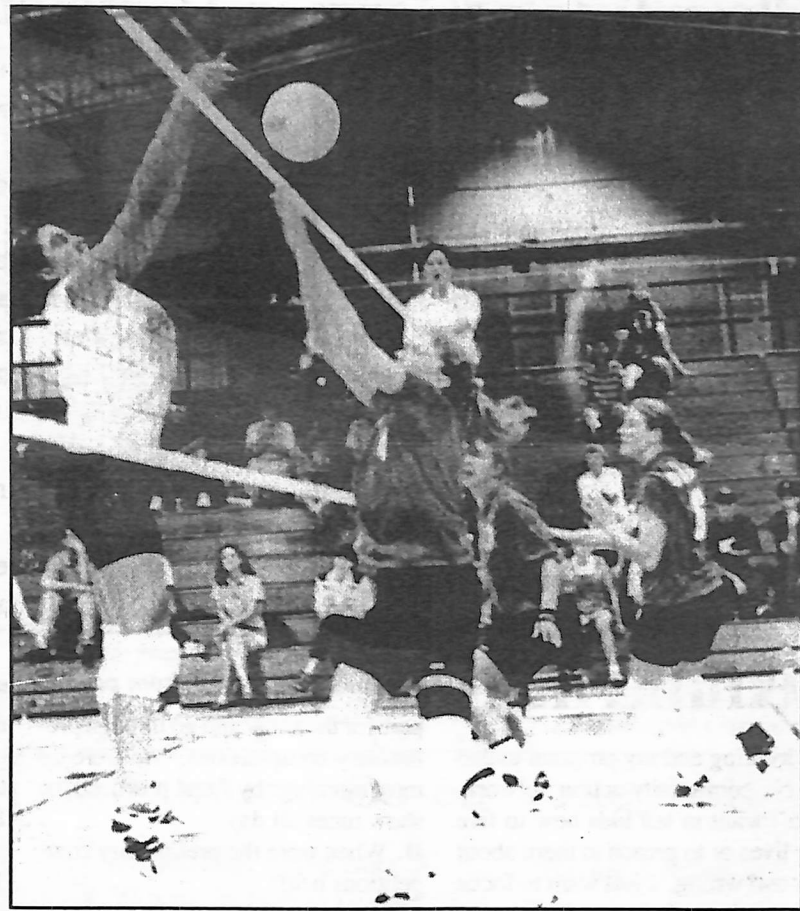
Stansbury was named to the all-tournament team with a total of 148 assists and 9 ace serves total.

Middle hitter Kibbon will not be playing for at least the next week with a sprained ankle. Kibbon acquired the sprain at the beginning of the Bethany game. Her talent will be missed, but her coach hopes they can make up for it in other ways.

Dana also hosted Doane College Tuesday night in their first NIAC match-up. They were defeated, 6-15, 2-15, 5-15.

Eggers led the stats with 8 kills, while Tiffany Elznic worked hard on the defense with 12 digs.

The Vikes traveled to Briar Cliff College yesterday and will face York College at home for a Parent's Day match-up on Saturday.



Teamwork is the key. Amber Weber, Rachel Heitmann, and Sarah Thomas work together to get the ball over the net at Saturday's Viking tournament held in Borup. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

## Runners ready for Minnesota Invite

**WENDY TROFF**  
Sports Editor

For the second Saturday in a row, Dana's men's cross country team placed second in a meet to Northwest Missouri State University.

The Viking men placed second out of 16 teams at the Nebraska Invitational on Saturday. Dana ended up with 84 points, while Northwest Missouri State had 72. Scott Stanley led the Vikings with a 14th place finish. Other finishers on the men's team included Matt Poulter, Evan Bees, Aaron Schlote, Derek Fey, Allen Wagner, Justin Christensen, Jason Brindle, Bob Spangler, Marc Bierbaum, Ken Nikolas, John Tripp, and John Henningsen.

Due to injuries, the No. 1 and No. 4 runners on the women's team, Mandy Buttry and Jessica Chambers, could not run on Saturday. The Viking women placed 14th out of 16 teams. Lead finisher on the women's squad was Tiffani Nielsen, who placed 96th out of 208 female finishers.

"The competition was tough," remarked Nielsen, "but we were definitely more prepared to race this year than we were last year."

Nielsen said that last year the team was just finishing up its pre-race cheer when the starting gun sounded.

"That might have thrown us off a little," she added.

The next cross country meet for the Vikings is the Minnesota Invitational, which will take place in Saint Paul, Minn., on Saturday.

## Football team rallies in the third, leaves Applejack Bowl victorious

**DANA COOPER**  
Graphics Editor

High energy is a good way to describe Saturday's football game against the Peru State Bobcats in the Applejack Bowl at Nebraska City. Both teams put forth great effort, and after battling back and forth across the field, Dana was ahead 17-10 when the time ran out.

Peru State took the lead early on, carrying a 10-0 lead until the end of the second quarter when Dana converted its last possession into a touchdown. Starting from their own 35-yard line, it took the Dana men 10 plays and less than 1 minute 30 seconds to traverse the field. A five-yard pass from third-year player, Bryan Soukup connected with Joel Carter, also a third-year player, in the end zone ending the first half.

"The touchdown right before the half gave us instant team confidence and certainly added momentum,"

stated Dana head coach Jim Krueger. The Vikings built on that momentum in the third quarter, with fourth-year player, Joel Krominga kicking a 30-yard field goal on Dana's first possession of the second half, tying the game at 10-10.

Dana's defense prevented the Bobcats from scoring for the remainder of the game, with an interception near midfield by fourth-year player, Chad Hansen during Peru State's first possession of the half. This enabled Dana to bring the score to 17-10 when Soukup connected with third-year player, Brian Gibson on a 33-yard pass for the touchdown. Matt Kern, a fourth-year player, prevented a Bobcat score late in the third quarter by intercepting a Peru State pass in the end zone.

"I felt the reason we were able to win this game was because we really played together as a whole team," Krueger said. "Special teams improved from a week ago and both offense and defense made some key

plays at crucial points in the game."

Soukup ended the day with 186 yards and two touchdowns, completing 14-of-29 passes. Gibson caught five passes for 75 yards and a touchdown. Biff Schofield, a fourth-year player, and Justin Haberman, a third-year player, led the defense with 12 tackles each.

"We were able to regain focus after being down 10-10," stated Krueger. "I thought we showed some great determination and mental concentration to come back the way we did."

The hard playing by the Vikings resulted in some injuries. Pat Morris, a fourth-year player, suffered a possible concussion early in the game. Shane Morris, a third-year player, will sit out this week with a knee injury and Chris Kuncl, also a third-year player, is out with a possible break in his lower leg.

Dana will host Hastings College for the Parent's Day game this Saturday, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. at Viking Field.

## Soccer team gains experience on Viking Field

**DEREK FEY**  
Reporter

Luck just does not run in the soccer team's vocabulary. The team lost another heartbreaker last Thursday in overtime against conference opponent Hastings College, but returned to Viking Field Monday and defeated Central College of Pella, Iowa, 2-1.

Despite the overtime loss, the team

was optimistic about the performance.

"Hastings was one of our best games," freshman Lindy Heavrin said. "We worked well as a team."

Heavrin scored the only goal for the Vikings in the 2-1 loss to Hastings, as the Vikings were outshot 20-7.

The outcome of Monday's game against Central College displayed the same 2-1 final score from the Thursday game, but it was the Vikings who came out victorious this time.

"I think everyone is starting to step

up," freshman Jennifer Wilcox said. "We're starting to click as a team."

The Vikings scored the first goal of the match against Central with a goal by junior Rachel Herman. Early in the second half, Central scored a goal to tie the game. Wilcox then shot the game winning goal late in the game with a pass from junior Amanda Stoffel.

The Vikings are gaining much needed experience, since 13 out of the 16 players are freshmen or sophomores.

"Most of the girls have not played [soccer] before," Wilcox said. "Right now they are understanding how to play the game."

Freshman Remy Stoffel returned after sitting out two weeks from a knee injury as the Vikings took on conference foe Doane College Thursday. Dana commences a three-game home stand beginning this Thursday against Nebraska Wesleyan.

"I'm happy with it [team's performance]," Wilcox said. "Everyone has stayed positive."

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